



**Figure S6. Interface residue of the CSN5<sup>ΔC</sup>/CSN6<sup>ΔC</sup> heterodimer models expressed as the number of atomic contact pairs between residues of the predicted heterodimers. (A) CSN5<sup>ΔC,Δ2-31,Δ232-257</sup> (residues 32-231) and CSN6<sup>ΔC</sup> (residues 38-207). (B) CSN5<sup>ΔC</sup> and CSN6<sup>ΔC,Δα4</sup> (residues 38-191). The best poses obtained from filtered ZDOCK models are shown in blue and red; and the dimer superimposed on Rpn11<sup>ΔC</sup>/Rpn8<sup>ΔC</sup> crystal structure (PDB code 4O8X) is shown in black. The buried surface area of these three complexes is 1,675 Å<sup>2</sup> (panel A-blue), 1,430 Å<sup>2</sup> (panel B-red) and 1,695 Å<sup>2</sup> (panels A and B-black). The corresponding value for the Rpn11<sup>ΔC</sup>/Rpn8<sup>ΔC</sup> dimer (PDB code 4O8Y) is 2,006 Å<sup>2</sup>. The average sequence conservation score of the residues involved in the CSN5/CSN6 (and related) interface is 52.7, 51.1 and 51.9, respectively, as compared to an average conservation score of 41.8 for all surface residues (SASA>10 Å<sup>2</sup>). Residues with a green \* symbol (CSN5<sup>ΔC</sup> E115, Y116, Y120 and CSN6<sup>ΔC</sup> H44, V115) and with a red • symbol (corresponding to the CSN6 residues that have been flagged as not perturbed by CSN5 binding by NMR HSQC; Table S4) have been used to guide the docking procedure.**