**Supplementary Figure S1** - Phylogenetic relationships and domain compositions of *IND1*, *HCF101*, *CFD1* and *NBP35*.



Eukaryotic representatives of the *IND1*, *HCF101*, *CFD1* and *NBP35* subfamilies were assembled using PSI-Blast searches in completely sequenced genomes. The separation into the four different subfamilies is generally supported by the domain structure of the proteins. The metazoa, fungi, plants, algae, and *Dictyostelium* with complex I clearly have an orthologue of *IND1*, while the ones without do not have an orthologue of *IND1* (the fungi *Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Vanderwaltozyma polyspora, Kluyveromyces lactis, Ashbya gossypii, Candida glabrata* and *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, the Amoebozoan *Entamoeba histolytica*, the Apicomplexa and *Giardia*). The phylogenetic positions of the *IND1*-like sequences from Euglenozoa (containing complex I) and from *T. vaginalis* (containing only two complex I proteins) is not well resolved. However, in terms of domain structure they are identical to *IND1* from *Y. lipolytica* and were considered orthologous.

The situation in the complex I containing ciliate *P. tetraurelia* is less clear-cut, as its *IND1* homolog appears more closely related to *HCF101* than to *IND1*. Nevertheless, similar to

*IND1* and unlike the plastid-localized *HCF101*, the ciliate protein has a mitochondrial targeting signal, and the DUF59 domain has eroded (E-value > 0.1). Domain compositions were examined using SMART (Letunic et al., 2006) and the presence of a mitochondrial targeting signal (MTS) was examined using Mitoprot (Claros and Vincens, 1996), using a cutoff score of 0.8. The alignment was derived using ClustalX (Thompson et al., 1997). In the domain compositions the presence of the four cysteines (4C) at the N-terminus of NBP35 is indicated. The phylogeny is based on the well-aligned region of the Mrp domain (Supplementary Figure S4). The tree was derived with PhyML (Guidon et al., 2005), using the default options: four gamma distributed rate categories and the WAG substitution model. Bootstrap values larger than 75/100 are indicated. The gene identifiers of the sequences used for the alignment and the tree are, from top to bottom: Y. lipolytica: 50547189, N. crassa: 68472597, C. albicans: 85097286, D. discoideum: 66803064, O. lucimarinus: 1145348579, A. thaliana: 15235067, D. melanogaster: 116008233, X. tropicalis: 62857965, H. sapiens: 157384956, G. gallus: 50748402, D. rerio: 157423523, S. purpuratus: 115774549, L. major: 157871966, T. brucei: 74025340, P. tetraurelia: 145487614, A. thaliana: 15230111, O. lucimarinus: 145355520, P. voelii: 68525518, T. vaginalis: 123414978, S. cerevisiae 6321347, Y. lipolytica: 2912096, H. sapiens: 118572611, A. thaliana: 9758243, , L. major: 157868894, S. cerevisiae: 6322188, Y. lipolytica: 2911744, L. major: 157871001, H. sapiens: 6912540.

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