

1 **Evolution of a putative, host-derived endosymbiont division ring and symbiosis-induced**
2 **proteome rearrangements in the trypanosomatid *Angomonas deanei***

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20 **The transformation of endosymbiotic bacteria into genetically integrated organelles was**
21 **central to eukaryote evolution. During organellogenesis, control over endosymbiont**
22 **division, proteome composition, and physiology largely shifted from the endosymbiont to**
23 **the host cell nucleus. However, to understand the order and timing of events underpinning**
24 **organellogenesis novel model systems are required. The trypanosomatid *Angomonas***
25 ***deanei* contains a β -proteobacterial endosymbiont that divides synchronously with the**
26 **host¹, contributes essential metabolites to host cell metabolism²⁻⁵, and transferred one**
27 **bacterial gene [encoding an ornithine cyclodeaminase (OCD)] to the nucleus². However,**
28 **the molecular mechanisms mediating the intricate host/symbiont interactions are largely**
29 **unexplored. Here we identified seven nucleus-encoded proteins by protein mass**
30 **spectrometry that are targeted to the endosymbiont. Expression of fluorescent fusion**
31 **proteins revealed recruitment of these proteins to specific sites within the endosymbiont**
32 **including its cytoplasm and a ring-shaped structure surrounding its division site. This**
33 **structure remarkably resembles in shape and predicted functions mitochondrial and**
34 **plastid division machineries. The endosymbiotic gene transfer-derived OCD localizes to**
35 **glycosomes instead of being retargeted to the endosymbiont. Hence, scrutiny of protein**
36 **re-localization patterns that are induced by endosymbiosis, yielded profound insights into**
37 **how an endosymbiotic relationship can stabilize and deepen over time far beyond the level**
38 **of metabolite exchange.**

39 Besides the ancient endosymbiotic events that initiated the evolution of mitochondria and
40 plastids more than one billion years ago, diverse bacterial lineages have evolved intimate
41 endosymbiotic associations with eukaryotic hosts, often involving vertical endosymbiont
42 transmission from one host generation to the next⁶⁻⁸. Similar to how eukaryotes control organelle
43 abundance, a few protist hosts have additionally evolved the ability to strictly control the number
44 of endosymbionts per host cell^{1,9,10}. Over time, permanent host association results in gene losses
45 and size reduction of endosymbiont genomes^{11,12}. In these cases, the holobiont appears to rely
46 on chimeric metabolic pathways involving enzymes encoded in both the endosymbiont and host
47 genomes^{2,13-16}. However, the molecular mechanisms enabling cross-compartment linkage of
48 metabolic pathways, synchronization of host and endosymbiont cell cycles, and controlled
49 segregation of endosymbionts to the daughter cells are largely unknown.

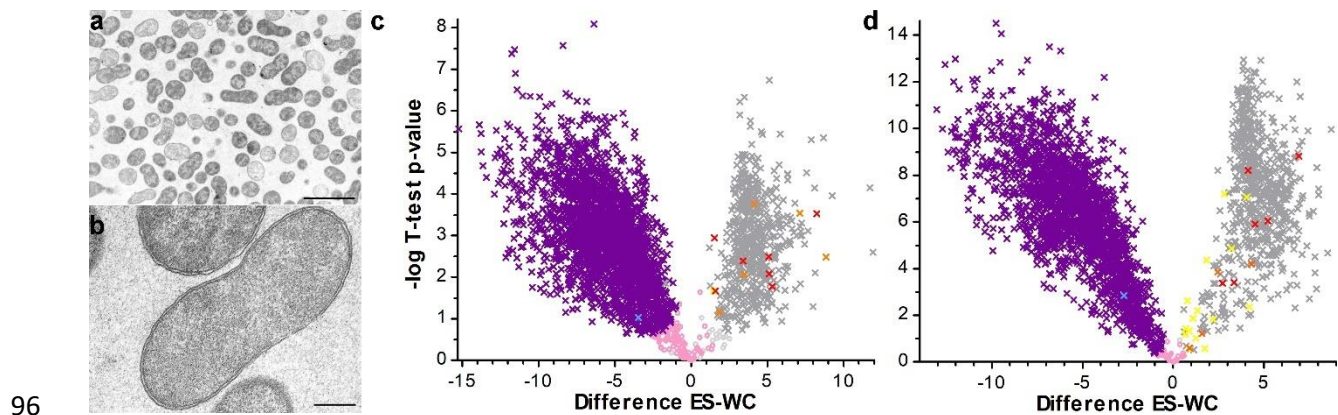
50 The most critical step in endosymbiont-to-organelle conversion supposedly is the
51 evolution of a dedicated protein translocation system that enables the import of nucleus-encoded
52 proteins into the endosymbiont¹⁷. The cases of the cercozoan amoeba *Paulinella* where hundreds

53 of nucleus-encoded proteins are imported into the cyanobacterial endosymbiont¹⁸, and mealybug
54 insects where peptidoglycan (PG) biosynthesis in the innermost of two nested bacterial
55 endosymbionts depends on the import of a nucleus-encoded D-Ala-D-Ala ligase¹⁹, suggest that
56 organogenesis events are not restricted to mitochondria and plastids but can occur in more
57 recently established endosymbiotic associations too. Also, in a few other systems with vertically
58 transmitted bacterial endosymbionts, there are scattered reports on single host proteins that
59 translocate into the endosymbiont cytoplasm^{20,21}. Deciphering the rules that lead to the evolution
60 of host control over a bacterial endosymbiont and endosymbiont-to-organelle transition would
61 depend on the comprehensive proteomic characterization of further endosymbiotic associations
62 and the development of efficient genetically tractable model systems for endosymbiosis.

63 The trypanosomatid *A. deanei* (subfamily Strigomonadinae) is an emerging model system
64 to study endosymbiosis^{22,23}. All members of the Strigomonadinae carry a β -proteobacterial
65 endosymbiont (family Alcaligenaceae)^{23,24}. *Candidatus* Kinetoplastibacterium crithidii, the
66 endosymbiont of *A. deanei*, lies surrounded by a bacterial inner and outer membrane and a
67 reduced PG layer free in the host cytosol²⁵. Strict synchronization of the host and endosymbiont
68 cell cycles results in a single endosymbiont per daughter cell after cell division¹. The
69 endosymbiont genome (0.8 Mbp) is highly streamlined and lost most genes for the core energy
70 metabolism as well as the biosynthetic capacity for amino acids and cofactors such as proline,
71 cysteine, and biotin; other biosynthetic pathways (e.g., for aromatic amino acids, riboflavin, and
72 heme) were retained and apparently contribute to the host metabolism^{2,5,26,27}. To enable scrutiny
73 of host/endosymbiont interactions, we previously developed genetic tools for *A. deanei* that allow
74 for transgene expression and targeted gene knock-outs²⁸. Furthermore, we identified one
75 nucleus-encoded protein of unknown function, termed endosymbiont-targeted protein 1 (ETP1),
76 that specifically localizes to the endosymbiont²⁸, suggesting that protein targeting to the
77 endosymbiont plays a role in host/endosymbiont interaction.

78 To determine the extent of protein import into *Ca. K. crithidii*, we analyzed proteins
79 extracted from isolated endosymbionts (ES samples) (**Fig. 1a-b**) and whole cell lysates (WC
80 samples) by liquid chromatography coupled to tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Two
81 independent proteomic analyses totaling 9 biological replicates detected with high confidence
82 overall 573 and 638 endosymbiont-encoded proteins (i.e., 78% and 87% of the 730 predicted
83 endosymbiont-encoded proteins²⁶) and 2,646 and 2,175 host-encoded proteins, respectively
84 (**Supplementary Table S1**). Proteins identified exclusively or appearing enriched in ES samples
85 comprised not only endosymbiont-encoded but also several host-encoded proteins (**Fig. 1c-d**).

86 Host-encoded proteins that either showed significant enrichment in the endosymbiont
87 fraction in both experiments (red crosses in **Fig. 1c-d**) or showed significant enrichment in one
88 experiment but were not detected at all or showed only nonsignificant enrichment in the
89 endosymbiont fraction in the other experiment (orange crosses in **Fig. 1c-d**) were considered as
90 putative endosymbiont-targeted proteins (ETPs). This group of 14 putative ETPs (for details see
91 **Table S2**) also contained the previously identified ETP²⁸. Nucleus-encoded proteins that
92 appeared as endosymbiont-enriched in one experiment but as host-enriched in the other
93 experiment (yellow crosses in **Fig. 1c-d**) contained several predicted glycosomal or mitochondrial
94 proteins. Thus, this group of proteins was regarded as putative contaminants and not further
95 analyzed.

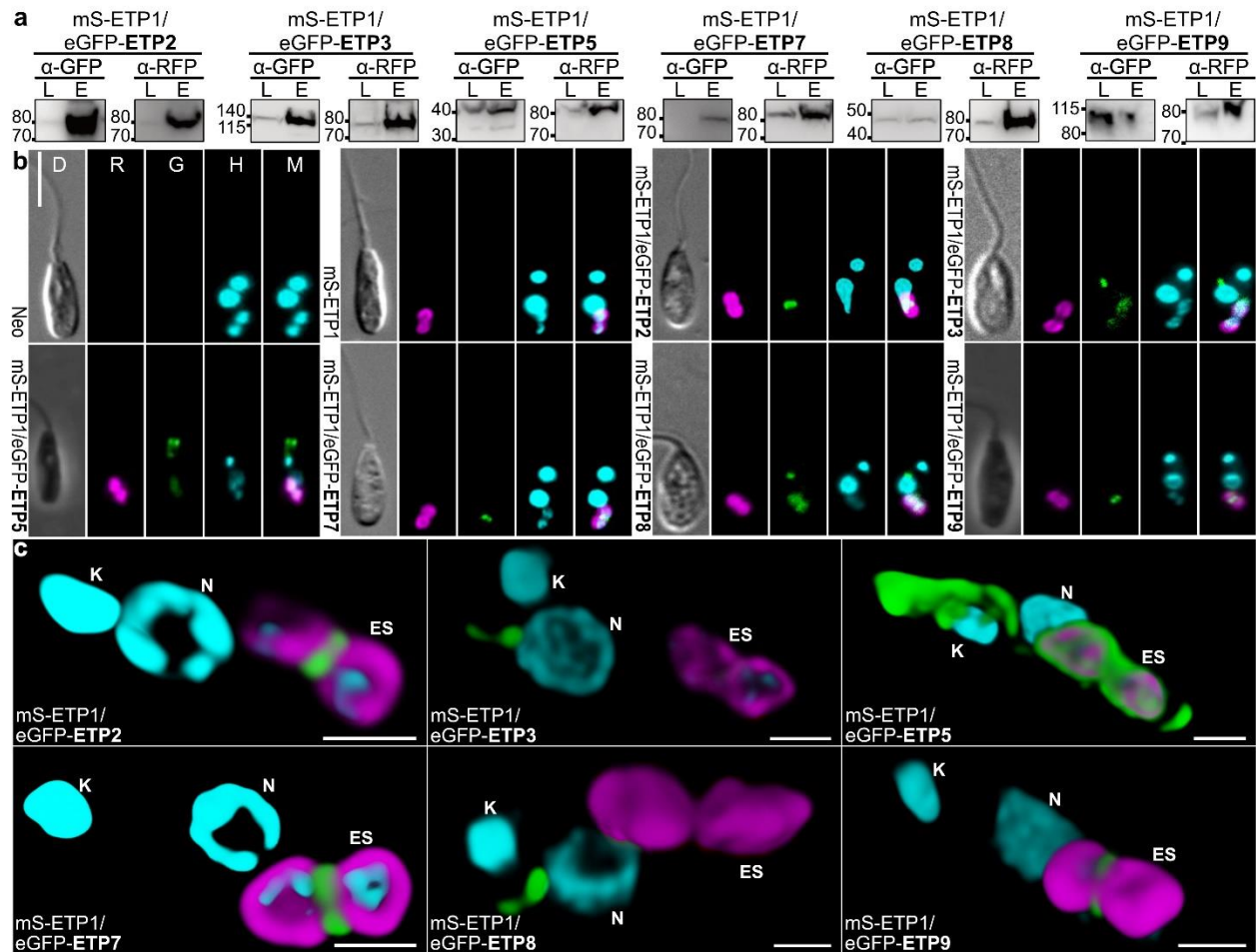


97 **Fig. 1: Comparative proteome analysis of whole cell lysates (WC) versus purified**
98 **endosymbionts (ES) of *A. deanei*.** (a-b) Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) of *Ca. K.*
99 *crithidii*. (a) Overview of the collected endosymbiont fraction. Most of the structures observed in
100 this fraction consist of eight-shaped and round structures that are surrounded by a double
101 membrane consistent with the endosymbiont. Scale bar: 2.5 μm. (b) The endosymbiont outer and
102 inner membrane remained intact in most of the cells during isolation. Scale bar: 250 nm. (c, d)
103 Volcano plots of proteins identified by LC-MS/MS in Experiment 1 (c) and Experiment 2 (d). The
104 difference of intensities of individual proteins between WC and ES samples ($\log_2(\text{norm Int}_{ES}) -$
105 $\log_2(\text{norm Int}_{WC})$; Difference ES-WC) is plotted against significance ($-\log_{10}$ p-value in Student's
106 T-test) for proteins detected in ES or WC samples. Color code: grey, endosymbiont-encoded
107 proteins; colorful, nucleus-encoded proteins (red, enriched in endosymbiont in both experiments;
108 orange, enriched in ES samples in one experiment, not identified in the other experiment; yellow,
109 enriched in ES samples in one experiment, but depleted in the other experiment; blue, the
110 endosymbiotic gene transfer (EGT)-derived OCD; purple, remaining nucleus-encoded proteins).
111 Crosses in bright colors, significant enrichment or depletion; circles in pale colors represent
112 nonsignificant values (rose, nucleus-encoded; light grey, endosymbiont-encoded).

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114 Next, we aimed to determine the subcellular localization of each of the 13 newly identified
115 candidate ETPs in *A. deanei* using recombinant reporter protein fusions. We have previously
116 demonstrated that ETP1 N- or C-terminally fused to the green fluorescent protein eGFP localized
117 specifically to *Ca. K. crithidii*²⁸. Therefore, a cell line background expressing ETP1 fused to the C-
118 terminus of the red fluorescent protein mSCARLET (mS-ETP1) as an endosymbiont marker, was
119 used for co-expression of the remaining 13 proteins of interest (POI) fused to the C- or N-terminus
120 of eGFP (eGFP-POI and POI-eGFP, respectively). Western blot analyses of whole cell lysates
121 and purified endosymbionts (up to the percoll step) obtained from the 13 cell lines co-expressing
122 mS-ETP1 and each one of the eGFP-POI constructs showed that recombinant ETP1, ETP2,
123 ETP3, ETP5, ETP7, and ETP8 are enriched in the endosymbiont fraction while recombinant ETP9
124 co-purifies to a certain extent with the endosymbiont (**Fig. 2a**). For the remaining candidate ETPs
125 neither N-terminal nor C-terminal fusion constructs showed a signal in the endosymbiont fraction
126 or (for one protein) no signal in the Western blot at all (**Supplementary Fig. 1**). Hence, these
127 proteins were excluded from further analyses.

128 Localization of ETP2, ETP3, ETP5, ETP7, ETP8, and ETP9 at the endosymbiont was
129 further confirmed by epifluorescence microscopy (**Fig. 2b**). Interestingly, the various ETPs
130 localize to specific sites within the endosymbiont. Recombinant ETP2, ETP7, and ETP9 localize
131 specifically at the constriction site of the eight-shaped endosymbiont; ETP5 localizes to the
132 endosymbiont and the host cell flagellar pocket; ETP3 and ETP8 show a diffuse eGFP signal over
133 the endosymbiont and additionally in a defined dot-like structure near the host cell nucleus (**Fig.**
134 **2b**). As previously observed for ETP1²⁸, shifting the eGFP-tag to the C-terminal end of the ETPs
135 did not affect the localization of ETP2, ETP5, ETP7, ETP8, and ETP9; only ETP3-eGFP did not
136 yield a green fluorescence signal (**Supplementary Fig. 2**).



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138 **Fig. 2: Newly identified ETPs show distinct subcellular localizations within *Ca. K. crithidii***
 139 **and the host cell.** (a) protein from whole cell lysate (L) or purified endosymbionts (E) were
 140 resolved by SDS-PAGE, transferred onto PVDF-membranes, and recombinant proteins
 141 visualized by Western blot analysis using anti-GFP (α -GFP) or anti-RFP (α -RFP) antibodies. (b)
 142 Epifluorescence microscopic analysis of cell lines expressing the neomycin phosphotransferase
 143 (Neo) alone, mS-ETP1, or mS-ETP1 in combination with eGFP-POI constructs. D, differential
 144 interference contrast; R, red channel; G, green channel; H, blue channel visualizing Hoechst
 145 33342 staining; M, merge of the three fluorescence channels. Scale bar is 5 μ m. (c) Three-
 146 dimensional reconstruction of the localization of the different recombinant ETPs within *A. deanei*
 147 from the superposition of 12-32 Z-stacks after deconvolution. Color code: magenta, mS-ETP1;
 148 green, eGFP-POI; cyan, Hoechst33342. Scale bar is 1 μ m. ES, endosymbiont; K, kinetoplast; N,
 149 nucleus.

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151 3D reconstruction of the fluorescence signal of each recombinant ETP obtained from focal
 152 planes of confocal fluorescence microscopy (Fig. 2c and **Supplementary Movies 1-6**) revealed

153 that ETP1 is confined to the endosymbiont envelope; ETP2, ETP7, and ETP9 form a ring-shaped
154 structure around the constriction site of the endosymbiont (i.e., the site where endosymbiont
155 division occurs); ETP5 localizes at the host cell flagellar pocket from where thin fiber-like
156 projections surround the periphery of the endosymbiont and seem to associate with the
157 kinetoplast and nucleus of the host cell. ETP3 and ETP8 apparently localize inside the
158 endosymbiont, indicating that these proteins translocate across the endosymbiont envelope
159 membranes. Interestingly, ETP3 and ETP8 are additionally found in a barbell-shaped structure
160 that sits on the anterior side of the nucleus. This structure is very similar in shape and positioning
161 to the Golgi apparatus of *Trypanosoma brucei* and *Leishmania donovani*^{29,30}. The Golgi is the
162 main hub of vesicular trafficking in eukaryotic cells and, in different endosymbiotic associations,
163 nucleus-encoded, endosymbiont-targeted proteins traffic through the Golgi^{21,31-33}. However, an
164 important difference in these associations is that the outermost membrane surrounding the
165 endosymbiont is host-derived. Nevertheless, vesicles that appear to fuse with the outer
166 endosymbiont membrane have been observed before in electron micrographs of
167 Strigomonadinae³⁴, raising the possibility that Golgi-derived vesicles can target *Ca. K. crithidii* in
168 *A. deanei*. However, none of the ETPs contain a predicted targeting signal for the secretory
169 pathway (nor the mitochondrion), all are soluble, and comparison of the ETP protein sequences
170 among each other did not reveal any obvious common characteristics such as similar sequence
171 extensions that could serve as targeting signals or common motifs (as analyzed by MEME 5.0.5
172 ³⁵; cut-off: e-value <0.05).

173 To explore the cellular functions of the ETPs, we aimed to generate null mutants of ETP1,
174 ETP2, and ETP7. However, whereas heterozygous knock-out mutants could be obtained, deletion
175 of both alleles of the corresponding genes did not yield viable clones in all cases after several
176 attempts. The inability to generate homozygous knock-out mutants is suggesting an essential
177 function of these proteins. Since no inducible gene expression systems are available yet for *A.*
178 *deanei*, a functional characterization of these genes is yet to come. Nevertheless, for several
179 ETPs, observed subcellular localizations and functional annotations (**Table 1**) imply their
180 involvement in distinct cellular processes.

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182 **Table 1: Endosymbiont-targeted proteins in *A. deanei*.**

ETP	Annotation	Best Blastp Hit ^a	e-value	%id ^b	BBH ^c
ETP1	Hypothetical protein, cons.	-	-	-	-
ETP2	Hypothetical protein, cons.	-	-	-	-
ETP3	Hypothetical protein, cons.	hypothetical protein JIQ42_00906 [<i>Leishmania</i> sp. Namibia]	2e-19	26	No
ETP5	Kinetoplastid membrane protein 11, put.	kinetoplastid membrane protein KMP-11 [<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> strain CL Brener]	7e-52	94	Yes
ETP7	Phage tail lysozyme, put.	-	-	-	-
ETP8	Hypothetical protein, cons.	unnamed protein product [<i>Phytomonas</i> sp. isolate EM1]	3e-12	28	Yes
ETP9	Dynamain family/Dynamain central region/Dynamain GTPase effector domain containing protein, putative	unnamed protein product [<i>Trypanosoma congolense</i> IL3000]	1e-114	34	No

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184 ^a Protein with the lowest e-value (outside *A. deanei*) returned by Blastp against the NCBI nr
185 database as of July 14, 2021 (e-value cut-off of 1e-6).

186 ^b Percentage of amino acid identity between best Blastp hit and the corresponding ETP.

187 ^c Best bidirectional blast hits obtained between the NCBI nr database and an in-house database
188 containing the previously generated *A. deanei* transcriptome.

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190 The ring-shaped arrangement of ETP2, ETP7, and ETP9 around the endosymbiont
191 division site, is suggestive of a function in endosymbiont division. For all three recombinant
192 proteins, this ring structure is seen in only around half of the cells in a mid-log phase culture
193 (**Supplementary Fig. 3a**). *Ca. K. crithidii* encodes FtsZ, a GTPase that typically self-assembles
194 into a ring structure at the inner side of the cytoplasmic membrane at bacterial division sites
195 initiating cytokinesis, and the Min system which is typically involved in positioning the FtsZ ring³⁶.
196 However, antibodies specific against FtsZ distribute evenly throughout the cell instead of
197 localizing to a division ring³⁷, suggesting that the bacterial division machinery might not be fully
198 functional in *Ca. K. crithidii*. Furthermore, exposure of *A. deanei* to the eukaryotic translation
199 inhibitor cycloheximide not only results in cessation of host cell growth but also blocks
200 endosymbiont division³⁸, suggesting the involvement of host-derived factors in endosymbiont
201 division. Intriguingly, ETP9 is annotated as 'dynamain family protein'. Members of the dynamain
202 family are self-assembling, polymer-forming GTPases that are involved in diverse cellular
203 membrane remodeling events. In the Opisthokonta, three dynamain-related proteins (DRPs) are
204 involved in the dynamic fission and fusion of mitochondria³⁹. Assembly of the soluble cytosolic
205 DRP, DNM1/DRP1 (in yeast/human), into helical oligomers on the mitochondrial membrane and
206 constriction upon GTP hydrolysis leads to mitochondrial fission^{40,41}. Trypanosomatids outside the
207 Strigomonadinae encode only a single DRP (or, in *T. brucei*, two nearly identical, functionally
208 likely equal, tandemly duplicated DRPs)^{42,43}. This 'dynamain-like protein of *T. brucei*' (TbDLP)

209 shows high homology to DNM1 in yeast and was shown to regulate mitochondrion division as
210 well as endocytosis^{42,43}. Interestingly, in *A. deanei* there are two divergent DLPs, AdDLP
211 (CAD2218610.1) and ETP9 (CAD2212698.1). AdDLP shows 68% identity to TbDLP; ETP9
212 contains the N-terminal GTPase and C-terminal GTPase effector domain typical for DRPs but
213 shares only 34% identity with TbDLP (**Supplementary Fig. 3b**). The *etp9* gene might have
214 evolved by duplication and divergence of *Addlp* but localizes on a different chromosome. Similarly,
215 also in the Archaeplastida which acquired a cyanobacterial endosymbiont that evolved into the
216 plastid, a plant-specific dynamin evolved -likely by duplication and divergence of a DRP involved
217 in cytokinesis⁴⁴. Upon plastid division, this plant-specific dynamin is recruited to the plastid division
218 site and forms a constriction ring on the cytosolic surface of the outer membrane that seems to
219 aid with constriction and mediates the final fission of the plastid⁴⁵.

220 ETP7 is annotated as 'phage tale lysozyme'. Phyre2⁴⁶ predicts with 92.6% confidence
221 structural homology of the C-terminal part of ETP7 (aa 358-518) with a cell wall degrading enzyme
222 in the bacteriophage ϕ 29 tail⁴⁷. Although sequence identity is only 24% between both proteins,
223 catalytic site and PG-binding site seem to be conserved in ETP7. Intriguingly, PG hydrolysis by a
224 nucleus-encoded enzyme that localizes at the plastid division site is essential also for plastid
225 division in the Glaucophyte algae that possess a PG layer between the two envelope membranes
226 and at least in some basally branching Viridiplantae⁴⁸. This finding suggests that during the early
227 stages of plastid evolution, the ancestral algae regulated plastid division by PG splitting by a
228 nucleus-encoded enzyme.

229 The function of ETP2, that shows neither amino acid sequence nor structural homology to
230 known proteins and is predicted to be mainly unstructured, remains unclear. However, its
231 apparent arrangement in the putative endosymbiont division ring suggests its involvement in
232 symbiont division. Also the plastid and mitochondrial division machinery contain besides dynamin-
233 related proteins and (sometimes) PG hydrolases other proteins. These have various functions,
234 such as recruitment of soluble factors to the organelle membranes or cross-membrane linkage of
235 the bacterium-derived and host-derived components of the organelle division machinery⁴⁹⁻⁵¹.

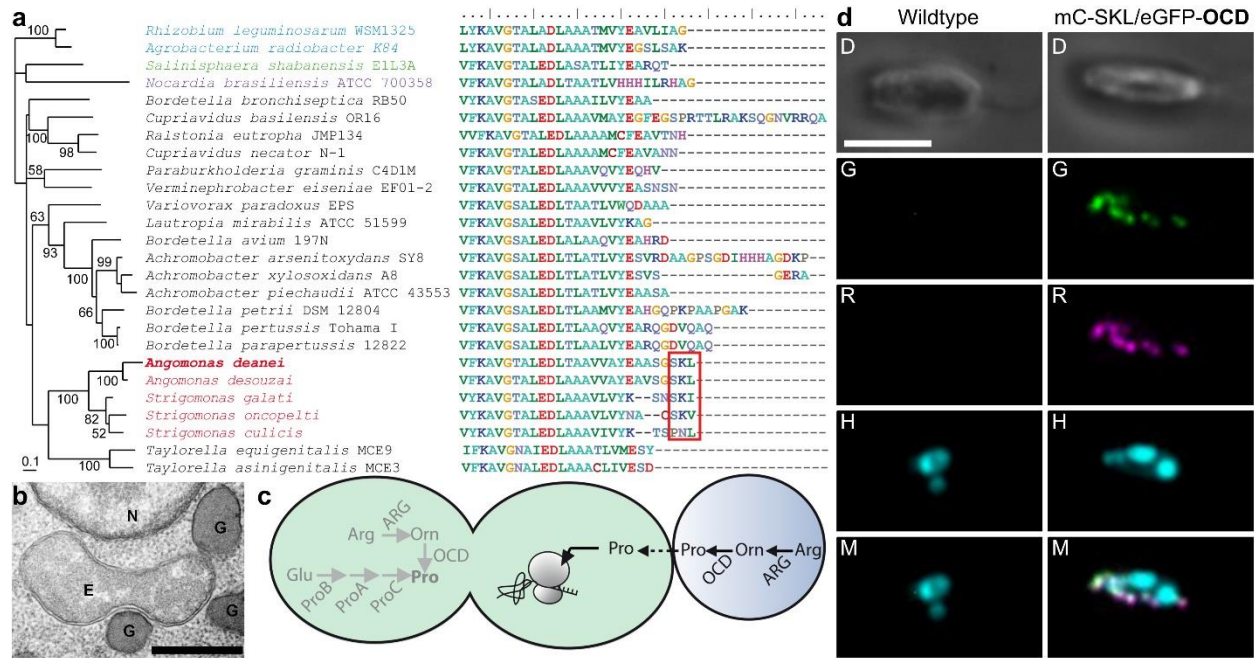
236 ETP5 shows high sequence identity (94%) to the 'kinetoplastid membrane protein 11'
237 (KMP-11) of *T. cruzi* which is highly conserved across trypanosomatids⁵². As in other
238 trypanosomatids, ETP5 is encoded by a multicopy gene and occurs in four tandemly arranged
239 identical gene copies. In *T. brucei*, *T. cruzi*, and *Leishmania infantum*, KMP-11 localizes to the
240 basal body, flagellar pocket, and flagellum^{53,54}, and associates with microtubules⁵⁵. Although its
241 exact cellular function is unknown, its depletion blocks cytokinesis in *T. brucei*⁵⁶. The localization

242 of ETP5 suggests that in *A. deanei* there is a host-derived structure that connects the three DNA-
243 containing compartments (nucleus, mitochondrion, and endosymbiont) with the basal body. ETP5
244 likely interacts with these three compartments by direct interaction with the lipids present in their
245 outer membranes⁵⁷. Importantly, in trypanosomes, division of the basal body marks the transition
246 from the G phase to the S phase in the cell cycle⁵⁸. The basal body is physically linked to the
247 kinetoplast through the tripartite attachment complex facilitating positioning and segregation of
248 the replicated mitochondrial genome⁵⁹. Thus, the observed localization of recombinant ETP5 in
249 *A. deanei*, in combination with the cytokinesis defects following the silencing of the ETP5 ortholog
250 KMP-11 in *T. brucei*⁵⁶, suggests that ETP5 plays a role in orchestrating segregation of organelles
251 and cellular structures during cytokinesis.

252 ETP1, ETP3, and ETP8 are annotated as hypothetical proteins. Blastp searches against
253 the NCBI non-redundant (nr) database returned either no similar proteins from other organisms
254 (for ETP1) or exclusively proteins of unknown function for ETP3 and ETP8 (**Table 1**). 3D structure
255 prediction using Phyre2 revealed either no significant similarities to any known protein structures
256 (for ETP1 and ETP8) or, with confidence levels >96%, similarity to several long stretched α -helical
257 proteins with diverse functions such as muscle contraction, PG hydrolysis, or chromosome
258 maintenance. Hence, predicting the cellular function of these proteins is impossible based on the
259 data at hand.

260 Finally, the EGT-derived OCD (blue cross in **Fig. 1c,d**) was not among the candidate
261 ETPs. Examination of the OCD amino acid sequence revealed that following EGT, the protein
262 acquired a C-terminal peroxisomal targeting sequence type 1 (PTS1) in all members of the
263 Strigomonadinae (**Fig. 3a**), suggesting that the protein localizes to the glycosome, a specialized
264 peroxisome in trypanosomatids characterized by the presence of the first six or seven steps of
265 glycolysis. Interestingly, glycosomes closely associate with the endosymbiont in the
266 Strigomonadinae^{22,60} (**Fig. 3b**). Expression of a recombinant protein in which the OCD was fused
267 to the C-terminus of eGFP (eGFP-OCD) in the background of a cell line expressing the
268 glycosome-targeted red fluorescent protein mCHERRY-SKL, showed clear co-localization of
269 eGFP-OCD with mCHERRY-SKL in epifluorescence microscopy confirming a glycosomal
270 localization of the recombinant OCD (**Fig. 3d**). The OCD catalyzes the conversion of ornithine to
271 proline. Ornithine can be formed in the glycosome by the activity of the arginase, which also
272 contains a PTS1 and is localized in the glycosomes in *Leishmania* spp.. Thus, re-localization of
273 the OCD to the glycosome likely results in proline production within the glycosome. Since *Ca. K.*
274 *crithidii* lost the ability to generate proline, which is required for protein biosynthesis in the

275 endosymbiont, the observed close proximity of the endosymbiont to proline-generating
 276 glycosomes might support the metabolic integration of the endosymbiont in *A. deanei* (Fig. 3c).



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278 **Fig. 3: The EGT-derived OCD in the Strigomonadinae acquired a PTS1 signal and localizes**
 279 **to the glycosome. (a)** Left, maximum likelihood phylogeny of the OCD of bacteria and the
 280 Strigomonadinae (taxon sampling according to ref.²). Species names are colored according to
 281 taxonomic affiliation. Red, Strigomonadinae; black, β -proteobacteria; green, γ -proteobacteria; blue,
 282 α -proteobacteria; violet, actinobacteria. Values at branches represent bootstrap support >50%.
 283 Right, alignment of the C-termini of the corresponding proteins. Red box, PTS1. **(b)** TEM of *A.*
 284 *deanei* shows *Ca. K. crithidii* surrounded by several glycosomes. E, endosymbiont; G, glycosome;
 285 N, nucleus; scale bar is 500 nm. **(c)** Scheme of proline metabolism in *A. deanei*. Endosymbiont,
 286 green; glycosome, blue. Arrows in grey represent enzymes missing from the endosymbiont
 287 genome; arrows in black, enzymes encoded in the nuclear genome. Dashed arrow represents
 288 metabolite transport. ARG, arginase (EC:3.5.3.1); OCD, ornithine cyclodeaminase (EC:4.3.1.12);
 289 ProB, glutamate 5-kinase (EC:2.7.2.11); ProA, glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehydrogenase
 290 (EC:1.2.1.41); ProC, pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase (EC:1.5.1.2). **(d)** Epifluorescence
 291 microscopic analysis of *A. deanei* cell line co-expressing eGFP-OCD and mCherry-SKL.
 292 Fluorescence channels are as in Fig. 2b,c. Scale bar: 5 μ m.

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294 In sum, we identified seven ETPs in *A. deanei* representing a combination of typical
 295 trypanosomatid proteins and proteins that evolved newly in *A. deanei* (or diverged beyond
 296 recognition from their original source). Their discrete subcellular localizations within the
 297 endosymbiont, as well as their functional annotations, suggests their involvement in distinct

298 biological processes. We postulate that, convergent to the evolution of the plastid division
299 machinery, a dynamin and PG hydrolase-based host-derived division ring system evolved, that
300 provides *A. deanei* with control over the division of its endosymbiont. Despite the apparent
301 capacity of specific nucleus-encoded proteins (ETP3 and ETP8) to translocate across the
302 endosymbiont membranes, cross-compartment linkage of metabolic pathways seems to rely
303 rather on metabolite shuttling than protein import. Metabolic integration of the endosymbiont might
304 be facilitated by the tight association of glycosomes that produce metabolites required by the
305 endosymbiont. In conclusion, our work demonstrates that in addition to studying gene
306 presence/absence patterns by genomics, analysis of symbiosis-induced protein re-localization, is
307 key to understand the molecular mechanisms guiding endosymbiotic interactions. The results
308 obtained strongly support the emerging pattern that protein import evolves early during
309 endosymbiosis providing the host with control over the endosymbiont⁷ and not as a consequence
310 of EGT to enable re-import of the gene products of the transferred genes.

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312 **Methods**

313 **Culture conditions and generation of transgenic cell lines.** *Angomonas deanei* (ATCC PRA-
314 265) was grown as described before²⁸. For transfection, between 1×10^6 and 1×10^7 cells were
315 resuspended in 18 μ l of P3 primary cells solution (Lonza), 2 μ l of the restricted cassette (2-4 μ g
316 total) were added, and cells were pulsed with the program FP-158 using the Nucleofector 4D
317 (Lonza). After transfection, cells were transferred to 5 ml of fresh brain-heart infusion medium
318 (BHI, Sigma Aldrich) supplemented with 10% v/v horse serum (Sigma Aldrich) and 10 μ g/ml of
319 hemin, incubated at 28 °C for 6 h, and then diluted 10-fold in the same media containing the
320 selection drug(s) (i.e., G418 at 500 μ g/ml, hygromycin B at 500 μ g/ml, and/or phleomycin at 100
321 μ g/ml final concentration). Aliquots of 200 μ l were distributed onto 96-well plates and incubated
322 at 28 °C until clonal cell lines were recovered, typically between 5-7 days. Correct insertion of the
323 cassette was verified by PCR.

324 **Isolation of the endosymbiont of *A. deanei* and proteomic analysis.** Endosymbionts were
325 isolated from *A. deanei* cells lysed by sonication on consecutive sucrose, percoll, and iodixanol
326 gradient as described previously²⁸. Finally, endosymbionts were resuspended in 200 μ l of buffer
327 B (25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 20 mM KCl, 2 mM EDTA, and 250 mM sucrose). The resulting
328 endosymbiont fractions mainly consisted of intact endosymbionts as judged by the presence of a
329 double membrane surrounding the endosymbionts viewed by TEM (**Fig. 1a-b**) and were thus

330 considered suitable for proteomic analyses. Proteins from isolated endosymbionts were either
331 precipitated by addition of trichloroacetic acid (TCA) to a final concentration of 10% v/v, washed
332 2x in cold acetone, and resuspended in 200 μ l 0.1 N NaOH (Experiment 1) or the isolated
333 endosymbionts were directly frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 °C until use (Experiment
334 2).

335 **Transmission electron microscopy.** Isolated endosymbionts obtained from the iodixanol
336 gradient were fixed overnight in 2.5% glutaraldehyde in 0.1 M cacodylate buffer, pH 7.4 at 4 °C.
337 Fixed endosymbionts were pelleted at 7,600 x *g* for 5 min and resuspended in buffer containing
338 25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 0.4 M sucrose, 20 mM potassium chloride, 2 mM
339 ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), and 20% bovine serum albumin (BSA), incubated for 10
340 min on ice, and pelleted again. The resulting pellet was covered with 2.5% glutaraldehyde in 0.1
341 M cacodylate buffer taking care not to disrupt its integrity and fixed overnight at 4 °C. *A. deanei*
342 cells grown to late exponential phase were washed twice with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS),
343 fixed as described for isolated endosymbionts, and pelleted at 2,000 x *g* for 5 min. Pellets of fixed
344 *A. deanei* cells and endosymbionts were washed once with 0.1 M cacodylate buffer, post-fixed
345 with 2% osmium tetroxide plus 0.8% tetrasodium hexacyanoferrate, washed once more in 0.1 M
346 cacodylate buffer, and embedded in 3.5% agar. Agar blocks containing the pellets were
347 dehydrated by a graded series of ethanol from 60% to 100% and infiltrated with Epon-Aldarite
348 using propylenoxide as an intermediate solvent. The resin was polymerized for 24 h at 40 °C and
349 then 24 h at 60 °C. Thin sections of 70 nm were stained with lead citrate and uranyl acetate and
350 examined with a transmission electron microscope (Zeiss 902) at 80 kV.

351 **Proteome analysis and identification of ETPs.** Sample separation and LC-MS/MS analyses of
352 WC and ES samples were essentially done as described before²⁸. In total, the results from 9
353 biological replicates were analyzed. The first three biological replicates (Experiment 1) were run
354 together in a preliminary analysis to check the quality of the endosymbiont preparation and
355 differed from the later six biological replicates (Experiment 2) only by a TCA precipitation step of
356 both the WC and ES samples. Peptides of tryptic digested samples were separated over 2h on
357 C18 material using an Ultimate3000 rapid separation system (Thermo Fisher Scientific) as
358 described⁶¹ and subsequently analyzed with an online coupled mass spectrometer in data
359 dependent mode. Samples of Experiment 1 were analyzed using a QExactive plus mass
360 spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) as described⁶¹ and samples of Experiment 2 analyzed
361 on an Orbitrap Elite (Thermo Fisher Scientific) as described⁶².

362 Database searches were carried out with MaxQuant version 1.6.12.0 (MPI for
363 Biochemistry, Planegg, Germany) using label-free quantification separately for the two analyzed
364 groups (WC and ES) and standard parameters if not indicated otherwise. The ‘match between
365 runs’ function was enabled, as well as LFQ and iBAQ⁶³ quantification; LFQ quantification was
366 carried out separately for WC and ES samples. Protein sequences as basis for searches were
367 retrieved from UniProtKB (750 sequence entries from *Ca. K. crithidii*, downloaded on 9th April
368 2019) and NCBI (10365 entries from GCA_903995115.1, *A. deanei*, downloaded on 1st December
369 2020). The mass spectrometry proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange
370 Consortium via the PRIDE⁶⁴ partner repository with the dataset identifier [PXD017908](https://proteomecentral.proteomexchange.org/protein/PXD017908).

371 Only proteins identified with at least 3 (Experiment 1) or 5 (Experiment 2) valid iBAQ
372 intensities⁶⁵, 2 different peptides, and at least 5% sequence coverage were considered as
373 identified with high confidence and used in downstream analyses. Next, iBAQ intensities were
374 normalized by dividing through the median iBAQ intensity of all proteins from the respective
375 sample. For determination of endosymbiont-encoded proteins enriched in the host cell, missing
376 values were imputed with values drawn from a downshifted normal distribution (downshift of 1.8
377 standard deviations, width 0.3 standard deviations) and two-sided Student’s t-test were
378 calculated between normalized iBAQ values from WC and ES samples using the significance
379 analysis of microarrays method⁶⁶ to control for multiple testing ($S_0=0.6$, false discovery rate 5%).

380 To verify correct prediction of translation start sites of each POI in the newly released,
381 annotated *A. deanei* genome assembly (GCA_903995115.1)⁶⁷ that was used as a database for
382 mass spectrometric protein identification, the gene model of each POI was compared to the
383 corresponding transcript in a previously generated *A. deanei* transcriptome dataset²⁸. The longest
384 possible N-terminal extension of the open reading frame (ORF) in 5’ full-length transcripts (as
385 indicated by the presence of a 5’ splice leader sequence (SL)) was regarded as full-length ORF
386 and used for further analyses (**Table S2, Supplementary Fig. 4**). Except for the hypothetical
387 protein CAD2216283.1, all candidate ETPs were represented by transcripts with a full-length 5’
388 end. For this candidate, 5’ RACE allowed for extension of the transcript sequence up to the SL.

389 **RNA extraction, cDNA synthesis, and rapid amplification of cDNA ends (RACE).** Cells from
390 0.5 ml *A. deanei* cultures grown to late-logarithmic phase were collected by centrifugation, the
391 pellet was frozen in liquid nitrogen and immediately resuspended in 1 ml of TRI Reagent (Sigma
392 Aldrich). RNA was extracted according to the manufacturer’s instructions. RNA concentration was
393 estimated by measuring the absorbance at 260 nm in a NanoDrop spectrophotometer (Thermo).
394 5 U of DNAase (Thermo) were added to 5 µg RNA, incubated for 10 min at room temperature to

395 degrade residual DNA contamination, and DNase-treated RNA was purified using the RNase
396 MinElute Kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. 3 μ g of DNase-treated RNA
397 were used per RACE reaction using the 5' RACE System for Rapid Amplification of cDNA Ends,
398 version 2.0 (Thermo) with internal primers described in **Supplementary Table 3**. The obtained
399 PCR fragments were cloned into the pJET 1.2 cloning vector (Invitrogen) and sequenced using
400 the pJet Fw/Rv primer set provided by the manufacturer.

401 **Construction of plasmids.** To efficiently generate eGFP-POI and POI-eGFP expression vectors
402 for *A. deanei*, the pAdea043 and pAdea235 tagging vectors, respectively, were constructed
403 (**Supplementary Fig. 5**). These plasmids target the insertion of the respective expression
404 cassettes into the δ -amastin locus of *A. deanei*²⁸. To this end, the *lacZ α* expression cassette
405 encoding the alpha-fragment of the β -galactosidase under control of the lac promoter and
406 operator was amplified from the circularized plasmid pGEM-T (Promega) using the forward primer
407 596 that includes a 5' *XhoI* restriction site and the reverse primer 597 which includes a 3' *KpnI*
408 restriction site. In parallel, large fragments containing the 3' flanking region (FR) of δ -amastin, the
409 pUMA1467 backbone⁶⁸, the 5' FR of δ -amastin, the neomycin resistance gene (*neo*), the
410 glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase intergenic region of *A. deanei* (GAPDH-IR), and
411 eGFP were amplified from the plasmid pAEX-eGFP²⁸ using forward primers containing a 5' *KpnI*-
412 *BsaI* extension and reverse primers containing a 3' *XhoI*-*BsaI* extension (598/599 for pAdea043
413 and 763/764 for pAdea235). After restriction of the fragments with *XhoI* and *KpnI*, a total of 20-60
414 fmol of each of the gel-purified *lacZ α* expression cassette and the 598/599 fragment or 763/764
415 fragment were mixed and ligated with T4 DNA ligase to generate pAdea043 and pAdea235,
416 respectively.

417 Then, each of the POI-encoding sequences were amplified from *A. deanei* gDNA with
418 primers containing a *BsaI* recognition site followed by 4 nucleotides complementary to the
419 pAdea043 insertion site for the N-terminal tagging or the pAdea235 insertion site for the C-
420 terminal tagging with eGFP (**Supplementary Table 4**). The resulting PCR fragments were
421 extracted from agarose gels and cloned into the tagging vectors by Golden Gate ligation⁶⁹ using
422 equimolar or a 3:1 ratio (insert:tagging vector). In a few cases, the cloning strategy was modified,
423 and vectors assembled by multi-fragment Golden Gate or Gibson assembly as indicated in
424 **Supplementary Fig. 5**. *Escherichia coli* Top10 cells were transformed with the resulting vectors,
425 transformants selected on LB agar plates containing 100 μ g/ml ampicillin, and 80 μ g/ml X-Gal
426 and 0.5 mM IPTG for blue-white selection of successful ligation events if needed.

427 The plasmid pAdea119 containing a cassette to express ETP1 N-terminally tagged with
428 mSCARLET from the γ -amastin locus²⁸ was generated from three fragments: the mSCARLET
429 was amplified from vector p3615 (kindly provided by Michael Feldbrügge), *etp1* was amplified
430 from *A. deanei* gDNA using the primer set 1087/1088, and a large fragment containing the
431 pUMA1467 backbone, 1,000 bp of the 5'- and 3'-FR of the γ -amastin gene, the hygromycin
432 resistance gene (*hyg*), and the GAPDH-IR was amplified from the plasmid pAdea021 which
433 targets the γ -amastin locus for insertion and expression of mCHERRY, using the primer set
434 1083/348 (**Supplementary Table 4**).

435 For generation of homozygous ETP1, ETP2, and ETP7 knock-out mutants, the plasmids
436 pAdea148 and pAdea156 (containing replacement cassettes for ETP1), pAdea092, pAdea093,
437 and pAdea094 (containing replacement cassettes for ETP2), and the plasmids pAdea102 and
438 pAdea103 (containing replacement cassettes for ETP7) were constructed (**Supplementary Fig.**
439 **5**). To this end, around 1-kbp 5' and 3'-FRs of the respective genes were amplified from *A. deanei*
440 gDNA, *neo* was amplified from pAdea036, and *hyg* from pAdea004 (=pAdea γ -ama/Hyg²⁸) using
441 primers described in **Supplementary Table 4**. The phleomycin resistance genes (*phleo*) was
442 synthesized by a commercial service (Integrate DNA Technologies, IDT). Vectors, carrying in the
443 pUMA1467 backbone a replacement cassette, in which the ORF of the POI is replaced by a
444 resistance gene, were assembled by Golden Gate ligation. The correct nucleotide sequence of
445 expression cassettes of all plasmids generated was verified by sequencing.

446 **Bioinformatic analyses of the ETP amino acid sequences.** Similarity searches of the *A. deanei*
447 ETPs against the NCBI nr protein sequence database were performed using Blastp⁷⁰. Best
448 bidirectional blast hits were obtained by blasting the best NCBI hit back against the *A. deanei*
449 transcriptome dataset using Tblastn built-in Bioedit v. 7.0.5.3⁷¹. Predictions of transmembrane
450 regions were obtained using TMHMM v. 2.0⁷², targeting signals using TargetP 2.0⁷³ and SignalP
451 5.0⁷⁴. 3D structure homology was analyzed with Phyre2⁴⁶ and disordered protein regions
452 predicted with IUPred2A⁷⁵. The multiple sequence alignment of OCD amino acid sequences was
453 generated using ClustalX 2.1 and refined manually. Unambiguously alignable sequence blocks
454 were extracted and used for phylogenetic analysis. OCD phylogeny was inferred by maximum
455 likelihood analysis using PhyML v2.4.5⁷⁶ with the WAG+I+G+F model of amino acid sequence
456 evolution (determined as most suitable with ProtTest v1.4 software⁷⁷. The robustness of branches
457 was tested by bootstrap analysis using 100 replicates.

458 **Fluorescence microscopy and 3D reconstruction of fluorescence signals in *A. deanei*.** 50
459 μ l of *A. deanei* cultures grown to densities between 1-8 x 10⁷ cells/ml were mixed 1:1 with PBS

460 containing 8% paraformaldehyde (PFA), incubated for 20 min at room temperature, washed twice
461 with PBS and then, 20 μ l of the mixture was spotted on polylysine-coated glass slides. After 30
462 min, slides were washed 3 times with PBS followed by incubation with 10 μ g/ml Hoechst 33342
463 in PBS for 5 min. Slides were washed 2 more times, and finally samples were mounted in 9 μ l of
464 Prolong Diamond (Thermo). Epiluminescence microscopy was carried out on an Axio imager M.1
465 (Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany) coupled to a Pursuit™ 1.4 MP Monochrome CCD camera
466 (Diagnostic Instruments, Sterling Heights, MI, USA) and a halide lamp LQ-HXP 120 (LEJ, Jena,
467 Germany) equipped with a custom set of filters for GFP (ET470/40x, T495LPXR, ET525/50m)
468 and Rfp/mCherry (ET560/40x, T585lp, ET630/75m) (both: Chroma, Bellow Falls, VT, USA); and
469 DAPI (447/60 BrightLine HC, HC BS 409, 387/11 BrightLine HC) (AHF Analysentechnik,
470 Tuebingen, Germany). Images were acquired using a 100x Plan Neofluar NA 1.3 oil M27 objective
471 (Zeiss) and processed using the Metamorph software package v. 7.7.4.0. Or an Axio Imager.A2
472 (Zeiss) coupled to an AxioCam MRm (Zeiss) and an Illuminator HXP 120 V (Zeiss) equipped with
473 Filter Set 38 HE: ET470/40, BS495, ET525/50; 43 HE: ET550/25, BS570, ET605/70; 49: ET365,
474 BS395, ET445/50. Images were acquired using an EC Plan-Neofluar 100x/1.30 Oil Ph3 M27
475 objective (Zeiss) and processed with Zen Blue v2.5 software. Confocal fluorescence microscopic
476 analyses were performed on a Leica TCS SP8 STED 3X (Leica Microsystems, Wetzlar Germany)
477 using 93x/1.3 glycerol objective equipped with a filter NF 488/561/633 with the following settings:
478 unidirectional scan direction X, scan speed 400-1000 Hz, frame average 2, line accumulation 2
479 without gain. The lasers used were a diode at 405 nm and WLL at 70%. The laser line was set
480 for Hoechst 33342 at 8.6% (405 nm), eGFP at 10% (488 nm), and mSCARLET at 7.5% (561 nm).
481 Emission was captured by PMT between 424 and 477 nm for the Hoechst 33342 signal; and
482 hybrid detectors were set to capture emissions between 505 and 548 nm for eGFP and 589 and
483 621 nm for mSCARLET. Images of both 2D and 3D representations were processed in the Leica
484 X software v.3.5.2.18963 and deconvoluted on the Huygens Professional v. 16.10 on default
485 confocal settings setting, except the manual mode threshold for background extraction was set
486 based on the cytosolic background signal.

487 **Measurement of protein concentration, SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE),**
488 **and Western blot analysis.** Protein concentrations in the samples were determined using the
489 Pierce 660 nm Protein Assay Reagent (Thermo Fisher Scientific) in 96-well plates by the
490 absorbance in an Infinite M200 plate reader (TECAN, Austria GmbH). For SDS-PAGE, protein
491 samples were mixed with 4X sample buffer (final concentration 63 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.8, 10 mM
492 dithiothreitol, 10% glycerol, 2% SDS, and 0.0025% bromophenol blue), incubated for 5 min at
493 95 °C and 30 μ g of protein loaded onto Bolt™ 4-12% Bis-Tris Plus precast gels (Thermo Fisher

494 Scientific). Electrophoresis was performed at 180 V constant in 2-morpholin-4-ylethanesulfonic
495 acid (MES)-SDS running buffer (50 mM MES, 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.3, 0.1% SDS, and 1 mM
496 ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA). After electrophoresis, the gels were blotted onto
497 polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) membranes (Amersham™ Hybond™, 0.45 nm, GE HealthCare
498 Life Science) at 60 mA for 1 h. Membranes were blocked, incubated with a 1:1,000 dilution of
499 mouse anti-GFP [B-2] (SantaCruz Biotechnology) or a rat anti-RFP [5F8] (Chromotek) followed
500 by a 1:5,000 dilution of the horseradish peroxidase-conjugated secondary antibody against
501 mouse IgG (7076, Cell Signaling Technology) or rat IgG (PA128573, Thermo Fisher Scientific),
502 respectively, in a SNAP i.d.® 2.0 (Merck-Millipore) according to the manufacturer's instructions.
503 Finally, membranes were covered in SuperSignal™ West Pico PLUS chemiluminescent substrate
504 (Thermo Fisher Life Science) and chemiluminescence was detected using an ImageQuant LAS
505 4000 (GE Healthcare Life Science) or a ChemiDoc MP Imaging System (Bio-Rad).

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