## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Table 2D Constitution of metal coordination groups.
(i) Composition of metal coordination groups in $30 \%$ cull set with duplicate chains excluded*.

| Numbers with total metal coordination number, N , in coordination groups with two or more protein dono |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | $\geq 8$ | all N |
| Ca | 2 | 6 | 13 | 36 | 110 | 22 | 1 | 190 |
| Mg | 3 | 8 | 7 | 16 | 46 | 1 | - | 81 |
| Mn | - | - | 3 | 13 | 18 | 3 | - | 37 |
| Fe | - | - | 12 | 10 | 15 | - | - | 37 |
| Cu | - | 9 | 17 | 11 | - | - | - | 37 |
| Zn | 7 | 19 | 89 | 31 | 3 | - | - | 149 |
| Na | 2 | 5 | 6 | 14 | 13 | 2 | - | 42 |
| K | - | 2 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 28 |


| Num | ith |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | 0** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | all N |
| Ca | 11 | 27 | 29 | 26 | 45 | 61 | 27 | 2 | 228 |
| Mg | 54 | 71 | 41 | 31 | 6 | 3 | - | - | 206 |
| Mn | 5 | 6 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 1 | - | - | 48 |
| Fe | 1 | 24 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 5 | 2 | - | 62 |
| Cu | - | 1 | 1 | 21 | 14 | 1 | - | - | 38 |
| Zn | 2 | 33 | 21 | 51 | 76 | - | - | - | 184 |
| Na | 4 | 28 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 6 | - | 1 | 74 |
| K | 4 | - | 8 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 32 |


| Num | , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | all N |
| Ca | 51 | 60 | 39 | 26 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 190 |
| Mg | 10 | 12 | 9 | 25 | 24 | 1 | - | 81 |
| Mn | 1 | 3 | 15 | 13 | 4 | 1 | - | 37 |
| Fe | 12 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 4 | - | - | 37 |
| Cu | 17 | 17 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 37 |
| Zn | 71 | 59 | 18 | 1 | - | - | - | 149 |
| Na | 12 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 3 | - | - | 42 |
| K | 5 | 5 | 11 | 5 | - | 2 | - | 28 |

* Allowance has not been made here for the cases where a metal is coordinated by donor groups or solvent molecules which are in neighbouring asymmetric units in the crystal, related by symmetry to those in the PDB file. The numbers are small.
** These could be related to duplicate chains, there is no criterion on which to exclude them; the large numbers for Mg relate to protein/DNA complexes, and/or phosphate complexes.
(ii) Distribution of chelate loop sizes.

| seqdif | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $6-$ | $11-$ | $20-$ | $30-$ | $50-$ | $100-$ | $200-$ | all |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10 | 19 | 29 | 49 | 99 | 199 | 499 |  |
| Ca | 31 | 56 | 237 | 68 | 14 | 38 | 16 | 29 | 28 | 48 | 22 | 16 | 3 | 606 |
| Zn | 9 | 9 | 37 | 69 | 29 | 13 | 26 | 38 | 30 | 31 | 40 | 18 | 5 | 354 |
| $\mathrm{Mg}, \mathrm{Fe}, \mathrm{Cu}$ | 2 | 30 | 56 | 35 | 25 | 24 | 12 | 24 | 34 | 47 | 54 | 34 | 16 |  |
| $\mathrm{Na}, \mathrm{K}$ | 16 | 19 | 37 | 30 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 3 |  |

(iii) Most commonly occurring chelate loops for each metal. Lists of all chelate loops for each metal are in Table 2W (at http://tanna.bch.ed.ac.uk/arch/).

| metal | total number coordination groups | number of donor pairs | commonest and | chelate loops (number) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ca | 190 | 606 | DD 2 (35) | DO 1 (19) | OE 5 (27) | OD 0 (12) |  |
|  |  |  | DN 2 (16) | DO 2 (38) | OO 2 (38) | OD 2 (32) | [ON 2 (6)] |
|  |  |  |  | NO 2 (15) | OO 3 (20) | OD 3 (12) | [ON 3 (6)] |
| Mg | 81 | 133 | DD 2 (7) | OO 3 (14) |  |  |  |
| Mn | 37 | 76 | DD 2 (4) | DO 1 (3) |  |  |  |
| Fe | 37 | 96 | EH 3 (7) | HH 5 (4) | CC 3 (5) | (non-haem, | non Fe/S) |
| Cu | 37 | 88 | HH 2 (6) | HM 5 (5) | CH 4 (4) | CH 5 (6) | CC 4 (5) |
| Zn | 149 | 354 | HH 2 (11) | HH 4 (16) | CC 2 (9) | CC 3 (53) | CC 5 (9) |
| Na | 42 | 93 | OO 1 (4) | OO 2 (12) | OO 3 (16) |  |  |
| K | 28 | 78 | OO 1 (8) | OO 2 (5) | OO 3 (5) | OD 2 (3) | OT 0 (4) |

Table 4 D (i) Conformations of most commonly occurring Ca chelate loops. The conformations are defined by letters as in Fig 2(b), The range of conformations within a group is indicated by the (sample) standard deviation, s.d., of the torsion angles $\phi, \psi$ within the group. The local conformation is that from relseq $=-10$, to 10 amino-acids beyond the end of the chelate loop. (Small discrepancies between the numbers of chelate loops found here and in Table 2 f ) are due to the different ways of dealing with duplicate chains in the asymmetric unit.)

| Ca | No. | conformation and number in each | s.d. of $\phi, \psi\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | fold families | local <br> confns. same? | example <br> (and resolution/Å) | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DO 2 | 38 | 25 kgb | 10-17 | various | various | 2 pvb at 94A (0.9) |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 13- \\ & \text { ring } \end{aligned}$ |  | 13 bkb or bab | 19-38 | various | various | 1 nls at 10 (0.94) |  |
| NO 2 | 13 | 8 kgb | 10-14 | more than one | various | 1 bfd at 455 (1.6) | like Ca DO 2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 13- \\ & \text { ring } \end{aligned}$ |  | 5 xkb | 8-14 | more than one | various | 1 gci at 79 (0.78) | like Ca DO 2 |
| DD 2 | 28 | 15 dak | 10-21 | mostly same | mostly same | 2pvb at 51A (0.91) | 1st dpair** in 2225 |
| 14- <br> ring |  | 8 kgk | 9-11 | mostly same | most same | $2 p v b$ at 92A (0.91) | clear subsets |
|  |  | 3 bkb or bdb 2 misc | 2-5 | all same | all same |  |  |


| DN 2 | 15 | 9 dak or bak | 7-17 | various | most same | 1 gca at 134 (1.7) | like Ca DD 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14- |  | 5 kgk | 8-12 | all same | all same | 1 g 4 y at 58R (1.6) | like Ca DD 2 |
| ring |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 bbb |  |  |  |  |  |


| 002 | 40 | 16 kb | 9-23 | various | various | $\begin{aligned} & 1 i 76 \text { at } 169 \mathrm{~A} \\ & (1.20) \end{aligned}$ | clear subsets, see **** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10ring |  | 11 bj | 8-22 | various | various | $\begin{aligned} & 1 i 76 \text { at } 155 \mathrm{~A} \\ & (1.20) \end{aligned}$ | clear subsets, see **** |
|  |  | 9 jb | 7-27 | some same | some | 1 gci at 79 (0.78) | clear subsets |
|  |  |  |  |  | same |  |  |
|  |  | 3 m |  |  |  |  |  |


| $O D O$ | 12 | 5 b | ( $\psi$ ) 9 | mostly same | various | $2 m s b$ at 206A (1.7) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7-ring |  | 7 a | ( $\psi$ ) 9 | various | various | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{pa} 2 \text { at } 43 \mathrm{~A} \\ & (1.45) \end{aligned}$ |  |
| OS/T | 13 | 4 k | ( $\psi$ ) 5 | various | various | 1pa2 at 170A |  |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  | (1.45) |  |
| 6-ring |  | 9 b or d | (\%) 30 | various | various | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{~d} 2 \mathrm{v} \text { at } 168 \mathrm{C} \\ & (1.75) \end{aligned}$ | range of conformations |
| 003 | 21 | 6 kkb | 4-12 | various | some same | 2btc at 72E (1.50) | \} three are fairly close i.e. |
| 13- |  | 4 akb | 5-11 | various | various | 1slu at 72B (1.8) | \} subsets of one confn |
| ring |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 4 aab | 9-26 | various | some same | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{~g} 5 \mathrm{c} \text { at } 118 \mathrm{~F} \\ & (2.10) \end{aligned}$ | \} with s.d. $11-30^{\circ}$ |
|  |  | 7 misc |  |  |  |  |  |
| OD 2 | 32 | 27 bb, ba, bd | 16-31 | various | various | see Table 4 W | clear subsets, s.d. 4-10 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
|  |  | 5 misc |  |  |  |  |  |
| ring |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OE 2 | 8 | 7 ba or bd | 4-17 |  | various | 2pvb at 57A (0.9 A) | like Ca OD 2 counterparts |
| ring |  | 1 misc |  |  |  |  |  |
| DO 1 | 19 | 17 bb | 19-35 |  | various | 2sus at 40 (1.50 A) | clear subsets s.d. 4-13 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| 10- |  | 2 misc |  |  |  |  |  |
| ring |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | al one | re first chela are second ap at 253P |  | 225 coordinati a 2225 coor ation, and at 3 |  | hand) <br> (EF hand) <br> ormation(1.64A reso | tion) |

(Table 4 D continued)
(ii) Distribution of conformations of most commonly occurring Zn chelate loops - details as in Table 6(a)

| Zn | No | conformatio n | s.d. of $\phi, \psi\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | fold families | local confns. | example (and resolution/Å) | comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | and |  |  | same ? |  |  |
|  |  | number |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | in each |  |  |  |  |  |


| CC 2 | 9 | 6 bkd | $15-22$ | $?$ | no |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |$\quad 1 \mathrm{~h} 7 \mathrm{n}$ at $133 \mathrm{~A}(1.6)$


| CC 3 $14-$ | 50** | 47 baak or baaa | 9-26 | various | no | 1 vfy at 176A (1.15) <br> 1 vfy at 222A (1.15) | ) two clear subsets, <br> ) s.d. $<11^{\circ}$, rest between |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ring |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 3 agab | 4-21 |  |  | 1 het at 97A (1.15) |  |
| CC 5 | 10 | 5 bkbakb | 4-18 | ? | no | 1ali at 107A (1.6) |  |
| 17- |  | 2 kgbaad |  |  |  |  |  |
| ring |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(Table 4 D continued)
(iii) Examples of conformations in other less common chelate loops for Zn and Ca

|  | X or XX | number | conformation |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Zn XX 3 | CH, HC, HD, HE | 7 | baaa | like Zn CC 3 |

Fig. 5D One protein chain may provide the donors for more than one metal coordination group; sometimes the two metal atoms are close, as a result of the sharing of donor groups. These schemes a)-f) illustrate the interactions found when Zn ... Zn approaches between 3 and $6 \AA$ were investigated, and $\mathrm{Ca} . . \mathrm{Ca}$ between 3 and $7.5 \AA$.
a) is found in $1 \mathrm{zme}, 1 \mathrm{hwt}, \mathrm{Zn} . . \mathrm{Zn}$ distance $\sim 3.0 \AA$.
b) is found in 1lam, 1ush with distances $3.0,3.3 \AA$
c) is found in 1cg2, 1bf6, 1aol, 1ah7, 1ak0 with distances $3.3-3.7 \AA$.
d) is found in 1qtw, 1qh5, 1amp with distances 3.4-3.5 $\AA$.
e) is found in $1 \mathrm{rmd}, 4 \mathrm{mt} 2$ with distance $3.9 \AA$.
f) is found in1hzy, 1j79, 1qq9, 1ew2 with distances 3.4 - $4.0 \AA$.

In 1sml there are two water molecules shared, giving a Zn ... Zn distance $3.5 \AA$.
In five cases with Zn ... Zn in the range 4-6 $\AA$ there was no obvious shared group, and in 1 bOn an imidazole appears to be shared, giving $\mathrm{Zn} . . \mathrm{Zn} 5.8$ Å.
There are fewer examples of close Ca...Ca approaches, and they all involve the sharing of carboxylate groups as in b), c) or d).
When two or three carboxylate groups are shared, Ca...Ca distances are 3.9-4.5 Å: 1acc, 1e43 (2), 1q0h, $1 \mathrm{nls}, 1 \mathrm{sac}, 2 \mathrm{msb}$.
When only one carboxylate group is shared the distances are longer: 4.7-5.2 A in 1 kap ( 4 examples), 6.6 $\AA$ in 1ava.

cys
a)

c)
d)

non-protein
small molecule

f)

Fig. 5D

