Sperm Associated Antigen 6 (SPAG6) Regulates Fibroblast Cell Growth,

Morphology, Migration and Ciliogenesis

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1 Supplemental information. 2 3 Supplemental Figure 1. Analyses of cell morphology by scan EM and Crystal blue 4 staining. 5 Morphology of the wild-type and Spag6-deficient MEFs was analyzed by SEM (left 6 panel) and crystal blue staining (right panel). Notice that Spag6-deficient MEFs have 7 larger cell surface. 8 9 Supplemental Figure 2. Examination of SPAG6 protein expression by Western blot 10 analysis using the COS-1 and CHO cells infected with adenovirus. 11 The COS-1 and CHO cells were infected with control adenovirus virus or the adenovirus 12 expressing SPAG6. GFP is expressed in the cells infected with either control virus or 13 SPAG6-expressing virus. SPAG6 is only expressed when the SPAG6-exprtessing 14 adenovirus was used. 15 16 Supplemental Figure 3. Exogenous expression of SPAG6 does not increase Glu-17 tubulin expression in MEFs and CHO cells. Wild-type MEFs (a) and CHO cells (b) were transfected with SPAG6/pTarget. Two days 18 19 after transfection, the cells were double stained with an anti-SPAG6 polyclonal antibody 20 and an anti-Glu-tubulin antibody. Notice that there was no increased Glu-tubulin (in 21 green) expression in the cells expressing SPAG6 (in red). 22 23

24 Supplemental movie 1.

- Representative movie of wound-healing assay for wild-type MEFs. Notice that the cells
- 26 migrated very fast, and the wound area was occupied in about six hours after scratch.

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Supplemental movie 2.

- 29 Representative movie of wound-healing assay for Spag6-deficient MEFs. Notice that the
- 30 cells migrated slowly, and the wound area was still open even six hours after scratch.

SEM

Crystal blue











