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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

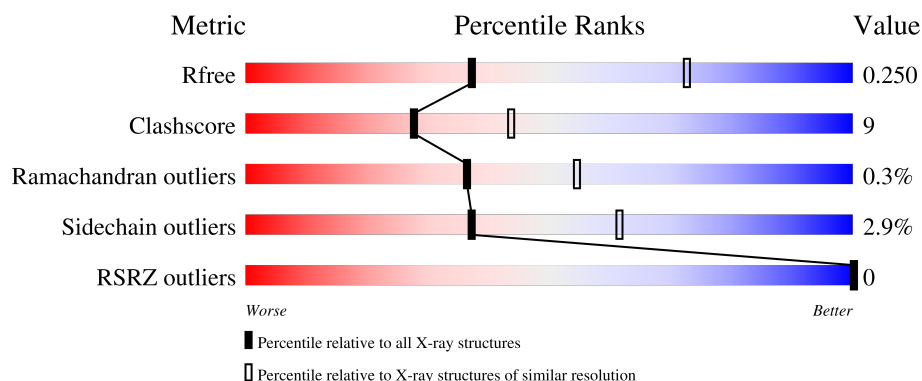
1 Overall quality at a glance

The following experimental techniques were used to determine the structure:

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

The reported resolution of this entry is 2.85 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	1407 (2.88-2.84)
Clashscore	190562	1446 (2.88-2.84)
Ramachandran outliers	187476	1406 (2.88-2.84)
Sidechain outliers	187428	1407 (2.88-2.84)
RSRZ outliers	180081	1408 (2.88-2.84)

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	102	 50% 16% 34%
1	B	102	 51% 17% 32%
1	C	102	 56% 13% 31%
1	D	102	 47% 19% 33%
1	E	102	 52% 14% 34%

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Mol	Chain	Length	Quality of chain
1	F	102	
1	G	102	
1	H	102	
1	I	102	
1	J	102	
1	K	102	
1	L	102	

2 Entry composition [i](#)

There are 2 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 6563 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	67	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			539	346	97	95	1			
1	B	69	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			550	352	99	98	1			
1	C	70	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			554	354	100	99	1			
1	D	68	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			544	349	98	96	1			
1	E	67	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			539	346	97	95	1			
1	F	68	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			541	347	97	96	1			
1	G	67	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			535	344	96	94	1			
1	H	66	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			530	341	95	93	1			
1	I	67	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			534	343	95	95	1			
1	J	66	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			530	341	95	93	1			
1	K	69	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			552	352	100	99	1			
1	L	68	Total	C	N	O	S	0	0	0
			544	349	98	96	1			

- Molecule 2 is water.

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

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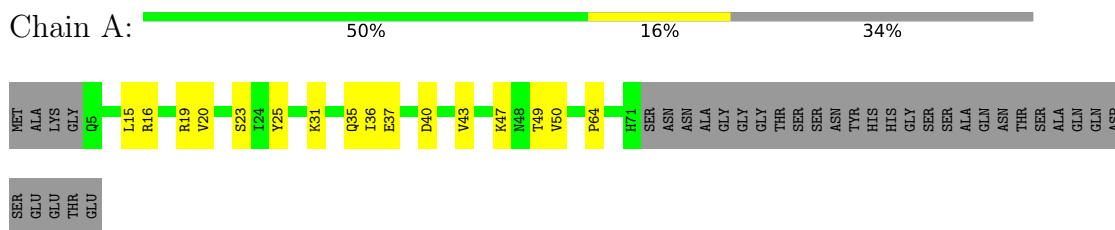
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Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
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2	D	4	Total 4	O 4	0	0
2	E	5	Total 5	O 5	0	0
2	F	8	Total 8	O 8	0	0
2	G	9	Total 9	O 9	0	0
2	H	6	Total 6	O 6	0	0
2	I	7	Total 7	O 7	0	0
2	J	5	Total 5	O 5	0	0
2	K	4	Total 4	O 4	0	0
2	L	7	Total 7	O 7	0	0

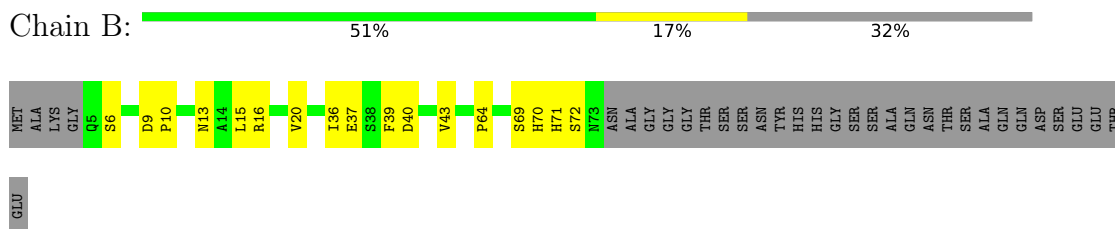
3 Residue-property plots [i](#)

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.

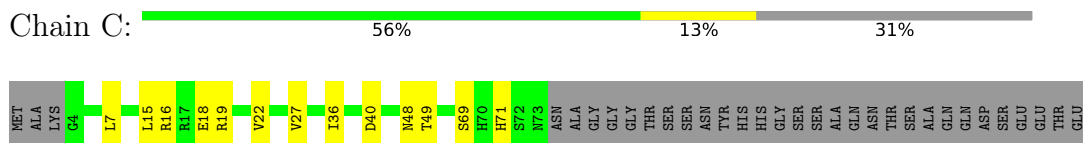
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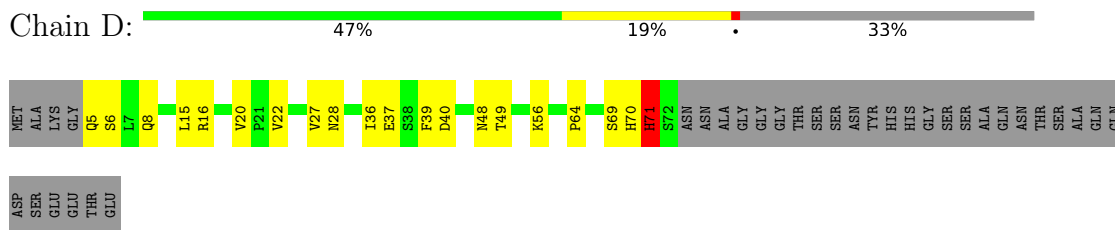
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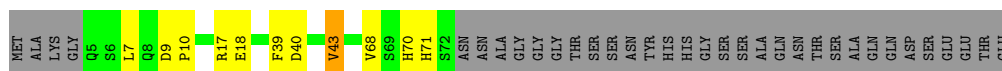
- Molecule 1: Protein hfq





GLU

- Molecule 1: Protein hfq



- Molecule 1: Protein hfq



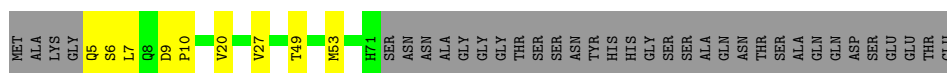
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- Molecule 1: Protein hfq



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- Molecule 1: Protein hfq

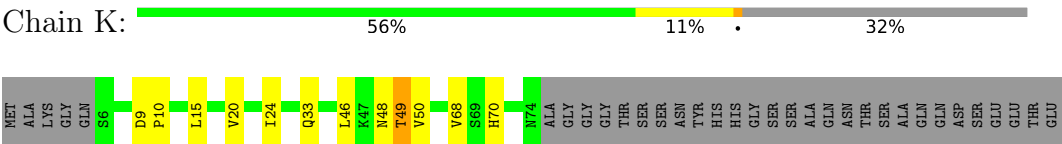


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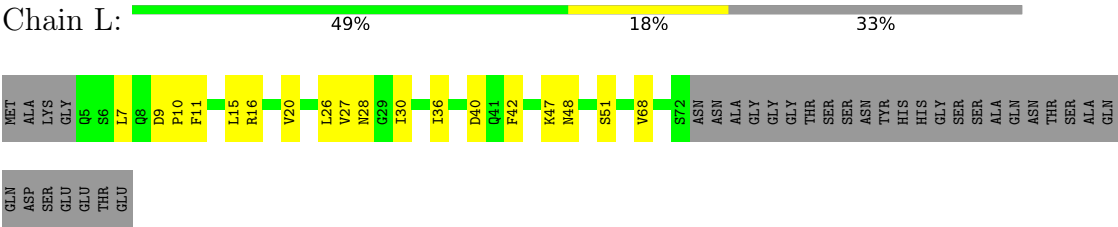


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- Molecule 1: Protein hfq



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4 Data and refinement statistics

Property	Value	Source
Space group	P 1	Depositor
Cell constants a, b, c, α , β , γ	61.91Å 62.15Å 81.26Å 78.56° 86.16° 59.86°	Depositor
Resolution (Å)	45.21 – 2.85 45.21 – 2.85	Depositor EDS
% Data completeness (in resolution range)	98.0 (45.21-2.85) 98.0 (45.21-2.85)	Depositor EDS
R_{merge}	0.13	Depositor
R_{sym}	(Not available)	Depositor
$\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$ ¹	4.71 (at 2.86Å)	Xtriage
Refinement program	REFMAC 5.5.0102	Depositor
R, R_{free}	0.207 , 0.250 0.207 , 0.250	Depositor DCC
R_{free} test set	1196 reflections (4.99%)	wwPDB-VP
Wilson B-factor (Å ²)	36.8	Xtriage
Anisotropy	0.084	Xtriage
Bulk solvent k_{sol} (e/Å ³), B_{sol} (Å ²)	0.32 , 24.9	EDS
L-test for twinning ²	$\langle L \rangle = 0.49$, $\langle L^2 \rangle = 0.32$	Xtriage
Estimated twinning fraction	0.136 for h-k,-k,-l	Xtriage
F_o, F_c correlation	0.96	EDS
Total number of atoms	6563	wwPDB-VP
Average B, all atoms (Å ²)	29.0	wwPDB-VP

Xtriage's analysis on translational NCS is as follows: *The largest off-origin peak in the Patterson function is 10.10% 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	0/550	0.80	1/746 (0.1%)
1	B	0.64	0/561	0.83	1/761 (0.1%)
1	C	0.69	0/565	0.80	0/766
1	D	0.69	1/555 (0.2%)	0.84	0/753
1	E	0.56	0/550	0.83	1/746 (0.1%)
1	F	0.74	1/552 (0.2%)	0.83	1/749 (0.1%)
1	G	0.72	0/546	0.94	2/741 (0.3%)
1	H	0.62	0/541	0.86	1/734 (0.1%)
1	I	0.65	0/544	0.84	1/738 (0.1%)
1	J	0.63	0/541	0.88	0/734
1	K	0.63	0/563	0.83	2/764 (0.3%)
1	L	0.56	0/555	0.89	1/753 (0.1%)
All	All	0.65	2/6623 (0.0%)	0.85	11/8985 (0.1%)

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	B	0	1
1	D	0	2
1	G	0	1
1	J	0	1
All	All	0	5

All (2) bond length outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(Å)	Ideal(Å)
1	D	71	HIS	N-CA	6.19	1.54	1.46
1	F	71	HIS	C-O	6.14	1.31	1.24

The worst 5 of 11 bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
1	G	7	LEU	N-CA-C	-8.43	103.19	113.97
1	E	49	THR	N-CA-C	-7.47	104.30	113.41
1	I	49	THR	N-CA-C	-6.84	105.22	113.97
1	H	49	THR	N-CA-C	-5.93	106.20	113.50
1	K	49	THR	N-CA-C	-5.73	106.13	113.23

There are no chirality outliers.

All (5) planarity outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Group
1	B	39	PHE	Peptide
1	D	39	PHE	Peptide
1	D	70	HIS	Peptide
1	G	39	PHE	Peptide
1	J	37	GLU	Peptide

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	539	0	557	13	0
1	B	550	0	564	8	0
1	C	554	0	567	9	0
1	D	544	0	559	14	0
1	E	539	0	557	12	0
1	F	541	0	556	6	0
1	G	535	0	551	24	0
1	H	530	0	549	15	0
1	I	534	0	552	10	0
1	J	530	0	549	12	0
1	K	552	0	566	5	0
1	L	544	0	559	10	0
2	A	2	0	0	0	0
2	B	8	0	0	0	0
2	C	6	0	0	0	0
2	D	4	0	0	0	0
2	E	5	0	0	0	0
2	F	8	0	0	0	0

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Mol	Chain	Non-H	H(model)	H(added)	Clashes	Symm-Clashes
2	G	9	0	0	0	0
2	H	6	0	0	0	0
2	I	7	0	0	0	0
2	J	5	0	0	0	0
2	K	4	0	0	0	0
2	L	7	0	0	1	0
All	All	6563	0	6686	118	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.

The worst 5 of 118 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:E:5:GLN:CG	1:E:6:SER:H	1.76	0.99
1:I:5:GLN:HG2	1:I:6:SER:HB2	1.43	0.97
1:D:69:SER:HB3	1:D:71:HIS:CE1	2.00	0.96
1:D:69:SER:HB3	1:D:71:HIS:HE1	1.29	0.96
1:G:5:GLN:CB	1:G:6:SER:HA	1.97	0.94

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	65/102 (64%)	60 (92%)	5 (8%)	0	100	100
1	B	67/102 (66%)	62 (92%)	5 (8%)	0	100	100
1	C	68/102 (67%)	59 (87%)	9 (13%)	0	100	100
1	D	66/102 (65%)	62 (94%)	3 (4%)	1 (2%)	8	18
1	E	65/102 (64%)	63 (97%)	2 (3%)	0	100	100

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Mol	Chain	Analysed	Favoured	Allowed	Outliers	Percentiles	
1	F	66/102 (65%)	60 (91%)	6 (9%)	0	100	100
1	G	65/102 (64%)	63 (97%)	2 (3%)	0	100	100
1	H	64/102 (63%)	60 (94%)	4 (6%)	0	100	100
1	I	65/102 (64%)	61 (94%)	4 (6%)	0	100	100
1	J	64/102 (63%)	57 (89%)	7 (11%)	0	100	100
1	K	67/102 (66%)	63 (94%)	3 (4%)	1 (2%)	8	18
1	L	66/102 (65%)	61 (92%)	5 (8%)	0	100	100
All	All	788/1224 (64%)	731 (93%)	55 (7%)	2 (0%)	36	54

All (2) Ramachandran outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	D	71	HIS
1	K	70	HIS

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	63/89 (71%)	62 (98%)	1 (2%)	55	76
1	B	64/89 (72%)	62 (97%)	2 (3%)	35	60
1	C	64/89 (72%)	64 (100%)	0	100	100
1	D	63/89 (71%)	60 (95%)	3 (5%)	23	46
1	E	63/89 (71%)	61 (97%)	2 (3%)	34	59
1	F	63/89 (71%)	61 (97%)	2 (3%)	34	59
1	G	62/89 (70%)	60 (97%)	2 (3%)	34	59
1	H	62/89 (70%)	59 (95%)	3 (5%)	23	46
1	I	62/89 (70%)	61 (98%)	1 (2%)	55	76
1	J	62/89 (70%)	59 (95%)	3 (5%)	23	46
1	K	65/89 (73%)	63 (97%)	2 (3%)	35	60

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Mol	Chain	Analysed	Rotameric	Outliers	Percentiles	
1	L	63/89 (71%)	62 (98%)	1 (2%)	55	76
All	All	756/1068 (71%)	734 (97%)	22 (3%)	37	61

5 of 22 residues with a non-rotameric sidechain are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	H	36	ILE
1	J	30	ILE
1	J	20	VAL
1	J	37	GLU
1	E	24	ILE

Sometimes sidechains can be flipped to improve hydrogen bonding and reduce clashes. 5 of 30 such sidechains are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	G	41	GLN
1	L	8	GLN
1	H	35	GLN
1	L	57	HIS
1	K	8	GLN

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](#)

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	67/102 (65%)	-1.85	0 100 100	18, 28, 43, 61	0
1	B	69/102 (67%)	-1.84	0 100 100	16, 26, 47, 63	0
1	C	70/102 (68%)	-1.84	0 100 100	19, 28, 57, 67	0
1	D	68/102 (66%)	-1.83	0 100 100	22, 29, 48, 62	0
1	E	67/102 (65%)	-1.87	0 100 100	21, 27, 43, 52	0
1	F	68/102 (66%)	-1.83	0 100 100	21, 27, 41, 64	0
1	G	67/102 (65%)	-1.85	0 100 100	17, 28, 41, 63	0
1	H	66/102 (64%)	-1.88	0 100 100	18, 24, 38, 47	0
1	I	67/102 (65%)	-1.88	0 100 100	19, 26, 37, 47	0
1	J	66/102 (64%)	-1.87	0 100 100	18, 27, 37, 57	0
1	K	69/102 (67%)	-1.85	0 100 100	17, 27, 51, 76	0
1	L	68/102 (66%)	-1.86	0 100 100	17, 27, 44, 61	0
All	All	812/1224 (66%)	-1.85	0 100 100	16, 27, 47, 76	0

There are no RSRZ outliers to report.

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.