Enhancing Protein Stability under Stress: Osmolyte-based DES as a Robust Stabilizing Medium for Lysozyme under Heat and Cold Shock

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	T _m / °C	ΔT _m / °C
Buffer	75.9	-
Pro:Gly	85.5	9.6
Sar:Gly	>87	>11.1
Bet:Gly	88.9	13
Bet:Sor:Tau:Gpc:U	91.5	15.6



Figure S5. Near UV CD spectra of lysozyme ($c_{Lys} = 0.2 \text{ mg ml}^{-1}$) dissolved in (A) Pro:Gly (40% of water, w/w) and (B) Bet:Gly (40% of water, w/w) before thermal treatment (black line), at 80°C (red line), 95°C (green line), and 20°C after cooling (blue dotted line).



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