

## **A membrane-inserted structural model of the yeast mitofusin Fzo1**

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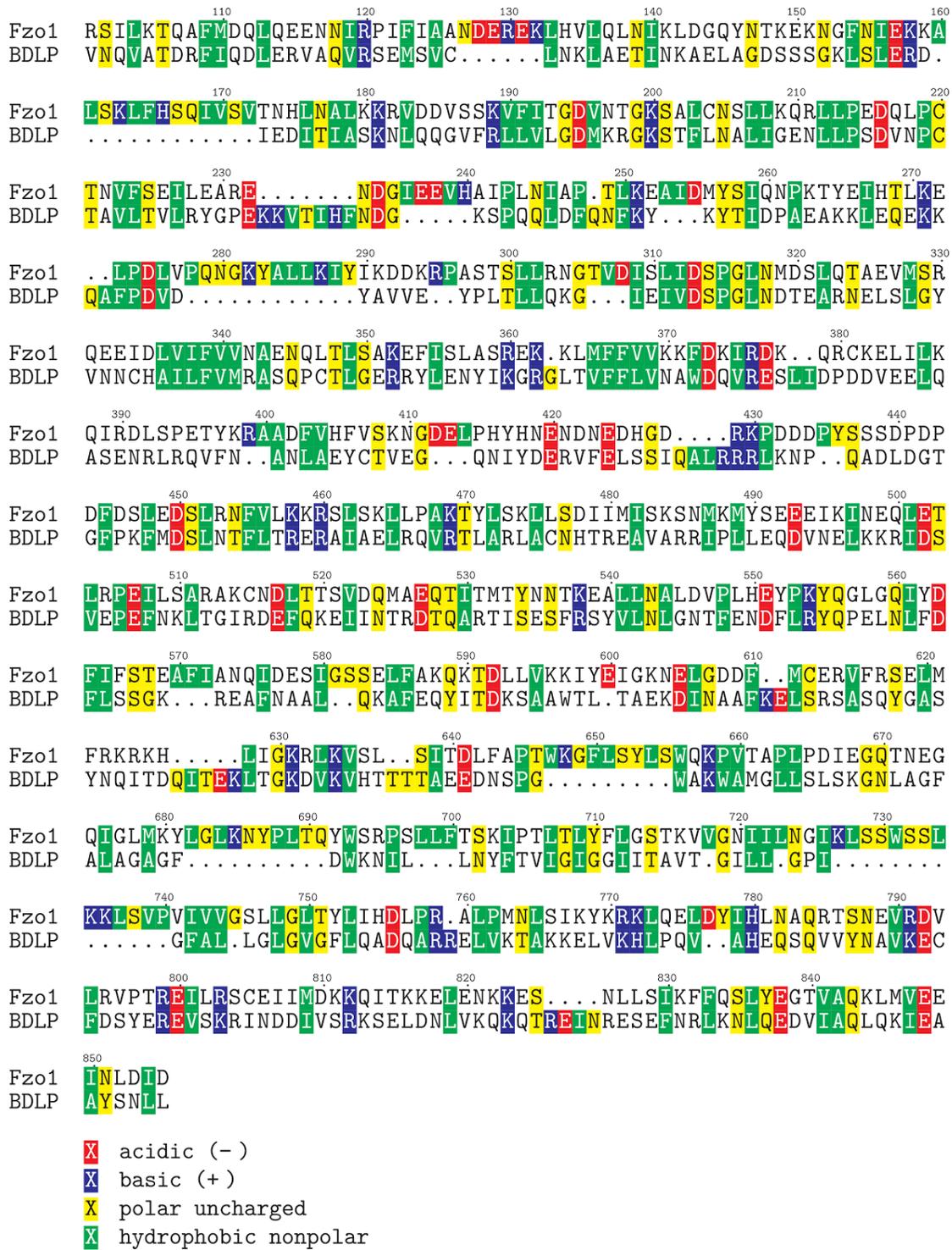
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**Supplementary Table 1 | Fzo1 homologue sequences considered in this study.** See next page for caption.

Family	Species	Gene (Id)	Length	Identity (%)	Similarity (%)
MFN1 (11481)	<i>Homo sapiens</i>	MFN1 (55669)	741	19	41
	<i>Mus musculus</i>	Mfn1 (67414)	741	18	43
	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	MFN1 (424973)	740	18	40
	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	MFN1 (460861)	741	18	40
	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	MFN1 (709570)	741	20	42
	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	MFN1 (488086)	742	20	42
	<i>Bos taurus</i>	MFN1 (515180)	742	19	42
	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	Mfn1 (192647)	741	18	42
	<i>Xenopus tropicalis</i>	mfn1 (548943)	738	22	43
	<i>Danio rerio</i>	Mfn1b (393620)	740	21	43
MFN2 (8915)	<i>Homo sapiens</i>	MFN2 (9927)	757	17	41
	<i>Danio rerio</i>	mfn2 (567448)	757	18	41
	<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>	fzo-1 (173990)	774	22	40
	<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	Marf (31581)	810	21	42
	<i>Xenopus tropicalis</i>	mfn2 (549268)	756	19	42
	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	MFN2 (457958)	757	17	41
	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	MFN2 (100427191)	634	19	43
	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	MFN2 (487439)	757	17	41
	<i>Bos taurus</i>	MFN2 (534574)	757	17	40
	<i>Mus musculus</i>	Mfn2 (170731)	757	17	41
	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	Mfn2 (64476)	757	18	41
	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	LOC100911485 (100911485)	757	18	41
	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	MFN2 (419484)	807	18	42
	<i>Anopheles gambiae</i>	AgaP_AGAP001802 (1281313)	776	18	40
FZL (95893)	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	FZL (839566)	912	23	44
	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	Os05g0390100 (4338678)	803	25	45
FZO1 (31469)	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	FZO1 (852477)	855	20	43
	<i>Kluyveromyces lactis</i>	KLLA0E24179g (2894339)	825	19	40
	<i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i>	Fzo1 (2539859)	758	20	44
	<i>Eremothecium gossypii</i>	AGOS_ABR195C (4619254)	808	20	42
	<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	NCU00436 (3872838)	918	19	41
	<i>Magnaporthe oryzae</i>	MGG_05209 (2675586)	911	19	40

**Supplementary Table 1 | Fzo1 homologue sequences considered in this study.** The source for homologue sequences is the NCBI HomoloGene tool (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/homologene>, accessed 10-05-2016). The species highlighted by a gray background are those considered in the final target-template alignment. The family name and the HomoloGene identifier are indicated. MFN1, Mitofusin 1, MFN2, Mitofusin 2, FZL, FZO-like and FZO1, fuzzy onions. The identity and similarity with respect to the template BDLP, were obtained by T-Coffee using the *slow\_pair* method which is recommended when the sequences are distantly related <sup>47</sup>. The BLOSUM45 matrix was used for the similarity score.





**Supplementary Figure 2 | Target-template alignment using the Clustal Omega method without the first one hundred N-terminal residues from Fzo1.** The set of 43 sequences from the cyanobacteria (see Methods) were aligned using Clustal Omega <sup>46</sup>. Subsequently, the generated multiple alignment was merged with the sequence from the target Fzo1 without its first one hundred N-terminal residues, using M-Coffee <sup>45</sup>.

Fzo1 MSEGKQQFKDSNPKPKDSTDDDDAATIVPQTLTYSRNEGHFLGSNFHGVTDDRITLFDG  
BDLP .....

Fzo1 EEGRREDDLPSLRSSNSKAHLISSQLSQWNYNNNRVLLKRSILKTQAFMDQLQEENNIR  
BDLP .....MVNQVATDRFIQDLERVAQVR

Fzo1 PIFIAANDEREKLVHVLQLNITKLDGQYNTKEKNGFNIKKAALSCLFHSSQIVS...VTNHL  
BDLP SEMSVCLNKLAETINKAELAGD.....SSSGKLSLERD.IEDI

Fzo1 NALKKRVDDVSSKVFITGDVNTGKSALCNLLKQRLLEPEQDLPCTNVFSEILEARENDGI  
BDLP TIASKNLQQGVFRLLVLDGDMKRGKSTFLNALIGENLLPSDVNPTAVLTVLRYGPEKKVT

Fzo1 EEVH..AIP.....LNIAP.TLKEAIDMYSIQNPKTYEITHTLKE..LPDLVPPQNGKYALL  
BDLP IHFNDDGKSPQQLDLDF.....QNF...FKYKYITIDPAEAKKLEQEKQAFPD.....

Fzo1 KIYIKDDKRPASTSLLRNGTVDISLIDSPGLNMDSLQTAEVMSRQEEIDLVIFFVMAENQ  
BDLP .VDYAVVE..YPLTLLQKG...IEIVDPSGLNDTEARNELSLGYVNNCHAILFVMRASQP

Fzo1 LTLSAKEFIISLASREK.K.LMFFVVKFKDKIRDK..QRCKELIKQIRDLSPETYKRAAD  
BDLP CTLGERRYLENYIKGRG.LTVFFLVNAWDQVRESLIDPDDVEELQASENRLRQV..FNAN

Fzo1 FVHFVSKNGDELPHYHNENDNEDHGD...RKPDDDPYSSSDPPDFDSLEDSLRFVFLK  
BDLP LAEYCTVEG...QNIYDERVVELSSIQALRRRLKNP.Q.ADLGTGFPKFMDSLNTFLTR

Fzo1 KRSLSKLLPAKTYLSKLLSDIIMISKSNMKMYSEEEIKINEQLETLRPEILSARAKCNDL  
BDLP ERAIAELRQVRTLARLACNHTREAVARRIPLLEQDVNELKKRIDSVEPEFNKLTGIRDEF

Fzo1 TTSVDQMAEQTT.MTYNNTKEALLN.ALDVPLHEYPK.YQGLGQIYDFIF..STEAF..  
BDLP QKEIINTRDTQARTISESFRSYVL.NLGNTFENDFLRY.QPELNLFDFLSSGKRFAFNA

Fzo1 .IANQIDESIGSSELFQKQKTDLLVKKIYEIGKNELGDDFMCCERVFRSELMFRKRKHLIG  
BDLP ALQKAFEEQYITD...KSAAWTLTAEKDINAFAFKELSRASQYGA SYNQITDQITEKLTG

Fzo1 K.RLKVSL..SITDLFAPTWKGFSLYSWQKPVTAPLPDIEGQTNEGQIGLMKYLGLKNY  
BDLP KD.VKVHTTTTAEEDNSPG.....WAKWAMGLLSLSKGNLAGFALAGAGF.....

Fzo1 PLTQYWSRPSLLEFSTKIPTLTLTYFLGSTKVVGNIILN...GIKLSWSSLKLSVPIVIV  
BDLP ....DWKNIL...LNYFTVIGIGGITAVT.GI....LLGPI.....GFAL

Fzo1 GSLGLTYLIHDLPR.ALPMNLSIKYKRLKQLDYIHLNAQRTSNEVRDVLRVPTREILR  
BDLP .LGLGVGFLQADQARRELVKTAKKELVKHLPQV..AHEQSQVVYNVKECFDSYERREVS

Fzo1 SCEIIMDKKQITKKELENKES...NLLSIKFFQSLYEGTVAQKL..MV.....EEI  
BDLP RINDDIVSRKSELNDLVKQKQTRERINRESEFNRLKNLQEDVIAQL.QK.IEAAYSNL...

Fzo1 NLDI....D  
BDLP ....LAYYS

X acidic (-)  
X basic (+)  
X polar uncharged  
X hydrophobic nonpolar

**Supplementary Figure 3 | Target-template alignment using T-coffee considering the whole sequences.** The set of 43 sequences from the cyanobacteria (see Method) were aligned using T-coffee<sup>47</sup>. Subsequently, the generated multiple alignment was merged with the sequence from the target Fzo1, using M-Coffee<sup>45</sup>.

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Fzo1 170 180 190 200 210
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. . . . . S S G K L S L E R D . I E D I T I A S K N L Q Q G V F R L L V L G D M K R G K S T F L N A L I G E N L L P S D

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Fzo1 280 290 300 310 320 330
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N N C H A I L F V M R A S Q P C T L G E R R Y L E N Y I K R G L T V F F L V N A W D Q V R E S L I D P D D V E E L Q A

Fzo1 390 400 410 420 430 440
BDLP I R D L S P E T Y K R A A D F V H F V S K N G D E L P H Y H N E N D N E D H G D . . . R K P D D D P Y S S S D P D P D
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F P K F M D S L N T F L T R E R A I A E L R Q V R T L A R L A C N H T R E A V A R R I P L E Q D V N E L K K R I D S V

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Fzo1 630 640 650 660 670
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N Q I T D Q I T E K L T G K D V K V H T T T A E D N S P G . . . . . W A K W A M G L L S L S K G N L A G F A

Fzo1 680 690 700 710 720 730
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L A G A G F . . . . . D W K N I L . . . L N Y F T V I G I G G I I T A V T . G I L L . G P I . . . . .

Fzo1 740 750 760 770 780 790
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D S Y E R E V S K R I N D D I V S R K S E L D N L V K Q K Q T R E I N R E S E F N R L K N L Q E D V I A Q L Q K I E A A

Fzo1 N L D I D
BDLP Y S N L .

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Fzo1 LLRNGTVDISLIDSPGLNMDLSLQTAEVMSRQEEIDLVI FV VNAENQLT L S  
 DSSP HHHH . . . . . EEE . . . . . HHHHHHHHHH . HHHH . . EEEEEEE . . . . . HH  
 PsiPred CCCCCCCC EEEE CCCCCCCCCC HHHHHHHHHH CCC EEEEEEE CCCCCC HH  
 CONCORD HH CCCCCC EEEEE CCCCCCCG HHHHHHHHHHH CCC EEEEEEE CCCCCC HH  
 PSSpred HHH CCCC EEEEE CCCCCC HHHHHHHHHHH CCC EEEEEEE CCCCCC HH  
 Porter HHH CCC EEEEEEE CCCCCC HHHHHHHHHHH CCC EEEEEEE CCCCCC HH

Fzo1 AKEFISLASREK KLMFFVVKFKDKIRDKQRCKELILKQIRDLSPE TYKRA  
 DSSP HHHH . . . . . EEEEE . . . . . HHHH . . . . . HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH  
 PsiPred HHHHHHHHHH CCCC EEEEE CCCCCC HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH C HHHHHH C  
 CONCORD HHHHHHHHHH CCCC EEEEE CCCCCC HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH CG HHHHHH  
 PSSpred HHHHHHHHHH CCC EEEEE CCCCCC HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH CCCC  
 Porter HHHHHHHHHH CCCC EEEEE C H CCCC HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH CCCC HHHHH

Fzo1 ADFVHFVSKNGDELPHYHNENDNEDHGDRK PDDDPYSSSDPDPDFDSLED  
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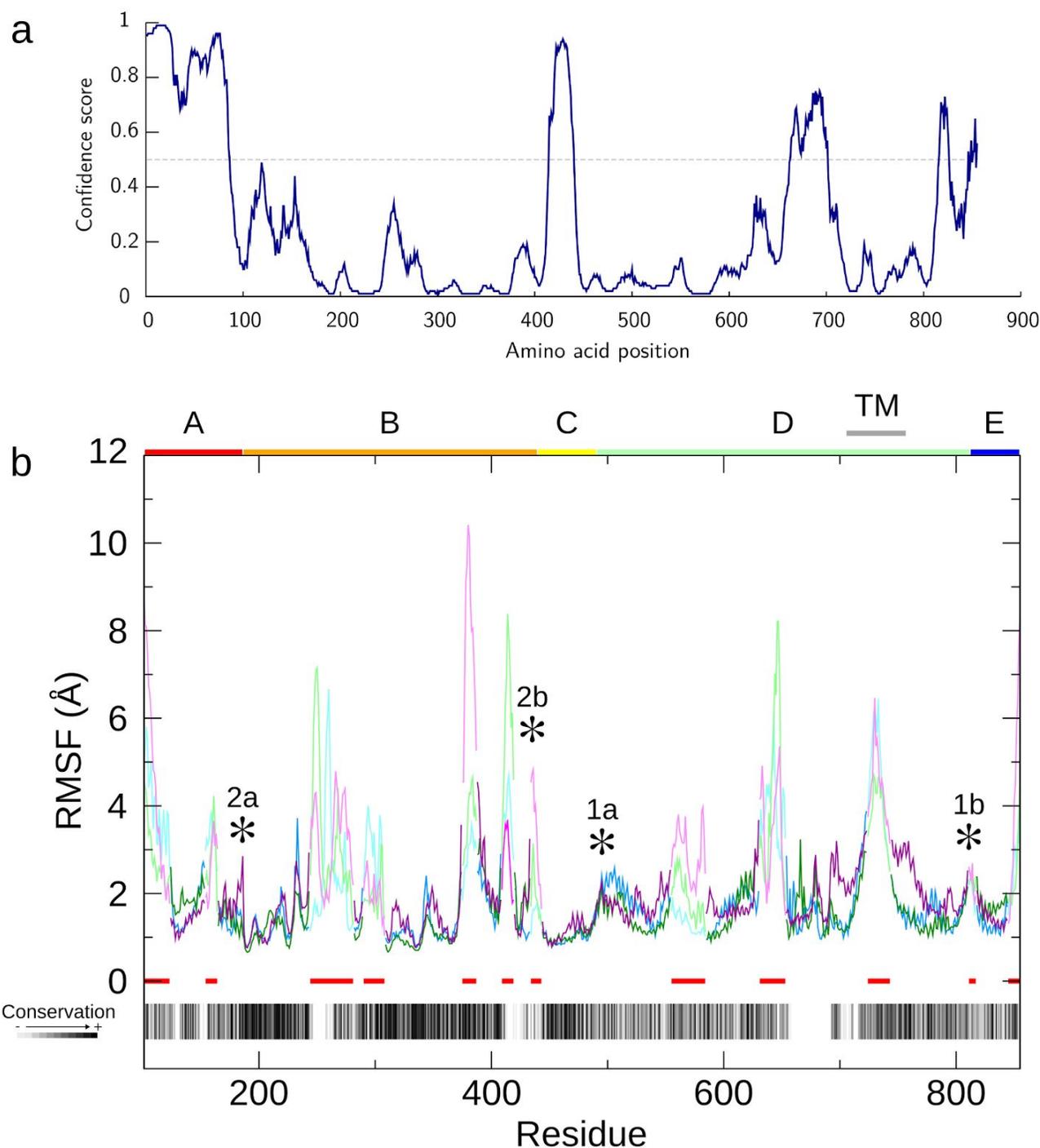
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 PsiPred HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH C HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH  
 CONCORD HHH  
 PSSpred HHH  
 Porter HHH

Fzo1 LETLRPEILSARAKNDLTT SVDQMAEQ T I TMTYNNTKEALLNALDVPLH  
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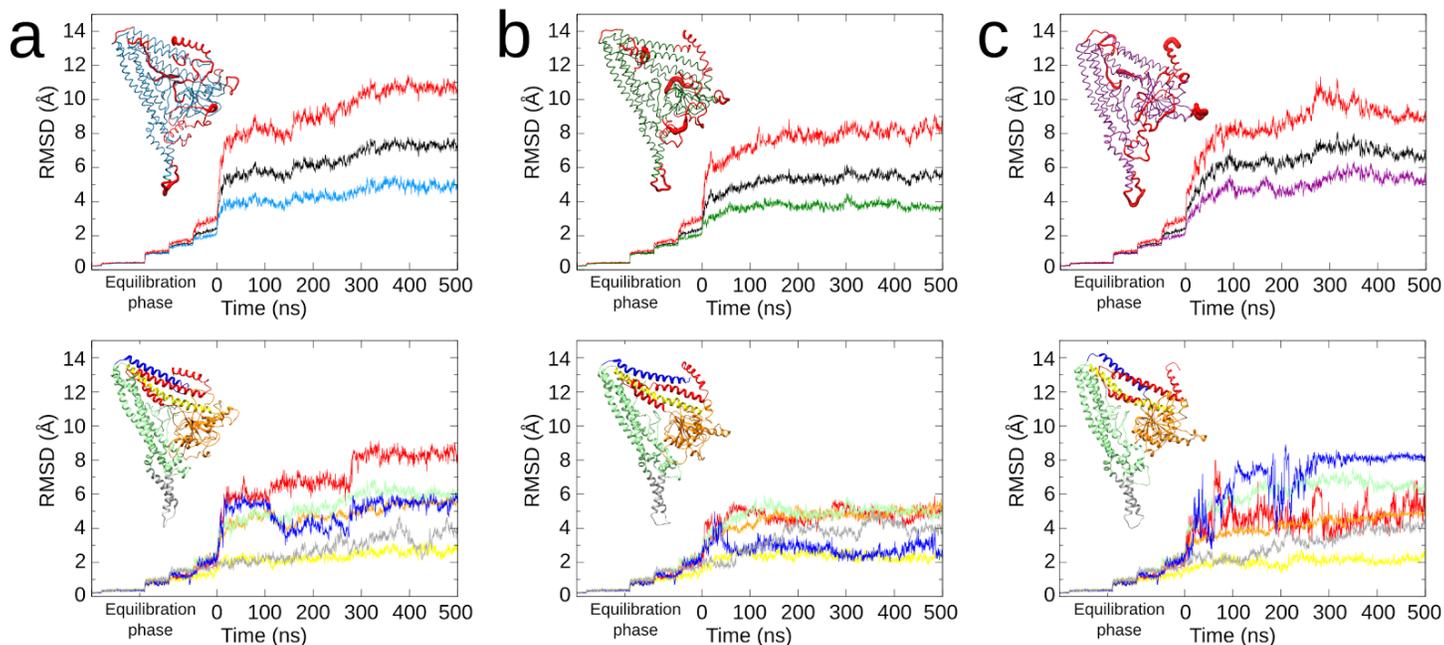
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 PsiPred CCCCCC HHH  
 CONCORD CCCCCC HHH  
 PSSpred H CCCCC HHH  
 Porter CCCCCC HHH

Supplementary Figure 5 | Secondary structure prediction for Fzo1. Continue next page.





**Supplementary Figure 6 | (a) Predicted disordered region in Fzo1 according to the predictor DISOPRED3<sup>22</sup>.** The first disordered region (res 1-86) is located upstream of the N-terminal coiled-coil HRN (res 91-190). The second region (res 415-440) resides between the N- (res 1-415) and C-terminal (res 416-855) halves proposed for Fzo1<sup>11,13</sup>. The third region (res 663-701) is located in the protein core, whereas a fourth one (res 816-826) is detected in the C-terminal domain, nearby the putative hinge 1b. **(b) Root-mean-square fluctuation (RMSF) per residue in all three trajectories (Fzo1.I, cyan; Fzo1.II, green; Fzo1.III, purple).** Positions of the putative hinges that encompass the fragments from A to E (TM, transmembrane), are highlighted with asterisks, the names being the same as proposed for the BDLP template<sup>16</sup>. Paler colours and *red* bars under the plot mark the unstructured/highly flexible regions. Bottom: bar plot indicating conservation per residue of the physico-chemical properties determined by Jalview<sup>85</sup> based on a multiple alignment (Supplementary Fig. 15) of mitofusins belonging to the family of FZO1 (Supplementary Table 1).



**Supplementary Figure 7 | Root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) of the protein coordinates as a function of time in MD simulations.** Panels (a), (b) and (c) are for the models Fzo1.I, *cyan*; Fzo1.II, *green* and Fzo1.III, *purple*, respectively. In the **upper panels**, the *black* line, the *red* and the one coloured accordingly each trajectory identify values computed considering the whole protein, the highly flexible/unstructured residues (discussed in the text) and the protein core, respectively. The **lower panels** show the RMSD per-fragment: A (*red*), B (*orange*), C (*yellow*), D (*pale green*) and E (*blue*), according to the putative hinges (see also Fig. 1a and Supplementary Table 3). The transmembrane segment is indicated in *gray*. The values are computed on the alpha carbon atoms with respect to the model after the minimization. In every plot the structure is colored accordingly and represents the last frame from the corresponding simulation time. In the upper panels the structures are depicted in tube representation of varying thickness as a function of the Root Mean-Square Fluctuation (RMSF).

**Supplementary Table 2 | Root mean-square deviations.**

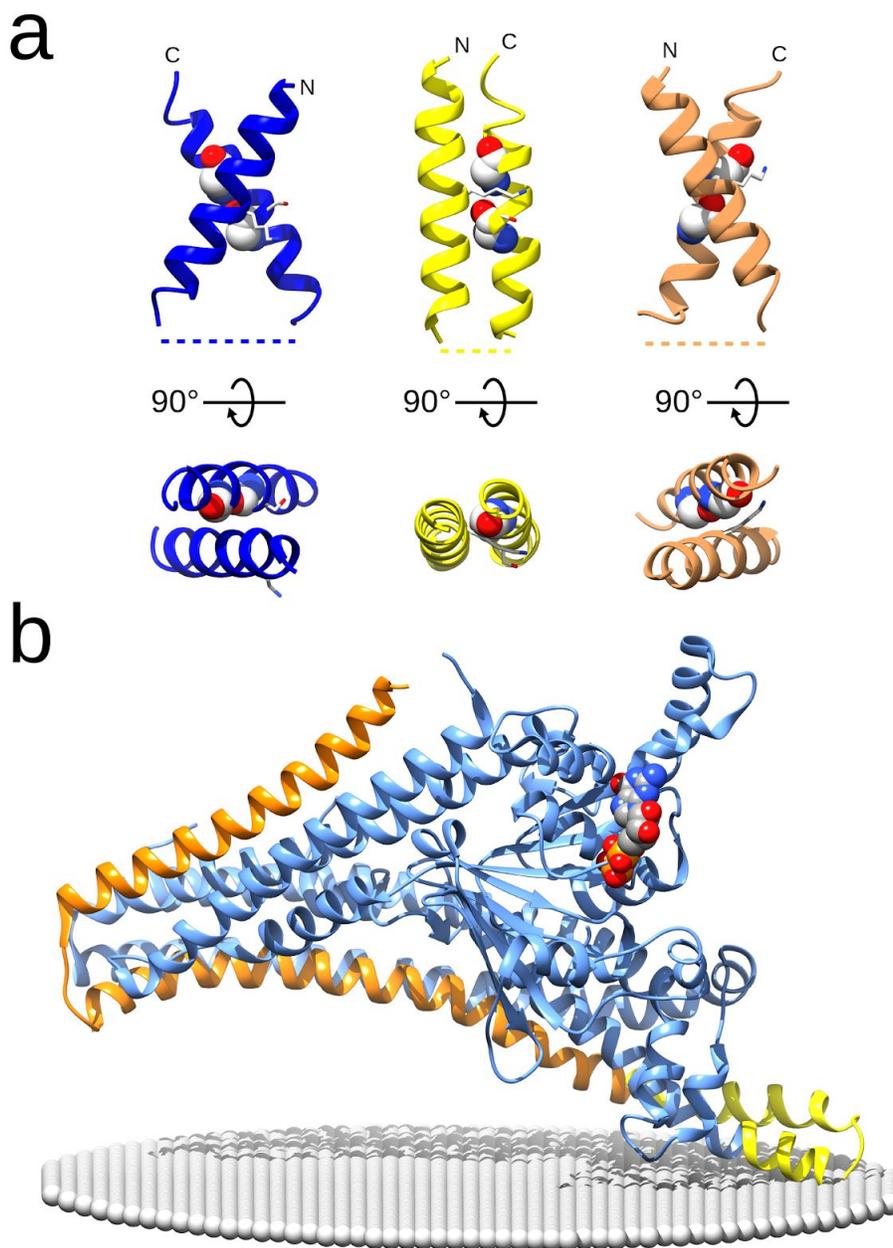
<b>Simulation</b>	<b>Mean (last frame) <math>\pm</math> sd</b>
Fzo1.I	4.6 (7.3) $\pm$ 2.67
Fzo1.II	3.8 (5.7) $\pm$ 2.06
Fzo1.III	4.6 (6.5) $\pm$ 2.68

The RMSDs are calculated for the C $\alpha$  atoms fitting on the same set on the reference structure after the minimization. sd, standard deviation. Values are in Å.

**Supplementary Table 3 | Per-fragment root mean-square deviations.**

	<b>Fzo1.I</b>	<b>Fzo1.II</b>	<b>Fzo1.III</b>
<b>A</b> <sub>101-185</sub>	5.0 (8.0) ± 3.2	3.4 (5.1) ± 1.9	3.4 (5.3) ± 1.9
<b>B</b> <sub>186-439</sub>	3.6 (5.6) ± 1.9	3.4 (5.1) ± 1.8	3.1 (4.9) ± 1.6
<b>C</b> <sub>440-490</sub>	1.8 (2.8) ± 0.9	1.8 (2.4) ± 0.8	1.6 (2.1) ± 0.7
<b>D</b> <sub>491-812</sub>	3.9 (5.9) ± 2.2	3.6 (4.8) ± 1.9	4.4 (6.4) ± 2.5
<b>E</b> <sub>813-855</sub>	3.5 (5.4) ± 2.0	2.2 (2.4) ± 1.0	4.9 (8.1) ± 3.2
<b>TM</b> <sub>706-757</sub>	2.2 (3.9) ± 1.1	2.6 (3.9) ± 1.4	2.4 (4.3) ± 1.3

For each protein segment the number of residues is indicated. Statistics are computed on the C $\alpha$  atoms for each fragment and the values relative to the segment C are calculated without the contribution of the transmembrane domain. The model after the minimization was used as a reference structure. Values are in Å: Mean (last frame) ± standard deviation.



**Supplementary Figure 8 | (a) *Ab initio* prediction for the TM helical dimer in Fzo1 using the PREDDIMER server.** The models are ordered from the left according to their *Fscore* computed by PREDDIMER<sup>24</sup>, 3.113, 3.100 and 2.647, respectively, with associated crossing-angle  $\chi$  of 119.7°, 175.1° and -129.7°, respectively. The glycines within the motif GxxxG are in the space-filled representation and residues Lys716 and Ser746 are depicted in stick form. **(b) Prediction of the BDLP template orientation with respect to a membrane.** The crystal structure PDB-Id 2J68<sup>16</sup> has been submitted to the PPM web server<sup>67</sup>. The structure is represented in ribbon mode, the GDP nucleotide in a space-filled representation. The N- (res 2–571) and C-terminal (res 607–695) regions exposed outside of the membrane are in *cyan* and *orange*, respectively. The paddle region (res 572–606) is depicted in *yellow*. The membrane layer is represented by dummy atoms. The predicted embedded residues are 574, 577, 581 and 583, suggesting that BDLP may be a peripheral membrane protein.

**Supplementary Table 4 | Residue contacts for the TM domains in the membrane.**

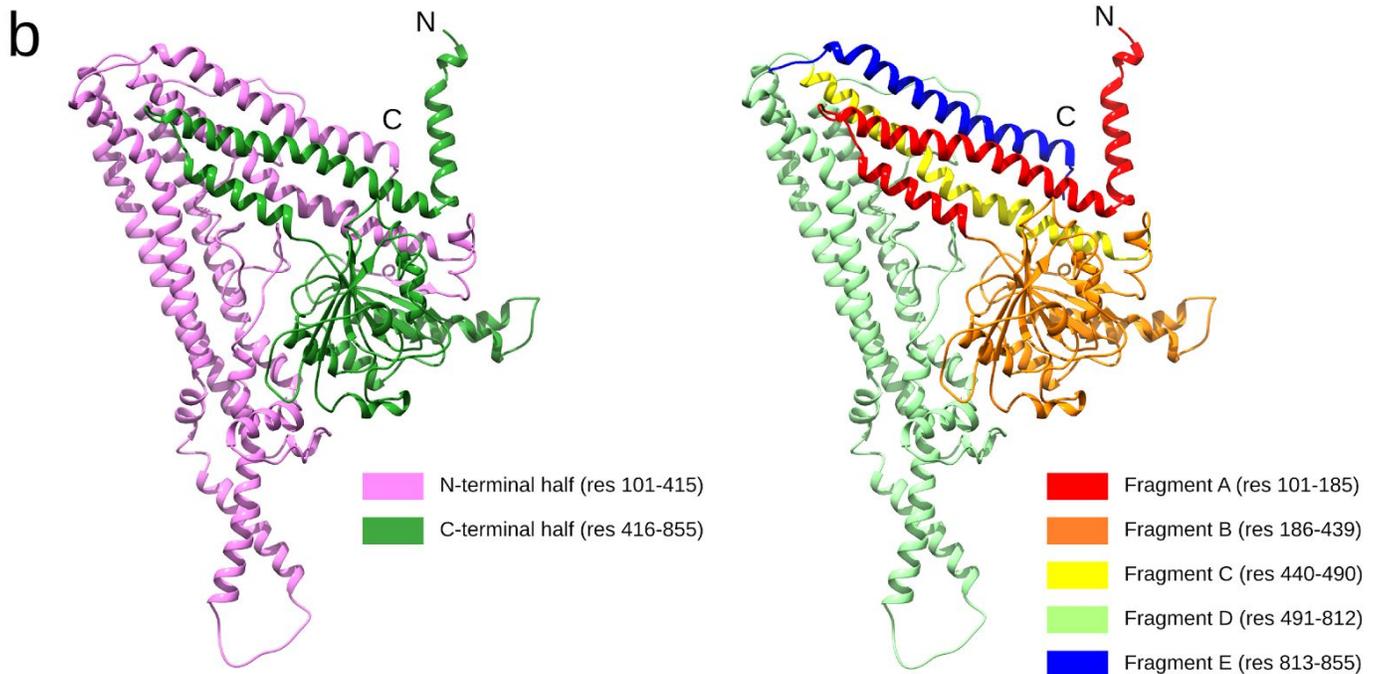
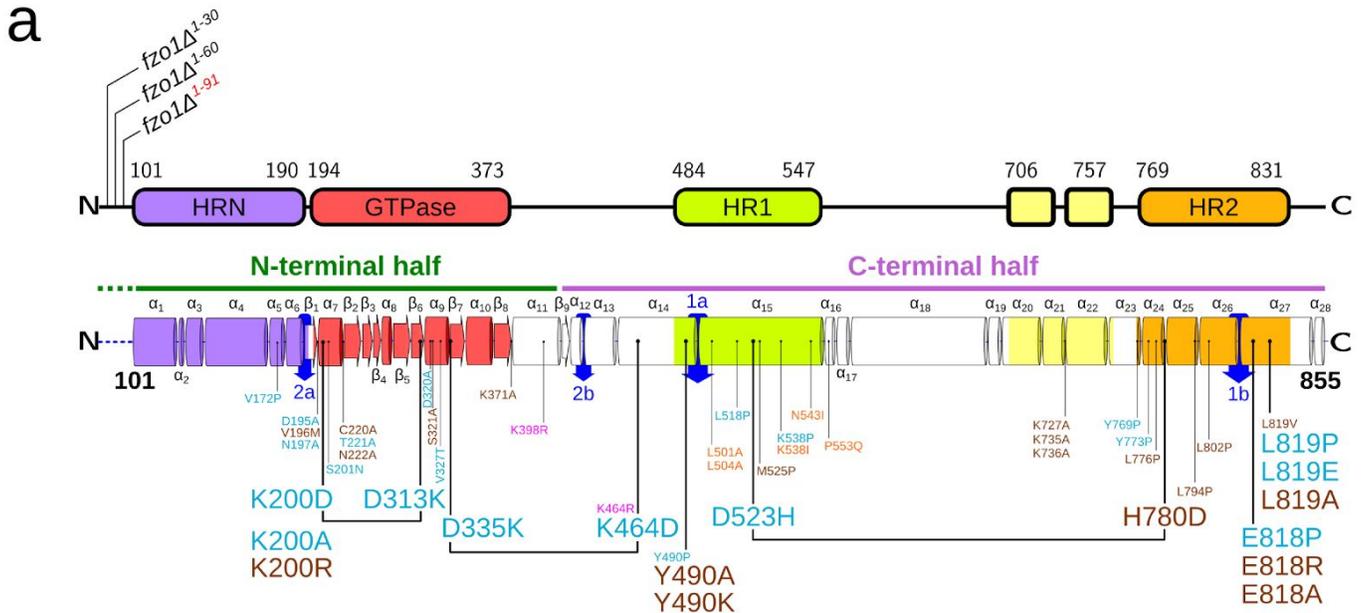
TM1	TM2		
	Fzo1.I	Fzo1.II	Fzo1.III
Leu707	Ile753 (91%)	Leu757 (73%)	Ile753 (56.3%)
Thr708	Leu750 (56.8%)	Leu757 (39.8%)	Leu750 (63.3%)
Leu709	Leu750 (70.3%)	Ile753 (62.3%)	
Phe711	Ile753 (61.4%)	Ile753 (88.2%)	Ile753 (92.9%)
Leu712	Ser746 (36%)	Leu750 (55.2%)	Leu750 (51.8%)
Thr715	Gly749 (44.5%)	Ile753 (99.8%)	Gly749 (41.3%)
Lys716	Ile742 (55.7%)	Ser746 (68.5%)	Ser746 (73.7%)
Gly719	Val741 (67.4%)		Ile742 (88%)
Asn720			Ile742 (91%)
Leu723	Val741 (85.7%)	Ile742 (93.2%)	Ile742 (72.8%)

The Table shows for each monomer in the transmembrane segment which are the corresponding partners between the two TM helices. For each residue position the number of contacts identified are summed and the persistence along each trajectory is indicated. The analysis is conducted without considering the H and the polar atoms N and O. The single common interaction between the replicas is highlighted. TM1 (res 706–726); TM2 (res 737–757).

**Supplementary Table 5 | Interactions between protein and membrane.**

	<b>Fzo.I</b>	<b>Fzo.II</b>	<b>Fzo.III</b>
POPE	Ser567		Ser567
	Arg759	Arg759	Arg759
	Lys736		
	Leu737		
	Tyr562		Tyr562
	Asp756	Asp756	Asp756
	Asp546	Asp546	
		Ser738	
		Ser732	
			Asp563
			Ile565
		Thr568	
POPC	Gly559	Gly559	Gly559
	Lys736		Lys736
	Gly557		Gly557
	Leu558	Leu558	Leu558
		Lys703	
			Arg759
			Lys727

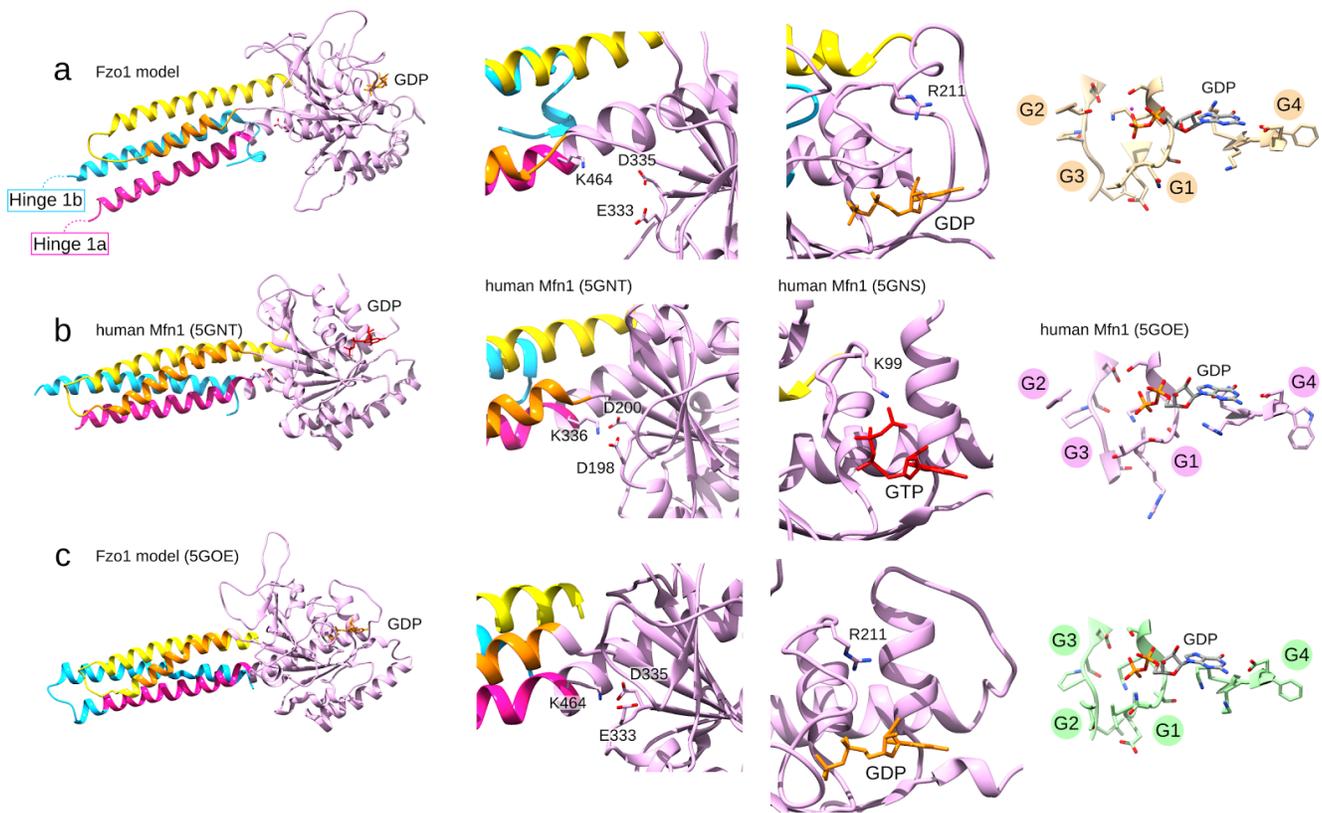
Residues interacting through H-bonds over 50% of persistence are indicated. The common interactions between the replicas are highlighted. POPE, palmitoyl-oleoyl-phosphatidylethanolamine; POPC, palmitoyl-oleoyl-phosphatidylcholine.



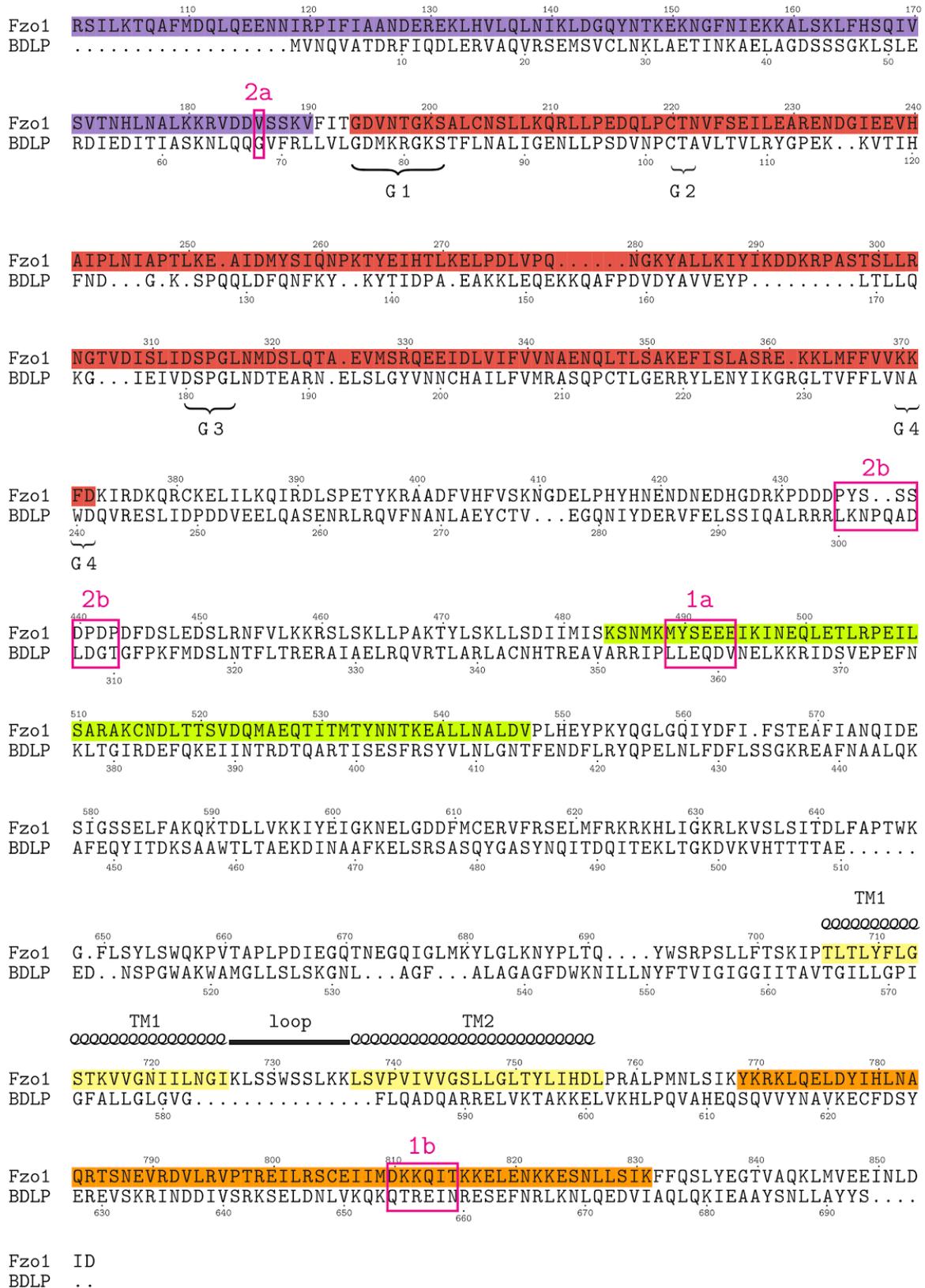
**Supplementary Figure 9 | (a) Cartoon representation of the Fzo1 model and its functional domains.** (top) Residue numbers delimiting the domains, (bottom) secondary structure elements are annotated with the Fzo1 mutations performed in this study. The Fig. 4 in main text has been replicated in (a) and extended with data on available mutants across Fzo1 functional domains from the literature<sup>9, 11, 13, 15, 33, 86</sup>. The point mutations performed in this study are highlighted by larger font size at the very bottom. The color code is *cyan*, loss of function (LOF), *maroon*, yeast phenotype is analogous to the wild-type, *orange*, point mutations that cause a severe LOF only when associated; *magenta*, residue involved in post-translational modification. Residues considered for the charge swap strategy are connected by a bar. Putative hinge regions are indicated by *blue* arrows. N- and C-terminal halves are indicated above the secondary structure plot (*green* and *pink*, respectively). The topology diagram was generated with the HERA program<sup>83</sup>. **(b) Level of structuration discussed in this study for the Fzo1 model.** The structures refer to the model after the equilibration phase presented also in Fig. 1d. Left, the annotation according to the N- (res 1–415, *pink*) and C-terminal (res 416–855, *green*) halves. Right, subdomains across the hinge regions considered in this study.

**Supplementary Table 6 | Fzo1 mutants performed in the present study.**

Category	Residue	Phenotype
Deletion	<i>fzo1Δ<sup>1-30</sup></i>	wild-type
	<i>fzo1Δ<sup>1-60</sup></i>	wild-type
	<i>fzo1Δ<sup>1-91</sup></i>	abolish respiration
Point mutation	<i>K200A</i>	abolish respiration
	<i>K200D</i>	abolish respiration
	<i>K200R</i>	wild-type
	<i>D313K</i>	abolish respiration
	<i>D335K</i>	abolish respiration
	<i>K464D</i>	abolish respiration
	<i>Y490A</i>	wild-type
	<i>Y490K</i>	wild-type
	<i>D523H</i>	abolish respiration
	<i>H780D</i>	wild-type
	<i>E818A</i>	wild-type
	<i>E818P</i>	abolish respiration
	<i>E818R</i>	wild-type
	<i>E819A</i>	wild-type
	<i>E819P</i>	abolish respiration
<i>E819E</i>	abolish respiration	
Double mutant (charge swap)	<i>K200D-D313K</i>	abolish respiration
	<i>D335K-K464D</i>	restore respiration
	<i>D523H-H780D</i>	restore respiration



**Supplementary Figure 10 | Comparison between Fzo1 model and Minimal GTPase Domain (MGD) from Mfn1.** (a), (b) and (c) Fzo1 model, Mfn1 crystal fragment (PDB-Id 5GNT<sup>18</sup>) and the partial Fzo1 model based on human Mfn1 (PDB-Id 5GOE<sup>19</sup>), respectively. From left to right MGD domain, homologous salt bridges identified in Fzo1 as well as in the human Mfn1, detail of the GTPase domain showing the homologous residues that may compensate the nucleotide coordination in the G1/P-loop mutant (i.e. K200A and K88A, Fzo1 and Mfn1, respectively) and detail of the GTP binding site indicating the G1–G4 motifs involved in nucleotide stabilization, respectively. The structures were superposed with each other over the correspondent C $\alpha$  for each fragment using UCSF Chimera<sup>61</sup>. Putative hinge 1a and 1b in Fzo1 are indicated and nucleotides are represented in *orange* and *red* stick for yeast and human, respectively. GTPase domain, *pink*; helices at N-terminal (*yellow* and *orange*) and C-terminal (*magenta*) of the GTPase domain are colored as in Qi et al., 2016<sup>18</sup> for clarity.

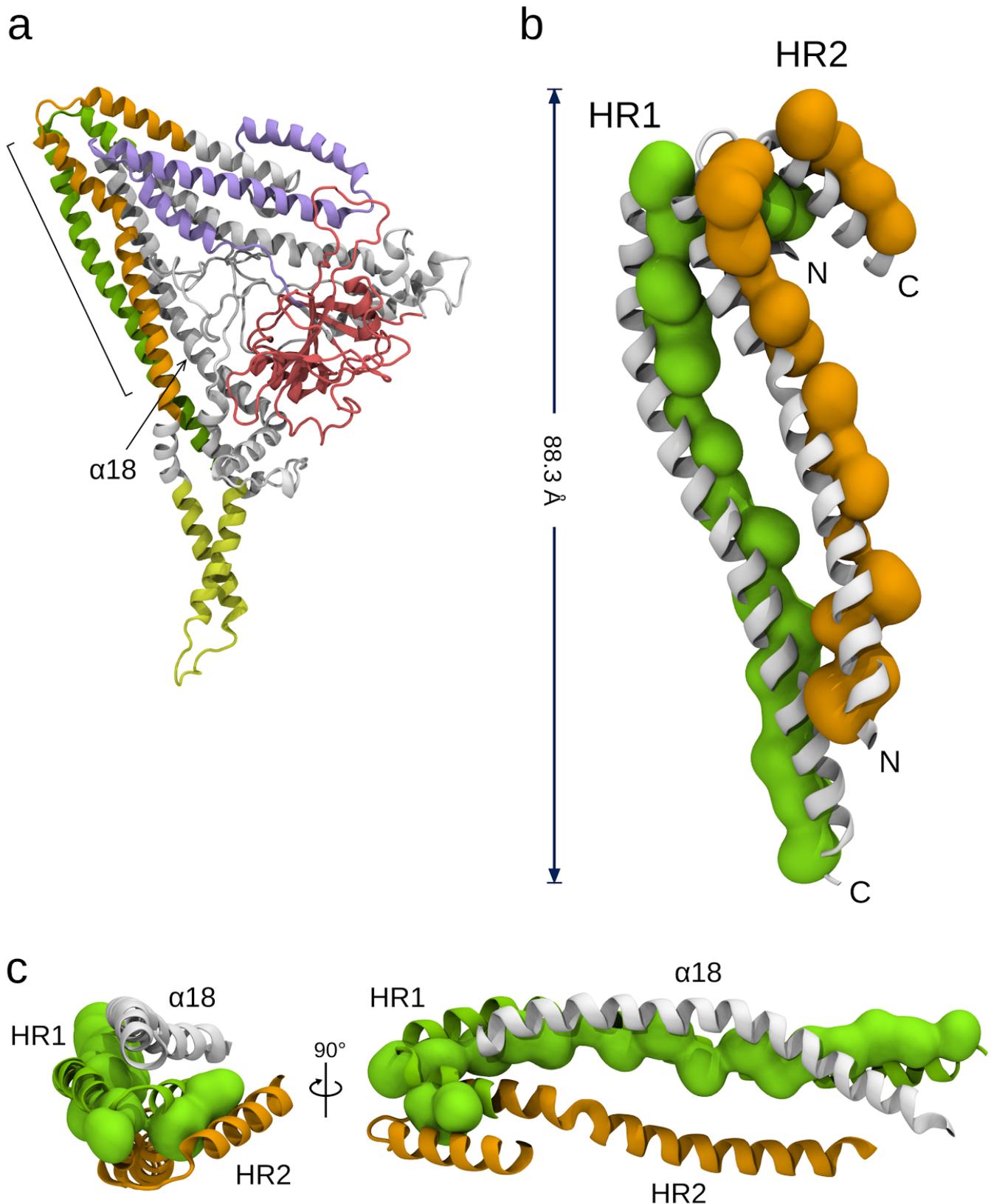


**Supplementary Figure 11 | Target-template alignment after the refinement procedure.** HRN (N-terminal heptad repeat) *violet*, res 91-190; GTPase domain *red*, res 194-373; HR1 (heptad repeat 1) *green*, res 484-547; transmembrane domain *yellow*, res 706-757; HR2 (heptad repeat 2) *orange*, res 769-831. Frames in *magenta* indicate putative hinges with respect to the BDLP template. In order from the N-terminal: hinge 2a (res 186) hinge 2b (res 435, 441, 443) hinge 1a (res 489-494) and hinge 1b (res 810-815).

**Supplementary Table 7 | Analysis of the distances between predicted *a-d* positions in Fzo1 heptad repeats.**

<i>a,d</i>	<i>a',d'</i>	Fzo1.I	Fzo1.II	Fzo1.III
M487	L828	12.99 ± 1.69	14.27 ± 1.35	15.43 ± 0.76
Y490	S825	14.88 ± 1.93	16.12 ± 1.68	17.72 ± 0.68
E494	N821	20.92 ± 1.92	22.64 ± 1.44	24.05 ± 1.30
I497	E818	19.82 ± 1.01	19.97 ± 1.24	21.88 ± 1.29
L501	I814	18.78 ± 1.24	17.86 ± 1.72	19.79 ± 1.27
L504	K811	21.32 ± 1.22	20.45 ± 1.84	20.30 ± 1.98
I508	I807	18.18 ± 0.57	17.94 ± 0.94	18.24 ± 0.84
A511	S804	19.74 ± 0.57	19.73 ± 0.73	19.91 ± 0.73
C515	E800	19.17 ± 0.81	19.44 ± 0.90	19.70 ± 1.31
L518	P797	20.28 ± 0.59	20.29 ± 0.57	20.25 ± 0.72
V522	V793	19.06 ± 0.68	19.41 ± 0.47	19.19 ± 0.75
M525	V790	19.73 ± 0.85	19.59 ± 0.72	18.46 ± 1.59
T529	T786	18.73 ± 1.12	18.75 ± 0.51	17.88 ± 1.14
M532	A783	18.99 ± 1.24	19.15 ± 0.66	18.30 ± 1.08
N536	I779	18.32 ± 1.73	19.15 ± 0.66	18.30 ± 1.08
E539	L776	18.06 ± 1.44	17.73 ± 0.68	17.44 ± 0.56
N543	K772	19.41 ± 1.13	19.12 ± 0.87	19.01 ± 0.87
D546	Y769	20.08 ± 1.46	18.16 ± 0.70	19.62 ± 1.43

Distances are in Å. The residue at position *a* on one chain is packed against the corresponding residue at position *d* on the other chain to form *a-d* packing. The standard deviation is indicated.



**Supplementary Figure 12 | Heptad repeat domains HR1 and HR2 in the Fzo1 model.** (a) Fzo1 model after the cluster analysis in the Fzo1.I trajectory with the  $\alpha 18$  helix labelled. (b) HR1 (green) and HR2 (orange) domains as indicated in (a). The surface represents the side-chains of the predicted *a-d* positions in the heptads. (c) Helix bundle created by the HR1, HR2 and  $\alpha 18$  (white). The latter does not exhibit heptad periodicity and in our model is in close contact with the HR1 towards its *a-d* positions (green surface). The PCOILS algorithm<sup>53</sup> has been used to predict heptad periodicity (see Methods).

**Supplementary Table 8 | Detected salt bridges between the heptad repeat domains in the Fzo1 model.**

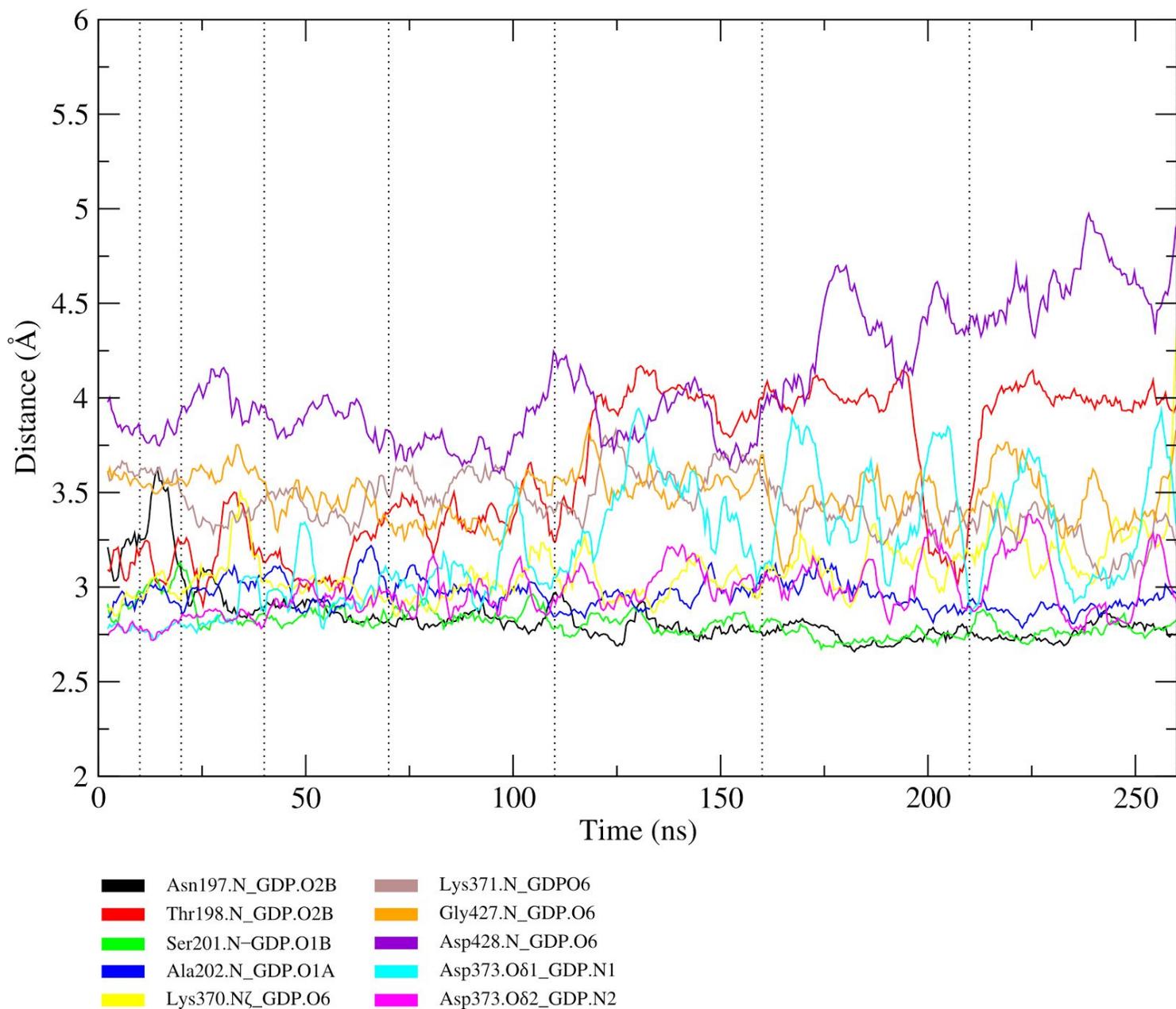
<b>HRN/HRN</b>	<b>HR1/HR1</b>	<b>HR2/HR2</b>	<b>HR1/HR2</b>
Glu116 (n)-Arg120 (n+4)	Lys488 (n)-Glu492 (n+4)	Asp792 (n)-Arg795 (n+3)	Arg505-Glu806
Glu116 (n)-Arg130 (n+14)			Glu494-Lys812
Asp128 (n)-Lys132 (n+4)			
Asp143 (n)-Lys180 (n+37)			

The spacing position for the interhelical interactions is indicated. The persistence is above 60% over the trajectories, the distance cut off is up to 6.5 Å.

**Supplementary Table 9 | Target-template homologous residues forming hydrogen bonds with the GDP nucleotide.**

BDLP residue	Donor-acceptor distance (Å)	GDP atom	Donor-acceptor distance (Å)	Fzo1 residue
Lys79.N	3.04	O2B	2.99	Asn197.N
Arg80.N	3.38	O2B	3.43	Thr198.N
Ser83.N	2.44	O1B	2.59	Ser201.N
Thr84.N	3.14	O1A	3.15	Ala202.N
Thr84.Oγ1	3.19	O1A		
Asn238.Nδ2	3.21	O6	3.18	Lys370.Nζ
Asn238.Oδ1	3.28	N7		
Ala239.N	3.25	O6	3.26	Lys371.N
Asp241.Oδ1	2.73	N2	2.70	Asp373.Oδ2
Asp241.Oδ2	2.81	N1	2.80	Asp373.Oδ1
Ser292.N	3.04	O6	3.04	Gly427.N
Ile293.N	3.27	O6	3.21	Asp428.N

Donor-acceptor distances are calculated with LigPlot+<sup>52</sup> using a distance cut-off of up to 3.5 Å.



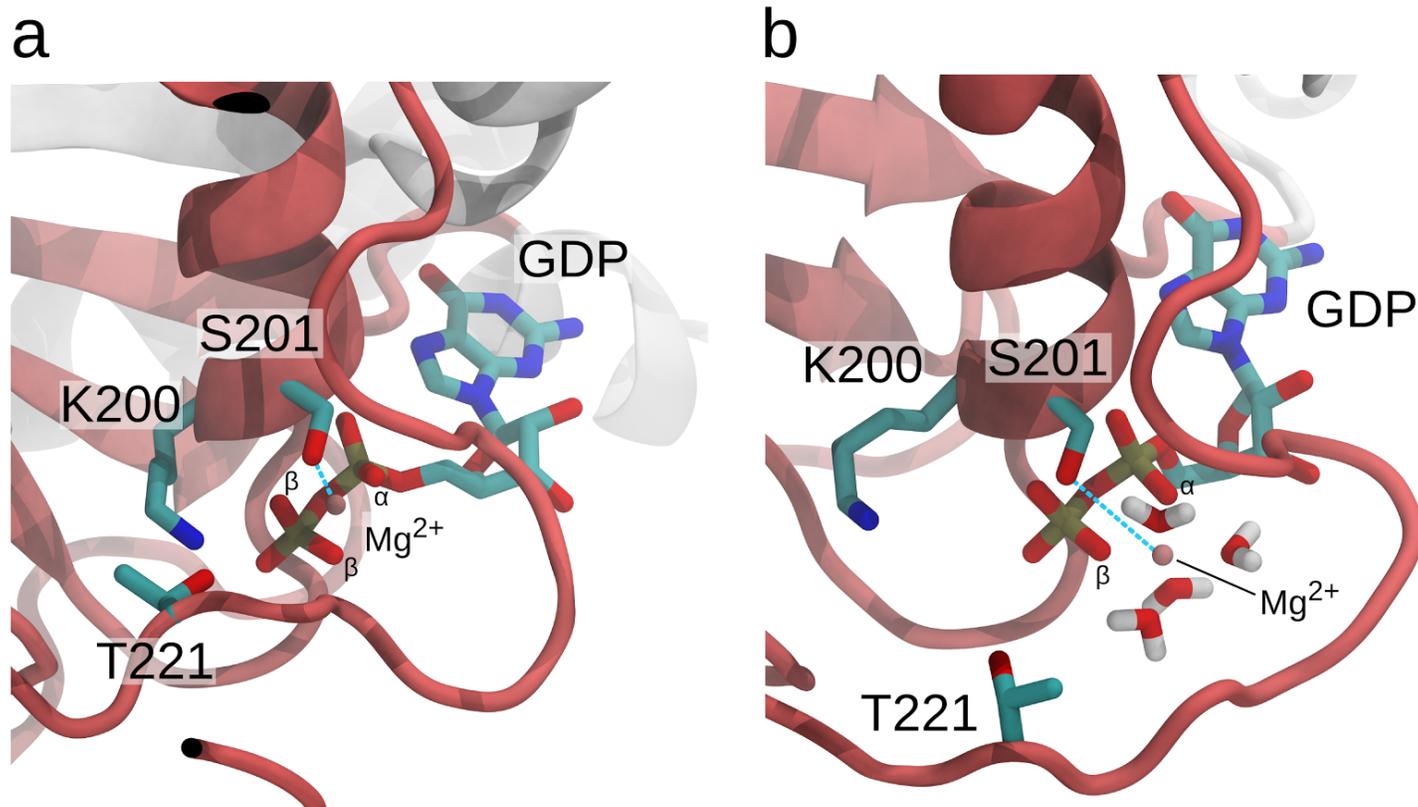
**Supplementary Figure 13 | Time series of hydrogen-bond Donor-acceptor distances monitored during the equilibration phase.** The colour code is indicated. The dotted lines represent the equilibration steps of varying position restrains on the Fzo1 protein backbone and side-chain atoms (see Methods).

**Supplementary Table 10 | Fzo1-human mitofusin 1 homologous residues forming hydrogen bonds with the GDP nucleotide.** See next page for caption.

	Fzo1 Model (this study)	5GNR <sup>18</sup>	5GNT <sup>18</sup>	5GOE <sup>19</sup>
<b>Retained</b>	Asn197N.O2B	Ser85N.O1B Ser85N.O3B Ser85Oγ.O3B Ser85Oγ.O3A	Ser85Oγ.O2B Ser85Oγ.O3B Ser85Oγ.O1A Ser85Oγ.O3A Ser85Oγ.O5'	Ser85N.O2B Ser85N.O3B Ser85Oγ.O2B Ser85Oγ.O3B Ser85Oγ.O3A Ser85Oγ.O5'
	Ser201N.O1B	Ser89N.O2B Ser89Oγ.O2B Ser89Oγ.O1A Ser89Oγ.O2A Ser89Oγ.O3A	Ser89N.O1B Ser89Oγ.O1B Ser89Oγ.O3B Ser89Oγ.O1A Ser89Oγ.O2A Ser89Oγ.O3A	Ser89N.O1B Ser89N.O3B Ser89Oγ.O1B Ser89Oγ.O1B Ser89Oγ.O1A
	Ala202N.O1A	Ser90N.O2A Ser90Oγ.O2A Ser90Oγ.O3A Ser90N.O2B Ser90Oγ.O2B	Ser90N.O2A Ser90Oγ.O2A Ser90Oγ.O3A Ser90Oγ.O1B Ser90N.O1B	Ser90N.O2A Ser90Oγ.O2A Ser90Oγ.O3A Ser90N.O1B Ser90Oγ.O1B Ser90N.O3B Ser90Oγ.O5'
<b>Average behavior</b>	Thr198N.O2B	Ser86N.O2B Ser86Oγ.O2B Ser86Oγ.O3A	Ser86N.O2B Ser86Oγ.O2B Ser86Oγ.O3A	Ser86Oγ.O3B
	Lys370Nζ.O6	Asn237Nδ2.N7	Asn237Nδ2.O6 Asn237Nδ2.N7 Asn237Nδ2.O3A	Asn237Nδ2.O6
	Lys371N.O6	Arg238N.O6 Arg238Nε.O4' Arg238Nε.O5' Arg238NH2.O5' Arg238NH2.O4'	Arg238N.O6 Arg238Nε.O4' Arg238Nε.O5' Arg238NH2.O5'	Arg238N.O6 Arg238NH1.O3' Arg238NH2.O3A Arg238NH2.O4'
	Asp373Oδ1.N1 Asp373Oδ2.N2	Asp240Oδ1.N2 Asp240Oδ2.N2 Asp240N.N1 Asp240N.O6	Asp240Oδ2.N2 Asp240N.N1 Asp240N.O6	Asp240Oδ2.N2 Asp240Oδ1.N2 Asp240N.N1 Asp240N.O6
<b>Not retained</b>	Gly427N.O6	Lys286N.O6 Lys286N.N7 Lys286Nζ.O2' Lys286Nζ.O3'	Lys286N.O6 Lys286N.N7 Lys286Nζ.O3'	Lys286N.O6 Lys286N.N7 Lys286Nζ.O2' Lys286Nζ.O3'
	Asp428N.O6	Glu287N.O6	Glu287N.O6	Glu287N.O6 Glu287N.N1

**Supplementary Table 10 | Homologous network of hydrogen bond identified in the human mitofusin 1.**

Homologous residues were identified in the initial target-template alignment (see Methods) as well as after the superposition of the structures indicated. The Fzo1 model represents the centroid of Fzo1.I (see the main text). Residues were subdivided in the three categories discussed in the text. In *blue*, the analogous interactions, in *cyan*, interactions retained on the same GDP atom. H-bond were identified using UCSF Chimera <sup>61</sup> (distance cut-off of 3.5 Å and up to 30 degree off-axis angle).

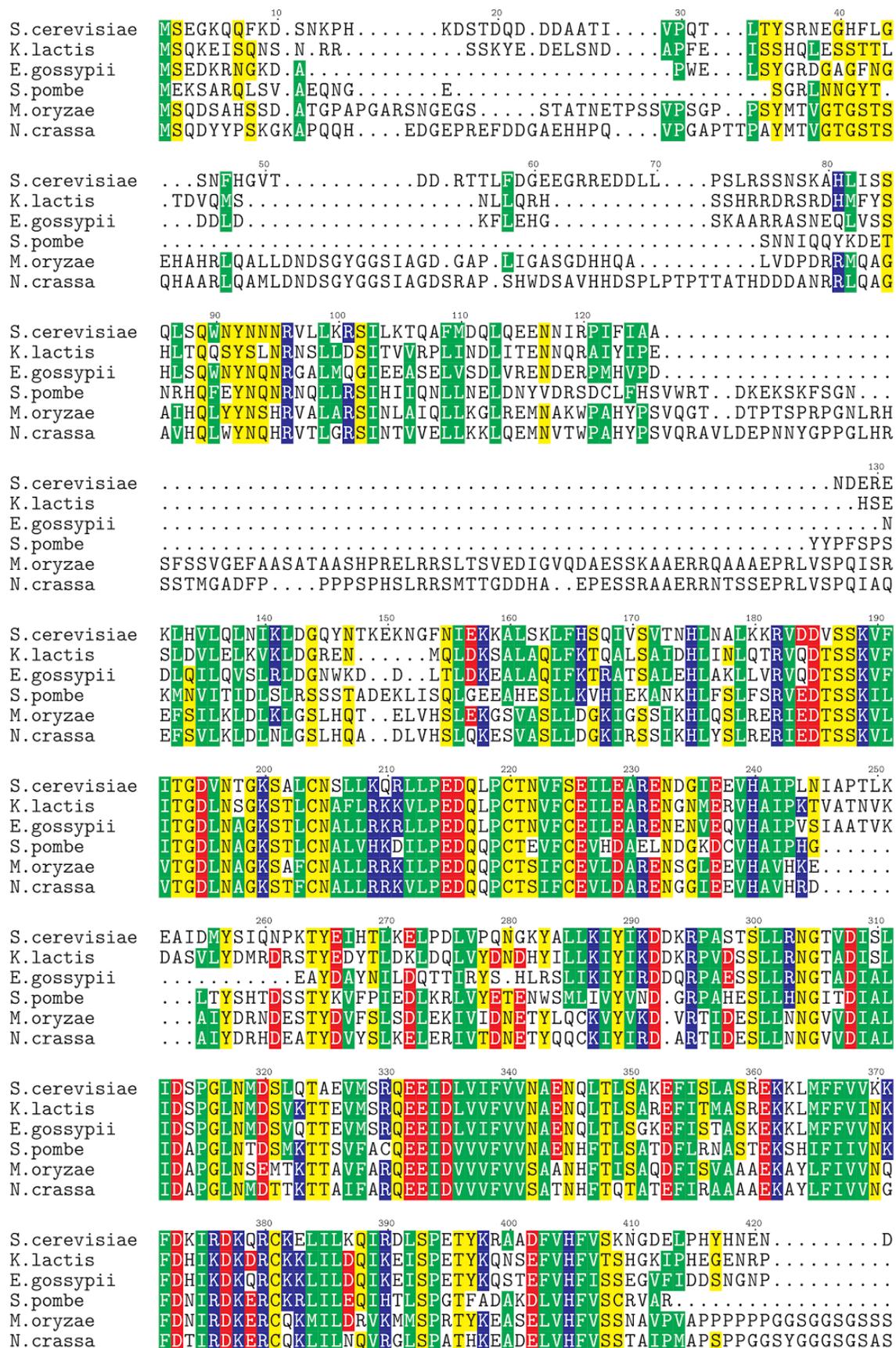


**Supplementary Figure 14 | Coordination of the bound magnesium in the GDP binding site.** (a) Fzo1 model after the minimization phase, in which the Ser201 (Ser89 in human Mfn1) directly coordinates the cation with a distance of 1.96 Å, as suggested also in the fragment crystal structure from Mfn1<sup>19</sup>. Similarly, the homologous Ser41 in dynamin was proposed to act in concert with Lys44 (Lys200 in Fzo1) and Thr65 (Thr221 in Fzo1) in coordinating the bound magnesium, to stabilize the developing charge in the transition state of GTP hydrolysis<sup>37, 87</sup>. We thus added a magnesium ion in the nucleotide binding site of the Fzo1 model (see Methods in main text), which revealed that Ser201 of Fzo1 possibly plays a role in Mg<sup>2+</sup> binding. (b) The structure represents the result of the cluster analysis from the trajectory Fzo1.I. During the simulation time the Ser201 oxydril group was subsequently stabilized over the average of  $4.2 \pm 0.19$  Å between the trajectories. In particular, we observed a change in the coordination from 3 oxygens (1 from α and 2 from β phosphates, see a) to 2 oxygens (1 from α and 1 from β phosphates, see b) with the remaining coordinations being supplied by water molecules. Furthermore, analysis of minimum distances in combination with the number of contacts showed that the water molecules coordinating the Mg<sup>2+</sup> at the equilibration phase, remained in place over the simulation time for each replica. Although the placement of the bound magnesium was suggested by available crystal structures (see Method), a template to correctly position the Mg<sup>2+</sup> ion for the mitofusins Fzo1 is currently lacking. However, our results suggest a role for this cation in ligand accommodation within the binding pocket as recently suggested for human Mfn1<sup>18, 19</sup>.

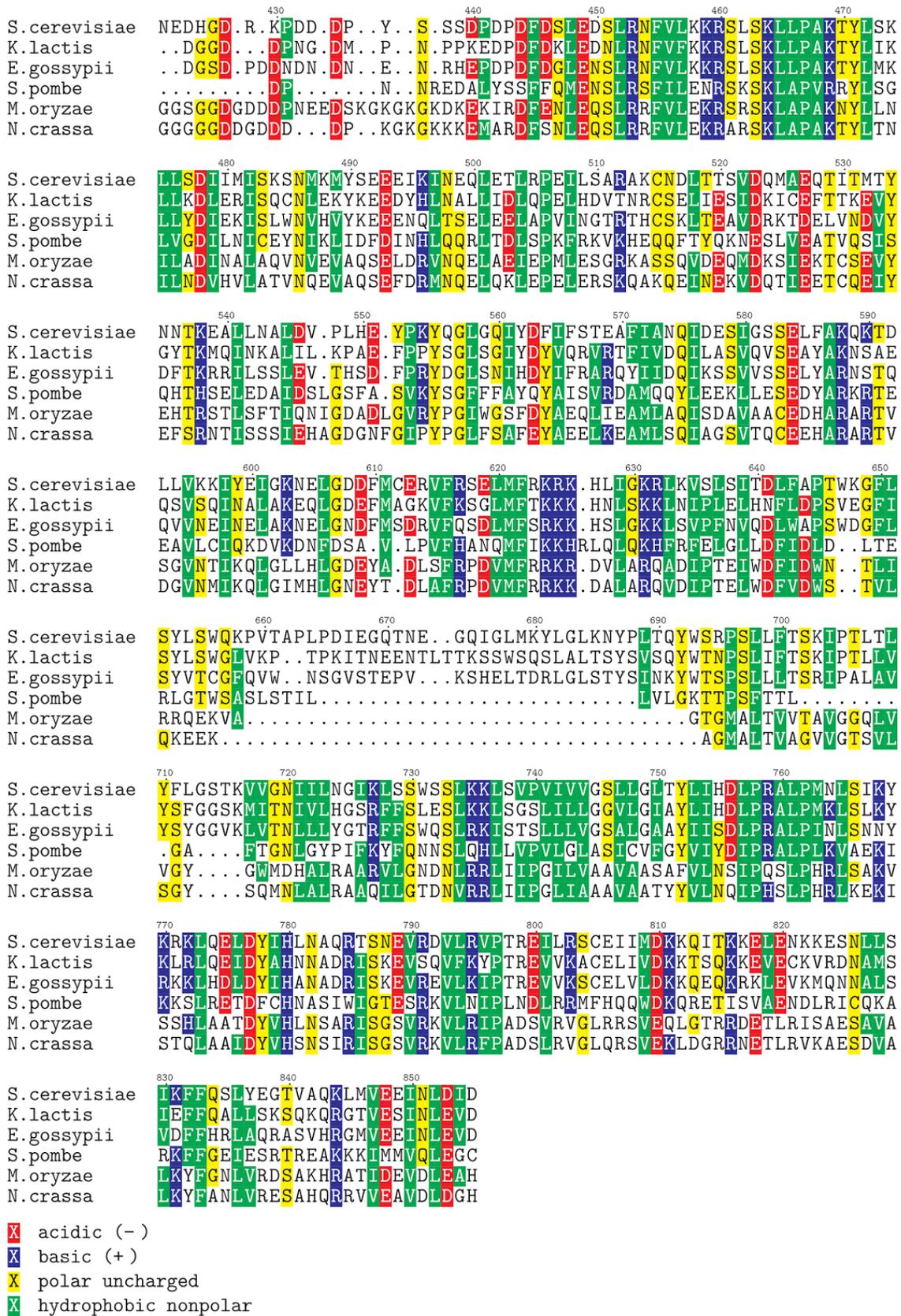
**Supplementary Table 11 | Fzo1 membrane localization prediction.**

<b>Protein segment</b>	<b>Fzo1 UniprotKB (P38297)</b>	<b>MEMSAT-SVM</b>	<b>OCTOPUS</b>	<b>TMpred</b>
N-term OUT (exposed to cytosol)	1–705	1–703	1–734	1–706
TM 1	706–726	704–719		707–731
intermembrane loop (exposed to intermembrane space)	727–736	720–736		732–736
TM 2	737–757	737–755	735–756	737–755
C-term OUT (exposed to cytosol)	758–855	756–855	757–855	756–855

The different predictors used are UniprotKB <sup>41</sup>, MEMSAT-SVM <sup>54</sup>, OCTOPUS <sup>55</sup> and TMpred <sup>56</sup>. TM1 and TM2 are the first and the second transmembrane helix, respectively.



Supplementary Figure 15 | Multiple sequence alignment of Fzo1 homologous identified in this study that belong to the FZO1 subfamily. Continue next page.



**Supplementary Figure 15 | Multiple sequence alignment of Fzo1 homologous identified in this study that belong to the FZO1 subfamily.** The species considered are *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Kluyveromyces lactis*, *Eremothecium gossypii*, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, *Magnaporthe oryzae* and *Neurospora crassa*. (see also Supplementary Table 1).

**Supplementary Table 12 | Characteristics of the simulated system.**

Box size in Å <sup>3</sup>	N water	N ions (K <sup>+</sup> /Cl <sup>-</sup> /Mg <sup>2+</sup> )	N lipids (POPE/POPC)	N atoms
102,58 × 102,58 × 164,80	36919	121/120/1	156/156	163769

Values are the same for all three molecular dynamics simulations Fzo1.I, Fzo1.II and Fzo1.III.

**Supplementary Table 13 | Plasmids used in this study.**

<b>Name (Collection number)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reference</b>
pRS314	CEN, <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	84
pRS414-FZO1-Myc-FL (MC210)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>FZO1-9MYC</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	11
pRS414-1-30 FZO1-Myc-FL (MC380)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter-1-30 <i>FZO1-9MYC</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
pRS414-1-60 FZO1-Myc-FL (MC381)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter-1-60 <i>FZO1-9MYC</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
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pRS314-FZO1 (MC250)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>FZO1</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	13
pRS314-FZO1 D335K (MC377)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 D335K</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
pRS314-FZO1 K464D (MC378)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 K464D</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
pRS314-FZO1 D335K-K464D (MC379)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 D335K-K464D</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
pRS414-FZO1-13Myc (MC333)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>FZO1-13MYC</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	31
pRS314-FZO1 K464D-13Myc (MC442)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 K464D-13MYC</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
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pRS314-FZO1 K398R-13Myc (MC334)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 K398R-13MYC</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
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pRS314-FZO1 L819E (MC433)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 L819E</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
pRS314-FZO1 L819P (MC411)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 L819P</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	13
pRS314-FZO1 E818P (MC406)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 E818P</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
pRS314-FZO1 E818R (MC407)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 E818R</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
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pRS314-FZO1 Y490K-L819E (MC432)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 Y490K-L819E</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study
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pRS314-FZO1 K200R (MC427)	CEN, <i>FZO1</i> promoter- <i>fzo1 K200R</i> , <i>TRP1</i> , Amp	This study

**Supplementary Table 14 | *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strains used in this study.**

Name	Genotype	Reference
<i>FZO1</i> (MCY571)	<i>MATa ura3-1 trp1-1 leu2-3,112 his3-11,15 can1-100</i> <i>fzo1Δ::LEU2</i> pRS416-FZO1	This study
<i>FZO1 mdm30</i> (MCY585)	<i>MATa ura3-1 trp1-1 leu2-3,112 his3-11,15 can1-100</i> <i>fzo1Δ::LEU2 mdm30Δ::KanMX6</i> pRS416-FZO1	This study

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