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# Life Sciences Reporting Summary

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•	Experimental design			
1.	Sample size			
	Describe how sample size was determined.	Not applicable.		
2.	Data exclusions			
	Describe any data exclusions.	No data exclusion.		
3.	Replication			
	Describe whether the experimental findings were reliably reproduced.	All experiments are reliably reproduced.		
4.	Randomization			
	Describe how samples/organisms/participants were allocated into experimental groups.	Not applicable.		
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	The exact sample size (n) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement (animals, litters, cultures, etc.)			
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	A clear description of statistics including <u>central tendency</u> (e.g. median, mean) and <u>variation</u> (e.g. standard deviation, interquartile range)			
	Clearly defined error bars			
	See the web collection on statistics for biologists for further resources and guidance.			
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7. 5	Software			

Describe the software used to analyze the data in this

EMAN2 and SPIDER were used to analyze Negative staining EM data; MotionCorr,

MotionCor2, CTFFIND3, RELION1.4 and ResMap were used to analyze cryo-EM data; Predictprotein was used to predict the secondary structure of the exocyst subunits; PHYRE2 and Swiss-Model were used to predict tertiary structures based on known homology structure; Chimera was used for rigid body docking, structural analysis and figure presentation; Coot was used for manually model building; Phenix was used for model refinement; PROCHECK was used for model validation; PROMALS3D was used for multi-sequence alignment. Prism7 was used for statistical data presentation.

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### Materials and reagents

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#### 8. Materials availability

Indicate whether there are restrictions on availability of unique materials or if these materials are only available for distribution by a for-profit company.

No restriction.

#### 9. Antibodies

Describe the antibodies used and how they were validated for use in the system under study (i.e. assay and species).

The Bgl2 antibody has been tested in yeast by several labs and has been used in many previous publications.

#### 10. Eukaryotic cell lines

- a. State the source of each eukaryotic cell line used.
- b. Describe the method of cell line authentication used.
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Not applicable.

Not applicable.

Not applicable.

Not applicable.

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11. Description of research animals

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Not applicable.

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12. Description of human research participants

Describe the covariate-relevant population characteristics of the human research participants.

Not applicable.