Supplementary Information

Improved protein structure refinement guided by deep learning based accuracy estimation

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Supplementary Figures

*Supplementary Figure 1: Example estograms and C*ᵦ *l-DDT score prediction from DeepAccNet Standard, Bert* and MSA. Model predictions for the same set of decoys from Figure 2 (3lhnA, 4gmqA, 3hixA; size 108, 92 and 94 respectively). The first column shows true maps of errors, the second to fourth columns show predicted maps of errors, and the last column shows predicted and true C_β I-DDT scores. The i, j element of the error map is the expectation of actual or predicted estograms between residues i and j in the model and native structure. Red and blue indicate that the pair of residues are too far apart and too close, respectively. The color density shows the magnitude of expected errors.

Supplementary Figure 2. a) Comparison of the variants of DeepAccNet and distance-only network on predicted estograms (top) and $C₆$ l-DDT scores (bottom). Each dot represents the loss for a single protein averaged over all decoys. Lower loss values indicate better performance. Estograms are evaluated by cross-entropy loss, and per residue Cᵦ l-DDT scores are evaluated by mean-squared error. **b**) Test estogram loss plotted against four conditions; sequence separation, input distance, input variability (standard deviation of input distance across decoys from the same target), and output variability (entropy of true estogram across decoys from the same target). The loss values are binned in terms of x-axis properties. The mean value at each bin is shown on the y-axis, and the range of one z-score is shown with the shaded area. **cd**) Dependence of C_B I-DDT score loss on true C_B I-DDT per-model (**c**) and

per residue (**d**). Loss values are binned in terms of the true C_ß I-DDT scores. The mean of loss values at each bin is shown on the y-axis as a solid line, and the range of one Z-score is shown with the shaded area. **e**) Dependence of estogram (left) and C_6 l-DDT score per residue (right) loss on protein size. Each dot is an average loss value for a single target protein over all decoys.

Supplementary Figure 3. ab) Predicted C_β I-DDT by DeepAccNet-Bert (**a**) and DeepAccNet-MSA (**b**) correlates with resolutions for X-ray structures (left; Spearman-r 0.43 and 0.44 with p-value < 0.0001 for the Bert and MSA variants, respectively), X-ray structures of transmembrane proteins (middle; Spearman-r 0.73 and 0.74 with p-value < 0.0001 for the Bert and MSA variants, respectively), and cryoEM structures (right; Spearman-r 0.82 and 0.84 with p-value < 0.0001 for the Bert and MSA variants, respectively). **cd**) X-ray structures have higher predicted I-DDT values by DeepAccNet-Bert and -MSA than NMR structures.

Supplementary Figure 4. DAN-Bert and DAN-Standard outperform DAN-MSA when protein has no homologous sequence information. a) Global EMA results of 6 targets from CASP14 which had no homologous sequence (UniClust30^{[1](https://paperpile.com/c/LNUIv0/aO6cB)} January 2020). For each target, Spearman-r between the predicted and the actual C_B I-DDT across 150 models generated by CASP14 participants is shown. left) DAN-MSA versus DAN-Standard, right) DAN-MSA versus DAN-Bert; DAN-MSA on the x-axis and the other on the y-axis. **b**) Scatter plots of EMA results by DAN-variants on a CASP14 EMA target T1043 (highlighted by purple circles in the panel (a).

Supplementary Figure 5. Comparison of the performance of single model accuracy estimation (EMA) methods on CAMEO data. (Top, middle) Performance of local accuracy estimation measured by the mean of area under receiver operator characteristic (ROC, top) curve and precision-recall curve (PR, middle) for predicting mis-modeled residues per sample (all-atom l-DDT< 0.6). Error bars show standard deviation. (Bottom) Performance of global accuracy estimation measured by the mean of the Spearman correlation coefficient (*r*-value) of predicted and actual global l-DDT scores. Since the number of models per target was small, correlation was measured globally across all targets. The blue horizontal lines show the value of DeepAccNet-Standard. The methods to the left of the dotted line do not use coevolutionary information. Quasi-single models are shown in pink.

Supplementary Figure 6. Performances of the methods on CASP13 refinement category targets. Improvements in all-atom l-DDT scores over starting models are shown. Two leading groups in CASP13, Feig and Baker, are brought in for the comparison against refinement with DeepAccNet; Feig group ran long MD simulations, while BAKER group ran the non-DL refinement method presented in the main text with subsequent short MD simulations. Net all-atom l-DDT changes for both of these groups range within 3~4%, compared to 7% by DeepAccNet-guided refinement. 9 targets from the CASP13 refinement category are removed from the analysis for which the native structures contain heavy oligomeric contacts or are determined at low resolutions (>3Å).

Supplementary Figure 7. Detailed analyses of refinement results. a) Actual and predicted model accuracy improvements throughout the refinement trajectory. Model quality (actual in blue and predicted in gray, C_6 l-DDT is used for direct comparison), averaged over 73 benchmark cases, is shown through the refinement process. Points and bars show the model1 quality and the quality range of 50 models in the pool, respectively. **b**) 3-state secondary structure type at the reconstructed regions (H:helix, E:extended, C:coil). Residue-wise fractions of each type are plotted according to the native structure (left) and to the starting model structure (middle), respectively. (right) Pre-refinement l-DDT values at reconstructed regions and the rest preserved regions, shown in red and blue colors, respectively (average by circles; standard deviations by error bars). **c**) Breakdown of accuracy improvements by secondary structure types. Light colored boxes represent improvements without DeepAccNet-Standard, while darker regions of the boxes represent additional improvements gained with DeepAccNet-Standard; these are calculated over the complete benchmark set. (left panel) Similar improvements are observed across secondary structure types. (right panel) Improvements in model secondary structure accuracy are evaluated on 3- or 8-states following DSSP annotations [2](https://paperpile.com/c/LNUIv0/GvcwK) ; improvements are evident in both 3 state and 8 state local structure prediction. (bottom panel) **d**) Correlation between refinement performance and highest structural/sequence similarity of the target to the training set proteins. (left panel). Correlation between the maximum structural similarity (x-axis) versus the starting/refined model quality (y-axis) shown in TM-score ^{[3](https://paperpile.com/c/LNUIv0/A3pat)}. (right panel) Correlation between the maximum sequence identity (%) versus the refinement performance (in l-DDT change). In both panels, targets highlighted in Figure 4 are shown in colored arrows.

Supplementary Figure 8. Breakdown of Figure 4d: Comparison of refinement performances by EMA methods or extra information utilized. a) Refinement performance with different EMA methods taken during refinement, compared to that of our baseline approach (x-axis) ^{[4,5](https://paperpile.com/c/LNUIv0/NWQ6z+P87Bm)} using model consensus for 1D (region detection) and 2D (residue pair confidence) and Rosetta energy for 0D (global ranking). **b**) Refinement performance gained by providing extra input from Bert and MSA features, compared to DeepAccNet without such extra input features (x-axis).

Supplementary Figure 9. The model quality of the final iteration structural pool and the selected one from the refinement runs using DeepAccNet-Standard, -Bert, and -MSA. 1st and 3rd quartile of the model qualities in the final iteration models shown in cyan bars, their mean in red dots, selected by DeepAccNet (without structural averaging) in blue dots, and individual values in gray crosses.

Supplementary Figure 10. Numbers of samples that participated in loss analysis based on starting l-DDT scores.

Supplementary Figure 11. Assessment of binary correct/incorrect predictions. Actual error values were grouped into correct and incorrect bins. In each panel, a distance is counted as correct if the actual distance error (from that of the native structure) is within a certain range, while a prediction is counted correct if the sum of probability over the given range in the estogram is above the threshold value (x-axis). Error range definitions are [-0.5, 0.5], [-1, 1] , [-2, 2], and [-4, 4] Å from the left to the right panel. The dotted lines show recall values and solid lines show precision values. The grey lines visualize the thresholding of 0.7 used in the downstream refinement process.

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1: Performance of the variants of distance-based networks trained with and without a certain class of features. Performance is measured by cross-entropy for estograms and masks and mean squared error for C_{β} l-DDT scores. For each setting, we ensembled the prediction from four models with the best validation performance from the same training trajectory (see Methods). Columns 2-4 report the quality of the three predictions averaged over all held-out decoy structures. Columns 5-7 report the quality of the predictions on decoys with low true quality (global C_6 l-DDT < 0.7). Columns 8-10 report the quality of the predictions on decoys with high true quality (global C_6 l-DDT > 0.7). The decoys used for evaluation in columns 5-10 are subsets of the decoys used in columns 2-4.

6B17, 3URO, 3TWG, 5DYR, 6HR0, 1P9G, 4G4L, 6EWN, 4HB6, 5JQF, 4U2W, 4HB8, 1MBN, 4HAJ, 1CYC, 1VXB, 3H4N, 2SBT, 1NXB, 4HBF, 1G7V, 2EWI, 1J0O, 2SNS, 4HDL, 3SJ4, 3H34, 4D5M, 1MBS, 1OS6, 2EWU, 1LWK, 1LYZ, 3TRV, 3SJ0, 4Z0W, 1ACX, 1PMK, 3TJW, 1HH5, 1M1R, 6DK5, 2ZVS, 3D6T, 2AOA, 3SEL, 6FM8, 5YP8, 4EFX, 1TGL, 3SJ1, 1TIA, 2EWK, 2XJI, 5HDD, 6CDX, 5VBD, 4HC3, 3NIR, 2YYX, 1HGU

Supplementary Table 2: List of X-ray native structures with low Cᵦ**-lddt despite their high experimental resolution.**

Supplementary Table 3: Significant tests to compare among the DeepAccNet variants. Wilcoxon signed-rank test was used to analyze *1~6 as the distribution of the difference between two variants's means is not assumed to be normally distributed. All differences in means are statistically significant between variants. For *7, we only have one r-value per variant unlike *6. Thus, we applied Fisher's Z transformation and analyzed the statistical significance based on the observed z test statistic.

Supplementary Table 4: Generated features for all 9 major feature classes. Some features are scaled and normalized to a reasonable range. Please refer to the code available at github for further details on the normalization scheme.

Supplementary Table 5: Model architectures for the DeepAccNet. Please refer to the code available at github for further details on the implementation.

Supplementary Table 6: Definitions of tip atoms for each residue.

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