

----- Supplementary Information -----

**Structures reveal a key mechanism of WAVE Regulatory Complex
activation by Rac1 GTPase**

Supplementary Table 1. DNA constructs and WRC assemblies used in this study

Name	Description	Identifier	Source/reference
Individual proteins and WRC subunits			
Sra1	His6-Tev-hSra1 (1-1253, full length) in pAV5a vector, His6-Tev finally removed	pYS1	(Ismail et al., 2009) ¹
Sra1 ^{D-Rac1}	His6-Tev-Sra1-(GGG) ₄ -Rac1 ^{Q61L/P29S} (1-188) in pAV5a vector, His6-Tev finally removed	pYS11	This study
Sra1 ^{A-Rac1}	His6-Tev-Sra1 Y423-[(GGG) ₆ -Rac1 ^{P29S} (1-188)-(GS) ₆]-S424 (Rac1 is inserted in a loop of Sra1 between Y423/S424), in pAV5a vector, His6-Tev finally removed	pYS88	This study
Sra1 ^{AD-Rac1}	His6-Tev-Sra1 Y423-[(GGG) ₆ -Rac1 ^{Q61L/P29S} (1-188)-(GS) ₆]-S424 -(GGG) ₄ -Rac1 ^{P29S} (1-188), in pAV5a vector, His6-Tev finally removed	pYS191	This study
Sra1 ^{N183R}	N183R in Sra1	pYS208	This study
Sra1 ^{S186M}	S186M in Sra1	pYS209	This study
Sra1 ^{K189M}	K189M in Sra1	pYS210	This study
Sra1 ^{Y108A}	Y108A in Sra1	pYS206	This study
Sra1 ^{Y108H}	Y108H in Sra1	pYS192	This study
Sra1 ^{N176W}	N176W in Sra1	pYS207	This study
Sra1 ^{R87C, D-Rac1}	R87C in Sra1 ^{D-Rac1}	pYS213	This study
Nap1	His6-Tev-hNap1 (1-1128, full length), in pAV5a vector, His6-Tev finally removed	pYS2	(Ismail et al., 2009) ¹
WAVE1 (1-230)	MBP-Tev-hWAVE1 (1-230) in pMalC2Tev vector, MBP-Tev finally removed	pYS8	(Chen et al., 2017) ²
WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA	MBP-Tev-hWAVE1 (1-230)-(GGG) ₆ -WCA(485-559) in pMalC2Tev vector, MBP-Tev finally removed	pYS9	(Chen et al., 2017) ²
WAVE1(1-230)-Rac1	MBP-Tev-WAVE1 (1-230)-(GGG) ₆ -Rac1 ^{Q61L/P29S} (1-188) in pMalC2Tev vector, MBP-Tev finally removed	cbyd-131103-2 (AE9-2)	(Chen et al., 2017) ²
WAVE1 ^{ΔPPP}	¹³¹ PPPLNI ¹³⁶ replaced by (GS) ₃ in WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA	pYL17	This study
WAVE1 ^{Y151E}	Y151E in WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA	pYS221	This study
Abi2 (1-158)	MBP-Tev-hAbi2 (1-158) in pMalC2Tev vector, MBP-Tev finally removed	pYS3	(Ismail et al., 2009) ¹
HSPC300	MBP-Tev-hHSPC300 (1-79, full length) in pMalC2Tev vector, MBP-Tev finally removed	pYS4	(Ismail et al., 2009) ¹
WCA	hWAVE1(485-559) in pET11a vector	pYS194	(Ismail et al., 2009) ¹
GST-Rac1 ^{P29S}	GST-Tev-Rac1 ^{P29S} (1-188) in pGEXTEv vector	pTB93	(Chen et al., 2017) ²
GST-Rac1 ^{QP}	GST-Tev-Rac1 ^{Q61L/P29S} (1-188) in pGEXTEv vector	pYS7	(Chen et al., 2017) ²
Untagged Rac1	Rac1 ^{Q61L/P29S} (1-188) in pET11a vector	pYS69	This study
EGFP-mCyfip1	EGFP-mCyfip1 in pEGFP vector	pMS1	(Schaks et al., 2018) ³
EGFP-mCyfip1 ^{C179R}	EGFP-mCyfip1 ^{C179R} in pEGFP vector	pMS2	(Schaks et al., 2018) ³
EGFP-mCyfip1 ^{Y108H}	EGFP-mCyfip1 ^{Y108H} in pEGFP vector	pMS97	(Schaks et al., 2020) ⁴
EGFP-mCyfip1 ^{Y108A}	EGFP-mCyfip1 ^{Y108A} in pEGFP vector	pMS131	This study
EGFP-mCyfip1 ^{N176W}	EGFP-mCyfip1 ^{N176W} in pEGFP vector	pMS132	This study

EGFP-mCyp1 ^{N183R}	EGFP-mCyp1 ^{N183R} in pEGFP vector	pMS133	This study
EGFP-mCyp1 ^{S186M}	EGFP-mCyp1 ^{S186M} in pEGFP vector	pMS134	This study
EGFP-mCyp1 ^{K189M}	EGFP-mCyp1 ^{K189M} in pEGFP vector	pMS135	This study
Assembled WRC (refer to the above table for subunit information)			
WRC ^{230WCA} , or WRC ^{apo}	Sra1, Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	(Chen et al., 2017) ²
WRC ^{D-Rac1}	Sra1 ^{D-Rac1} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{A-Rac1}	Sra1 ^{A-Rac1} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{AD-Rac1}	Sra1 ^{AD-Rac1} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{N183R}	Sra1 ^{N183R} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{S186M}	Sra1 ^{S186M} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{K189M}	Sra1 ^{K189M} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{Y108A}	Sra1 ^{Y108A} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{Y108H}	Sra1 ^{Y108H} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{N176W}	Sra1 ^{N176W} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{D-Rac1, R87C}	Sra1 ^{R87C, D-Rac1} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230)-WCA, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{D-Rac1, ΔPPP}	Sra1 ^{D-Rac1} , Nap1, WAVE1 ^{ΔPPP} , Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{D-Rac1, Y151E}	Sra1 ^{D-Rac1} , Nap1, WAVE1 ^{Y151E} , Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ²³⁰	Sra1, Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230), Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	(Chen et al., 2017) ²
WRC ^{230, D-Rac1}	Sra1 ^{D-Rac1} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230), Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{230, A-Rac1}	Sra1 ^{A-Rac1} , Nap1, WAVE1 (1-230), Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	This study
WRC ^{230ΔWCA-Rac1}	Sra1, Nap1, WAVE1(1-230)-Rac1, Abi2 (1-158), and HSPC300	/	(Chen et al., 2017) ²

Supplementary Table 2. Amino acid sequences of recombinant proteins used in this study

Only sequences in the final product (i.e., after protease cleavage to remove the affinity tag) are shown and are annotated by corresponding colors.

<p>>Sra1 GAMAAQVTLLEDALSNVDLLEELPLPDQQPCIEPPSSLLYQPNFNTNFEDRNAFVTGIARYIEQATVHSSMNELEEGQEYAVMLYT WRSCSRAIPQVKCNEQPNRVEIYEKTVLEVLEPEVTKLMNFMFYQRNAIERFCGEVRRLLCHAERRKDFVSEAYLITLTKGFINMFAVLD ELKNMKCSVKNDHSAYKRAAQFLRKMADPQSIQESQNLMSFLANHNKITQSLQQQLEVISGYEELLADIVNLCVDYYENRMYLTPSE KHMLLKVMGFGLYLMDGVSNIYKLDAKKRINLSKIDKYFKQLQVVPFLFGDMQIELARYIKTSAHYEENKSRWCTSSGSSPQYNIC EQMIQIREDHMRFISELARYSNSEVVTGSGRQEAQKTDAEYRKLFDLALQGLQLLSQWSAHVMEVYSWKLVHPTDKYSNKDCPDSAE EYERATRYNYTSEEKFFALVEVIAMIKGLQVLMGRMESVFNHARHTVYAALQDFSQVTLREPLRQAIAKKNVIVQSVLQAIKRTVCD WETGHEPFNDPALRGEKDPKSGFDIKVPRRAVGPSSSTQLYMVRTMLESIAIDKSGSKTLRSSLGPTILDIEKFHRESFFYTHLIN FSETLQQCCDLSQLWFRFFLELTMGRIQFPPIEMSPWILTTHILETKEASMEYVLYSLDLYNDSAHYALTRFNKQFLYDEIEAE VNLCFDQFVYKLDQIFAYYKVMAGSLLDKRLRSECKNQGATIHLPSPNRYETLLKQRHVQLLGRSIDLNRITQVSAAMYKSLE LAIGRFESEDLTISIVELDGLLEINRMTHKLLSRYLTLDGFDAMFREANHNVSAPYGRITLHVFWELNYDFLPNYCYNGSTNRFVRTV LPFSQEFQRDKQPNAPQYHLGSKALNLAYSSIYGSYRNFVGPFPFHQVICRLLGYQGIIVVMEELLKVVKSLLQGTILQYVKTLMVEV MPKICRLPRHEYGSPGILEFFHHQLKDIVEYAEKTVCFQNLREVGNAILFCLLIEQSLSEVCDLLHAAPFQNILPRVHVKEGER LDAKMKRLESKYAPLHLVPLIERLGTQQIAIAREGDLLTKERLCCGLSMFEVILTRIRSFLDDPIWRGPLPSNGVMHVDECVEFHR LWSAMQFVYICIPVGTHEFTVEQCFDGLHWAGCMIIVLLGQQRRAVLDFCYHLLKVQKHDGKDEI IKNVPLKMMVERIRKQFQLND EITITLDKYLKSGDGEPTVEHVRCFQPPPIHQSLASS</p>
<p>>Sra1^{D-Rac1}, or Sra1-(GGG)₄-Rac1^{Q61L/P29S}(1-188) GAMAAQVTLLEDALSNVDLLEELPLPDQQPCIEPPSSLLYQPNFNTNFEDRNAFVTGIARYIEQATVHSSMNELEEGQEYAVMLYT WRSCSRAIPQVKCNEQPNRVEIYEKTVLEVLEPEVTKLMNFMFYQRNAIERFCGEVRRLLCHAERRKDFVSEAYLITLTKGFINMFAVLD ELKNMKCSVKNDHSAYKRAAQFLRKMADPQSIQESQNLMSFLANHNKITQSLQQQLEVISGYEELLADIVNLCVDYYENRMYLTPSE KHMLLKVMGFGLYLMDGVSNIYKLDAKKRINLSKIDKYFKQLQVVPFLFGDMQIELARYIKTSAHYEENKSRWCTSSGSSPQYNIC EQMIQIREDHMRFISELARYSNSEVVTGSGRQEAQKTDAEYRKLFDLALQGLQLLSQWSAHVMEVYSWKLVHPTDKYSNKDCPDSAE EYERATRYNYTSEEKFFALVEVIAMIKGLQVLMGRMESVFNHARHTVYAALQDFSQVTLREPLRQAIAKKNVIVQSVLQAIKRTVCD WETGHEPFNDPALRGEKDPKSGFDIKVPRRAVGPSSSTQLYMVRTMLESIAIDKSGSKTLRSSLGPTILDIEKFHRESFFYTHLIN FSETLQQCCDLSQLWFRFFLELTMGRIQFPPIEMSPWILTTHILETKEASMEYVLYSLDLYNDSAHYALTRFNKQFLYDEIEAE VNLCFDQFVYKLDQIFAYYKVMAGSLLDKRLRSECKNQGATIHLPSPNRYETLLKQRHVQLLGRSIDLNRITQVSAAMYKSLE LAIGRFESEDLTISIVELDGLLEINRMTHKLLSRYLTLDGFDAMFREANHNVSAPYGRITLHVFWELNYDFLPNYCYNGSTNRFVRTV LPFSQEFQRDKQPNAPQYHLGSKALNLAYSSIYGSYRNFVGPFPFHQVICRLLGYQGIIVVMEELLKVVKSLLQGTILQYVKTLMVEV MPKICRLPRHEYGSPGILEFFHHQLKDIVEYAEKTVCFQNLREVGNAILFCLLIEQSLSEVCDLLHAAPFQNILPRVHVKEGER LDAKMKRLESKYAPLHLVPLIERLGTQQIAIAREGDLLTKERLCCGLSMFEVILTRIRSFLDDPIWRGPLPSNGVMHVDECVEFHR LWSAMQFVYICIPVGTHEFTVEQCFDGLHWAGCMIIVLLGQQRRAVLDFCYHLLKVQKHDGKDEI IKNVPLKMMVERIRKQFQLND EITITLDKYLKSGDGEPTVEHVRCFQPPPIHQSLASS GGSGSGSGSGSMQAIKCVVVDGAVGKTCLLISYTTNAFSGEYIPTVFD NYSANVMVDGKPVNGLWDTAGLEDYDRLRPLSPQTDVFLICFLVSPASFNENVRKWPYEVRRHCPNTPILLVGTKLDLRDDKDT IEKLKEKKLTPITYPQGLAMAKEIGAVKYLECSALTQRGLKTVFDEAIRAVLCPPPVKRKRK</p>
<p>>Sra1^{A-Rac1} or Sra1 Y423-[(GGG)₆-Rac1^{Q61L/P29S}(1-188)-HRV3C-(GS)₆]-S424 GAMAAQVTLLEDALSNVDLLEELPLPDQQPCIEPPSSLLYQPNFNTNFEDRNAFVTGIARYIEQATVHSSMNELEEGQEYAVMLYT WRSCSRAIPQVKCNEQPNRVEIYEKTVLEVLEPEVTKLMNFMFYQRNAIERFCGEVRRLLCHAERRKDFVSEAYLITLTKGFINMFAVLD ELKNMKCSVKNDHSAYKRAAQFLRKMADPQSIQESQNLMSFLANHNKITQSLQQQLEVISGYEELLADIVNLCVDYYENRMYLTPSE KHMLLKVMGFGLYLMDGVSNIYKLDAKKRINLSKIDKYFKQLQVVPFLFGDMQIELARYIKTSAHYEENKSRWCTSSGSSPQYNIC EQMIQIREDHMRFISELARYSNSEVVTGSGRQEAQKTDAEYRKLFDLALQGLQLLSQWSAHVMEVYSWKLVHPTDKYSNKDCPDSAE GGSGSGSMQAIKCVVVDGAVGKTCLLISYTTNAFSGEYIPTVFDNYSANVMVDGKPVNGLWDTAGLEDYDRLRPLSPQTDVFL ICFSLVSPASFNENVRKWPYEVRRHCPNTPILLVGTKLDLRDDKDTIEKLKEKKLTPITYPQGLAMAKEIGAVKYLECSALTQRGLK TVFDEAIRAVLCPPPVKRKRKGSLEVLFOGPGSGSGSGSSSNKDCPDSAEYERATRYNYTSEEKFFALVEVIAMIKGLQVLMGRM ESVFNHARHTVYAALQDFSQVTLREPLRQAIAKKNVIVQSVLQAIKRTVCDWETGHEPFNDPALRGEKDPKSGFDIKVPRRAVGPSS STQLYMVRTMLESIAIDKSGSKTLRSSLGPTILDIEKFHRESFFYTHLINFSETLQQCCDLSQLWFRFFLELTMGRIQFPPIEM SMPWILTTHILETKEASMEYVLYSLDLYNDSAHYALTRFNKQFLYDEIEAEVNLCFDQFVYKLDQIFAYYKVMAGSLLDKRLRS ECKNQGATIHLPSPNRYETLLKQRHVQLLGRSIDLNRITQVSAAMYKSLELAIGRFESEDLTISIVELDGLLEINRMTHKLLSRYL LTDGFDAMFREANHNVSAPYGRITLHVFWELNYDFLPNYCYNGSTNRFVRTVLPFSQEFQRDKQPNAPQYHLGSKALNLAYSSIY SYRNFVGPFPFHQVICRLLGYQGIIVVMEELLKVVKSLLQGTILQYVKTLMVEVMPKICRLPRHEYGSPGILEFFHHQLKDIVEYAEK TVCFQNLREVGNAILFCLLIEQSLSEVCDLLHAAPFQNILPRVHVKEGERLDAKMKRLESKYAPLHLVPLIERLGTQQIAIARE GDLLTKERLCCGLSMFEVILTRIRSFLDDPIWRGPLPSNGVMHVDECVEFHRLWSAMQFVYICIPVGTHEFTVEQCFDGLHWAGCMI IVLLGQQRRAVLDFCYHLLKVQKHDGKDEI IKNVPLKMMVERIRKQFQLNDEIITITLDKYLKSGDGEPTVEHVRCFQPPPIHQSLA SS</p>
<p>>Sra1^{AD-Rac1} Sra1 Y423-[(GGG)₆-Rac1^{Q61L/P29S}(1-188)-(GS)₆]-S424-(GGG)₄-Rac1^{P29S}(1-188). Note the DNA sequence for the second Rac1 (D site Rac1) is from a synthetic gene optimized for insect cell expression, which shares 76% sequence identity with the first Rac1 from the original human sequence to avoid unexpected recombination during cloning and protein expression. GAMAAQVTLLEDALSNVDLLEELPLPDQQPCIEPPSSLLYQPNFNTNFEDRNAFVTGIARYIEQATVHSSMNELEEGQEYAVMLYT WRSCSRAIPQVKCNEQPNRVEIYEKTVLEVLEPEVTKLMNFMFYQRNAIERFCGEVRRLLCHAERRKDFVSEAYLITLTKGFINMFAVLD ELKNMKCSVKNDHSAYKRAAQFLRKMADPQSIQESQNLMSFLANHNKITQSLQQQLEVISGYEELLADIVNLCVDYYENRMYLTPSE</p>

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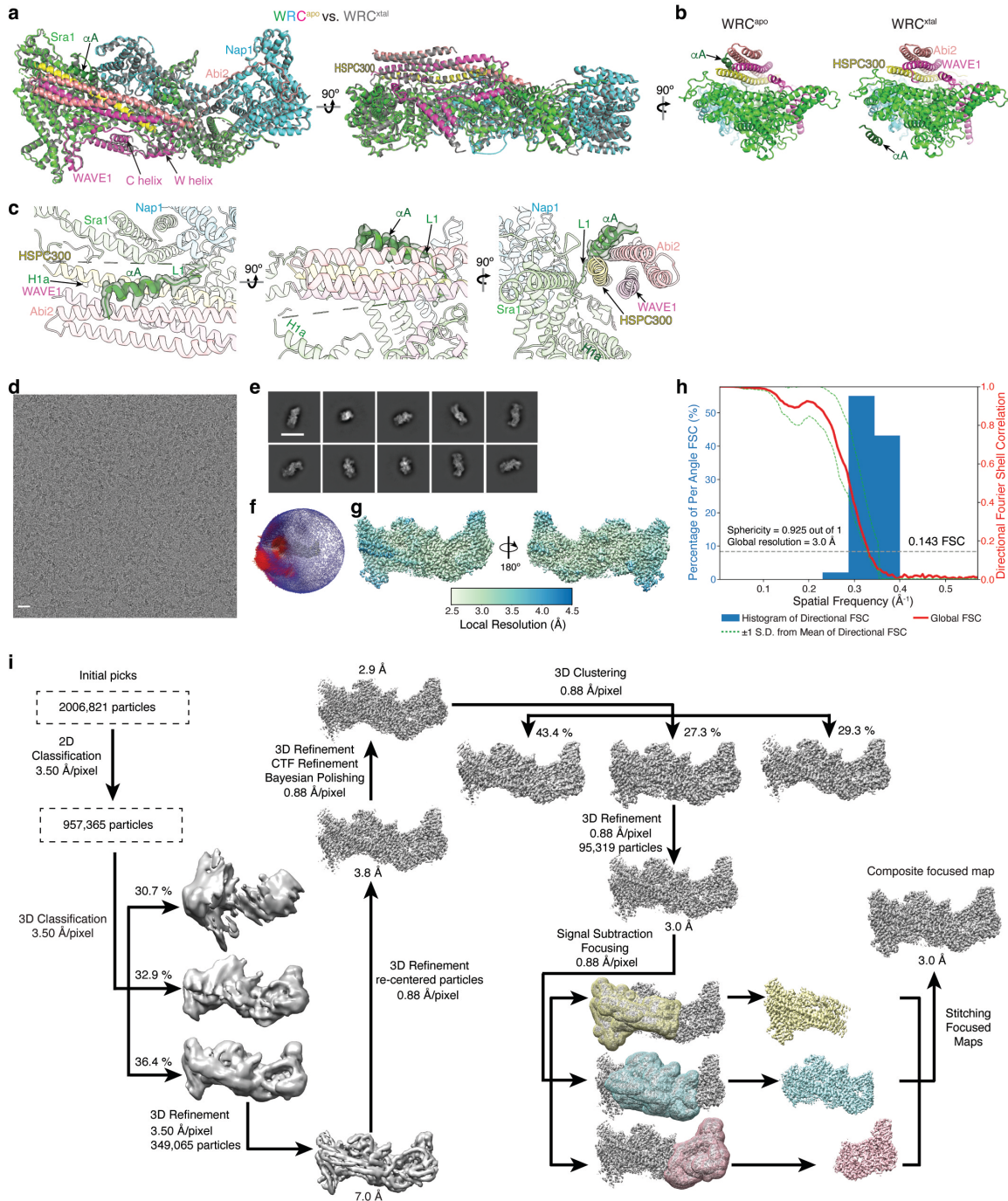
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Supplementary Table 3. Cryo-EM data collection, refinement, and validation statistics.

Sample name	WRC ^{apo}	WRC ^{D-Rac1}	WRC ^{AD-Rac1}
EMDB ID	EMD-26732	EMD-26733	EMD-26734
PDB ID	7USC	7USD	7USE
Microscope			
Microscope	Talos Arctica	Talos Arctica	Talos Arctica
Detector (Mode)	Falcon 3EC counting mode	Falcon 3EC counting mode	Falcon 3EC counting mode
Voltage (kV)	200	200	200
Magnification (nominal)	120,000	120,000	120,000
Total electron fluence (e ⁻ /Å ²)	44.06	45.27	41.34
Electron flux (e ⁻ /pixel/sec)	0.84	0.87	0.79
Defocus range (µm)	-0.6 to -1.2	-0.5 to -1.0	-0.8 to -1.2
Pixel size (Å)	0.8757	0.8757	0.8757
Total exposure time (sec)	40	40	40
Total fractions/micrograph	62	62	62
Exposure per fraction (e ⁻ /Å ² /frame)	0.71	0.73	0.67
Micrographs collected (no.)	2913	2512	1285
Total extracted particles (no.)	2,006,821	1,765,193	666,417
Particles used for 3D analyses (no.)	957,365	856,797	657,065
Final refined particles (no.)	95,319	87,810	139,296
Symmetry imposed	C1	C1	C1
FSC 0.5 (masked/unmasked)	3.5/4.1	3.5/4.2	3.6/4.0
FSC 0.143 (masked/unmasked)	3.0/3.4	3.0/3.5	3.0/3.3
FSC Sphericity	0.925	0.911	0.884
Local resolution range (Å)	2.8 – 4.5	2.8 – 4.5	2.5 – 4.5
Map Sharpening <i>B</i> factors (Å ²)	-35	-39	-59
Model composition			
Non-hydrogen atoms	21709	23226	23913
Protein residues	2673	2864	2954
Ligands	0	2	4
Refinement			
Refinement package (s)	Phenix	Phenix	Phenix
Map Correlation Coefficient			
Global	0.86	0.80	0.78
Local	0.87	0.81	0.78
R.m.s. deviations			
Bond lengths (Å)	0.007	0.005	0.006
Bond angles (°)	0.992	0.990	1.058
Validation			
EMRinger score	2.84	2.15	2.35
MolProbity score	1.53	1.39	1.35
Clashscore	6.44	7.13	6.41
Poor rotamers (%)	0	0.15	0.19
Cβ deviations (%)	0	0.07	0
Ramachandran plot			
Favored (%)	97.01	98.23	98.46
Allowed (%)	2.99	1.77	1.54
Disallowed (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00
CaBLAM outliers (%)	0.73	0.64	0.76

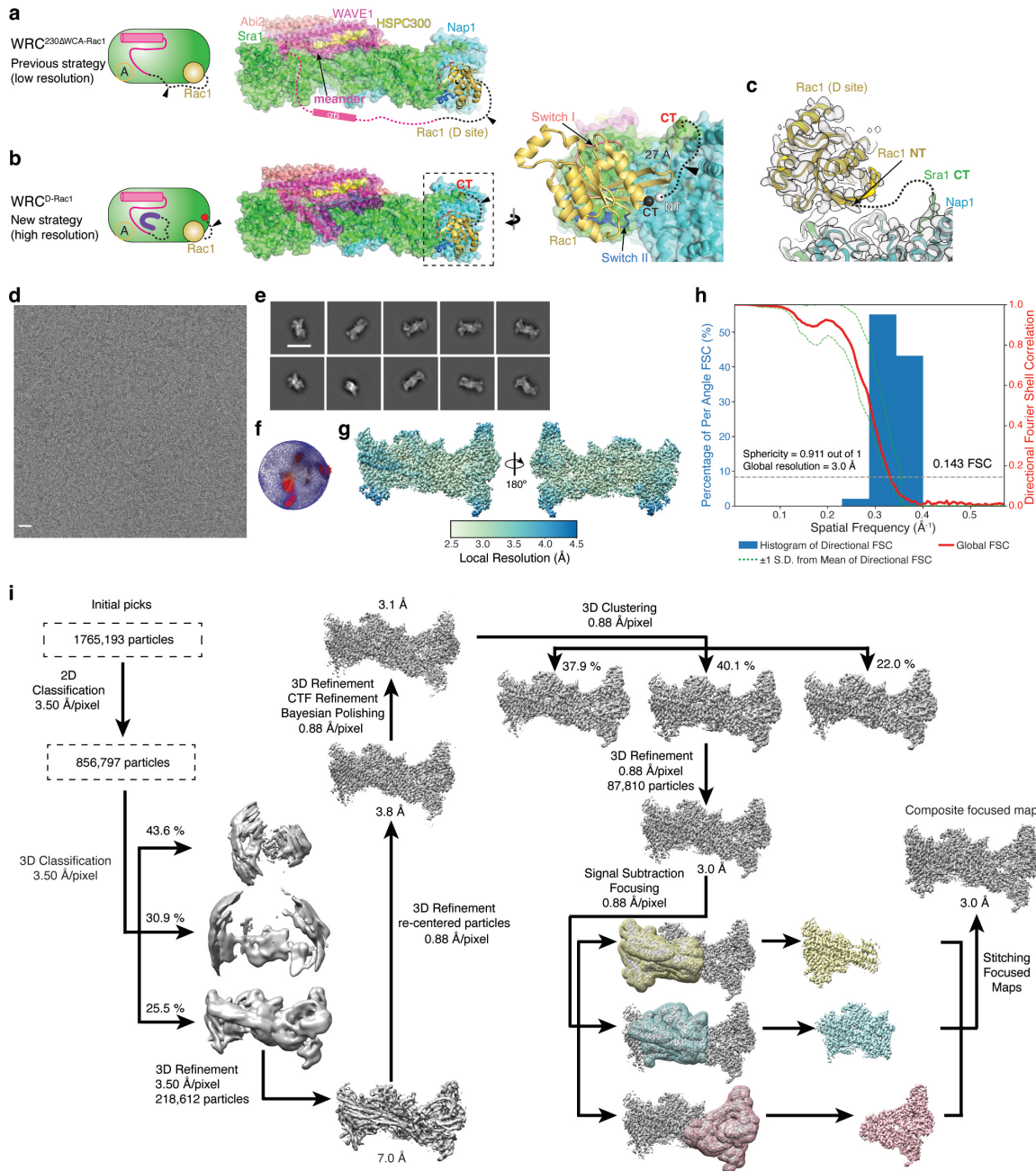
Supplementary Table 4. DNA oligos used in this study

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Sra1 ^{AD-Rac1}	yso-071316-3, TGAAAGCTTGTGCGAGAAGTACTAGAG, Sra1 SLIC for Sra CT-(GGS)4-Rac-D site fw cbyo-200701-2, GCTGCTGGCGAGGGACTGG, Sra1 SLIC for Sra CT-(GGS)4-Rac-D site bw
Sra1 ^{N183R}	Yso-210311-5, GCGACCACTCAGCGTACAAGAG, PCR to make N183R fw Yso-210311-6, GCTTCACACTGCACTTCATGTTCTTC, PCR to make N183R bw
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Sra1 ^{Y108A}	Yso-210311-1, CCGAGAAAACCGTGGAGGTTCTG, PCR to make Y108A fw Yso-210311-2, CGATTTCCACTCTGTTAGGCTGC, PCR to make Y108A bw
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Sra1 ^{N176W}	Yso-210311-3, GGATGAAGTGCAGTGTGAAGAACG, PCR to make N176W fw Yso-210311-4, ACTTCAGCTCGTCCAGCACAG, PCR to make N176W bw
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WAVE1 ^{Y151E}	Yso-210311-27, AGACCAATCCTTCGTATTTCTTTGATC, PCR to make MBP-WAVE1 1-230 VCA Y151E fw Yso-210311-28, CAACTTCAGACCTTCTTTACCATC, PCR to make MBP-WAVE1 1-230 VCA Y151E bw
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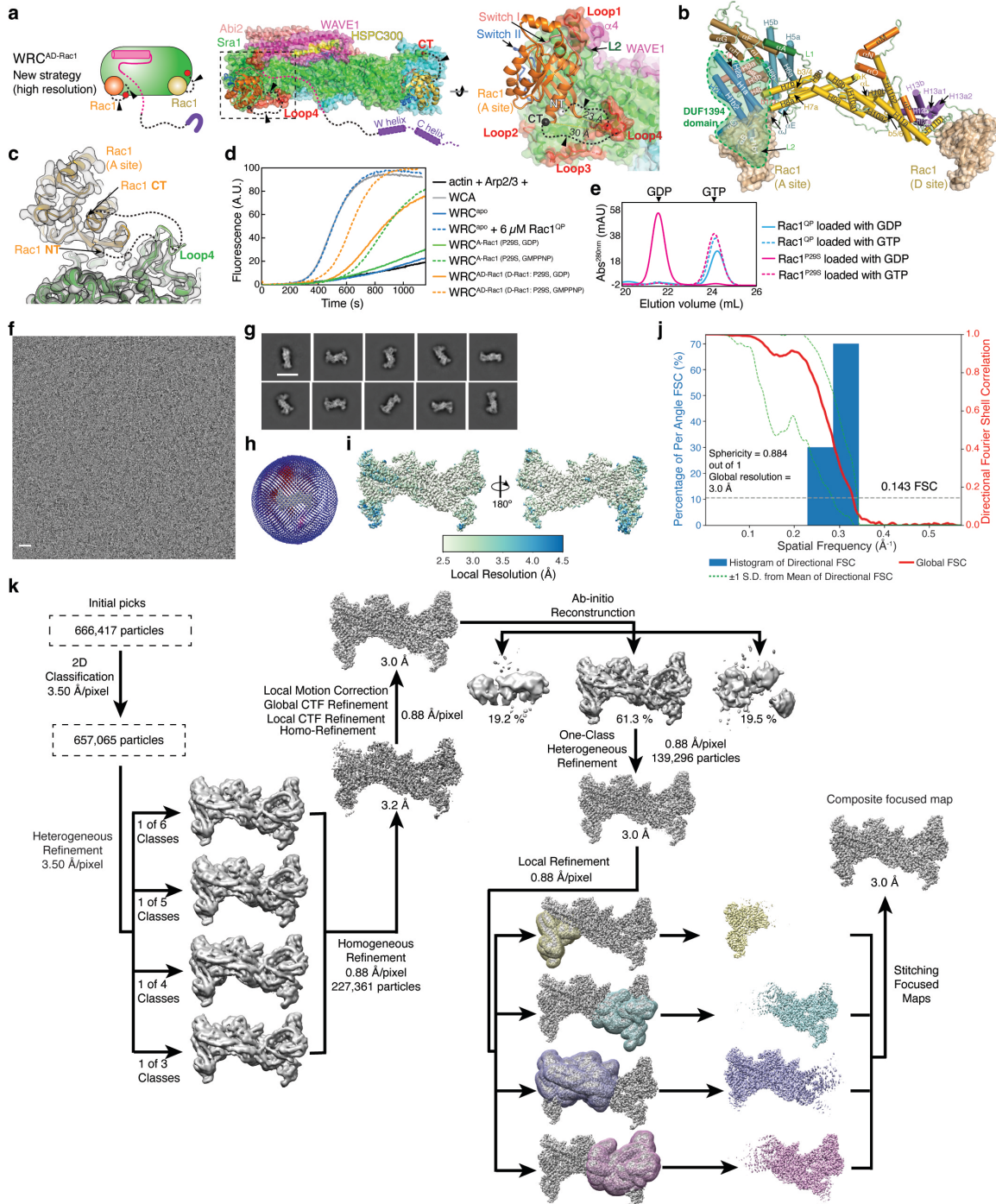
Supplementary Fig. 1 Determination of WRC^{apo} structure by cryo-EM. (a) Structural overlay of WRC^{apo} (color) and WRC^{xtal} (grey, PDB: 3P8C), showing high similarity between the two structures, with the whole complex r.m.s.d. = 0.827 Å as calculated in Pymol. **(b)** Side-by-side comparison of WRC^{apo} and WRC^{xtal} showing the difference in the assigned position of the αA helix. In WRC^{xtal} structure, this helix was assigned to a neighboring WRC in the crystal lattice, which raised the hypothesis that this helix might

promote WRC clustering or oligomerization at membranes. By contrast, the single particle cryo-EM structure of WRC^{apo} reveals the helix belongs to the same WRC. **(c)** Density for the α A helix and L1 loop (a.a. 27-56) in Sra1. The weak density of the L1 loop following the C-terminus of α A suggests L1 must wind through an internal cavity in WRC to connect to the N-terminus of the H1a helix. This buried loop should restrain α A from approaching another WRC, unless the complex is first disassembled. The missing density of the C-terminal half of the L1 loop is indicated by a dashed line connecting to the N-terminus of the H1a helix. **(d)** A representative cryo-EM micrograph of vitrified WRC^{apo} sample, from a data set comprising 2,913 micrographs. Scale bar: 20 nm. **(e)** Representative 2D class averages of WRC^{apo}. Scale bar: 20 nm. **(f)** Plot showing the Euler angle distribution assigned to the particles contributing to the final reconstructed map of WRC^{apo}. The height of each cylinder corresponds to the number of particles in each angular orientation. **(g)** Maps of WRC^{apo} colored based on local resolution values and showing two views that are rotated 180° along y-axis. **(h)** Directional Fourier Shell Correlation (FSC) plot representing 3D resolution anisotropy in the cryo-EM map of WRC^{apo}. The blue histograms represent percentage of directional resolution over the spatial frequency; the red line indicates the global FSC; the green dashed lines correspond to ± 1 standard deviation from mean of directional resolutions; and the grey dashed line shows FSC at the cut-off value 0.143. **(i)** Schematic showing cryo-EM data processing steps for obtaining 3D reconstruction of WRC^{apo} complex dataset. ~2 million particles went through multiple iterations of 2D classification and one round of 3D classification to clean up the particle stack. 3D clustering helped to further sort out heterogeneity existing in the data set. This clean stack of particles was subject to 3D auto-refinement and signal-subtracted focused refinement. The focused maps were combined to generate the final composite map.



Supplementary Fig. 2 Cryo-EM structure determination of WRC^D-Rac1. (a-b) Cartoon and structural representations to show the previous and new strategies of stabilizing Rac1 binding to the D site. Dotted lines and arrow heads indicate flexible (GGS) or (GS) linkers (see **Supplementary Table 1 & 2** for linker details). (c) Density for Rac1 tethered to the D site, showing no observable density accountable for the flexible linker used for tethering (indicated by dotted line). The WRC^D-Rac1 structure is overlaid on WRC^{apo} (pale color), showing the local structures surrounding the tethering points were not perturbed. (d) A

representative cryo-EM micrograph of vitrified WRC^{D-Rac1} sample, from a data set of 2,512 micrographs. Scale bar: 20 nm. **(e)** Representative 2D class averages of WRC^{D-Rac1}. Scale bar: 20 nm. **(f)** Plot showing the Euler angle distribution of particles that contributed to final reconstruction of WRC^{D-Rac1}. The height of each cylinder corresponds to the number of particles in each angular orientation. **(g)** Maps of WRC^{D-Rac1} colored based on local resolution values and showing two views rotated by 180° along y-axis. **(h)** Directional Fourier Shell Correlation (FSC) plot representing 3D resolution anisotropy in the cryo-EM map of WRC^{D-Rac1}. The blue histograms represent percentage of directional resolution over the spatial frequency; the red line indicates the global FSC; the green dashed lines correspond to ± 1 standard deviation from mean of directional resolutions; and the grey dashed line shows FSC at the cut-off value 0.143. **(i)** A schematic of the different data processing steps of WRC^{D-Rac1} complex dataset, which is similar to that of WRC^{apo}.

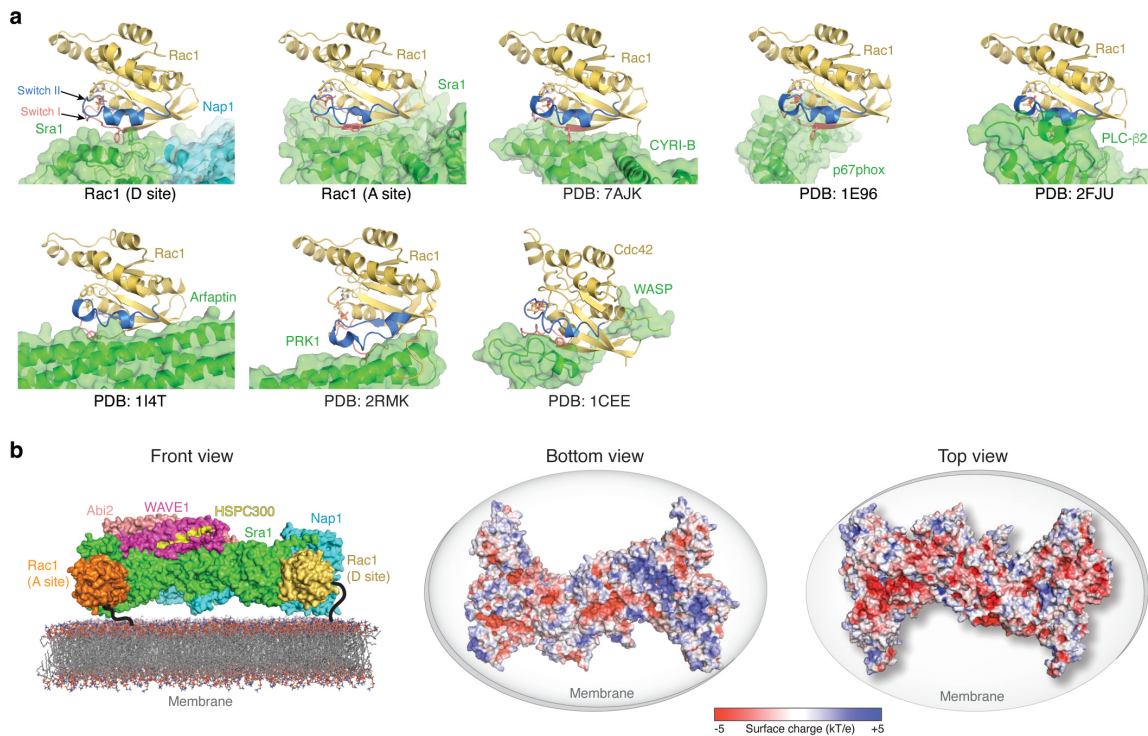


Supplementary Fig. 3 Cryo-EM structure determination of WRC^{AD}-Rac1. (a) Cartoon and structural representation of the new strategies to stabilize Rac1 binding to the A site. Dotted lines and arrow heads indicate flexible (GGs) or (GS) linkers (see **Supplementary Table 1 & 2** for linker details). Four non-conserved surface loops in Sra1 (red, Loop1: a.a. 95-103; Loop2: a.a. 276-281; Loop3: a.a. 329-342; Loop4: a.a. 418-432) surrounding the

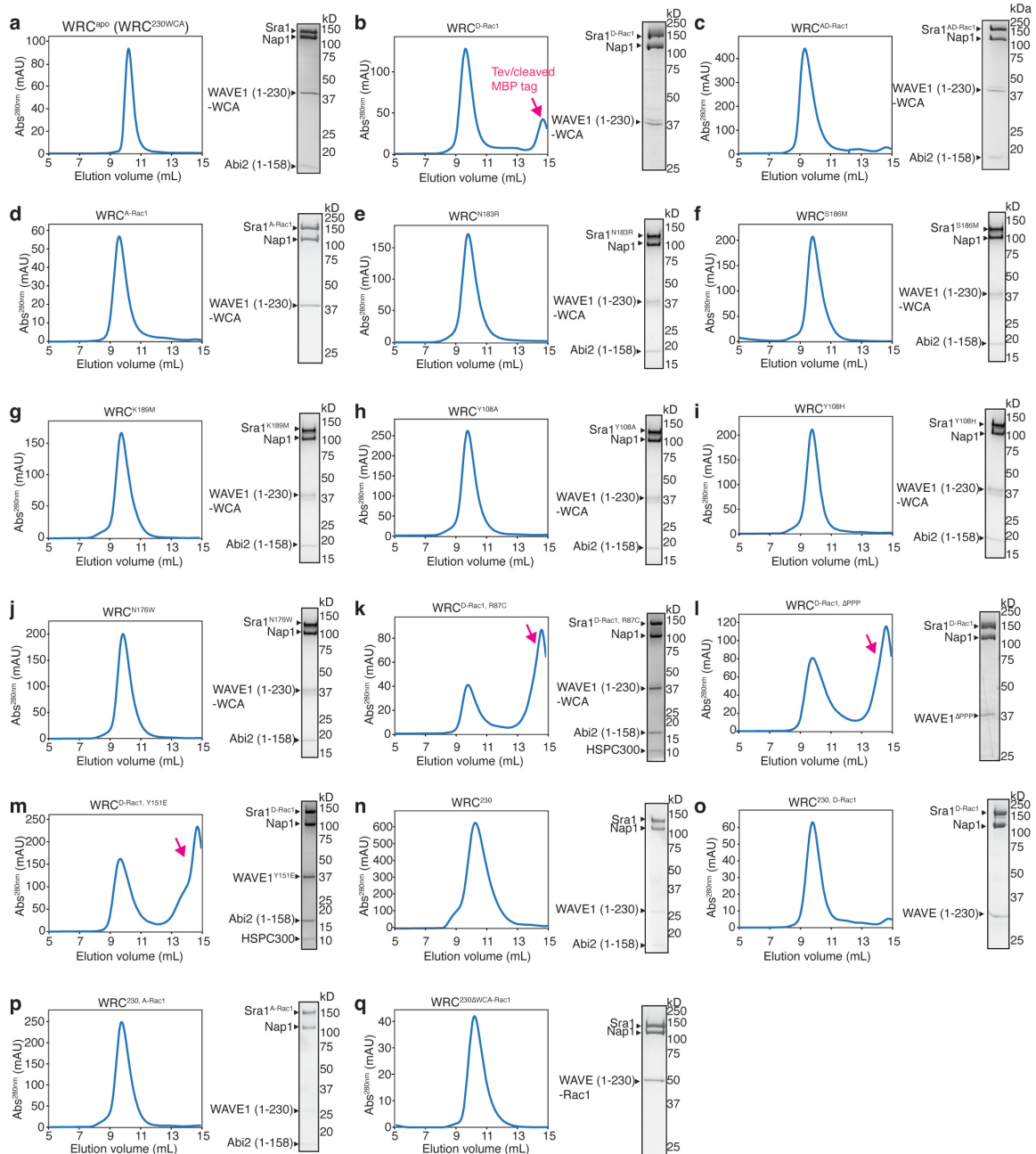
A site were chosen to insert Rac1 using two separate flexible linkers. Insertion at Loop4 between Y423 and S424 produced the high-resolution cryo-EM structure of WRC^{AD-Rac1}.

(b) Secondary structure assignment of Sra1, following the same scheme used in the crystal structure of the WRC⁵. DUF1394 domain and Rac1 at both A and D site are indicated. **(c)** Density for Rac1 tethered to the A site, showing very weak, if any, density could be observed for the flexible linkers used for the tethering (indicated by dotted lines). The WRC^{AD-Rac1} structure is overlaid on WRC^{apo} (pale color), showing the local structures surrounding the tethering points were not disturbed, except that no density was observed for a.a. 422-427, which is the tip of Loop4 where Rac1 is inserted between a.a. 423 and 424. **(d)** Pyrene-actin polymerization assay showing tethering Rac1 to the A site was sufficient to promote WRC activation in a nucleotide dependent manner, and this activity was further promoted by Rac1 binding to the D site. The green curves show WRC^{A-Rac1}, in which Rac1 only contained the P29S mutation, instead of both P29S and Q61L. Unlike Rac1^{QP}, Rac1^{P29S} can be loaded with GMPPNP or GDP, as is shown in **(e)**. The orange curves compare the activities of WRC^{AD-Rac1}, in which the D-site Rac1^{P29S} was loaded with indicated nucleotides, while the A-site Rac1^{QP} remained bound to GTP. Reactions use the KMEI20GD buffer (see Methods) and contain 4 μ M actin (5% pyrene-labeled), 10 nM Arp2/3 complex, 100 nM WRC230WCA or WAVE1 WCA. **(e)** Ion exchange chromatography to identify the nucleotide bound to Rac1 after the loading procedures (see Methods for details), showing Rac1^{P29S} can be loaded with GTP (or GMPPNP) and GDP, while Rac1^{QP} stays bound to GTP after the same treatment. The bound nucleotides were released from Rac1 after urea denaturation, separated from the protein through a 3-kDa MWCO membrane, and analyzed by anion exchange chromatography. **(f)** A representative cryo-EM micrograph of vitrified WRC^{AD-Rac1}, from a data set comprising 1,285 micrographs. Scale bar: 20 nm. **(g)** Representative 2D class averages of WRC^{AD-Rac1}. Scale bar: 20 nm. **(h)** Plot showing the Euler angle distribution of the particles that contributed to the final reconstruction of WRC^{AD-Rac1}. The height of each cylinder corresponds to the number of particles in each angular orientation. **(i)** Maps of WRC^{AD-Rac1} colored based on local resolution values and showing two different views that are rotated 180° relative to y-axis. **(j)** Directional Fourier Shell Correlation (FSC) plot representing 3D resolution anisotropy in the cryo-EM map of WRC^{AD-Rac1}. The blue histograms represent percentage

of directional resolution over the spatial frequency; the red line indicates the global FSC; the green dashed lines correspond to ± 1 standard deviation from mean of directional resolutions; and the grey dashed line shows FSC at the cut-off value 0.143. **(k)** A schematic for the different data processing steps for the $\text{WRC}^{\text{AD-Rac1}}$ dataset. Source data for **(d-e)** are provided as a Source Data file.

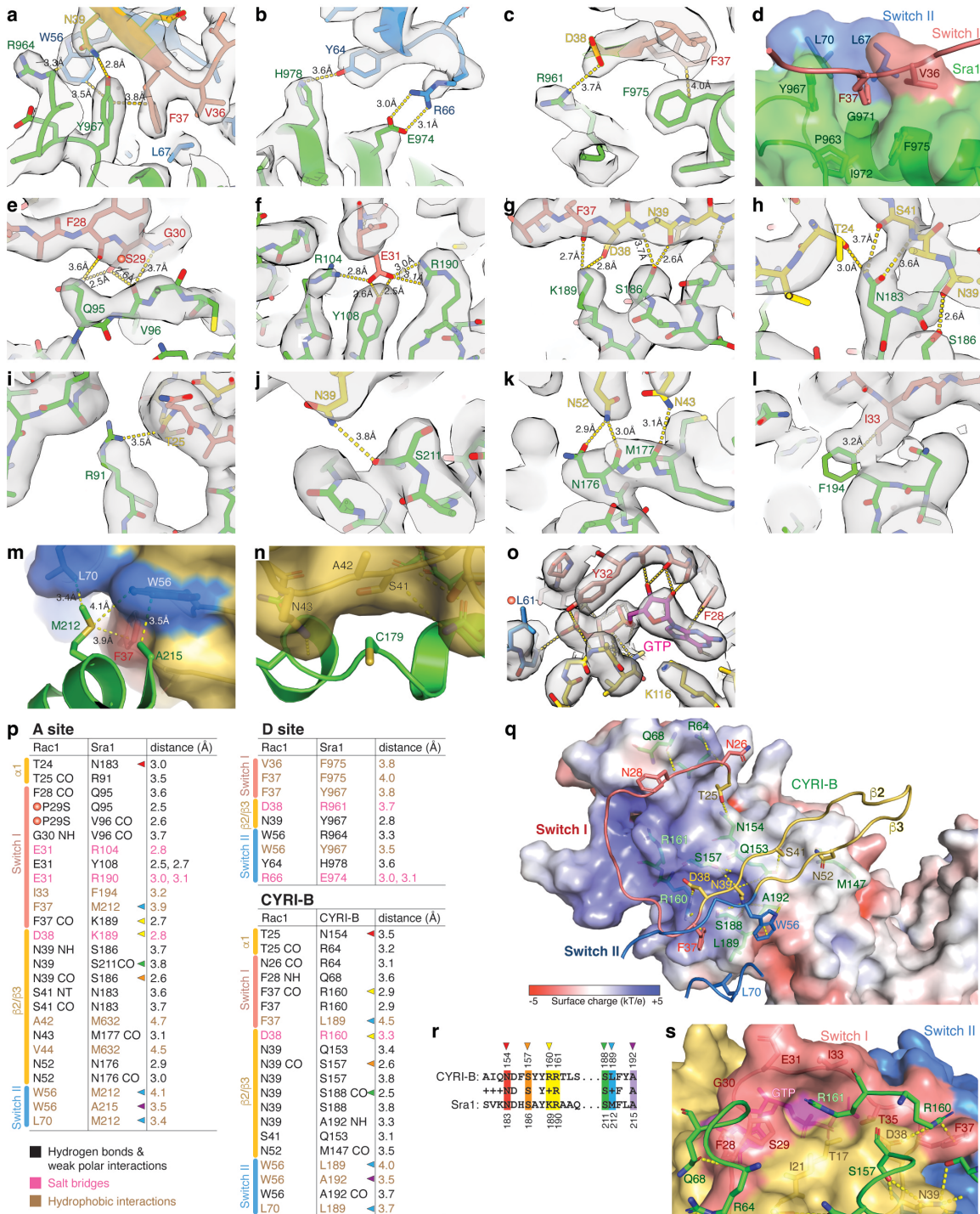


Supplementary Fig. 4 Orientation of Rac1 binding to the WRC and other ligands. (a) Comparison of Rac1 and Cdc42 binding to the indicated ligands, with GTPases remaining in the same orientation. **(b)** Surface representation (left) and surface charge representation (right, calculated using APBS in Pymol⁶) showing how WRC can be oriented on the membrane by binding to two Rac1 molecules and through electrostatic interactions between its positively charged surface (Bottom view) and acidic phospholipids on the membrane. Rac1 molecules are anchored on the membrane through prenylation of their C-terminal tails (indicated by black lines, ~15-30 Å in distance each).



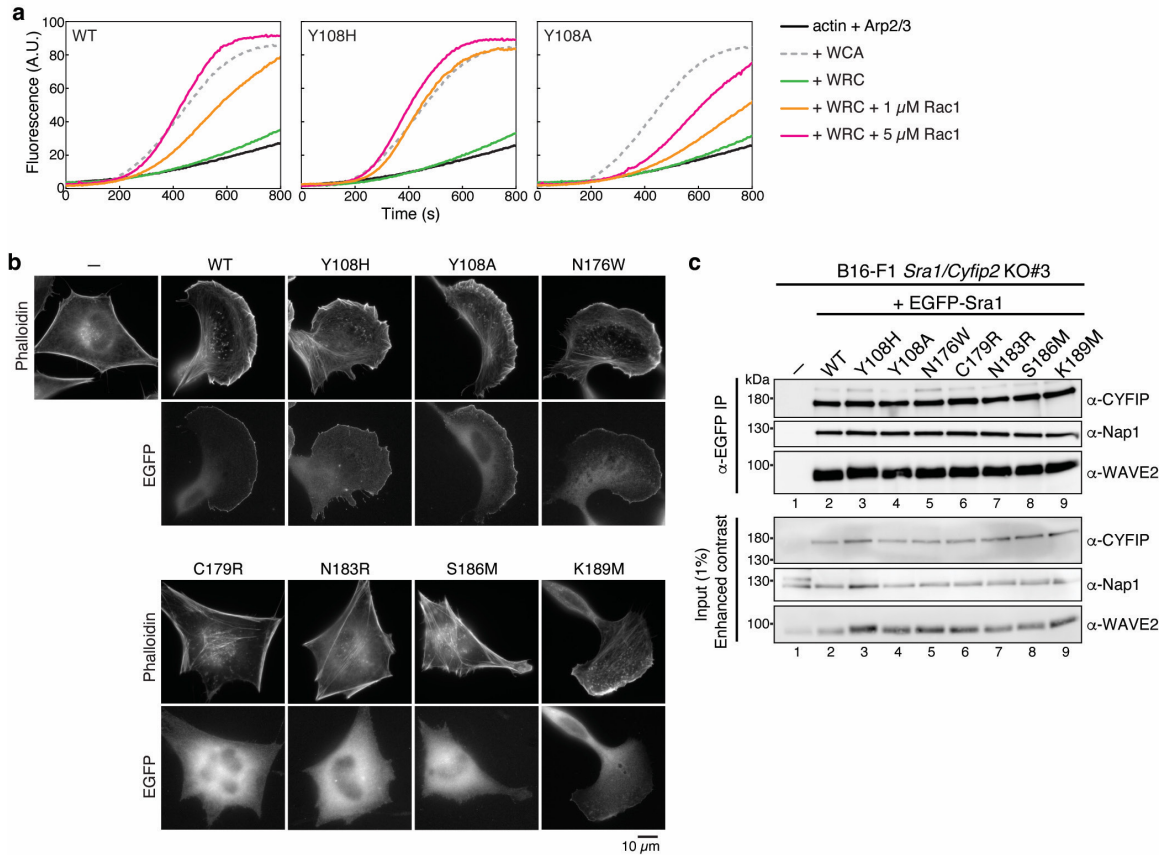
Supplementary Fig. 5 Gel filtration and SDS-PAGE of purified WRCs used in this study. Shown are the final steps or analytical steps of WRC purification using a 24-ml Superdex 200 gel filtration column, with the Coomassie-blue stained SDS-PAGE gels showing the peak or pooled fractions. Depending on whether the preceding purification step includes a Source Q15 ion exchange column, different amounts of Tev and cleaved MBP tag may show as peaks (indicated by magenta arrows) that were well separated from the WRC peak.

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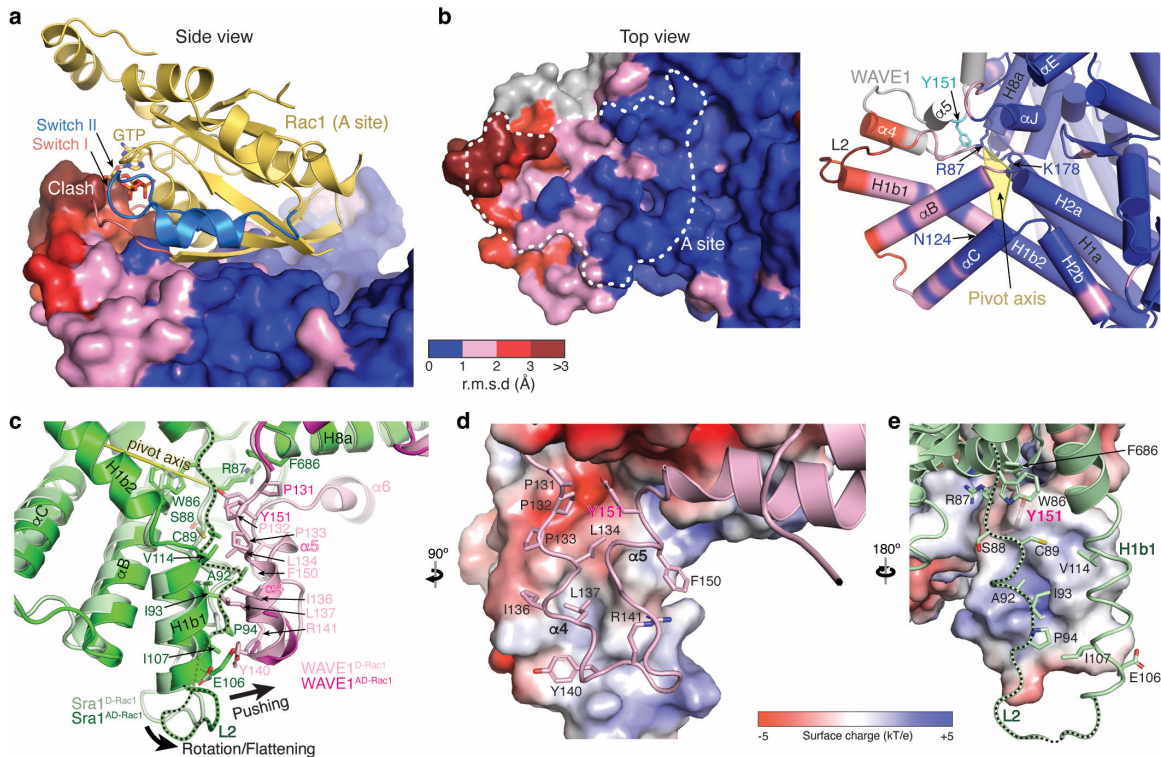


Supplementary Fig. 6 Details of interactions at A and D sites and comparison with CYRI-B. (a-o) Detailed views of map density or semitransparent surface presentation of key residues that mediate Rac1 binding to the D site (a-d) and A site (e-n), and GTP bound to Rac1^{QP} at the A site (o). Red dots indicated the P29S or Q61L mutation in Rac1 used for optimizing A site binding. In (n), C179 in Sra1 does not have specific interactions with

Rac1, but is packed against a concave pocket on Rac1. The structure suggests mutating C179, which is limited to small side chains throughout all examined organisms, to the long-chain residue Arginine (C179R) would cause steric clashes to disrupt Rac1 binding and WRC activation. **(p)** Contacting residues between Rac1 and indicated surface. Color-coded arrow heads indicate conserved interactions shared by both Sra1 and CYRI-B. **(q)** Top view and semitransparent surface charge representation of Rac1 binding to the CYRI-B surface (PDB: 7AJK). Yellow dotted lines indicate polar interactions. For clarity, the backbone of Rac1 Switch I- β 2- β 3-Switch II sequence mediating the binding is shown as loops. Orientation is similar to Fig. 3B. **(r)** Sequence alignment of the conserved residues of CYRI-B and Sra1 mediating Rac1 binding, which are indicated by color arrowheads also shown in (P). **(s)** Semitransparent surface representation of the Rac1 surface, showing how CYRI^{R161} fits into the pocket in Rac1 similar to Sra1^{R190} shown in **Fig. 3c**.



Supplementary Fig. 7 Additional information of Sra1 A site mutations in Fig. 3. (a) Pyrene-actin polymerization assays comparing the activities of WRCs carrying Y108H vs. Y108A. Reactions use the NMEH20GD buffer (see Methods) and contain 3.5 μ M actin (5% pyrene-labeled), 10 nM Arp2/3 complex, 100 nM WRC230WCA or WAVE1 WCA, and/or indicated amounts of untagged Rac1^{QP}. **(b)** Representative fluorescence images of B16-F1 *Sra1/Cyfp2* double KO#3 cells transfected with indicated EGFP-Sra1 variants, stained by phalloidin for F-actin, and imaged for both actin and EGFP-Sra1. Data is representative of 3 independent repeats. **(c)** Immunoprecipitation (IP) and Western blot of the same B16-F1 *Sra1/Cyfp2* double KO#3 cells used in **(b)**, which were transfected with indicated EGFP-tagged Sra1 variants, lysed, and probed for the expression and assembly of the WRC, as exemplified by CYFIP antibodies (α -CYFIP, which detected both Sra1 and Cyfp2), α -Nap1, and α -WAVE2. The experiment was performed once. Source data for **(a)** are provided as a Source Data file. Uncropped images for **(c)** are shown at the bottom of this file.



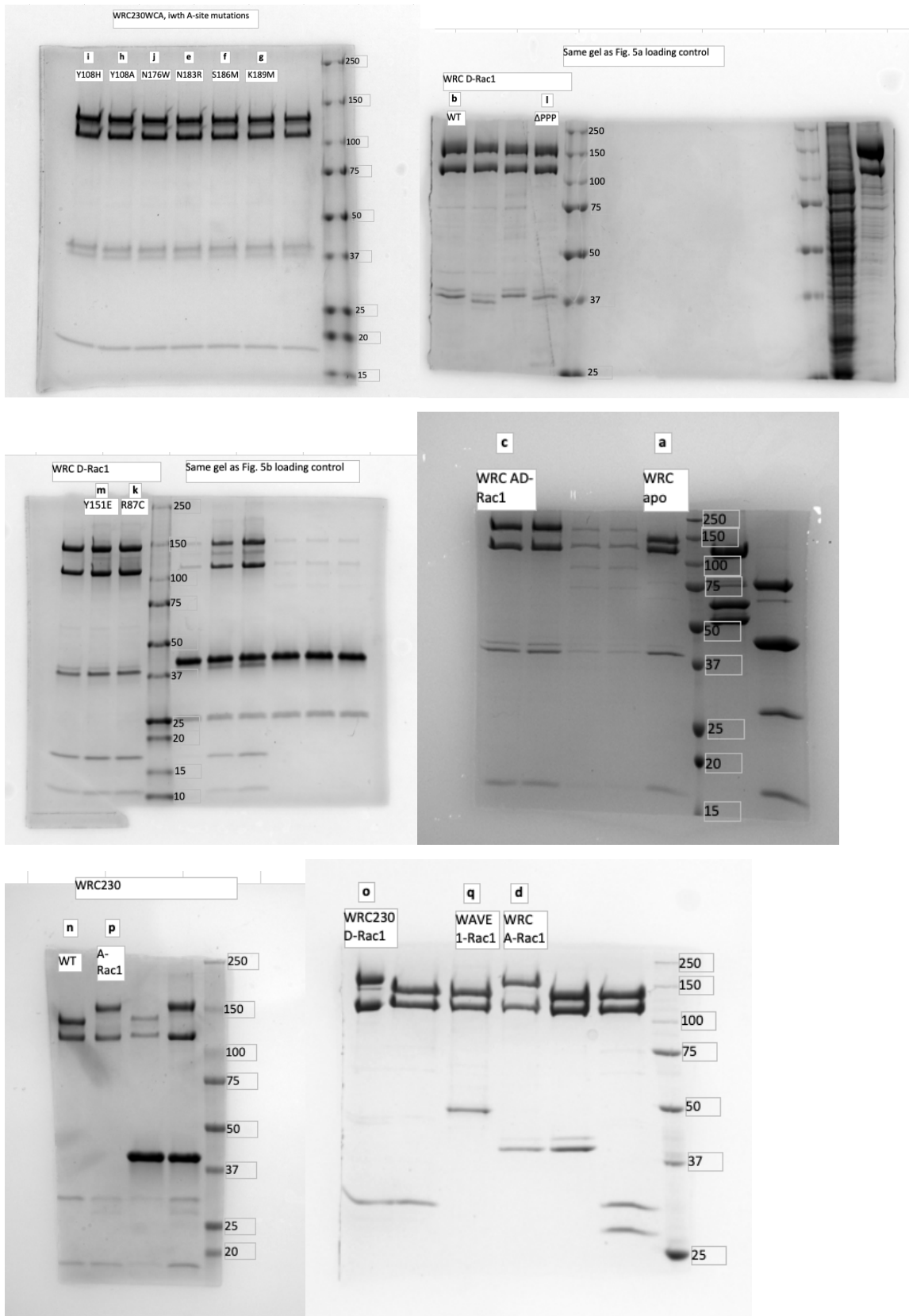
Supplementary Fig. 8 Interactions propagating from A site binding to WCA release.

(a) Side view of the surface representation of the A site in WRC^{D-Rac1} , colored by r.m.s.d. values between WRC^{D-Rac1} and $WRC^{AD-Rac1}$ using the *colorbyrmsd.py* script written by Shivender Shandilya, Jason Vertrees, and Thomas Holder (<https://pymolwiki.org/index.php/ColorByRMSD>). The two overall structures are aligned by excluding the regions that undergo major conformational changes (a.a. 56-337 of Sra1 and 131-544 of WAVE1). The A site binding Rac1 in $WRC^{AD-Rac1}$ is shown in cartoon to demonstrate the steric clash with the A site in WRC^{D-Rac1} . (b) Top view of the A site in surface (left) and cartoon (right) representations, following the same r.m.s.d. color scheme used in (a). The grey color corresponds to the WAVE1 sequence released in $WRC^{AD-Rac1}$ (including Y151 in cyan). White dashed line indicates the boundary of the A site. Pivot axis for A site rotation/flattening is defined by a plane in yellow that runs through R87/N124/K178 and aligns to Y151 in WAVE1. (c) Detailed view of the conformational changes at the interface between H1b1-L2 of Sra1 and $\alpha 4$ -loop- $\alpha 5$ of WAVE1. WRC^{D-Rac1} structure is in light color. $WRC^{AD-Rac1}$ is in dark color. Black dotted line traces the L2 loop. Contacting residues are shown as sticks. (d-e) Electrostatic surface representations of the binding surfaces on the Sra1 side (d) and the WAVE1 side (e).

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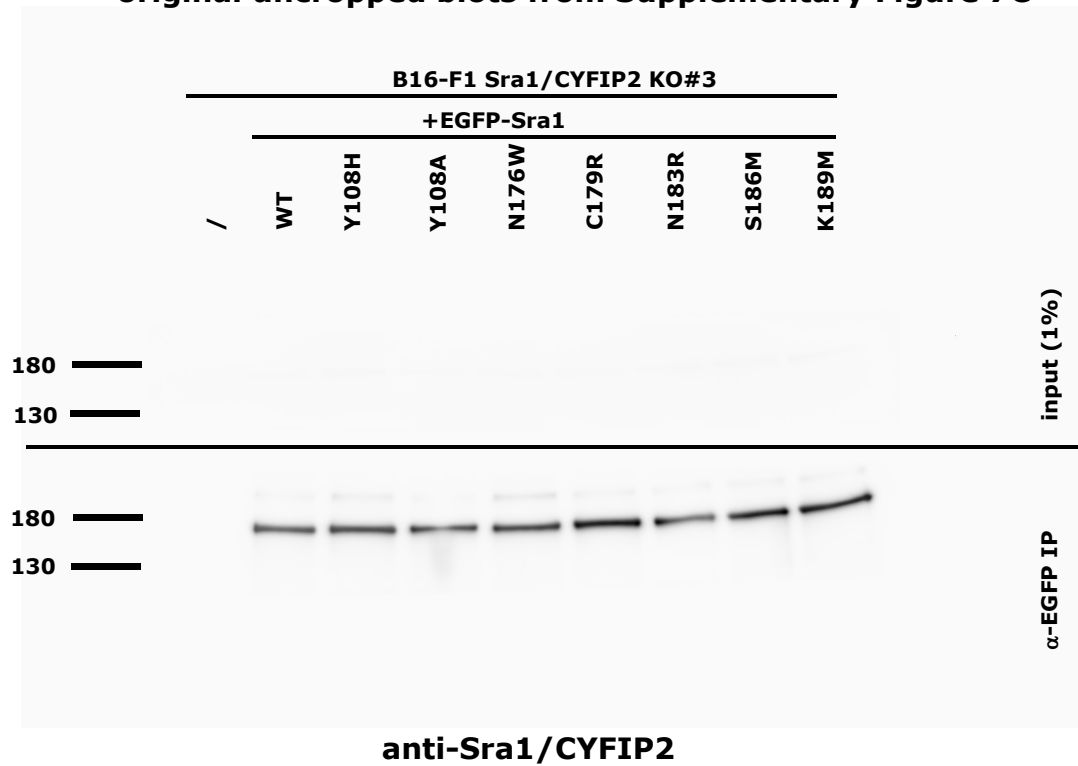
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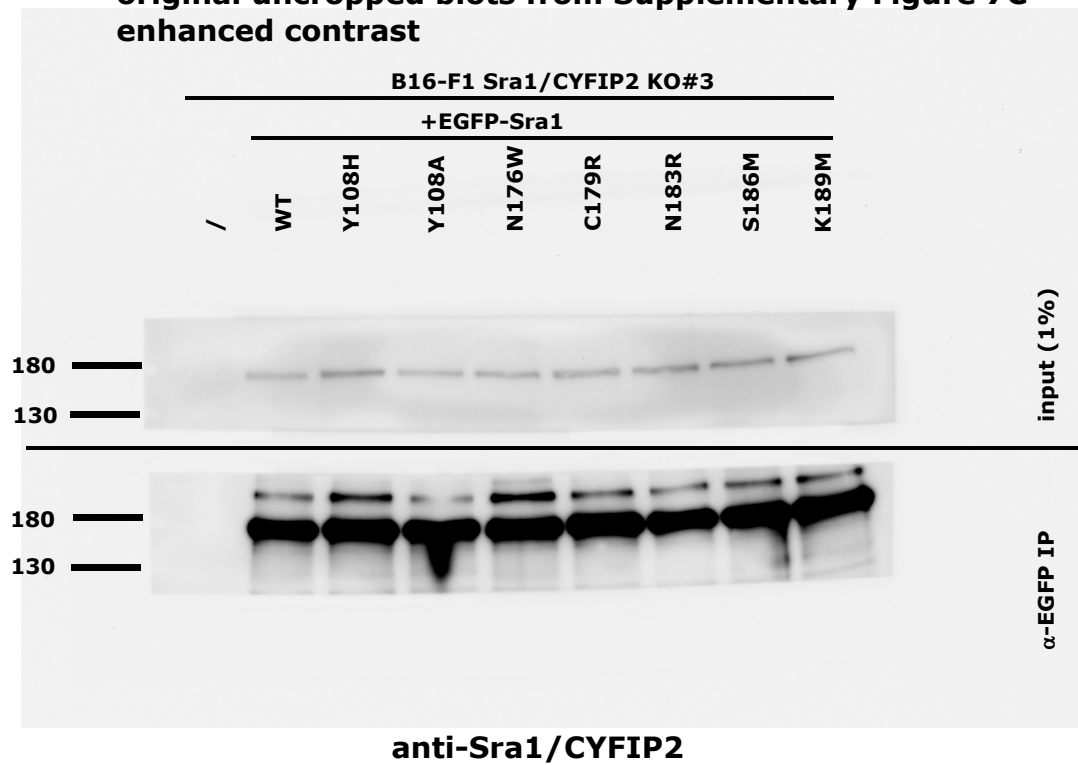


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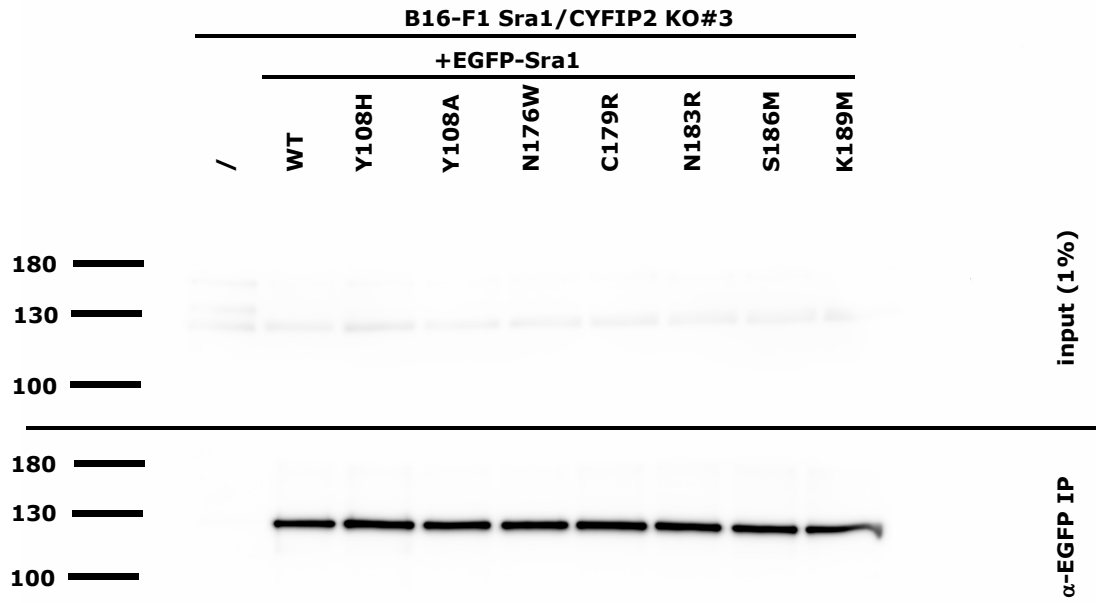
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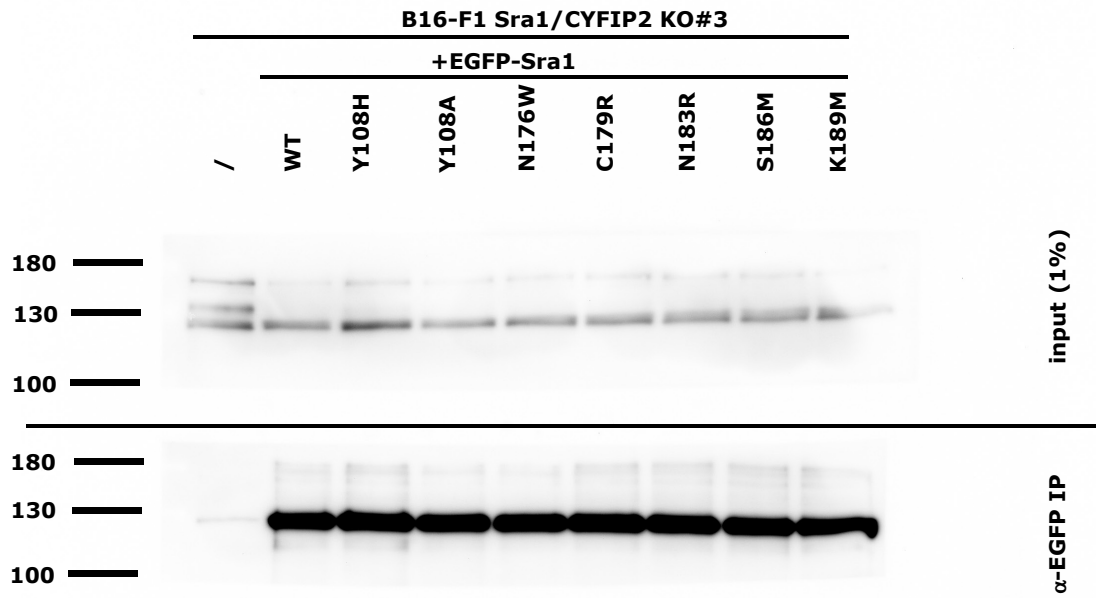
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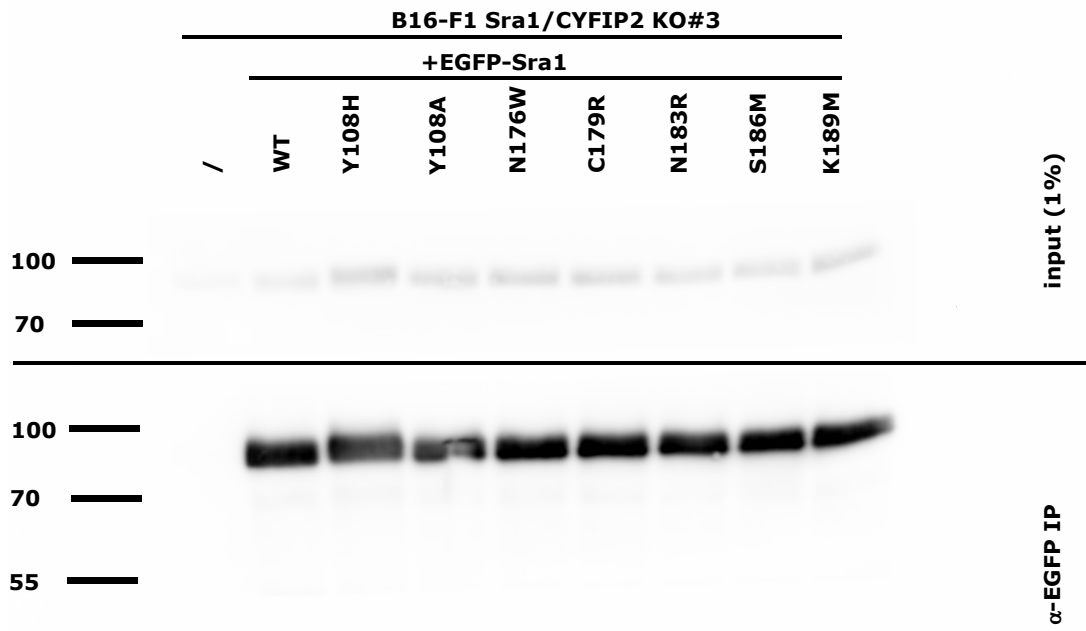


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