NMR-based Structural proteomics of hyperthermopile Methanobacterium Thermoautotrophicus and Helicobacter pylori proteins

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Recently, structural proteomics approach has been considered as a major initiative project within the biological research community. The large number of protein structures determined by NMR spectroscopy and X-ray crystallography have provided valuable information for protein folding as well as their biological functions. We initiated structural genomics project targeting functionallyunknown protein MTH1880 from *Methanobacterium Thermoautotrophicus* and *Helicobacter pylori* proteins. Solution structure of MTH1880 determined by NMR spectroscopy showed an alpha-beta sandwichfold. Divalent cation titration experiments indicated that only Ca2+ ions bind to MTH1880 protein, suggesting that MTH1880 is a novel Ca2+ binding fold. For *Helicobacter pylori*, eight proteins including HP1067 and HP1043 have been selected for NMRstructure determination. To determine the biochemical properties of these proteins, biophysical techniques, such as NMR, CD and sedimentation equilibration experiments have been performed In this presentation, current progress of structural protemics project for two pilot projects will be discussed.