



wwPDB X-ray Structure Validation Summary 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

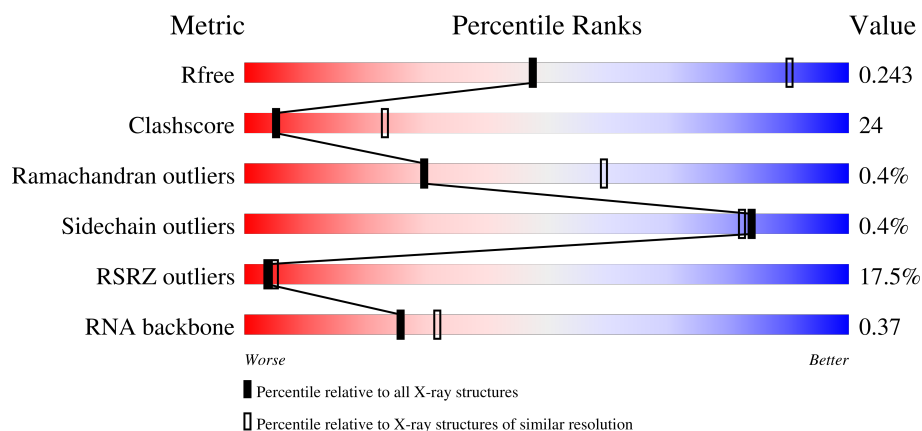
1 Overall quality at a glance

The following experimental techniques were used to determine the structure:

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

The reported resolution of this entry is 3.42 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	1210 (3.48-3.36)
Clashscore	190562	1234 (3.48-3.36)
Ramachandran outliers	187476	1222 (3.48-3.36)
Sidechain outliers	187428	1222 (3.48-3.36)
RSRZ outliers	180081	1210 (3.48-3.36)
RNA backbone	3983	1162 (3.84-3.00)

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	34	9% 32% 38% 26% .
1	E	34	15% 26% 53% 12% 9%
2	B	1368	13% 55% 42% .
2	F	1368	23% 51% 45% ..

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Mol	Chain	Length	Quality of chain
3	C	24	8% 50% 50%
3	G	24	4% 67% 33%
4	D	11	18% 64% 36%
4	H	11	18% 73% 27%
5	I	65	5% 37% 48% 11% • •
5	J	65	8% 22% 55% 20% •

2 Entry composition

There are 5 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 26963 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 RNA (34-MER).

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
1	A	34	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			725	325	127	239	34			
1	E	31	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			663	297	118	217	31			

- Molecule 2 is a protein called CRISPR-associated endonuclease Cas9/Csn1.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
2	B	1326	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			10769	6854	1869	2024	22			
2	F	1327	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			10698	6816	1845	2014	23			

There are 4 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
B	10	ALA	ASP	engineered mutation	UNP Q99ZW2
B	840	ALA	HIS	engineered mutation	UNP Q99ZW2
F	10	ALA	ASP	engineered mutation	UNP Q99ZW2
F	840	ALA	HIS	engineered mutation	UNP Q99ZW2

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

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
3	C	24	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			481	234	81	143	23			
3	G	24	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			481	234	81	143	23			

- Molecule 4 is a DNA chain called DNA (5'-D(*TP*TP*TP*AP*GP*GP*TP*AP*TP*TP*G)-3').

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
4	D	11	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			225	110	37	68	10			
4	H	11	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			225	110	37	68	10			

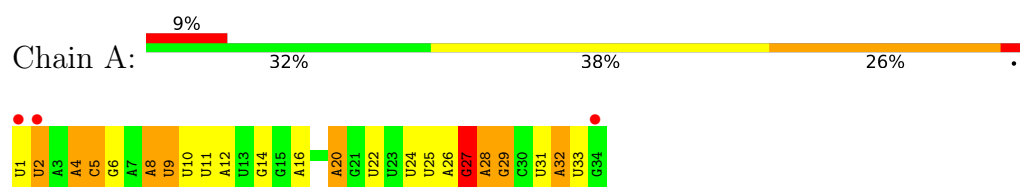
- Molecule 5 is a RNA chain called RNA (65-MER).

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
5	I	63	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			1348	603	245	437	63			
5	J	63	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			1348	603	245	437	63			

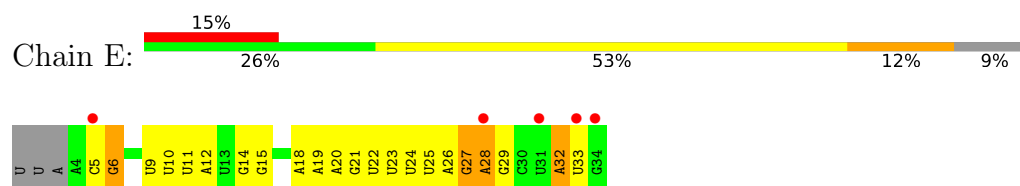
3 Residue-property plots [i](#)

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.

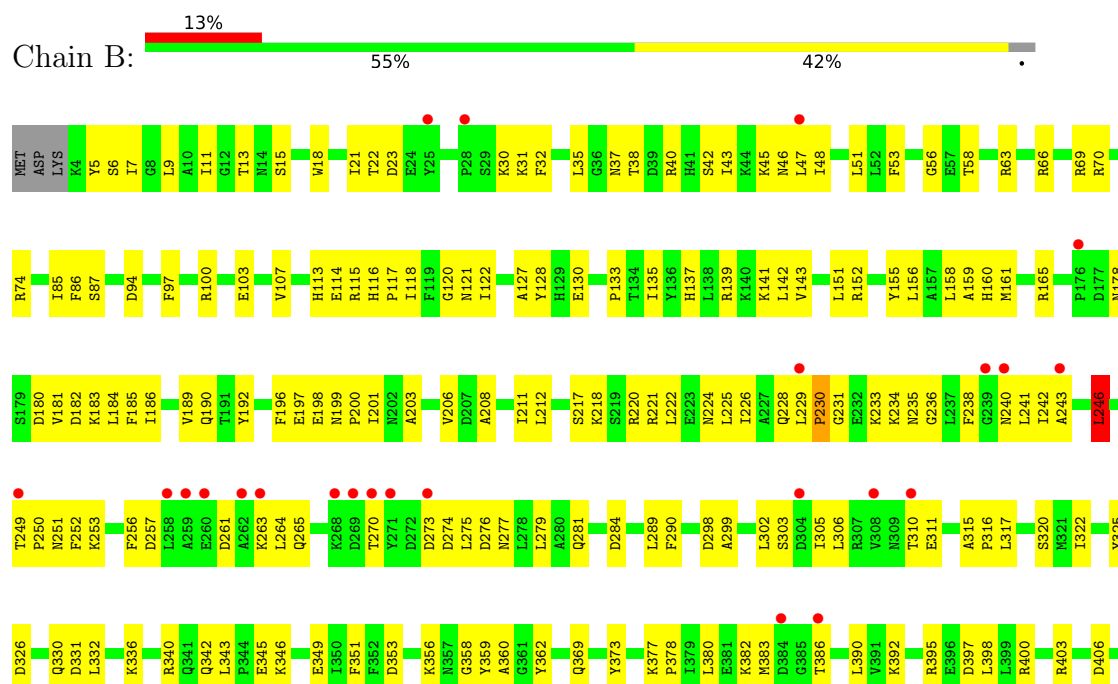
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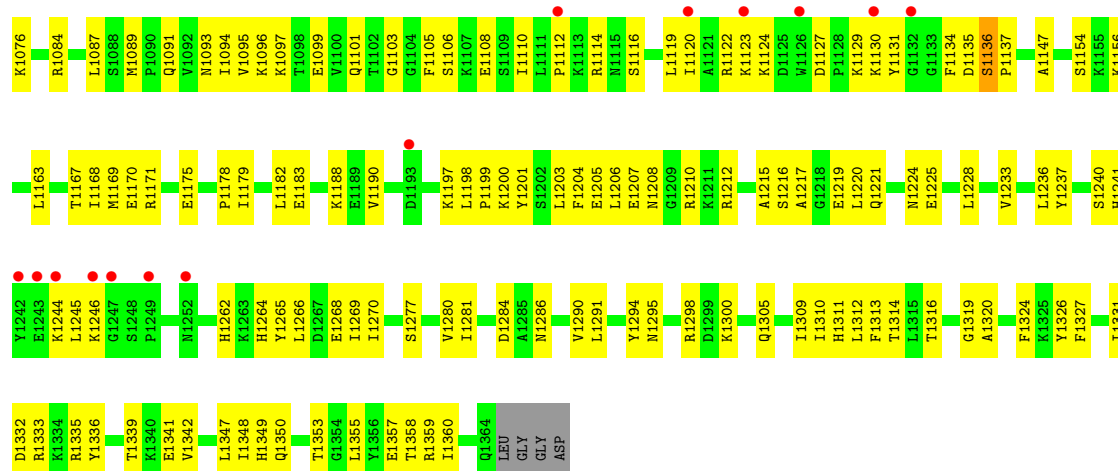
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- Molecule 2: CRISPR-associated endonuclease Cas9/Csn1



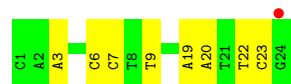




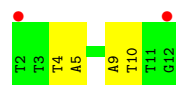
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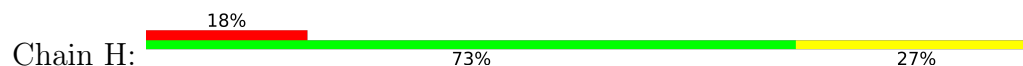
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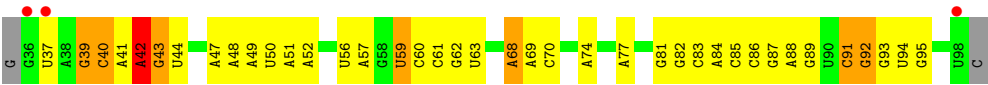


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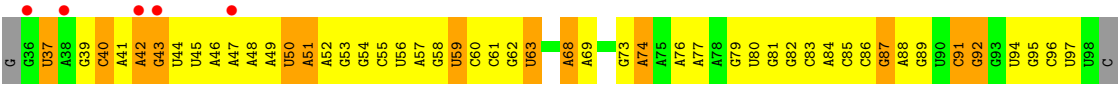


- Molecule 5: RNA (65-MER)





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4 Data and refinement statistics

Property	Value	Source
Space group	P 1 21 1	Depositor
Cell constants a, b, c, α , β , γ	144.74Å 131.10Å 146.63Å 90.00° 103.68° 90.00°	Depositor
Resolution (Å)	48.03 – 3.42 48.03 – 3.42	Depositor EDS
% Data completeness (in resolution range)	69.1 (48.03-3.42) 79.6 (48.03-3.42)	Depositor EDS
R_{merge}	(Not available)	Depositor
R_{sym}	(Not available)	Depositor
$\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$ ¹	1.38 (at 3.40Å)	Xtriage
Refinement program	PHENIX 1.17.1_3660	Depositor
R, R_{free}	0.237 , 0.246 0.237 , 0.243	Depositor DCC
R_{free} test set	1993 reflections (2.76%)	wwPDB-VP
Wilson B-factor (Å ²)	52.1	Xtriage
Anisotropy	0.048	Xtriage
Bulk solvent k_{sol} (e/Å ³), B_{sol} (Å ²)	0.27 , 46.1	EDS
L-test for twinning ²	$\langle L \rangle = 0.46$, $\langle L^2 \rangle = 0.29$	Xtriage
Estimated twinning fraction	0.034 for l,-k,h	Xtriage
F_o, F_c correlation	0.83	EDS
Total number of atoms	26963	wwPDB-VP
Average B, all atoms (Å ²)	68.0	wwPDB-VP

Xtriage's analysis on translational NCS is as follows: *The largest off-origin peak in the Patterson function is 2.92% 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 [i](#)

5.1 Standard geometry [i](#)

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	0.61	0/811	0.87	1/1261 (0.1%)
1	E	0.50	0/742	0.78	0/1154
2	B	0.57	2/10954 (0.0%)	0.84	4/14725 (0.0%)
2	F	0.57	1/10882 (0.0%)	0.84	3/14639 (0.0%)
3	C	0.71	0/537	0.93	0/825
3	G	0.61	0/537	0.84	0/825
4	D	0.76	0/251	0.81	0/387
4	H	0.69	0/251	0.81	0/387
5	I	0.57	0/1509	0.81	1/2350 (0.0%)
5	J	0.55	0/1509	0.81	0/2350
All	All	0.57	3/27983 (0.0%)	0.84	9/38903 (0.0%)

All (3) bond length outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(Å)	Ideal(Å)
2	B	1103	GLY	C-O	11.25	1.39	1.23
2	F	1136	SER	C-O	-9.43	1.19	1.23
2	B	1103	GLY	C-N	-5.88	1.27	1.33

The worst 5 of 9 bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
2	B	1223	GLY	N-CA-C	9.74	125.24	112.77
2	F	1001	TYR	CB-CA-C	-9.16	103.03	111.00
2	F	1043	MET	CB-CG-SD	-6.91	91.97	112.70
2	B	246	LEU	N-CA-C	-5.89	102.20	110.50
1	A	27	G	C4'-C3'-O3'	5.72	121.58	113.00

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	725	0	362	21	0
1	E	663	0	331	26	0
2	B	10769	0	10864	522	0
2	F	10698	0	10745	619	0
3	C	481	0	275	11	0
3	G	481	0	275	10	0
4	D	225	0	129	3	0
4	H	225	0	129	7	0
5	I	1348	0	678	43	0
5	J	1348	0	678	67	0
All	All	26963	0	24466	1245	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 24.

The worst 5 of 1245 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)
2:B:243:ALA:CA	2:B:246:LEU:HD23	1.44	1.38
2:B:243:ALA:HA	2:B:246:LEU:CD2	1.64	1.28
2:B:980:ASN:HB2	2:B:1225:GLU:OE2	1.39	1.21
2:F:1207:GLU:OE2	2:F:1210:ARG:NH1	1.79	1.14
2:B:243:ALA:CA	2:B:246:LEU:CD2	2.22	1.13

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	
2	B	1312/1368 (96%)	1275 (97%)	34 (3%)	3 (0%)	43	71
2	F	1313/1368 (96%)	1265 (96%)	40 (3%)	8 (1%)	21	49
All	All	2625/2736 (96%)	2540 (97%)	74 (3%)	11 (0%)	30	59

5 of 11 Ramachandran outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
2	F	1042	ILE
2	F	585	ASP
2	F	869	ASN
2	F	1020	LYS
2	F	1055	GLY

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	
2	B	1173/1225 (96%)	1169 (100%)	4 (0%)	86	84
2	F	1156/1225 (94%)	1150 (100%)	6 (0%)	81	80
All	All	2329/2450 (95%)	2319 (100%)	10 (0%)	84	82

5 of 10 residues with a non-rotameric sidechain are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
2	F	978	ILE
2	F	979	ASN
2	F	1060	ARG
2	B	1225	GLU
2	F	686	ASP

Sometimes sidechains can be flipped to improve hydrogen bonding and reduce clashes. 5 of 37 such sidechains are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
2	F	807	GLN
2	F	1256	GLN
2	F	817	GLN
2	F	982	HIS
2	B	1262	HIS

5.3.3 RNA ⓘ

Mol	Chain	Analysed	Backbone Outliers	Pucker Outliers
1	A	33/34 (97%)	10 (30%)	3 (9%)
1	E	30/34 (88%)	9 (30%)	1 (3%)
5	I	62/65 (95%)	19 (30%)	1 (1%)
5	J	62/65 (95%)	18 (29%)	1 (1%)
All	All	187/198 (94%)	56 (29%)	6 (3%)

5 of 56 RNA backbone outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	2	U
1	A	4	A
1	A	5	C
1	A	6	G
1	A	9	U

5 of 6 RNA pucker outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	E	27	G
5	I	42	A
5	J	42	A
1	A	27	G
1	A	8	A

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 [i](#)

There are no ligands in this entry.

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	34/34 (100%)	0.11	3 (8%) 15 14	7, 28, 140, 153	0
1	E	31/34 (91%)	0.99	5 (16%) 4 6	29, 64, 167, 193	0
2	B	1326/1368 (96%)	0.76	176 (13%) 7 8	4, 56, 173, 204	0
2	F	1327/1368 (97%)	1.16	311 (23%) 2 3	3, 82, 129, 161	0
3	C	24/24 (100%)	0.25	2 (8%) 17 15	16, 28, 79, 123	0
3	G	24/24 (100%)	0.33	1 (4%) 40 29	38, 48, 89, 139	0
4	D	11/11 (100%)	1.13	2 (18%) 3 5	24, 29, 129, 152	0
4	H	11/11 (100%)	0.69	2 (18%) 3 5	29, 48, 101, 160	0
5	I	63/65 (96%)	0.12	3 (4%) 35 26	6, 58, 102, 134	0
5	J	63/65 (96%)	0.35	5 (7%) 18 16	18, 40, 134, 165	0
All	All	2914/3004 (97%)	0.91	510 (17%) 4 5	3, 63, 149, 204	0

The worst 5 of 510 RSRZ outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	RSRZ
2	F	1243	GLU	14.2
2	F	305	ILE	10.7
2	F	301	LEU	7.7
2	F	306	LEU	7.7
4	D	2	DT	7.3

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.