Dendrite branching receptor HPO-30 uses two novel mechanisms

to regulate actin cytoskeletal remodeling

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Abstract

Dendrite morphogenesis is essential to neural circuit formation, but the molecular

mechanisms that control the growth of complicated dendrite branches are not well understood.

Prior studies using the *C. elegans* PVD sensory neuron identified a multi-protein signaling

complex that bridges extracellular cues with intracellular actin remodeling to promote high-order

dendrite branching. In this complex, the transmembrane protein HPO-30 recruits the WAVE

Regulatory Complex (WRC) to dendrite branching sites, where WRC stimulates the Arp2/3

complex to polymerize actin. Here we report biochemical and structural characterization of this

interaction, revealing that the intracellular domain (ICD) of HPO-30 uses two novel mechanisms

to regulate the actin cytoskeleton. First, the unstructured HPO-30 ICD undergoes dimerization

and folding into a three-dimensional structure in order to bind the WRC. Second, the HPO-30

ICD directly binds to actin filaments, which stabilizes actin structures by preventing both actin

polymerization and depolymerization. The novel dual functions of this dendrite receptor provide

an intriguing example of how membrane proteins can use different mechanisms to locally fine-

tune actin dynamics.

Introduction

While neurons have vastly different shapes, they all share a similar architecture—a cell

body, a long primary axon, and many branching protuberances called dendrites, along which are

many micron-sized projections called spines (Burianek and Soderling, 2013; Jan and Jan, 2003;

Lefebvre et al., 2015). The formation of dendrite branches and spines is critical for the

development of complex neuronal circuits, as they form the majority of post-synaptic

connections in animals and make up much of the brain volume, dictating brain function

(Hotulainen and Hoogenraad, 2010; Scott and Luo, 2001; Tavosanis, 2012). Dendrite

development requires actin and microtubule filaments to drive the initiation and outgrowth of

newly formed neurites (Cheng and Poo, 2012; Zhao et al., 2017). Defects in actin regulation alter

dendrite morphology and neural connections and contribute to many neurodevelopmental

disorders, such as autism, mental retardation, schizophrenia, and Alzheimer's (Yan et al., 2016).

A central mechanism by which cells control actin polymerization is through the Arp2/3

complex, a seven-protein complex that binds to the sides of existing actin filaments and

generates branched actin filament networks (Goley and Welch, 2006; Machesky et al., 1994;

Pollard, 2007). Intrinsically inactive, the Arp2/3 complex requires activation by a group of

proteins called nucleation promoting factors (NPFs). The Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome Protein

(WASP) family proteins are major NPFs (Alekhina et al., 2017; Pollitt and Insall, 2009;

Takenawa and Suetsugu, 2007). They all contain a conserved WCA (WH2-central-acidic)

sequence at their C terminus (Machesky and Insall, 1998), which can directly bind to and

activate Arp2/3, while their N-terminal sequences vary greatly and define their regulatory

mechanism and cellular function (Alekhina et al., 2017).

Among the WASP-family proteins, WAVE (Wiskott-Aldrich Verprolin homology) exists

in a multi-protein complex named the WAVE Regulatory Complex (WRC), which contains five

subunits: Sra1, Nap1, Abi2, HSPC300, and WAVE (or their corresponding orthologs in

vertebrates) (Chen et al., 2010a; Eden et al., 2002; Gautreau et al., 2004; Polesskaya et al., 2021;

Rottner et al., 2021). Enriched in neurons, WRC and Arp2/3 promote actin polymerization

downstream of membrane signaling to drive various neuronal activities, including growth cone

formation, axon branching, dendrite branching, synapse formation, and axon guidance and

projection (Pilpel and Segal, 2005; Racz and Weinberg, 2008; Yamazaki et al., 2005). Disrupting

WRC in animals profoundly impacts the nervous system, leading to altered spine morphology

and density, intellectual disability, as well as embryonic lethality (Dahl et al., 2003; Soderling et

al., 2003). Mutations in WAVE and other subunits of the WRC lead to a variety of

neurodevelopmental disorders in human patients, including neurodevelopmental disorder with

absent language and variable seizures (NEDALVS), developmental and epileptic

encephalopathy-65 (DEE-65), and Alzheimer's disease (Begemann et al., 2021; Conway et al.,

2018; Ito et al., 2018; Kirkpatrick et al., 2017; Kumar et al., 2013; Olive et al., 2020; Shimojima

Yamamoto et al., 2021; Sims et al., 2017; Srivastava et al., 2021; Zhao et al., 2021; Zweier et al.,

2019).

WRC keeps WAVE basally inhibited by sequestering its C-terminal WCA to a conserved

surface formed by both the Sra1 and WAVE subunits (Chen et al., 2017a, 2010a; Eden et al.,

2002) . Through direct interactions, various molecules can recruit the WRC to the membrane

and/or simultaneously activate it, which releases the WCA to promote Arp2/3-mediated actin

polymerization. These ligands include small GTPases (e.g., Rac1 and Arf), acidic phospholipids

(e.g., PIP$_3$), various adaptor proteins, and over 100 different membrane proteins that contain a 6-

amino-acid peptide motif named the WIRS motif (WRC interacting receptor sequence, defined

as Φ-x-T/S-F-x-x, where Φ is a bulky hydrophobic residue and x is any residues) (Chen et al.,

2014a, 2017b, 2010a; Eden et al., 2002; Kobayashi et al., 1998; Koronakis et al., 2011;

Lebensohn and Kirschner, 2009; Rottner et al., 2021). Many WIRS-containing membrane

proteins, including Robo, Neogenin, Syg-1, neuroligins, and protocadherins, are important

neuronal receptors and have been shown to rely on the WIRS-WRC interaction to regulate

various processes in neural development (Chaudhari et al., 2021; Chia et al., 2014; Fan et al.,

2018; Lee et al., 2016; Xing et al., 2018).

Previous studies identified the claudin-like dendrite receptor HPO-30 as a novel WRC

binding protein, and this interaction was essential to higher-order dendrite branching. HPO-30

acts as co-receptor of the cell adhesion molecule DMA-1 in the PVD sensory neuron in C.

elegans. The extracellular domains of HPO30 and DMA-1 form a multi-ligand complex with the

secreted protein LECT2 and the extracellular domains of the epidermis cell receptors SAX7 and

MNR1. These interactions provide the spatial cue for initiating dendrite branching (Dong et al.,

2013; Zou et al., 2018, 2016). The intracellular domain (ICD) of HPO-30 directly binds the

WRC, while the ICD of DMA-1 binds the guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) TIAM-1,

which can increase the local concentration of activated Rac1—the canonical activator of WRC.

Together, HPO-30 and DMA-1 organize a multi-protein complex to spatiotemporally coordinate

extracellular cues with the intracellular actin remodeling essential to high-order dendrite

branching (Zou et al., 2018).

It is unclear how the HPO-30 ICD interacts with the WRC. It is also unknown if, in

addition to binding WRC, the HPO-30 ICD has other functions. The HPO-30 ICD does not

contain a WIRS motif and must use a non-WIRS mechanism to interact with the WRC. Previous

studies showed that deleting the C-terminal part of the HPO-30 ICD strongly affected WRC

binding *in vitro* and high-order dendrite branching *in vivo*, but it was unclear whether the HPO-

30 ICD used a linear peptide motif like WIRS to bind the WRC. Furthermore, the HPO-30 ICD

sequence is only conserved in nematode worms, but it binds to both *C. elegans* and human

WRC, suggesting that the interaction mechanism is conserved in other animals (Zou et al., 2018).

It is likely that humans have an unidentified membrane protein that uses the same interaction

surface to regulate the WRC. Thus, it is important to understand the mechanism underlying the

interaction between HPO-30 and the WRC.

Here we report biochemical and structural analysis of the HPO-30-WRC interaction. We

find that, unlike other WRC-interacting receptors known to date, HPO-30 is largely unstructured

in solution, but requires dimerization and folding into a three-dimensional structure to bind the

WRC. Furthermore, to our surprise, we find the HPO-30 ICD directly interacts with actin

filaments, also in a dimerization-dependent manner. This interaction potently inhibits both actin

polymerization and depolymerization. The dual activities of HPO-30 ICD provide an exciting

example of how a membrane receptor can modulate actin dynamics by simultaneously

controlling the localization of an actin nucleation factor and stabilizing local actin networks to

promote an important biological process.

Results

HPO-30 ICD may use a folded structure, instead of a short peptide motif, to bind the WRC

The HPO-30 ICD (or ICD for short hereafter) does not contain a WIRS motif. Therefore,

we first hypothesized it might use a distinct linear motif to bind the WRC. To identify this

sequence motif, we mutated every five residues to alanine throughout the ICD and used GST

pull-down assays to evaluate how they disrupted WRC binding (**Figure 1A**). To our surprise, we

found that mutating nearly any five amino acids (a.a.), except the last 6 a.a., significantly

reduced the binding to the WRC, with the middle region of the ICD showing the strongest effect

(**Figure 1A-C**, lanes 6-8). Interestingly, none of these 5-a.a. mutations completely abolished the

binding. This is consistent with our quantitative measurement of the binding affinity using

equilibrium pull-down assays, in which the wild type (WT) ICD had a dissociation constant (K_D)

of ~1.69 μM, while alanine mutant #5, which had the strongest effect in the non-equilibrium

pull-down assays (**Figure 1A,B,** lane 6), increased the K_D to ~5.06 μM (**Figure 1E, F**), still

maintaining significant binding (Kuzmic, 1996; Pollard, 2010). By contrast, deleting either the

entire N-terminal or C-terminal sequences, or combining two consecutive 5-a.a. mutations

almost completely abolished the binding (**Figure 1A** #11-14; **Figure 1D**). Note that while most

mutants contain a GST-tag at the N-terminus, the 5-a.a. mutations located at the C-terminus of

the ICD contain a GST-tag at the C-terminus (#8-#10 in **Figure 1**, lanes 9-11 in **Figure 1B**),

which we found protected the mutant ICDs from degradation (data not shown).

Nearly all of the 5-a.a. alanine scan mutants affected WRC binding, distinct from WIRS-

containing proteins where only mutations on the WIRS motif disrupted binding (Chen et al.,

2014b). We hypothesized that, instead of using a linear peptide motif, the HPO-30 ICD might

fold into a three-dimensional structure and use the folded structure to bind the WRC. Both

secondary structure analysis and various tertiary structure prediction programs unanimously

supported this hypothesis. For example, the recently published AlphaFold 2.0 and RoseTTA

Fold structural prediction software predicts the ICD contains alpha helical structure that overlaps

well with our binding data (**Figure 1G)** (Jumper et al., 2021; Minkyung et al., 2021). The above

mutagenesis and structural analysis suggest that HPO-30 ICD likely uses a folded tertiary

structure, instead of a linear peptide motif, to bind to WRC.

HPO-30 ICD is unstructured in solution

We tried several approaches to determine the structure of the HPO-30 ICD in isolation.

The ICD did not grow crystals by itself, when attached to solubility tags, or as a co-crystal with

the WRC. Nevertheless, due to its small size and our improved protocol to purify the isotope-

labeled ICD in high concentration, we were able to use nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) to

obtain well-resolved ^{1}H-^{15}N HSQC spectra of untagged ^{15}N-labeled ICD (**Figure 2A**). From the

spectra of the untagged ICD, we can readily identify 50 distinct amide crosspeaks out of the 51

a.a. we predict to observe. The narrow ^{1}H chemical shift dispersion suggest that the HPO-30 is

predominantly disordered in solution. To further increase the stability and yield of untagged

ICD, we switched to using GB1-ICD, in which GB1 is a monomeric, small soluble tag

commonly used in NMR (Zhou and Wagner, 2010). Comparison of the 2D ^{1}H-^{15}N TROSY-

HSQC spectra collected for GB1-HPO-30 with the isolated HPO-30 **(Figure 2B)**, and with the

isolated GB1 **(Figure 2C),** show no significant chemical shift changes. This suggests that HPO-

30 remains largely disordered even when it is linked to a well-folded protein, such as GB1.

Furthermore, the NMR spectra were nearly identical at different protein concentrations (50 – 700

μM) and different temperatures (283 K – 298 K), suggesting the ICD alone does not undergo

structural changes in a concentration-dependent manner (data not shown).

This result is consistent with the circular dichroism (CD) spectrum of the ICD, in which

no major peak at either the beta-sheet wavelength (217nm) or the alpha-helix wavelengths (207

or 222nm) was observed, in contrast to the characteristic alpha-helical spectrum of BSA obtained

in the same conditions (**Figure 2E**). Together, these data suggest the purified ICD is unstructured

in solution.

Dimerization is required for HPO-30 ICD to bind WRC

Why does HPO-30 ICD lack secondary structure in solution, while seem to use a folded

structure to bind the WRC? In solving this conundrum, we realized that the GST-tagged

constructs used in our pull-down assays would dimerize the ICD, as GST is a constitutive dimer.

We then hypothesized that HPO-30 ICD may need to be dimerized for efficient binding to the

WRC. To test this hypothesis, we repeated the pull-down assay by switching the GST tag to a

monomeric tag, MBP (maltose binding protein). Consistent with our hypothesis, the MBP-tagged

ICD indeed showed very weak binding to the WRC (**Figure 3A**). Further supporting the

observation that monomeric ICD does not bind to WRC effectively, GST-ICD binding could not

be competed off by a chemically synthesized peptide covering the whole HPO-30 ICD, even

when the peptide was added in 5000-fold excess (**Supplemental Figure 1A**).

We next tested several different strategies to further validate if dimerization of the ICD is

required for WRC binding. First, we immobilized the WRC to the affinity beads by tethering a

dual MBP tag, $(MBP)_2$, to the WRC to pull down different monomeric vs. dimeric forms of

HPO-30 ICD. To our surprise, the WRC containing a $(MBP)_2$ tag at the N-terminus of HSPC300,

which was previously used to immobilize the WRC and pull down WIRS-containing proteins,

diminished HPO-30 ICD binding (Chen et al., 2014a). Similarly, the $(MBP)_2$ tag at the N-

terminus of Abi2 also prevented HPO-30 ICD binding (**Supplemental Figure 1B, C**). These

data suggest tagging $(MBP)_2$ at the N-terminus of HSPC300 or Abi2 may occlude the HPO-30

ICD binding surface (but not the WIRS binding surface). Finally, we were able to use sortase-

mediated protein ligation to tether a $(MBP)_2$ tag to the C-terminus of Abi2, which produced a

WRC that efficiently bound to amylose beads and effectively retained HPO-30 ICD

(Supplemental Figure 1C, D) (Chen et al., 2011). Using this construct, we observed robust

binding of all dimeric constructs we tested, including GST-ICD, ICD-GST, and DLC8-ICD

(DLC8 is a constitutive dimer from the dynein light chain) (Wang et al., 2003). By contrast, all

monomeric constructs, including GB1-ICD, sumo-ICD, and mEGFP-ICD showed very weak, if

any, binding (**Figure 3A**).

To further exclude the possibility that the affinity tags nonspecifically affected protein

interaction, we introduced the chemically inducible dimerizing (CID) tag FKBP and FRB to the

ICD, with the GB1 tag at the N-terminus to improve protein expression (Banaszynski et al.,

2005) (**Figure 3C**). In the presence of the dimerizer rapamycin, GB1-FKBP-ICD and GB1-FRB-

ICD can readily form a tight heterodimer, as confirmed by the gel filtration chromatography in

the presence and absence of rapamycin (**Supplemental Figure 1F**). Consistent with results from

the above constitutive dimeric tags, the addition of rapamycin significantly enhanced HPO-30

ICD binding (**Figure 3B**, right, lanes 8 and 9).

To ensure that the ICDs that contain different dimerization tags bind to the WRC using

the same mechanism, and to identify the optimal binding construct, we used competition pull-

down assays to compare different dimeric constructs. We found GST-ICD effectively competed

off both GB1-FKBP/FRB-ICD and DLC8-ICD binding to the WRC in a dose-dependent manner

(**Figure 3D**, left, lanes 4-6 and 8-10). The competition is specific, as the DLC8 tag by itself did

not bind to the WRC (**Supplemental Fig 1E**). Additionally, GB1-FKBP/FRB-ICD effectively

competed off GST-ICD binding to WRC only in the presence of rapamycin, while in the absence

of rapamycin, the competition efficiency was significantly reduced (**Figure 3D**, right, lanes 2-5).

These data further corroborate the notion that dimerized ICD promotes WRC binding, and that

all dimeric constructs tested so far bind WRC using the same mechanism.

As an alternative way to validate that dimerization of the HPO-30 ICD is required for

WRC binding, we mixed different GB1-FKBP/FRB constructs to produce various heterodimers

of the ICD. We found that having one ICD in the heterodimer (by mixing with empty GB1-

FKBP or FRB tag) or having a heterodimer of WT ICD with the alanine #5 mutant ICD failed to

support robust binding to the WRC, compared to the dimer containing both WT ICDs in the

same total concentration of the WT ICD (**Figure 3E, F**; lanes 3, 5, and 6 are WT dimer and

heterodimer, respectively). Taken together, our data suggest that dimerization of two functional

HPO-30 ICD moieties are required for efficient binding to the WRC.

Dimerization is not sufficient to induce HPO-30 ICD folding

As the dimerized ICD binds to the WRC more potently than monomeric proteins, we

tested if dimerization could induce structure changes in the HPO-30 ICD. For this experiment,

we could not obtain dimerized ICDs in high enough concentration except for GST-ICD. With

this material, we obtained 2D NMR spectra, which showed ^{1}H chemical shift dispersion nearly

identical to the untagged ICD, indicating that dimerization alone is not enough to induce

significant ICD folding (**Figure 2D**). Based on the above evidence, we posit that the HPO-30

ICD needs to undergo both dimerization and induced folding in order to bind to the WRC. High-

resolution structural information will be necessary to confirm this hypothesis. This induced

folding has been proposed for many DNA-binding proteins and some cell-signaling molecules

(Dyson and Wright, 2002; Turjanski et al., 2008). Interestingly, the structure predictions for

dimeric protein match the structure predicted for monomeric protein and corroborate our

mutagenesis data **(Supplemental Figure 1G)**.

231   **HPO-30 ICD inhibits both actin polymerization and depolymerization**

232   Previously studies have shown that Rac1 is a canonical activator of the WRC, and

233   various WIRS-containing receptors could further fine tune WRC activity, likely through

234   secondary weak interactions between the sequence flanking the WIRS motif and the WRC (Chen

235   et al., 2014a). After establishing that dimeric ICD robustly binds the WRC, we tested if the

236   interaction could similarly influence WRC activity in promoting Arp2/3-mediated actin

237   polymerization. (Cooper et al., 1983; Doolittle et al., 2013a; Kouyama and Mihashi, 1981).

238   While optimizing the pyrene-actin polymerization assay, we noticed that buffer conditions have

239   a significant impact on the ICD-WRC interaction. The commonly used pyrene-actin assay buffer,

240   50KMEI20Gd (50mM KCl, 2mM $MgCl_2$, 1mM EGTA pH 8.0, 10mM Imidazole pH 7.0, 20%

241   (w/v) glycerol, 1mM DTT), reduced WRC binding, while lowering the concentration of glycerol

242   to 5% and replacing imidazole with HEPES at the same pH rescued binding (**Supplemental**

243   **Figure 2A**). Using this optimized buffer (50KMEH5Gd), we tested the effect of monomeric and

244   dimeric HPO-30 ICD using our inducible dimerization constructs (**Figure 3C**). We observed that

245   HPO-30 caused a dimer- and concentration-dependent decrease in WRC-mediated actin

246   polymerization (**Figure 4A**). Dimeric HPO-30 was more effective at reducing actin

247   polymerization from Rac1-mediated WRC activity, although both monomeric and dimeric HPO-

248   30 reduced polymerization to the same level at the highest concentration tested (**Figure 4A**).

249   Rapamycin alone had no effect on actin polymerization mediated by the WRC (**Supplemental**

250   **Figure 4B**). This effect was not based on inhibition of the WRC, as HPO-30 could inhibit actin

251   polymerization mediated by free WCA as well as basal activity of actin and Arp2/3 alone

252   (**Figure 4B, C**).

We wondered if the WRC-independent inhibitory effect of HPO-30 ICD was due to the

ICD binding to and sequestering free G-actin. However, we observed no obvious binding

between GST-HPO-30 and actin or GB1-FKBP-HPO-30/GB1-FRB-HPO-30 and actin

(**Supplemental Figure 2C, D**). This suggests the ICD may inhibit actin polymerization by

binding to filamentous, rather than the monomeric, actin. We then used actin filament pelleting

assays to measure ICD binding to polymerized actin (Heier et al., 2017) (**Figure 4D**). We found

that significantly more dimerized HPO-30 (30.4% ± 4.3%) was pelleted with actin, compared to

BSA (0.7% ± 0.7%), dimeric empty vector (9.3% ± 2.6%), and the F-actin barbed end binding

protein, CapZ (7.6% ± 3.3%). Surprisingly, significantly more monomeric HPO-30 (22.1% ±

4.2%) was also pelleted than BSA and monomeric empty vector (2.3% ± 1.6%) (**Figure 4E**).

This suggests that monomeric ICD, while not as effective in inhibiting actin polymerization as

the dimeric ICD, is also capable of binding to actin filaments. Together, these data led us to a

hypothesis that HPO-30 ICD may bind to actin filaments to prevent actin polymerization.

Proteins that can potently inhibit actin polymerization are called capping proteins (e.g.,

CapZ), which bind to the barbed end of actin filaments to inhibit filament growth (Caldwell et

al., 1989; Weeds and Maciver, 1993). To test if HPO-30 may act as a capping protein, we used a

depolymerization assay that has been used to measure CapZ activity previously (**Figure 4F** for

example curves, **Figure 4G** for quantification) (Caldwell et al., 1989). We found that, similar to

CapZ, HPO-30 prevented actin depolymerization (**Figure 4F, G**) (Caldwell et al., 1989; Cooper

and Pollard, 1985). Interestingly, this activity was both concentration- and dimerization-

dependent, similar to the effect in promoting WRC binding, suggesting dimerization and perhaps

induced folding are also involved in this capping-like activity. Unfortunately, this strong

inhibitory effect on actin polymerization and depolymerization prevented us from directly

measuring the effect of HPO-30 ICD on WRC activation.

HPO-30 ICD binds to actin filaments

The above bulk solution assays suggest HPO-30 ICD may act as a capping protein to

inhibit both polymerization and depolymerization. To directly validate this activity, we used

single-molecule total internal reflection fluorescence (smTIRF) microscopy to visualize where

HPO-30 ICD binds to actin filaments. To properly label proteins with fluorophores, we fused a

SNAP tag to the N-terminus of the CapZ beta-subunit, FKBP-HPO-30, FRB-HPO-30, FKBP,

and FRB. The SNAP-tagged HPO-30 proteins were capable of binding the WRC in a rapamycin-

dependent manner and to a similar level as the GB1 proteins, suggesting SNAP-tag did not affect

HPO-30 binding to the WRC (**Supplemental Figure 3A**, middle, lanes 2 and 4). SNAP-CapZ,

SNAP-FKBP, and SNAP-FKBP-HPO-30 were labeled using SNAP-Surface® AlexaFluor® dyes

(**Supplemental Figure 3B**). After being labeled, all CapZ proteins and SNAP-Surface®

AlexaFluor®-488 and SNAP-Surface® AlexaFluor®-546 labeled HPO-30 ICD exhibit similar

capping activity as the previous constructs in our bulk solution assay (**Supplemental Figure**

3C). Hereafter, labeled proteins will be referred to as the protein name followed by the dye

excitation wavelength (e.g., SNAP-CapZ-488 for SNAP-CapZ labeled with SNAP-Surface®

AlexaFluor®-488).

In the smTIRF experiments, at low protein concentrations (5 nM) we could observe

SNAP-CapZ-488 bound to the barbed end of filaments, where it moved with filaments and

stopped their growth (**Figure 5A**, top). Note that in this time-lapse the filament and CapZ-488

puncta are displaced at 79.52s (marked by a white arrow), but align again at 80.02s. This is due

to the image acquisition condition—to prevent photobleaching, images in the 640 nm-channel

were taken every 20 acquisitions of the 547 nm-channel. By comparison, when we used 15 nM

SNAP-FKBP-ICD-546/15 nM SNAP-FRB-HPO-30 (and 8-fold molar excess of rapamycin), we

observed binding between HPO-30 ICD and actin filaments, but none seemed to cap the

filaments as we saw for CapZ. In the bottom panel of **Figure 5A**, HPO-30 binds near the barbed

end of the filament (time 36.54s), after which the filament continues to polymerize while the

HPO-30 ICD molecule stays bound to the same position. At 200.02s, the puncta moves away

from the filament, followed by the filament moving to the same spot at 200.57s (marked by a

white arrow)—again a lag of colocalization caused by the imaging condition.

We quantified all binding events using stringent criteria to prevent misidentification of

background signal as a binding event (see Materials and Methods) and found that 33% of

filaments had at least one binding event over the course of the 15-minute duration of the

experiment. This was significantly higher than the number of events seen using identical

conditions and labeled empty vector (**Figure 5B**, left). We binned the filaments based on how

many contained 0 events, 1 event, and 2 events and compared HPO-30 and empty vector (**Figure**

5B, right). Due to the high background and lower affinity of HPO-30 than CapZ, we were not

able to use high concentrations of HPO-30 ICD to observe robust capping events; furthermore,

the side-binding activity also makes it difficult to distinguish if any capping events that we see

are coincidental with side binding due to light diffraction limit. Together with the F-actin

pelleting assay results, these data suggest that HPO-30 possesses the ability to bind actin

filaments in a manner different from CapZ, but resulting in inhibiting actin polymerization and

depolymerization similar to CapZ (**Figure D, E**).

To directly observe the effect of HPO-30 ICD on actin filament growth, we used 1μM

unlabeled SNAP-FKBP-HPO-30/SNAP-FRB-HPO-30 (with 8-fold molar excess of rapamycin)

and quantified the growth rate of individual actin filaments (Kuhn and Pollard, 2005) (**Figure**

5C). The addition of dimeric ICD significantly slowed actin elongation rate (1.511 ± 0.272

subunits/second) compared to actin alone (2.28 ± 0.48 subunits/second) (**Figure 5C**). Addition

of monomeric ICD also significantly slowed down actin elongation rate (1.99 ± 0.41

subunits/second) compared to actin alone, suggesting that the side-binding activity of the ICD

may be capable of slowing down actin polymerization. Importantly, empty SNAP vector protein

had no effect on the actin polymerization rate (2.13 ± 0.42 subunits/second). Very low amounts

of CapZ (5 nM) were able to decrease the rate to significantly lower than dimeric HPO-30 (0.30

± 0.13 subunits/second), confirming again that CapZ and HPO-30 ICD likely achieve the same

effect on actin dynamics by using different mechanisms. Taken together, our data supports our

hypothesis that HPO-30 is capable of inhibiting actin polymerization and depolymerization.

Discussion

HPO-30 is required for higher order dendrite branching in C. elegans PVD neurons, a

function that requires its ability to bind to the WRC (Zou et al., 2018). The WRC, as an Arp2/3

activator, generates branched actin networks that can deform the membrane, serving to localize

actin polymerization and generate new branches at where HPO-30 is enriched. However, the

mechanism by which HPO-30 and the WRC control dendrite branching were not known. Here,

we show that the HPO-30 ICD likely uses a folded domain to bind to the WRC, rather than the

short WIRS motif found in many other neuronal receptors (**Figure 1**), even though the isolated

HPO-30 ICD is likely unstructured by itself (**Figure 2**) (Chen et al., 2014a). We also

demonstrate that HPO-30 binding requires dimerization, but dimerization alone is not enough to

induce structure, which suggests that binding to the WRC induces folding in the HPO-30 ICD

(**Figures 2, 3**). Remarkably, while attempting to characterize the effect HPO-30 of on WRC

activity, we discovered that HPO-30 ICD can bind to actin filaments and act to modulate both

polymerization and depolymerization. Thus, the HPO-30 ICD possesses two distinct actin

regulatory mechanisms, which would provide exquisite fine tuning of local actin dynamics

(**Figure 6**, and see discussion below).

While our data suggests HPO-30 is unstructured by itself, we posit that structure could be

induced by binding to the WRC (or other ligands) or by the oligomerization state of protein in

cells (Dyson and Wright, 2002) (**Figure 2**). This is supported by our biochemical data and

structural predictions, which identify regions of alpha-helical structure in the N-terminus of

HPO-30 that overlap well with regions that affect binding (Jumper et al., 2021) (**Figure 1**).

Whatever form it may take, this binding structure should be conserved, as the HPO-30 ICD is

conserved only in nematodes, but can bind to human WRC (Zou et al., 2018). HPO-30 then

represents a new class of transmembrane proteins that can interact with the WRC using a folded

domain, separate from the already identified WIRS receptors that use a linear motif to bind the

WRC (Chen et al., 2014a). Solving the high-resolution structure of the HPO-30 ICD bound to the

WRC would allow us to look for structural homologues of HPO-30 using both structure and

sequence of the binding residues as a guide and would allow us to identify the biological

process(es) this family plays an important role in. As WRC is too large for NMR and current

crystal conditions for the WRC do not support HPO-30 binding, cryo-EM will be ideal for

solving the structure of the HPO-30-WRC complex, especially as models for the WRC in the

inactive and Rac-bound state have been solved (Chen et al., 2017b, 2010a). As the HPO-30 ICD

is unstructured, it is possible that binding to actin filaments causes HPO-30 to adopt a different

conformation than binding to the WRC does. Similarly, high-resolution structure of the HPO-30

ICD bound to actin filaments would allow for identification of the interaction mechanism.

We also show that binding between HPO-30 and the WRC is greatly enhanced by

dimerization of the HPO-30 ICD (**Figure** 3). Dimerization enhanced binding of HPO-30 would

provide a mechanism of regulation for the HPO-30-WRC interaction. Dimerization of the FL

HPO-30 could be induced by increased protein concentration at sites of protrusion or specific

signaling events that cause clustering of the HPO-30 receptors. HPO-30 is known to form a large

signaling complex with DMA-1 from PVD neurons, MNR-1 and SAX-7 from epidermal cells,

and the secreted protein LECT-2 (Zou et al., 2018). Investigating what effect this signaling

complex has on the local concentration or the oligomerization state of HPO-30 would provide a

mechanism of how cells can control HPO-30 dimerization and subsequent WRC binding.

The effect of HPO-30 on the ability of the WRC to polymerize actin was confounded by

its strong inhibition of actin polymerization (**Figure 4A, B, C**). We speculate that HPO-30 may

not activate the WRC and serves only to localize it to the dendrite branching sites, but we cannot

rule out the possibility of the ICD influencing WRC activation. Using an actin independent

method to assess WRC activation, such as a FRET-based sensor to monitor WCA release, would

allow us to identify any effect HPO-30 could have on the WRC. Such a method, however, is

currently unavailable.

The ability of HPO-30 to inhibit actin polymerization and depolymerization is exciting.

To our knowledge, this represents the first transmembrane protein capable of direct interaction

with both an actin nucleation promotion factor and actin. Unfortunately, the affinity between

HPO-30 and actin was too low for us to visualize HPO-30 capping actin filaments using single

molecule assays (**Figure 5A**). If HPO-30 has a lower affinity towards the barbed ends than actin

monomers, this could explain the differences we see between polymerization and

depolymerization experiments—HPO-30 functions as a capping protein at lower concentrations

in depolymerization experiments because it does not have to compete for binding to the barbed

end with actin monomers. Because we cannot rule out that HPO-30 possesses both capping and

side-binding activity, we propose that HPO-30 possesses a "gating" ability, based on the

preference for side-binding near the barbed end and the reduction in polymerization speed

(**Figure 5**). Our data reveal that monomeric HPO-30 is still capable of binding to actin filaments

but is weaker towards inhibiting polymerization and depolymerization than the dimeric form.

This could be due to a simple difference in affinity between monomeric and dimeric HPO-30 and

the actin filaments. However, we do not see a significant difference in the amount of HPO-30

that is pelleted with F-actin between monomeric and dimeric protein, suggesting they have

similar affinities (**Figure 4D, E**). This gives rise to an attractive model in which monomeric and

dimeric HPO-30 are both capable of binding to the sides of filaments, but dimeric HPO-30 is

capable of capping or "gating" filaments by binding to the barbed end. This proposed mechanism

is similar to how tropomyosin and tropomodulin function, in which tropomyosin coats filaments

and stabilizes them against ADF/cofilin depolymerization, while tropomodulin "caps" the

tropomyosin (Mudry et al., 2003).

The abilities to localize the WRC to the membrane (which promotes Arp2/3-mediated

actin polymerization) and to simultaneously slow down actin polymerization seem to be

conflicting functions. However, CapZ has been found to be essential for actin- and Arp2/3-based

motility in both *in vitro* bead motility assays and *in vivo* processes (Akin and Mullins, 2008;

Miyoshi et al., 2006). The proposed mechanism is that CapZ, by blocking actin from barbed

ends, stimulates the formation of new branches through Arp2/3, thereby changing the actin

architecture such that more force is generated against the surface the actin is localized to (Akin

and Mullins, 2008). In a similar manner, HPO-30 is capable of stimulating actin polymerization

mediated by the WRC and Arp2/3 when present in a state which weakly binds actin – namely, in

low concentration and a monomeric form. In **Figure 4A**, 1 μM HPO-30 ICD with DMSO

potently enhances actin polymerization above just WRC and Rac alone.

Together, our data lead to an exciting model (**Figure 6**). HPO-30 dimerization promotes

binding to the WRC, which induces folding of the ICD. This binding will localize the WRC to

branching sites within the PVD neuron to initiate WRC-Arp2/3 mediated actin polymerization

(**Figure 6**, top left). Importantly, HPO-30 co-localizes with DMA-1, which can interact with the

Rac-GEF Tiam1 and would serve to keep the WRC activated, irrespective of whether HPO-30

ICD itself has a stimulatory effect on WRC activity (Zou et al., 2018). At the same time, HPO-30

can bind to the sides of actin filaments in the monomeric and dimeric form to slow down

polymerization/depolymerization, either by side binding or capping activities (**Figure 6**, top

right). Note that we do not know if the ICD uses a structure to bind to actin as it does to the

WRC. Further work will be required to determine how HPO-30 interacts with filaments. HPO-

30, by binding to actin filaments and the WRC at the same locations on the membrane, would

promote the formation of more highly branched actin networks, likely in a manner analogous to

CapZ (**Figure 6**, bottom). This dual actin binding ability could be one mechanism by which the

swellings at branch points observed in PVD neurons are formed (Shi et al., 2021). Further

investigation into how the HPO-30 ICD binds to both the WRC and actin will potentially reveal

a new class of proteins that can regulate multiple steps of the actin polymerization process,

allowing for greater control of local actin dynamics.

Methods and Materials

Protein Expression and Purification

GST-HPO-30 and associated alanine mutants, HPO-30-GST and associated alanine

mutants, DLC8-HPO-30-His6, GB1-HPO-30-His6, His9-sumo-HPO-30, MBP-HPO-30-mEGFP,

GB1-FKBP-HPO-30-His6 and associated alanine mutant, GB1-FRB-HPO-30-His6 and

associated alanine mutant, GB1-FKBP-His6, GB1-FRB-His6, SNAP-FKBP-HPO-30-His6,

SNAP-FRB-HPO-30-His6, SNAP-FKBP-His6, SNAP-FRB-His6, MBP-WAVE1 (1-230), MBP-

WAVE1 (1-230)-VCA, MBP-WAVE1 (1-178), MBP-Abi2 (1-158), MBP-HSPC300, 2MBP-

Abi2 (1-158), 2MBP-HSPC300, and Rac1 QP Δ4 were individually expressed in Arctic Express

(DE3) RIL (Agilent) or BL21 (DE3) T1^R (Sigma) cells after induction with 0.75 mM IPTG at 10

°C or 18 °C for 16 hours. His10-SNAP-CapZ β and CapZ α expressed together from the pCDF

Duet vector in Arctic Express (DE3) RIL (Agilent) cells after induction with 0.75 mM IPTG at

10 °C for 16 hours. GST-HPO-30 and alanine mutants, HPO-30-GST and alanine mutants, and

GST-mEGFP were purified through Glutathione Sepharose beads (GE Healthcare), followed by

cation exchange chromatography using a Source 15S column (GE Healthcare) at pH 7.0. MBP-

HPO-30 was purified through amylose resin (New England Biolabs). The GST tag from GST-

HPO-30-mEGFP and the MBP tag from MBP-HPO-30 were removed using TEV cleavage at 4

°C overnight, followed by cation exchange chromatography using a Source 15S column (GE

Healthcare) at pH 7.0. DLC8-HPO-30-His6, GB1-HPO-30-His6, His9-sumo-HPO-30, GB1-

FKBP-HPO-30-His6 and associated alanine mutant, GB1-FRB-HPO-30-His6 and associated

alanine mutant, GB1-FKBP-His6, GB1-FRB-His6, SNAP-FKBP-HPO-30-His6, SNAP-FRB-

HPO-30-His6, SNAP-FKBP-His6, and SNAP-FRB-His6 were purified through Ni-NTA

Agarose resin (Qiagen), followed by cation exchange chromatography using a Source 15S

column (GE Healthcare) at pH 7.0. GST-HPO-30, HPO-30-GST, DLC8-HPO-30-His6, GB1-

HPO-30-His6, His6-sumo-HPO-30, HPO-30-mEGFP, untagged HPO-30, GB1-FKBP-HPO-30-

His6 and associated alanine mutant, GB1-FRB-HPO-30-His6 and associated alanine mutant,

GB1-FKBP-His6, GB1-FRB-His6, SNAP-FKBP-HPO-30-His6, SNAP-FRB-HPO-30-His6,

SNAP-FKBP-His6, SNAP-FRB-His6 were further purified through a Superdex 75 column (GE

Healthcare). His10-SNAP-CapZ β and CapZ α were purified through Ni-NTA Agarose resin

(Qiagen), followed by anion exchange chromatography using a Source 15Q column (GE

Healthcare) at pH 8.0 and size exclusion chromatography on a Superdex200 column (GE

Healthcare). Rac1 QP Δ4 was purified by an SP-Sepharose Fast Flow column (GE Healthcare) at

pH 7.0 followed by size exclusion chromatography through a Superdex 75 column.

MBP-WAVE1, MBP-Abi2, MBP-HSPC300, 2MBP-Abi2, and 2MBP-HSPC300 proteins

were purified through amylose beads (New England Biolabs). His6-Sra1 and Nap1 dimer were

co-expressed in Tni insect cells (Expression systems), and the dimer was purified through Ni-

NTA agarose resin (Qiagen) followed by anion exchange chromatography using a Source 15Q

column at pH 8.0. Pentameric WRC was assembled and purified by following previously

described protocols (Chen et al., 2014c, 2010b). Briefly, individually purified WAVE1, Abi2,

and HSPC300 subunits were mixed at equimolar ratio in the presence of 1% (w/v) NP40 and

incubated on ice for 48 hours. The assembled trimer was then purified by anion exchange

chromatography through a Source 15Q column at pH 8.0, cation exchange chromatography by a

Source 15S column at pH 6.0, and size exclusion chromatography through a Superdex 200

column (GE Healthcare). Dimer and trimer were mixer at equimolar ratio and incubated on ice

for 30 min. The assembled pentamer was purified on amylose beads (NEB) and the MBP and

His6 tags were cleaved using TEV protease incubation overnight. The pentamer was further

purified using anion exchange chromatography through a Source 15Q column at pH 8.0 and size

exclusion chromatography using a Superdex 200 column.

Actin was purified as previously described from rabbit muscle acetone powder from Pel-

Freeze (Spudich and Watt, 1971). Actin was pyrene labeled or Alexa Fluor® 647 labeled after

polymerization at 4 °C, using a 10-fold or 2-fold excess dye, respectively. Actin and pyrene actin

for actin polymerization and depolymerization assays were kept in continuous dialysis at 4 °C,

with biweekly buffer changes. Actin and Alexa Fluor® 647-labeled actin for smTIRF

experiments were kept in closed tubes for two weeks.

WRC-(MBP)₂ Generation

To create WRC-(MBP)₂, MBP-Abi2 (1-158) had LPGTG genetically fused to the C-

terminus and a TEV site was added to the N-terminus of the 2MBP tag to generate a Gly after

cleavage. MBP-Abi2 (1-158)-LPGTG was expressed, purified, and incorporated into the WRC

as above to create WRC-LPGTG. GG-2MBP was expressed in Arctic Express (DE3) RIL

(Agilent) cells after induction with 0.75 mM IPTG at 10 °C for 16 hours, purified on amylose

resin, and subjected to TEV cleavage overnight, followed by anion exchange chromatography

using a SourceQ15 column (GE Healthcare). Sortase5M (sortase A pentamutant) was a gift from

David Liu (Addgene plasmid # 75144), expressed in Arctic Express (DE3) RIL (Agilent) cells,

purified over Ni-NTA agarose resin, followed by cation exchange using a Source 15S column

(GE Healthcare) and size exclusion chromatography using a Superdex 75 column (GE

Healthcare) (Chen et al., 2011). 1 µM WRC-LPGTG was mixed with 25 µM GG-MBP and 10

µM sortase in 50 mM Tris pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, and 10 mM CaCl₂ and left at room

temperature for two hours. The reaction was quenched by adding 25 mM EGTA and the WRC-

(MBP)$_2$ was purified over a Superdex 200 column to separate the WRC-(MBP)$_2$ from unligated

products.

Protein Pull-Down Assays

GST pull-down assays were performed as previously described (Shi et al., 2021). Briefly,

20 µL of GSH-Sepharose beads were mixed with bait protein and prey protein in 1 mL of pull-

down buffer (50 mM NaCl, 10 mM HEPES pH 7.0, 5% (w/v) glycerol, 5 mM 2-

mercaptoethanol, and 0.05% Triton X-100). The samples were mixed at 4 °C for 30 minutes,

washed three times with 1 mL of pull-down buffer, and eluted with 40 µL of elution buffer

containing 30 mM reduced glutathione and 100 mM Tris pH 8.5. The eluant was examined by

SDS-PAGE and Coomassie blue staining. MBP pull-down assays were performed like GST pull-

down assays, instead using 20 uL of amylose resin and elution buffer (pull-down buffer

supplemented with 2% [w/v] maltose). The eluant was examined by SDS-PAGE and Coomassie

blue staining. His-tagged pull-down assays were performed as above, instead using 20 uL of Ni-

NTA agarose resin, G-Buffer as the wash buffer, and elution buffer containing 500 mM

imidazole pH 7.0. The eluant was examined by SDS-PAGE and Coomassie blue staining. In all

pull-down assays using FKBP and FRB, rapamycin was added to 5 µM final concentration. For

DMSO controls, the same volume DMSO was added instead. For the alanine scan pull-down

quantification, the intensity of the Sra1 and Nap1 bands were quantified using ImageJ. The

intensity from the GST control lane was subtracted from the alanine protein lane, and the

corrected intensity was divided by the intensity of the wild type HPO-30. A students paired t-test

was used to compare the wild type and each mutant separately.

Equilibrium Pulldown Assays

Equilibrium pulldown assays were performed as previously described (Chen et al.,

2017b). Briefly, 60 uL of GSH-Sepharose beads were mixed with 0.1 μM WRC and various

amounts of GST-tagged protein (from 0.01 μM to 30 μM) and brought to 100 uL with pull down

buffer. The reactions were allowed to mix for 30 min at 4 °C, and four reactions at a time were

spun at 15 krpm for 15 seconds. The supernatant was removed and examined by SDS-PAGE and

Coomassie blue staining. Each assay was repeated 3 times. The Sra1/Nap1 intensity was

quantified using ImageJ and the fractional occupancy was calculated. The data was fit using a

single binding site model using DynaFit (Kuzmic, 1996).

Gel Filtration Assays

GB1-FKBP-HPO-30 and GB1-FRB-HPO-30 were mixed at equimolar ratio and run over

a Superdex 200 column (GE healthcare) in 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM HEPES pH 7.0, 5% (w/v)

glycerol, and 1 mM DTT with or without rapamycin.

Actin Polymerization Assays

Actin polymerization assays, or activity assays, were performed as previously described

(Doolittle et al., 2013a). Actin was purified and pyrene-labeled as described above and kept in

continuous dialysis in G-Buffer (2 mM Tris-HCl pH 8, 0.5 mM DTT, 0.2 mM ATP, 0.1 mM

$CaCl_2$, 1 mM NaN_3) that is changed twice a week. Arp2/3 was purified following existing

protocols and kept aliquoted at -80°C (Doolittle et al., 2013b). All proteins except for the WRC

and Arp2/3 were purified into 50KMEH5Gd (50 mM KCl, 1 mM $MgCl_2$, 1 mM EGTA, 10 mM

HEPES pH 7.0, 5% (w/v) glycerol, 1 mM DTT) and stored at -80°C. WRC230VCA was purified

into 100KMEI20Gd (100 mM KCl, 10mM Imidazole pH 7.0, 20% [w/v] glycerol) and kept at -

80°C. 4 μM actin with 5% pyrene labeled and 10 nM Arp2/3 were used for all assays. 100 nM

WRC230VCA or 100 nM free VCA was added to all reactions labeled "WRC." 0.4 μM Rac1

Q61L/P29S-Δ4 was used for all conditions labeled "Rac." 5 µM rapamycin was added where

indicated or an equivalent volume DMSO. The excitation and emission wavelengths were set to

365 nm and 407 nm, respectively. Data were collected on a TECAN SPARK plate reader.

Actin Depolymerization Assays

Actin polymerization assays were performed as previously described, with some

modifications (Heiss and Cooper, 1991). Actin at ~20 µM and 70% pyrene-labeling was pre-

polymerized at room temperature overnight by addition of 1 mM $MgCl_2$ and 50 mM KCl. For

each reaction, actin was diluted to 5 µM in one mix, either alone or with protein, and left for 3

minutes at room temperature to allow for protein binding. Protein at the same concentration was

prepared in a separate mix and, after 3 minutes, the actin was further diluted 20-fold by the

addition of the second mix. The excitation and emission wavelengths were set to 365 nm and 407

nm, respectively. Data were collected on a TECAN SPARK plate reader. To calculate the

relative initial velocity, the slope for the first 30 seconds of the reaction was calculated and

divided by the slope of the actin control. ANOVA on Ranks and Dunn-Tukey tests were

performed to determine significance.

Circular Dichroism

Untagged HPO-30 was purified into 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM HEPES pH 7.0, 5% (w/v)

glycerol, and 1 mM DTT. The same buffer was used to dissolve powdered BSA and as a blank

for the CD spectrometer. The blank buffer was degassed by sonication for 3 minutes at 30%

power. Data were collected on a MOS-500 fluorimeter using an ALX250 lamp. Data were

collected for wavelengths between 190 nm and 260 nm, with a 1 nm step, 0.5 s acquisition

period, and averaged over three repeats. Mean residue ellipticity was calculated as described

previously (Greenfield, 2006). Data for BSA and HPO-30 were collected at the same

concentration of protein. TMAO was dissolved to 3 M in the same buffer as HPO-30 purification

and was added to the appropriate concentration before measuring. New blanks for TMAO were

measured to ensure TMAO alone had no effect on the spectrum.

NMR

Isotopically labeled proteins were expressed and purified as described for non-labeled

proteins, using minimal media containing N^{15} NH_4Cl instead of traditional media. Proteins were

purified into 100 mM NaCl, 10mM HEPES pH 7.0, 5% (w/v) glycerol, 1 mM DTT and were

supplemented with 10% D_2O. Proteins ranged in concentration from 70 µM (GB1 tag) to 850

µM (GB1-HPO-30). GB1 tag was produced by thrombin cleavage of GB1-HPO-30 and removal

of HPO-30 using nickel-NTA resin (Qiagen). NMR spectra were collected on a Bruker 700 MHz

spectrometer equipped with z-shielded gradient triple resonance 5 mm TCI cryoprobe. 2D 1H-

15N TROSY-HSQC experiments were recorded with a time domain matrix consisting of 100*

(t1, 15N) × 1024* (t2, 1H) complex points with acquisition time of 50 ms (t1) and 91.8 ms (t2)

using 16 scans per FID and 1.5 s interscan delay. Spectral widths for 1H and 15N dimensions

were set to 15.9 and 28.2 ppm, respectively, with carriers set at 4.821 ppm (1H) and 119.138

ppm (15N).

Protein Labeling

SNAP-tagged proteins were labeled with SNAP-Surface® Alexa Fluor® 488, SNAP-

Surface® Alexa Fluor® 546, and SNAP-Surface® Alexa Fluor® 647 from New England Biolabs.

5 µM protein and 10 µM dye were mixed and allowed to react in 50KMEH5Gd at room

temperature for two hours, followed by desalting into 50KMEH5Gd buffer and concentration.

Dye extinction coefficients were calculated from a standard curve and are as follows: Alexa 488

at 495 nm, 95000 $M^{-1}*cm^{-1}$; Alexa 546 at 556 nm, 120000 $M^{-1}*cm^{-1}$; Alexa 647 at 650 nm,

$255000 \text{ M}^{-1}*\text{cm}^{-1}$. Protein labeling efficiency was calculated by dividing protein concentration

by dye concentration– for Alexa Fluor® 488 the labeling efficiency was estimated at ~100%, for

Alexa Fluor® 546 the labeling efficiency was estimated at ~60%.

smTIRF Data Collection

All videos were collected on a Nikon TE2000-E inverted microscope equipped with a

100x 1.49 NA TIRF objective and a TIRF Quad filter cube (Chroma C141789), using an Andor

iXon3 EM-CCD (DU-897-CS0) camera, with a GATACA iLas system to prevent uneven

illumination. Coverslips were prepared as described previously, with slight modifications

(Narvaez-Ortiz and Nolen, 2022). Briefly, glass coverslips were cleaned with 2% (w/v)

Hellmanex, acetone, and 1 M KOH solutions with sonication, rinsing heavily with DI water

before each step and after the KOH treatment. Coverslips were rinsed with methanol and dried

using a N_2 gas stream. GOPTES was added to the coverslips and baked at 75°C for 30 minutes.

Coverslips were rinsed with microscope grade ethanol and dried with N_2 gas stream. A 2% (w/w)

Biotin-PEG3000/NH2-PEG3000 mixture of powder was prepared, placed on top of the

coverslips, and the coverslips baked overnight at 75°C. After overnight baking, the coverslips

were washed with water and dried with N_2 gas. Individual wells were made by placing

functionalized coverslips on Ibidi® sticky-Slide IV 0.4 slides. Individual lanes were prepared for

microscopy by incubating with 5% (w/v) PF-127 for 10 min at RT, followed by either 100 nM

(for elongation rate analysis) or 35 nM (for side binding analysis) neutravidin (in 50 mM Tris pH

7.5, 200 mM NaCl, LS TBS for short) for 10 min at RT, either 10 nM (for elongation rate

analysis) or 3.5 nM (for side binding analysis) biotinylated inactivated heavy meromyosin (in LS

TBS) for 10 min at RT, washed with 20 mg/mL BSA in 50 mM Tris pH 7.5/600 mM NaCl, and

incubated with 20 mg/mL BSA in LS TBS for 10 min at RT. Actin was diluted to a final

concentration of 2.1 µM/20% Alexa-647 labeling in 1X TIRF buffer (final concentrations: 50

mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl$_2$, 2 mM EGTA pH 8.0, 10 mM Imidazole pH 7.0, 25 mM glucose, 1 mM

Trolox, 0.5% methylcellulose (400cP), 20 mM BME, 0.4 mM ATP, 20 mg/mL BSA, 0.02

mg/mL catalase, 0.1 mg/mL glucose oxidase, 1 mM 4-nitrobenzyl alcohol, and 0.5 mM propyl

gallate) and allowed to polymerize on the slide for 5 minutes at room temperature. Excess actin

was washed out using two 40 uL washes of TIRF buffer. A separate mixture of 1 µM actin/20%

Alexa-647 labeling with the indicated protein/rapamycin concentrations in 1X TIRF buffer was

then added to the wells and videos acquired. For unlabeled HPO-30 and CapZ experiments for

elongation rate analysis, the 640-nm laser was at 5% power and 50 ms exposure time with 5 s

intervals between frames. For the labeled CapZ experiments, the 488-nm laser was at 15% power

and 50 ms exposure time, the 640-nm laser was at 5% power and 50 ms exposure time, and

images were acquired every 500 ms in the 488-nm channel and every 20 acquisitions in the 640-

nm channel. For the labeled HPO-30 experiments, the 561-nm laser was at 10% power and 100

ms exposure time, the 640 nm laser was at 5% power and 50 ms exposure time, and images were

acquired every 500 ms in the 561-nm channel and every 20 acquisitions in the 640-nm channel.

smTIRF Data Processing - Actin Elongation Rate

Videos were opened in ImageJ and the background removed using a rolling ball radius of

10 pixels. Filament length was calculated using a Gaussian-Radius of 1.5-2, determined for each

individual movie. The length (in microns) was converted to subunits using the established value

of 370 actin subunits / µm (Huxley and Brown, 1967). Time points were taken from NIS

Elements software. Filaments were only selected if they were present within the first 10 frames

of the movie and did not leave the frame during the course of the video. 10 time points were

selected and the length at each point was calculated, and the average slope was used for the actin

elongation rate.

smTIRF Data Processing - Side-binding/capping analysis

Videos were opened in ImageJ and the background removed using a rolling ball radius of

10 pixels. Only filaments present at the beginning of the videos and those that did not leave the

frame during the duration of the video were selected. Side binding events were determined if

they met the following criteria – 1) the HPO-30/vector puncta must be present for more than one

frame; 2) The HPO-30/vector puncta must move with the filament at least once; 3) The filament

must not move away from the HPO-30/vector puncta; 4) the HPO-30/vector puncta must be

smaller than a circle with a radius of 4 pixels. Capping events were confirmed by the absence of

growth with puncta present and, if available, growth from the end capped after the puncta leaves

the filament.

Actin Pelleting Assays

Actin pelleting assays were performed with modifications based on (Heier et al., 2017).

Actin was pre-polymerized at room temperature overnight by addition of 1X 50KMEH5Gd.

Reactions were assembled by mixing protein at 5 µM with buffer alone or buffer and actin at 2

µM and were allowed to bind in 50KMEH5Gd at room temperature for 30 minutes. Reactions

were centrifuged at 100,000 g at 4 °C for 30 min in a 42.2Ti ultracentrifuge. The supernatant was

removed and mixed with SDS. The pellet was dissolved by addition of G-buffer, followed by

brief pipetting and vortexing, and allowed to sit at room temperature for 5 min before the liquid

was removed and mixed with SDS. The intensity of the supernatant and pellet bands were

measured using ImageJ. The total intensity of the supernatant and pellet bands, and the

percentage of intensity from the pellet and the supernatant were calculated. The percentage

pelleted was calculated by subtracting the percentage of intensity from the pelleted protein in the

absence of actin from the percentage of intensity from the pelleted protein in the presence of

actin. For example, in Figure 4D, sum lanes 1 and 2 and calculate the percentage of intensity

from 1 and from 2. Repeat for lanes 3 and 4, then subtract the percentage intensity of lane 2 from

lane 4.

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Figure 1. HPO-30 binding to WRC likely using a folded domain, rather than a linear peptide motif. A) HPO-30 ICD sequence (starting after the 4th transmembrane helix). The sequence is split into 5 AA blocks which are color coordinated to match panels B-E. Each mutation replaces the corresponding amino acids to AAAAA (for #1-10) or (GGS)n (for #11-

14). B) Immobilized GST-HPO-30 and HPO-30-GST constructs pulling down WRC. Mutants

#1-#7 and #11-14 are GST-HPO-30 constructs, mutants #8-10 are HPO-30-GST constructs. Bait

= 200pmol, prey = 150pmol, 50mM NaCl. Representative of three independent experiments. C)

Quantification of the WRC signal from the alanine scan pulldown in B. n=3 for all mutants, error

bars represent standard error, *=p<.05, **=p<.005 from students paired t-test. D) Immobilized

GST-HPO30 constructs pulling down WRC. Bait: 200pmol, Prey: 200pmol, 50mM NaCl. E)

Representative gel of an equilibrium pulldown of WRC using immobilized wild type (WT)

HPO-30-GST (top) and mutant HPO-30 Alanine #5-GST (bottom). WRC concentration was

0.1µM, HPO-30-GST ranged from 0 to 25µM, in 50mM NaCl. F) Data and fit curve from a one-

site model using Dynafit for the WT protein (cyan circles and line) and mutant Alanine #5

(magenta). n=3 for both WT and mutant. G) Left, structural prediction of the HPO-30 ICD in the

context of the full length HPO-30 protein using AlphaFold 2.0 software, with the residues color

coded to match A-C for the Alanine scan data. Right, structural prediction of the HPO-30 ICD in

the context of the full length HPO-30 protein using the RoseTTA Fold software, with the

residues color coded to match A-C for the Alanine scan data.

Figure 2. HPO-30 ICD alone is unstructured. A) 2D TROSY spectra of untagged HPO-30 in

100 mM NaCl, 10 mM HEPES pH 7.0, and 5% glycerol. B) 2D TROSY spectra of GB1-HPO-30

in 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM HEPES pH 7.0, and 5% glycerol (black) overlaid with the untagged

HPO-30 spectra from B (blue). C) 2D TROSY spectra of GB1-HPO-30 in 100 mM NaCl, 10

mM HEPES pH 7.0, and 5% glycerol (black) overlaid with the 2D TROSY spectra of GB1 tag in

100 mM NaCl, 10 mM HEPES pH 7.0, and 5% glycerol (gray). D) 2D HSQC spectra of GST-

HPO-30 in 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM HEPES pH 7.0, and 5% glycerol. E) CD spectrum of

untagged HPO-30 and BSA in 50KMEH5Gd.

Figure 3. HPO-30 ICD binding to the WRC is enhanced by dimerization. A) Immobilized

GST-HPO-30 (GST-) and MBP-HPO-30 (MBP-) pulling down WRC. Bait: 200 pmol, Prey: 150

pmol, 50 mM NaCl. B) Immobilized WRC230VCA-2MBP pulling down various monomeric

and dimeric HPO-30. Bait: 60 pmol, Prey: 600 pmol, 50 mM NaCl, 5 uM rapamycin (or

equivalent volume DMSO) when noted. For clarity, GB1-FKBP-HPO30 and GB1-FRB-HPO30

will be shortened to GB-FK-H and GB1-FR-H, respectively. C) Cartoon schematic of

FKBP/FRB dimerization in the presence of rapamycin. D) Competition pulldowns using

immoblizied WRC230VCA-(MBP)$_2$ to pull down different combinations of dimeric HPO-30

constructs as bait/competitor. Bait: 60 pmol, Prey: 600 pmol, Competitor: from 600 pmol to

6000 pmol, 50 mM NaCl, 5 uM rapamycin (or equivalent volume DMSO) where noted. E)

Immobilized WRC230VCA-2MBP pulling down different combinations of GB1-FKBP/FRB

proteins with and without HPO-30. Bait: 60 pmol, Prey: 600 pmol for WT/WT combination,

1200 pmol for WT/empty, 50 mM NaCl, 5 µM rapamycin (or equivalent volume DMSO) where

noted. F) Immobilized WRC230VCA-2MBP pulling down different combinations of GB1-

FKBP/FRB proteins with and without wild type HPO-30. Bait: 60 pmol, Prey: 600 pmol for

WT/WT combination, 1200 pmol for WT/mutant, 50 mM NaCl, 5 µM rapamycin (or equivalent

volume DMSO) where noted. Note: Equal amount of FKBP/FRB proteins are added together for

DMSO or rapamycin samples. In the empty vector pulldowns, twice as much protein is added to

compensate for the loss of one functional HPO-30 moiety.

Figure 4. HPO-30 ICD binds to actin filaments and inhibits both actin polymerization and depolymerization. A) Actin polymerization assays using 4 µM actin/20% pyrene-labeling, 10

nM Arp2/3 complex, 100 nM WRC230VCA, and 0.4 µM Rac1 QP, and the indicated

concentration of equimolar GB1-FKBP-HPO-30 and GB1-FRB-HPO-30. 5 µM rapamycin or

equivalent volume of DMSO added. B) Actin polymerization assays using 4 µM actin/20%

pyrene-labeling, 10 nM Arp2/3 complex, 100 nM free WCA, and equimolar 10 µM GB1-FKBP-

HPO-30 and GB1-FRB-HPO-30. 5 µM rapamycin or equivalent volume of DMSO added. C)

Actin polymerization assays using 4 µM actin/20% pyrene-labeling, 10 nM Arp2/3 complex, and

equimolar 10 µM GB1-FKBP-HPO-30 and GB1-FRB-HPO-30. 5 µM rapamycin or equivalent

volume of DMSO added. D) Actin pelleting assays with monomeric and dimeric HPO-30 and

CapZ. S= supernatant, P= pellet. Representative gel from three replicates. E) Quantification of

the percentage of protein found in the pellet from D. Bars represent standard error, n = 3, ** =

p<.01, *** = p<.001 from ANOVA on ranks and Tukey test. F) Representative depolymerization

assay fluorescence curves for one concentration of CapZ, SNAP-FKBP-HPO-30/SNAP-FRB-

HPO-30 (labeled as "HPO-30"), and SNAP-FKBP/SNAP-FRB (labeled as "Tag"). G)

Quantification of relative initial velocity from fluorescence curves in D, error bars represent

standard error, n=3, *** = p<.001 from ANOVA on ranks and Tukey test. 5 µM actin diluted 20-

fold into 25% 50KMEH5Gd/75%GMg with or without the indication protein. 5 µM rapamycin

or equivalent volume of DMSO was added.

Figure 5. HPO-30 ICD binds to the side of actin filaments and slows down actin

polymerization. A) Top, still frames of several capping events between SNAP-CapZ-488 (5nM,

green) and actin (red). Bottom, still frames of a side-binding event between SNAP-FKBP-HPO-

30-546/SNAP-FRB-HPO-30 (15nM, cyan) and actin (red). The images in top and bottom are not

to the same scale. B) Left, Quantification of the frequency of side binding events from smTIRF

videos. Right, quantification of the frequency of filaments with 0 events, 1 event, and 2 events.

n=3 videos, at least 15 filaments per video. * = p< .05, ** = p< .01 from students paired t-test.

Bars represent standard error. C) Quantification of elongation rate of actin filaments in smTIRF

videos. n = 78 filaments from two independent videos for actin, n = 82 filaments from four

independent videos for HPO-30 + rapamycin, n = 71 filaments from four independent videos for

776   HPO-30 + DMSO, n = 54 filaments from three independent videos for tag + rapamycin, n = 19

777   filaments from one video for CapZ. *** = $p<.001$ from ANOVA on ranks and Tukey test.

Figure 6. Model showing how the dual functions of HPO-30 ICD in binding WRC and actin

can fine tune local actin dynamics. A) HPO-30 binding to the WRC alone promotes local actin

polymerization via the WRC-Arp2/3 complex pathway. B) HPO-30 binding to actin filaments

alone promotes localization of the filaments, but causes a decrease in their polymerization speed.

C) HPO-30 binding to both the WRC and to actin would promote local actin polymerization via

the WRC-Arp2/3 pathway, and would stimulate the formation of a more densely branched

filament network by preventing elongation of filaments and the nucleation of daughter filaments

by the Arp2/3 complex. Localization of the WRC would further stimulate new branch points by

the Arp2/3 complex.

790 **Supplemental materials**

791 **Supplemental Table 1: Sequences of recombinant proteins used in this study.**

Construct name	Description	Sequence	Source or reference
GST-HPO30	GST-thrombin-TEV-ceHPO-30 ICD (a.a. 229-279)	MSPILGYWKIKGLVQPTRLLLEYLEEKYEEHLYERDEGDKWRNKKFELGLEFPN LPYYIDGDVKLTQSMAIIRYIADKHNMLGGCPKERAEISMLEGAVLDIRYGVSRI AYSKDFETLKVDFLSKLPEMLKMFEDRLCHKTYLNGDHVTHPDFMLYDALDV VLYMDPMCLDAFPKLVCFKKRIEAIPQIDKYLKSSKYIAWPLQGWQATFGGGD HPPKSDLVPRGSENLYFQGHMTSKHAHDVCCTSRKEYREQTKWKNNGLILKTG RVNHQSHRPFVVIDDDSSM	Zou, 2018
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GST-HPO30 Ala #5	GST-thrombin-TEV-ceHPO-30 ICD Ala 249-253	MSPILGYWKIKGLVQPTRLLLEYLEEKYEEHLYERDEGDKWRNKKFELGLEFPN LPYYIDGDVKLTQSMAIIRYIADKHNMLGGCPKERAEISMLEGAVLDIRYGVSRI AYSKDFETLKVDFLSKLPEMLKMFEDRLCHKTYLNGDHVTHPDFMLYDALDV VLYMDPMCLDAFPKLVCFKKRIEAIPQIDKYLKSSKYIAWPLQGWQATFGGGD HPPKSDLVPRGSENLYFQGHMTSKHAHDVCCTSRKEYREQTAAAAAGLILKTG RVNHQSHRPFVVIDDDSSM	Zou, 2018
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HPO30-mEGFP	GST-TEV-ceHPO-30 ICD 229-279 – GGS2-mEGFP, GST tag removed by TEV cleavage	MSPILGYWKIKGLVQPTRLLLEYLEEKYEEHLYERDEGDKWRNKKFELGLEFPNLPYYIDGDVKLTQSMAIIRYIADKHNMLGGCPKERAEISMLEGAVLDIRYGVSRIAYSKDFETLKVDFLSKLPEMLKMFEDRLCHKTYLNGDHVTHPDFMLYDALDVVLYMDPMCLDAFPKLVCFKKRIEAIPQIDKYLKSSKYIAWPLQGWQATFGGGDHPPKSDLVPRGSENLYFQGHM<u>T</u>SKHAHDVCCTSRKEYREQTKWKNNGLILKTGRVNHQSHRPFVVIDDDSS<u>M</u>GGSGGGSMVSKGEELFTGVVPILVELDGDVNGHKFSVSGEGEGDATYGKLTLKFICTTGKLPVPWPTLVTTLTYGVQCFSRYPDHMKQHDFFKSAMPEGYVQERTIFFKDDGNYKTRAEVKFEGDTLVNRIELKGIDFKEDGNILGHKLEYNYNSHNVYIMADKQKNGIKVNFKIRHNIEDGSVQLADHYQQNTPIGDGPVLLPDNHYLSTQSKLSKDPNEKRDHMVLKEKVTAAGITLGMDELYK	This paper
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SNAP-FRB	SNAP-FRB-GGS3-His6	MDKDCEMKRTTLDSPLGKLELSGCEQGLHEIKLLGKGTSAADAVEVPAPAAVL GGPEPLMQATAWLNAYFHQPEAIEEFPVPALHHPVFQQESFTRQVLWKLLKVV KFGEVISYQQLAALAGNPAATAAVKTALSGNPVPILIPCHRVVSSSGAVGGYEG GLAVKEWLLAHEGHRLGKPGLGPAGIGAPGSMELIRVAILWHEMWHEGLEEAS RLYFGERNVKGMFEVLEPLHAMMERGPQTLKETSFNQAYGRDLMEAQEWCRK YMKSGNVKDLTQAWDLYYHVFRRISKQGGSGGSGGSHHHHHH	https://www.add gene.org/101137/ and this paper
SNAP-CapZ	His9-SNAP-CapZ β / CapZ α, from *Gallus gallus*	MGHHHHHHHHHENLYFQGSEFMDKDCEMKRTTLDSPLGKLELSGCEQGLHEIK LLGKGTSAADAVEVPAPAAVLGGPEPLMQATAWLNAYFHQPEAIEEFPVPALH HPVFQQESFTRQVLWKLLKVVKFGEVISYQQLAALAGNPAATAAVKTALSGNP VPILIPCHRVVSSSGAVGGYEGGLAVKEWLLAHEGHRLGKPGLGPAGIGAPGSM SDQQLDCALDLMRRLPPQQIEKNLSDLIDLVPSLCEDLLSSVDQPLKIARDKVVG KDYLLCDYNRDGDSYRSPWSNKYDPPLEDGAMPSARLRKLEVEANNAFDQYR DLYFEGGVSSVYLWDLDHGFAGVILIKKAGDGSKKIKGCWDSIHVVEVQEKSSG RTAHYKLTSTVMLWLQTNKTGSGTMNLGGSLTRQMEKDETVSDSSPHIANIGR LVEDMENKIRSTLNEIYFGKTKDIVNGLRSIDAIPDNQKYKQLQRELSQVLTQRQ IYIQPDN /	https://www.add gene.org/101137/ and this paper

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Nap1	hNap1 (1-1128, FL)	MSRSVLQPSQQKLAEKLTILNDRGVGMLTRLYNIKKACGDPKAKPSYLIDKNLE SAVKFIVRKFPAVETRNNNQQLAQLQKEKSEILKNLALYYFTFVDVMEFKDHVC ELLNTIDVCQVFFDITVNFDLTKNYLDLIITYTTLMILLSRIEERKAIIGLYNYAHE MTHGASDREYPRLGQMIVDYENPLKKMMEEFVPHSKSLSDALISLQMVYPRRN LSADQWRNAQLLSLISAPSTMLNPAQSDTMPCEYLSLDAMEKWIIFGFILCHGIL NTDATALNLWKLALQSSSCLSLFRDEVFHIHKAAEDLFVNIRGYNKRINDIRECK EAAVSHAGSMHRERRKFLRSALKELATVLSDQPGLLGPKALFVFMALSFARDEII WLLRHADNMPKKSADDFIDKHIAELIFYMEELRAHVRKYGPVMQRYYVQYLSG FDAVVLNELVQNLSVCPEDESIIMSSFVNTMTSLSVKQVEDGEVFDFRGMRLDW FRLQAYTSVSKASLGLADHRELGKMMNTIIFHTKMVDSLVEMLVETSDLSIFCF YSRAFEKMFQQCLELPSQSRYSIAFPLLCTHFMSCTHELCPEERHHIGDRSLSLCN MFLDEMAKQARNLITDICTEQCTLSDQLLPKHCAKTISQAVNKKSKKQTGKKGE PEREKPGVESMRKNRLVVTNLDKLHTALSELCFSINYVPNMVVWEHTFTPREYL TSHLEIRFTKSIVGMTMYNQATQEIAKPSELLTSVRAYMTVLQSIENYVQIDITRV FNNVLLQQTQHLDSHGEPTITSLYTNWYLETLLRQVSNGHIAYFPAMKAFVNLP TENELTFNAEEYSDISEMRSLSELLGPYGMKFLSESLMWHISSQVAELKKLVVEN VDVLTQMRTSFDKPDQMAALFKRLSSVDSVLKRMTIIGVILSFRSLAQEALRDV LSYHIPFLVSSIEDFKDHIPRETDMKVAMNVYELSSAAGLPCEIDPALVVALSSQK SENISPEEEYKIACLLMVFVAVSLPTLASNVMSQYSPAIEGHCNNIHCLAKAINQI AAALFTIHKGSIEDRLKEFLALASSSLLKIGQETDKTTTRNRESVYLLLLDMIVQES PFLTMDLLESCFPYVLLRNAYHAVYKQSVTSSA	(Ismail et al., 2009)
WAVE 1-230	MBP-TEV-hWAVE(1) 1-230, MBP tag removed by TEV cleavage	MKIEEGKLVIWINGDKGYNGLAEVGKKFEKDTGIKVTVEHPDKLEEKFPQVAAT GDGPDIIFWAHDRFGGYAQSGLLAEITPDKAFQDKLYPFTWDAVRYNGKLIAYP IAVEALSLIYNKDLLPNPPKTWEEIPALDKELKAKGKSALMFNLQEPYFTWPLIA ADGGYAFKYENGKYDIKDVGVDNAGAKAGLTFLVDLIKNKHMNADTDYSIAE AAFNKGETAMTINGPWAWSNIDTSKVNYGVTVLPTFKGQPSKPFVGVLSAGINA ASPNKELAKEFLENYLLTDEGLEAVNKDKPLGAVALKSYEEELAKDPRIAATME NAQKGEIMPNIPQMSAFWYAVRTAVINAASGRQTVDEALKDAQTNSSSNNNNN NNNNLGIEGRISEFENLYFQGHMPLVKRNIDPRHLCHTALPRGIKNELECVTNIS LANIIRQLSSLSKYAEDIFGELFNEAHSFSFRVNSLQERVDRLSVSVTQLDPKEEE LSLQDITMRKAFRSSTIQDQQLFDRKTLPIPLQETYDVCEQPPPLNILTPYRDDGK EGLKFYTNPSYFFDLWKEKMLQDTEDKRKEKRKQKQKNLDRPHEPEKVPRAPH DRRREWQKLAQGPELAEDDANLLHKHIEVANG	(Chen et al., 2017)
WAVE1-230VCA	MBP-TEV-hWAVE(1) 1-230 – GGS6 – VCA, MBP tag removed	MKIEEGKLVIWINGDKGYNGLAEVGKKFEKDTGIKVTVEHPDKLEEKFPQVAAT GDGPDIIFWAHDRFGGYAQSGLLAEITPDKAFQDKLYPFTWDAVRYNGKLIAYP IAVEALSLIYNKDLLPNPPKTWEEIPALDKELKAKGKSALMFNLQEPYFTWPLIA ADGGYAFKYENGKYDIKDVGVDNAGAKAGLTFLVDLIKNKHMNADTDYSIAE AAFNKGETAMTINGPWAWSNIDTSKVNYGVTVLPTFKGQPSKPFVGVLSAGINA ASPNKELAKEFLENYLLTDEGLEAVNKDKPLGAVALKSYEEELAKDPRIAATME	(Chen et al., 2017)

	by TEV cleavage	NAQKGEIMPNIPQMSAFWYAVRTAVINAASGRQTVDEALKDAQTNSSSNNNNN NNNNNLGIEGRISEFENLYFQGHMPLVKRNIDPRHLCHTALPRGIKNELECVTNIS LANIIRQLSSLSKYAEDIFGELFNEAHSFSFRVNSLQERVDRLSVSVTQLDPKEEE LSLQDITMRKAFRSSTIQDQQLFDRKTLPIPLQETYDVCEQPPPLNILTPYRDDGK EGLKFYTNPSYFFDLWKEKMLQDTEDKRKEKRKQKQKNLDRPHEPEKVPRAPH DRRREWQKLAQGPELAEDDANLLHKHIEVANGGGSGGSGGSGGSGGSGGSKR HPSTLPVISDARSVLLEAIRKGIQLRKVEEQREQEAKHERIENDVATILSRRIAVE YSDSEDDSEFDEVDWLE	
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GG-2MBP	MKI-GGS-TEV-GG-2MBP-TEV, N-terminal and C-terminal regions removed after TEV cleavage	MKIGGSENLYFQG<u>G</u>GKTEEGKLVIWINGDKGYNGLAEVGKKFEKDTGIKVTVE HPDKLEEKFPQVAATGDGPDIIFWAHDRFGGYAQSGLLAEITPDKAFQDKLYPF TWDAVRYNGKLIAYPIAVEALSLIYNKDLLPNPPKTWEEIPALDKELKAKGKSA LMFNLQEPYFTWPLIAADGGYAFKYENGKYDIKDVGVDNAGAKAGLTFLVDLI KNKHMNADTDYSIAEAAFNKGETAMTINGPWAWSNIDTSKVNYGVTVLPTFKG QPSKPFVGVLSAGINAASPNKELAKEFLENYLLTDEGLEAVNKDKPLGAVALKS YEEELAKDPRIAATMENAQKGEIMPNIPQMSAFWYAVRTAVINAASGRQTVDE ALKDAQTNSSSNNGGSGGSGGSKTEEGKLVIWINGDKGYNGLAEVGKKFEKDT GIKVTVEHPDKLEEKFPQVAATGDGPDIIFWAHDRFGGYAQSGLLAEITPDKAFQ DKLYPFTWDAVRYNGKLIAYPIAVEALSLIYNKDLLPNPPKTWEEIPALDKELKA KGKSALMFNLQEPYFTWPLIAADGGYAFKYENGKYDIKDVGVDNAGAKAGLT FLVDLIKNKHMNADTDYSIAEAAFNKGETAMTINGPWAWSNIDTSKVNYGVTV LPTFKGQPSKPFVGVLSAGINAASPNKELAKEFLENYLLTDEGLEAVNKDKPLG AVALKSYEEELAKDPRIAATMENAQKGEIMPNIPQMSAFWYAVRTAVINAASG RQTVDEALKDAQTNSSSNNNNNNNNNLGIEGRISEFENLYF<u>Q</u>GHMLEEFGSSR VDLQASLALAVVLQRRDWENPGVTQLNRLAAHPPFASWRNSEEARTDRPSQQL RSLNGEWQLGCFGG	This paper
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Rac QP	hRac Q61L/P29SΔ4	MQAIKCVVVGDGAVGKTCLLISYTTNAFSGEYIPTVFDNYSANVMVDGKPVNL GLWDTAGLEDYDRLRPLSYPQTDVFLICFSLVSPASFENVRAKWYPEVRHHCPN TPIILVGTKLDLRDDKDTIEKLKEKKLTPITYPQGLAMAKEIGAVKYLECSALTQ RGLKTVFDEAIRAVLCPPPVKKRKRKCLLL	This paper

Supplemental Figure 1. HPO-30 ICD binding to WRC is enhanced by dimerization. A)

Immobilized GST-HPO30 pulling down WRC, with HPO-30 peptide added as a competitor.

Bait: 200 pmol, Prey: 150 pmol, Competitor: 18000-100000 pmol, 50 mM NaCl. B)

Immobilized (MBP)$_2$-Abi2 WRC pulling down GST-HPO-30, with and without thrombin to

cleave off the (MBP)$_2$ tag. Bait: 200 pmol, Prey: 150 pmol, thrombin added overnight, 50 mM

NaCl. C) Immobilized WRC-(MBP)$_2$, (MBP)$_2$-HSPC300 WRC, and (MBP)$_2$-Abi2 WRC pulling

down GST-HPO-30. Bait: 60 pmol, Prey: 600 pmol, 50 mM NaCl. D) Immobilized (MBP)$_2$ or

WRC-(MBP)$_2$ pulling down empty DLC8 vector. Bait: 60 pmol, Prey: 600 pmol, 50 mM NaCl.

E) Left, gel filtration profiles of equimolar GB1-FKBP-HPO30 and GB1-FRB-HPO30, with and

without rapamycin. 5 μM rapamycin or equivalent volume of DMSO, 100 mM NaCl. Right,

Coomassie-stained SDS-PAGE gels of the fractions. F) Right, AlphaFold 2.0 structures of the

monomeric HPO-30 ICD in the context of full-length protein (same as Figure 1G, left). Middle,

AlphaFold 2.0 structures of the dimeric HPO-30 ICD in the context of full-length protein. Right,

AlphaFold 2.0 structures of the dimeric HPO-30 ICD in the context of just the ICD.

Supplemental Figure 2. HPO-30 ICD may act as an actin capping protein. A) Immobilized

GST-HPO-30 pulling down WRC in various buffers. Abbreviations: 50PDB, pull down buffer,

50 mM NaCl, 10 mM HEPES pH 7.0, 5% glycerol; 20 G, 20% glycerol; I, 10 mM Imidazole pH

7.0; 50KMEI20G, 50 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl$_2$, 1 mM EGTA pH 8.0, 10 mM Imidazole pH 7.0,

20% glycerol; 5G, 5% glycerol. Bait: 200 pmol, Prey:150 pmol. B) Actin polymerization assays

using 4 µM actin/20% pyrene-labeling, 10 nM Arp2/3 complex, 100 nM WRC230VCA, and 0.4

µM or 0.5 µM Rac2 QP. 5 µM rapamycin (solid curves) or equivalent volume of DMSO (dashed

curves) added. C) Immobilized GST-HPO-30 pulling down actin or pyrene labeled actin (p-

actin). Bait: 200 pmol, prey: 500 pmol, 2 mM Tris-HCl pH 8, 0.5 mM DTT, 0.2 mM ATP, 0.1

mM $CaCl_2$, 1 mM NaN3. D) Immobilized equimolar GB1-FKBP-HPO-30/GB1-FRB-HPO-30

pulling down actin and p-actin. Bait: 300 pmol, Prey: 300 pmol, 2 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 0.5 mM

DTT, 0.2 mM ATP, 0.1 mM $CaCl_2$, 1 mM NaN_3. 5 µM rapamycin or equivalent volume of

DMSO was added.

Supplemental Figure 3. HPO-30 ICD inhibits actin polymerization and depolymerization.

A) Immobilized WRC-2MBP pulling down GB1-tagged and SNAP-tagged HPO-30 constructs.

Abbreviations are as used before. Bait: 60 pmol, Prey: 600 pmol, 50 mM NaCl, 10 mM HEPES

pH 7.0, 5% glycerol. B) SNAP-tag labeling of CapZ, FKBP-HPO-30, and FKBP with SNAP-

Surface© AlexaFluor©-488 (Alexa 488), SNAP-Surface© AlexaFluor©-546 (Alexa 546), and

SNAP-Surface© AlexaFluor©-647 (Alexa 647). Left, SDS-PAGE gel visualized with Alexa-488

filter. Right, Coomassie blue-stained SDS-PAGE gel. C) Actin depolymerization assays using

SNAP-Alexa labeled proteins. 5 µM actin diluted 20-fold with 25% 50KMEH5Gd/75%GMg. 5

834   µM rapamycin or equivalent volume of DMSO added. Labeled proteins are denoted by the

835   number associated with the dye they are labeled with. Colored bars represent wild type protein.

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