



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
Xtriage (Phenix)	:	2.0
EDS	:	3.0
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

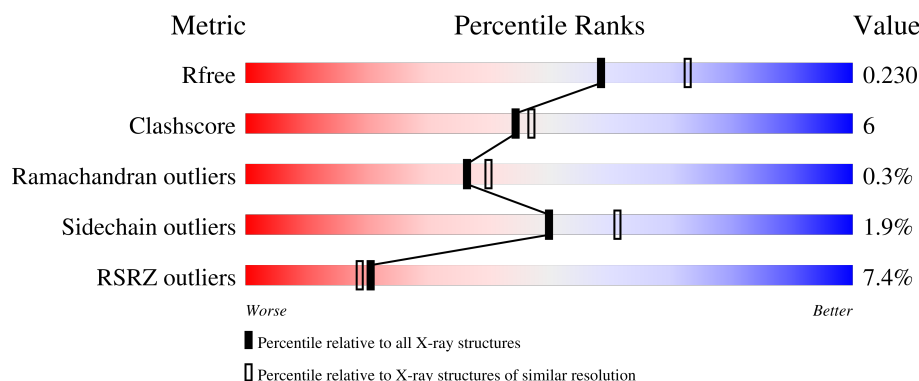
1 Overall quality at a glance

The following experimental techniques were used to determine the structure:

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

The reported resolution of this entry is 2.26 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	1898 (2.26-2.26)
Clashscore	190562	2005 (2.26-2.26)
Ramachandran outliers	187476	1965 (2.26-2.26)
Sidechain outliers	187428	1966 (2.26-2.26)
RSRZ outliers	180081	1898 (2.26-2.26)

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	367	
2	B	17	
3	C	17	

2 Entry composition [i](#)

There are 5 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 3555 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 Cyclic GMP-AMP synthase.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
1	A	348	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			2859	1829	490	525	15			

There are 3 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
A	156	SER	-	expression tag	UNP Q8N884
A	187	ASN	LYS	engineered mutation	UNP Q8N884
A	195	ARG	LEU	engineered mutation	UNP Q8N884

- Molecule 2 is a DNA chain called DNA (5'-D(P*CP*GP*TP*CP*TP*TP*CP*GP*GP*CP*AP*AP*T)-3').

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
2	B	13	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			264	126	45	80	13			

- Molecule 3 is a DNA chain called DNA (5'-D(*AP*AP*AP*TP*TP*GP*CP*CP*GP*AP*AP*GP*AP*CP*GP*A)-3').

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
3	C	16	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			328	157	68	88	15			

- Molecule 4 is ZINC ION (CCD ID: ZN) (formula: Zn).

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
4	A	1	Total	Zn	0	0
			1	1		

- Molecule 5 is water.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
5	A	93	Total 93	O 93	0	0
5	B	2	Total 2	O 2	0	0
5	C	8	Total 8	O 8	0	0

4 Data and refinement statistics

Property	Value	Source
Space group	P 61 2 2	Depositor
Cell constants a, b, c, α , β , γ	99.78 Å 99.78 Å 236.77 Å 90.00° 90.00° 120.00°	Depositor
Resolution (Å)	45.98 – 2.26 45.98 – 2.26	Depositor EDS
% Data completeness (in resolution range)	98.9 (45.98-2.26) 98.9 (45.98-2.26)	Depositor EDS
R_{merge}	(Not available)	Depositor
R_{sym}	(Not available)	Depositor
$\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$ ¹	1.44 (at 2.27 Å)	Xtriage
Refinement program	PHENIX (1.13_2998: ???)	Depositor
R, R_{free}	0.199 , 0.228 0.202 , 0.230	Depositor DCC
R_{free} test set	3318 reflections (10.00%)	wwPDB-VP
Wilson B-factor (Å ²)	50.4	Xtriage
Anisotropy	0.234	Xtriage
Bulk solvent k_{sol} (e/Å ³), B_{sol} (Å ²)	0.37 , 46.1	EDS
L-test for twinning ²	$\langle L \rangle = 0.49$, $\langle L^2 \rangle = 0.32$	Xtriage
Estimated twinning fraction	No twinning to report.	Xtriage
F_o, F_c correlation	0.95	EDS
Total number of atoms	3555	wwPDB-VP
Average B, all atoms (Å ²)	63.0	wwPDB-VP

Xtriage's analysis on translational NCS is as follows: *The largest off-origin peak in the Patterson function is 3.77% 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: ZN

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	0.26	0/2913	0.44	0/3903
2	B	0.29	0/294	0.43	0/451
3	C	0.23	0/370	0.41	0/570
All	All	0.26	0/3577	0.44	0/4924

There are no bond length outliers.

There are no bond angle outliers.

There are no chirality outliers.

There are no planarity outliers.

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	2859	0	2883	33	0
2	B	264	0	148	2	0
3	C	328	0	177	4	0
4	A	1	0	0	0	0
5	A	93	0	0	3	0
5	B	2	0	0	1	0
5	C	8	0	0	2	0
All	All	3555	0	3208	39	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 6.

All (39) 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)
3:C:13:DA:OP1	5:C:101:HOH:O	1.98	0.80
3:C:10:DA:OP1	5:C:102:HOH:O	2.01	0.78
1:A:203:PHE:HD1	1:A:232:LEU:HD11	1.59	0.66
1:A:478:GLU:OE2	1:A:501:LYS:NZ	2.26	0.65
1:A:476:ARG:NH2	1:A:509:GLU:OE2	2.23	0.64
1:A:194:LEU:HD11	1:A:208:LEU:HB2	1.82	0.62
1:A:347:LYS:NZ	5:A:702:HOH:O	2.23	0.61
1:A:236:ARG:HB3	1:A:254:LYS:HB2	1.81	0.61
1:A:213:SER:OG	1:A:414:LYS:NZ	2.29	0.57
1:A:273:ALA:HB1	1:A:361:PRO:HB3	1.87	0.57
1:A:362:LYS:HE3	1:A:376:ARG:NH2	2.20	0.57
1:A:174:LEU:HD11	1:A:219:LYS:HB3	1.87	0.56
1:A:298:MET:HG3	1:A:308:VAL:HG13	1.89	0.55
2:B:16:DT:O3'	5:B:101:HOH:O	2.18	0.55
1:A:344:LEU:HD11	1:A:386:ILE:HG23	1.90	0.54
1:A:185:MET:HB3	1:A:312:ILE:HG21	1.90	0.53
1:A:511:GLU:HG3	1:A:516:PHE:HA	1.91	0.53
1:A:376:ARG:HD2	5:A:705:HOH:O	2.07	0.53
2:B:15:DA:H2''	2:B:16:DT:H5''	1.91	0.53
1:A:277:LEU:HD13	1:A:361:PRO:HG2	1.91	0.52
1:A:210:ASN:HB3	1:A:215:TYR:CG	2.46	0.50
1:A:164:LYS:NZ	1:A:520:ASP:OD1	2.44	0.49
3:C:14:DC:H2''	3:C:15:DG:C8	2.48	0.49
1:A:276:MET:HG2	1:A:322:LEU:HD21	1.95	0.48
1:A:236:ARG:HD2	1:A:254:LYS:HB2	1.97	0.46
1:A:168:VAL:O	1:A:172:LEU:HG	2.16	0.46
1:A:406:ARG:HB3	1:A:442:PHE:HZ	1.80	0.46
1:A:227:ASP:OD2	5:A:701:HOH:O	2.21	0.45
1:A:214:TYR:HA	1:A:219:LYS:HB2	1.98	0.45
1:A:277:LEU:HD12	1:A:277:LEU:HA	1.80	0.45
1:A:397:CYS:HA	1:A:403:LYS:HD2	2.00	0.44
1:A:203:PHE:CD1	1:A:232:LEU:HD11	2.47	0.44
1:A:298:MET:HG2	1:A:299:LYS:N	2.32	0.44
1:A:342:ASN:O	1:A:392:LYS:NZ	2.40	0.43
1:A:210:ASN:HB3	1:A:215:TYR:CD2	2.55	0.42
1:A:192:HIS:CE1	1:A:287:GLU:HG3	2.54	0.42
1:A:410:LEU:O	1:A:414:LYS:HG3	2.20	0.41
3:C:5:DT:H2''	3:C:6:DG:C8	2.55	0.41
1:A:246:ARG:HG3	1:A:487:GLU:HB2	2.02	0.40

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	338/367 (92%)	331 (98%)	6 (2%)	1 (0%)	36 40

All (1) Ramachandran outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	345	SER

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	321/337 (95%)	315 (98%)	6 (2%)	50 61

All (6) residues with a non-rotameric sidechain are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	180	SER
1	A	270	ILE
1	A	290	ASP
1	A	371	GLN
1	A	438	VAL
1	A	492	SER

Sometimes sidechains can be flipped to improve hydrogen bonding and reduce clashes. There are no such sidechains identified.

5.3.3 RNA ⓘ

There are no RNA molecules in this entry.

5.4 Non-standard residues in protein, DNA, RNA chains ⓘ

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

5.5 Carbohydrates ⓘ

There are no oligosaccharides in this entry.

5.6 Ligand geometry ⓘ

Of 1 ligands modelled in this entry, 1 is monoatomic - leaving 0 for Mogul analysis.

There are no bond length outliers.

There are no bond angle outliers.

There are no chirality outliers.

There are no torsion outliers.

There are no ring outliers.

No monomer is involved in short contacts.

5.7 Other polymers ⓘ

There are no such residues in this entry.

5.8 Polymer linkage issues ⓘ

There are no chain breaks in this entry.

6 Fit of model and data

6.1 Protein, DNA and RNA chains

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	348/367 (94%)	0.34	25 (7%) 21 20	33, 52, 96, 120	0
2	B	13/17 (76%)	0.77	1 (7%) 19 17	82, 94, 118, 124	0
3	C	16/17 (94%)	0.82	2 (12%) 8 7	84, 92, 121, 141	0
All	All	377/401 (94%)	0.37	28 (7%) 20 19	33, 55, 101, 141	0

All (28) RSRZ outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	RSRZ
1	A	235	PRO	4.2
1	A	161	GLY	4.1
1	A	295	ASP	4.1
1	A	236	ARG	3.9
1	A	369	GLY	3.9
1	A	303	GLY	3.8
1	A	254	LYS	3.6
1	A	298	MET	3.5
1	A	400	LYS	3.3
1	A	313	SER	3.1
2	B	16	DT	3.1
1	A	299	LYS	3.1
1	A	370	PHE	3.0
1	A	259	GLU	2.9
1	A	290	ASP	2.8
1	A	365	LYS	2.7
1	A	291	ILE	2.7
1	A	297	ILE	2.7
1	A	269	GLU	2.5
3	C	16	DA	2.5
1	A	162	ALA	2.4
1	A	363	HIS	2.4
1	A	232	LEU	2.2

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Mol	Chain	Res	Type	RSRZ
1	A	237	ILE	2.1
1	A	428	LYS	2.1
1	A	401	GLU	2.1
1	A	296	VAL	2.1
3	C	1	DA	2.0

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($\text{\AA}^2$)	Q<0.9
4	ZN	A	601	1/1	0.99	0.04	43,43,43,43	0

6.5 Other polymers [i](#)

There are no such residues in this entry.