

1 **DLG1 functions upstream of SDCCAG3 and IFT20 to control ciliary targeting of**
2 **polycystin-2**

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29 **Summary**

30 Polarized vesicular trafficking directs specific receptors and ion channels to cilia, but the
31 underlying mechanisms are poorly understood. Here we identify a key role for DLG1, a core
32 component of the Scribble polarity complex, in regulating ciliary protein trafficking in kidney
33 epithelial cells. Conditional knockout of *Dlg1* in mouse kidney caused ciliary elongation and
34 cystogenesis, and cell-based proximity labelling proteomics and fluorescence microscopy
35 showed alterations in the ciliary proteome upon loss of DLG1. Specifically, the retromer
36 subunit SDCCAG3, IFT20 and polycystin-2 (PC2) were reduced in cilia of DLG1 deficient
37 cells compared to control cells. This phenotype was recapitulated *in vivo* and rescuable by re-
38 expression of wildtype DLG1, but not a Congenital Anomalies of the Kidney and Urinary
39 Tract (CAKUT)-associated DLG1 variant. Moreover, using biochemical approaches and
40 Alpha Fold modelling we show that DLG1 associates physically with SDCCAG3 and IFT20,
41 which in turn bind directly to each other. Our work identifies a key role for DLG1 in
42 regulation ciliary protein composition and implicates ciliary dysfunction as a possible
43 contributing factor to CAKUT.

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45 **Introduction**

46 Primary cilia are microtubule-based sensory organelles that protrude from the surface of
47 many different vertebrate cell types, including kidney epithelial cells, and play essential roles
48 in regulating various signalling pathways during embryonic development and adult
49 homeostasis. Mutations in ciliary genes lead to deregulated signaling, in turn causing diseases
50 known as ciliopathies. While dysfunctional cilia affect most organs in the body, renal
51 involvement is a key feature of many ciliopathies ¹. For example, autosomal dominant
52 polycystic kidney disease (AD-PKD), one of the most common human monogenic diseases
53 affecting ca. 1:1000 live births, is caused by mutations in *PKD1* or *PKD2* encoding the
54 cilium-localized transmembrane proteins polycystin-1 (PC1) and polycystin-2 (PC2),
55 respectively, which form a heterodimeric calcium-permeable nonselective cation channel
56 complex essential for tubular differentiation, polarity and diameter in the kidney ²⁻⁵.

57 Cilia are compartmentalized organelles that are thought to be devoid of protein
58 synthesis machinery, and appropriate trafficking of PC1 and PC2, as well as other ciliary
59 signaling receptors, ion channels and transporters, from their site of synthesis in the ER/Golgi
60 to the ciliary compartment is essential for ciliary biogenesis and function. For example, a
61 mutation that specifically impairs ciliary localization of PC2, one of the best studied ciliary
62 ion channels, causes PKD in mice ⁶. Additional studies have addressed the molecular
63 mechanisms by which PC2 and other ciliary transmembrane proteins, such as G-protein
64 coupled receptors (GPCRs), are sorted and transported from their site of synthesis in the
65 ER/Golgi to the cilium. These studies have revealed a remarkable complexity and diversity in
66 the mechanisms by which different transmembrane proteins are targeted and transported to
67 the primary cilium ⁷⁻⁹. In the case of PC2, studies of its glycosylation pattern indicated that
68 PC2-containing vesicles destined to the cilium are initially released from the cis-Golgi
69 compartment instead of the trans-Golgi network (TGN) ^{10,11} although this was questioned by

70 others¹². Regardless, it is believed that shortly after synthesis, PC2 interacts with the ciliary
71 IFT-B subunit IFT20, which is anchored to the cis-Golgi compartment by golgin protein
72 GMAP210/TRIP11, and facilitates the transport of PC2 to the base of the primary cilium^{13,14}.
73 Following sorting at the cis-Golgi or TGN, PC2-containing vesicles are thought to be directed
74 towards the plasma membrane or recycling endosomes before PC2 is delivered at the ciliary
75 base where it docks at the transition fibers before being imported into the cilium^{6,7,9}.
76 Consistent with recycling endosomes playing a critical role in conferring PC2 targeting to the
77 primary cilium, disruption of recycling endosome-associated proteins, such as components of
78 the retromer and biogenesis of lysosome-related organelles complex 1 (BLOC-1) complexes,
79 or the Rab family small GTPases RAB8 and RAB11, reduces ciliary PC2 levels^{7,11,15,16}.
80 Whether and how components located at the plasma membrane contribute to ciliary PC2
81 trafficking is largely unknown.

82 Discs large MAGUK scaffold protein 1 (DLG1) is a scaffold protein that belongs to
83 the membrane-associated guanylate kinase homolog (MAGUK) family and is composed of a
84 LIN-2,-7 (L27) domain, three postsynaptic density-95/discs large/zona occludens-1 (PDZ)
85 domains, a SRC homology 3 (SH3) domain and a catalytically inactive guanylate kinase
86 (GUK) domain. First described in *Drosophila*, this evolutionarily conserved scaffold protein
87 is well known for its role in apical-basal polarity establishment and maintenance in epithelial
88 cells, where it forms a complex with SCRIB and LGL at the basolateral membrane below the
89 adherens junctions¹⁷. Consistent with its domain structure, the DLG1 interaction network is
90 vast, and its function extends beyond epithelial cell polarity establishment. For example, in
91 neurons DLG1 localizes to both the presynaptic and postsynaptic membranes and controls
92 localization and clustering of glutamate receptors and potassium channels by mediating
93 interaction between receptors and intracellular proteins¹⁸⁻²². Several studies also suggested
94 that DLG1 localizes to the cilium-centrosome axis. For example, in HT1299 cells DLG1 was

95 reported to localize to the mitotic centrosome in a PTEN-NEK6-Eg5 dependent manner ²³,
96 whereas three independent studies found DLG1 in the ciliary proteome of cultured mouse
97 kidney inner medullary collecting duct 3 (IMCD3) cells ^{24,25} and photoreceptor outer
98 segments ²⁶, which are modified primary cilia. DLG1 also binds directly to kinesin-3 motor
99 KIF13B ²⁷, which was shown previously to localize dynamically to the primary cilium where
100 it regulated ciliary composition and signalling ^{28,29}. However, cilium-associated functions for
101 DLG1 have so far not been reported.

102 The physiological importance of DLG1 in vertebrates is highlighted by the fact that
103 *Dlg1* loss in the mouse causes complete neonatal lethality due to severe defects in e.g.
104 craniofacial development and formation of urogenital organs ³⁰⁻³². In humans, *DLG1* was
105 identified as a susceptibility gene for congenital anomalies of the kidney and urinary tract
106 (CAKUT) ³³, and a missense variant in DLG1 (p.T489R) was indeed identified in patients
107 with CAKUT ³⁴. Furthermore, *DLG1* is deleted in the 3q29 microdeletion syndrome that is
108 characterized by mild-to-moderate mental retardation, a long and narrow face, as well as
109 additional phenotypes such as microcephaly, cleft lip and palate, horseshoe kidney and
110 hypospadias ³⁵. However, it is unclear whether some of these phenotypes are linked to ciliary
111 defects.

112 Here we investigated a potential role for DLG1 in ciliary biogenesis and function by
113 using a kidney specific conditional *Dlg1* mouse knockout model, as well as cultured kidney
114 epithelial cells. Loss of *Dlg1* in mouse kidney caused ciliary elongation and cystogenesis, and
115 cell-based proximity labelling proteomics and fluorescence microscopy showed alterations in
116 the ciliary proteome upon loss of DLG1. Specifically, SDCCAG3, IFT20 and PC2 were
117 reduced in cilia of DLG1 deficient cells - a phenotype that was recapitulated *in vivo* and
118 rescueable by re-expression of wildtype DLG1, but not a CAKUT-associated DLG1 missense
119 variant. Despite its role in regulating ciliary length and composition in kidney epithelial cells,

120 DLG1 was primarily localized to the lateral plasma membrane in these cells. Finally, in
121 agreement with its role in promoting ciliary localization of SDCCAG3 and IFT20,
122 biochemical approaches and Alpha Fold modelling indicated that DLG1 associates physically
123 with SDCCAG3 and IFT20, which in turn bind directly to each other. Our work thus
124 identifies a key role for DLG1, located at the lateral plasma membrane, in mediating ciliary
125 targeting of PC2 and other proteins and implicates ciliary dysfunction as a possible
126 contributing factor to CAKUT.

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128 **Results**

129 **Kidney-specific ablation of *Dlg1* in mouse causes ciliary elongation.** To investigate
130 possible ciliary functions for DLG1, we analyzed kidneys from *Pax3Cre-Dlg1^{F/F}* mice in
131 which *Dlg1* is conditionally knocked out in the majority of kidney cells, including all
132 nephron (but not ureteric bud) epithelial cell derivatives. These mice display a congenital
133 hydronephrosis phenotype (Figure 1A) similar to that observed in the global *Dlg1^{-/-}* mutant
134 mice ³¹, as well as tubular dilations that appeared to be pre-cystic ³⁶. The *Pax3Cre* transgene
135 is also active in urogenital mesenchyme, and it was concluded that the lack of DLG1 in these
136 cells results in the observed structural and functional defects in the ureter that cause
137 hydronephrosis ³⁶. Loss of DLG1 resulted in a significant increase in cilia length in nephron
138 epithelia (Figure 1B, C), indicating that DLG1 plays an essential role in regulating ciliary
139 biogenesis and/or maintenance during kidney development *in vivo*. Supportively, knock out
140 of *Dlg1* in mouse kidney cortical collecting duct (mCCD) cells ³⁷ did not affect ciliation
141 frequency but led to significant ciliary lengthening when cells were grown on transwell
142 filters, which ensures full cell polarization, a phenotype that was rescued by stable re-
143 expression of mCherry-DLG1 (Figure 1D-G). In contrast, under standard culture conditions
144 the *Dlg1^{-/-}* mCCD cells displayed cilia of normal length (Figure S1A), indicating that the
145 ciliary length phenotype manifests itself only when cells are fully polarized. Quantitative RT-
146 PCR analysis showed that in addition to *Dlg1*, mCCD cells also express *Dlg4* and a small
147 amount *Dlg3*, but the relative expression levels of these mRNAs and of *Dlg2* were not altered
148 in the *Dlg1^{-/-}* cells relative to wild type (WT) cells (Figure S1B, C). Thus, the ciliary length
149 phenotype observed in the *Dlg1^{-/-}* cells is not caused by altered expression of *Dlg2, 3 or 4*.

150 **DLG1 localizes to the lateral plasma membrane in polarized kidney epithelial cells.** To
151 address how DLG1 might regulate ciliary length we investigated its subcellular localization
152 in transwell filter-grown mCCD cells by immunofluorescence microscopy (IFM) analysis.

153 Under these conditions endogenous DLG1 localized to the lateral membrane as expected and
154 was not detected at the cilium-centrosome axis (Figure S1C). In contrast, eGFP-DLG1
155 transiently overexpressed in retinal pigment epithelial (RPE1) cells was highly concentrated
156 at the base of and within the cilium (Figure S1E), indicating that DLG localizes to the cilium-
157 centrosome axis under some conditions, in agreement with previous reports ²⁴⁻²⁶. Taken
158 together our results suggest that DLG1 regulates ciliary length in polarized kidney epithelial
159 cells indirectly, i.e. at the level of the lateral plasma membrane.

160 **Loss of DLG1 causes altered ciliary protein content in IMCD3 cells.** Ciliary length
161 control is complex and regulated by a variety of factors and signaling pathways that modulate
162 the polymerization/depolymerization of the ciliary axoneme or affect ciliary membrane
163 dynamics; changes in ciliary protein composition that affect signalling output can therefore
164 also affect ciliary length ^{38,39}. To investigate how DLG1 might affect ciliary protein
165 composition, we used an unbiased cilium-targeted proximity labelling approach ²⁴ by taking
166 advantage of previously described IMCD3 cell lines stably expressing a ciliary
167 NPHP3[residues 1-203]-BioID2 fusion protein (hereafter called cilia-BioID2) or BioID2
168 alone (hereafter called BioID2) ⁴⁰. We then knocked out *Dlg1* in these lines with the aim of
169 determining how loss of DLG1 affects the ciliary proteome. Western blot analysis confirmed
170 the loss of DLG1 in both the cilia-BioID2 and BioID2 *Dlg1*^{-/-} lines (Figure S2A). Meanwhile,
171 IFM analysis of serum-starved cells incubated with biotin and stained with an antibody
172 against ARL13B (ciliary membrane marker), and green-fluorescent streptavidin showed
173 prominent ciliary enrichment of biotinylated proteins in both cilia-BioID2 lines, whereas
174 biotinylated proteins were confined to the cell body of the BioID2 lines, as expected (Figure
175 S2B). Under these conditions we did not observe any differences between WT and *Dlg1*^{-/-}
176 lines with respect to ciliary length (Figure S2C) and ciliation frequency (Figure S2D), as
177 observed in standard cultures of mCCD cells (Figure S1A). Finally, by quantitative RT-PCR

178 we found that IMCD3 cells express similar amounts of *Dlg1* and *Dlg4* (Figure S2E, F) and
179 knockout of *Dlg1* did not cause altered expression of *Dlg2, 3 or 4* in these cells (Figure S2G,
180 H).

181 Having validated our WT and *Dlg1*^{-/-} cilia-BioID2 and BioID2 lines, we next analyzed
182 the ciliary proteome of these cells by subjecting them to biotin labeling followed by
183 streptavidin pull-down and mass spectrometry. Mass spectrometry analysis resulted in the
184 identification of a total of 2100 proteins across 6 experimental replicates per cell line. Our
185 analysis focused solely on proteins that are potentially altered in the primary cilium;
186 therefore, we disregarded the proteins that were significantly altered in the BioID2 control
187 condition. These were further subdivided into three Tiers based on stringency criteria. Tier 1
188 (q-value ≤ 0.05 and Sign. A ≤ 0.05) comprised 118 highly significantly altered proteins, from
189 which 84 proteins were depleted from the cilium, whereas 34 proteins were enriched (Figure
190 2A). The rest of the proteins were divided into Tier 2 (Sign. A ≤ 0.05), Tier 3 (q-value ≤ 0.05),
191 and non-significant (NS) when a less stringent cut-off was applied (Figure 2A,
192 Supplementary Table S1). Using the Tier 1 proteins identified in our dataset, a
193 comprehensive GO term enrichment analysis was performed to pinpoint the functional roles
194 of the proteins regarding DLG1's impact on cilium composition. This analysis focused on the
195 two GO categories: Biological Process (BP) and Cellular Component (CC) (Figure 2B, C).
196 The BP terms were, in turn, analyzed separately for the depleted and enriched proteins within
197 the cilium (Figure 2B). For the depleted proteins, the significant BP terms were pertaining to
198 intraciliary transport, cilia assembly and organization as well several signaling pathways.
199 Moreover, in the GO-CC term category, 15 terms were significant, out of which seven terms
200 were associated with ciliary components (Figure 2C). On the other hand, for the enriched
201 proteins, BP terms related to the regulation of cell cycle transitions and mitochondrial gene
202 expression were highly significant (Figure 2B). Altogether, the proximity labeling approach

203 yielded a dataset indicating a role for DLG1 in regulating ciliary composition in IMCD3
204 cells.

205 **DLG1 is required for ciliary targeting of SDCCAG3 and IFT20 in kidney epithelial**
206 **cells.** To validate the results of our proximity labelling proteomics analysis, we initially
207 focused on the Tier 1 candidates SDCCAG3 and IFT20, which both appeared to be
208 significantly depleted from cilia of *Dlg1*^{-/-} cells compared to WT (Figure 2A; Supplementary
209 Table S1). SDCCAG3 is a known component of the retromer complex that binds the core
210 retromer subunit VPS35⁴¹, and was shown to localize to primary cilia in cultured mammalian
211 cells, including IMCD3 cells, where it also promoted ciliary targeting of PC2¹⁵. Similarly,
212 IFT20 has a well-established role in conferring targeting of PC2 from the Golgi to the
213 primary cilium^{7,13,14} and is also part of the IFT-B complex involved in IFT within cilia⁴².
214 Analysis of ciliated *Dlg1*^{-/-} and WT cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 cells by IFM with antibodies
215 specific for SDCCAG3 confirmed that its ciliary localization is significantly reduced in the
216 *Dlg1*^{-/-} cells compared to WT (Figure 3A, B), whereas total cellular levels were unchanged
217 (Figure 3C). Stable expression of mCherry-DLG1 in the *Dlg1*^{-/-} cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 cells
218 could restore ciliary levels of SDCCAG3 to normal (Figure 3A, B, D), and similar results
219 were obtained in mCCD cells although SDCCAG3 seemed to be localizing preferentially to
220 the ciliary base in these cells (Figure 3E-G). Using similar approaches, we confirmed that
221 loss of DLG1 causes reduced ciliary base levels of IFT20 in mCCD cells but not cilia-BioID2
222 IMCD3 cells (Figure S3A-D). The reason for this cell-type specificity is unclear, but we note
223 that our cilia-BioID2 proximity labelling proteomics analysis indicated a rather modest
224 decrease in ciliary IFT20 levels in *Dlg1*^{-/-} cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 cells compared to WT (Figure
225 2A; Supplementary Table S1), consistent with a relatively mild impact of DLG1 loss on
226 ciliary IFT20 localization in these cells. On the other hand, IFM analysis of kidney sections
227 from WT and *Pax3Cre-Dlg1*^{F/F} mice showed that ciliary levels of SDCCAG3 and IFT20 are

228 significantly reduced in the *Dlg1* knockout compared to control (Figure 4), indicating that
229 DLG1 promotes ciliary targeting of SDCCAG3 as well as IFT20 *in vivo*. Since DLG1 was
230 previously shown to interact physically and functionally with exocyst complex component
231 SEC8^{43,44}, which in turn mediates ciliary membrane biogenesis and PC2 trafficking^{7,45,46}, we
232 also analyzed whether loss of DLG1 affected ciliary presence of SEC8 in cilia-BioID2
233 IMCD3 or mCCD cells. However, while this analysis confirmed that SEC8 is concentrated at
234 the ciliary base, we did not observe any significant change in ciliary base levels of SEC8 in
235 *Dlg1*^{-/-} cells compared to WT cells (Figure S4). We conclude that DLG1 is required for
236 localizing SDCCAG3 and IFT20, but not SEC8, to the primary cilium of kidney epithelial
237 cells *in vitro* and *in vivo*.

238 **Loss of or acute inhibition or DLG1 impairs ciliary targeting of PC2.** Given the known
239 roles of SDCCAG3 and IFT20 in promoting vesicular trafficking of PC2 to the primary
240 cilium¹³⁻¹⁵, we asked if DLG1 regulates ciliary PC2 trafficking. Although PC2 was not
241 detected in our cilia-BioID2 proximity labelling dataset from IMCD3 cells (Figure 2A;
242 Supplementary Table S1), we reasoned this could be due to technical reasons or the cell line
243 used. We therefore used mCCD cells to directly test if inhibition or depletion of DLG1
244 affected ciliary PC2 levels. First, we cultivated our WT, *Dlg1*^{-/-} and rescue mCCD lines on
245 transwell filters to ensure full polarization of the cells. Confocal 3D imaging showed that the
246 cells were indeed fully polarized under these conditions, and no apparent polarity defects
247 were observed in the *Dlg1*^{-/-} cells compared to the WT and rescue line (Figure 5A, B).
248 Moreover, the transwell filter-grown *Dlg1*^{-/-} cells also displayed significantly reduced ciliary
249 levels of PC2 compared to the WT cells and this phenotype was rescued by stable expression
250 of mCherry-DLG1 (Figure 5C, D). For robust and unbiased quantification of ciliary PC2
251 levels, we employed a MATLAB-based approach (see Material and Methods for details) for
252 automatic and high throughput quantitative analysis of ciliary fluorescent staining intensity in

253 transwell filter-grown mCCD cells. Using this approach, we were also able to confirm our
254 results obtained for SDCCAG3 in mCCD cells grown under standard culture conditions,
255 namely a significantly reduced ciliary presence of SDCCAG3 in *DlgI*^{-/-} cells compared to
256 WT and rescue lines (Figure 5E, F).

257 To confirm that DLG1 regulates ciliary PC2 trafficking, we took advantage of two previously
258 described peptide inhibitors, AVLX-144 (Tat-N-Dimer) and ReTat-N-dimer⁴⁷ to specifically
259 block the first and second PDZ domain of DLG1 in ciliated WT mCCD cells. We
260 subsequently analyzed the cells by IFM and staining for PC2 in the treated cells; the cilium
261 was visualized by staining with acetylated α -tubulin antibody. We found that treatment of
262 mCCD ciliated cells with both AVLX-144 and ReTat-N-Dimer caused a significant depletion
263 of PC2 from the ciliary base and along the cilium. Importantly, incubation with the control
264 peptide AVLX-144-AA, which is a structurally similar to AVLX-144 and ReTAT-N-dimer,
265 but non-binding to PDZ domains⁴⁸, did not affect PC2 ciliary levels (Figure S5). This result
266 indicates that DLG1 is indeed required for targeting of PC2 to the primary cilium, and that
267 the impaired ciliary targeting of PC2 to the cilium observed upon DLG1 inhibition is not
268 secondary to cytokinesis^{49,50} or polarity defects¹⁸.

269 We conclude that DLG1 is required for targeting PC2 to the primary cilium of kidney
270 epithelial cells, and that the alterations in ciliary composition observed in *DlgI*^{-/-} cells are not
271 due to cytokinesis or polarity defects. Furthermore, we conclude that DLG1-mediated ciliary
272 targeting of PC2 requires DLG1's first two PDZ domains.

273 **A CAKUT-associated $\mathbf{DLG1^{T507R/T489R}}$ missense variant fails to rescue the ciliary**
274 **phenotype of $\mathbf{DlgI}^{-/-}$ cells.** A previous study identified a DLG1 missense mutation (p.T489R;
275 hereafter referred to as DLG1^{T489R}) in patients with CAKUT³⁴. To investigate a possible
276 ciliary involvement in this disorder, we tested if exogenous expression of the rat equivalent of

277 this missense variant, DLG1^{T507R} (Figure 6A), could rescue the ciliary phenotype of *Dlg1*^{-/-}
278 cells. To this end, we generated a lentiviral construct that we used for stable expression of
279 mCherry-DLG1^{T507R} in the *Dlg1*^{-/-} mCCD cells (Figure 6B). Interestingly, while stable
280 expression of mCherry-tagged WT DLG1 fully restored ciliary base levels of IFT20 (Figure
281 S3C, D) and SDCCAG3 (Figure 3E, F) in mCCD cells, this was not the case for the
282 DLG1^{T507R} variant (Figure 6C-F). This suggests that ciliary defects may contribute to the
283 CAKUT disease aetiology of patients harbouring the DLG1^{T489R} mutation and demonstrates a
284 possible ciliary involvement in CAKUT.

285 **Loss of DLG1 leads to constitutive phosphorylation of MAP3K7.** Upon analysing the GO-
286 BP terms of our proteomics data (Figure 2B) we noticed that several proteins responsible for
287 regulating MAP kinase activity, such as mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 7
288 (MAP3K7, also known as Transforming growth factor beta (TGF β) Activated Kinase 1,
289 TAK1), are diminished in the primary cilium of *Dlg1*^{-/-} cells. As MAP3K7 is linked to the
290 pathogenesis of kidney fibrosis stimulated by TGF β ligands^{51,52} and since TGF β signalling is
291 orchestrated by the primary cilium^{53,54} we investigated the potential impact of *Dlg1* loss on
292 TGF β signalling. Upon stimulation with TGF β -1 ligand, we observed that activation of
293 SMAD2 as evaluated by its phosphorylation on Ser465/467 in the canonical branch of TGF β
294 signalling was largely unaffected in ciliated *Dlg1*^{-/-} as compared to WT mCCD cells (Figure
295 6G, H). In contrast, we observed that phosphorylation of MAP3K7 on Thr184/187 and S412
296 marking full activation of this MAP kinase was significantly increased in unstimulated in
297 *Dlg1*^{-/-} cells as compared to WT cells (Figure 6I-J). These results indicate that DLG1 takes
298 part in the regulation of sub-pathways in TGF β signalling, although further studies are
299 needed to delineate the mechanisms by which DLG1 restricts basal levels of MAP3K7
300 activation, and whether such mechanisms are controlled at the level of primary cilia.

301 **DLG1 associates physically with SDCCAG3 and IFT20.** Finally, to address the
302 mechanism by which DLG1 promotes targeting of SDCCAG3 and IFT20 to the primary
303 cilium, we tested if DLG1 interacts physically with these proteins. Indeed,
304 immunoprecipitation (IP) of lysates from HEK293T cells co-expressing GFP-DLG1 and
305 SDCCAG3 or IFT20 fusion proteins indicated that DLG1 interacts physically with both
306 SDCCAG3 and IFT20 (Figure 7A, B). Similarly, IP analysis in HEK293T cells demonstrated
307 physical interaction between SDCCAG3 and IFT20 (Figure 7A). To determine the molecular
308 basis for these interactions we used Alpha Fold modelling⁵⁵ and identified a high confidence
309 interaction between SDCCAG3 and IFT20 (Figure 7C; Figure S6) but did not obtain strong
310 evidence indicative of direct binding of these two proteins to DLG1. Moreover, the predicted
311 interaction between IFT20 and SDCCAG3 is mutually exclusive with binding of IFT20 to its
312 known partner within the IFT-B complex, IFT54⁵⁶ (Figure 7C). IFT20 was shown previously
313 to interact physically with the BLOC-1 complex⁷, and the BLOC-1 complex subunit
314 DTNBP1 (dysbindin) binds directly to DTNA and DTNB (α - and β -dystrobrevin,
315 respectively) of the dystrophin-glycoprotein complex (DGC)⁵⁷. Interestingly, we and others
316 have previously shown that DLG1 as well as its direct interactor, KIF13B, bind physically to
317 components of the DGC, including UTRN, DTNA and DTNB^{58,59}. Furthermore, a high
318 throughput study indicated that SDCCAG3 also binds DTNBP1⁶⁰. Therefore, we
319 hypothesize that DLG1 may associate physically with IFT20 and SDCCAG3 through
320 DTNBP1-DTNA/B interactions but more work is needed to clarify this. In summary, DLG1
321 associates, at least indirectly, with SDCCAG3 and IFT20, which in turn bind directly to each
322 other. In summary, SDCCAG3 and IFT20 form a hetero-dimeric complex that associates, at
323 least indirectly, with DLG1.

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325 **Discussion**

326 Here we demonstrated that DLG1 is important for regulating the length and composition of
327 primary cilia in kidney epithelial cells, both in cultured cells and *in vivo*. Using an unbiased
328 cilium-targeted proteomics approach, we show that loss of DLG1 in IMCD3 cells causes
329 altered ciliary protein content with most of the affected proteins being diminished in the
330 cilium of *Dlg1*^{-/-} cells. Specifically, loss DLG1 lead to reduced ciliary levels of SDCCAG3
331 and IFT20, which have both been shown to confer ciliary targeting of PC2¹³⁻¹⁵. Consistently,
332 we also established a requirement for DLG1 in promoting ciliary targeting of PC2 in mCCD
333 cells. Reduced ciliary presence of polycystins may at least be partly responsible for the
334 observed ciliary length phenotype of DLG1-deficient cells⁶¹ although alternative
335 mechanisms cannot be excluded. From a human disease perspective PC2 is highly relevant as
336 mutations in its corresponding gene (*PKD2*) cause AD-PKD⁶², and appropriate ciliary
337 localization of PC2 is critical for its function⁹. SDCCAG3 and IFT20 seem to promote
338 ciliary trafficking of PC2 primarily at the level of the recycling endosome and cis-Golgi^{7,13-15},
339 and exocyst complex components also impact the ciliary targeting of PC2⁷. The exocyst
340 complex tethers vesicles at target sites before membrane fusion⁶³, and DLG1 binds exocyst
341 complex component SEC8^{43,64}. However, loss of DLG1 did not affect the ciliary base
342 localization of SEC8 in IMCD3 or mCCD cells.

343 Although DLG1 may localize to primary cilia under some conditions²⁴⁻²⁶, we found
344 that in polarized kidney epithelial cells DLG1 is largely confined to the lateral plasma
345 membrane in agreement with its well-known role as a core component of the Scribble
346 polarity complex. The Scribble complex, which consists of DLG1, Scribble (SCRIB) and
347 lethal giant larvae (LGL), plays a central role in orchestrating epithelial cell polarity⁶⁵, and
348 Scribble complex components were also implicated in protein cargo sorting and vesicle
349 transport. For example, a study in mouse hippocampal neurons found that DLG1 regulates
350 clathrin-mediated endocytosis of AMPA receptors by recruiting myosin VI and AP-2 adaptor

351 complex to endocytic vesicles containing these receptors⁶⁶. Furthermore, in *Drosophila* the
352 Scribble complex is required for proper localization of retromer components to endosomes
353 and promotes appropriate sorting of cargo in the retromer pathway⁶⁷, consistent with our
354 finding that DLG1 associates with and regulates ciliary localization of retromer component
355 SDCCAG3. Studies have demonstrated that deficiency of retromer regulator sorting nexin-17
356 (SNX17) and SDCCAG3 disrupt ciliogenesis^{15,68}. Moreover, the retromer complex interacts
357 with the N-terminal cytoplasmic domain of PC2, and the disruption of this interaction impairs
358 the ciliary localization of PC1¹⁶. Since DLG1 localizes predominantly to the lateral plasma
359 membrane in polarized kidney epithelial cells our results are consistent with a model whereby
360 DLG1 regulates internalization of ciliary cargoes (SDCCAG3, IFT20, PC2) that are
361 transiently transported to this site prior to their onward journey via recycling endosomes to
362 the primary cilium (Figure 7D). Notably, the $\text{Na}^+,\text{HCO}_3^-$ cotransporter NBCn1 (SLC4A7),
363 which localizes at the lateral membrane and primary cilium of polarized kidney epithelial
364 cells, interacts tightly with DLG1⁶⁹, and multiple retromer components were identified as
365 putative NBCn1 binding partners in GST pulldown assays⁷⁰. Furthermore, our proteomics
366 analysis identified the Na^+/H^+ exchanger NHE1(SLC9A1) and the cation channel TRPV4 as
367 Tier 1 candidates depleted from cilia in the *Dlg1*^{-/-} cells (Figure 2; Table S1). This suggests
368 that DLG1 and the retromer complex may regulate ciliary trafficking of a range of ion
369 channels and transporters, in addition to PC2. Future research should be aimed at addressing
370 this possibility.

371 Epithelial cells rely on highly organized trafficking machinery to maintain their
372 polarity and carry out their epithelial functions. Such trafficking involves several factors,
373 including sorting signals, cytoskeletal network, vesicle tethering complexes, and Rab and
374 Rho GTPases, that determine the final destination of each protein⁷¹. Importantly, the cellular
375 microtubule cytoskeleton of polarized epithelial cells is organized very differently compared

376 to mesenchymal cells, with microtubules aligning parallel to the apico-basal axis and
377 extending their plus ends towards the basal surface ⁷² (Figure 7D). Therefore, post-Golgi
378 vesicle trafficking in epithelial cells often occurs via indirect transport routes, such as
379 transcytotic or recycling endosomal routes, to ensure delivery of membrane cargo to the
380 apical surface or ciliary compartment ^{7,9,72}. In addition to the lateral plasma membrane
381 functioning as a docking site for ciliary components, prior to their final transport to the
382 cilium, the apical membrane domain may also function as a transit point for ciliary protein
383 trafficking. For example, nephronophthisis proteins NPHP1, NPHP4, and NPHP8 not only
384 localize to the transition zone, but also accumulate at cell junctions, e.g. in polarized kidney
385 epithelial cells ⁷³, where they interact with Crumbs polarity complex components (PATJ,
386 PALS1, PAR6) ⁷⁴, which are concentrated at the apical-lateral border, just above the tight
387 junctions ⁷⁵. Conversely, accumulating evidence suggests that components of the Crumbs
388 complex localize to cilia and regulate ciliary assembly or function ⁷⁶⁻⁷⁸. Notably, our
389 proteomics analysis identified PATJ (INADL) as a Tier 1 candidate depleted from cilia in the
390 *Dlg1*^{-/-} cells (Figure 2; Table S1) and PC2 was also shown to bind to the Crumbs complex
391 component PALS1 ⁷⁹, suggesting that multiple polarity complexes located along the apical-
392 basal border of epithelial cells may function together to regulate ciliary protein cargo
393 transport. More studies will be needed to explore this in more detail and define the precise
394 mechanisms involved.

395 Our cilia proteomics analysis identified several proteins that affect energy
396 homeostasis and NF κ B and TGF β signaling, and which were depleted from cilia of *Dlg1*^{-/-}
397 cells. These include MAP3K7 (TAK1), whose kinase activity is critical for regulating a
398 variety of cell functions relevant for kidney development and function ⁸⁰. Interestingly, our
399 cell-based assays showed that disruption of DLG1 leads to over-activation of MAP3K7 in
400 line with a recent study, showing that *Dlg1* deficiency in mouse microglial cells impairs

401 microglial activation and prevents production of inflammatory cytokines ⁸¹. Furthermore,
402 multiple lines of evidence have shown that alterations in ciliary length and inactivation of
403 polycystins can cause profound metabolic rewiring in the kidney, which likely contributes to
404 development of PKD ⁸²⁻⁸⁴. Nevertheless, if and how altered ciliary length and composition, as
405 well as dysregulated metabolic, NF κ B and TGF β signaling, contribute to the kidney defects
406 observed in *Dlg1* deficient mice and human CAKUT patients with *DLG1* mutations awaits
407 further investigation. However, we note that a more distantly related DLG1 homolog, DLG5,
408 has been implicated in ciliary biogenesis and function as well as CAKUT ^{85,86}, substantiating
409 the involvement of cilia and DLG proteins in this disease.

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411 Materials and methods

412 **Mammalian cell culture.** Mouse inner medullary collecting duct 3 (IMCD3) cells stably
413 expressing NPHP3[residues 1-203]-BioID2 (hereafter called cilia-BioID2) and BioID2 alone
414 (hereafter called BioID2) have been described previously ⁴⁰. IMCD3 cells were cultured in
415 DMEM/F-12, GlutaMAX Supplement (Gibco, cat. #31331-093) medium supplemented with
416 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS; Gibco, cat. #10438-026) and 1% Penicillin-Streptomycin
417 (Sigma-Aldrich, cat. #P0781). The immortalized mouse cortical collecting duct (mCCD)
418 parental/WT cell line was generously provided by Dr. Eric Féralle (University of Lausanne,
419 Switzerland) and has been described previously ³⁷. The mCCD cells were cultured as
420 described in ³⁷, and RPE1 cells stably expressing SMO-tRFP ⁸⁷ were cultured and transfected as
421 described in ²⁹. Human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293T cells were from ATCC (cat. #CRL-
422 3216) and were cultured in high-glucose DMEM (Gibco, cat. #41966-052) supplemented
423 with 10% FBS and 1% Penicillin-Streptomycin.

424 All cell lines were grown in a 95% humidified incubator at 37 °C with 5% CO₂. To
425 induce ciliogenesis, IMCD3 cells were grown in plain DMEM/F-12, GlutaMAX Supplement
426 for 24 h, while mCCD cells were grown in starvation medium, where the serum and
427 hormone-deprived DMEM/F12, GlutaMAX Supplement medium was supplemented with 5
428 µg/ml holo-transferrin (Sigma-Aldrich, cat. # T0665) and 60 nM sodium selenite (Sigma-
429 Aldrich, cat. #S5261) for 24 h.

430 **Transwell culture system.** For setting up fully polarized epithelial cells, mCCD cells were
431 grown in full DMEM/F-12, Glutamax Supplement medium as described previously, using
432 Thermo Scientific™ Nunc™ Polycarbonate Membrane Inserts in Multidishes (Thermo
433 Scientific, cat. #140652), which have a pore size of 0.4 µm. This was done for a duration of
434 10 days before proceeding with further experiments. The medium was replaced every 3 to 4
435 days. For IFM analysis, the polarized mCCD cells were fixed and membrane inserts were
436 excised and treated as described in the general IFM protocol (see below).

437 **Generation of *Dlg1*^{-/-} cell lines.** To knock out *Dlg1* in the kidney epithelial cell lines, we
438 employed CRISPR/Cas9 technology and used four sgRNA sequences from the mouse
439 CRISPR “Brie” Knockout Library ⁸⁸. The sequences are provided in Table 1. The sgRNA
440 spacers were cloned into pSpCas9(BB)-2A-Puro (PX459) V2.0 plasmid (Addgene, cat.
441 #62988) as described previously ⁸⁹. This involved phosphorylating and annealing the two
442 complementary sgRNA oligos, which were then ligated into the BbsI-digested backbone.
443 Then the selected clones were sequenced to verify the spacer sequence. The parental (WT)
444 cilia-BioID2 and BioID2 IMCD3 lines, and the WT mCCD cells were transfected with the
445 Cas9-gRNA plasmids (pool of all four gRNAs) using reverse transfection with Lipofectamine
446 3000 Transfection Reagent (Invitrogen, cat. #L3000015) according to the manufacturer's
447 instructions. A day after transfection, cells were treated with 2 µg/ml puromycin (Invitrogen,
448 cat. #A11138-03) for 72 h and then tested for DLG1 protein depletion by western blot

449 analysis. Subsequently, the cells underwent single cell sorting at the FACS Facility at Biotech
450 Research & Innovation Centre (University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, DK). The selected
451 clones were validated by western blot analysis and Sanger sequencing to confirm the
452 occurrence of the indel event.

453 **Generation of transgenic cell lines.** A plasmid containing the full-length rat DLG1 coding
454 sequence⁹⁰ was used as template for cloning the rat *Dlg1* coding sequence into Gateway
455 entry plasmid pENTR220-mCherry-C1 using standard cloning techniques. This entry plasmid
456 was then recombined with pCDH-EF1a-Gateway-IRES-BLAST destination plasmid through
457 LR reaction using the Gateway LR Clonase II Enzyme mix (Invitrogen, cat. #11791020). The
458 cloning vectors used were generously provided by Dr. Kay Oliver Schink (Oslo University
459 Hospital, Norway), and were described in⁹¹. The lentiviral expression plasmids were later
460 subjected to site-directed mutagenesis, performed by GenScript, to create a double-point
461 mutation on the following sites: c.1520C>G and c.1521T>A; p.T507R. Lentiviral particles
462 were generated by co-transfected the lentiviral expression plasmids with second-generation
463 lentiviral packaging vectors pMD2.G and pCMVΔ-R8.2 into HEK293T cells (kindly
464 provided by Dr. Carlo Rivolta, Institute of Molecular and Clinical Ophthalmology Basel,
465 Switzerland) using Lipofectamine 3000 Transfection Reagent (Invitrogen, cat. #L3000015)
466 according to the manufacturer's instructions. The harvested culture medium containing
467 lentiviral particles coding for either WT DLG1 or DLG1^{T507R} fusion proteins were used to
468 transduce the kidney epithelial cells. Cells were selected using 5-15 µg/ml Blasticidin S
469 (Gibco, cat. #R21001) and expression was confirmed with western blotting and live cell
470 fluorescence microscopy.

471 **BioID2 proximity labeling.** We conducted a proximity labeling experiments, which involved
472 the WT and *Dlg1*^{-/-} cilia-BioID2 lines described above, with the WT and *Dlg1*^{-/-} BioID2 lines
473 as negative controls. The cells were plated in 15 cm dishes and cultured in normal medium

474 containing DMEM/F-12, GlutaMAX Supplement (Gibco, cat. #31331-093) supplemented as
475 described above. Once the cells had reached 80% confluence, they were stimulated for
476 ciliogenesis for 24 h with the medium described above. Proximity labeling was induced
477 overnight by supplementing the medium with 10 μ M Biotin (Sigma-Aldrich, cat. #B4501).
478 The cells were lysed, and samples were prepared for mass spectroscopy according to a
479 previously published BioID2-based proximity labeling protocol⁴⁰.

480 **Mass spectroscopy and data analysis.** The samples were analyzed and proteins were
481 identified according to the method described in⁴⁰. For proteomics data analysis, we used a
482 custom in-house R script that replicates the analysis using the Perseus software⁹². The LFQ
483 intensity values were compared for cilia-BioID2 WT samples versus those for cilia-BioID2
484 *Dlg1*^{-/-} samples and for BioID2 WT samples versus BioID2 *Dlg1*^{-/-} samples. For samples
485 where LFQ intensity values were zero in less than half of the replicates, while having non-
486 zero LFQ intensity values in the other replicates, imputed values were applied drawn from a
487 normal distribution that had a mean that was 1.8 times below the mean of the non-zero values
488 and a standard deviation that was 0.5 times the mean. Subsequently, Student's t-test was used
489 for statistical comparisons between the LFQ intensity values of samples as well as the
490 significance A test to infer samples with outlier log2 ratios (high or low). After removing the
491 proteins that were significantly altered in the BioID2 comparison, we devised a three-tier
492 system to classify significant proteins from the cilia-BioID2 comparison. Tier 1 proteins were
493 ones where the corrected p-values (Benjamini-Hochberg correction) from the t-test were <
494 0.05 as well as significance A test p-values were < 0.05. Tier 2 proteins included proteins that
495 only had significance A test p-values < 0.05 and Tier 3 proteins were the ones that only had
496 corrected p-values from the t-test < 0.05.

497 **GO term enrichment analysis.** To conduct the analysis, the topGO package⁹³ in R was
498 utilized on the Tier 1 proteins, comprising 118 proteins in total. The approach involved using

499 the GO terms (Biological Process – BP and Cellular Component – CC) linked with all the
500 proteins in the proteomics data analysis and carried out an enrichment analysis for each GO
501 category using Fisher's exact test. Next, a maximum of the top 30 terms were sorted by the
502 Odds ratio and with Fisher's test corrected p-value < 0.05 and removed the redundancy in the
503 enriched terms to leave only the terms that were specific and perhaps more informative. This
504 was achieved by removing the other terms that were ancestral in the same GO lineage as the
505 term of interest.

506 **Immunofluorescence microscopy analysis and live cell imaging.** IMCD3 and mCCD cells
507 were trypsinized (2x concentration, Sigma Aldrich, cat. #T4174), seeded, and grown on 12-
508 mm diameter glass coverslips. Upon reaching 80% confluence, cells were starved for 24 h to
509 induce robust ciliogenesis using the aforementioned media. The coverslips were fixed in 4%
510 paraformaldehyde (PFA; Sigma, cat. #47608) in PBS for 12 min either at room temperature
511 or at 4 °C, washed with PBS, and incubated in permeabilization buffer (0.2% Triton X-100,
512 1% BSA in PBS) for 12 min before blocking and antibody incubation. The fixed cells were
513 blocked in 2% (w/v) BSA-based blocking buffer, then incubated with primary antibodies
514 diluted in 2% BSA for 1.5-2 h at room temperature or overnight at 4 °C. After extensive
515 washing with PBS, cells were then incubated with secondary antibodies diluted in 2% BSA in
516 PBS for 1 h at room temperature. Last, nuclei were labeled with DAPI (Sigma-Aldrich, cat.
517 #D9542). Antibodies and dilutions used in this study for IFM are listed in Table 1. For IFT20
518 staining, we followed an IFM protocol method described in ⁹⁴ where we briefly washed the
519 cells with cytoskeletal buffer, then immediately fixed them with ice-cold MeOH inside a -20
520 °C freezer. For PC2 and SEC8 staining, we used an IFM protocol method described in ⁹⁵. All
521 coverslips were mounted with 6% propyl gallate (Sigma-Aldrich, cat. #P3130) diluted in
522 UltraPure Glycerol (Invitrogen, cat. #15514-001) and 10xPBS and combined with Epredia
523 Immu-Mount (Epredia, cat. #9990402) in a 1:12 ratio.

524 Images of cells seeded on coverslips were obtained with an Olympus BX63 upright
525 microscope equipped with a DP72 color, 12.8 megapixels, 4140x3096 resolution camera, and
526 Olympus UPlanSApo 60x oil microscope objective. Images of the transwell filter-grown
527 polarized epithelial cells were obtained with an Olympus IX83 inverted microscope,
528 equipped with a Yokogawa CSU-W1 confocal scanner unit, ORCA-Flash4.0 V3 Digital
529 CMOS camera (type number: C13440-20CU), and Olympus UPlanSApo 100x oil
530 microscope objective. To prepare the images for publication, we used cellSens 1.18 software
531 for constrained iterative deconvolution and assembled montages with Fiji and Adobe
532 Photoshop 2023.

533 Live cell imaging of RPE1 cells stably expressing SMO-tRFP and transiently
534 expressing eGFP-DLG1 was done as described in²⁹.

535 **Immunofluorescence staining of kidney sections.** The mouse kidney specimens assayed for
536 ciliary length, SDCCAG3 and IFT20 localization were obtained from *Pax3Cre-Dlg1^{F/F}* mice
537 and control (wildtype) littermates that were previously described³⁶. For immunofluorescence
538 staining of paraffin-embedded sections, antigen unmasking was performed by boiling the
539 slides in antigen-retrieval buffer (10 mM Tris Base, 1 mM EDTA, and 0.05% Tween-20, pH
540 9.0) for 30 min. Samples were permeabilized with 0.05% Triton X-100 in PBS (PBS-T) for
541 10 min at room temperature, incubated in blocking buffer (3.0% BSA and 0.1% Triton X-100
542 in PBS) for 1 h, followed by staining with primary antibodies against SDCCAG3, IFT20 or
543 acetylated tubulin overnight at 4°C. After 3 washes with PBS-T, samples were incubated with
544 secondary Alexa Fluor dye-conjugated antibodies for 1 h at room temperature. Nuclei were
545 stained with DAPI, and specimens mounted using Mowiol containing n-propyl gallate
546 (Sigma-Aldrich). Images were captured using a Nikon Eclipse Ti-E inverted confocal
547 microscope equipped with a 60x Plan Fluor oil immersion (1.4 NA) and 100x Plan Fluor oil
548 immersion (1.45 NA) objectives. A series of digital optical sections (z-stacks) were captured

549 using a Hamamatsu ORCA-Fusion Digital CMOS camera at room temperature, and 3D
550 image reconstructions were produced. Images were processed and analyzed using Elements
551 AR 5.21 (Nikon), Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop software.

552 **Quantitative Real-Time PCR (RT-qPCR).** Isolation of total RNA was performed using the
553 NucleoSpin RNA II kit (Macherey-Nagel, cat. # 740955.50) following the manufacturer's
554 instructions. RNA was reverse-transcribed using Superscript III Reverse Transcriptase
555 (Invitrogen, cat. #18080-044) and cDNA amplified by qPCR using SYBR Green (Applied
556 Biosystems, cat. #4309155). The qPCR was conducted in triplicate using the QuantStudio 7
557 Flex Real-Time PCR system with the following steps: 95 °C for 10 min, 40 cycles of [95 °C
558 for 30 sec, 60 °C for 1 min, 72 °C for 30 sec], 95 °C for 1 min. Primer sequences used in this
559 study for RT-qPCR are listed in Table 1. mRNA levels were determined using the
560 comparative threshold cycle (Ct) method, normalizing to GAPDH and 18S ribosomal RNA.
561 The mRNA levels were expressed relative to that in WT mCCD cells.

562 **Inhibition of DLG1.** Acute inhibition of DLG1 was done using the dimeric peptides AVLX-
563 144 (YGRKKRRQRRR-NPEG₄(IETDV)₂, Tat-*N*-dimer), ReTat-*N*-dimer (rrrqrrkkr-
564 NPEG₄(IETDV)₂ containing a retroinverso Tat cell-penetrating sequence and the non-PDZ-
565 binding control AVLX-144-AA (YGRKKRRQRRR-NPEG₄(IEADA)₂ containing alanine
566 mutations in the dimeric region ^{47,48}). Compounds were purchased from WuXi AppTec
567 (Shanghai, China) hydrochloride salts and purities were checked by mass-spectrometry. Prior
568 to the inhibitor experiment, the WT mCCD cells were seeded on glass coverslips and allowed
569 to reach 80% confluence. To promote ciliogenesis, the cells were subjected to a 24 h
570 starvation period using the starvation medium outlined previously. After 12 h of starvation,
571 the medium was changed to the inhibitor-supplemented starvation medium and incubated for
572 an additional 12 h. Subsequently, the cells were examined using IFM analysis.

573 **Immunoprecipitation, SDS-PAGE, and western blot analysis.** Immunoprecipitation in
574 mCCD and HEK293T cells was carried out as described previously⁹⁶, except that the
575 washing buffer contained 0.1% NP-40 instead of 0.5% NP-40. Input and pellet fractions were
576 analyzed by SDS-PAGE and western blotting as described previously⁹⁶ by using antibodies
577 and dilutions as listed in Table 1.

578 **TGF β stimulation assay.** Following cell seeding and 24h incubation with starvation
579 medium, the cells were stimulated with 2 ng/mL recombinant human TGF- β 1 (R&D
580 Systems, cat. # 240-B) diluted in starvation medium for varying durations of 30, 60, 90, and
581 120 minutes or left untreated (0 minute). The cells were later lysed for subsequent analysis
582 using the aforementioned SDS-PAGE and western blotting. The antibodies and dilutions used
583 for this analysis are listed in Table 1.

584 **Quantitative image and statistical analysis.** Using IFM images and Fiji software⁹⁷ we
585 measured cilium length, frequency, and relative mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of
586 relevant antibody-labeled antigens at the cilium or ciliary base in WT, *Dlg1*^{-/-} and rescue
587 IMCD3 and mCCD lines. Unless otherwise stated, the results were confirmed in at least three
588 independent biological replicates. Statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism
589 10.0.1. For manual quantification of ciliary staining intensities of fluorescent images, the
590 background-corrected MFI was normalized to relevant control cells. The data was tested for
591 Gaussian normality using either D'Agostino's K-squared test or Shapiro-Wilk test. If the
592 data followed a normal distribution, the two-tailed, unpaired Student's t-test was used when
593 comparing two groups, or one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison tests
594 was used for comparing more than two groups. If the data did not follow a normal
595 distribution, the nonparametric Mann-Whitney test was used when comparing two groups, or
596 the Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's multiple pairwise comparison tests was used for
597 comparing more than two groups. All quantitative data are presented as mean \pm standard

598 deviation unless otherwise specified. Differences were considered significant when the p-
599 value was <0.05 . Quantitative analysis of western blot data was done as described previously
600 96.

601 **Automated image analysis and primary cilia intensity measurements.** PC2 (Figure 5c and
602 5D) and SDCCAG3 (Figures 5E and 5F) intensity levels were measured in spinning disk
603 fluorescence microscopy 3D image stacks of transwells-cultured cells acquired from WT,
604 *Dlg1*^{-/-}, and rescue mCCD cell lines in three independent experiments, with a total of 15-25
605 images and 431-739 cells/cilia analyzed per condition. To minimize any bias and ensure
606 experimental reproducibility, all intensity measurements were performed by a fully
607 automated MATLAB script reporting the mean fluorescence intensity of the protein of
608 interest inside subregions of the identified primary cilia. The functional steps of the script are
609 reported below. First, 1) Nucleus regions were automatically identified (DAPI channel,
610 Gaussian filtering, background subtraction and global thresholding) and 2) primary cilia were
611 accurately segmented (cilia marker channel, Gaussian filtering, and local thresholding) as the
612 brightest 3D objects overlapping a nucleus region. Next, 3) primary cilium bases were
613 identified as the closest cilium voxel to the center of mass of the corresponding nucleus
614 region (assuming an outward growth of the cilia), and 4) primary cilium base regions were
615 defined as the set of cilium voxels within a maximum (user defined) geodesic distance to the
616 corresponding base. Finally, 5) SDCCAG3 and PC2 channels mean intensities were
617 individually measured and reported inside each primary cilium, primary cilium base region,
618 and primary cilium body (whole cilium excluding the base region) after background intensity
619 correction (3D median filtered image subtraction). Example images are shown in Figure S7.
620 The script was developed for this project by Danish Bioimaging Infrastructure Image
621 Analysis Core Facility (DBI-INFRA IACFF) and is available upon request and will soon be
622 available from <https://github.com/DBI-INFRA>.

623 **AlphaFold modeling of protein complexes.** Structures of protein complexes shown in
624 Figures 7C and S6B-D were modeled using a local installation of Alphafold v2.1.0^{55,98} using
625 sequences for *Mus musculus* (Mm) or *Homo sapiens* (Hs) DLG1, SDCCAG3, IFT20, and
626 IFT54. Predicted interacting areas were inspected for a low Predicted Alignment Error (PAE)
627 score as the main indicator for confidence. All figures of protein structures were prepared
628 using PyMOL v. 2.5 (Schrodinger LLC, <https://pymol.org>).

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645 **Figure legends**

646 **Figure 1. Loss of *Dlg1* in mouse kidney cells leads to elongated cilia. (A)** H&E staining of
647 representative kidney sections from wildtype and *Pax3Cre-Dlg1^{F/F}* mice. **(B, C)**
648 Immunofluorescence staining for cilia (acetylated tubulin, yellow) and quantification of
649 ciliary length in kidney sections of wildtype and *Pax3Cre-Dlg1^{F/F}* mice. * denotes P<0.05.
650 **(D)** Western blot analysis of total cell lysates of the indicated mCCD cells lines using
651 antibodies against DLG1 and GAPDH (loading control). Molecular mass markers are shown
652 in kDa to the left. **(E)** Representative image of transwell filter-grown mCCD cell lines (mCh-
653 DLG1: mCherry-DLG1). Cilia were visualized using acetylated tubulin antibody (AcTub,
654 magenta), cell-cell contacts were visualized with E-cadherin antibody (green) and nuclei were
655 stained with DAPI (blue). **(F, G)** Quantification of ciliary length **(F)** and frequency **(G)** in the
656 indicated transwell filter-grown mCCD lines. Ciliary length and ciliation rate was measured
657 using the fully automated MATLAB script. Graphs represent accumulated data from three
658 individual experiments, and statistical analysis was performed using Mann-Whitney U test
659 (unpaired, two-tailed). Error bars represent means \pm SD. **, P<0.01; ****, P<0.0001; ns, not
660 statistically significant.

661 **Figure 2. Analysis of cilia mass spectrometry results. (A)** Volcano plot visualizing
662 differential protein expression in the ciliary proteome upon disruption of DLG1. The proteins
663 are colored according to their significance tier (Tier 1, 2, 3, and non-significant (NS)). The
664 total amount of affected candidate ciliary proteins found in Tier 1 upon *Dlg1* depletion are
665 highlighted on the right side of the volcano plot, while the proteins related to this research are
666 marked on the volcano plot. The complete list of identified proteins can be found in
667 Supplementary Table S1. **(B, C)** Gene Ontology enrichment analysis for biological process
668 **(B)** and cellular component **(C)** using the proteins found in Tier1. The tables show the top 15

669 terms that are significantly enriched (Fisher's exact test value ≤ 0.05) and are listed in order of
670 their enrichment ratio along with the corresponding GO terms.

671 **Figure 3. Loss of DLG1 impairs ciliary localization of SDCCAG3 in IMCD3 and mCCD**
672 **cells. (A, E)** IFM analysis of ciliated cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 (A) and mCCD (E) cell lines
673 showing comparative SDCCAG3 staining (green) in WT, *Dlg1*^{-/-} and mCherry-DLG1 (mCh-
674 DLG1) rescue cells. Cilia were stained with antibodies against acetylated α -tubulin (AcTub,
675 magenta), and nuclei visualized with DAPI staining (blue). Insets show enlarged images of
676 cilia, asterisks mark the ciliary base. The merged insets show primary cilia with channels
677 shifted to aid visualization. **(B, F)** Quantification of the relative mean fluorescence intensity
678 (MFI) of SDCCAG3 staining along the cilium of cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 cell lines (B) or at the
679 ciliary base of mCCD cell lines (F). Graphs represent WT normalized and accumulated data
680 (n=3). Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's multiple comparison test was used for the statistical
681 analysis. Data are shown as mean \pm SD. ****, P<0.0001. **(C, D, G)** Western blot analysis of
682 total cell lysates of cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 (C, D) or mCCD (G) cell lines. Blots were probed
683 with antibodies as indicated, GAPDH was used as loading control. Molecular mass markers
684 are shown in kDa to the left.

685 **Figure 4. Conditional loss of DLG1 in mouse kidney leads to impaired ciliary**
686 **localization of SDCCAG3 and IFT20. (A, B)** Immunofluorescence staining of SDCCAG3
687 (A) or IFT20 (B), both in yellow, and acetylated α -tubulin (AcTub, magenta) in kidney
688 sections from wildtype and *Pax3Cre-Dlg1*^{F/F} mice. **(C)** Quantification of relative MFI of
689 SDCCAG3 and IFT20 in cilia of wildtype and *Pax3Cre-Dlg1*^{F/F} mice, respectively. * denotes
690 P<0.05.

691 **Figure 5. Loss of DLG1 affects ciliary composition in transwell filter-grown mCCD**
692 **cells. (A, B)** Representative top (A) and side view (B) confocal images of transwell filter-

693 grown WT, *Dlg1*^{-/-} and mCh-DLG1 rescue mCCD cell lines. The cells were stained for E-
694 cadherin (green) and PALS1 (magenta) to visualize the basolateral membrane and apical-
695 lateral border, respectively. **(C, E)** IFM analysis of PC2 (C) or SDCCAG3 (E) (green) in
696 transwell filter-grown mCCD cell lines. Cilia were visualized with antibody against
697 acetylated tubulin (AcTub, magenta), and nuclei stained with DAPI (blue). Insets show
698 enlarged images of cilia, while the merged insets show primary cilia with channels shifted to
699 aid visualization. **(D, F)** Quantification of the relative MFI of PC2 (D) and SDCCAG3 (F)
700 along the cilium (right panels) and at the ciliary base (left panels). The graphs represent
701 normalized and accumulated data (n=3). The number of dots in each condition represents the
702 number of primary cilia quantified. The MFI of SDCCAG3 or PC2 was measured using the
703 fully automated MATLAB-based quantification. Statistical analysis utilized one-way
704 ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparison test. Data are shown as mean ± SD. ****,
705 P<0.0001.

706 **Figure 6. A CAKUT-associated DLG1 missense variant fails to rescue ciliary phenotype**
707 **of *Dlg1*^{-/-} mCCD cells.** **(A)** DLG1 protein domain structure and schematic representation and
708 localization of the human CAKUT-associated DLG1^{T489R} variant and the rat counterpart
709 (DLG1^{T507R}). **(B)** Western blot validation of stable expression of transgenic mutant mCherry-
710 DLG1 (mCh-DLG1^{T507R}) in mCCD cells using antibodies as indicated. **(C, F)** Quantification
711 of relative MFI of SDCCAG3 (C) and IFT20 (F) at the ciliary base of indicated mCCD cell
712 lines, based on images as shown in panels (D) and (E), respectively. Kruskal-Wallis test with
713 Dunn's multiple comparison test was used for statistical analysis. Data are shown as mean ±
714 SD (n=3). *, P<0.05; ***, P<0.001; ****, P<0.0001. In (D, E) ciliated mCCD WT and *Dlg1*^{-/-}
715 and mCherry-DLG1 rescue cells were analyzed by IFM with antibodies against SDCCAG3
716 (D) or IFT20 (E), both shown in green. Acetylated α-tubulin (AcTub, magenta) was used to
717 stain cilia; nuclei were visualized with DAPI (blue). Insets show enlarged images of cilia,

718 asterisks mark the ciliary base. The merged insets show primary cilia with channels shifted to
719 aid visualization. (G, I) Western blot analysis of total or phosphorylated (p) SMAD2 (G) and
720 TAK1 (I) upon stimulation with TGF β -2 ligand for indicated times in growth-arrested mCCD
721 cells. (H, J) Quantifications of protein phosphorylation shown in panels (G, I), respectively.
722 Error bars represent means \pm SD (n = 3).

723 **Figure 7. Physical interactions between, DLG1, IFT20 and SDCCAG3. (A, B)**
724 Immunoprecipitation with anti-GFP beads was performed in HEK293T cells transiently
725 expressing FLAG-SDCCAG3 (A) or FLAG-IFT20 (B) together with the indicated GFP-
726 fusions. Input and pellet fractions were subjected to SDS-PAGE and western blot analysis
727 using antibodies against FLAG or GFP, as indicated, and GFP expressed alone was used as
728 negative control. Molecular mass markers are indicated in kDa to the left. (C) Structural
729 prediction for the complex between MmSDCCAG3 (yellow) and MmIFT20 (cyan) in cartoon
730 representation (upper panel). The structure is predicted to be an anti-parallel hetero-dimer
731 coiled coil. The lower panel includes IFT54 showing its binding to IFT20 is mutually
732 exclusive with binding of SDCCAG3 to IFT20. (D) Proposed model for how DLG1 promotes
733 ciliary trafficking of SDCCAG3, IFT20 and PC2. Based on ^{9,11} and data presented in the
734 current study. CRE, common recycling endosome.

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Reagent type (species) or resource	Designation	Source or reference	Identifiers	Additional information
Kidney tissue (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	<i>Pax3-Cre</i> strain with <i>Dlg1</i> ^{+/+} alleles	³⁶	Wild type	C57BL/6J-CBA/J mixed background
Kidney tissue (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	<i>Pax3-Cre</i> strain with <i>Dlg1</i> ^{F/F} alleles	³⁶	<i>Pax3Cre-Dlg1</i> ^{F/F}	C57BL/6J-CBA/J mixed background
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	IMCD3 Flp-In	⁴⁰	Wild type (parental)	
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ cilia-BioID2	⁴⁰	Wild type	
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ BioID2	⁴⁰	Wild type	
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	mCCD	⁹⁹	Wild type (parental)	c11 parental cells
Cell line (<i>Homo sapiens</i>)	HEK293T	ATCC	Cat. #CRL-3216	
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ DLG1-BioID2	This study	Pool	Generated by Flp-FRT recombination
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ cilia-BioID2 <i>Dlg1</i> ^{−/−}	This study	Pool of knockout	Generated by CRISPR/Cas9 methodology
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ BioID2 <i>Dlg1</i> ^{−/−}	This study	Pool of knockout	Generated by CRISPR/Cas9 methodology
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	mCCD <i>Dlg1</i> ^{−/−}	This study	Clone A8	Generated by CRISPR/Cas9 methodology
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ cilia-BioID2 <i>Dlg1</i> ^{−/−} w/ mCherry-DLG1	This study	Pool/rescue line	Generated by lentiviral transduction
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	mCCD <i>Dlg1</i> ^{−/−} w/ mCherry-DLG1	This study	Pool/rescue line	Generated by lentiviral transduction
Cell line (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	mCCD <i>Dlg1</i> ^{−/−} w/ mCherry-DLG1 ^{T507R}	This study	Pool/mutant line	Generated by lentiviral transduction
Cell line (<i>Homo sapiens</i>)	hTERT-RPE1 w/SMO-tRFP	⁸⁷	RPE1 SMO-tRFP	
Strain, strain	DH10B	Lab stock	N/A	

background (<i>Escherichia coli</i>)				
Sequence-based reagent	<i>M. musculus</i> <i>Dlg1</i> exon 5 sgRNA target sequence	Eurofins Genomics	sgRNA 1	5'- TTCTCCACAAGTCACAAA TG-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>M. musculus</i> <i>Dlg1</i> exon 8 sgRNA target sequence	Eurofins Genomics	sgRNA 2	5'- TTGAGTCATCTCCAATGT GT-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>M. musculus</i> <i>Dlg1</i> exon 9 sgRNA target sequence	Eurofins Genomics	sgRNA 3	5'- TGCAGATTGTATGTGAAAA GG-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>M. musculus</i> <i>Dlg1</i> exon 14 sgRNA target sequence	Eurofins Genomics	sgRNA 4	5'- GGGTCGATATTGCGCAA CGA-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>M. musculus</i> <i>Gapdh</i> RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'- TGTCCGTCGTGGATCTGA C-3'; antisense 5'- CCTGCTTCACCAACCTTCT TG-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>M. musculus</i> 18S rRNA RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'- GCAATTATTCCCCATGAA CG-3'; antisense 5'- AGGGCCTCACTAAACCA TCC-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>M. musculus</i> <i>Dlg1</i> RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'- CGAAGAACAGTCTGGGC CTT-3'; antisense 5'- GGGGATCTGTGTCAGTGT GG-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>M. musculus</i> <i>Dlg2</i> RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'- TGCCTGGCTGGAGTTAC AG-3'; antisense 5'- TTTTACAATGGGGCCTCC GC-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>M. musculus</i> <i>Dlg3</i> RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'- GAGCCAGTGACACGACA AGA-3'; antisense 5'- GCGGAACTCAGAGATG AGG-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>M. musculus</i> <i>Dlg4</i> RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'- GGGCCTAAAGGACTTGG CTT-3'; antisense 5'- TGACATCCTCTAGCCCCA CA-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i> <i>Dlg1</i> PCR primer	Eurofins Genomics	rDLG1.kpnI	5'- CCGGTACCCCGGTCCGG AAGCAAGATAC-3'
Sequence-based reagent	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i> <i>Dlg1</i> PCR primer	Eurofins Genomics	rDLG1.notI	5'- CCGCGGCCGCTCATAATT

reagent				TTTCTTTGCTGGGACCC AG -3'
DNA plasmid	pSpCas9(BB)-2A-Puro (PX459) V2.0	Addgene	Cat. #62988, pSpCas9	Expression vector, CRISPR
DNA plasmid	gRNA 1/pSpCas9	This study	pSpCas9-gRNA 1	Expression vector, CRISPR
DNA plasmid	gRNA 2/pSpCas9	This study	pSpCas9-gRNA 2	Expression vector, CRISPR
DNA plasmid	gRNA 3/pSpCas9	This study	pSpCas9-gRNA 3	Expression vector, CRISPR
DNA plasmid	gRNA 4/pSpCas9	This study	pSpCas9-gRNA 4	Expression vector, CRISPR
DNA plasmid	<i>Mus musculus</i> SDCCAG3/ pCMV6-Myc-DDK	Origene	Cat. #MR217984, FLAG-MYC-SDCCAG3	Expression vector
DNA plasmid	<i>Homo sapiens</i> IFT20/ pcDNA5.1-6xHis-3xFLAG-TEV	Made by Michael Tascher from Esben Lorentzen's lab using standard approaches as in ⁵⁶	HFT-IFT20	Expression vector
DNA plasmid	pEGFP-C1	Clontech	eGFP	Expression vector
DNA plasmid	<i>Mus musculus</i> IFT20/ pEGFP-N1	¹³	IFT20-eGFP	Expression vector
DNA plasmid	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i> DLG1/pEGFP-C1	⁹⁰	eGFP-DLG1	Expression vector, DLG1 insert is isolated from rat brain ⁹¹
DNA plasmid	pENTR220-mCherry-C1	⁹¹	N/A	Gateway entry vector
DNA plasmid	pCDH-EF1a-Gateway-IRES-BLAST	⁹¹	pCHD	Gateway destination vector for generating lentiviral expression vector
DNA plasmid	pMD2.G	⁹⁶	N/A	Lentiviral packaging vector
DNA plasmid	pCMVΔ-R8.2	⁹⁶	N/A	Lentiviral packaging vector
DNA plasmid	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i> DLG1/pENTR220-mCherry-C1	This study	pENTR220-mCherry-DLG1	Gateway entry vector, cloned in KpnI and NotI sites
DNA plasmid	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i> mCherry-DLG1/ pCDH-EF1a-Gateway-IRES-BLAST	This study	pCDH-mCherry-DLG1	Lentiviral expression vector, generated with Gateway LR reaction using pENTR220-mCherry-DLG1 and pCDH plasmids
DNA plasmid	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i> mCherry-	This study	pCDH-mCherry-	Lentiviral expression vector, Generated by GenScript

	DLG1 ^{T507R} / pCDH-EF1a- Gateway-IRES- BLAST		DLG1 ^{T507R}	
Antibody	Anti-alpha- tubulin (mouse monoclonal)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat. #T5168	WB (1:10000)
Antibody	Anti-acetylated alpha-tubulin (mouse monoclonal)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat. #T7451	IFM (1:2000) IHC (1:2000)
Antibody	Anti-acetylated alpha-tubulin (rabbit monoclonal)	Abcam	Cat. #ab179484	IFM (1:2000)
Antibody	Anti-ARL13B (rabbit polyclonal)	Proteintech	Cat. #17711- 1-AP	IFM (1:500)
Antibody	Anti-DLG1 (rabbit polyclonal)	Abcam	Cat. #ab300481	IFM (1:750) WB (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-DLG1 (rabbit polyclonal)	Thermo Scientific	Cat. #PA1- 741	WB (1:600)
Antibody	Anti-E-Cadherin (rabbit polyclonal)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat. # 3195	IFM (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-FLAG (mouse monoclonal)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat. #F1804	WB (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-GAPDH (rabbit polyclonal)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat. #2118	WB (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-GFP (chicken polyclonal)	Abcam	Cat. #ab13970	WB (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-GFP (rabbit polyclonal)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat. #SAB430113 8	WB (1:500)
Antibody	Anti-IFT20 (rabbit polyclonal)	Proteintech	Cat. #13615- 1-AP	IFM (1:200) IHC (1:100) WB (1:500)
Antibody	Anti-PALS1 (mouse monoclonal)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat. #sc- 365411	IFM (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-PC2 (rabbit polyclonal)	PKD Research Resource Consortium	N/A	IFM (1:1000) WB (1:600)
Antibody	Anti-PC2 (mouse monoclonal)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat. #sc- 28331	IFM (1:500) WB (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-SDCCAG3 (rabbit polyclonal)	Proteintech	Cat. #15969- 1-AP	IFM (1:600) IHC (1:100) WB (1:1000)

Antibody	Anti-SMAD2 (rabbit polyclonal)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat. #5339	WB (1:200)
Antibody	Anti-pSMAD2 ^{Ser465/467} (rabbit polyclonal)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat. #3108	WB (1:200)
Antibody	Anti-rSEC8 (mouse monoclonal)	Enzo Life Sciences	Cat. #ADI-VAM-SV016	IFM (1:1000) WB (1:2000)
Antibody	Anti-TAK1 (rabbit polyclonal)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat. #4505	WB (1:300)
Antibody	Anti-pTAK1 ^{Ser412} (mouse monoclonal)	Bioss Antibodies	Cat. #bs-3435R	WB (1:200)
Antibody	Anti-pTAK1 ^{Thr184/187} (mouse monoclonal)	Bioss Antibodies	Cat. #bs-3439R	WB (1:200)
Antibody	Anti-Mouse-AF488 (donkey polyclonal)	Invitrogen	Cat. #A-21202	IFM (1:600)
Antibody	Anti-Mouse-AF568 (donkey polyclonal)	Invitrogen	Cat. # A-10037	IFM (1:600)
Antibody	Anti-Rabbit-AF488 (donkey polyclonal)	Invitrogen	Cat. # A-21206	IFM (1:600)
Antibody	Anti-Rabbit-AF568 (donkey polyclonal)	Invitrogen	Cat. #A-10042	IFM (1:600)
Antibody	Anti-Chicken-HRP (goat polyclonal)	Invitrogen	Cat. #A-16054	WB (1:6000)
Antibody	Anti-Mouse-HRP (goat polyclonal)	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	Cat. #P0447	WB (1:10000)
Antibody	Anti-Rabbit-HRP (swine polyclonal)	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	Cat. #P0399	WB (1:10000)
Peptide inhibitor	DLG-specific inhibitor	WuXi ApTec (Shanghai, China)	AVLX-144	Tat-N-dimer; described in ^{47,48}
Peptide inhibitor	DLG-specific inhibitor	WuXi ApTec (Shanghai, China)	Re-Tat-N-dimer	Described in ^{47,48}
Peptide inhibitor	non-PDZ-binding control	WuXi AppTec (Shanghai, China)	AVLX-144-AA	Described in ^{47,48}

Secondary detection	Streptavidin, Alexa Fluor 488 Conjugate	Invitrogen	Cat. #S32354	IFM (1:1000)
Fluorescent stain	DAPI	Sigma Aldrich	Cat. #D9542	IFM (1:5000)

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740 **Table 1. Cell lines and reagents used in this study.** N/A, not applicable; WB, western blot;

741 IHC, immunohistochemistry.

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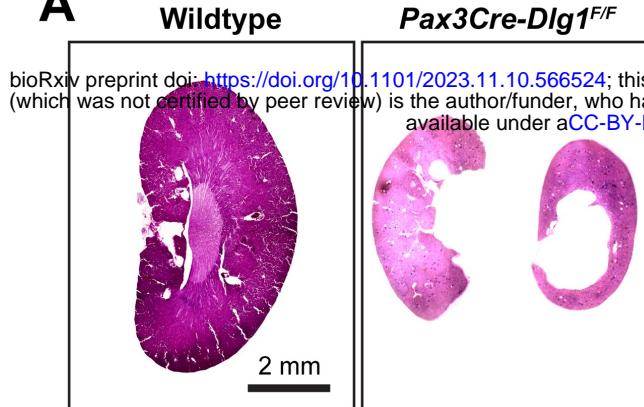
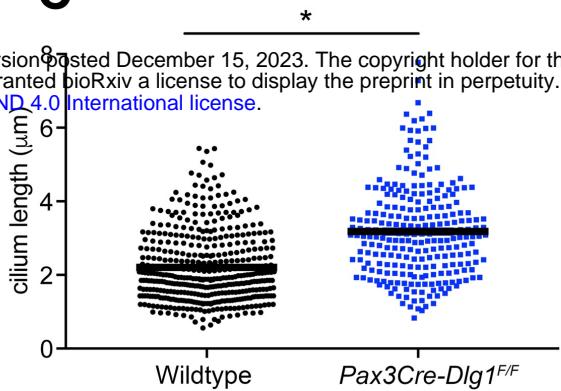
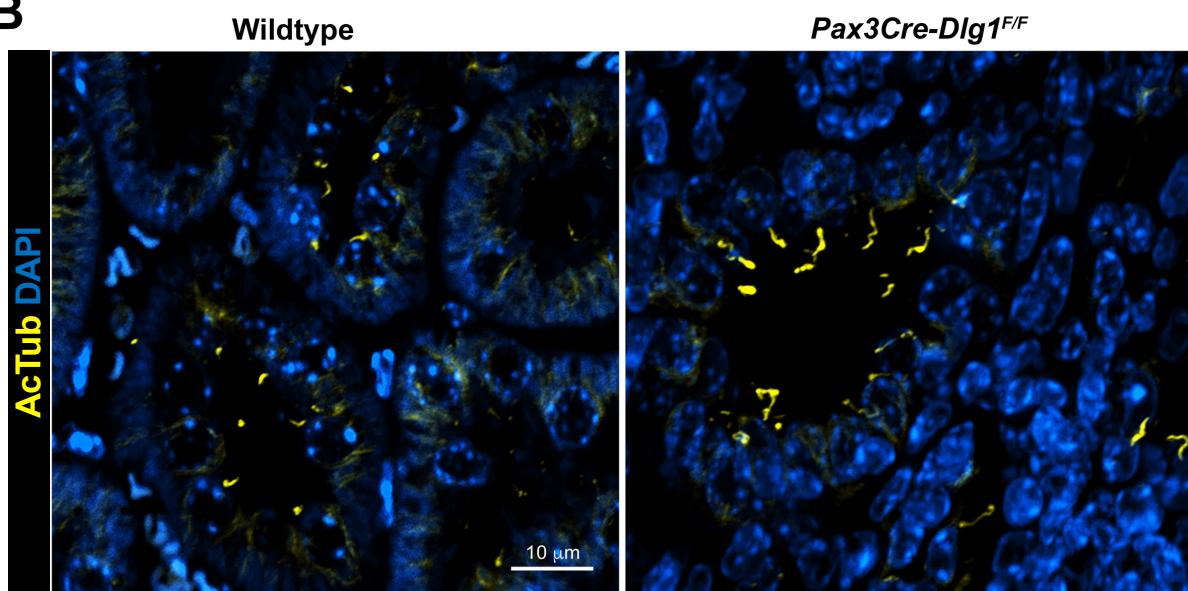
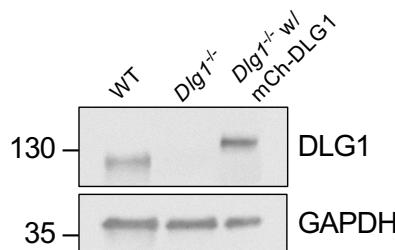
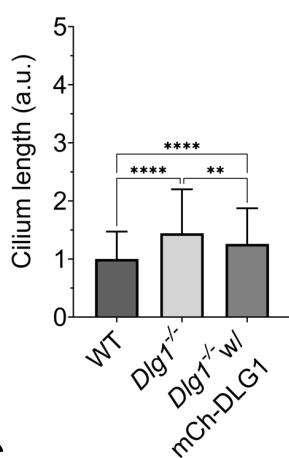
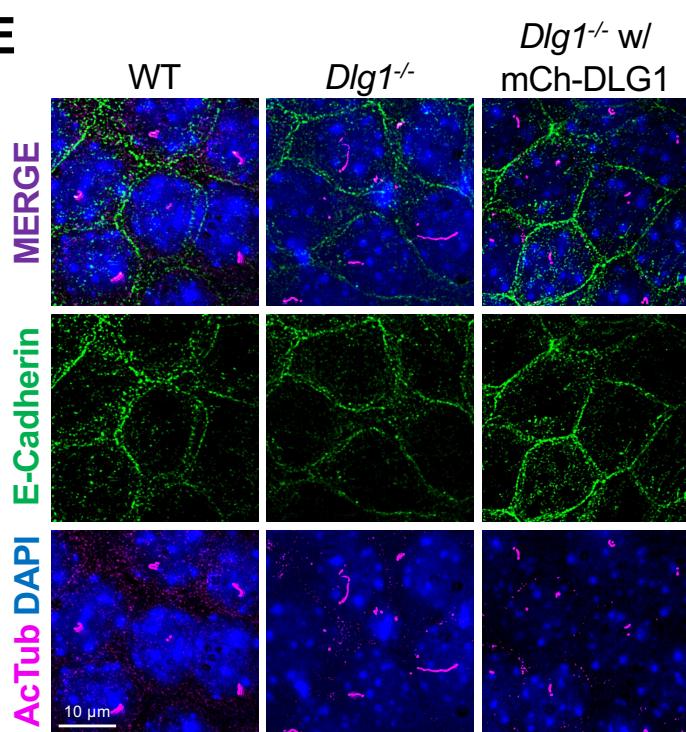
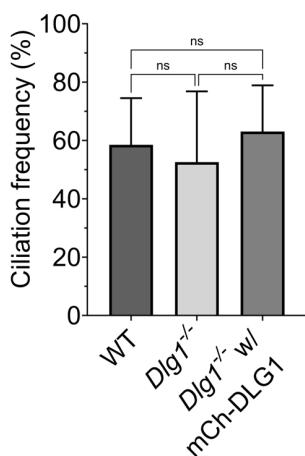
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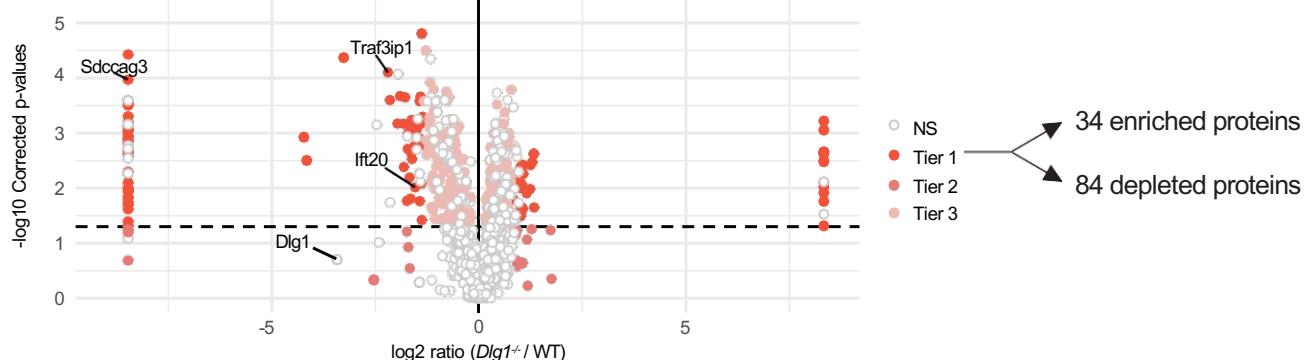
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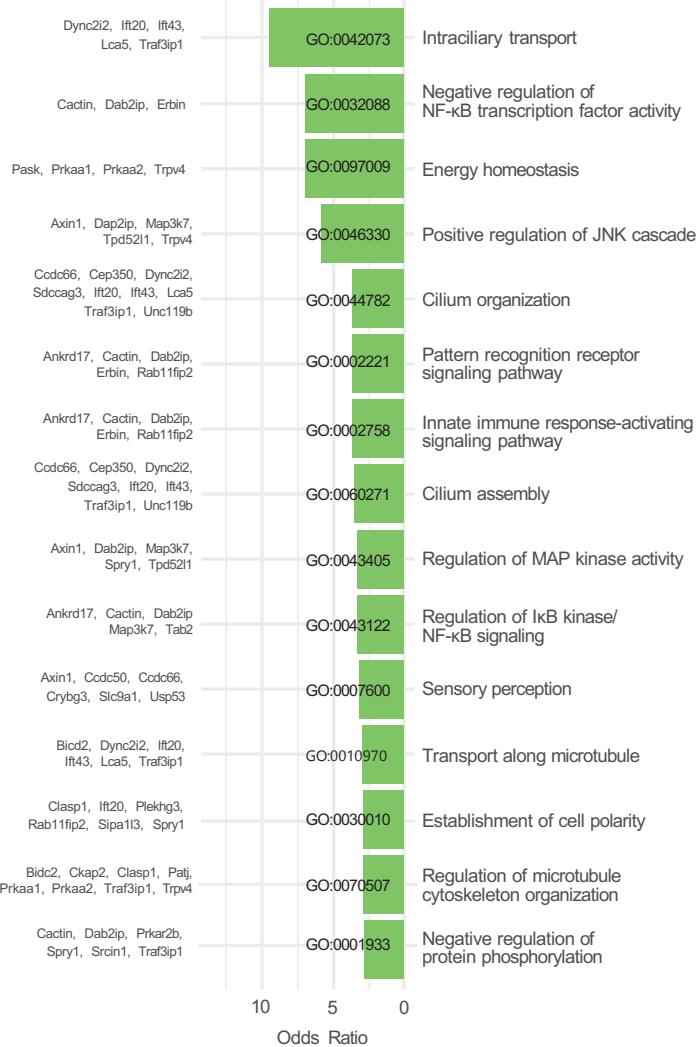
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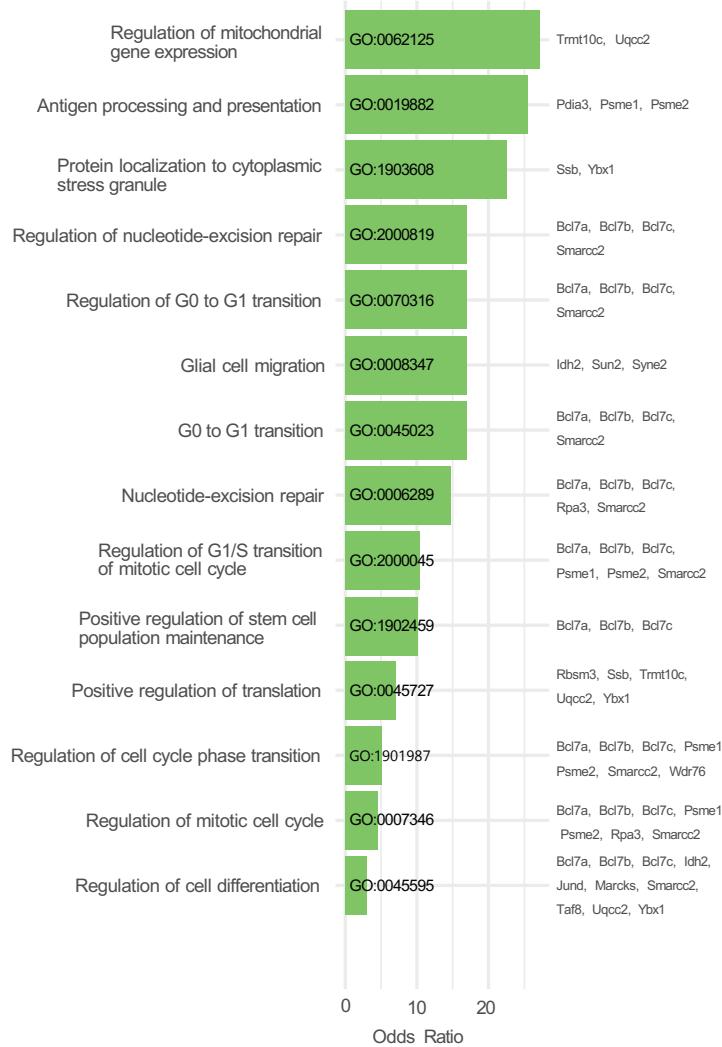
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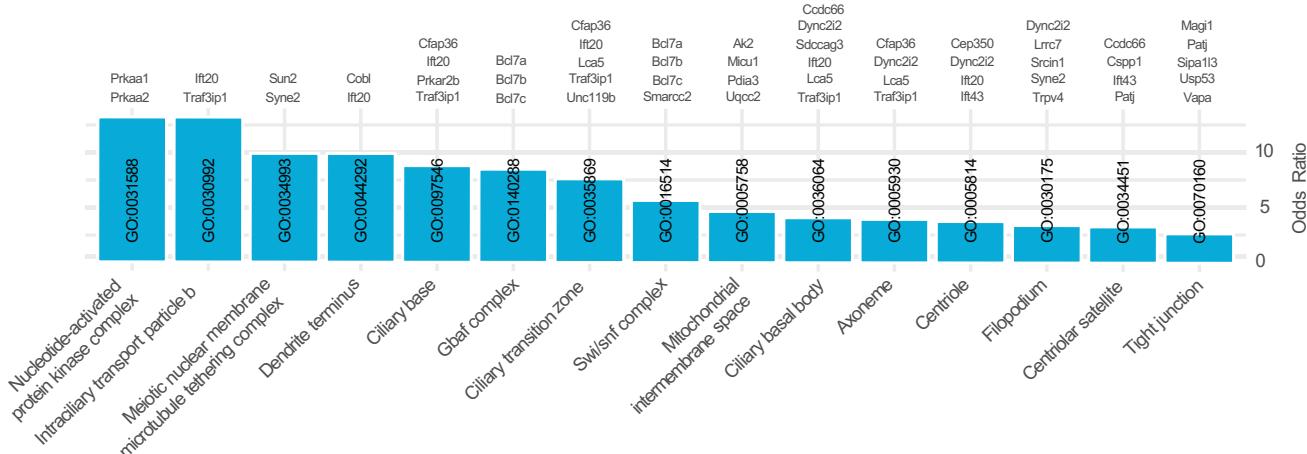
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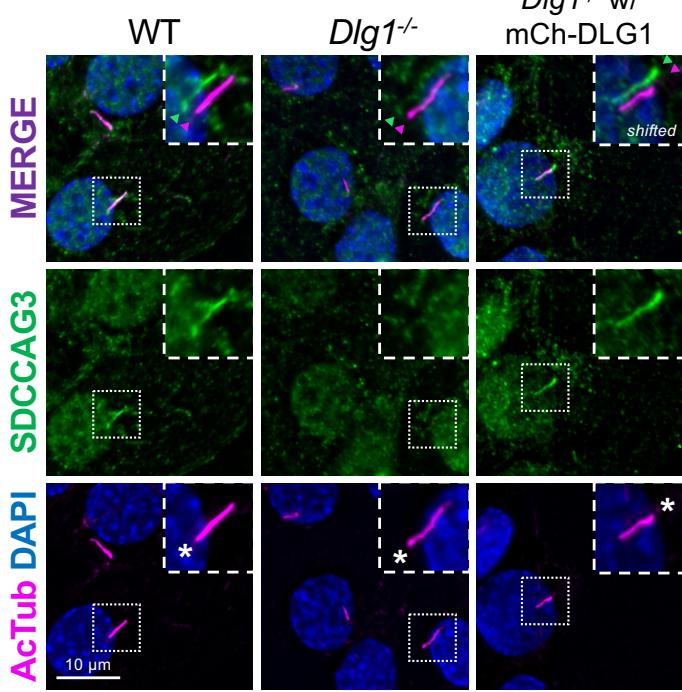


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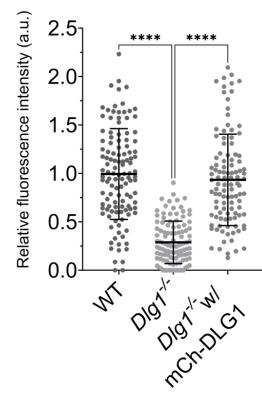
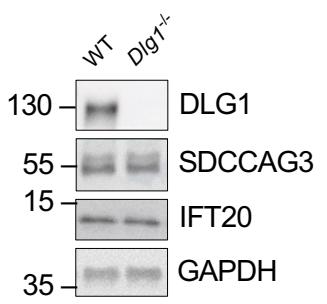
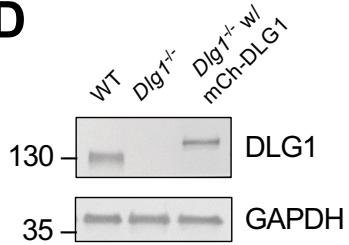
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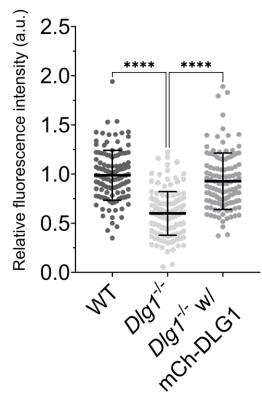
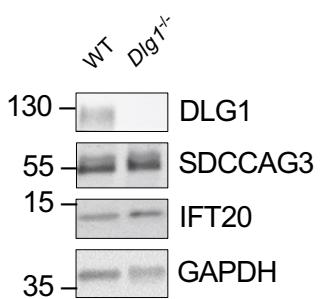
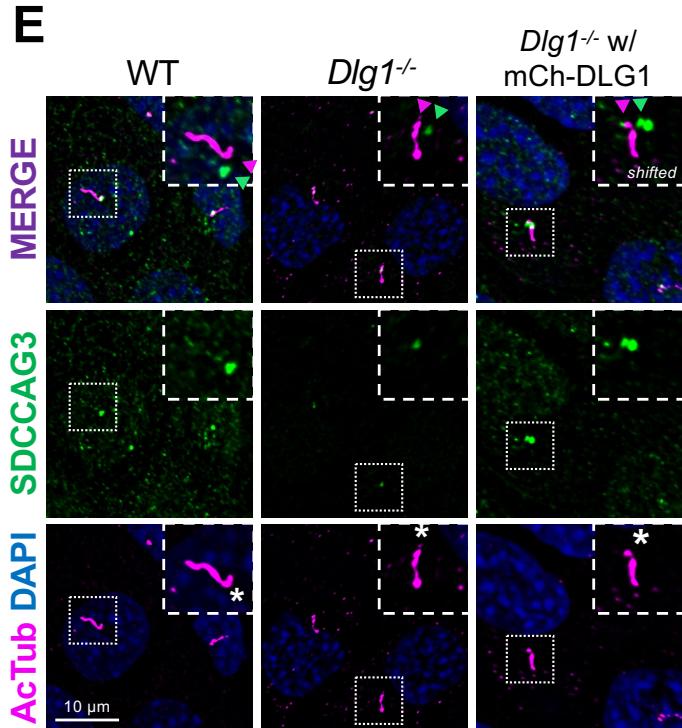


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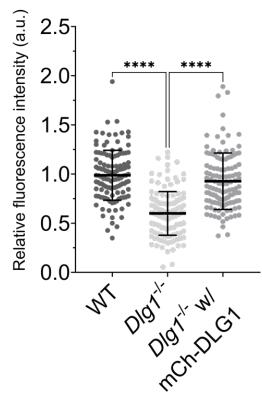
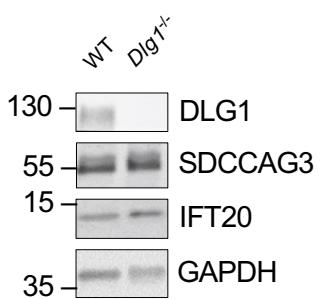
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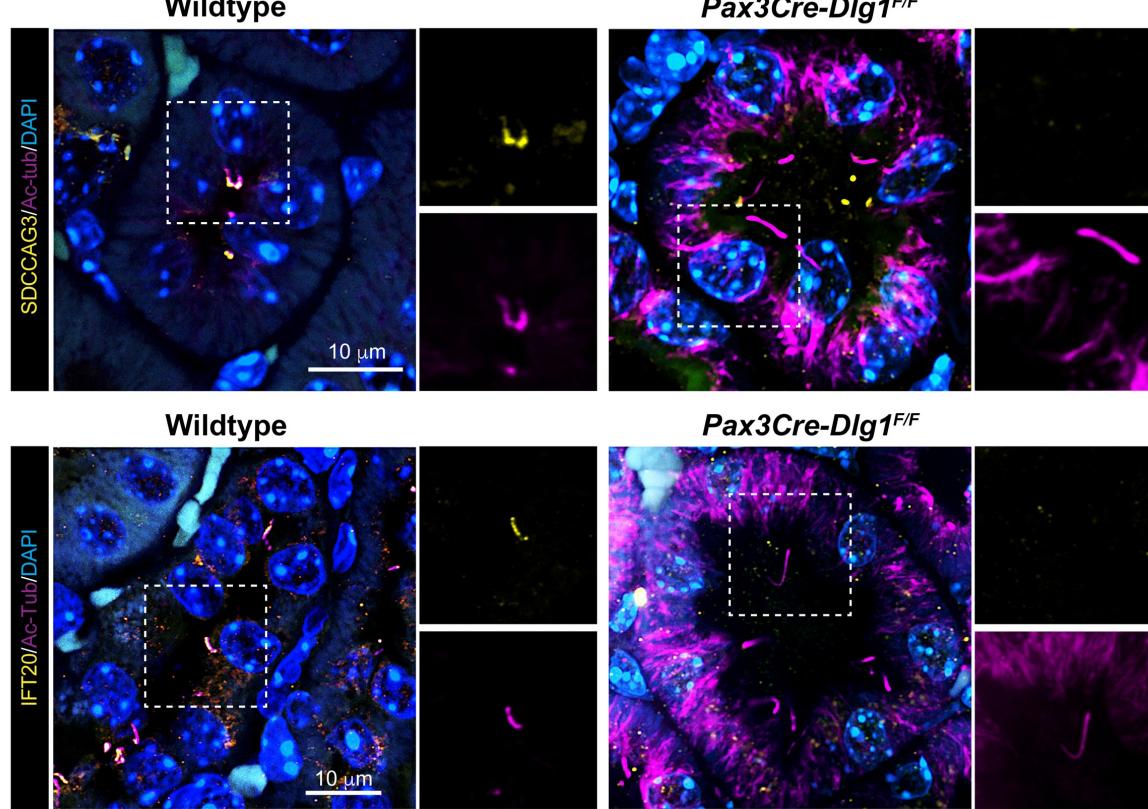
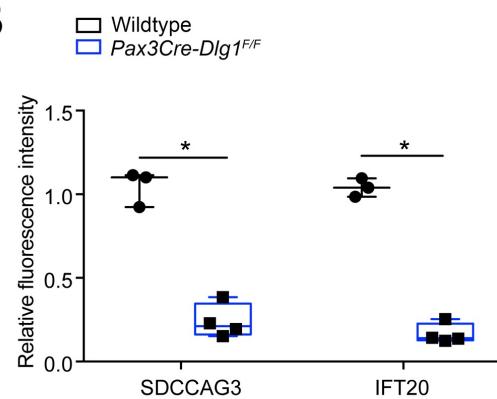
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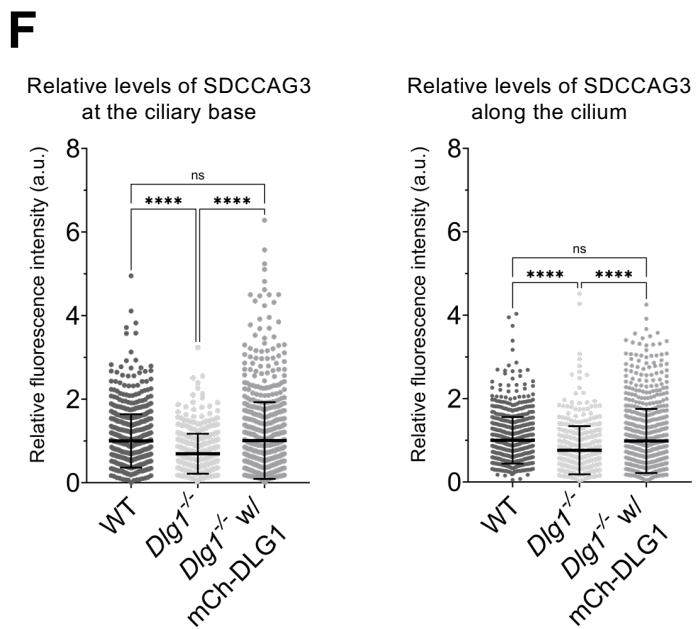
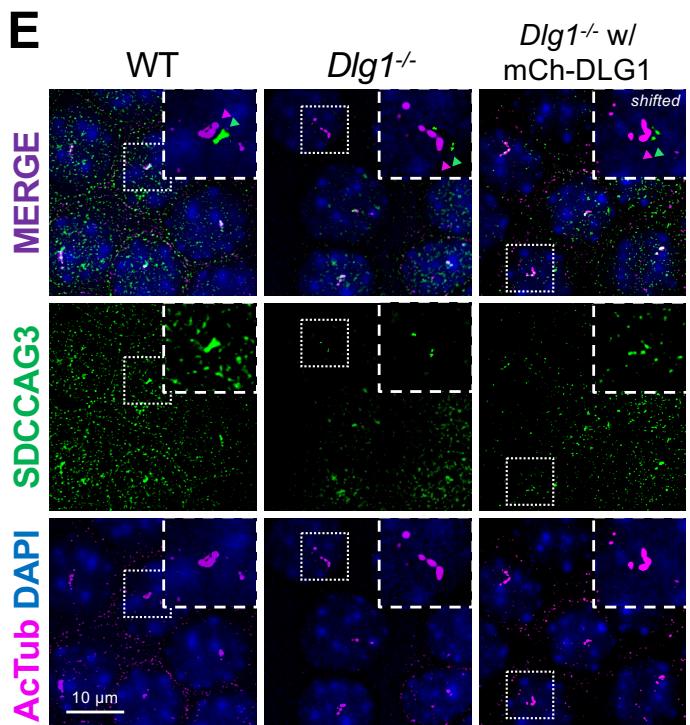
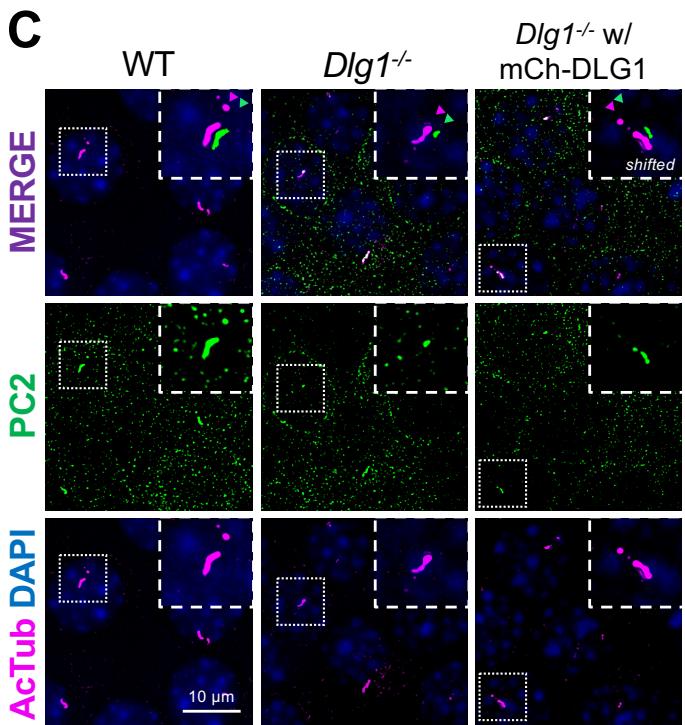
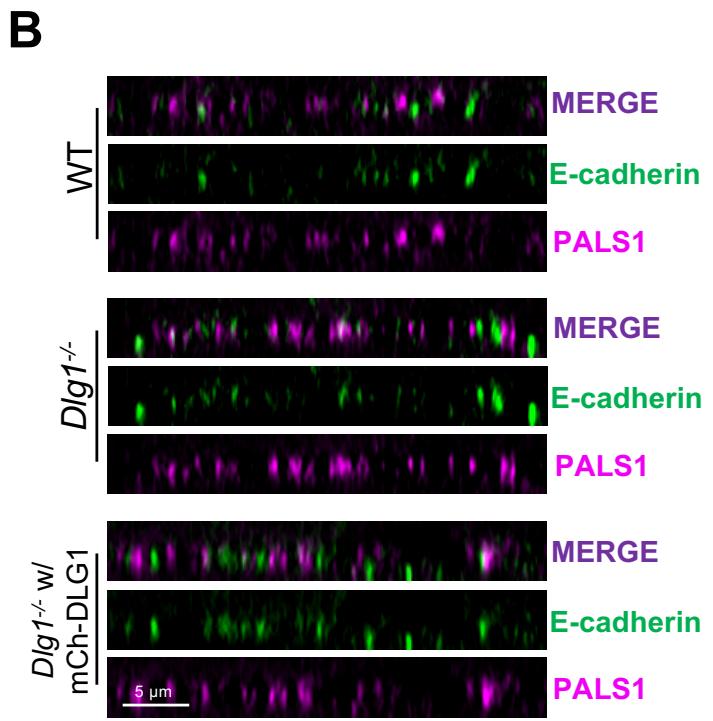
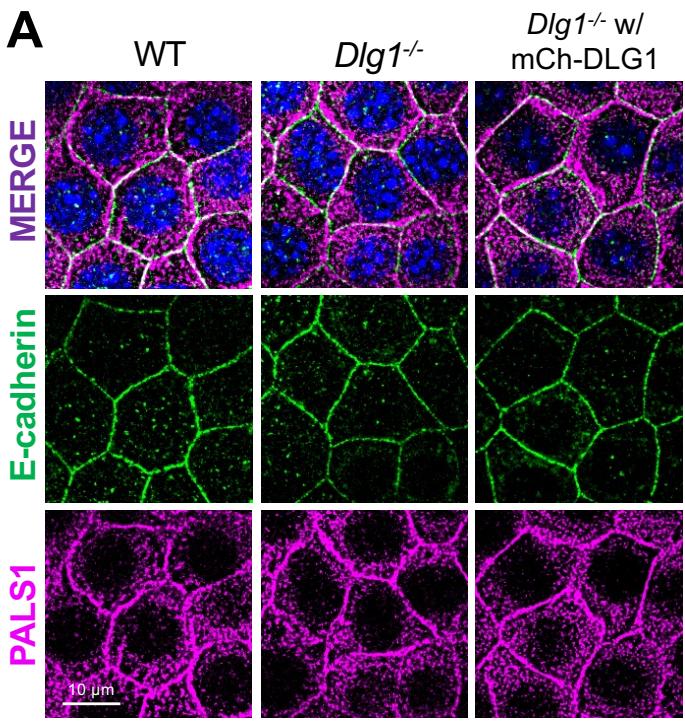
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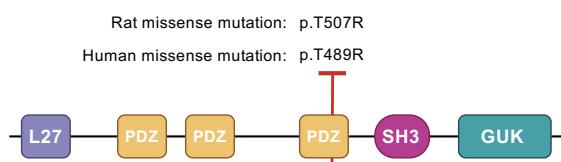
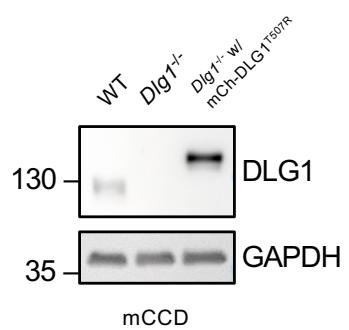
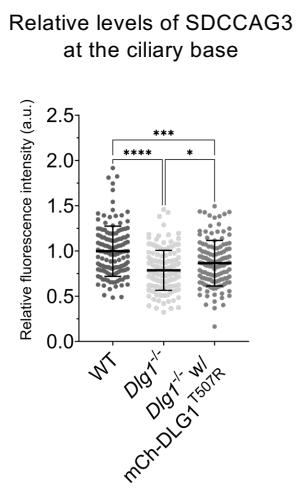
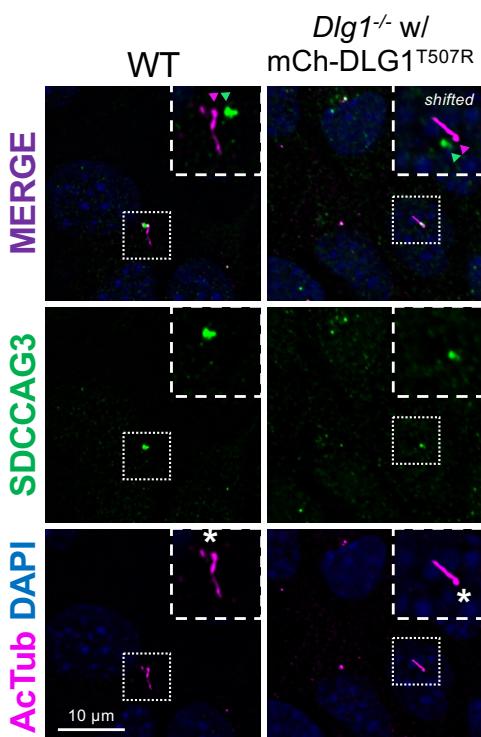
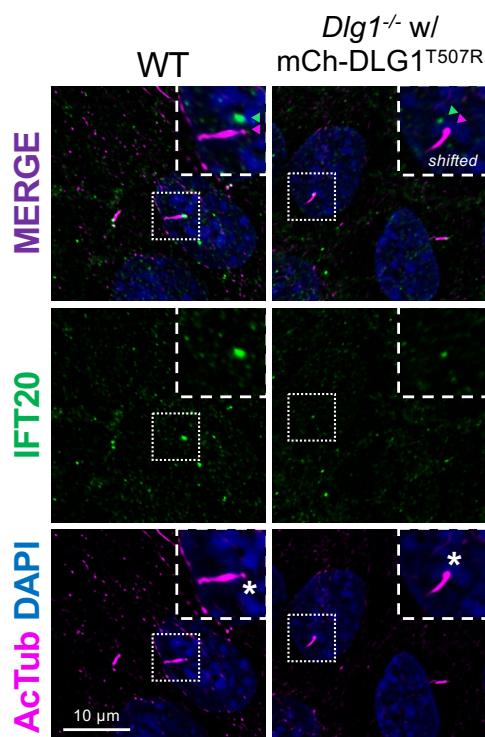
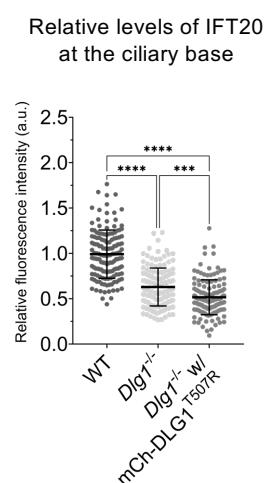
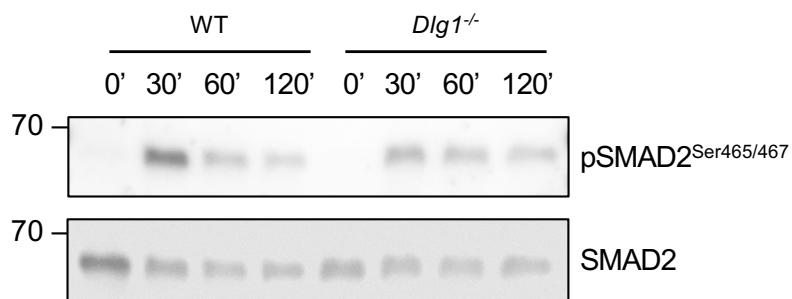
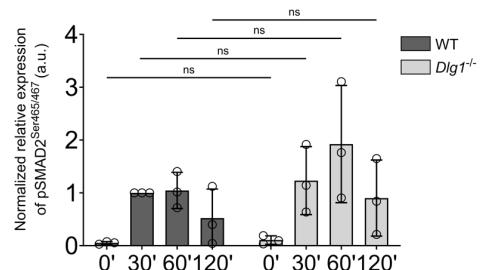
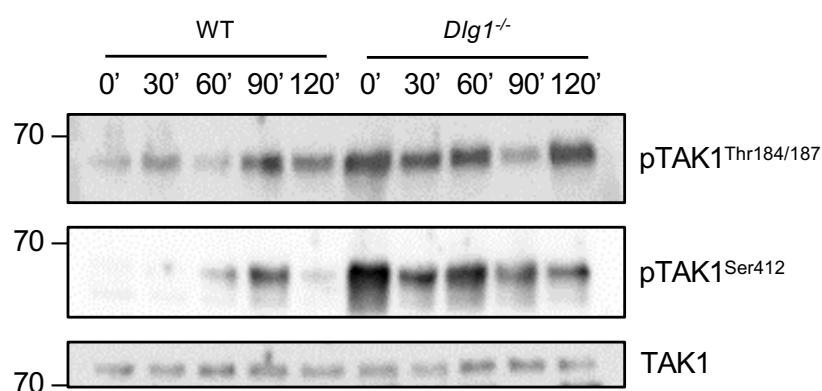
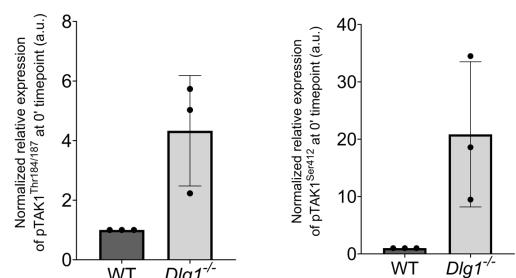
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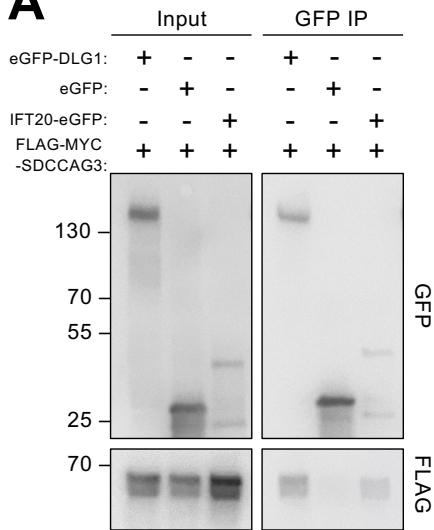
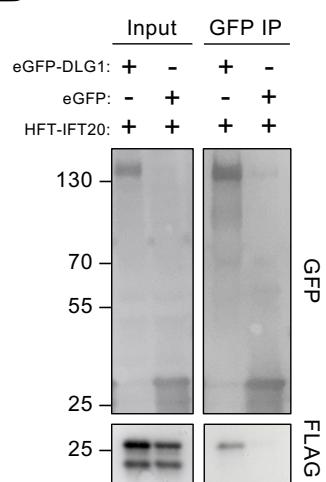
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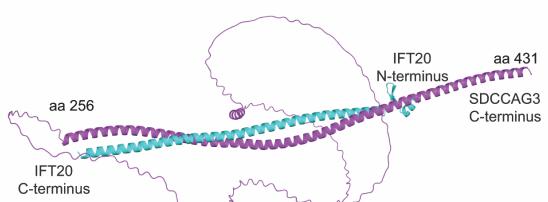
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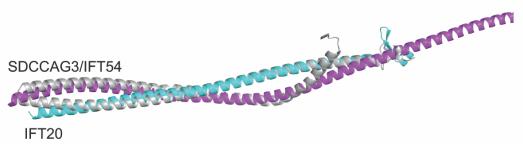
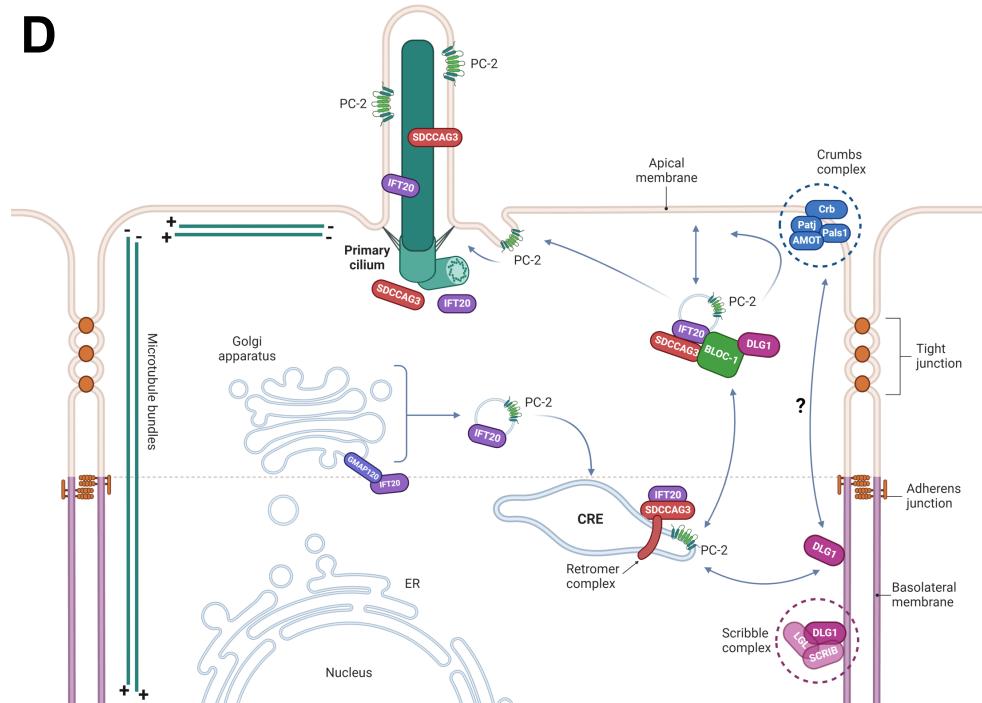
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AlphaFold model of SDCCAG3-IFT20 superposed on IFT54-IFT20

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