# An Analysis of Biomolecular Force Fields for Simulations of Polyglutamine in Solution (Supplementary Information)

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### Abstract

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#### SIMULATION DETAILS

Force field(s)	Replica temperatures (K)
AMBER ff99	298.00; 300.31; 302.63; 304.96; 307.31; 309.67; 312.05; 314.43; 316.84; 319.25; 321.68; 324.12;
	326.58; 329.05; 331.54; 333.79; 336.30; 338.82; 341.37; 343.92; 346.49; 349.08; 351.68; 354.30;
	356.93; 359.58; 362.24; 364.91; 367.61; 370.31; 373.04; 375.78; 378.54; 381.31; 384.09; 386.90;
	389.72; 392.56; 395.41; 398.28; 401.17; 404.08; 406.99; 409.93; 412.89; 415.86; 418.85; 421.86;
	424.89; 427.93; 430.96; 434.04; 437.14; 440.26; 443.39; 446.55; 449.71; 452.90; 456.11; 459.34
GROMOS96 53a6,	298.00; 299.88; 301.77; 303.67; 305.58; 307.50; 309.43; 311.40; 313.35; 315.30; 317.27; 319.25;
GROMOS96 54a7	321.24; 323.23; 325.24; 327.26; 329.29; 331.33; 333.38; 335.44; 337.50; 339.58; 341.68; 343.78;
	345.89; 348.02; 350.15; 352.30; 354.44; 356.60; 358.78; 360.97; 363.17; 365.38; 367.61; 369.85;
	372.10; 374.35; 376.62; 378.90; 381.19; 383.50; 385.81; 388.13; 390.47; 392.83; 395.19; 397.57;
	399.96; 402.36; 404.77; 407.20; 409.66; 412.11; 414.58; 417.05; 419.55; 422.05; 424.56; 427.09;
	429.63; 432.18; 434.74; 437.32; 439.92; 442.52; 445.14; 447.78; 450.43; 453.09; 455.76; 458.58
All others	298.00; 300.08; 302.17; 304.28; 306.39; 308.52; 310.66; 312.81; 314.97; 317.14; 319.33; 321.52;
	323.73; 325.96; 328.19; 330.43; 332.70; 334.97; 337.25; 339.54; 341.85; 344.18; 346.51; 348.86;
	351.21; 353.58; 355.97; 358.36; 360.77; 363.20; 365.63; 368.09; 370.55; 373.03; 375.53; 378.04;
	380.56; 383.09; 385.64; 388.20; 390.78; 393.37; 395.97; 398.59; 401.22; 403.87; 406.53; 409.21;
	411.90; 414.61; 417.33; 420.07; 422.82; 425.59; 428.37; 431.17; 433.98; 436.81; 439.66; 442.52;
	445.39; 448.29; 451.20; 454.12; 457.06; 460.02; 463.00; 465.99; 469.00; 472.02; 475.06; 478.12

Table S1: Replica temperatures in REMD simulation.

## ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERROR

Estimates of the sampling error, where provided, were calculated by a block averaging approach. Each production MD simulation was 100 ns in length. For a given quantity (e.g.  $R_g$ ), block averages of the quantity were computed over the first and

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second 50-ns halves of the simulation. The mean absolute deviation of the two block averages with respect to the total average was taken as the sampling error.

Figure S1: Average fractional secondary structure of  $Q_{30}$  in water. Left to right, the disordered  $(f_d)$ , strand-like  $(f_s)$ , and helix-like  $(f_h)$  fractions are plotted for all temperatures.

Force field	$f_d$	$f_s$	$f_h$
AMBER ff99	$0.712 \pm 0.009$	$0.001\pm0.000$	$0.287 \pm 0.009$
AMBER ff99SB	$0.820 \pm 0.028$	$0.117 \pm 0.019$	$0.063 \pm 0.009$
AMBER ff99SB*	$0.789 \pm 0.015$	$0.045 \pm 0.010$	$0.166 \pm 0.019$
AMBER ff03	$0.399 \pm 0.056$	$0.000\pm0.000$	$0.601 \pm 0.053$
AMBER ff03*	$0.681 \pm 0.039$	$0.209 \pm 0.021$	$0.109 \pm 0.014$
AMBER ff03w	$0.772 \pm 0.018$	$0.136 \pm 0.037$	$0.091 \pm 0.018$
CHARMM27	$0.293 \pm 0.015$	$0.000\pm0.000$	$0.707 \pm 0.015$
CHARMM22*	$0.809 \pm 0.011$	$0.167 \pm 0.010$	$0.023 \pm 0.010$
CHARMM36	$0.965 \pm 0.007$	$0.014 \pm 0.005$	$0.020\pm0.003$
GROMOS96 53a6	$0.352 \pm 0.008$	$0.648 \pm 0.008$	$0.000\pm0.000$
GROMOS96 54a7	$0.584 \pm 0.007$	$0.390 \pm 0.007$	$0.026 \pm 0.005$
OPLS-AA/L	$0.780 \pm 0.041$	$0.198 \pm 0.035$	$0.023 \pm 0.006$

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Force field	Temperature (K)	$f_d$	$f_s$	$f_h$
AMBER ff99	459	$0.634 \pm 0.005$	$0.003\pm0.001$	$0.363 \pm 0.005$
AMBER ff99SB	478	$0.890 \pm 0.004$	$0.037 \pm 0.023$	$0.073 \pm 0.004$
AMBER ff99SB*	478	$0.854 \pm 0.005$	$0.020\pm0.003$	$0.125 \pm 0.006$
AMBER ff03	478	$0.670\pm0.011$	$0.000\pm0.000$	$0.322\pm0.013$
AMBER ff03*	478	$0.847 \pm 0.005$	$0.050\pm0.005$	$0.103 \pm 0.004$
AMBER ff03w	478	$0.910 \pm 0.005$	$0.015\pm0.003$	$0.075 \pm 0.006$
CHARMM27	478	$0.637 \pm 0.014$	$0.002\pm0.000$	$0.361 \pm 0.014$
CHARMM22*	478	$0.936 \pm 0.013$	$0.022\pm0.002$	$0.042\pm0.003$
CHARMM36	478	$0.966 \pm 0.002$	$0.007 \pm 0.001$	$0.026 \pm 0.002$
GROMOS96 53a6	459	$0.898 \pm 0.006$	$0.010\pm0.006$	$0.002\pm0.001$
GROMOS96 54a7	459	$0.958 \pm 0.002$	$0.021 \pm 0.002$	$0.021 \pm 0.002$
OPLS-AA/L	478	$0.906 \pm 0.005$	$0.040\pm0.003$	$0.054 \pm 0.003$

Table S2: Fractional secondary structure of  $Q_{30}$  in water at 298 K.

Table S3: Fractional secondary structure of  $Q_{30}$  in water at elevated temperatures.



Figure S2: Sampling error in residue contact maps for  $Q_{30}$  in water at 298 K.



Figure S3: Block histograms of radius of gyration of Q<sub>30</sub> in water at 298 K: first 50 ns (red), last 50 ns (blue).



Figure S4: Block histograms of asphericity of Q<sub>30</sub> in water at 298 K: first 50 ns (red), last 50 ns (blue).

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Figure S5: Single chain form factor of  $Q_{30}$  in water at 298 K: first 50 ns (red), last 50 ns (blue). Dashed lines indicate analytical predictions for (left to right)  $\nu = 1/3$ ,  $\nu = 1/2$ ,  $\nu = 0.588$ .

Force field	$\langle \tau \rangle$ (ns)
AMBER ff99	3.0
AMBER ff99SB	3.6
AMBER ff99SB*	3.3
AMBER ff03	5.5
AMBER ff03*	3.5
AMBER ff03w	0.9
CHARMM27	8.7
CHARMM22*	2.4
CHARMM36	1.5
GROMOS96 53a6	1.4
GROMOS96 54a7	5.7
OPLS-AA/L	2.2

Table S4: Conformational relaxation time of  $Q_{30}$  in water. In each set of simulations, the trajectories were unmixed (i.e., the configurational swaps were undone). For each unmixed trajectory, we calculated the structural RMSD autocorrelation function (RMSD calculation over all atoms of  $Q_{30}$  and with respect to the initial configurations for production simulations) and fit it to a function of the form  $y = \exp(-x/\tau)$ . The values in the table are averaged over all replicas for each force field.





Figure S6: Average density of the system as a function of temperature.



Figure S7: Average pressure of the system as a function of temperature.

# SOLVATION THERMODYNAMICS

Force field	Water model	Propionamide	N-methylamide	Zwitterionic glutamine	Neutral glutamine	Ref.
AMBER ff94 (1)	TIP3P	-32.2				(2)
AMBER ff99	TIP3P	-42.2				(3)
AMBER ff03	TIP3P	-43.9				(4)
CHARMM22 (5)	TIP3P	-31.4				(2)
CHARMM22	TIP3P for CHARMM		-49.4			(6)
GROMOS96 53a6	SPC	-42.3				(3)
OPLS-AA (1996) (7)	TIP3P	-35.1				(2)
OPLS-AA/L	TIP4P	-35.5				(8)
OPLS-AA/L	TIP4P	-32.9				(3)
OPLS-AA/L	TIP4P			-249.4	-79.9	(9)

Table S5: Hydration free energies (in kJ/mol) of propionamide, the analog of the glutamine side chain; N-methylacetamide, an analog of the peptide backbone; zwitterionic glutamine; and neutral (uncharged) glutamine.

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