



Figure 7.12. Short sequential and medium-range ¹H–¹H distances in type I and type II tight turns. The wavy lines indicate hydrogen bonds (from Wüthrich et al., 1984a).

Antiparallel β sheets, $d_{\alpha\alpha}(i,j) = 2.3 \text{ \AA}$
 $d_{\alpha N}(i,j) = 3.2 \text{ \AA}$
 $d_{NN}(i,j) = 3.3 \text{ \AA}$

Parallel β sheets $d_{\alpha N}(i,j) = 3.0 \text{ \AA}$
 $d_{NN}(i,j) = 4.0 \text{ \AA}$
 $d_{\alpha\alpha}(i,j) = 4.8 \text{ \AA}$

TABLE 7.1. Short ($\leq 4.5 \text{ \AA}$) Sequential and Medium-Range ¹H–¹H Distances in Polypeptide Secondary Structures

Distance	α -helix	3_{10} -helix	β	β_p	turn I ^a	turn II ^a
$d_{\alpha N}$	3.5	3.4	2.2	2.2	3.4	2.2
					3.2	3.2
$d_{\alpha N}(i,i+2)$	4.4	3.8			3.6	3.3
$d_{\alpha N}(i,i+3)$	3.4	3.3			3.1–4.2	3.8–4.7
$d_{\alpha N}(i,i+4)$	4.2					
d_{NN}	2.8	2.6	4.3	4.2	2.6	4.5
					2.4	2.4
$d_{NN}(i,i+2)$	4.2	4.1			3.8	4.3
$d_{\beta N}^b$	2.5–4.1	2.9–4.4	3.2–4.5	3.7–4.7	2.9–4.4	3.6–4.6
					3.6–4.6	3.6–4.6
$d_{\alpha\beta}(i,i+3)^b$	2.5–4.4	3.1–5.1				

^a For the turns, the first of two numbers applies to the distance between residues 2 and 3, the second to that between residues 3 and 4 (Fig. 7.12). The range indicated for $d_{\alpha N}(i,i+3)$ corresponds to the distances adopted if ψ_1 is varied between -180 and 180° .

^b The ranges given correspond to the distances adopted by a β -methine proton if χ^1 is varied between -180 and 180° .