



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

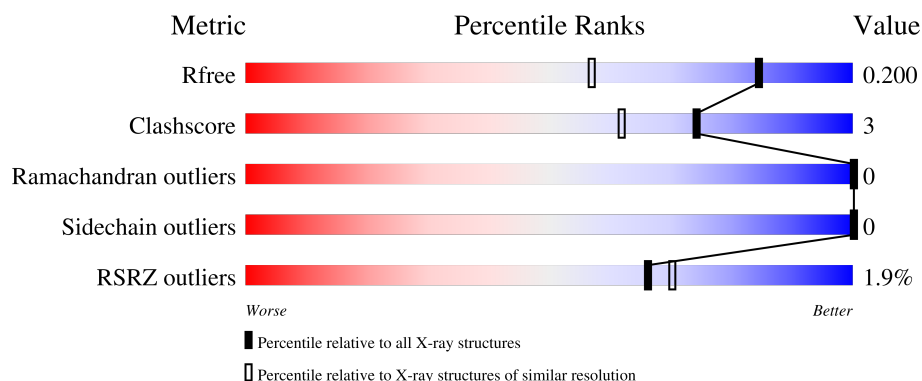
1 Overall quality at a glance

The following experimental techniques were used to determine the structure:

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

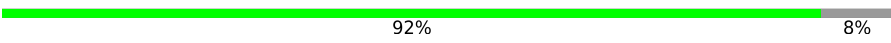
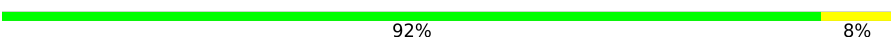


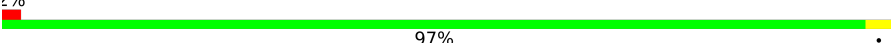
The reported resolution of this entry is 1.50 Å.

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	4037 (1.50-1.50)
Clashscore	190562	4235 (1.50-1.50)
Ramachandran outliers	187476	4153 (1.50-1.50)
Sidechain outliers	187428	4150 (1.50-1.50)
RSRZ outliers	180081	4039 (1.50-1.50)

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	12	 92% 8%
1	D	12	 92% 8%
2	B	11	 55% 45%
3	C	60	 3% 88% 5% 7%
3	F	60	 2% 97% .

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Mol	Chain	Length	Quality of chain
4	E	12	 75% 25%

2 Entry composition

There are 5 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 2490 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 DNA chain called CAAG-containing 12bp forward strand.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
1	A	11	Total	C	N	O	P	19	1	0
			245	117	42	74	12			
1	D	12	Total	C	N	O	P	0	2	0
			289	138	54	83	14			

- Molecule 2 is a DNA chain called 12bp reverse complementary.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
2	B	11	Total	C	N	O	P	0	1	0
			241	116	46	68	11			

- Molecule 3 is a protein called Homeobox protein Nkx-2.1.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
3	C	56	Total	C	N	O	S	0	3	0
			522	331	105	84	2			
3	F	60	Total	C	N	O	S	0	6	0
			581	368	121	89	3			

There are 2 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
C	160	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP P43699
F	160	GLY	-	expression tag	UNP P43699

- Molecule 4 is a DNA chain called 12bp reverse complementary.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
4	E	12	Total	C	N	O	P	0	1	0
			262	127	47	76	12			

- Molecule 5 is water.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
5	A	45	Total 46	O 46	0	1
5	B	46	Total 46	O 46	0	0
5	C	89	Total 89	O 89	0	0
5	D	56	Total 56	O 56	0	0
5	E	43	Total 43	O 43	0	0
5	F	70	Total 70	O 70	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: CAAG-containing 12bp forward strand

Chain A: 



- Molecule 1: CAAG-containing 12bp forward strand

Chain D: 




- Molecule 2: 12bp reverse complementary

Chain B: 



- Molecule 3: Homeobox protein Nkx-2.1

Chain C: 



- Molecule 3: Homeobox protein Nkx-2.1

Chain F: 



- Molecule 4: 12bp reverse complementary



4 Data and refinement statistics

Property	Value	Source
Space group	C 1 2 1	Depositor
Cell constants a, b, c, α , β , γ	115.06Å 39.07Å 68.42Å 90.00° 110.90° 90.00°	Depositor
Resolution (Å)	36.72 – 1.50 36.72 – 1.50	Depositor EDS
% Data completeness (in resolution range)	98.8 (36.72-1.50) 99.1 (36.72-1.50)	Depositor EDS
R_{merge}	0.05	Depositor
R_{sym}	(Not available)	Depositor
$\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$ ¹	1.02 (at 1.50Å)	Xtriage
Refinement program	PHENIX ("2.0_5885": ???)	Depositor
R, R_{free}	0.154 , 0.200 0.154 , 0.200	Depositor DCC
R_{free} test set	2276 reflections (5.00%)	wwPDB-VP
Wilson B-factor (Å ²)	22.7	Xtriage
Anisotropy	0.124	Xtriage
Bulk solvent k_{sol} (e/Å ³), B_{sol} (Å ²)	0.35 , 53.1	EDS
L-test for twinning ²	$\langle L \rangle = 0.50$, $\langle L^2 \rangle = 0.33$	Xtriage
Estimated twinning fraction	No twinning to report.	Xtriage
F_o, F_c correlation	0.98	EDS
Total number of atoms	2490	wwPDB-VP
Average B, all atoms (Å ²)	33.0	wwPDB-VP

Xtriage's analysis on translational NCS is as follows: *The largest off-origin peak in the Patterson function is 6.88% 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	0.41	0/273	0.63	0/419
1	D	0.38	0/324	0.59	0/498
2	B	0.49	0/270	0.69	0/414
3	C	0.33	0/537	0.47	0/715
3	F	0.24	0/603	0.38	0/799
4	E	0.45	0/293	0.64	0/450
All	All	0.37	0/2300	0.55	0/3295

There are no bond length outliers.

There are no bond angle outliers.

There are no chirality outliers.

There are no planarity outliers.

5.2 Too-close contacts [i](#)

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	245	0	137	0	0
1	D	289	0	159	1	0
2	B	241	0	136	4	0
3	C	522	0	535	4	0
3	F	581	0	609	3	0
4	E	262	0	149	4	0
5	A	46	0	0	0	0
5	B	46	0	0	0	0
5	C	89	0	0	3	0
5	D	56	0	0	0	0

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Mol	Chain	Non-H	H(model)	H(added)	Clashes	Symm-Clashes
5	E	43	0	0	0	0
5	F	70	0	0	0	0
All	All	2490	0	1725	12	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 (12) 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:2:DG:H1	4:E:11:DT:H3	1.29	0.80
2:B:3:DA:H2''	2:B:4[B]:DC:O5'	1.98	0.64
4:E:3:DA:H2''	4:E:4[B]:DC:O5'	2.01	0.61
2:B:1:DG:H2''	5:C:301:HOH:O	2.10	0.52
3:C:178[B]:ARG:HH11	3:C:178[B]:ARG:HG2	1.76	0.51
3:C:218[B]:ARG:NH1	3:F:164[B]:ARG:HH12	2.09	0.51
3:C:170:GLN:HG3	5:C:374:HOH:O	2.11	0.50
2:B:2:DA:H2'	5:C:301:HOH:O	2.16	0.45
2:B:6:DC:H5''	3:F:163:LYS:HA	1.99	0.45
4:E:3:DA:H2''	4:E:4[A]:DC:H5'	1.99	0.44
3:C:218[B]:ARG:HH11	3:F:164[B]:ARG:HH12	1.68	0.41
4:E:3:DA:H2'	4:E:4[B]:DC:C6	2.56	0.41

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	
3	C	57/60 (95%)	57 (100%)	0	0	100	100
3	F	64/60 (107%)	64 (100%)	0	0	100	100
All	All	121/120 (101%)	121 (100%)	0	0	100	100

There are no Ramachandran outliers to report.

5.3.2 Protein sidechains [i](#)

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	
3	C	56/56 (100%)	56 (100%)	0	100	100
3	F	62/56 (111%)	62 (100%)	0	100	100
All	All	118/112 (105%)	118 (100%)	0	100	100

There are no protein residues with a non-rotameric sidechain to report.

Sometimes sidechains can be flipped to improve hydrogen bonding and reduce clashes. All (2) such sidechains are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
3	C	193	HIS
3	F	219	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(Å²)	Q<0.9
1	A	10/12 (83%)	-0.60	0	100100	22, 31, 36, 39	0
1	D	12/12 (100%)	-0.57	0	100100	10, 30, 43, 54	2 (16%)
2	B	11/11 (100%)	-0.43	0	100100	12, 28, 42, 45	1 (9%)
3	C	56/60 (93%)	-0.15	2 (3%)	4650	13, 22, 38, 78	3 (5%)
3	F	60/60 (100%)	0.21	1 (1%)	6972	12, 34, 55, 91	6 (10%)
4	E	12/12 (100%)	-0.37	0	100100	12, 30, 37, 43	1 (8%)
All	All	161/167 (96%)	-0.11	3 (1%)	6670	10, 29, 48, 91	13 (8%)

All (3) RSRZ outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	RSRZ
3	C	218[A]	ARG	3.0
3	C	219	GLN	2.6
3	F	219	GLN	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](#)

There are no ligands in this entry.

6.5 Other polymers [i](#)

There are no such residues in this entry.