# Introducing, The Amino Acids!

from chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_ in the recommended text

### A. Introduction

### **B. Nomenclature And Conventions**

left,

right.

ammonium and a C-terminal carboxylate.

zwitterionic form.

$$H_2N \longrightarrow OH$$
 $H_3N^+ \longrightarrow O^ glycine, neutral form$ 
 $glycine, charged form$ 

slow compared resonance

trans cis flat  $sp^2$ alkenes.

trans is not

20 genetically

aliphatic

 $C\alpha$  and the labeled  $C\beta$ .

 $C\beta$ .

# C. Amino Acids With Lypophilic Side Chains

$$H_2N \rightarrow OH$$
  $H_2N \rightarrow OH$   $Ieucine, Leu, L$  iso-leucine, Ile, I

**L**-configurations

the configuration of glyceraldehyde.

cis

secondary amine.

$$C^{\alpha}$$
 $C^{\alpha}$ 
 $C^{\alpha}$ 
 $C^{\alpha}$ 
 $C^{\alpha}$ 
 $C^{\alpha}$ 

more

### D. Alcohol And Thiol Amino Acids

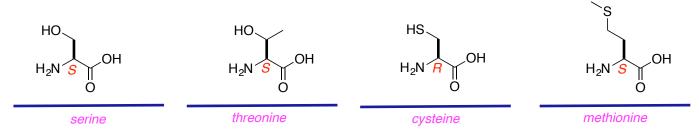
trans

Ser

Thr

Cys (CH<sub>2</sub>SH)

Met (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SMe).



Cys,

sulfur atom connected to  $C\beta$  has higher priority than carbonyl group.

### E. Acidic Amino Acids And Their Derivatives

more acidic

### F. Basic Amino Acids

Н

Lys

Arg (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NHCNHNH<sub>2</sub>

$$HN$$
 $NH_2$ 
 $HN$ 
 $OH$ 
 $O$ 

most basic

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
NH_2 \\
\delta \\
\gamma \\
\delta \\
H_2N \\
O
\end{array}$$
OH

intermediate

$$HN$$
 $H_2N$ 
 $OH$ 

least basic

pH = 0di-cation

8

monoanion

### **G. Aromatic Amino Acids**

$$H_2N$$
 OH  $F$ 

tryptophan

weaker indole is not

# H. Summary

$$H_2N$$
  $OH$ 

$$H_2N$$
 OH

hydrophobic 1

hydrophobic 2

hydrophobic 3

hydrophobic 4

name: alanine, Ala, A

valine, Val, V

leucine, Leu, L

iso-leucine, Ile, I

acidic 1

aspartic acid, Asp, D

acidic 2

glutamic acid, Glu, E

basic 1

arginine, Arg, R

basic 2

lysine, Lys, K

#### I. Isoelectric Points

isoelectric point midway between

 $\frac{pI = pKa (\alpha - COOH) + pKa (\alpha - NH_3^+)}{2}$ 

$$pI = (2.34 + 9.62)/2 = 5.98$$

structure of alanine indicating pKa's

calculation

#### average

pI = (8.95 + 10.79)/2 = 9.87

structure of Lys indicating pKa's

calculation

pI = (2.19 + 4.29)/2 = 3.24

structure of glutamic acid indicating pKa's

calculation

Asp, acid Asn, *neutral* Arg, basic Glu, acid Gln, neutral Ser, neutral Thr, neutral

the highest pl value Arg most negative charge at pH 6 Glu the lowest pl value Glu most positive charge at pH 2 Lys

mass divided by charge.

Lys not at all migrate to the positive electrode.

# J. The Ninhydrin Test

central

proline). amine

Proline does not

$$H_2N$$
 $O$ 
 $Pr$ 
 $O$ 

imine

imine enolate

purple

amine

purple can be quantified by UV.

and to quantitate

#### perfect

is just under 50 %.

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decreases with conversion, while that of the starting material increases.