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Structure of the eukaryotic protein O-mannosyltransferase Pmt1–Pmt2 complex

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Abstract

In eukaryotes, a nascent peptide entering the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) is scanned by two Sec61-translocon-associated large membrane machines for protein N-glycosylation and protein O-mannosylation, respectively. While the structure of the eight-protein oligosaccharyltransferase complex has been determined recently, the structures of mannosyltransferases of the PMT family, which are an integral part of ER protein homeostasis, are still unknown. Here we report cryo-EM structures of the *S. cerevisiae* Pmt1–Pmt2 complex bound to a donor and an acceptor peptide at 3.2-Å resolution, showing that each subunit contains 11 transmembrane helices and a luminal β-trefoil fold termed the MIR domain. The structures reveal the substrate recognition model and confirm an inverting mannosyl-transferring reaction mechanism by the enzyme complex. Furthermore, we found that the transmembrane domains of Pmt1 and Pmt2 share a structural fold with the catalytic subunits of oligosaccharyltransferases, confirming a previously proposed evolutionary relationship between protein O-mannosylation and protein N-glycosylation.

Protein O-mannosylation is an essential posttranslational protein modification in eukaryotes and certain bacteria^{1,2}. It is evolutionarily conserved and plays crucial roles in numerous cellular processes, including unfolded protein O-mannosylation and protein quality control³. The protein O-mannosyltransferases (POMT in mammals, or PMT in yeast) catalyze the transfer of a mannose from dolichyl phosphate-activated mannose (Dol-P-Man) to a serine or threonine residue of proteins⁴. Dolichol is a linear, membrane-embedded molecule comprising a dozen or so isoprene repeats⁵. Dol-P-Man is synthesized at the cytosolic face of the ER membrane by the dolichol phosphate mannose synthase (DPMS) which transfers a

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DATA AVAILABILITY

The cryo-EM 3D maps of the *S. cerevisiae* Pmt1–Pmt2 alone or complexed with the acceptor peptide have been deposited at the EMDB database with accession codes EMD-20240 and EMD-20236, respectively. Their corresponding atomic models were deposited at the RCSB PDB with accession codes 6P2R and 6P25, respectively. The crystal structure of the Pmt2 MIR domain was deposited at the RCSB PDB with accession code 6P28.

mannose from GDP-Man to the dolichol monophosphate carrier Dol-P⁶. Dol-P-Man is then flipped to the luminal face of the ER to serve as the mannose donor of the PMTs⁷. In contrast, protein N-glycosylation is catalyzed by the oligosaccharyltransferase (OST), an eight-protein complex embedded in the ER membrane in eukaryotes^{8,9}. The OST is an inverting glycosyltransferase that transfers a preassembled 14-sugar oligosaccharide (OS) carried by a dolichol diphosphate (Dol-PP-OS) to the NxS/T peptide motif in acceptor proteins¹⁰. The Dol-PP is synthesized from Dol-P by adding a phosphate at the cytosolic face of the ER. After attaching seven sugars (two GlcNAc and five mannoses), Dol-PP is flipped to the ER luminal face where seven additional sugars (four mannoses and three glucoses) are added to become Dol-PP-OS, the ultimate donor substrate of the OSTs¹¹. Therefore, the initial synthesis of the Dol-P carrier is shared between the protein N-glycosylation and protein O-mannosylation pathways, and this process is well conserved in eukaryotes. Furthermore, because OST and PMT are both physically associated with the Sec61 translocon (Fig. 1a)¹² and their target sites may overlap (i.e., NxS/T versus S/T), protein O-mannosylation and N-glycosylation are inherently interconnected and affect one another^{13,14}. In fact, PMTs are suggested to be evolutionarily related to OSTs, although structural evidence has been lacking (<https://pfam.xfam.org/family/PMT>)^{15,16}

Protein O-mannosylation is implicated in several human diseases, including congenital muscular dystrophy, cancer metastasis, and viral entry^{1,17}. The mammalian mannosyltransferase is a heterodimeric POMT1–POMT2 complex. *S. cerevisiae* contains six PMT proteins that can be classified into three subfamilies based on sequence similarity: PMT1 (Pmt1 and Pmt5), PMT2 (Pmt2, Pmt3, and Pmt6), and PMT4 (Pmt4)¹³. Among the six, Pmt1 primarily forms a heterodimer with Pmt2, and Pmt4 homo-dimerizes, and they together account for the majority of the transferase activities. Simultaneous knockout of Pmt1, 2, and 4 is lethal in yeast^{18,19}. Because mannose is β -linked to the phosphate in Dol-P-Man, but is α -linked to the S/T in the acceptor proteins²⁰, PMTs are inverting transferases^{4,10}. Pmt1 and Pmt2 are large, multi-pass transmembrane proteins that have 817 and 759 amino acids, respectively, with a calculated mass of 173 kDa for the heterodimer. Pmt1 and Pmt2 belong to the glycosyltransferase 39 (GT39) family (<http://www.cazy.org>), for which no structure has been reported⁴.

Results

Purification and structural determination of the Pmt1–Pmt2 complex

We produced the Pmt1–Pmt2 complex endogenously from baker's yeast by inserting a 3 \times FLAG tag to the carboxyl terminus of Pmt1. We purified about 0.5 mg of the complex from 18 L of yeast culture by anti-FLAG affinity resin followed by size-exclusion chromatography. The quality and identity of the protein complex were verified by SDS-PAGE and mass spectrometry, respectively (Supplementary Note 1). To determine the structure, we first performed single-particle cryo-EM of the purified Pmt1–Pmt2 alone using a 300-kV Titan Krios microscope equipped with a K2 detector. A 3.2-Å-resolution cryo-EM 3D map was derived from 581,966 particles that were selected from about 2800 raw electron micrographs (Supplementary Note 2, Table 1). To understand the substrate binding mechanism, we also performed single-particle cryo-EM of the purified Pmt1–Pmt2 in

complex with a tetrapeptide acceptor (PYTV), which was shown to be an effective acceptor in an in vitro assay²¹. A 3.2 Å resolution cryo-EM 3D map was derived from 521,848 particles that were selected from about 3000 raw electron micrographs (Supplementary Note 3, Supplementary Figure 1a, Supplementary Video 1, Table 1). Superposition of these two maps revealed they were highly similar except for an extra density that corresponded to the tetrapeptide in the later map (Supplementary Figure 1b–e). Therefore, we will mainly discuss the map of Pmt1–Pmt2 in complex with the peptide in this paper. Most regions of the map had excellent main-chain connectivity and side-chain densities (Supplementary Figures 1–2), except for the luminal domain of Pmt2. This domain is termed the MIR domain because of its presence in the *m*annosyltransferase, *i*nositol triphosphate, and *r*yanodine receptor²². We subsequently determined the crystal structure of the Pmt2 MIR domain at 1.35-Å resolution (Supplementary Figure 3, Table 2), which was fitted into the cryo-EM 3D map as a rigid body. Finally, an atomic model of the full Pmt1–Pmt2 complex was built and refined. The final model contained residues 15–749 in Pmt1 and residues 57–754 in Pmt2 — missing N-terminal 14 residues and C-terminal 67 residues in Pmt1, and missing N-terminal 56 residues and C-terminal 5 residues in Pmt2. Pmt1 is unique among PMTs in having a longer C-terminal tail. However, deletion of the C-terminal 86 residues (732–817) in Pmt1 did not affect its dimerization with Pmt2, nor the enzyme activity of the Pmt1–Pmt2 complex²³, suggesting that this region is disordered and is not important for the enzyme function.

Overall structure of the Pmt1–Pmt2 complex

The overall structure is approximately 110 × 100 × 110 Å and reveals a 1:1 heterodimer of Pmt1 and Pmt2 with a pseudo twofold symmetry (Fig. 1b). Both Pmt1 and Pmt2 contain a transmembrane region and a luminal MIR domain. The MIR domain contains three MIR motifs forming a β-trefoil, and each MIR motif contains four β-strands and a short α-helix (Supplementary Figure 3). Remarkably, the transmembrane regions of Pmt1 and Pmt2 don't interact directly; they are held together by contacts located in a cytosolic region and a luminal region. Such arrangement generates a sizable rhombic cavity in the middle of the structure that is about 20 Å long on each side. The central cavity likely allows the membrane-embedded donor substrate, Dol-P-Man, to diffuse into the catalytic site of the complex.

There are five potential N-glycosylation sites in the complex, three (N390, N513, and N743) in Pmt1 and two (N131 and N403) in Pmt2; the presence of N-glycans on PMT enzymes can affect their activity in vitro²⁴. We observed two N-glycans in our EM map, one on N390 of Pmt1 and the other on N131 of Pmt2 (Fig. 1b, Supplementary Figure 2). The N513 and N743 of Pmt1 was clearly unmodified, but the N-glycosylation state of the N403 in Pmt2 was undetermined because they are located in flexible regions of the structure.

Asymmetric interactions between Pmt1 and Pmt2

Pmt1 and Pmt2 each comprises 11 TMHs plus a cytosolic N-terminus and a luminal C-terminus (Fig. 1c). The N-terminal region of Pmt1 contains an extended sequence that folds into a two-stranded β-sheet at the bottom cytosolic face of the transmembrane region, apparently stabilizing the Pmt1 structure, but the corresponding region in Pmt2 is

disordered. The 11 PMT TMHs are mostly connected by short loops except for the luminal loops LL1 and LL4. LL1, connecting TMH1 and TMH2, forms two horizontal helices (HH1 and HH2). LL4, connecting TMH7 and TMH8, contains an MIR domain followed by another horizontal helix (HH3) and another two-stranded β -sheet. Consistent with their high sequence identity of 35%, Pmt1 and Pmt2 are superimposable, with a root-mean-square-deviation (rmsd) of 1.8 Å in the membrane regions and an rmsd of 1.6 Å in the MIR domains (Supplementary Figure 4). However, the MIR domain of Pmt2 rotates about 17° away from the membrane region relative to that of Pmt1. This rotation disengages the MIR domain of Pmt2 from Pmt1. Therefore, only the MIR domain of Pmt1 interacts with Pmt2 in our structure (Fig. 2a). This interaction is mediated by stacking of W423, H482, S501 and R503 of the Pmt1 MIR domain with D571, K572 and F573 of the Pmt2 LL4. As a result, the luminal access of Dol-P-Man to the central substrate cavity is closed from the Pmt1-MIR side and is open only from the Pmt2-MIR side. On the cytosolic side, the interface between Pmt1 and Pmt2 is mainly formed by interactions between the ends of TMH6 and TMH8, as well as between cytosolic loop 3 (CL3) of one subunit with CL4 of the other subunit. Specifically, Q612 and L613 of Pmt1 CL3 interact with W269 and L272 of Pmt2 CL4, and Q633, R634 and Q635 of the Pmt2 CL3 interact with W253 and I256 of Pmt1 CL4 (Fig. 2b). In addition, The N-terminal loop (NTL) of Pmt1 contributes to this cytosolic interface via its V26 and R27 interacting with W632 and Q635 of the Pmt2 CL3. The N-terminal loop of Pmt2 is flexible and thus does not contribute to the interface. Most residues at the cytosolic interfaces between Pmt1 and Pmt2 are conserved (Supplementary Note 4). In fact, there is an ordered lipid molecule that binds hydrophobically to TMH6 and TMH7 of Pmt1 and TMH8 of Pmt2, thereby contributing to the dimerization between Pmt1 and Pmt2 (Fig. 2b).

Peptide acceptor and dolichol donor binding sites in Pmt1 and Pmt2

By comparing the maps of Pmt1–Pmt2 alone with Pmt1–Pmt2–peptide, we observed clear extra density for the bound peptide in a luminal pocket of Pmt2 (Supplementary Figure 1b-e, bottom panel of Supplementary Figure 2, Figs. 1b, 2a). Furthermore, we observed an elongated density at the left side of the central cavity stacking against the TMH6 of Pmt1, and this density resembled the native donor substrate in a zig-zag shape (bottom panel of Supplementary Figure 2, Figs. 1b, 3a). The donor was likely co-purified endogenously with the Pmt1–Pmt2 complex. Interestingly, the peptide acceptor and the donor were observed in different subunits; the peptide was found in Pmt2 and the donor in the Pmt1. However, both the donor and acceptor substrate were located on the same (luminal) side of the Pmt1 and Pmt2 (Fig. 2a). On the luminal side, the above-mentioned asymmetric interaction between Pmt1 and Pmt2 has two consequences (Fig. 2a): 1) Pmt2 has a larger and more open acceptor-binding site than Pmt1, and 2) the donor-entry or product-release pathway in Pmt1 is locked closed relative to the open pathway in Pmt2. These structural features likely explain why the peptide acceptor was accommodated only in Pmt2, but not in Pmt1, and why the donor-like density was trapped in Pmt1 but not in Pmt2 during protein purification.

Because the elongated donor-like density lacked the corresponding mannose moiety, we modeled the density as the enzyme product Dol-P rather than the donor substrate Dol-P-Man. The phosphate group of the reaction product had well-defined density. The yeast

dolichol has 14–18 isoprene units²⁵, but in our cryo-EM maps, the product density was only long enough to accommodate the first 7 isoprene repeats. Therefore, the second half of the yeast dolichol is likely disordered in the enzyme complex. We modeled the tetrapeptide PYTV into the identified acceptor density with the threonine side chain facing the donor binding site. By superimposing the structure of Pmt1 in complex with Dol-P on the structure of Pmt2 complexed with the acceptor peptide, we were able to examine the acceptor and donor binding sites in both Pmt1 and Pmt2 (Fig. 3a–e).

In the Pmt1 structure, the phosphate of Dol-P is stabilized by H98, K234, R649, H654, and H655, and the acceptor threonine-binding site is formed by F76, D77, H80 and F652 (Fig. 3c, 3e). All these residues in the active site are conserved among the yeast and human mannosyltransferases (Supplementary Note 4). A K234A mutant Pmt1 retained about 80% of the wild type enzyme activity²³. However, the previously identified invariant DE motif, D77E78 in Pmt1 and D92E93 in Pmt2¹⁵, plays a critical role in the active site. Specifically, Pmt1 D77 (Pmt2 D92) is ideally positioned to activate the hydroxyl of the acceptor threonine, and Pmt1 E78 (Pmt2 E93) forms a salt bridge with the invariant lysine, R138 in Pmt1 and R152 in Pmt2 (Fig. 3b). This salt bridge is located at the beginning of HH1, apparently playing a structural role to force the preceding aspartate residue (D77 in Pmt1 and D92 in Pmt2) to point towards the substrate binding pocket and the acceptor threonine. Replacement of any residue in the DE motif in the homodimeric Pmt4 or replacing the DE motif with two alanine residues in Pmt1–Pmt2 has been shown to completely abolish the enzyme activities¹⁵. In contrast to the conserved threonine binding site, the binding pocket of other part of acceptor peptide is not conserved among PMTs, in agreement with the fact that these enzymes do not have a preferred amino acid sequence except for the single mannose-receiving serine or threonine.

The dolichol was bound to an elongated hydrophobic groove formed by TMH6, TMH7, TMH9 and HH3, and was stabilized by W235, L238, F239, V241, T242, G245, and L252 of TMH6; A270, L274, L277, and L278 of TMH7; W545 and N548 of HH3; and M647 of TMH9 (Fig. 3e). Given the extensive interface, individual point mutations are not expected to abolish donor binding or the enzyme activity. For example, the W253A mutant Pmt1 retained about 70% of the wild type enzyme activity²³. Because Dol-P-Man — the donor substrate of protein mannosyltransferases — is the product of the membrane-embedded DPMS, the Dol-P-Man synthase, we compared our Pmt1 structure with the structure of DPMS (PDB 5MM1)²⁶, and we found that the pockets for the dolichol-linked ligands were lined by conserved residues in both enzymes (Supplementary Figure 5a-b). This observation suggests that Dol-P-Man is similarly coordinated in these different enzymes.

Conserved fold and similar catalytic mechanism between protein O-mannosylation and protein N-glycosylation

To better understand the mechanism of Pmt1–Pmt2, we performed a structure-based homology search using the online Dali server²⁷. We found that the transmembrane region of Pmt1 and Pmt2 share a structural fold with the bacterial oligosaccharyltransferase PglB, the archaeal oligosaccharyltransferase AglB, and the catalytic subunit Stt3 of eukaryotic OST (Fig. 4)^{28–33}. Structures of Pmt1 and PglB (PDB: 5OGL) are superimposable with an rmsd

of 3.2 Å (Fig. 4). This observation confirms the previous suggestions that PMTs are evolutionarily linked to the oligosaccharyltransferases^{15,16}. Both PMTs and oligosaccharyltransferases belong to the inverting glycosyltransferases in which the covalent bond with the anomeric carbon is on the opposite side of the sugar in the donor and the acceptor, respectively^{4,10}. Remarkably, when the structures of the two enzymes are superimposed, the acceptor and donor binding pocket in Pmt1–Pmt2 is almost in the same position as in PglB (Fig. 4). Because the mannose moiety of the donor is missing in our structure, we didn't observe a strong enough density corresponding to the Mn²⁺, although conserved residues for coordinating the divalent metal ion were present in both Pmt1 and Pmt2. The phosphate group of the modeled Dol-P in Pmt1 is near the phosphate of the Dol-PP-OS in PglB, and the acceptor threonine in Pmt2 is also close to the acceptor asparagine in PglB. Therefore, both the acceptor threonine in Pmt2 and the acceptor asparagine in PglB are located on the opposite side of their respective donors, in a similar configuration that is consistent with the inverting transfer reaction mechanism^{34–37}.

Another similarity between PMTs and oligosaccharyltransferases is a horizontal helix positioned right above the donor binding site. The horizontal helix in PglB is a flexible loop in the apo enzyme, perhaps allowing the large dolichol-linked oligosaccharide to diffuse into the substrate pocket, because the flexible peptide becomes an ordered helix once the dolichol-linked oligosaccharide is present in the substrate pocket²⁸. The corresponding horizontal helix in Pmt1 and Pmt2 is HH3, which contributes to the binding of Dol-P. Because HH3 is ordered even in the absence of a substrate, this helix may participate in the selection of the donor substrate, perhaps by preventing the dolichol-linked ligands with large sugar moieties (such as an OS) from accessing the substrate pocket.

Discussion

Glycosyltransferases are structurally classified into three different folds: GT-A, GT-B, and GT-C. The GT-A and GT-B folds are better represented in the structural databases^{10,35,38}. There have been very few structures determined that have the GT-C fold, due to the fact that enzymes with this fold are mostly membrane-embedded, and in many cases they form multi-subunit complexes and contain post-translational modifications, making structural determination by traditional X-ray crystallography very difficult^{29,32}. These problems have recently been alleviated due to the advance of cryo-EM methodology³⁹, as exemplified by the three cryo-EM structures of the yeast and human oligosaccharyltransferases^{30,31,33}. There are currently nine GT families in the CAZy database that have the GT-C fold (GT22, GT39, GT50, GT57, GT58, GT59, GT66, GT83, and GT85) (<http://www.cazy.org>). However, all of the GT-C fold structures published so far are from the GT66 family. Therefore, the Pmt1–Pmt2 complex structure represents the first structural solution of the second glycosyltransferase family (GT39).

The Pmt1–Pmt2 structure explains a large body of biochemical and mutational work done over the past decades¹³, and in particular, the role of the invariant residues in setting up the catalytic pocket of the enzyme^{4,40}. Our structure also provides direct evidence for the evolutionary relationship of PMT proteins with OST, which was initially proposed based on sequence analysis^{15,16}. The structure of the Pmt1–Pmt2 in complex with Dol-P and the

tetrapeptide further confirms the inverting transfer reaction mechanism of protein *O*-mannosyltransferases.

Mutations in the human mannosyltransferase POMT1–POMT2 cause congenital muscular dystrophies (CMDs), characterized by abnormal glycosylation of α -dystroglycan with neuronal migration defects^{17,41}. Based on the clinical phenotypes, these diseases include Walker-Warburg syndrome, muscle-eye-brain disease, and less severe forms of muscular dystrophy. We surveyed the reported POMT1–POMT2 mutations of hundreds of CMD patients and identified dozens of missense mutations in POMT1 and POMT2^{42–65} (Supplementary Table 1). Many of these mutations either reduced or abolished the enzyme activity. Yeast Pmt1 and Pmt2 share 29% and 36% identity with human POMT1 and POMT2, respectively, suggesting a similar overall structure for the human POMT1–POMT2 complex. Furthermore, most pathological mutations in human POMT1–POMT2 are conserved in yeast Pmt1–Pmt2 (Supplementary Note 4). Therefore, we mapped the disease mutations onto the Pmt1–Pmt2 structure and found that most mutations were clustered to the ER lumenal half of the structure (Fig. 5). Because the active site and the donor and acceptor binding pockets are on the lumenal side, their distribution pattern suggests that these mutations likely affect PMT enzymatic activity.

Unexpectedly, many disease mutations were located in the MIR domains that are away from the catalytic site, suggesting that the MIR domains may play an important role. Indeed, previous work has shown that point mutations in the Pmt1 MIR domain reduced the enzymatic activity, and deletion of the entire MIR domain of Pmt1 (304–531) nearly abolished the activity of the Pmt1–Pmt2 complex²³. Although the exact function of the MIR domain is unknown, we performed a structure-based homologue search and found that the MIR domain was similar to a sugar-binding mushroom lectin (PDB: 2IHO), with an rmsd of 2.5 Å (Supplementary Figure 5c)⁶⁶. Based on the structural homology and the fact that the MIR domain is located just above the Dol-P-Man entry or product release path, we suggest that it may play a role in recognition of the mannose moiety of the donor substrate. But more studies are needed to determine the function of this domain. Our structure provides a platform for further structure–function investigations of Pmt1–Pmt2 and facilitates the future development of small molecules to modulate the enzyme activity.

METHODS

Purification of the endogenous Pmt1–Pmt2 complex.

We generated a C-terminal triple-FLAG-tagged Pmt1 construct using a PCR-based genomic epitope-tagging method on the yeast W303–1a (*MATa leu2–3,112 trp1–1 can1–100 ura3–1 ade2–1 his3–11*). The strain was grown in YPD medium and then was harvested and resuspended in lysis buffer containing 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 0.2 M sorbitol, 50 mM potassium acetate, 2 mM EDTA, and 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF). Cells were lysed using a French press at 15,000 psi and then were centrifuged at 10,000 × *g* for 30 min at 4 °C. The supernatant was then centrifuged at 100,000 × *g* for 60 min at 4 °C. The membrane pellet was collected and then resuspended in buffer A containing 10% glycerol, 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 1.5% DDM, 0.5 M NaCl, 1 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM MnCl₂, 1 mM EDTA, and 1 mM PMSF. After incubation for 30 min at 4 °C, the mixture was centrifuged

for 30 min at $120,000 \times g$, and the clarified supernatant was mixed with pre-washed anti-FLAG (M2) affinity gel at 4 °C overnight with shaking. The affinity gel was collected by centrifugation and washed three times in buffer B containing 0.025% *n*-dodecyl β -D-maltoside (DDM), 0.0025% cholesteryl hemisuccinate tris salt (CHS), 150 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 1 mM MgCl₂, and 1 mM MnCl₂. We found that CHS did not affect Pmt1 and Pmt2 dimerization. Also, including CHS in the detergent mix improved the sample quality, as judged by the improved structural details present in 2D class averages of the cryo-EM particles. Finally, the Pmt1–Pmt2 complex was eluted with buffer B containing 0.15 mg/ml 3 \times FLAG peptide and was further purified in a Superose 6 10/300 gel filtration column in buffer C containing 0.01% lauryl maltose-neopentyl glycol (LMNG), 0.001% CHS, 150 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 1 mM MgCl₂, and 1 mM MnCl₂. The final sample was assessed by SDS-PAGE gel and was identified by tryptic digestion and mass spectrometry. From 18 L yeast culture, about 0.5 mg of purified complex can be routinely obtained with this procedure. To make the Pmt1–Pmt2–peptide complex, the peptide (PYTV) was synthesized by Genscript (Piscataway, NJ, USA), and incubated with purified Pmt1–Pmt2 sample at a 5:1 molar ratio for 1h before preparing the cryo-EM grids.

Purification of the MIR domain of Pmt2.

The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) product of the predicted MIR domain (amino acids 337–532) of Pmt2 was cloned into a pSUMO expression vector. It was expressed in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) and purified as an N-terminal 6 \times His–Sumo fusion protein. Cells were grown in Luria-Bertani medium at 24 °C to 0.8 at OD₆₀₀ and then were induced by 0.05 mM isopropyl β -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside at 16 °C for overnight. Proteins were first purified by Ni-affinity chromatography in buffer containing 20 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 200 mM NaCl, and 10% glycerol, and they then were eluted in same buffer with 300 mM imidazole. The 6 \times His–Sumo tag was then removed by UIP proteolytic cleavage and rebound to a Nickel HP column. Finally, the protein was purified by gel filtration chromatography (Superose 6 10/300) in 20 mM Tris, pH 8.0, and 200 mM NaCl.

Crystallization, data collection, and structure determination of the MIR domain of Pmt2.

The crystallization screen was carried out using the sitting-drop vapor diffusion method at 20 °C. Crystals appeared after 3 d from drops consisting of 1 μ l of protein solution at 10 mg/ml and 1 μ l of reservoir solution containing 25% PEG 2K MME. Crystal diffraction data sets were collected at 100 K at the LS-CAT beamlines at the Argonne National Laboratory. The X-ray wavelength was 1.078 Å. Diffraction data were processed with HKL2000¹. The initial phases were obtained using the molecular replacement method with our EM structure of MIR domain of Pmt1 as the search model in the Phenix program². Coot was used to manually adjust and rebuild the model³. Further model refinement was carried out using Refmac5⁴ in the CCP4 suite and Phenix. The refinement and manual rebuilding were iterated multiple times until acceptable R_{work} (18.4%) and R_{free} (20.8%) values were obtained. Ramachandran statistics were 95.79% in the favored region, 4.21% in the allowed region, and 0% outlier. MolProbity score was 1.53. The Clashscore was 4.63 with 0% residues having poor rotamers.

Cryo-electron microscopy.

Aliquots of 3 μl of purified Pmt1–Pmt2 or Pmt1–Pmt2–peptide complex at a concentration of 5 mg/ml were placed on glow-discharged holey carbon grids (Quantifoil Au R2/1, 300 mesh) and were flash-frozen in liquid ethane using a Thermo Fisher Scientific (TFS) Vitrobot Mark IV. We initially determined a 3.8 \AA resolution cryo-EM map based on a data set of approximately 470,000 particles selected from 900 movie micrographs collected on a TFS Arctica microscope operated at 200 kV. The micrographs were collected automatically with EPU at a nominal magnification of 130,000 \times and a pixel size of 1.21 \AA per pixel with defocus values from -1.5 to -2.5 μm . A Falcon III direct detector was used for image recording under counting mode. The dose rate was 0.6 electron per \AA^2 per second, and the total exposure time was 80 s. The total dose was divided into 180 frames per movie, so each frame was exposed for 0.44 s. However, the two final datasets that resulted in the two reported 3D maps were collected in the TFS Titan Krios. The Titan Krios electron microscope operated at a high tension of 300 kV. Micrographs were collected automatically with SerialEM at a nominal magnification of 130,000 \times and a pixel size of 1.029 \AA per pixel with defocus values from -1.0 to -2.0 μm . Gatan K2 summit detector was used for image recording under counting mode. The dose rate was 10 electrons per \AA^2 per second, and the total exposure time was 6 s. The total dose was divided into 30 frames per movie so each frame was exposed for 0.2 s.

Image processing.

For the sample of Pmt1–Pmt2 only, about 2,787 raw movie micrographs were collected and motion-corrected using the program MotionCorr 2.0⁵. Contrast transfer function parameters of each aligned micrograph were calculated using CTFFIND 4.1⁶. All the remaining steps were performed using RELION 3⁷. Templates for automatic picking were generated from a 2D average of about 1,000 manually picked particles. A total of 913,730 particles were picked automatically. 2D classification was then performed and particles in the classes with features unrecognizable by visual inspection were removed. A total of 869,556 particles was used for further 3D classification, and 581,966 particles were selected for further 3D refinement and postprocessing, resulting in the 3.2- \AA 3D density map. The resolution of the map was estimated by the gold-standard Fourier shell correlation at a correlation cutoff value of 0.143.

For cryo-EM structural analysis of Pmt1–Pmt2 in complex with the synthetic tetrapeptide, about 2,988 raw movie micrographs were collected and motion-corrected using the program MotionCorr 2.0⁵. Contrast transfer function parameters of each aligned micrograph were calculated using CTFFIND 4.1⁶. All the remaining steps were performed using RELION 3⁷. Templates for automatic picking were generated from a 2D average of about 1,000 manually picked particles. A total of 953,292 particles were picked automatically. 2D classification was then performed and particles in the classes with features unrecognizable by visual inspection were removed. A total of 949,765 particles was used for further 3D classification, and 521,848 particles were selected for further 3D refinement and postprocessing, resulting in the 3.2- \AA 3D density map. The resolution of the map was estimated by the gold-standard Fourier shell correlation at a correlation cutoff value of 0.143.

Structural modeling, refinement, and validation.

The initial models of Pmt1 and Pmt2 were first automatically built into the 3.2-Å EM map using the model_to_map in the PHENIX program². Models in the remaining density was then manually built in the program COOT³. Sequence assignment was guided by bulky residues such as Phe, Tyr, Trp, and Arg. In the 3D map of Pmt1–Pmt2–peptide, only the first three residues (PYT) of the acceptor tetrapeptide (PYTV) were modeled, because the map lacked solid density for the last valine residue. The complete Pmt1–Pmt2 model was refined by real-space refinement in the PHENIX program and subsequently adjusted manually in COOT. Finally, the atomic model was validated using MolProbity⁸. We then correlated the refined model with the 3D maps of the final map and the two half-maps (Half1 and Half2) to produce three FSC curves: model vs. final map, FSC_{work} (model vs. Half1 map) and FSC_{free} (model vs. Half2 map), the general agreement of which was taken as an indication that the model was not over-fitted. Structural figures were prepared in Chimera⁹ and PyMOL (<https://pymol.org/2/>).

Supplementary Material

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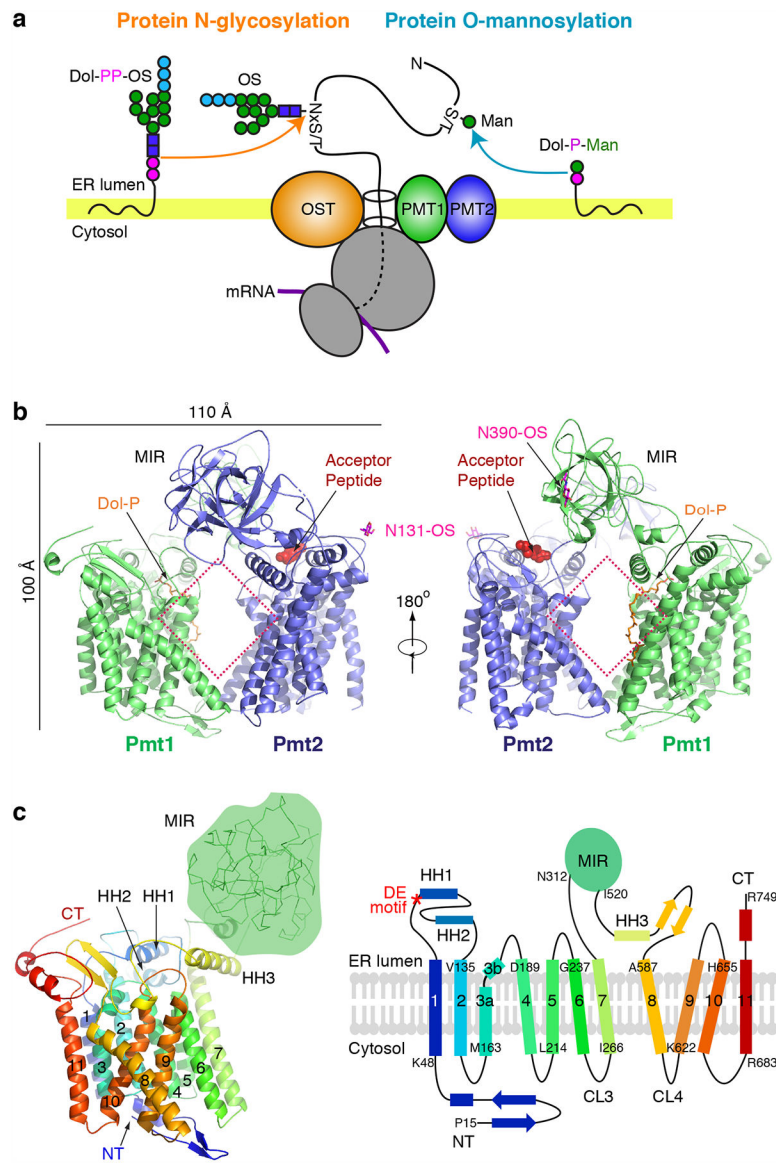


Fig. 1. Structure of the yeast Pmt1–Pmt2 complex.

(a) Both protein O-mannosylation and protein N-glycosylation can be carried out cotranslationally and co-translocationally, because both Pmt1–Pmt2 and OST physically associate with the Sec61 translocon. (b) The overall structure of Pmt1–Pmt2 in cartoons is shown in front and back views (green for Pmt1 and purple-blue for Pmt2). The Dol-P and N-glycans are shown as orange and red sticks, respectively. The acceptor peptide is shown as red spheres. (c) A ribbon diagram and topological sketch of Pmt1. The 11 TMHs are numbered and colored in a rainbow scheme. The MIR domain is drawn as a green circle. The number and identity of the first residue on each TMH is labeled. The red asterisk marks the DE motif at the beginning of the first horizontal helix (HH1).

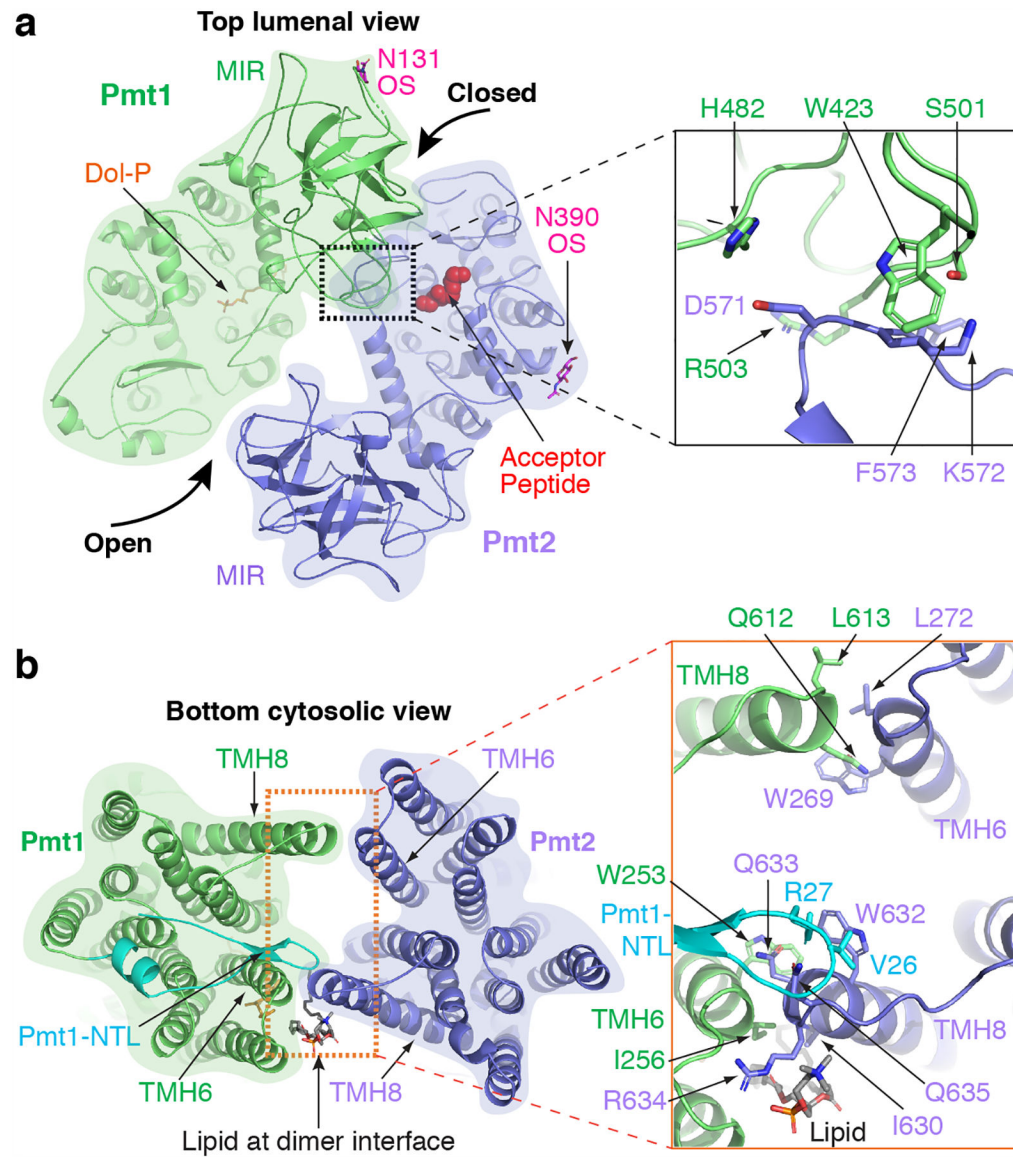


Fig. 2. The interfaces between Pmt1 and Pmt2.

A luminal view (**a**) and a cytosolic view (**b**) of the Pmt1–Pmt2 structure. The interface areas between the two subunits are highlighted by a dashed black rectangle in (a) and by a dashed orange rectangle in (b). The areas in the rectangles are enlarged at the right. The lipid molecule mediating the Pmt1–Pmt2 interaction at the cytosolic side is shown as sticks.

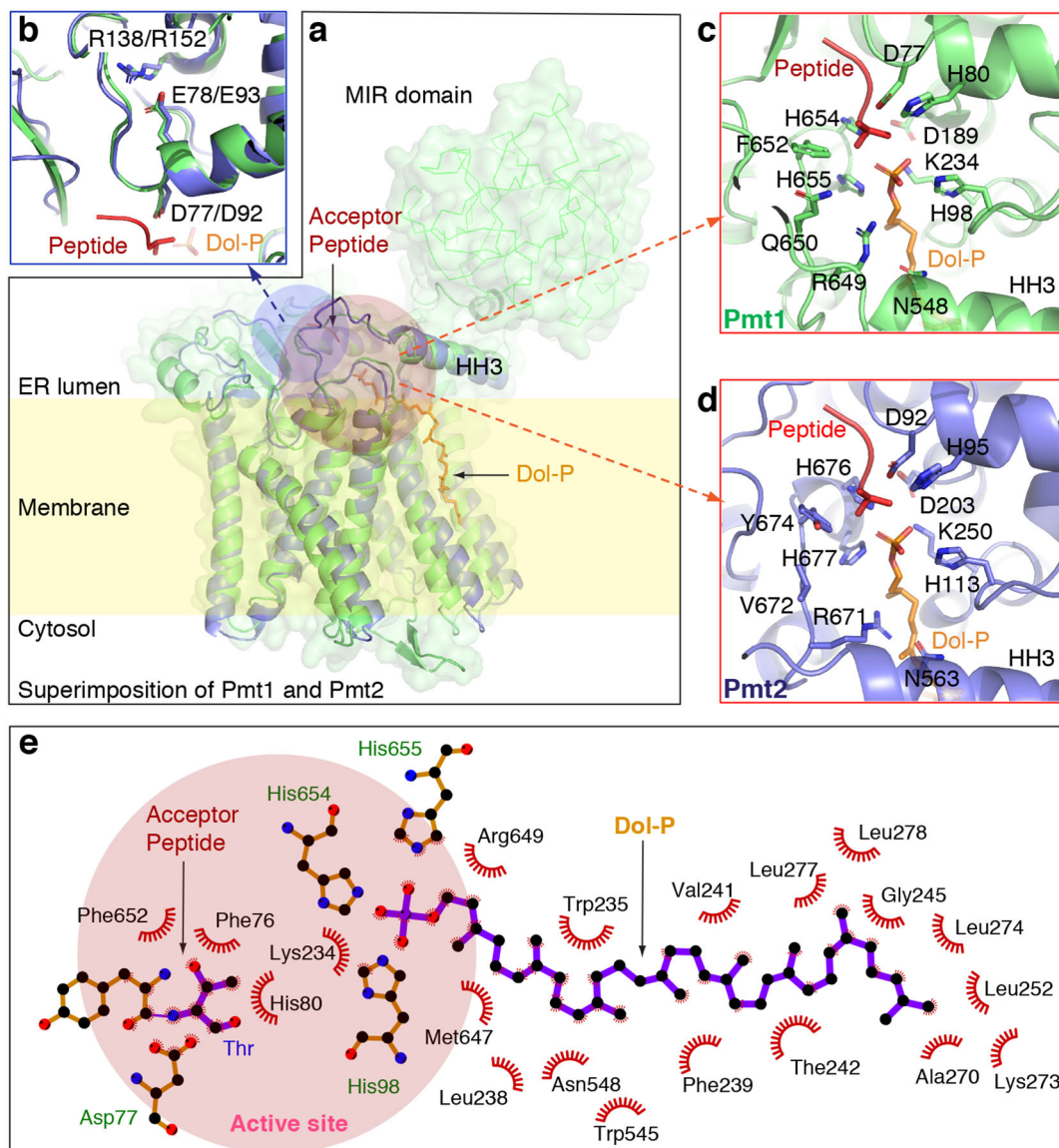


Fig. 3. The active site of the Pmt1–Pmt2 complex.

(a) Pmt1 is shown as a cartoon and a transparent surface view. The transmembrane region of Pmt2 (purple-blue) is superposed with Pmt1. Dol-P is shown as orange sticks, and the acceptor peptide is shown as a red cartoon. (b) Close-up view of the highly conserved DE motif of Pmt1 and Pmt2. (c) Close-up view of the active site of Pmt1. (d) Close-up view of the active site of Pmt2. (e) LIGPLOT scheme for Dol-P and acceptor peptide binding residues of Pmt1. The pink circle represents the active site of the enzyme.

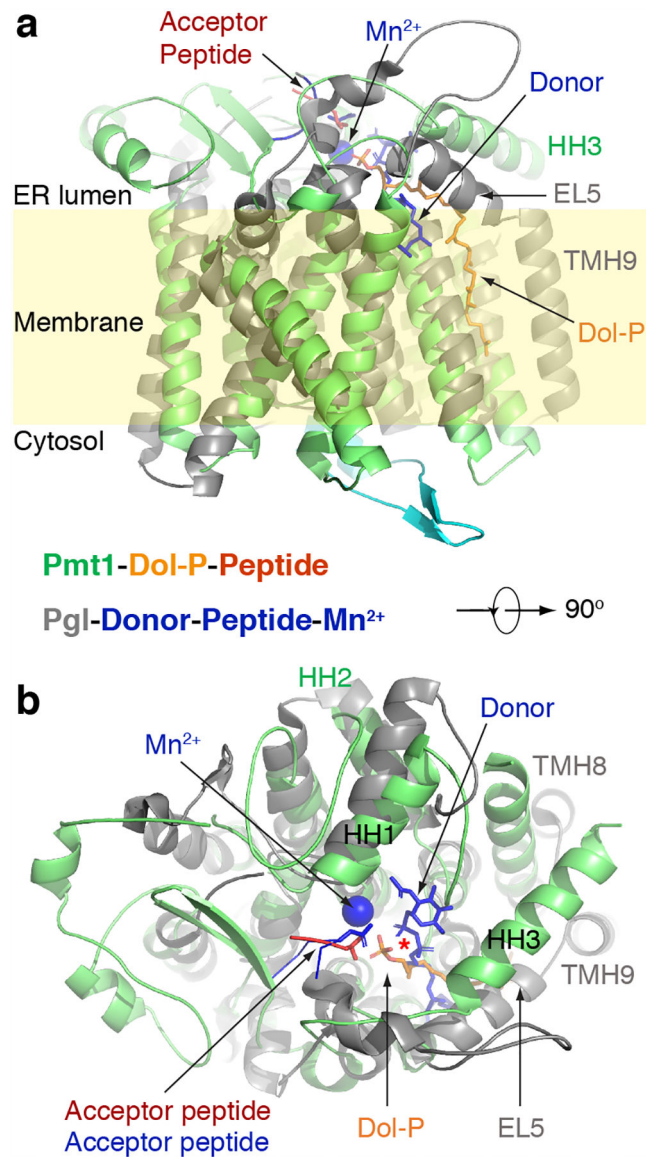


Fig. 4. Superimposition of the transmembrane domain of Pmt1 (green) with that of the PglB structure (grey).

A side view (**a**) and a top view (**b**) of the superimposition of the transmembrane domain of Pmt1 (green) with that of the PglB structure (PDB ID 5OGL, grey), which is in complex with an acceptor peptide, Mn²⁺, and a nonhydrolyzable lipid-linked oligosaccharide analog, (ω ZZZ)-PPC-GlcNAc (blue). The red asterisk denotes the overlapping phosphate groups and the acceptor residues in the two structures. The acceptor residues, a Thr in Pmt1–Pmt2 and an Asn in PglB, are located on the opposite side of the donor group, in consistent with the fact that both enzymes are inverting glycosyltransferases.

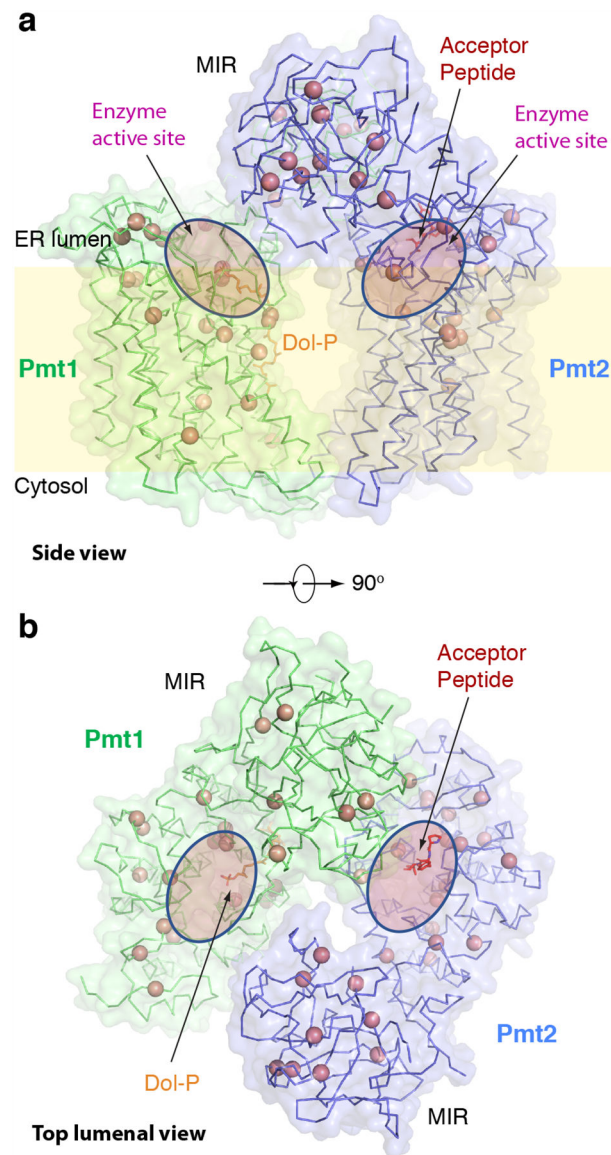


Fig. 5. Mapping of the congenital muscular dystrophy mutations found in human POMT1–POMT2 on to the structure of the yeast Pmt1–Pmt2.

(a, b) A side and a top luminal views of the Pmt1–Pmt2 in ribbon presentation. The C α atoms of disease-related residues are shown as salmon spheres. The active sites are shown by transparent pink ovals. The acceptor peptide and Dol-P are shown as sticks. Individual mutations are summarized in Supplementary Table 1.

Table 1.

Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics

	Pmt1–Pmt2–donor (EMD-20240, PDB 6P2R)	Pmt1–Pmt2–donor–acceptor (EMD-20236, PDB 6P25)
Data collection and processing		
Magnification	130,000	130,000
Voltage (kV)	300	300
Electron exposure (e ⁻ /Å ²)	60	60
Defocus range (μm)	-1.0 – -2.0	-1.0 – -2.0
Pixel size (Å)	1.029	1.029
Symmetry imposed	C1	C1
Initial particle images (no.)	913,730	953,292
Final particle images (no.)	581,966	521,848
Map resolution (Å)	3.2	3.2
FSC threshold	0.143	0.143
Map resolution range (Å)	278.5–3.2	278.5–3.2
Refinement		
Initial model used (PDB code)	N/A	N/A
Model resolution (Å)	3.6	3.4
FSC threshold	0.5	0.5
Model resolution range (Å)		
Map sharpening <i>B</i> factor (Å ²)	177	169
Model composition		
Nonhydrogen atoms	11,748	11,774
Protein residues	1,413	1,416
Ligands	6	6
<i>B</i> factors (Å ²)		
Protein	89.9	82.8
Ligand	26.1	17.9
R.m.s. deviations		
Bond lengths (Å)	0.01	0.01
Bond angles (°)	1.01	1.12
Validation		
MolProbity score	1.88	1.89
Clashscore	8.05	8.42
Poor rotamers (%)	0.4	0.4
Ramachandran plot		
Favored (%)	93.2	93.3
Allowed (%)	7.8	7.7
Disallowed (%)	0	0

Table 2.

X-ray diffraction Data collection and refinement statistics (molecular replacement)

Pmt2 MIR domain (PDB code 6P28)	
Data collection	
Space group	P21
Cell dimensions	
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	34.28, 71.40, 37.88
<i>α</i> , <i>β</i> , <i>γ</i> (°)	90, 96.37, 90
Resolution (Å)	1.35 (1.38–1.35) ^a
<i>R</i> _{merge}	6.8 (58.5)
<i>I</i> /σ(<i>I</i>)	13.4 (2.3)
<i>CC</i> _{1/2}	N/A
Completeness (%)	96.7 (85.4)
Redundancy	3.5 (3.4)
Refinement	
Resolution (Å)	26.79–1.35
No. reflections	38,941 (2,627)
<i>R</i> _{work} / <i>R</i> _{free}	0.184 / 0.208
No. atoms	
Protein	1555
Ligand/ion	0
Water	199
<i>B</i> factors	
Protein	68.6
Ligand/ion	N/A
Water	68.5
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.006
Bond angles (°)	0.875

Diffraction data from one crystal was used for structure solution.

^aValues in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.