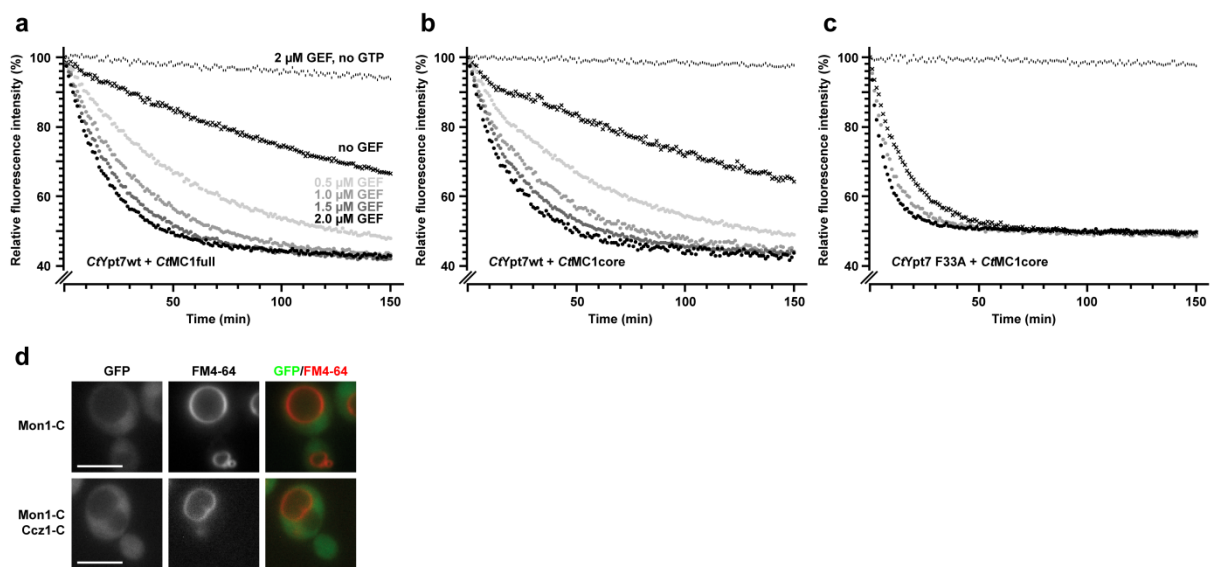
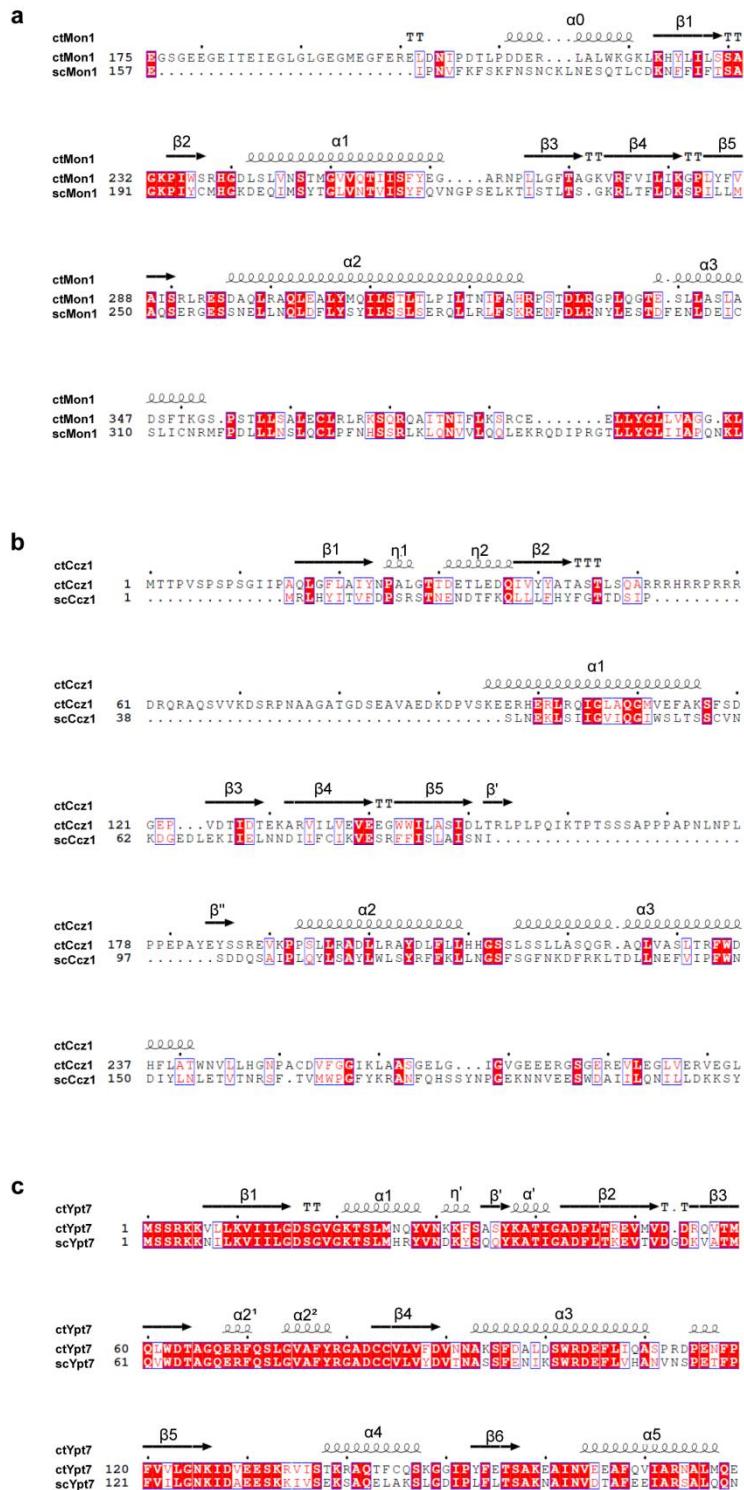


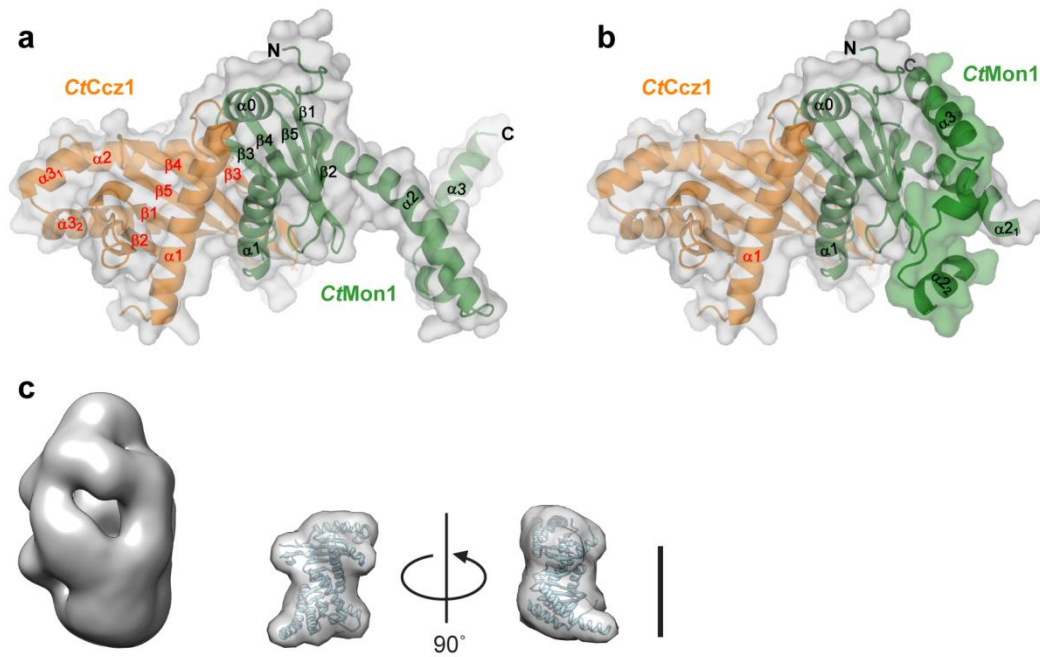
Supplementary Figure 1. Architecture of MC1. (a) Domain organization of *S. cerevisiae* and *C. thermophilum* Mon1 and Ccz1. The positions of the longin domains are marked by black bars. (b) Purification of full-length CtMC1 on a Superdex 200 (16/600) gel filtration column for electron microscopy. L: load; MC1: pooled peak fractions of CtMC1. (c) Micrograph of negatively stained CtMC1 complex. Scale bar corresponds to 50 nm. (d) 100 class averages from 22,165 particles that were initially used as templates for *ab initio* 3D structure determination; box size is 24x24 nm) (e) Fourier Shell Correlation of the negative stain reconstruction of the full-length Mon1-Ccz1 complex. (f) Different side and (g) top views of the CtMC1 3D-reconstruction rotated by 90°. Scale bar is 5 nm. (h) Analysis of MC1 and subcomplexes bound to Ypt7 on a Superdex200i (10/30) gel filtration column. CtMC1full: Mon1 1-665, Ccz1 1-796; CtMC1Δ: Mon1 140-665, Ccz1 1-249; CtMC1core: Mon1 195-355, Ccz1 1-249. Peaks correspond to a: ~360 kDa; b: ~85 kDa; c: ~150 kDa d: ~60 kDa).



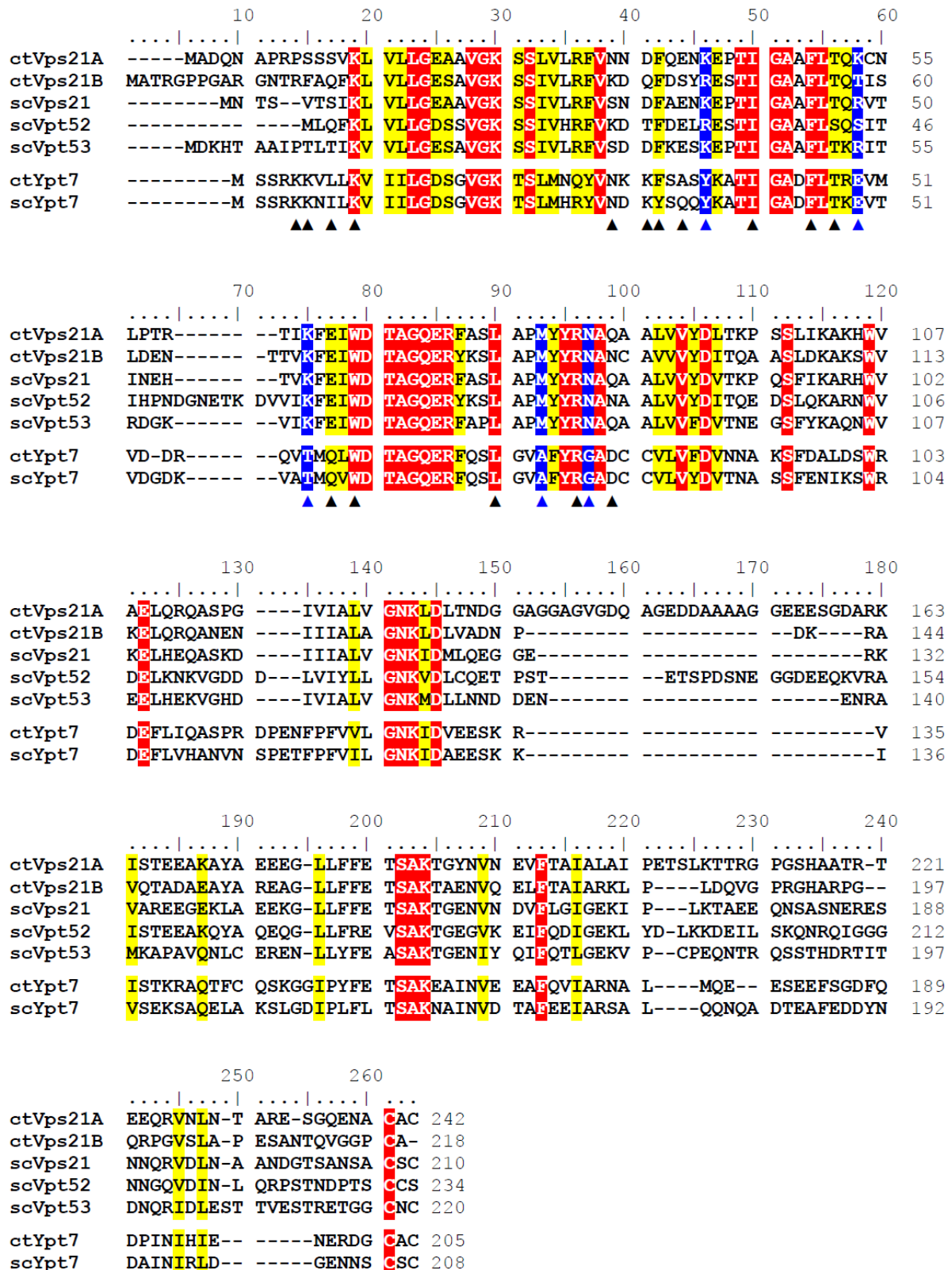
Supplementary Figure 2. Release of MANT-GDP was monitored in the presence of GTP or GEF only or both for CtYpt7 with CtMC1full (a), CtYpt7 with CtMC1core (b) and CtYpt7 F33A with CtMC1core (c). Initial rates were determined for different GEF concentrations. (d) GFP-tagged Mon1 C-terminus (Mon1-C) and a fusion between the Mon1 and Ccz1 C-termini (Mon1-C Ccz1-C) do not localize to endosomal structures when expressed in a wild-type background. Scale bars represent 5 μm.



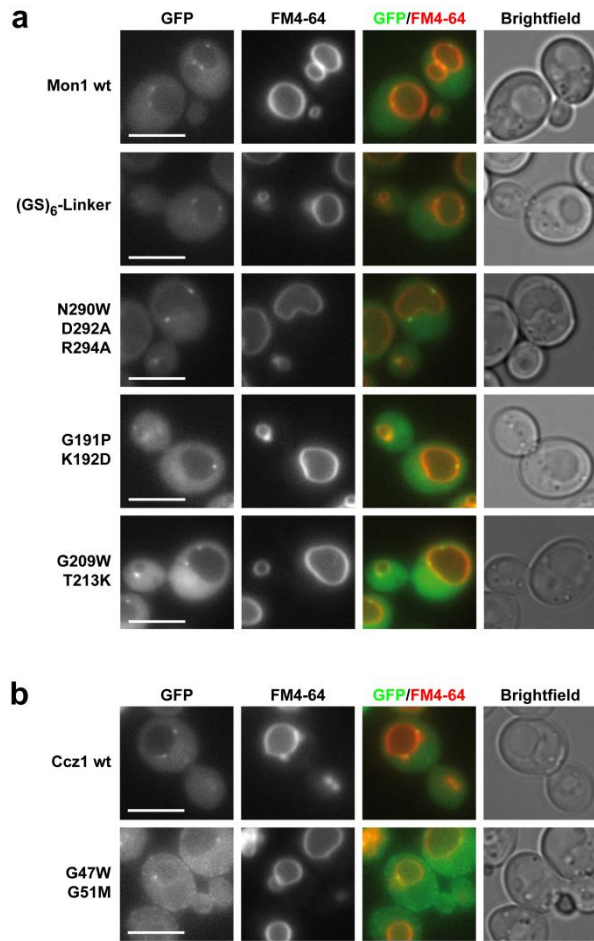
Supplementary Figure 3. A multiple sequence alignment of the (a) Mon1 longin domain, (b) Ccz1 longin domain and (c) of Ypt7 from *C. thermophilum* and *S. cerevisiae* was generated with ClustalW(1) and visualized with ESPript(2). Similar and conserved positions are marked by red font or boxes, respectively. Secondary structure elements as observed in the CtMC1core-Ypt7 crystal structure are labeled and shown above the alignment.



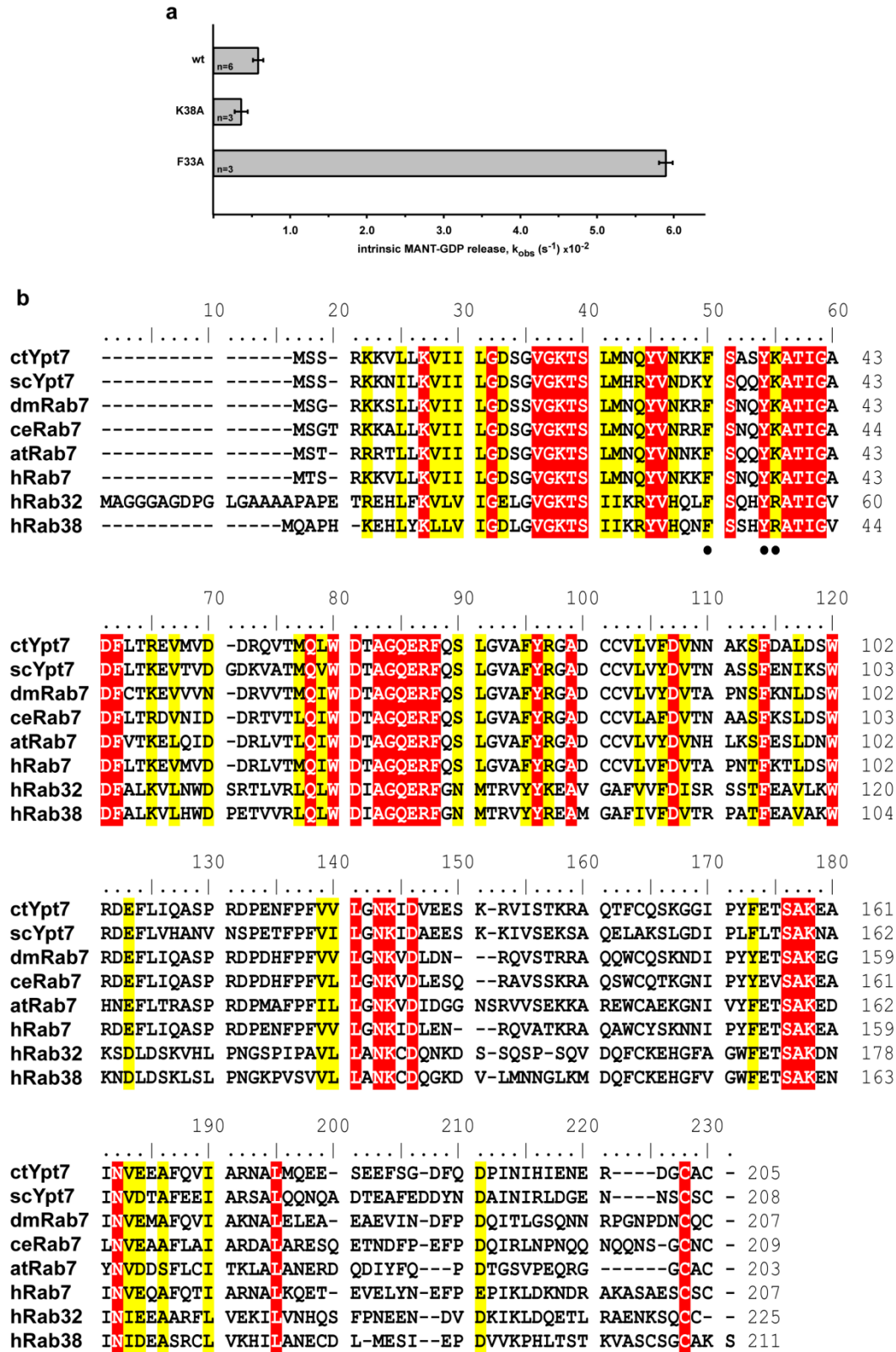
Supplementary Figure 4. Domain swap in the crystal structure of the CtMC1core complex. (a) Structure of the Mon1-Ccz1 heterodimer as observed in the crystal with labeled secondary structure elements. Helix $\alpha 3$ of Mon1 undergoes a domain swap and is swung out to interact with the second copy of Mon1 in the asymmetric unit. (b) Corrected functional unit of the Mon1-Ccz1 heterodimer. Helix $\alpha 2$ of Mon1 is interrupted by proline 317, which is the likely hinge of the domain swap. Thus, the $\alpha 2$ - $\alpha 3$ linker region and helix $\alpha 3$ of Mon1 is substituted by the equivalent segment from the second copy of Mon1. (c) Domain swap corrected model of the Mon1-Ccz1 longin heterodimer at 17Å resolution shown in comparison to the negative stain EM reconstruction of the full complex on the left. Scale bar is 5 nm.



Supplementary Figure 5. Sequence alignment of Vps21 and Ypt7 isoforms from *S. cerevisiae* and *C. thermophilum*. Identical residues are highlighted in red and similar residues in yellow. Residues in Ypt7 that interact with MC1 are marked by triangles (▲). Interacting residues that are conserved for Ypt7 but differ in Vps21 are shaded blue.



Supplementary Figure 6. Localization of MC1 mutants. GFP-tagged constructs of Mon1 (a) and Ccz1 (b) are expressed in a yeast wild-type background strain. Wild-type and mutant constructs show proper localization to dot-like endosomal structures. Scale bars represent 5 μ m.



Supplementary Figure 7. (a) Intrinsic nucleotide release rates of CtYpt7 wild-type protein, K38A and F33A as determined by MANT-GDP dissociation. Data represent the mean of technical repeats with standard deviation. (b) Sequence alignment of Ypt7/Rab7 from different species, human Rab32 and human Rab38. Identical residues are highlighted in red and similar residues in yellow. The position the critical residues F33, Y37 and K38 in CtYpt7 are marked by a circle (●).

Supplementary Table 1. List of interacting residues between Ypt7 and Mon1-Ccz1.

Ypt7	Mon1	Ccz1
K5	Q336, E339	
K6	<i>R332</i>	
L8	L242	
K10	A231	
N30	<i>D211</i>	
K32	D212	
F33	D211, L244, <i>S247</i>	
A35	<i>S247</i> , V251	
Y37	V251	G110, E113, F114
I41	T254, F285	L107, G110
F45	G250, V251, T254	
T47	<i>N246</i>	
E49	<i>S243</i>	
T58	L242, N246	
Q60	G232, N246, <i>G250</i>	
W62	A231, G250, Q253, T254	
L73	F258	
A76	<i>Q253</i> , <i>S257</i>	
R79	<i>S230</i> , Q253	
G80	A231, P327, S328	
D82	K233	

Salt bridges and hydrogen bonds are highlighted by bold and italics font, respectively.

Supplementary Table 2. Codon-optimized CtMC1 genes

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Supplementary Table 3. List of primers used in this study

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CtCcz1 aa 1-249	5'-CCATA <u>GGATCC</u> ATG ACC ACT CCA GTC TCC CC-3' 5'-GTATT <u>GCGGCCGC</u> TTA GTT ACC GTG CAG CAA CAC-3'
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