

1                   **High resolution cryo-EM and crystallographic snapshots of the large**  
2                   **actinobacterial 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase:**  
3                   **an all-in-one fusion with unique properties**

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19 **Abstract**

20 Actinobacteria possess unique ways to regulate the oxoglutarate node located in the central position of  
21 the tricarboxylic acid cycle, a crossroad between energy conservation and nitrogen metabolism. Here,  
22 we studied the decarboxylative oxidation route that leads, through the 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase  
23 (ODH) complex, to the generation of succinyl-CoA and reduced equivalents to feed the respiratory  
24 chain. Compared to most organisms in which the oxidative decarboxylation and reductive acylation  
25 steps are carried out by different enzymes within the ODH complex, actinobacteria rely on an all-in-  
26 one protein (OdhA) in which both activities are carried out by the same polypeptide. We describe high-  
27 resolution cryo-EM and X-ray crystallography snapshots of representative enzymes from  
28 *Mycobacterium smegmatis* and *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, showing that OdhA is an 800-kDa  
29 homohexamer that folds into a three-blade propeller shape. The obligate trimeric and dimeric states of  
30 the acyltransferase and dehydrogenase domains, respectively, are critical for maintaining the overall  
31 assembly, where both domains interact via subtle readjustments of their interfaces. Complexes obtained  
32 with substrate analogues, reaction products and allosteric regulators illustrate how these domains  
33 operate. Furthermore, we provide additional insights into the phosphorylation-dependent regulation of  
34 this enzymatic machinery by the FHA (Fork-Head Associated) signalling protein OdhI, delivering new  
35 molecular details on how this actinobacterial-specific switching mechanism operates. Overall, the  
36 quaternary organization of OdhA represents a new piece of the fascinating puzzle of the synergistic,  
37 mixed pyruvate dehydrogenase/2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase actinobacterial supercomplex.

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39 **Introduction**

40 Acyl-CoA esters are the major metabolic carriers of carbon units in living organisms. The most  
41 conserved ways to their synthesis include the oxidative decarboxylation of 2-oxoacids carried out by  
42 three distinct dehydrogenase complexes: the pyruvate dehydrogenase complex (PDH) that feeds acetyl-  
43 CoA units into the TCA cycle, the branched-chain ketoacid dehydrogenase complex (BCKDH)  
44 involved in the catabolism of hydrophobic amino acids, and the 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase complex  
45 (ODH), which catalyses the synthesis of succinyl-CoA within the TCA cycle <sup>1</sup>. These enzymatic  
46 machineries are made by multiple copies of three enzyme components: the E1 component catalyses the  
47 thiamine diphosphate (ThDP)-dependent decarboxylation of the 2-oxoacid and its transfer to a lipoyl-  
48 lysine group, E2 transfers this acyl-moiety to the CoASH acceptor to generate acyl-CoA, and E3 is a  
49 FAD-dependent dehydrogenase that uses NAD<sup>+</sup> to oxidize the dihydrolipoyl moiety <sup>2</sup>. One or more  
50 lipoyl domains, which shuttle the reaction intermediate between the E1 and E2 active sites, are  
51 connected to the E2 catalytic domain through flexible linkers acting as swinging arms <sup>1</sup>.

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53 These ubiquitous complexes among aerobic organisms have long been thought to share a universally  
54 conserved architecture, characterized by a large hollow central core composed of multiple copies of the  
55 E2 catalytic domain, with a symmetry depending on the complex and the species <sup>1,3</sup>. The highly  
56 symmetric nature of the E2 core was first described by pioneer electron microscopy and X-ray  
57 crystallography studies <sup>4,5</sup>, and largely confirmed afterwards <sup>6-9</sup>. The two other complex components,  
58 *i.e.* E1 and E3, are tethered to the core through the protruding E2 swinging arms <sup>10,11</sup>, although  
59 determination of the stoichiometry and the molecular details of such interactions have long remained  
60 elusive. Very recently, single particle cryo-EM studies have shed light on substrate channelling in *E.*  
61 *coli* PDH <sup>12</sup>, the most studied model for 2-oxoacid dehydrogenase complexes, as well as on the role of  
62 the E3 binding protein (E3BP) that is also part of the inner core in eukaryotic PDH complexes <sup>13,14</sup>.  
63 These highly conserved principles of 2-oxoacid dehydrogenase assembly, however, are not followed in  
64 Actinobacteria, one of the largest bacteria phyla. Earlier work had shown that *Corynebacterium*  
65 *glutamicum*, a well-known actinobacterial model largely used for biotechnological applications,  
66 possesses an enzyme, called OdhA, which bears succinyltransferase (E2o) and 2-oxoglutarate

67 decarboxylase (E1o) domains on the same polypeptide<sup>15-17</sup>, a feature shared by the mycobacterial  
68 homologue KGD<sup>18</sup>. Considering the presence of such an ‘all-in-one’ fusion enzyme, which depends on  
69 lipoyl-lysine provided *in trans* as an acyl group carrier, and that DlaT (E2p) was reported to be the only  
70 lipoylated protein in mycobacteria<sup>19</sup>, it was proposed that PDH and ODH may form a mixed  
71 supercomplex in those species, a hypothesis corroborated by the copurification of OdhA with  
72 components of the PDH complex in *C. glutamicum*<sup>17</sup>. The three-dimensional architecture of OdhA has  
73 however remained unknown so far, raising questions not only on how domains characterized by  
74 different oligomeric states may be arranged in the same polypeptide, but also about the composition,  
75 the size and the assembly of such a mixed PDH/ODH supercomplex. In addition, challenging even  
76 further the current ‘dogma’ of the universal conservation of PDH and ODH complexes, we recently  
77 showed that AceF (E2p) in actinobacterial PDH is reduced to its minimally active trimeric unit, due to  
78 a three-residue insertion at its C-terminal end that hinders any trimer-trimer interaction<sup>20</sup>. We also  
79 proposed that the presence of the C-terminal insertion and that of an *odhA*-like gene are related and  
80 constitute a signature of the Actinobacteria class<sup>20</sup>. Here, we show by X-ray crystallography and high-  
81 resolution cryo-EM, that corynebacterial OdhA and its mycobacterial orthologue KGD are large (~ 0.8  
82 MDa) homohexameric enzymes with an unprecedented molecular architecture, and discuss how intra-  
83 and interdomain interactions may account for their unusual regulatory properties.

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## 85 **Results**

### 86 ***Actinobacterial OdhA/KGD is an 800 kDa homohexamer with two distinct catalytic centres***

87 Our previous work with an N-terminal truncated form of *Mycobacterium smegmatis* KGD (*Ms*KGD<sub>Δ115</sub>)  
88 clone designed based on limited trypsin proteolysis of the full-length protein) revealed the structure of  
89 the active E1o homodimer, in which each protomer was tightly associated to a monomeric E2o-like  
90 domain<sup>18</sup>. Since the acyltransferase catalytic activity is located at the junction of two E2 protomers<sup>21</sup>,  
91 the obtained structure cannot reflect an active E2o state, and we hypothesized that the N-terminal  
92 truncation may have interfered with the assembly of the obligate homotrimeric state of this domain. We  
93 therefore decided to produce in *E. coli* the full-length proteins KGD from *M. smegmatis* and OdhA from  
94 *C. glutamicum* for further studies. <sup>16</sup>Crystals were obtained for both proteins, but their X-ray diffraction

95 was too limited for structural characterization. Therefore, we first proceeded by co-crystallizing  
96 *MsKGD* with the inhibitor GarA for further stabilization, and we solved the structure of the *MsKGD*-  
97 GarA complex at 4.6 Å resolution using the previously published *MsKGD<sub>Δ115</sub>* structure<sup>18</sup> as the search  
98 model (**Table 1**). *MsKGD* presents an homohexameric assembly (**Fig. 1**), which can be described as a  
99 three-blade, triangular propeller shape, approximately 20 nm wide and 15 nm thick. The E1o dimers  
100 containing the Mg-ThDP compose the blades, with two central E2o trimers sitting respectively on either  
101 side of the blades plane. This oligomeric arrangement as a trimer of dimers allows the separate E1o and  
102 E2o domains to maintain their canonical oligomeric arrangements (*i.e.* E1o dimers and E2o trimers) as  
103 seen in other oxoacid dehydrogenases, with their functional catalytic centres at the respective  
104 oligomeric interfaces. The inhibitor GarA binds full-length KGD in the same way as previously  
105 described for the high-resolution structure of the GarA-*MsKGD<sub>Δ360</sub>* complex<sup>22</sup> (**Suppl. Fig. 1**), and the  
106 KGD E1o domain is indeed held in the resting conformation, as a result of GarA binding<sup>22</sup>.  
107 Interestingly, the low-resolution crystal structure also shows clear electron density, in four out of the  
108 six protomers, for a short helical hairpin engaged in intermolecular interactions (**Fig. 1**), which could  
109 be attributed to the N-terminal helical segment<sup>16,18</sup>. These observations suggest that the N-terminal  
110 domain of *MsKGD* and OdhA could be involved in protein-protein interactions with other components  
111 of the complex, as it was recently reported for human E1o<sup>23</sup>.

112 In parallel, the characterization of recombinant *C. glutamicum* OdhA showed a specific decarboxylase  
113 activity of  $110.3 \pm 1.0$  nmol/min/mg, consistently with previous reports<sup>16</sup>, and a sedimentation  
114 coefficient of 16.8 S (**Suppl. Fig. 2**), suggesting a predominant homohexameric state in solution, at all  
115 the tested concentrations. Therefore, based on the *MsKGD* structure and on secondary structure  
116 predictions, we produced a truncated version of OdhA deprived of the flexible N-terminal segment  
117 (OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub>), which produced crystals diffracting up to 2.5 Å resolution (**Table 1**). OdhA presenting  
118 indeed the same homohexameric assembly as *MsKGD* (**Fig. 2**), all further structural analyses in this  
119 work will be focused on the higher resolution OdhA model. The single protomer shows the presence of  
120 an N-terminal acyltransferase (E2o) domain, spanning from the construct N-terminus to residue  
121 Asn349, connected by an 17-residue linker to the C-terminal, ThDP-dependent oxoglutarate

122 dehydrogenase domain (E1o) (**Suppl. Fig. 3**). In turn, the latter is made by a small helical domain  
123 (residues Asp367-Thr448) followed by three consecutive  $\alpha/\beta$  subdomains, characteristic of  
124 homodimeric transketolases (**Suppl. Fig. 3**). In addition, a ThDP-Mg<sup>2+</sup> cofactor is bound at the E1o  
125 domain dimeric interface (**Fig. 2**), in an equivalent pose and active site environment as in the *M.*  
126 *smegmatis* E1o (*MsKGD<sub>Δ360</sub>*) high-resolution crystal structures<sup>18,24</sup>. On the other hand, the E2o N-  
127 terminal domain shows the known, compact triangular trimeric conformation of the chloramphenicol  
128 acetyltransferase (CAT) family, characterized by an N-terminal  $\beta$ -strand that protrudes to make a strand  
129 exchange (mixed  $\beta$ -sheet) with the neighbouring monomer (**Suppl. Fig. 4**). The absence of such  $\beta$ -  
130 strand and the following  $\alpha$ -helix in the *MsKGD<sub>Δ115</sub>* construct may therefore explain initial failures in  
131 observing a functional E2o assembly<sup>18</sup>. Furthermore, despite the overall conservation of the CAT fold,  
132 a notable difference between the OdhA succinyltransferase domain and other E2o domains resides in  
133 the  $\beta$ -harpin that normally lies close to the three-fold axis and is located on the inside surface of the  
134 cubic assembly, here replaced by a short  $\alpha$ -helix (connected by flexible linkers) which makes both intra  
135 and interchain contacts with the neighbouring E1o domains (**Fig. 2; Suppl. Fig. 4**). Structural alignment  
136 of the OdhA and *MsKGD* E2o domains with characterized acyltransferase domains from other E2  
137 enzymes confirms that this structural feature arises from a sequence insertion (**Suppl. Fig. 5**), and  
138 suggest it to be a trait of OdhA-like enzymes, as an adaptation to E2o-E1o fusions. As a result of this  
139 hexameric arrangement, the E1o and E2o active sites are poised at approximately 60 Å one to the other,  
140 with the oxoacid substrate and the acceptor CoASH getting access to them from different sides of the  
141 propeller ‘blade’ (**Suppl. Fig. 6**). Consistently, electron density maps pointed to the presence of  
142 CoASH, which was added to the cocrystallization mixture, bound to all E2o acceptor sites (**Fig. 2**), with  
143 the adenine moiety adopting an equivalent pose to previously reported complexes with E2 enzymes  
144<sup>20,21</sup>.

145 Further inspection of the electron density maps revealed the presence of another 3'-phosphonucleotide,  
146 bound to the E1o domain in a pocket that was previously identified as the allosteric acetyl-CoA site in  
147 mycobacterial KGD<sup>18</sup> (**Fig. 2**). We therefore modelled this ligand as acetyl-CoA, noting that supporting  
148 electron density for the pantothenate chain was also absent in *MsKGD* when crystals were soaked with

149 millimolar concentrations of acetyl-CoA, in the absence of the 2-oxoglutarate substrate (pdb 2XTA;  
150 **Suppl. Fig. 7**)<sup>18</sup>, suggesting a shared regulation mechanism between the two enzymes.

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152 ***High-resolution cryo-EM studies of OdhA***

153 To study the conformational changes triggered by substrates or allosteric regulators that might affect  
154 the domain reorganization, high-resolution single particle cryo-EM was employed for further structural  
155 characterization. After assessing the suitability of full-length OdhA samples for single particle analysis  
156 using negative staining EM (**Suppl. Fig. 8**), plunge-frozen samples were prepared at different protein  
157 concentrations in the presence of the oxoglutarate analogue succinyl phosphonate (SP), previously  
158 shown to stabilize KGD<sup>25</sup>. Single particle cryo-EM allowed us to get a first OdhA map at 3.4 Å  
159 resolution, following *ab initio* reconstruction and 3D refinement applying dihedral D3 symmetry.  
160 However, the narrow particle distribution precluded us to improve the map resolution. Raising OdhA  
161 concentration up to about 8 mg/ml and including 8 mM CHAPSO in the sample before plunge-freezing  
162 allowed a significant improvement of both the number of particles per micrograph and their orientation  
163 distribution (**Fig. 3a/b**), as reported in other cases<sup>26</sup>, increasing the resolution of the reconstructed map  
164 up to 2.3 Å (**Suppl. Fig. 9**). A further improvement of the map up to 2.2 Å (Fig. 3c) was obtained by  
165 combining maps generated by local refinement of the two separate domains (**Suppl. Fig. 9; Suppl.**  
166 **Movie 1**). The same grid preparation strategy was then applied to other full-length OdhA samples, *i.e.*  
167 enzyme without added ligands, or preincubated with either CoASH or succinyl-CoA, leading to maps  
168 at comparable resolutions of 2.1-2.2 Å (**Table 2**). In all cases, the maps, which showed well-defined  
169 density for most side chains, allowed to trace the OdhA polypeptide chain unambiguously starting from  
170 residue Pro102, corresponding to the N-terminal boundary of the E2o domain, with excellent  
171 stereochemical parameters (**Table 2**). In contrast, the full N-terminal OdhA segment, corresponding to  
172 the first hundred residues that include a predicted helical hairpin analogous to the one observed in the  
173 crystal structure of *Ms*KGD (Fig. 1b), could not be traced due to the lack of supporting density,  
174 confirming its high mobility in solution. The E1o active site at the dimer interface showed a clear  
175 density for ThDP-Mg<sup>2+</sup> in all cases (**Suppl. Fig. 10**). In the case of the OdhA-SP complex, the  
176 phosphonate molecule, determined by surface plamon resonance to bind OdhA with a  $K_D$  of  $119 \pm 17$

177  $\mu$ M, could be modelled as covalently linked to the reactive C2 carbon from the ThDP thiazolium ring  
178 (**Suppl. Fig. 11**). Such adduct, equivalent to the one generated upon cocrystallization of *MsKGD*<sub>Δ360</sub>  
179 (PDB 6R29<sup>25</sup>), provides an excellent mimic of the pre-decarboxylation complex and, in turn, of the  
180 incoming 2-oxoglutarate substrate (**Suppl. Fig. 11**).

181 Previous work on *MsKGD* has shown the existence of two different conformational states of its E1o  
182 domain, *i.e.* a resting (or *early*) state *vs.* an activated (or *late*) state<sup>18,24</sup>. The activated state was trapped  
183 following the addition of substrates and was associated to post-decarboxylation ThDP-bound  
184 intermediates deriving from either 2-oxoglutarate or 2-oxoadipate<sup>24</sup>, or phosphonate analogues<sup>25</sup>. In  
185 contrast to the crystallographic structure of *OdhA*<sub>Δ97</sub> which fits the resting state, all our models refined  
186 on single particle EM maps adopt an activated conformational state of the E1o domain, even in the  
187 absence of added ligands. The state is indeed revealed by the shifts in the loops 566-579 as well as 809-  
188 836, that could be traced in the EM structures but were mostly unstructured in the *OdhA*<sub>Δ97</sub> crystal  
189 structure (**Fig. 3d/e; Suppl. Fig. 12**)<sup>18,24</sup>. However, all the *OdhA* cryo-EM datasets, including those  
190 corresponding to complexes with CoASH, succinyl-CoA and SP, show an acetyl-CoA molecule bound  
191 to E1o allosteric site which could be positioned unambiguously (**Fig. 3d/e; Suppl. Fig. 13**). The  
192 presence of a bound acetyl-CoA activator, most likely acquired following heterologous overexpression  
193 of the enzyme in *E. coli*, may therefore explain the observed *OdhA* activated conformation through a  
194 mechanism that involves the stabilization of the loop 809-836 in its extended form (**Suppl. Fig. 13**),  
195 promoting, in turn, the activated conformation<sup>18</sup>. This hypothesis is supported by previous observations  
196 showing that acetyl-CoA binding to *MsKGD* contributed to stabilize the activated conformation<sup>18</sup>, as  
197 well as by steady-state kinetic and spectroscopy studies that concluded that acetyl-CoA acts as a mixed  
198 V and K type allosteric activator on mycobacterial KGD<sup>27</sup>.

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200 The ensemble of high-resolution *OdhA* single-particle cryo-EM complexes provides also novel insights  
201 into the functionality of the E2o succinyltransferase domain. First, the *OdhA*-CoASH complex shows  
202 the bound CoASH with the pantothenate chain not entering the active site, but with the terminal, reactive  
203 sulphhydryl group accommodated in the mostly hydrophobic pocket defined by Leu200, Ala201, Thr258

204 and the side chains of Ile202 and Leu257 (**Fig. 4a**). Such CoASH binding mode is close to the  
205 previously reported ‘out’ conformation of CoASH in the non-proficient, ternary complex of  
206 *Azotobacter vinelandii* E2p (PDB 1EAB) (**Suppl. Fig. 14**), where it was proposed as a mechanism to  
207 protect the reactive sulphydryl group from oxidation<sup>21</sup>. In contrast, succinyl-CoA binds to the same  
208 domain with its 2-phosphoadenosine moiety superimposable to the one observed for CoASH, but the  
209 pantetheine arm directed towards the E2o active site. Noteworthy, its pose is overall very close to the  
210 one shown by CoASH in its ternary complex with lipoamide in AceF (E2p) from *C. glutamicum*<sup>20</sup>  
211 (**Suppl. Fig. 15**). Specifically, the sulphur atom is positioned at 5 Å from the NE2 nitrogen of the  
212 catalytic His316 belonging to the neighbouring subunit (**Fig. 4b**), a distance compatible with the  
213 proposed catalytic mechanism<sup>21</sup>, while the terminal carboxyl group from the succinyl moiety is  
214 stabilized by hydrogen bonds with Ser129 and Tyr314, also provided by the adjacent subunit. At the  
215 same time, the ketone oxygen acts as H-bond acceptor to Thr258 and Ser268 (**Fig. 4b; Suppl. Fig. 15**).  
216 The observed succinyl-CoA binding mode agrees with mutagenesis data pointing to a catalytic role for  
217 His316 and Gln320, and suggesting Thr258 as involved in CoA binding (**Suppl. Fig. 15**)<sup>16</sup>. It is worth  
218 to note that both Ser129 and Tyr314 are conserved among OdhA orthologues (**Suppl. Fig. 16**) as well  
219 as in structurally characterized E2o enzymes, but not in E2s with different substrate specificity (**Suppl.**  
220 **Fig. 5**), consistently with the observed role of these residues in stabilizing the terminal carboxyl group  
221 from the succinyl moiety. Our snapshots therefore suggest them as one of the structural features that  
222 may contribute to provide substrate selectivity to E2 enzymes.

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#### 224 ***FHA regulation: specific interactions for a conserved inhibition mechanism***

225 By preincubating purified OdhA with an excess OdhI and passing the sample through size exclusion  
226 chromatography prior to grid preparation, we were also able to obtain a single particle reconstruction  
227 of a full OdhA-OdhI complex at 2.3 Å resolution (**Suppl. Movie 2**). The overall structure is very similar  
228 to that of the homologous *MsKGD*-GarA complex (**Fig. 5a**), with OdhI molecules binding, through  
229 their FHA domains (traceable for residues Glu40-Ala142), to the OdhA E1o domain with a 1:1  
230 stoichiometry. In contrast to the other single particle EM structures, OdhA adopts here the resting  
231 conformation, equivalent to the one observed in the crystal structure of OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub> and consistently with

232 structural and kinetic observations on mycobacterial KGD, both indicating that GarA binding stabilized  
233 this enzyme conformation<sup>22,27</sup>. Moreover, no ligand bound to the OdhA acetyl-CoA allosteric site could  
234 be detected in this complex, suggesting that bound acetyl-CoA may have been lost because of OdhI  
235 binding, further confirming the link between the presence of the activator and the conformal state of the  
236 enzyme.

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238 Interactions with OdhA involve the tips of both OdhI FHA antiparallel  $\beta$ -sheets: one anchors firmly to  
239 the OdhA loop Leu591-Glu598, which connects two antiparallel  $\beta$ -strands, while the tip of the other  
240 OdhI  $\beta$ -sheets binds the OdhA  $\alpha$ -helices Gln480-Lys503 and Asn786-Asn805 ( $\alpha$ E) (**Fig. 5b**). The  
241 interactions of the former involve the OdhI positively charged Arg53, Lys132 and Arg134 side chains  
242 which bind, through a network of hydrogen bonds, to main chain carbonyl oxygens of the OdhA 591-  
243 598 loop, in a similar way as in the *MsKGD*-GarA complex (**Fig. 5b**). However, the interactions  
244 between OdhI and the OdhA helix  $\alpha$ E, which is a landmark of the enzyme activation state<sup>18,24</sup>, show a  
245 few significant differences when compared to the mycobacterial complex. The  $\alpha$ E helix could only be  
246 traced till residue 805 in OdhA, and it shows a 30° kink towards OdhI at its N-terminal tip (**Fig. 5c**).  
247 Most notably, no hydrogen bond was observed between the phosphomimetic residue Asp795 in OdhA  
248 and OdhI Ser86, in contrast to structural observations on the GarA-*MsKGD* complex<sup>22,28</sup> but  
249 consistently with site-directed mutagenesis on OdhI, which pointed to Ser86 as dispensable for binding  
250<sup>29</sup>. Accordingly, the binding affinity of the GarA S95A variant for *MsKGD* was comparable to the wild-  
251 type<sup>22</sup>.

252 A negatively charged side chain from Asp798, adjacent to Asp795 on the  $\alpha$ E outside surface (instead  
253 of a glycine in *MsKGD* and other orthologues; **Suppl. Fig. 16**), exists additionally in OdhI within  
254 hydrogen-bonding distance to the main chain amino group of Arg87. The side chain of the same Arg87,  
255 in turn, is involved in a salt bridge with OdhA Glu801 (**Fig. 5b/c**), pointing to a key role of this residue  
256 in the OdhI-OdhA interaction. In agreement with these observations, mutations leading to the  
257 substitution of OdhI Arg87 to either proline or alanine have been isolated in suppressor mutants of a  
258 *glnX* gene deletion in *C. glutamicum*, where the impaired OdhA inhibition overcomes the accumulation

259 of unphosphorylated OdhI<sup>30</sup>. In the same work, a missense mutation involving OdhI Leu107 was also  
260 isolated in a mutant strain bearing the same suppressor phenotype<sup>30</sup>, consistently with this residue being  
261 located at the OdhA-OdhI interface. Leu107 is indeed involved in van der Waals interactions with OdhA  
262 Ala791 and the side chains of both Lys484 and Gln488 (**Fig. 5c; Suppl. Fig. 17**), the substitution of  
263 which was shown to impair the *MsKGD*-GarA interaction<sup>22</sup>. Overall, the OdhI relative position is  
264 shifted approximately 2 Å aside from OdhA when compared to GarA in the corresponding  
265 mycobacterial *MsKGD*-GarA complex (distance calculated as the RMSD over the ensemble of C $\alpha$ ;  
266 **Suppl. Fig. 17**), resulting in a ~5 Å distance between the OdhI Ser86 OG atom and the carboxyl group  
267 of OdhA Asp795. An additional, distinct intermolecular interaction in OdhA-OdhI is due to the presence  
268 of a serine residue at OdhA position 802, still positioned on the  $\alpha$ E helix and making a hydrogen bond  
269 to OdhI Arg72 (**Fig. 5b**), while an arginine is found at the corresponding position in *MsKGD*, as well  
270 as in other OdhA-like enzymes (**Suppl. Fig. 16**). Replacing this residue by an alanine was indeed found  
271 to decrease 6.25-fold the  $K_i$  of GarA for KGD<sup>22</sup>. Overall, despite a similar molecular surface occluded  
272 on the FHA domain upon the interaction with either *MsKGD* or OdhA (around 950 Å<sup>2</sup>), and a conserved  
273 inhibition mechanism, our high resolution cryo-EM model provides a molecular view to explain the  
274 100-fold lower  $K_D$  of OdhI on OdhA<sup>29</sup> vs. GarA on *MsKGD*, as determined by surface plasmon  
275 resonance<sup>22</sup>.

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### 277 ***Interactions between the two catalytic centres***

278 The unprecedented homohexameric arrangement of OdhA challenges current paradigms about the  
279 composition and protein-protein interactions within PDH and ODH complexes, and raises new exciting  
280 questions on the coordination of the different catalytic activities carried out by the same polypeptide.  
281 We previously reported how the E2o domain contributes to regulate E1o activity in *MsKGD* by  
282 restraining protein motions involved in the transition from the resting to the active state<sup>18</sup>. An arginine  
283 residue (Arg781) situated on the loop preceding the  $\alpha$ E helix was indeed shown to mediate contacts  
284 with the E2 domain, and the analysis of available sequences of OdhA homologues from Actinobacteria  
285 shows the conservation of this residue (**Suppl. Fig. 16**). In the resting state OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub> crystal structure,

286 Arg781 hydrogen bonds to the main chain oxygens of Arg151 and Thr152, but these interactions are  
287 not observed in the EM models (including the OdhA-OdhI complex), where the distance of the  
288 guanidium group from the Arg151 carbonyl oxygen is around 7 Å. A salt bridge in between Asp777  
289 (helix  $\alpha$ E) and Arg153 from the E2o domain is observed instead (**Suppl. Fig. 18**). Intrigued by these  
290 differences that suggest interdomain mobility, we performed 3D variability analysis<sup>31</sup> on all our EM  
291 datasets. The results indicate indeed a twisting movement of the longitudinal axis of the E1o domain,  
292 which deviates from its average position on the three-fold axis of the hexamer, as well as tilting of the  
293 E1o domain on the hexamer plane (**Suppl. Movie 3**), reinforcing the hypothesis that interdomain  
294 flexibility is a major contributor to protein dynamics, which, by remodelling the contact network, may  
295 contribute to enzyme regulation.

296 The homohexameric OdhA architecture also provides a further example of conservation of structural  
297 motifs at the domain interfaces. We showed recently how actinobacterial E2p enzymes lose their typical  
298 high molecular weight oligomerization due to a specific 3-residue insertion at their C-terminus, and as  
299 a consequence they are reduced to their minimal catalytic homotrimeric state<sup>20</sup>. Specifically, the  
300 insertion makes the terminal  $3_{10}$  helix, involved in symmetric trimer-trimer interactions, to deviate from  
301 its position making intramolecular contacts instead. It is worth to note that a similar situation is observed  
302 at the E2o-E1o interface in OdhA, where the C-terminal amphipathic  $\alpha$ -helix from the E2o domain  
303 adopts a conformation substantially equivalent to the one observed in AceF (**Fig. 6a**), its internal face  
304 being held against helix  $\alpha$ 3 from the same domain (OdhA residues Phe159-Ala173), mostly by  
305 hydrophobic interactions. Moreover, a phenylalanine residue (Phe340 in OdhA) occupies a structurally  
306 equivalent position to Phe669 in AceF (**Fig. 6a**), shown to be a key conserved residue of the 3-amino  
307 acid insertion in actinobacterial E2. Likewise, as observed in AceF, the Phe340 OdhA side chain  
308 contributes directly to fill the hydrophobic pocket which, in canonical E2 enzymes, would  
309 accommodate the incoming C-terminal  $3_{10}$  helix from the facing trimer, in the so-called ‘knobs and  
310 socket’ interaction. Consistently, sequence alignment of OdhA orthologues shows the conservation of  
311 the phenylalanine residue (**Fig 6b; Suppl. Fig. 16**), in agreement with previous considerations<sup>20</sup> and

312 thus confirming the role of the phenylalanine-containing insertion (PCI) as a structural motif in  
313 actinobacterial E2 enzymes.

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## 315 **Discussion**

316 2-oxoacid dehydrogenase complexes have long made a textbook example of megadalton-sized,  
317 universally conserved multienzymatic machineries, each dedicated to specific, yet conserved, three-  
318 step reactions located at the core of central metabolism. These complexes have, so far, been thought to  
319 be centred around large hollow cores composed of multiple copies of specific E2 (acyltransferase)  
320 enzymes, which, through long and flexible linkers that bear lipoyl and interaction domains, anchor the  
321 E1 (ThDP-dependent decarboxylases) and E3 (lipoamide dehydrogenase) components on the outside  
322 surface. Despite the first evidence of such architecture dates back to pioneering investigations in the  
323 sixties <sup>4,5</sup>, the inherent flexibility of the E2 interdomain linkers, and the transient nature of some of the  
324 protein-protein interactions has long hampered a detailed understanding of such complexes. Even their  
325 stoichiometry, including in well-studied model organisms like *E. coli*, has long been a matter of debate.  
326 Thanks to methodological advances in single particle EM, the last couple of years have however seen  
327 significant advances in the field, ranging from the composition of eukaryotic E2p and E2o cores <sup>13,14,32-</sup>  
328 <sup>34</sup>, to snapshots of protein interactions and substrate channelling, leading to new insights into the  
329 transacylase reaction and the dihydrolipoamide access into the E2 active site <sup>12,32</sup>. None of the  
330 aforementioned studies, however, dealt with complexes deviating significantly from the well-  
331 established general architecture of oxoacid dehydrogenases. Here, by a combination of high-resolution  
332 X-ray crystallography and cutting-edge single particle EM analysis, we show for the first time how  
333 evolution, through shuffling and fusion of domains, combined fully functional E2o and E1o activities  
334 in a single polypeptide. Despite the presence of such domain fusion was first reported in the nineties <sup>15</sup>,  
335 the three-dimensional organization of such a 0.8 MDa, ‘all-in-one’ enzyme had so far resisted attempts  
336 at structural characterization. We also provide atomic-resolution details of bound cofactors, substrate  
337 analogues and products, and provide new insights into the allosteric regulation mechanism driven by  
338 an FHA module, another distinguished feature of Actinobacteria. The unique, homohexameric three-  
339 blade propeller shaped state of KGD and OdhA not only stands off for its size and symmetry, but sheds

340 a completely new light on the field, raising new questions about the evolution of PDH and ODH  
341 complexes. The coexistence of ThDP-dependent dehydrogenase and succinyltransferase domains on  
342 the same polypeptide, and their interactions, has obvious implications not only in terms of substrate  
343 channelling and catalytic efficiency, but also in terms of regulation, as first suggested by our previous  
344 studies on mycobacterial KGD<sup>18</sup>. Furthermore, here we show how the succinyltransferase domain  
345 makes use of the same C-terminal structural motif we previously identified in corynebacterial AceF,  
346 and adds to the hypothesis of a link between the presence of an OdhA-like, ‘all-in-one’ enzyme and a  
347 mixed PDH/ODH supercomplex, which presence, initially proposed on the basis of copurification  
348 experiments in *C. glutamicum*<sup>17</sup>, has been supported by increasing experimental evidence<sup>16,18,35</sup>. It is  
349 therefore tempting to speculate that the correlation between the presence of an OdhA-like enzyme  
350 bearing both E2o and E1o activities, and a reduced E2p core may be related to the size and hexameric  
351 architecture of OdhA, possibly incompatible with its interaction with a canonical cubic or dodecahedral  
352 PDH core. How the same E2p lipoyl domains may be able to serve the catalytic sites of OdhA as well  
353 as those of E1p and E2p itself is indeed one of the most interesting open questions<sup>36</sup>. The reasons  
354 usually evoked as the major advantages brought in by the assembly of large, multimeric complexes, *i.e.*  
355 active site coupling and efficient substrate channelling, may actually turn out to be, as pointed out  
356 following the publication of our previous study, just ‘one side of the coin’<sup>36</sup>. The physical proximity of  
357 the PDH and ODH centres is likely to facilitate the coregulation of the pyruvate and oxoglutarate nodes,  
358 as indicated by the positive regulation of both OdhA and *MsKGD* by acetyl-CoA, which suggests the  
359 presence of positive feedback mechanisms. The next challenging goals will include determining how  
360 OdhA and the other components of the PDH/ODH supercomplex may be physically and temporally  
361 assembled in a supramolecular structure, and whether such an assembly could interact with other  
362 cellular structures. Nevertheless, new avenues are from now on open in the field, and will lead to a  
363 better understanding of fundamental biological processes like the regulation of central metabolism, as  
364 well as to novel therapeutic approaches that may target Actinobacteria-specific protein-protein  
365 interactions.

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395 **Materials and Methods**

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397 **Plasmid construction.** Expression constructs pET-28a-TEV/OdhA and pET-28a-TEV/OdhI were  
398 generated by Genscript (Leiden, the Netherlands), providing a sequence coding for the TEV protease  
399 cleavage site (ENLYFQG) between the vector encoded His<sub>6</sub>-tag and the N-terminus of either *C.*  
400 *glutamicum* ATCC13032 *odhA* (Uniprot accession no. Q8NRC3, residues 1-1221) or *odhI* (Uniprot  
401 accession no. Q8NQJ3, residues 1-143). The pET-28a-TEV/OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub> construct (coding for OdhA  
402 residues 98-1221) was also generated by Genscript from pET-28a-TEV/OdhA.

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404 **Protein purification.** Full-length *MsKGD* was overexpressed in *E. coli* BL21(DE3)pLysS and purified  
405 as previously described <sup>18</sup>. Both OdhA expression constructs (pET-28a-TEV/OdhA and pET-28a-  
406 TEV/OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub>) were introduced into *E. coli* BL21(DE3), and protein expression achieved following the  
407 same autoinduction scheme. <sup>37</sup> Recombinant proteins were also purified following the same protocol.  
408 After an overnight incubation at 30 °C in 2YT-based autoinduction medium containing 50 µg/ml  
409 kanamycin, cells were harvested and frozen at -80 °C. Cell pellets were resuspended in 50 ml lysis  
410 buffer (25 mM Tris pH 8.5, 300 mM NaCl, 25 mM imidazole, supplemented with benzonase and  
411 EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktails (Roche)) at 4 °C, and lysed by a CF2 cell disruptor (Constant  
412 Systems Ltd., Daventry, UK). The lysate was centrifuged for one hour at 13,000 ×g at 4 °C. The clear  
413 supernatant was loaded onto a Ni-NTA affinity chromatography column (1 ml HisTrap FF crude,  
414 Cytiva), and his-tagged proteins were eluted with a linear gradient of buffer B (25 mM Tris pH 8.5, 300  
415 mM NaCl, 400 mM imidazole). The eluted fractions containing the protein of interest were pooled and  
416 TEV protease was added when appropriate (1:30 w/w ratio). The sample was then dialyzed overnight  
417 at 4 °C against 20 mM Hepes pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT using ‘SnakeSkin’ dialysis tubing  
418 with a 7 kDa molecular weight cut-off (ThermoFisher). His<sub>6</sub>-tagged cleavage products as well as TEV  
419 protease were removed with Ni-NTA agarose resin (Qiagen) on gravity flow disposable plastic  
420 columns. The sample was then concentrated and loaded onto a Sephacryl S-400 HR 16/60 size exclusion  
421 (SEC) column (Cytiva) pre-equilibrated in 20 mM Hepes pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl (20 mM Hepes pH 7.5,

422 300 mM NaCl for OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub>). Fractions corresponding to the OdhA peak were checked on SDS-PAGE,  
423 pooled and concentrated. The resulting sample was either used directly for cryo-EM grid preparation,  
424 or flash-frozen in small aliquots in liquid nitrogen and stored at –80 °C. The pET-28a-TEV/*MsKGDΔ96*  
425 construct was also introduced in *E. coli* BL21(DE3), but protein expression was achieved in LB media,  
426 at 30 °C, by induction with 0.75 mM IPTG for 3 h 20 min. Purification followed the procedure above,  
427 except for the dialysis and size-exclusion buffer, which was 25 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.6, 150 mM NaCl, 1  
428 mM DTT.

429 Likewise, OdhI was overexpressed by autoinduction in the same 2YT-based medium as OdhA, but  
430 overnight culture at 14 °C. The purification also followed the protocol above, but size-exclusion  
431 chromatography was performed on a HiLoad Superdex 75 16/60 column run in 25 mM Tris-HCl pH  
432 8.5, 150 mM NaCl. *M. smegmatis* GarA was expressed and purified as described<sup>22</sup>.

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434 **Crystallization.** Initial crystallization screenings were performed at 18 °C by vapour diffusion in 96-  
435 well plates, according to established protocols at the Crystallography Core Facility of the Institut  
436 Pasteur<sup>38</sup>. Crystals of the OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub>-CoASH complex were obtained from a 26 mg/ml OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub> solution,  
437 supplemented with 5 mM CoASH and crystallized in 0.1 M Hepes-NaOH pH 7.5, 5% (w/v) PEG 4000,  
438 30% (v/v) methylpentanediol (MPD) by the sitting drop method; for the *MsKGD*-GarA complex,  
439 crystals were obtained from a 10 mg/ml *MsKGD* solution supplemented with 2 mM ThDP, 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>  
440 and *M. smegmatis* GarA (1:1 molar ratio), and crystallized, through the hanging drop method, in 0.1 M  
441 bicine pH 8.0, 30% (v/v) PEG550MME, 0.2 M NaCl.

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443 **X-ray diffraction data collection and structure solution.** Diffraction datasets were acquired either on  
444 the beamline ID30A-3 at the ESRF synchrotron (Grenoble, France), or on the beamline Proxima-1 at  
445 the SOLEIL synchrotron (Saint-Aubin, France). Data integration and scaling were performed with  
446 *autoPROC*<sup>39</sup>, applying anisotropic scaling via *STARANISO*. Structures were solved by molecular  
447 replacement through the program *PHASER*<sup>40</sup>, using the previously released coordinates of the  
448 *MsKGD*<sub>Δ115</sub> homodimer (PDB 2XT6; <sup>18</sup>) as the search model for both datasets (OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub>-CoA and

449 *MsKGD:GarA*). *M. smegmatis* GarA coordinates were retrieved from the previously published  
450 *MsKGD<sub>Δ360</sub>:GarA* complex (pdb 6I2Q;<sup>22</sup>). Manual model rebuilding and ligand placement in electron  
451 density maps was entirely performed with *COOT*<sup>41</sup>. Refinement was carried out with *BUSTER*,  
452 applying local structure similarity restraints for non-crystallography symmetry (NCS)<sup>42</sup> where  
453 appropriate, and a Translation-Libration-Screw (TLS) model. Chemical dictionaries for ligands were  
454 generated with the Grade server (<http://grade.globalphasing.org>). Validation of models was performed  
455 with *MOLPROBITY*<sup>43</sup> and the validation tools in *PHENIX*<sup>44</sup>. Data collection, refinement and model  
456 statistics are indicated in **Table 1**.

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458 **Negative staining EM.** 5 µl of purified OdhA sample, at concentrations of either 0.05 mg/ml or 0.01  
459 mg/ml, were applied over 400-mesh copper carbon coated grids (Electron Microscopy Sciences) that  
460 were previously glow discharged at 2 mA for 20 s. Grids were washed twice in 10 µl water for 40 s,  
461 then stained in a 2% uranyl acetate solution (twice for 40 s). Grids were then blotted using a Whatman  
462 1 filter paper and air dried for 5 min. Micrographs were acquired on a Tecnai T12 transmission electron  
463 microscope (ThermoScientific), operating at 120 kV, at magnification rates comprised between 30,000x  
464 and 180,000x.

465

466 **Cryo-EM sample preparation and data collection.** OdhA samples were vitrified at a concentration  
467 of 12.0 mg/ml (protein without ligands, incubated with CoASH or succinyl-CoA), or 8.0 mg/ml for the  
468 OdhA-SP complex. The OdhA:OdhI complex was prepared by incubating a mixture of the two proteins  
469 at molar ratio 1:10, which was then subjected to size-exclusion chromatography on a Superose 6  
470 increase 5/150 GL column (Cityva), run in 20 mM Hepes pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl. UltrAuFoil R1.2/1.3  
471 300 mesh gold grids (Quantifoil) were used for OdhA alone, OdhA-CoASH or OdhA-succinyl-CoA,  
472 while OdhA-SP and OdhA:OdhI were vitrified on Lacey carbon 200 mesh grids (Electron Microscopy  
473 Sciences). Grids were glow discharged for 25 s at 50 W (UltrAuFoil R1.2/1.3) or 10 s at 5 W (Lacey)  
474 with a Solarus II plasma cleaner (Gatan). Vitrification was carried out using a Vitrobot Mark IV  
475 (ThermoScientific), applying 3 µl of protein sample to the grid surface at a temperature of 4°C and

476 humidity level of 100%. Grids were then blotted (during 4 s at blot force 0 for Lacey grids, blot force 2  
477 for UltrAuFoil R1.2/1.3 grids) and plunge-frozen into liquid ethane. Data from all samples but OdhA-  
478 succinyl-CoA were collected at the Nanoimaging Core facility in Institut Pasteur on a Titan Krios  
479 electron microscope (ThermoScientific), operated at 300 kV and equipped with a K3 direct electron  
480 detector (Gatan) operating in counted mode. The OdhA-succinyl-CoA dataset was instead collected on  
481 a Titan Krios microscope located at the ESRF (Grenoble, France), also running at 300 kV and equipped  
482 by a K3 detector operating in the counted super-resolution mode. The software EPU 2  
483 (ThermoScientific) was used to pilot data collection in all cases. A summary of data collection and  
484 model refinement parameters is reported in **Table 2**. The OdhA-succinyl-CoA raw data will be available  
485 under the DOI 10.15151/ESRF-ES-514136397.

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487 **Single particle analysis of cryo-EM data.** All single particle cryo-EM datasets were processed through  
488 cryoSPARC version 3.2<sup>45</sup>. Motion correction was performed using full-frame motion correction and  
489 CTF estimation were performed using patch CTF estimation. Using the curate exposure feature, 12666  
490 out of 13348 for OdhA alone, 7996 out of 12202 for OdhA-CoASH, 8796 out of 11827 for OdhA-  
491 succinyl-CoA, 15025 out of 16647 for OdhA-SP, and 14842 out of 19443 for OdhA-OdhI complex  
492 were selected for further analysis. A first round of ‘blob particle picking’ was performed, and after 2D  
493 classification, the most populated classes were selected for template-based particle picking against a  
494 dataset containing the selected micrographs. Particles were extracted applying a box size of 384 Å,  
495 except for the OdhA-SP sample for which the box size was set at 448 Å. The extracted particles were  
496 cleaned using the ‘inspect pick’ function of Cryosparc and several rounds of 2D classification with  
497 selection of higher resolution classes were applied, selecting classes corresponding to a complete,  
498 hexamer shape of OdhA in different orientations. The selected particles were used, after local motion  
499 correction, to build an *ab-initio* model and non-uniform 3D refinement applying D3 symmetry, while  
500 optimizing per-particle defocus and per-group CTF parameters. For all datasets, local refinement was  
501 performed with a soft mask covering the OdhA E1o domain dimer. A composite map including the  
502 three OdhA E1o dimers was generated by the ‘combine focused maps’ tool in PHENIX (v. 1.20-4459-  
503 000)<sup>44</sup>.

504

505 **Single particle EM model building and refinement.** OdhA coordinates obtained from X-ray  
506 crystallography were fitted into the corresponding cryo-EM density maps using UCSF Chimera  
507 (v1.13.1)<sup>46</sup>. For the OdhA-OdhI complex, *C. glutamicum* OdhI coordinates were retrieved from the  
508 available crystal structure (pdb 4QCJ;<sup>47</sup>). Following a first round of rigid-body fitting of the E2o and  
509 E1o OdhA domains, and OdhI were appropriate, the models were improved by iterative rounds of  
510 restrained real-space refinement in *PHENIX*, and alternating rounds of model building with manual  
511 adjustment in *COOT* and further model refinement through the Servalcat pipeline<sup>48</sup> in the CCP-EM  
512 suite<sup>49</sup>. Model validations were performed using the specific tools in the *PHENIX* and CCP-EM suites.  
513 Figures were prepared using UCSF ChimeraX v.1.3<sup>50</sup>, and PyMOL v. 2.5.4<sup>51</sup>.

514

515 **Surface plasmon resonance binding assay.** Experiments were performed using a Biacore T200  
516 instrument (Cytiva) and NTA sensorchips equilibrated at 25°C in OdhA storage buffer (20 mM Hepes  
517 pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl), complemented with 100 µM EDTA and 0.2 mg/ml BSA. Two flow cells of the  
518 chip were first activated by running a 1 mM NiCl<sub>2</sub> solution for 2 min at 5 µl/min, and loaded with  
519 OdhA-His<sub>6</sub> (200 µg/ml) for 10 min at 5 µl/min, reaching densities of 8800 – 10000 resonance units  
520 (RU,  $\approx$  pg/mm<sup>2</sup>). 5 concentrations of SP were then injected sequentially in single cycle kinetics mode  
521 at 30 µl/min for 2 min each, followed by a 2 min buffer wash to monitor the dissociation of the OdhA-  
522 SP transient complex. The sensorchip was finally fully regenerated by injecting 0.5 M EDTA, 0.1%  
523 SDS twice for 2 min at 5 µl/min, allowing it to be reused for a new experimental cycle. Sensorgrams  
524 were processed using the BiaEvaluation software. The concentration-dependence of steady-state SPR  
525 signals (Req) was analysed using the following equation:  $Req = R_{max} * C / K_d + C$ , where C is the SP  
526 concentration and Rmax the fitted maximal SPR signal at infinite SP concentration.

527

528 **Analytical Ultracentrifugation.** Sedimentation velocity (SV) analytical ultracentrifugation assays  
529 were performed using a Beckman Coulter ProteomeLab XL-I analytical ultracentrifuge equipped with  
530 UV-Vis absorbance and Raleigh interference detection systems, using an 8-hole Beckman An-50  
531 Ti rotor at 20°C. Experiments were performed at 30,000 rpm. Seven concentrations (from 4 mg/ml to

532 0.0625 mg/ml, serial two-fold dilutions) were prepared for this experiment in the OdhA buffer (20 mM  
533 Hepes pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl) and loaded into analytical ultracentrifugation cells. During the run, SV  
534 was followed by measuring absorbance at 280 nm for sample with concentration from 4 mg/ml to 0.25  
535 mg/ml and at 225 nm for sample with concentration at 0.125 mg/ml and 0.0625 mg/ml. The software  
536 SEDFIT v. 15.01<sup>52</sup> was used to calculate the sedimentation coefficient distribution C(s), then corrected  
537 to standard conditions to get the final standard values. Coefficients were plotted as a function of the  
538 different concentrations and an extrapolation to zero concentration was made to obtain the standard  
539 value for the main oligomer. From these values, molecular mass and friction ratio were obtained.

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541 **Protein sequence analyses.** Sequence analyses were carried out on a database representing all  
542 Actinobacteria diversity present at the National Center for Biotechnology (NCBI) as of February 2021,  
543 containing 133 taxa (five species per class). To identify OdhA homologs, the jackhmmer tool from the  
544 HMMER package (v3.3.2)<sup>53</sup> was employed, using the GenBank<sup>54</sup> sequence BAB98522.1 as the query.  
545 The hits were aligned with mafft (v7.475)<sup>55</sup> accurate option linsi. The MSA was manually curated,  
546 removing sequences that did not align. A sequence logo of OdhA was created based on the MSA  
547 through the online tool WebLogo3<sup>56</sup>. The secondary structure of protein OdhA was mapped on the  
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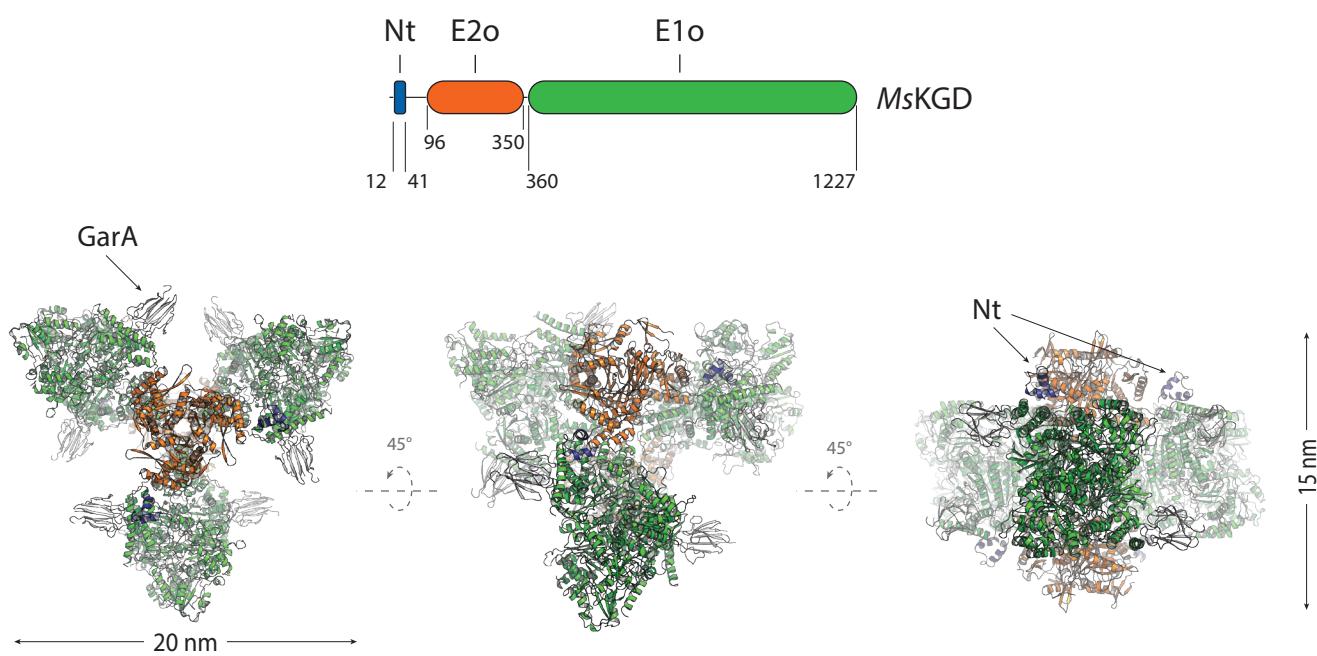
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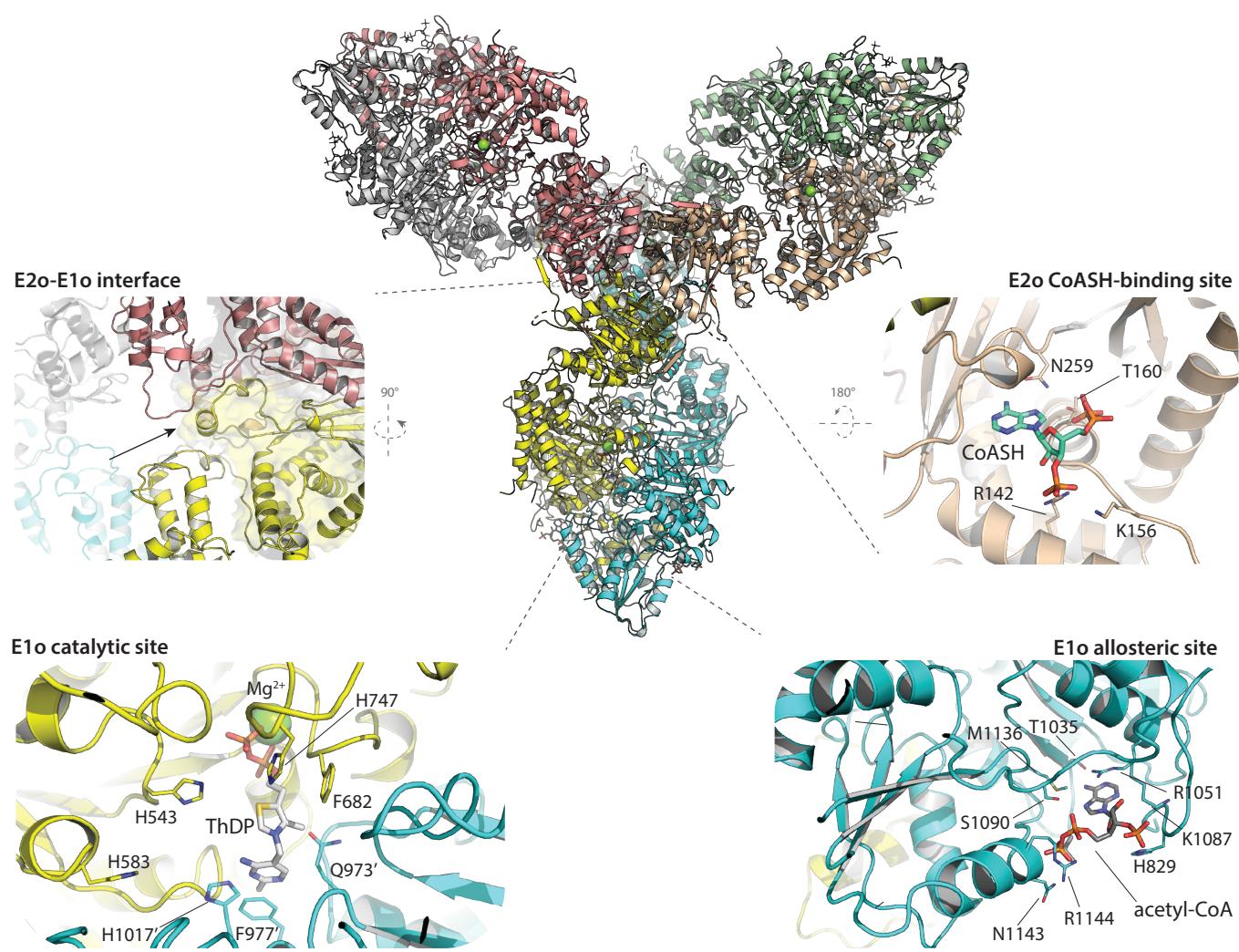
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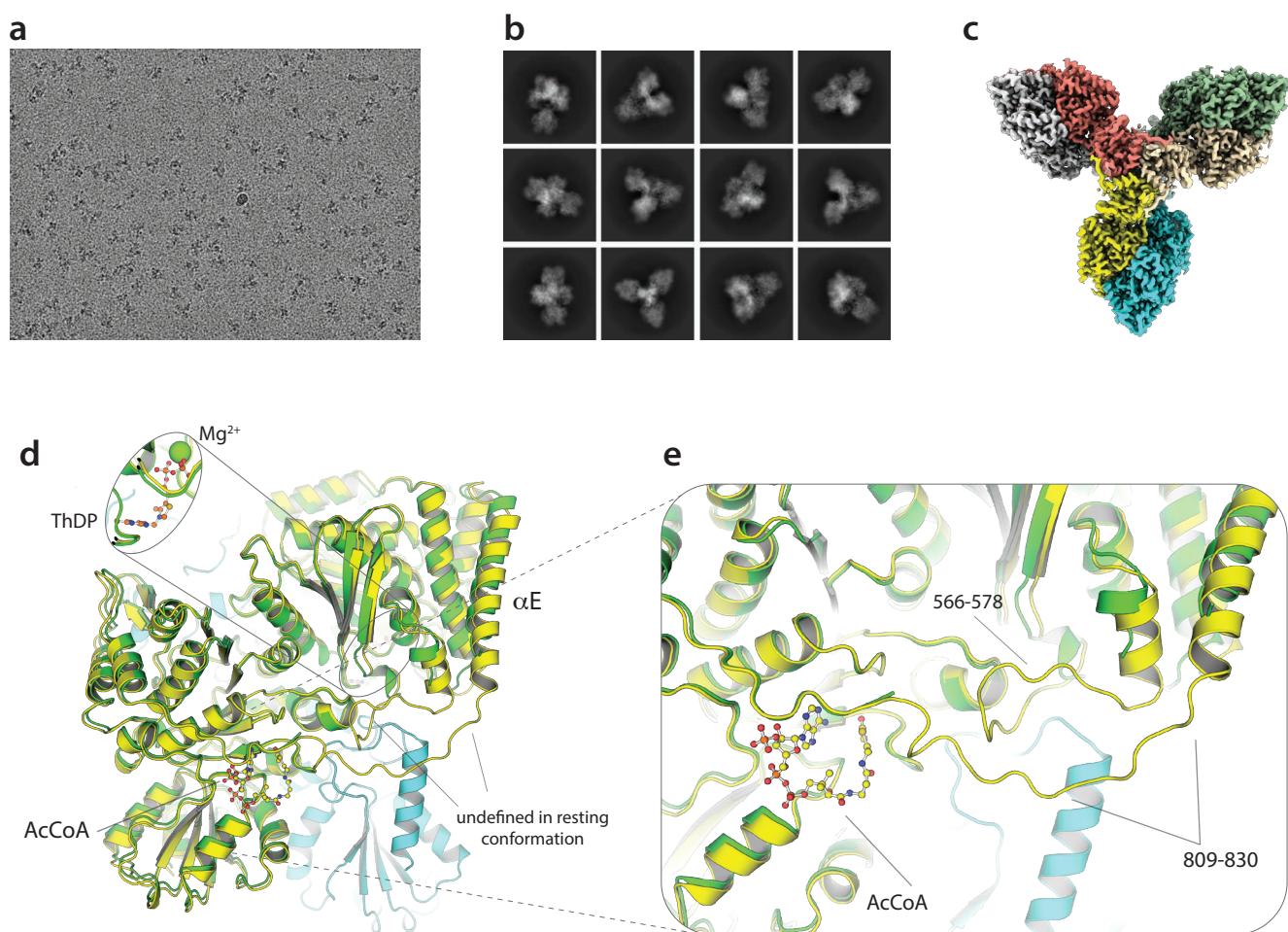
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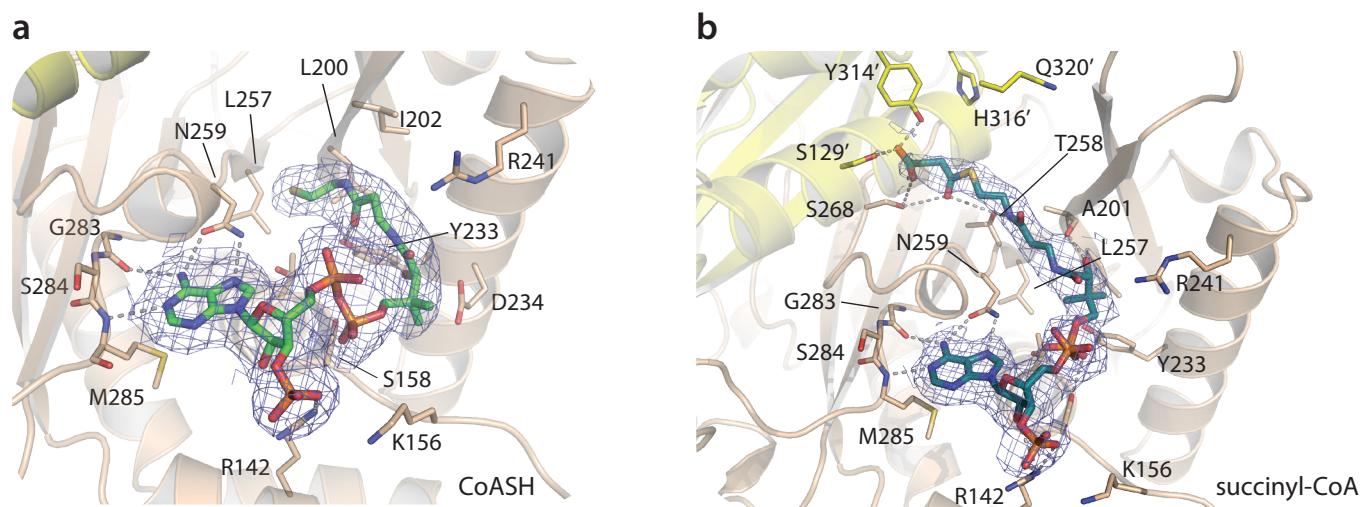
**Figure 1.** Domain boundaries in *MsKGD* (Nt: N-terminal helical domain) and cartoon overview of the *MsKGD* hexamer in complex with GarA (grey).



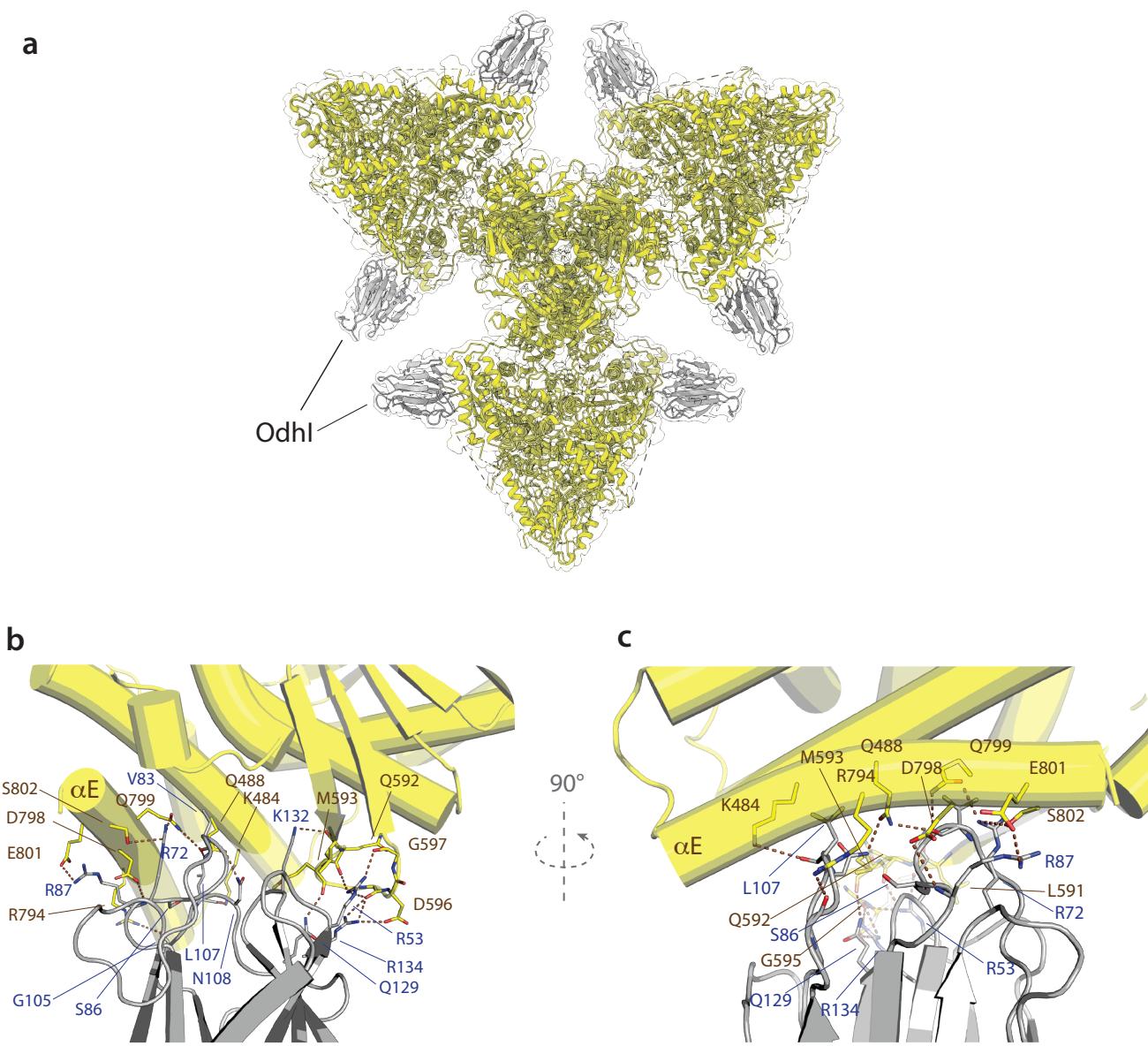
**Figure 2.** Centre: cartoon overview of the OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub> homohexamer (one colour per chain), with the single protomers related by crystallographic symmetry. Laterally, in anticlockwise sense, detailed views of: E2o-E1o interface, with surface highlighted for the E2o domain (arrow pointing to the short  $\alpha$ -helix between residues Glu296-Leu302; see also Suppl. Fig. 4); E1o catalytic site at the protomer interface, the ThDP-Mg<sup>2+</sup> cofactor at the centre; E1o allosteric acetyl-CoA binding site; E2o CoASH binding site. Indicated in the figure and depicted as sticks are the side chains of either significant residues interacting with cofactor or ligands through hydrogen bonds, salt bridges or van der Waals interactions, or, in the case of the E1o catalytic site, with a predicted role in catalysis (namely His543, His583, His747 and His1017, as reported for MsKGD<sup>18</sup>).



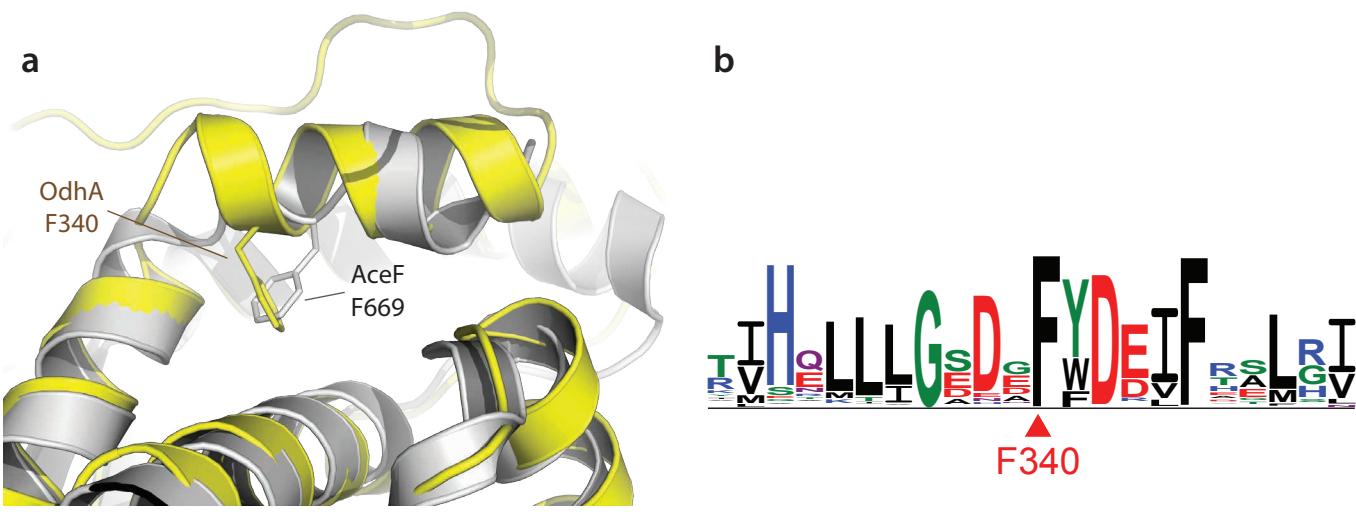
**Figure 3.** (a) Representative micrograph of an OdhA sample vitrified on an UltraAuFoil grid (Quantifoil). (b) Representative 2D classes from the same dataset as in (a). (c) Overall representation of the OdhA map at 2.2 Å resolution, showing the OdhA homohexamer (one colour per chain). (d) Superimposition, focused on the E1o domain, of the OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub> model (green) to the OdhA model determined by single particle cryo-EM in the absence of added ligands (yellow/light blue). Loops that could not be traced in OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub> are indicated. Also to be noted the different position of the αE external helix (see also Suppl. Fig. 12). (e) Zoomed view on the region most concerned by the conformational change, from the resting conformation (observed for the OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub> crystal structure) to the active conformation observed by cryo-EM. Loops that become well defined in the active conformation are indicated, as well as the acetyl-CoA molecule observed in the allosteric E1o pocket in the OdhA model obtained by cryo-EM. An acetyl-CoA molecule bound in the same pocket was observed in all the OdhA complexes solved by single particle cryo-EM, with the exception of the OdhA-OdhI complex. The OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub> model also presents a CoA ester (presumably acetyl-CoA) bound in the same pocket, although the lack of supporting electron density hindered tracing of the whole pantothenate chain (Fig. 2).



**Figure 4.** Cartoon representation of CoASH (a) vs. succinyl-CoA (b) binding in the OdhA E2o active site, as determined by high-resolution single particle cryo-EM. To note, the terminal sulphhydryl group of CoASH does not reach the catalytic centre (identifiable by the His316/Gln320 diad), but is accommodated in a mostly hydrophobic pocket defined by Leu200, Ile202, and Leu257, with the hydroxyl group of Tyr233 acting as an hydrogen bond donor to the terminal carbonyl oxygen of CoASH. This binding orientation, although not identical, corresponds to the 'OUT' conformation originally observed in the ternary complex of *A. vinelandii* E2p with CoASH and free lipoamide (PDB 1EAB; Suppl. Fig. 14). Blue meshes corresponds to the EM map for the ligands, contoured at the  $3.5\sigma$  level.



**Figure 5.** (a) Visualization of the OdhA-Odhl complex fit in the corresponding single particle EM map at 2.3 Å resolution. (b) Detailed view of the interactions between OdhA (yellow) and Odhl FHA domain (grey), with the involved residues depicted as sticks. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds and salt bridges. OdhA helices are depicted as cylinders. (c) Rotated view of the OdhA-Odhl interactions.  $\alpha$ E refers to the OdhA  $\alpha$ -helix Ser785-Asn805, following the original MsKGD nomenclature.



**Figure 6.** (a) Superimposition of the E2o domain of OdhA (yellow) to the catalytic domain of *C. glutamicum* E2p (AceF; grey, PDB 6ZZI<sup>20</sup>). Focus is on the amphipatic helix that marks the C-terminal boundary of the OdhA E2o domain, which shows the same relative position as the C-terminal helix in AceF. To note the presence of a structurally conserved phenylalanine residue (indicated) that, in both proteins, contributes to maintain the helix relative orientation through intramolecular interactions. Such orientation was shown to be key to the loss of high-order oligomerisation in actinobacterial E2p enzymes. (b) Sequence logo derived from a multiple sequence alignment of OdhA orthologues from representative members of the Actinobacteria phylum (see Suppl. Fig. 16). The logo is here limited to the OdhA residues surrounding the conserved Phe340.

**Table 1. Crystallographic data collection and refinement statistics.**

<b>Dataset</b>	<b><i>MsKGD-GarA</i></b>	<b><i>OdhA<sub>Δ97</sub></i></b>
Synchrotron beamline	SOLEIL Proxima 1	ESRF ID30A-3
Wavelength (Å)	0.9763	0.9677
Space group	P 6 <sub>5</sub>	H 3 2
Unit cell parameters		
<i>a, b, c</i> (Å)	325.75, 325.75, 396.94	150.99, 150.99, 314.34
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)	90.00, 90.00, 120.00	90.00, 90.00, 120.00
Resolution (Å)	282.11 – 4.56 (4.78 – 4.56)	100.52 – 2.46 (2.70 – 2.46)
<i>R</i> <sub>pim</sub> <sup>a</sup>	0.076 (0.583)	0.047 (0.466)
<i>I</i> / $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )	8.1 (1.5)	15.5 (1.6)
Completeness (%)	94.6 (52.9)	94.4 (63.8)
CC(1/2)	0.998 (0.701)	0.998 (0.658)
Multiplicity	11.5 (11.8)	10.4 (8.5)
<b>Refinement</b>		
Resolution (Å)	4.56	2.46
No. reflections	121081	38238
<i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> / <i>R</i> <sub>free</sub> (%) <sup>b</sup>	19.8 / 22.9	20.3 / 25.1
No. atoms		
Protein	56835	8366
Ligands/ions	170	110
Solvent	-	362
Average B-factors		
Protein	236.2	59.0
Ligand/ions	223.0	76.7
Solvent	-	48.5
R.m.s deviations		
Bond lengths (Å)	0.006	0.007
Bond angles (°)	0.73	0.86

Resolution limits were determined by applying an anisotropic cut-off via STARANISO, part of the autoPROC data processing software<sup>39</sup>; values in parentheses refer to the highest resolution shell.

<sup>a</sup> $R_{pim} = \sum_{hkl} [1/(N-1)]^{1/2} \sum_i |I_i(hkl) - \langle I \rangle(hkl)| / \sum_{hkl} \sum_i I_i(hkl)$ , where N is the multiplicity,  $I_i$  is the intensity of reflection i and  $\langle I \rangle(hkl)$  is the mean intensity of all symmetry-related reflections.

<sup>b</sup> $R_{work} = \sum |F_o - F_c| / \sum |F_o|$ , where  $F_o$  and  $F_c$  are the observed and calculated structure factor amplitudes. Five percent of the reflections were reserved for the calculation of  $R_{free}$ .

**Table 2. Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics.**

Dataset	OdhA	OdhA-CoASH	OdhA-succinyl-CoA	OdhA-SP	OdhA-OdhI
<b>Data collection and processing</b>					
Grid type	UltrAuFoil300 mesh R1.2/1.3	UltrAuFoil300 mesh R1.2/1.3	UltrAuFoil300 mesh R1.2/1.3	Lacey 200mesh	Lacey 200mesh
Plunge freezer	Vitrobot	Vitrobot	Vitrobot	Vitrobot	Vitrobot
Microscope	Krios	Krios	Krios	Krios	Krios
Magnification	105000	105000	105000	105000	105000
Voltage (kV)	300	300	300	300	300
Energy filter(eV)	20	20	20	20	20
Camera	K3	K3	K3	K3	K3
Detector mode	counted	counted	super-resolution	counted	counted
Electron exposure (e <sup>-</sup> /Å <sup>2</sup> )	40	40	48	40	40
Defocus range (μm)	-0.8 to -2.0	-0.8 to -2.0	-0.8 to -2.0	-0.8 to -2.2	-0.8 to -2.2
Pixel size (Å)	0.86	0.86	0.84	0.86	0.86
Micrographs	13348	12202	11827	16647	19443
No. of fractions	40	40	50	60	40
Symmetry imposed	D3	D3	D3	D3	D3
Initial particle images (no.)	6571029	3392043	3827956	2599031	3177955
Final particle images (no.)	1474608	1849406	1074837	646352	958690
Map resolution (Å) <sup>#</sup>	2.17	2.17	2.07	2.26	2.29
FSC threshold	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143
Map resolution range (Å)	1.9-4.4	1.9-4.5	1.9-4.7	2.0-4.6	2.0-6.0
<b>Refinement</b>					
Model resolution (Å)*	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3
FSC threshold	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Map sharpening <i>B</i> factor (Å <sup>2</sup> )	-84.4	-88.5	-74.2	-87.3	-93.3
Model composition					
No. Atoms (non-H)	52590	52878	52896	52656	55346
Protein residues	6714	6714	6714	6714	7110
Ligands	18	24	24	18	12
Average <i>B</i> factors (Å <sup>2</sup> )					
Protein	38.53	36.31	82.65	43.36	47.22
Ligands	49.31	49.98	99.56	54.67	123.89
R.m.s. deviations					
Bond lengths (Å)	0.013	0.013	0.003	0.013	0.013
Bond angles (°)	1.787	1.734	0.498	1.736	1.823
Validation*					
MolProbity score	0.88	0.92	1.10	0.95	0.90
Clashscore	1.34	1.69	3.08	1.88	0.66
Poor rotamers (%)	0.31	0.33	0.18	0.34	0.21
Ramachandran plot*					
Favored (%)	97.94	98.12	98.29	98.34	96.87
Allowed (%)	2.06	1.88	1.71	1.66	3.13
Outliers (%)	0	0	0	0	0

# Resolution estimates from cryoSPARC (version v3.2.0)<sup>45</sup>

\* Values from the EM comprehensive validation tools in PHENIX (version 1.20-4459-000)<sup>44</sup>