

Supporting Information

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SI Materials and Methods

G β and PhLP1 Baculovirus Preparation. Human G β_1 and PhLP1 cDNAs were cloned into the pBlueBac4.5/V5-His-TOPO vector (Invitrogen K2100-20) following the manufacturer's protocol. A C-terminal HPC4 tag (protein C epitope) was added to G β , and a C-terminal tobacco etch virus (TEV)-Myc-His₆ tag was added to PhLP1. The G β and PhLP1 constructs were cotransfected into Sf9 cells with the Bac-N-Blue vector to facilitate recombination. Successfully recombined baculoviruses were identified by lacZ screening and were isolated by using plaque assays. Clones were amplified in Sf9 cells to produce high-titer baculovirus stocks for expression experiments.

Purification of G β -CCT and PhLP1-G β -CCT Complexes. High Five cells were grown in EX405 medium and transfected with corresponding G β and PhLP1 baculoviruses at an MOI of \sim 10. Cells were harvested 72–84 h after transfection, pelleted, and stored at -80°C . Cells were lysed by two freeze–thaw cycles in liquid nitrogen and a 37°C water bath (\sim 10 min) in 3.2 mL of extraction buffer [20 mM Hepes, pH 7.5, 20 mM NaCl, 6 $\mu\text{L}/\text{mL}$ protease inhibitor (Sigma P8340), and 0.5 mM PMSF] per gram of cell pellet. Benzonase nuclease was added to a concentration of 24 U/mL, and the lysate was cleared by centrifugation. The extract was layered on a 1 M sucrose cushion in the extraction buffer and centrifuged at $30,000 \times g$ for 2 h. An 8-mL fraction was collected from the bottom of the sucrose layer and supplemented with 2 mM CaCl₂ and 0.05% CHAPS.

The G β -CCT fraction was further purified at 4°C by using 5 mL of HPC4 antibody resin (Roche 11815024001) equilibrated with equilibration buffer (20 mM Hepes, pH 7.5, 20 mM NaCl, 2 mM CaCl₂, and 0.05% CHAPS). The sample was loaded twice and then washed with 35 mL of 20 mM Hepes (pH 7.5), 500 mM NaCl, 2 mM CaCl₂, and 7 mL of equilibration buffer. G β -CCT complexes were eluted in 20 mM Hepes (pH 7.5), 20 mM NaCl, and 10 mM EDTA. Four elution steps were conducted, each with 5 mL of elution buffer. The first elution included a 30-min release period, and the last three elutions included a 5-min release period. Complexes were concentrated to \sim 200 μL by using a 30,000-Da cutoff filter (Sartorius Stedim Biotech VS15RH21), flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen, and stored at -80°C until cryo-EM analysis was performed.

PhLP1-G β -CCT complexes were extracted, lysed, and cleared as described for G β -CCT complexes, with the extraction buffer at pH 8.0. CHAPS was added to 0.05%, and the sample was purified at 4°C by using 3 mL of HisPur cobalt column (Thermo 89964). The column was equilibrated and washed with the extraction buffer supplemented with 0.05% CHAPS. Complexes were loaded and washed three times and then eluted three times with 3 mL of 20 mM Hepes (pH 7.5), 20 mM NaCl, 2 mM CaCl₂, 0.05% CHAPS, and 500 mM imidazole. Each elution step included a 10-min release period. The elution product was subsequently purified by using HPC4 antibody resin, concentrated, and stored in the same manner as described for G β -CCT complexes.

The composition of the purified G β -CCT complex was confirmed by immunoblotting with α -G β_1 (1), α -CCT α (AbD Serotec MCA2276), α -CCT β (AbD Serotec MCA2275), and α -CCT ζ (MyBioSource MBS6001387). Blots were imaged by using a LI-COR Odyssey infrared scanner. The composition of the purified PhLP1-G β -CCT complex was determined by MS. A portion of the purified complex was denatured in urea, alkylated with iodoacetamide, and digested with trypsin. The resulting peptides were analyzed by LC-MS/MS using an LTQ Orbitrap

XL instrument. The MS/MS data were analyzed by using the Mascot search engine (2) against the *Drosophila melanogaster* genome database and the human G β_1 and PhLP1 sequences. The *Drosophila* genome is the closest sequenced genome to that of the High Five cells (*Trichopusia ni*). The phosphorylation state of purified PhLP1-G β -CCT was determined by treating it with alkaline phosphatase and measuring the phosphorylation-dependent mobility shift in 10% SDS/PAGE.

In Vitro PhLP1-G β Assembly. Recombinant G γ_2 -TEV-GST in pETDuet-1 was expressed in *Escherichia coli*, extracted with B-PER reagent (Thermo 78248), and purified on glutathione agarose (Thermo 16100) with a glutathione elution. For the assembly assay, 80 μg of G γ -TEV-GST was added to 50 μg of phosphorylated PhLP1-G β -CCT complex in 500 μL of 20 mM Hepes (pH 7.5), 20 mM NaCl, 10 mM EDTA, 0.2 mM PMSF, and 0.05% CHAPS. The proteins were incubated at 23°C for 30 min. The mixture was then added to 100 μL of prewashed glutathione agarose and incubated at 4°C for 30 min. The agarose was washed three times before addition of 100 μL of ProTEV protease solution (Promega V6101) and incubation at 25°C for 1 h. The TEV cleavage product was obtained by removing the supernatant from the beads. As a negative control, GST was similarly expressed, purified, and incubated with PhLP1-G β -CCT complex. Samples were separated by 10% and 16.5% SDS/PAGE and immunoblotted with the following antibodies: α -CCT α (Abcam ab109126), α -PhLP1 (3), α -G β_1 (1), α -G γ_2 (Abcam ab57263), and α -GST (Abcam ab92). Blots were imaged by using a LI-COR Odyssey infrared scanner.

Image Processing. For the 3D reconstruction, frozen-hydrated samples were processed without any a priori assumption. First, images were classified into homogenous groups by using reference-free methods [refine2d.py command in EMAN (4) and maximum-likelihood approaches implemented in XMIPP]. Selected averages were used to build a reference volume using common lines. These structures were calculated from images selected by EMAN and were subsequently used for a further refinement by using projection-matching protocols implemented in SPIDER (5). The resolution of the final structures was estimated with the 0.3 criterion for the gold-standard Fourier shell correlation coefficient (FSC) procedure (6). The density map and atomic structures were visualized with UCSF Chimera (7). The threshold was chosen to account for \sim 100% of the protein mass. The atomic structure of G β from the G $\beta\gamma$ complex (8), the structural model of PhLP1-G β complex based on the atomic structure of Pdc-G $\beta\gamma$ (9), and the atomic structure of CCT subunits in its open conformation (10, 11) were manually fitted into the EM density by using Chimera.

UV-Induced Cross-Linking. A pcDNA3 vector containing the aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase for BzF and a pSVBpUC vector containing the amber codon suppressor tRNA were a gift from Thomas Sakmar (Rockefeller University, New York) (12, 13). A pcDNA3.1 B+ vector containing human G β_1 with a Flag tag at the N terminus was obtained from the Missouri University of Science and Technology cDNA Resource Center. This same vector containing human PhLP1 with a Myc-His tag at the C terminus was prepared previously (14). G β and PhLP1 BzF variants were made by substituting TAG for a specific amino acid codon using standard cloning techniques.

HEK-293T cells were cultured in 1:1 DMEM:F-12 medium in 60-mm dishes and transfected at 90% confluency with Lipofectamine 3000 (Invitrogen L3000015) according to the manufacturer's protocol. The relative DNA amounts were 10:1:10 tRNA:aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase:WT or BzF variant of G β or PhLp1. For experiments in Fig. 7A and B, WT G β or PhLp1 was cotransfected at a ratio of 1:5 compared with the BzF variant. Three hours after transfection, cells were fed with medium containing BzF (Bachem F-2800) to a concentration of 1 mM. Cells were harvested 48 h after transfection in 20 mM Hepes (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 6 μ L/mL protease inhibitor (Sigma P8340), 0.6 mM PMSF, and 1% Nonidet P-40. Cleared lysates were exposed to UV light from a 600-W flood lamp (Integrated Dispensing Solutions 100402-600) at a distance of 10 inches and at 4 °C for 2.5 min. Samples were immunoprecipitated with α -Flag (Sigma F3165) or α -c-Myc (Invitrogen 13-2500) antibody, followed by addition of protein A/G agarose (Santa Cruz sc-2003). Samples were separated by 10% SDS/PAGE and immunoblotted with the primary antibodies α -CCT α (Abcam ab109126), α -CCT β (Abcam ab92746), α -CCT γ (Abcam ab106932), α -CCT δ (Abcam ab129072), α -CCT ϵ (Abcam ab106932), α -CCT ζ (Santa Cruz, SC-13897), α -CCT η (Abcam ab170861), and α -CCT θ (AbD Serotec MCA2180), and the secondary antibodies α -mouse (LI-COR 926-32210), α -rat (LI-COR 926-32219), α -goat (LI-COR 926-32214), and α -rabbit (LI-COR 926-32211). Blots were imaged by using a LI-COR Odyssey infrared scanner.

XL-MS. The XL-MS analysis followed the protocol established by Leitner et al. (15). Briefly, 200 μ g of purified G β -CCT or PhLp1-G β -CCT complex was cross-linked in 25 mM Hepes (pH 8.0), 100 mM KCl, and 300 μ M 50% mixture of H12/D12 DSS (Creative Molecules 001S) at 37 °C for 30 min. Samples were quenched with 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate at 37 °C for 10 min, dried, and denatured with 8 M urea in 0.1 M Tris-HCl (pH 8.5). Proteins were reduced with 5 mM Tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine at 37 °C for 30 min and alkylated with 10 mM iodoacetamide at 25 °C in the dark for 30 min. Urea was diluted to a concentration of 4 M, and proteins were digested with lysyl endopeptidase at 1:50 enzyme-to-substrate ratio at 37 °C for 2 h. Urea was then diluted to a concentration of 1 M, and proteins were digested overnight with trypsin at a 1:50 ratio at 37 °C. Peptides were purified with a C18 cartridge (Waters WAT054955), dried, and resuspended in 25- μ L size-exclusion column (SEC) mobile phase (70:30:0.1 water:acetonitrile:TFA). Peptides were separated in SEC mobile phase at a flow rate of 50 μ L/min by using a GE AKTApurifier system with a Superdex Peptide PC 3.2/30 column. Enriched cross-link fractions were dried and resuspended in 2% formic acid.

LC-MS/MS was performed on a Thermo Scientific EASY-nLC 1000 Liquid Chromatograph system and Orbitrap Velos Pro mass spectrometer. Peptides were loaded on a 15-cm Picofrit column (New Objective) packed with Reprosil-Pur C18-AQ of 3- μ m particle size and 120-Å pore size. Separation was achieved with a gradient of 5–95% acetonitrile in 5% DMSO and 0.1% formic acid over 185 min and at a flow rate of 350 nL/min. MS1 resolution was 30,000 over a scan range of 380–2,000 m/z . Peptides with a charge state 3+ and greater were selected for higher-

energy collisional dissociation fragmentation at normalized collision energy (NCE) of 35% with three steps of 10% (stepped NCE) and resolution 7,500. Dynamic exclusion was enabled with a 10-ppm mass window and 1-min time frame. Samples were run in duplicate.

Cross-Linked Peptide Analysis. The xQuest/xProphet pipeline was used to identify cross-linked peptides in the MS datasets (15–17). Tandem mass spectra for parent ions with a mass shift of 12.075321 Da and a charge of 2+ to 7+ were classified as isotopic pairs and evaluated in ion-tag mode with the following parameters: two missed cleavages, 5–50 amino acid peptide length, carbamidomethyl fixed modification (57.02146-Da mass shift), oxidation variable modification (15.99491-Da mass shift), 138.0680796-Da mass shift for intra- and intermolecular cross-links, 156.0786442- and 155.0964278-Da mass shifts for mono-links, MS1 tolerance of 10 ppm, and MS2 tolerance of 0.2 Da for common ions and 0.3 Da for cross-link ions.

Spectra were searched against a protein sequence database containing human G β ₁, human PhLp1 (for the PhLp1-G β -CCT complex), and the sequences of *Trichoplusia ni* (High Five cell) CCT subunits α - θ . The *Trichoplusia* sequences were obtained by 5' and 3' RACEs of extracted High Five mRNA using the GeneRacer Kit (Invitrogen 45-0168) and degenerate primers targeting CCT. The degenerate primers were designed from alignments of *Spodoptera frugiperda* and *Bombyx mori* CCT sequences. The *Trichoplusia* sequences are available in GenBank. The *S. frugiperda* sequence of a 50-amino-acid region of *Trichoplusia* CCT δ that was not obtained via RACE was included in the *Trichoplusia* CCT δ sequence for the xQuest search database.

Cross-link hits were filtered with the following thresholds: $\leq 10\%$ false detection rate, $\geq 10\%$ TIC, -4 to 7 ppm MS1 tolerance window, ≥ 24 xQuest Id-Score for G β -CCT analysis, ≥ 25 xQuest Id-Score for PhLp1-G β -CCT analysis, and ≥ 4 fragmentation events per peptide. Hits meeting these thresholds were manually inspected for the quality of their spectra as well.

Structural Representations. The human G β ₁ protein sequence (P62873) was modeled on the bovine G β ₁ structure of 2TRC by using SWISS-MODEL (18, 19). The human PhLp1 protein sequence (Q13371) was modeled by using I-TASSER (20, 21). These two protein models were structurally aligned according to the G β -Pdc interaction of 2TRC to represent the G β -PhLp1 complex. *Trichoplusia* CCT α - θ protein sequences were modeled by using SWISS-MODEL on 2XSM, the open form of CCT, to represent the CCT ring shown binding to G β and PhLp1. The structures of G α and G γ in Fig. 7C are from 1GOT and 2TRC, respectively. Structural representations and distance measurements were performed by using UCSF Chimera (7). Chimera was developed by the Resource for Biocomputing, Visualization, and Informatics at the University of California, San Francisco (supported by National Institute of General Medical Sciences Grant P41-GM103311). Some distance measurements were also performed by using xWalk (22). For XL-MS cross-links involving lysines at CCT termini that lacked structural information, the distance was measured from the nearest residue with structural information.

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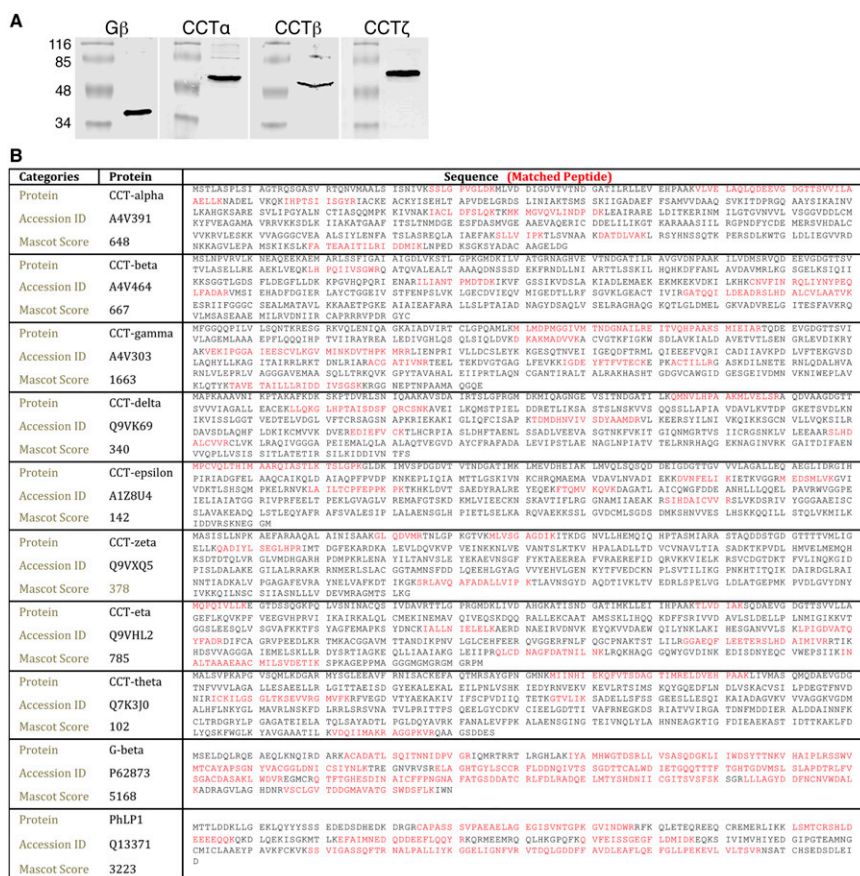


Fig. S1. Characterization of purified Gβ-CCT and PhLP1-Gβ-CCT. (A) Immunoblots are shown of the purified Gβ-CCT complex probed with antibodies against Gβ1, CCTα, CCTβ, and CCTζ. (B) MS identification of the PhLP1-Gβ-CCT complex. Amino acid sequences in red indicate peptide matches found when the MS/MS data were searched against the *Drosophila* database and the human Gβ1 and PhLP1 sequences using Mascot.

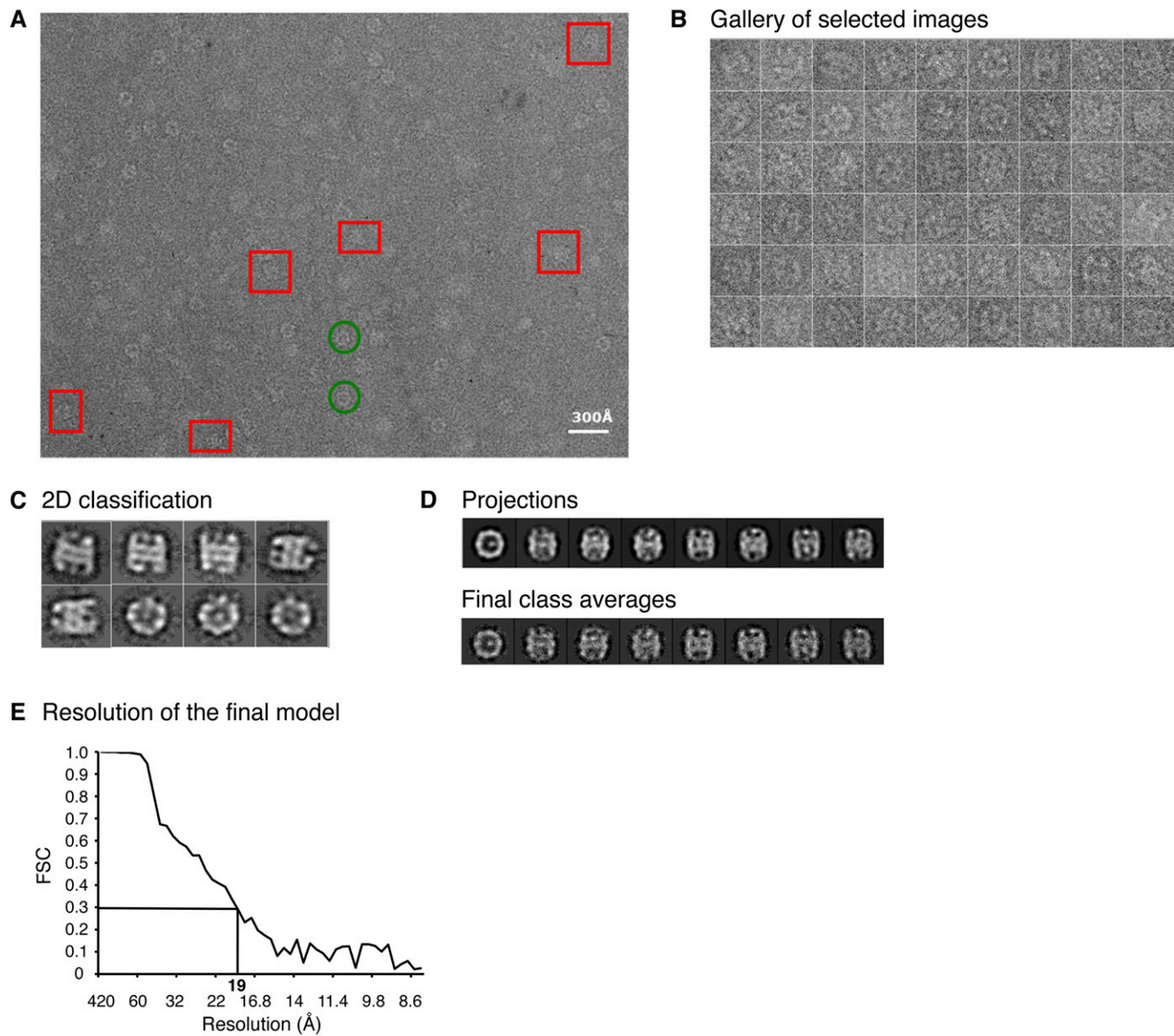


Fig. S2. $G\beta$ -CCT cryo-EM image analysis. (A) An EM field of $G\beta$ -CCT particles. Green circles indicate top views, and red rectangles indicate side views. (B) A gallery of selected particles. (C) Maximum-likelihood classification of the particles. The eight main populations are represented. (D) *Upper* represents eight different projections of the final volume, and *Lower* shows the corresponding class averages of these projections. (E) Plot of the FSC coefficients vs. resolution between two independent reconstructions for the $G\beta$ -CCT complex using the gold-standard method. The resolution obtained for a signal to noise ratio (SNR) of 0.3 (19 Å) is indicated.

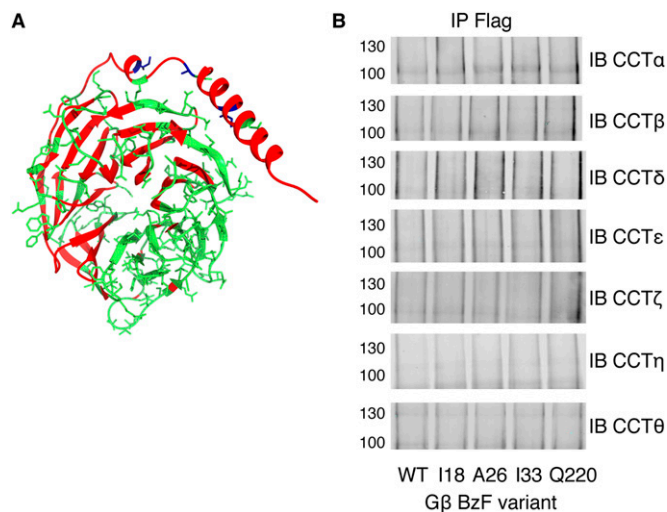


Fig. S3. BzF cross-linking of G β . (A) Map of BzF insertion positions in G β . BzF substitutions were made at the residues shown by green sticks in the G β structure. I18, A26, and I33 are shown in blue. A total of 175 substitutions were made. (B) Testing for cross-links of the G β BzF variants to other CCT subunits. CCT subunit immunoblots are shown of Flag-G β immunoprecipitates for the indicated G β BzF variants. No cross-linked bands were observed except in the CCT γ blot shown in Fig. 2. WT G β and the Q220 BzF variant are included as negative controls.

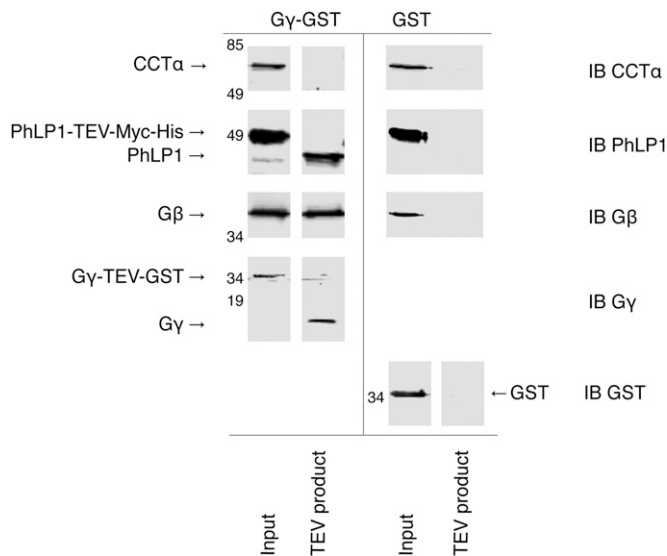


Fig. S4. In vitro assembly of the PhLP1-G β γ complex. Assessing the ability of G β in the PhLP1-G β -CCT complex to interact with G γ in vitro. Purified G γ -TEV-GST was added to the purified PhLP1-G β -CCT complex and incubated to allow G β γ dimer formation to occur. The G γ -TEV-GST was precipitated with glutathione beads, and G γ -containing complexes were released from the beads by cleaving with TEV protease. The TEV supernatant was immunoblotted as indicated. GST without G γ was tested in parallel as a negative control. The blots show that both PhLP1 and G β specifically associated with G γ , whereas CCT α did not, demonstrating that PhLP1 and G β had released from CCT and assembled in a PhLP1-G β γ complex. Spaces between blots indicate that one gel lane was removed from between the lanes shown without changing the relative mobility or intensity of the blots. The PhLP1 construct also contained a TEV cleavage site, which explains its increased mobility after TEV cleavage.

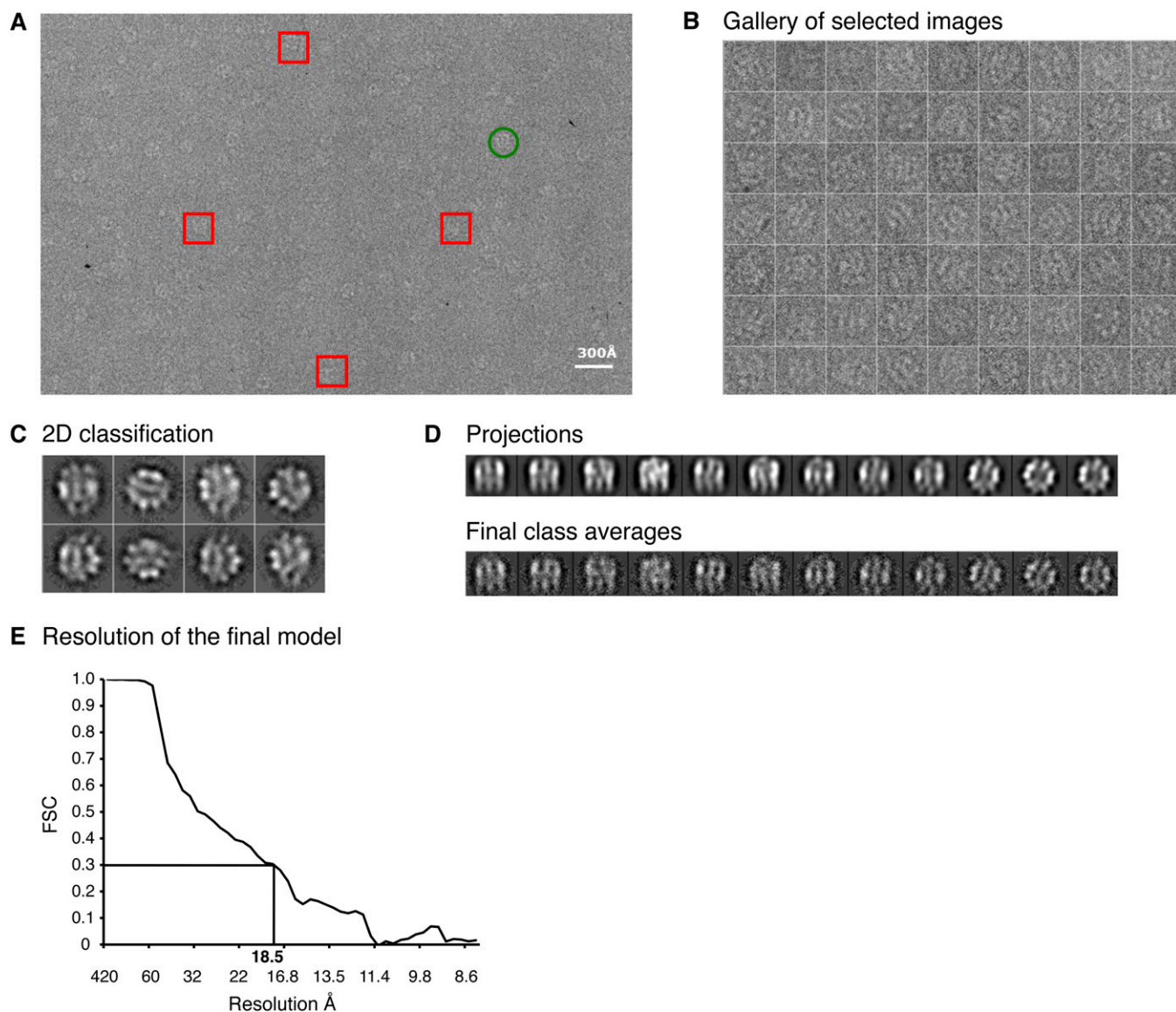


Fig. S5. PhLP1-G β -CCT cryo-EM image analysis. *(A)* An EM field of PhLP1-G β -CCT particles. The green circle identifies a top view, and red rectangles identify side views. *(B)* A gallery of selected particles. *(C)* Maximum-likelihood classification of the particles. The eight main populations are represented. *(D)* Upper represents eight different projections of the final volume, and Lower shows the corresponding class averages of these projections. *(E)* Plot of the FSC coefficients vs. resolution between two independent reconstructions for the PhLP1-G β -CCT complex using the gold-standard method. The resolution obtained for a SNR of 0.3 (18.5 Å) is indicated.

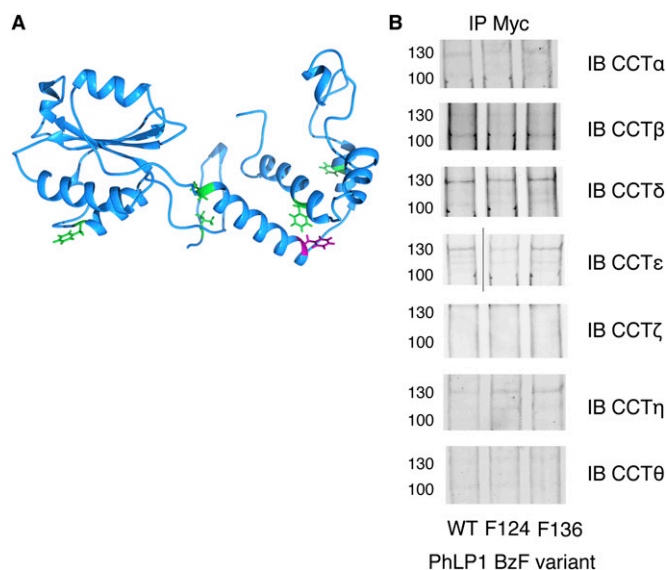


Fig. S6. BzF cross-linking of PhLP1. (A) Map of BzF insertion positions in PhLP1. BzF substitutions were made at the residues shown by green sticks in the PhLP1 structure. A total of six substitutions were made. F136 is shown in purple. (B) Testing for cross-links of the PhLP1 BzF variants to other CCT subunits. CCT subunit immunoblots are shown of PhLP1-Myc immunoprecipitates for the indicated PhLP1-Myc BzF variants. No unique cross-linked bands, not seen in the WT negative control, were observed for any of the subunits, except for the F136 sample in the CCT γ blot in Fig. 5. The F124 BzF variant is included as an additional negative control. In the CCT ϵ blot, the line indicates that a lane between the WT and F124 sample was removed for clarity of presentation without changing the relative mobility or intensity of the bands.

Dataset S1. XL-MS of the G β -CCT complex

[Dataset S1](#)

Results of the xQuest/xProphet analysis of cross-linked G β -CCT complexes are shown. The dataset includes statistical information for the cross-linked peptides that passed the filtering steps described in *SI Materials and Methods*. Hits are compiled from multiple sets of sample cross-linking, MS/MS, and xQuest analysis. Thus, the false discovery rate (FDR) and identification (Id)-score values correlate for each individual cross-link but are relative only to other cross-links from the same cross-link sample preparation. The MS1 error (in ppm) and total ion count (TIC) were calculated by xQuest. The C α -C α distances were measured between cross-linked lysines of the two peptides. The total number of unique cross-links identified was 219, with 42 interprotein and 177 intraprotein cross-links.

Dataset S2. XL-MS of the PhLP1-G β -CCT complex

[Dataset S2](#)

Results of the xQuest/xProphet analysis of cross-linked PhLP1-G β -CCT complexes are shown and compiled as described for Dataset S1. The total number of unique cross-links identified was 166, with 60 interprotein and 106 intraprotein cross-links.