

pseudo-free CC of the unambiguous solution were 67%, 93% and 70.0%, respectively, compared to 38%, 84% and 54.6% for the enantiomorph. The unambiguous solution was then analysed to decide which of the 11 sites corresponded to the 10 Se sites of RNase Z. Non-crystallographic symmetry (NCS) operations from 11 heavy atom sites were found automatically using FINDNCS^{22,26}. This results in one NCS for a maximum of 8 matching pairs. The 8 Se positions were refined and phasing was performed with CNS¹³. The resulting phases were extended to 2.2 Å using the CNS density modification procedure. These phases were used to begin automatic model building and refinement using warpNtrace²⁷ and the peak data set with a resolution of 2.1 Å. The resulting ARP model contained 69.4% of the dimer's backbone atoms and 47.5% of the RNase Z sequence. The R_{factor} and R_{free} values for the refinement at this step were 27.1% and 34.1%, respectively.

The initial model provided by ARP was completed and adjusted with the program O²⁸, first with the solvent-flattened MAD map, then with the combined model and experimental phases (as calculated by CNS). Refinement was performed using CNS and the peak data set at 2.1 Å resolution. Standard protocols of structure refinement with experimental phases (Hendrickson-Lattman coefficients from MAD phasing), including energy minimization, both before and after simulated annealing (using torsion angle dynamics), bulk solvent correction and anisotropic B-factors (applies the isotropic component of the correction to the model and the anisotropic component to the observed data) were used. Each round of refinement was alternated with a round of manual refitting using the cross-validated, sigma-A weighted, phase combined $2F_o - F_c$ and $F_o - F_c$ maps. Progress in the model refinement was evaluated by decrease in the free R-factor.

The current model includes 566 residues (1–158, 197–307 for the A subunit, and 1–236, 247–307 for the B subunit), two Zn²⁺ ions, a phosphate ion and 176 water molecules. Residues 159–196 of the A subunit and 237–246 of the B subunit were not visible in the electronic density maps, and are omitted in the final molecular model. Superposition of 518 α -carbon atoms from the A and B subunits (residues 1–158, 197–236 and 247–307) results in an r.m.s.d. of 1.76 Å.

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