

Fig. S1. Yeast cells expressing GFP- or CFP- μ NS-protein fusions alone. **(A)** Cells expressing GFP-FtsZ show diffusely localized fluorescence 3-4 hours post induction of the fusion protein; **(B, C)** Cells expressing CFP- μ NS-FtsZ or CFP- μ NS-ZapD fusion proteins displayed characteristic fluorescent focal platforms (arrowheads). Scale bar = 2 μ m.

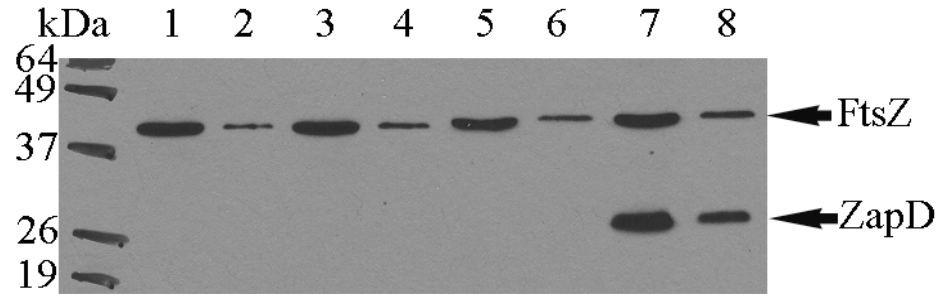


Fig. S2. Levels of FtsZ remain unchanged in cells lacking or overexpressing ZapD. Ten μ ls of undiluted and 10-fold diluted samples from whole cell protein preparations from wildtype (MG1655; lanes 1 and 2), *zapD* (JD310; lanes 3 and 4), pCA24N bearing wildtype cells (GF 73; lanes 5 and 6) and pCA24N-*zapD* bearing wildtype cells (JD381; lanes 7 and 8) were run on adjacent lanes in a 10% SDS-PAGE gel, blotted and probed for FtsZ with an anti-FtsZ rabbit polyclonal (Genscript) antibody. Intensity profiles were measured by ImageJ (NIH). In cells bearing pCA24N or pCA24N-*zapD* plasmids the blots were probed for ZapD with an anti-ZapD rabbit polyclonal (Genscript). Lanes 7 and 8 show leaky expression of ZapD from the pCA24N vector. In lanes 5 and 6 endogenous levels of ZapD were not detectable due to the low harvest volumes used for whole cell protein preparation in this experiment. Lanes 1 through 4 were not probed for ZapD.

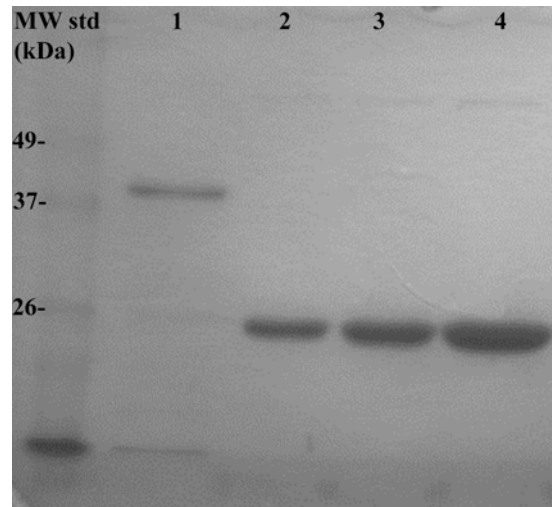
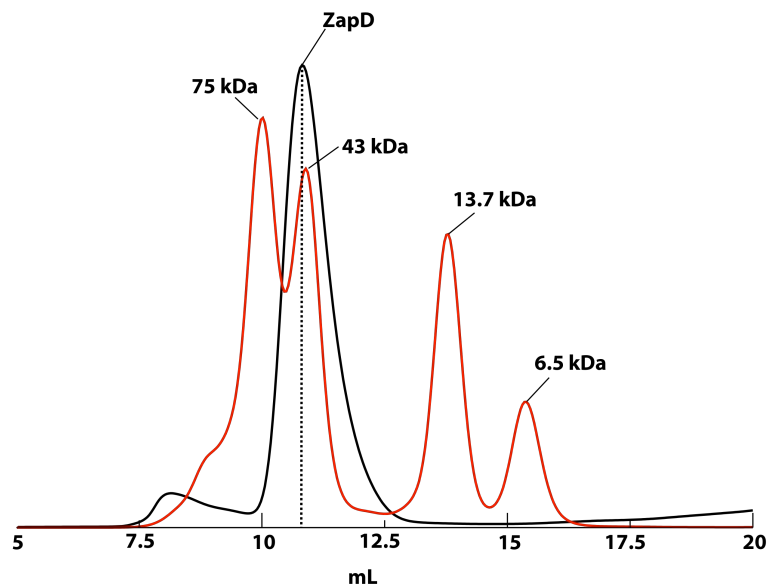
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Fig. S3. Purified tag-free ZapD is mostly dimeric in solution. **(A)** Two-fold serial dilutions of purified and concentrated ZapD obtained from JD160 cells were run in lanes 2, 3 and 4 and compared to His₁₀-Smt3-ZapD fusion protein in lane 1. Conservative estimates of band intensities by ImageJ (NIH) analysis indicate ZapD to be $\geq 95\%$ pure. **(B)** Elution profile of purified tag-free ZapD separated through a Sephadex75 (GE Healthcare) gel filtration column indicates ZapD (black line) to be mostly dimeric in solution with some higher order oligomers likely present in the solution.

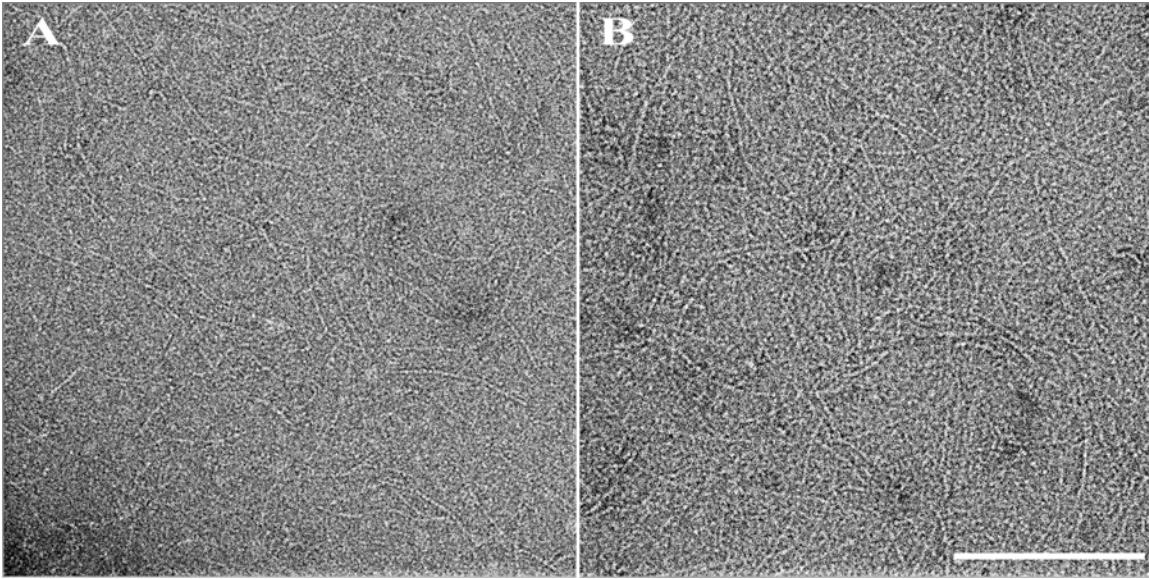


Fig. S4. Electron microscopy images of sub-stoichiometric levels of ZapD with respect to FtsZ show occasional bundling of FtsZ protofilaments. **(A)** Negative stained TEM images of FtsZ (5 μM) in MOPS pH 6.5, 50 mM KCl, 2.5 mM MgCl_2 buffer in the presence of 1 mM GTP forms characteristic single protofilaments and **(B)** upon addition of ZapD (1 μM) occasional loosely bundled FtsZ protofilaments are visualized. Scale bar = 200 nm

Table S1. DNA oligonucleotides used in the study.

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| ftsZ 3P GW | GGGGACAAC TTTGTACAAGAAAGTTGGTTAATCAGCTTGCTTAC GCAGGAAT |
| ftsZ-372 3P GW | GGGGACAAC TTTGTACAAGAAAGTTGGTTACAGATAATCCGGC TCTTTCGCA |
| ftsZ-314 3P GW | GGGGACAAC TTTGTACAAGAAAGTTGGTTACCTGTCGCAACAA CGGTTACG |
| ftsZ 5P GW | GGGGACAAC TTTGTACAAAAAAGTTGGCATGTTTGAACCAATG GAACTTACCAATG |
| ftsZ-289-383 5P GW | GGGGACAAC TTTGTACAAAAAAGTTGGCATGAACGCGACTGTG GTTATCGGTACTT |
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| ftsZ-374-383 5P GW | GGGGACAAC TTTGTACAAAAAAGTTGGCATGATCCCAGCATTCC TGCGTAAGCAAG |
| new YacF tst 5P | TGCTCAGGCAACGCGCGAAGCCCGCCTTGC |
| new YacF tst 3P | TTCAGCAGCCCAT TCTCCGAGGTCGATCAG |
| Sall yacF 5P | ACGCGTCGACAGGAGGGCCAGCATGCAGACCCAGGTC |
| Sall yacF 3P | AAAAGTCGACGCAACAGGCCAGTTCGAA |
| SUMO-5 YacF- BamHI | CGCGGATCCATGCAGACCCAGGTCCTTTTTG |

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| SUMO-3 YacF- HindIII | CCCAAGCTTTTAGCAACAGGCCAGTTCGAA |
| yacF 5P GW | GGGGACAAC TTTGTACAAAAAAGTTGGCATGCAGACCCAGGTC CTTTTTGAACAT |
| yacF 3P GW | GGGGACAAC TTTGTACAAGAAAGTTGGTTAGCAACAGGCCAGT TCGAAATCC |
| yacF 3P GW-C | GGGGACAAC TTTGTACAAGAAAGTTGGGCAACAGGCCAGTTCG AAATCCAGA |
| YcbW FP tst | GCGAAGCGACAATGG |
| YcbW RP tst | CACCATTCTTTGCTG |
| ZapA-tstFP | GCCCTGGTGGACCAG |
| ZapA-tstRP | CAACCGCGGAGCGCC |