



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

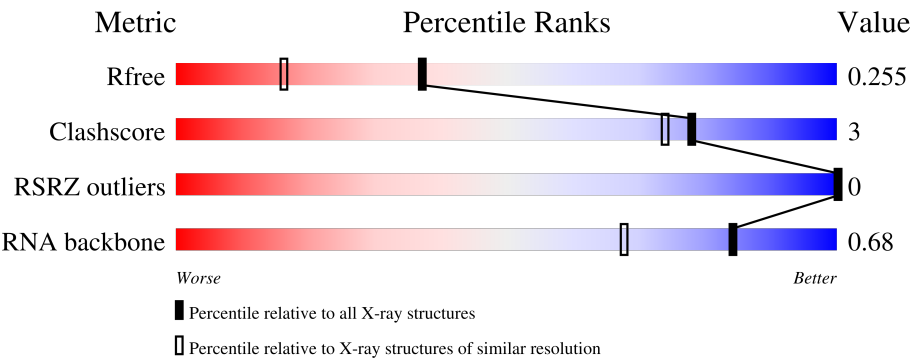
1 Overall quality at a glance i

The following experimental techniques were used to determine the structure:

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

The reported resolution of this entry is 1.80 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	7662 (1.80-1.80)
Clashscore	190562	8479 (1.80-1.80)
RSRZ outliers	180081	7663 (1.80-1.80)
RNA backbone	3983	1011 (2.20-1.40)

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	7	71%29%
1	C	7	43%29%29%
1	E	7	43%57%
1	G	7	71%29%
2	B	7	86%14%
2	D	7	71%29%

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Mol	Chain	Length	Quality of chain
2	F	7	 100%
2	H	7	 71% 29%

2 Entry composition [i](#)

There are 3 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 1201 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 (5'-R(*UP*AP*GP*CP*UP*CP*C)-3').

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
1	A	7	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			142	65	23	48	6			
1	C	7	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			142	65	23	48	6			
1	E	7	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			142	65	23	48	6			
1	G	7	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			142	65	23	48	6			

- Molecule 2 is a RNA chain called RNA (5'-R(*GP*GP*UP*GP*CP*UP*A)-3').

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
2	B	7	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			148	67	27	48	6			
2	D	7	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			148	67	27	48	6			
2	F	7	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			148	67	27	48	6			
2	H	7	Total	C	N	O	P	0	0	0
			148	67	27	48	6			

- Molecule 3 is water.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
3	A	7	Total	O	0	0
			7	7		
3	B	4	Total	O	0	0
			4	4		
3	C	9	Total	O	0	0
			9	9		
3	D	7	Total	O	0	0
			7	7		

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Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
3	E	4	Total 4	O 4	0	0
3	F	4	Total 4	O 4	0	0
3	G	4	Total 4	O 4	0	0
3	H	2	Total 2	O 2	0	0

3 Residue-property plots

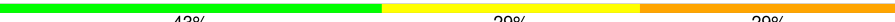
These plots are drawn for all protein, RNA, DNA and oligosaccharide chains in the entry. The first graphic for a chain summarises the proportions of the various outlier classes displayed in the second graphic. The second graphic shows the sequence view annotated by issues in geometry and electron density. 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: RNA (5'-R(*UP*AP*GP*CP*UP*CP*C)-3')

Chain A:  71% 29%

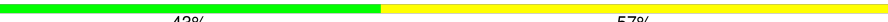


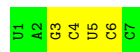
- Molecule 1: RNA (5'-R(*UP*AP*GP*CP*UP*CP*C)-3')

Chain C:  43% 29% 29%



- Molecule 1: RNA (5'-R(*UP*AP*GP*CP*UP*CP*C)-3')

Chain E:  43% 57%



- Molecule 1: RNA (5'-R(*UP*AP*GP*CP*UP*CP*C)-3')

Chain G:  71% 29%



- Molecule 2: RNA (5'-R(*GP*GP*UP*GP*CP*UP*A)-3')

Chain B:  86% 14%



- Molecule 2: RNA (5'-R(*GP*GP*UP*GP*CP*UP*A)-3')

Chain D:  71% 29%



- Molecule 2: RNA (5'-R(*GP*GP*UP*GP*CP*UP*A)-3')

Chain F:  100%

There are no outlier residues recorded for this chain.

- Molecule 2: RNA (5'-R(*GP*GP*UP*GP*CP*UP*A)-3')

Chain H:  71% 29%



4 Data and refinement statistics

Property	Value	Source
Space group	P 1 21 1	Depositor
Cell constants a, b, c, α , β , γ	29.03Å 81.31Å 36.67Å 90.00° 113.08° 90.00°	Depositor
Resolution (Å)	30.00 – 1.80 30.00 – 1.80	Depositor EDS
% Data completeness (in resolution range)	92.1 (30.00-1.80) 92.2 (30.00-1.80)	Depositor EDS
R_{merge}	0.17	Depositor
R_{sym}	0.15	Depositor
$\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$ ¹	1.50 (at 1.80Å)	Xtriage
Refinement program	REFMAC 5.6.0117	Depositor
R, R_{free}	0.211 , 0.252 0.207 , 0.255	Depositor DCC
R_{free} test set	693 reflections (4.76%)	wwPDB-VP
Wilson B-factor (Å ²)	34.8	Xtriage
Anisotropy	0.308	Xtriage
Bulk solvent k_{sol} (e/Å ³), B_{sol} (Å ²)	0.36 , 42.8	EDS
L-test for twinning ²	$\langle L \rangle = 0.43$, $\langle L^2 \rangle = 0.25$	Xtriage
Estimated twinning fraction	0.305 for h,-k,-h-l	Xtriage
Reported twinning fraction	0.670 for H, K, L 0.330 for -H, -K, H+L	Depositor
Outliers	0 of 13551 reflections	Xtriage
F_o, F_c correlation	0.97	EDS
Total number of atoms	1201	wwPDB-VP
Average B, all atoms (Å ²)	37.0	wwPDB-VP

Xtriage's analysis on translational NCS is as follows: *The largest off-origin peak in the Patterson function is 16.51% 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	0.87	1/157 (0.6%)	1.03	1/242 (0.4%)
1	C	0.74	1/157 (0.6%)	1.28	2/242 (0.8%)
1	E	0.73	0/157	1.13	0/242
1	G	0.79	0/157	1.10	1/242 (0.4%)
2	B	0.70	0/165	0.98	0/256
2	D	0.76	1/165 (0.6%)	1.16	0/256
2	F	0.71	0/165	1.08	0/256
2	H	0.61	0/165	1.10	2/256 (0.8%)
All	All	0.74	3/1288 (0.2%)	1.11	6/1992 (0.3%)

All (3) bond length outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(Å)	Ideal(Å)
1	C	4	C	O3'-P	-5.89	1.52	1.61
1	A	6	C	O3'-P	-5.65	1.52	1.61
2	D	10	U	O3'-P	-5.33	1.53	1.61

All (6) bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
1	G	7	C	C3'-C2'-O2'	6.80	120.90	110.70
2	H	14	A	C3'-C2'-O2'	5.76	119.34	110.70
2	H	12	C	P-O3'-C3'	-5.73	111.61	120.20
1	A	6	C	C2'-C3'-O3'	-5.48	105.48	113.70
1	C	6	C	C2'-C3'-O3'	-5.12	106.03	113.70
1	C	3	G	C3'-C2'-O2'	5.08	118.32	110.70

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	142	0	77	1	0
1	C	142	0	77	1	0
1	E	142	0	77	2	0
1	G	142	0	77	0	0
2	B	148	0	77	0	0
2	D	148	0	77	1	0
2	F	148	0	77	0	0
2	H	148	0	77	0	0
3	A	7	0	0	0	0
3	B	4	0	0	0	0
3	C	9	0	0	0	0
3	D	7	0	0	0	0
3	E	4	0	0	0	0
3	F	4	0	0	0	0
3	G	4	0	0	0	0
3	H	2	0	0	0	0
All	All	1201	0	616	5	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 3.

All (5) 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:U:H2'	1:E:6:C:C6	2.49	0.47
1:E:3:G:H2'	1:E:4:C:O4'	2.18	0.44
1:C:5:U:H2'	1:C:6:C:C6	2.55	0.41
1:A:1:U:O5'	1:A:1:U:H6	2.04	0.40
2:D:8:G:HO5'	2:D:8:G:H8	1.69	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	6/7 (85%)	0	0
1	C	6/7 (85%)	1 (16%)	0
1	E	6/7 (85%)	0	0
1	G	6/7 (85%)	1 (16%)	0
2	B	6/7 (85%)	1 (16%)	0
2	D	6/7 (85%)	0	0
2	F	6/7 (85%)	0	0
2	H	6/7 (85%)	0	0
All	All	48/56 (85%)	3 (6%)	0

All (3) RNA backbone outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
2	B	11	G
1	C	3	G
1	G	5	U

There are no RNA pucker outliers to report.

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 [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	7/7 (100%)	-1.20	0 100 100	32, 33, 36, 37	0
1	C	7/7 (100%)	-1.17	0 100 100	29, 35, 43, 47	0
1	E	7/7 (100%)	-1.18	0 100 100	33, 34, 41, 42	0
1	G	7/7 (100%)	-1.12	0 100 100	33, 36, 38, 38	0
2	B	7/7 (100%)	-1.26	0 100 100	33, 37, 41, 49	0
2	D	7/7 (100%)	-1.20	0 100 100	30, 35, 38, 40	0
2	F	7/7 (100%)	-1.29	0 100 100	33, 34, 38, 43	0
2	H	7/7 (100%)	-1.23	0 100 100	41, 42, 43, 45	0
All	All	56/56 (100%)	-1.21	0 100 100	29, 37, 43, 49	0

There are no RSRZ outliers to report.

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There are no oligosaccharides in this entry.

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There are no ligands in this entry.

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There are no such residues in this entry.