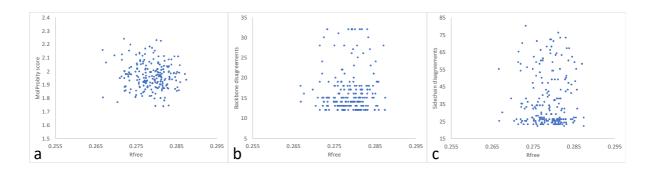


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Adaptive Cartesian and torsional restraints for interactive model rebuilding

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**Figure S1** R-free is not correlated to overall model quality in the 3fyj dataset. Each point represents the result of settling the starting model with adaptive torsion restraints restraints to 3fhr with a unique combination of springConstant, angleRange and alpha. Error bars are standard deviations from triplicate experiments. x-axis: R<sub>free</sub>; y-axes: (a) MolProbity score; (b, c) disagreements in (b) backbone or (c) sidechain conformation between settled model and a manually-rebuilt exemplar.

**Supplementary Movie S1** Recapitulation of reference protein geometry (PDB ID 1a0m with waters removed) from a distorted model using the default distance restraints. The model is first distorted by equilibrating for 50,000 timesteps at 500 K; two atoms in the left-hand chain are restrained to their starting positions to prevent overall drift. Restraints to the original reference coordinates are then added using the command isolde restrain distances #1/A, #1/B template #2/A, #2/B and the temperature is reduced to 100 K. Finally, restraints that fail to converge are resolved with the aid of manual tugging. Working model is shown in stick representation; reference model as cartoon.

**Supplementary Movie S2** Recapitulation of reference RNA geometry (PDB ID 483D with waters removed) from a distorted model using the default distance restraints. The model is first distorted by equilibrating for 50,000 timesteps at 500 K; one atom from each terminal residue is restrained to its starting position to prevent overall drift. Restraints to the original reference coordinates are then added using the command isolde restrain distances #1 template #2 and the temperature is reduced to 100 K. Finally, restraints that fail to converge are resolved with the aid of manual tugging. Working model is displayed in stick representation; reference model as cartoon/filled slabs, coloured by base type.

**Supplementary Movie S3** Example use of adaptive distance restraints in refitting a model into a cryo-EM map of substantially different conformation. An interactive tutorial covering this scenario is available in ISOLDE via the command isolde tut.

**Supplementary Movie S4** Use of adaptive distance restraints to restrain 3fhr to a template model obtained by rebuilding the higher-resolution 3fyf, and initial subsequent steps of manual inspection and rebuilding.