the N-terminal hexahistidine tag of Spt6(239-268) with TEV protease, and passing over a Ni-NTA column. The final purification step for Spn1(148-307) and for the complex was size-exclusion chromatography (Superdex 200 16/60, GE Healthcare) in 15 mM Tris pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, 5% glycerol, 0.5 mM EDTA, and 2 mM 2-mercaptoethanol. Selenomethionine-substituted Spn1(148-307) was expressed as described (Studier, 2005) and purified as for the native protein.