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19 ABSTRACT (Continue on reverse if necessary and identify by block number) Our primary accomplishments were the development of software for the computer-aided structure elucidation of structural features of biological systems based on NOESY data: a) simulating accurate theoretical NOESY spectra based on structural models, motional assumptions and NMR experiment parameters; and b) the automated extraction of modeling constraints directly from raw NOESY data. The most recent software developments are the incorporation of model-free order parameters into NOESY simulations and the addition of routines for comparing computer-extracted distances (or cross-rates) with the expectation ranges based on the full spectrum of torsional freedom so as to generate precision estimates for NOE-distances from a single NOESY spectrum. These methods have been used to define the conformational states of a variety of polypeptide and drug molecule systems including: prostaglandin and steroid analogs, peptide hormones such as dynorphin-related peptides and GnRH analogs, rigid and flexible endothelin analogs, and a small protein allergen. The methods have also been applied to receptor-bound peptides.			
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OBJECTIVE: To develop methods and software for quantitative analysis of NOESY data and the extraction of experimental constraints for the refinement of structures of biomacromolecules and their complexes. as a means for studying molecular recognition phenomena.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS (since the 6/91 progress report):

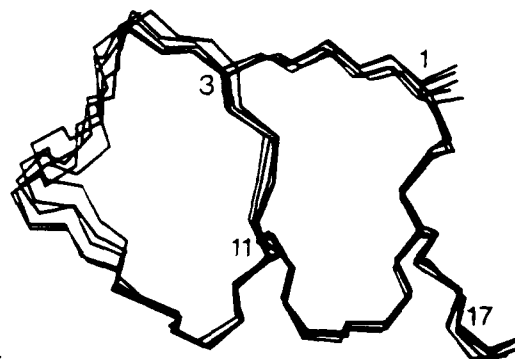
1) The DISCON algorithm for the model-free extraction of accurate cross-rates (and estimates of their experimental precision) from a single NOESY data set has been fully implemented in user-friendly software. The theoretical basis of the method and validation tests are the subject of two papers that are now in press. These papers include demonstrations of: a) the use of DISCON-derived rates (and distances) to ascertain that a multi-conformer equilibrium must be assumed and to define major conformer structures, and b) the superiority of DISCON (versus nOe growth rate estimates followed by BKALC distance adjustment) for deriving constraints for DNA structure refinement.

2) The incorporation of model-free order parameters in NOESYSIM, our program for calculating the expectation NOESY spectrum for a structural and dynamic model and the experimental conditions, including the non-ideal effects of incomplete return to equilibrium magnetization values during truncated preparatory delays.

3) The structure elucidations of endothelin-1, an endogenous vasoconstrictor = 1/15,3/11-**CSCSSLMDKECVYFCHLDIIW**, and a number of both more rigid and more flexible analogs that retain biological activity have been completed and reported. All permissible bioactive conformers are α -helical from K9→C15.

Figure 1

In the case of the more rigid analogs in which the Cys^{3,15} residues were replaced by $\beta\beta$ -Me₂-Cys (=Pen), the helical region extends to Leu¹⁷ and the backbone conformation is well defined from residue 1→18. The backbone conformation over that region is shown to the right. In the case of the native form of endothelin-1, four additional contributing conformers were located.



In this conformational mixture, NH $\Delta\delta/\Delta T$ -values near zero do not correspond to persistent H-bonds. A novel analytical paradigm for using $\Delta\delta/\Delta T$ -values in conjunction with exchange rate and solvent induced shift data to locate and characterize loci of conformational motion has been developed.

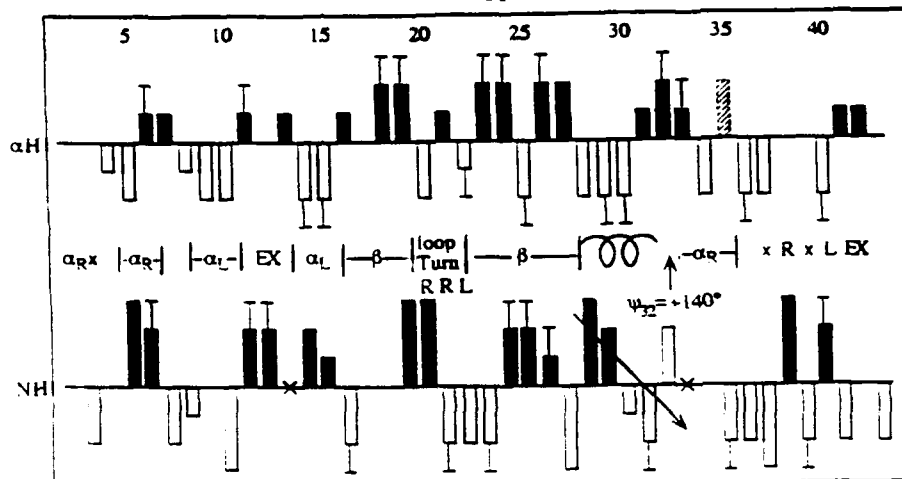
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4) Studies of a series of endothelin analogs and hevein (below) revealed that the chemical shift index (CSI) method of Wishart et al. (*Biochemistry* 31, 1647) can be extended to peptides and less rigid portions of proteins. Our modified α -CSI also detects the rarer α_L conformation and can thus locate left-handed reverse turns. **Figure 2** illustrates the CSI plots for hevein.

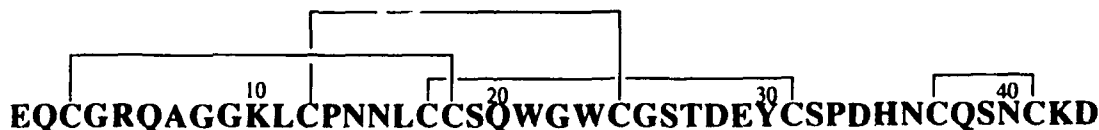
Figure 2. A CSI plot for hevein — the categories of deviation from 'random coil' chemical shift values are 0.11–0.20, 0.21–0.30, 0.31–0.44, 0.45–0.99 and ≥ 1 ppm. Solid, upward directed bars indicate downfield shifts.



5) A series of analogs of the C-peptide from RNase have been examined by both CD and NMR methods. These studies have provided insights into the relationship between the classic '%-helicity' measure available from CD measurements and the extent of a helical region and its population in a conformational equilibrium. The latter can be extracted from quantitative NOESY analysis. As it turns out, CD amplitude is surprisingly insensitive to end-fraying; however, we have provided, in these studies, the first experimental verification of a theoretically predicted change in the CD signature of α -helices with persistence length -- the 207nm band shows diminished relative intensity versus the 221nm band, and the latter is red-shifted, in helices shorter than 10 residues in length.

6) Our primary emphasis during the last year of study was to establish the potential advantages (and risks) associated with a less conservative use of NOESY derived constraints in structure refinement. The main element of our approach is the use of 'tight distance bounds' or their equivalent, high precision cross-rate estimates from a DISCON analysis of the NOESY data. A paper describing this work is in preparation. **Figure 4**, vide infra, is taken from that paper.

7) A high resolution NMR structure has been obtained for hevein



Our NMR work provides the first solution structure for a member of the agglutinin-toxin fold family of proteins which retains the diagnostic disulfide linkage pattern. The conformational features shown in the α -CSI correlation are taken from the structure ensemble obtained using tight NOE distance bounds for an XPLOR/CHARMm refinement.

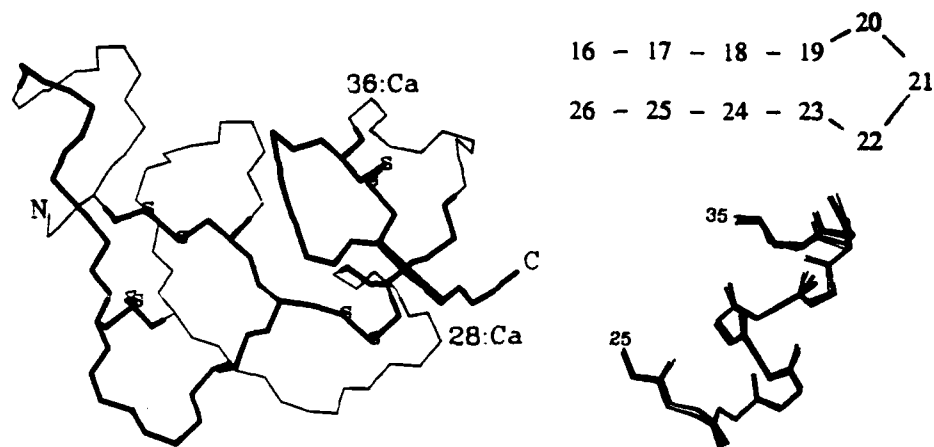
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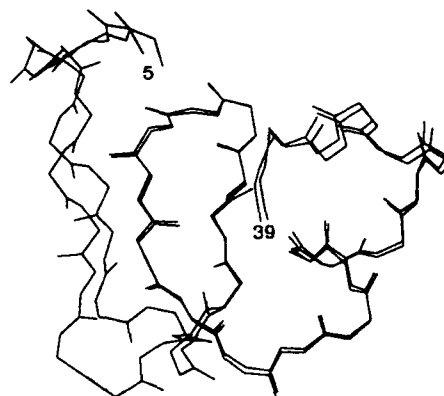
The structural features of the major conformer cluster found in the NMR structure ensemble are illustrated below (Fig. 3).

Figure 3.



Parallel refinements were carried out with tight bounds obtained using the DISCON algorithm and with these converted to 'conservative' bounds as commonly used in protein structure elucidation. Only when tight bounds were used was it possible to define the few remaining loci of conformational isomerism in this structure. The two major conformational forms of the N-terminal loop are shown here --

note the high degree of similarity outside of the loop region and the convergence within the short helical segment of the hevein structure. The helical portion which can best be characterized as an 8 residue α -helix with a single kink at ψ_{32} , is shared by all conformers even though His³⁵ is another locus of conformational change.

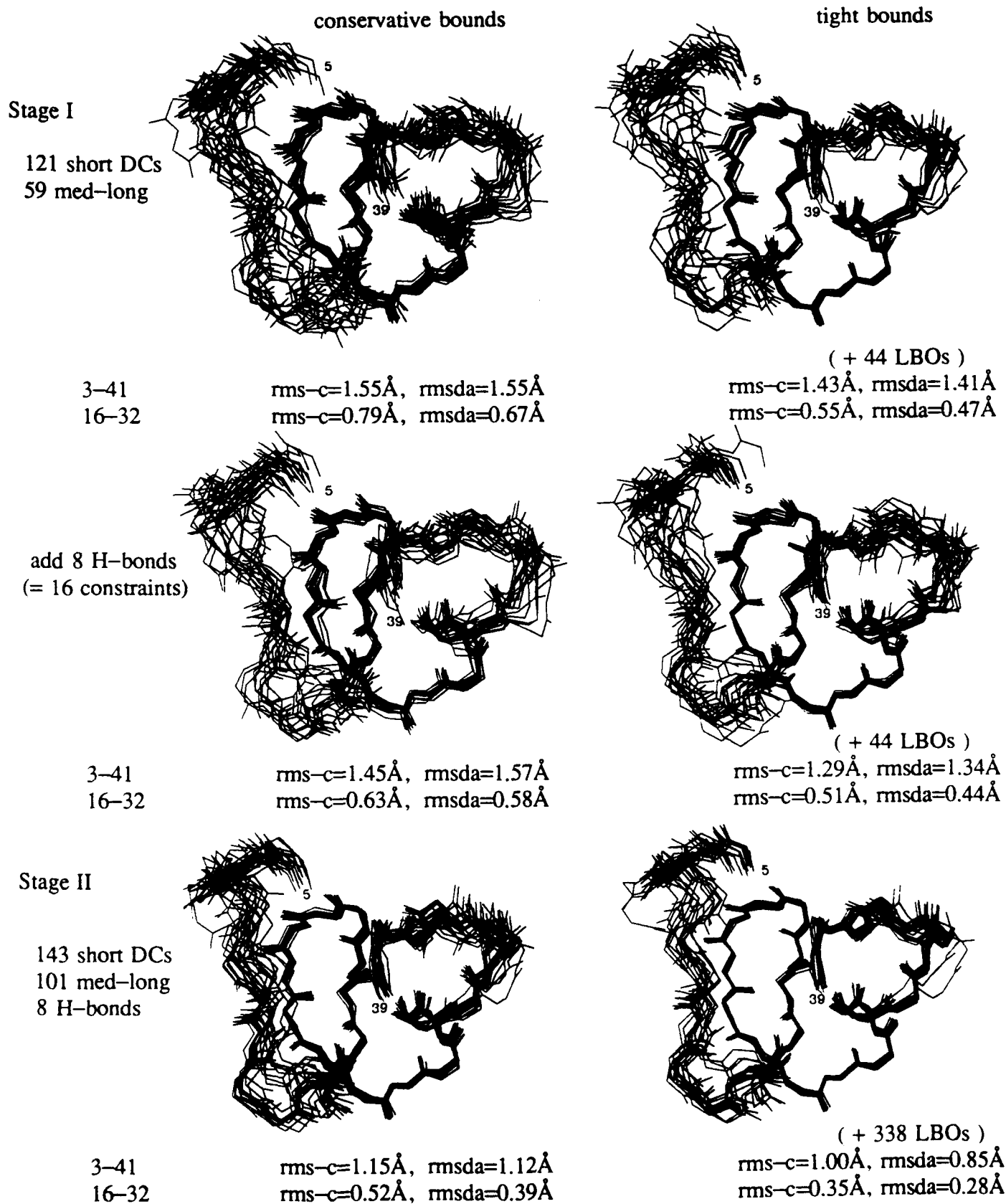


The differences in the convergence and structural precision obtained at different constraint density levels and with a tight *versus* conservative treatment of bounds at each stage are illustrated in **Figure 4**, the following page of this report.

OTHER RESULTS: The other results that came from the studies undertaken as a result of O.N.R. grant and contract support during the 1988-1992 period are adequately described in the papers and meeting abstracts that have appeared. These are listed in a later section.

SIGNIFICANCE: Until our most recent studies, regions of proteins which were ill-defined in the ensemble of NMR-refinement structures were dismissed as "disordered" and the standard NOESY methodology did not work for smaller peptides that display conformational isomerism. The methods that we have developed should extend the range of systems that can be structurally characterized by NMR to include peptides displaying multi-conformer equilibria and the loop dynamics in proteins.

Figure 4. A comparison of the convergence (rms-c) and accuracy (rmsda) of the hevein structure ensembles obtained at stages I and II using the same nOe distances as tight *versus* conservative bounds in XPLOR simulated annealing. Residues 5→39 are displayed, rms fitted over 16–32.



PRESENTATIONS (during N00014-91-J-1393 support period):

The endothelin structure elucidation was presented in posters or oral presentations at the Spr.'91 ACS Mtg. and at the Keystone Symposium on "Frontiers of NMR in Molecular Biology" (4/91). This structure elucidation has also been featured in numerous guest lectures in which our NOESYSIM/DISCON software was presented. FOUR (4) posters based on ONR-supported research were presented by my group at the Apr.'92 E.N.C. Meeting, the titles appear below as published abstracts.

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