

Table 9. Expected vs. actual frequency of the three-residue amyloidogenic motif WEF surrounded by amyloid breakers in protein databases

Motif*	P_{WEFXX} (P_{XXWEF}) [†]	Nonredundant protein sequences (NR)*		TrEMBL (Tr)*		Swiss-Prot and TrEMBL (SP + Tr)*		Swiss-Prot (SP)*	
		O_{WEFXX} (O_{XXWEF}) [‡]	E_{WEFXX} (E_{XXWEF}) [§]	O_{WEFXX} (O_{XXWEF}) [‡]	E_{WEFXX} (E_{XXWEF}) [§]	O_{WEFXX} (O_{XXWEF}) [‡]	E_{WEFXX} (E_{XXWEF}) [§]	O_{WEFXX} (O_{XXWEF}) [‡]	E_{WEFXX} (E_{XXWEF}) [§]
WEF ++	4.236e ⁻⁷	45	90.69	35	74.70	45	86.39	10	11.69
++ WEF	4.236e ⁻⁷	89	90.69	65	74.70	88	86.39	23	11.69
WEF --	4.544e ⁻⁷	110	97.29	82	80.13	92	92.67	10	12.54
-- WEF	4.544e ⁻⁷	79	97.29	68	80.13	77	92.67	9	12.54
P WEF	1.486e ⁻⁶	248	318.12	196	262.02	247	303.03	51	41.01
WEF P	1.486e ⁻⁶	551	318.12	440	262.02	537	303.03	97	41.01
P + WEF	1.664e ⁻⁷	59	35.63	49	29.35	58	33.94	9	4.59
WEF + P	1.664e ⁻⁷	20	35.63	13	29.35	20	33.94	7	4.59
P – WEF	1.724e ⁻⁷	1,124	36.90	967	30.39	991	35.15	24	4.76
WEF – P	1.724e ⁻⁷	76	36.90	65	30.39	76	35.15	11	4.76
+ P WEF	1.664e ⁻⁷	34	35.63	27	29.35	34	33.94	7	4.59
WEF P +	1.664e ⁻⁷	160	35.63	117	29.35	153	33.94	36	4.59
– P WEF	1.724e ⁻⁷	17	36.90	12	30.39	16	35.15	4	4.76
WEF P –	1.724e ⁻⁷	51	36.90	41	30.39	51	35.15	10	4.76
Mean difference [¶]		219.090		211.184		231.607		14.865	
df [¶]		6		5		5		9	
t value [¶]		1.482		1.4339		1.5577		2.7618	
t probability [¶]		0.1889		0.2110		0.1800		0.0221	

*Motif database scanning has been carried by out using PATTINPROT (1).

[†]Motif probabilities have been calculated as the product of the expected individual amino acid frequencies (see *Methods* in the main text).

[‡] O_{WEFXX} (O_{XXWEF}) is the number of hits of an amyloid breaker motif that have been found on the database.

[§] E_{WEFXX} (E_{XXWEF}) is the expected number of hits of a given amyloid breaker motif based on the average composition of proteins (see *Methods* in the main text) and the total number of WEF hits found in database [O_{WEF} (NR) = 7,230; O_{WEF} (Tr) = 5,955; O_{WEF} (SP + Tr) = 6,887; O_{WEF} (SP) = 932].

[¶]Student's test of significance. Only data where $O > E$ have been compared (boldface data).

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