A hierarchical pathway for assembly of the distal appendages that organize primary cilia

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Distal appendages are nine-fold symmetric blade-like structures attached to the distal end of the mother centriole. These structures are critical for formation of the primary cilium, by regulating at least four critical steps: ciliary vesicle recruitment, recruitment and initiation of intraflagellar transport (IFT), and removal of CP110. While specific proteins that localize to the distal appendages have been identified, how exactly each protein functions to achieve the multiple roles of the distal appendages is poorly understood. Here we comprehensively analyze known and newly discovered distal appendage proteins (CEP83, SCLT1, CEP164, TTBK2, FBF1, CEP89, KIZ, ANKRD26, PIDD1, LRRC45, NCS1, C3ORF14) for their precise localization, order of recruitment, and their roles in each step of cilia formation. Using CRISPR-Cas9 knockouts, we show that the order of the recruitment of the distal appendage proteins is highly interconnected and a more complex hierarchy. Our analysis highlights two protein modules, CEP83-SCLT1 and CEP164-TTBK2, as critical for structural assembly of distal appendages. Functional assay revealed that CEP89 selectively functions in RAB34^{+} ciliary vesicle recruitment, while deletion of the integral components, CEP83-SCLT1-CEP164-TTBK2, severely compromised all four steps of cilium formation. Collectively, our analyses provide a more comprehensive view of the organization and the function of the distal appendage, paving the way for molecular understanding of ciliary assembly.

Introduction

The primary cilium is an organelle that extends from the cell surface and consists of the nine-fold microtubule-based structure (or axoneme) and the ciliary membrane (Reiter & Leroux, 2017). With specific membrane proteins (e.g., G-protein coupled receptors) accumulated on its membrane, the cilium serves as a sensor for the extracellular environmental cues (Reiter & Leroux, 2017). Biogenesis of the cilium is coupled to the cell cycle, such that the cilium mainly forms during G0/G1 phase of the cell cycle and disassembles prior to mitosis (Vorobjev & Chentsov Yu, 1982). In G0/G1 phase, the cilium extends from the mother (or older) centriole, which is distinguished from the daughter (or younger) centriole by its possession of the two centriolar substructures (Vorobjev & Chentsov Yu, 1982): distal appendages and subdistal appendages (Paintrand, Moudjou, Delacroix, & Bornens, 1992). The distal appendages are nine-fold symmetrical blade-like structures with each blade attaching to the triplet microtubules at the distal end of the mother centriole (Anderson, 1972; Bowler et al., 2019; Paintrand et al., 1992). Unlike subdistal appendages, which appear to be dispensable for the cilium formation (Mazo, Soplop, Wang, Uryu, & Tsou, 2016), the distal appendages play crucial roles in the cilium biogenesis, through their regulation of at least four different molecular steps of the cilium formation (Graser et al., 2007; Schmidt et al., 2012; Sillibourne et al., 2013; Tanos et al., 2013): 1) ciliary vesicle recruitment (Schmidt et al., 2012; Sillibourne et al., 2013), 2) recruitment of intra-flagellar transport (IFT) protein complexes (Cajanek & Nigg, 2014; Goetz, Liem, & Anderson, 2012; Schmidt et al., 2012), 3) recruitment of CEP19-RABL2 complex (Dateyama et al., 2019), which is critical for IFT initiation at the ciliary base (Kanie et al., 2017), and 4) removal of CP110 (Cajanek & Nigg, 2014; Goetz et al., 2012; Tanos et al., 2013), which is believed to suppress axonemal microtubule extension (Spektor, Tsang, Khoo, & Dynlacht,

2007), from the distal end of the mother centriole. However, how the distal appendages modulate these molecular processes is poorly understood.

To date, ten proteins were shown to localize to the distal appendages: CEP164 (Graser et al., 2007), CEP89 (also known as CCDC123) (Sillibourne et al., 2013; Sillibourne et al., 2011), CEP83 (Tanos et al., 2013), SCLT1(Tanos et al., 2013), FBF1 (Tanos et al., 2013), TTBK2 (Cajanek & Nigg, 2014), INPP5E (Q. Xu et al., 2016), LRRC45 (Kurtulmus et al., 2018), ANKRD26 (Bowler et al., 2019), and PIDD1 (Burigotto et al., 2021; Evans et al., 2021). These proteins are recruited to the distal appendages in hierarchical order, where CEP83 sits at the top of the hierarchy and recruits SCLT1 and CEP89 (Tanos et al., 2013). SCLT1 recruits CEP164 (Tanos et al., 2013), ANKRD26 (Burigotto et al., 2021; Evans et al., 2021), and LRRC45(Kurtulmus et al., 2018). CEP164 recruits TTBK2 (Cajanek & Nigg, 2014). How exactly these proteins function to organize the multiple roles of the distal appendage remains to be elucidated.

Here, we identify three more distal appendage proteins (KIZ, NCS1, and C3ORF14). The latter two will be described in an accompanying paper (Tomoharu Kanie et al., 2023). With this new set of distal appendage proteins, we sought to provide a comprehensive view of the structure, including precise localization, order of recruitment, and functional role of each distal appendage protein.

Results

Localization map of the new set of the distal appendage proteins

Recently, two independent studies determined the precise localization of the classical distal appendage proteins (CEP164, CEP83, SCLT1, FBF1, CEP89, TTBK2, and ANKRD26) using

82 Stochastic Optical Reconstruction Microscopy (STORM) (Bowler et al., 2019; Yang et al.,
83 2018). We first sought to update the localization map with the new set of distal appendage
84 proteins using 3D-structured illumination microscopy (3D-SIM) in retinal pigment epithelial
85 (RPE) cells. While the lateral (xy) resolution of 3D-SIM is inferior to that of STORM, the
86 flexibility of fluorophore selection and sample preparation for multi-color imaging by 3D-SIM
87 (Valli et al., 2021) allows us to easily locate target proteins relative to multiple centriolar
88 markers. Using 3D-SIM, we performed three-color imaging to determine the localization of each
89 distal appendage protein relative to CEP170, a marker for the subdistal appendage and the
90 proximal end of the mother centriole (Sonnen, Schermelleh, Leonhardt, & Nigg, 2012), as well
91 as the well-characterized distal appendage protein, CEP164, as references (Figure 1A; Figure 1-
92 figure supplement 1A). Differential localization of each distal appendage protein relative to
93 CEP164 was readily observed in either top (or axial) view or side (or lateral) view (Figure 1A;
94 Figure 1-figure supplement 1A). As an example, the localization of FBF1, which was positioned
95 between adjacent CEP164 structures seen in the axial view of the published STORM picture
96 (which the authors thus identified FBF1 as a distal appendage matrix protein) (Yang et al., 2018),
97 was also recapitulated in our SIM image (see FBF1 top view in Figure 1A; Figure 1-figure
98 supplement 1). We also observed localization of CEP89 near the subdistal appendage in addition
99 to its distal appendage localization (CEP89 side view in Figure 1A), consistent with the previous
100 report (Chong et al., 2020; Yang et al., 2018). Although localization of the classical distal
101 appendage proteins was essentially the same as that shown by two-color direct STORM imaging
102 (Yang et al., 2018), there was one notable difference. CEP83 was shown to localize to the
103 innermost position of the distal appendage (Bowler et al., 2019; Yang et al., 2018). We
104 recapitulated this localization (see CEP83 inner ring in Figure 1A; Figure 1B) with the antibody

105 used in the previous two papers (Bowler et al., 2019; Yang et al., 2018), which recognizes the C-
106 terminal region of CEP83 (Figure 1-figure supplement 2A). The peak-to-peak diameter of the
107 inner CEP83 ring (308.6±4.9 nm, Figure 1C) was comparable to the previous report (313±20
108 nm) (Yang et al., 2018). However, when we detected this protein with the antibody that detects
109 the middle part of the protein (Figure 1-figure supplement 2A), we observed the ring located at
110 the outermost part of the distal appendage with the diameter of 513.4±9.0 nm (see CEP83 outer
111 ring in Figure 1A; Figure 1B; Figure 1C). Both antibodies recognized the specific band at 80-110
112 kDa that is lost in the CEP83 knockout cells (Figure 1-figure supplement 2B). One intriguing
113 explanation for the difference in the ring diameter is that the protein might have an extended
114 configuration that spans 100 nm (the difference in radius between inner and outer ring) in length.
115 Human CEP83 protein (Q9Y592) is predicted to contain two conserved coiled-coil domains, one
116 of which may span between 40-633 amino acids. Examination of the AlphaFold model (Jumper
117 et al., 2021) of CEP83 shows a consistent highly extended alpha-helical structure, conserved
118 among most species (Figure 1-figure supplement 3), supporting the model of CEP83 as a highly
119 extended molecule. Since one alpha helix contains 3.6 residues with a distance of 0.15 nm per
120 amino acid (Pauling, Corey, & Branson, 1951) and contour length of an amino acid is around 0.4
121 nm (Ainavarapu et al., 2007), 400 amino acids stretch of coiled-coil domain as well as a
122 disordered region that consists of 40 amino acids (the maximum distance between antigens of the
123 two CEP83 antibodies) could contribute at least 76 nm. Since the length of immunoglobulin G
124 (IgG) is ~8 nm (see Figure 2 of (Tan et al., 2008)), the primary and secondary antibodies at the
125 two edges could contribute another ~30 nm. The summed contribution from CEP83 and
126 antibodies could readily account for the ~100 nm difference in radius between the two rings,
127 deriving from the extended structure of CEP83. This model, wherein CEP83 forms an extended

128 backbone scaffolding the distal appendage, is attractive given that CEP83 is important for
129 localization of all the other distal appendage proteins (Tanos et al., 2013) to different positions
130 along the distal appendages (Figure 1B). Another explanation is that the two antibodies might
131 detect different CEP83 isoforms. We think this less likely because we detect a single band that is
132 lost in CEP83 knockouts using the two different antibodies (Figure 1-figure supplement 2B). We
133 could also not identify different isoforms of CEP83 with similar size in the Uniprot protein
134 database. For the recently identified distal appendage protein, PIDD1 (Burigotto et al., 2021;
135 Evans et al., 2021), we observe a ring with similar diameter to CEP164 but that was displaced
136 distally in the side view (see PIDD1 in Figure 1A; Figure 1B). This localization is consistent
137 with the localization of its functional partner ANKRD26 (Burigotto et al., 2021; Evans et al.,
138 2021) (Figure 1A; Figure1B). KIZ (or Kizuna) was localized to the similar position to
139 ANKRD26-PIDD1. LRRC45 was located at the innermost region of the distal appendage with
140 the smallest ring diameter (Figure 1A; Figure 1B; Figure 1C). This localization is similar to that
141 of the inner ring of CEP83. INPP5E was reported to localize to the distal appendage in the cells
142 grown with serum and redistribute to the cilium once cells form the organelle upon serum
143 starvation (Q. Xu et al., 2016). This localization is also supported by the physical interaction
144 between INPP5E and the distal appendage protein, CEP164 (Humbert et al., 2012). Indeed, we
145 observed the INPP5E signal around the distal appendage protein CEP164 in cells grown with
146 serum, however, we rarely observed a 9-fold ring (INPP5E in Figure 1A), typically observed
147 with all other distal appendage proteins. Therefore, we were unable to measure the diameter of
148 the ring formed by INPP5E. From this result, we think INPP5E is at least not a stable component
149 of distal appendages and instead transiently localizes around the distal appendage. This
150 localization pattern is similar to what was observed for ARL13B (see Figure 4A of (Yang et al.,

151 2018)). Localization of the novel distal appendage proteins, NCS1 and C3ORF14, are described
152 in an accompanying paper (Tomoharu Kanie et al., 2023), but the predicted location and their
153 diameter are shown here for convenience (Figure 1B; Figure 1C).
154 Given that cilium formation of RPE cells is induced by serum deprivation (Figure 1-figure
155 supplement 4A-B), we next tested if the localization of the distal appendage proteins changes
156 during ciliogenesis (method described in Figure 1- figure supplement 4A; Figure 1- figure
157 supplement 4B). Consistent with its function in ciliogenesis, we observed enhanced centriolar
158 localization of IFT88, which requires CEP164 and TTBK2 (Goetz et al., 2012; Schmidt et al.,
159 2012), upon serum removal (Figure 1- figure supplement 4C). Localization of one set of the
160 distal appendage proteins (outer ring of CEP83, TTBK2, KIZ, PIDD1, and CEP89) were
161 significantly enhanced following the serum starvation, whereas another set of distal appendage
162 proteins (FBF1, ANKRD26, CEP164, and LRRC45) were not affected (Figure 1D). SCLT1 was
163 the only protein that decreased its centrosomal signal upon serum deprivation.

164 **Updating the hierarchical map of distal appendage proteins**

165 Distal appendage proteins are recruited to their precise location in a hierarchical order. The
166 previous study described the order of recruitment with a simple epistatic organization, where
167 CEP83 recruits CEP89 and SCLT1, which in turn recruits CEP164 and FBF1 (Tanos et al.,
168 2013). With the updated set of distal appendage proteins, we sought to refine the hierarchical
169 map of the distal appendage proteins. Notably, the original epistasis pathway using siRNA
170 knockdowns for loss of function may fail to identify some strong requirements if limited
171 amounts of protein are sufficient for pathway function. To this end, we generated CRISPR-Cas9
172 mediated knockout cells for each distal appendage protein (Figure 2- supplementary table 1A
173 and B). We then tested for localization of each distal appendage protein in each knockout cells

174 via immunofluorescence microscopy combined with semi-automated measurement of
175 centrosomal signal intensity to more accurately quantify loss of localization of the proteins (see
176 Materials and Methods). In most cases, the centrosomal signal of distal appendage proteins were
177 barely detected in their respective knockout cells (see for example Figure 2A; Figure 2G; Figure
178 2I), confirming that the antibodies detect specific proteins and that the semi-automated intensity
179 measurement was working properly. In some cases, signal was detected even in the respective
180 knockout cells, because of the high signal observed outside of the centrosome (see for example
181 Figure 2B), which can reflect cytoplasmic localization of the proteins or result from non-specific
182 staining of the antibodies. FBF1 signal looked specific as it is almost completely lost in CEP83
183 knockout cells, however, a weak signal of FBF1was detected in FBF1 knockout cells (Figure
184 2E). Since both two FBF1 knockout clones had one nucleotide insertion in both alleles between
185 coding DNA 151 and 152 (151_152insT) (Figure 2- supplementary table 1B), which results in a
186 premature stop codon at the codon 61, we assumed that the knockout cells express truncated
187 protein via either alternative translation or alternative splicing. We could not confirm the
188 truncated protein because of the lack of antibody that works well for immunoblotting, and
189 currently do not know the functional significance of the truncated proteins. Nonetheless, our
190 semi-automated workflow provides objective and quantitative data to generate an accurate
191 hierarchical map of the distal appendage proteins. Consistent with the previous finding (Tanos et
192 al., 2013), the centrosomal signal intensity of all the knockout cells were greatly diminished in
193 CEP83 knockout cells (Figure 2A-K; Figure 2M), confirming that CEP83 is the most upstream.
194 SCLT1 depletion also showed substantial loss of localization of all the other distal appendage
195 proteins, including CEP83 and CEP89 (Figure 2B-C; Figure 2F), suggesting that CEP83 and
196 SCLT1 organize the distal appendage structure in a co-dependent manner. This is consistent with

197 the previous electron micrograph showing the absence of visible distal appendages in *SCLT1*$^{-/-}$
198 cells (Figure 7B of (Yang et al., 2018)). Note that SCLT1 affected the localization of the outer
199 ring of CEP83 more strongly than that of the inner ring (Figure 2B; Figure 2C). We observed a
200 much stronger effect of SCLT1 knockouts than the previous report (Tanos et al., 2013), which
201 used siRNA to deplete SCLT1, likely because of the complete absence of the protein in our
202 knockout system. Consistent with the previous report (Cajanek & Nigg, 2014), TTBK2
203 localization at the distal appendage was largely dependent on CEP164, as the TTBK2 signal in
204 CEP164 knockout cells was at undetectable level similar to TTBK2 knockout cells (Figure 2H).
205 Downstream of CEP164, TTBK2 knockout affected localization of CEP164, the outer ring of
206 CEP83, FBF1, ANKRD26, and PIDD1 (Figure 2A; Figure 2C; Figure 2E; Figure 2G; Figure 2K;
207 Figure 2M). The decrease of CEP164 intensity in TTBK2 knockout cells is consistent with the
208 observation that CEP164 is a substrate of TTBK2 and that centriolar CEP164 localization was
209 markedly increased upon overexpression of wild type but not kinase-dead TTBK2 (Cajanek &
210 Nigg, 2014). Interestingly, localization of another TTBK2 substrate, CEP83 (Bernatik et al.,
211 2020; Lo et al., 2019), was also affected by TTBK2 depletion (Figure 2C). Since only the outer
212 ring of CEP83 was affected by TTBK2, we predict that CEP83 phosphorylation by TTBK2
213 induces conformational change of CEP83 to help enable the protein as a backbone of the distal
214 appendage. The localization changes of FBF1, ANKRD26, and PIDD1 might suggest that these
215 proteins may be potential substrates of TTBK2, or the localization of these proteins may be
216 affected by phosphorylation of CEP83 or CEP164. In any case, the effect of TTBK2 depletion
217 emphasizes that CEP164-TTBK2 complex (Cajanek & Nigg, 2014) organizes a feedback loop
218 for other distal appendage proteins to maintain the structural integrity of the distal appendages
219 (Figure 2N). Interestingly, ANKRD26 depletion drastically affected not only its functional

220 partner, PIDD1 (Burigotto et al., 2021; Evans et al., 2021) (Figure 2K), but also the outer ring of
221 CEP83 (Figure 2C). This might suggest that ANKRD26 may be crucial for maintaining the
222 protein structure of CEP83 at the outer part of the distal appendages. The diminished CEP164
223 level in ANKRD26 knockout cells (Figure 2A; Figure 2M) might be explained by its direct
224 effect or an indirect effect through the outer ring of CEP83. In contrast to a previous publication
225 (Kurtulmus et al., 2018), we did not see the effect of LRRC45 on FBF1 localization (Figure 2E).
226 This difference might come from the difference in the experimental setting (e.g., siRNA versus
227 knockout). Centrosomal signal intensity of a marker of the subdistal appendage, CEP170, was
228 not affected by any of the distal appendage proteins (Figure 2L) suggesting that distal appendage
229 proteins are not required for the localization of subdistal appendage proteins at least in terms of
230 signal intensity. The localization changes were mostly not due to the changes in the expression
231 level except that protein KIZ was highly destabilized in SCLT1 knockout cells (Figure 2-figure
232 supplement 1A).
233 In summary, our updated hierarchical map of distal appendage proteins shows that distal
234 appendage proteins are highly interconnected, and the organization of the distal appendages is
235 much more complex than what was described previously (Figure 2N). The analysis also
236 highlighted the two modules that are critical for maintaining structural integrity of the distal
237 appendage proteins: a CEP83-SCLT1 structural module and a CEP164-TTBK2 module
238 providing a phosphorylation-driven positive feedback module.
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240 **RAB34 is a superior marker for the ciliary vesicle**

241 We next sought to understand effector functions for each distal appendage protein. The most
242 well-established function of the distal appendages is recruitment of the ciliary vesicle (Schmidt

243 et al., 2012), a precursor for the ciliary membrane, at the early stage of the cilium biogenesis.
244 The recruited ciliary vesicles then fuse to form a larger vesicle through mechanisms organized by
245 the Eps15 Homology Domain Protein 1 (EHD1) and Protein kinase C and Casein kinase 2
246 Substrate in Neurons (PACSIN1 and 2) proteins (Insinna et al., 2019; Lu et al., 2015).
247 Classically, the only method to analyze ciliary vesicle recruitment to the distal appendage was
248 elaborate electron microscopy analysis, largely because of the lack of a ciliary vesicle marker.
249 Recently, unconventional actin-dependent motor protein, Myosin Va (MYO5A), was discovered
250 as the earliest marker for the ciliary vesicle (C. T. Wu, Chen, & Tang, 2018). EHD1 is then
251 recruited to the MYO5A-positive vesicle (C. T. Wu et al., 2018) to promote fusion and extension
252 of the vesicles. However, MYO5A did not appear to be the best marker for the ciliary vesicle,
253 because MYO5A also regulates multiple vesicle trafficking pathways including melanosome
254 transport (X. Wu, Bowers, Rao, Wei, & Hammer, 1998) and transport of the endoplasmic
255 reticulum (Wagner, Brenowitz, & Hammer, 2011). In agreement with the role of MYO5A
256 outside the cilium, mutations in MYO5A cause Griscelli syndrome (Pastural et al., 1997),
257 characterized by hypopigmentation, neurological impairment and hypotonia, characteristics
258 distinct from other ciliopathies (Reiter & Leroux, 2017). Albinism likely reflects problems in
259 melanosome transport. When we performed immunofluorescence microscopy, we observed a
260 single punctum of MYO5A that colocalizes with the centrosomal marker CEP170 (Figure 3A;
261 arrow in Figure 3-figure supplement 1A), consistent with ciliary vesicle localization (C. T. Wu et
262 al., 2018). We also observe strong MYO5A staining surrounding the centrosome (arrowhead in
263 Figure 3-figure supplement 1A). This pericentriolar staining persists in cells deficient in CEP83
264 (arrowhead in the bottom of Figure 3-figure supplement 1A), the structural component of the
265 distal appendages (Figure 2N). Because MYO5A shows both centriolar and pericentriolar

266 signals, it is not the best marker for ciliary vesicles.

267 To overcome this problem, we searched for other markers for the ciliary vesicle. A recent
268 paper suggested that the small GTPase RAB34, localizes to the ciliary vesicle (Stuck, Chong,
269 Liao, & Pazour, 2021) and is important for ciliary vesicle recruitment/formation (S. Xu, Liu,
270 Meng, & Wang, 2018) or for fusion of the ciliary vesicle (Ganga et al., 2021). We first tested
271 whether RAB34 works as an early ciliary vesicle marker by staining RPE cells with RAB34,
272 MYO5A, and a centriole marker, CEP170 (Figure 3A). We found that MYO5A and RAB34
273 localization are highly coupled. Most RAB34-positive centrioles have MYO5A at the centriole
274 and vice versa (Figure 3A; Figure 3B). We confirmed the specificity of the signal using RAB34
275 (Figure 3-figure supplement 1B) and MYO5A knockout cells (Figure 3-figure supplement 1C).
276 Note that the percentage of RAB34 and MYO5A double positive centrioles was highest in the
277 confluent cells grown with serum and was decreased upon serum starvation (Figure 3B). The
278 presence of the ciliary vesicle at the centriole before induction of cilium formation is consistent
279 with previous electron microscopy studies (Figure 16 of (Vorobjev & Chentsov Yu, 1982) and
280 Figure 5D of (Insinna et al., 2019)). Vesicular fusion regulators, EHD1 and PACSIN2, were
281 recruited to the centrosome at later time points after serum withdrawal (Figure 3C; Figure 3D;
282 Figure 3-figure supplement 2A-G), confirming that both MYO5A and RAB34 are the earliest
283 markers of the ciliary vesicle to date. Importantly, and in contrast to MYO5A, RAB34 did not
284 localize to the pericentriolar region (Figure 3-figure supplement 1A). This makes RAB34 a more
285 suitable ciliary vesicle marker to assess ciliary vesicle recruitment at the distal appendages.
286 Consistent with this, *Rab34*$^{-/-}$ mice exhibit polydactyly and cleft palate as well as perinatal
287 lethality, phenotypes reminiscent of cilia defects. This further supports a cilia-specific function
288 of RAB34. In the 3D-SIM images, RAB34 localization was distal to CEP164 (Figure 3E; Figure

289 3-figure supplement 3A) and was displaced inwardly (Figure 3F; Figure 3-figure supplement
290 3F). This is reminiscent of the relative positioning between the ciliary vesicle and the distal
291 appendages seen in electron microscopy. We also confirmed co-localization of MYO5A and
292 RAB34 in 3D-SIM images (Figure 3G; Figure 3-figure supplement 3B-E). To more precisely
293 define the position of RAB34 in relation to MYO5A and to the mother centriole, we turned to
294 two-color 3D single-molecule super-resolution imaging (Bayas, Diezmann, Gustavsson, &
295 Moerner, 2019; Bennett et al., 2020; Gustavsson, Petrov, Lee, Shechtman, & Moerner, 2018;
296 Gustavsson, Petrov, & Moerner, 2018). This data showed how the MYO5A distribution was
297 located at the edge of the RAB34 distribution on the vesicle (Figure 3H-K), with a 3D separation
298 between the center of masses of the distributions of 89 nm and 67 nm in samples 1 and 2,
299 respectively (Figure 3-figure supplement 4). We confirmed that the alternate localization of
300 RAB34 and MYO5A is not due to channel registration by checking the complete colocalization
301 of FOP between the two channels (Figure 3- figure supplement 5). We further confirmed this by
302 testing colocalization of RAB34 stained with the two different secondary antibodies, Alexa Fluor
303 647 (AF647) and CF568 (Figure 3-figure supplement 6). The sizes of the RAB34 distributions,
304 reflecting the measure of vesicle sizes, were found to be 230 nm x 170 nm x 190 nm for sample
305 1 and 190 nm x 170 nm x 250 nm for sample 2 reported as the $1/e^2$ of Gaussian fits of these
306 distributions.
307 Collectively, these data suggest that RAB34 is a more specific marker for ciliary vesicle
308 than MYO5A and is located at a distinct position from MYO5A on the ciliary vesicle.
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310 **Distal appendages independently regulate multiple steps required for cilium formation**
311 Distal appendages can minimally regulate four steps required for cilium formation: ciliary

312 vesicle recruitment, IFT recruitment, IFT initiation by recruiting CEP19-RABL2, and CP110
313 removal. We currently do not know whether these steps are independently regulated by distal
314 appendages or are interconnected, so that the failure of one step may interrupt the subsequent
315 steps of the cilium formation. In the latter case, only one of the four steps may be directly
316 regulated by the distal appendages. To test this possibility, we inhibited one step at a time and
317 tested if other steps are affected. To inhibit ciliary vesicle recruitment, we depleted RAB34
318 (Figure 4-figure supplement 1A), which was shown to inhibit formation/recruitment (S. Xu et al.,
319 2018) or fusion (Ganga et al., 2021) of the ciliary vesicle. In contrast to MYO5A depletion,
320 which did not affect ciliogenesis, depletion of RAB34 significantly inhibited the formation of the
321 cilium (Figure 4A), as described (Ganga et al., 2021; Oguchi, Okuyama, Homma, & Fukuda,
322 2020; Stuck et al., 2021; S. Xu et al., 2018).

323 Electron microscopy analysis of RPE cells serum-starved for 3 hours revealed that only
324 one out of 17 mother centrioles in RAB34-depleted cells had a ciliary vesicle, while 16 out of 41
325 control (sgGFP) cells had the vesicle(s) attached to centrioles ($p<0.0054$ in Fisher's exact test)
326 (Figure 4B-C). This suggests that RAB34 is important for initial recruitment/formation of the
327 ciliary vesicle, in agreement with the previous report (S. Xu et al., 2018). Whether RAB34 is
328 also involved in the fusion of the vesicle at the later time point after serum starvation, as shown
329 by the other report (Ganga et al., 2021), warrant further investigation. Using RAB34 knockout
330 cells, we tested whether disrupting the ciliary vesicle recruitment/formation affects the other
331 steps of the cilium formation. Removal of CP110 from the mother centriole was modestly
332 affected in RAB34 knockout cells (Figure 4D), whereas IFT and CEP19 recruitment was not
333 affected (Figure 4E-F), suggesting that ciliary vesicle recruitment is partially important to trigger
334 CP110 removal. This result is inconsistent with two other studies, which showed no effect on

335 CP110 removal in RAB34 knockouts, potentially because of the difference in the duration of
336 serum starvation (24 hours in our study versus 48 hours in other studies (Ganga et al., 2021;
337 Stuck et al., 2021)). We next tested whether recruitment of CEP19 or IFT affects ciliary vesicle
338 recruitment. Note that CEP19 and IFT complex proteins localize near the distal appendage in the
339 cells grown with serum, which infrequently show primary cilia (Figure 1-figure supplement 4B),
340 while their localization is strongly enhanced upon serum starvation (Figure 1-figure supplement
341 4C) (T. Kanie et al., 2017). To eliminate the IFT complexes or CEP19 from the mother centriole,
342 we depleted either IFT52, a central component of the IFT-B complex (Taschner, Kotsis, Braeuer,
343 Kuehn, & Lorentzen, 2014), or FGFR1OP (or FOP), which is required for centriolar localization
344 of both IFT proteins and CEP19 (T. Kanie et al., 2017). As expected, IFT52 depletion greatly
345 diminished the localization of all the other IFT complex proteins tested and thus inhibited the
346 cilium formation (Figure 4G-H; Figure 4-figure supplement 2A-E). Similarly, FOP depletion
347 abrogated the localization of CEP19 and IFT88 as well as cilium formation (Figure 4I-J, Figure
348 4-figure supplement 2B). Depletion of neither FOP nor IFT52 disrupted the ciliary vesicle
349 recruitment (Figure 4K), suggesting that ciliary vesicle recruitment can proceed independently of
350 the IFT; CEP19 pathway. We currently do not know why the number of ciliary vesicle-positive
351 centrioles was increased in FOP knockout cells (Figure 4K). In summary, our data suggest that
352 distal appendages independently regulate ciliary vesicle and IFT; CEP19 recruitment, whereas
353 CP110 removal is partially downstream of ciliary vesicle recruitment (Figure 4L).
354

355 **CEP89 functions specifically in ciliary vesicle recruitment**

356 We next sought to determine the function of each distal appendage protein. We first tested
357 which distal appendage proteins play a role in cilium formation. The depletion of each

358 component that is important for structural integrity of distal appendages (CEP83, SCLT1,
359 CEP164, TTBK2) severely disrupted the cilium formation in either 24- or 48-hours serum-
360 starved cells (Figure 5A and B). FBF1, CEP89, and ANKRD26 modestly affected cilium
361 formation at 24 hours after serum removal (Figure 5A), but the ciliation defect in the knockout
362 cells were ameliorated by prolonged (48 hour) serum starvation (Figure 5B). This suggests that
363 these proteins are important for cilium formation, but that cells can compensate for the lack of
364 these proteins to slowly catch up and form primary cilia. The distal appendage protein KIZ and
365 LRRC45, as well as the distal appendage associated protein, INPP5E, had no effect on cilium
366 formation (Figure 5A and B). Ciliary length was mildly affected in FBF1 and INPP5E knockout
367 cells at the earlier time point (Figure 5-figure supplement 1A). Shorter ciliary length was
368 observed in ANKRD26 knockout cells serum starved for either 24 or 48 hours (Figure 5-figure
369 supplement 1A and B). Interestingly, ARL13B signal intensity inside the cilium was diminished
370 in FBF1, CEP89, or ANKRD26 knockout cells even after the cells largely caught up on cilium
371 formation after 48 hours of serum starvation (Figure 5-figure supplement 1C and D). This
372 suggests that these knockouts can slowly form cilia, but the slowly formed cilia may not be
373 functionally normal. The stronger defect in ciliary ARL13B signal in ANKRD26 might suggest a
374 direct role of this protein in ARL13B recruitment around the distal appendages (Figure 5-figure
375 supplement 1D).

376 We next tested the importance of each distal appendage protein in ciliary vesicle
377 recruitment. Consistent with their critical role in the structural integrity of the distal appendages,
378 CEP83, SCLT1, CEP164, and TTBK2 severely disrupted ciliary vesicle recruitment (Figure 5C).
379 Interestingly, CEP89 but not the other distal appendage proteins modestly but significantly
380 affected ciliary vesicle recruitment (Figure 5C). The importance of CEP89 in ciliary vesicle

381 recruitment is largely consistent with a previous report (Sillibourne et al., 2013). CP110 removal
382 was again severely affected in knockouts of the four integral component of the distal appendages
383 (CEP83, SCLT1, CEP164, and TTBK2) (Figure 5D). CEP89 depletion partially inhibited CP110
384 removal (Figure 5D), correlating with the partial effect on ciliary vesicle recruitment, which is
385 upstream of CP110 removal (Figure 4L). IFT88 recruitment was severely disturbed in the
386 knockouts of the four integral components (CEP83, SCLT1, CEP164, and TTBK2), but not in
387 the other knockouts (Figure 5E). The effect of CEP164-TTBK2 was slightly stronger than
388 CEP83-SCLT1, suggesting that CEP164-TTBK2 may be more directly involved in this process.
389 CEP19 recruitment was strongly dependent on CEP164-TTBK2 (Figure 5F), but was
390 only mildly affected by CEP83-SCLT1, which recruit CEP164 to the distal appendages (Figure
391 2A and N). This indicates that a very small amount of centriolar CEP164-TTBK2 may be
392 sufficient to bring CEP19 near the distal appendage, and that CEP164-TTBK2, rather than
393 CEP83-SCLT1, more directly regulates this process.
394 In summary, the CEP83-SCLT1 structural module brings CEP164-TTBK2 to stabilize
395 the distal appendages, and the CEP164-TTBK2 complex plays more direct roles in the cilium
396 formation by regulating downstream processes including ciliary vesicle recruitment, IFT; CEP19
397 recruitment, and CP110 removal. In contrast, CEP89 is dispensable for structural integrity of the
398 distal appendages, but it instead plays a crucial role in the ciliary vesicle recruitment (Figure 6).
399

400 **Discussion**

401 Distal appendages are structures critical for the formation of the cilium. While their anatomical
402 structure was described in the 1970s (Anderson, 1972; Anderson & Brenner, 1971), the first
403 component, CEP164, was only found in 2007 (Graser et al., 2007). Since then, the list of distal

404 appendage proteins has grown and the detailed protein architecture has been visualized mostly
405 by super-resolution microscopy (Bowler et al., 2019; Yang et al., 2018). Nevertheless, our
406 understanding of the function of each distal appendage protein is limited.
407 In this study, we sought to comprehensively characterize previously known and newly identified
408 distal appendage proteins (KIZ, NCS1, and C3ORF14) to deepen our understanding of the distal
409 appendages. Among the three proteins that we identified, the latter two will be described in detail
410 in an accompanying paper (Tomoharu Kanie et al., 2023).

411 **The structure of the distal appendages**

412 The distal appendages consist of twelve proteins identified so far. Each protein localizes to a
413 different position at the distal appendages (Figure 1B). Interestingly, our current study revealed
414 that CEP83, previously shown to locate at the innermost region of the distal appendages (Bowler
415 et al., 2019; Yang et al., 2018), localize to the outermost region of the distal appendages when
416 detected by antibodies that recognize a different epitope of CEP83 (Figure 1A). We currently do
417 not know whether this is because the two antibodies detect different isoforms that differentially
418 localize to the distal appendages or CEP83 has an extended structure that stretches the entire
419 length of each blade of the distal appendages. The latter possibility is quite intriguing given that
420 CEP83 is important for the localization of all the other distal appendage proteins (Figure 2) and
421 its predicted structure, an extended alpha helix, would provide a perfect template to arrange
422 components along the long axis of the distal appendage. Confirmation of this hypothesis needs
423 additional investigation (e.g., crystallography and cryo-electron microscopy/tomography).
424 SCLT1 localizes to the upper middle part of the distal appendages (Figure 1A) and was required
425 for the localization of all the other distal appendage proteins, including the most upstream
426 CEP83 (Figure 2M and N). This suggests that CEP83-SCLT1 module works as a structural

427 backbone of the distal appendages. Downstream of CEP83-SCLT1, we showed that CEP164-
428 TTBK2 complex plays an important role in maintaining the distal appendage structure. Loss of
429 TTBK2 resulted in the decrease in the localization of several distal appendage proteins, including
430 the most upstream CEP83 (Figure 2M and N). This is consistent with the previous finding that
431 TTBK2 phosphorylates distal appendage proteins, such as CEP83 and CEP89 (Bernatik et al.,
432 2020; Lo et al., 2019). Further investigations are needed to assess whether other distal appendage
433 proteins are also phosphorylated by TTBK2 and how the phosphorylation affects the structure
434 and function of the substrates. ANKRD26 also affected the localization of several distal
435 appendage proteins, including the outer ring of CEP83 (Figure 2A, M, and N). These results
436 emphasize that a set of proteins work together to organize the structure of distal appendages.

437 **The function of the distal appendages**

438 Distal appendages are indispensable for cilium formation through regulation of at least four steps
439 required for ciliogenesis: ciliary vesicle recruitment (Schmidt et al., 2012), recruitment of IFT
440 (Schmidt et al., 2012) and CEP19-RABL2 (Dateyama et al., 2019), and CP110 removal (Goetz
441 et al., 2012). Our functional analysis revealed that all the four steps were almost completely
442 disrupted when each of the four critical proteins (CEP83-SCLT1-CEP164-TTBK2) was
443 depleted. This result might simply come from disorganization of the distal appendages, or those
444 four proteins may be directly involved in the four ciliogenic processes. Since the IFT/CEP19
445 recruitment defect was milder in CEP83/SCLT1 knockouts than CEP164/TTBK2 knockouts, we
446 predict that CEP164-TTBK2 complex may play more direct roles in the IFT/CEP19 recruitment.
447 Cajánek and Nigg created a chimeric protein that consists of the distal appendage targeting
448 region of CEP164 and the kinase domain of TTBK2. Intriguingly, this chimera was sufficient to
449 almost fully rescue the ciliation defect of CEP164-depleted cells (Figure 5 of (Cajanek & Nigg,

450 2014)), suggesting that the main function of CEP164 is recruitment of TTBK2 to the distal
451 appendages. Since the kinase activity of TTBK2 is critical for cilium formation (Cajanek &
452 Nigg, 2014; Goetz et al., 2012), testing whether IFT complex proteins, CEP19, or their
453 association partners (e.g., FGFR1OP) are phosphorylation targets of TTBK2 warrant future
454 studies.

455 Our study also revealed CEP89 as a protein important for ciliary vesicle recruitment, but
456 not for other processes of cilium formation. Given that CEP89 consists of two coiled-coil
457 domains but lacks a membrane association domain, we hypothesized that CEP89 is involved in
458 the ciliary vesicle recruitment via its interacting partner. Indeed, our further analysis revealed
459 that Neuronal Calcium Sensor-1 (NCS1) interacts with CEP89 and is recruited to the distal
460 appendages by CEP89. NCS1 then captures ciliary vesicles via its myristoylation motif. This
461 story will be described in an accompanying paper (Tomoharu Kanie et al., 2023). Importantly,
462 CEP89 or NCS1 depletion only partially inhibits ciliary vesicle recruitment, suggesting a
463 compensation mechanism for the recruitment. The apparent candidates that might compensate
464 for the lack of NCS1/CEP89 are the critical distal appendage proteins, CEP83-SCLT1-CEP164-
465 TTBK2, or their yet unknown interacting partners. This warrants future investigation.

466 In addition to their critical functions in cilium formation, the distal appendages seem to
467 play important roles in other biological processes. Recent studies showed that the activation of
468 PIDD1 requires recruitment of the protein to the distal appendages by ANKRD26. The activated
469 PIDD1 forms a complex, called PIDDsome, with CASP2 and CRADD. The PIDDsome then
470 cleaves MDM2 and stabilizes p53 to inhibit proliferation in response to deleterious centrosomal
471 amplification (Burigotto et al., 2021; Evans et al., 2021). ANKRD26 apparently has a dual
472 function: cilia-related (stabilization of the outer ring of CEP83 and controlling ciliogenesis

473 possibly via ARL13B regulation) and cilia-independent function (PIDD1 activation). It is
474 currently unclear why PIDD1 activation occurs at the distal appendage. Nevertheless, it is
475 possible that other distal appendages may be involved in this process. It is also possible that
476 distal appendages may be involved in yet unknown biological function.

477 Another possible role of the distal appendages is the regulation of the ciliary membrane
478 protein composition. While there is no direct analysis, several lines of evidence support this
479 hypothesis. First, distal appendages locate at the position where the mother centrioles attach to
480 the plasma membrane, making it a strong candidate that modulates the composition of the ciliary
481 membrane. Second, our current study showed that several distal appendage proteins have only
482 modest or no effect on cilium formation (Figure 5A and B), but some of them are connected to
483 ciliopathies (e.g., KIZ (El Shamieh et al., 2014) and ANKRD26 (Acs et al., 2015)). Finally, the
484 previous study showed that the ciliary G-protein coupled receptor, GPR161, is detained for a
485 short period of time in the membrane compartment likely between the transition zone and the
486 membrane anchor point of the distal appendage (Ye, Nager, & Nachury, 2018) before going out
487 of the cilium in response to Hedgehog activation. This implies that the distal appendages might
488 serve as a second diffusion or trafficking barrier besides the well-established transition zone
489 (Garcia-Gonzalo & Reiter, 2017). Future studies will test this hypothesis and define the
490 molecular mechanisms by which the distal appendages control ciliary membrane composition.
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523 **Materials and Methods**

524 **Plasmids**

525 pMCB306, a lenti-viral vector containing loxP-mU6-sgRNAs-puro resistance-EGFP-loxP
526 cassette, and P293 Cas9-BFP were gifts from Prof. Michael Bassik. Lenti-virus envelope and
527 packaging vector, pCMV-VSV-G and pCMV-dR8.2 dvpr respectively, were gifts from Prof. Bob
528 Weinberg (Addgene plasmid #8454 and #8455).
529 Lentiviral vectors containing single guide RNAs (sgRNAs) were generated by ligating 200 nM
530 oligonucleotides encoding sgRNAs into the pMCB306 vector digested with BstXI (R0113S,
531 NEB) and BlpI (R0585S, NEB) restriction enzymes. Before ligation, 4 μM of forward and
532 reverse oligonucleotides listed in "Source Data-Primers used for genomic PCR" were annealed
533 in 50 μl of annealing buffer (100 mM potassium acetate, 30 mM HEPES (pH7.4), and 3 mM
534 magnesium acetate) at room temperature following denaturation in the same buffer at 95°C for 5
535 minutes. The targeting sequence for sgRNAs are listed in Figure 2-supplementary table 1.
536 Gateway cloning compatible pDEST15PS vector used for bacterial protein expression was
537 generated by inserting PreScission cleavage site immediately after GST tag into pDEST15
538 vector. pDEST15PS-ANKRD26 (214-537 a.a.) was generated by LR recombination between
539 pENTR221-human ANKRD26 fragment (214-537 a.a.) and pDEST15PS vector.
540

541 **Cell line, Cell culture, Transfection, and Lentiviral expression**

542 hTERT RPE-1 cells and 293T cells were grown in DMEM/F-12 (12400024, Thermo Fisher
543 Scientific) supplemented with 10% FBS (100-106, Gemini), 1×GlutaMax (35050-079, Thermo
544 Fisher Scientific), 100 U/mL Penicillin-Streptomycin (15140163, Thermo Fisher Scientific) at
545 37°C in 5% CO_2. To induce cilium formation, cells were incubated in DMEM/F-12
546 supplemented with 1×GlutaMax and 100 U/mL Penicillin-Streptomycin (serum-free media).
547 Both cell lines were authenticated via short-tandem-repeat based test. The authentication was
548 performed by MTCRO-COBRE Cell line authentication core of the University of Oklahoma
549 Health Science Center. Mycoplasma negativity of the original cell lines (hTERT RPE-1 and
550 293T) grown in antibiotics-free media were confirmed by a PCR based test (G238, Applied
551 Biological Materials).
552 The cell lines expressing sgRNA were generated using lentivirus. Lentivirus carrying loxP-
553 mU6-sgRNAs-puro resistance-EGFP-loxP cassette was produced by co-transfecting 293T cells
554 with 150 ng of pCMV-VSV-G, 350 ng of pCMV-dR8.2 dvpr, and 500 ng of pMCB306 plasmids
555 described above along with 3 μl of Fugene 6 (E2692, Promega) transfection reagent. Media was
556 replaced 24 hr after transfection to omit transfection reagent, and virus was harvested at 48 hr
557 post-transfection. Virus was then filtered with a 0.45 μm PVDF filter (SLHV013SL, Millipore)
558 and mixed with 4-fold volume of fresh media containing 12.5 μg/ml polybrene (TR-1003-G,
559 Millipore). Following infection for 66 hr, cells were selected with 10 μg/ml puromycin (P9620,
560 SIGMA-Aldrich).
561

562 **CRISPR knockout**

563 RPE cells expressing BFP-Cas9 were generated by infection with lentivirus carrying P293 Cas9-
564 BFP, followed by sorting BFP-positive cells using FACSAria (BD). RPE-BFP-Cas9 cells were

565 then infected with lentivirus carrying sgRNAs in the pMCB306 vector to generate knockout
566 cells. After selection with 10 μg/ml puromycin, cells were subjected to immunoblotting,
567 immunofluorescence, or genomic PCR combined with TIDE analysis (Brinkman, Chen,
568 Amendola, & van Steensel, 2014) to determine knockout efficiency. The exact assay used for
569 each cell line is listed in the CRISPR knockout cells summary (Figure 2-supplementary table 1).
570 Cells were then infected with adenovirus carrying Cre-recombinase (1045N, Vector BioLabs) at
571 a multiplicity of infection of 50 to remove the sgRNA-puromycin resistance-EGFP cassette. 10
572 days after adenovirus infection, GFP-negative single cells were sorted using FACSAria. The
573 single cell clones were expanded, and their knockout efficiency were determined by
574 immunofluorescence, immunoblot, and/or genomic PCR (the detail described in the "Figure 2-
575 supplementary table 1". The same number of validated single clones (typically three to four
576 different clones) were mixed to create pooled single cell knockout clones to minimize the
577 phenotypic variability occurred in single cell clones. The pooled clones were used in most of the
578 experiments presented in this paper. The only exception is sgLRRC45 line used in Figure 2H, 2I,
579 and 5D, which are RPE cells infected with sgRNA followed by removal of sgRNA-puromycin
580 resistance-EGFP cassette and GFP-negative bulk sorting (not single cell cloning).
581 The targeting sequences of guide RNAs are listed in the Figure 2-supplementary table 1.
582

583 **Transmission electron microscopy**

584 Either control (sgGFP) or RAB34 knockout RPE cells were grown on 12 mm round coverslips
585 (12-545-81, Fisher Scientific), followed by serum starvation for 3 hr. Cells were then fixed with
586 4% PFA (433689M, Alfa Aesar)/2% glutaraldehyde (G7526, SIGMA) in sodium cacodylate
587 buffer (100 mM sodium cacodylate and 2 mM $CaCl_2$, pH 7.4) for 1 hr at room temperature,

588 followed by two washes with sodium cacodylate buffer. Cells were then post fixed in
589 cold/aqueous 1% osmium tetroxide (19100, Electron Microscopy Sciences) in Milli-Q water for
590 1 hour at 4°C, allowed to warm to room temperature (RT) for 2 hrs rotating in a hood, and
591 washed three times with Milli-Q water. The samples were then stained with 1% uranyl acetate in
592 Milli-Q water at room temperature overnight. Next, the samples were dehydrated in graded
593 ethanol (50%, 70%, 95%, and 100%), followed by infiltration in EMbed 812. Ultrathin serial
594 sections (80 nm) were created using an UC7 (Leica, Wetzlar, Germany), and were picked up on
595 formvar/Carbon coated 100 mesh Cu grids, stained for 40 seconds in 3.5% uranyl acetate in 50%
596 acetone followed by staining in Sato's Lead Citrate for 2 minutes. Electron micrographs were
597 taken on JEOL JEM1400 (120 kV) equipped with an Orius 832 digital camera with 9 μm pixels
598 (Gatan). To test the percentage of the ciliary vesicle positive centriole, multiple serial sections
599 (typically 3-4) were analyzed per each mother centriole, as ciliary vesicles are often not attached
600 to all nine blades of the distal appendage (i.e., ciliary vesicles are often not found in all the
601 sections of the same mother centriole).
602

603 **Antibody generation**

604 To raise rabbit polyclonal antibodies against ANKRD26, untagged human ANKRD26 fragment
605 (214-537 a.a.) were injected into rabbits (1 mg for first injection and 500 μg for boosts). The
606 ANKRD26 fragments were expressed as a GST fusion protein in Rosetta2 competent cells
607 (#71402, Millipore) and purified using Glutathione Sepharose™ 4B Media (17075605, Cytiva)
608 followed by cleavage of GST tag using GST tagged PreScission Protease (1 μg PreScission per
609 100 μg of recombinant protein). The ANKRD26 antibody was affinity purified from the serum
610 with the same antigen used for injection via standard protocols.

611

612 **Immunofluorescence**

613 For wide-field microscopy, cells were grown on acid-washed 12 mm #1.5 round coverslips
614 (72230-10, Electron Microscopy Sciences) and fixed either in 4% paraformaldehyde (433689M,
615 Alfa Aesar) in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) for 15 min at room temperature or in 100%
616 methanol (A412-4, Fisher Scientific) for 5 min at -20°C. The primary antibodies used for
617 immunofluorescence are listed in the "Source Data-List of the antibodies -Distal appendage
618 network-". All staining condition such as dilution of the antibodies can be found in the source
619 data of each figure. After blocking with 5% normal serum that are matched with the species used
620 to raise secondary antibodies (005-000-121 or 017-000-121, Jackson ImmunoResearch) in
621 immunofluorescence (IF) buffer (3% bovine serum albumin (BP9703100, Fisher Scientific),
622 0.02% sodium azide (BDH7465-2, VWR International), and 0.1% NP-40 in PBS) for 30 min at
623 room temperature, cells were incubated with primary antibody in IF buffer for at least 3 hr at
624 room temperature, followed by rinsing with IF buffer five times. The samples were then
625 incubated with fluorescent dye-labeled secondary antibodies (listed below) in IF buffer for 1 hr
626 at room temperature, followed by rinsing with IF buffer five times. After nuclear staining with
627 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) (40043, Biotium) in IF buffer at a final concentration of
628 0.5 μg/ml, coverslips were mounted with Fluoromount-G (0100-01, SouthernBiotech) onto glass
629 slides (3050002, Epredia). Images were acquired on an Everest deconvolution workstation
630 (Intelligent Imaging Innovations) equipped with a Zeiss Axio Imager Z1 microscope and a
631 CoolSnap HQ cooled CCD camera (Roper Scientific). A 40x NA1.3 plan-apochromat objective
632 lens (420762-9800, Zeiss) was used for ciliation assays, and a 63x NA1.4 plan-apochromat
633 objective lens (420780-9900, Zeiss) was used for other analyses.

634 For ciliation assays, cells were plated into a 6-well plate at a density of 2 x 10^5 cells/well and
635 grown for 66 hr. Cells were serum starved for 24 hr unless otherwise indicated and fixed in 4%
636 PFA. After the blocking step, cells were stained with anti-ARL13B (17711-1-AP, Proteintech),
637 anti-CEP170 (41-3200, Invitrogen), and anti-acetylated tubulin (Ac-Tub) antibodies (T7451,
638 SIGMA), washed, and then stained with anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 488 (711-545-152, Jackson
639 ImmunoResearch), goat anti-mouse IgG1-Alexa Fluor 568 (A-21124, Invitrogen), and goat anti-
640 mouse IgG2b Alexa Fluor 647 (A-21242, Invitrogen). All the images were captured by focusing
641 CEP170 without looking at a channel of the ciliary proteins to avoid selecting specific area based
642 on the percentage of ciliated cells. The structures extending from the centrosome and positive for
643 ARL13B with the length of more than 1 μm was counted as primary cilia. At least six images
644 from different fields per sample were captured for typical analysis. Typically, at least 200 cells
645 were analyzed per experiment. Exact number of cells that we analyzed in each sample can be
646 found in the Source Data of corresponding figures. The percentage of ciliated cells were
647 manually counted using the SlideBook software (Intelligent Imaging Innovations).
648 For ciliary vesicle assays, cells were plated into a 6-well plate at a density of 2 x 10^5
649 cells/well, grown for 66 hr (without serum starvation), and fixed in 4% PFA. After the blocking
650 step, cells were stained with anti-RAB34 (27435-1-AP, Proteintech), anti-Myosin Va (sc-
651 365986, Santa Cruz), and anti-CEP170 (to mark centriole) antibodies (41-3200, Invitrogen),
652 washed, then stained with goat anti-mouse IgG2a Alexa Fluor 488 (A-21131, Proteintech), goat
653 anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 568 (A10042, Invitrogen), and goat anti-mouse IgG1 Alexa Fluor 647
654 (A-21240, Invitrogen). All the images were captured by focusing CEP170 without looking at a
655 channel of the ciliary vesicle markers to avoid selecting specific area based on the percentage of
656 ciliary vesicle positive centrioles. At least eight images from different fields per sample were

657 captured for typical analysis. Typically, at least 50 cells were analyzed per experiment. Exact
658 number of cells that we analyzed in each sample can be found in the Source Data of
659 corresponding figures.

660 For CP110 removal assays, cells were plated into a 6-well plate at a density of 2 x 10^5
661 cells/well and grown for 66 hr. Cells were serum starved for 24 hr in 100% methanol. After the
662 blocking step, cells were stained with anti-CP110 (12780-1-AP, Proteintech), anti-FOP
663 (H00011116-M01, Abnova) (to mark both mother and daughter centrioles), and anti-CEP164
664 (sc-515403, Santa Cruz) (to mark the mother centriole) antibodies, washed, then stained with
665 anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 488 (711-545-152, Jackson ImmunoResearch), goat anti-mouse IgG2a-
666 Alexa Fluor 568 (A-21134, Invitrogen), and goat anti-mouse IgG2b Alexa Fluor 647 (A-21242,
667 Invitrogen). All the images were captured by focusing FOP without looking at a channel of the
668 other centriolar proteins to avoid selecting specific area based on the percentage of CP110
669 positive centrioles. CP110 localizing to both mother and daughter centrioles (as judged by
670 colocalization with FOP) were counted as two dots, and CP110 localizing only to daughter
671 centriole (as judged by no colocalization with CEP164) was counted as a one dot. Exact number
672 of cells that we analyzed in each sample can be found in the Source Data of corresponding
673 figures.

674 For structured illumination microscopy, cells were grown on 18 mm square coverslips
675 with a thickness of 0.17 mm ± 0.005 mm (474030-9000-000, Zeiss), fixed, and stained as
676 described above. DAPI staining was not included for the structured illumination samples.
677 Coverslips were mounted with SlowFade Gold Antifade Reagent (S36936, Life Technologies).
678 Images were acquired on a DeltaVision OMX V4 system equipped with a 100×/1.40 NA
679 UPLANSAPO100XO objective lens (Olympus), and 488 nm (100 mW), 561 nm (100 mW), and

680 642 nm (300 mW) Coherent Sapphire solid state lasers and Evolve 512 EMCCD cameras
681 (Photometrics). Image stacks of 2 μm z-steps were taken in 0.125 μm increments to ensure
682 Nyquist sampling. Images were then computationally reconstructed and subjected to image
683 registration by using SoftWorx 6.5.1 software.
684 Secondary antibodies used for immunofluorescence were donkey anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor
685 488 (711-545-152, Jackson ImmunoResearch), donkey anti-mouse IgG DyLight488 (715-485-
686 150, Jackson ImmunoResearch), goat anti-mouse IgG2a Alexa Fluor 488 (A-21131, Invitrogen),
687 goat anti-mouse IgG1 Alexa Fluor 488 (A-21121, Invitrogen), donkey anti-rabbit IgG Alexa
688 Fluor 568 (A10042, Invitrogen), goat anti-mouse IgG2a-Alexa Fluor 568 (A-21134, Invitrogen),
689 goat anti-mouse IgG1-Alexa Fluor 568 (A-21124, Invitrogen), goat anti-mouse IgG2b Alexa
690 Fluor 647 (A-21242, Invitrogen), goat anti-mouse IgG1 Alexa Fluor 647 (A-21240, Invitrogen),
691 donkey anti-rabbit IgG Alexa Fluor 647 (711-605-152, Jackson ImmunoResearch).
692
693 **Immunolabeling and sample preparation for 3D single-molecule super-resolution imaging**
694 For 3D single-molecule super-resolution imaging, RPE-hTERT cells were plated in the central
695 four wells of glass-bottom chambers (μ-Slide 8 Well, Ibidi) at the density of 3×10^4 cells/well and
696 grown for 48 hours in DMEM/F-12 supplemented with 10% FBS, 1×GlutaMax, and 100 U/mL
697 Penicillin-Streptomycin at 37°C in 5% CO_2. 24 hr before fixation, the medium was replaced with
698 fresh DMEM/F-12 supplemented with 10% FBS, 1×GlutaMax and 100 U/mL Penicillin-
699 Streptomycin. The cells were then fixed in 100% MeOH for 5 min at -20°C. The slides were then
700 washed twice in PBS and submerged and stored in PBS at 4°C in Samco Bio-Tite sterile
701 containers (010002, Thermo Scientific) until the day before imaging. Cells were permeabilized
702 with three washing steps with 0.2% (v/v) Triton-X 100 in PBS with 5 min incubation between

703 each wash and blocked using 3% bovine serum albumin (BSA, A2058, Sigma-Aldrich) in PBS
704 for 1 hr at room temperature. In the experiments shown in Figure 3H-K and Figure 3-figure
705 supplement 4-5, the cells were incubated with rabbit anti-RAB34 (27435-1-AP, Proteintech,
706 1:500), mouse IgG2a anti-MYO5A (sc-365986, Santa Cruz, 1:1000), and mouse IgG2b anti-FOP
707 (H00011116-M01, Abnova, 1:1000) diluted in 1% BSA in PBS at 4°C overnight, washed three
708 times in 0.1% Triton-X 100 in PBS, and then incubated with donkey anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 647
709 (ab150067, Abcam, 1:1000), goat anti-mouse IgG2b Alexa Fluor 647 (A-21242, Invitrogen,
710 1:1000), goat anti-mouse IgG2a CF568 (20258, Biotium, 1:1000), and goat anti-mouse IgG2b
711 CF568 (20268, Biotium, 1:1000) diluted in 1% BSA in PBS for 1 hr shielded from light. In the
712 experiments shown in Figure 3-figure supplement 6, the cells were incubated with rabbit anti-
713 RAB34 (27435-1-AP , Proteintech, 1:500), mouse IgG2a anti-RAB34 (sc-365986, Santa Cruz,
714 1:250), and mouse IgG2b anti-FOP (H00011116-M01, Abnova, 1:1000) diluted in 1% BSA in
715 PBS at 4°C overnight, washed three times in 0.1% Triton-X 100 in PBS, and then incubated with
716 donkey anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 647 (ab150067, Abcam, 1:1000), goat anti-mouse IgG2b Alexa
717 Fluor 647 (A-21242, Invitrogen), goat anti-mouse IgG2a CF568 (20258, Biotium), and goat anti-
718 mouse IgG2b CF568 (20268, Biotium) diluted in 1% BSA in PBS for 1 hr shielded from light.
719 Then, the samples were washed five times with 0.1% Triton-X 100 in PBS, once with PBS and
720 stored in PBS at 4°C while shielded from light until imaging up to several hours later. After
721 aspiring remaining PBS, fluorescent beads (TetraSpeck, T7280, 0.2 μm, Invitrogen, diluted
722 1:300 in Milli-Q water) were added to each well and allowed to settle for 10 min before being
723 washed 10x with PBS to remove unbound and loosely bound beads.
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725 **Optical setup for 3D single-molecule super-resolution imaging**

The optical setup was built around a conventional inverted microscope (IX83, Olympus) (Figure 3-figure supplement 7). Excitation lasers (560 nm and 642 nm, both 1000 mW, MPB Communications) were circularly polarized (LPVISC050-MP2 polarizers, Thorlabs; 560 nm: Z-10-A-.250-B-556 and 642 nm: Z-10-A-.250-B-647 quarter-wave plates, both Tower Optical) and filtered (560 nm: FF01-554/23-25 excitation filter, 642 nm: FF01-631/36-25 excitation filter, both Semrock), and expanded and collimated using lens telescopes. Collimated light was focused by a Köhler lens and introduced into the back port of the microscope through a Köhler lens to allow for wide-field epi-illumination. The lasers were toggled with shutters (VS14S2T1 with VMM-D3 three-channel driver, Vincent Associates Uniblitz).

The sample was positioned on an xy translation stage (M26821LOJ, Physik Instrumente) and an xyz piezoelectric stage (P-545.3C8H, Physik Instrumente). The emission from the sample was collected using a high numerical aperture (NA) objective (UPLXAPO100XO, 100x, NA 1.45, Olympus) and filtered (ZT405/488/561/640rpcV3 dichroic; ZET561NF notch filter; and ZET642NF notch filter, all Chroma) before entering a 4f imaging system. The first lens of the 4f imaging system (f = 80 mm, AC508-080-AB, Thorlabs) was placed one focal length from the intermediate image plane in the emission path. A dichroic mirror (T660lpxr-UF3, Chroma) was placed after the first 4f lens in order to split the light into two different spectral paths, where far red light ("red channel") was transmitted into one optical path and greener light ("green channel") was reflected into the other optical path. In order to reshape the point spread function (PSF) of the microscope to encode the axial position (z) of the individual fluorophores, transmissive dielectric double helix (DH) phase masks with ~2 μm axial range (green channel: DH1-580-3249, red channel: DH1-680-3249, both Double Helix Optics) were placed one focal length after the first 4f lens in each path and another 4f lens was placed one focal length after the

749 phase masks in both paths. Bandpass filters (red channel: two ET700/75m bandpass filters; green
750 channel: ET605/70m bandpass filter, both Chroma) were placed in the paths between the phase
751 masks and the second 4f lenses. The second 4f lenses then focused the light onto an EM-CCD
752 camera (iXon Ultra 897, Andor) placed one focal length away from the second 4f lenses.
753

754 **Two-color 3D single-molecule super-resolution imaging**

755 To facilitate calibration of the engineered PSFs and registration between the two channels, a
756 solution of fiducial beads (TetraSpeck, T7280, 0.2 μm, Invitrogen) were diluted 1:5 in
757 10% polyvinyl alcohol (Mowiol 4-88, 17951, Polysciences Inc.) in Milli-Q water and spun-coat
758 onto plasma-cleaned coverslips (#1.5H, 22 x 22 mm, 170 ± 5 μm, CG15CH, Thorlabs). For
759 calibration of the PSFs, scans over a 2 μm axial range with 50 nm steps were acquired using the
760 piezoelectric xyz translation stage. For registration measurements, the stage was translated in xy
761 to ten different positions, and stacks of 50 frames were acquired at each position. Dark frames
762 (400) were collected with the camera shutter closed before image acquisition, and the averaged
763 intensity was subtracted from the calibration, registration, and single-molecule data before
764 further analysis.

765 Directly prior to cell imaging, a reducing and oxygen-scavenging buffer optimized for
766 dSTORM blinking (Halpern, Howard, & Vaughan, 2015) comprising 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8,
767 J22638-K2, Thermo Scientific), 10% (w/v) glucose (215530, BD Difco), 2 μl/ml catalase (C100,
768 Sigma-Aldrich), 560 μg/ml glucose oxidase (G2133, Sigma-Aldrich), and 143 mM β-
769 mercaptoethanol (M6250, Sigma-Aldrich) was added to the well and the well was sealed with
770 parafilm. The samples were then kept in this buffer both for diffraction-limited imaging and
771 single-molecule imaging.

For diffraction-limited imaging, cells were imaged using laser intensities of 0.3 W/cm^2 for the 642 nm laser and 1.2 W/cm^2 for the 560 nm laser. Before beginning the single-molecule super-resolution imaging, a large fraction of the fluorophores in the field of view were converted into a dark state using 560 nm and 642 nm illumination each at ~5 kW/cm^2. The same laser intensities were then used for sequential acquisition of 100,000 frames of single-molecule data in each channel, first using exposure times of 50 ms for imaging of AF647 fluorophores in the red channel and then 35 ms for imaging of CF568 fluorophores in the green channel using calibrated EM gain and conversion gain of the camera of 183 and 4.41 photoelectrons / ADC count, respectively. Fiducial beads were detected in each frame to facilitate drift correction in post-processing.

Analysis of 3D single-molecule super-resolution data

Images with acquired data from the two channels were cropped in ImageJ before analysis. Stacks that were acquired of fiducial beads for calibration were averaged over 50 frames at each unique position. These DH PSF calibration scans and the single-molecule images were used for calibration and localization using fit3Dspline in the modular analysis platform SMAP (Ries, 2020). Filter sizes and intensity count cutoffs, which serve as a threshold for template matching, were adjusted between samples based on localization previews to maximize correct localizations and minimize mislocalizations as identified by eye. Sample drift during image acquisition was accounted for by localizing fiducial beads in the same field of view as the single-molecule data. The measured motion of the fiducial bead was smoothed via cubic spline fitting (MATLAB function *csaps* with a smoothing parameter of 10^{-6}) and subtracted from the single-molecule data using custom-written MATLAB scripts.

795 Registration between the two-color channels was completed in the x- and y-directions
796 before correcting the z-direction. Images of dense fluorescent beads spun onto a coverslip were
797 acquired at ten different xy positions and averaged in ImageJ. This averaged image was then
798 cropped into the same fields of view as used for data acquisition in the two channels, and the
799 MATLAB function *imregtform* was used to find the affine transformation that mapped the beads
800 in the green channel onto the beads in the red channel. As the registration data was acquired at
801 the coverslip while the single-molecule data could be acquired multiple microns above the
802 coverslip through the cell, the registration was fine-tuned in an additional step by adapting a 2D
803 cross-correlation approach (Schnitzbauer et al., 2018) to 3D and using it to account for any
804 residual nanoscale offsets caused by aberrations when imaging higher up in the sample and to
805 correct for any offset in the z-direction. The protein FOP is known to localize to the region close
806 to the subdistal appendages of the mother centriole and daughter centriole, and forms ring-like
807 structures (T. Kanie et al., 2017). By labeling these FOP structures with both AF647 and CF568,
808 they served as a ground-truth for fine-tuning the channel registration. The FOP structures at the
809 mother and daughter centrioles were manually isolated in each channel using Vutara SRX
810 (version 7.0.00, Bruker) and cross-correlation was used to maximize the co-localization of the
811 FOP localizations in the two registered channels (Figure 3-figure supplement 6). This cross-
812 correlation was performed over multiple iterations until the shift between the two-color channels
813 was below 2 nm for each axis. The translational shift applied to the red channel that yielded the
814 maximum co-localization coefficient between the FOP structures in the two channels was then
815 applied to all single-molecule localizations in the region of interest, thereby providing a
816 nanoscale fine-tuning of the registration (Figure 3-figure supplement 5 and 6).

817 Following calibration, localization, drift correction, and registration of the data,
818 localizations were rendered in Vutara SRX, where each localization was represented by a 3D
819 Gaussian with 20 nm diameter and with variable opacities set to best visualize the localization
820 density. The localizations were filtered to remove localizations with xy Cramér-Rao Lower
821 Bound (CRLB) values from SMAP below 20 nm, and spurious localizations were removed by
822 means of filtering for large average distance to eight nearest neighbors. This resulted in
823 reconstructions containing the following number of localizations: sample 1, RAB34: 12276,
824 MYO5A: 1867, and FOP: 16093; sample 2, RAB34: 7239, MYO5A: 588, and FOP: 14255. The
825 opacities used for visualization are as follows: sample 1, RAB34: 0.03, MYO5A: 0.08, FOP:
826 0.05; sample 2, RAB34: 0.02, MYO5A: 0.09, FOP: 0.05 (Figure 3H and J).
827 Sizes of the RAB34 distributions were found by plotting histograms of the localizations along
828 the x, y, and z axes and extracting the $1/e^2$ values from their Gaussian fits. Threshold values for
829 the localizations to be counted as a vesicle candidate were set at 120 nm in each direction, and
830 clusters of localizations that had smaller dimensions were excluded. This threshold was based on
831 the dimensions of clusters of localizations many micrometers away from the centrioles that were
832 not likely RAB34 on vesicles compared to the dimensions of vesicle candidates within a micron
833 from the centrioles. For RAB34-MYO5A offset measurements, histograms of the localizations
834 along the x, y, and z axes for both RAB34 and MYO5A were fitted to two Gaussians to estimate
835 the center-of-mass (COM) separation. The difference between the centers of the two peaks
836 yielded the offset between RAB34 and MYO5A in each dimension, and the total distance was
837 calculated in 3D. Distances of the RAB34 and MYO5A structures from the mother centriole
838 FOP structure were defined by the difference in 3D distance between the COM of the FOP
839 structure and the COM of RAB34 and MYO5A, respectively.

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841 **Immunoblot**

842 For immunoblotting, cells were grown to confluent in a 6-well plate and lysed in 100 μl of NP-
843 40 lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl [pH7.5], 150 mM NaCl, and 0.3% NP-40 (11332473001,
844 Roche Applied Science) containing 10 μg/ml LPC (leupeptin, pepstatin A, and chymostatin), and
845 1% phosphatase inhibitor cocktail 2 (P5726, SIGMA) followed by clarification of the lysate by
846 centrifugation at 15,000 rpm (21,000 g) at 4°C for 10 min. 72.5 μl of the clarified lysates were
847 then mixed with 25 μl of 4×Lithium Dodecyl Sulfate (LDS) buffer (424 mM Tris-HCl, 564 mM
848 Tris-base, 8% LDS, 10% glycerol, 2.04 mM EDTA, 0.26% Brilliant Blue G250, 0.025% phenol
849 red) and 2.5 μl of 2-mercaptoethanol (M3148, SIGMA), and incubated at 95°C for 5 min.
850 Proteins were separated in NuPAGE™ Novex™ 4-12% Bis-Tris protein gels (WG1402BOX,
851 Thermo Fisher Scientific) in NuPAGE™ MOPS SDS running buffer (50 mM MOPS, 50 mM
852 Tris Base, 0.1% SDS, 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.7), then transferred onto Immobilon™-FL PVDF
853 Transfer Membranes (IPFL00010, EMD Millipore) in Towbin Buffer (25 mM Tris, 192 mM
854 glycine, pH 8.3). Membranes were incubated in LI-COR Odyssey Blocking Buffer (NC9232238,
855 LI-COR) for 30 min at room temperature, and then probed overnight at 4°C with the appropriate
856 primary antibody diluted in blocking buffer. Next, membranes were washed 3 x 5 min in TBST
857 buffer (20 mM Tris, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% Tween 20, pH 7.5) at room temperature, incubated
858 with the appropriate IRDye® antibodies (LI-COR) diluted in blocking buffer for 30 min at room
859 temperature, then washed 3 x 5 min in TBST buffer. Membranes were scanned on an Odyssey
860 CLx Imaging System (LI-COR) and proteins were detected at wavelengths 680 and 800 nm.
861 Primary antibodies used for immunoblotting are listed in the "Source Data-List of the antibodies
862 -Distal appendage network-". Secondary antibodies used for immunoblotting were IRDye®

863 800CW donkey anti-rabbit (926-32213, LI-COR) and IRDye® 680CW donkey anti-mouse (926-
864 68072, LI-COR).
865
866 **Sequence alignment**
867 Protein sequence alignment shown in Figure 1-figure supplement 2A was performed via global
868 alignment with free end gaps using BLOSUM 62 matrix on the Geneious Prime Software.
869
870 **Experimental replicates**
871 The term "replicates" used in this paper indicates that the same cell lines were plated at different
872 dates for each experiment. In most cases, cell lines were thawed from liquid nitrogen at different
873 dates and immunostaining was performed at different dates among the replicates.
874
875 **Quantification of fluorescence intensity and Statistical Analysis**
876 *Fluorescence intensity measurements*
877 The fluorescence intensity was measured with 16-bit TIFF multi-color stack images acquired at
878 63x magnification (NA1.4) by using Image J software. All the images for measurement of
879 centrosomal signal intensity were captured by focusing CEP170 without looking at a channel of
880 the protein of interest (POI) to avoid selecting specific area based on the signal intensity of POI.
881 To measure the fluorescence intensity of centrosomal proteins, channels containing CEP170 and
882 the protein of interest (POI) were individually extracted into separate images. A rolling ball
883 background subtraction with a rolling ball radius of 5 pixels was implemented for both CEP170
884 and the POI to perform local background subtraction. The mask for both CEP170 and the POI
885 was created by setting the lower threshold to the minimum level that covers only the centrosome.

886 Each mask was then combined by converting the two masks to a stack followed by z projection.
887 The combo mask was then dilated until the two masks were merged. After eroding the dilated
888 masks several times, the fluorescent intensity of the POI was measured via “analyze particles”
889 command with optimal size and circularity. The size and circularity are optimized for individual
890 POI to detect most of the centrosome in the image without capturing non-centrosomal structure.
891 Outliers (likely non-centrosomal structure) were then excluded from the data using the ROUT
892 method with a false discovery rate of 1% using GraphPad Prism 9 software to further remove
893 signals from non-centrosomal structures, as the signals from those are typically extremely lower
894 or higher than those from centrioles. Fluorescence intensity of ciliary proteins were measured
895 similarly to centrosomal proteins but with several modifications. A mask was created for only
896 ARL13B by setting the lower threshold to the minimum level that covers only cilia. The size and
897 circularity are optimized for individual POI to detect only cilia without capturing non-ciliary
898 structure. Image macros used for the automated measurement described above are found in the
899 supplementary files.
900 To test whether the difference in the signal intensity is statistically different between
901 control and test samples, the intensity measured through the described method was compared
902 between control and test samples using nested one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple
903 comparisons test if there are more than two replicates. In case there are less than three replicates,
904 the statistical test was not performed in a single experiment, as the signal intensity is affected
905 slightly by staining procedure and statistical significance is affected largely by the number of
906 cells examined. For example, we saw statistical significance in the signal intensity with the same
907 samples that are stained independently if we analyze large number of the cells (more than 100

908 cells). Instead, we confirmed the same tendency in the change of fluorescence intensity in the
909 test samples across two replicates.
910
911 *Statistical analysis for ciliation, ciliary vesicle recruitment, and CP110 removal assay*
912 For ciliation, ciliary vesicle recruitment, and CP110 removal assay, the number of ciliated cells
913 from the indicated number of replicates were compared between control (sgGFP or sgSafe) and
914 the test samples using Welch's t test. The exact number of samples and replicates are indicated in
915 the resource data of the corresponding figures.
916
917 *Statistical analysis for ciliary length measurements*
918 For ciliary length measurements, shown in figure 5-figure supplement 5A and B, the ciliary
919 length was compared between control and the knockouts using nested t test.
920
921 *Diameter measurements of the distal appendage rings*
922 For diameter measurements of the ring shown in Figure 1C, maximal intensity projection with
923 top view images of the centriolar ring were first carried out and the peak-to-peak diameter was
924 measured from four different angles and averaged to reduce the variability caused by tilting of
925 the centriole. The number of the top view of the distal appendage rings analyzed is indicated in
926 Figure1C-source data.
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928 For all the statistics used in this paper, asterisks denote *: $0.01 \leq p < 0.05$, **: $p < 0.01$, ***: $p <$
929 0.001, n.s.: not significant. All the statistical significance was calculated by using GraphPad
930 Prism 9 software.

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932 **Materials Availability Statement**

933 All the newly created materials used in this paper including ANKRD26 antibody, plasmids,

934 stable cell lines are readily available from the corresponding authors (Tomoharu-

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937 **Figure supplements**

938 Figure 1-figure supplement 1. *Individual channels of the images shown in Fig.1A.*

939 Figure 1-figure supplement 2. *Sequence comparison of CEP83 isoforms and Immunoblot*

940 *analysis of CEP83 using two different antibodies.*

941 Figure 1-figure supplement 3. *AlphaFold model of CEP83.*

942 Figure 1-figure supplement 4. *Control experiments for the serum starvation experiment shown in*

943 *Fig.1D.*

944 Figure 2-figure supplement 1. *Immunoblot analysis of various distal appendage proteins in the*

945 *cells deficient in each distal appendage protein.*

946 Figure 3-figure supplement 1. *Localization of RAB34 and MYO5A.*

947 Figure 3-figure supplement 2. *Detailed statistical analyses and additional analyses of the data*

948 *presented in Fig.3B-D.*

949 Figure 3-figure supplement 3. *Additional 3D-SIM images of RAB34 and MYO5A with individual*

950 *channels.*

951 Figure 3-figure supplement 4. *Super-resolution reconstructions of RAB34 and MYO5A manually*

952 *isolated from the data shown in Fig. 3 with corresponding normalized histograms.*

953 Figure 3-figure supplement 5. *Workflow of registration of the 3D single-molecule super-*
954 *resolution data by imaging of FOP*.
955 Figure 3-figure supplement 6. *Control of the registration of the 3D single-molecule super-*
956 *resolution data by imaging of RAB34 in both channels*.
957 Figure 3-figure supplement 7. *Schematic of the optical setup used to collect 3D single-molecule*
958 *super-resolution data*.
959 Figure 4-figure supplement 1. *Immunoblot analysis of RAB34 and MYO5A in RAB34 or MYO5A*
960 *knockout cells*.
961 Figure 4-figure supplement 2. *Additional characterization of cells depleted of IFT52*.
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963 *appendage knockout cells*.
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965 **Source Data**
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Figure 3A, E, F, G-Source Data. Immunofluorescence conditions in the experiment shown in Figure 3A, E, F, and G.

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1021 statistics of the experiment shown in Figure 4K.
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1063 conditions of the experiment shown in Figure 4-Figure supplement 2E.

Figure 5-Figure Supplement 1A-Source Data. Raw quantification data, immunofluorescence conditions and detailed statistics of the experiment shown in Figure 5-Figure supplement 1A.

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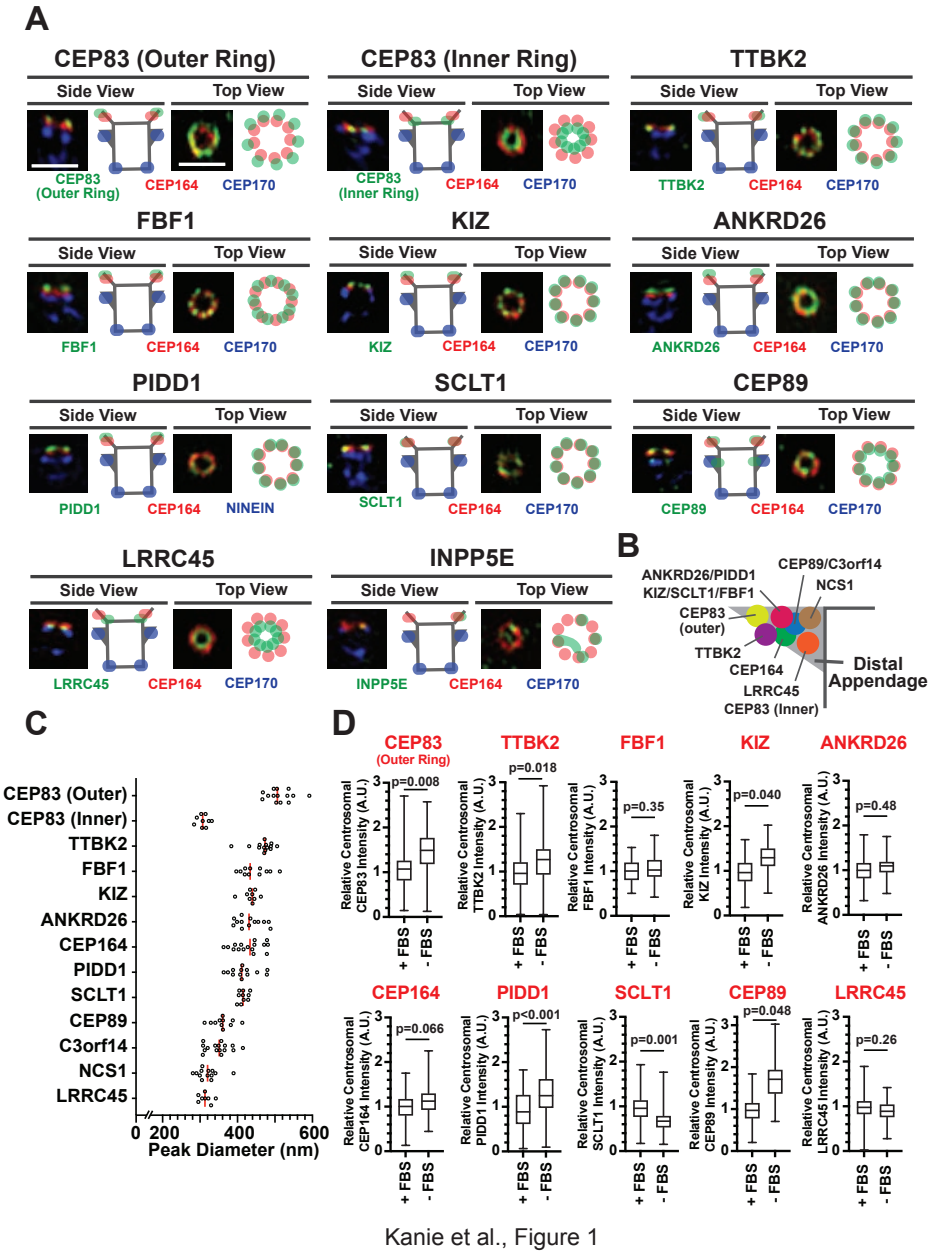

Figure 1 ***Mapping the localization of the distal appendage proteins.***

A. RPE cells grown to confluent in fetal bovine serum (FBS)-containing media were fixed without serum starvation (for INPP5E), or after serum starvation for 30 hours (CEP83) or 24 hours (all others). The fixed cells were stained with indicated antibodies and imaged via 3D structured illumination microscopy. Top or Side view pictures of the mother centriole are shown. The individual image is from a representative z-slice. The detailed staining and fixation condition is available in Figure1A-Source Data. Scale bar: 1 μm.

B. The location of each distal appendage protein on the side view of the distal appendage. The model was created from each side view shown in (A).

C. The peak-to-peak diameter of each distal appendage protein. Each circle represents a measurement from each image. Red bar indicates median diameter. The raw data is available in Figure 1C-Source Data.

D. Box plots showing the centrosomal signal intensity of indicated distal appendage proteins in the presence and the absence of serum. RPE cells were grown in FBS-containing media for 24 hours, and then grown in either FBS-containing media or serum free media for additional 24 hours (as shown in Figure 1-figure supplement 4A). Cells were fixed and stained with indicated antibodies. Centrosomal signal intensity of each marker was measured from fluorescent image with the method described in Materials and Methods. The relative fluorescence signal intensity compared with the average of the control is shown. A.U., arbitrary units. The data combined from three independent experiments. Statistical significance was calculated from nested T test. The raw data, sample size, experimental conditions, and detailed statistics are available in Figure 1D-Source Data.

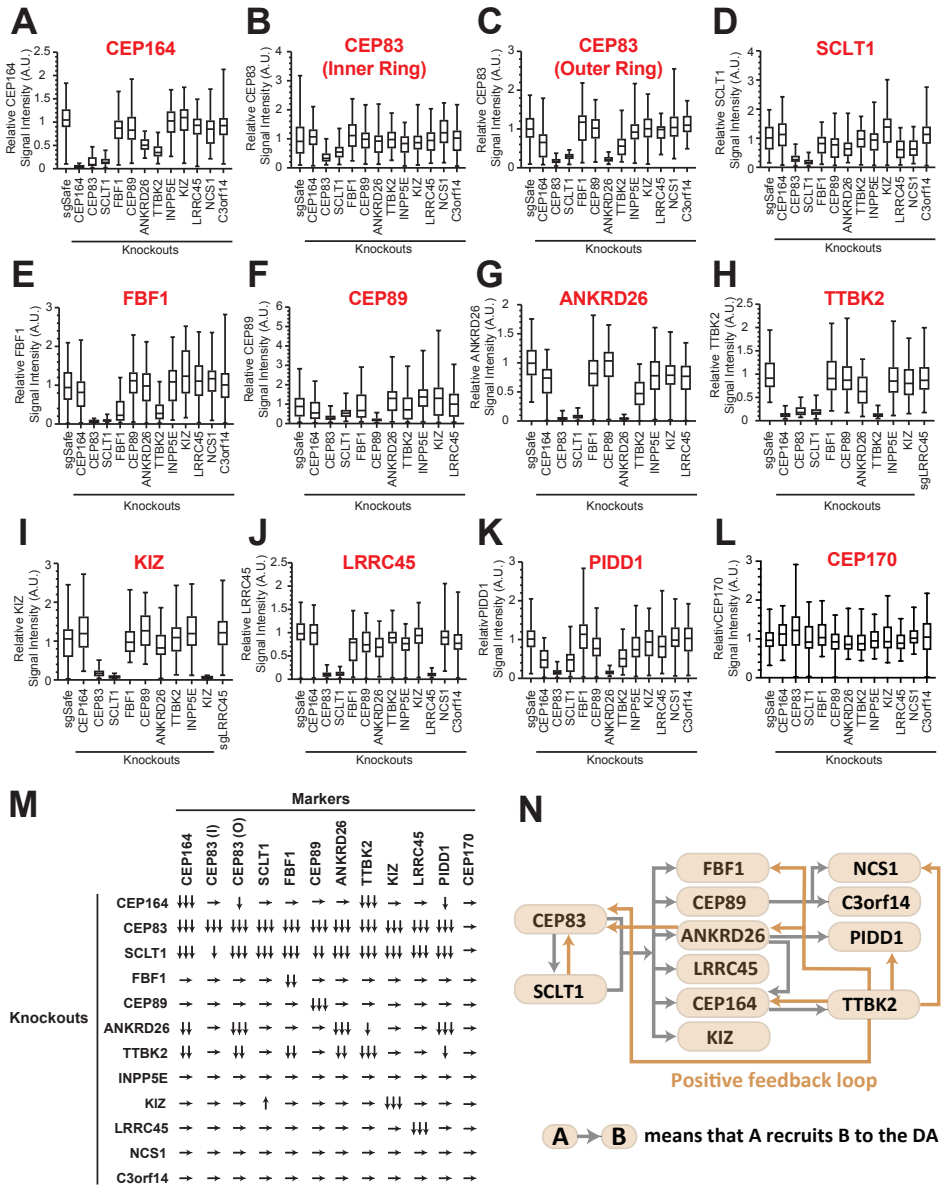

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Figure 2 ***The updated hierarchy of the distal appendage proteins.***

A-L. Box plots showing centrosomal signal intensity of indicated distal appendage proteins (A-K) and the subdistal appendage protein, CEP170 (L) in RPE cells (control or indicated knockouts) serum-starved for 24 hours. The relative fluorescence signal intensity compared with the average of the control is shown. The data from a representative experiment. Note that FBF1 signal remains in FBF1 knockout cells, and this issue is discussed in the main text. The raw data and experimental condition are available in Figure 2A-L-Source Data.

M. The summary of the signal change in each marker in indicated knockout cells compared with a control. The summary concluded from at least two independent experiments. ↓, weakly reduced; ↓↓, moderately decreased; ↓↓↓, greatly decreased or absent; ↑, weakly increased; →, unaffected. The detailed relationship between CEP89-NCS1-C3ORF14 as well as localization of each distal appendage protein in NCS1 knockout cells are available in an accompanying paper (Tomoharu Kanie, Ng, Abbott, Pongs, & Jackson, 2023).

N. The updated hierarchy of the distal appendage proteins. A→B indicates that A is required for the centrosomal localization of B. CEP83 and SCLT1 is required for each other's localization and are upstream of all the other distal appendage proteins. The outer ring, but not the inner ring, localization of CEP83 was affected in knockouts of several distal appendage proteins (ANKRD26, TTBK2, and CEP164).

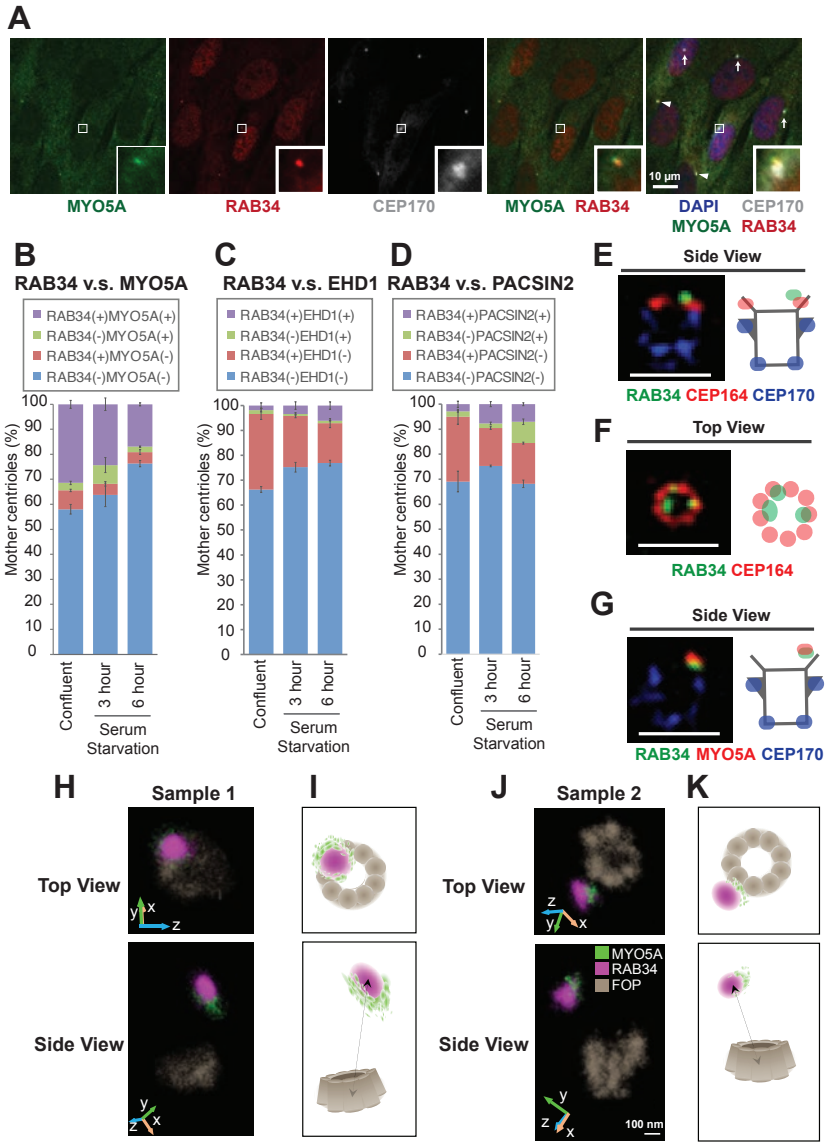

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Figure 3 ***RAB34 is a marker for the ciliary vesicle.***

A. RPE cells were grown in 10% FBS containing media (serum-fed), fixed, stained with indicated antibodies, and imaged via wide-field microscopy. Arrows and arrowheads indicate RAB34/MYO5A negative or positive centrioles, respectively. Insets at the bottom right corner of each channel are the enlarged images of the smaller insets of each channel. Scale bar: 10 μm.

B-D. Quantification of the percentage of the centrioles positive for indicated markers in RPE cells grown in FBS containing media (B) or in serum-free media for 3 (C) or 6 (D) hours. Data are averaged from 3 experiments. Error bars represent ± SEM. Key statistics are available in Figure 3- figure supplement 2. The raw data, sample numbers, experimental conditions, detailed statistics are available in Figure 3B-Source data, Figure 3C-Source data and Figure 3D-Source Data.

E-G. RPE cells were grown to confluent in 10% FBS containing media (serum-fed), fixed, stained with indicated antibodies, and imaged via 3D structured illumination microscopy. Scale bar: 1 μm.

H-K. 3D super-resolution reconstructions and illustrations of RAB34 (magenta), MYO5A (green), and FOP (gray). (H) and (J) Experimental data shown for top and side views relative to the FOP ring-structure. Orientations in the microscope 3D space are indicated by the inset axes. (I) and (K) Corresponding schematics illustrating the data and highlighting the manner in which MYO5A is located at the edge of the RAB34 distribution. FOP is here visualized with nine-fold symmetry. Arrows in the bottom panels indicate measurements of the distance of the RAB34 distribution from the mother centriole FOP structure. The schematics are not drawn to scale. Scale bar: 100 nm.

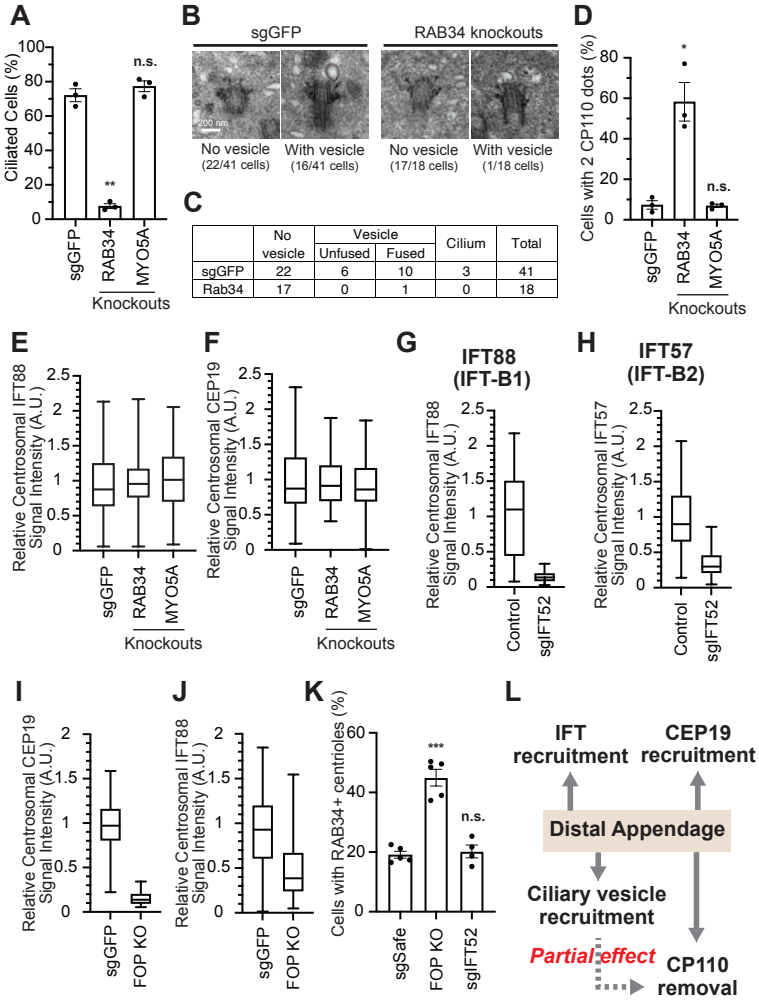

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Figure 4 The distal appendage plays a role in ciliary vesicle recruitment, IFT recruitment, and CEP19 recruitment independently.

A. Cilium formation assay in control (sgGFP), RAB34 knockout, or MYO5A knockout RPE cells serum starved for 24 hours. Data are averaged from three independent experiments, and each black dot indicates the value from an individual experiment. Error bars represent ± SEM. Statistics obtained through comparing between each knockout and control by Welch's t-test. The raw data, experimental conditions, and detailed statistics are available in Figure 4A-Source Data.

B. Transmission electron microscopy analysis of the mother centriole in control (sgGFP) or RAB34 knockout RPE cells serum starved for 3 hours. The representative images of the mother centrioles without (left) or with (right) ciliary vesicle at the distal appendages are shown.

C. Quantification of the data shown in (B). The raw data and detailed statistics are available in Figure 4C-Source data.

D. CP110 removal assay in control (sgGFP), RAB34 knockout, or MYO5A knockout RPE cells serum starved for 24 hours. Data are averaged from three independent experiments, and each black dot indicates the value from an individual experiment. Error bars represent ± SEM. Statistics obtained through comparing between each knockout and control by Welch's t-test. The raw data, experimental conditions, and detailed statistics are available in Figure 4D-Source Data.

E-J. Box plots showing centrosomal signal intensity of IFT88 (E, G, and J), CEP19 (F and I), or IFT57 (H) in sgGFP control (E, F, I, and J), parental RPE-BFP-Cas9 control (G and H), indicated knockouts (E, F, I, and J), or RPE cells expressing sgIFT52 (G and H) serum starved for 24 hours. At least 40 cells were analyzed per each sample. The relative fluorescence signal intensity compared with the average of the control is shown. Data from a representative experiment are shown. The raw data and experimental conditions are available in Figure 4E-J- Source Data.

K. Ciliary vesicle recruitment assay in control (sgSafe) or indicated knockout RPE cells grown to confluent (without serum starvation). At least 90 cells were analyzed per each sample. The data is averaged from five independent experiments. Error bars represent ± SEM. Statistics obtained through comparing between each knockout and control by Welch's t-test. The raw data, experimental conditions, and detailed statistics are available in Figure 4K-Source Data.

L. Summary of the role of the distal appendage. The distal appendage independently regulates IFT/CEP19 recruitment and ciliary vesicle recruitment, whereas CP110 removal is partially downstream of ciliary vesicle recruitment.

A.U., arbitrary units; n.s., not significant; *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$

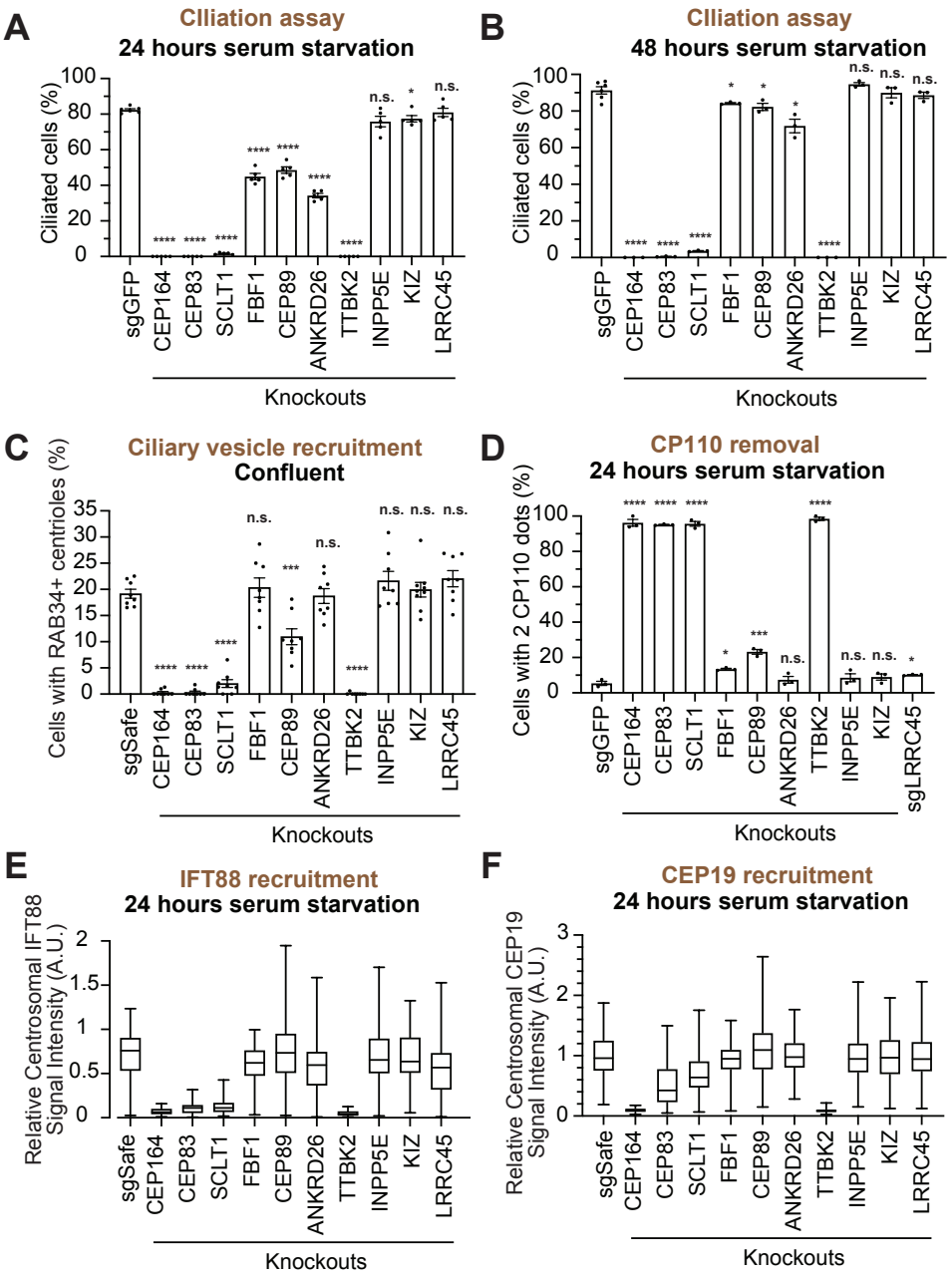

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Figure 5 Functional analysis of distal appendage proteins reveals CEP89 as a protein important for ciliary vesicle recruitment.

A-B. Cilium formation assay in control (sgGFP) and indicated knockout RPE cells serum starved for 24 hours (A) or 48 hours (B). Data are averaged from five (A) or three (B) independent experiments, and each black dot indicates the value from an individual experiment. Error bars represent ± SEM. Statistics obtained through comparing between each knockout and control by Welch's t-test. The raw data, experimental conditions, and detailed statistics are available in Figure 5A-B-Source Data.

C. Ciliary vesicle recruitment assay in control (sgSafe) or indicated knockout RPE cells grown to confluent (without serum starvation). The data are averaged from eight independent experiments. Error bars represent ± SEM. Statistics obtained through comparing between each knockout and control by Welch's t-test. The raw data, experimental conditions, and detailed statistics are available in Figure 5C-Source Data.

D. CP110 removal assay in control (sgGFP) and indicated knockout RPE cells serum starved for 24 hours. Data are averaged from three independent experiments, and each black dot indicates the value from an individual experiment. Error bars represent ± SEM. Statistics obtained through comparing between each knockout and control by Welch's t-test. The raw data, experimental conditions, and detailed statistics are available in Figure 5D-Source Data.

E-F. Box plots showing centrosomal signal intensity of IFT88 (E) or CEP19 (F) in control (sgSafe) and indicated knockout RPE cells serum starved for 24 hours. The relative fluorescence signal intensity compared with the average of the control is shown. The data from a representative experiment are shown. The raw data and experimental conditions are available in Figure 5E-F-Source Data.

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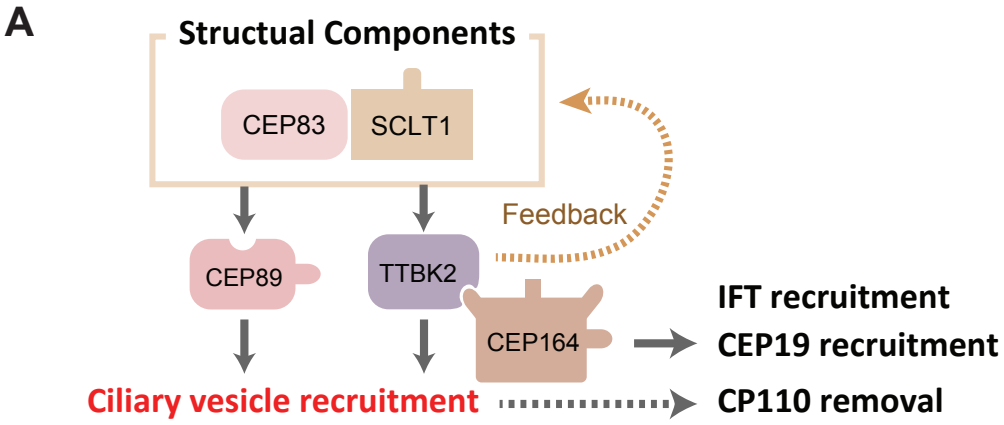

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Figure 6 Model of the function of the distal appendage proteins.

A. The CEP83-SCLT1 module serves as a structural complex, which is indispensable for the localization of all the other distal appendage proteins. TTBK2 together with its upstream protein, CEP164, is critical for proper localization of many distal appendage proteins, including the most upstream CEP83, suggesting that CEP164-TTBK2 serves as a positive feedback module. These four proteins are necessary for structural integrity of the distal appendage, thus, the lack of each protein results in severe defects in virtually all the functions of the distal appendage (IFT/CEP19/ciliary vesicle recruitment). In contrast, CEP89 is primarily important for ciliary vesicle recruitment.

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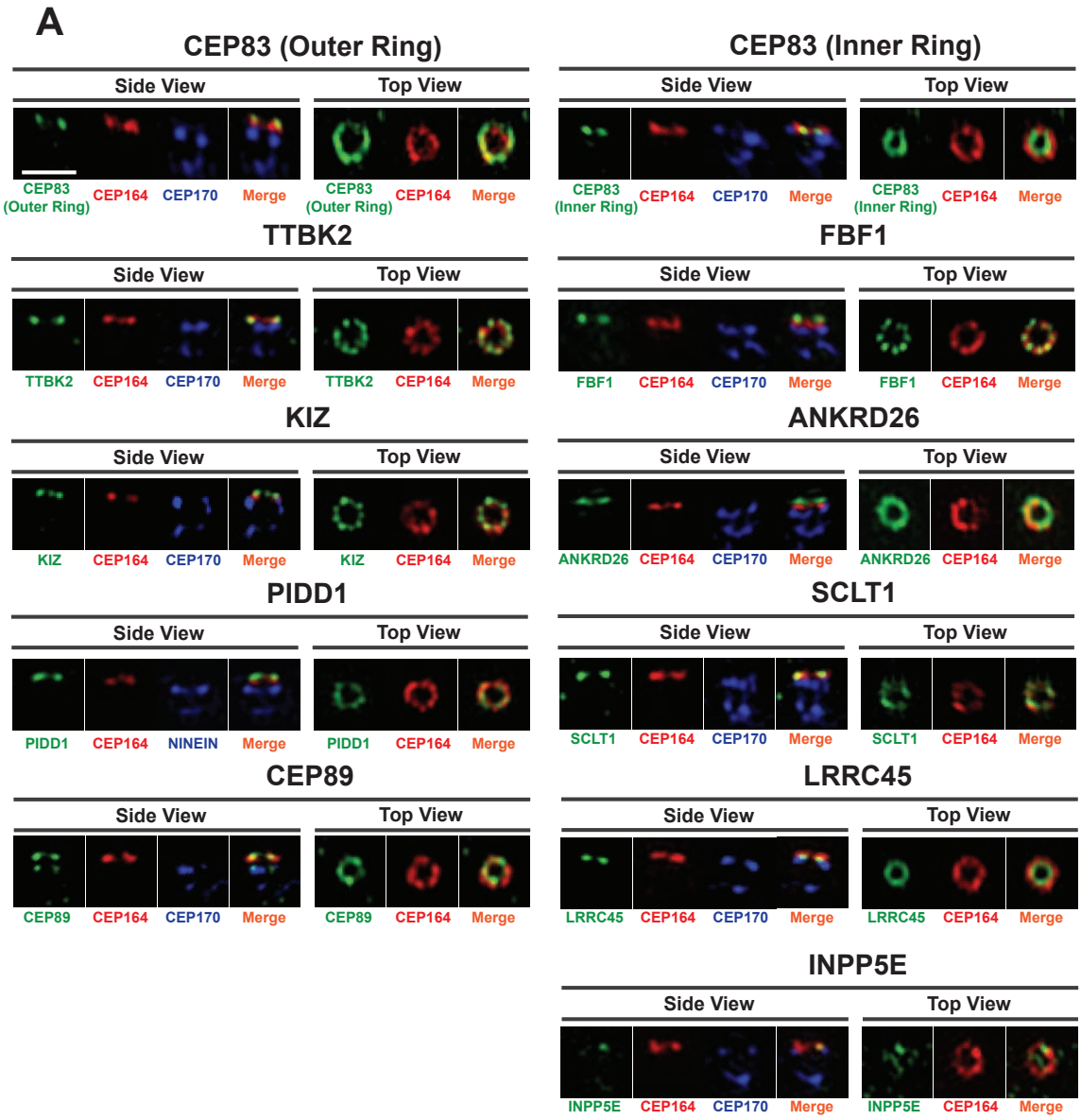

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Figure 1-figure supplement 1 ***Individual channels of the images shown in Figure 1A.***

A. 3D structured illumination images of indicated distal appendage proteins shown in Figure 1A shown in individual channels. Scale bar: 1 μm.

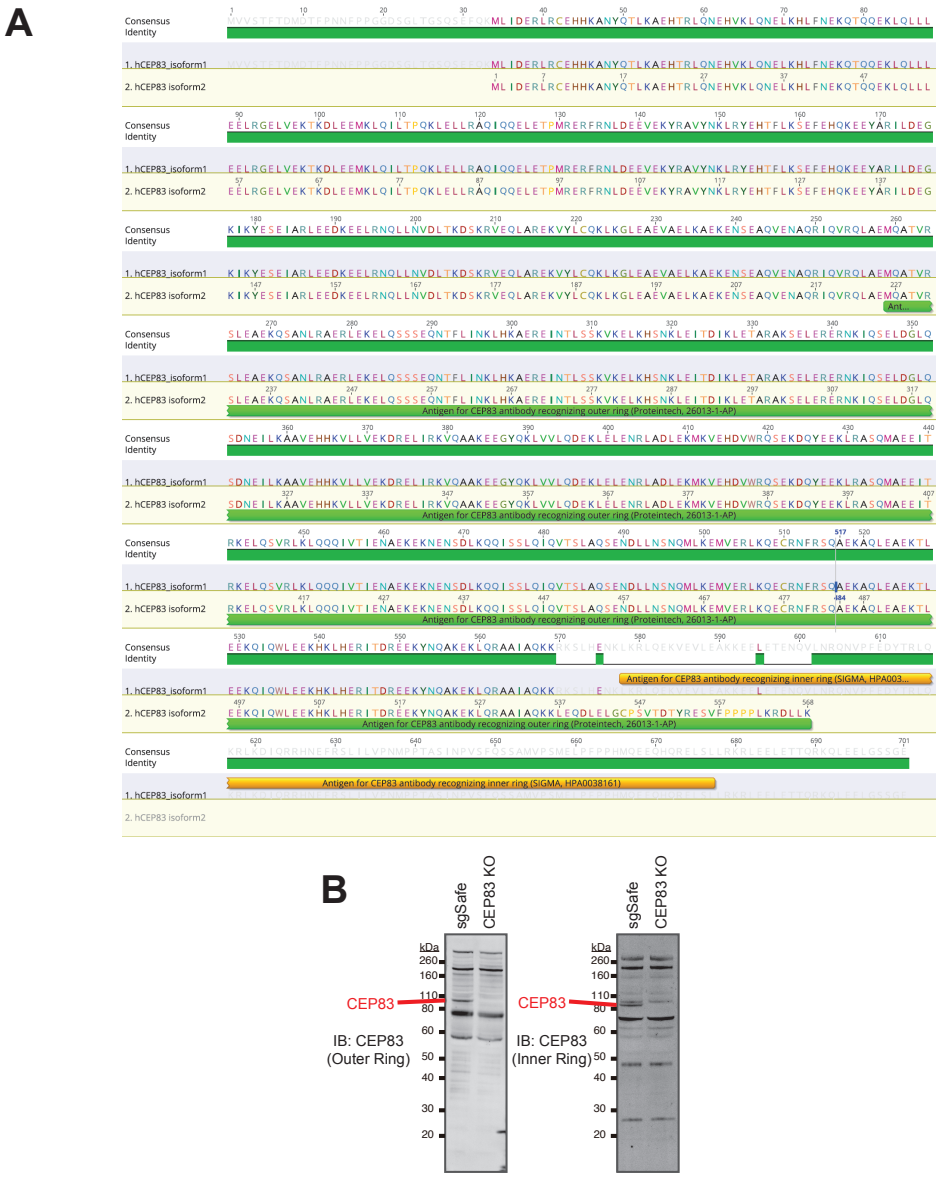

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Figure 1-figure supplement 2 ***Characterization of the two CEP83 antibodies.***

A. A DNA sequencing alignment of isoform1 (identifier: Q9Y592-1) and isoform2 (identifier: Q9Y592-2) of human CEP83. The antigen of the antibody (a.a. 226-568 of the isoform 2) that recognizes the outer ring of CEP83 (cat#26013-1-AP, Proteintech) is shown in green. The antigen of the antibody (a.a. 578-677 of the isoform1) that recognizes the inner ring of CEP83 (cat#HPA0038161, SIGMA Aldrich) is shown in orange.

B. Immunoblot analysis of CEP83 in sgSafe (control) or CEP83 knockout RPE cells. The PVDF membrane detected with the antibody that recognizes the outer ring of CEP83 (cat#26013-1-AP, Proteintech) or the one that recognizes the inner ring of CEP83 (cat#HPA0038161, SIGMA Aldrich) is shown in left or right respectively. Both antibodies specifically detect CEP83 at similar size (marked by red bar).

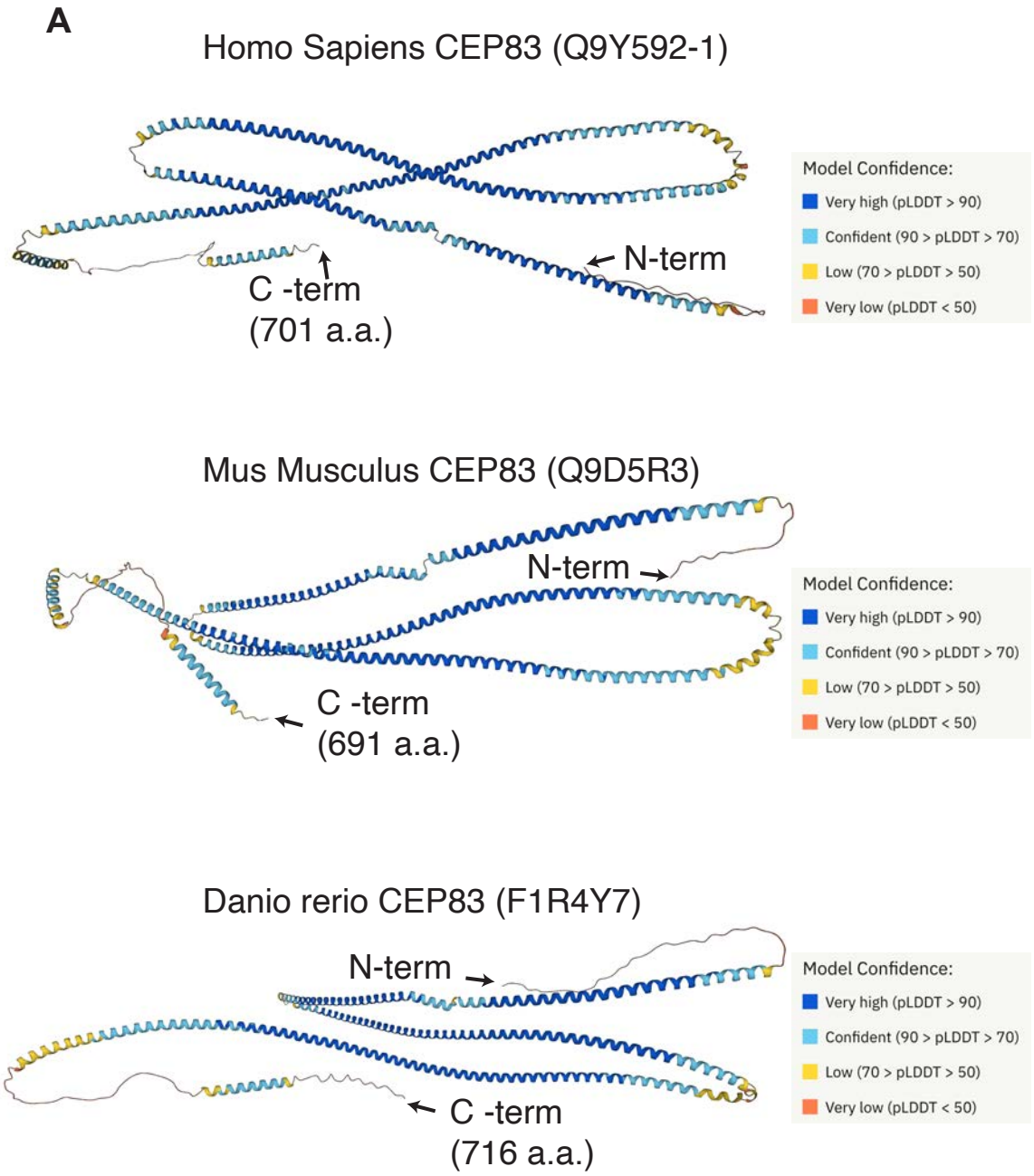

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Figure 1-figure supplement 3 ***Structural model of CEP83.***

A. Structural models of CEP83 created by AlphaFold Protein Structure Database. CEP83 structures from the three different species (Homo Sapiens, Mus Musculus, and Danio rerio) show extended alpha helical structures as well as disordered regions at the N- and C- terminus of the protein.

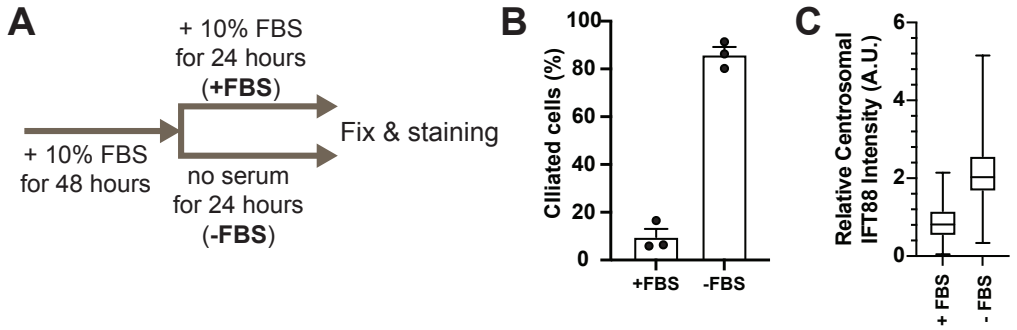

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Figure 1-figure supplement 4 ***Confirmation of experimental appropriateness of the data shown in Figure 1D.***

A. The graphical overview of the experimental method used in Figure 1D.

B. Quantification of the percentage of the ciliated cells in serum-fed (+FBS) or serum-starved (-FBS) RPE cells. Data obtained from three independent experiments. Each black dot indicates the data from an individual experiment. Error bars represent ± SEM. The raw data, experimental conditions, and detailed statistics are available in Figure 1-figure supplement 4B-Source Data.

C. Box plots showing the fluorescent intensity of centrosomal IFT88 in serum-fed (+FBS) or serum-starved (-FBS) RPE cells. The relative fluorescence signal intensity compared with the average of the serum-fed cells is shown. The data is combined from two independent experiments. The raw data and experimental conditions are available in Figure 1-figure supplement 4C-Source Data.

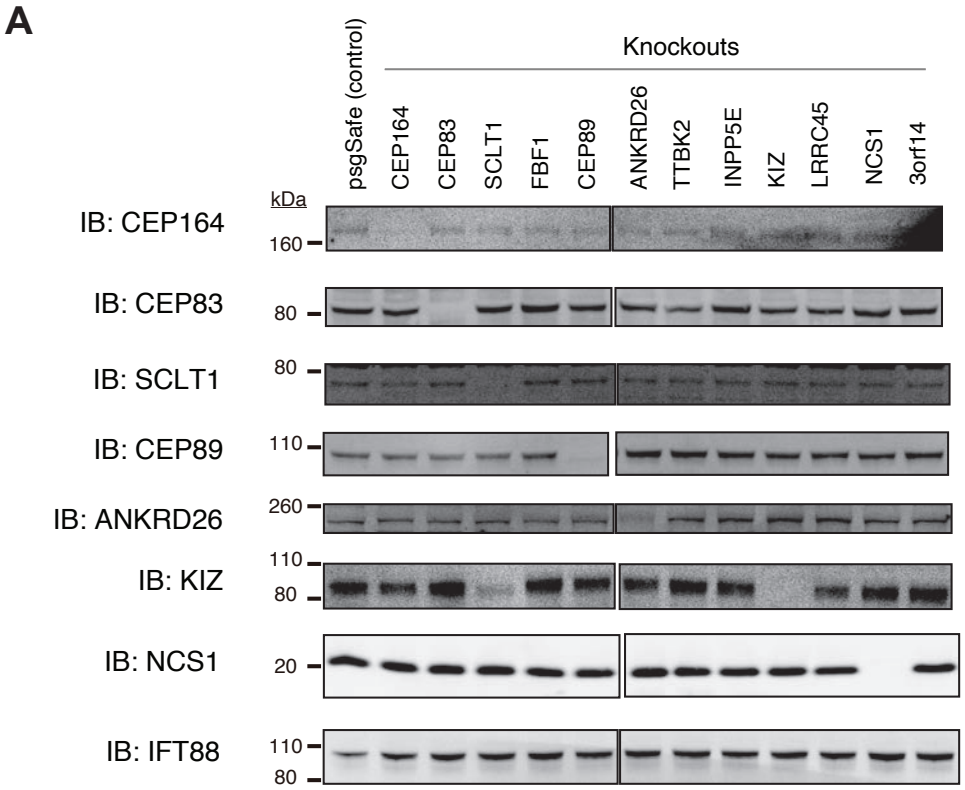

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Figure 2-figure supplement 1 ***The expression level of distal appendage proteins in the individual distal appendage knockouts.***

A. Immunoblot (IB) analysis of indicated distal appendage proteins in indicated distal appendage knockout RPE cells grown to confluent (without serum starvation). The expression of distal appendage proteins is generally not affected by other distal appendage proteins except the dramatic reduction of KIZ expression in SCLT1 knockout cells.

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Cell line	GuideRNA sequence	Direction	Region	Validated by genomic PCR?	Validated by IF?	Validated by Western blot?
RPE-BFP-Cas9 CEP89 knockout cells	AATTGGCAGAGTGAGA	Forward	hCEP89 CCDS310-325	yes	yes	yes
RPE-BFP-Cas9 C3orf14 knockout cells	GGTGATCAACACACAGAAA	Forward	hC3orf14 CCDS100-118	yes	no	no
RPE-BFP-Cas9 NCS1 knockout cells	TTGTGGAGGAGCTGACC	Forward	hNCS1 CCDS35-51	no	yes	yes
RPE-BFP-Cas9 CEP164 knockout cells	GTTTCCACTCTCCAGGCAG	Reverse	hCEP164 CCDS172-190	no	yes	yes
RPE-BFP-Cas9 CEP83 knockout cells	CTAATTATCAGACACTGA	Forward	hCEP83 CCDS140-157	yes	yes	yes
RPE-BFP-Cas9 SCLT1 knockout cells	TTCCTACCTCTGTGCCCAG	Reverse	hSCLT1 CCDS343-361	yes	yes	yes
RPE-BFP-Cas9 FBF1 knockout cells	TTCTCGCCTTTGAAGAA	Reverse	hFBF1 CCDS105-121	yes	yes*	no
RPE-BFP-Cas9 ANKRD26 knockout cells	GTCCGAGACCGAGATCT	Forward	hANKRD26 CCDS124-140	no	yes	yes
RPE-BFP-Cas9 TTBK2 knockut cells	GAAAATGTTGCACTGAAGG	Forward	hTTBK2 CCDS133-151	no	yes	no
RPE-BFP-Cas9 INPP5E knockout cells	GAAGGGAGGACGCTCCA	Forward	hINPP5E CCDS55-71	no	yes	no
RPE-BFP-Cas9 KIZ knockout cells	GTGCACGAGGGGATTAACTC	Forward	hKIZ CCDS412-431	yes	yes	yes
RPE-BFP-Cas9 LRRC45 knockout cells	ACACCGTGCTGCGCTTTC	Forward	hLRRC45 CCDS254-271	yes	yes	no
RPE-BFP-Cas9 RAB34 knockout cells	GCGGAGGGATCGCGTCCTGG	Forward	hRab34 CCDS21-40	no	yes	yes
RPE-BFP-Cas9 Myo5A knockout cells	GCTACTGCAAAGATATG	Reverse	hMyo5A CCDS412-428	no	yes	yes
RPE-BFP-Cas9 sgIFT52	AAGAAATATCTTGACAC	Forward	hIFT52 CCDS220-236	no	no	yes

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Cell line	Indel in 1st allele	Indel in 2nd allele
CEP83 knockout_clone6	10bp insertion	10bp insertion
CEP83 knockout_clone10	1bp insertion	5bp deletion
SCLT1 knockout_clone1	1bp deletion	1bp deletion
SCLT1 knockout_clone2	1bp deletion	1bp deletion
SCLT1 knockout_clone4	13bp deletion	13bp deletion
SCLT1 knockout_clone6	8bp deletion	8bp deletion
CEP89 knockout_clone2	2bp deletion	2bp insertion
CEP89 knockout_clone4	5bp deletion	5bp deletion
CEP89 knockout_clone5	4bp deletion	4bp deletion
CEP89 knockout_clone6	155bp deletion	117bp insertion
KIZ knockout_clone1	1bp insertion	1bp insertion
KIZ knockout_clone2	11bp deletion	1bp insertion
KIZ knockout_clone12	1bp deletion	13bp deletion
C3orf14 knockout_clone5	20bp deletion	20bp deletion
C3orf14 knockout_clone9	1bp insertion	1bp insertion
C3orf14 knockout_clone10	145bp deletion	145bp deletion
C3orf14 knockout_clone13	1bp insertion	1bp insertion
C3orf14 knockout_clone23	8bp deletion	14bp deletion
LRRC45 knockout_clone1	19bp deletion	19bp deletion
LRRC45 knockout_clone3	11bp deletion	11bp deletion
LRRC45 knockout_clone5	14bp deletion	14bp deletion
LRRC45 knockout_clone6	64bp deletion	64bp deletion
FBF1 knockout_Clone42	1bp insertion	1bp insertion
FBF1 knockout_Clone46	1bp insertion	1bp insertion

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Figure 2-supplementary table 1 ***Summary of CRISPR knockout cells used in this paper.***

A. A table summarizing the target sequence of sgRNAs, direction of the target sequence in the genome, the targeting region within the consensus coding DNA sequence (CCDS), and the methods used for validation of gene depletion.

B. A table showing insertion/deletion harbored by each single cell clone of indicated knockout cells. Each insertion/deletion was determined using genomic PCR followed by TIDE analysis.

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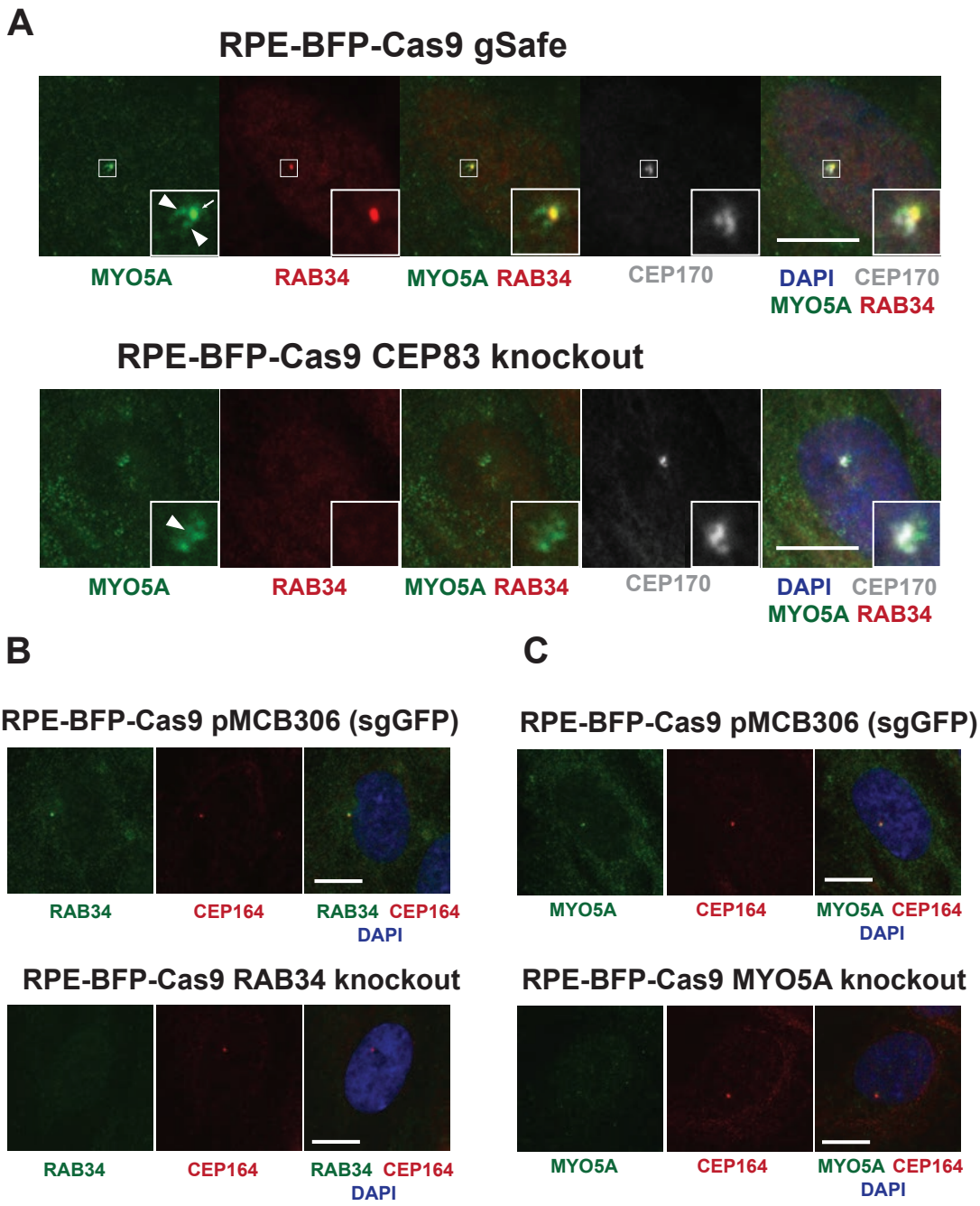

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Figure 3-figure supplement 1 ***A potential problem of using MYO5A as a ciliary vesicle marker.***

A. Control (sgSafe) or CEP83 knockout RPE cells were grown to confluent in 10% FBS containing media (serum-fed), fixed, stained with indicated antibodies, and imaged via a wide-field microscopy. Arrow and arrowheads indicate ciliary vesicle and pericentriolar non-ciliary vesicle staining, respectively. Scale bar: 10 μm. Pericentriolar staining observed in MYO5A staining is not evident in RAB34. The ciliary vesicle signal positive for MYO5A and RAB34 is not visible in CEP83 knockout cells, while the pericentriolar staining (arrowhead) persists in the knockout cells.

B-C. Control (sgGFP), RAB34 knockout, or MYO5A knockout RPE cells were grown to confluent in 10% FBS containing media (serum-fed), fixed, stained with indicated antibodies, and imaged via a wide-field microscopy. Scale bar: 10 μm. RAB34 and MYO5A signal observed at the mother centrioles (marked by CEP164) and cytoplasm in the control cells are almost completely lost in the respective knockout cells, suggesting that both RAB34 and MYO5A localizes to the mother centrioles and cytoplasm.

A Statistical analysis for the data shown in Fig.3B

	P Value
MYO5A (-) RAB34(-)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	0.1284
Confluent vs. 6 h	<0.0001
3 h vs. 6 h	0.0005
MYO5A (-) RAB34 (+)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	0.5404
Confluent vs. 6 h	0.559
3 h vs. 6 h	0.9995
MYO5A (+) RAB34 (-)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	0.2789
Confluent vs. 6 h	0.9524
3 h vs. 6 h	0.1707
MYO5A (+) RAB34 (+)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	0.0478
Confluent vs. 6 h	<0.0001
3 h vs. 6 h	0.0403

B Statistical analysis for the data shown in Fig.3C

	P Value
EHD1(-) RAB34(-)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	0.0003
Confluent vs. 6 h	<0.0001
3 h vs. 6 h	0.6638
EHD1 (-) RAB34 (+)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	<0.0001
Confluent vs. 6 h	<0.0001
3 h vs. 6 h	0.0664
EHD1 (+) RAB34 (-)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	0.9262
Confluent vs. 6 h	0.9474
3 h vs. 6 h	0.998
EHD1 (+) RAB34 (+)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	0.7004
Confluent vs. 6 h	0.0846
3 h vs. 6 h	0.3419

C Statistical analysis for the data shown in Fig.3D

	P Value
PACSIN2(-) RAB34(-)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	0.0369
Confluent vs. 6 h	0.9261
3 h vs. 6 h	0.016
PACSIN2(-) RAB34 (+)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	0.0004
Confluent vs. 6 h	0.0012
3 h vs. 6 h	0.8925
PACSIN2(+) RAB34 (-)	
Confluent vs. 3 h	0.9869
Confluent vs. 6 h	0.0328
3 h vs. 6 h	0.0233
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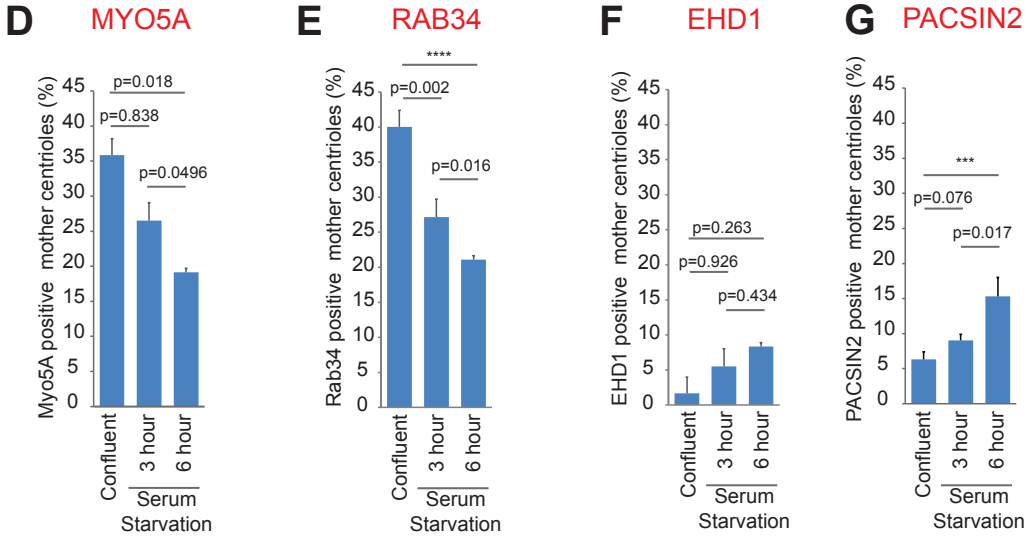

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Figure 3-figure supplement 2 ***RAB34 and MYO5A are recruited to the mother centriole earlier than EHD1 and PACSIN2.***

A-C. Key statistics of the data shown in Figure 3B-D. Statistical significance was calculated from two-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test. Sample numbers and more detailed statistics are available in Figure 3B-Source Data, Figure 3C-Source Data and Figure 3D-Source Data.

D-G. Quantification of the percentage of mother centrioles positive for the indicated markers differently processed from the data shown in Figure 3B-D. Statistical significance was calculated from Tukey's multiple comparisons test. Sample numbers and more detailed statistics are available in Figure 3-figure supplement 2D-Source Data, Figure 3-figure supplement 2F-Source Data, and Figure 3-figure supplement 2G-Source Data.

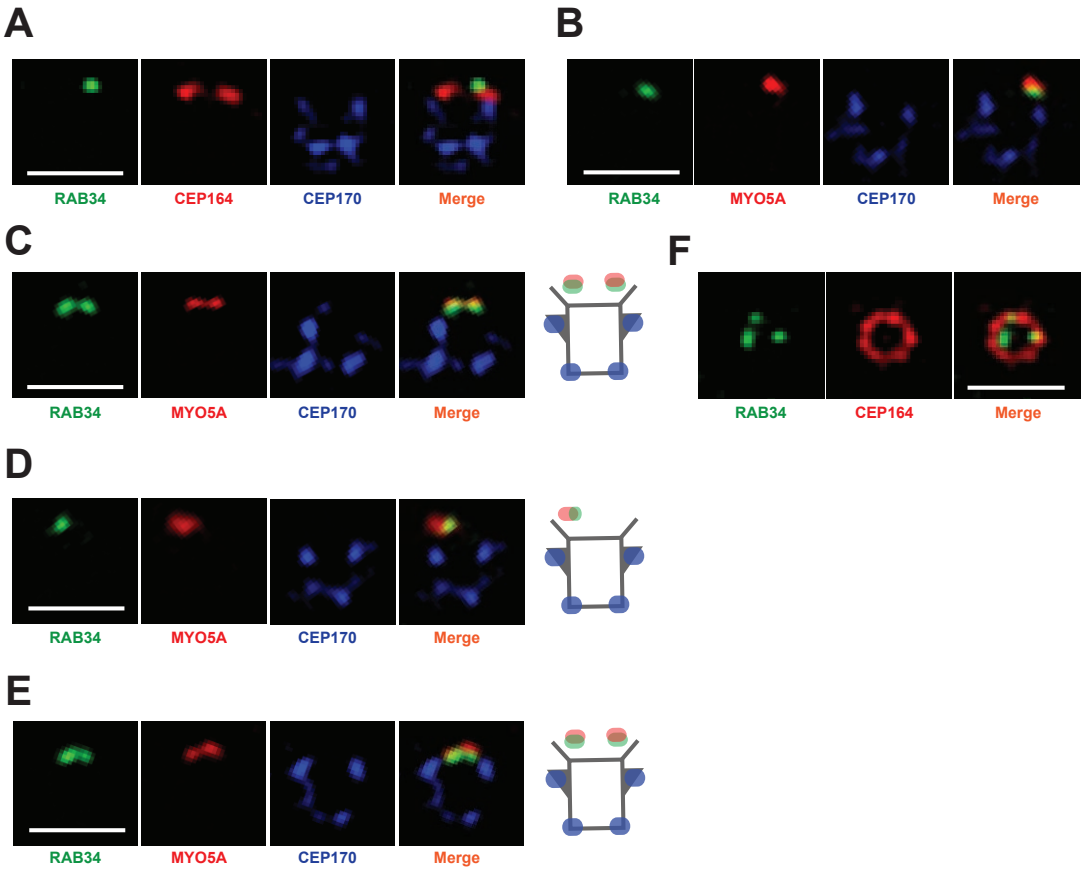

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Figure 3-figure supplement 3 ***3D structured illumination images of RAB34 and MYO5A.***

A-B. 3D structured illumination images of indicated distal appendage proteins shown in Figure 3E and G shown in individual channels. Scale bar:1 μm.

C-E. Additional 3D structured illumination images of the mother centrioles stained with RAB34 and MYO5A. Scale bar: 1 μm.

F. 3D structured illumination image of indicated distal appendage proteins shown in Figure 3F shown in individual channels. Scale bar: 1 μm.

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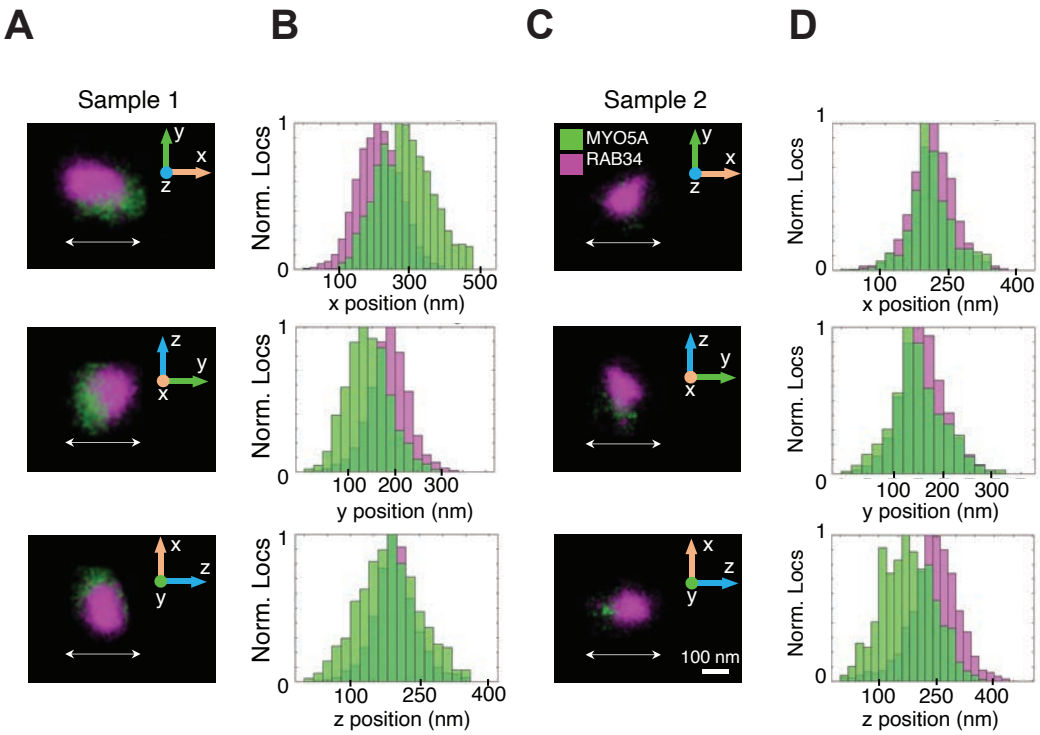

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Figure 3-figure supplement 4 ***Super-resolution reconstructions of RAB34 and MYO5A manually isolated from the data shown in Figure 3H and 3J with corresponding normalized histograms.***

A and C. Super-resolution reconstructions of the localizations of MYO5A (green) and RAB34 (magenta).
B and D. Normalized histograms of the RAB34 and MYO5A localizations shown in (A) and (C) along each axis with the direction specified by the double-sided arrow shown in (A) and (C).

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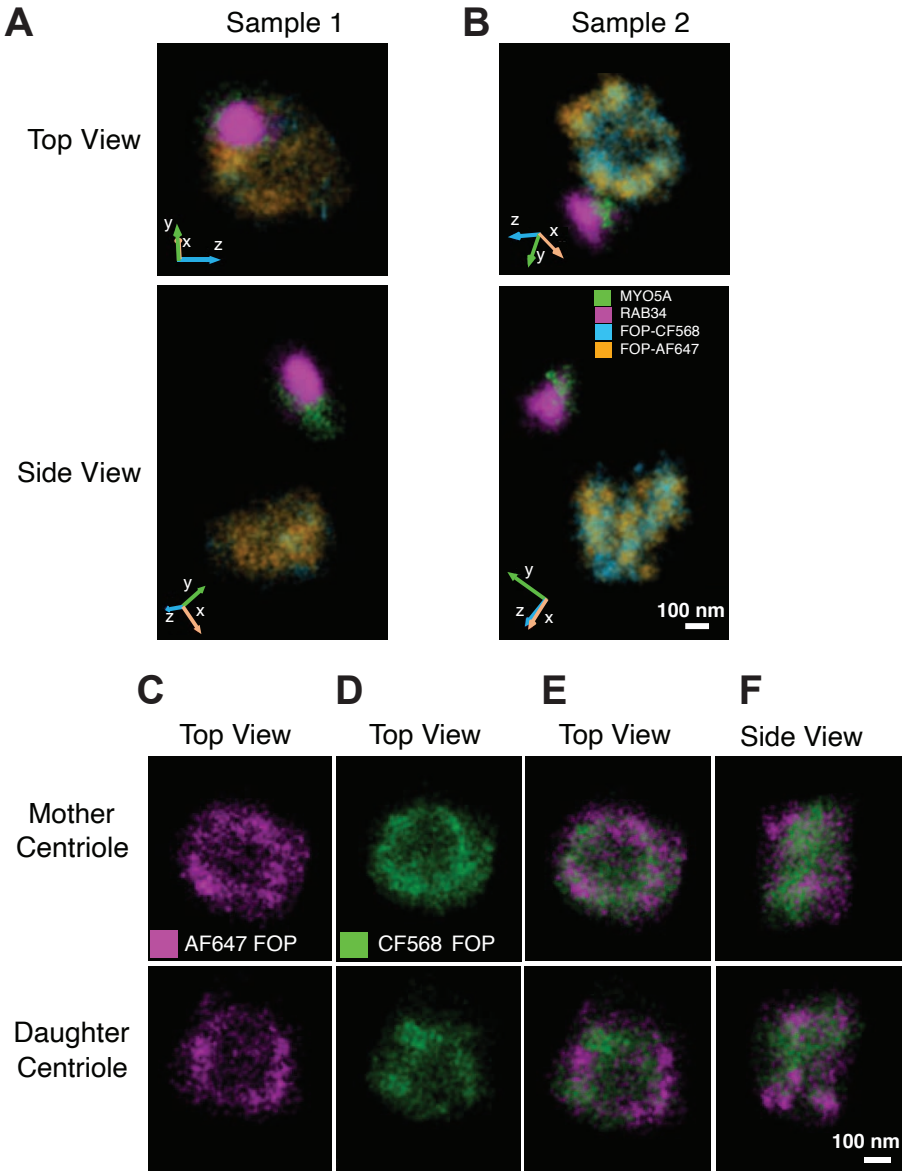

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Figure 3-figure supplement 5 ***Registration of the 3D single-molecule super-resolution data by imaging of FOP.***

A and B. 3D single-molecule data from Figure 3H and 3J showing FOP data from the two channels separately. The manually isolated localizations of CF568-labeled FOP (blue) and Alexa Fluor 647 (AF647)-labeled FOP (orange), shown for top and side views, along with CF568-labeled MYO5A (green) and AF647-labeled RAB34 (magenta) for the two samples. Orientations in the microscope 3D space are indicated by the inset axes. The opacities used for visualization in Vutara SRX are as follows: Sample 1, RAB34: 0.03, MYO5A: 0.08, FOP-CF568: 0.05, FOP-AF647: 0.05; sample 2, RAB34: 0.02, MYO5A: 0.09, FOP-CF568: 0.05, FOP-AF647: 0.05.

C-F. Example of reconstructions of the FOP ring structures in the two color-channels after channel transformation and cross-correlation of FOP that is labeled in both channels.

C-D. Example of the AF647-labeled (magenta) and CF568-labeled (green) FOP structures at the mother and daughter centrioles used for cross-correlation.

E-F. The FOP structures from the two channels after channel transformation and data cross-correlation. The opacities for the visualization are set in Vutara SRX to 0.07 for AF647 FOP and 0.02 for CF568 FOP.

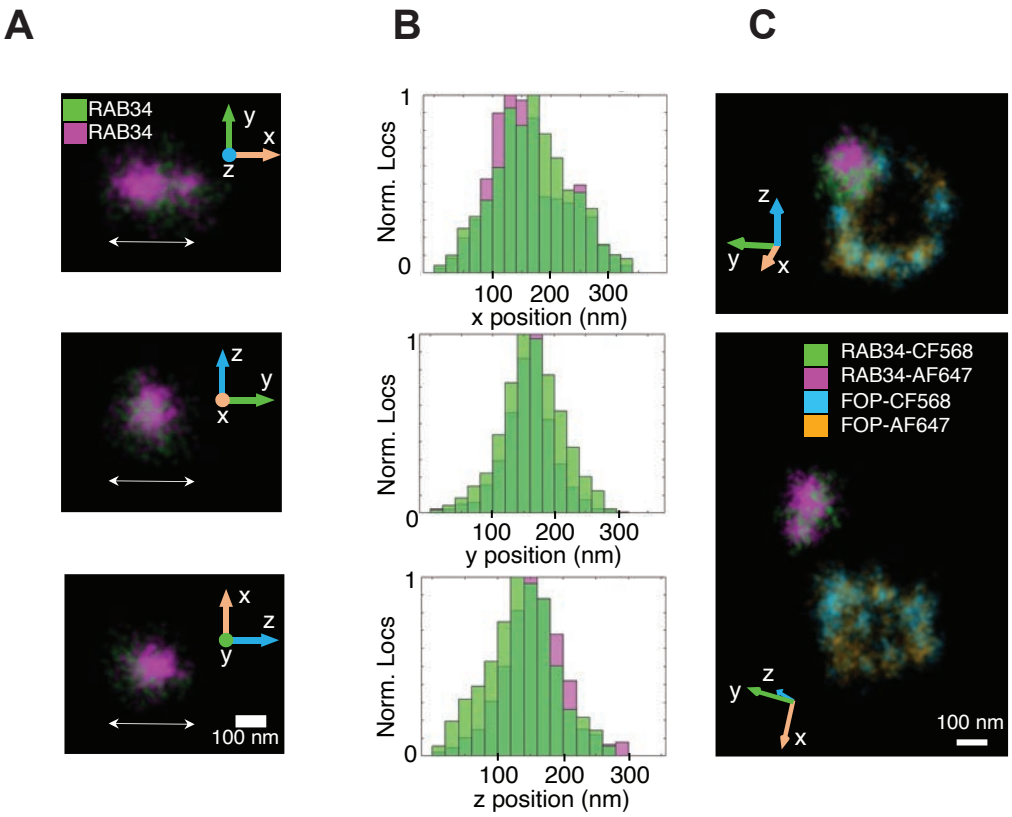

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Figure 3-figure supplement 6 ***Control of the registration of the 3D single-molecule super-resolution data by imaging of RAB34.***

A. Super-resolution reconstructions from the localizations of CF568-labeled RAB34 and Alexa Fluor 647 (AF647)-labeled RAB34. The double-sided arrows specify the axes of the histograms shown in (B).

B. Offsets between the center of masses of CF568-labeled RAB34 and AF647-labeled RAB34 were found by fitting normalized histograms along each axis to Gaussian functions and calculating the difference between the two peaks. This was done in the x, y, and z directions before finding the total offset in 3D space. The offset between the localizations was found to be 20 nm in this sample, and there were 1705 localizations in the red channel and 1228 localizations in the green channel for RAB34.

C. Super-resolution reconstruction of RAB34 and FOP in both channels shown for top view (top) and side view (bottom) after channel registration. Visualizations were rendered in Vutara SRX as 3D Gaussians with 20 nm diameter. The opacities used for visualization are as follows: (A) RAB34-Alexa647: 0.06, RAB34-CF568: 0.06; (C) RAB34-AF647: 0.1, RAB34-CF568: 0.1, FOP-AF647: 0.05, FOP-CF568: 0.05.

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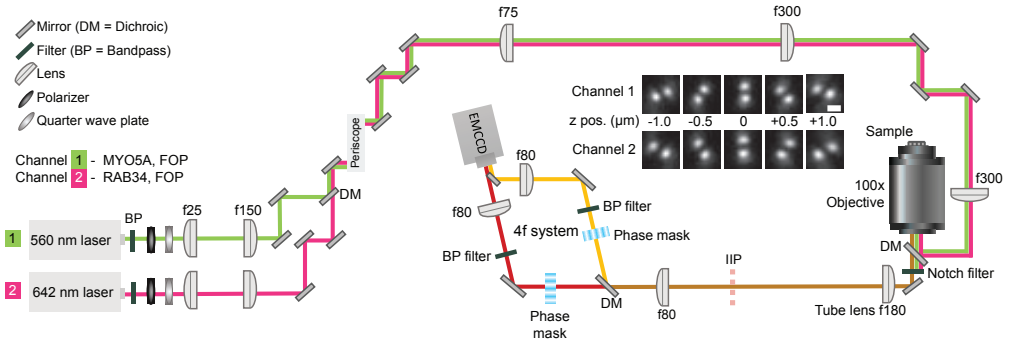

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Figure 3-figure supplement 7 ***Schematic of the optical setup used to collect 3D single-molecule super-resolution data.***

Single fluorophores of CF568 and AF647 are excited by 560 nm and 642 nm lasers, respectively, using widefield epi-illumination. A 100x objective lens serves for both illumination and collection of emitted light. A 4f optical relay system is used to image the emitted light, which is split by a dichroic mirror into two emission paths. Transmissive phase masks in the Fourier plane of both paths modulate the emission light, thereby changing the shape of the point spread function (PSF) to that of the double helix PSF, which encodes the 3D position of the emitter. The two paths which are split in the 4f system are imaged onto separate regions of an EMCCD camera. FOP is labeled with both dyes and is imaged in both channels, whereas MYO5A and RAB34 are labeled and imaged in channels 1 and 2, respectively, as indicated above. The inset shows the shape of the double helix PSF in both channels at different axial (z) positions. Scale bar is 1 μm. The schematic is not drawn to scale.

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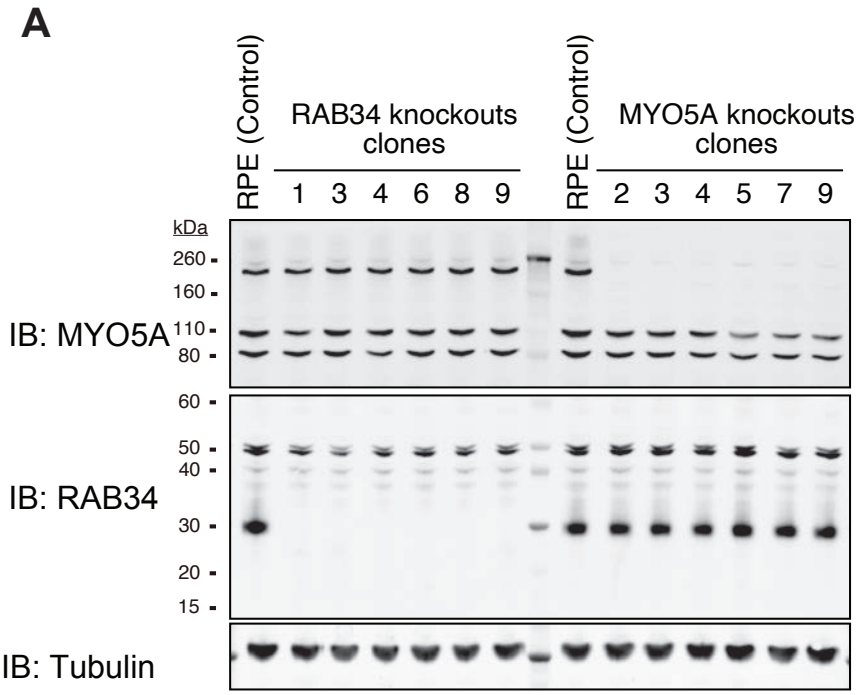

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Figure 4-figure supplement 1 ***Confirmation of MYO5A and RAB34 knockouts by immunoblot.***

A. Immunoblot (IB) analysis of MYO5A (IB: MYO5A) and RAB34 (IB: RAB34) in the single cell clones of RAB34 or MYO5A knockout RPE cells. The cells were grown to confluent (without serum starvation), and analyzed by immunoblot. α-Tubulin (IB: Tubulin) serves as a loading control.

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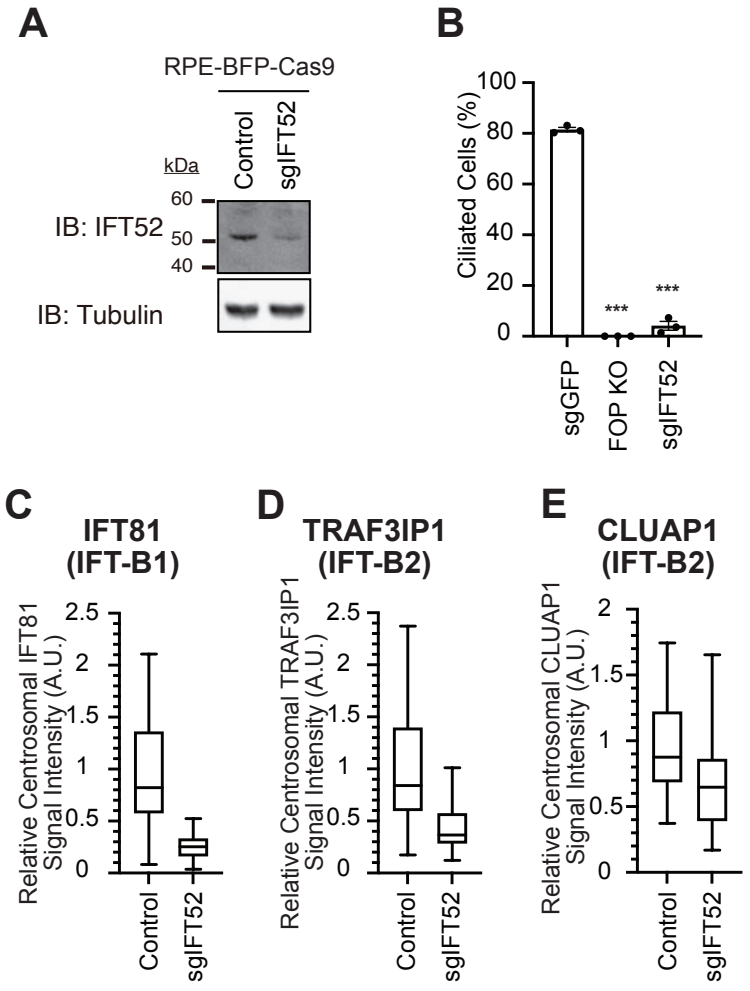

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Figure 4-figure supplement 2 ***Characterization of IFT52 depleted cell***

A. Immunoblot (IB) analysis of IFT52 in either control RPE-BFP-Cas9 or the cells stably expressing sgIFT52. The cells were grown to confluent (without serum starvation), lysed, and analyzed by immunoblot using indicated antibodies. α-Tubulin (IB: Tubulin) serves as a loading control.

B. Cilium formation assay in control (sgGFP), FOP knockout, or sgIFT52 expressing RPE cells serum starved for 24 hours. Data are averaged from three independent experiments, and each black dot indicates the value from an individual experiment. Error bars represent ± SEM. Statistics obtained through comparing between each knockout and control by Welch's t-test. The raw data, experimental conditions, and detailed statistics are available in Figure 4-figure supplement 2B-Source Data.

C-E. Box plots showing centrosomal signal intensity of IFT81 (C), TRAF3IP1 (D), or CLUAP1 (E) in control (RPE-BFP-Cas9) or RPE cells stably expressing sgIFT52. The relative fluorescence signal intensity compared with the average of the control is shown. At least 40 cells were analyzed per sample. The data from a representative experiment are shown. The raw data and experimental conditions are available in Figure 4-figure supplement 2C-E-Source Data.

A.U., arbitrary units; n.s., not significant; *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$

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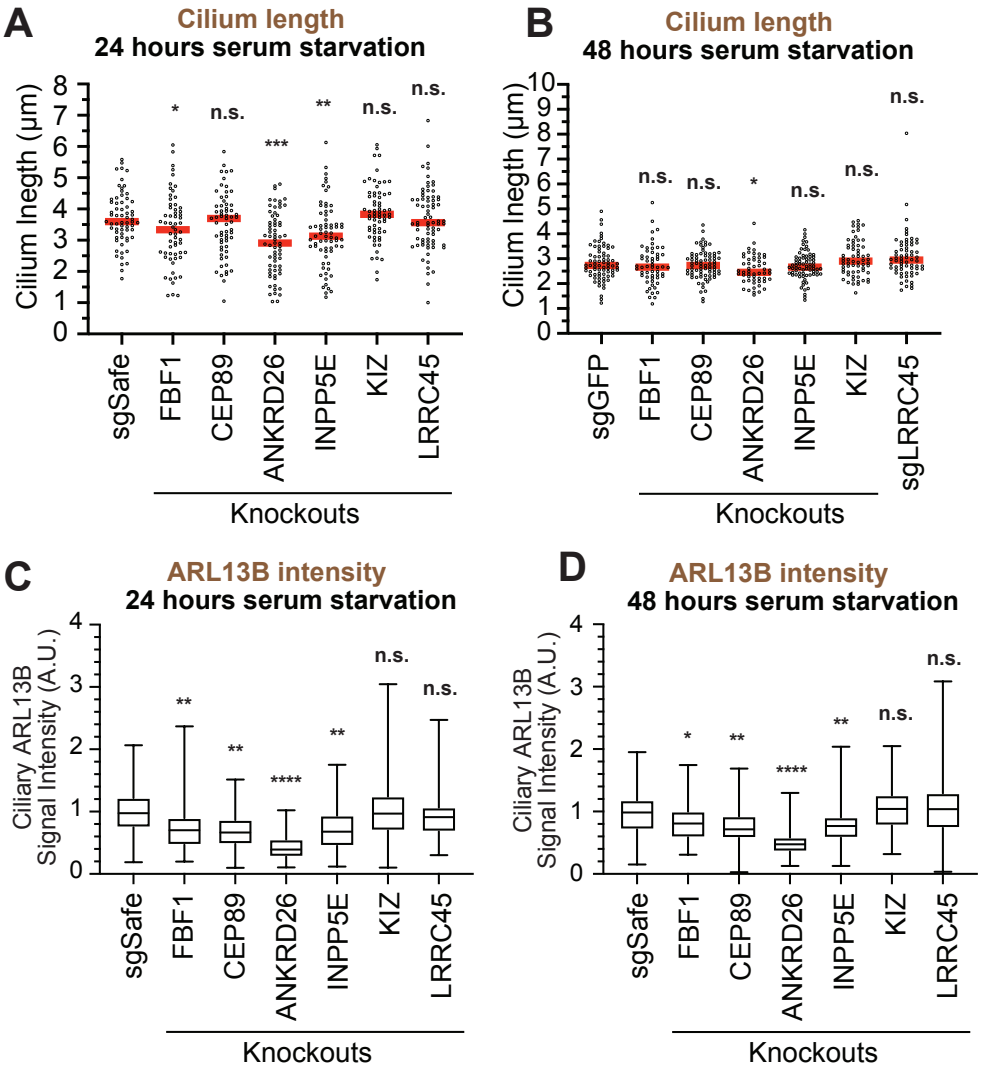

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Figure 5-figure supplement 1 ARL13B intensity was reduced in the various distal appendage knockouts.

A-B. Cilium length in control (sgSafe or sgGFP) and indicated knockout RPE cells serum-starved for 24 hours (A) or 48 hours (B). The data from a representative experiment are shown. Each circle indicates the cilium length of the individual cells. Red bars indicate median value. Statistics obtained through comparing between each knockout and control by Welch's t-test. The raw data, experimental conditions, and detailed statistics are available in Figure 5-figure supplement 2A-B-Source Data.

C-D. Box plots showing ciliary signal intensity of ARL13B in control (sgSafe) and indicated knockout RPE cells serum starved for 24 hours (C) or 48 hours (D). The relative fluorescence signal intensity compared with the average of the control is shown. The data from three independent experiments are shown. Statistics obtained through comparing between each knockout and control by nested one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparisons test. The raw data and experimental condition are available in Figure 5-figure supplement 2C-D-Source Data.

A.U., arbitrary units; n.s., not significant; *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001