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

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Summary

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

Introduction

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

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

others [12]. Regardless, it is believed that shortly after synthesis, PC2 interacts with the ciliary

IFT-B subunit IFT20, which is anchored to the cis-Golgi compartment by golgin protein

GMAP210/TRIP11, and facilitates the transport of PC2 to the base of the primary cilium [13,14].

Following sorting at the cis-Golgi or TGN, PC2-containing vesicles are thought to be directed

towards the plasma membrane or recycling endosomes before PC2 is delivered at the ciliary

base where it docks at the transition fibers before being imported into the cilium [6,7,9].

Consistent with recycling endosomes playing a critical role in conferring PC2 targeting to the

primary cilium, disruption of recycling endosome-associated proteins, such as components of

the retromer and biogenesis of lysosome-related organelles complex 1 (BLOC-1) complexes,

or the Rab family small GTPases RAB8 and RAB11, reduces ciliary PC2 levels [7,11,15,16].

Whether and how components located at the plasma membrane contribute to ciliary PC2

trafficking is largely unknown.

Discs large MAGUK scaffold protein 1 (DLG1) is a scaffold protein that belongs to

the membrane-associated guanylate kinase homolog (MAGUK) family and is composed of a

LIN-2,-7 (L27) domain, three postsynaptic density-95/discs large/zona occludens-1 (PDZ)

domains, a SRC homology 3 (SH3) domain and a catalytically inactive guanylate kinase

(GUK) domain. First described in *Drosophila*, this evolutionarily conserved scaffold protein

is well known for its role in apical-basal polarity establishment and maintenance in epithelial

cells, where it forms a complex with SCRIB and LGL at the basolateral membrane below the

adherens junctions [17]. Consistent with its domain structure, the DLG1 interaction network is

vast, and its function extends beyond epithelial cell polarity establishment. For example, in

neurons DLG1 localizes to both the presynaptic and postsynaptic membranes and controls

localization and clustering of glutamate receptors and potassium channels by mediating

interaction between receptors and intracellular proteins [18-22]. Several studies also suggested

that DLG1 localizes to the cilium-centrosome axis. For example, in HT1299 cells DLG1 was

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

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

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

DLG1 was primarily localized to the lateral plasma membrane in these cells. Finally, in

agreement with its role in promoting ciliary localization of SDCCAG3 and IFT20,

biochemical approaches and Alpha Fold modelling indicated that DLG1 associates physically

with SDCCAG3 and IFT20, which in turn bind directly to each other. Our work thus

identifies a key role for DLG1, located at the lateral plasma membrane, in mediating ciliary

targeting of PC2 and other proteins and implicates ciliary dysfunction as a possible

contributing factor to CAKUT.

Results

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

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

Under these conditions endogenous DLG1 localized to the lateral membrane as expected and

was not detected at the cilium-centrosome axis (Figure S1C). In contrast, eGFP-DLG1

transiently overexpressed in retinal pigment epithelial (RPE1) cells was highly concentrated

at the base of and within the cilium (Figure S1E), indicating that DLG localizes to the cilium-

centrosome axis under some conditions, in agreement with previous reports [24-26]. Taken

together our results suggest that DLG1 regulates ciliary length in polarized kidney epithelial

cells indirectly, i.e. at the level of the lateral plasma membrane.

Loss of DLG1 causes altered ciliary protein content in IMCD3 cells. Ciliary length

control is complex and regulated by a variety of factors and signaling pathways that modulate

the polymerization/depolymerization of the ciliary axoneme or affect ciliary membrane

dynamics; changes in ciliary protein composition that affect signalling output can therefore

also affect ciliary length [38,39]. To investigate how DLG1 might affect ciliary protein

composition, we used an unbiased cilium-targeted proximity labelling approach [24] by taking

advantage of previously described IMCD3 cell lines stably expressing a ciliary

NPHP3[residues 1-203]-BioID2 fusion protein (hereafter called cilia-BioID2) or BioID2

alone (hereafter called BioID2) [40]. We then knocked out *Dlg1* in these lines with the aim of

determining how loss of DLG1 affects the ciliary proteome. Western blot analysis confirmed

the loss of DLG1 in both the cilia-BioID2 and BioID2 *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ lines (Figure S2A). Meanwhile,

IFM analysis of serum-starved cells incubated with biotin and stained with an antibody

against ARL13B (ciliary membrane marker), and green-fluorescent streptavidin showed

prominent ciliary enrichment of biotinylated proteins in both cilia-BioID2 lines, whereas

biotinylated proteins were confined to the cell body of the BioID2 lines, as expected (Figure

S2B). Under these conditions we did not observe any differences between WT and *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$

lines with respect to ciliary length (Figure S2C) and ciliation frequency (Figure S2D), as

observed in standard cultures of mCCD cells (Figure S1A). Finally, by quantitative RT-PCR

we found that IMCD3 cells express similar amounts of *Dlg1* and *Dlg4* (Figure S2E, F) and

knockout of *Dlg1* did not cause altered expression of *Dlg2, 3 or 4* in these cells (Figure S2G,

H).

Having validated our WT and *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ cilia-BioID2 and BioID2 lines, we next analyzed

the ciliary proteome of these cells by subjecting them to biotin labeling followed by

streptavidin pull-down and mass spectrometry. Mass spectrometry analysis resulted in the

identification of a total of 2100 proteins across 6 experimental replicates per cell line. Our

analysis focused solely on proteins that are potentially altered in the primary cilium;

therefore, we disregarded the proteins that were significantly altered in the BioID2 control

condition. These were further subdivided into three Tiers based on stringency criteria. Tier 1

(q-value ≤0.05 and Sign. A ≤ 0.05) comprised 118 highly significantly altered proteins, from

which 84 proteins were depleted from the cilium, whereas 34 proteins were enriched (Figure

2A). The rest of the proteins were divided into Tier 2 (Sign. A ≤0.05), Tier 3 (q-value ≤0.05),

and non-significant (NS) when a less stringent cut-off was applied (Figure 2A,

Supplementary Table S1). Using the Tier 1 proteins identified in our dataset, a

comprehensive GO term enrichment analysis was performed to pinpoint the functional roles

of the proteins regarding DLG1's impact on cilium composition. This analysis focused on the

two GO categories: Biological Process (BP) and Cellular Component (CC) (Figure 2B, C).

The BP terms were, in turn, analyzed separately for the depleted and enriched proteins within

the cilium (Figure 2B). For the depleted proteins, the significant BP terms were pertaining to

intraciliary transport, cilia assembly and organization as well several signaling pathways.

Moreover, in the GO-CC term category, 15 terms were significant, out of which seven terms

were associated with ciliary components (Figure 2C). On the other hand, for the enriched

proteins, BP terms related to the regulation of cell cycle transitions and mitochondrial gene

expression were highly significant (Figure 2B). Altogether, the proximity labeling approach

yielded a dataset indicating a role for DLG1 in regulating ciliary composition in IMCD3

cells.

DLG1 is required for ciliary targeting of SDCCAG3 and IFT20 in kidney epithelial

cells. To validate the results of our proximity labelling proteomics analysis, we initially

focused on the Tier 1 candidates SDCCAG3 and IFT20, which both appeared to be

significantly depleted from cilia of $Dlg1^{-/-}$ cells compared to WT (Figure 2A; Supplementary

Table S1). SDCCAG3 is a known component of the retromer complex that binds the core

retromer subunit VPS35 [41], and was shown to localize to primary cilia in cultured mammalian

cells, including IMCD3 cells, where it also promoted ciliary targeting of PC2 [15]. Similarly,

IFT20 has a well-established role in conferring targeting of PC2 from the Golgi to the

primary cilium [7,13,14] and is also part of the IFT-B complex involved in IFT within cilia [42].

Analysis of ciliated $Dlg1^{-/-}$ and WT cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 cells by IFM with antibodies

specific for SDCCAG3 confirmed that its ciliary localization is significantly reduced in the

$Dlg1^{-/-}$ cells compared to WT (Figure 3A, B), whereas total cellular levels were unchanged

(Figure 3C). Stable expression of mCherry-DLG1 in the $Dlg1^{-/-}$ cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 cells

could restore ciliary levels of SDCCAG3 to normal (Figure 3A, B, D), and similar results

were obtained in mCCD cells although SDCCAG3 seemed to be localizing preferentially to

the ciliary base in these cells (Figure 3E-G). Using similar approaches, we confirmed that

loss of DLG1 causes reduced ciliary base levels of IFT20 in mCCD cells but not cilia-BioID2

IMCD3 cells (Figure S3A-D). The reason for this cell-type specificity is unclear, but we note

that our cilia-BioID2 proximity labelling proteomics analysis indicated a rather modest

decrease in ciliary IFT20 levels in $Dlg1^{-/-}$ cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 cells compared to WT (Figure

2A; Supplementary Table S1), consistent with a relatively mild impact of DLG1 loss on

ciliary IFT20 localization in these cells. On the other hand, IFM analysis of kidney sections

from WT and $Pax3Cre-Dlg1^{F/F}$ mice showed that ciliary levels of SDCCAG3 and IFT20 are

significantly reduced in the *Dlg1* knockout compared to control (Figure 4), indicating that

DLG1 promotes ciliary targeting of SDCCAG3 as well as IFT20 *in vivo*. Since DLG1 was

previously shown to interact physically and functionally with exocyst complex component

SEC8 [43,44], which in turn mediates ciliary membrane biogenesis and PC2 trafficking [7,45,46], we

also analyzed whether loss of DLG1 affected ciliary presence of SEC8 in cilia-BioID2

IMCD3 or mCCD cells. However, while this analysis confirmed that SEC8 is concentrated at

the ciliary base, we did not observe any significant change in ciliary base levels of SEC8 in

Dlg1[-/-] cells compared to WT cells (Figure S4). We conclude that DLG1 is required for

localizing SDCCAG3 and IFT20, but not SEC8, to the primary cilium of kidney epithelial

cells *in vitro* and *in vivo*.

Loss of or acute inhibition or DLG1 impairs ciliary targeting of PC2. Given the known

roles of SDCCAG3 and IFT20 in promoting vesicular trafficking of PC2 to the primary

cilium [13-15], we asked if DLG1 regulates ciliary PC2 trafficking. Although PC2 was not

detected in our cilia-BioID2 proximity labelling dataset from IMCD3 cells (Figure 2A;

Supplementary Table S1), we reasoned this could be due to technical reasons or the cell line

used. We therefore used mCCD cells to directly test if inhibition or depletion of DLG1

affected ciliary PC2 levels. First, we cultivated our WT, *Dlg1*[-/-] and rescue mCCD lines on

transwell filters to ensure full polarization of the cells. Confocal 3D imaging showed that the

cells were indeed fully polarized under these conditions, and no apparent polarity defects

were observed in the *Dlg1*[-/-] cells compared to the WT and rescue line (Figure 5A, B).

Moreover, the transwell filter-grown *Dlg1*[-/-] cells also displayed significantly reduced ciliary

levels of PC2 compared to the WT cells and this phenotype was rescued by stable expression

of mCherry-DLG1 (Figure 5C, D). For robust and unbiased quantification of ciliary PC2

levels, we employed a MATLAB-based approach (see Material and Methods for details) for

automatic and high throughput quantitative analysis of ciliary fluorescent staining intensity in

transwell filter-grown mCCD cells. Using this approach, we were also able to confirm our

results obtained for SDCCAG3 in mCCD cells grown under standard culture conditions,

namely a significantly reduced ciliary presence of SDCCAG3 in *Dlg1*[-/-] cells compared to

WT and rescue lines (Figure 5E, F).

To confirm that DLG1 regulates ciliary PC2 trafficking, we took advantage of two previously

described peptide inhibitors, AVLX-144 (Tat-N-Dimer) and ReTat-N-dimer [47] to specifically

block the first and second PDZ domain of DLG1 in ciliated WT mCCD cells. We

subsequently analyzed the cells by IFM and staining for PC2 in the treated cells; the cilium

was visualized by staining with acetylated α-tubulin antibody. We found that treatment of

mCCD ciliated cells with both AVLX-144 and ReTat-N-Dimer caused a significant depletion

of PC2 from the ciliary base and along the cilium. Importantly, incubation with the control

peptide AVLX-144-AA, which is a structurally similar to AVLX-144 and ReTAT-N-dimer,

but non-binding to PDZ domains [48], did not affect PC2 ciliary levels (Figure S5). This result

indicates that DLG1 is indeed required for targeting of PC2 to the primary cilium, and that

the impaired ciliary targeting of PC2 to the cilium observed upon DLG1 inhibition is not

secondary to cytokinesis [49,50] or polarity defects [18].

We conclude that DLG1 is required for targeting PC2 to the primary cilium of kidney

epithelial cells, and that the alterations in ciliary composition observed in *Dlg1*[-/-] cells are not

due to cytokinesis or polarity defects. Furthermore, we conclude that DLG1-mediate ciliary

targeting of PC2 requires DLG1's first two PDZ domains.

A CAKUT-associated DLG1[T507R/T489R] missense variant fails to rescue the ciliary

phenotype of *Dlg1*[-/-] cells. A previous study identified a DLG1 missense mutation (p.T489R;

hereafter referred to as DLG1[T489R]) in patients with CAKUT [34]. To investigate a possible

ciliary involvement in this disorder, we tested if exogenous expression of the rat equivalent of

this missense variant, DLG1^{T507R} (Figure 6A), could rescue the ciliary phenotype of *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$

cells. To this end, we generated a lentiviral construct that we used for stable expression of

mCherry-DLG1^{T507R} in the *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ mCCD cells (Figure 6B). Interestingly, while stable

expression of mCherry-tagged WT DLG1 fully restored ciliary base levels of IFT20 (Figure

S3C, D) and SDCCAG3 (Figure 3E, F) in mCCD cells, this was not the case for the

DLG1^{T507R} variant (Figure 6C-F). This suggests that ciliary defects may contribute to the

CAKUT disease aetiology of patients harbouring the DLG1^{T489R} mutation and demonstrates a

possible ciliary involvement in CAKUT.

Loss of DLG1 leads to constitutive phosphorylation of MAP3K7. Upon analysing the GO-

BP terms of our proteomics data (Figure 2B) we noticed that several proteins responsible for

regulating MAP kinase activity, such as mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 7

(MAP3K7, also known as Transforming growth factor beta (TGFβ) Activated Kinase 1,

TAK1), are diminished in the primary cilium of *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ cells. As MAP3K7 is linked to the

pathogenesis of kidney fibrosis stimulated by TGFβ ligands [51,52] and since TGFβ signalling is

orchestrated by the primary cilium [53,54] we investigated the potential impact of *Dlg1* loss on

TGFβ signalling. Upon stimulation with TGFβ-1 ligand, we observed that activation of

SMAD2 as evaluated by its phosphorylation on Ser465/467 in the canonical branch of TGFβ

signalling was largely unaffected in ciliated *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ as compared to WT mCCD cells (Figure

6G, H). In contrast, we observed that phosphorylation of MAP3K7 on Thr184/187 and S412

marking full activation of this MAP kinase was significantly increased in unstimulated in

Dlg1$^{-/-}$ cells as compared to WT cells (Figure 6I-J). These results indicate that DLG1 takes

part in the regulation of sub-pathways in TGFβ signalling, although further studies are

needed to delineate the mechanisms by which DLG1 restricts basal levels of MAP3K7

activation, and whether such mechanisms are controlled at the level of primary cilia.

DLG1 associates physically with SDCCAG3 and IFT20. Finally, to address the

mechanism by which DLG1 promotes targeting of SDCCAG3 and IFT20 to the primary

cilium, we tested if DLG1 interacts physically with these proteins. Indeed,

immunoprecipitation (IP) of lysates from HEK293T cells co-expressing GFP-DLG1 and

SDCCAG3 or IFT20 fusion proteins indicated that DLG1 interacts physically with both

SDCCAG3 and IFT20 (Figure 7A, B). Similarly, IP analysis in HEK293T cells demonstrated

physical interaction between SDCCAG3 and IFT20 (Figure 7A). To determine the molecular

basis for these interactions we used Alpha Fold modelling [55] and identified a high confidence

interaction between SDCCAG3 and IFT20 (Figure 7C; Figure S6) but did not obtain strong

evidence indicative of direct binding of these two proteins to DLG1. Moreover, the predicted

interaction between IFT20 and SDCCAG3 is mutually exclusive with binding of IFT20 to its

known partner within the IFT-B complex, IFT54 [56] (Figure 7C). IFT20 was shown previously

to interact physically with the BLOC-1 complex [7], and the BLOC-1 complex subunit

DTNBP1 (dysbindin) binds directly to DTNA and DTNB (α- and β-dystrobrevin,

respectively) of the dystrophin-glycoprotein complex (DGC) [57]. Interestingly, we and others

have previously shown that DLG1 as well as its direct interactor, KIF13B, bind physically to

components of the DGC, including UTRN, DTNA and DTNB [58,59]. Furthermore, a high

throughput study indicated that SDCCAG3 also binds DTNBP1 [60]. Therefore, we

hypothesize that DLG1 may associate physically with IFT20 and SDCCAG3 through

DTNBP1-DTNA/B interactions but more work is needed to clarify this. In summary, DLG1

associates, at least indirectly, with SDCCAG3 and IFT20, which in turn bind directly to each

other. In summary, SDCCAG3 and IFT20 form a hetero-dimeric complex that associates, at

least indirectly, with DLG1.

Discussion

Here we demonstrated that DLG1 is important for regulating the length and composition of

primary cilia in kidney epithelial cells, both in cultured cells and *in vivo*. Using an unbiased

cilium-targeted proteomics approach, we show that loss of DLG1 in IMCD3 cells causes

altered ciliary protein content with most of the affected proteins being diminished in the

cilium of *Dlg1*[-/-] cells. Specifically, loss DLG1 lead to reduced ciliary levels of SDCCAG3

and IFT20, which have both been shown to confer ciliary targeting of PC2 [13-15]. Consistently,

we also established a requirement for DLG1 in promoting ciliary targeting of PC2 in mCCD

cells. Reduced ciliary presence of polycystins may at least be partly responsible for the

observed ciliary length phenotype of DLG1-deficient cells [61] although alternative

mechanisms cannot be excluded. From a human disease perspective PC2 is highly relevant as

mutations in its corresponding gene (*PKD2*) cause AD-PKD [62], and appropriate ciliary

localization of PC2 is critical for its function [9]. SDCCAG3 and IFT20 seem to promote

ciliary trafficking of PC2 primarily at the level of the recycling endosome and cis-Golgi [7,13-

15], and exocyst complex components also impact the ciliary targeting of PC2 [7]. The exocyst

complex tethers vesicles at target sites before membrane fusion [63], and DLG1 binds exocyst

complex component SEC8 [43,64]. However, loss of DLG1 did not affect the ciliary base

localization of SEC8 in IMCD3 or mCCD cells.

Although DLG1 may localize to primary cilia under some conditions [24-26], we found

that in polarized kidney epithelial cells DLG1 is largely confined to the lateral plasma

membrane in agreement with its well-known role as a core component of the Scribble

polarity complex. The Scribble complex, which consists of DLG1, Scribble (SCRIB) and

lethal giant larvae (LGL), plays a central role in orchestrating epithelial cell polarity [65], and

Scribble complex components were also implicated in protein cargo sorting and vesicle

transport. For example, a study in mouse hippocampal neurons found that DLG1 regulates

clathrin-mediated endocytosis of AMPA receptors by recruiting myosin VI and AP-2 adaptor

complex to endocytotic vesicles containing these receptors [66]. Furthermore, in *Drosophila* the

Scribble complex is required for proper localization of retromer components to endosomes

and promotes appropriate sorting of cargo in the retromer pathway [67], consistent with our

finding that DLG1 associates with and regulates ciliary localization of retromer component

SDCCAG3. Studies have demonstrated that deficiency of retromer regulator sorting nexin-17

(SNX17) and SDCCAG3 disrupt ciliogenesis [15,68]. Moreover, the retromer complex interacts

with the N-terminal cytoplasmic domain of PC2, and the disruption of this interaction impairs

the ciliary localization of PC1 [16]. Since DLG1 localizes predominantly to the lateral plasma

membrane in polarized kidney epithelial cells our results are consistent with a model whereby

DLG1 regulates internalization of ciliary cargoes (SDCCAG3, IFT20, PC2) that are

transiently transported to this site prior to their onward journey via recycling endosomes to

the primary cilium (Figure 7D). Notably, the Na^+,HCO_3^- cotransporter NBCn1 (SLC4A7),

which localizes at the lateral membrane and primary cilium of polarized kidney epithelial

cells, interacts tightly with DLG1 [69], and multiple retromer components were identified as

putative NBCn1 binding partners in GST pulldown assays [70]. Furthermore, our proteomics

analysis identified the Na^+/H^+ exchanger NHE1(SLC9A1) and the cation channel TRPV4 as

Tier 1 candidates depleted from cilia in the $Dlg1^{-/-}$ cells (Figure 2; Table S1). This suggests

that DLG1 and the retromer complex may regulate ciliary trafficking of a range of ion

channels and transporters, in addition to PC2. Future research should be aimed at addressing

this possibility.

Epithelial cells rely on highly organized trafficking machinery to maintain their

polarity and carry out their epithelial functions. Such trafficking involves several factors,

including sorting signals, cytoskeletal network, vesicle tethering complexes, and Rab and

Rho GTPases, that determine the final destination of each protein [71]. Importantly, the cellular

microtubule cytoskeleton of polarized epithelial cells is organized very differently compared

to mesenchymal cells, with microtubules aligning parallel to the apico-basal axis and

extending their plus ends towards the basal surface [72] (Figure 7D). Therefore, post-Golgi

vesicle trafficking in epithelial cells often occurs via indirect transport routes, such as

transcytotic or recycling endosomal routes, to ensure delivery of membrane cargo to the

apical surface or ciliary compartment [7,9,72]. In addition to the lateral plasma membrane

functioning as a docking site for ciliary components, prior to their final transport to the

cilium, the apical membrane domain may also function as a transit point for ciliary protein

trafficking. For example, nephronophthisis proteins NPHP1, NPHP4, and NPHP8 not only

localize to the transition zone, but also accumulate at cell junctions, e.g. in polarized kidney

epithelial cells [73], where they interact with Crumbs polarity complex components (PATJ,

PALS1, PAR6) [74], which are concentrated at the apical-lateral border, just above the tight

junctions [75]. Conversely, accumulating evidence suggests that components of the Crumbs

complex localize to cilia and regulate ciliary assembly or function [76-78]. Notably, our

proteomics analysis identified PATJ (INADL) as a Tier 1 candidate depleted from cilia in the

Dlg1[-/-] cells (Figure 2; Table S1) and PC2 was also shown to bind to the Crumbs complex

component PALS1 [79], suggesting that multiple polarity complexes located along the apical-

basal border of epithelial cells may function together to regulate ciliary protein cargo

transport. More studies will be needed to explore this in more detail and define the precise

mechanisms involved.

395  Our cilia proteomics analysis identified several proteins that affect energy

homeostasis and NFκB and TGFβ signaling, and which were depleted from cilia of *Dlg1*[-/-]

cells. These include MAP3K7 (TAK1), whose kinase activity is critical for regulating a

variety of cell functions relevant for kidney development and function [80]. Interestingly, our

cell-based assays showed that disruption of DLG1 leads to over-activation of MAP3K7 in

line with a recent study, showing that *Dlg1* deficiency in mouse microglial cells impairs

microglial activation and prevents production of inflammatory cytokines [81]. Furthermore,

multiple lines of evidence have shown that alterations in ciliary length and inactivation of

polycystins can cause profound metabolic rewiring in the kidney, which likely contributes to

development of PKD [82-84]. Nevertheless, if and how altered ciliary length and composition, as

well as dysregulated metabolic, NFκB and TGFβ signaling, contribute to the kidney defects

observed in *Dlg1* deficient mice and human CAKUT patients with *DLG1* mutations awaits

further investigation. However, we note that a more distantly related DLG1 homolog, DLG5,

has been implicated in ciliary biogenesis and function as well as CAKUT [85,86], substantiating

the involvement of cilia and DLG proteins in this disease.

Materials and methods

Mammalian cell culture. Mouse inner medullary collecting duct 3 (IMCD3) cells stably

expressing NPHP3[residues 1-203]-BioID2 (hereafter called cilia-BioID2) and BioID2 alone

(hereafter called BioID2) have been described previously [40]. IMCD3 cells were cultured in

DMEM/F-12, GlutaMAX Supplement (Gibco, cat. #31331-093) medium supplemented with

10% fetal bovine serum (FBS; Gibco, cat. #10438-026) and 1% Penicillin-Streptomycin

(Sigma-Aldrich, cat. #P0781). The immortalized mouse cortical collecting duct (mCCD)

parental/WT cell line was generously provided by Dr. Eric Féraille (University of Lausanne,

Switzerland) and has been described previously [37] The mCCD cells were cultured as

described in [37], and RPE1 cells stably expressing SMO-tRFP [87] we cultured and transfected as

described in [29]. Human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293T cells were from ATCC (cat. #CRL-

3216) and were cultured in high-glucose DMEM (Gibco, cat. #41966-052) supplemented

with 10% FBS and 1% Penicillin-Streptomycin.

All cell lines were grown in a 95% humidified incubator at 37 °C with 5% CO_2. To

induce ciliogenesis, IMCD3 cells were grown in plain DMEM/F-12, GlutaMAX Supplement

for 24 h, while mCCD cells were grown in starvation medium, where the serum and

hormone☐deprived DMEM/F12, GlutaMAX Supplement medium was supplemented with 5

µg/ml holo☐transferrin (Sigma-Aldrich, cat. # T0665) and 60 nM sodium selenite (Sigma-

Aldrich, cat. #S5261) for 24 h.

Transwell culture system. For setting up fully polarized epithelial cells, mCCD cells were

grown in full DMEM/F-12, Glutamax Supplement medium as described previously, using

Thermo Scientific™ Nunc™ Polycarbonate Membrane Inserts in Multidishes (Thermo

Scientific, cat. #140652), which have a pore size of 0.4 µm. This was done for a duration of

10 days before proceeding with further experiments. The medium was replaced every 3 to 4

days. For IFM analysis, the polarized mCCD cells were fixed and membrane inserts were

excised and treated as described in the general IFM protocol (see below).

Generation of *Dlg1*[-/-] cell lines. To knock out *Dlg1* in the kidney epithelial cell lines, we

employed CRISPR/Cas9 technology and used four sgRNA sequences from the mouse

CRISPR "Brie" Knockout Library [88]. The sequences are provided in Table 1. The sgRNA

spacers were cloned into pSpCas9(BB)-2A-Puro (PX459) V2.0 plasmid (Addgene, cat.

#62988) as described previously [89]. This involved phosphorylating and annealing the two

complementary sgRNA oligos, which were then ligated into the BbsI-digested backbone.

Then the selected clones were sequenced to verify the spacer sequence. The parental (WT)

cilia-BioID2 and BioID2 IMCD3 lines, and the WT mCCD cells were transfected with the

Cas9-gRNA plasmids (pool of all four gRNAs) using reverse transfection with Lipofectamine

3000 Transfection Reagent (Invitrogen, cat. #L3000015) according to the manufacturer's

instructions. A day after transfection, cells were treated with 2 µg/ml puromycin (Invitrogen,

cat. #A11138-03) for 72 h and then tested for DLG1 protein depletion by western blot

analysis. Subsequently, the cells underwent single cell sorting at the FACS Facility at Biotech

Research & Innovation Centre (University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, DK). The selected

clones were validated by western blot analysis and Sanger sequencing to confirm the

occurrence of the indel event.

Generation of transgenic cell lines. A plasmid containing the full-length rat DLG1 coding

sequence [90] was used as template for cloning the rat *Dlg1* coding sequence into Gateway

entry plasmid pENTR220-mCherry-C1 using standard cloning techniques. This entry plasmid

was then recombined with pCDH-EF1a-Gateway-IRES-BLAST destination plasmid through

LR reaction using the Gateway LR Clonase II Enzyme mix (Invitrogen, cat. #11791020). The

cloning vectors used were generously provided by Dr. Kay Oliver Schink (Oslo University

Hospital, Norway), and were described in [91]. The lentiviral expression plasmids were later

subjected to site-directed mutagenesis, performed by GenScript, to create a double-point

mutation on the following sites: c.1520C>G and c.1521T>A; p.T507R. Lentiviral particles

were generated by co-transfecting the lentiviral expression plasmids with second-generation

lentiviral packaging vectors pMD2.G and pCMVΔ-R8.2 into HEK293T cells (kindly

provided by Dr. Carlo Rivolta, Institute of Molecular and Clinical Ophthalmology Basel,

Switzerland) using Lipofectamine 3000 Transfection Reagent (Invitrogen, cat. #L3000015)

according to the manufacturer's instructions. The harvested culture medium containing

lentiviral particles coding for either WT DLG1 or DLG1^{T507R} fusion proteins were used to

transduce the kidney epithelial cells. Cells were selected using 5-15 µg/ml Blasticidin S

(Gibco, cat. #R21001) and expression was confirmed with western blotting and live cell

fluorescence microscopy.

BioID2 proximity labeling. We conducted a proximity labeling experiments, which involved

the WT and *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ cilia-BioID2 lines described above, with the WT and *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ BioID2 lines

as negative controls. The cells were plated in 15 cm dishes and cultured in normal medium

containing DMEM/F-12, GlutaMAX Supplement (Gibco, cat. #31331-093) supplemented as

described above. Once the cells had reached 80% confluency, they were stimulated for

ciliogenesis for 24 h with the medium described above. Proximity labeling was induced

overnight by supplementing the medium with 10 μM Biotin (Sigma-Aldrich, cat. #B4501).

The cells were lysed, and samples were prepared for mass spectroscopy according to a

previously published BioID2-based proximity labeling protocol [40].

Mass spectroscopy and data analysis. The samples were analyzed and proteins were

identified according to the method described in [40]. For proteomics data analysis, we used a

custom in-house R script that replicates the analysis using the Perseus software [92]. The LFQ

intensity values were compared for cilia-BioID2 WT samples versus those for cilia-BioID2

$Dlg1^{-/-}$ samples and for BioID2 WT samples versus BioID2 $Dlg1^{-/-}$ samples. For samples

where LFQ intensity values were zero in less than half of the replicates, while having non-

zero LFQ intensity values in the other replicates, imputed values were applied drawn from a

normal distribution that had a mean that was 1.8 times below the mean of the non-zero values

and a standard deviation that was 0.5 times the mean. Subsequently, Student's t-test was used

for statistical comparisons between the LFQ intensity values of samples as well as the

significance A test to infer samples with outlier log2 ratios (high or low). After removing the

proteins that were significantly altered in the BioID2 comparison, we devised a three-tier

system to classify significant proteins from the cilia-BioID2 comparison. Tier 1 proteins were

ones where the corrected p-values (Benjamini-Hochberg correction) from the t-test were <

0.05 as well as significance A test p-values were < 0.05. Tier 2 proteins included proteins that

only had significance A test p-values < 0.05 and Tier 3 proteins were the ones that only had

corrected p-values from the t-test < 0.05.

GO term enrichment analysis. To conduct the analysis, the topGO package [93] in R was

utilized on the Tier 1 proteins, comprising 118 proteins in total. The approach involved using

the GO terms (Biological Process – BP and Cellular Component – CC) linked with all the

proteins in the proteomics data analysis and carried out an enrichment analysis for each GO

category using Fisher's exact test. Next, a maximum of the top 30 terms were sorted by the

Odds ratio and with Fisher's test corrected p-value < 0.05 and removed the redundancy in the

enriched terms to leave only the terms that were specific and perhaps more informative. This

was achieved by removing the other terms that were ancestral in the same GO lineage as the

term of interest.

Immunofluorescence microscopy analysis and live cell imaging. IMCD3 and mCCD cells

were trypsinized (2x concentration, Sigma Aldrich, cat. #T4174), seeded, and grown on 12-

mm diameter glass coverslips. Upon reaching 80% confluence, cells were starved for 24 h to

induce robust ciliogenesis using the aforementioned media. The coverslips were fixed in 4%

paraformaldehyde (PFA; Sigma, cat. #47608) in PBS for 12 min either at room temperature

or at 4 □, washed with PBS, and incubated in permeabilization buffer (0.2% Triton X-100,

1% BSA in PBS) for 12 min before blocking and antibody incubation. The fixed cells were

blocked in 2% (w/v) BSA-based blocking buffer, then incubated with primary antibodies

diluted in 2% BSA for 1.5-2 h at room temperature or overnight at 4 □. After extensive

washing with PBS, cells were then incubated with secondary antibodies diluted in 2% BSA in

PBS for 1 h at room temperature. Last, nuclei were labeled with DAPI (Sigma-Aldrich, cat.

#D9542). Antibodies and dilutions used in this study for IFM are listed in Table 1. For IFT20

staining, we followed an IFM protocol method described in [94] where we briefly washed the

cells with cytoskeletal buffer, then immediately fixed them with ice-cold MeOH inside a -20

°C freezer. For PC2 and SEC8 staining, we used an IFM protocol method described in [95]. All

coverslips were mounted with 6% propyl gallate (Sigma-Aldrich, cat. #P3130) diluted in

UltraPure Glycerol (Invitrogen, cat. #15514-001) and 10xPBS and combined with Epredia

Immu-Mount (Epredia, cat. #9990402) in a 1:12 ratio.

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

Live cell imaging of RPE1 cells stably expressing SMO-tRFP and transiently expressing eGFP-DLG1 was done as described in [29].

Immunofluorescence staining of kidney sections. The mouse kidney specimens assayed for ciliary length, SDCCAG3 and IFT20 localization were obtained from *Pax3Cre-Dlg1*[F/F] mice and control (wildtype) littermates that were previously described [36]. For immunofluorescence staining of paraffin-embedded sections, antigen unmasking was performed by boiling the slides in antigen-retrieval buffer (10 mM Tris Base, 1 mM EDTA, and 0.05% Tween-20, pH 9.0) for 30 min. Samples were permeabilized with 0.05% Triton X-100 in PBS (PBS-T) for 10 min at room temperature, incubated in blocking buffer (3.0% BSA and 0.1% Triton X-100 in PBS) for 1 h, followed by staining with primary antibodies against SDCCAG3, IFT20 or acetylated tubulin overnight at 4°C. After 3 washes with PBS-T, samples were incubated with secondary Alexa Fluor dye–conjugated antibodies for 1 h at room temperature. Nuclei were stained with DAPI, and specimens mounted using Mowiol containing n-propyl gallate (Sigma-Aldrich). Images were captured using a Nikon Eclipse Ti-E inverted confocal microscope equipped with a 60x Plan Fluor oil immersion (1.4 NA) and 100x Plan Fluor oil immersion (1.45 NA) objectives. A series of digital optical sections (z-stacks) were captured

using a Hamamatsu ORCA-Fusion Digital CMOS camera at room temperature, and 3D

image reconstructions were produced. Images were processed and analyzed using Elements

AR 5.21 (Nikon), Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop software.

Quantitative Real-Time PCR (RT-qPCR). Isolation of total RNA was performed using the

NucleoSpin RNA II kit (Macherey-Nagel, cat. # 740955.50) following the manufacturer's

instructions. RNA was reverse-transcribed using Superscript III Reverse Transcriptase

(Invitrogen, cat. #18080-044) and cDNA amplified by qPCR using SYBR Green (Applied

Biosystems, cat. #4309155). The qPCR was conducted in triplicate using the QuantStudio 7

Flex Real-Time PCR system with the following steps: 95 °C for 10 min, 40 cycles of [95 °C

for 30 sec, 60 °C for 1 min, 72 °C for 30 sec], 95 °C for 1 min. Primer sequences used in this

study for RT-qPCR are listed in Table 1. mRNA levels were determined using the

comparative threshold cycle (Ct) method, normalizing to GAPDH and 18S ribosomal RNA.

The mRNA levels were expressed relative to that in WT mCCD cells.

Inhibition of DLG1. Acute inhibition of DLG1 was done using the dimeric peptides AVLX-

144 (YGRKKRRQRRR-NPEG$_4$(IETDV)$_2$, Tat-N-dimer), ReTat-N-dimer (rrrqrrkkr-

NPEG$_4$(IETDV)$_2$ containing a retroinverso Tat cell-penetrating sequence and the non-PDZ-

binding control AVLX-144-AA (YGRKKRRQRRR-NPEG$_4$(IEADA)$_2$ containing alanine

mutations in the dimeric region [47,48]. Compounds were purchased from WuXi AppTec

(Shanghai, China) hydrochloride salts and purities were checked by mass-spectrometry. Prior

to the inhibitor experiment, the WT mCCD cells were seeded on glass coverslips and allowed

to reach 80% confluence. To promote ciliogenesis, the cells were subjected to a 24 h

starvation period using the starvation medium outlined previously. After 12 h of starvation,

the medium was changed to the inhibitor-supplemented starvation medium and incubated for

an additional 12 h. Subsequently, the cells were examined using IFM analysis.

Immunoprecipitation, SDS-PAGE, and western blot analysis. Immunoprecipitation in mCCD and HEK293T cells was carried out as described previously [96]. except that the washing buffer contained 0.1% NP-40 instead of 0.5% NP-40. Input and pellet fractions were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and western blotting as described previously [96] by using antibodies and dilutions as listed in Table 1.

TGFβ stimulation assay. Following cell seeding and 24h incubation with starvation medium, the cells were stimulated with 2 ng/mL recombinant human TGF-β1 (R&D Systems, cat. # 240-B) diluted in starvation medium for varying durations of 30, 60, 90, and 120 minutes or left untreated (0 minute). The cells were later lysed for subsequent analysis using the aforementioned SDS-PAGE and western blotting. The antibodies and dilutions used for this analysis are listed in Table 1.

Quantitative image and statistical analysis. Using IFM images and Fiji software [97] we measured cilium length, frequency, and relative mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of relevant antibody-labeled antigens at the cilium or ciliary base in WT, $Dlg1^{-/-}$ and rescue IMCD3 and mCCD lines. Unless otherwise stated, the results were confirmed in at least three independent biological replicates. Statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism 10.0.1. For manual quantification of ciliary staining intensities of fluorescent images, the background-corrected MFI was normalized to relevant control cells. The data was tested for Gaussian normality using either D'Agostino's K-squared test or Shapiro–Wilk test. If the data followed a normal distribution, the two-tailed, unpaired Student's t-test was used when comparing two groups, or one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison tests was used for comparing more than two groups. If the data did not follow a normal distribution, the nonparametric Mann-Whitney test was used when comparing two groups, or the Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's multiple pairwise comparison tests was used for comparing more than two groups. All quantitative data are presented as mean ± standard

deviation unless otherwise specified. Differences were considered significant when the p-

value was <0.05. Quantitative analysis of western blot data was done as described previously

[96].

Automated image analysis and primary cilia intensity measurements. PC2 (Figure 5c and

5D) and SDCCAG3 (Figures 5E and 5F) intensity levels were measured in spinning disk

fluorescence microscopy 3D image stacks of transwells-cultured cells acquired from WT,

$Dlg1^{-/-}$, and rescue mCCD cell lines in three independent experiments, with a total of 15-25

images and 431-739 cells/cilia analyzed per condition. To minimize any bias and ensure

experimental reproducibility, all intensity measurements were performed by a fully

automated MATLAB script reporting the mean fluorescence intensity of the protein of

interest inside subregions of the identified primary cilia. The functional steps of the script are

reported below. First, 1) Nucleus regions were automatically identified (DAPI channel,

Gaussian filtering, background subtraction and global thresholding) and 2) primary cilia were

accurately segmented (cilia marker channel, Gaussian filtering, and local thresholding) as the

brightest 3D objects overlapping a nucleus region. Next, 3) primary cilium bases were

identified as the closest cilium voxel to the center of mass of the corresponding nucleus

region (assuming an outward growth of the cilia), and 4) primary cilium base regions were

defined as the set of cilium voxels within a maximum (user defined) geodesic distance to the

corresponding base. Finally, 5) SDCCAG3 and PC2 channels mean intensities were

individually measured and reported inside each primary cilium, primary cilium base region,

and primary cilium body (whole cilium excluding the base region) after background intensity

correction (3D median filtered image subtraction). Example images are shown in Figure S7.

The script was developed for this project by Danish Bioimaging Infrastructure Image

Analysis Core Facility (DBI-INFRA IACFF) and is available upon request and will soon be

available from https://github.com/DBI-INFRA.

AlphaFold modeling of protein complexes. Structures of protein complexes shown in

Figures 7C and S6B-D were modeled using a local installation of Alphafold v2.1.0 [55,98] using

sequences for *Mus musculus* (Mm) or *Homo sapiens* (Hs) DLG1, SDCCAG3, IFT20, and

IFT54. Predicted interacting areas were inspected for a low Predicted Alignment Error (PAE)

score as the main indicator for confidence. All figures of protein structures were prepared

using PyMOL v. 2.5 (Schrodinger LLC, https://pymol.org).

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 Figure legends

Figure 1. Loss of *Dlg1* in mouse kidney cells leads to elongated cilia. (A) H&E staining of

representative kidney sections from wildtype and *Pax3Cre-Dlg1^{F/F}* mice. (**B**, **C**)

Immunofluorescence staining for cilia (acetylated tubulin, yellow) and quantification of

ciliary length in kidney sections of wildtype and *Pax3Cre-Dlg1^{F/F}* mice. * denotes P<0.05.

(**D**) Western blot analysis of total cell lysates of the indicated mCCD cells lines using

antibodies against DLG1 and GAPDH (loading control). Molecular mass markers are shown

in kDa to the left. (**E**) Representative image of transwell filter-grown mCCD cell lines (mCh-

DLG1: mCherry-DLG1). Cilia were visualized using acetylated tubulin antibody (AcTub,

magenta), cell-cell contacts were visualized with E-cadherin antibody (green) and nuclei were

stained with DAPI (blue). (**F**, **G**) Quantification of ciliary length (**F**) and frequency (**G**) in the

indicated transwell filter-grown mCCD lines. Ciliary length and ciliation rate was measured

using the fully automated MATLAB script. Graphs represent accumulated data from three

individual experiments, and statistical analysis was performed using Mann-Whitney U test

(unpaired, two-tailed). Error bars represent means ± SD. **, P<0.01; ****, P<0.0001; ns, not

statistically significant.

Figure 2. Analysis of cilia mass spectrometry results. (A) Volcano plot visualizing

differential protein expression in the ciliary proteome upon disruption of DLG1. The proteins

are colored according to their significance tier (Tier 1, 2, 3, and non-significant (NS)). The

total amount of affected candidate ciliary proteins found in Tier 1 upon *Dlg1* depletion are

highlighted on the right side of the volcano plot, while the proteins related to this research are

marked on the volcano plot. The complete list of identified proteins can be found in

Supplementary Table S1. (**B**, **C**) Gene Ontology enrichment analysis for biological process

(**B**) and cellular component (**C**) using the proteins found in Tier1. The tables show the top 15

terms that are significantly enriched (Fisher's exact test value ≤0.05) and are listed in order of

their enrichment ratio along with the corresponding GO terms.

Figure 3. Loss of DLG1 impairs ciliary localization of SDCCAG3 in IMCD3 and mCCD

cells. (**A, E**) IFM analysis of ciliated cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 (**A**) and mCCD (**E**) cell lines

showing comparative SDCCAG3 staining (green) in WT, *Dlg1$^{-/-}$* and mCherry-DLG1 (mCh-

DLG1) rescue cells. Cilia were stained with antibodies against acetylated α-tubulin (AcTub,

magenta), and nuclei visualized with DAPI staining (blue). Insets show enlarged images of

cilia, asterisks mark the ciliary base. The merged insets show primary cilia with channels

shifted to aid visualization. (**B**, **F**) Quantification of the relative mean fluorescence intensity

(MFI) of SDCCAG3 staining along the cilium of cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 cell lines (**B**) or at the

ciliary base of mCCD cell lines (**F**). Graphs represent WT normalized and accumulated data

(n=3). Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's multiple comparison test was used for the statistical

analysis. Data are shown as mean ± SD. ****, P<0.0001. (**C**, **D**, **G**) Western blot analysis of

total cell lysates of cilia-BioID2 IMCD3 (**C**, **D**) or mCCD (**G**) cell lines. Blots were probed

with antibodies as indicated, GAPDH was used as loading control. Molecular mass markers

are shown in kDa to the left.

Figure 4. Conditional loss of DLG1 in mouse kidney leads to impaired ciliary

localization of SDCCAG3 and IFT20. (**A**, **B**) Immunofluorescence staining of SDCCAG3

(**A**) or IFT20 (**B**), both in yellow, and acetylated α-tubulin (AcTub, magenta) in kidney

sections from wildtype and *Pax3Cre-Dlg1$^{F/F}$* mice. (**C**) Quantification of relative MFI of

SDCCAG3 and IFT20 in cilia of wildtype and *Pax3Cre-Dlg1$^{F/F}$* mice, respectively. * denotes

P<0.05.

Figure 5. Loss of DLG1 affects ciliary composition in transwell filter-grown mCCD

cells. (**A**, **B**) Representative top (**A**) and side view (**B**) confocal images of transwell filter-

grown WT, *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ and mCh-DLG1 rescue mCCD cell lines. The cells were stained for E-

cadherin (green) and PALS1 (magenta) to visualize the basolateral membrane and apical-

lateral border, respectively. (**C**, **E**) IFM analysis of PC2 (**C**) or SDCCAG3 (**E**) (green) in

transwell filter-grown mCCD cell lines. Cilia were visualized with antibody against

acetylated tubulin (AcTub, magenta), and nuclei stained with DAPI (blue). Insets show

enlarged images of cilia, while the merged insets show primary cilia with channels shifted to

aid visualization. (**D, F**) Quantification of the relative MFI of PC2 (**D**) and SDCCAG3 (**F**)

along the cilium (right panels) and at the ciliary base (left panels). The graphs represent

normalized and accumulated data (n=3). The number of dots in each condition represents the

number of primary cilia quantified. The MFI of SDCCAG3 or PC2 was measured using the

fully automated MATLAB-based quantification. Statistical analysis utilized one-way

ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparison test. Data are shown as mean ± SD. ****,

P<0.0001.

Figure 6. A CAKUT-associated DLG1 missense variant fails to rescue ciliary phenotype

of *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ mCCD cells. (**A**) DLG1 protein domain structure and schematic representation and

localization of the human CAKUT-associated DLG1^{T489R} variant and the rat counterpart

(DLG1^{T507R}). (**B**) Western blot validation of stable expression of transgenic mutant mCherry-

DLG1 (mCh-DLG1^{T507R}) in mCCD cells using antibodies as indicated. (**C**, **F**) Quantification

of relative MFI of SDCCAG3 (**C**) and IFT20 (**F**) at the ciliary base of indicated mCCD cell

lines, based on images as shown in panels (**D**) and (**E**), respectively. Kruskal-Wallis test with

Dunn's multiple comparison test was used for statistical analysis. Data are shown as mean ±

SD (n=3). *, P<0.05; ***, P<0.001; ****, P<0.0001. In (**D**, **E**) ciliated mCCD WT and *Dlg1*$^{-}$

$^{/-}$ and mCherry-DLG1 rescue cells were analyzed by IFM with antibodies against SDCCAG3

(**D**) or IFT20 (**E**), both shown in green. Acetylated α-tubulin (AcTub, magenta) was used to

stain cilia; nuclei were visualized with DAPI (blue). Insets show enlarged images of cilia,

asterisks mark the ciliary base. The merged insets show primary cilia with channels shifted to

aid visualization. (**G**, **I**) Western blot analysis of total or phosphorylated (p) SMAD2 (**G**) and

TAK1 (**I**) upon stimulation with TGFβ-2 ligand for indicated times in growth-arrested mCCD

cells. (**H**, **J**) Quantifications of protein phosphorylation shown in panels (**G**, **I**), respectively.

Error bars represent means ± SD (n = 3).

Figure 7. Physical interactions between, DLG1, IFT20 and SDCCAG3. (**A**, **B**)

Immunoprecipitation with anti-GFP beads was performed in HEK293T cells transiently

expressing FLAG-SDCCAG3 (**A**) or FLAG-IFT20 (**B**) together with the indicated GFP-

fusions. Input and pellet fractions were subjected to SDS-PAGE and western blot analysis

using antibodies against FLAG or GFP, as indicated, and GFP expressed alone was used as

negative control. Molecular mass markers are indicated in kDa to the left. (**C**) Structural

prediction for the complex between MmSDCCAG3 (yellow) and MmIFT20 (cyan) in cartoon

representation (upper panel). The structure is predicted to be an anti-parallel hetero-dimer

coiled coil. The lower panel includes IFT54 showing its binding to IFT20 is mutually

exclusive with binding of SDCCAG3 to IFT20. (**D**) Proposed model for how DLG1 promotes

ciliary trafficking of SDCCAG3, IFT20 and PC2. Based on [9,11] and data presented in the

current study. CRE, common recycling endosome.

Reagent type (species) or resource	Designation	Source or reference	Identifiers	Additional information
Kidney tissue (*Mus musculus*)	*Pax3-Cre* strain with *Dlg1*$^{+/+}$ alleles	[36]	Wild type	C57BL/6J-CBA/J mixed background
Kidney tissue (*Mus musculus*)	*Pax3-Cre* strain with *Dlg1*$^{F/F}$ alleles	[36]	*Pax3Cre-Dlg1*$^{F/F}$	C57BL/6J-CBA/J mixed background
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	IMCD3 Flp-In	[40]	Wild type (parental)	
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ cilia-BioID2	[40]	Wild type	
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ BioID2	[40]	Wild type	
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	mCCD	[99]	Wild type (parental)	cl1 parental cells
Cell line (*Homo sapiens*)	HEK293T	ATCC	Cat. #CRL-3216	
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ DLG1-BioID2	This study	Pool	Generated by Flp-FRT recombination
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ cilia-BioID2 *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$	This study	Pool of knockout	Generated by CRISPR/Cas9 methodology
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ BioID2 *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$	This study	Pool of knockout	Generated by CRISPR/Cas9 methodology
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	mCCD *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$	This study	Clone A8	Generated by CRISPR/Cas9 methodology
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	IMCD3 Flp-In w/ cilia-BioID2 *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ w/ mCherry-DLG1	This study	Pool/rescue line	Generated by lentiviral transduction
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	mCCD *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ w/ mCherry-DLG1	This study	Pool/rescue line	Generated by lentiviral transduction
Cell line (*Mus musculus*)	mCCD *Dlg1*$^{-/-}$ w/ mCherry-DLG1^{T507R}	This study	Pool/mutant line	Generated by lentiviral transduction
Cell line (*Homo sapiens*)	hTERT-RPE1 w/SMO-tRFP	[87]	RPE1 SMO-tRFP	
Strain, strain	DH10B	Lab stock	N/A	

background (*Escherichia coli*)				
Sequence-based reagent	*M. musculus Dlg1* exon 5 sgRNA target sequence	Eurofins Genomics	sgRNA 1	5'-TTCTCCACAAGTCACAAATG-3'
Sequence-based reagent	*M. musculus Dlg1* exon 8 sgRNA target sequence	Eurofins Genomics	sgRNA 2	5'-TTGAGTCATCTCCAATGTGT-3'
Sequence-based reagent	*M. musculus Dlg1* exon 9 sgRNA target sequence	Eurofins Genomics	sgRNA 3	5'-TGCGATTGTATGTGAAAAGG-3'
Sequence-based reagent	*M. musculus Dlg1* exon 14 sgRNA target sequence	Eurofins Genomics	sgRNA 4	5'-GGGTCGATATTGCGCAACGA-3'
Sequence-based reagent	*M. musculus Gapdh* RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'-TGTCCGTCGTGGATCTGAC-3'; antisense 5'-CCTGCTTCACCACCTTCTTG-3'
Sequence-based reagent	*M. musculus 18S rRNA* RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'-GCAATTATTCCCCATGAACG-3'; antisense 5'-AGGGCCTCACTAAACCATCC-3'
Sequence-based reagent	*M. musculus Dlg1* RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'-CGAAGAACAGTCTGGGCCTT-3'; antisense 5'-GGGGATCTGTGTCAGTGTGG-3'
Sequence-based reagent	*M. musculus Dlg2* RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'-TGCCTGGCTGGAGTTTACAG-3'; antisense 5'-TTTTACAATGGGGCCTCCGC-3'
Sequence-based reagent	*M. musculus Dlg3* RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'-GAGCCAGTGACACGACAAGA-3'; antisense 5'-GCGGGAACTCAGAGATGAGG-3'
Sequence-based reagent	*M. musculus Dlg4* RT-qPCR primer sequence	Eurofins Genomics	N/A	sense 5'-GGGCCTAAAGGACTTGGCTT-3'; antisense 5'-TGACATCCTCTAGCCCCACA-3'
Sequence-based reagent	*Rattus norvegicus Dlg1* PCR primer	Eurofins Genomics	rDLG1.kpnI	5'-CCGGTACCCCGGTCCGGAAGCAAGATAC-3'
Sequence-based	*Rattus norvegicus Dlg1* PCR primer	Eurofins Genomics	rDLG1.notI	5'-CCGCGGCCGCTCATAATT

reagent				TTTCTTTTGCTGGGACCC AG -3'
DNA plasmid	pSpCas9(BB)- 2A-Puro (PX459) V2.0	Addgene	Cat. #62988, pSpCas9	Expression vector, CRISPR
DNA plasmid	gRNA 1/pSpCas9	This study	pSpCas9- gRNA 1	Expression vector, CRISPR
DNA plasmid	gRNA 2/pSpCas9	This study	pSpCas9- gRNA 2	Expression vector, CRISPR
DNA plasmid	gRNA 3/pSpCas9	This study	pSpCas9- gRNA 3	Expression vector, CRISPR
DNA plasmid	gRNA 4/pSpCas9	This study	pSpCas9- gRNA 4	Expression vector, CRISPR
DNA plasmid	*Mus musculus* SDCCAG3/ pCMV6-Myc- DDK	Origene	Cat. #MR217984, FLAG- MYC- SDCCAG3	Expression vector
DNA plasmid	*Homo sapiens* IFT20/ pcDNA5.1- 6xHis-3xFLAG- TEV	Made by Michael Tascher from Esben Lorentzen's lab using standard approaches as in [56]	HFT-IFT20	Expression vector
DNA plasmid	pEGFP-C1	Clontech	eGFP	Expression vector
DNA plasmid	*Mus musculus* IFT20/ pEGFP- N1	[13]	IFT20-eGFP	Expression vector
DNA plasmid	*Rattus norvegicus* DLG1/pEGFP- C1	[90]	eGFP-DLG1	Expression vector, DLG1 insert is isolated from rat brain [91]
DNA plasmid	pENTR220- mCherry-C1	[91]	N/A	Gateway entry vector
DNA plasmid	pCDH-EF1a- Gateway-IRES- BLAST	[91]	pCHD	Gateway destination vector for generating lentiviral expression vector
DNA plasmid	pMD2.G	[96]	N/A	Lentiviral packaging vector
DNA plasmid	pCMVΔ-R8.2	[96]	N/A	Lentiviral packaging vector
DNA plasmid	*Rattus norvegicus* DLG1/pENTR22 0-mCherry-C1	This study	pENTR220- mCherry- DLG1	Gateway entry vector, cloned in KpnI and NotI sites
DNA plasmid	*Rattus norvegicus* mCherry-DLG1/ pCDH-EF1a- Gateway-IRES- BLAST	This study	pCDH- mCherry- DLG1	Lentiviral expression vector, generated with Gateway LR reaction using pENTR220- mCherry-DLG1 and pCDH plasmids
DNA plasmid	*Rattus norvegicus* mCherry-	This study	pCDH- mCherry-	Lentiviral expression vector, Generated by GenScript

	DLG1^{T507R}/ pCDH-EF1a-Gateway-IRES-BLAST		DLG1^{T507R}	
Antibody	Anti-alpha-tubulin (mouse monoclonal)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat. #T5168	WB (1:10000)
Antibody	Anti-acetylated alpha-tubulin (mouse monoclonal)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat. #T7451	IFM (1:2000) IHC (1:2000)
Antibody	Anti-acetylated alpha-tubulin (rabbit monoclonal)	Abcam	Cat. #ab179484	IFM (1:2000)
Antibody	Anti-ARL13B (rabbit polyclonal)	Proteintech	Cat. #17711-1-AP	IFM (1:500)
Antibody	Anti-DLG1 (rabbit polyclonal)	Abcam	Cat. #ab300481	IFM (1:750) WB (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-DLG1 (rabbit polyclonal)	Thermo Scientific	Cat. #PA1-741	WB (1:600)
Antibody	Anti-E-Cadherin (rabbit polyclonal)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat. # 3195	IFM (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-FLAG (mouse monoclonal)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat. #F1804	WB (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-GAPDH (rabbit polyclonal)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat. #2118	WB (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-GFP (chicken polyclonal)	Abcam	Cat. #ab13970	WB (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-GFP (rabbit polyclonal)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat. #SAB4301138	WB (1:500)
Antibody	Anti-IFT20 (rabbit polyclonal)	Proteintech	Cat. #13615-1-AP	IFM (1:200) IHC (1:100) WB (1:500)
Antibody	Anti-PALS1 (mouse monoclonal)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat. #sc-365411	IFM (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-PC2 (rabbit polyclonal)	PKD Research Resource Consortium	N/A	IFM (1:1000) WB (1:600)
Antibody	Anti-PC2 (mouse monoclonal)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat. #sc-28331	IFM (1:500) WB (1:1000)
Antibody	Anti-SDCCAG3 (rabbit polyclonal)	Proteintech	Cat. #15969-1-AP	IFM (1:600) IHC (1:100) WB (1:1000)

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

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

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

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B Top 15 enriched GO Biological Process terms

Depleted proteins in the cilium

Proteins	GO term	Description
Dync2i2, Ift20, Ift43, Lca5, Traf3ip1	GO:0042073	Intraciliary transport
Cactin, Dab2ip, Erbin	GO:0032088	Negative regulation of NF-κB transcription factor activity
Pask, Prkaa1, Prkaa2, Trpv4	GO:0097009	Energy homeostasis
Axin1, Dap2ip, Map3k7, Tpd52l1, Trpv4	GO:0046330	Positive regulation of JNK cascade
Ccdc66, Cep350, Dync2i2, Sdccag3, Ift20, Ift43, Lca5, Traf3ip1, Unc119b	GO:0044782	Cilium organization
Ankrd17, Cactin, Dab2ip, Erbin, Rab11fip2	GO:0002221	Pattern recognition receptor signaling pathway
Ankrd17, Cactin, Dab2ip, Erbin, Rab11fip2	GO:0002758	Innate immune response-activating signaling pathway
Ccdc66, Cep350, Dync2i2, Sdccag3, Ift43, Traf3ip1, Unc119b	GO:0060271	Cilium assembly
Axin1, Dab2ip, Map3k7, Spry1, Tpd52l1	GO:0043405	Regulation of MAP kinase activity
Ankrd17, Cactin, Dab2ip, Map3k7, Tab2	GO:0043122	Regulation of IκB kinase/ NF-κB signaling
Axin1, Ccdc50, Ccdc66, Crybg3, Slc9a1, Usp53	GO:0007600	Sensory perception
Bicd2, Dync2i2, Ift20, Ift43, Lca5, Traf3ip1	GO:0010970	Transport along microtubule
Clasp1, Ift20, Plekhg3, Rab11fip2, Sipa1l3, Spry1	GO:0030010	Establishment of cell polarity
Bidc2, Ckap2, Clasp1, Patj, Prkaa1, Prkaa2, Traf3ip1, Trpv4	GO:0070507	Regulation of microtubule cytoskeleton organization
Cactin, Dab2ip, Prkar2b, Spry1, Srcin1, Traf3ip1	GO:0001933	Negative regulation of protein phosphorylation

Odds Ratio (10 → 0)

Enriched proteins in the cilium

Description	GO term	Proteins
Regulation of mitochondrial gene expression	GO:0062125	Trmt10c, Uqcc2
Antigen processing and presentation	GO:0019882	Pdia3, Psme1, Psme2
Protein localization to cytoplasmic stress granule	GO:1903608	Ssb, Ybx1
Regulation of nucleotide-excision repair	GO:2000819	Bcl7a, Bcl7b, Bcl7c, Smarcc2
Regulation of G0 to G1 transition	GO:0070316	Bcl7a, Bcl7b, Bcl7c, Smarcc2
Glial cell migration	GO:0008347	Idh2, Sun2, Syne2
G0 to G1 transition	GO:0045023	Bcl7a, Bcl7b, Bcl7c, Smarcc2
Nucleotide-excision repair	GO:0006289	Bcl7a, Bcl7b, Bcl7c, Rpa3, Smarcc2
Regulation of G1/S transition of mitotic cell cycle	GO:2000045	Bcl7a, Bcl7b, Bcl7c, Psme1, Psme2, Smarcc2
Positive regulation of stem cell population maintenance	GO:1902459	Bcl7a, Bcl7b, Bcl7c
Positive regulation of translation	GO:0045727	Rbsm3, Ssb, Trmt10c, Uqcc2, Ybx1
Regulation of cell cycle phase transition	GO:1901987	Bcl7a, Bcl7b, Bcl7c, Psme1, Psme2, Smarcc2, Wdr76
Regulation of mitotic cell cycle	GO:0007346	Bcl7a, Bcl7b, Bcl7c, Psme1, Psme2, Rpa3, Smarcc2
Regulation of cell differentiation	GO:0045595	Bcl7a, Bcl7b, Bcl7c, Idh2, Jund, Marcks, Smarcc2, Taf8, Uqcc2, Ybx1

Odds Ratio (0 → 10 → 20)

C Top 15 enriched GO Cellular Component terms

A

	WT	*Dlg1⁻/⁻*	*Dlg1⁻/⁻* w/ mCh-DLG1
MERGE			*shifted*
SDCCAG3			
AcTub DAPI	10 μm		

B

Relative levels of SDCCAG3 along the cilium

Relative fluorescence intensity (a.u.)

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WT *Dlg1⁻/⁻* *Dlg1⁻/⁻* w/ mCh-DLG1

C

WT *Dlg1⁻/⁻*

130 — DLG1
55 — SDCCAG3
15 — IFT20
35 — GAPDH

D

WT *Dlg1⁻/⁻* *Dlg1⁻/⁻* w/ mCh-DLG1

130 — DLG1
35 — GAPDH

E

	WT	*Dlg1⁻/⁻*	*Dlg1⁻/⁻* w/ mCh-DLG1
MERGE			*shifted*
SDCCAG3			
AcTub DAPI	10 μm		

F

Relative levels of SDCCAG3 at the ciliary base

Relative fluorescence intensity (a.u.)

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WT *Dlg1⁻/⁻* *Dlg1⁻/⁻* w/ mCh-DLG1

G

WT *Dlg1⁻/⁻*

130 — DLG1
55 — SDCCAG3
15 — IFT20
35 — GAPDH

A

B