

# HW 1: Medical Imaging Systems

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## Q1

**a**

I found the nitric oxide synthase heme domain at 1.65 Å resolution in *Bos taurus* found via X-ray crystallography on rcsb.org. The catalog ID is 1D0C. The amino acid sequence of chain B is as follows:

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SRAPAPATPHAPDHSPAPNSPTLTRPPEGPKFPRVKNWELGSITYDTLCAQSQQDGPCT
PRRCLGSLVLPRKLQTRPSPGPPPAEQLLSQARDFINQYYSSIKRSGSQAHEERLQEVEAEVAS
TGTYHLRESELVFGAKQAWRNAPRCVGRIQWGKLQVFDARDCSSAQEMFTYICNHIKYATN
RGNLRSAITVFPQRAPGRGDFRIWNSQLVRYAGYRQQDGSVRGDPANVEITELCIQHGWTPG
NGRFDVLPLLLQAPDEAPELFLVLPPELVLEVPLEHPTLEWFAALGLRWYALPAVSNMLLEIGG
LEFSAAPFSGWYMSTEIGTRNLCDPHRYNILEDVAVCMDLDTRTTSSLWKDKAAVEINLAVL
HSFQLAKVTIVDHHAATVSFMKHLDNAEQKARGGCPADWAWIVPPISGSLTPVFHQEMVNYIL
SPAFRYQPDPW
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**b**

With the search criteria Thrombin, and homo sapiens I found that the three most recent structures available are 6GBW, 6FJT, and 6EVV as of 9/3/19.

## Q2

**a**

Position g in the structure has the highest proportion of amino acids that are charged at 4/5. The first of those is an arginine. It is at the amino terminal end which implies a pKa near 9.04. Even if this were a non terminal amino acid it would have a pKa of 12.48. Thus this amino acid will be positively charged. The two are lysines which have a side chain pKa of 10.79, resulting in a positive charge. The next is a glutamic acid which has a side chain pKa of 4.25, resulting in a negative charge at neutral pH. The last amino acid in this position is a leucine which does not ionize as a side chain and thus will have a neutral charge.

**b**