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Protein engineering is a branch of molecular biology and biotechnology aimed at the modification of natural protein structures and functions to obtain new proteins with altered or novel structural properties and/or biological functions for better use in scientific research, medicine, agriculture and industry. Protein engineers use recombinant DNA technology to create genes for new proteins with desirable amino acid sequences. *D*irected evolution methods select variants with desirable properties among a great variety of randomly engineered sequences, thus mimicking natural evolution processes. Both approaches are complimentary and widely use computational methods, among them being the very promising new technique of artificial intelligence. Modern protein engineering includes the modification of protein stability, ligand-binding properties, enzyme activity and specificity; de novo design; the improvement of the therapeutic properties of medicinal proteins, etc. Original manuscripts and reviews dealing with any aspect of protein engineering are very welcome for inclusion in the Special Issue.

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