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Structural Analysis of 20S CPs and Assembly Intermediates by Electron Cryo-Microscopy

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ABSTRACT

This protocol details methods for structural determination by transmission electron cryo-microscopy of 20S CPs and assembly intermediates.

GUIDELINES

Please familiarise yourself with the laboratory safety rules and guidelines and follow these while performing the experiment. Please wear appropriate PE while performing the experiment.

MATERIALS

QUANTIFOIL[®] R 1.2/1.3 Cu 200 - Quantifoil

SAFETY WARNINGS



Liquid nitrogen (LN2) and other cryogenics can cause severe damage to the skin and eyes. Always wear personal protective equipment when handling these cryogenics.

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Plung freezing of 20S CPs and 20S CP assembly intermediates

1h

1 Prepare Vitrobot and grids for plunging

48s



- Set up Vitrobot as follows: blot force = 3, blot time = 00:00:03 sec, humidity 100%, temperature 4 °C
- Plasma clean Quantifoil R1.2/1.3 Cu 200 grids for 00:00:45 sec , just before plunging

1.1



Apply 3.5 µL of purified 20S CPs at a concentration of 0.5-0.6 mg/mL or purified and concentrated 20S CP assembly intermediates at a concentration of 4.0-5.0 mg/mL with Fos8-cholin at a finale concentration of 0.25 millimolar (mM) on grids, automatically blot and plunge in ethane/propane mix at -180 °C with a Vitrobot Mark IV

1h

1.2



Clipp and store grids in LN2 until screening/data collection

cryo-EM screening and data acquisition

1d

- 2 Screen cryoEM grids for particle density and ice quality on a Glacios cryo-TEM (Thermo Fisher Scientific) or cryo-TEM of your choice

1d



- 3 Data collection was carried out either on a Glacios cryo-TEM (Thermo Fisher Scientific) operated at 200 kV equipped with a K2 Summit direct electron detector (DED) camera (Gatan) or Titan Krios G2 cryo-TEM (Thermo Fisher Scientific) operated at 300 kV equipped with a Bio Quantum post-column energy filter (Gatan, 10eV) and K3 direct electron detector (DED) camera (Gatan)

2d



Data collection on both on the Glacios and Titan Krios G2 cryo-TEM and was set up with SerialEM version 4.1 utilizing coma-corrected beam-image shift

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Glacios datasets were recorded with one movie per hole in counting mode with a 3x3 or 5x5 multi hole record acquisition scheme at a pixel size of 1.181 Å/pixel with a nominal magnification of 36000x, or at a pixel size of 1.885 Å/pixel with a nominal magnification of 22000x

A total dose of 60 e-/Å² was fractionated over 40 frames, with a target defocus range of -1.0 µm to -2.6 µm

Krios datasets were recorded with three movie per hole in counting mode with a 5x5 multi hole record acquisition scheme at a pixel size of 0.8512 Å/pixel with a nominal magnification of 105000x

A total dose of 68 e-/Å² was fractionated over 30 frames, with a target defocus range of -1.0 µm to -2.6 µm

Processing

- 4 All data processing steps were performed with cryoSPARC version 4.266

2w



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Raw movies from Glacios datasets were patch motion corrected in cryoSPARC, and raw movies of the Titan Krios K3 dataset were on the fly motion corrected with FOCUS and subsequently imported into cryoSPARC

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Final post-processing was preformed with DeepEMhancer

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Model building and refinement

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- 5 AlphaFold2 models of PAC1-4 and POMP along with corresponding chains from a published model of the 20S CP (PDB 5LE5) were manually docked with ChimeraX version 1.5

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