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<u>Response:</u> We have added a table (**Table 1**) indicating the experimental and theoretical masses for ANTH, ENTH,  $PIP_2$  lipids bound and complexes.

The following text was added on page 4, line 100: "The ANTH and ENTH domains from Sla2 and Ent1 (33.2 and 18.9 kDa, respectively, see **Table 1**)..."

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<u>Response:</u> The labels on Figure 4(g) have been corrected and the number of PIP<sub>2</sub> molecules described in **Table 1**. Furthermore, Supplementary **Fig 7** shows in detail that the different peaks correspond to different PIP<sub>2</sub> molecules bound to the  $A_8E_8$  complex.

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<u>Response:</u> We have added a supplementary figure (Supplementary **Fig.7**) showing the whole m/z range spectrum collected for the ANTH WT + ENTH WT sample. The presence of free ANTH and ENTH is observed at lower m/z values while the complex appears at around 10000 m/z

(Supplementary Fig. 7a). As suggested by the reviewer, those additional peaks corresponding to different numbers of PIP<sub>2</sub> (22, 23 and 24 are clearly distinguishable) bound to the complex (highest intensity +41 charge state of the 8:8 ANTH/ENTH complex) are now shown in Supplementary Fig. 7c. A close up of the spectrum at lower m/z values where ANTH and ENTH are bound to 1, 2 and 3 PIP<sub>2</sub> molecules is shown in Supplementary Fig. 7d. For the ANTH domain, species bound to 1, 2 and 3 Na<sup>+</sup> molecules (coming from the PIP<sub>2</sub> sample) were also detected (see Supplementary Fig. 7e and Materials and Methods).

The main text of the manuscript has been modified and the following added:

-Page 7, line 171: "Native MS allows the identification of charge state distributions corresponding to  $A_8E_8$  complexes at higher m/z, with 22-24 PIP<sub>2</sub> molecules bound (Supplementary **Fig. 7**)."

-Page 10, line 250: "In addition to the 20  $PIP_2$  lipids described in the entire 16-mer complex, up to 24  $PIP_2$  molecules were detected by native MS indicating the presence of four additional bound lipid molecules that could not be resolved in our structure (Supplementary **Fig. 7c**)."

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<u>Response</u>: As the reviewer points out, the ANTH R3A/I4A/D37R/H38A mutant spectrum corresponds to a 12-mer ( $A_6E_6$ ) complex. The ANTH R3A/I4A/D37R/H38A masses and charge states, as well as the number of PIP<sub>2</sub> bound are content in **Table 1**. We have relabeled the spectrum in **Fig. 4g**.

The following text has been added to the main text of the manuscript:

-Page 9, line 224: "Interestingly, native MS for the R3A/I4A/D37R/H38A mutant showed a shift in the signal of the complexes obtained to lower m/z, corresponding to 12-mers (**Fig. 4g** and **Table 1**), in agreement with the DLS data. Assemblies of 12-mers have been previously reported as lower abundance species<sup>19,36</sup> and are formed by 6 ANTH and 6 ENTH molecules (termed  $A_6E_6$ ). However, mutation of the ANTH-ANTH interface did not cause growth defect phenotype *in vivo* (Supplementary **Fig. 9c**)." -Page 12, line 307: "In case of ANTH R3A/I4A/D37R/H38A, the typical 16-mer AENTH complex was not observed for this mutant, but a 12mer assembly (**Fig. 4g** and **Table 1**) previously described corresponding to 6 ANTH and 6 ENTH molecules (termed  $A_6E_6$ )<sup>19,36</sup>, was sufficient to introduce membrane reshaping *in vitro*."

5) Figure 4g - Please change the labeling on each spectrum to show that it is an AENTH complex. Follow the spectrum 2 style of labeling. <u>Response:</u> Figure 4g has been relabeled.

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1) "As such, I am not sure, however, that the 16-mer complex by itselfs explains sufficiently how the achoring works".

<u>Response</u>: We would like to point out that we are proposing that the anchoring structure is a tetramer that can further associate into bigger assemblies. We have presented the first high-resolution structure of the AENTH complex bound to lipids. The structure was solved for a 16-mer assembly composed of four AENTH tetramers. We have shown how mutations on the tetrameric interfaces disrupt the complex formation (no tetramers detected, therefore no bigger assemblies) *in vitro* and have associated growth defect phenotypes *in vivo*. We have now performed additional experiments on GUVs and LUVs to show the crucial role of the reported tetrameric AENTH structure in membrane remodeling. We now thoroughly revised the relevant parts of the manuscript:

2) "You mention force transmission, and that the complex 'facilitates the formation of larger assemblies which would contribute to membrane bending and remodeling. "

<u>Response:</u> We have modified the text to better stress the role of the AENTH tetramer in membrane anchoring (required for force transmission) and improved the section for the formation of larger assemblies. Regarding its role in membrane remodeling we have performed two new experiments.

# New experiments:

Following the reviewer's comment, new experiments performed on GUVs and LUVs (**Fig. 6 and 7**) show how ANTH and ENTH mutants that are not able to form the AENTH tetramer fail to contribute to membrane remodeling using *in-vitro* model membranes.

2) "But how does this work ? How does the molecular structure reported help in this?"

<u>Response:</u> We have repurposed a main figure (**Fig. 5**) to depict the involved protein-lipid interactions and the role of the tetramer in membrane anchoring.

3) What interactions with the membrane are relevant?

<u>Response:</u> As requested by the reviewer we have highlighted the regions involved in lipid clamping on **Fig. 5e**.

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<u>Response:</u> Our experiments using model membranes (liposomes and GUVs) indicate that  $PIP_2$  needs to be present in the lipid bilayer to see protein binding. Please see response to point 6 below. **Fig. 6a** and **6b** indicate that  $PIP_2$  needs to be present in the bilayer for deformation to occur. Colocalization of the GFP signal (protein) and Rhodamine labelled-PE (membrane) in our confocal fluorescence microscopy experiments further confirms that the assembly of the domains takes place in the membrane.

5) From Fig.1, it is unclear where and how the authors envision the orientation with respect to the bilayer plane.

<u>Response:</u> This has been addressed in the new **Fig. 5**. The model of a tetramer interacting with the membrane is shown in panels **c to e** and the membrane plane indicated with a dashed line.

6) Could you perform experiments of the complex interacting with model lipids to shed light on this, for example studies of the complex interacting with vesicles of different curvature? <u>Response:</u> Following the reviewer's advice, we have performed experiments with model membranes. We have used liposomes/Large Unilamelar Vesicles (LUVs) as a high curvature model and Giant Unilamelar Vesicles (GUVs) as lower curvature model.

New figures (**Fig. 6 and 7**) have been added to the manuscript. When ANTH and ENTH domains are combined in the presence of GUVs containing PIP<sub>2</sub> the AENTH complex reshapes GUVs into tubular structures, as previously reported by Skruzny et al., (2015). We produced ANTH-GFP or ENTH-GFP, mixed them with GUVs with and without PIP<sub>2</sub> and imaged them using confocal fluorescence microscopy. ANTH-GFP or ENTH-GFP by themselves did not

cause remodeling effect of GUVs, while when both proteins were together hairy structures protruding from the vesicles could be visualized. Importantly, ANTH and ENTH tetrameric mutants had different membrane deformation capabilities. Those mutants shown to be unable to form the AENTH complex have failed to form the hairy structures observed for the wild-type domains.

Similar results were obtained for LUVs containing  $PIP_2$  observed by negative staining EM. ANTH does not seem to deform LUVs notably, in agreement with literature (Ford et al. 2001). ENTH causes LUVs to become aggregated. Both domains together then lead to clear LUVs tubulation. As for GUVs, those mutants that cannot assemble a functional AENTH complex were unable to tubulate LUVs. The conclusion from these experiments using membrane models is that only ANTH and ENTH proteins which can assemble into tetrameric (and therefore bigger assemblies) are able to remodel membranes.

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<u>Response</u>: No, it does not correspond to the 16-mer  $A_8E_8$  structure scattering curve. It is a fit of a mixture of oligomers based on the combination of the experimental data available: monomers, 16-mer and 32-mer complexes existing in solution as have been previously described by Heidemann *et al.* 2020.

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<u>Response</u>: No, the 16-mer ( $A_8E_8$ ) complex alone does not fit the data because the system consists of a mixture in solution (see previous response). The 16-mer overall dimensions agree with the

distance distribution function, however the shape of the ab-initio models generated from this model does differ from the one of the cryo-EM structure. The reason for this is the heterogeneity present in solution, which is "filtered out" during particle selection and alignment during cryo-EM data processing to achieve higher resolution of a subset of the particles embedded in the ice.

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Response: The following references are added to the main text:

-Busch, D. J. et al. Intrinsically disordered proteins drive membrane curvature. Nat. Commun. 6, 1–11 (2015).

-Engqvist-Goldstein, Å. E. Y. et al. The actin-binding protein Hip1R associates with clathrin during early stages of endocytosis and promotes clathrin assembly in vitro. J. Cell Biol. 154, 1209–1223 (2001).

-Holkar, S. S., Kamerkar, S. C. & Pucadyil, T. J. Spatial control of epsin-induced clathrin assembly by membrane curvature. J. Biol. Chem. 290, 14267–14276 (2015).

Particularly, Engqvist-goldstein shows in Figure 6 the elongated topology of Hip1R (Sla2 homologue) by electron microscopy.

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Response: The text has been modified as follows:

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3) Page 6 line 149 – Figure S6a is referred to but the melting temperature experiments are not commented on.

<u>Response:</u> nanoDSF experiments on the mutants are shown as a control of whether the mutation itself is destabilizing the fold of the domain. We are now commenting Supplementary **Fig. 6a-c** in different parts of the manuscript:

Page 6 line 156: To test the relevance of this interface for complex formation, point mutations were introduced in residues in the ANTH and ENTH domains present in this interface and the stability of recombinant proteins was analyzed by nanoDSF (Supplementary **Fig. 6a**).

Page 7 line 179: ENTH F108A also introduced a growth defect phenotype *in vivo* (Fig. 4i), but our *in vitro* data showed that the stability of the protein is compromised by this mutation (Supplementary Fig. 6a).

Page 8 line 188: A second interface in the AENTH tetramer involves residues K10, K13 and K14 of ANTH (**Fig. 4b** and Supplementary **Fig. 6b**).

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<u>Response</u>: This has been modified. The density from the cryo-EM map is shown in transparent surface representation.

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The authors have answered all my queries satisfactorily. Hence, I recommend that the manuscript be accepted for publication.

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I find your reply and revision convincing and am pleased to recommend publication.

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The revised manuscript is much improved and addresses all my prior concerns. The new movie showing open and closed states is particularly helpful and the further experiments have added value to this already comprehensive study. I am happy to recommend publication.