

EMDatabank 2015/2016 Model Challenge Website Archive

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News Archive

EMDataBank Challenges

published Tue, 07/14/2015

[EMDataBank](#) is hosting community-wide challenges to critically evaluate 3DEM methods that are coming into use, with the ultimate goal of developing recommendations for validation criteria associated with every 3DEM map deposited to the EM Data Bank (EMDB) and map-derived model deposited to Protein Data Bank (PDB).

Committees comprised of respected 3DEM community members are charged to formulate the details for each challenge, including:

- choosing challenge reference data
- deciding what information participants will need to submit
- deciding on criteria for validation and comparison of results
- deciding on the timeline for challenge events
- promoting worldwide participation
- emphasizing the challenge as a collaborative and constructive activity
- evaluating the results and producing a report

In 2015/2016 we are hosting two challenges that focus, respectively, on reconstruction and modelling at moderate to high resolution, with the goals of establishing benchmarks, comparing current practices, and evolving criteria for evaluation of results. Click here to view a mini-poster about the challenges that we have presented at recent meetings. In the future we plan to host additional challenges for reconstruction and interpretation at lower resolution.

Model Challenge Workshop

published Mon, 07/20/2015

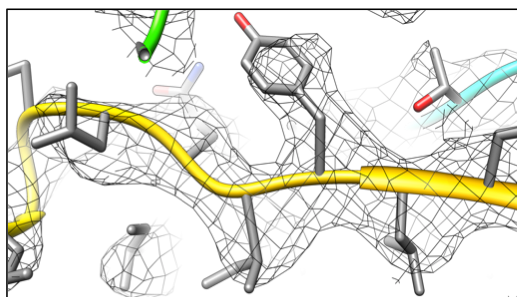
The model challenge committee held a [weekend workshop on June 20/21](#) with a selected group of cryoEM specialists and model software developers to share results and develop plans for the model challenge. The outcome of this meeting is the recommendation by this group to launch a community wide challenge to model 5-7 selected cryoEM density maps that have been reported to be determined at 3.0-4.5 Å gold-standard resolution.

This resolution range was selected for two reasons: (1) envisioned growth in the number of maps in the next few years at this resolution range; and (2) the various technical challenges that exist for interpreting maps as atomic models in this resolution range. The chosen map targets will cover different symmetry, size, and multiple resolution structures by previous cryoEM and X-ray studies. We anticipate engaging the committee, as well as the community, to assess the submitted models and develop tools for assessment.



Announcing the 2nd EMDatabank Model Challenge

published Wed, 10/14/2015



EMDatabank is pleased to announce the 2015/2016 **Model Challenge**.

All members of the Scientific Community--at all levels of experience--are invited to participate as **Challengers**, and/or as **Assessors**.

Benchmark targets of varying size and complexity have been selected from recently deposited 3DEM structures based on current state-of-the-art detectors and processing methods, in the resolution range 2.2-4.5 Å.

Challengers are sought to create and validate models from challenge target maps in four different categories (1. optimize current cryoEM model, 2. fit known related cryoEM, crystallographic, or comparative models, 3. ab initio model building, 4. any other method of map interpretation), and upload their results with associated details.

Assessors are sought to participate in evaluating submitted models.

Registration is now open for all interested participants. Challengers may submit their models between November and April. Before submissions open, all are encouraged to provide feedback on submission requirements. An open assessment period will commence in late 2016.

To learn more about this challenge and to register, please visit <http://challenges.emdatabank.org> and click on "MODEL CHALLENGE" in the menu bar.

The model challenge is the second of two community-wide challenges being sponsored by EMDatabank this year to critically evaluate 3DEM methods that are coming into use, with the ultimate goal of developing validation criteria associated with every 3DEM map and map-derived model. The first challenge is focused on creating reconstructions from raw 2D image data and is currently in progress (click on "MAP CHALLENGE" in the menu bar).

New Publications

published Mon, 11/23/2015

New open access articles about EMDDataBank and EMDB access are now available online, in advance of publication in the upcoming January 2016 Nucleic Acids Research Database Issue.

- [EMDataBank unified data resource for 3DEM](#) provides an overview of the rapidly growing 3DEM structural data archives, which include maps in EM Data Bank and map-derived models in the Protein Data Bank. Also, discussion of progress and approaches toward development of validation protocols and methods, working with the scientific community, in order to create a validation pipeline for 3DEM data.
- [PDB: improved accessibility of macromolecular structure data from PDB and EMDB](#) describes PDB's website redesign, API access to the PDB and EMDB archives, and value-added annotations.

Challenge Submissions Update

published Thu, 01/28/2016

The following updates have been made to the challenges site this week:

1. [Model challenge submissions](#) are now open.
2. Challenge submissions (both map and model) now require login to the challenges site. Emails have been sent out to all challenger registrants with their login information.
3. Challenge news is now available via [rss feed](#).

Model Challenge Submission Deadline Extended

published Tue, 04/26/2016

The deadline for model challenge submissions is now changed to Friday June 17 (21:00 UTC).

We hope that this extension will be helpful to all of our challengers.

In addition, please be aware that indicated symmetry centers in the model challenge guide may not be exact.

This issue was just raised by one participant—we are investigating and will send a further update about this soon.

Model Challenge: Symmetry Info Updated

published Thu, 04/28/2016 - 12:11

The [model challenge guide](#) now holds corrected symmetry center info and BIOMT matrices for the proteasome, GroEL, and β -galactosidase targets. The changes are highlighted with red text and update date.

The previously posted symmetry info had used rounded values for the voxel sizes, yielding imprecise center coordinate and matrix element values. We apologize for the errors.

Model Challenge Submission Deadline is Friday June 17

published Wed, 06/15/2016

EMDataBank Challenge Modellers, Please complete your model submissions this week--the deadline is this coming Friday at [21:00 UTC](#). Any questions/issues please let us know (challenges@emdatbank.org). Thanks for participating!

Assessment Phases are Coming Soon

published Fri, 10/28/2016 - 11:20

Following two amazing challenge submission finishes in April (66 maps!) and in June (106 models!), we have been working with our respective committees to prepare and organize the data for blinded assessments and to perform preliminary analyses. This process has taken more time than originally anticipated, so we have been making adjustments to assessment phase timelines. For the map challenge, we plan to announce the beginning of the assessment phase in early November. Watch this space for more details!

Model Challenge Comparison Site

published Thu, 02/23/2017

The model challenge assessment period is still in progress. Interested to see how we the results are being assessed? Please visit the model-compare pages at <http://model-compare.emdatbank.org>. There you can view and compare the submitted models via more than a dozen different whole-model and residue level metrics, as summarized [here](#).

Model Challenge Face-to-Face Meeting

published Fri, 06/09/2017

Update for the Model Challenge: A [face-to-face meeting was held Monday May 29, 2017](#) to discuss model assessments and how to move forward with completing the challenge. The challenge has been designed to enable assessment of current approaches to interpretation of higher resolution (3-5Å) cryoEM maps with atomic models, to critically evaluate the map interpretation, model fitting, model refinement, and validation methods that are now coming into use. Initial assessments of the 106 submissions from 16 modellers have been prepared and can be viewed at the [model comparison site](#). Notes from the May 29 meeting are available in the provided attachment.

Joint Challenges Wrap-Up Meeting Oct 6-8

published Wed, 08/16/2017

In 2016 EMDataBank ran two community challenges in parallel to create awareness of the need for cryoEM structure validation as a routine process in research studies and publications, and to expedite development of quantitative tools for assessment. The Map and Model Challenges were developed by cryoEM and modeling community experts, respectively, who have been charged with developing challenge tasks, promoting worldwide participation, evaluating the results, and producing a report. In each case, benchmark datasets (i.e. raw single particle

images and 3D density maps) have been assembled for molecular machines of varying size and complexity, based on current state-of-the-art detectors and processing methods, in the resolution range 2-5 Å. Challenge tasks are designed to be suitable for all levels of expertise.

The cryoEM and modelling scientific communities have responded enthusiastically : a grand total of 83 scientists have participated as committee members, challengers, and/or assessors. There were 66 submissions to the Map Challenge, and 107 submissions to the Model Challenge, each with supporting details about workflow from benchmark data to final result. Analyses of all of these depositions is now nearing completion, making use of both currently available as well as novel procedures, conducted by volunteers and experts.

In order to share and fully explore the results and analyses of both challenges with the community, we plan to hold a joint Challenges Wrap-Up Workshop October 6-8, 2017 at the Conference Center of SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Stanford University, Menlo Park, California. We are inviting all of the participants from both challenges to present and discuss their findings, providing a unique opportunity for two somewhat separate communities (3DEM reconstruction and molecular modelling) to come together to review the challenge results, to address the need for robust validation procedures for maps and models, and to make recommendations for future challenge events for increasingly complex data with high compositional and/or conformational heterogeneity.

The format of the meeting is to have the first day devoted to density map generation from raw single particle images and the second day devoted to modeling from 3D density maps. Each of these two sessions will have presentations from assessors and challengers on their chosen computational approaches and their rationales of adoptions. The session discussion leaders will be drawn from our Committee experts. The third day will be devoted to the necessary metrics of cryoEM structure validation report for structures archived in EMDB and PDB, discussion on integration of map and model validation, and possible topics and formats for future challenge events. After the workshop, we plan to organize a journal special issue that will be contributed by the assessors and challengers so that the outcomes will be disseminated freely to the entire scientific community.

If you are interested, please join us! The workshop registration site is here: http://ncmi.bcm.edu/ncmi/events/workshops/workshops_163

Joint Challenges Wrap Up Workshop: Thanks to Our Participants!

published Thu, 10/12/2017



The [Oct 6-8, 2017 Joint Challenges Wrap-Up workshop at Stanford/SLAC](#) was a tremendous success.

With more than 60 scientists attending, participants of the 2016 Map and Model Challenges, including challengers, assessors, committee members presented and discussed their findings, and to help to develop recommendations for future challenge events. More outcome details will be posted soon.

JSB Special Issue on Outcomes of the Map and Model Challenges

published Mon, 11/13/2017

We are pleased to announce that the [Journal of Structural Biology](#) has agreed to produce a special issue on the 2016 Map and Model Challenges.

For those planning to submit a manuscript, here are the particulars:

Submission Format and Guidelines

All submitted papers must be clearly written in excellent English and contain only original work which has not been published by or is currently under review for any other journal or conference. A detailed submission guideline is available as "Guide to Authors" at: <https://www.elsevier.com/journals/journal-of-structural-biology/1047-8477/guide-for-authors>

All manuscripts and any supplementary material should be submitted through Elsevier Editorial System (EES). Select **VSI:2016 CryoEM Challenges** when you reach the **Article Type** step in the submission process. This will ensure that all manuscripts are correctly identified for inclusion into the special issue.

We have been advised that there will be no publication charges to authors, and use of color figures will be free. In addition, Elsevier has agreed to give the entire issue promotional free access during the 1st 6 months following publication.

The earliest submission date will be **February 1, 2018**. The final submission deadline is **March 1, 2018**.

The EES submission site is located at: <https://ees.elsevier.com/jsb/default.asp>

Please refer to the journal's Guide for Authors for specific advice on how to prepare your paper.

All papers will be peer-reviewed by three independent reviewers.

Requests for additional information should be addressed to the guest editors, Wah Chiu and Cathy Lawson.

Goals

- Establish a benchmark set of 3DEM maps in the 3.0-4.5 Å resolution range, where significant growth in the number of maps is anticipated over the next few years and where a number of technical challenges exist to map interpretation and fitting
- Encourage developers of modelling software packages and biological end users to analyze these maps and present modelling results with the best practice
- Evolve criteria for evaluation and validation of 3DEM map-derived models
- Compare and contrast the various modelling and analysis approaches in a positive spirit

Model Committee

Paul Adams (Chair), Axel Brunger, Randy Read, Torsten Schwede, Maya Topf, Gerard Kleywegt, Cathy Lawson, Wah Chiu, Ardan Patwardhan

How to Participate

All members of the Scientific Community--at all levels of experience--are invited to participate as **Challengers**, and/or as **Assessors**.

Challengers will create and submit their own atomic coordinate models of one or more challenge targets using the supplied target maps.

There are four modelling categories:

1. **Optimize the current cryoEM model** for the target, improving fit to the cryo-EM map density and/or model stereochemistry
2. **Fit known related cryoEM, crystallographic, or comparative models** to the cryo-EM map, optionally followed by model optimization
3. **Ab initio model building**, without reference to any existing cryo-EM or crystallographic models related to the cryo-EM map
4. **Any other method** that seeks to interpret, or create a model based on, the cryo-EM map

For each submission, challengers will provide their final model, target map (if modified from original), and basic information about their modelling process. **Researchers are expected to disclose all of the prior information used in their method.** For full challenge rules and additional information see the model challenge guide.

Assessors will contribute to the challenge assessment phase. Following a short initial review period by the model committee, challenge data and files will be made publicly available (entry

authorship suppressed) for anyone to assess. The intention is to enable comparisons of the various modelling methodologies available and their options in a positive spirit. Assessors will be able to share their results via a planned workshop (~Fall 2016) as well as manuscript submissions to a Journal special issue.

****All participants--challengers and assessors--are required to register****

Timeline

2015	DEVELOPMENT PHASE
February-June	Model Committee meets monthly to discuss possible scope of challenge
June 20/21	Face-to-face meeting to define challenge targets, goals, and parameters
July-September	Finalization of challenge formulation. Requests to map contributors to provide any missing data (e.g., half-maps, unfiltered, unsharpened, unmasked maps)
2015/2016	CHALLENGE PHASE
October 14	Pre-Challenge Announcement, Challenger and Assessor Registration Opens
January- June 17	Challenge Site Open for Model Entry Submissions
June 17 21:00 UTC	Model entry submission window closes
2016/2017	ASSESSMENT PHASE
June-November	Challenge Data review by the Model Committee
December-May	Challenge Data review opened to volunteer assessors (blind analysis--entry authorship suppressed)
May 29	Face-to-Face Meeting to discuss preliminary outcomes of assessments
mid July	Assessors provide written reports on their results
mid July	Reports on Models sent to Challengers; Full workflow info provided to all challengers and assessors
Aug 15	Feedback from Challengers on their reports
Sept 1	Deadline for Assessors to update their reports
Oct 5-8	Challenges Meeting (Maps and Models)
Post-workshop	Challenge Writeups (multiple articles) for a Journal Special Issue



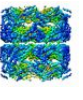

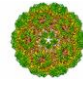



Model Challenge Targets

The eight targets chosen by the model challenge committee are shown below. All are based on recently reported 3DEM structures. The target order is according to unique molecular weight, from 19 kDa (TMV) at left to 2500 kDa (ribosome) at right. For challenge rules and additional information about each target see the [model challenge guide](#).

April 28: Corrected symmetry center info and BIOMT matrix files for the proteasome and beta-galactosidase targets, see the [model challenge guide](#).

May 3: Corrected BIOMT matrix file containing Icosahedral transformations for Brome Mosaic Virus, see the [model challenge guide](#).

Target Map Download: You can use [this rsync script](#) to download target maps from one of three wwPDB ftp sites. Alternately, you can download individual maps from EMDB atlas pages (click on EMDB entry link in the table below, select "download" tab).

	1. Tobacco Mosaic Virus	2. T20S Proteasome	3. GroEL	4. TRPV1 Channel	5. Brome Mosaic Virus	6. β -Galactosidase	7. γ -Secretase	8. 70S Ribosome
<i>target</i>								
<i>Map "A" EMDB entry; Primary Citation; Reported Resolution (Å)</i>	EMD-2842 Fromm et al 3.3	EMD-5623 Li et al 3.3	EMD-6422 -- 4.1	EMD-5778 Liao et al 3.3	EMD-6000 Wang et al 3.8	EMD-5995 Bartesaghi et al 3.2	EMD-2677 Lu et al 4.5	EMD-2847 Fischer et al 2.9
<i>Reference Model(s) Map "A"</i>	4udv (EM) 1ei7 (Xray)	1yar (Xray) 3j9i (EM)	3cau (EM) 1ss8 (Xray) 1svt (Xray)	3j5p (EM)	3j7i (EM) 1js9 (Xray)	3j7h (EM) 1jz7 (Xray)	4upc/supercede d by 5a63 (EM)	5afi (EM)
<i>Map "B" EMDB entry; Primary Citation; Reported Resolution (Å)</i>		EMD-6287 Campbell et al 2.8				EMD-2984 Bartesaghi et al 2.2	EMD-3061 Bai et al 3.4	EMD-6316 Li et al 3.6
<i>Reference Model(s) Map "B"</i>		1yar (Xray)				5a1a (EM) 1jz7 (Xray)	5a63 (EM)	3ja1 (EM)
<i>Imposed Map Symmetry</i>	Helical	Dihedral (D7)	Dihedral (D7)	Cyclic (C4)	Icosahedral (I)	Dihedral (D2)	None (C1)	None (C1)
<i>Sample MW (MDa)</i>	--	0.7	0.8	0.3	4.6	0.47	0.17	2.5
<i>Unique MW (kDa)</i>	19	50	56	80	80	120	170	2500
<i>Map Contributors (Thank You!)</i>	Simon Fromm, Carsten Sachse	Jean-Paul Armache, Yifan Cheng Melody Campbell, Bridget Carragher	Soung-Hun Roh, Corey Hryc, Wah Chiu	Jean-Paul Armache, Maofu Liao, Yifan Cheng	Zhao Wang, Wah Chiu	Alberto Bartesaghi, Sriram Subramaniam	Xiaochen Bai, Sjors Scheres	Niels Fischer, Holger Stark Wen Li, Zheng Liu, Joachim Frank

Download maps via rsync script

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#####
# template for downloading map files associated with the 2015 EMDDataBank Model
Challenge #
#####
# Before running, uncomment the rsync command of your preferred download site.
# If you do not want to download files for every target, adjust "foreach" to your
# desired download list.
#
# Individual target EMDB entry ids are:
# 1. Tobacco Mosaic Virus EMD-2842
# 2. T20S Proteasome EMD-5623 EMD-6287
# 3. GroEL EMD-6422
# 4. TrpV1 Channel EMD-5778
# 5. Brome Mosaic Virus EMD-6000
# 6. Beta Galactosidase EMD-5995 EMD-2984
# 7. Gamma Secretase EMD-2677 EMD-3061
# 8. Ribosome EMD-2847 EMD-6316
#
# Following download, each target map will have its own directory with EMDB entry id.
# subdirectory "map" contains the depositor's original map, which may have been
masked/filtered.
# subdirectory "other" contains additional maps specifically requested for the
challenge.
# filenames in most cases are: full reconstruction (no masking/filtering):
EMD-####-full.map.gz
# half-maps : EMD-####-half-1.map.gz; EMD-####-half-2.map.gz
# mask (if used to calculate FSC) : EMD-####-FSC-mask.map.gz
# Full guidelines for the maps that may be used either for modelling or validation in
the challenge
# for each target are provided in the 2015 Model Challenge Guide http://bit.ly/1Gcexvi
#####
#/bin/csh -f

foreach entry(2842 5623 6287 6422 5778 6000 5995 2984 2677 3061 2847 6316)

# download from EUROPE (PDBe)
#rsync -rlpt -v -z --delete
rsync.ebi.ac.uk:pub/databases/emdb/structures/EMD-${entry}/ ./EMD-${entry}

# download from USA (RCSB)
#rsync -rlpt -v -z --delete --port=33444
rsync.wwpdb.org::emdb/structures/EMD-${entry}/ ./EMD-${entry}

# download from ASIA (PDBj)
#rsync -rlpt -v -z --delete ftp.pdbj.org::emdb/structures/EMD-${entry}/ ./EMD-${entry}

end
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Model Challenge Guide

2015-2016 Model Challenge Guide

Last Update: June 2, 2016

Overview

Welcome to the 2015/2016 EMDatabank Model Challenge! Please see the [Main Model Challenge Website](#) for overview information including goals, participation info, timeline, and target table. Refer to this guide for the challenge rules and additional target information.

Updates to this guide are being made as required; look for red text with update date.

April 28: corrected symmetry center info and BIOMT matrices for the [proteasome](#) and [β-galactosidase](#) targets.

May 3: corrected BIOMT matrices for [Brome Mosaic Virus](#).

Questions/Comments/Suggestions? Please email challenges@emdatbank.org

Challenge Rules

- Challengers must use one or more of the map files included in the target EMDB entries as their starting point(s) for modelling. Use of the original, unmodified map from the reconstruction software, and/or independent maps generated for Fourier Shell Correlation calculation is STRONGLY encouraged (see individual target sections for filenames).
- Starting maps may be modified, e.g., filtered, sharpened, and/or segmented. If a map is modified for fitting, you will be asked to upload it along with the final model.
- The committee strongly recommends that models be validated before they are submitted, using tools of the challenger's choosing. Tools can include, but are not limited to, those listed in the [section below](#).
- Challengers are encouraged to explore ab initio modelling approaches, but are also permitted to utilize publicly available coordinates as starting points for fitting.
- Researchers are expected to disclose all of the prior information used in their modelling method.
- Uploaded models must:
 - be positioned within the target map
 - have the same symmetry as the map
 - use the UNIPROT or PDB sequence/residue numbering indicated below

Validation Tools

Challengers are encouraged to validate their final model using procedures of their choosing, checking (i) internal model consistency and (ii) fit of map to the model. The software packages listed here are suggestions and are meant to serve as a starting point. Suggestions for additions to this list are welcome (challenges@emdatbank.org).

Software packages with model geometry and/or map-model fit assessment tools	Model Quality Estimation (QE) tools developed for CASP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molprobit • WHAT_CHECK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QE comparison/overview • ProQ

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCP4 package • Phenix package • UCSF Chimera • COOT • EMRinger • TEMPy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VERIFY3D • Dfire • ModFold • QMEAN • DOPE • PROSA
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Planned Submission Questions & Uploads

The following information will be collected for each model challenge submission.

1. Name, institution address, email, list of collaborators
2. Challenge target (select from list)
3. Submission Title
4. Target map(s) used for fitting (checklist)
5. Modelling category (choices are: 1. optimize current cryoEM model, 2. fit known related cryoEM, crystallographic, or comparative models, 3. ab initio model building, 4. any other method of map interpretation)
6. Description of the modelling process
 - a. Map preparation: description of any modifications (combination of yes/no questions and free text description)
 - i. filtering/sharpening
 - ii. segmentation
 - b. Source coordinates(s) used for fitting (PDB ids, free-text description of any modifications to model before use)
 - c. Process/effort type (select from list): manual, automated, manual+automated
 - d. Space of refinement/model optimization (select from list): real, reciprocal
 - e. Modelling software package(s) used, with text description of parameters and settings
 - f. Text description of the modelling process
 - g. Was map scale adjusted as part of model optimization? (yes/no; if yes, final A/pixel).
 - h. Estimated time/effort to create the model (cpu hours, person/days)
7. Target map(s) used for validation (checklist).
8. Description of validation(s) performed.
 - a. Internal Model Consistency
 - b. Fit of Model to the Map
9. Upload: Final model file from refinement program
10. Upload: Final Model in PDBx/mmCIF format, produced using [PDBextract](#)
11. Upload: Map used for fitting (if modified from original)

Target 1. Tobacco Mosaic Virus

TMV Capsid Sequence: [Uniprot P69687](#)

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>sp|P69687|CAPSD_TMV Capsid protein OS=Tobacco mosaic virus (strain vulgare) GN=CP PE=1 SV=2
MSYSITTPSQFVFLSSAWADPIELINLCTNALGNQFQTQQARTVVQRQFSEVWKPSQVTV
VRFPSDFKVVRYNAVLDPVLTALLGAFDTRNRIIEVENQANPTTAETLDATRRVDDATV
AIRSAINNLIVELIRGTGSYNRSSFESSSGLVWVWTSQVW
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Map A:

EMDB entry: [EMD-2842](#) primary map: emd_2842.map

Dimensions (voxels):	210	210	190
Voxel spacing:	1.06 Å	1.06 Å	1.06 Å
Map extent:	223.0 Å	223.0 Å	201.8 Å
Origin (voxels):	-105	-105	-95
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average
	-3.43	5.53	0.02
			Standard deviation
			0.74
Recommended contour level: 1.2 (source: author)			

Helical symmetry: rise 1.41, angle 22.03

[Symmetry Matrices](#)

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-2842-full.map

maps and mask for FSC calculation: EMD-2842-half-1.map, EMD-2842-half-2.map,

EMD-2842-FSC-mask.map

Target 2. T20S Proteasome

Sequences:

Proteasome Subunit alpha: [Uniprot P25156](#)

Proteasome Subunit beta: [Uniprot P28061](#)

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>sp|P25156|PSA_THEAC Proteasome subunit alpha OS=Thermoplasma acidophilum (strain ATCC 25905 / DSM 1728 / JCM 9062 / NBRC 15155 / AMRC-C165) GN=psmA PE=1 SV=2
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MQQGQMAVDRAITVFSFDGRLFQVEYAREAVKKGSTALGMKFANGVLLISDKKVRSLIE
QNSIEKIQLIDDDYAAVTSGLVADARVLVDFARISAQQEKVYGSVLNENLVKRVADQM
QQYTQYGGVVRPYGVSLIFAGIDQIGPRLFDGDPAGTINEYKATAIGSGKDAVVSFLEREY
KENLPEKEAVTLGKALKSSLEEGEELKAPEIASITVGNKYRIYDQEEVKKFL
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```
>sp|P28061|PSB_THEAC Proteasome subunit beta OS=Thermoplasma acidophilum (strain ATCC 25905 / DSM 1728 / JCM 9062 / NBRC 15155 / AMRC-C165) GN=psmB PE=1 SV=1
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MNQTLETGTTTVGITLTKDAVIMATERVTMENFIMHKNGKFLQIDTYTGMTIAGLVGDA
QVLVRYMKALELYRLQRRVNMPIEAVATLLSNMLNQVKYMPYMQVLLVGGIDTAPHVFS
IDAAGGSVEDIYASTGSGSPFVYGVLESQYSEKMTVDEGVLDLIRAISSAAKQRDSASGGM
IDVAVITRKDGYVQLPTDQIESRIRKLGIL
```

Map A:EMDB entry: [EMD-5623](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	256	256	256
Voxel spacing:	1.22 Å	1.22 Å	1.22 Å
Map extent:	311.2 Å	311.2 Å	311.2 Å
Origin (voxels):	0	0	0
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average
	-0.55	1.20	-0.01
			Standard deviation
			0.05
Recommended contour level: 0.25 (source: author)			

D7 symmetry center position is at 128,128,128 voxels; 156.16,156.16,156.16 Å

Correction 4/28: true voxel edge is 1.2156 Å (value shown in box above is rounded)**D7 symmetry center position at 128, 128, 128 voxels; 155.5968, 155.5968, 155.5968 Å**[Symmetry Matrices](#) <==updated

primary map: emd_5623.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-5623-full.map

maps for FSC calculation: EMD-5623-half-1.map, EMD-5623-half-2.map

Map B:EMDB entry: [EMD-6287](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	300	300	300
Voxel spacing:	0.98 Å	0.98 Å	0.98 Å
Map extent:	294.6 Å	294.6 Å	294.6 Å
Origin (voxels):	0	0	0
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average
	-0.13	0.20	0.00
			Standard deviation
			0.01
Recommended contour level: 0.025 (source: emdb)			

D7 symmetry center position is at 150,150,150 voxels; 147.0,147.0,147.0 Å

Correction 4/28: true voxel edge is 0.982 Å (value shown in box above is rounded)**D7 symmetry center position at 150, 150, 150 voxels: 147.3, 147.3, 147.3 Å**[Symmetry Matrices](#) <==updated

primary map: emd_6287.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-6287-full.map

maps for FSC calculation: EMD-6287-half-1.map, EMD-6287-half-2.map

Target 3. Escherichia coli GroEL

GroEL Sequence: [Uniprot POA6F5](#)

```
>sp|P0A6F5|CH60_ECOLI 60 kDa chaperonin OS=Escherichia coli (strain K12) GN=groL PE=1 SV=2
MAAKDVKFNGNDARVKMLRGVNLADAVKVTLGPKGRNVVLDKSFSGAPTITKDGVSVAREI
ELEDKFENMGAQMVKVASKANDAAGDGTATVLAQAIITEGLKAVAAGMNPMDLKRGI
DKAVTAAVEELKALSVPSCSDSKAIAQVGTISANSDETVGKLI AEAMDKVKGEGVITVEDG
TGLQDELDVVEGMQFDRGYLSPYFINKPETGAVELES PFILLADKKISNIREMLPVLEAV
AKAGKPLLI IAEDVEGEALATLVVNTMRGIVKVA AVKAPGFGDRRKAMLQDIATLTGGTV
ISEEIGMELEKATLEDLQAKRVVINKDTTIIIDGVGEEAAIQGRVAQIRQQIEEATSDY
DREKLQERVAKLAGGVAVIKVGAATEVEMKEKKARVEDALHATRAAVEEGVVAGGGVALI
RVASKLADLRGQNEQNVGIKVALRAMEAPLRQIVLNCGEEPSVVANTVKGGDGNYGNA
ATEEYGNMIDMGILDPTKVTRSALQYAA SVAGLMITTECMVTDLPKND AADLGAAGGMGG
MGGMGMM
```

Map A:

EMDB entry: [EMD-6422](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	240	240	240
Voxel spacing:	1.07 Å	1.07 Å	1.07 Å
Map extent:	256.8 Å	256.8 Å	256.8 Å
Origin (voxels):	0	0	0
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average
	-8.84	16.47	0.0000
			Standard deviation
			1.00
Recommended contour level: 3.5 (source: author)			

D7 symmetry center position is at 120, 120, 120 voxels; 128.4, 128.4, 128.4 Å

(symmetry center is ok -- rechecked 4/28)

[Symmetry Matrices](#)

primary map: emd_6422.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-6422-full.map

maps for FSC calculation: EMD-6422-half-1.map, EMD-6422-half-2.map

Target 4. TrpV1 Channel

TrpV1 Sequence: [Uniprot O35433](#)

```
>sp|O35433|TRPV1_RAT Transient receptor potential cation channel subfamily V member 1
OS=Rattus norvegicus GN=Trpv1 PE=1 SV=1
MEQRASLDSESESESPQENSCLDPPDRDPNCKPPPVKPHIFTRSRTRLFGKGDSESEASP
LDCPYEEGGLASCPILITVSVLTIQRPGDGPASVRPSSQDSVSAGEKPPRLYDRRSIFDA
VAQSNQCQELLESLLPFLQRSKRLTDSEFKDPETGKTCLLKAMNLNHNQNDTIALLLDVA
RKTDSLKQFVNASYTDSYYKQGTALHIAIERNMTLVTLVENGADVQAAANGDFFKTK
GRPGFYFGELPLSLAACTNQLAIVKFLQNSWQPADISARDSVGNVTLHALVEVADNTVD
NTKFVTSMYNEILILGAKLHPTLKLLEEITNRKGLTPLALAASSGKIGVLAYILQREIHEP
ECRHLRSRKFTEWAGFPVHSSLYDLSCIDTCEKNSVLEVIAYSSSETPNRHDMMLLVEPLNR
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LLQDKWDRFVKRIFYFNFFVYCLYMIIFTAAAYYRPVEGLPPYKLNKNTVGDYFRVTGEIL
 SVSGGVYFFFRGIQYFLQRRPSLKSFLVDSYSEILFFVQSLFMLVSVVLYFSQRKEYVAS
 MVFSLAMGWTNMLYYTRGFQQMGIYAVMIEKMILRDLCRFMFVYLVFLFGFSTAVVTLIE
 DGKNSLPMESTPHKCRGSACKPGNSYNSLYSTCLELKFFTIGMGDLEFTENYDFKAVFI
 ILLLAYVILTYILLNMLIALMGETVFNKIAQESKNIWKLQRAITILDTEKSFLKCMRKAF
 RSGKLLQVGFTPDGKDDYRWCFRVDEVNWTWNTNVGIINEDPGNCEGVKRTLSESLRSG
 RVSGRNWKNFALVPLLRDASTRDRHATQQEEVQLKHYTGSLKPEDAEVFKDSMVPGEK

[note added Nov 11: quote from the primary citation: "The rat TRPV1 construct used for this study consists of residues 110 to 764 (indicated by red arrows), excluding the highly divergent region (604–626, highlighted by cyan box)"]

Map A:

EMDB entry [EMD-5778](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	256	256	256
Voxel spacing:	1.22 Å	1.22 Å	1.22 Å
Map extent:	311.2 Å	311.2 Å	311.2 Å
Origin (voxels):	-128	-128	-128
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average
	-13.65	26.52	0.0000
			Standard deviation
			1.00
Recommended contour level: 7 (source: author)			

Note: true voxel edge is 1.2156 Å (value shown in box above is rounded)

C4 symmetry center position is at 128, 128, (125) voxels; 0, 0, (0) Å

(symmetry center is ok -- rechecked 4/28)

[Symmetry Matrices](#)

primary map: emd_5778.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-5778-full.map

maps for FSC calculation: EMD-5778-half-1.map, EMD-5778-half-2.map

additional maps available for this entry:

EMD-5778-full-sharpened.map

TRPV1_sharpened_-100_3.4A.map

Target 5. Brome Mosaic Virus

Symmetry: I (T=3)

BMV Capsid Sequence: [Uniprot P03602](#)

>sp|P03602|CAPSD_BMV Capsid protein OS=Brome mosaic virus GN=ORF3b PE=1 SV=1
 MSTSGTGKMTTRAQRRAARRNRWTARVQPVIVEPLAAGQGKAIKAIAGYSISKWEASSDA

ITAKATNAMSITLPHLSSEKNKELKVGRVLLWLGLLPSVAGRIKACVAEKQAQAEAAFO
 VALAVADSSKEVVAAMYTDAPFRGATLGDLLNLQIYLYASEAVPAKAVVVHLEVEHVRPTF
 DFFTPVYR

EMDB entry: [EMD-6000](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	420	420	420	
Voxel spacing:	0.99 Å	0.99 Å	0.99 Å	
Map extent:	415.8 Å	415.8 Å	415.8 Å	
Origin (voxels):	0	0	0	
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Standard deviation
	-10.34	17.47	0.0000	1.11
Recommended contour level: 5 (source: emdb)				

Icosahedral symmetry center position is at 210, 210, 210 voxels; 207.9, 207.9, 207.9 Å
 Icosahedral orientation is [n25r](#) with 2-fold symmetry axis along y, 5-fold symmetry axis along z.

(symmetry is center ok -- rechecked 4/28)

[Symmetry Matrices](#) <==updated May 3

primary map: emd_6000.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: emd_6000.map

maps for FSC calculation: BMV-set1.map, BMV-set2.map

additional segmented maps are available for this entry:

subunitA.map, subunitB.map, subunitC.map

Target 6. β -Galactosidase

Beta-galactosidase sequence: [Uniprot P00722](#)

```
>sp|P00722|BGAL_ECOLI Beta-galactosidase OS=Escherichia coli (strain K12) GN=lacZ PE=1 SV=2
MTMITDLSLAVVLQRRDWENPGVTQLNRLAAHPPFASWRNSEEARTDRPSQQLRSLNGEWR
FAWFPAPEAVPESWLQCDLPEADTVVPSNWQMHGYDAPIYTNVITYPI TVNPPFVPTENP
TGCYSLTFNVDESWLQEGQTRII FDGVNSAFHLWCNGRWVGYQDSRLPSEFDLSAFLRA
GENRLAVMVLRWSDGSYLEQDMWRMSGIFRDVSLHLKPTTQISDFHVATRFDNDFSRVAV
LEAEVQMCGLRDLRVTVSLWQGETQVASGTAPFGGEIIDERGGYADRVTLRNLNVENPK
LWSAEIPNLYRAVVELHTADGTLIEAEACDVGFRVRIENGLLLLNGKPLLIRGVNRHEH
HPLHGQVMDEQTMVQDILLMKQNNFNAVRC SHYPNHPLWYTLCDRYGLYVVDEANIE THG
MVPNRLTDDPRWLPAMSERVTRMVQRDRNHPSVI IWSLGNESGHGANHDALYRWIKSVD
PSRPVQYEGGGADTTATDI ICPMYARVDEDDQFPFAVPKWSIKKWLSPGETRPLILCEYA
HAMGNSLGGFAKYWQAFRQY PRLQGGFVWDWVDQSLIKYDENGPNWSAYGGDFGDTPNDR
QFCMNGLVFADRTPHPALTEAKHQQFFQFRLSGQTI EVTSEYLFRRSDNELLHWMVALD
GKPLASGEVPLDVAPQGKQLIELPELPQPE SAGQLWLTVRVQPNATAWSEAGHISAWQQ
WRLAENLSVTLPAASHAIPHLLTSEMDFCIELGNKRWQFNRSQGFSLQMWIGDKKQLLTP
LRDQFTRAPLDNDIGVSEATRDPNAWVERWKAAGHYQAEALLQCTADTLADAVLITTA
HAWQHGGKTLFISRKTYRIDGSGQMAITVDVEVASDTPHPARIGLNCQLAQVAERVNWLG
LGPQENYPRDLTAACFRDWLPLSDMYTPYVFPSENGLRCTRELNYGPHQWRGDFQFNI
SRYSQQQLMETSHRLLHAEEGTWNIDGFHMGIGGDDSWSPSVSAEFQLSAGRYHYQLV
WCQK
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Map A:EMDB entry [EMD-5995](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	340	340	340
Voxel spacing:	0.64 Å	0.64 Å	0.64 Å
Map extent:	216.8 Å	216.8 Å	216.8 Å
Origin (voxels):	0	0	0
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average
	-0.05	0.09	0.00
			Standard deviation
			0.01
Recommended contour level: 0.0224 (source: author)			

D2 symmetry center position at 170,170,170 voxels; 108.8, 108.8, 108.8 Å

Correction 4/28: true voxel edge is 0.6375 Å (value shown in box above is rounded)**D2 symmetry center position at 170,170,170 voxels; 108.375, 108.375, 108.375 Å**[Symmetry Matrices](#) <==updated

primary map: emd_5995.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-5995-full.map

maps for FSC calculation: EMD-5995-half-1.map, EMD-5995-half-2.map

Map B:EMDB entry [EMD-2984](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	292	292	292
Voxel spacing:	0.64 Å	0.64 Å	0.64 Å
Map extent:	186.0 Å	186.0 Å	186.0 Å
Origin (voxels):	0	0	0
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average
	-0.12	0.17	-0.00
			Standard deviation
			0.02
Recommended contour level: 0.05 (source: author)			

D2 symmetry center position at 146,146,146 voxels; 93.44, 93.44, 93.44 Å

Correction 4/27: true voxel edge is 0.637 Å (value shown in box above is rounded)**D2 symmetry center position at 146,146,146 voxels; 93.002, 93.002, 93.002 Å**[Symmetry Matrices](#) <==updated

primary map: emd_2984.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-2984-full.map

maps for FSC calculation: EMD-2984-half-1.map, EMD-2984-half-2.map

Target 7. Recombinant γ -Secretase

Sequences:

Presenilin (PS1, 1-467) [Uniprot P49768](#)

PEN-2 (1-101) [Uniprot Q9NZ42](#)

APH-1 (APH-1aL, 1-265) [Uniprot Q96BI3](#)

Nicastrin (1-709) [Uniprot Q92542](#)

[note added Nov 12: For each of these sequences, the original study authors always used the 1st isoform.]

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>sp|P49768|PSN1_HUMAN Presenilin-1 OS=Homo sapiens GN=PSEN1 PE=1 SV=1
MTELPAPLSYFQNAQMSQEDNHLNNTVRSQNDNRERQEHNDRRSLGHPEPLSNGRPQGNRSR
QVVEQDEEEDDEELTLKYGAKHVIMLFVVPVTLQVAVVATIKSVSFYTRKDGQLIYTPFTE
DTETVQQRALHSILNAAIMISVIVVMTILLVVLYKYRCYKVIHAWLIISLSSLLFFFSFI
YLGVEVFKTYNVAVDYITVALLIWNFGVGMISIHKGPLRLQQAYLIMISALMALVFIKY
LPEWTAWLILAVISVYDLVAVLCPKGPLRMLVETAQERNETLFPALISSTMVWLVMMAE
GDPEAQRRVSKNSKYNAESTERESQDTVAENDGGFSEWEAQRDShLGPHRSTPESRAA
VQELSSSILAGEDPEERGVKLGGLDFIFYSVLVKGASATASGDWNTTIACFVAAILIGLCL
TLLLLAIFKKALPALPISITFGLVYFATDYLVQPFMDQLAFHQFYI
>sp|Q9NZ42|PEN2_HUMAN Gamma-secretase subunit PEN-2 OS=Homo sapiens GN=PSENEN PE=1 SV=1
MNLERVSNEEKLNLCKRYLGGFAFLPFLWLVNIFWFFREAFVLPAYTEQSQIKGYVWRS
AVGFLFWVIVLTSWITIFQIYRPRWGALGDYLSFTIPLGTP
>sp|Q96BI3|APH1A_HUMAN Gamma-secretase subunit APH-1A OS=Homo sapiens GN=APH1A PE=1 SV=1
MGAAVFFGCTFVAFGPAFALFLITVAGDPLRVIILVAGAFFWLVSLLASVWVILVHVT
DRSDARLQYGLLIFGAAVSVLLQEVFRFAYYKLLKKADEGLASLSEDRSPISIRQMAYV
SGLSFGIISGVFSVINILADALGPGVVGIVHGDSPYYFLTSAFLTAAILLHTFWGVVFFD
ACERRRYWALGLVVGSHLLTSGLTFLNPWYEASLLPIYAVTVSMGLWAFITAGGSLRSIQ
RSLLCRRQEDSRVMVYSALRIPPED
>sp|Q92542|NICA_HUMAN Nicastrin OS=Homo sapiens GN=NCSTN PE=1 SV=2
MATAGGSGADPGSRGLRLLSFCVLLAGLCRGNVSVERKIYIPLNKTAPCVRLLNATHQI
GCQSSISGDTGVIHVVEKEEDLQWVLTGDPNPPYMVVLESKHFRDLMEKLGKGRTSRIAG
LAVSLTKPSPASGFSPVQCPNDGFGVYSNSYGFPEFAHCREIQWNSLGNLAYEDFSFPI
FLEDEDNETKVIKQCYQDHNLSQNGSAPTFFLCAMQLFSHMHAVIISTATCMRRSSIQSTF
SINPEIVCDPLSDYNVWMSMLKPIINTGTGLKPDDEVVAATRLDSRSFFWNVAPGAESAVA
SFVTQLAAAEALQKAPDVTTLPNVMFVFFQGETFDYIGSSRMVYDMEKGFVQLENVD
SFVELGQVALRTSLELWMHTDPVSQKNESVRNQVEDLLATLEKSGAGVPAVILRRPNQSQ
PLPSSLQRFLRARNISGVVLADHSGAFHNKYQSIYDTAENINVSYPEWLSPEEDLNFV
TDTAKALADVATVLRALYELAGGTNFSDTVQADPQTVTRLLYGFLIKANNSWFQSILRQ
DLRSYLGDGPLQHYIAVSSPTNTTYVQYALANLTGTVVNLTREQCQDPSKVPSENKDLY
EYSWVQGPLHSNETDRLPRCVRSTARLARALSPAFELSQWSSTEYSTWTESRWKDIRARI
FLIASKELELITLTVGFGILIFSLIVTYCINAKADVLFIAPREPGAVSY
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Map A:

EMDB entry: [EMD-2677](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	140	140	140
Voxel spacing:	1.76 Å	1.76 Å	1.76 Å
Map extent:	246.4 Å	246.4 Å	246.4 Å
Origin (voxels):	0	0	0
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average
	-0.25	0.41	0.00
			Standard deviation
			0.02
Recommended contour level: 0.12 (source: author)			

primary map: emd_2677.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-2677-full.map

maps for FSC calculation: EMD-2677-half-1.map, EMD-2677-half-2.map

Map B:

EMDB entry: [EMD-3061](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	180	180	180
Voxel spacing:	1.40 Å	1.40 Å	1.40 Å
Map extent:	252.0 Å	252.0 Å	252.0 Å
Origin (voxels):	0	0	0
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average
	-0.27	0.45	0.00
			Standard deviation
			0.02
Recommended contour level: 0.08 (source: author)			

primary map: emd_3061.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-3061-full.map

maps for FSC calculation: EMD-3061-half-1.map, EMD-3061-half-2.map

Target 8. 70S Ribosome

Map A (70S with EF-Tu-GDP, kirromycin, tRNAs):

EMDB entry: [EMD-2847](#)

Sequence reference: PDB entry 5afi at [RCSB-PDB](#), [PDBe](#), [PDBj](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	420	420	420	
Voxel spacing:	0.76 Å	0.76 Å	0.76 Å	
Map extent:	317.2 Å	317.2 Å	317.2 Å	
Origin (voxels):	0	0	0	
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Standard deviation
	-2.43	4.71	0.00	0.21
Recommended contour level: 0.43 (source: emdb)				

primary map: emd_2847.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-2847-full.map

maps and mask for FSC calculation: EMD-2847-half-1.map, EMD-2847-half-2.map,
EMD-2847-FSC-mask.map

Map B (70S with Elongation factor G):

EMDB entry: [EMD-6316](#)

Sequence reference: PDB entry 3ja1 at [RCSB-PDB](#), [PDBe](#), [PDBj](#)

Dimensions (voxels):	360	360	360	
Voxel spacing:	1.05 Å	1.05 Å	1.05 Å	
Map extent:	378.0 Å	378.0 Å	378.0 Å	
Origin (voxels):	0	0	0	
Map statistics:	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Standard deviation
	-0.08	0.21	0.00	0.01
Recommended contour level: 0.03 (source: author)				

primary map: emd_6316.map

original, unmodified map from reconstruction software: EMD-6316-full.map

maps and mask for FSC calculation: EMD-6316-half-1.map, EMD-6316-half-2.map,
EMD-6316-FSC-mask.map

Model Submissions Summary

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Statistics

- 16 modellers submitted 106 entries total

Modelling Category

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Fitted/Optimized another known model	16
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Was the model fitted to the "map A" or "map B" target?

Map A	80
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Which target map was used for fitting?

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Did you modify the provided map?

yes	60
no	47

Map preparation procedures used

	yes	no
low pass filter	18	41
high pass filter	1	58
segmentation	41	19
applied a mask	27	33

Effort type

fully automated	66
partially automated, some manual steps	37
manual	4

Refinement space

real	96
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Modelling software used

Chimera	35
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direX	8
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pymol	1
rosetta	19
situs	1
TEMPy	3
VMD	6
other breakdown of "other" based on detailed description: amber (1), gmfit (1), gromacs (1), HermiteFit (10), iMDFF (4), MainMast (4), Modeller (12), Pathwalker (13), PULCHRA (4), Remo (4), scwrl (1)	36

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Was the map scale (voxel size) adjusted during the modelling process?

yes	9
no	98

Validation Checks

	yes	no
internal model consistency	90	17
fit of model to the target map	105	2
fit of model to map other than target (cross-validation)	18	85

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