

Supplementary information

Structural basis of metalloid transport by the arsenite efflux pump ArsB

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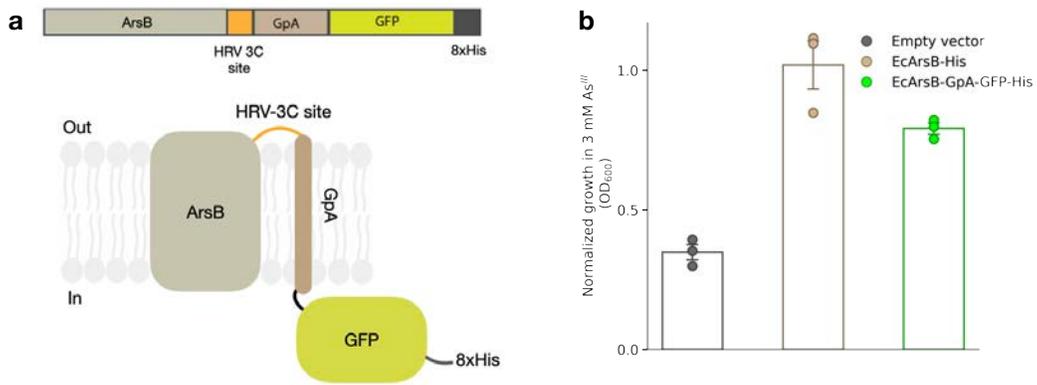


Figure 1. *LfArsB* expression construct with GFP fusion. **a** Schematic representation of the *LfArsB* expression construct bearing a C-terminal fusion of HRV-3C protease cleavage site – glycoporphin A (GpA) – GFP – 8xHis. **b** Normalized growths of *E. coli* AW3110 cells bearing *EcArsB*-His or *EcArsB*-GFP fusion construct (*EcArsB*-GpA-GFP-His) as described in **a**, in presence of 3 mM As^{III}. OD₆₀₀ values in the presence of As^{III} are normalized by corresponding values in the absence of As^{III}. Biological triplicates are reported, and error bars represent standard error of mean.

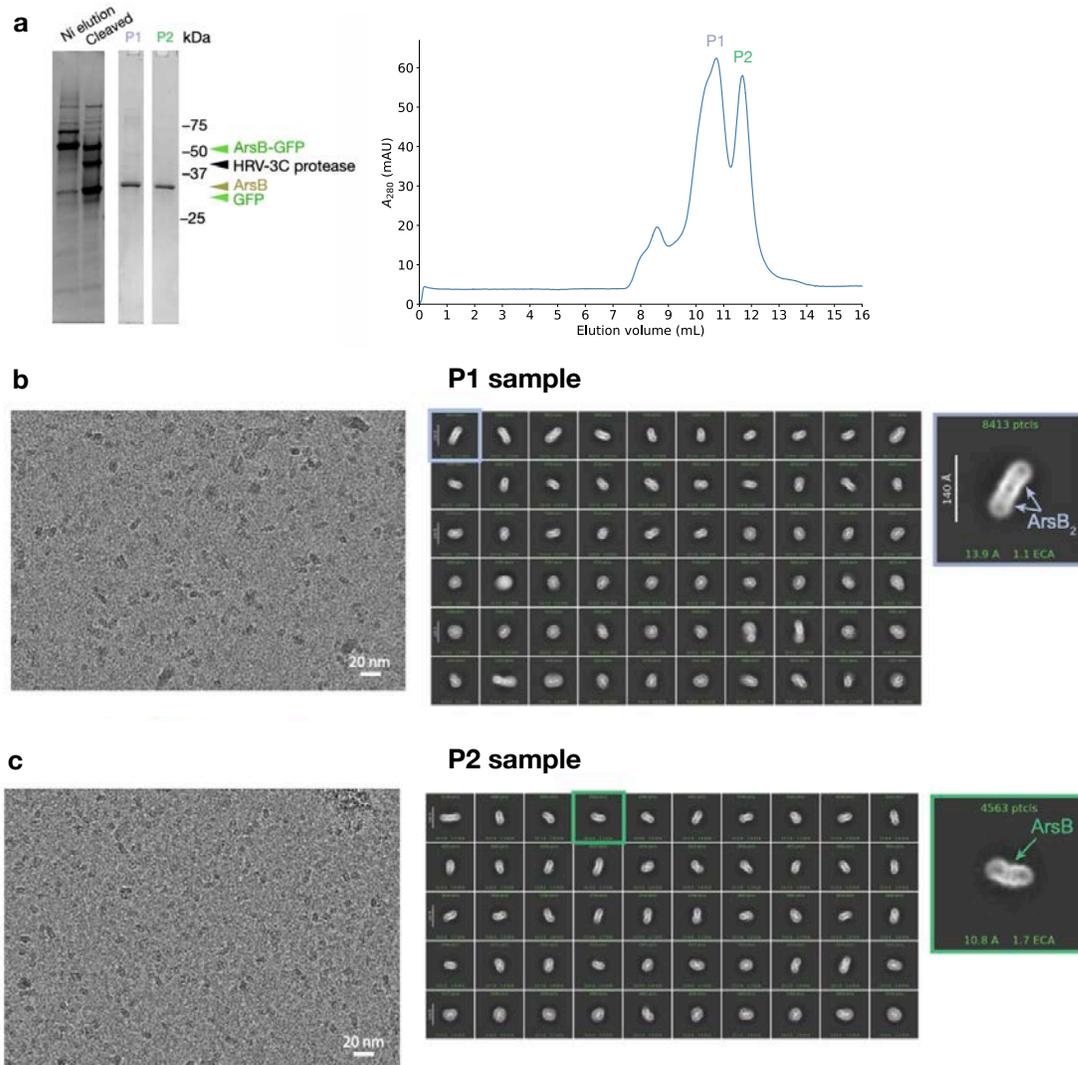


Figure 2 . Purification and preliminary cryo-EM analysis of *Lf*ArsB solubilized in 0.03% (w/v) DDM. **a** SDS-PAGE analysis (left) and SEC profile (right). The P1 and P2 samples, which show a pure ArsB band on the gel, correspond to peaks P1 and P2 on the SEC trace. Representative micrograph at 130,000x magnification and 2D class averages corresponding to P1 and P2 samples are shown in panels **b** and **c**, respectively. P1 sample is composed of ArsB dimer (ArsB₂) in a micelle, whereas the P2 sample is composed of ArsB monomer in a micelle.

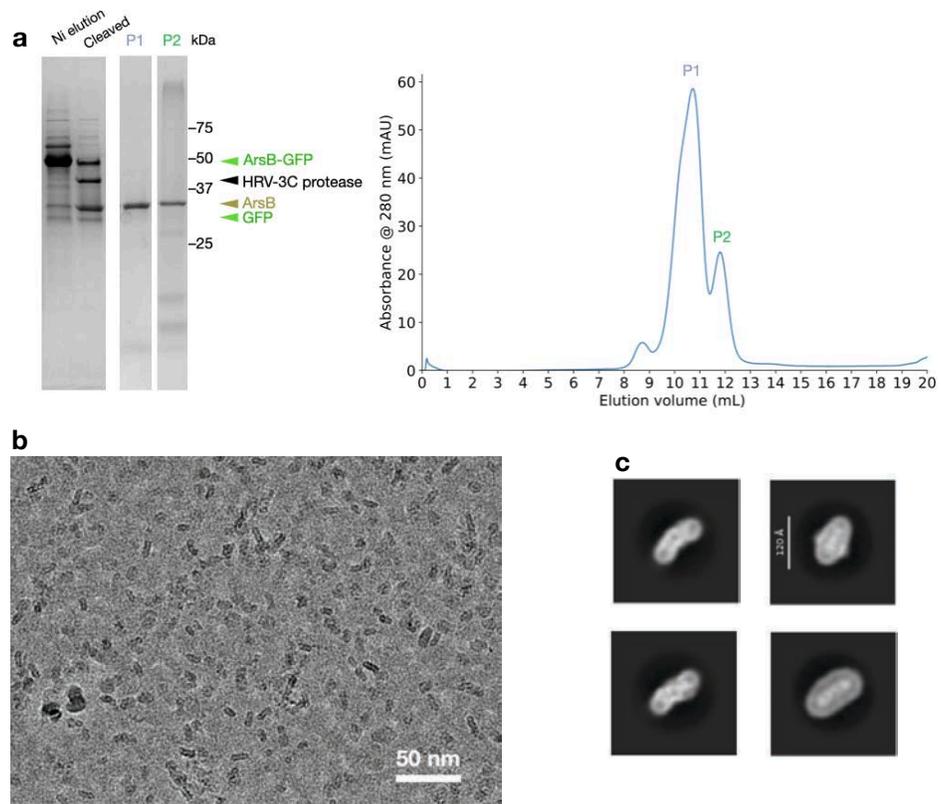


Figure 3. Purification and preliminary cryo-EM analysis of *Lf*ArsB solubilized in 0.005%/0.0005% (w/v) LMNG/CHS. **a** SDS-PAGE analysis (left) and SEC profile (right). **b** Representative micrograph from P1 sample at 130,000x magnification. **c** Representative 2D class averages from P1 sample showing ArsB dimers in micelles.

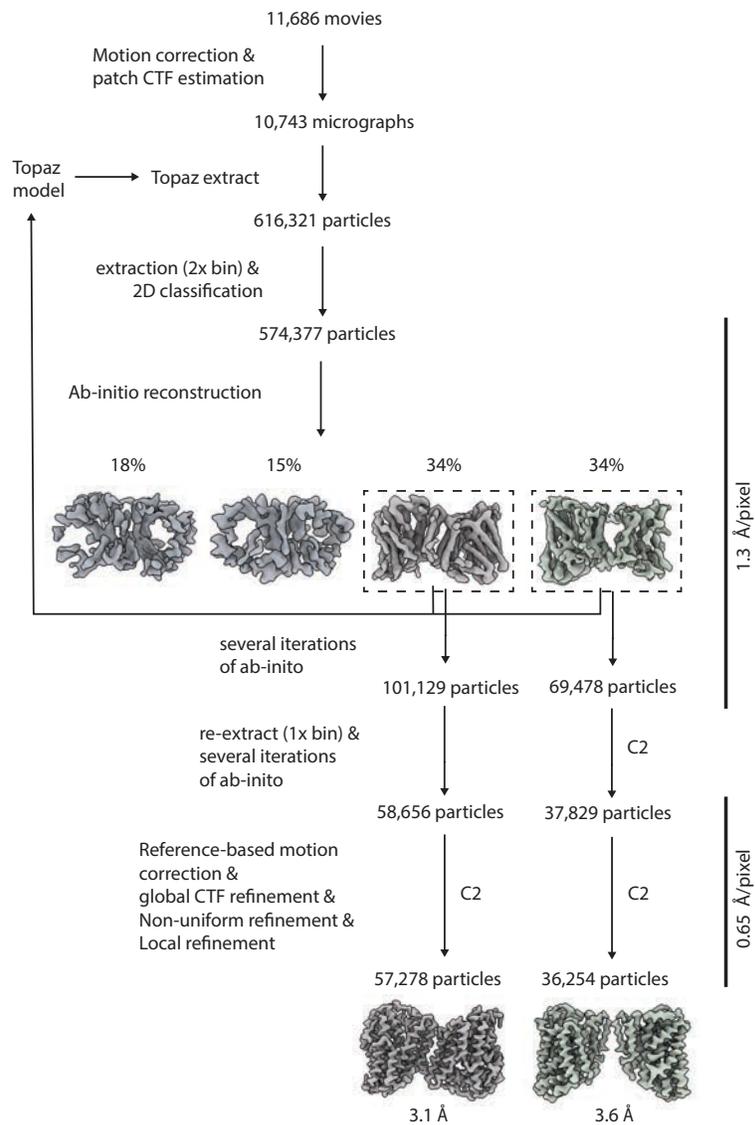


Figure 4. Cryo-EM data processing workflow for apo *LfArsB* structures in cryoSPARC.

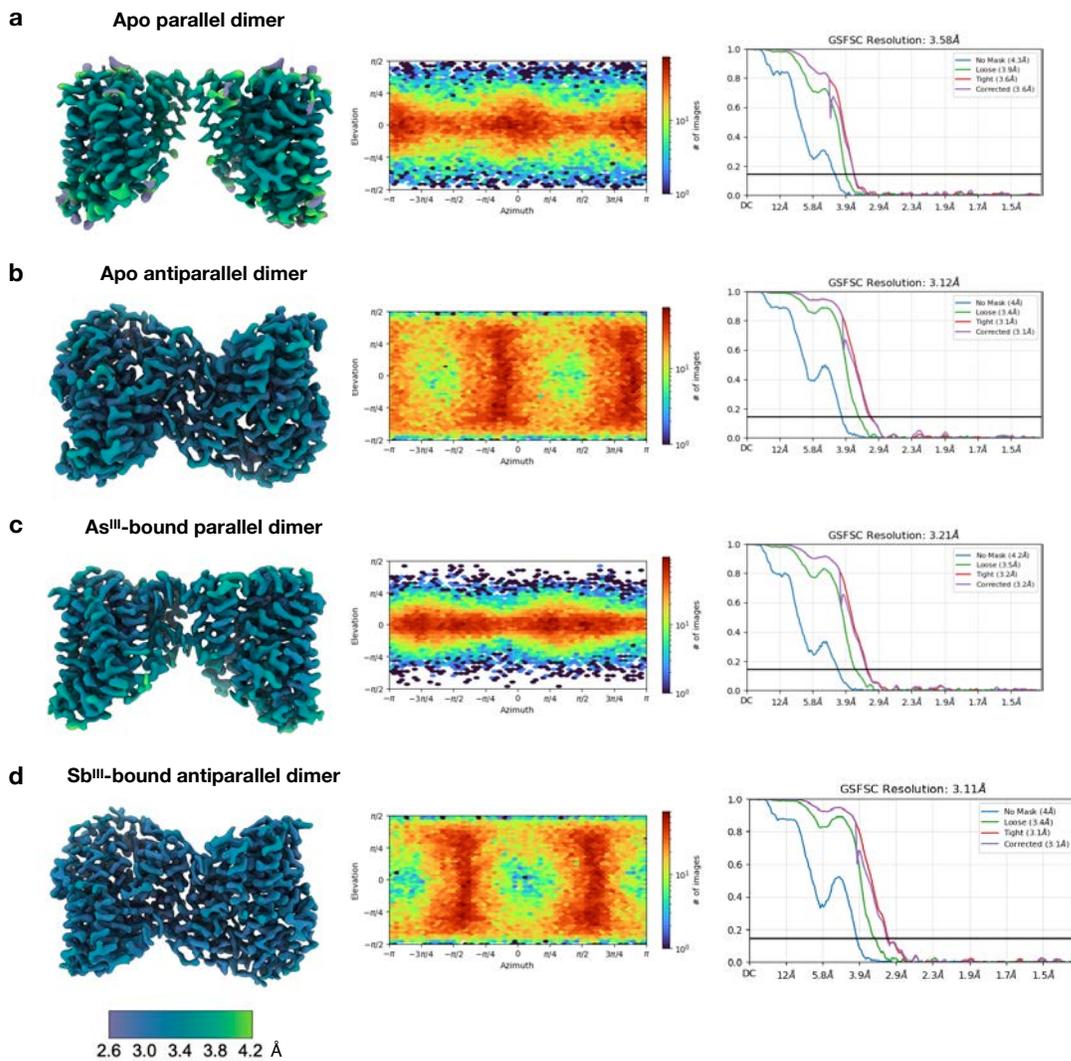


Figure 5. Cryo-EM maps and validation for **a** apo *LfArsB*, **b** *LfArsB* + As^{III}, and **c** *LfArsB* + Sb^{III}. Left, B-factor sharpened map colored by local resolution; center, angular distribution heatmap plot; and right, gold-standard Fourier shell correlation (GSFSC) curve (cut-off: 0.143).

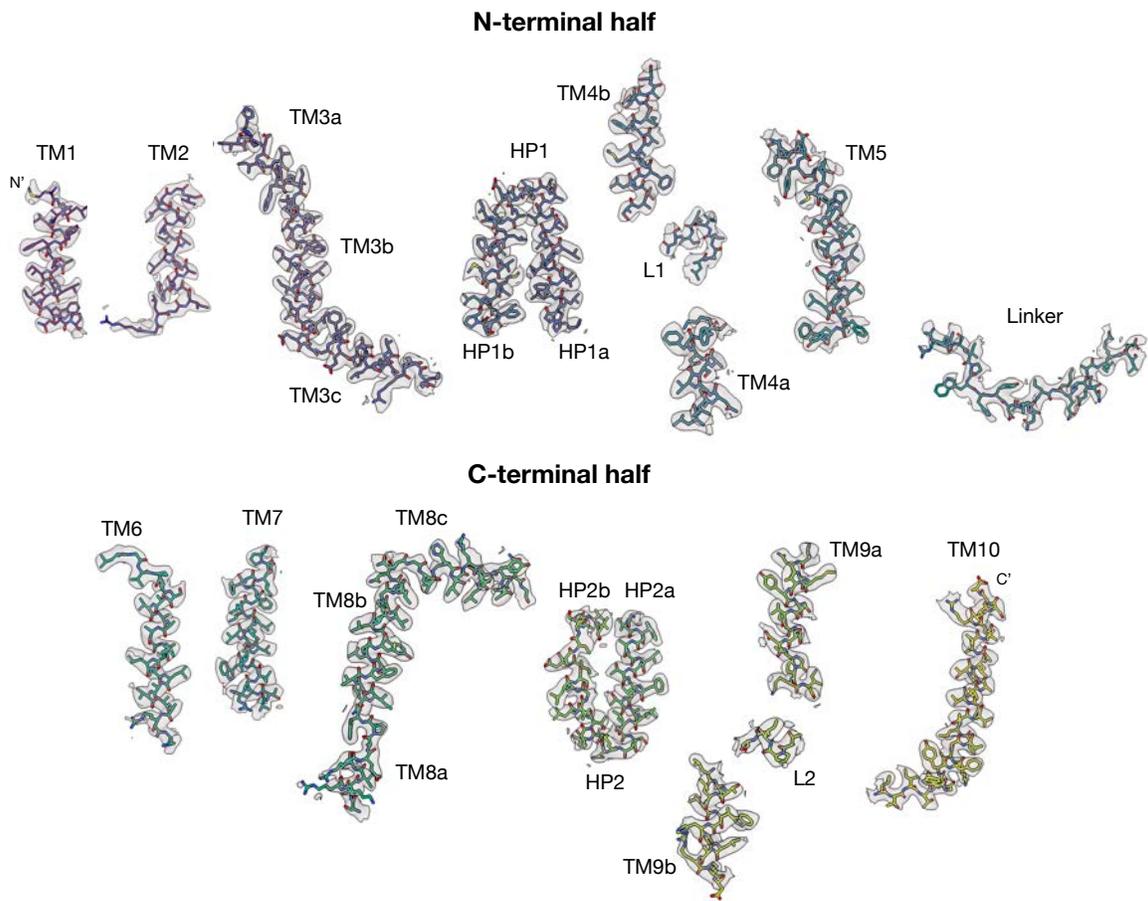


Figure 6. Representative cryo-EM density maps for various segments of the apo antiparallel *LfArsB* structure. Model is shown as sticks and colored using the viridis palette.

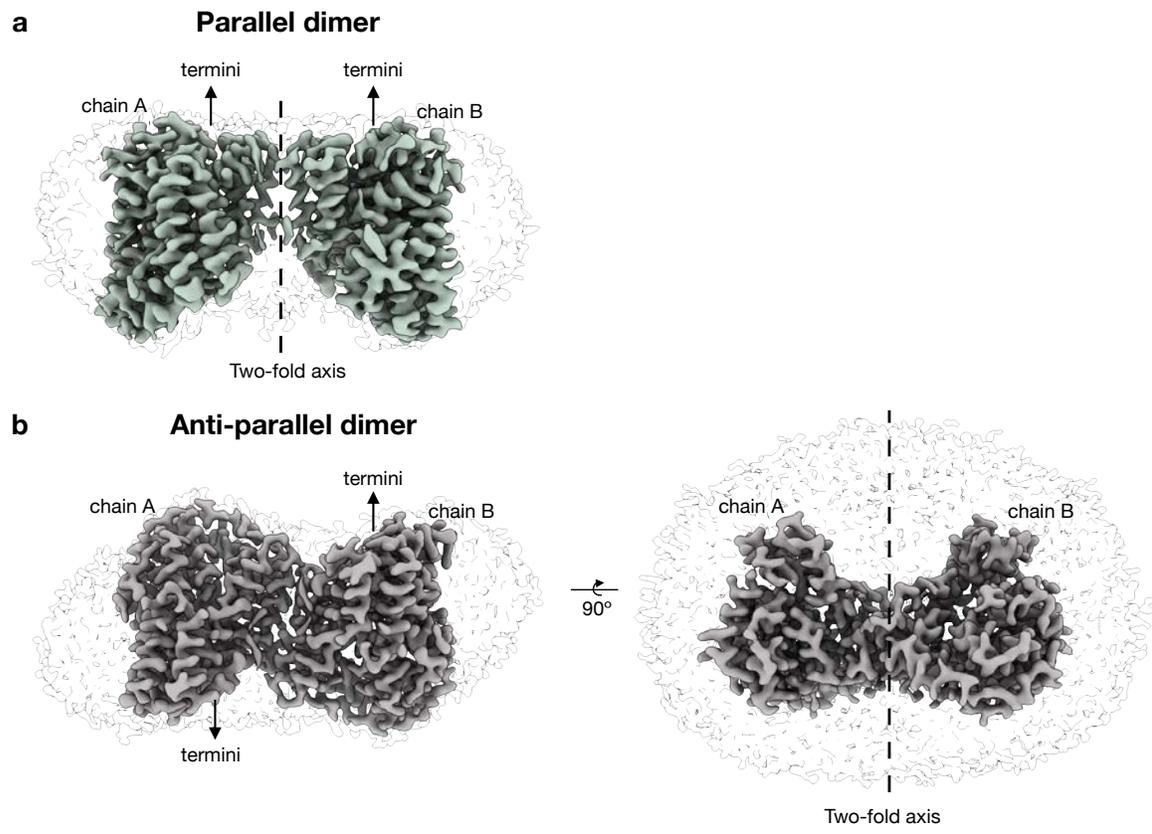


Figure 7. Apo *LfArsB* dimer architectures in detergent micelles showing positions of the termini and the two-fold axis. a Parallel dimer. b Antiparallel dimer.

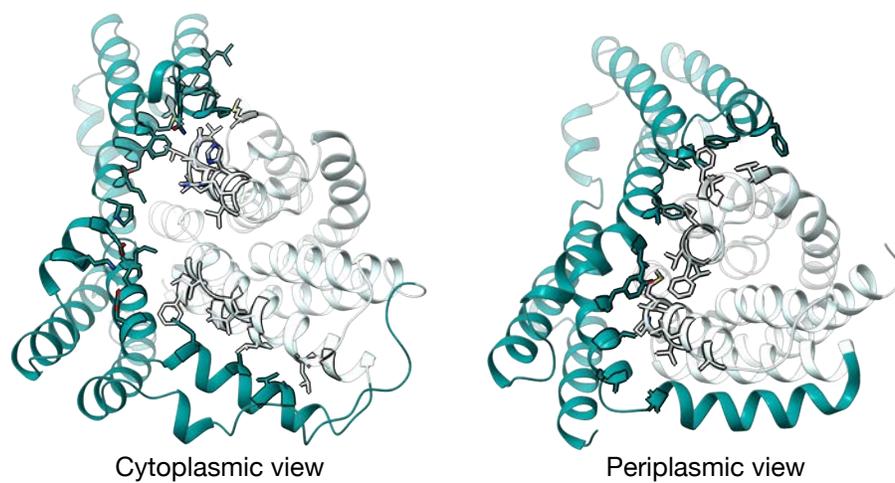


Figure 8. Residues (shown as sticks) at the interface of transport domain (cyan) and scaffold domain (teal) of *LfArsB* in the cytoplasmic view (left) and periplasmic view (right).

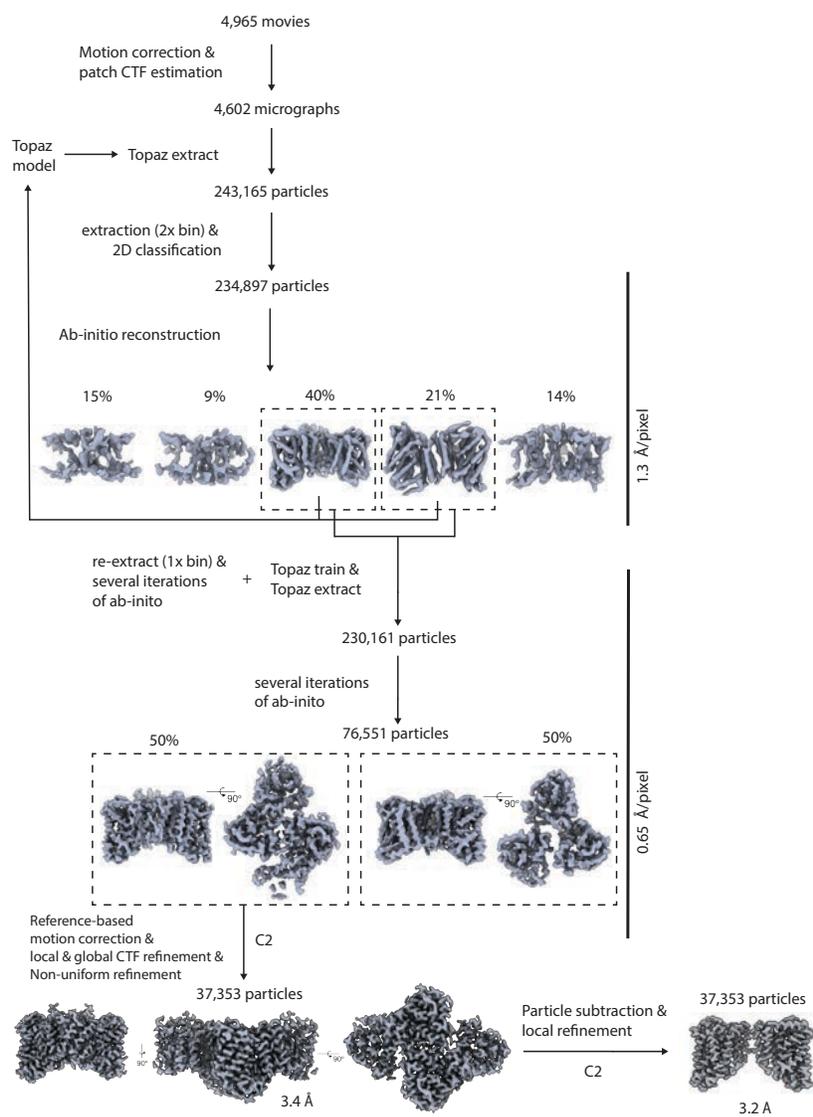


Figure 9. Cryo-EM data processing workflow for As^{III}-bound *LfArsB* structure in cryoSPARC.

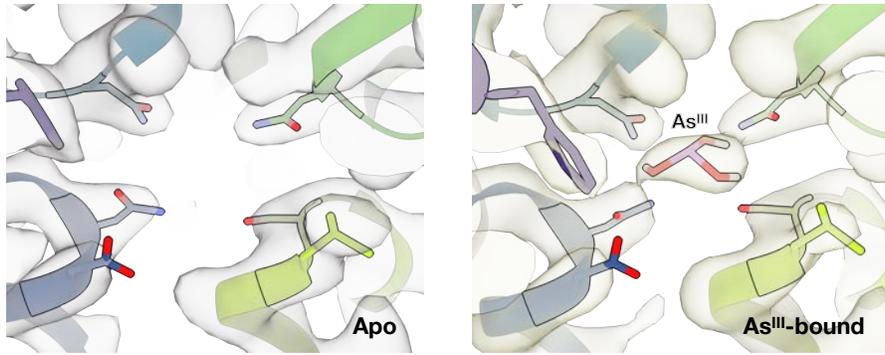


Figure 10. Metalloid-binding site of *LfArsB* apo structure (left) and As^{III}-bound structure (right) and corresponding Coulomb potential maps normalized and contoured at a threshold level of 7.0.

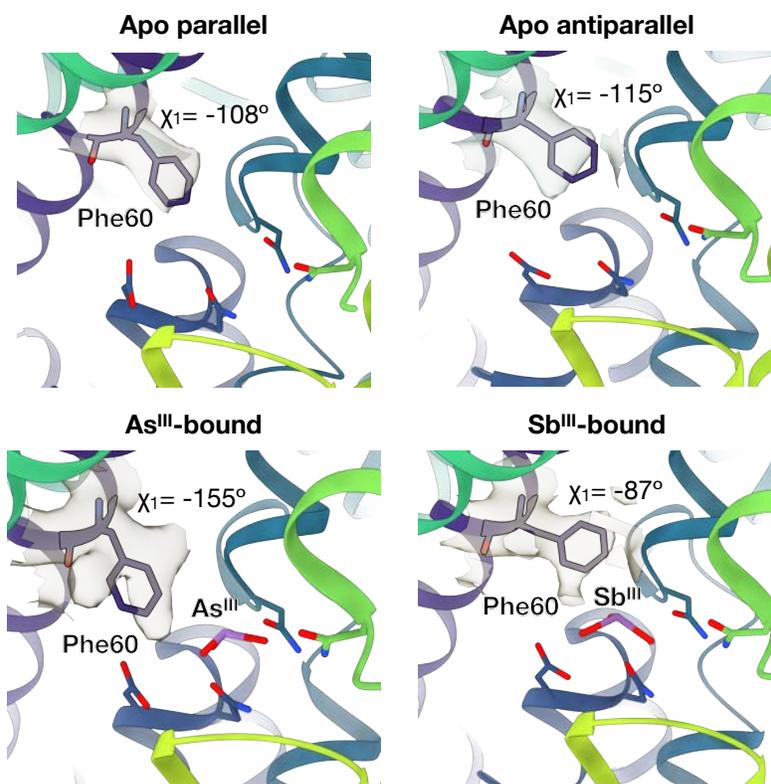


Figure 11. Multiple conformations of Phe60 sidechain across apo and metalloid-bound *LfArsB* structures. Respective χ_1 torsion angles are labeled.

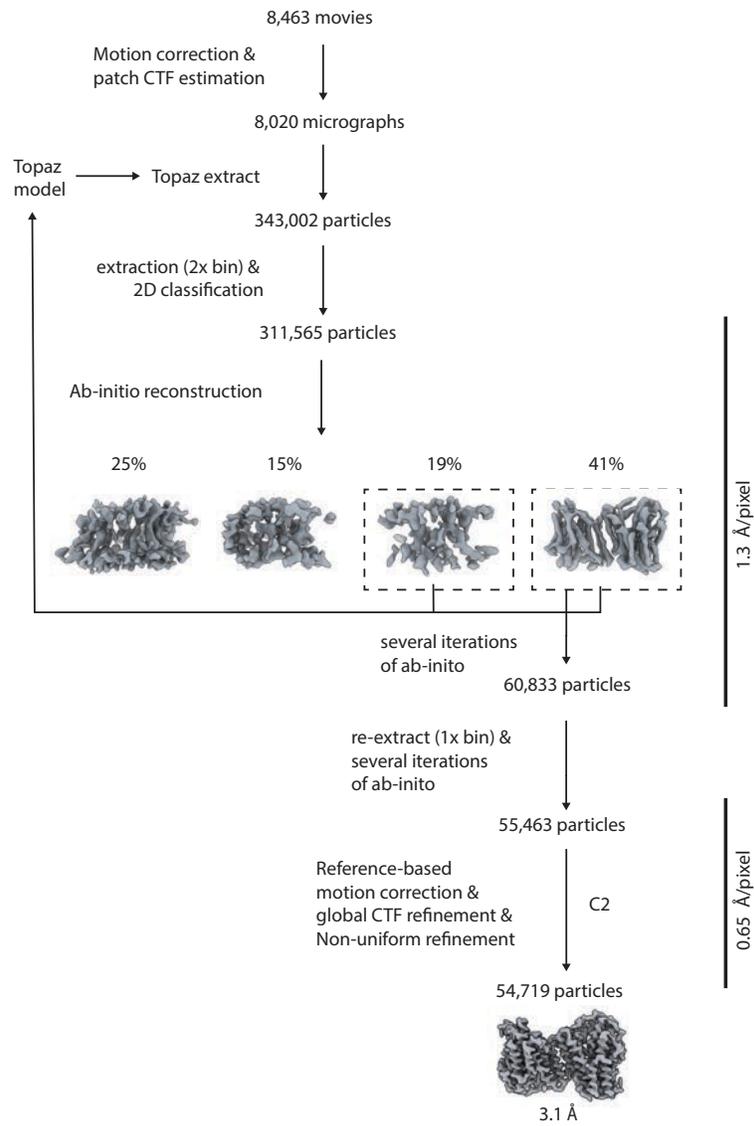


Figure 12. Cryo-EM data processing workflow for Sb^{III}-bound *LfArsB* structure in cryoSPARC.

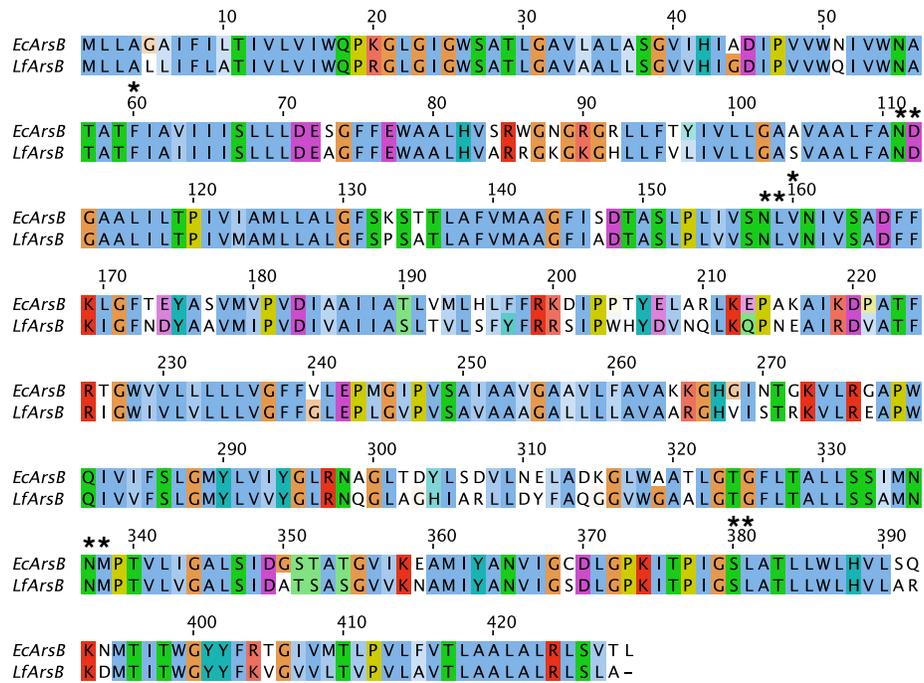


Figure 13. Sequence alignment of *EcArsB* and *LfArsB* prepared and visualized using Jalview¹. Conserved residues of the metalloid-binding pocket are indicated with an asterisk (*) above the residue.

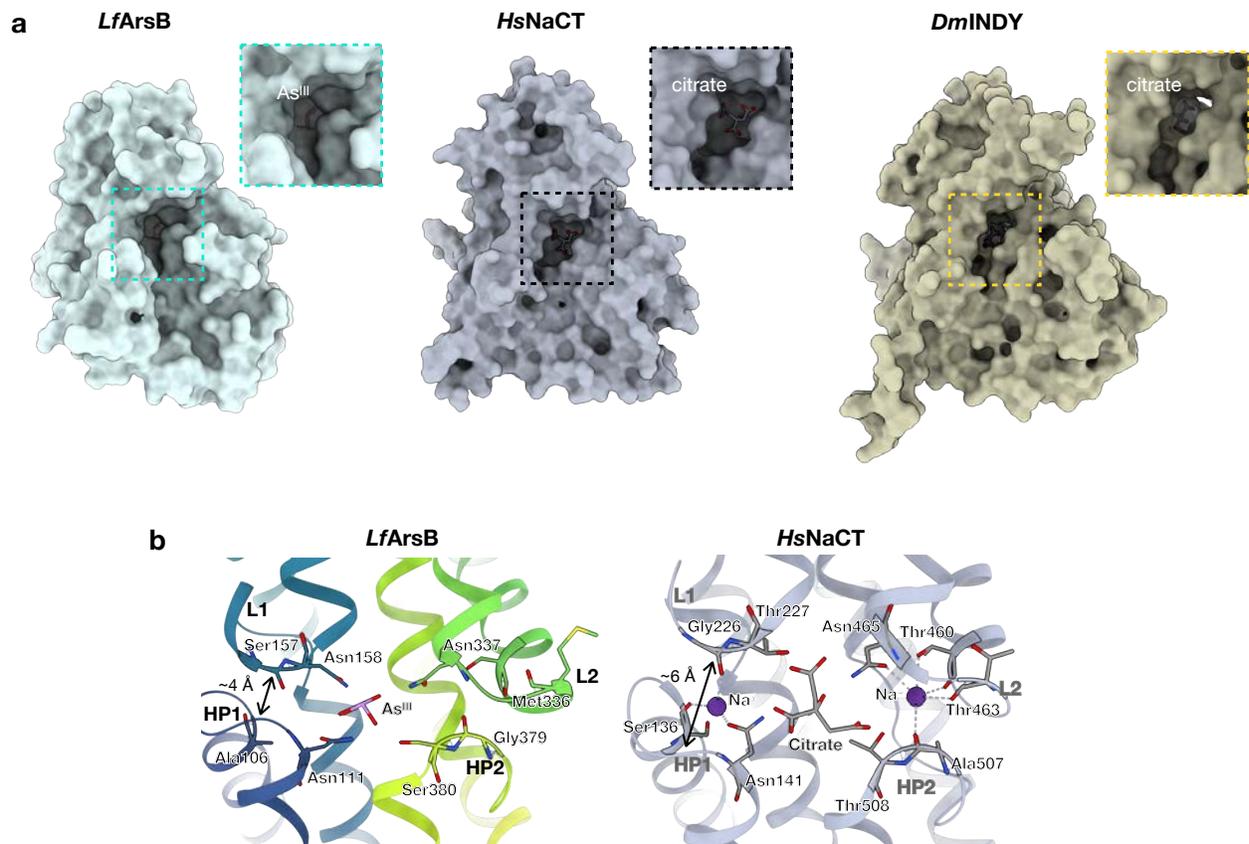


Figure 14. Comparison of substrate-binding pockets of *LfArsB* (inward), *HsNaCT* (inward-open), and *DmINDY* (inward-occluded). **a** Surface representation in cytoplasmic view highlighting the size of the substrate-binding pocket in each structure. **b** Substrate interaction residues and helix-loop motif residues for Na^+ interaction in *LfArsB* and *HsNaCT*.

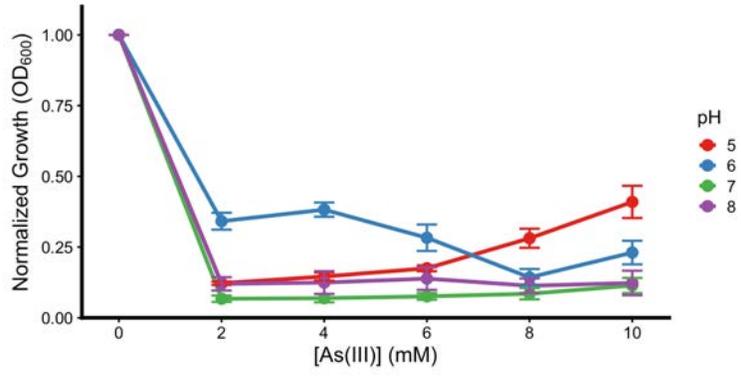


Figure 15. External pH-dependence of As^{III} resistance conferred by empty pRSFdeIT7 vector in AW3110 cells.

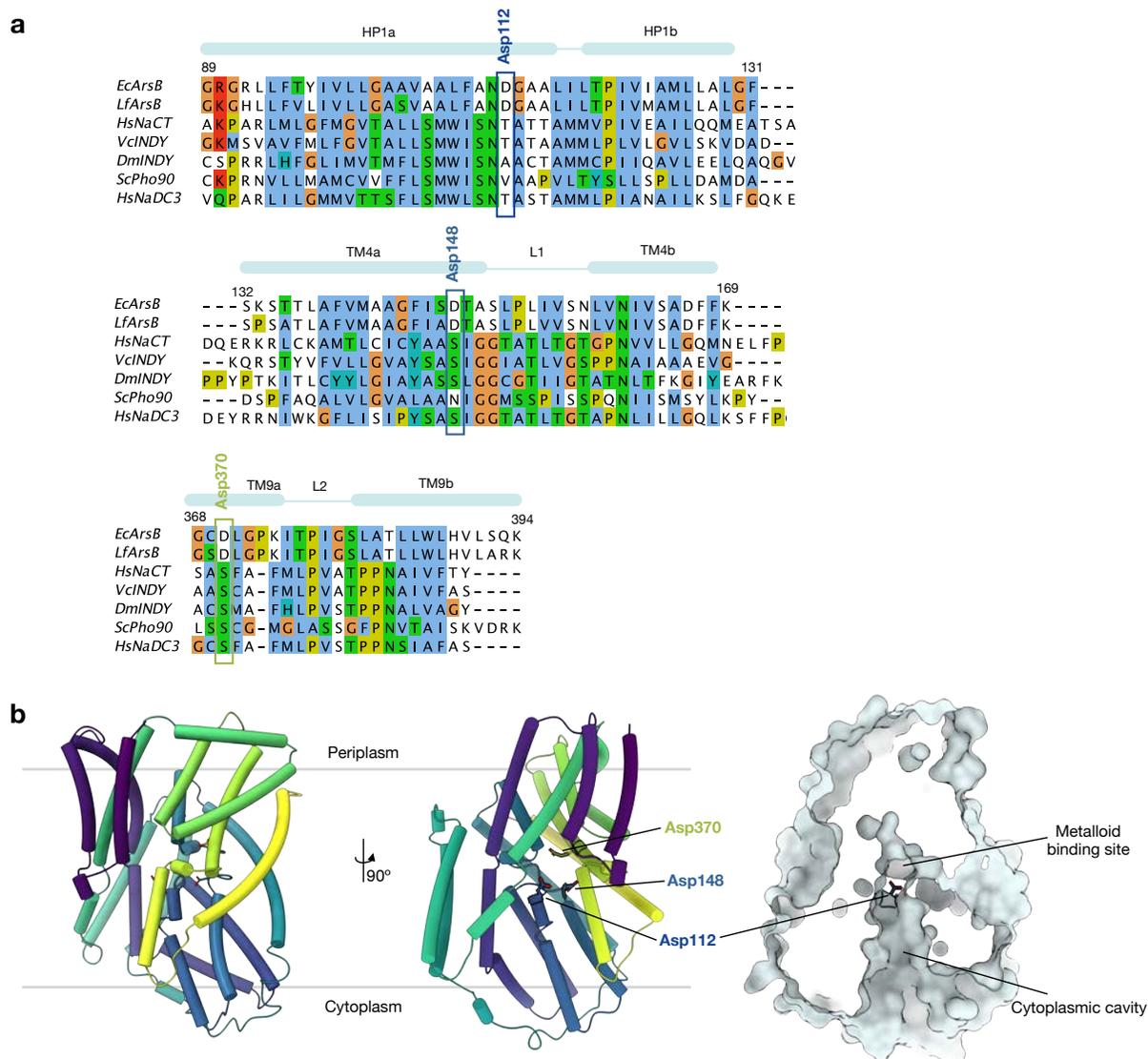


Figure 16. H⁺-coupling mechanism of *LfArsB*. **a** Sequence alignment of *ArsB* and representative DASS transporters, highlighting that the putative H⁺-coupling Asp residues are not found beyond *ArsB* sequences. Alignment was prepared using structure-based sequence alignment (Promals3D²) and visualized in Jalview¹. Representative sequence limits shown correspond to *ArsB* sequences. **b** Positions of H⁺-coupling Asp residues (Asp112, Asp148 and Asp370) in the *LfArsB* ‘inward-facing’ model.

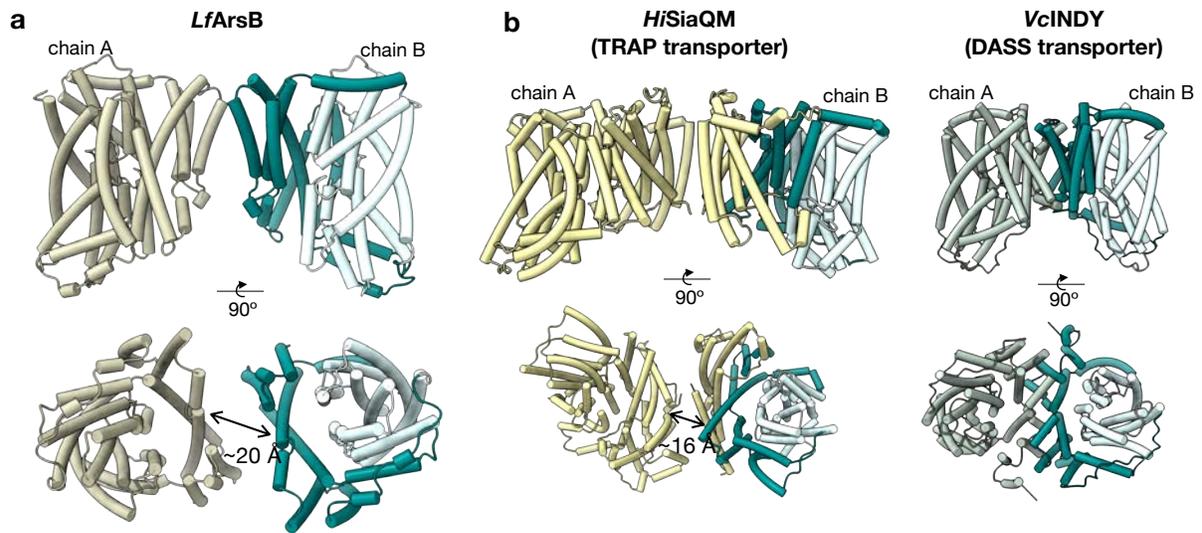


Figure 17. Parallel dimers of **a** *LfArsB*, and **b** TRAP transporter, *SiaQM*, from *H. influenzae* (*HiSiaQM*; PDB 8THI) and DASS transporter, *VcINDY* (PDB 7T9F), in two orientations.

Table 1. Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics.

	<i>LfArsB</i> apo parallel dimer (PDB ID 10TP)	<i>LfArsB</i> apo antiparallel dimer (PDB ID 10TQ)	<i>LfArsB</i> + As ^{III} parallel dimer (PDB ID 10TU)	<i>LfArsB</i> + Sb ^{III} antiparallel dimer (PDB ID 10UA)
Data collection and processing				
Magnification	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Voltage (kV)	300	300	300	300
Electron exposure (e ⁻ /Å ²)	70	70	70	70
Defocus range (μm)	-0.8 to -2.8	-0.8 to -2.8	-0.8 to -2.8	-0.8 to -2.8
Pixel size (Å) (Super-resolution mode)	0.325	0.325	0.325	0.325
Movies	11,686	11,686	4,965	8,463
Total extracted particles	616,321	616,321	316,729	343,002
Final particles	57,278	36,254	37,353	54,719
Symmetry imposed	C2	C2	C2	C2
Map resolution (Å) (FSC 0.143 cut-off)	3.6	3.1	3.2	3.1
Refinement				
Initial model used	<i>LfArsB</i> AlphaFold model	<i>LfArsB</i> AlphaFold model	<i>LfArsB</i> AlphaFold model	<i>LfArsB</i> AlphaFold model
Model composition:				
Protein residues	856	856	856	856
Ligands			As(OH) ₃	Sb(OH) ₃
Map sharpening <i>B</i> factor (Å ²)	-117	-112	-92	-119
R.m.s. deviations:				
Bond lengths (Å)	0.007	0.008	0.008	0.007
Bond angles (°)	0.687	0.703	0.603	0.587
Validation				
MolProbity score	1.30	1.30	1.46	1.54
Clashscore	5.61	5.53	5.68	5.68
Poor rotamers (%)	0	0	0	0
Ramachandran plot:				
Favored (%)	98.4	98.4	97.2	96.5
Allowed (%)	1.6	1.6	2.8	3.5
Outliers (%)	0	0	0	0

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