

**Table S1 - Crystallographic data collection and refinement.**

PDB-ID	RcCHAD 6QV5	CtCHAD – apo (sulfate) 6QV7	CtCHAD – polyP 6QVA
<b>Data collection</b>			
Space group	<i>P</i> 6 <sub>1</sub> 2 2	<i>I</i> 2 2 2	<i>I</i> 2 2 2
Cell dimensions			
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	116.4, 116.4, 119.3	69.5, 95.7, 102.8	69.4, 97.0, 106.4
$\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ (°)	90, 90, 120	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 90
Resolution (Å)	41.65 – 2.30 (2.44 – 2.30)	36.80 – 1.72 (1.82 – 1.72)	19.70 – 2.05
$R_{meas}$ <sup>#</sup>	0.172 (3.68)	0.074 (2.21)	0.155 (2.35)
CC(1/2) <sup>#</sup>	0.99 (0.50)	1.0 (0.50)	1.0 (0.43)
$I/\sigma I$ <sup>#</sup>	15.5 (1.0)	16.0 (1.0)	14.1 (1.1)
Completeness (%) <sup>#</sup>	99.9 (99.6)	100 (99.8)	99.6 (99.6)
Redundancy <sup>#</sup>	21.2 (21.5)	7.0 (7.1)	13.3 (13.2)
Wilson B-factor <sup>#</sup>	62.5	39.3	46.1
<b>Refinement</b>			
Resolution (Å)	41.65 – 2.30	36.8 – 1.72	19.70 – 2.05
No. reflections	21,737	70,305	21,397
$R_{work}/ R_{free}$ <sup>§</sup>	0.232 / 0.242	0.189 / 0.222	0.208 / 0.255
No. atoms			
protein	2,237	2,584	2,518
ligand	5	88	71
solvent	27	179	68
Res. B-factors <sup>§</sup>			
protein	84.2	42.6	49.7
ligand	74.8	71.6	98.2
solvent	56.0	51.4	49.5
R.m.s deviations <sup>§</sup>			
bond lengths (Å)	0.011	0.01	0.01
bond angles (°)	1.49	1.07	1.73
Ramachandran plot <sup>§</sup> :			
most favored regions (%)	98.25	99.36	98.70
outliers (%)	0	0	0
MolProbity score <sup>§</sup>	1.25	1.24	1.01

Highest resolution shell is shown in parenthesis.

<sup>#</sup>as defined in XDS (Kabsch, 1993)

<sup>†</sup>as defined in autoBUSTER (Global Phasing Limited) (RcCHAD), phenix.refine (Adams *et al*, 2010) (CtCHAD apo) or Refmac5 (Murshudov *et al*, 1997) (CtCHAD - polyP)

<sup>§</sup>as defined in Molprobity (Davis *et al*, 2007)