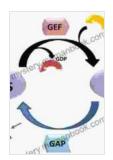
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#### **Structure of Ras Superfamily Small Proteins**

Ras superfamily small proteins are small proteins with a molecular weight of around 21 kDa. They are composed of two domains: a GTPase domain and a C-terminal domain. The GTPase domain is responsible for binding and hydrolyzing GTP. The C-terminal domain is involved in protein-protein interactions.

#### **Function of Ras Superfamily Small Proteins**

Ras superfamily small proteins function as molecular switches. They are activated by the binding of GTP and inactivated by the hydrolysis of GTP to GDP. When activated, Ras superfamily small proteins interact with a variety of downstream targets to regulate cellular signaling.

Some of the most important downstream targets of Ras superfamily small proteins include the Raf-MEK-ERK pathway, the PI3K-Akt pathway, and the RalGDS-Ral pathway. These pathways are involved in a wide range of cellular processes, including cell growth, differentiation, and apoptosis.

#### **Mutations in Ras Superfamily Small Proteins**

Mutations in Ras superfamily small proteins can lead to a variety of human diseases, including cancer. Mutations that activate Ras superfamily small proteins can lead to uncontrolled cell growth and proliferation, which can lead to cancer. Mutations that inactivate Ras superfamily small proteins can lead to impaired cell growth and differentiation, which can also lead to cancer.

#### **Targeting Ras Superfamily Small Proteins for Cancer Therapy**

Ras superfamily small proteins are an attractive target for cancer therapy. However, developing drugs that target Ras superfamily small proteins has been challenging. This is because Ras superfamily small proteins are highly conserved and essential for normal cell function.

Despite these challenges, there are a number of promising new drugs that target Ras superfamily small proteins. These drugs are currently being evaluated in clinical trials and may provide new hope for patients with cancer.

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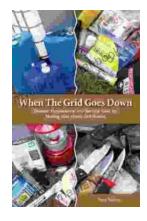


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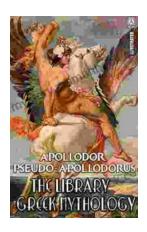
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