



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
Mogul : 2022.3.0, CSD as543be (2022)
Xtriage (Phenix) : 2.0
EDS : 3.0
Percentile statistics : 20250101.v01 (using entries in the PDB archive January 1st 2025)
CCP4 : 9.0.015 (Gargrove)
Density-Fitness : 1.0.12
Ideal geometry (proteins) : Engh & Huber (2001)
Ideal geometry (DNA, RNA) : Parkinson et al. (1996)
Validation Pipeline (wwPDB-VP) : 2.50

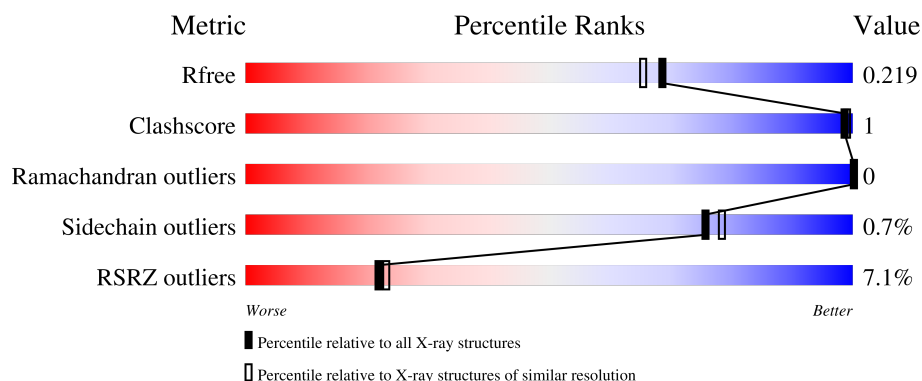
1 Overall quality at a glance

The following experimental techniques were used to determine the structure:

X-RAY DIFFRACTION

The reported resolution of this entry is 1.90 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	7789 (1.90-1.90)
Clashscore	190562	8410 (1.90-1.90)
Ramachandran outliers	187476	8333 (1.90-1.90)
Sidechain outliers	187428	8333 (1.90-1.90)
RSRZ outliers	180081	7790 (1.90-1.90)

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	130	4% 91% 6%
1	B	130	7% 98% ..
1	C	130	10% 96% ..

2 Entry composition

There are 5 unique types of molecules in this entry. The entry contains 3066 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 Methionine-tRNA ligase.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms					ZeroOcc	AltConf	Trace
1	A	122	Total	C	N	O	S	0	1	0
			921	582	162	173	4			
1	B	129	Total	C	N	O	S	0	3	0
			995	628	184	178	5			
1	C	128	Total	C	N	O	S	0	1	0
			972	611	175	181	5			

There are 27 discrepancies between the modelled and reference sequences:

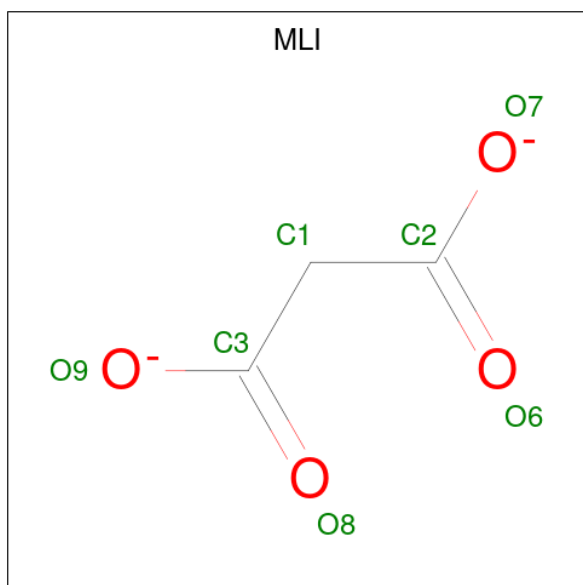
Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
A	563	MET	-	initiating methionine	UNP Q7W0F7
A	564	ALA	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
A	565	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
A	566	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
A	567	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
A	568	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
A	569	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
A	570	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
A	571	MET	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
B	563	MET	-	initiating methionine	UNP Q7W0F7
B	564	ALA	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
B	565	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
B	566	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
B	567	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
B	568	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
B	569	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
B	570	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
B	571	MET	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
C	563	MET	-	initiating methionine	UNP Q7W0F7
C	564	ALA	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
C	565	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
C	566	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
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Chain	Residue	Modelled	Actual	Comment	Reference
C	568	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
C	569	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
C	570	HIS	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7
C	571	MET	-	expression tag	UNP Q7W0F7

- Molecule 2 is MALONATE ION (CCD ID: MLI) (formula: $C_3H_2O_4$).



Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms			ZeroOcc	AltConf
2	A	1	Total	C	O	0	0
			7	3	4		

- Molecule 3 is GLYCEROL (CCD ID: GOL) (formula: $C_3H_8O_3$).



Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms			ZeroOcc	AltConf
3	B	1	Total	C	O	0	0
			6	3	3		

- Molecule 4 is IMIDAZOLE (CCD ID: IMD) (formula: $C_3H_5N_2$).



Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms			ZeroOcc	AltConf
4	C	1	Total	C	N	0	0
			5	3	2		

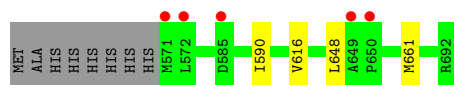
- Molecule 5 is water.

Mol	Chain	Residues	Atoms		ZeroOcc	AltConf
5	A	76	Total 76	O 76	0	0
5	B	54	Total 54	O 54	0	0
5	C	30	Total 30	O 30	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.

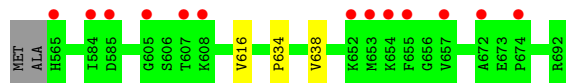
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4 Data and refinement statistics

Property	Value	Source
Space group	P 43 21 2	Depositor
Cell constants a, b, c, α , β , γ	81.74Å 81.74Å 122.18Å 90.00° 90.00° 90.00°	Depositor
Resolution (Å)	48.93 – 1.90 48.93 – 1.90	Depositor EDS
% Data completeness (in resolution range)	100.0 (48.93-1.90) 100.0 (48.93-1.90)	Depositor EDS
R_{merge}	0.12	Depositor
R_{sym}	(Not available)	Depositor
$\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$ ¹	2.11 (at 1.90Å)	Xtriage
Refinement program	PHENIX (2.2rc3_6135: ???)	Depositor
R, R_{free}	0.183 , 0.214 0.190 , 0.219	Depositor DCC
R_{free} test set	1630 reflections (4.88%)	wwPDB-VP
Wilson B-factor (Å ²)	31.8	Xtriage
Anisotropy	0.056	Xtriage
Bulk solvent k_{sol} (e/Å ³), B_{sol} (Å ²)	0.35 , 38.1	EDS
L-test for twinning ²	$\langle L \rangle = 0.51$, $\langle L^2 \rangle = 0.34$	Xtriage
Estimated twinning fraction	No twinning to report.	Xtriage
F_o, F_c correlation	0.95	EDS
Total number of atoms	3066	wwPDB-VP
Average B, all atoms (Å ²)	41.0	wwPDB-VP

Xtriage's analysis on translational NCS is as follows: *The largest off-origin peak in the Patterson function is 5.07% 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](#)

Bond lengths and bond angles in the following residue types are not validated in this section: IMD, GOL, MLI

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	0.24	0/939	0.42	0/1272
1	B	0.22	0/1025	0.38	0/1388
1	C	0.16	0/996	0.33	0/1352
All	All	0.21	0/2960	0.38	0/4012

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	921	0	932	2	0
1	B	995	0	997	1	0
1	C	972	0	945	1	0
2	A	7	0	2	0	0
3	B	6	0	8	0	0
4	C	5	0	5	0	0
5	A	76	0	0	0	0
5	B	54	0	0	0	0
5	C	30	0	0	0	0
All	All	3066	0	2889	3	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 1.

All (3) 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:A:590:ILE:HD13	1:B:582:ILE:HD13	1.92	0.51
1:A:648:LEU:HD12	1:A:661:MET:HG2	1.93	0.51
1:C:634:PRO:O	1:C:638:VAL:HG23	2.17	0.44

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	121/130 (93%)	119 (98%)	2 (2%)	0	100	100
1	B	130/130 (100%)	128 (98%)	2 (2%)	0	100	100
1	C	127/130 (98%)	122 (96%)	5 (4%)	0	100	100
All	All	378/390 (97%)	369 (98%)	9 (2%)	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	
1	A	96/105 (91%)	95 (99%)	1 (1%)	68	70
1	B	103/105 (98%)	103 (100%)	0	100	100
1	C	100/105 (95%)	99 (99%)	1 (1%)	68	70
All	All	299/315 (95%)	297 (99%)	2 (1%)	76	78

All (2) residues with a non-rotameric sidechain are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	A	616	VAL
1	C	616	VAL

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

Mol	Chain	Res	Type
1	B	568	HIS
1	B	686	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](#)

3 ligands are modelled in this entry.

In the following table, the Counts columns list the number of bonds (or angles) for which Mogul statistics could be retrieved, the number of bonds (or angles) that are observed in the model and the number of bonds (or angles) that are defined in the Chemical Component Dictionary. The Link column lists molecule types, if any, to which the group is linked. 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 $|Z| > 2$ is considered an outlier worth inspection. RMSZ is the root-mean-square of all Z scores of the bond lengths (or angles).

Mol	Type	Chain	Res	Link	Bond lengths			Bond angles		
					Counts	RMSZ	$\# Z > 2$	Counts	RMSZ	$\# Z > 2$
4	IMD	C	701	-	5,5,5	0.29	0	5,5,5	0.82	0
2	MLI	A	701	-	6,6,6	1.63	1 (16%)	7,7,7	1.31	1 (14%)
3	GOL	B	701	-	5,5,5	0.30	0	5,5,5	0.50	0

In the following table, the Chirals column lists the number of chiral outliers, the number of chiral centers analysed, the number of these observed in the model and the number defined in the Chemical Component Dictionary. Similar counts are reported in the Torsion and Rings columns. '-' means no outliers of that kind were identified.

Mol	Type	Chain	Res	Link	Chirals	Torsions	Rings
4	IMD	C	701	-	-	-	0/1/1/1
2	MLI	A	701	-	-	4/4/4/4	-
3	GOL	B	701	-	-	0/4/4/4	-

All (1) bond length outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(Å)	Ideal(Å)
2	A	701	MLI	C1-C3	2.72	1.55	1.51

All (1) bond angle outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(°)	Ideal(°)
2	A	701	MLI	O6-C2-C1	-2.28	115.61	122.11

There are no chirality outliers.

All (4) torsion outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms
2	A	701	MLI	C2-C1-C3-O9
2	A	701	MLI	C2-C1-C3-O8
2	A	701	MLI	C3-C1-C2-O7
2	A	701	MLI	C3-C1-C2-O6

There are no ring outliers.

No monomer is involved in short contacts.

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

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	122/130 (93%)	0.15	5 (4%) 41 44	16, 31, 55, 70	1 (0%)
1	B	129/130 (99%)	0.37	9 (6%) 22 24	16, 35, 60, 72	3 (2%)
1	C	128/130 (98%)	0.84	13 (10%) 12 12	32, 48, 82, 91	1 (0%)
All	All	379/390 (97%)	0.46	27 (7%) 22 23	16, 39, 68, 91	5 (1%)

All (27) RSRZ outliers are listed below:

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	RSRZ
1	C	565	HIS	4.3
1	A	571	MET	3.7
1	C	657	VAL	3.6
1	C	654	LYS	3.3
1	C	607	THR	3.3
1	B	674	PRO	2.9
1	C	655	PHE	2.9
1	A	649	ALA	2.7
1	B	607	THR	2.7
1	C	653	MET	2.7
1	C	584	ILE	2.7
1	B	604	GLU	2.6
1	C	652	LYS	2.5
1	C	605	GLY	2.5
1	B	569	HIS	2.5
1	A	572	LEU	2.5
1	C	672	ALA	2.3
1	A	650	PRO	2.3
1	B	568	HIS	2.3
1	A	585	ASP	2.3
1	B	608	LYS	2.3
1	B	585	ASP	2.2
1	C	608	LYS	2.1

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Mol	Chain	Res	Type	RSRZ
1	C	585	ASP	2.1
1	C	674	PRO	2.1
1	B	567	HIS	2.1
1	B	653	MET	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](#)

In the following table, the Atoms column lists the number of modelled atoms in the group and the number defined in the chemical component dictionary. The B-factors column lists the minimum, median, 95th percentile and maximum values of B factors of atoms in the group. The column labelled 'Q< 0.9' lists the number of atoms with occupancy less than 0.9.

Mol	Type	Chain	Res	Atoms	RSCC	RSR	B-factors($\text{\AA}^2$)	Q<0.9
4	IMD	C	701	5/5	0.76	0.17	53,57,62,63	0
3	GOL	B	701	6/6	0.79	0.16	42,52,55,56	0
2	MLI	A	701	7/7	0.89	0.10	39,49,50,56	0

6.5 Other polymers [i](#)

There are no such residues in this entry.