

S11 Figure. SEC-SAXS analysis of MBP-2rNT, and the other two Arc constructs used in this study. CTdt refers to the hArc-CTD construct used. A SEC elution profiles for the three constructs. Extrapolated I0 of each frame (lines) are plotted on the left Y-axis and open rings indicate the calculated  $R_g$  of the main peak data frames used for data processing and modelling. B Scattering profiles of each sample. The data fits from GNOM are shown as black lines and the curves are displaced by two logarithmic units, for clarity. C Scattering data shown on a dimensionless Kratky plot. The X indicates the expected maximum for a fully rigid spherical particle ( $\sqrt{3}$ , 1.104). The rigidity of the MBP-2rNT construct was apparent. D Distance distribution profiles. FLrArc-7A showed a characteristic wide profile, indicating elongation, hArc-CTD showed a two-peak profile, typical of bilobar structures and the bell-shaped distribution of MBP-2rNT indicated a more compact fold. E *Ab initio* model of the dimeric rArc mutant, produced with no forced symmetry in DAMMIN ( $\chi^2=0.9992$ ). *Ab initio* models of the MBP-2rNT dimer (F) and hArc-CTD (G), produced using GASBOR without forced symmetry ( $\chi^2=1.790$  for MBP-2rNT and  $\chi^2=1.261$  for hArc-CTD).