Supplementary Information for

Structural insights into the interplay between microtubule polymerases, γ-tubulin complexes and their receptors

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Supplementary Figure 1. *Candida albicans* **Stu2, Spc721-599 and γ-TuSC co-purify and form ring-like oligomers.**

(a) Scheme of Spc72 with different functional domains as identified in *S. cerevisiae* ¹ is depicted in different colours; approximate domain boundaries are indicated. **(b)** FLAG-Stu2 immunoprecipitations show that Stu2 interacts with the γ-TuSC (lane 1) and His-Spc721-599 (lane 2) individually and together (lane 3). Moreover, γ-TuSC, His-Spc721-599, and His-GFP-Mzt1 can all exist in a complex with Stu2 (lanes 4 and 5). Anti-FLAG antibody against Stu2, anti-His antibody against His-Spc97/His-Spc98/His-Spc721-599/His-GFP-Mzt1, and anti-γ-tubulin antibodies were used to visualise the proteins. *N* = 2 biologically independent experiments. Corresponding input and FLAG IP lanes were labelled with the same number to aid comparison. **(c)** Size-exclusion chromatography (SEC, Superose 6 increase 10/300GL) was used to analyse the oligomeric state of complexes in the γ -TuSC/Spc72¹⁻⁵⁹⁹/FLAG-Stu2 sample. Elution volume of free monomeric γ-TuSC is indicated at 14.5 ml (green line, see panels (e), (f)). *N* = 3 biologically independent experiments. **(d)** The protein content of different fractions (8.25-11.5 ml) after SEC of the γ-TuSC/His-Spc721-599/FLAG-Stu2 sample (shown in (c)) was visualised using Coomassie-stained SDS-PAGE. *N* = 3 biologically independent experiments. **(e)** SEC chromatogram of free monomeric γ-TuSC (see methods), with its peak location marked as a green dashed line. *N* = 3 biologically independent experiments. **(f)** The protein content of different fractions after SEC of free monomeric γ-TuSC (shown in (e)) was visualised using Coomassie-stained SDS-PAGE. *N* = 3 biologically independent experiments. (**g, h**) Negative stain EM micrographs and 2D classes of the γ-TuSC/His- $Spc72^{1-599}/FLAG-Stu2 complex$ as obtained through FLAG-Stu2 purification (g) or SEC (h; 8.5 ml fraction from (c)). Scale bars represent 50 nm for the micrographs and 10 nm for the 2D class averages. $N=3$ biologically independent experiments. Source data are provided in the Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 2. Co-expression of Mzt1 has no impact on oligomer formation and the overall structure of γ-TuSC oligomers.

(a) Coomassie-stained SDS-PAGE gel of FLAG-purified γ-TuSC/His-Spc721-599 complexes with and without His-GFP-Mzt1. **(b)** SEC chromatograms of γ-TuSC/His-Spc721-599 complexes with (black) and without (green) coexpression of His-GFP-Mzt1. Fractions corresponding to monomeric and oligomeric γ-TuSC/His-Spc721-599 with or without His-GFP-Mzt1 are indicated. $N=2$ biologically independent experiments. **(c)** The protein content of fractions from SEC profiles shown in panel (b) was visualised by Coomassie-staining and Western blotting. Representative negative stain 2D classes for monomeric and oligomeric γ-TuSC are shown. Western blotting was performed with antibodies against FLAG-Spc97, His-Spc721-599/His-GFP-Mzt1 and γ-tubulin. *N* = 2 biologically independent experiments. **(d)** Negative stain EM micrograph and 2D classes of the γ-TuSC/His-Spc721-599 complex co-expressed with His-GFP-Mzt1 from the SEC fraction at 8.75 ml (see panels b and c). Scale bars represent 50 nm for the micrograph and 10 nm for the 2D class averages. **(e)** Negative stain 3D class averages of γ-TuSC rings formed after co-expression with His-Spc721-599/His-GFP-Mzt1 (green) or His-Spc721-599/FLAG-Stu2 (grey), showing the overall geometry of the ring is unaffected by the co-expression of His-GFP-Mzt1. His-GFP-Mzt1 dissociation during EM grid preparation cannot be entirely excluded, because no additional density attributable to Mzt1 can be observed. *N* = 1 biologically independent experiment. Source data are provided in the Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 3. Example micrograph and resolution estimates of cryo-EM reconstructions.

(a) Cut-out from an example cryo-EM micrograph of ring-like γ-TuSC/His-Spc721-599 complexes purified via FLAG-Stu2. Exemplary particles are indicated and shown enlarged to the right. Micrograph was low-pass filtered to 20 Å. Scale bars represent 25 nm (micrograph) and 10 nm (particles). **(b)** Reconstruction of a γ-TuSC unit within a higher oligomer coloured according to the local resolution estimate. **(c)** Fourier shell correlation (FSC) between two independently refined half-set reconstructions of the γ-TuSC unit within a higher oligomer. Map-to-model FSC curve is overlaid. The resolution value at which the FSC crosses FSC=0.143 (independently refined half-set reconstruction) or FSC=0.5 (map-to-model correlation) is indicated. Colouring as indicated. **(d)** Angular distribution of particle views of the γ-TuSC unit within a higher oligomer. Orientations as indicated. **(e)** Fourier shell correlation (FSC) between two independently refined half-set reconstructions of the 14-spoked ring of γ-TuSC units (d), after consensus and multi-body refinements. Map-to-model FSC curve is overlaid. The resolution value at which the FSC crosses FSC=0.143 (independently refined half-set reconstructions) or FSC=0.5 (map-to-model correlation) is indicated. Colouring as indicated. **(f)** Angular distribution of particle views of the 14-spoked ring of γ-TuSC units. Orientations as indicated. **(g)** Reconstruction after multi-body refinement of the 14-spoked ring of γ-TuSC units coloured according to the local resolution estimate. In panel (f) and (g), dust is hidden.

Supplementary Figure 4. Cryo-EM data processing scheme of ring-like γ-TuSC/Spc721-599 complexes purified via FLAG-Stu2.

(a) An initial dataset at intermediate magnification was used to generate a 2D template for particle picking and an initial 3D reference density for 3D classification. **(b-d)** Two higher magnification datasets were first processed independently and merged to resolve the structure of the γ-TuSC unit within higher oligomers to 3.6 Å (c), as well as the full ring of seven γ-TuSC units to 8.2 Å (d). Unless otherwise indicated, data processing was performed in RELION.

Supplementary Figure 5. Comparison of conformational changes during *C. albicans* **Spc721- 599- and** *S. cerevisiae* **Spc110-induced γ-TuSC oligomerisation and activation.**

(a) Comparison of the Spc721-599-bound *C. albicans* γ-TuSC ring with the MT-capping Spc110-bound *S. cerevisiae* γ-TuSC ring (PDB-8QV2)². Models were superposed on all γ-tubulin molecules. Colouring scheme as indicated. **(b)** Comparison of isolated γ-TuSCs (grey models) versus assembled and closed γ-TuSCs (coloured models) in complex with *C. albicans* Spc72¹⁻⁵⁹⁹ (left, this study and PDB-7ANZ³) or *S. cerevisiae* Spc110 (right, PDB-8QV3² and PDB-7M2Z⁴). Colouring scheme as indicated. Models were superposed on N-terminal part of GRIP1 domains for both spokes. Indicated distances are calculated using Gln12 of the γ-tubulin molecule at the respective spoke.

Supplementary Figure 6. Detailed structural analysis of dimeric CM1 motif binding in *Candida albicans***.**

(a) Top: zoom into the coiled-coil density on the back of Spc97 with the atomic model built by sequence-free mode of ModelAngelo superposed. Bottom: sequence alignment for the Spc72 CM1 motif and the coiled coil helices as predicted by ModelAngelo. **(b)** Fit of atomic model to the cryo-EM reconstruction for secondary structure elements involved in the interactions shown in panel (c). Residues shown in panel (c) are highlighted in bold. Unmasked and unsegmented reconstructions are shown. Plane clipping in UCSF Chimera $X⁵$ was used to allow for an unobstructed view on the fitted atomic model. Colouring as in panel (c). **(c)** The CM1 motif of Spc72 (pink) contacts Spc97 (light blue) through four interaction elements. Residues involved are labeled. **(d)** Visualisation of Spc72 CM1 motif residues that were mutated by Lin et al. 6 . Consistent with their affinity measurements, some of the residues modified in the γ -TuSC binding-deficient 9A mutant (coloured in light and dark grey) contact the γ-TuSC and are involved in the dimerisation interface of the coiled coil. Conversely, none of the residues in the γ-TuSC binding-competent 3A mutant (dark grey) of Spc72 are in direct contact with the γ-TuSC or involved in the coiled-coil dimerisation interface. Colouring as in panel (c) unless otherwise mentioned. **(e)** Comparison of the binding mode of the dimeric *C. albicans* Spc72 CM1 motif and the monomeric *S. cerevisiae* Spc110 CM1 motif ⁴ (PDB-7M2Y, EMD-23637) at the inter-γ-TuSC interface. Models were superimposed on Spc97 and Spc98. Colouring as indicated.

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Supplementary Figure 7. *In vivo* **analysis of** *spc72∆P55-N62* **function in budding yeast.**

(a) Sequence alignment of the Spc72 CM1 motifs in *C. albicans* and *S. cerevisiae* with hydrophobic residues at the dimerisation interface highlighted in yellow. *C. albicans* Spc72^{1-599,PA} mutant residues (T234 and T236, respectively) as well as residues (P55-N62) deleted to abolish Spc72-Spc98 interaction in *S. cerevisiae* are indicated. **(b)** Cell viability test of the *spc72∆P55-N62* mutant in *S. cerevisiae*. Cells were serially diluted and grown at the indicated temperatures. *N* = 3 biologically independent experiments. **(c)** *SPC72* and *spc72∆P55-N62* cells (W303 strain background) were cultured on 5-FOA plates at 16°C and observed by microscopy, using GFP-Tub1 (marking MTs) and Spc42-mCherry (marking the SPB) for visualisation. cMTs are indicated by white arrows, defective cMTs by yellow arrows, and elongated cMTs are by yellow asterisks. Scale bar: 5 µm. DIC: differential interference contrast. *N* = 2 biologically independent experiments. **(d)** DAPI staining analysis of *SPC72* and *spc72∆P55-N62* cells (W303 strain background) cultured at 16°C. Scale bar: 5 µm. *N* = 2 biologically independent experiments. **(e)** Quantification of nuclear phenotypes for *SPC72* and *spc72∆P55-N62* cells from (d) shown as bar plot (n=113 cells for *SPC72* and n=121 for *spc72∆P55-N62* cells). In *SPC72* cells or *spc72∆P55-N62*, 85.1% or 71.2% of cells display normal separation of nuclei (dark blue), 10.5% or 18.8% of cells have their nuclei near the bud neck but still localised at the mother side (orange), 2.7% or 6.7% of cells have the nuclei in the mother cell body (yellow) and 1.7% or 3.3% of cells have multiple nuclei (grey), respectively. $N=2$ biologically independent experiments quantified together. **(f)** Quantification of MT phenotypes of *SPC72* and *spc72^{* $\triangle PS5-N62$ cells from (c). $N=2$ biologically independent experiments, n > 50 cells pwe} experiment. Data are shown as mean ± SD. Statistical significance was determined using a 2-way ANOVA test**.** (Šídák multiple comparison test). *P*-values are indicated on the graphs. Source data are provided in the Source Data file.

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Supplementary Figure 8. Evolutionary conservation of CM1 motif dimerisation and interaction elements.

(a) Predicted dimerisation of CM1 motifs in orthologues of Spc72 and Spc110 in fungi, as well as orthologues of CDK5RAP2 and myomegalin in other eukaryotes along the evolutionary tree. Plus (+) and minus(-) indicate predicted dimerisation by DeepCoil2; residues predicted to be at the intra-coiled-coil dimer interface are shown. Red boxes indicate residues incompatible with coiled-coil formation. **(b)** Comparison of the available atomic model for the CDK5RAP2 CM1 motif bound to the human γ-TuRC (composite of PDB 6V6S⁷ and 6X0V⁸, shown in light and dark grey) and the updated atomic model, in which missing interaction elements present in the cryo-EM reconstruction (EMD 21985) have been built (green). In the bottom panels, only density segments corresponding to CM1 and interaction elements on GCP2 are shown to aid visual interpretation. **(c)** Map-to-model Fourier shell correlation (FSC) of the updated atomic model for the binding of the CDK5RAP2 CM1 motif to the human γ-TuRC. The resolution value at which the FSC crosses the FSC=0.5 threshold is indicated.

Supplementary Figure 9. The CM1 3R mutant disrupts dimerisation of the isolated CM1 motif to a large extent.

(a) Top: Constructs for *E. coli* expression of His-MBP-tagged Spc72 CM1 motif variants (MBP-CM1231-268 and MBP-CM1231-268,3R). Bottom: Coomassie-stained SDS-PAGE gel of purified proteins. **(b)** SEC chromatogram of MBP-CM1²³¹⁻²⁶⁸ (WT, 100 µM; green) and MBP-CM1^{231-268,3R} (3R, 100 µM; gray) after His affinity purification. $N=3$ biologically independent experiments. **(c**,**d)** Mass photometry analysis of MBP-CM1231-268 (c) and MBP-CM1231-268,3R (d). Protein concentration during mass photometry experiments was < 40 nM. *N* = 2 biologically independent experiments. **(e)** Top: *E. coli* expression constructs of GST-tagged Spc72 CM1 motif constructs (GST-CM1231-268 and GST-CM1231-268,3R). Bottom: Coomassie-stained SDS-PAGE gel of purified proteins. *N* = 2 biologically independent experiments. **(f,g)** Mass photometry analysis of GST-CM1²³¹⁻²⁶⁸ (f) and GST-CM1^{231-268,3R} (g). Protein concentration in mass photometry experiments was < 40 nM in both cases. Tetramer formation suggests CM1-mediated dimerisation of two GST-mediated dimers. *N* = 1 biologically independent experiment. Source data are provided in the Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 10. Structure-guided interaction analysis of Stu2 and Spc72.

(a) Scheme highlighting different functional domains of Stu2 (left), based on *S. cerevisiae* Stu2¹, as well as Stu2 constructs used for immunoprecipitation experiments in panels (b) and (c). **(b)** Anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation experiments with Stu2 constructs outlined in panel (a) (lanes 1-8) or without FLAG-Stu2 (lanes 9,10) and different His-Spc72 fragments (outlined in Fig. 6a), demonstrating that the C-terminal helix but not the coiled-coil region of Stu2 is required for interaction with Spc72. Experiment shown in panel (b) is from the same pull-down experiment and blot shown in **Fig. 6a.** *N***= 2** biologically independent experiments. (**c**) Guided by AlphaFold2 predictions (shown in Fig. 6c), anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation experiments were used to confirm that the primary and secondary binding sites (confirmed in Fig. 6b) on the two coiled-coil modules of Spc72 (outlined in Fig. 6b) interact with the C-terminal helix of Stu2. The experiment shown in panel (c) is from the same pull-down experiment and blot shown in Fig. 6b. *N*^{$=$}2 biologically independent experiments. Corresponding input and FLAG IP lanes were labeled with the same number to aid comparison. **(d)** Anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation experiments with wild-type MBP-FLAG-Stu⁸⁸²⁻⁹²⁴ (lanes 1-4), the MBP-FLAG-Stu2882-924LIM (L906A, I910A, M913A) mutant (lanes 5-8) or without MBP-FLAG-Stu2 (lanes 9,10; ctrl) and His-GFP-Spc72300-350, the His-GFP-Spc72300-350ELLY (E317R, L319A, L321R, Y326A) mutant, His-GFP-Spc72430-480 and the His-GFP-Spc72430-480EDID (E455A, D456A, I458A, D462A) mutant, demonstrating that site-directed mutations affect the binding between the Stu2 C-terminal helix and the coiled-coil modules of Spc72. Anti-FLAG and anti-His antibodies were used for visualisation of protein components in panels (b-d). *N* = 2 biologically independent experiments. Source data are provided in the Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 11. AlphaFold2 predicts two binding sites of the Stu2 C-terminal helix on Spc721-599 identified through immunoprecipitations.

(a) Top-ranked AlphaFold2 model of dimeric Spc721-599, showing two coiled-coil modules following the dimeric CM1 motif, following a large, mostly unstructured stretch. CC1/CC2 = coiled-coil module 1/2. Chains are coloured from N- to C-terminus using a rainbow ramp from blue to red; N- and C-terminus (residue 1 and 599, respectively) are indicated. **(b,c)** Visualisation of the hydrophobic core interaction on the AlphaFold2-predicted binding interfaces of the primary (b) and secondary (c) binding sites of Stu2 (green) on Spc72 (pink) coiled-coil modules 2 and 1, respectively. Conserved Stu2 residues are numbered. **(d,e)** Predicted electrostatic interactions with positively charged Stu2 (green) residues on a negatively charged surface of Spc72 (shown with electrostatic surface colouring) on the AlphaFold2-predicted binding interfaces of the primary (d) and secondary (e) binding sites. Conserved positively

charged residues of Stu2 are numbered. **(f,g)** Stu2 sequence conservation mapped onto the AlphaFold2-predicted binding interfaces of the primary (f) and secondary (g) binding sites on Spc72 (shown in grey), showing that conserved residues mainly face Spc72, while variable residues mainly point away from the predicted interfaces. **(h)** Sequence conservation of the C-terminal helix of Stu2 involved in binding Spc72 in Stu2/CKAP5/XMAP215/chTOG homologues throughout fungi and other eukaryotes. Conserved hydrophobic residues involved in the AlphaFold2 predicted interface (see panels b,c) are highlighted in yellow, whereas positive charges are highlighted in blue. UniProt IDs are indicated.

Supplementary Figure 12. pLDDT and PAE matrices for AlphaFold2 predictions.

(a,b) Top-ranked AlphaFold2 prediction of dimeric *C. albicans* Spc721-599 coloured by pLDDT (predicted localdistance difference test) (a) and associated PAE (predicted aligned error) matrix (b). **(c,d)** Top-ranked AlphaFold2 prediction for the interaction between dimeric *C. albicans* Spc721-599 and the 43 C-terminal residues of *C. albicans* Stu2 at the primary binding site, coloured by pLDDT (c), and associated PAE matrix (d). Dashed box indicates Stu2 binding site. **(e,f)** Top-ranked AlphaFold2 prediction for the interaction between dimeric *C. albicans* Spc721-599 and the 43 C-terminal residues of *C. albicans* Stu2 at the secondary binding site, coloured by pLDDT (e), and associated PAE matrix (f). Dashed box indicates Stu2 binding site. **(g,h)** Top-ranked AlphaFold2 prediction of the dimeric fulllength *C. albicans* Stu2, coloured by pLDDT (g), and associated PAE matrix (h). Colour scales as indicated. PAE matrices were visualised using PAE viewer⁹.

Supplementary Figure 13. Hydrogen exchange mass spectrometry of Spc72291-599 in the presence or absence of Stu2.

(a) Percent exchange of His-Spc72291-599 backbone amide protons for deuterons after 30 seconds exposure in deuterated buffer in the absence (light grey), or presence of full-length FLAG-Stu2 in a 1:1 (light red) or 1:2 (burgundy red) His-Spc72291-599:FLAG-Stu2 molar ratio. **(b)** Baseline exchange (i.e. in the absence of FLAG-Stu2) of His-Spc72291-599 visualised on the AlphaFold2 prediction of Spc72 (see Supplementary Fig. 12c,d). Colour scale as indicated. **(c)** Hydrogen exchange of His-Spc72²⁹¹⁻⁵⁹⁹ in the presence of FLAG-Stu2 in 1:1 (left) or 1:2 (right) His-Spc72291-599:FLAG-Stu2 molar ratio as number of protected hydrogens per peptide, i.e., not corrected for peptide length or baseline exchange. **(d)** As in (c), but corrected for the baseline exchange in the absence of FLAG-Stu2, which is the maximum exchange that can theoretically be protected by addition of FLAG-Stu2. **(e)** Visualisation of baseline exchange-corrected protection on the AlphaFold2 prediction of Spc72 at 1:1 His-Spc72291-599:FLAG-Stu2 molar ratio. The corresponding visualisation for 1:2 His-Spc72²⁹¹⁻⁵⁹⁹: FLAG-Stu2 molar ratio is shown in Fig. 6d. Data

in (a), (c) and (d) are shown per detected peptide; residue numbers are indicated. Negative numbers indicate residues in the purification tag. Individual data points are indicated as dots.

Supplementary Figure 14. Hydrogen exchange mass spectrometry of Stu2 in the presence or absence of Spc72291-599.

(a) Percent exchange of FLAG-Stu2 backbone amide protons for deuterons after 30 seconds exposure in deuterated buffer in the absence (light grey), or presence of His-Spc72 in a 1:1 (light blue) or 3:1 (dark blue) His-Spc72²⁹¹⁻ 599:FLAG-Stu2 molar ratio. **(b)** Baseline exchange (i.e. in the absence of His-Spc72291-599) of FLAG-Stu2 visualised on the AlphaFold2 prediction of Stu2 (see Supplementary Fig. 12g,h). Colour scale as indicated. **(c)** Hydrogen exchange of FLAG-Stu2 in the presence of His-Spc72²⁹¹⁻⁵⁹⁹ in 1:1 (left) or 3:1 (right) His-Spc72²⁹¹⁻⁵⁹⁹:FLAG-Stu2 molar ratio as number of protected hydrogens per peptide, i.e., not corrected for peptide length or baseline exchange.

(d) As in (c), but corrected for the baseline exchange in the absence of His-Spc72291-599, which is the maximum exchange that can theoretically be protected by addition of His-Spc72291-599. **(e)** Visualisation of baseline exchangecorrected protection on the AlphaFold2 prediction of FLAG-Stu2 at 1:1 His-Spc72²⁹¹⁻⁵⁹⁹:FLAG-Stu2 (left) or 3:1 His-Spc72291-599:FLAG-Stu2 (right) molar ratio. Data in (a), (c) and (d) are shown per detected peptide; residue numbers are indicated. Negative numbers indicate residues in the purification tag. Individual data points are indicated as dots.

Supplementary Figure 15. Stoichiometry of Spc72 and Stu2.

(a) Coomassie-stained SDS-PAGE analysis of His-Spc72²⁹¹⁻⁵⁹⁹ and FLAG-Stu2 purifications. $N = 3$ biologically independent experiments. (**b**) Left: Mass photometry analysis of FLAG-Stu2. Right: SEC-MALS experiment of FLAG-Stu2. Run data are summarised in (e). (**c**) Left: Mass photometry analysis of His-Spc72291-599. Right: SEC-MALS experiment of His-Spc72²⁹¹⁻⁵⁹⁹. Run data are summarised in (e). (**d**) Left: Mass photometry analysis of His-Spc72²⁹¹⁻⁵⁹⁹ mixed with FLAG-Stu2 (ratio 2:1). Right: SEC-MALS experiment of His-Spc72²⁹¹⁻⁵⁹⁹ mixed with FLAG-Stu2 (6:1 molar ratio). (**e**) Table summarising SEC-MALS analysis. Protein concentration was in the nM range in mass-photometry experiments and in the µM range in SEC-MALS experiments. Mass photometry was performed in

N^{$=$}2 technical replicates. Mass photometry and SEC-MALS were performed in *N*^{$=$}1 biologically independent experiment. Source data are provided in the Source Data file.

Supplementary Table 1. Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics.

Supplementary Table 2. Primer list.

Supplementary Table 3. Plasmids and yeast strains.

Supplementary Table 4. Experimental details of HX-MS Experiments.

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