

Catenin

Catenins are a family of proteins found in complexes with [cadherin](#) cell adhesion molecules of animal cells. The first two catenins that were identified became known as α -catenin and [Beta Catenin](#). A-catenin can bind to β -catenin and can also bind actin. B-catenin binds the cytoplasmic domain of some cadherins. Additional catenins such as γ -catenin and δ -catenin have been identified. The name "catenin" was originally selected ('catena' means 'chain' in Latin) because it was suspected that catenins might link cadherins to the cytoskeleton.

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