

6 Summary / Zusammenfassung

Intracellular transport between membrane-enclosed organelles is very important for the proper functioning of all eukaryotic cells. Small molecule transport across membranes is normally mediated by transmembrane transporters or channels. As for macromolecules like proteins, the translocation through membranes can be achieved by vesicle trafficking.

The objective of the first part of my PhD project was to study the structure and organization of the mammalian TRAPP (transport protein particle) complex. TRAPP is a multi-subunit protein complex involved in tethering of vesicles to the Golgi network. In yeast, at least two different types of TRAPP were identified by their different sizes in affinity purification, the small TRAPP I and the larger TRAPP II complex. In mammalian cells only one type of TRAPP was identified so far, with a subunit composition similar to yeast TRAPP II. To continue our group's work on TRAPP I complex, I studied the less well-understood TRAPP II complex, mainly focussing on the two proteins NIBP and Ehoc-1, human orthologs of yeast Trs120p and Trs130p, respectively. A fragment of Ehoc-1 could be produced as recombinant protein in *E. coli*, but could not be studied further with X-ray crystallography, because suitable crystals could not be grown.

Based on co-immunoprecipitation experiments on NIBP and Ehoc-1 fragments and the yeast TRAPP II model, a preliminary model for the mammalian TRAPP complex could be proposed. In this model, the central TRAPP-I like subcomplex is capped on both ends by NIBP and Ehoc-1 and forms a triangular structure. This structure may be further stabilized by interactions between conserved peptide segments from the Ehoc-1 N-terminus and the NIBP C-terminus.

In the second part of this work, a formerly little known yeast TRAPP-associated protein, Tca17, was studied using biochemical and biophysical methods, as well as X-ray crystallography. Though not previously identified as a TRAPP subunit, Tca17 as well as its mammalian ortholog TRAPPC2L was proposed to be a sub-stoichiometric component of TRAPP II and promote the assembly and stability of TRAPP complexes. The crystal structure at 1.8 Å resolution shows that Tca17 adopts the longin fold characteristic for the Bet5 subfamily of small TRAPP subunits. This fold is composed of a central β-sheet formed by five antiparallel β-strands flanked by one α-helix on one side (α1) and two α-helices on the other side (α2, α3). A disulfide-linked dimer-like arrangement was observed in the crystal structure of Tca17. In order to

clarify its oligomerization state in solution, several biophysical experiments were performed. It was found that a small fraction (< 5%) of Tca17 dimerizes in non-reducing buffer, whereas it stays predominantly monomeric in reducing buffer, resembling the reducing environment of the cellular cytoplasm, its natural localization *in vivo*.

On the sequence and structure level, Tca17 is most closely related to the TRAPP subunit Trs20p/sedlin. It can bind the TRAPP subunits Bet3p and Trs33p *in vitro*, and might regulate the function of TRAPP by transiently integrating into TRAPP. It remains unclear how the integration of Tca17 into TRAPP might be controlled and promoted. If Tca17 were integrated into TRAPP in place of sedlin/Trs20p, the membrane association of TRAPP might be expected to be weakened, since Tca17 would introduce a negatively charged patch into the presumed membrane association interface of TRAPP.

Der intrazelluläre Transport zwischen membranumschlossenen Organellen ist essentiell für die einwandfreie Funktion aller eukaryontischen Zellen. Der Transport kleiner Moleküle durch Membranen wird üblicher Weise durch transmembrane Transportproteine oder Kanäle vermittelt. Der Transport von Makromolekülen, zum Beispiel Proteinen, zwischen Membranen jedoch, wird durch den Vesikeltransport bewerkstelligt.

Die Zielsetzung des ersten Teils meiner Arbeit befasste sich mit der Untersuchung der Struktur und des Aufbaus des TRAPP (*transport protein particle*)-Komplexes aus Säugetieren. TRAPP ist ein multimerer Anheftungskomplex, welcher die Anheftung von Vesikeln an das Golgi-Netzwerk vermittelt. In Hefe wurden mindestens zwei unterschiedliche Arten des TRAPP-Komplexes aufgrund ihrer Größe durch Affinitätsreinigung identifiziert, der kleinere TRAPP I- und der größere TRAPP II-Komplex. In Säugetierzellen wurde bisher nur eine Art des TRAPP-Komplexes identifiziert, mit einer Organisation der Untereinheiten, welche dem TRAPP II-Komplex der Hefe ähnelt. Im Zuge der fortführenden Arbeiten zum TRAPP I-Komplex in unserer Arbeitsgruppe, untersuchte ich den bisher wenig charakterisierten TRAPP II-Komplex mit Schwerpunkt bei den humanen Proteinen NIBP und Ehoc-1, den orthologen Proteinen zu Trs120p und Trs130p aus Hefe. Ein Fragment des Proteins Ehoc-1 konnte als rekombinantes Protein aus *E. coli* gewonnen, jedoch nicht weiter für die Röntgenstrukturanalyse verwendet werden, da keine brauchbaren Kristalle erhalten wurden.

Analysen von NIBP- und Ehoc-1-Protein-Konstrukten mittels Co-Immunopräzipitation in Verbindung mit einem publizierten Modell von TRAPP II aus Hefe, erlaubten, ein vorläufiges Modell des TRAPP-Komplexes aus Säugerzellen vorzuschlagen. Dieses Modell postuliert, dass der zentrale TRAPP I-ähnliche Subkomplex durch NIBP und Ehoc-1 an seinen beiden Enden bedeckt wird und eine dreischenkelige Struktur bildet. Interaktionen zwischen konservierten Peptidbereichen nahe dem N-Terminus von Ehoc-1 und dem C-Terminus von NIBP könnten diesen Aufbau zudem stabilisieren.

Der zweite Teil meiner Arbeit befasste sich mit dem bisher wenig bekannten TRAPP-assoziierten Protein Tca17. Zur Charakterisierung des Proteins wurden biochemische und biophysikalische Methoden sowie die Röntgenstrukturanalyse herangezogen. Obwohl Tca17 nicht ursprünglich als TRAPP-Untereinheit identifiziert wurde, wurde es zusammen mit dem homologen TRAPPC2L aus Säugern als unterstöchiometrische Komponente des TRAPP II-Komplexes vorgeschlagen,

welches den Aufbau und die Stabilität von TRAPP vermittelt. Die Kristallstruktur bei einer Auflösung von 1,8 Å zeigt einen *Longin*-Faltungstyp des Proteins Tca17, welcher charakteristisch ist für die Bet5-Unterfamilie der kleinen TRAPP-Untereinheiten. Der Aufbau besteht aus einem fünfstängigen antiparallelen β-Faltblatt, flankiert von einer α-Helix auf einer Seite des Faltblatts (α_1) und zwei weiteren α-Helices auf der anderen Seite (α_2 , α_3). Ein durch eine Disulfidbrücke vermittelter dimer-ähnlicher Aufbau konnte für Tca17 im Kristall beobachtet werden. Um den tatsächlichen Oligomeren-Zustand des Proteins in Lösung zu untersuchen, fanden unterschiedliche biophysikalische Methoden Anwendung. Es zeigte sich, dass ein kleiner Anteil des Proteins (< 5%) Tca17 nur in nicht reduzierenden Puffersystemen dimerisiert, wobei es hauptsächlich monomer in reduzierenden Puffern auftritt, welche dem reduzierenden Medium des Zytoplasmas entspricht, der natürlichen Umgebung des Tca17 *in vivo*.

Sowohl strukturell, als auch in seiner Sequenzähnlichkeit ist Tca17 der TRAPP-Untereinheit Trs20p/Sedlin am nächsten verwandt. Es interagiert mit den TRAPP-Untereinheiten Bet3p und Trs33p *in vitro*, und könnte die Funktion des TRAPP-Komplexes durch transiente Anbindung an den Komplex regulieren. Obwohl die Art der Anbindung von Tca17 und deren Regulierung an TRAPP weiterhin unklar ist, erscheint es möglich dass eine Bindung an TRAPP Auswirkungen auf die Membran-Assoziation hat. So könnte der Ausstauch von Trs20p/Sedlin durch Tca17 negativ geladene Oberflächenregionen in TRAPP einführen, welche die Membran-Assoziation schwächen.

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Appendix B: Crystallization screen formulations

JBS classic (JBScreen Basic 1-4)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Satzkonz./ Fällungsmittel	pH	Satzkonz./ Fällungsmittel	pH	Satzkonz./ Fällungsmittel	pH
A Glycol	25% (v/v) Ethylene Glycol	0.1 M Sodium Acetate pH 4.6	0.1 M HEPES pH 7.5	0.1 M Sodium Acetate pH 4.6	0.1 M Sodium Acetate pH 4.6
B Innre Polymer	2% (v/v) PEG 400	0.1 M Sodium Sulfite	20% (v/v) PEG 400	0.1 M HEPES pH 7.5	30% (v/v) PEG 400
C MFD	8% (w/v) PEG 4000	0.1 M Sodium Sulfite	20% (v/v) PEG 4000	0.1 M HEPES pH 7.5	30% (v/v) PEG 4000
D	10% (w/v) PEG 6000	0.1 M HEPES pH 7.5	10% (v/v) PEG 8000	0.1 M Tris-HCl pH 8.000	10% (v/v) PEG 8000
E	20% (w/v) PEG 10000	0.1 M HEPES pH 7.5	12% (v/v) PEG 20000	0.1 M MES pH 6.5	5% (v/v) 2-Propanoic acid
F	25% (v/v) tert-Butanol	0.1 M HEPES pH 7.5	35% (v/v) tert-Butanol	0.1 M Sodium Formate	1 M Imidazole-HCl
G	0.8 M Sodium Phosphate, 0.6 M Potassium dihydrogen phosphate	0.1 M MES pH 7.5	1 M Ammonium Formate	0.1 M Sodium Formate	2 M Ammonium Formate
H	2 M Ammonium Sulfate	0.1 M Sodium Sulfite	2 M Magnesium Sulfate	1.6 M Magnesium Sulfate	0.1 M MES pH 6.5
7	8	9	10	11	12
Satzkonz./ Fällungsmittel	pH	Satzkonz./ Fällungsmittel	pH	Satzkonz./ Fällungsmittel	pH
A MFD	0.1 M Sodium Acetate pH 5.6	30% (w/v) MFD	0.1 M HEPES pH 7.5	0.1 M Tris-HCl pH 7.5	0.1 M HEPES pH 7.5
B MME	20% (v/v) PEG 5500	0.1 M MES pH 6.5	10% (v/v) PEG 10000	0.1 M TRIS-HCl pH 8.5	20% (v/v) PEG 20000
C	30% (w/v) PEG 4000	0.1 M TRIS-HCl pH 8.5	30% (v/v) PEG 4000	0.1 M MES pH 6.5	30% (v/v) PEG 50000
D	18% (w/v) PEG 8000	0.1 M MES pH 6.5	20% (w/v) PEG 8000	0.1 M MES pH 6.5	30% (v/v) PEG 60000
E	30% (v/v) 2-Propanol	0.1 M HEPES pH 7.5	10% (v/v) 2-Propanol	0.1 M MES pH 6.5	10% (v/v) Ethanol
F	0.8 M Sodium Chloride	0.1 M HEPES pH 7.5	1.40 M Tris-Sodium Citrate pH 7.5	0.1 M Sodium Chloride	0.1 M Tris-HCl pH 8.5
G	2 M Ammonium Formate	0.5 M Ammonium Formate 1M Lithium Sulfate	1.6 M Ammonium Formate pH 5.6	Jeffamine M-600	Jeffamine M-600
H	1 M Sodium Acetate	1.4 M Sodium Acetate	0.1 M MES pH 6.5	0.1 M MES pH 6.5	0.1 M MES pH 6.5

Classics II suite

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Säktonz/ Fällungsmitel	pH	Säktonz/ Fällungsmitel	pH	Säktonz/ Fällungsmitel	pH
A	2 N Ammonium sulfat	0.1 M Citric acid	2 M Ammonium sulfat	0.1 M Sodium acetate pH 4.5	2 M Ammonium sulfat	0.1 M MBIS-TRIS
B	0.3 M Magnesium formate	0.1 M BIS-TRIS	0.5 M Magnesium pH 5.5	0.1 M HEPPES pH 7.5	2 M Ammonium sulfat	0.14 M Potassium phosphate
C	3 M Sodium borate	1.1 M Ammonium acetate pH 7.0	1.1 M Ammonium acetate pH 7.0	2.4 M Sodium malonate pH 7.0	0.56 M Sodium citrate pH 7.0	0.96 M Sodium chloride pH 7.0
D	25 % (w/v) PEG 1500	10 % (w/v) PEG 400	30 % (w/v) PEG 700	0.1 M HEPPES pH Jeffamine ED-2040	0.1 M HEPPES pH 3350	25 % (w/v) PEG 3350
E	0.2 M Calcium chloride/45 % (w/v) MFD	0.1 M BIS-TRIS	0.2 M Ammonium acetate/45 % (w/v) PEG 6.5	0.1 M BIS-TRIS	0.2 M Ammonium acetate/45 % (w/v) PEG 6.5	0.2 M Ammonium acetate/45 % (w/v) PEG 5500 MME
F	0.2 M L-Proline 10 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M HEPPES pH 7.5	0.2 M TMAD/20 % (w/v) PEG 2000	0.1 M TRIS pH 8.5	0.064 M Sodium chloride/0.05 M Magnesium chloride/12 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M Ammonium sulfate/17 % (w/v) PEG 3350
G	0.2 M Sodium borohydride/25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M TRIS pH 8.5	0.2 M Lithium sulphate/25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M BIS-TRIS pH 6.5	0.2 M Lithium sulphate/25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.2 M Ammonium acetate/25 % (w/v) PEG 3350
H	0.2 M Magnesium chloride/25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M TRIS pH 8.5	0.2 M Potassium sulphate/25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.2 M Sodium malonate pH 0	0.2 M Ammonium citrate pH 7.0	0.2 M Sodium acetate pH 7.0
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Säktonz/ Fällungsmitel	pH	Säktonz/ Fällungsmitel	pH	Säktonz/ Fällungsmitel	pH
A	3 N Sodium chloride	0.1 M Citric acid	3 M Sodium borate	0.1 M HEPPES pH 4.5	3 M Sodium acetate pH 5.5	0.1 M MBIS-TRIS
B	1.34 M Potassium phosphate	0.05 M Sodium citrate	1.4 M Sodium borate	0.1 M HEPPES pH 7.5	1.8 M Ammonium chloride pH 7.0	0.1 M MBIS-TRIS
C	0.8 M Sodium/Potassium tartrate/50 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M TRIS pH 8.5	1 M Ammonium acetate/25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M BIS-TRIS pH 5.5	1.1 M Sodium malonate pH 7.0	0.1 M HEPPES pH 7.0
D	25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M BIS-TRIS	25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M HEPPES pH 6.5	2.07 M Sodium Jeffamine ED-2040 pH 7.0	0.1 M HEPPES pH 7.0
E	0.05 M Magnesium chloride/30 % (w/v) PEG 3350	1 M HEPPES pH 7.5	0.2 M Potassium propionate	0.05 M HEPPES pH 7.5	0.35 M Ammonium sulphate/30 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M MBIS-TRIS
F	0.2 M Ammonium sulphate/25 % (w/v) pH 6.5	0.1 M BIS-TRIS	0.2 M Ammonium sulphate/25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M HEPPES pH 7.5	0.2 M Ammonium sulphate/30 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M HEPPES pH 7.5
G	0.2 M Ammonium acetate/25 % (w/v) pH 6.5	0.1 M BIS-TRIS	0.2 M Ammonium acetate/25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M HEPPES pH 7.5	0.2 M Magnesium chloride/25 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M MBIS-TRIS
H	20 % (w/v) PEG 3350	15 % (w/v) PEG 3350	20 % (w/v) PEG 3350	0.1 M Magnesium acetate	0.2 M Sodium Zinc	0.1 M Potassium bromate

PEGs suite

1	2	3	4	5	6
Säkonz / Fällungsmittel	pH	Säkonz / Fällungsmittel	Säkonz / Fällungsmittel	Säkonz / Fällungsmittel	Säkonz / Fällungsmittel
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B 40 %(w/v)PEG 200	0.1 M Na-H2OEs pH 7.5 300	30 %(w/v)PEG 7.5	0.1 M HEPES-H 400	25 %(w/v)PEG 7.5 550 MME	0.1 M HEPES-H 1000 550 MME acetate pH 4.6
C 25 %(w/v)PEG 300	0.1 M Sodium acetate pH 4.6 400	25 %(w/v)PEG azelaic pH 4.6 600	0.1 M Sodium acetate pH 4.6 6000	25 %(w/v)PEG 0.1 M Sodium acetate pH 4.6 8000	0.1 M Sodium acetate pH 4.6 20000 acetate pH 4.6
D 3000	25 %(w/v)PEG 7.5 4000	0.1 M HEPES-H 7.5 6000	25 %(w/v)PEG 7.5 8000	0.1 M HEPES-H 20 %(w/v)PEG 7.5 10000	0.1 M HEPES-H 7.5 20000 15 %(w/v)PEG acetate pH 4.6
E 3500	20 %(w/v)PEG fluorine 350	0.2 M Sodium acetate 350	0.2 M Potassium fumarate 350	0.2 M Ammonium nitrate 3350	0.2 M Lithium chloride 350
F 350	20 %(w/v)PEG thiocyanate 350	0.2 M Potassium fumarate 350	0.2 M Ammonium nitrate 3350	0.2 M Magnesium nitrate 350	0.2 M Sodium chloride 3350
G 350	20 %(w/v)PEG acetate 350	0.2 M Zinc acetate 350	0.2 M Sodium acetate 3350	0.2 M Calcium acetate 3350	0.2 M Potassium acetate 3350
H 350	20 %(w/v)PEG 0.2 M Cd- Ammonium tartrate 350	0.2 M Sodium 20 %(w/v)FEGS tartrate 3350	0.2 M Potassium phosphate 3350	0.1 M Na-HePES phosphate 3150	0.2 M Potassium phosphate 3350
7	8	9	10	11	12
Säkonz / Fällungsmittel	pH	Säkonz / Fällungsmittel	Säkonz / Fällungsmittel	Säkonz / Fällungsmittel	Säkonz / Fällungsmittel
A 40 %(w/v)PEG 200	0.1 M MES pH 6.5 900	30 %(w/v)PEG 350	0.1 M MES-H 3.5 400	25 %(w/v)PEG 550 MME acetate pH 4.6	0.1 M MES-H 6.5 1000 25 %(w/v)PEG 550 MME
B 40 %(w/v)PEG 200	0.1 M TRIS-HCl pH 8.5 400	30 %(w/v)PEG pH 8.5	0.1 M TRIS-HC 400	25 %(w/v)PEG 550 MME pH 8.5	0.1 M TRIS-HC 1000 25 %(w/v)PEG 550 MME pH 8.5
C 25 %(w/v)PEG 300	0.1 M MES pH 6.5 4000	25 %(w/v)PEG 3000	0.1 M MES-H 3.5 6000	25 %(w/v)PEG 8000	0.1 M MES-H 6.5 20000 15 %(w/v)PEG 8000
D 3000	25 %(w/v)PEG pH 8.5 3000	0.1 M TRIS-HC pH 8.5 3000	25 %(w/v)PEG pH 8.5 3000	0.1 M TRIS-HC pH 8.5 3000	0.1 M MES pH 6.5 20000 15 %(w/v)PEG 3000
E 3500	20 %(w/v)PEG dihydric 3500	0.2 M Potassium citrate 3500	0.2 M Ammonium citrate 3500	0.2 M Sodium citrate 3500	0.2 M Potassium citrate 3350
F 3500	20 %(w/v)PEG tartrate 3500	0.2 M Ammonium formate 3500	0.2 M Sodium formate 3350	0.2 M Potassium formate 3350	0.2 M Lithium tartrate 3350
G 350	20 %(w/v)PEG sulfate 350	0.2 M Magnesium sulfate 350	0.2 M Potassium sulfate 3350	0.2 M Potassium sulfate 3150	0.2 M Ammonium sulfate 3350
H 350	20 %(w/v)PEG 0.2 M Ammonium phosphate 350	0.2 M Cd- Ammonium phosphate 350	0.2 M M- Ammonium phosphate 3350	0.2 M Cd- Ammonium phosphate 3350	0.2 M M- Ammonium phosphate 3350

Appendix C: Multiple sequence alignment

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4  - - - - - M T P K V E P C F I S I I S E T N S P I I
5  - - - - - M A V C I A V I A K E N Y P L Y
6  - - - - - M A V C I T A V I A K E N Y P L Y
7  - - - - - M S D D I D Y K P L F I A L I D E T N K P L L
8  - - - - - M A V C I A V I A K E N Y P L Y
9  - - - - - M T T S T A D K M L K T L F V S L L D K N D R P L L
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11 - - - - - M T - E V K P C F I S L I D D G D R P L L
12 - - - - - M A V C I A V I A K E N Y P L Y
13 - - - - - M Q P F S P L E H E L E S V K H L K L K - - D S S V E
14 - - - - - M K K I V C V A I V G K G N N P L F
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16 - - - - - M A V C V A V I A K E N Y P L Y
17 - - - - - M A V C V A V I A K E N Y P L Y
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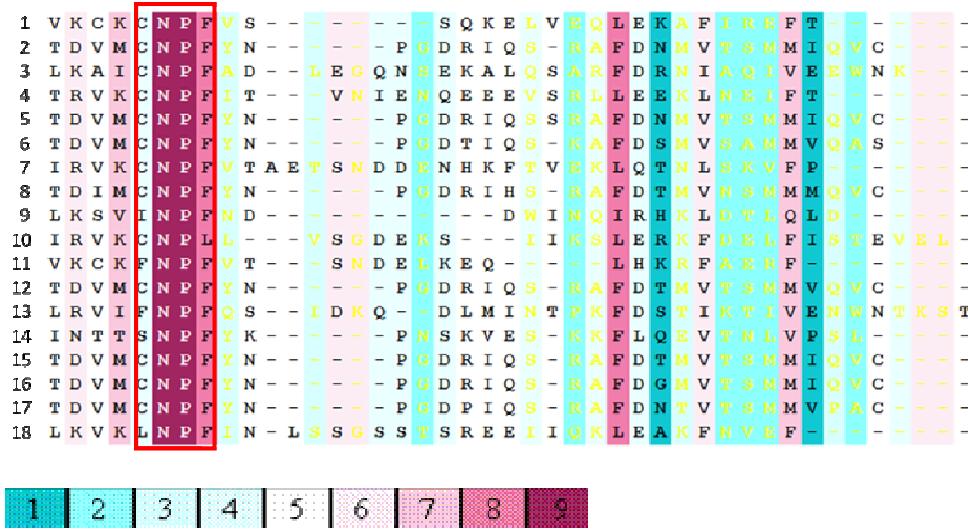
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8  I R - - - S V P T E N E L K F H Y T V H T S L D V V V D E K I S A M G K A L V D Q R E L Y L G L L
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12 I R - - - S T P T E N E L K F H Y M V H T S L D V V V D E K I S A M G K A L V D Q R E L Y L G L L
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15 I R - - - S T P T E S E L K F H Y M V H T S L D V V V D E K I S A M G K A L V D Q R E L Y L G L L
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14 Y P T E D Y K V Y G Y L T N T K I K F I I V V L D T S - - - - - D I K D S D L K L F F K R L Q T L F
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18 F Q L E G V A V F G M L I K P T G L K I I I G F F P Q E S Y N - - S E V H E Q Q I R E I F Q K V H K I Y

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Variable Average Conserved

Tca17 orthologs included in alignment:

1. Q753D1: Hypothetical protein from *Ashbya gossypii* (yeast).
2. Q5RBK9: TRAPPC2L from *Pongo abelii*.
3. C4XWA9: Hypothetical protein from *Clavispora lusitaniae* (yeast).
4. Q6FLS1: Tca17-like protein from *Candida glabrata* (yeast).
5. Q9UL33: TRAPPC2L from *Homo sapiens*.
6. B5XGE7: TRAPPC2L from *Salmo salar*.
7. A7TN14: Hypothetical protein from *Vanderwaltozyma polyspora*.
8. B5FXJ6: TRAPPC2L from *Taeniopygia guttata*.
9. Q6CJQ8: Hypothetical protein from *Kluyveromyces lactis* (yeast).
10. P32613: Tca17 from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Baker's yeast).
11. C5DDR2: Hypothetical protein from *Lachancea thermotolerans* (yeast).
12. B2RYU6: TRAPPC2L from *Rattus norvegicus*.
13. C4R7P1: Hypothetical protein from *Pichia pastoris* (yeast).
14. Q54CU7: TRAPPC2L from *Dictyostelium discoideum*.
15. Q9JME7: TRAPPC2L from *Mus musculus*.
16. A6H7F7: TRAPPC2L from *Bos taurus*.
17. Q5M8X5: TRAPPC2L from *Xenopus tropicalis*.
18. C5DXJ3: Hypothetical protein from *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii*.

Appendix D: Abbreviations

AA	Amino acid
AAA+	ATPases associated with diverse cellular activities
APS	Ammonium persulfate
Arf	ADP ribosylation factor
AUC	Analytical ultracentrifugation
βME	β-mercaptoethanol
bp	Base pair
CD	Circular dichroism
COG	Conserved oligomeric Golgi complex
CoIP	Co-immuno-precipitation
COPI	Coat protein complex – I
COPII	Coat protein complex - II
CP	Cage protein
CPC	Coat protein complex
dNTPs	Deoxyribonucleotide triphosphates
DPC	Dodecylphosphocholine
DSF	Differential scanning fluorimetry
DTT	1,4-dithiothreitol
<i>E. coli</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
EM	Electron microscope
ER	Endoplasmic Reticulum
FPLC	Fast protein liquid chromatography
GAP	GTPase activating protein
GARP	Golgi-associated retrograde protein
GDF	GDI displacement factor
GDI	GDP dissociation inhibitor
GEF	Guanine nucleotide exchange factor
GSH	Glutathion
GST	Glutathion-S-transferase
HOPS	Homotypic fusion and vacuole protein sorting complex
HRP	Horseradish peroxidase
IPTG	Isopropyl-thiogalactoside
Ni-NTA	Ni-nitrilotriacetate
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
NSF	<i>N</i> -ethylmaleimide-sensitive factor
PAGE	Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
PAS	Phagophore assembly site

PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PDZL	PDZ like domain
PEG	Polyethylene glycol
pI	Isoelectric point
PPIn	Polyphosphoinositides
PVDF	Poly-vinylidene fluoride
Rab	Ras analog in brain
Rab-GGTase	Rab geranylgeranyltransferase
REP	Rab escort protein
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> , baker's yeast
SDS	Sodium dodecyl sulfate
SeMet	Seleno-methionine
SLS	Static light scattering
SNARE	Soluble N-ethylmaleimide sensitive factor attachment protein receptor
SV	Sedimentation velocity
TAP	Tandem-affinity purification
TEMED	N,N,N',N'-tetramethylenediamine
TGN	Trans-Golgi network
TRAPP	Transport protein particle complex
TSA	Thermal shift assay

Curriculum vitae

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