

## quaternary structure

The defined organization of two or more macromolecules with tertiary structure such as a protein that are held together by hydrogen bonds and van der Waals and coulombic forces.

**See also:** primary structure, secondary structure, tertiary structure

**Source:**

PAC, 1996, 68, 2193 (*Basic terminology of stereochemistry (IUPAC Recommendations 1996)*) on page 2216

**See also:**

White Book, p. 80