MDCM601 2024 Exam 3

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Note: Use this codon chart for questions that require it.

	Second letter						
		U	С	А	G		
First letter	U	UUU Phe UUC Leu UUA Leu	UCU UCC UCA UCG	UAU UAC Tyr UAA Stop UAG Stop	UGU UGC UGA UGG Trp	U C A G	Third letter
	С	CUU CUC CUA CUG	CCU CCC CCA CCG	CAU CAC His CAA CAG GIn	CGU CGC CGA CGG	U C A G	
	A	AUU AUC } lle AUA AUG } Met	ACU ACC ACA ACG	AAU AAC AAA AAG	AGU AGC AGA AGG Stop	U C A G	
	G	GUU GUC GUA GUG	GCU GCC GCA GCG	GAU GAC GAA GAA GAG Glu	GGU GGC GGA GGG	U C A G	

1 Problems

Problem 1. Please answer the following questions about the structure shown.



- 1. Which amino acid is at the N-terminus of this oligopeptide?
- 2. Which amino acid is at the C-terminus?
- 3. How many amino acids are there in this oligopeptide?
- 4. What is the total charge of this oligopeptide? (All relevant protons are shown.)
- 5. Side chain of which amino acid is positively charged?
- 6. Which residue is most likely to be phosphorylated?
- 7. Is this a left-handed or a right-handed helix?
- 8. What is the length of the indicated hydrogen bond in nm?
- 9. Determine configuration of the third amino acid (N-to-C direction) in this peptide.
- 10. How many amide bonds are there?

Problem 2. Please answer the following questions about the structure of the tRNA anticodon loop shown.



- 1. In the anticodon loop of this tRNA, what is the sequence of nucleotides in the 3'-5' direction?
- 2. What is the corresponding codon sequence in the 5'-3' direction?
- 3. Which amino acid does this tRNA correspond to?
- 4. Which nucleotide is in the "wobble" position?

Problem 3. An amino acid is attached to the molecule of tRNA.



- 1. Which amino acid is it?
- 2. What is the functional group through which it is attached?
- 3. What is the number of the carbon atom on the ribose through which it is attached to the nucleotide?
- 4. What is the identity of the nucleotide?
- 5. Determine the stereochemical descriptor for the anomeric carbon.
- 6. Predict the anticodon sequence on this tRNA (read in 3'-5' direction).

Problem 4. A fragment of a structure of α -Bungarotoxin is shown.



- 1. Is this an α -helical or a β -sheet structure?
- 2. How many hydrogen bonds are shown?
- 3. Is this a parallel or anti-parallel structure?

Problem 5. A molecule of an important metabolic hormone, insulin, is shown.



- 1. Mature insulin consists of two chains held together by how many disulfide bonds?
- 2. Disulfide bonds are formed through the _____ (oxidation or reduction) of thiols in _____ (amino acid).

Problem 6. A fragment of myoglobin is shown.



- 1. Which element is in the center of the porphyrin ring?
- 2. Which amino acid side chain is coordinating to it from the top?
- 3. What else is bound to it at the bottom?

2 Solutions

- 1. Ala; Asp; 6; 0; Lys; Ser; Right-handed; 0.1912 nm; Not stereogenic; 5
- 2. CAU; GUA; Val; U
- 3. Tyr; ester; 3; A; R; AUA or AUG
- 4. β sheet; 6; anti-parallel
- 5. 3; oxidation; Cys
- 6. Fe; His; O_2