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Low temperature dynamic transitions of L-cysteine and L-proline amino acids: a specific heat study MARIANA ISHIKAWA, THAMIRES LIMA, HERCULANO MARTINHO, Universidade Federal do ABC — Studies have shown that several macromolecules present two dynamic transitions at $T^* \sim 80$ K and $T_D \sim 280$ K which have intrinsic correlation to their biological activity. The present work concerns the detailed analysis of the low temperature transition at T^* by specific heat. This transition is usually described as originated on the CH₂SH dynamics. We compared the experimental results with simulations based on rigid rotor specific heat model by Caride and Tsallis [J. Stat. Phys. **35**, 187 (1984)] and we found an excellent agreement.

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