

## General Structure of Amino acid: Side Chains

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Amino acids are organic composites that contain amino (a) ( $-NH_2$ ) and carboxylate ( $-COO^-$ ) functional groups, along with a side chain (R group) specific to each amino acid. The rudiments present in every amino acid are carbon (C), hydrogen (H), oxygen (O), and nitrogen (N); in addition sulfur (S) is present in the side chains of cysteine and methionine, and selenium (Se) in the less common amino acid selenocysteine. Further than 500 naturally being amino acids are known to constitute monomer units of peptides, including proteins, as of 2020 (though only 20 appear in the inheritable law, plus selenocysteine, which is decoded in a special way).

They can be classified according to the locales of the core structural functional groups, as nascent ( $\alpha$ -), beta ( $\beta$ -), gamma ( $\gamma$ -) or delta ( $\delta$ -) amino acids; other orders relate to opposition, ionization, and side chain group type (aliphatic, acyclic, sweet, containing hydroxyl or sulfur, etc.). [1] In the form of proteins, amino acid remainders form the alternate-largest element (water is the largest) of mortal muscles and other apkins. Beyond their part as remainders in proteins, amino acids share in a number of processes similar as neurotransmitter transport and biosynthesis.

### Side chains

Amino acids are designated as  $\alpha$ - when the amino nitrogen snippet is attached to the  $\alpha$ - carbon, the carbon snippet conterminous to the carboxylate group. In all cases below in this section the values (if any) relate to the ionization of the groups as amino acid remainders in proteins. They aren't values for the free amino acids (which are of little biochemical significance).

**Aliphatic side- chains:** Several side- chains contain only H and C, and don't ionize. These are as follows (with three- and one-letter symbols in gap) [2].

- Glycine (Gly, G)  $H -$
- Alanine (Ala, A)  $CH_3 -$
- Valine (Val, V)  $(CH_3)_2CH -$
- Leucine (Leu, L)  $(CH_3)_2CHCH_2 -$
- Isoleucine (Ile, I)  $CH_3CH_2CH(CH_3) -$
- Proline (Pro, P)  $-CH_2CH_2CH_2 -$  cyclized onto the amine

**Polar neutral side- chains:** Two amino acids contain alcohol side- chains. These don't ionize in normal conditions, though one, serine, becomes deprotonated during the catalysis by serine proteases this is an illustration of severe anxiety, and isn't characteristic of serine remainders in general.

- Serine (Ser, S, no when not oppressively perturbed)  $HOCH_2 -$
- Threonine (Thr, T, no)  $CH_3CHOH -$

Threonine has two chiral centers, not only the L (2S) chiral center at the  $\alpha$ - carbon participated by all amino acids piecemeal from achiral glycine, but also (3R) at the  $\beta$ - carbon. The full stereo chemical specification is L-threonine (2S, R) [3].

**Amide side- chains:** Two amino acids have amide side- chains

- Asparagine  $NH_2COCH_2 -$
- Glutamine  $NH_2COCH_2CH_2 -$

**Sulfur- containing side- chains:** Two side- chains contain sulfur tittles, of which one ionizes in the normal range (with indicated) and the other does not

- Cysteine (Cys, C,)  $HSCH_2 -$
- Methionine (Met, M, no)  $CH_3SCH_2CH_2 -$

**Aromatic side-chains:** Three amino acids have fragrant ring buildings as side-chains, as illustrated. Of these, tyrosine ionizes in the everyday range; the different two do not [4].

- Phenylalanine (Phe, F, no): left in the illustration
- Tyrosine (Tyr, Y,): center in the illustration
- Tryptophan (Trp, W, no): proper in the illustration

**Anionic side- chains:** Two amino acids have side- chains that are anions at ordinary pH. Although the misnomer is so wide as to be ineradicable, they shouldn't be called acidic amino acids, because they act as Brønsted bases in all circumstances except for enzymes like pepsin that act in surroundings of veritably low pH like the mammalian stomach.

- Aspartate (not "aspartic acid", Asp, D,)  $-O_2CCH_2 -$
- Glutamate (not "glutamic acid", Glu, E,)  $-O_2CCH_2CH_2 -$

**Cationic side- chains:** Side- chains of histidine (leftism), lysine (middle) and arginine (right)

There are three amino acids with side- chains that are cations at neutral pH (however in one, histidine, cationic and neutral forms both live). [5] They're generally called introductory amino acids, but this term is misleading histidine can act both as a Brønsted acid and as a Brønsted base at neutral pH, lysine acts as a Brønsted acid, and arginine has a fixed positive charge and doesn't ionize in neutral conditions. The names histidinium, lysinium and argininium would be more accurate names for the structures, but have basically no currency.

- Histidine (His, H,) Protonated and deprotonated forms in equilibrium are shown at the leftism of the image
- Lysine (Lys, K,) Shown in the middle of the image
- Arginine (Arg, R,) Shown at the right of the image

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**$\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -amino acids:** Amino acids with the structure  $\text{NH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}(\text{R}) - \text{COOH}$ , similar as  $\beta$ -alanine, a element of carnosine and a many other peptides, are  $\beta$ -amino acids. Amino acids with the structure  $\text{NH}_2 - \text{CH}(\text{R}) - \text{CH}_2 - \text{COOH}$  are  $\gamma$ -amino acids, and so on, where X and Y are two substituents (one of which is typically H).

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