



Full wwPDB X-ray Structure Validation Report ⓘ

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The following versions of software and data (see [references ⓘ](#)) were used in the production of this report:

MolProbity	:	4-5-2 with Phenix2.0
Mogul	:	2022.3.0, CSD as543be (2022)
Xtriage (Phenix)	:	2.0
EDS	:	3.0
Buster-report	:	wwPDB partial adaption of 1.1.7 (2018)
Percentile statistics	:	20250101.v01 (using entries in the PDB archive January 1st 2025)
CCP4	:	9.0.010 (Gargrove)
Density-Fitness	:	1.0.12
Ideal geometry (proteins)	:	Engh & Huber (2001)
Ideal geometry (DNA, RNA)	:	Parkinson et al. (1996)
Validation Pipeline (wwPDB-VP)	:	2.49

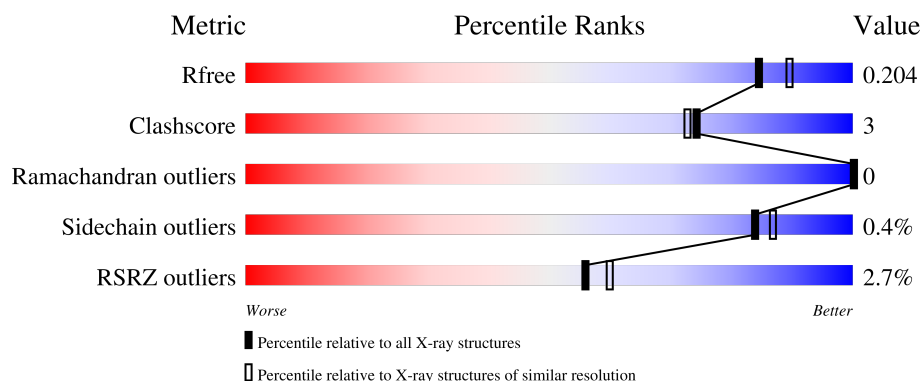
1 Overall quality at a glance

The following experimental techniques were used to determine the structure:

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

The reported resolution of this entry is 1.90 Å.

Percentile scores (ranging between 0-100) for global validation metrics of the entry are shown in the following graphic. The table shows the number of entries on which the scores are based.



Metric	Whole archive (#Entries)	Similar resolution (#Entries, resolution range(Å))
R_{free}	180053	7789 (1.90-1.90)
Clashscore	190562	8410 (1.90-1.90)
Ramachandran outliers	187476	8333 (1.90-1.90)
Sidechain outliers	187428	8333 (1.90-1.90)
RSRZ outliers	180081	7790 (1.90-1.90)

The table below summarises the geometric issues observed across the polymeric chains and their fit to the electron density. The red, orange, yellow and green segments of the lower bar indicate the fraction of residues that contain outliers for ≥ 3 , 2, 1 and 0 types of geometric quality criteria respectively. A grey segment represents the fraction of residues that are not modelled. The numeric value for each fraction is indicated below the corresponding segment, with a dot representing fractions $\leq 5\%$. The upper red bar (where present) indicates the fraction of residues that have poor fit to the electron density. The numeric value is given above the bar.

Mol	Chain	Length	Quality of chain
1	A	263	 3% 89% 6% ...

2 Entry composition [i](#)

There are 4 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 2465 atoms, of which 0 are hydrogens and 0 are deuteriums.

In the tables below, the ZeroOcc column contains the number of atoms modelled with zero occupancy, the AltConf column contains the number of residues with at least one atom in alternate conformation and the Trace column contains the number of residues modelled with at most 2 atoms.

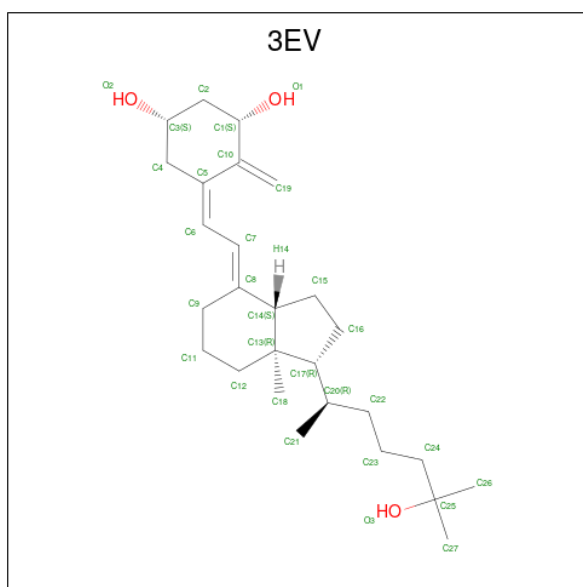
- Molecule 1 is a protein called Vitamin D3 receptor.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
			Total	C	N	O	S			
1	A	255	2056	1310	350	381	15	14	6	0

There are 4 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
A	114	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP P11473
A	115	SER	-	expression tag	UNP P11473
A	116	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP P11473
A	117	MET	-	expression tag	UNP P11473

- Molecule 2 is (1S,3S,5Z,7E,14beta,17alpha)-9,10-secocholesta-5,7,10-triene-1,3,25-triol (CCD ID: 3EV) (formula: C₂₇H₄₄O₃).



Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms			ZeroOcc	AltConf
			Total	C	O		
2	A	1	30	27	3	0	0

- Molecule 3 is SULFATE ION (CCD ID: SO4) (formula: O₄S).



Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms			ZeroOcc	AltConf
3	A	1	Total	O	S	0	0
			5	4	1		
3	A	1	Total	O	S	0	0
			5	4	1		

- Molecule 4 is water.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
4	A	369	Total	O	0	0
			369	369		

3 Residue-property plots [i](#)

These plots are drawn for all protein, RNA, DNA and oligosaccharide chains in the entry. The first graphic for a chain summarises the proportions of the various outlier classes displayed in the second graphic. The second graphic shows the sequence view annotated by issues in geometry and electron density. Residues are color-coded according to the number of geometric quality criteria for which they contain at least one outlier: green = 0, yellow = 1, orange = 2 and red = 3 or more. A red dot above a residue indicates a poor fit to the electron density ($RSRZ > 2$). Stretches of 2 or more consecutive residues without any outlier are shown as a green connector. Residues present in the sample, but not in the model, are shown in grey.

• Molecule 1: Vitamin D3 receptor

Chain A: 



4 Data and refinement statistics

Property	Value	Source
Space group	P 21 21 21	Depositor
Cell constants a, b, c, α , β , γ	44.89Å 51.12Å 132.20Å 90.00° 90.00° 90.00°	Depositor
Resolution (Å)	30.00 – 1.90 30.00 – 1.90	Depositor EDS
% Data completeness (in resolution range)	93.5 (30.00-1.90) 93.4 (30.00-1.90)	Depositor EDS
R_{merge}	0.08	Depositor
R_{sym}	0.08	Depositor
$\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$ ¹	2.93 (at 1.91Å)	Xtriage
Refinement program	REFMAC 5.2.0019	Depositor
R, R_{free}	0.172 , 0.203 0.174 , 0.204	Depositor DCC
R_{free} test set	1169 reflections (4.72%)	wwPDB-VP
Wilson B-factor (Å ²)	14.8	Xtriage
Anisotropy	0.068	Xtriage
Bulk solvent k_{sol} (e/Å ³), B_{sol} (Å ²)	0.38 , 54.6	EDS
L-test for twinning ²	$\langle L \rangle = 0.48$, $\langle L^2 \rangle = 0.32$	Xtriage
Estimated twinning fraction	No twinning to report.	Xtriage
F_o, F_c correlation	0.95	EDS
Total number of atoms	2465	wwPDB-VP
Average B, all atoms (Å ²)	15.0	wwPDB-VP

Xtriage's analysis on translational NCS is as follows: *The largest off-origin peak in the Patterson function is 7.60% of the height of the origin peak. No significant pseudotranslation is detected.*

¹Intensities estimated from amplitudes.

²Theoretical values of $\langle |L| \rangle$, $\langle L^2 \rangle$ for acentric reflections are 0.5, 0.333 respectively for untwinned datasets, and 0.375, 0.2 for perfectly twinned datasets.

5 Model quality

5.1 Standard geometry

Bond lengths and bond angles in the following residue types are not validated in this section: 3EV, SO4

The Z score for a bond length (or angle) is the number of standard deviations the observed value is removed from the expected value. A bond length (or angle) with $|Z| > 5$ is considered an outlier worth inspection. RMSZ is the root-mean-square of all Z scores of the bond lengths (or angles).

Mol	Chain	Bond lengths		Bond angles	
		RMSZ	$\# Z > 5$	RMSZ	$\# Z > 5$
1	A	1.26	11/2114 (0.5%)	0.95	11/2859 (0.4%)

Chiral center outliers are detected by calculating the chiral volume of a chiral center and verifying if the center is modelled as a planar moiety or with the opposite hand. A planarity outlier is detected by checking planarity of atoms in a peptide group, atoms in a mainchain group or atoms of a sidechain that are expected to be planar.

Mol	Chain	#Chirality outliers	#Planarity outliers
1	A	0	4

All (11) bond length outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(Å)	Ideal(Å)
1	A	402	ARG	NE-CZ	34.59	1.71	1.33
1	A	126	GLU	C-N	19.88	1.58	1.33
1	A	402	ARG	CZ-NH2	19.41	1.58	1.33
1	A	291	GLN	C-N	17.51	1.57	1.33
1	A	290	ASN	C-N	17.42	1.56	1.34
1	A	347	GLN	CD-OE1	-10.31	1.03	1.23
1	A	126	GLU	N-CA	-7.65	1.36	1.46
1	A	125	SER	C-N	7.58	1.44	1.33
1	A	119	SER	CB-OG	6.34	1.54	1.42
1	A	347	GLN	CD-NE2	5.24	1.44	1.33
1	A	130	ARG	CG-CD	-5.11	1.37	1.52

All (11) bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
1	A	125	SER	CA-C-N	-10.19	102.07	121.54
1	A	125	SER	C-N-CA	-10.19	102.07	121.54

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Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
1	A	290	ASN	CA-C-N	9.89	134.82	120.38
1	A	290	ASN	C-N-CA	9.89	134.82	120.38
1	A	347	GLN	CG-CD-OE1	-9.49	101.82	120.80
1	A	402	ARG	NH1-CZ-NH2	-8.41	108.37	119.30
1	A	402	ARG	NE-CZ-NH1	-7.87	113.63	121.50
1	A	347	GLN	OE1-CD-NE2	7.46	130.06	122.60
1	A	126	GLU	N-CA-C	6.99	125.69	110.80
1	A	126	GLU	N-CA-CB	-6.15	100.09	110.49
1	A	402	ARG	NE-CZ-NH2	5.77	124.39	119.20

There are no chirality outliers.

All (4) planarity outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Group
1	A	125	SER	Mainchain
1	A	291	GLN	Mainchain
1	A	347	GLN	Sidechain
1	A	402	ARG	Sidechain

5.2 Too-close contacts ⓘ

In the following table, the Non-H and H(model) columns list the number of non-hydrogen atoms and hydrogen atoms in the chain respectively. The H(added) column lists the number of hydrogen atoms added and optimized by MolProbity. The Clashes column lists the number of clashes within the asymmetric unit, whereas Symm-Clashes lists symmetry-related clashes.

Mol	Chain	Non-H	H(model)	H(added)	Clashes	Symm-Clashes
1	A	2056	0	2107	13	0
2	A	30	0	44	1	0
3	A	10	0	0	0	0
4	A	369	0	0	4	0
All	All	2465	0	2151	13	0

The all-atom clashscore is defined as the number of clashes found per 1000 atoms (including hydrogen atoms). The all-atom clashscore for this structure is 3.

All (13) close contacts within the same asymmetric unit are listed below, sorted by their clash magnitude.

Atom-1	Atom-2	Interatomic distance (Å)	Clash overlap (Å)
1:A:291:GLN:HE21	1:A:291:GLN:HA	1.58	0.69

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Atom-1	Atom-2	Interatomic distance (Å)	Clash overlap (Å)
1:A:353:GLU:HG3	4:A:592:HOH:O	2.04	0.57
1:A:291:GLN:NE2	4:A:108:HOH:O	2.44	0.51
1:A:125:SER:O	1:A:126:GLU:C	2.52	0.49
1:A:291:GLN:HE21	1:A:291:GLN:CA	2.21	0.49
1:A:118:ASP:N	4:A:20:HOH:O	2.47	0.47
1:A:291:GLN:NE2	1:A:291:GLN:CA	2.79	0.46
1:A:122:PRO:HG2	1:A:368:ARG:HH21	1.82	0.45
1:A:279:PHE:O	1:A:321:LYS:HE3	2.19	0.43
1:A:286:TRP:CD2	2:A:428:3EV:H9A	2.53	0.42
1:A:129:GLN:HG2	4:A:571:HOH:O	2.20	0.42
1:A:371:HIS:HA	1:A:372:PRO:HD3	1.92	0.42
1:A:256:SER:O	1:A:260:ILE:HG12	2.20	0.41

There are no symmetry-related clashes.

5.3 Torsion angles [i](#)

5.3.1 Protein backbone [i](#)

In the following table, the Percentiles column shows the percent Ramachandran outliers of the chain as a percentile score with respect to all X-ray entries followed by that with respect to entries of similar resolution.

The Analysed column shows the number of residues for which the backbone conformation was analysed, and the total number of residues.

Mol	Chain	Analysed	Favoured	Allowed	Outliers	Percentiles	
1	A	259/263 (98%)	250 (96%)	9 (4%)	0	100	100

There are no Ramachandran outliers to report.

5.3.2 Protein sidechains [i](#)

In the following table, the Percentiles column shows the percent sidechain outliers of the chain as a percentile score with respect to all X-ray entries followed by that with respect to entries of similar resolution.

The Analysed column shows the number of residues for which the sidechain conformation was analysed, and the total number of residues.

Mol	Chain	Analysed	Rotameric	Outliers	Percentiles
1	A	238/239 (100%)	237 (100%)	1 (0%)	84 87

All (1) residues with a non-rotameric sidechain are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	291	GLN

Sometimes sidechains can be flipped to improve hydrogen bonding and reduce clashes. All (2) such sidechains are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	291	GLN
1	A	377	HIS

5.3.3 RNA [i](#)

There are no RNA molecules in this entry.

5.4 Non-standard residues in protein, DNA, RNA chains [i](#)

There are no non-standard protein/DNA/RNA residues in this entry.

5.5 Carbohydrates [i](#)

There are no oligosaccharides in this entry.

5.6 Ligand geometry [i](#)

3 ligands are modelled in this entry.

In the following table, the Counts columns list the number of bonds (or angles) for which Mogul statistics could be retrieved, the number of bonds (or angles) that are observed in the model and the number of bonds (or angles) that are defined in the Chemical Component Dictionary. The Link column lists molecule types, if any, to which the group is linked. The Z score for a bond length (or angle) is the number of standard deviations the observed value is removed from the expected value. A bond length (or angle) with $|Z| > 2$ is considered an outlier worth inspection. RMSZ is the root-mean-square of all Z scores of the bond lengths (or angles).

Mol	Type	Chain	Res	Link	Bond lengths			Bond angles		
					Counts	RMSZ	$\# Z > 2$	Counts	RMSZ	$\# Z > 2$
3	SO4	A	1	-	4,4,4	0.24	0	6,6,6	0.16	0

Mol	Type	Chain	Res	Link	Bond lengths			Bond angles		
					Counts	RMSZ	# Z > 2	Counts	RMSZ	# Z > 2
2	3EV	A	428	-	31,32,32	0.67	0	43,48,48	1.21	3 (6%)
3	SO4	A	2	-	4,4,4	0.26	0	6,6,6	0.16	0

In the following table, the Chirals column lists the number of chiral outliers, the number of chiral centers analysed, the number of these observed in the model and the number defined in the Chemical Component Dictionary. Similar counts are reported in the Torsion and Rings columns. '-' means no outliers of that kind were identified.

Mol	Type	Chain	Res	Link	Chirals	Torsions	Rings
2	3EV	A	428	-	-	4/16/60/60	0/3/3/3

There are no bond length outliers.

All (3) bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
2	A	428	3EV	C16-C17-C20	3.88	118.05	112.18
2	A	428	3EV	C22-C20-C17	2.58	115.67	110.33
2	A	428	3EV	C3-C4-C5	-2.24	109.24	112.51

There are no chirality outliers.

All (4) torsion outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms
2	A	428	3EV	C13-C17-C20-C22
2	A	428	3EV	C13-C17-C20-C21
2	A	428	3EV	C16-C17-C20-C21
2	A	428	3EV	C5-C6-C7-C8

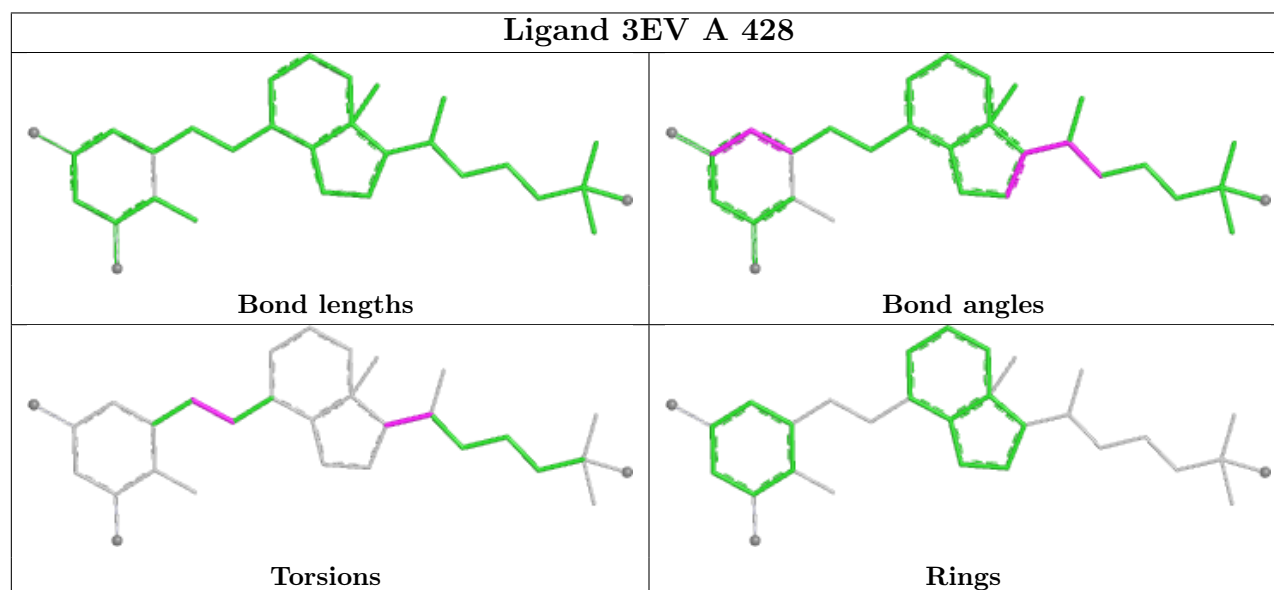
There are no ring outliers.

1 monomer is involved in 1 short contact:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Clashes	Symm-Clashes
2	A	428	3EV	1	0

The following is a two-dimensional graphical depiction of Mogul quality analysis of bond lengths, bond angles, torsion angles, and ring geometry for all instances of the Ligand of Interest. In addition, ligands with molecular weight > 250 and outliers as shown on the validation Tables will also be included. For torsion angles, if less than 5% of the Mogul distribution of torsion angles is within 10 degrees of the torsion angle in question, then that torsion angle is considered an outlier. Any bond that is central to one or more torsion angles identified as an outlier by Mogul will be

highlighted in the graph. For rings, the root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) between the ring in question and similar rings identified by Mogul is calculated over all ring torsion angles. If the average RMSD is greater than 60 degrees and the minimal RMSD between the ring in question and any Mogul-identified rings is also greater than 60 degrees, then that ring is considered an outlier. The outliers are highlighted in purple. The color gray indicates Mogul did not find sufficient equivalents in the CSD to analyse the geometry.



5.7 Other polymers [i](#)

There are no such residues in this entry.

5.8 Polymer linkage issues [i](#)

There are no chain breaks in this entry.

6 Fit of model and data [i](#)

6.1 Protein, DNA and RNA chains [i](#)

In the following table, the column labelled '#RSRZ > 2' contains the number (and percentage) of RSRZ outliers, followed by percent RSRZ outliers for the chain as percentile scores relative to all X-ray entries and entries of similar resolution. The OWAB column contains the minimum, median, 95th percentile and maximum values of the occupancy-weighted average B-factor per residue. The column labelled 'Q < 0.9' lists the number of (and percentage) of residues with an average occupancy less than 0.9.

Mol	Chain	Analysed	<RSRZ>	#RSRZ>2	OWAB(Å ²)	Q<0.9
1	A	255/263 (96%)	-0.17	7 (2%) 56 60	4, 12, 23, 32	11 (4%)

All (7) RSRZ outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	RSRZ
1	A	291	GLN	4.5
1	A	126	GLU	4.3
1	A	118	ASP	4.2
1	A	289	GLY	2.8
1	A	412	MET	2.5
1	A	377	HIS	2.3
1	A	403	CYS	2.1

6.2 Non-standard residues in protein, DNA, RNA chains [i](#)

There are no non-standard protein/DNA/RNA residues in this entry.

6.3 Carbohydrates [i](#)

There are no oligosaccharides in this entry.

6.4 Ligands [i](#)

In the following table, the Atoms column lists the number of modelled atoms in the group and the number defined in the chemical component dictionary. The B-factors column lists the minimum, median, 95th percentile and maximum values of B factors of atoms in the group. The column labelled 'Q < 0.9' lists the number of atoms with occupancy less than 0.9.

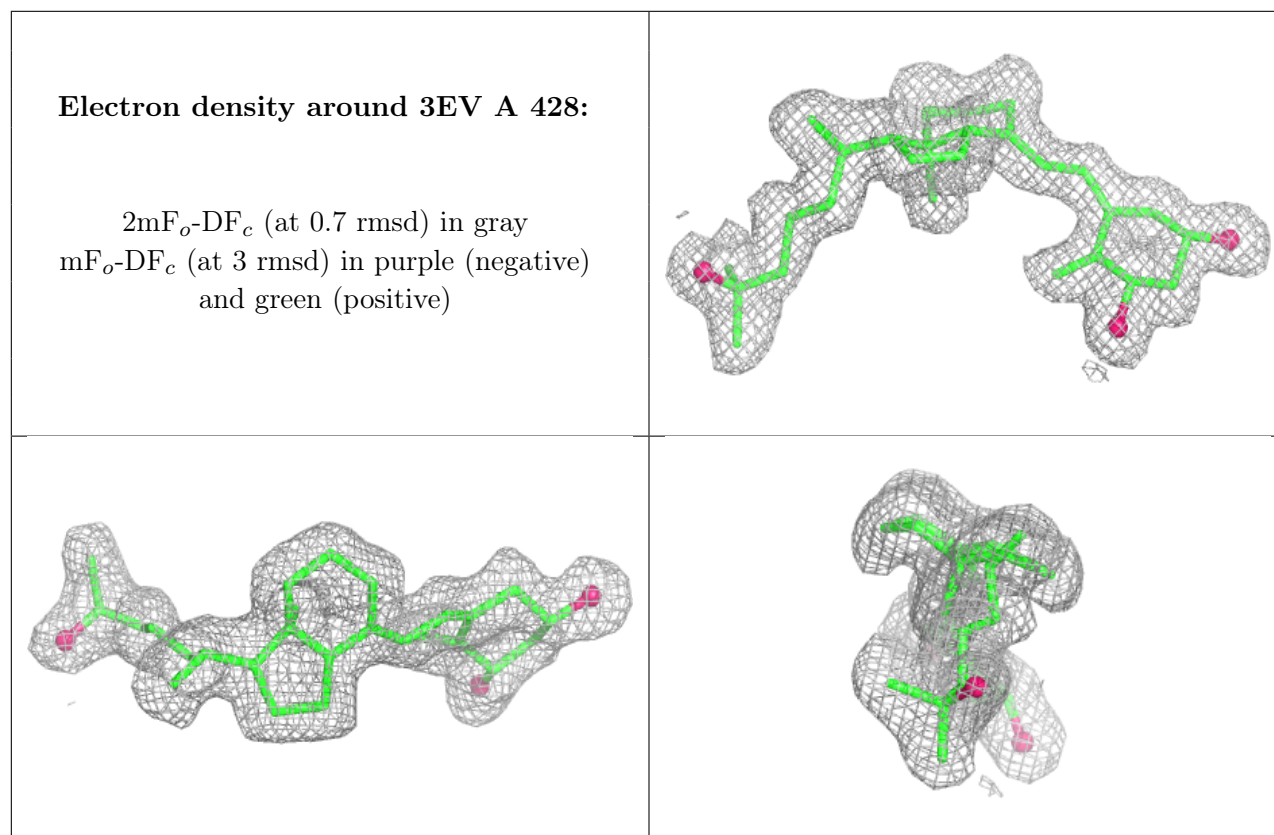
Mol	Type	Chain	Res	Atoms	RSCC	RSR	B-factors(Å ²)	Q<0.9
3	SO4	A	2	5/5	0.84	0.21	43,45,45,45	0

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Mol	Type	Chain	Res	Atoms	RSCC	RSR	B-factors($\text{\AA}^2$)	Q<0.9
3	SO4	A	1	5/5	0.95	0.12	31,32,32,32	0
2	3EV	A	428	30/30	0.96	0.05	6,8,12,13	0

The following is a graphical depiction of the model fit to experimental electron density of all instances of the Ligand of Interest. In addition, ligands with molecular weight > 250 and outliers as shown on the geometry validation Tables will also be included. Each fit is shown from different orientation to approximate a three-dimensional view.



6.5 Other polymers [i](#)

There are no such residues in this entry.