

(a) Sample details			
Organism	MS2 VLP <i>Escherichia phage MS2</i>	Bacteriophage MS2 <i>Escherichia phage MS2</i>	MS2 RNA <i>Escherichia phage MS2</i>
Source (Catalogue No. or reference)	E.Coli Expression Plasmid synthesised by ATUM	ATCC® 15597-B1™	Sigma-Roche 10165948001
Description: sequence	P03612	N/A	N/A
Molecular mass $M$ from chemical composition (Da)	13728 Da (2.48MDa as VLP)	3.7MDa	1.6 M Da
Solvent composition and source	50mM Tris HCl pH 7.5 150mM NaCl	50mM Tris HCl pH 7.5 150mM NaCl	50mM Tris HCl pH 7.5 150mM NaCl (1mM MgCl <sub>2</sub> )
(b) SAS data collection parameters			
Source, instrument and description or reference	Advanced Photon Source: BioCat		
Wavelength (Å)	10.3 Å		
Sample to detector distance	3.69m		
$q$ -measurement range	0.01-0.35 Å		
Basis for normalization to constant counts	Diode		
Sample temperature (°C)	22°C		
(c) Software employed for SAS data reduction, analysis and interpretation			
SAS data reduction to sample–solvent scattering, and extrapolation, merging, desmearing <i>etc.</i> as relevant	BioXTAS RAW		
Basic analyses: Guinier, $P(r)$	BioXTAS RAW; ATSAS GNOM		
Shape/bead modelling	ATSAS: MONSA & DAMMIF		
Molecular graphics	USCF CHIMMERA		

<i>(e)</i> MONSA Modelling					
<i>Bacterophage MS2</i> <i>at:</i>	<b>0%</b> <b>Sucrose</b>	<b>40%</b> <b>Sucrose</b>	<b>50%</b> <b>Sucrose</b>	<b>60%</b> <b>Sucrose</b>	<b>65%</b> <b>Sucrose</b>
<i>q</i> -range for fitting	0.005- 0.35	0.005-0.35	0.005- 0.35	0.01-0.35	0.01-0.35
Symmetry/anisotropy assumptions	None	None	None	None	None
<i>c</i> <sup>2</sup> value/range	2.65	5.05	4.88	6.3	12.3
<b>Multiphase Properties</b>		<b>Rg:</b>		<b>Volume:</b>	
Protein Phase Properties		114.9		6.30E+06	
RNA Phase Properties		96.52		5.10E+06	