

Monomeric and polymeric species	Number concentrations
native functional neuroserpin	$[N]$
latent inactive neuroserpin	$[L]$
intermediate conformer, active for aggregation	$[I]$
polymer made of $p$ monomers	$[P]$ (1)
First order processes:	Rates
molecular interconversions among monomeric states	
activation of native monomers	$\kappa_A [N]$
latentization from native monomers	$\kappa_L [N]$ (2)
latentization from intermediates	$\kappa_L^* [I]$
inactivation of intermediates	$\kappa'_A [I]$
latent loss to native monomers	$\kappa'_L [L]$ (3)
latent loss to intermediates	$\kappa'_L [L]$ (3)
Second order processes: polymer formation	Rates (4)
dimerization from a native and an intermediate monomer	$a_{NI} \kappa_D c [N] [I]$ (5)
dimerization from two intermediate monomers	$a_{II} \kappa_D c [I] [I]$ (5)
native monomer addition to polymers of $p$ monomers	$a_{Np} \kappa_M c [N] [p]$ (6)
intermediate monomer addition to polymers of $p$ monomers	$a_{Ip} \kappa_M c [I] [p]$ (6)
association of two polymers of $i$ and $j$ monomers	$a_{ij} \kappa_P c [i] [j]$
Other first order processes: depolymerization	Rates
native monomer release from polymers of $p$ units	$b_{Np} \kappa_R [p]$ (7)
intermediate monomer release from polymers of $p$ units	$b_{Ip} \kappa_R [p]$ (7)
fragmentation in two polymers of $i$ and $j$ units	$b_{ij} \kappa_F [i + j]$

(1) The total monomer number concentration is  $[1] = [N] + [L] + [I]$

(2) This process has been ruled out by Chiou et al. 2009, Biophys. J. 97,2306.

(3) Latent loss can be reasonably neglected since latent conformation is in a deep free energy minimum. (4)  $c$  is the total mass concentration.

(5) Short notation for dimerization rates:  $a_{11} = (a_{NI} [N] + a_{II} [I]) [I] [1]^{-2} \kappa_D \kappa_P^{-1}$ .

(6) Short notation for monomer addition rates:  $a_{1p} = (a_{Np} [N] + a_{Ip} [I]) [1]^{-1} \kappa_M \kappa_P^{-1}$ .

(7) Short notation for monomer release rates:  $b_{1p} = (b_{Np} + b_{Ip}) \kappa_R \kappa_F^{-1}$ ;

and for  $p = 1$ :  $b_{1p} = (b_{NN} + b_{NI} + b_{II}) \kappa_R \kappa_F^{-1}$ .