

<b>BPTI</b>		
<b>Site</b>	<b>H++ <math>pK_{1/2}</math></b>	<b>Experimental <math>pK</math></b>
<b>Nter1</b>	<b>6.30</b>	8.1
<b>Asp3</b>	<b>3.45</b>	3.4
<b>Glu7</b>	<b>5.67</b>	3.7
<b>Lys15</b>	<b>10.38</b>	10.6
<b>Lys26</b>	<b>10.42</b>	10.6
<b>Lys41</b>	<b>10.18</b>	10.8
<b>Lys46</b>	<b>9.77</b>	10.6
<b>Glu49</b>	<b>4.16</b>	3.8
<b>Asp50</b>	<b>2.40</b>	3.0
<b>Cter58</b>	<b>3.79</b>	2.9

  

<b>HEWL</b>		
<b>Site</b>	<b>H++ <math>pK_{1/2}</math></b>	<b>Experimental <math>pK</math></b>
<b>Nter1</b>	<b>6.77</b>	7.90
<b>Lys1</b>	<b>9.65</b>	10.80
<b>Glu7</b>	<b>3.34</b>	2.85
<b>Lys13</b>	<b>10.44</b>	10.50
<b>His15</b>	<b>5.61</b>	5.36
<b>Asp18</b>	<b>1.65</b>	2.66
<b>Tyr20</b>	<b>15.72</b>	10.30
<b>Tyr23</b>	<b>10.67</b>	9.80
<b>Lys33</b>	<b>11.00</b>	10.60
<b>Glu35</b>	<b>5.12</b>	6.20
<b>Asp48</b>	<b>-0.63</b>	1.60
<b>Asp52</b>	<b>2.10</b>	3.68
<b>Tyr53</b>	<b>26.16</b>	12.10
<b>Asp66</b>	<b>-2.22</b>	0.90
<b>Asp87</b>	<b>0.97</b>	2.07
<b>Lys96</b>	<b>11.09</b>	10.80
<b>Lys97</b>	<b>10.82</b>	10.30
<b>Asp101</b>	<b>4.60</b>	4.09
<b>Lys116</b>	<b>9.15</b>	10.40
<b>Asp119</b>	<b>3.32</b>	3.20
<b>Cter129</b>	<b>3.64</b>	2.75

Table 1:  $pK_{1/2}$  values generated by H++ for two common benchmark proteins are compared to experimental  $pK$ , where available. The following physical conditions  $\epsilon_{solute} = 4$ ,  $\epsilon_{solvent} = 80$ ,  $salt = 0.15$ , and the Poisson-Boltzmann method are used. These PDB structures serve as input: 2LZT (lysozyme) and 4PTI (BPTI). The large computed  $pK_{1/2}$  for Tyr 53 and Tyr 20 of 2LZT likely indicate that these groups remain protonated for all reasonable pH values. Likewise, the negative  $pK_{1/2}$  for Asp66 and Asp48 should be interpreted in terms of their protonation states – most likely deprotonated for any reasonable pH. Extreme low/high  $pK_{1/2}$  often result from protonation curves that deviate from the classic Henderson–Hasselbalch shape and for which  $pK_{1/2}$  lose their text book meaning ( $pK_{1/2} \neq pK_a$ ). More on this problem can be found in Alexey Onufriev, D.A. Case and G. M. Ullmann, “A Novel View of pH Titration in Biomolecules”, *Biochemistry*, 40, 3413 (2001).