The C terminus of the ribosomal-associated protein LrtA is an intrinsically disordered oligomer

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SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE LEGENDS

FIGURE S1: Far-UV CD spectra of C-LrtA. Raw spectra of C-LrtA at two different concentrations; the spectrum acquired at the highest concentration (20 μ M, in protomer units) was normalized to that at the lowest concentration (10 μ M, in protomer units).

FIGURE S2: Size exclusion chromatograms of C-LrtA. Chromatograms obtained at 500 μ M (black) and blue 30 μ M (blue) (in protomer units) of C-LrtA in an analytical Superose 12 10/300 GL column, at pH 8.0 (50 mM Tris) and 0.250 M NaCl. The arrows from left to right indicate the elution volumes of: blue dextran (7.34 mL); ferritin (10.11 mL); catalase (11.24 mL); albumin (12.26 mL); RNase A (15.08 mL); and the bed volume, as measured by conductivity of the solution (19.15 mL). The intensity of the chromatogram for the most diluted protein concentration was increased fifteentimes to allow for a comparison.

FIGURE S3: **Purification and self-association of C-LrtA.** (A) SDS-PAGE of C-LrtA purification. The marker used was PAGEmark Tricolor (lane (3)), with markers (from top to bottom) of 210, 110, 67, 48, 32, 10, 16 and 6 kDa. Lane (2): whole LrtA (molecular weight 22.7 kDa). Lane (1): pure C-LrtA after the Hi-Trap Mono Q step (molecular weight of 12.5 kDa). Bis-acrylamide concentration of the gel was 12%. (B) BN-PAGE of C-LrtA at different SDS concentrations; the sodium channel protein from *Magnetococcus marinus* is shown as a comparison, the molecular marker is shown at the side. The arrows indicate the self-associated species of C-LrtA described in the main text. (C)

SDS-PAGE of C-LrtA at different times after addition of glutaraldehyde cross-linker. Lanes (1) and (2): PAGEmark Tricolor; lane (3): C-LrtA after 1 min of cross-linker addition; lane (4): C-LrtA after 30 minutes of cross-linker addition; and lane (5): C-LrtA after 15 minutes of cross-linker addition. The bis-acrylamide concentration of the gel was 12%.

FIGURE S4: **ITC thermogram**: Heat evolved upon dilution of C-LrtA into the calorimetric cell containing water: raw data (up) and processed data (bottom). The concentration of the protein in the syringe was 498 µM.



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Equivalent Monomer Concentration in the Cell (mM)