



VIRTUAL WEBINAR

UNDERSTANDING PDB VALIDATION: WHICH EXPERIMENTAL STRUCTURES SHOULD I RELY ON?

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Outline

- Protein Data Bank (PDB) and quality variation of structures
- Worldwide Protein Data Bank (wwPDB) validation of structure quality
 - Validation Overview
 - Validation of chemical geometry for PDB structures determined by all methods
 - Validation of macromolecular crystallography (MX) structures
 - Validation of 3D electron microscopy (3DEM) structures
- RCSB.org access to validation reports and quality review in 3D
- RCSB.org structure confidence review in 3D
- RCSB.org interactive ligand quality review

Protein Data Bank (PDB) Archive

- 1st open access digital data resource in all of Biology established in 1971
- Single global archive for protein and nucleic acid experimental structures with ~220,000 structures
- Managed jointly by Worldwide PDB (wwPDB) regional partners
 - RCSB PDB (US)
 - Protein Data Bank in Europe (PDBe)
 - PDB Japan (PDBj)
 - Associate Member: PDB China (PDBc)
 - Plus EMDB and BMRB
- All PDB data are validated, deposited, and biocurated using OneDep



PDB Structure Quality Varies

- Structure quality depends on the experimental data, structure determination, and other factors
- Quality metrics and visual inspection can tell you a lot about structure quality
- wwPDB Validation Report calculates these metrics and provides review
- RCSB.org provides additional metrics and tools to perform quality reviews tailored to your needs



Validation Overview

Chenghua Shao, Ph.D.

Structure Validation is Key to PDB Archive

- wwPDB method-specific Validation Task Forces published recommendations
 - Macromolecular Crystallography (MX): Read *et al.* (2011) *Structure* 19, 1395-141
 - 3D Electron Microscopy (3DEM): Henderson *et al.* (2012) *Structure* 20, 205-214
 - NMR Spectroscopy (NMR): Montelione *et al.* (2013) *Structure* 21, 1563-1570
- OneDep launched by wwPDB in 2014
- wwPDB/CCDC/D3R Ligand Validation Workshop in 2016
 - Adams et al. (2016) Structure 24, 502-508
 - New ligand validation implemented with code from Global Phasing Limited
 - wwPDB Validation 2.0 launched 2019

CellPress

Structure Resource

OneDep: Unified wwPDB System for Deposition, Biocuration, and Validation of Macromolecular Structures in the PDB Archive

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Young *et al.* (2017) *Structure 25,* 536-545; Gore *et al.* (2017) *Structure 25,* 1916-1927

wwPDB Validation Scope

- Molecular geometry agreement with established chemical references (bond lengths, bond angles, etc.)
- Experimental data quality
- Goodness-of-fit between atomic coordinates and method-specific experimental data
- Global vs. local structure validation
- Validation for distinct molecular components (polymers, ligands, etc.)



wwPDB Validation Reports Tailored to Different Audiences

- Data Authors/Depositors: Can generate and access watermarked reports pre-/post-deposition
 - Deposition site
 - Standalone validation server
 - Application Programming Interface (API)
- Journals: Supporting peer review
 - Authors provide reports to journals
 - Journals provide reports to referees
 - Required by many journals
- Data Consumers
 - Access reports on all wwPDB partner sites
 - CIF/XML/PDF formatted reports available for download and analysis



wwPDB Validation Supports Peer Review

- PDB policy requires mandatory experimental data deposition for method-specific validation
- wwPDB Validation Report with special watermark provided to Journal together with manuscript by Authors
- Many scientific journals require wwPDB validation report for manuscript submission, including
 - Cell
 - IUCr journals
 - J Biol Chem
 - Nature
 - PLoS One
 - Protein Sci
 - Science
 - Structure



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 <=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.



The following table lists non-polymeric compounds, carbohydrate monomers and non-standard residues in protein, DNA, RNA chains that are outliers for geometric or electron-density-fit criteria:

Validation Report Slider for Overall Quality at a Glance (X-ray Crystallographic Example)



Percentile relative to X-ray structures of similar resolution

wwPDB OneDep Validation Processes in OneDep Improved PDB Structure Quality

- Structures processed with Legacy (2012-2013) vs. OneDep (2014-2015) deposition, annotation and validation system
- Overall Structure Quality improved after OneDep deployment
- Clashscores, % Rotamer Outliers, and % Real Space R-factor Z score (RSRZ) Outliers improved modestly





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Validation of Chemical Geometry for PDB Structures Determined by All Methods

Sections in the PDF report

- Residue-property plots
- > Model quality

Validation Report Slider for Overall Quality at a Glance (X-ray Crystallographic Example)



Chemical Geometry Analysis

Polymers are analysed for the following geometry issues

Molprobity +

PDB software

- Bond Lengths
- Bond Angles
- Atom Clashes
- Ramachandran Outliers
- Sidechain Conformers
- Chirality Issues
- RNA backbone quality

Model quality

- Standard Geometry
- Too-close Contacts
- Torsion Angles
- Polymer Linkage Issues
- Residue-property plots

Reference for Protein: Engh, R. A. and Huber, R., Accurate bond and angle parameters for X-ray protein structure refinement, Acta Cryst. A47:392-400, 1991; Engh, R. A. and Huber, R., Structure quality and target parameters, International Tables for Crystallography (2006). Vol. F, ch. 18.3, pp. 382-392

Polymer Chemical Geometry: Overall Structure and Individual Residues

- Green, yellow, orange and red color coding indicates the fraction of residues with 0, 1, 2, ≥3 chemical geometry outliers, respectively
- Grey segment indicates residues present in the sample but not modelled
- Red dot indicates poor fit to electron density (MX, to be discussed in later slides)



Ligand Chemical Geometry

- PDB validation focuses on Ligand Of Interest (LOI) designated by authors or potential LOI with MW > 250 Da
- Agreement with known chemistry in Cambridge Structural Database (CSD) of small molecule crystal structures
 - Bond Lengths: RMSZ, # |Z|>2 Bond Angles: RMSZ, # |Z|>2
 - Analyses of Chirality, Torsions, Rings
- 2D graphical depiction for geometrical metrics
 - Green: within normal range
 - Magenta: statistical outlier
 - Gray: not applicable, or insufficient chemical reference data to assess

Summary

Mal	Tune	Chain	Dec	Link	Bo	ond leng	ths	B	ond ang	les
IVIOI	Type	Chain	nes	LIIIK	Counts	RMSZ	# Z > 2	Counts	RMSZ	# Z > 2
3	TTT	A	403	-	25,25,25	1.58	4 (16%)	35,35,35	1.04	1 (2%)

List of component outliers

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	Atoms	Z	Observed(Å)	Ideal(Å)
3	A	403	TTT	C1-N2	5.34	1.45	1.34

Graphical depiction of outliers





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Validation of Macromolecular Crystallography (MX) Structures

Sections in the PDF report for MX

- Data and refinement statistics
- Fit of model and data

Validation Report Slider for Overall Quality at a Glance (X-ray Crystallographic Example)



Overall Experimental Data Assessment

MX experimental diffraction data validation

- Resolution limit (Å)
- Diffraction data completeness
 (%)
- Diffraction data Consistency (R_{merge})
- Signal-to-noise $(I/\sigma(I))$

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Space group	P 21 21 2	Depositor
Cell constants	107.71Å 54.29Å 68.57Å	Depositor
a, b, c, α , β , γ	90.00° 90.00° 90.00°	Depositor
$\mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{ascolution}}(\mathbf{\hat{A}})$	50.00 - 1.42	Depositor
Resolution (A)	48.48 - 1.42	EDS
% Data completeness	95.0 (50.00-1.42)	Depositor
(in resolution range)	94.7 (48.48-1.42)	EDS
R_{merge}	0.06	Depositor
R_{sym}	(Not available)	Depositor
$< I/\sigma(I) > 1$	$1.91 (at 1.42 \text{\AA})$	Xtriage
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Resolution: Primary MX Data Quality Metric

- The spacial limit of observed diffraction data (smaller value indicates higher resolution)
- Measures the level of details in the electron density map
- Median PDB resolution ~2Å
- No significant change in the past four decades as it depends on the crystal



Overall Structure Goodness-of-Fit Assessment

Goodness-of-fit validated on overall structure through re-calculated

- R/R_{free}
- $F_o vs. F_c$ correlation

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CNS	Depositor
0.212 , 0.223	Depositor
0.200 , 0.209	DCC
6113 reflections (8.12%)	wwPDB-VP
0.96	EDS
3086	wwPDB-VP
22.0	wwPDB-VP
	CNS 0.212 0.223 0.200 0.209 6113 reflections (8.12%) 0.96 3086 22.0

Local Polymer Goodness-of-Fit to Experimental Data Assessment

- Local goodness-of-fit to experimental data per residue assessed using Real Space R-factor Z score (RSRZ)
- RSRZ compares experimental electron density to computed electron density (calibrated against other structures at similar resolution)
- Surface, terminal, and loop residues may be of higher RSRZ due to their flexibility

RSRZ summary per chain

Mol	Chain	Analysed	$\langle RSRZ \rangle$	#RSRZ>2	OWAB(Å ²)	Q<0.9
1	В	24/25~(96%)	-0.30	0 100 100	16, 22, 29, 45	0
2	A	153/178 (85%)	0.46	9 (5%) 22 28	14, 24, 39, 46	2 (1%)
All	All	177/203 (87%)	0.36	9 (5%) 28 35	14, 24, 39, 46	2 (1%)

List of RSRZ outliers

Mol	Chain	Res	Type	RSRZ
2	A	143	PRO	6.8
2	A	148	LEU	4.0
2	A	80	PRO	3.9
2	A	178	GLN	3.0

Ligand Goodness-of-Fit to Experimental Data Assessment

- Atomic coordinates agreement with experimental MX data (Electron Density map)
 - Real Space R-factor (RSR) measures difference between (A) modeled ligand and (B) experimental electron density.
 - Real Space Correlation Coefficient (RSCC) measures consistency between A and B.
- Map-Model overlay on Ligand of Interest (LOI)
- Tabular report for validation metrics

Electron density around NAP B 401: $2mF_o$ -DF_c (at 0.7 rmsd) in gray mF_{o} -DF_c (at 3 rmsd) in purple (negative) and green (positive) Chain Res RSCC RSR Q<0.9 Type B-factors(A^2) Mol Atoms NAP B 401 48/480.960.1427,42,60,76 3

PDB ID 5ZIX with good NADP Map-Model Fit

PDB ID 1ZK4 with poor NADP Map-Model Fit





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Validation of 3D Electron Microscopy (3DEM) Structures

Sections in the PDF report for 3DEM

- Experimental information
- \succ Map visualization
- \succ Map analysis
- Fourier-shell correlation
- > Map-model fit



3DEM Resolution Revolution



3DEM Experimental Density Map Review



3DEM Resolution Estimation: FSC Curve

• 3DEM resolution estimated by analyzing Fourier Shell Coefficient (FSC); FSC generated from 3DEM Experimental Density Maps, i.e.

Map -> FSC -> Resolution

- FSC curve drops from low to high resolution; The cut off to decide resolution limit varies, but usually set at 0.143
- FSC calculation also depends on masking of the map (Caution: Not Objective!)
- wwPDB validation reports both Author-provided and OneDep-estimated resolution based on deposited FSC and maps



Experimental 3DEM Map vs. Atomic Model: Visualization

- Projection views of the Experimental 3DEM Map (yellow, at author-selected contour)
- Ribbon representation of the Atomic Coordinates (blue)
- Regions with poor fitting to the map indicate insufficient experimental support





Experimental 3DEM Map vs. Atomic Model: Atom Inclusion

- Atom inclusion calculated for each residue in the map at the author-selected contour.
- Residues with high atom inclusion (better) are shown in cyan while low (worse) in brown. Regions with low atom inclusion lack experimental data support
- wwPDB validation report also includes average atom inclusion for each polymer chain and the overall structure



Experimental 3DEM Map vs. Atomic Model: Q-Score

- Q-score calculated for each residue on atom resolvability based on 3DEM Map
- Not subject to author-selected contour
- Depends on resolution
- Residues with high Q-score (better) are shown in cyan while low (worse) in brown/purple. Regions with low Q-score lack experimental data support
- wwPDB validation report also includes average Q-score for each polymer chain and the overall structure





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RCSB.org Access to Validation Reports and Quality Review in 3D

wwPDB Validation Report Access at RCSB.org

- Structure Summary Page shows wwPDB Validation Report Sliders, together with a brief summary
- Buttons above the Sliders provide
 - Full wwPDB Validation Report access/download
 - 3D Report view of the atomic structure integrated with quality assessment

5F81: Roessler et al. Structure 24: 631-640 5HNL: Tsukui et al. Acta Crystallogr D Struct Biol 72: 823-829

Experimental Data Snapshot

Method: X-RAY DIFFRACTION Resolution: 2.13 Å R-Value Free: 0.333 R-Value Work: 0.242 R-Value Observed: 0.247



Experimental Data Snapshot

Method: X-RAY DIFFRACTION

Resolution: 2.42 Å

R-Value Free: 0.188

R-Value Work: 0.171

R-Value Observed: 0.172

PDB ID 5F81 wwPDB Validation Percentile Ranks Metric Clashscore



PDB ID 5HNL



Mol* 3D Structure Quality View

- Mol* is wwPDB Open Source 3D molecular visualization system
- Mol* at RCSB.org provides high-quality 3D views of structures with structure quality information
- wwPDB Validation Report metrics integrated into 3D views, with residues colored by quality
- Hovering cursor over individual residues or components displays quality metrics (lower right corner)





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RCSB.org Structure Confidence Review in 3D

RSCC-Based Structure Confidence

- Real Space Correlation Coefficient (RSCC) measures the agreement between residues atomic coordinates and local MX experimental data map
- Higher RSCC→well resolved→high confidence
- Lower RSCC→poorly resolved→low confidence
- RCSB.org displays color scheme for RSCC-based confidence resembling the pLDDT local confidence score of AlphaFold2 Computed Structure Models



RCSB.org Mol* View of Structure Confidence and Electron Density Overlay

- Mol* coloring integrated with RSCC-based structure confidence metrics
- Supporting comprehensive quality reviews by RCSB.org Users, together with electron density overlay





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RCSB.org Interactive Ligand Quality Review



RCSB.org Value-Added Ligand Quality Metrics: Principal Component Analysis

- Principal Component Analysis (PCA) of ligand quality in PDB
 - PC1-fit (1st principal component) percentile ranking of agreement of atomic coordinates with MX experimental density map
 - PC1-geo percentile ranking of agreement of atomic coordinates with known chemical geometry
- PC1-fit and PC1-geo 2D display



RCSB.org Value-Added Ligand Quality Metrics: 2D Ligand Ranking Goodness-of-fit/Geometry



Identifier	Composite ranking of goodness-of-fit	Composite ranking of geometry	Real space R factor	Real space correlation coefficient	RMSZ-bond- length	RMSZ-bond- angle	Outliers of bond length	Outliers of bond angle	Atomic clashes	Stereo- chemical errors	Model complete	Average ness occupanc
6WJC_Y01_A_502	31.4%	35.7%	0.227	0.892	1.31	1.34	5	8		0	0 .	100%
6WJC_Y01_A_503	3.5%	31.5%	0.518	0.871	1.28	1.58	4	12		0	0	100%
6WJC_Y01_A_504	2.3%	31.0%	0.422	0.714	1.27	1.62	4	g		3	0	100%
6WJC_Y01_A_505	0.4%	33.5%	0.727	0.761	1.32	1.44	4	10		3	0	100%
CXV_Y01_A_502	37.1%	43.2%	0.207	0.899	1.02	1.24	1	5		0	0	100%
2Y00_Y01_B_401	51.2%	25.7%	0.195	0.946	1.24	1.94	3	13	1	1	0 .	100%
2Y01_Y01_A_401	50.3%	27.7%	0.208	0.956	1.23	1.84	3	15		1	0	100%
2Y03_Y01_B_401	49.3%	25.3%	0.213	0.957	1.21	1.99	3	13		2	0	100%
3ZPR_Y01_A_401	48.5%	17.8%	0.215	0.956	1.24	2.46	3	13		1	0	100%
4XNV_Y01_A_1103	47.4%	28.7%	0.175	0.911	1.9	1.15	g	3		0	0 ·	100%

graph and table

https://www.rcsb.org/ligand-validation/6WJC/Y01

RCSB.org Value-Added Ligand Quality Metrics: Interactive 3D Experimental Density Map (Mol*)

- Structure Summary Page ligand quality slider shown below overall structure quality sliders
- Vertical bar representing ligand quality ranking hyperlinked to the 2D ligand quality measures
- Interactive 2D display connects to 3D display of experimental density map/atomic coordinates



Ligand JUJ in PDB ID 7FUR Groebke-Zbinden et al. DOI:10.2210/pdb7FUR/pdb

Available Resources

- wwPDB validation documentation
 - wwPDB validation report FAQ
 - wwPDB Validation Task Forces
- <u>RCSB PDB user guide</u> documentation
 - How to assess PDB structure overall quality
 - How to assess ligand structure quality
- RCSB PDB Training Courses at **PDB-101**
 - Mol* Webinar Recording



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Paxlovid

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RCSB.org Tools for Quality Assessment

- Validation reports for detailed review
 - PDF report for reading
 - CIF/XML report for programmatic parsing
- Structure Summary Page: Experimental data snapshot; Experiment tab
- Sliders for quick review
 - Overall quality slider
 - Ligand of Interest (LOI) quality slider
- Mol* 3D visualization
 - By validation report feature: simplified review of chemical geometry
 - By experimental support confidence: simplified review of goodness-of-fit (MX)
 - Model-map overlay: expert review of goodness-of-fit
- Dedicated RCSB.org ligand quality page (MX)
 - 2D ligand quality graph: simplified review on ligand quality
 - Interactive 3D model-map overlay on ligands: expert review
 - Comparison among structures with the same ligand: select better ligand structure

Summary: Indication of Better Structure Quality

Indicator	Experimen	tal Method	Value for Better Quality
	MX	3DEM	
Resolution	x	х	smaller
R/Rfree	x		smaller
clashscore	x	х	smaller
# Ramachandran outliers	x	х	smaller
# sidechain outliers	x	x	smaller
# RSRZ outliers	x		smaller
RSR on residue/ligand	x		smaller
RSCC on residue/ligand	x		larger
Q-score		x	larger
Atom inclusion		x	larger

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June 3: Quick tips on how to use Mol* in the pairwise structure alignment tool.

June 13: Learn about the impact of the EDMAPS.rcsb.org shut down on DSN6-formatted map files.





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