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## Supporting Information

## $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} / \mathrm{O}$ interactions of aromatic $\mathbf{C H}$ donors within proteins: a crystallographic study

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## I Distance d(H‥O) distributions


(a)

(b)

(c)

Figure S1. The total distributions of the distance between the donor hydrogen and the acceptor oxygen, with and without classical hydrogen bonds for the three donors: (a) phenylalanine, (b) tyrosine and (c) tryptophan. The acceptors are represented in different colours: blue for the alcohol group, red for the sidechain amide group and green for the backbone amide group.

II Noncorrected angle $\alpha$ distributions

(a)

(c)

Figure S2. The noncorrected total angle $\alpha$ distributions, with and without classical hydrogen bonds for the three donors: (a) phenylalanine, (b) tyrosine and (c) tryptophan. The acceptors are represented in different colours: blue for the alcohol group, red for the side-chain amide group and green for the backbone amide group.

III C-H/O angle $\alpha$ distributions with and without classical hydrogen bond

(a)

(b)


## (c)

Figure S3. Corrected angle $\alpha$ distributions for C-H/O interactions with (blue) and without (yellow) simultaneous classical hydrogen bonds for phenylalanine with different acceptors: (a) alcohol group, (b) side-chain amide group and (c) backbone amide group.

(a)

(c)

Figure S4. Corrected angle $\alpha$ distributions for C-H/O interactions with (blue) and without (yellow) simultaneous classical hydrogen bonds for tyrosine with different acceptors: (a) alcohol group, (b) sidechain amide group and (c) backbone amide group.

(a)

(b)

(c)

Figure S5. Corrected angle $\alpha$ distributions for C-H/O interactions with (blue) and without (yellow) simultaneous classical hydrogen bonds for tryptophan with different acceptors: (a) alcohol group, (b) side-chain amide group and (c) backbone amide group. The systems tryptophan/alcohol and tryptophan/side-chain amide have small number of interactions making statistics unreliable.

## IV C-H/O interaction with simultaneous classical hydrogen bond involving neighboring residue



Figure S6. A representative structure of C-H/O interaction with simultaneous classical hydrogen bond between phenylalanine and backbone amide acceptor, involving neighboring residue (Leu71). This is the structure of the runt-related transcription factor 1 (PDB ID 1EAQ). ${ }^{51}$ The C-H/O interaction is in the region around $\varphi=50^{\circ}$; the acceptor oxygen atom (in the amino acid Val92) is positioned at the angle $\varphi=47.34^{\circ}$.

## V Number of C-H/O interactions with simultaneous classical hydrogen bonds of the acceptors in all the systems with three acceptors and three donors

Table S1. Number of C-H/O interactions with simultaneous classical hydrogen bonds of the acceptors in all the systems with three acceptors and three donors

| Number of H bonds | alcohols |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Phe | 23 | 69 | 33.3\% |
| Tyr | 21 | 56 | 37.5\% |
| Trp | 2 | 7 | 28.6\% |
| Total (3 donors) ${ }^{[d]}$ | 46 | 132 | 34.8\% |
| Number of H bonds | acceptors/backbone ${ }^{[\text {a] }}$ | -chain amides acceptors/any atom ${ }^{\text {bb) }}$ | \% ${ }^{[\text {[] }]}$ |
| Phe | 19 | 23 | 82.6\% |
| Tyr | 10 | 13 | 76.9\% |
| Trp | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| Total (3 donors) ${ }^{[d]}$ | 30 | 37 | 81.1\% |
| Number of H bonds | acceptors/backbone ${ }^{[\text {a] }}$ | ckbone amide <br> acceptors/any atom ${ }^{[b]}$ | \% ${ }^{[\text {c] }}$ |
| Phe | 677 | 756 | 89.6\% |
| Tyr | 559 | 616 | 90.7\% |
| Trp | 119 | 129 | 92.2\% |
| Total (3 donors) ${ }^{[d]}$ | 1355 | 1501 | 90.3\% |

[a] number of interactions with simultaneous classical hydrogen bonds between the acceptors and a backbone of donors or neighbouring amino acids; [b] number of interactions with simultaneous classical hydrogen bonds between the acceptors and any atom; [c] a fraction of number of interactions with simultaneous classical hydrogen bonds between the acceptors and a backbone of donors or neighbouring amino acids and number of interactions with simultaneous classical hydrogen bonds between the acceptors and any atom, expressed in percentage; [d] the overall acceptors tendencies as it is the sum over the donors.

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