

Supplementary Information

Cryo-EM Reveals the Architecture of the PELP1-WDR18 Molecular Scaffold

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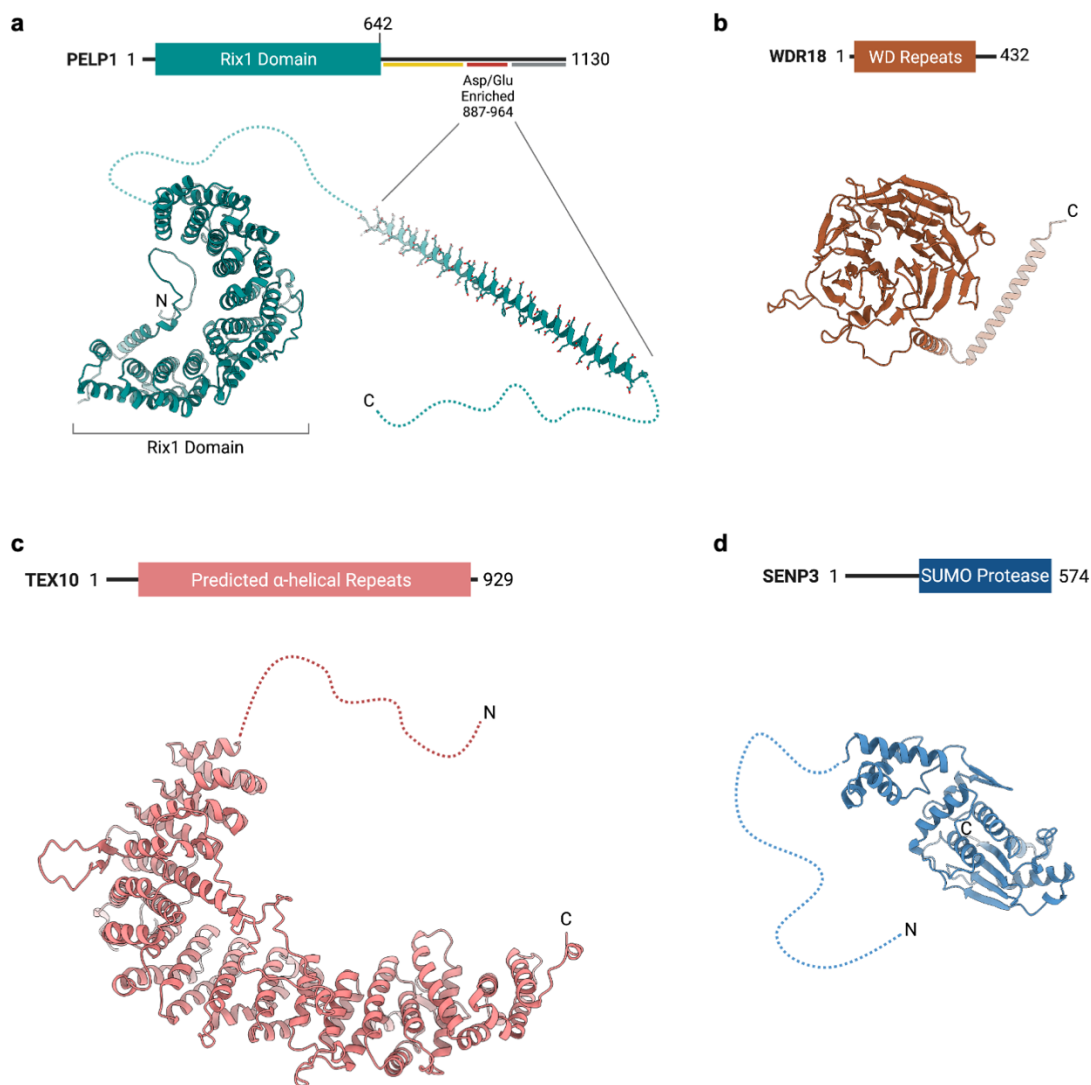
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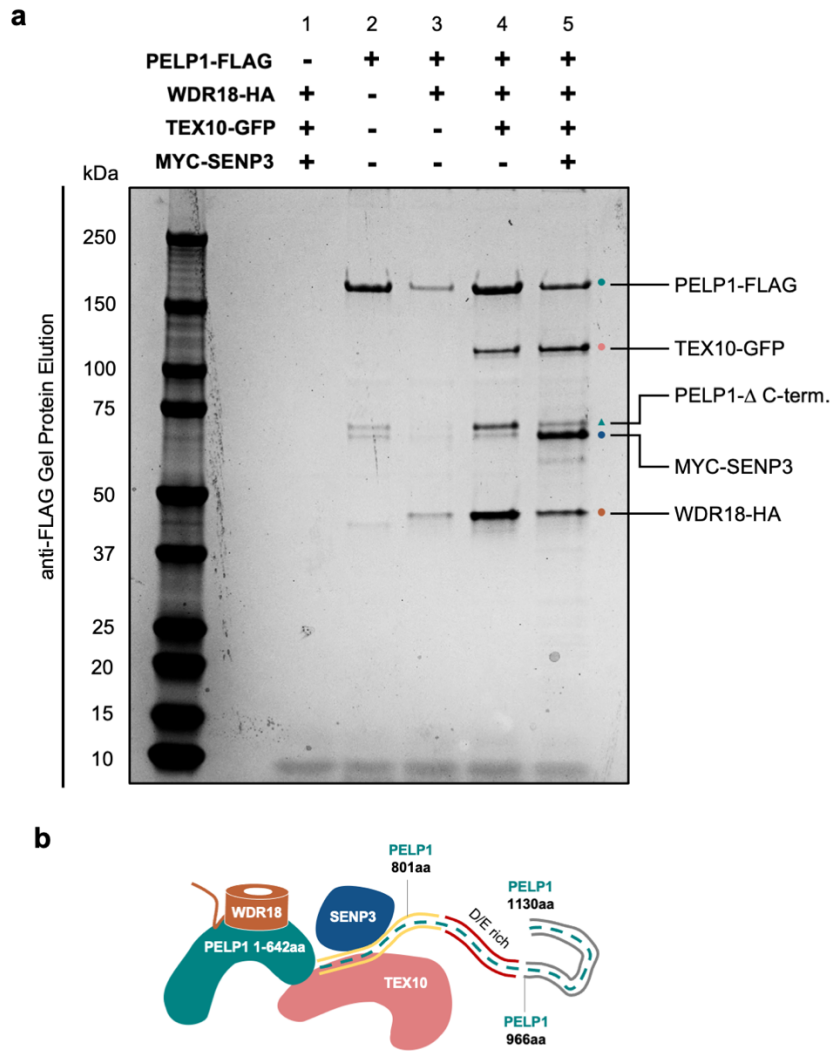
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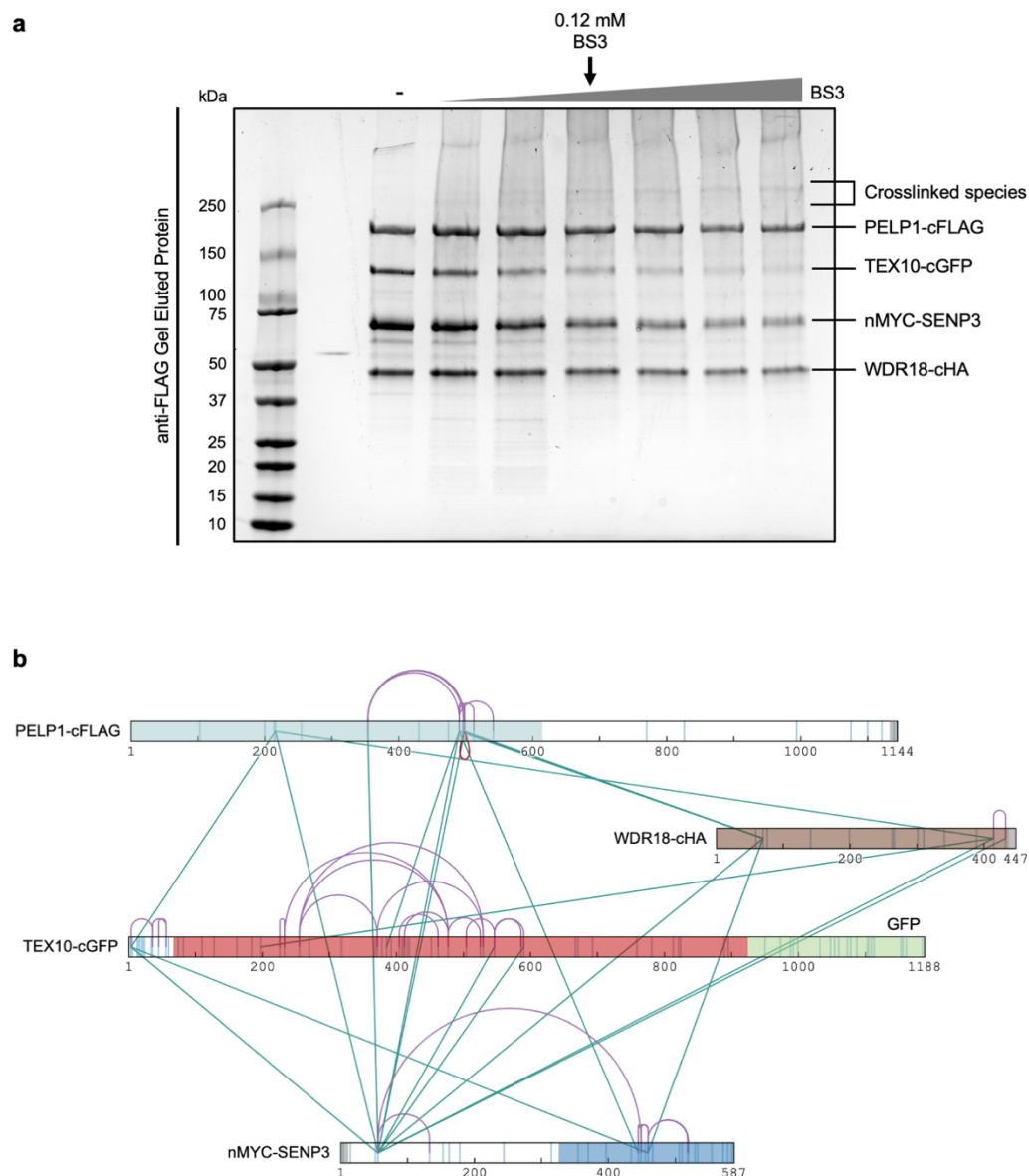
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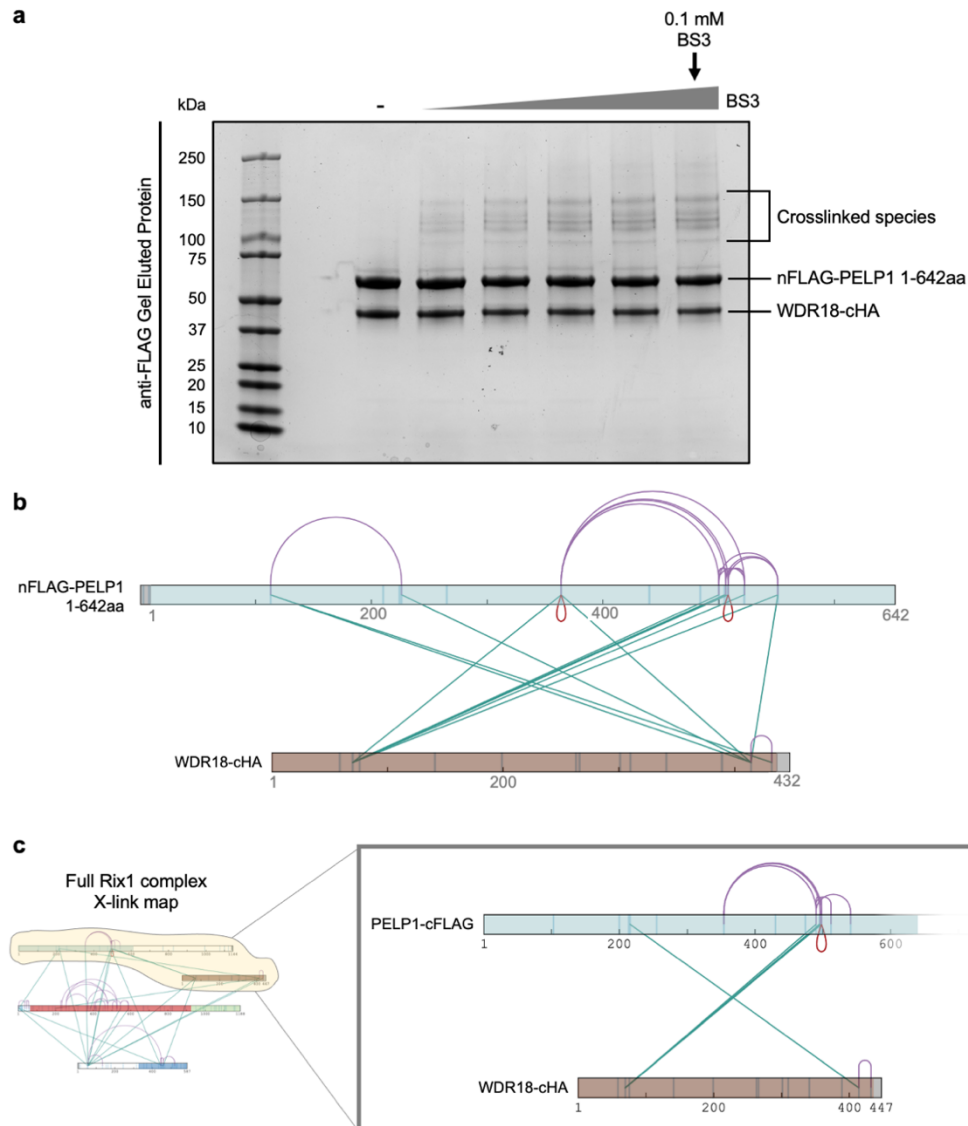
Supplementary Fig. 1: Alphafold structural predictions of individual human Rix1 complex members^{1,2}. **a** UniProt Q8IZL8 corresponding to human PELP1. The N-terminal Rix1 domain of this predicted model was used as a modeling starting point for PELP1 Rix1 domain experimental cryo-EM data. Discarded C-terminal region is mostly omitted for clarity and depicted by dashed lines. The Glu enriched region of PELP1 is predicted to form a large helix secondary structure. **b** UniProt Q9BV38 corresponding to human WDR18. This predicted model was used as a modeling starting point for WDR18 experimental cryo-EM data. **c** UniProt Q9NXF1 corresponding to human TEX10. Most of this protein is predicted to be a helical-repeat scaffold. **d** UniProt Q9H4L4 corresponding to human SENP3. N-terminal disordered region is omitted for clarity and depicted by dashed line.



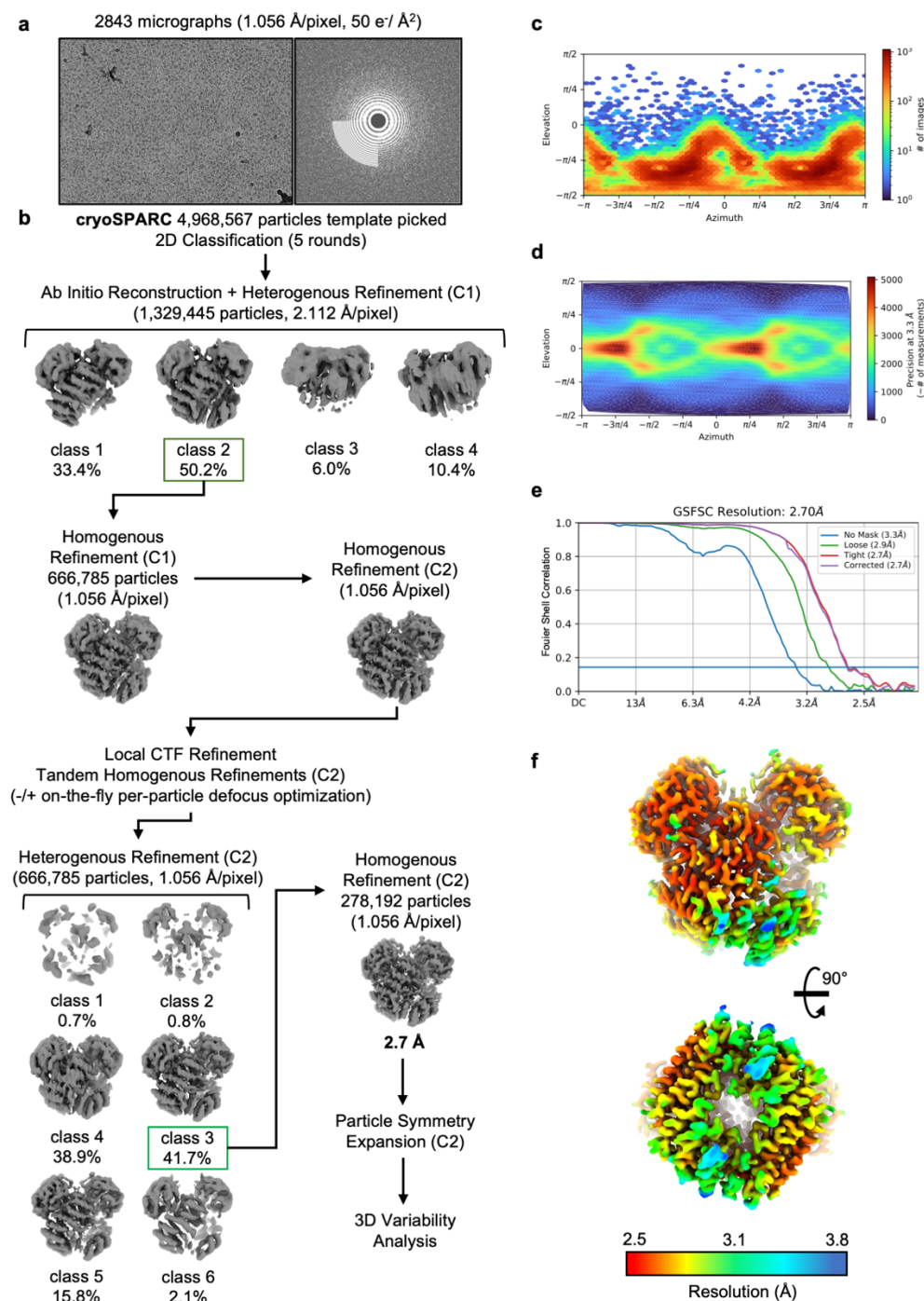
Supplementary Fig. 2: C-terminal FLAG tagged PELP1 IP of sequentially built Rix1 complexes. a The identical experimental designed used in Fig. 1b was repeated with C-terminal FLAG tagged PELP1 as bait to enrich for full-length PELP1 (1-1130aa). Eluted complexes were subjected to SDS-PAGE and total protein staining. Better enrichment of full-length PELP1 was observed along with continued presence of C-terminal truncated PELP1 (band indicated by teal triangle) indicating a likely higher-order stoichiometry. Association of TEX10 and SENP3 appeared to stabilize the C-terminal region of PELP1 and facilitate stoichiometric assembly of the complex (lanes 4 and 5). Co-IP experiment in (a) has been performed at least three times with reproducible results. **b** Cartoon representation of human Rix1 complex members interacting with proteins/regions determined in (a) and main Fig. 1b.



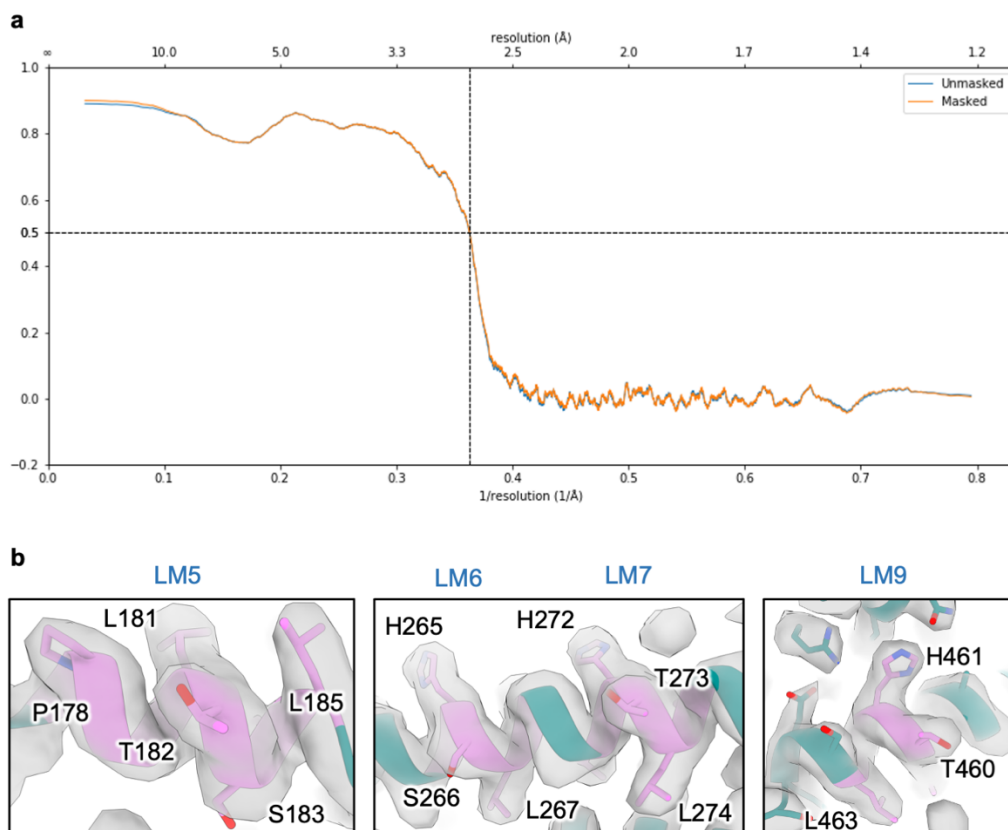
Supplementary Fig. 3: BS3 crosslinking mass spectrometry of the human Rix1 complex. **a** The human Rix1 complex was isolated using C-terminally FLAG tagged PELP1 as bait, concentrated, and treated with increasing amounts of BS3. These samples were subjected to SDS-PAGE and total protein staining to assess for protein complexes covalently crosslinked. Arrow indicates the concentration of BS3 used for further crosslinking experiments and mass spectrometry analysis. Co-IP experiment in (a) has been performed at least three times with reproducible results. BS3 X-linking optimization was performed twice before mass spectrometry analysis. **b** Depiction of experimentally determined crosslinks between the Rix1 complex members. Predicted ordered regions of the proteins are color shaded. Amino acid boundaries are labeled below each protein. Green lines between proteins illustrate inter-molecular crosslinks in the Rix1 complex. Purple arches within individual proteins illustrate intra-molecular protein crosslinks. Red arches indicate inter-molecular crosslinks between PELP1-PELP1 protomers likely in separate complex assemblies (based on lysine position in PELP1-WDR18 structure). Crosslinks detected on epitope tags were omitted for clarity. Crosslink illustration was done with xiNET³.



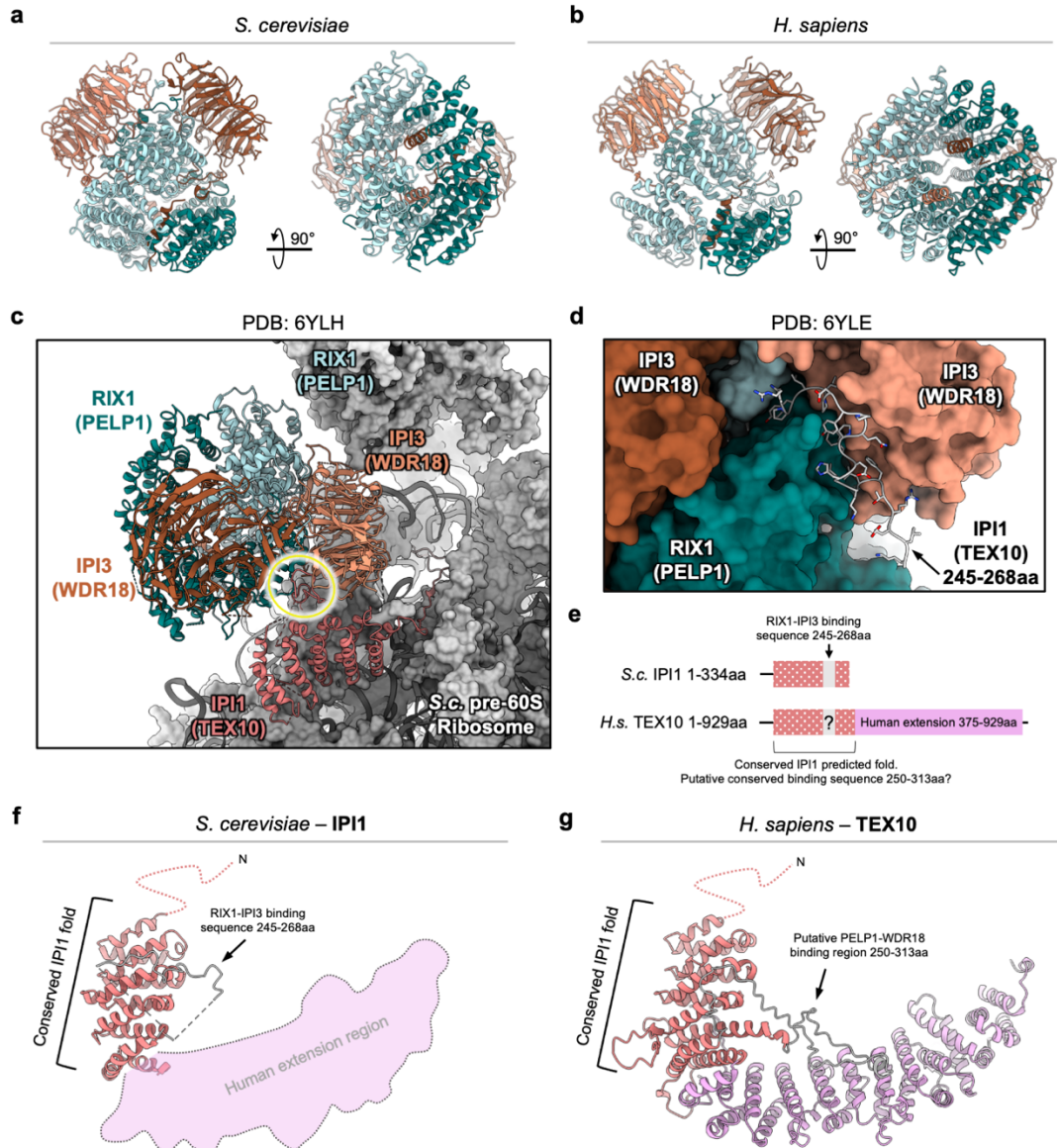
Supplementary Fig. 4: BS3 crosslinking mass spectrometry of the human PELP1 Rix1 domain - WDR18 sub-complex. **a** The PELP1 Rix1 domain bound to WDR18 was isolated using N-terminally FLAG tagged PELP1 Rix1 domain as bait, concentrated, and treated with increasing amounts of BS3. These samples were subjected to SDS-PAGE and total protein staining to assess for protein complexes covalently crosslinked. Arrow indicates the concentration of BS3 used for further crosslinking experiments and mass spectrometry analysis. Co-IP experiment in **(a)** has been performed at least three times with reproducible results. BS3 X-linking optimization was performed twice before mass spectrometry analysis. **b** Depiction of experimentally determined crosslinks between PELP1 Rix1 domain and WDR18. Predicted ordered regions of the proteins are color shaded. Amino acid boundaries are labeled below each protein. Predicted ordered regions of the proteins are color shaded. Green lines illustrate inter-molecular crosslinks between PELP1 Rix1 domain and WDR18. Purple arches within individual proteins illustrate intra- and inter-molecular PELP1-PELP1 and WDR18-WDR18 protein crosslinks. Red arches indicate inter-molecular crosslinks between PELP1-PELP1 protomers likely in separate sub-complex assemblies (based on lysine position in PELP1-WDR18 structure). Crosslinks detected on PELP1's N-terminal FLAG tag were omitted for clarity. Crosslink illustration was done with xiNET³. **c** Reference of full Rix1 complex crosslinking data with zoom-in of crosslinks observed between PELP1 Rix1 domain and WDR18. Identical crosslinks in these protein regions are observed between the two crosslinking datasets.



Supplementary Fig. 5: Overview of cryo-EM processing scheme for human PELP1-WDR18 sub-complex. **a** A representative micrograph of PELP1-WDR18 in vitreous ice and the corresponding power spectrum collected on a Titan Krios. **b** Cryo-EM image processing workflow. Particle images were picked from 2843 collected micrographs from a gold coated holey carbon grid. Image processing and 3D refinements resulted in a 2.7 Å consensus map used for molecular modeling and further 3D variability analysis⁴. **c** Angular distribution of PELP1-WDR18 particles. **d** Posterior precision directional distribution of PELP1-WDR18 particles. **e** Fourier shell correlation (FSC) curve for PELP1-WDR18 reconstruction. The overall resolution is 2.63 according to the FSC 0.143 criteria^{5,6}. **f** Cryo-EM reconstruction of PELP1-WDR18 colored based on local resolution calculated using cryoSPARC v2⁷.

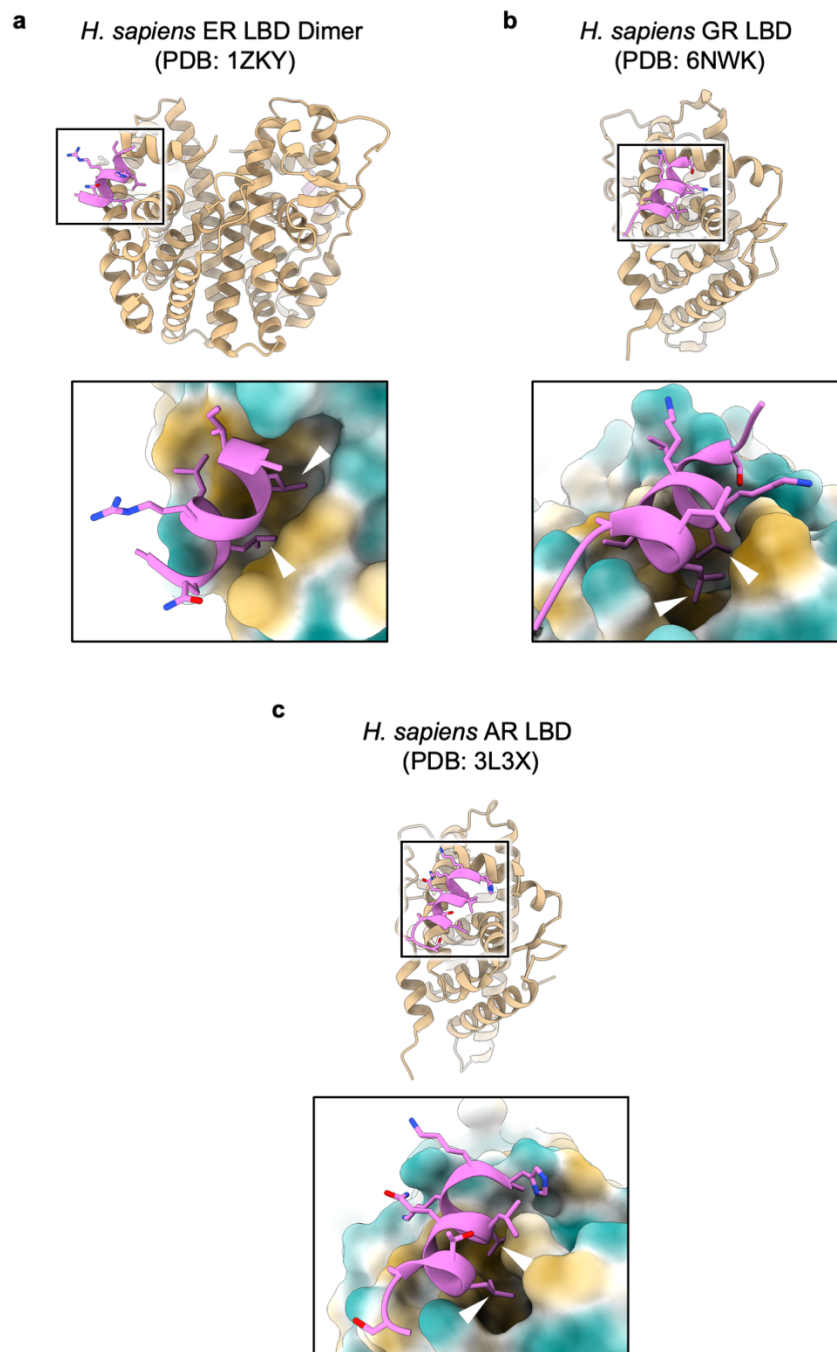


Supplementary Fig. 6: FSC map vs. model summary plot and residue density fits. **a** FSC map vs. model plot generated in PHENIX during model validation and Molprobit statistics^{8,9}. **b** Representative map densities showing modeled residue fits. The four solvent exposed LxxLL motifs in PELP1's Rix1 domain (LM5, LM6, LM7, LM9) were chosen as examples.

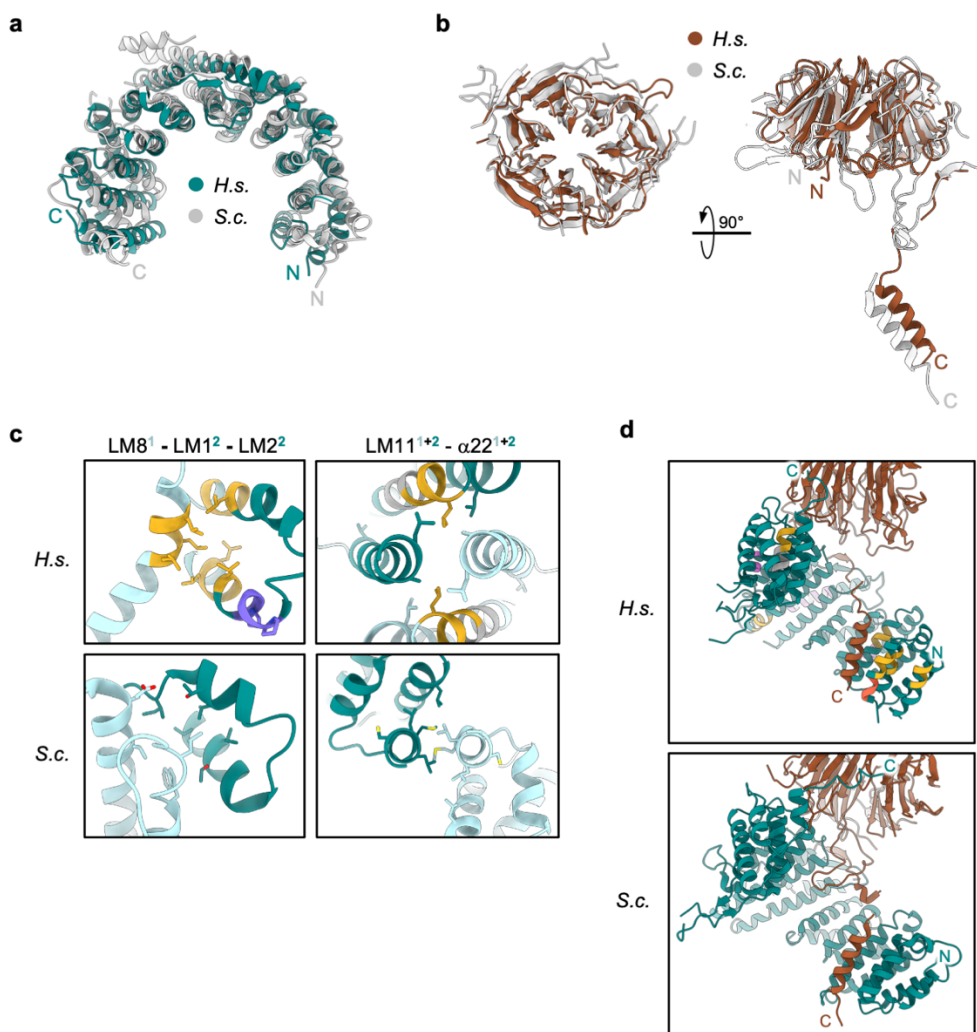


Supplementary Fig. 7: The conserved architecture of yeast and human PELP1-WDR18 sub-complexes is biologically relevant for pre-60S ribosome and IPI1/TEX10 association.

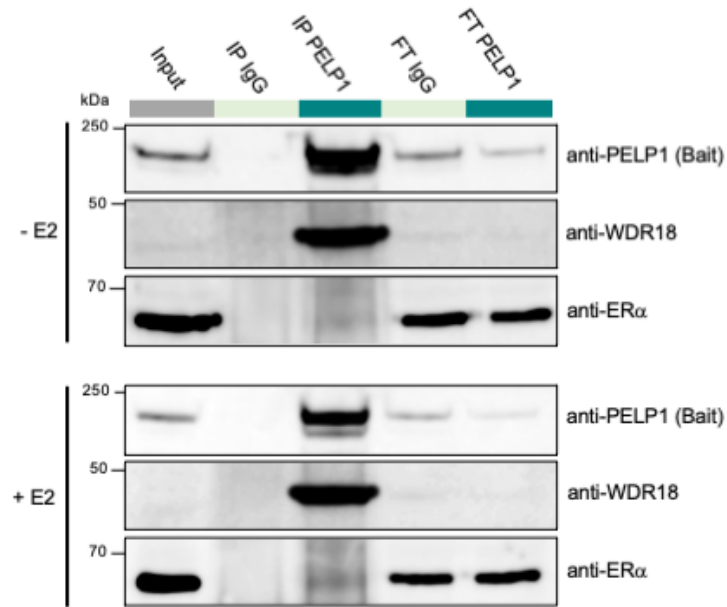
a Model of ribosome bound yeast Rix1 sub-complex assembly RIX1-IP13 (PDB: 6YLE)¹⁰. **b** Model of human PELP1-WDR18 assembly from this study. Homologous protomers match same color scheme as in yeast assembly (a). **c** Experimental model of the yeast Rix1 complex RIX1-IP13-IP11 bound to the pre-60S ribosome in *S. cerevisiae* (PDB: 6YLH)¹⁰. This structural data supports the biological relevance and conservation of the PELP1-WDR18 (RIX1-IP13) heterotetramer. IP11 (TEX10) interacts directly with the pre-60S ribosome and acts as a platform for RIX1-IP13 to bind through a small interface circled in yellow. **d** Zoom-in of the binding interface between IP11 (TEX10) and RIX1-IP13 (PELP1-WDR18). **e** Cartoon comparisons of the IPI1/TEX10 homologous proteins exhibiting a conserved N-terminal fold corresponding to the yeast IPI1 structure. Human TEX10 contains a large C-terminal extension region (pink color) tripling the size of yeast IPI1. **f** Structure of individual yeast IPI1 protomer with its conserved fold and the TEX10 homolog extension region depicted. **g** AlphaFold predicted structure of the human TEX10 protomer (UniProt Q9NXF1) showing the conserved IPI1 fold in the N-terminus and a unique extension region (pink) that is predicted to be structured with α -helices. A putative PELP1-WDR18 binding region in a disordered loop is predicted to be conserved in TEX10 when structurally aligned with yeast IPI1.



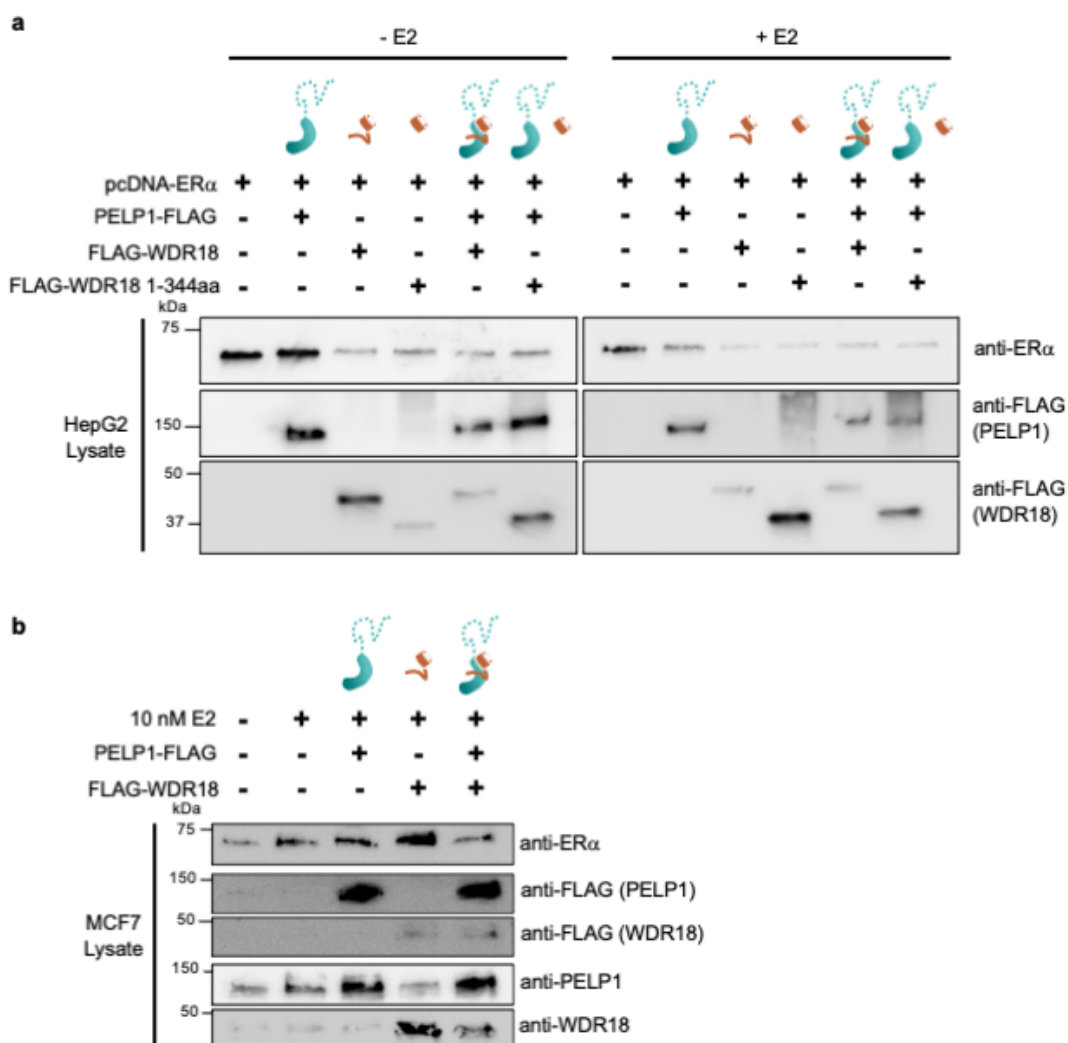
Supplementary Fig. 8: Experimental structures of LxxLL co-activator motifs bound to the AF-2 domain of various human steroid receptors. **a** Structure of human estrogen receptor (ER) ligand binding domain (LBD) dimerized and bound to LxxLL motif (magenta)¹¹. Zoom of LxxLL motif bound to AF-2 hydrophobic pocket is below structure. LBD is visualized with a surface representation depicting hydrophobicity (light brown = non-polar, hydrophobic surface) calculated in ChimeraX¹². White arrows denote invariant leucine residues that bury into the hydrophobic AF-2 co-activator binding pocket and are critical for the binding mechanism. **b** Structure of human glucocorticoid receptor (GR) LBD bound to LxxLL motif¹³. Illustration matches that of ER in **(a)**. **c** Structure of human androgen receptor (AR) LBD bound to LxxLL motif¹⁴. Illustration matches that of ER and GR in **(a,b)**.



Supplementary Fig. 9: Structural comparisons of human and yeast PELP1/WDR18 protomers and sub-complex interaction interfaces. **a** PELP1 Rix1 domain protomer overlay with yeast RIX1 (PDB: 6YLE) showing similar α -helical solenoid structure that is conserved. **b** WDR18 protomer overlay with yeast IPI3 (PDB: 6YLE) showing conserved β -propeller domain and C-terminal tail regions. **c** Comparison of the conserved PELP1 Rix1 domain dimerization interfaces in humans and yeast. LxxLL and PxxP motifs are colored accordingly in human interfaces. Analogous interfaces from yeast are shown below human. **d** Comparison of the conserved PELP1 Rix1 domain interaction with WDR18 facilitated through the WDR18 C-terminal tail and capping by the β -propeller domain. Binding motifs are colored accordingly in human PELP1. Abbreviations are as follows: *Homo sapiens* (H.s.), *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (S.c.).

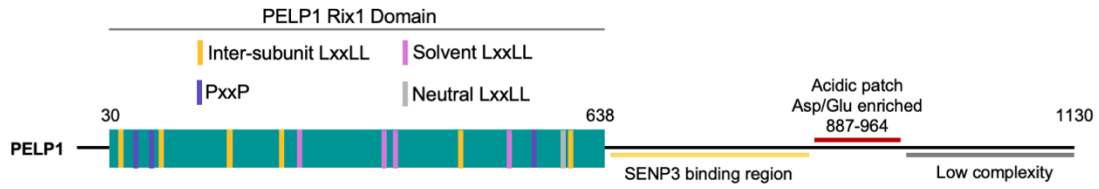


Supplementary Fig. 10: Co-IP of endogenous PELP1 from MCF7 cells. MCF7 cells treated with either 10 nM E2 or ethanol for 24 hours were lysed and endogenous PELP1 co-IP'd with anti-PELP1 antibody. Control IgG and IP samples were subject to SDS-PAGE and Western blot to detect endogenous proteins associated with PELP1. PELP1 was enriched in the IP lane along with WDR18. We could not detect robust amounts of ER α in the endogenous PELP1 IP lane for both +/- E2 treatment. co-IP and Western blot experiment in (a) was performed three times with reproducible results. Uncropped gel images available in the Source Data file.

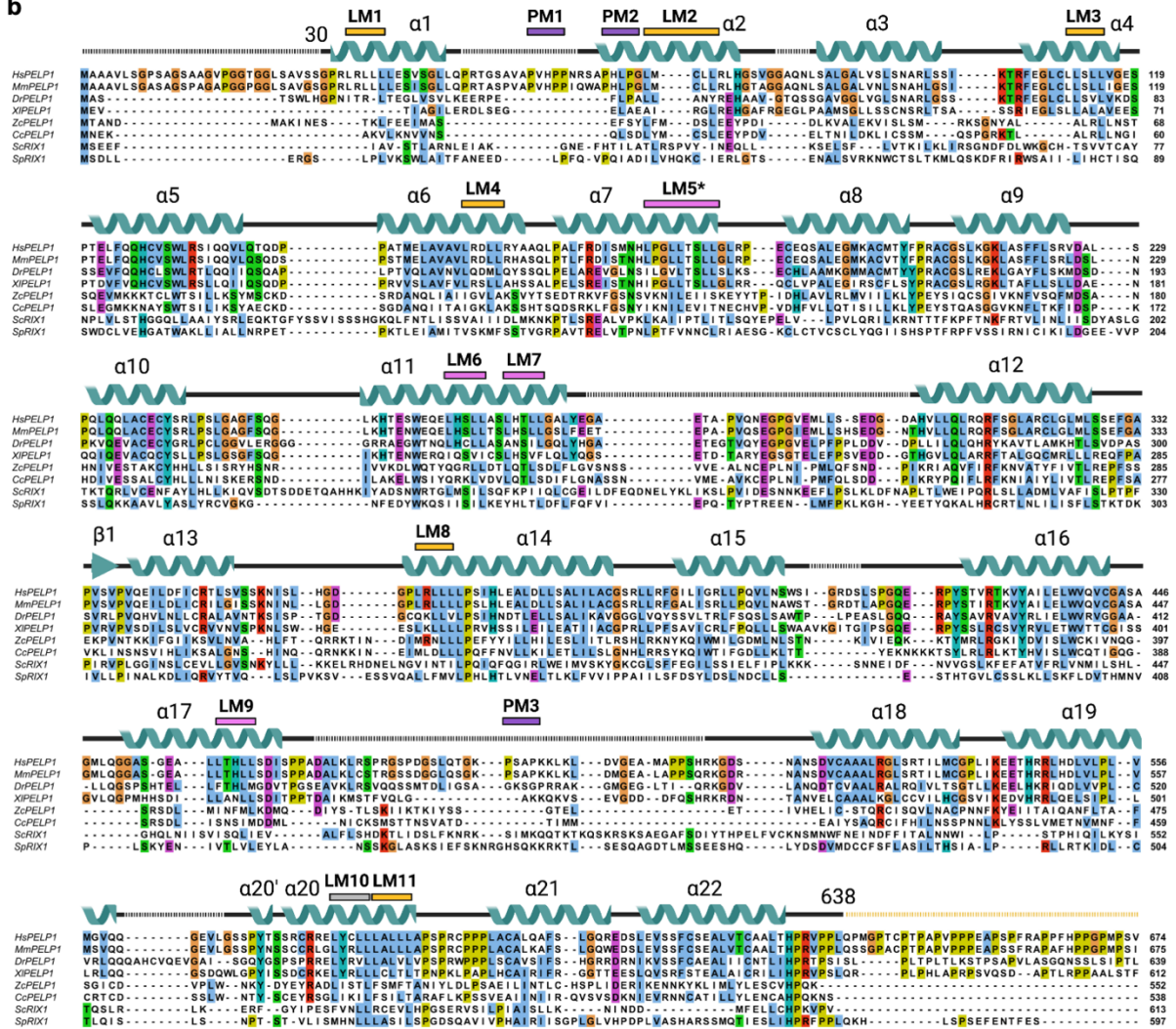


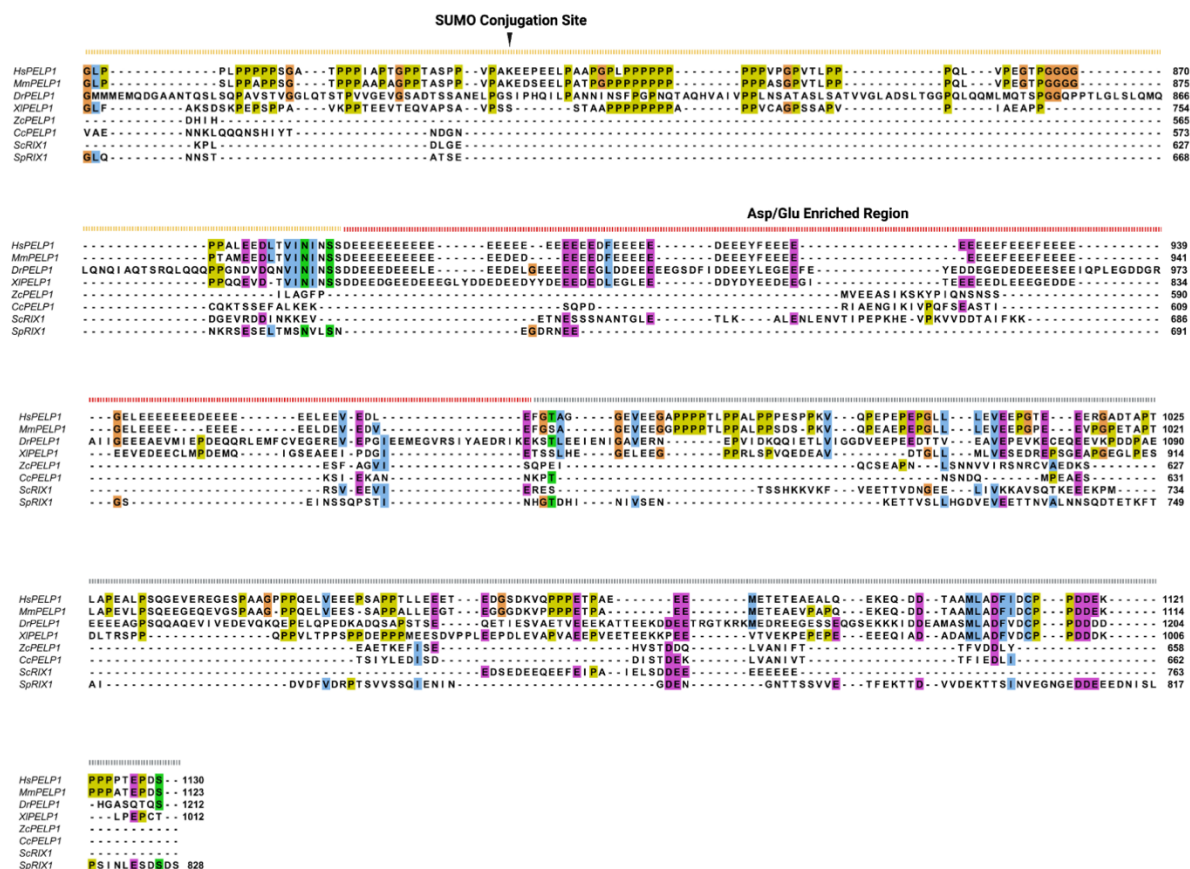
Supplementary Fig. 11: Western blots of exogenous and endogenous proteins of interest corresponding to HepG2 and MCF7 3X ERE luciferase assays. **a** Western blot of exogenously expressed proteins in the HepG2 3X ERE reporter assay in main figure 6b. Untagged ER α and FLAG tagged PELP1 and WDR18 constructs' expression was detected in HepG2 cell lysate from the luciferase reporter assay experiment. **b** Western blot of exogenously and endogenously expressed proteins in the MCF7 3X ERE reporter assay in main figure 6c. FLAG tagged PELP1 and WDR18 constructs' expression was detected in MCF7 cell lysate from the luciferase reporter assay experiment. PELP1 and WDR18 antibodies detecting endogenous proteins were also used to detect exogenous protein expression over the endogenous levels. Western blots in (**a,b**) from luciferase assays were performed on two of the experimental replicates from Fig. 6b,c. Representative blots are shown. Uncropped gel images available in the Source Data file.

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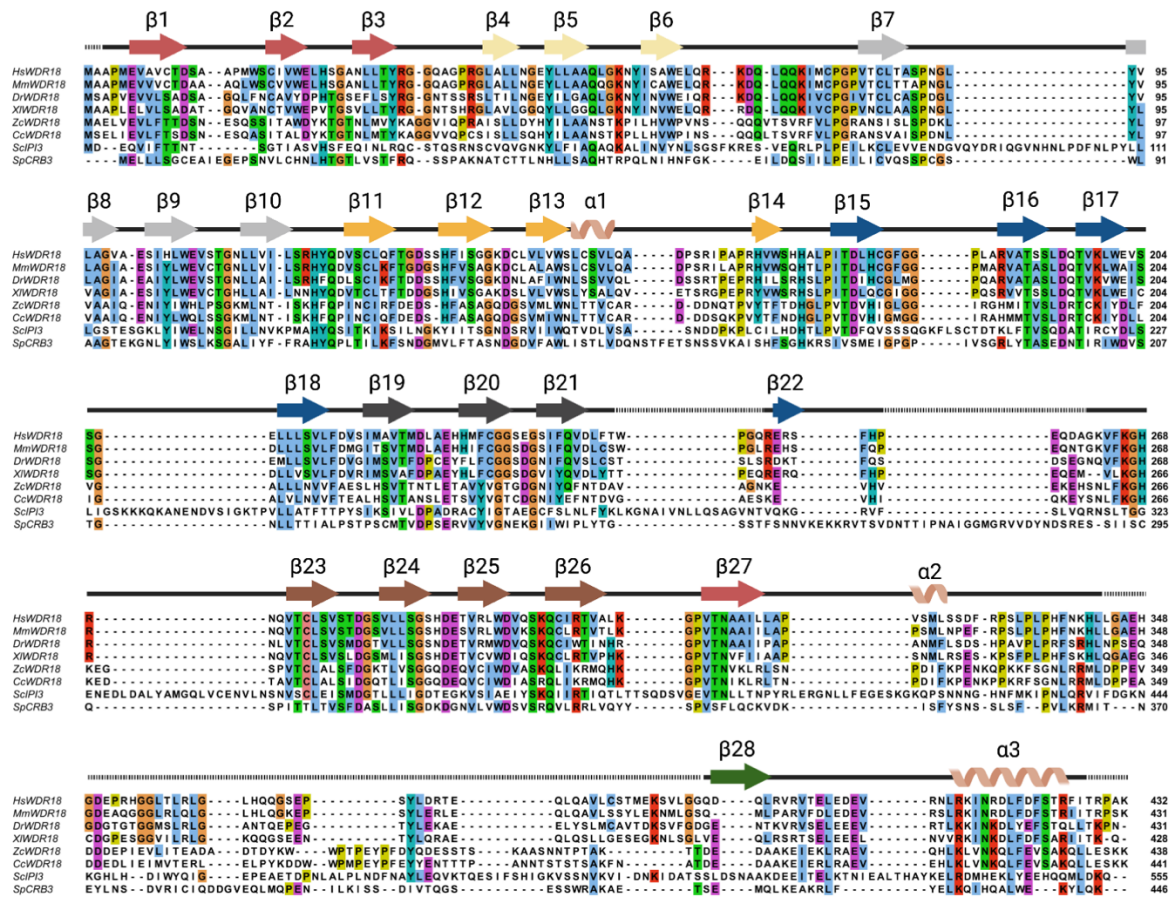


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Supplementary Note 1: PELP1 multiple amino acid sequence alignment. **a** Schematic of PELP1 domain boundaries and labeled features. **b** Sequence alignment for PELP1. Alignment was performed with PROMALS3D¹⁵ and illustrated in JalView¹⁶. Secondary structure determined experimentally in this study and select chemical features/motifs are included above the sequence. Asterisk on LM5 denotes an overlapping LxxLL sequence register. Abbreviations are as follows: *Homo sapiens* (Hs), *Mus musculus* (Mm), *Danio rerio* (Dr), *Xenopus laevis* (Xl), *Zeugodacus cucurbitae* (Zc), *Ceratititis capitata* (Cc), *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Sc), *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* (Sp).



Supplementary Note 2: WDR18 multiple amino acid sequence alignment. Sequence alignment for WDR18. Alignment was performed with PROMALS3D¹⁵ and illustrated in JalView¹⁶. Secondary structure determined experimentally in this study are included above the sequence. Like-colored arrows correspond to β -strands within the same β -sheet of WDR18's β -propeller domain. Abbreviations are as follows: *Homo sapiens* (Hs), *Mus musculus* (Mm), *Danio rerio* (Dr), *Xenopus laevis* (Xl), *Zeugodacus cucurbitae* (Zc), *Ceratitis capitata* (Cc), *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Sc), *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* (Sp).

Expression Vector	Gene	Source
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pcDNA3.1-nDYK	Pelp1 1-642aa	GenScript
pcDNA3.1-cHA	Wdr18 WT (1-432aa)	GenScript
pcDNA3.1-cDYK	PELP1 (1-966aa)	This work
pcDNA3.1-cDYK	PELP1 (1-801aa)	This work
pcDNA3.1-cDYK	PELP1 (1-642aa)	This work
pcDNA3.1-nDYK	PELP1 (643-1130aa)	This work
pcDNA3.1-nDYK	Wdr18 WT (1-432aa)	This work
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pLexM-cGFP	Tex10 WT (1-929aa)	This work
pcDNA3.1-nMYC	Senp3 WT (1-574aa)	This work
pLexM-nGFP	Senp3 WT (1-574aa)	This work
pcDNA3.1-DEST	Empty	Li, Y. et al.
pcDNA3.1-DEST	ER alpha WT (1-595aa)	Li, Y. et al.
pGL3	TATA - 3xERE – Firefly Luc.	Li, Y. et al.
pRL-TK	Ranilla Luc.	Li, Y. et al.

Supplementary Table 1: Mammalian protein expression and dual luciferase assay plasmids used in this study. Plasmids in bold denote their use for PELP1-WDR18 expression and sample preparation for cryo-EM analysis. Luciferase reporter assay reagents from work cited¹⁷.

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