



Full wwPDB X-ray Structure Validation Report ⓘ

Mar 5, 2026 – 07:05 AM UTC

PDB ID : 3GAO / pdb_00003gao
Title : Crystal structure of the guanine riboswitch bound to xanthine.
Authors : Gilbert, S.D.; Batey, R.T.
Deposited on : 2009-02-18
Resolution : 1.90 Å(reported)

This is a Full wwPDB X-ray Structure Validation Report for a publicly released PDB entry.

We welcome your comments at validation@mail.wwpdb.org

A user guide is available at

<https://www.wwpdb.org/validation/2017/XrayValidationReportHelp>

with specific help available everywhere you see the ⓘ symbol.

The types of validation reports are described at

<http://www.wwpdb.org/validation/2017/FAQs#types>.

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
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

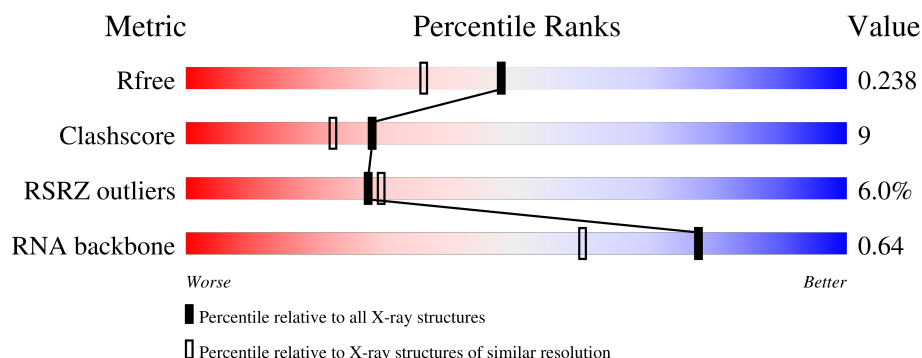
1 Overall quality at a glance

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)
RSRZ outliers	180081	7790 (1.90-1.90)
RNA backbone	3983	1098 (2.30-1.50)

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	67	

2 Entry composition [i](#)

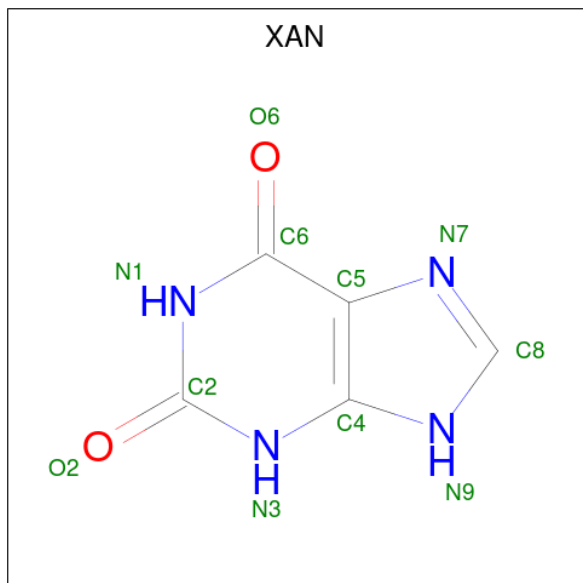
There are 6 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 1780 atoms, of which 0 are hydrogens and 0 are deuteriums.

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 RNA chain called Guanine riboswitch.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
1	A	67	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			1422	637	253	466	66			

- Molecule 2 is XANTHINE (CCD ID: XAN) (formula: $C_5H_4N_4O_2$).



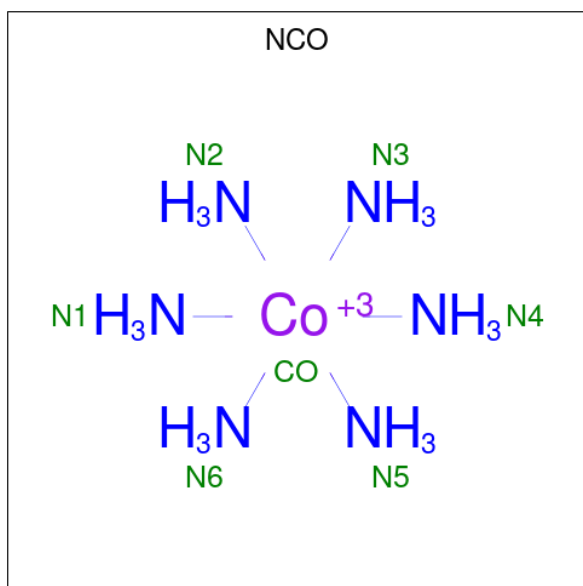
Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms				ZeroOcc	AltConf
2	A	1	Total	C	N	O	0	0
			11	5	4	2		

- Molecule 3 is ACETATE ION (CCD ID: ACT) (formula: $C_2H_3O_2$).



Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms			ZeroOcc	AltConf
3	A	1	Total	C	O	0	0
			4	2	2		

- Molecule 4 is COBALT HEXAMMINE(III) (CCD ID: NCO) (formula: $\text{CoH}_{18}\text{N}_6$).



Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms			ZeroOcc	AltConf
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		

Continued on next page...

Continued from previous page...

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms			ZeroOcc	AltConf
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		
4	A	1	Total	Co	N	0	0
			7	1	6		

- Molecule 5 is MAGNESIUM ION (CCD ID: MG) (formula: Mg).

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
5	A	1	Total	Mg	0	0
			1	1		

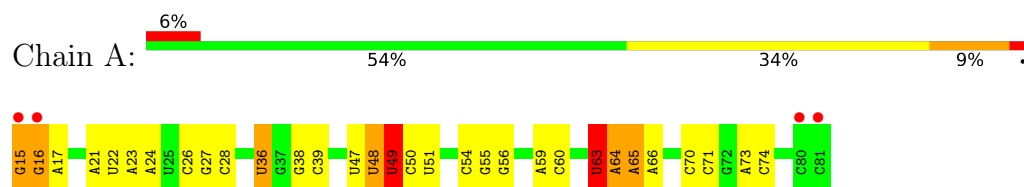
- Molecule 6 is water.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
6	A	251	Total	O	0	0
			251	251		

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: Guanine riboswitch



4 Data and refinement statistics

Property	Value	Source
Space group	C 1 2 1	Depositor
Cell constants a, b, c, α , β , γ	131.35Å 35.10Å 42.25Å 90.00° 90.38° 90.00°	Depositor
Resolution (Å)	19.49 – 1.90 19.49 – 1.90	Depositor EDS
% Data completeness (in resolution range)	96.1 (19.49-1.90) 96.1 (19.49-1.90)	Depositor EDS
R_{merge}	(Not available)	Depositor
R_{sym}	0.06	Depositor
$\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$ ¹	3.77 (at 1.90Å)	Xtriage
Refinement program	CNS	Depositor
R, R_{free}	0.210 , 0.246 0.204 , 0.238	Depositor DCC
R_{free} test set	1099 reflections (7.37%)	wwPDB-VP
Wilson B-factor (Å ²)	21.8	Xtriage
Anisotropy	0.262	Xtriage
Bulk solvent k_{sol} (e/Å ³), B_{sol} (Å ²)	0.37 , 56.0	EDS
L-test for twinning ²	$\langle L \rangle = 0.47$, $\langle L^2 \rangle = 0.30$	Xtriage
Estimated twinning fraction	0.022 for -h,-k,l	Xtriage
F_o, F_c correlation	0.94	EDS
Total number of atoms	1780	wwPDB-VP
Average B, all atoms (Å ²)	26.0	wwPDB-VP

Xtriage's analysis on translational NCS is as follows: *The largest off-origin peak in the Patterson function is 9.66% 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: XAN, ACT, NCO, MG

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	0.31	0/1589	0.82	4/2474 (0.2%)

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	1

There are no bond length outliers.

All (4) bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed($^{\circ}$)	Ideal($^{\circ}$)
1	A	63	U	C2'-C3'-O3'	7.08	120.13	109.50
1	A	65	A	N9-C1'-C2'	6.36	123.53	114.00
1	A	49	U	C2'-C3'-O3'	5.97	118.46	109.50
1	A	36	U	C2'-C3'-O3'	-5.76	100.86	109.50

There are no chirality outliers.

All (1) planarity outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Group
1	A	38	G	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	1422	0	723	19	0
2	A	11	0	4	1	0
3	A	4	0	3	0	0
4	A	91	0	0	1	0
5	A	1	0	0	0	0
6	A	251	0	0	3	0
All	All	1780	0	730	20	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 9.

All (20) 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:51:U:H3	2:A:90:XAN:HN3	1.00	0.91
1:A:21:A:H2'	1:A:22:U:H2'	1.71	0.71
1:A:63:U:O2'	1:A:64:A:OP2	2.21	0.57
4:A:113:NCO:N6	6:A:542:HOH:O	2.33	0.56
1:A:65:A:O2'	1:A:66:A:H5''	2.07	0.54
1:A:39:C:H5''	6:A:405:HOH:O	2.06	0.54
1:A:70:C:H2'	1:A:71:C:C6	2.45	0.52
1:A:16:G:O2'	1:A:17:A:H5'	2.08	0.52
1:A:26:C:H2'	1:A:27:G:C8	2.46	0.50
1:A:47:U:HO2'	1:A:49:U:H6	1.60	0.50
1:A:27:G:H1'	6:A:547:HOH:O	2.13	0.48
1:A:48:U:H5'	1:A:49:U:OP2	2.14	0.47
1:A:15:G:H2'	1:A:16:G:H8	1.79	0.47
1:A:23:A:H3'	1:A:24:A:H5'	1.96	0.46
1:A:63:U:H4'	1:A:64:A:O5'	2.16	0.46
1:A:55:G:H2'	1:A:56:G:C8	2.52	0.45
1:A:73:A:H2'	1:A:74:C:O4'	2.18	0.44
1:A:59:A:H2'	1:A:60:C:C6	2.54	0.42
1:A:15:G:H2'	1:A:16:G:C8	2.55	0.41
1:A:27:G:H2'	1:A:28:C:O4'	2.21	0.40

There are no symmetry-related clashes.

5.3 Torsion angles [i](#)

5.3.1 Protein backbone [i](#)

There are no protein molecules in this entry.

5.3.2 Protein sidechains [i](#)

There are no protein molecules in this entry.

5.3.3 RNA [i](#)

Mol	Chain	Analysed	Backbone Outliers	Pucker Outliers
1	A	67/67 (100%)	6 (8%)	4 (5%)

All (6) RNA backbone outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	16	G
1	A	36	U
1	A	49	U
1	A	50	C
1	A	54	C
1	A	64	A

All (4) RNA pucker outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	15	G
1	A	48	U
1	A	49	U
1	A	63	U

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

Of 16 ligands modelled in this entry, 1 is monoatomic - leaving 15 for Mogul analysis.

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
4	NCO	A	105	-	6,6,6	0.11	0	-		
4	NCO	A	107	-	6,6,6	0.05	0	-		
4	NCO	A	106	-	6,6,6	0.10	0	-		
4	NCO	A	109	-	6,6,6	0.04	0	-		
2	XAN	A	90	-	12,12,12	1.21	1 (8%)	14,17,17	1.14	2 (14%)
4	NCO	A	101	-	6,6,6	0.16	0	-		
4	NCO	A	102	-	6,6,6	0.12	0	-		
4	NCO	A	103	-	6,6,6	0.15	0	-		
4	NCO	A	111	-	6,6,6	0.09	0	-		
4	NCO	A	110	-	6,6,6	0.01	0	-		
4	NCO	A	104	-	6,6,6	0.08	0	-		
4	NCO	A	108	-	6,6,6	0.02	0	-		
4	NCO	A	112	-	6,6,6	0.06	0	-		
3	ACT	A	96	-	3,3,3	0.56	0	3,3,3	1.36	0
4	NCO	A	113	-	6,6,6	0.38	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	XAN	A	90	-	-	-	0/2/2/2

All (1) bond length outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(Å)	Ideal(Å)
2	A	90	XAN	C2-N1	3.17	1.42	1.37

All (2) bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
2	A	90	XAN	N1-C2-N3	2.49	119.65	115.74
2	A	90	XAN	C4-N3-C2	-2.27	114.03	120.68

There are no chirality outliers.

There are no torsion outliers.

There are no ring outliers.

2 monomers are involved in 2 short contacts:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Clashes	Symm-Clashes
2	A	90	XAN	1	0
4	A	113	NCO	1	0

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	67/67 (100%)	-0.05	4 (5%) 27 29	12, 21, 54, 76	0

All (4) RSRZ outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	RSRZ
1	A	15	G	4.1
1	A	81	C	3.1
1	A	16	G	2.8
1	A	80	C	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
4	NCO	A	107	7/7	0.52	0.24	76,76,77,78	0
4	NCO	A	110	7/7	0.58	0.17	88,88,88,89	0
4	NCO	A	106	7/7	0.73	0.21	52,53,54,57	0

Continued on next page...

Continued from previous page...

Mol	Type	Chain	Res	Atoms	RSCC	RSR	B-factors($\text{\AA}^2$)	Q<0.9
4	NCO	A	111	7/7	0.75	0.19	51,52,52,53	0
4	NCO	A	108	7/7	0.79	0.21	57,58,58,59	0
2	XAN	A	90	11/11	0.92	0.08	21,22,24,24	0
4	NCO	A	112	7/7	0.94	0.18	28,29,30,30	7
4	NCO	A	109	7/7	0.96	0.12	35,36,37,37	0
4	NCO	A	105	7/7	0.97	0.08	19,20,20,24	0
4	NCO	A	102	7/7	0.97	0.10	23,25,26,26	0
4	NCO	A	113	7/7	0.97	0.24	8,10,10,10	0
5	MG	A	150	1/1	0.97	0.21	10,10,10,10	0
3	ACT	A	96	4/4	0.98	0.05	8,10,11,12	0
4	NCO	A	103	7/7	0.99	0.07	12,13,14,16	0
4	NCO	A	104	7/7	0.99	0.05	13,14,16,16	0
4	NCO	A	101	7/7	0.99	0.08	14,14,16,17	0

6.5 Other polymers [i](#)

There are no such residues in this entry.