## **Practical 11**

## **Questions**

## 15 April 2024

1. Find the propensity of alpha helices using the following sequence and secondary structure assignments.

- 2. Find the propensity of alpha helices manually for the sequence in question 1.
- 3. Using the rules for helices and strands, identify the helical and strand segments in the following sequence

 ${\tt KVFGRCELAAAMKRHGLDNYRGYSLGNWVCAAKFESNFNTQATNRNTDGSTDYGILQINSRWWCNDGRTPGSRNLCNIPCSLLSSDITASVNCAKKIVSDGNGMNAWVAWRNRCKGTDVQAWIRGCRL}$ 

Hint: **Helix**: Assign 1 for  $H_{\alpha}$  and  $h_{\alpha}$ ; 0.5 for  $I_{\alpha}$ ; 0 for

 $i_{\alpha}$ ; -1 for  $B_{\alpha}$  and  $b_{\alpha}$ ; identify 6-residue segments with score more than or equal to 4; extend it until the actual value (Table 5.2) for last four residues is less than 4. Continue the search.

## Strand:

Assign 1 for  $H_{\beta}$  and  $h_{\beta}$ ; 0.5 for  $I_{\beta}$ ; 0 for  $i_{\beta}$ ; -1 for  $B_{\beta}$  and  $b_{\beta}$ ; identify 5-residue segments with score more than or equal to 3; extend it until the actual value for the last three residues is less than 3.

For conflicting situation: compare the values and assign the secondary structure based on the highest value

TABLE 5.2	Chou-Fasman parameters		
Residue	$P_{\alpha}$	Residue	$P_{\beta}$
Glu	Ηα 1.53	Hβ Met	1.67
Ala	1.45	Val	1.65
Leu	1.34	lle	1.60
His	hα 1.24	hβ Cys	1.30
Met	1.20	Tyr	1.29
Gln	1.17	Phe	1.28
Trp	1.14	Gln	1.23
Val	1.14	Leu	1.22
Phe	1.12	Thr	1.20
Lys	$I\alpha$ 1.07	Trp	1.19
lle	1.00	Iβ Ala	0.97
Asp	iα 0.98	iβ Arg	0.90
Thr	0.82	Gly	0.81
Ser	0.79	Asp	0.80
Arg	0.79	bβ Lys	0.74
Cys	0.77	Ser	0.72
Asn	bα 0.73	His	0.71
Tyr	0.61	Asn	0.65
Pro	$B\alpha 0.59$	Pro	0.62
Gly	0.53	Bβ Glu	0.26

4. Verify one of the helical and strand segments, manually.

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