

# Supporting Information

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**Table S1** Mean and standard deviation of four H-bond features in regular secondary structure elements as defined in Figure S5.

Secondary structure for residue pair ( $i, j$ )	Features (mean/standard deviation)			
	$D(O_i, H_j)$	$A(C_i, O_i, H_j)$	$A(O_i, H_j, N_j)$	$T(C_i, O_i, H_j, N_j)$
Helix, $j=i+4$	2.00/0.53	147/10.58	159/11.25	160/25.36
Helix, $j=i+3$	2.85/0.32	89/7.70	111/8.98	-160/7.93
Parallel strands	2.00/0.30	155/11.77	164/11.29	180/68.96
Antiparallel strands	2.00/0.26	151/12.38	163/11.02	-168/69.17

**Table S2.** Summary of modeling results by I-TASSER structure prediction and the follow-up EM density map refinement methods on 5 proteins with experimentally determined experiment maps.

Protein Name	Methods	Resolution (Å)	Predicted structure		Refined structure	
			TM-score	RMSD	TM-score	RMSD
EMD20239_dom1	Flex-EM	3.1	0.734	14.09 Å	0.735	14.01 Å
	Rosetta				0.815	13.94 Å
	EM-Refiner				0.818	13.92 Å
EMD21923_dom2	Flex-EM	3.3	0.756	9.60 Å	0.761	9.58 Å
	Rosetta				0.789	10.95 Å
	EM-Refiner				0.802	9.53 Å
EMD21040_dom1	Flex-EM	3.8	0.719	5.35 Å	0.726	5.31 Å
	Rosetta				0.855	4.09 Å
	EM-Refiner				0.896	3.09 Å
EMD6847_dom1	Flex-EM	4.4	0.811	7.43 Å	0.796	7.19 Å
	Rosetta				0.828	7.88 Å
	EM-Refiner				0.841	7.28 Å
EMD6708_dom2	Flex-EM	3.9	0.540	7.02 Å	0.538	7.09 Å
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	EM-Refiner				0.716	5.10 Å

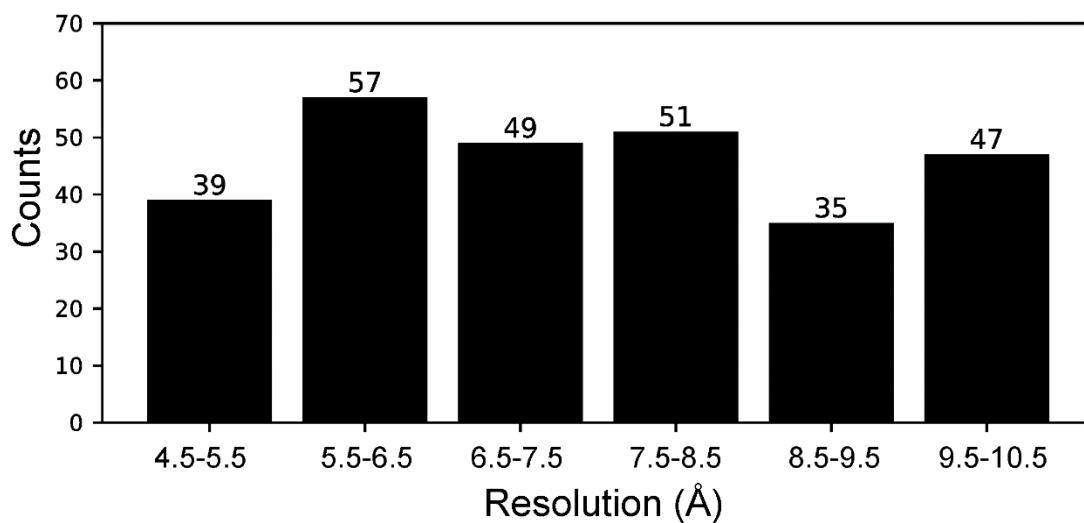
**Table S3.** Summary of the resolution of each single domain protein.

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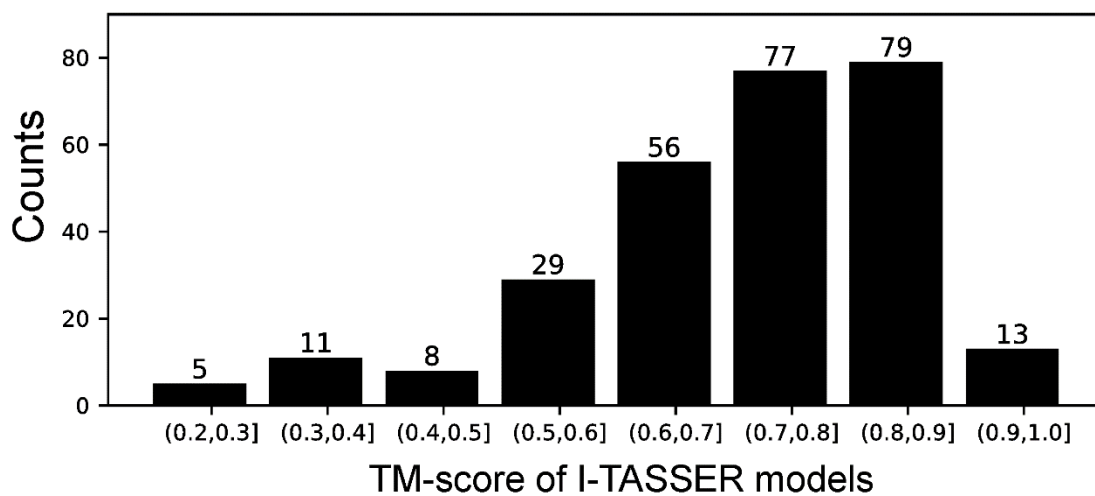
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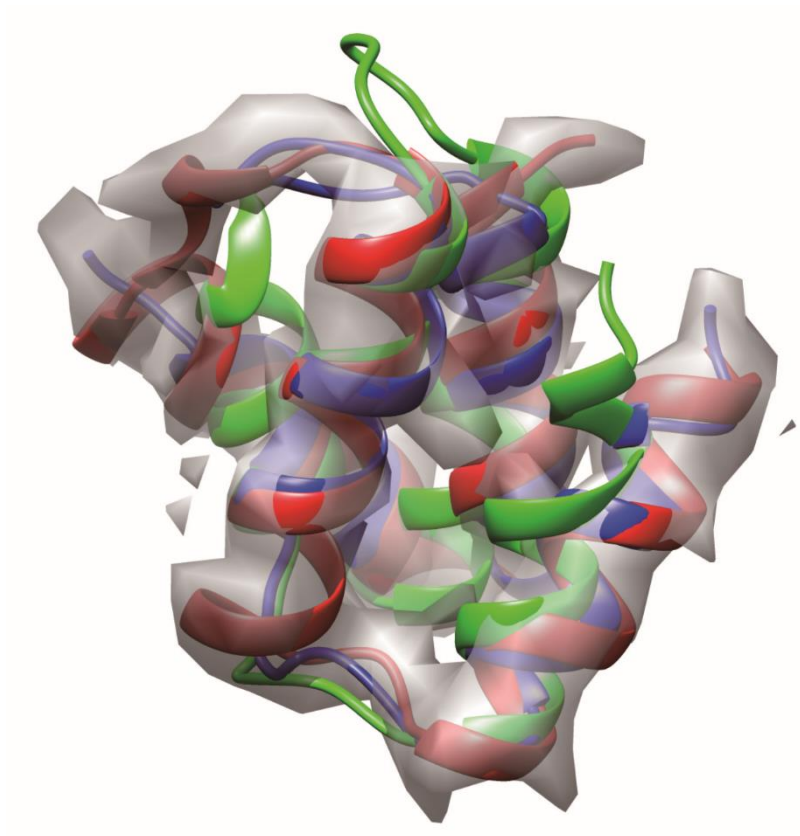
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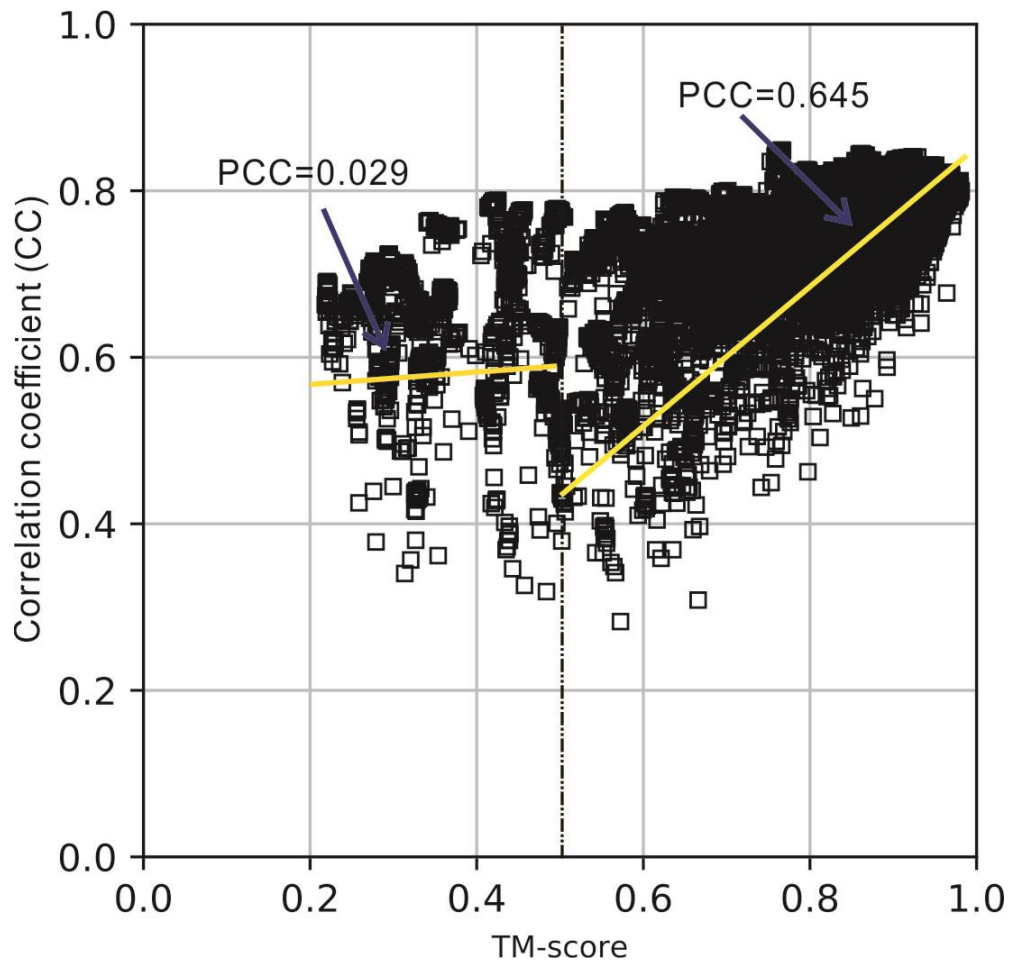
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**Figure S2.** Histogram distribution of the TM-scores of the I-TASSER models for the 278 benchmark test proteins.

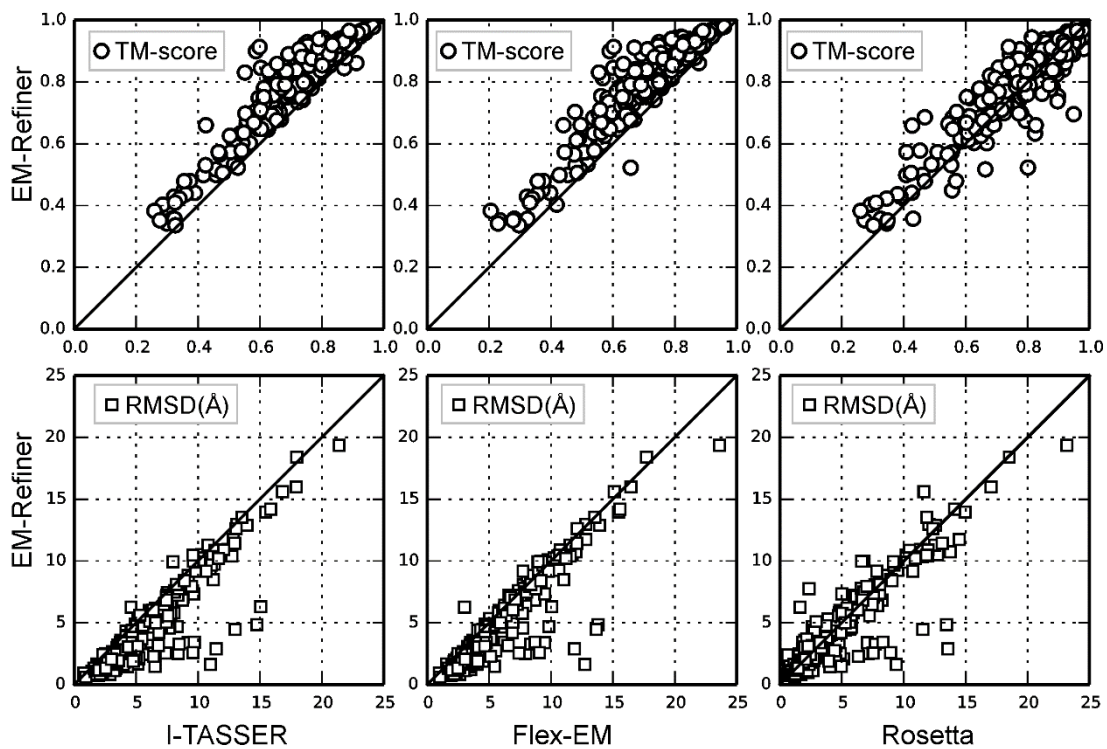


**Figure S3.** An illustrative example of refinement using simulated experimental data for a single domain of 5NV4. Compared with the native model (red), the EM-Refiner model (blue) had a TM-score=0.53 and RMSD=11.522, while the model from I-TASSER (green) had a TM-score=0.37 and an RMSD=12.06.

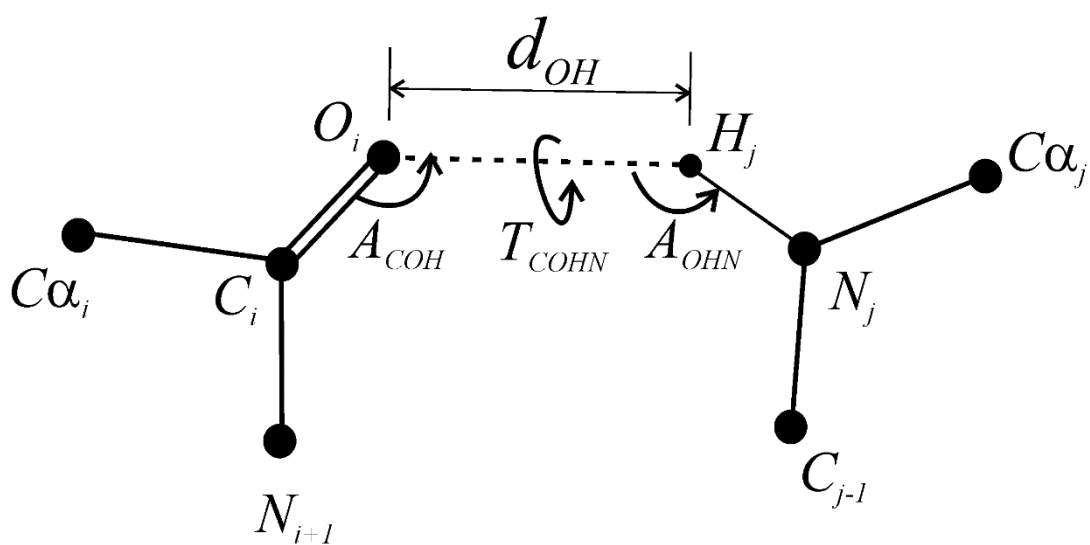


**Figure S4.** Correlation coefficient ( $CC$ ) to the EM density map versus TM-score of the structural decoy conformations generated by EM-Refiner simulations for 278 test proteins. The dashed-dotted line divides the decoys into two regions (TM-score below and above 0.5), where the yellow lines represent the fitting results by linear regression for the samples in the two regions. Pearson correlation coefficients between  $CC$  and TM-score are 0.029 and 0.645, respectively, in the two regions.

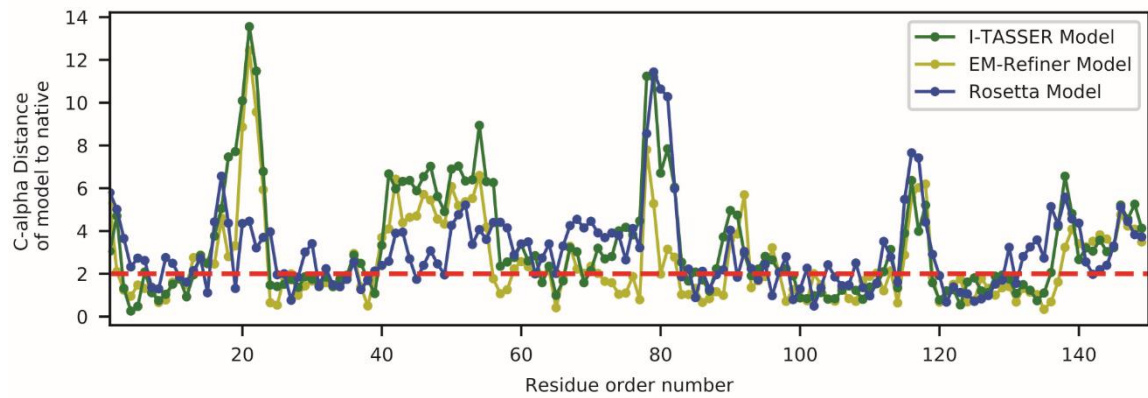




**Figure S5.** Head-to-head comparison of the TM-score (upper row) and RMSD (lower row) of the EM-Refiner models versus the initial predicted models and the two control programs. The model refinement started from the optimal model superposition created by the TM-score program that directly overlays the initial model with the target structure.



**Figure S6.** Illustration of four distance and angle features used by EM-Refiner to calculate the H-bonding potential.



**Figure S7.** Residue-level distance of C-alpha atom pairs between model and native after TM-score superposition. Different curves refer to the models generated by I-TASSER, Rosetta and EM-Refiner respectively.