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Vitamin B12 Transport in Bacteria

a structural and biochemical study to identify new transport systems

by STEPHAN REMPEL

- 1. Bacterial vitamin B12 transporters are structurally diverse and their transport mechanisms differ.
- 2. Some vitamin B12 transport systems may have achieved kinetic convergence, like BtuCDF and ECF-CbrT.
- 3. Solitary S-components represent a functional transport system for compounds that are not needed in high amounts by bacterial cells.
- 4. Solitary and non-solitary S-components are functionally distinct.
- 5. The sequence analysis of BtuM shows the strengths and limitations of bioinformatic predictions.
- 6. Characterizing a protein, of which only its sequence is known has its perks but also poses a formidable challenge.
- 7. At the moment, an unsustainable large amount of PhD degrees is awarded.
- 8. Like for other academic degrees, there should be a grading system for PhD candidates.
- 9. Fairness at the workplace is important to keep a healthy, supportive, and positively competitive atmosphere.