Golgins support extracellular matrix secretion by collectively maintaining the
Golgi structure-function relationship

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Abstract

The secretion of extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins is vital to the maintenance of tissue health. One
major control point of this process is the Golgi apparatus, whose dysfunction causes numerous
connective tissue disorders. Golgi function is tightly linked to its structure, which is maintained by the
cytoskeleton and Golgi organising proteins. We sought to investigate the role of two of these
organising proteins, the golgins GMAP210 and Golgin-160, in ECM secretion. We found that loss of
either protein had distinct impacts on Golgi organisation. GMAP210 loss caused cisternal
fragmentation and dilation, alongside the accumulation of tubulovesicular structures. Meanwhile,
Golgin-160 knockout lead to Golgi fragmentation and vesicle build-up. Nonetheless, loss of each
protein had a similar impact on ECM secretion and glycosaminoglycan synthesis. We therefore
propose that golgins are collectively required to create the correct physical-chemical space to
support efficient ECM protein secretion and modification. This is the first time that Golgin-160 has
been shown to be required for ECM secretion.

Summary

In this study, Thompson *et al* demonstrate that two cis-Golgi golgins, GMAP210 and Golgin-160, have
distinct, non-redundant roles in maintaining Golgi organisation and that both are required to support
the efficient secretion, assembly, and modification of extracellular matrix proteins.

Introduction

The extracellular matrix (ECM) is a complex network of proteins, carbohydrate and mineral secreted
by cells to build a scaffold that forms the structural basis of most tissues. To date, current resources
describing the 'matrisome' have identified >1000 proteins associated with this compartment in
humans (Shao et al., 2023), explaining the capacity for extensive diversification of biochemical and
mechanical properties between tissue types. The most abundant family of ECM proteins are the
collagens. These proteins assemble to form the main structural components of connective tissues
alongside other fibre and network forming proteins such as fibronectin and elastin (Karamanos et al.,
2021). This assembly is supported by accessory factors like the proteoglycans (Couchman and Pataki,
2012), a diverse set of proteins characterised by the presence of at least one glycosaminoglycan
(GAG) chain which helps to promote tissue hydration and sequester signalling molecules (Gandhi and
Mancera, 2008). Meanwhile ECM turnover is regulated by secreted proteases (Arpino et al., 2015;
Lee and Murphy, 2004).

All newly synthesized ECM proteins must transit the secretory pathway to reach the extracellular
environment for assembly. As they do so, many are heavily modified, which alters their chemistry
and consequently the way in which they interact and assemble (Adams, 2023). Regulation of ECM
protein modification is therefore crucial to the assembly of a functional matrix. One of the main
compartments responsible for facilitating this process is the Golgi apparatus, which contains
enzymes catalysing modifications such as O-glycosylation, N- and O-linked glycan maturation,
proteolytic processing, phosphorylation, lipidation and sulphation (Potelle et al., 2015). Given this
central role in protein processing it is unsurprising that a great number of genes affecting Golgi
function have been linked to various connective tissue disorders (Hellicar et al., 2022).

Golgi structure is highly complex and tightly linked to its function. In mammalian systems it is
composed of a stack of flattened, fenestrated membranous compartments called cisternae, which
are laterally connected to form an interconnected Golgi ribbon (Lowe, 2011). These stacks are
polarised such that cargoes arriving from the ER enter the Golgi stack at the *cis*-face, transit through
the *medial* and *trans* compartments, and then get sorted before exiting the Golgi at the *trans* Golgi
network (TGN). Golgi resident enzymes are distributed across the cisternae with a *cis-trans* polarity
to support the successive addition of post-translational modifications to cargoes as they transit the
compartments (Rabouille et al., 1995; Tie et al., 2022). This distribution is maintained by intra-Golgi
vesicular transport which recycles enzymes between Golgi cisternae (Arab et al., 2024).

One of the major protein families responsible for maintaining Golgi organisation is the golgin family
(Barr and Short, 2003; Gillingham and Munro, 2016; Witkos and Lowe, 2015). These proteins project
coiled-coil domains into the cytosol from the Golgi surface to tether other Golgi membranes and
transport vesicles (Lowe, 2019; Wong and Munro, 2014). Specific golgins localise to distinct regions
of the Golgi organelle and this, combined with their affinity for different vesicles, confers

directionality and specificity to intra-Golgi traffic (Wong et al., 2017). We and others have shown that
one of these golgins, giantin, is required for the secretion of a healthy extracellular matrix. Loss of
giantin prevents proper processing of the procollagen type I N-propeptide (Stevenson et al., 2021),
impacts the abundance of ECM proteins (Katayama et al., 2018; Kikukawa and Suzuki, 1992), and
impairs GAG metabolism (Kikukawa et al., 1991a; Kikukawa et al., 1991b; Kikukawa et al., 1990).
These phenotypes are variable between animal models, but interestingly, always impact skeletal
development (Katayama et al., 2011; Lan et al., 2016; Stevenson et al., 2017; Suzuki et al., 1988).

Another golgin which has been linked to ECM deposition and skeletal development is GMAP210.
Mutations in the *TRIP11* gene encoding GMAP210 are causative of the human skeletal diseases
achondrogenesis type 1A and odontochondrodysplasia (Costantini et al., 2021; Del Pino et al., 2021;
Medina et al., 2020; Qian et al., 2021; Smits et al., 2010; Upadhyai et al., 2021; Wehrle et al., 2019;
Yeter et al., 2022). Interestingly, *Trip11* mutant mice have a similar phenotype to giantin mutant rats,
with both models showing neonatal lethal chondrodysplasia characterised by craniofacial defects,
shortened limbs and ribs, and delayed mineralisation of bone (Bird et al., 2018; Follit et al., 2008;
Smits et al., 2010; Yamaguchi et al., 2021). Loss of GMAP210 also impacts the secretion of specific
ECM proteins in a selective manner (Bird et al., 2018; Smits et al., 2010; Yamaguchi et al., 2021)

Altogether these studies suggest that extracellular matrix secretion is particularly susceptible to the
loss of at least two golgins, which appear to act non-redundantly in this context. This led us to
question the extent to which ECM deposition is sensitive to the loss of golgins more widely, and how
this relates to changes in Golgi organisation. To begin addressing this, we performed a comparative
study between GMAP210 and a third golgin, Golgin-160. Golgin-160 was chosen because it resides
on *cis*-Golgi membranes like GMAP210 (Hicks et al., 2006) but remains poorly characterised at a
functional level. Here we report that knockout of Golgin-160 has a similar impact on ECM
organisation and composition as GMAP210 loss. Golgi morphology on the other hand, is affected
differently, consistent with the two golgins acting in different ways to maintain Golgi homeostasis.
We therefore conclude that GMAP210 and Golgin-160 function non-redundantly to create the
correct physical and biochemical space to support the modification and secretion of complex ECM
molecules.

Results

Generation of golgin knockout cell lines

To test the role of different golgins on matrix secretion, we generated two GMAP210 and Golgin-160
knockout (KO) clones using CRISPR-Cas9 genome engineering. GMAP210 KO clone 1 was generated
using a gRNA targeting exon 4 of the *TRIP11* gene (Supplemental Figure 1A). This exon is common to
both predicted protein coding transcripts TRIP11-201 (Ensembl transcript ID ENST00000267622.8
Uniprot ID Q15643-1) and TRIP11-202 (ENST00000554357.5, H0YJ97) and so mutation should impact
all protein expression. The generated mutation was a single base pair insertion of alanine resulting in
a frame shift from position Glu^{114} and truncation at amino acid 155 (Supplemental Figure 1A).
GMAP210 KO clone 2 was generated using a gRNA targeting exon 1 of transcript TRIP11-202 and
upstream of the predicted start site of the longer transcript TRIP11-201. This resulted in a 10bp
deletion in the promoter region (Supplemental Figure 1A). Loss of protein expression was confirmed
in both clones by immunofluorescence using three different antibodies targeting the N- and C-
terminus of the GMAP210 protein (Supplemental Figure 1B) and western blotting (Supplemental

Figure 1C). Note trance amounts of protein could be detected with the C-terminal antibody
suggesting a truncation product may persist. Nonetheless, we considered this sufficient depletion for
further study.

Golgin-160 KO clones were generated using a gRNA targeting exon 20 of transcript GOLGA3-201
(ensemble ID ENST00000204726.9, Uniprot ID: Q08378-1). This is expected to mutate all predicted
transcripts encoding fragments larger than 44 amino acids. Mutation with this gRNA consistently
produced a single alanine insertion, resulting in frame shift at amino acid Glu^{1312} and truncation at
amino acid 1331 (Supplemental Figure 1A). Consequently, two clones with the same mutation were
carried forward for experiments to rule out clonal effects. Protein loss was confirmed by
immunofluorescence and western blotting, again with antibodies targeting both the N- and C-
terminus (Supplemental Figure 1D,E).

Loss of either GMAP210 or Golgin-160 causes changes in ECM assembly and organisation

To investigate the requirement for GMAP210 and Golgin-160 in ECM secretion and assembly, we
grew our new KO lines for a week in the presence of ascorbic acid to promote collagen secretion and
visualised the cell-derived ECM by immuno-fluorescence labelling. Co-labelling of two major fibrillar
ECM components, collagen type 1 and fibronectin, revealed an extensive network of highly aligned
and organised extracellular fibrils in wildtype (WT) cell cultures, with cell nuclei stretching along the
fibril axis (Figure 1A-D). In GMAP210 (Figure 1A-B) and Golgin-160 KO (Figure 1C-D) cell cultures on
the other hand, fibrils were identifiable, but they were less well ordered, showing poor alignment
and an increase in branching. To examine the structure of these fibrils more closely, the cell layer was
extracted, and the remaining cell-derived matrix was imaged by high-speed atomic force microscopy
(HS-AFM). Again, fibrils were less well organised in all golgin KO cultures (Figure 1E-F). They were also
thinner, however the periodicity of the collagen fibrils was largely unchanged, suggesting assembly of
collagen trimers into fibrils is normal but lateral interconnections between fibrils may be reduced.

The overall fluorescence intensity of collagen staining in the matrix appeared reduced in the KO
cultures. We therefore determined the abundance of collagen type I in lysate and matrix fractions of
cell cultures by immunoblotting against the Col1a1 chain. Col1a1 abundance in the lysate fractions of
mutant cultures was comparable to that of WT lysates when normalised to total protein, suggesting
expression is normal and collagen is not retained inside the cell (Figure 2A,Ci). Col1a1 abundance
was, however, reduced in the ECM fraction of all mutant lines when normalised against total cellular
protein (Figure 2B, Cii), suggesting it is not being efficiently incorporated into the insoluble matrix.
Collagen in the media was below the level of detection by this method.

ECM composition is altered following loss of GMAP210 and Golgin-160

To determine whether the observed changes in ECM organisation in the golgin KO cultures reflect
changes in ECM composition, the cell-derived matrix from WT and KO cultures was collected and
analysed by mass-spectrometry. Principal component analysis showed distinction between the WT
and Golgin-160 KO and between the KO matrix samples, but variation between repeats was high
(Supplementary Figure2A). Results were filtered against the matrisome database (Shao et al., 2023)
to indicate proteins specifically related to ECM structure and function. Overall, fewer proteins were
significantly impacted by loss of Golgin-160 than of GMAP210, however there was a great deal of
overlap between the KO lines (Figure 3). For example, laminin subunit gamma 1 (LAMC1), Laminin
subunit alpha 5 (LAMA5), hemicentin-1 (HMCN1), Latent Transforming Growth Factor Beta Binding

Protein 1 (LTBP1) and Transforming Growth Factor Beta 2 (TGFB2) were significantly reduced in
abundance in at least one Golgin-160 KO line as well as the GMAP210 KOs (Figure 3A-C). Conversely,
the abundance of fibrillins was increased in all KO lines (Figure 3A-C). Interestingly, Lysyl Oxidase Like
1 (LOXL1), which was upregulated in the GMAP210 KO ECM, was downregulated in Golgin-160 KOs,
and vice versa for Procollagen-Lysine,2-Oxoglutarate 5-Dioxygenase 1 (PLOD1, Figure 3A-C). This hints
at golgin specific changes in the post-translational modification of collagen. Altogether these data
show that both GMAP210 and Golgin-160 are required for the deposition of a well-organised ECM.
The similarity seen between ECM phenotypes in GMAP210 and Golgin-160 KO cells also
demonstrates the non-redundant nature of these golgins in this context and the broad susceptibility
of ECM cargoes to golgin loss.

GMAP210 and Golgin-160 are not required for procollagen processing

We have shown previously that KO of giantin disrupts procollagen processing (Stevenson et al.,
2021). To test whether impaired collagen processing is contributing to the ECM phenotypes reported
here too, we interrogated our ECM proteomics data set for peptides relating to collagen pro-
domains. Collagen type IV had the highest peptide count and therefore provided the most robust
analysis. Comparing the average peptide counts across the Col4a2 sequence we found no significant
increase in the number of peptides containing an intact N-propeptide cleavage site in the KO cultures
(N-propeptide overlap sequence, Supplemental Figure 2B and C), indicating that processing of
collagen type IV proceeds effectively in the absence of Golgin-160 and GMAP210. Expression of a
procollagen type 1 construct in which the N-propeptide is GFP tagged (McCaughey et al., 2019), also
revealed the presence of free collagen type I N-propeptide cleavage products in both WT and Golgin-
160 KO cells indicating successful cleavage (Supplemental Figure 2D). GMAP210 KO cells did not
tolerate procollagen type I over-expression and could not be tested. Altogether, these data indicate
that loss of GMAP210 or Golgin-160 does not phenocopy loss of giantin with respect to collagen
processing, and that this is not a contributing factor to the observed ECM phenotypes here.

Loss of GMAP210 or Golgin-160 leads to distinct changes in Golgi morphology

Having established that loss of GMAP210 or Golgin-160 has a similar impact on ECM deposition, we
next sought to determine the impact of golgin loss on Golgi organisation. Cells were labelled with
markers of the *cis-* and *medial*-Golgi and the *trans*-Golgi network (TGN). Golgi area and extent of
fragmentation were then measured (Figure 4A-D). Strikingly, each golgin KO had a different impact
on Golgi morphology. As previously reported (Bird et al., 2018; Sato et al., 2015; Smits et al., 2010;
Wehrle et al., 2019; Yamaguchi et al., 2022), loss of GMAP210 resulted in a clear compaction of Golgi
structures compared to wildtype cells (Figure 4A-B). The Golgi also appeared fragmented, although
this was difficult to quantify due to this compaction and poor definition of Golgi elements. In Golgin-
160 KO cells on the other hand, no consistent change in Golgi size was observed, but there was a
clear increase in Golgi fragment number (Figure 4C-D). In all KO lines, the *cis-trans* polarity of the
Golgi appeared to be maintained, although again this was harder to ascertain in the GMAP210 KO
cells (Figure 4A, C).

To better define the impact of KO on Golgi membrane organisation, higher resolution imaging was
performed using single-tilt electron tomography. For each cell line, 3D tomographic reconstructions
were generated (Supplemental movies 1-3) and a section of the Golgi was segmented to build a 3D
model of membrane organisation (Supplemental movies 1-3, Figure 4E-G). In these models,

membranes associated with the Golgi apparatus were grouped into four structural categories:
cisternae (blue), defined as laterally flattened, stacked membranous compartments; dilated
structures (red) - large volume structures lacking flattened regions; tubulovesicular structures
(yellow) - convoluted structures with interconnected regions of spherical and tubular shape; and
vesicles (green) – small, spherical structures.

In wildtype cells, as expected, we observed tightly stacked, evenly flattened, fenestrated cisternae
that were laterally connected to span lengths of tens of microns (Figure 4E). Dilated and
tubulovesicular structures were predominantly localised to the *trans* side of the Golgi in these cells,
with small numbers of vesicles concentrated at the cisternal rims and *trans*-Golgi face. In contrast,
although the Golgi was identifiable in GMAP210 KO cells, membranes were highly disordered (Figure
4F). The cisternae were mostly stacked, but they were short with no lateral connections and few
fenestrations, and many were dilated or had bulges along their length, particularly at the *cis*- and
trans- end of the stack. Some membranous structures resembling these dilated cisternae were also
observed near, but not part of, a stack but their origin and identity is hard to assign. Finally, in many
instances the cisternae were surrounded by extensive tubulovesicular structures interspersed with
vesicles that wrapped around the mini-stacks (Figure 4Fiii, iv). Some of these structures had tunnel
like indentations, which in cross-section appeared as internalised vesicles but were continuous with
the cytosol (Figure 4Fii-iii, open headed arrows). Note, we did not see any obvious ER swelling as has
been reported to occur in a cell type specific manner in some *in vivo* studies (Bird et al., 2018; Smits
et al., 2010; Yamaguchi et al., 2021). Despite the similarity of the tubulovesicular membranes to
ERGIC membranes (Appenzeller-Herzog and Hauri, 2006), we did not see any gross changes to
ERGIC53 distribution in these cells at the light level (Supplementary Figure 3A). To conclude, the
geometry and organisation of Golgi membrane is severely perturbed in the absence of GMAP210 in a
way that is suggestive of both structural and trafficking defects.

Examination of Golgin-160 KO cells showed well stacked, tightly flattened cisternae that remained
juxtanuclear as in wildtype cells (Figure 4G). However, consistent with the immunofluorescence data,
there were very few lateral connections between cisternae meaning membranes were fragmented
into closely apposed ministacks rather than forming a classical ribbon architecture (Figure 4Gi, pink
brackets). Cisternae also appeared to have internal vesicles or holes unlike control cells (Figure 4Gii,
double headed arrows). Strikingly, there was a clear accumulation of vesicular structures in the area
surrounding the cisternal rims, as well as both the *cis*- and *trans*-Golgi face (Figure 4Gv). This
coincided with a high incidence of spherical structures attached to the membranes of cisternal rims
that resembled frustrated vesicle budding or fusion profiles (Figure 4Gii, pink arrow). Intriguingly,
budding vesicles were also frequently observed at the nuclear envelope (Figure 4Giii, closed head
arrows). Although the accumulating vesicles were reminiscent of COPI vesicles with an electron
dense coat, we were unable to observe any gross changes in COPI localisation at the light level by
immunofluorescence and individual puncta could not be distinguished in the Golgi region
(Supplemental Figure 3B). In conclusion, loss of GMAP210 or Golgin-160 has a different impact on
Golgi structural organisation.

Loss of either GMAP210 or Golgin-160 leads to reduced secretion of ECM components and regulators

Given the clear disruption to Golgi organisation in our knockout lines, we decided to look at secretion
more generally. Cells were grown in serum-free medium overnight, before collecting the media to
analyse the abundance of soluble secreted proteins by mass spectrometry. Three independent

replicate samples were collected for all WT and KO lines and analysed simultaneously by 15-plex
tandem-mass tagging mass spectrometry. The sum of raw abundance revealed replicate one to have
contained more protein and thus pair-wise comparisons within replicates were chosen over averages
(Supplemental Figure 4A). Principal component analysis reiterated the need for paired analysis with
PC1 and 2 separating the samples by replicate, however good separation was observed at PC3 and
PC4 between WT, Golgin-160 KO and GMAP210 KO lines, with individual clones clustering together
for each KO. This indicates genotype is a key contributor to variance and highlights variation between
secretomes in each line (Supplemental Figure 4B). The two individual KO clones for each golgin were
pooled using a linear regression model to increase statistical power. Log-fold change in protein
abundance was plotted against p-value to identify proteins whose secretion is significantly altered in
KO cultures compared to WT (Figure 5).

In total, 482 proteins and 427 proteins showed altered raw abundance ($p<0.05$) in the secretome of
GMAP210 KO and Golgin-160 KO cultures respectively compared to wild-type cells (Figure 5A,
Supplemental Figure 4C). GO term analysis revealed that the top 15 biological pathways affected in
both golgin KO samples included collagen fibril and extracellular matrix organisation, consistent with
the ECM defects described above, as well as cell adhesion and migration (Supplemental Table 1).
Proteins involved in osteoblast and chondrocyte differentiation were also impacted by golgin loss.
This was not surprising for the GMAP210 KOs given the skeletal phenotypes reported in animal
models and human disease (Bird et al., 2018; Costantini et al., 2021; Del Pino et al., 2021; Follit et al.,
2008; Medina et al., 2020; Qian et al., 2021; Smits et al., 2010; Upadhyai et al., 2021; Wehrle et al.,
2019; Yamaguchi et al., 2021), but intriguingly, a similar effect was seen following loss of Golgin-160,
which has not been reported to cause a skeletal phenotype in mice (Banu et al., 2002; Bentson et al.,
2013). Pathways associated with proteolysis and signalling appeared to be impacted by the loss of
Golgin-160 specifically (Supplemental Table 1).

Examination of the individual proteins most heavily affected by loss of each golgin shows a clear
depletion of ECM components and regulators in the media of both KO cultures, with a high degree of
overlap between GMAP210 and Golgin-160 KOs (Figure 5A - proteins impacted in the same way by
each KO circled blue, Supplemental Figure 4C). For example, the protein family showing the greatest
depletion in both mutant media fractions were the proteoglycans. Biglycan (BGN), decorin (DCN),
versican (VCAN) all showed reduced abundance in both KO samples, with aggrecan (AGRN) also
depleted in the Golgin-160 KO and testican (SPOCK1) impacted in the GMAP210 KOs. This suggests
the proteoglycans are particularly susceptible to Golgi dysfunction (Figure 5A – proteins in green).
Collagen types IV, V and VI, fibronectin (FBN), and nidogen 2 (NID2) also showed reduced abundance
in the media from both KO lines compared to WT (Figure 4A). Similarly, the secretion of matrix
regulating enzymes such as FAM20C Golgi Associated Secretory Pathway Kinase (FAM20C) and
PLOD2, as well as signalling molecules like TGFb, Growth Differentiation Factor 6 (GDF6) and LTBP2,
was significantly downregulated in both KOs. Surprisingly, the protein showing the greatest increase
in secretion in both KO lines was the intracellular protein Rho GDP Dissociation Inhibitor Beta
(ARHGDIB), indicating aberrant translocation to the extracellular space.

As well as these similarities, we also observed many golgin-specific changes in this data set (Figure
5A - proteins circled in purple differentially impacted by each KO, Supplemental Figure 4C). For
instance, thrombospondin secretion is more greatly affected in GMAP210 KO cultures, whilst Golgin-
160 KO cells fail to efficiently secrete numerous additional ECM proteins and regulators like laminins

and TIMP metalloproteases. Several components of the complement system also showed reduced
secretion in the Golgin-160 KO cell lines implying this pathway may be impaired following Golgin-160
loss (Figure 5Aii and Supplemental Figure 4C). Overall, most proteins impacted by Golgin-160 loss
showed reduced rather than increased abundance in culture media. In GMAP210 KO cells on the
other hand, there were a significant number of proteins showing increased secretion, although these
tended not to be ECM components. Of note, several lysosomal enzymes were released from
GMAP210 KO cells suggesting either poor sorting at the Golgi or increased lysosome secretion
(Figure 5Aii and Supplemental Figure 4C). In conclusion, although the secretion of a large subset of
ECM proteins is broadly susceptible to loss of golgin function, there are also cargoes that show
specificity with respect to their reliance on particular golgins.

Golgin KOs induce changes in gene expression for some secreted proteins

Changes in secreted protein abundance in cell culture medium could arise due to altered gene
expression of the cargos or altered trafficking to the cell surface. To test the former, we performed
RT-PCR to measure the expression of cargo proteins identified in the secretome analysis. The
proteins showing the greatest negative and positive fold change in abundance in the media of the KO
cells were biglycan and ARHGDIB respectively. Consistent with this, we found that the expression of
mRNA encoding each protein mirrored these changes, with biglycan expression reduced and
ARHGDIB expression increased in KO clones (Figure 5B,C). To determine whether gene expression
correlated with secretion more widely, three more targets were tested by RT-PCR: THBS1, which is
only affected in GMAP210 KO cells; PLOD1, which is only impacted by Golgin-160 loss; and FAM20C,
which shows reduced secretion in both KO lines. The expression of FAM20C was reduced in all KO
clones, in line with secretion (Figure 5D). However, PLOD1 expression was not significantly altered in
any of the KO lines (Figure 5E) and THBS1 expression was not consistently impacted (Figure 5F). Gene
expression levels therefore did not fully predict secretion patterns for all targets, suggesting golgin
loss can lead to changes to ECM secretion in different ways.

Biglycan trafficking is unaffected by golgin loss

We next wanted to determine the direct impact of our golgin mutations on cargo transport and
modification. For this we focused on biglycan as the protein showing the greatest fold change in
secretion in all lines. Stable cell lines were generated expressing a construct encoding biglycan
tagged with both mScarlet and a streptavidin binding protein (SBP) to allow live imaging of
exogenous biglycan transport under the control of the RUSH trafficking system (Boncompain et al.,
2021). In this system, tagged biglycan is expressed alongside a streptavidin-tagged ER hook, which
binds the SBP tag on the biglycan and holds it in the ER. The addition of biotin prior to imaging is
then used to outcompete this interaction and release biglycan for anterograde trafficking. In these
experiments, the ER hook (not fluorescently labelled) is transiently expressed on a bi-cistronic vector
that also encodes BFP-tagged Mannosidase-II (MannII-BFP) to provide a Golgi marker.

In the absence of ER hook, stably expressed BGN-SBP-mSc was localised to both the ER and Golgi in
all cell lines (Supplemental Figure 5). After transient transfection with the ER hook, successful
anchoring of the tagged biglycan was confirmed by localisation of fluorescence to the ER at steady
state (Figure 6Ai, Bi, Ci T 00:00). Upon the addition of biotin, biglycan began to accumulate in
cytoplasmic punctae, presumed to be ER exit sites, before moving towards the Golgi region in
punctate carriers (Supplemental Movies 4-6, Figure 6Aii, Bii, Cii). Arrival at the Golgi region occurred

approximately 14 minutes after biotin addition in all cases (Figure 6D). Here, the biglycan signal
initially accumulated adjacent to the ManII-BFP labelled structures, but then showed increasing
colocalization with ManII-BFP as it progressed through the stack (Supplemental Movies 9-11, Figure
6Ai, Bi, Ci). Finally, approximately 20 minutes after arrival at the Golgi, the emergence of post-Golgi
carriers carrying biglycan to the cell periphery was readily observed (Figure 6Aiii, Biii, Ciii, E). Overall,
transport kinetics were similar in all lines tested (Figure 6D,E), suggesting biglycan secretion is
unimpeded by loss of GMAP210 or Golgin-160, at least in an over-expression bulk transport system.
The changes in Golgi organisation observed in KO lines do not therefore significantly impact general
cargo transport.

Post-translational modification of biglycan is impaired in golgin KO cell lines

The inter-connectivity of Golgi cisternae and their spatial organisation is important to support and
optimise the function of Golgi resident enzymes that post-translationally modify cargoes (Zhang and
Wang, 2016). ECM proteins are often highly modified and these modifications are important to their
assembly (Adams, 2023). We therefore sought to determine whether the disruption to Golgi
organisation in our mutants impacts ECM protein modification, which may in turn contribute to
assembly defects. Proteoglycans are heavily modified by the addition of large, sulphated GAG chains,
making them highly susceptible to Golgi dysfunction. We therefore continued to focus on biglycan as
a model cargo.

To look for changes in modification, cells stably expressing BGN-SBP-mSc were grown in serum free
media overnight before collecting the media and lysate fractions of cultures for western blotting.
Immunoblotting for both biglycan and the mScarlet tag showed that exogenous biglycan is secreted
by all mutant lines (Figure 7A), consistent with the RUSH assays. Furthermore, the ratio of
intracellular to extracellular protein was maintained, suggesting secretion rates are similar (Figure
7B). We did, however notice a shift in the molecular weight distribution of secreted biglycan in
mutant cultures. In WT conditioned media, secreted BGN-SBP-mSc was identifiable as a broad band
at around 250 kDa, with a small amount of protein running at 150kDa. In all KO lines however, a
higher proportion of the protein ran at the lower molecular weight (Figure 7A). Calculation of the
normalised ratio of 250 kDa vs 150 kDa protein confirmed this observation (Figure 7C). Blotting with
the higher affinity RFP antibody also showed the presence of fully unmodified BGN-SBP-mSc at
75kDa in the media fraction, which was again secreted to a greater extent by KO cells (Figure 7A).
These data suggest biglycan post-translational modification is perturbed in a similar way in the
absence of either golgin.

To better understand the nature of the biglycan modification defect, we first assessed N-glycosylation
by subjecting secreted BGN-SBP-mSc to digestion by PNGase F, which cleaves N-glycan chains. After
treatment, an identical small shift in biglycan molecular weight was observed in all samples
indicating that this modification is intact in KO cultures (Figure 7D). Note, digestion had little impact
on the higher molecular weight bands suggesting N-glycosylation does not contribute a significant
amount to the mass of these biglycan forms. On the other hand, treatment of immunoprecipitated
biglycan with chondroitinase ABC which digests GAG chains, did result in the loss of all higher and
mid-molecular weight forms (Figure 7E). Interestingly, there was some resistance to digest in the
GMAP210 KO clones that we attribute to altered modifications affecting enzyme-substrate affinity.
Thus, we conclude that glycanation of biglycan is defective in the golgin KO cells.

One Golgi organisational feature common to both GMAP210 and Golgin-160 KO lines is
fragmentation of the Golgi ribbon. To test if this would be sufficient to impair GAG chain synthesis,
we fragmented the Golgi in our cell lines using the microtubule depolymerising agent nocodazole
and repeated our secretion assays. Consistent with other studies (Harada et al., 2024), drug
treatment impaired BGN modification in WT cells (Figure 7F). Surprisingly however, we also found
that nocodazole treatment exacerbated the GAG modification defects in mutant cells, suggesting the
observed fragmentation in KO lines was not fully pervasive. Overall, our studies show that GAG chain
synthesis is impaired in the absence of both golgins tested.

Discussion

In this study we show that loss of two *cis*-Golgi localised golgins causes distinct changes to Golgi
morphology and function that ultimately lead to similar defects in ECM secretion, assembly and
organisation. This is the first time that loss of Golgin-160 has been shown to impact ECM deposition
and highlights the broad susceptibility of ECM cargoes to golgin loss. Altogether our data suggest
that the impact of golgin depletion on ECM assembly is manifold, with gene expression, protein
secretion, protein modification and ECM turnover all affected.

This study provides the most in-depth characterisation of Golgi structure in the absence of GMAP210
to date. In agreement with previous reports, we observed that loss of GMAP210 results in
compaction of Golgi structures in the peri-nuclear region, fragmentation of the Golgi ribbon and
cisternal dilation (Bird et al., 2018; Sato et al., 2015; Smits et al., 2010; Wehrle et al., 2019;
Yamaguchi et al., 2021). We also note the concurrent unstacking of cisternae and build-up of
tubulovesicular membranes in the peri-Golgi region. Altogether, this is indicative of a severe, general
disruption to Golgi membrane dynamics. In 2014, Wong *et al* demonstrated that GMAP210 tethers
GalNAcT2 containing vesicles and supports the correct localisation of the golgins giantin and GCC88
(Wong and Munro, 2014). Its loss may therefore impact enzyme sorting and transport directly, whilst
indirectly triggering a cascade of problems in membrane trafficking by causing the mis-localisation of
other Golgi organising proteins.

Loss of Golgin-160 did not seem to affect Golgi stacking or cisternal flattening, however there was a
clear build-up of transport vesicles. Unfortunately, we were unable to confirm whether these were
COPI vesicles at the light level as individual vesicles could not be distinguished in the peri-Golgi
region. Regardless, the large number of vesicles in the peri-Golgi region in KO cells is consistent with
a loss of vesicle tethering function, which may explain the large number of cargoes negatively
impacted by Golgin-160 loss. A second feature of Golgi organisation in Golgin-160 KO cells was
fragmentation of the Golgi ribbon. It has been reported that Golgin-160 recruits dynein to Golgi
membranes (Yadav et al., 2012). Microtubules are required to support lateral tethering of cisternae,
and thus reduced motor and microtubule recruitment in the absence of Golgin-160 may underly this
phenotype. Note, we did not observe the Golgi positioning or anterograde transport defects
reported previously in another system (Yadav et al., 2012).

In humans, severe and hypomorphic mutations in the Trip11 gene encoding GMAP210 cause
achondrogenesis type 1A (ACG1A) and odontochondrodysplasia (OCDC) respectively, (Costantini et
al., 2021; Del Pino et al., 2021; Medina et al., 2020; Qian et al., 2021; Upadhyai et al., 2021; Wehrle
et al., 2019). These diseases are characterised by skeletal abnormalities such as shortened ribs and
cranial-facial malformations. Study of *Trip11* KO mouse models has ascertained that a primary driver

of pathology is defective ECM secretion during skeletal development (Bird et al., 2018; Follit et al.,
2008; Smits et al., 2010; Yamaguchi et al., 2021). Here we report a comparable attenuation of ECM
secretion in our GMAP210 KO epithelial lines, with many of our phenotypes recapitulating those of *in*
vivo and patient studies, including impaired collagen fibrillogenesis (Yamaguchi et al., 2021) and
diminished production of highly glycanated proteoglycans (Wehrle et al., 2019). Interesting, skeletal
dysplasia has not been reported in existing studies of *Golga3/Golgin-160* mutant mice (Banu et al.,
2002; Bentson et al., 2013; Matsukuma et al., 1999), which seems incongruous with the similarities
seen here between GMAP210 and Golgin-160 KO ECM defects. Compensatory mechanisms often
mask severe phenotypes in golgin mutant animal models, which may explain this discrepancy
(Bergen et al., 2017). Whether more subtle *in vivo* phenotypes, such as altered bone mass density
will be found with more extensive investigation remains to be determined.
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Golgin-160 negatively impacted the secretion of a greater number of ECM components than
GMAP210, including several laminins and metalloproteases. This implies it has a greater impact on
transport. Consistent with this, Golgin-160 has been shown to bind to the Golgi-associated PDZ
domain containing protein PIST/GOPC (Hicks and Machamer, 2005), which supports transport of
cargoes to the plasma membrane. More specifically, the anterograde trafficking of the membrane-
bound GLUT4 transporter (Williams et al., 2006) and β4 adrenergic receptor (Hicks et al., 2006) has
been shown to require Golgin-160. Our results expand the list of golgin-160 dependent cargoes in
the context of soluble protein secretion and show that extracellular matrix components are
particularly affected.
Overall, whilst Golgin-160 KO had a primarily negative impact on general secretion, more than half of
the cargoes impacted by GMAP210 loss showed increased secretion in KO cells compared to WT.
Interestingly this was not the case for ECM proteins, which were almost always negatively impacted.
One family of proteins specifically impacted by GMAP210 KO were the lysosomal enzymes
cathepsins, four of which were aberrantly secreted by KO cells. This raises the possibility that the
increased abundance of certain proteins in GMAP210 KO culture medium may stem from sorting
defects. Interestingly, secreted cathepsins have been implicated in ECM degradation (Vidak et al.,
2019; Vizovisek et al., 2019). Of note, two of those identified here (cathepsins B + K) have been
shown to cleave targets such as SPARC (Podgorski et al., 2009), collagen type IV (Guinec et al., 1993),
and fibronectin (Guinec et al., 1993), which were all reduced in abundance in the same KO media.
Whether secreted cathepsins are contributing to the ECM phenotypes observed here therefore
remains an intriguing open question, especially considering their potential as drug targets if found to
contribute to disease pathology (Jangra et al., 2024).
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Proteoglycans appear particularly susceptible to the loss of both GMAP210 and Golgin-160, with KO
affecting both gene expression and glycanation of biglycan. The biosynthetic pathway for GAG chains
serves as an excellent example of the importance of Golgi organisation (Hellicar et al., 2022; Ricard-
Blum et al., 2024). Chains are built by enzymes organised sequentially across the Golgi stack and
competition between enzymes determines which types of GAG chains are built. Consequently, chain
chemistry is determined by relative enzyme abundance, enzyme distribution, and trafficking speeds,
making it particularly sensitive to a variety of Golgi perturbations (Adusumalli et al., 2021; Ahat et al.,
2022; Chang et al., 2013). In our case, a common structural feature in both GMAP210 and Golgin-160
KO lines is Golgi fragmentation. Previously, this has been shown to disrupt the balance of GAG chain

species (Ahat et al., 2022; Harada et al., 2024) and reduce overall GAG sulphation (Ahat et al., 2022).
We also find that nocodazole-induced Golgi fragmentation in RPE1 cells impairs biglycan GAG
modification. Interestingly, nocodazole treatment of our mutant lines exacerbated glycan defects,
suggesting that Golgi fragmentation is not fully pervasive. It is therefore worth considering the role
of other golgin-specific changes to Golgi morphology.

The most prominent feature of Golgin-160 KO cells was the accumulation of transport vesicles. Loss
of the COPI-binding COG complex has previously been shown to interfere with GAG chain length
(Adusumalli et al., 2021), presumably due to impaired enzyme recycling. Thus, disruption to vesicular
transport may contribute to glycan assembly defects in Golgin-160 KO cells. Meanwhile, a striking
feature of GMAP210 KO cells was cisternal dilation, a feature also seen following the treatment of
cells with actin destabilising drugs (Lazaro-Dieguez et al., 2006). One such drug, cytochalasin B, also
inhibits proteoglycan synthesis without impacting secretion (Lohmander et al., 1979). Thus, cisternal
dilation may contribute to glycan under-modification in the KO cells, perhaps by impacting the
frequency with which membrane-bound enzymes interact with soluble luminal cargo and so
reducing the efficiency of modification. Overall, it seems likely that the combined effect of different
perturbations to Golgi homeostasis in each mutant cell line contribute to impaired glycanation.

In conclusion, we propose that golgins have distinct, non-redundant functions but work collectively
to create the correct physical and biochemical space to support efficient ECM protein secretion and
modification.

Figure Legends

Figure 1 – Extracellular matrix organisation is altered in golgin mutant cultures

A, C. Confocal maximum projection images of unpermeabilised WT, GMAP210 KO (A) and Golgin-160
KO (C) RPE1 cell cultures immunolabelled for extracellular collagen type I (green), fibronectin-1
(magenta) and nuclei (DAPI, blue). Scale bars 10 µm. **B, D.** Quantification of fibril characteristics
measured from images represented in (A,C). Individual dots represent mean of each biological
replicate (n=4) and bars represent median of all experiments. **E.** Decellularised ECM from WT,
GMAP210 KO and Golgin-160 KO cell cultures imaged by HS-AFM. Images are representative 10 x 10
raster scans from biological replicates (n=3). Scale bars 10 µm. **F.** Quantification of fibril
characteristics measured from images represented in (E). Individual dots are measurements from
each tile in the raster scan, with each biological replicate colour coded (n=4). Bars represent median
of all experiments. **B ,D, F.** Data were subjected to a Shapiro Wilk test for normality and then a
nested one way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Dunnet's test for multiple comparisons to
generate p values.

Figure 2 – Collagen deposition in the matrix is impaired in golgin mutant cells

A. Immunoblot for Col1a1 and total protein stain after SDS-PAGE of medium (M) and lysate (L)
samples taken from wildtype and golgin mutant cultures. **B.** Immunoblot for Col1a1 and total protein
stain after SDS-PAGE of the cell derived matrix extracted from wildtype and golgin mutant cultures.
C. Quantification of Col1a1 intensity normalised against total cellular protein for **i.** lysates samples as

represented in A and **ii.** matrix samples as represented in B. Dots show individual experiment result
(n=3), bars show mean and standard deviation. Data were subjected to a Shapiro Wilk test for
normality and then a nested one-way ANOVA with Dunnet's test for multiple comparisons to
generate p values.

Figure 3 – Extracellular matrix composition is altered in golgin KO cells

A-B. Volcano plots showing log-fold change in cell-derived matrix protein abundance from GMAP210
KO (A) or Golgin-160 KO (B) cells compared to WT. Red-labelled points represent proteins with
significantly changing abundance, with Benjamini-Hochberg false discover rate (FDR) corrected *p*-
values < 0.05, n=3. Only proteins categorised as 'matrisome' are represented on these plots (Naba
2011). Results for two different clones per gene are shown (i,ii). **C.** Heat map comparing protein
abundance changes between the two different golgin KOs after pooling both clones. Red and blue
indicate increased and decreased abundance respectively. Colour intensity is determined by average
log-fold change across mutants compared to WT.

Figure 4 – Golgi organisation is altered upon loss of GMAP210 or Golgin-160.

A, C. Maximum projection confocal images of WT and GMAP210 KO (A) and Golgin-160 KO (C) RPE1
cells immunolabelled for cis-Golgi (GM130, magenta), cis-medial-Golgi (Giantin, green) and trans
Golgi network (TGN46, blue) markers. Nuclei labelled with DAPI (greyscale). Scale bar 10 μm. Inset
scale bar 1 μm. **B, D.** Quantification of total giantin and TGN46 area and fragment number per cell
from images represented in (A,C). Individual dots represent one cell and are coloured by replicate
(n=3). Bars show the median from each replicate experiment. Statistical analysis performed using
Shapiro-Wilk normality test and Kruskall-Wallis significance test. **E-G.** Tomographic reconstructions of
Golgi structures in WT (E), GMAP210 KO (F), and Golgin-160 KO (G) cells. Segmented membranes are
labelled as cisternae (blue/purple), dilated structures (red), tubulovesicular structures (yellow), and
vesicles (green). **Eii, Fii-iii, Gii-iii** Single slice images with segmentation. **Fii-iii** Open arrows point to
invaginations within spherical regions of tubulovesicular structures. **Gii-iii** Double headed arrows
indicate top to bottom fenestrations in cisternae, closed headed arrows indicate budding structures
at the nuclear envelope, pink arrow shows frustrated budding/fusion intermediate. **Ei, iii-iv, Fi, iv, v,**
Gi, iv, v. 3D rendering of segmentation. **E-Gi.** Scale bar 1 μm.

Figure 5 – General secretion is differentially impacted by loss of GMAP210 or Golgin-160

A. Volcano plots showing log-fold change in protein abundance in the media from KO versus WT
cultures plotted against significance across three independent replicate experiments. The results
from the two golgin KO clonal cell lines were pooled to increase power. Lines and dot colours on the
graph are for p<0.06 and >1 or <-1 LogFC. Triangular points show hits which pass an FDR corrected
p<0.05. Structural ECM proteins (i), ECM regulators (ii) and other proteins of interest (iii) have been
highlighted. Proteins significantly changed in the same way in both KO cultures are labelled in dark
blue whilst proteins impacted in a golgin specific way are labelled in purple. The proteoglycan family
is indicated by green text. **B-F.** RT-PCR analysis of gene expression of (B) BGN, (C) ARHGDIB, (D)

FAM20C, (E) PLOD1, and (F) THBS1. Expression levels normalised to expression of housekeeping gene
YWHAZ. Individual data points represent biological replicate experiments (n=3-4). Bars show mean
and standard deviation.

Figure 6 – Biglycan trafficking in golgin KO cells

A-D. Biglycan RUSH assay in WT (A), GMAP210 KO (B) and Golgin-160 KO (C) cells stably expressing
BGN-SBP-mSc (magenta) and transiently transfected with an ER hook (not visible) and Mannosidase
II-BFP (green) prior to experiment. **A-C.** Single plane confocal images taken from time-lapse movies
of biglycan transport after release from the ER by biotin addition at T 00:00. Time post biotin
addition is indicated in top left corner as mm:ss. **Ai, Bi, Ci.** White arrows highlight the emergence of
post-Golgi carriers. Scale bar 10 µm. **Aii, Bii, Ciii.** Crop showing incidence of ER-Golgi transport of
biglycan as highlighted by arrow. Scale bar 1 µm. **Aiii, Biii, Ciii.** Crop showing incidence of post-Golgi
transport of biglycan with carrier highlighted by arrow. Scale bar is 1 µm. **D.** Quantification of ER-
Golgi transport, measured as time between biotin addition and the appearance of biglycan signal
adjacent to Mannosidase II-BFP label. **E.** Quantification of Golgi transit time, measured as the time
between biglycan enrichment adjacent to mannosidase II-BFP signal and the emergence of a visible
post-Golgi carrier. **D-E.** All quantification performed on live movies as represented in A-C. Individual
data points represent individual cells imaged across six independent experiments, bars show mean
and standard deviation. **D.** Data were subjected to a Shapiro Wilk test for normality (failed) and then
a nested one way ANOVA with Kruskall-Wallis test. **E.** Data were subjected to a Shapiro Wilk test for
normality (passed) and then a nested one way ANOVA with Dunnet's test for multiple comparisons
to generate p values.

Figure 7 – Biglycan is under-modified in golgin KO cells

A. Western blots of media (M) and lysate (L) samples taken from WT, GMAP210 KO and Golgin-160
KO cells stably expressing BGN-SBP-mSc, probed with anti-RFP and anti-biglycan antibodies. **B.**
Quantification of the ratio between extracellular (M) and intracellular (L) biglycan in WT and KO
cultures, as determined by densitometry of the blots shown in (A). **C.** Quantification of the ratio
between 250kDa and 150kDa BGN bands present in the blots represented in (A). **B-C.** Dots represent
measurements from independent experiments, bars show mean and SD. Data were subjected to a
Shapiro Wilk test for normality (passed) and then a nested one way ANOVA with Dunnet's test for
multiple comparisons to generate p values. **D-E.** Western blots of medium and lysate samples from
WT and KO lines stably expressing BGN-SBP-mSc. Collected samples were treated with PNGase F (D)
or chondriotinase ABC (E) prior to SDS-PAGE. Blots probed with antibodies targeting the mSc tag. **D.**
Arrows depict undigested (top) and PNGaseF digested (bottom) core protein. **F.** Western blots of
medium and lysate samples from WT and KO lines stably expressing BGN-SBP-mSc. Media were
collected 5 hours after the addition of DMSO (control) or nocodazole to cultures. Immunoblot for
mSc tag (RFP).

Supplemental Table 1 – GO term analysis of golgin Secretome data

Proteins that showed significantly altered abundance in KO cell derived media compared to WT
conditioned media (p value < 0.01) were entered into the DAVID knowledgebase
(https://david.ncifcrf.gov/tools.jsp) and analysed against the Biological pathways GO-BP-DIRECT list
for Gene Ontology term enrichment. The 15 GO terms showing the most significant enrichment, as
determined by p-value, are presented here.

Supplementary Figure 1 – Generation of CRISPR-Cas9 mutant lines

A. CRISPR design and resulting mutations in chosen knockout clones. Top lines show gene sequence
in wildtype (WT) and mutant (KO) clones with encoded amino acid sequence underneath. Purple
lines indicate gRNA target sequence, scissors point to predicted Cas9 cut site, red letters in KO
sequences indicate mutagenic base pair insertions, purple letters in WT sequence indicate base pairs
deleted in the mutant lines. Green amino acids are mutagenic changes arising after frameshift in KO
lines and * denotes a premature stop codon. **B.** Maximum projection widefield images of WT and
GMAP210 KO lines immunolabelled as indicated. GMAP210 antibodies were raised against amino
acids 14-148 (N-term GMAP210), 159-365 (GMAP210), and 1760-1855 (C-term GMAP210). **C.**
Western blots of WT and GMAP210 KO cells probed with an antibody targeting amino acids 14-148
or GMAP210 (central well is an unsuccessful clone - X). **D.** Maximum projection widefield images of
WT and Golgin-160 KO clones labelled with GM130 (green, *cis*-Golgi) and Golgin-160 (magenta). **D.**
Western blot analysis of WT and Golgin-160 KO cell lysates probed with Golgin-160 antibodies and
tubulin and GAPDH as loading controls. **D, E.** Golgin-160 N-terminal and C-terminal antibodies raised
against amino acids 1-350 and 1436-1498 respectively.

Supplemental Figure 2 – Matrisome analysis in mutant cells

A. Principal component analysis of the mass spectrometry experiment shown in Figure 3. **B, C.** The
Col4a2 sequence was split into its structural features, abundances of relevant peptides were
averaged within each feature and plotted for each mutant. Total Col4a2 abundance was normalised
across conditions to investigate peptide level variation. N=3. **D.** Western blots of media (M) and
lysate (L) fractions from WT and Golgin-160 KO cell cultures stably expressing pro-SBP-GFP-COL1A1.
Blots probed with the LF39 antibody targeting the N-terminal propeptide domain of procollagen type
I and GAPDH as a housekeeping protein.

Supplementary Figure 3 – Early secretory pathway organisation in golgin mutants

A-B. Confocal maximum projection images of WT and golgin KO cell lines stained for cis/medial Golgi
membranes (giantin, magenta) markers and either ERGIC (ERGIC53, green) (A) or COP1 (βCOP, green)
structures (B). Scale bars 10 μM.

Supplemental Figure 4 – Secretome analysis in mutant cells

A. Log2 sum of raw peptide abundance in each proteomics replicate from the secretome analysis
shown in Figure 5. **B.** Principal component analysis of the secretome data sets represented in Figure

5. **C.** Heat map comparing protein abundance changes between the two different golgin KOs in the
secretome experiment. Red and blue indicate increased and decreased abundance respectively,
intensity of colour is determined by average log-fold change across mutants compared to WT.

Supplementary Figure 5 – BGN-SBP-mSc localisation in mutant cells

A. Widefield maximum projections of cells stable expressing BGN-SBP-mSc (blue) and
immunolabelled for the ERGIC (ERGIC53, green), cis/medial Golgi (giantin, magenta) and TGN
(TGN46, greyscale). Scale bar in main image 10 μm and insert 1 μm.

Supplemental Movie 1 – Golgi reconstruction and segmentation in WT cell

Electron tomographic reconstruction of a 250 nm section through a WT cell showing an organised
interconnected Golgi ribbon. Segmentation of a section of this ribbon shows cisternal membranes
(labelled in blue/purple), dilated structures at the TGN (red), tubulovesicular structures (yellow), and
vesicles (green). Movie shows slices running top-bottom-top through the section, then top to bottom
adding the segmentation, followed by a zoom and rotational views of the 3D segmented structures.
Movie runs at 40 frames per second.

Supplemental Movie 2 – Golgi reconstruction and segmentation in GMAP210 KO2 cell

Electron tomographic reconstruction of a 250 nm section through a GMAP210 KO2 cell showing
scattered and dilated Golgi structures. Segmentation of two closely apposed Golgi stacks shows
cisternal membranes (labelled in blue/purple), dilated structures (red), tubulovesicular structures
(yellow), and vesicles (green). Movie shows slices running top-bottom-top through the section, then
top to bottom adding the segmentation, followed by a zoom and rotational views of the 3D
segmented structures. Movie runs at 40 frames per second.

Supplemental Movie 3 – Golgi reconstruction and segmentation in Golgin-160 KO2 cell

Electron tomographic reconstruction of a 250 nm section through a Golgin-160 KO2 cell showing a
fragmented Golgi, with stacks surrounded by vesicles. Segmentation of one stack shows cisternal
membranes (labelled in blue/purple), dilated structures at the TGN (red), tubulovesicular structures
(yellow), and vesicles (green). Movie shows slices running top-bottom-top through the section, then
top to bottom adding the segmentation, then a zoom and rotational views of the 3D segmented
structures. Movie runs at 40 frames per second.

Supplemental Movie 4 – Biglycan RUSH in WT cell

Spinning disc confocal timelapse movie of a biglycan RUSH assay in a WT cell. Cells are stably
expressing BGN-SBP-mSc (magenta) and transiently expressing KDEL-streptavidin (unlabelled) and

Mannosidase-II-BFP (green). Movie begins 15 minutes after biotin addition (time after biotin
indicated in top left (mm:ss). One frame taken every 500 ms. Scale bar 10 μm.

Supplemental Movie 5 – Biglycan RUSH in GMAP210 KO2 cell

Spinning disc confocal timelapse movie of a biglycan RUSH assay in a GMAP210 KO2 cell. Cells are
stably expressing BGN-SBP-mSc (magenta) and transiently expressing KDEL-streptavidin (unlabelled)
and Mannosidase-II-BFP (green). Movie begins 15 minutes after biotin addition (time after biotin
indicated in top left (mm:ss). One frame taken every 500 ms. Scale bar 10 μm.

Supplemental Movie 6 – Biglycan RUSH in Golgin-160 KO2 cell

Spinning disc confocal timelapse movie of a biglycan RUSH assay in a Golgin-160 KO2 cell. Cells are
stably expressing BGN-SBP-mSc (magenta) and transiently expressing KDEL-streptavidin (unlabelled)
and Mannosidase-II-BFP (green). Movie begins 10 minutes after biotin addition (time after biotin
indicated in top left (mm:ss). One frame taken every 500 ms. Scale bar 10 μm.

Methods

Cell culture

Telomerase immortalised human retinal pigment epithelial cells (hTERT-RPE1) were purchased from
the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) and grown in DMEM-F12-HAM (Life technologies
#11320-033) supplemented with 10% decomplemented fetal calf serum (FCS, Gibco A5256701),
passaging 1:10 every 3-4 days. HEK293T cells used for making lentivirus were grown in DMEM
(D5796) supplemented with 10% FCS. Transient transfections of RPE1 cells were performed using
Lipofectamine 2000 (Invitrogen catalog #11668027) and 2 μg DNA per 35 mm dish according to the
manufacturer's instructions. Stable cell lines were generated using Lenti-X™ Packaging Single Shots
kit (Takara, #631275) according to kit instructions and as described in the next section.

Generating knockout cell lines

Transfection with RNPs: To generate GMAP210 KO lines the IDT ALT-R™ CRISPR system was used
according to the manufacturer's protocols. Two crRNAs with sequences ATCCTGGAGTGCAATCTGTC
(designed by IDT and targeting exon 4) and TATTTGGTCGGATCGCCCGG (designed by Benchling
targeting exon 1) were ordered from IDT. To duplex the gRNAs, 1 μl of 1 nmol/μl Alt-R™ CRISPR-Cas9
crRNA and 1 μl of 1 nmol/μl Alt-R™ CRISPR-Cas9 tracrRNA (IDT #1072533) were mixed with 98 μl
duplex buffer (IDT #1072570) and heated to 95°C for 5 minutes before cooling on the bench. Alt-R™
S.p. Cas9 Nuclease V3 (IDT #10010588 LOT 000088243) was diluted to 1 μM in Cas9 working buffer
(20 nM HEPES, 150 nM KCl pH 7.5). To make the RNP, 1.5 μl duplexed gRNA + 1.5 μl 1 μM Cas9 + 0.6
μl Cas9 PLUS reagent (Invitrogen™ Lipofectamine™ CRISPRMAX™ #CMAX00001) + 21.4 μl optiMEM
were mixed per transfection. RNP mixes were left for 5 minutes at room temperature then 25 μl RNP
mix + 1.2 μl CRISPRMAX (Invitrogen™ Lipofectamine™ CRISPRMAX™ #CMAX00001) + 23.8 μl of
optiMEM (Gibco #31985-070) were added to a well of a 96 well plate. This was left to incubate for 20
minutes at room temperature. Meanwhile RPE1 cells were trypsinised, counted, centrifuged at 1000
xg for 3 minutes and then resuspended at a concentration of 20000 cells per 100 μl. After the 20-

minute transfection incubation, 100 µl cell suspension (20000 cells) was added to the wells and
plates put at 37°C 5% CO2. Cells were then expanded, and successful gene knockout was determined
by immunofluorescence staining of transfected cells.

Transfection with lenti-CRISPR: Golgin-160 KO lines were generated using lentiCRISPRv2 constructs.
To make the construct, two single stranded oligos targeting exon 20 of the GOLGA3 gene (transcript
GOLGA3-101 on ensemble) plus vector overhangs were ordered from IDT. Sequences: F1: 5'
CACCGCTGGACTTGACGGAGCAGCA 3' R1: 5' AAACTGCTGCTCCGTCAAGTCCAGC 3' (red is gene
targeting). Oligos were annealed in T4 ligation buffer (NEB #B0202A) with T4 PNK (NEB M0201S) for
30 minutes at 37°C followed by a 5-minute incubation at 95°C and cooling by ramping down to 25°C
at 5°C/minute. Annealed oligos were ligated into the lentiCRISPRv2 vector (Addgene Plasmid
#52961) overnight using T4 ligation buffer (NEB #B0202A) and T4 ligase (NEB #M0202S). Ligations
were transformed into One Shot™ Stbl3™ Chemically Competent *E. coli* (Invitrogen™ #C737303)
according to the manufacturer's instructions and bacterial cultures grown on ampicillin
supplemented agar plates (BD #214530). Successful ligation was determined by extracting constructs
with a QIAprep spin mini-prep kit (QIAGEN #27106) from bacterial colonies, followed by sequencing
(MWG Eurofin). The plasmid was then transfected into HEK293T cells using the Lenti-X™ Packaging
Single Shots kit (Takara Bio # 631278) according to kit instructions. After 48 hours, virus was
harvested and 8 µg/ml polybrene (Santa Cruz Technology sc-134220) added to a 1 ml aliquot. Media
was aspirated from a 6 cm dish of RPE1 cells and the virus aliquot added to cells for incubation for 1
hour at 37°C. DMEM-F12-HAM supplemented with 8 µg/ml polybrene was then added to cells and
cultures were incubated for 48 hours at 37°C. Transfected cells were selected at the next passage by
supplementing media with 10 µg/ml puromycin dihydrochloride (Santa-cruz technologies sc-
1080701). Successful gene editing was determined by immunofluorescence staining of transfected
cells.

Making clones: To identify gene edited cells, CRISPR/Cas9 transfected cell lines were single cell
sorted into a 96 well dish. Clones were expanded and KO confirmed by immunofluorescence and
western blot. DNA was extracted from confirmed KO clones using a PureLink genomic DNA mini kit
(Invitrogen #K1820-02) and the CRISPR target region was amplified by PCR using Q5® Hot Start High-
fidelity 2x master mix (NEB #M0493L) according to manufacturer's instructions and touch down PCR
programme: 1) 95°C for 3 minutes, 2) melt at 95°C for 25 seconds, 3) anneal at 72°C for 25 seconds,
4) extension at 72°C for 45 seconds, 5) repeat steps 2-4 reducing the annealing temperature by 0.5°C
per cycle x 20 cycles, 6) melt at 95°C for 25 seconds, 7) anneal at 72°C for 25 seconds, 8) extension at
72°C for 45 seconds 9) repeat steps 6-8 x25 10) 72°C 5 minutes 11) 4°C hold.

Golgin-160/GOLGA3 genotyping primers: Fwd 5'TGGGAGGTGGATCAGAAAGA3' Rev
5'ACCCTCCCATTTGCTGTAGT3'. GMAP210/TRIP11 genotyping primers for exon 4: Fwd 5'
GTTGATAGAGGACCATCATTGGA 3' Rev 5' TACACCAGCTCCTGAAGGTA 3'. GMAP210/TRIP11 primers
for exon 1: Fwd 5'TTCGTGGGAATGAGCAGAAG3' Rev 5' CAAGAGGAGGTGTGTGAAGAAA3'.

PCR products were purified using Qiaquick PCR purification kit (QIAGEN #28104) and A-tailed by
mixing 3 µl PCR product + 1 µl 10x Thermopol buffer (NEB M0267S) + 0.2 µl ATP + 1 µl Taq
polymerase and incubating the reaction at 70°C for 30 minutes. This reaction was then ligated into
pGEM t-easy vector with T4 ligase and T4 ligation buffer (Promega #A1360) so that individual alleles

could be sequenced. Sequencing was performed by MWG Eurofins using their stock T7 forward
primer.

Cloning and constructs

To make BGN-SBP-mSc, two gene blocks were designed using Hifi NEBuilder to encode the required
tagged biglycan protein plus accompanying flanking sequences for sequential assembly into the
pLVXNeo vector (Takara Bio #632181) using the NEB HiFi assembly system. The tagged biglycan
coding region consisted of the biglycan mRNA sequence (transcript ID: ENST00000331595.9, CCDS:
CCDS14721) followed by linker GSAGSAAGSGEF (Waldo et al., 1999), the streptavidin binding
protein sequence, linker GGGGSGGGGS, and the mScarlet-i coding sequence. pLVXNeo was digested
with XhoI (NEB #R0146S) in NEB 3.1 10x buffer (NEB #B7203S) for 15 minutes at 37C and then BsmBI-
V2 (NEB #R0739S) was added for a second digest at $55^{\circ}C$ for 20 minutes. Reactions were heated to
$80^{\circ}C$ for 20 minutes to inactivate enzymes. Gene block 1 was assembled into the digested vector
with the Hifi assembly mix (NEB #E2621), and then the plasmid was transformed into NEB 5-alpha
cells (C2987H), both according to manufacturer's instructions. Colonies were grown up in LB plus
ampicillin and plasmids were extracted using a QIAprep spin mini-prep kit (QIAGEN #27106).
Successful assembly of insert into vector was confirmed by test digest with BsrGI and BamHI and
sequencing. This intermediate vector was then digested with XhoI and assembled with the second
block and confirmed as before.

Design of StrKDEL-IRES-mannosidase II-mTagBFP2 is detailed in (McCaughey et al., 2021) and
available on Addgene (Plasmid #165460). Design of the pro-col1a1-SBP-GFP plasmid is detailed in
(McCaughey et al., 2019) and available on Addgene (Plasmid #110726).

Preparation of the cell derived matrix

To collect the cell derived matrix, cells were grown to confluence (either on coverslips or plastic) and
their media supplemented with 50 µg/ml L-ascorbic acid-2-phosphate (Sigma-Aldrich A8960) for a
further 7 days. Cells were then washed in PBS and the cell layer removed by incubation with pre-
warmed extraction buffer (20 mM NH_4OH (Sigma-Aldricth #221228) and 0.5% Triton X-100) for three
minutes at room temperature. The dish was then washed three times with dH_2O and incubated with
10 µg/ml DNase I (Roche) diluted in reaction buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.6, 2.5 mM MgCl2, and 0.5
mM CaCl2) for 30 min at $37^{\circ}C$. After a further 3 washes in water, the cell derived matrix was either
fixed for staining or AFM imaging, or collected in sample buffer for assay (see appropriate section).
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769 *Primary Antibodies*

Target	Company	Catalogue #	Lot #	Immunogen	Dilution	Fix
Golgin-160 C-term	Abcam	ab96080	GR323647	Human GOLGA3 aa 1400 to C-terminus	IF 1:1000 WB 1:500	PFA/MeOH
Golgin-160 N-term	Proteintech	21193-1-AP	00014538	1-350 aa encoded by BC142658	IF 1:1000 WB 1:500	PFA/MeOH
GMAP210 C-	Sigma	HPA070684	R98121	MLDDVQKKLMSLA NSSEGKVDKVLMR	IF 1:500	PFA/MeOH

term	prestige			NLFIGHFHTPKNQR HEVLRLMGSILGVR REEMEQLFHDDQG SVTRWMTGWLGG GSKSVPNTPLRPNQ QSV		
GMAP210 N-term	Sigma prestige	HPA002570	A95744	QSLGQVGGSLASLT GQISNFTKDMLME GTEEVEAELPDSRTK EIEAIHAILRSENERL KKLCTDLEEKHEASE IQIKQQSTSYRNQLQ QKEVEISHLKARQIA LQDQLLKLQSAAQS VPSGAGVPATTASSS FAY	IF 1:500	PFA/MeOH
GMAP210	Bd Bioscience	BD611712	47539	Full length protein	IF 1:1000	PFA/MeOH
TGN46	Bio-rad	AHP500	170720	Full length human protein	IF 1:1000	PFA/MeOH
Giantin	Covance	PRB-114C	Clone 19243. B23348	N-terminus, residues 1-469, of human giantin	IF 1:2000	PFA/MeOH
GM130	BD Bioscience	*BD610823, RRID:AB_3981 42*	3161628	Rat GM130 aa. 869-982	IF 1:1000	PFA/MeOH
Biglycan	Abcam	ab188508	Gr2a5102.3	Proprietary information	WB 1:500	-
RFP (mScarlet)	Chromotek	6G6-100	51020014AB	Full length protein	WB 1:1000	-
bCOP	Sigma	G6160	asceites	synthetic peptide D1 of β-COP (a.a. 701-715)	IF 1:200	MeOH
LMAN1/ERGIC53	Invitrogen	MA5-25345	WH3358331	Full length human protein	IF 1:1000	MeOH
Fibronectin	Sigma	F7387	Unknown	fibronectin from human plasma	IF 1:1000	-
Collagen type 1	Novus Biologicals	NB600-408, RRID:AB_1000 0511	38825	Collagen I from human and bovine placenta	IF 1:1000 WB 1:500	PFA
A-Tubulin	Sigma aldritch	T5168; RRID:A B_477579	Unknown	Sarkosyl-resistant filaments from *Strongylocent rotus purpuratus* (sea urchin) sperm axoneme	WB 1:2000	-

Immunofluorescence and fixed cell microscopy

For antibody labelling, cells grown on autoclaved coverslips (Menzel #1.5, Fisher Scientific) were fixed

with 4% PFA (Fisher-Scientific P/0840/53) for 10 minutes followed by permeabilisation for 10 minutes

with 0.1% Tx100 (Sigma-Aldritch #X100) at room temperature. For ER antibodies, cells were fixed

with MeOH (Sigma-Aldritch #32213) for 3 minutes at -20°C. Cells were then blocked with 3% BSA

(Sigma-Aldritch #A9647) for 30 minutes before incubation with primary antibody for 30 minutes,

three washes with PBS, and incubation with Alexa Fluor conjugated secondary antibody (Invitrogen).

After a further three washes, cells were labelled with DAPI (4,6-diamidino-2-phenylindole; Life

Technologies, D1306) for two minutes, washed in PBS, and mounted on glass slides in MOWIOL 4-88

(Calbiochem #475904). For immunolabelling of extracellular matrix, cells were PFA fixed and stained

without permeabilization. Collagen and fibronectin fibrillar features were analysed using the matrix

analysis Fiji macro TWOMBLI (Wershof et al., 2021).

Widefield images of fixed cells were taken using an Olympus IX70 microscope with 60x 1.42 NA oil-

immersion lens, Exfo 120 metal halide illumination with excitation, dichroic and emission filters

(Semrock, Rochester, NY), and a Photometrics Coolsnap HQ2 CCD, controlled by Volocity 5.4.1 (Perkin

Elmer). Chromatic shifts in images were registration corrected using TetraSpek fluorescent beads

(Thermo Fisher). Images were acquired as Δ0.2 μm *z*-stacks.

Confocal microscopy was performed using one of two systems. One, a Leica SP5II AOBS (Acousto-

Optical Beam Splitter) confocal laser scanning microscope equipped with 50mW 405nm laser, 150

mW Argon laser, 20mW solid state yellow laser, 20 mW Red He/Ne diode laser, photomultiplier tube

detectors and a 63x HCX PL APO CS oil objective. Or two, a Leica SP8 AOBS (Acousto-Optical Beam

Splitter) confocal laser scanning microscope equipped with 65 mW Argon laser, 20 mW DPSS yellow

laser, 10 mW Red He/Ne and 50 mW 405 nm diode laser, hybrid detectors, and a 63x HC PL APO CS2

oil objective. Images were acquired at 1024 × 1024 x-y resolution, averaging three line scans per

channel, using LAS X software. Image stacks were taken with Δz of 0.2 μm.

Golgi area and fragmentation were measured from confocal images using an image J macro with the

following procedures: Subtract background (rolling ball size 20), apply median filter (radius

determined individual experiments), apply threshold (set for each experiment), make binary, analyse

particles (size >0.1).

Electron microscopy

Cells were grown to confluence in 35mm dishes and then fixed *in situ* in 2.5% glutaraldehyde/0.1 M

cacodylate buffer for 20 minutes. Cells were then washed with 0.1 M cacodylate buffer for 10

minutes and fixed in 1% OsO4, 1.5% potassium ferro-cyanide, 0.1 M cacodylate buffer for 60

minutes. Cells were then washed with 0.1 M cacodylate buffer twice, and with water twice for 10

minutes each. To negative stain, cells were incubated with 3% uranyl acetate for 20 minutes and

washed again with water. Samples were then dehydrated by successive 10-minute incubations with

70%, 80%, 90%, 96% and 100% EtOH. After a second 100% EtOH incubation, all EtOH was removed

and approximately 1ml of a 50:50 mix of propylene oxide and epon was added to the dish. Samples

were placed on a rocker for two hours. This was exchanged with 100% epon before placing resin

stubs in the dish and baking the samples at 70°C for two days. Stubs were extracted from the dish

and trimmed. Ultrathin sections of 70 nm were cut using a diamond knife and a UC6 ultramicrotome

(Leica Microsystems) and incubated with 10 nm gold nanoparticles to act as fiducials (Sigma-Aldrich

#752584). Sections were imaged using a Tecnai20 LaB6 200k kV twin lens transmission electron

microscope (FEI) to collect a tilt series between -70° and +70° using a dedicated Fischione

tomography holder and FEI software. Tomograms were reconstructed using IMOD© software.

Alignment was computed using fiducial tracking and tomograms generated using 10 iterations with
SIRT-like filter reconstruction. Segmentation was performed using Amira 2019.3 software.

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Cells were grown on coverslips and the cell derived matrix processed as above and then fixed in 4%
PFA (Fisher-Scientific P/0840/53) for 10 minutes at room temperature. Coverslips were rinsed with
deionised water to remove salt crystals visible in the HS-AFM images and mounted onto SEM stubs.
Excess water was blown off with compressed gas and samples were stored at room temperature
prior to HS-AFM imaging. Imaging was performed with a HS-AFM (Bristol Nanodynamics) and a
MSNL -10 cantilever chip (Bruker). One hundred images in 10 x 10 raster scans were collected in
three different areas of each coverslip. Imaging and analysis of the samples was performed blind.
Fibrillar features were analysed from the images of one raster scan from each biological replicate
(n=3) with the matrix analysis Fiji macro TWOMBLI (Wershof et al., 2021). Identical TWOMBLI
parameters were used for all samples. Periodicity was determined by extracting the peak profiles
along fibrillar structures using Gwyddion 2.60. The period was calculated using Excel and data
displayed/analysed with Graphpad Prism 10.0.2.

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Live imaging of RUSH assays

For live imaging RUSH experiments, cells stably expressing BGN-SBP-mSc were grown to confluence
in 35 mm Mattek glass bottom imaging dishes (MatTek P35G-1.5-20C) and transiently transfected
with ManII-BFP_IRES_KDEL-streptavidin (McCaughey et al., 2021) 24 hours prior to imaging. To
image, growth media was replaced with 1 ml pre-warmed Fluorobrite DMEM (Thermo-Fisher
Scientific; A1896701) and dishes were mounted on an Olympus IXplore spinning disk system in a light
excluding environmental control chamber (PECON) at 37°C. At T0, 1 ml fluorobrite media containing
80 µM biotin was added to the dish (final concentration 40 µm) and imaging immediately started,
taking 120 frames every 10 seconds followed by 4800 frames every 500 ms. Data were acquired
using a 60x oil immersion lens with 1.5 numerical aperture, Hamamatsu Fusion BT sCMOS cameras,
diode lasers, TruFocus drift compensation, and Olympus CellSens imaging software. The frame at
which mScarlet signal could first be seen accumulating adjacent to the BFP signal was used to
measure transit to Golgi time. The frame in which a tubular carrier could first be seen emerging from
the BFP signal (that then continues to the periphery) was used to calculate Golgi transit time.

Secretion assays

To perform secretion assays, cells were seeded in 6 well dishes and grown to confluence before
aspirating their growth medium and replacing this with 1ml serum-free DMEM F12-HAM. After
overnight incubation at 37°C/5% CO2, cells were put on ice, the media was collected into eppendorfs
and the cell layer washed with ice cold PBS. Cells were then lysed in RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH
7.5, 300 mM NaCl, 2% Triton X-100, 1% deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS, 1 mM EDTA) containing protease
inhibitors (Millipore #539137) on ice for 15 minutes on a rocker. Media samples were centrifuged at
2000 xg for 2 minutes at 4°C to remove dead cells and the supernatant collected. RIPA lysates were
scraped up into eppendorfs and centrifuged for 10 minutes at 13000 xg/4°C and the supernatant
collected. Media and lysates were then mixed with 4x Bolt™ LDS sample buffer (Invitrogen™
#B0007), boiled for 10 minutes at 70°C and run on SDS-PAGE gels as below.

For nocodazole secretion assays, cell media was replaced with 1ml serum-free DMEM F12-HAM
supplemented with 20 µM nocodazole or an equivalent volume of DMSO as vehicle control for 5
hours. Beyond this point cells were beginning to round and longer collections were not possible.
Media and lysates were then collected as normal.

For normal cell lysate collection and western blotting, cells were lysed in RIPA buffer and processed
as above. For cell-derived matrix samples, prewarmed sample buffer with reducing agent was added
to the dish after cell extraction (above), the dishes were scraped and the buffer collected and boiled
for 10 minutes at 70°C.

Deglycosylation assays

WT and KO cells stably expressing BGN-SBP-mSc were grown to confluence in a 150 mm dish and
media exchanged for serum free media 16 hours prior to experiment. Media was then collected into
falcon tubes on ice and spun at 1200 rpm for 2 minutes to pellet out cells. The supernatant was
collected, supplemented with a protease inhibitor cocktail (Millipore #539137) and BGN-SBP-mSc
extracted by RFP trap. To trap, a 60 µl aliquot of Chromotek RFP-trap® agarose beads (Chromotek
#rta) was washed 3x in a falcon tube with dilution buffer (10mM Tris/Hcl pH7.4, 50mM NaCl, 0.5mM
EDTA), centrifuging for 2 minutes at 2000 rpm at 4°C each time to pellet the beads for buffer
exchange. On the final wash, all buffer was removed and the media supernatant added to the beads.
Beads and sample were mixed on a rotator at 4°C for 2 hours. Tubes were spun at 2700 xg for 2
minutes at 4°C to pellet the beads and the media removed. Beads were then washed 3x as before in
dilution buffer supplemented with protease inhibitors. After the removal of the final wash, the beads
were purged.

For digest with PNGase (kit, NEB P0704S), 10x glycoprotein denaturation buffer was diluted to 1x
with water and then 80 µl of this added to the bead pellet. Beads and buffer were transferred to an
Eppendorf tube and then heated at 100°C for 10 minutes. Samples were then put on ice for 10
seconds before centrifuging them at 2700 xg for 2 minutes. A 60 µl aliquot of the supernatant was
transferred to a new tube to act as an undigested control. The remaining 20 µl were transferred to a
new tube and contents were digested by adding 4 µl 2x Glycobuffer 2, 4 µl 10% NP40, 10 µl of water,
and 2 µl of PNGase F and incubating the mix at 37°C for one hour. Samples were cooled to room
temperature, mixed with 4x Bolt™ LDS sample buffer (Invitrogen™ #B0007) and analysed by SDS-
PAGE as below.

For digest with Chondroitinase ABC (Merck Life Science Limited), bead pellets were resuspended in
200 µl dilution buffer (50 mM Tris HCl pH8, 60 mM sodium acetate, 0.02% BSA) and heated at 65°C
for 30 minutes to heat inactivate any residual proteases. Of this suspension, 100 µl was then taken
and 0.3U chondroitinase ABC added (digested sample). The remaining 100 µl was left untreated
(undigested). All samples were incubated at 37°C overnight. 4x Bolt™ LDS sample buffer (Invitrogen™
#B0007) was added, and samples boiled at 70°C ready for western blotting as below.

Western blotting

Samples were run in Bolt 4-12% bis-tris gels with MOPS running buffer for 40 minutes at 130 V. They
were then transferred to 0.2 µM nitrocellulose membranes and blocked with 5% milk-TBST. Primary
antibody incubations were run overnight at 4°C, then membranes were washed with TBS-0.05%
tween (Sigma-Aldrich) and incubated with HRP- (Jackson ImmunoResearch) or fluorophore-

conjugated (Invitrogen) secondary antibodies for 2 hours prior to imaging by enhanced
chemiluminescence (Promega ECL) and autoradiography films (GE Healthcare) or by fluorescence
imaging (LiCor Odyssey) respectively. For collagen blotting, samples were ran on NuPAGE 3-8% tris-
acetate gels at 120 V for 1 hour and transferred onto 0.45 μm PVDF membranes overnight at 12 V
and 4 °C. Membrane total protein staining was performed with a total protein stain kit (Licor).
Quantification of band intensity was performed with image J or Empiria Studio 3.0.

Matrisome proteomics

Cells were grown in 15 cm dishes for one week in the presence of 50 μg/ml L-ascorbic acid-2-
phosphate (Sigma-Aldrich A8960). Cells were then extracted and the cell derived matrix was
collected by adding 1 ml PBS to the plate and scraping for 30 seconds. Samples were transferred to
tubes and frozen at -20°C prior to processing.

Lysis buffer (10% sodium dodecyl sulfate (Sigma Aldrich) in 50 mM TEAB (Sigma-Aldrich)
supplemented with protease and phosphatase inhibitors) was added (1:1 v/v). Samples were
sonicated using a Covaris LE220+ sonicator using a 40 W lysis programme with 100 cycles per burst, a
duty factor of 40% and a peak incident power of 500 W. Next, 50 μg of protein was reduced and
alkylated using DTT (final concentration 5 mM) and IAA (final concentration 15 mM) respectively.
Samples were acidified with H_3PO_4 (1.2% final concentration), then 7 volumes of Binding buffer (90%
methanol, 10% distilled water; 100 mM TEAB) was added and the samples were loaded onto S-Trap
columns (ProtiFi) according to the manufacturer's protocol.

Column-bound proteins were washed in Binding buffer and then digested with 5 μg of 0.8 μg/μL
trypsin solution (Promega) diluted in Digestion buffer (50 mM TEAB at pH 8.5). Peptides were eluted
from the column in 65 μL Digestion buffer, 65 μl 0.1% formic acid (FA) in distilled water and finally
with 30 μL 0.1% FA, 30% acetonitrile (ACN, Sigma). Peptides were desalted using Oligo R3 resin beads
(Thermo Scientific), according to the manufacturer's protocol, in a 96-well, 0.2 μm polyvinylidene
fluoride (PVDF) filter plate (Corning). The immobilised peptides were washed twice with 0.1% FA
prior to 2 x 50 μl elutions in 0.1% FA with 30% ACN, and lyophilisation using a speed-vac (Heto
Cooling System).

Peptides were resuspended in 10 μL 0.1% FA in 5% ACN. Liquid chromatography (LC) separation was
performed on a Thermo RSLC system consisting of an NCP3200RS nano pump, WPS3000TPS
autosampler and TCC3000RS column oven configured with buffer A as 0.1% FA in water and buffer B
as 0.1% DA in ACN. The analytical column (Waters nanoEase M/Z Peptide CSH C18 Column, 130 Å,
1.7 μm, 75 μm x 250 mm) was kept at 35°C and at a flow rate of 300 nL/minute for 8 minutes. The
injection valve was set to load before a separation consisting of a 105 minute multistage gradient
ranging from 2 to 65% of buffer B. The LC system was coupled to a Thermo Exploris 480 mass
spectrometry system via a Thermo Nanospray Flex ion source. The nanospray voltage was set at 1900
V and the ion transfer tube temperature set to 275°C. Data was acquired in a data-dependent
manner using a fixed cycle time of 2 seconds, an expected peak width of 15 seconds and a default
charge state of +2. Full mass spectra were acquired in positive mode over a scan range of 300 to
1750 Th, with a resolution of 120000, a normalised automatic gain control (AGC) target of 300% and
a max fill time of 25 ms for a single microscan. Fragmentation data was obtained from signals with a
charge state of +2 or +3 with an intensity over 5000. They were then dynamically excluded from
further analysis for a period of 15 seconds after a single acquisition within a 10 ppm window.

Fragmentation spectra were acquired with a resolution of 15000, a normalised collision energy of
30%, an AGC target of 300%, a first mass of 110 Th, and a maximum fill time of 25 ms for a single
microscan. All data was collected in profile mode.

Mass spectrometry data was analysed using MaxQuant (v1.6.14) using default parameters. All
searches included the fixed modification for carbamidomethylation on cysteine residues resulting
from IAA treatment. The variable modifications included in the search were oxidised methionine
(monoisotopic mass change, +15.955 Da), hydroxyproline (15.995 Da), acetylation of the protein N-
terminus (42.011 Da) and phosphorylation of threonine, serine and tyrosine (79.966 Da). A
maximum of 2 missed cleavages per peptide was allowed. Peptides were searched against the
UniProt database with a maximum false discovery rate of 1%. Proteins were required to have a
minimum false discovery rate (FDR) of 1% and at least 2 unique peptides in order to be accepted,
known contaminants were also removed. Missing values were assumed to be due to low abundance.
Abundances were compared using MsqRob where label free quantification data was normalised
using median peptide intensity (Goeminne et al., 2020). MsqRob was used using R (version 4.1.2).
The remaining statistics were done using Prism (GraphPad Software, version 9.1.2).

Secretome proteomics

Cells were seeded into 6 well dishes and grown to confluence. Cells were rinsed once with serum
free medium, taking care to aspirate as much media as possible each time. Exactly 1 ml serum free
F12 HAM was then added to cells overnight. After 24 hours, cells were put on ice and 900 µl medium
was removed from well and added to eppendorf on ice. Media were spun at 2000 rpm for 5 minutes
and then 800 µl removed and put in a fresh tube on ice. To test protein concentration, 25 µl medium
was used in a BSA assay prior to snap freezing and storage at -80 $^\circ$C.

For TMT Labelling and High pH reversed-phase chromatography, an equal volume (95 µl) of each
sample was digested with trypsin (1.25 µg trypsin; 37 °C, overnight), labelled with Tandem Mass Tag
(TMTpro) sixteen plex reagents according to the manufacturer's protocol (Thermo Fisher Scientific,
Loughborough, LE11 5RG, UK) and the labelled samples pooled. The pooled samples were desalted
using a SepPak cartridge according to the manufacturer's instructions (Waters, Milford,
Massachusetts, USA). Eluate from the SepPak cartridge was evaporated to dryness and resuspended
in buffer A (20 mM ammonium hydroxide, pH 10) prior to fractionation by high pH reversed-phase
chromatography using an Ultimate 3000 liquid chromatography system (Thermo Fisher Scientific). In
brief, the sample was loaded onto an XBridge BEH C18 Column (130Å, 3.5 µm, 2.1 mm X 150 mm,
Waters, UK) in buffer A and peptides eluted with an increasing gradient of buffer B (20 mM
Ammonium Hydroxide in acetonitrile, pH 10) from 0-95% over 60 minutes. The resulting fractions
(concatenated into 15 in total) were evaporated to dryness and resuspended in 1% formic acid prior
to analysis by nano-LC MSMS using an Orbitrap Fusion Lumos mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific).

High pH RP fractions were further fractionated using an Ultimate 3000 nano-LC system in line with an
Orbitrap Fusion Lumos mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific). In brief, peptides in 1% (vol/vol)
formic acid were injected onto an Acclaim PepMap C18 nano-trap column (Thermo Scientific). After
washing with 0.5% (vol/vol) acetonitrile 0.1% (vol/vol) formic acid peptides were resolved on a 250
mm × 75 µm Acclaim PepMap C18 reverse phase analytical column (Thermo Scientific) over a 150
min organic gradient, using 7 gradient segments (1-6% solvent B over 1min., 6-15% B over 58min.,
15-32% B over 58min., 32-40% B over 5min., 40-90% B over 1min., held at 90% B for 6min and then
reduced to 1% B over 1min.) with a flow rate of 300 nl min^{-1}. Solvent A was 0.1% formic acid (FA) and
Solvent B was aqueous 80% acetonitrile in 0.1% formic acid. Peptides were ionized by nano-

electrospray ionization at 2.0 kV using a stainless-steel emitter with an internal diameter of 30 μm
(Thermo Scientific) and a capillary temperature of 300 °C.

All spectra were acquired using an Orbitrap Fusion Lumos mass spectrometer controlled by Xcalibur
3.0 software (Thermo Scientific) and operated in data-dependent acquisition mode using an SPS-MS3
workflow. FTMS1 spectra were collected at a resolution of 120 000, with an automatic gain control
(AGC) target of 200 000 and a max injection time of 50 ms. Precursors were filtered with an intensity
threshold of 5000, according to charge state (to include charge states 2-7) and with monoisotopic
peak determination set to Peptide. Previously interrogated precursors were excluded using a
dynamic window (60s +/-10ppm). The MS2 precursors were isolated with a quadrupole isolation
window of 0.7m/z. ITMS2 spectra were collected with an AGC target of 10 000, max injection time of
70ms and CID collision energy of 35%.

For FTMS3 analysis, the Orbitrap was operated at 50 000 resolution with an AGC target of 50 000 and
a max injection time of 105 ms. Precursors were fragmented by high energy collision dissociation
(HCD) at a normalised collision energy of 60% to ensure maximal TMT reporter ion yield.
Synchronous Precursor Selection (SPS) was enabled to include up to 10 MS2 fragment ions in the
FTMS3 scan.

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The raw data files were processed and quantified using Proteome Discoverer software v2.1 (Thermo
Scientific) and searched against the UniProt Human database (downloaded January 2023: 81579
entries) and the Uniprot Bos taurus database (downloaded February 2023: 37505 entries) using the
SEQUEST HT algorithm. Peptide precursor mass tolerance was set at 10ppm, and MS/MS tolerance
was set at 0.6Da. Search criteria included oxidation of methionine (+15.995Da), acetylation of the
protein N-terminus (+42.011Da) and Methionine loss plus acetylation of the protein N-terminus (-
89.03Da) as variable modifications and carbamidomethylation of cysteine (+57.021Da) and the
addition of the TMTpro mass tag (+304.207) to peptide N-termini and lysine as fixed modifications.
Searches were performed with full tryptic digestion and a maximum of 2 missed cleavages were
allowed. The reverse database search option was enabled and all data was filtered to satisfy false
discovery rate (FDR) of 5%.

As samples are from the media fraction of cultures, equal volumes of sample were analysed rather
than equal quantities of protein, and raw abundances were used without normalisation. Statistical
analysis was performed in R version 4.3.0. PCAs were calculated using the FactoMineR package,
PCAs, Sum abundance, and volcano plots were plotted in ggplot2. A linear mixed effect model was
fitted for each protein using the package lme4, with replicate number included as a random effect,
and both clones included in a single variable for the KO condition to increase statistical power. P-
values were then FDR adjusted using the Benjamini Hochberg method to account for multiple
testing. Note, this was used as a gold-standard metric for individual proteins rather than a threshold
for statistical analysis, as it is understood to be an overly stringent method for most proteomics
experiments (Pascovici et al., 2016). Downstream analysis was performed using QIAGEN IPA (QIAGEN
Inc., https://digitalinsights.qiagen.com/IPA), using p<0.05 as a cut-off and the unfiltered user data as
the reference set (Kramer et al., 2014). GO term functional enrichment analysis was performed using
the Database for Annotation, Visualization, and Integrated Discovery
(DAVID; http://www.david.niaid.nih.gov).

qPCR

Cells were grown to confluence in 35 mm dishes and then RNA was extracted using RNeasy® plus
mini kit (QIAGEN #74136). Reverse transcription was performed using an Invitrogen Superscript III kit
(Invitrogen™ #11752-050) following the manufacturer's instructions to generate cDNA. cDNA was
diluted to 15 ng/µl and primers to 2 µM stocks. Reactions were set up using 3.75 ng/µl DNA, 500 nM
forward and reverse primers, and 2x DyNAmo Flash Sybr green master mix (ThermoFisher Scientific
#F415) in MicroAmp® optical 96-well reaction plates (Applied biosystems #N8010560). RT-PCR was
then performed on a QuantStudio™ 3 real time PCR system using cycle: 1) 7 minutes @ 95°C, 2) 15
seconds @ 95°C, 3) 45 seconds @ 60°C, 4) 40 cycles of steps 2-3. RT-PCR was followed by melting
curve analysis at 60-98°C for quality control. PCR products were tested on a gel for size during primer
validation. RT-PCR results were analysed with the QuantStudio™ real time PCR software.

Primer sequences

Target	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Reference
YWHAZ	AGGCATGTCTGTGTCCTAATG	CCTCCATAACCCATTCTTCT	Designed with IDT
BGN	GGGTCTCCAGCACCTCTACGC	TGAACACTCCCTTGGGCACCT	Fang *et al* (Fang et al., 2019)
FAM20C	GGCGGCCGTGGACTCCTATC	TTGACCATCCTGCCGGCCAC	Designed with Primer3
PLOD1	TGGAGGCTTCATCGGTTATG	GATGTAGTTGCCCAGGTAGTT	Designed with Primer3
THSP1	TTGGAACCACACCAGAAGAC	GACACTCAGTGCAGCTATCAA	Designed with Primer3
ARHGDIB	ACCAATCACCATGGACCTTAC	AGGTGGTCTTGCTTGTCATC	Designed with Primer3

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Statistical analysis

All statistical analyses were performed with graphpad prism. Data were subjected to normality
testing using the Shapiro-Wilk test. Data found to be normally distributed were analysed by t-test or
one-way ANOVA and the mean and standard deviation shown. Non-normally distributed data were
analysed with a Mann-Whiney test, or to compare multiple conditions Kruskall-Wallis test with
Dunn's multiple comparisons, and the median and interquartile range presented. Statistical
information is provided in each figure legend.

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Figure 1

Biglycan-SBP-mSc
Mannosidase II-BFP

M = media L = lysate