



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

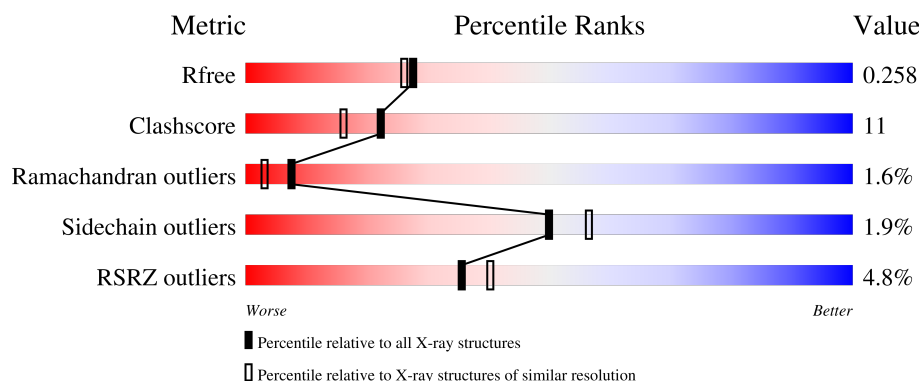
1 Overall quality at a glance

The following experimental techniques were used to determine the structure:

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

The reported resolution of this entry is 2.15 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	2057 (2.16-2.16)
Clashscore	190562	2159 (2.16-2.16)
Ramachandran outliers	187476	2134 (2.16-2.16)
Sidechain outliers	187428	2133 (2.16-2.16)
RSRZ outliers	180081	2059 (2.16-2.16)

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	74	4% 73% 12% • 12%
1	B	74	% 57% 28% • 14%
1	C	74	% 66% 19% • 14%
1	D	74	5% 69% 18% • 9%
1	E	74	8% 66% 23% • 8%

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Mol	Chain	Length	Quality of chain
1	F	74	5% 62% 23% • 11%

2 Entry composition

There are 2 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 3240 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 PROTEIN HFQ.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
1	A	65	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	1
			511	329	90	91	1			
1	B	64	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	1
			505	326	89	89	1			
1	C	64	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	1
			505	326	89	89	1			
1	D	67	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	1
			524	336	93	94	1			
1	E	68	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	1
			534	342	96	95	1			
1	F	66	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	1
			525	338	95	91	1			

There are 12 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
A	-1	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
A	0	ALA	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
B	-1	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
B	0	ALA	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
C	-1	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
C	0	ALA	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
D	-1	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
D	0	ALA	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
E	-1	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
E	0	ALA	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
F	-1	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3
F	0	ALA	-	expression tag	UNP P0A6X3

- Molecule 2 is water.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
2	A	24	Total 24	O 24	0	0
2	B	21	Total 21	O 21	0	0
2	C	27	Total 27	O 27	0	0
2	D	22	Total 22	O 22	0	0
2	E	18	Total 18	O 18	0	0
2	F	24	Total 24	O 24	0	0

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: PROTEIN HFQ



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4 Data and refinement statistics

Property	Value	Source
Space group	P 61	Depositor
Cell constants a, b, c, α , β , γ	61.35Å 61.35Å 166.10Å 90.00° 90.00° 120.00°	Depositor
Resolution (Å)	20.00 – 2.15 20.00 – 2.15	Depositor EDS
% Data completeness (in resolution range)	99.8 (20.00-2.15) 99.8 (20.00-2.15)	Depositor EDS
R_{merge}	0.10	Depositor
R_{sym}	(Not available)	Depositor
$\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$ ¹	4.46 (at 2.16Å)	Xtriage
Refinement program	CNS 1.1	Depositor
R, R_{free}	0.208 , 0.262 0.204 , 0.258	Depositor DCC
R_{free} test set	1618 reflections (8.45%)	wwPDB-VP
Wilson B-factor (Å ²)	18.0	Xtriage
Anisotropy	0.694	Xtriage
Bulk solvent k_{sol} (e/Å ³), B_{sol} (Å ²)	0.37 , 42.8	EDS
L-test for twinning ²	$\langle L \rangle = 0.53$, $\langle L^2 \rangle = 0.37$	Xtriage
Estimated twinning fraction	0.052 for h,-h-k,-l	Xtriage
F_o, F_c correlation	0.95	EDS
Total number of atoms	3240	wwPDB-VP
Average B, all atoms (Å ²)	20.0	wwPDB-VP

Xtriage's analysis on translational NCS is as follows: *The largest off-origin peak in the Patterson function is 14.18% 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

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	0.67	1/520 (0.2%)	1.05	2/706 (0.3%)
1	B	0.69	1/514 (0.2%)	1.15	3/698 (0.4%)
1	C	0.66	1/514 (0.2%)	1.08	2/698 (0.3%)
1	D	0.66	1/533 (0.2%)	1.10	4/723 (0.6%)
1	E	0.65	0/544	1.33	7/738 (0.9%)
1	F	0.64	1/536 (0.2%)	1.13	3/728 (0.4%)
All	All	0.66	5/3161 (0.2%)	1.15	21/4291 (0.5%)

All (5) bond length outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(Å)	Ideal(Å)
1	D	69	SER	C-N	-6.06	1.24	1.33
1	C	68	VAL	C-N	-5.56	1.25	1.33
1	B	68	VAL	C-N	-5.55	1.25	1.33
1	F	71	HIS	C-N	-5.54	1.25	1.33
1	A	69	SER	C-N	-5.54	1.25	1.33

All (21) bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
1	C	52	GLN	OE1-CD-NE2	-9.83	112.77	122.60
1	B	52	GLN	OE1-CD-NE2	-9.81	112.78	122.60
1	F	52	GLN	OE1-CD-NE2	-9.78	112.82	122.60
1	D	52	GLN	OE1-CD-NE2	-9.76	112.84	122.60
1	E	52	GLN	OE1-CD-NE2	-9.74	112.86	122.60
1	E	41	GLN	OE1-CD-NE2	-9.73	112.87	122.60
1	E	70	HIS	O-C-N	-8.68	109.11	123.00
1	E	7	LEU	N-CA-C	-7.66	103.55	113.12
1	B	63	VAL	N-CA-C	7.58	115.72	107.60
1	A	7	LEU	N-CA-C	-6.90	105.48	114.04
1	E	70	HIS	CA-C-N	6.83	129.85	116.20
1	B	52	GLN	CG-CD-NE2	6.68	126.42	116.40
1	C	52	GLN	CG-CD-NE2	6.67	126.41	116.40

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Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
1	F	52	GLN	CG-CD-NE2	6.66	126.39	116.40
1	D	52	GLN	CG-CD-NE2	6.63	126.35	116.40
1	E	52	GLN	CG-CD-NE2	6.63	126.35	116.40
1	D	7	LEU	N-CA-C	-6.57	105.27	113.55
1	E	41	GLN	CG-CD-NE2	6.51	126.16	116.40
1	D	20	VAL	N-CA-C	5.89	113.70	108.63
1	A	63	VAL	N-CA-C	5.73	113.73	107.60
1	F	20	VAL	N-CA-C	5.30	113.18	108.63

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	511	0	535	6	0
1	B	505	0	530	16	0
1	C	505	0	530	10	0
1	D	524	0	546	14	0
1	E	534	0	553	10	0
1	F	525	0	544	18	0
2	A	24	0	0	0	0
2	B	21	0	0	0	0
2	C	27	0	0	0	0
2	D	22	0	0	0	0
2	E	18	0	0	1	0
2	F	24	0	0	1	0
All	All	3240	0	3238	67	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 11.

All (67) 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:D:15:LEU:HD22	1:D:20:VAL:HG21	1.57	0.87
1:D:9:ASP:HB3	1:D:10:PRO:HD3	1.73	0.71
1:E:9:ASP:HB3	1:E:10:PRO:HD3	1.72	0.70
1:D:15:LEU:HD22	1:D:20:VAL:CG2	2.22	0.70
1:F:15:LEU:CD2	1:F:20:VAL:HG11	2.22	0.69
1:A:7:LEU:HD13	1:B:40:ASP:HB3	1.77	0.67
1:F:15:LEU:HD22	1:F:20:VAL:HG11	1.79	0.65
1:A:38:SER:OG	1:F:7:LEU:HD11	1.97	0.64
1:E:28:ASN:ND2	2:E:2009:HOH:O	2.31	0.64
1:B:31:LYS:HE2	1:B:33:GLN:CG	2.27	0.63
1:E:15:LEU:HB3	1:E:36:ILE:HD12	1.82	0.62
1:B:31:LYS:HE2	1:B:33:GLN:HG2	1.80	0.61
1:A:25:TYR:HB2	1:A:61:THR:HG22	1.85	0.58
1:F:9:ASP:O	1:F:13:ASN:ND2	2.36	0.58
1:B:16:ARG:HG3	1:B:36:ILE:O	2.03	0.58
1:B:15:LEU:HD12	1:B:20:VAL:HG21	1.87	0.56
1:D:15:LEU:CD2	1:D:20:VAL:HG21	2.32	0.56
1:C:18:GLU:HB2	1:C:20:VAL:HG23	1.89	0.55
1:F:20:VAL:O	1:F:20:VAL:HG13	2.07	0.54
1:B:31:LYS:HE2	1:B:33:GLN:CD	2.33	0.54
1:F:15:LEU:HD23	1:F:20:VAL:HG11	1.88	0.54
1:E:4:GLY:N	1:E:10:PRO:HG3	2.23	0.54
1:D:15:LEU:HD13	1:D:22:VAL:HG11	1.91	0.52
1:B:18:GLU:HB2	1:B:20:VAL:HG13	1.91	0.52
1:A:16:ARG:HG3	1:A:36:ILE:O	2.09	0.52
1:E:28:ASN:OD1	1:E:29:GLY:N	2.43	0.52
1:F:49:THR:HG23	1:F:50:VAL:N	2.24	0.52
1:F:7:LEU:O	1:F:10:PRO:HD2	2.09	0.51
1:E:18:GLU:HB2	1:E:20:VAL:HG23	1.92	0.51
1:D:13:ASN:OD1	1:D:16:ARG:NH2	2.44	0.51
1:E:13:ASN:OD1	1:E:16:ARG:NH1	2.44	0.50
1:F:49:THR:CG2	1:F:50:VAL:N	2.74	0.50
1:F:7:LEU:C	1:F:10:PRO:HD2	2.37	0.50
1:C:56:LYS:HA	1:C:59:ILE:HD12	1.95	0.49
1:D:7:LEU:HD21	1:E:38:SER:HB3	1.94	0.49
1:B:15:LEU:HB3	1:B:36:ILE:HD12	1.95	0.49
1:F:55:TYR:HB3	1:F:57:HIS:CE1	2.49	0.48
1:B:25:TYR:HB2	1:B:61:THR:HG22	1.96	0.47
1:E:6:SER:HB2	2:F:2019:HOH:O	2.14	0.47
1:B:16:ARG:HD2	1:B:37:GLU:O	2.14	0.47
1:B:20:VAL:HG23	1:B:20:VAL:O	2.15	0.47
1:B:60:SER:HA	1:C:58:ALA:CB	2.44	0.47

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Atom-1	Atom-2	Interatomic distance (Å)	Clash overlap (Å)
1:B:56:LYS:HA	1:B:59:ILE:HD12	1.97	0.46
1:B:27:VAL:O	1:C:28:ASN:HB3	2.15	0.46
1:D:20:VAL:HG12	1:D:66:ARG:NH2	2.31	0.46
1:A:16:ARG:HE	1:A:16:ARG:HB3	1.56	0.45
1:B:7:LEU:O	1:B:10:PRO:HD2	2.16	0.45
1:F:20:VAL:O	1:F:22:VAL:HG13	2.16	0.44
1:D:9:ASP:O	1:D:13:ASN:HB2	2.17	0.44
1:F:68:VAL:O	1:F:71:HIS:NE2	2.51	0.44
1:C:7:LEU:HD21	1:D:38:SER:OG	2.18	0.43
1:C:7:LEU:C	1:C:10:PRO:HD2	2.42	0.43
1:C:7:LEU:O	1:C:10:PRO:HD2	2.17	0.43
1:C:66:ARG:O	1:C:68:VAL:HG23	2.19	0.43
1:F:41:GLN:NE2	1:F:42:PHE:CE1	2.87	0.43
1:C:7:LEU:HD23	1:D:45:LEU:HG	2.01	0.42
1:D:20:VAL:O	1:D:20:VAL:HG23	2.20	0.42
1:F:16:ARG:HG3	1:F:36:ILE:O	2.19	0.42
1:F:9:ASP:N	1:F:10:PRO:CD	2.83	0.42
1:A:57:HIS:CD2	1:A:57:HIS:C	2.98	0.41
1:C:47:LYS:HD3	1:C:51:SER:OG	2.20	0.41
1:D:48:ASN:HD22	1:D:48:ASN:HA	1.71	0.41
1:D:25:TYR:HB2	1:D:61:THR:HG22	2.01	0.41
1:B:9:ASP:HB2	1:B:10:PRO:HD3	2.02	0.41
1:E:20:VAL:O	1:E:22:VAL:HG13	2.20	0.41
1:F:15:LEU:HD22	1:F:20:VAL:CG1	2.49	0.41
1:F:66:ARG:HG3	1:F:66:ARG:HH11	1.86	0.40

There are no symmetry-related clashes.

5.3 Torsion angles ⓘ

5.3.1 Protein backbone ⓘ

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	63/74 (85%)	61 (97%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	7 3

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Mol	Chain	Analysed	Favoured	Allowed	Outliers	Percentiles	
1	B	62/74 (84%)	60 (97%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	7	3
1	C	62/74 (84%)	60 (97%)	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	7	3
1	D	65/74 (88%)	64 (98%)	0	1 (2%)	8	4
1	E	66/74 (89%)	63 (96%)	2 (3%)	1 (2%)	8	4
1	F	64/74 (86%)	60 (94%)	3 (5%)	1 (2%)	7	3
All	All	382/444 (86%)	368 (96%)	8 (2%)	6 (2%)	7	3

All (6) Ramachandran outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	48	ASN
1	B	48	ASN
1	C	48	ASN
1	D	48	ASN
1	E	48	ASN
1	F	48	ASN

5.3.2 Protein sidechains ⓘ

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	60/66 (91%)	58 (97%)	2 (3%)	33	34
1	B	59/66 (89%)	58 (98%)	1 (2%)	53	60
1	C	59/66 (89%)	58 (98%)	1 (2%)	53	60
1	D	61/66 (92%)	61 (100%)	0	100	100
1	E	62/66 (94%)	60 (97%)	2 (3%)	34	36
1	F	61/66 (92%)	60 (98%)	1 (2%)	55	61
All	All	362/396 (91%)	355 (98%)	7 (2%)	50	56

All (7) residues with a non-rotameric sidechain are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	15	LEU
1	A	16	ARG
1	B	15	LEU
1	C	9	ASP
1	E	7	LEU
1	E	15	LEU
1	F	9	ASP

Sometimes sidechains can be flipped to improve hydrogen bonding and reduce clashes. All (14) such sidechains are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	35	GLN
1	A	48	ASN
1	A	52	GLN
1	B	8	GLN
1	B	48	ASN
1	C	33	GLN
1	D	48	ASN
1	D	52	GLN
1	D	57	HIS
1	E	35	GLN
1	E	57	HIS
1	F	35	GLN
1	F	41	GLN
1	F	48	ASN

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

There are no ligands in this entry.

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	65/74 (87%)	0.04	3 (4%) 37 42	7, 18, 35, 46	0
1	B	64/74 (86%)	0.03	1 (1%) 70 74	6, 17, 32, 40	0
1	C	64/74 (86%)	0.04	1 (1%) 70 74	7, 17, 30, 38	0
1	D	67/74 (90%)	0.13	4 (5%) 27 31	8, 18, 34, 40	0
1	E	68/74 (91%)	0.26	6 (8%) 15 17	9, 20, 40, 53	0
1	F	66/74 (89%)	0.03	4 (6%) 27 31	8, 18, 40, 57	0
All	All	394/444 (88%)	0.09	19 (4%) 35 40	6, 18, 37, 57	0

All (19) RSRZ outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	RSRZ
1	E	71	HIS	3.8
1	F	72	SER	3.4
1	E	48	ASN	3.2
1	F	69	SER	2.9
1	C	48	ASN	2.8
1	F	71	HIS	2.7
1	A	70	HIS	2.6
1	A	69	SER	2.4
1	E	30	ILE	2.3
1	F	70	HIS	2.2
1	A	48	ASN	2.2
1	E	28	ASN	2.2
1	D	4	GLY	2.2
1	D	49	THR	2.2
1	D	9	ASP	2.1
1	B	49	THR	2.1
1	D	48	ASN	2.1
1	E	70	HIS	2.0
1	E	4	GLY	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](#)

There are no ligands in this entry.

6.5 Other polymers [i](#)

There are no such residues in this entry.