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The Golgi matrix protein giantin is required for normal cilia function in zebrafish

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Abstract:

The Golgi is essential for glycosylation of newly synthesised proteins including almost all cell-surface and extracellular matrix proteoglycans. Giantin, encoded by the *golgb1* gene, is a member of the golgin family of proteins that reside within the Golgi stack but its function remains elusive. Loss-of-function of giantin in rats causes osteochondrodysplasia; knockout mice show milder defects, notably a cleft palate. *In vitro*, giantin has been implicated in Golgi organisation, biosynthetic trafficking, and ciliogenesis. Here we show that loss-of-function of giantin in zebrafish, using either morpholino or knockout techniques, causes defects in cilia function. Giantin morphants have fewer cilia in the neural tube and those remaining are longer. Mutants have the same number of cilia in the neural tube but these cilia are also elongated. Scanning electron microscopy shows that loss of giantin results in an accumulation of material at the ciliary tip, consistent with a loss-of-function of retrograde intraflagellar transport. Mutants show milder defects than morphants consistent with adaptation to loss of giantin.

Introduction

The Golgi apparatus is the main hub of the secretory pathway, responsible for modifying proteins derived from the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) prior to transportation to the plasma membrane. It is estimated that one-third of the proteome traverses the ER-to-Golgi transport pathway (Zanetti et al., 2011). This includes delivery of key developmental signalling receptors to the plasma membrane and assembly of the extracellular matrix (ECM), which presents a major secretory load during development of the early embryo (Zhong, 2011). The organisation of Golgi membranes into flattened disc shapes is orchestrated by eleven members of the Golgi matrix protein family (golgins) that decorate the Golgi surface to form a mesh. Many of these proteins mediate the docking and tethering of coat protein (COP) coated transport vesicles, COPI and COPII, at the Golgi cisternae, whilst others are involved in inter-cisternal tethering (Gillingham and Munro, 2016). These functions are carried out by coiled-coiled domains common to all golgins, which autonomously fold into long rod-like structures. Golgins are sufficient to direct the tethering of incoming vesicles to the Golgi with some overlap seen in their function (Wong and Munro, 2014).

The largest member of the golgin family is giantin (encoded by the *golgb1* gene), which has a single C-terminal transmembrane domain (TMD) and 37 predicted coiled-coiled domains. As such, its α -helical coils have a predicted reach of up to 450 nm into the cytoplasm from the *cis*-and-*medial* Golgi membranes (Munro, 2011). The exact function of giantin is still unclear. There is biochemical evidence of a role for giantin in tethering COPI vesicles (Yoshimura et al., 2004), however artificial relocation of giantin to mitochondria does not reveal a clear role in tethering incoming vesicles (Wong and Munro, 2014). This suggests that either it does not act as a tether or that its function is redundant with that of other golgins. Giantin is present in all vertebrate genomes but is not found in invertebrates including *C. elegans* or *Drosophila*. In those organisms that express it, giantin is widely expressed and is found in almost all tissues.

Primary cilia are microtubule-based apical cell projections, built as extensions from the mother centriole in almost all non-cycling cells. Ciliary cargo, varying from cilia specific proteins to signalling pathway components, is trafficked along the microtubule-based axoneme by intraflagellar transport (IFT). Anterograde movement from the base to the tip is driven by IFT-B/kinesin-2, whereas retrograde transport is IFT-A/dynein-2 driven (Garcia-Gonzalo and Reiter, 2012). This equilibrium between anterograde and retrograde IFT is crucial for cilia to act as signalling platforms for many signalling pathways including some key to development, such as the Hedgehog (Hh) signalling cascade. Multiple members of the IFT complex and Hh signalling cascade are mutated in ciliopathies associated with

severe skeletal defects including short rib polydactyly and Jeune syndrome (Huber and Cormier-Daire, 2012).

Our previous work revealed an unexpected role for giantin in ciliogenesis (Asante et al., 2013). We showed that acute depletion of giantin in epithelial cells results in fewer but longer cilia (Asante et al., 2013). Giantin is required for the localisation of the dynein-2 intermediate chain WD-repeat protein 34 (WDR34) at the base of the cilium. Since dynein-2 is the retrograde motor for IFT within cilia, we reasoned that loss of giantin might affect transport within the cilium and explain the defects in both ciliogenesis and length control.

Rodent models with loss-of-function mutations in giantin have been described. A spontaneous 10bp insertion in *Rattus norvegicus golgb1* (Rn-Golgb1) was shown to be a functional knockout of giantin. This recessive mutation leads to an osteochondrodysplasia (ocd) phenotype with homozygous mutant pups exhibiting craniofacial abnormalities, oedema, shorter limbs, and defects in collagen-rich matrix deposition, leading to late embryonic lethality (Katayama et al., 2011). More recently, *golgb1* knockout mice were generated using both N-ethyl-N-nitrosourea (ENU) and CRISPR/Cas9 mutagenesis (Lan et al., 2016). These animals show no gross abnormalities in skeletal development, including of craniofacial structures, other than cleft palate and an abnormal deposition of glycosylated bone ECM as recognised by peanut agglutinin (PNA) lectin (Lan et al., 2016). The discrepancies in severity of the phenotypes of these rodent models could be due to species differences or genetic background. Nonetheless, both show extensive defects in ECM secretion and/or assembly.

Here, we describe that acute depletion of giantin in zebrafish leads to defects in cilia number and structure. These data show that acute depletion of giantin *in vivo* recapitulates ciliary defects seen *in vitro*. They also suggest that species-specific adaptive changes might underlie the phenotypic variability seen in these giantin knockout animals.

Results

Acute knockdown and genetic knockout approach to assess giantin function in the zebrafish

Zebrafish giantin is encoded by 20 exons, with the translational start site (TSS), the human to zebrafish conserved coding sequence for the p115 binding site, and C-terminal TMD at exon 2, 3, and 20 respectively (Figure 1A). The relative exon position of existing mutations identified or generated in rat and mouse models (Katayama et al., 2011; Lan et al., 2016), shows that all mutations affect evolutionary conserved exons, ranging from exon 10 to 15 (Figure 1A, yellow, blue, and brown coloured bars). The *golgb1* gene was not duplicated in the teleost lineage. Aligning zebrafish giantin protein sequence (obtained from Ensembl (release 87)) resulted in a 31.8% conservation to human, 29.5% to rat, and 32.0% to mouse, with a better conservation in the C-terminal half of the protein especially in the region of exon-11 and exon-14 (Figure S1).

We chose to analyse the role of giantin in zebrafish using a combination of morpholino knockdown and genetic mutants. To knockdown giantin, two antisense morpholinos (MOs) were designed against the zebrafish *golgb1* gene, the first targeting the TSS (ATG MO) located in exon 2 (ATG MO Fig 1A) and a second targeting a highly-conserved splice site located across intron 13 and the start of exon 14 (E14 MO, Figure 1A). We validated the efficacy of the E14 MO using reverse transcription (RT)-PCR on cDNA generated from RNA extracted from controls and E14 morphants. Abnormal splicing following injection with the E14 morpholino was demonstrated by RT-PCR (Figure 1B). To complement our MO knockdown experiments, we also examined the role of giantin using two mutant alleles. The sa11389 mutant, carries a (C>T) point mutation in exon 14 (Figure 1A and 1C) resulting in generation of a premature stop codon at glutamine-2948 (henceforth denoted *golgb1*^{Q2948X}). In addition to the ENU allele, we generated a new mutant line by TALEN mutagenesis, whereby TAL arms were targeted to a conserved region in exon 14 (Figure 1A). Injection of capped mRNA including these arms gave rise to genetically mosaic fish, and by screening the F1 generation we identified a carrier with an 8bp insertion in exon 14 in the spacer sequence (Figure 1C). This resulted in a frameshift at position 3029, and a premature stop codon at position 3078 (E3027fsX3078-T3028_A3029del, henceforth called golgb1^{3078X}) (Figure 1D and 1E). This carrier transmitted the identified mutation through the germline allowing a mutant line to be maintained. Both lines are predicted to be loss-of-function mutations as they include premature stop codons that terminate the coding region upstream of the transmembrane spanning region at the C-terminal end of the protein.

Embryos injected with either the ATG or the E14 MO show no obvious morphological defects for the first 24 hours of development, however by 2 days post fertilisation (dpf) larvae display a range of phenotypes including smaller eyes, reduction in total body length, kinks and curls in the tail and frequent oedema of the heart and brain (Figure 1F). These phenotypes are characteristic of ciliopathies in zebrafish, as seen upon dynein-2 and polycystin-2 depletion (Fogelgren et al., 2011; Krock et al., 2009). We characterised relative severity based on phenotypical characteristics depicted in giantin morphants into four groups: wildtype-like (WT-L), mild, moderate, and severe. The mild classification was assigned when one or two characteristics were observed in a mildly manner. Identifying three characteristics of which at least one in a severe manner, or four 'mild' phenotypes were classed as moderate. Severe labels were assigned to individuals exhibiting 4 or more phenotypical outcomes, of which at least two severe at 2 dpf. The relative distribution of phenotypes between ATG and E14 MOs were similar at 48 hpf. Moreover, co-injection with p53 MO did not alter the phenotypes observed in giantin MOs (Figure 1G). Furthermore, injection of lower ATG or E14 MO dosages resulted in lower penetrance (59.4% and 52.9% respectively) of the observed 'severe' phenotype (data not shown).

To determine whether the phenotypes seen on acute knockdown of giantin using morpholinos would be recapitulated in a knockout we studied the larvae of the two loss-of-function mutant alleles described above. Somewhat surprisingly, these homozygous giantin knockout fish did not show any major morphological defects at 5 dpf (Figure 1H). Interestingly, homozygous mutants carrying either allele are viable (Figure 1H) and can produce viable offspring. During juvenile development, they did show a small but significant difference in growth (a reduction of 11.86% and 5.4% respectively along the anterior to posterior axis) at 50 dpf (Figure 1I, 1J). At 44-46 weeks post fertilisation (wpf) for *golgb1*^{Q2948X} and 41-43 wpf for *golgb1*^{3078X} alleles, the reduction in body length was not evident (Figure 1K) indicative of a delay rather than a defect in growth.

Knockdown of giantin leads to a ciliopathy-like phenotype, longer and fewer cilia, and alterations in cilia morphology

Our previous *in vitro* work demonstrated a role for giantin in cilia function and length control (Asante et al., 2013). To assess the role that giantin plays in ciliogenesis *in vivo*, we visualised cilia in the ventral neural tube of morphants at 24 hpf by labelling for acetylated tubulin (Figure 2A). These ventral neural tube ependymal cells project a mixture of primary cilia (Borovina et al., 2010) and motile 9+0 cilia, both are able to perform ciliary signal transduction (Bay and Caspary, 2012; Sedykh et al., 2016). Cilia observed in a two nuclei window were counted showing a significant reduction in cilia abundance in both ATG and

E14 morphants compared to controls (decreased by 22% and 33.5% respectively, Figure 2B). Measuring the length of individual cilia in the same area showed a significant increase in length of remaining cilia (Figures 2C-E showing a 22.8% and 34.5% increase in ciliary length for ATG and E14 morphants respectively). Moreover, imaging of the ciliary membrane marker Arl13b tagged to GFP (Arl13b-GFP), showed longer primary cilia in transgenic E14 morphant trunks at 3 dpf (Figure 2F-H).

We then examined ependymal cilia in giantin mutant alleles (Figure 3A, *golgb1*^{Q2948X}, Figure 3B, *golgb1*^{X3078}). In contrast to morphants, no significant difference was seen in cilia number in the neural tube of giantin knockouts compared to controls (Figure 3C). Quantifying cilia length in both *golgb1*^{Q2948X/Q2948X} and *golgb1*^{X3078/X3078} mutants at 1 dpf showed a reproducible increase in ciliary length in the ventral neural tube (15.9% and 19.8% respectively) compared to WT (Figures 3D, showing scatter dot plot, 3E cumulative frequency plot of pooled data from multiple fish and 3F average cilia length per individual).

Since we saw an increase in cilia length in both morphants and mutants *in vivo* upon loss of giantin we wanted to assess the appearance of the cilia. At 3 dpf, the olfactory placode is located at the anterior side of the head and projects 9+2 microtubule kinocilia into the lumen for sensory purposes (Hansen and Zeiske, 1998; Vina et al., 2015). Imaging of these olfactory pit neuroepithelial cilia using scanning electron microscopy (SEM) showed that control morphants had a high density of olfactory cell cilia with a uniform appearance along their length, including at the tip. In contrast, both ATG and E14 morphants displayed a lower density of these cilia and an obvious bulbous appearance to the ciliary tip (Figure 4A). This phenotype could be reproduced *in vitro*, using the porcine kidney LLC-PK1 cell line transfected with short interfering RNAs (siRNA) targeting giantin led to bulbous ciliary tips compared to the smooth cilia in mock knockdown cells (Figure 4B).

Consistent with depletion of giantin causing defects in cilia function, MO knockdown of giantin using either ATG or E14 splice MOs caused heart laterality defects. The heart appeared morphologically normal but was situated either centrally or to the right rather than in its usual left position in a significant percentage of larvae at 32 hpf (Figure 5A). We then sought to rescue the effect of either the ATG or E14 giantin morpholino by co-injection with mRNA encoding FLAG-tagged giantin from *Rattus norvegicus* (Rn-Golgb1). Rat giantin was seen to localise to Golgi-like structures by immunofluorescence (Figure 5B). Randomisation of the heart position could be partially rescued (17% and 43% respectively) by co-injecting the morpholino with mRNA encoding Rn-Golgb1 (Figure 5B and 5C). This ability to rescue the phenotype using mRNA from a mammalian species demonstrates that the function of giantin is conserved between rat and zebrafish.

The availability of a mutant null for giantin enabled us to test the specificity of our MO. We injected the E14 splice morpholino into the *Q2984X* mutant line. As described in Figure 1, when the MO was injected into *WT* embryos 73% of larvae exhibited the 'severe' ciliopathy-like phenotype. In contrast, *golgb1*^{*Q2948X/Q2948X*} embryos injected with the same concentration of E14 morpholino did not display the most severe phenotypes, instead a majority (77.5%) of the mutants displayed a mild phenotype (Figure 5D, quantified in 5E). Our interpretation here is that the severe phenotypes (as described in Figure 1) are due to depletion of giantin following MO injection and not due to off-target effects.

While knockdown and knockout fish show similar phenotypes, there are clear differences in terms of severity. These differences between acute and chronic loss of giantin are perhaps most easily explained by long-term compensation in the mutant fish via changes to expression of other genes. Since golgins have been shown to have overlapping functions (Wong and Munro, 2014), indicating functional redundancy, we performed qPCR of golgins (GRASP55, GRASP65, GM130, GMAP-210, golgin-160, golgin-84, CASP, GCC88, GCC185, golgin-97, golgin-245, GORAB, and TMF) and p115, a well-defined giantin interacting protein, to determine whether any were upregulated at the transcriptional level in response to loss of giantin function. No significant difference in golgin expression was found when determining the mRNA expression levels of 15 amplicons from 3 independent total RNA pools of 5 dpf *WT* and *golgb1*^{Q2948X/Q2948X} mutant larvae (Figure 5F). This suggests that the compensatory effects seen in the mutants are not mediated by upregulation of other golgins *in vivo*.

A major ciliary pathway linked to developmental patterning is the sonic hedgehog pathway. Smoothened agonist (SAG) treatment could not rescue the phenotypic defects in giantin morphants (Supplemental Figure S2). Consistent with this, smoothened trafficking was also indistinguishable between WT and giantin knockdown hTERT-RPE1 cells (Supplemental Figure S3). Therefore, the phenotypes described here are not likely to result from defective Shh signalling.

Discussion

Here we show that the largest Golgi matrix protein, giantin, plays a role in ciliogenesis and control of ciliary length in vivo. Previous work showed that giantin is required for the ciliary localisation of the WDR34 intermediate chain subunit of the retrograde IFT motor dynein-2 (Asante et al., 2013). Knockdown of giantin in mammalian cells also led to a reduction in cilia number whilst the remaining cilia were longer (Asante et al., 2013). Mutations in human dynein-2 components lead to skeletal ciliopathies (McInerney-Leo et al., 2013; Schmidts et al., 2013a; Schmidts et al., 2015; Schmidts et al., 2013b) where defects in cilia formation and/or function result in pathologies associated with formation of the skeleton (Huber and Cormier-Daire, 2012). These ciliogenesis defects seen in cells are phenocopied here in vivo where we show that *golgb1* morpholino knockdown leads to a ciliopathy-like phenotype. Bulbous ciliary tips are seen upon acute depletion of giantin in zebrafish and in cultured pig kidney epithelial cells, consistent with a defect in retrograde IFT. This is also consistent with other work showing loss of the dynein-2 motor heavy chain subunit leads to shorter cilia and bulbous tips in the zebrafish (Krock et al., 2009). In agreement with morphant data, we found that cilia in the neural tube were significantly longer in homozygous mutant fish. This phenotype was not fully penetrant as cilia number was normal, potentially through tissue specific compensation upon chronic loss of giantin.

Some phenotypic discrepancies between giantin morphants and homozygous mutants were observed, suggesting a compensation mechanism following gene knockout. Overall, the effect of giantin knockout is less significant than depletion by morpholino injection. It has been estimated that 90-95% of genomic zebrafish knockouts do not resemble the acute morpholino knockdown phenotypes (Kok et al., 2015). This discrepancy between knockdown and genetic knockout phenotypes has also been shown in other model systems including mouse (Daude et al., 2012; De Souza et al., 2006) and Arabidopsis (Gao et al., 2015). Recently, Rossi et al. described that 'long term' ECM-dependent compensatory mechanisms are active to compensate for chronic loss of vascular ECM regulator eqf/7. RNA sequencing screening led to the identification of Emilin2 and Emilin3 ECM components as compensatory factors in genetic egfl7 knockouts (Rossi et al., 2015). Our work suggests that genetic compensation in the mutant fish is unlikely to have occurred through changes in expression of other golgins, as mRNA transcript levels were equivalent in WT and mutant fish. Owing to a lack of effective reagents, we were not able to determine the effect on protein expression by immunoblot or immunofluorescence. Similarly, we were not able to rescue phenotypes on exogenous stimulation of hedgehog signalling and we could detect no defects in smoothened trafficking to cilia in siRNA duplex giantin-depleted cells in culture.

We also note considerable variation in phenotypes between the mouse (Lan et al., 2016), rat (Katayama et al., 2011), and zebrafish *giantin* knockout animal models. Knockout mice have non-syndromic cleft palate but show limited skeletal phenotypes; knockout rats show osteochondrodysplasia with oedema. Both rodent models die during late embryonic development. In contrast our fish survive to adulthood. This might reflect differences in developmental pathways, or in the mechanisms of compensation for loss of giantin function. Our previous *in vitro* work implicated giantin in the secretion of ECM (McCaughey et al., 2016) and we are now actively studying this in our knockout models. It is possible that the capacity to adapt the ECM during development varies between both tissues and species and that this could compound the variation in phenotypes observed. This variety of phenotypes may also partially explain why acute knockdown and chronic knockout of *golgb1* show differences, since acute knockdown may not trigger an adequate compensatory response due to giantin protein remnants. In summary, our data using *in vivo* models complement our previous *in vitro* work to support a role for giantin in controlling cilia formation and function.

Material and methods

Zebrafish husbandry and transgenic lines

The London AB (AB), Tupfel long fin (TL), and AB/TL strains were used and maintained according to standard conditions (Westerfield, 2000) and staged accordingly (Kimmel et al., 1995). Transgenic lines: Arl13-GFP fusion protein (*Tg(Act-B2::Mmu.Arl13b-GFP*) (Borovina et al., 2010)), Gli::mCherry (*Tg(Gli-d:mCherry*))(Schwend et al., 2010), and Cmcl2::GFP (*Tg(myl7:eGFP*) were used. Experiments were approved by the University of Bristol Ethical Review Committee and the UK Home Office.

Morpholino knockdown

A translational block morpholino (Golgb1-ATG; AACATGGCTGACCTGCAAGAAAATA) and a splice site blocker morpholino at the boundary between the preceding intron and exon 14 (Golgb1-E14; CTGTTCCAGCTACTTATTGAAAAA) were obtained (Ensembl release #69) along with standard control morpholinos (Genetools LLC, Philomath, OR). 3.8 ng morpholino with 0.1M KCl and 0.1% phenol red was injected in one to four cell stage embryos. Lower dose morpholinos were injected at a calculated dose of 2.0 ng. N-capped Rn-flagGolgb1 mRNA was *in vitro* transcribed (Ambion[™] T7 mMessage mMachine kit, Fischer Scientific) from a pSG5 vector (Sall linearized, NEB) containing the template (gift from M.P. Lowe, University of Manchester, UK), and co-injected (375 pg) with morpholinos in one cell stage embryos. Co-injection of giantin MO with either 1 ng control or p53^{ATG} MO (Chen et al., 2005) was performed accordingly. The following primer sets were used for touchdown PCR (G-Storm) on cDNA (Superscript III, Invitrogen) from total RNA (RNeasy mini kit, cat# 74104, Qiagen), exon-13 forward (CCCAAAAGGAGAAGTGTGGA), exon-14 forward (AGATGCAAGTGCAACGGTCT), exon-15 reverse (ATTTTGATGCCTGTGCTTCC), and exon-16 reverse (GGGCAGCATCTAATGCAAGT).

Morphants were scored in four classes (WT-like, mild, moderate, and severe) based on none, 1-2 mild, 3 with one severe, or 4 with at least two severe morphological characteristics respectively.

Golgb1 mutant zebrafish generation, genotyping, and length measurement

F2 fish carrying the *sa11389* allele (TL) were acquired from the European stock centre (EZRC, Karlsruhe, Germany) and subsequently outcrossed with AB WT fish (Kettleborough et al., 2013). F3 and F4 heterozygote (AB/TL) in-crosses were used. For TALEN site directed mutagenesis (Bedell et al., 2012) the following optimised repeat variable domain (RVD) arm sequence (Cermak et al., 2011; Streubel et al., 2012) was cloned into a pGoldy vector from the Golden Gate TALEN and TAL effector Kit 2.0 (Kit #100000024, Addgene): arm1 (upstream) NH HD HD NI NI HD NG HD NG NH HD HD NI HD HD NG HD NG and TALEN arm2 (downstream) NH NH NG NH NG NG NG NG NH HD NH NI NI HD NG NH NI NI NI NI HD NG NH NI NI NI NI NI HD NG Oldy-Golgb1-exon14-Arm2 constructs (SacI linearized) were *in vitro* transcribed to produce stable N-terminus capped mRNA (Ambion[™] T3 mMessage mMachine kit, Fischer Scientific) and both arm transcripts (170 pg each) were injected in 1-cell stage embryo cytoplasm (AB). F1 was screened for germline transmission by fin clips. Both mutant lines were genotyped by touchdown PCR using forward

(5'-AGACAGGGTGCTTAGCCAAT-3') and reverse (5'-TGACAGCCTGATCTCTTGCA-3') primers. *Golgb1*^{X3078} PCR product was PvulI digested to determine loss of restriction site, whereas *golgb1*^{Q2948X} PCR product was sequenced (MWG-Eurofins) using 5'-TCAATGCGGAGAATGCCAAG.

Fish from F3 and F4 heterozygote in-crosses were grown in 3 litre tanks with a maximum of 15 individuals of mixed gender and genotype. At 50 dpf the fish were assessed and genotyped and subsequently kept in genotyped groups until the experimental endpoint between 40-46 wpf.

In vitro tissue culture, short-interference RNA knockdown

Pig kidney epithelial cells (LLC-PK1) cells were maintained under standard conditions (37°C in 5% CO₂) in DMEM (Medium-199, Sigma-Aldrich) plus 10% fetal calf serum (FCS). Calcium phosphate knockdown (Watson and Stephens, 2006) was performed with siRNA duplexes Si#C SsGolgb1 (GUUCAGUGAUGCUAUUCAA) and Si#D SsGolgb1 (UCACAUGUGUACCGAGGUA) (MWG-Eurofins, Germany).

Human telomerase immortalised retinal pigment epithelial cells (hTERT-RPE1, Takara Bioscience) were grown in DMEM F12 HAM supplemented with 10% FCS (Life Technologies, Paisley, UK). For giantin siRNA knockdown experiments, cells were first reverse transfected and then forward transfected 48 hours later using Lipofectamine 2000 according to the manufacturer's guidelines (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). In each round of transfection 200 pmol each of siRNA duplex 1 (ACUUCAUGCGAAGGCCAAATT) and siRNA duplex 2 (AGAGAGGCUUAUGAAUCAATT) targeting giantin were pooled together or for mock transfections 400 pmol siRNA targeting GL2 (GUACGCGGAAUACUUCGAUU) was used.

Immunofluorescence, microscopy, and ciliary length measurements

Wholemount immunofluorescence and immunohistochemistry embryos or larvae (fixed 4% PFA for 1 hour room temperature and post fixed in 100% methanol -20°C) were blocked in 10% FCS plus 1% bovine serum albumin blocking buffer. Primary antibodies: mouse α -acetylated tubulin (T6793, Sigma-Aldrich, UK), mouse M2 α -flag (F1804, Sigma-Aldrich). After primary antibody incubation samples were blocked again to reduce background staining. Secondary antibodies were highly cross-adsorbed Alexa-dye labelled anti-IgG (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Images were acquired using confocal microscopy using either a Leica SP5-II or SP8 AOBS confocal laser scanning microscope attached to a Leica DM I6000 inverted epifluorescence microscope.

Lateral view 24 hpf agarose embedded embryos were imaged using a Leica SP5-II (405nm diode and Argon lasers, 63x lens, oil, 1.4 numerical aperture). Neural tube around the cloaca was consistently imaged, same microscope settings per experiment, taking 0.25 µm thick z-slices. A two nuclei window directly dorsal of the notochord was drawn (white dotted line) from full projection images and cilia were quantified within that window using Fiji (Schindelin et al., 2012). Cilia crossing the white line were included in these measurements. Clusters of cilia with not a clear start to end axoneme were excluded from length assessment.

To achieve cilia formation, LLC-PK1 and hTERT-RPE1 cells were grown to confluence and serum starved for 24 hours prior to methanol fixation. Cells were washed in PBS, fixed in 100% MeOH at -20°C for 3 minutes, rinsed in PBS and blocked in 3% BSA-PBS for 30 minutes at room temperature. Antibodies were diluted in block and primary and secondary antibody labelling processed for 1 hour each, washing 3x in between. Finally, cells were labelled with DAPI ([4,6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (Life Technologies, Paisley, UK, D1306)]) and mounted in Mowiol (Calbiochem). Fixed cells were imaged 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), 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 0.2 µm z-stacks unless otherwise stated in the figure legend.

Scanning electron microscopy

Both LLC-PK1 and pre-fixed (2 hours of 4% paraformaldehyde) 3 dpf larvae were fixed with 2.5% glutaraldehyde (100mM sodium-cacodylate) for 1 hour with subsequent 100mM sodium-cacodylate washes. Further fixation by 2% OsO_4 (100mM sodium-cacodylate) for 3 hours. Dehydration steps: 25%, 50%, 70%, 80%, 90%, 96%, absolute, absolute over a course of 2 days. Critical point drying (Leica, EM CPD 300) was performed to remove excess of ethanol (12 cycles, 50% CO_2 infusion speed). Sputter coating with gold palladium supplied with Argon gas (Emitech K575X) was performed prior to imaging under high vacuum.

Reverse transcriptase PCR and quantitative Real-Time PCR

Larvae (5 dpf, n=30) were pooled and total RNA was isolated using RNeasy mini kit (cat# 74104, Qiagen) and reverse transcriptase reaction was performed by using Superscript III (cat# 18080093, ThermoFisher Scientific) according to the manufacturers' protocols. Quantitative Real-Time PCR (qPCR) reaction (primers: Table S1) was undertaken with DyNAmo HS SYBR green (F410L, ThermoFisher Scientific) cycling (40 times) at 95°C 25 seconds, 57.5°C 30 seconds, and 70°C 45 seconds followed by a standard melt curve (QuantStudio3, Applied Biosystems).

Smoothened agonist, SHH and smoothened antagonist-1 treatment

Co-injected embryos with 3.8 ng of control, ATG, or E14 MO with either 1 ng control or $p53^{ATG}$ MO (Chen et al., 2005) were treated with final concentrations of 0.15%v/v DMSO, 20 μ M smoothened agonist (Sigma Aldrich), or 20 μ M smoothened antagonist-1 (SANT-1) (Sigma, Dorset, UK, S4572) from 4 hpf until 48 hpf. Embryos were dechorionated and put in

fresh treatment solution at 24 hpf. Images were taken with a fluorescence stereomicroscope (Leica Microsystems, Mannheim, Germany).

For cell experiments, hTERT-RPE1 cells were subjected to two rounds of transfection. Six hours after the second round, cells were serum starved in un-supplemented DMEM F12 HAM overnight, then treated with either 500ng/ml recombinant Sonic Hedgehog (Shh) (C42II, N-terminus, R&D systems, Abingdon, UK, 1845-SH-025), 500ng/ml SANT-1 (Sigma, Dorset, UK, S4572) or an equivalent volume of drug vehicle control for 24 hours before methanol fixation and immunolabelling.

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Figures



Figure 1: Experimental knockdown and knockout of giantin in vivo. (A) Schematic representation of the zebrafish golgb1 transcript (ENSDART00000131402.2) showing the binding sites of the designed morpholinos (ATG and E14), the relative exonic location of the human annotated P115 binding site, transmembrane domain (TMD), the various mouse mutants (black asterisks) and the ocd rat allele (white asterisk) as described in Lan Y et al. 2016, and Katayama K et al. 2011 respectively. Coloured bars show the interspecies conserved sequence regions as assigned in Ensembl (release 87). (B) Alternative spliced PCR products (blue arrows) from 32 hpf RT-PCR cDNA of two amplicons in E14 MO binding region. (C) Sa11389 line carrying a point mutation from C to T (yellow highlight, red letters) resulting in a premature stop codon at Q2948 (golgb1^{Q2948X}) from the EZRC. (D) TALEN site directed mutagenesis resulted in an 8 bp deletion (spacer sequence in yellow, red letters), resulting in *golgb1^{X3078}* mutant line. (E) Alignment of Golgb1 WT protein sequence (Ensembl release 87) with predicted Golgb1 X3078 protein sequence showing translated spacer sequence (red) and site of deletion T3028 and A3029 with a subsequent frameshift from E3027 (red asterisk) changing 51 amino acids to a predicted stop codon at position 3078. Part of cDNA exon 14 sequence. (F) Stereomicroscope images of 48 hpf control, ATG, and E14 morphants exhibiting defects in the eye, heart, cranium, and various axis orientations (blue, green, black, red arrow respectively). (G) Percentile quantification of scored phenotypes. (H) Stereomicroscope images of heterozygote in-cross 5 dpf larvae from both mutant lines and (I) 7 wpf female adults. (J) Dot plot for body length at 7 wpf, and (K) 44-46 wpf for $golgb1^{Q2948X}$ and 41-43 wpf for $golgb1^{X3078}$ alleles. Scale: (F) 100 μ m, (H) 200 μ m, (I) 500 µm. (J, K) 1-way ANOVA with Tukey's Multiple Comparison Test. All experiments of three replicates. Bars show means with standard deviation. * p<0.05, and *** p<0.005.



Figure 2: Giantin knockdown leads to changed cilia length and morphology with a ciliopathy-like phenotype in morphant zebrafish. (A) Lateral view confocal images of 24 hpf neural tube ependymal cilia (red in merge, white arrow) were quantified in a two nuclei wide area (dotted line). Nuclei (DAPI-labelled) are shown in blue. Bar = $10 \mu m$. (B) Quantification of cilia number per field of image within the two nuclei window (panel A, two images per individual). Bar = $50 \mu m$. (C) Scatter dot plot and (D) cumulative frequency plot (0.25 μm bins) of all cilia measured. (E) Average cilium length per individual measured. (F) Representative confocal images of *in vivo* imaging control and E14 morphants showing ArI13b-GFP positive cilia (white arrow) in the myotome (lateral view). Scale: $10\mu m$. (G) ArI13b-GFP ciliary membrane length displayed in a cumulative frequency plot of all measured cilia (Ctrl MO: n=115, E14 MO n=152). (H) Average cilium length per individual imaged. On scatter plots (B, C, E, H), bars represent mean with standard deviation and

statistical testing was done by one-way ANOVA with a Dunn's multiple comparison test. Data from three independent experiments. * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, and *** p<0.001.



Figure 3: Knockout of giantin results in defects in cilia length. (A, B) Lateral view confocal images of 24 hpf cilia in ventral neural tube of *Q2948X* mutant line (A) and *X3078* mutant line (B). Bar = 10 μ m. (C) Cilia number per field of image (two per individual) in a two nuclei wide area adjacent to the notochord. (D, E) Ciliary length of all cilia measured depicted in a scatter dot plot (D) and a cumulative frequency plot (E) showing shift (blue arrow *Q2948X* and green arrow *X3078*) in percentile abundance of binned (0.25 μ m bins) ciliary length between WT and homozygous 24 hpf embryos. (F) Average ciliary length per individual imaged. Data shown from at least three independent in-crosses. Bars show mean with standard deviation. Data was normally distributed and a subsequent unpaired t-test was performed between wildtype and homozygous groups. * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, and *** p<0.001.



Figure 4: Scanning electron microscopy reveals structural defects in cilia following knockdown of giantin. (A) SEM images olfactory pit (3 dpf) indicating ciliary tips (arrow). (B) SEM images of LLC-PK1 cells exhibit bulbous ciliary tips (red arrow) with visible ciliary extension (blue arrow) after *Ss-Golgb1* knockdown.



Figure 5: Left-right asymmetry and phenotypic rescue of giantin MO. (A)

Cardiomyocyte Cmcl2::GFP transgenic reporter line outlining the heart position (arrow, blue: left; green: midline; white: right) at 32 hpf. (B) Representative confocal image of 48 hpf with ATG morpholino and Rn-Golgb1 mRNA showing Golgi localisation of Rn-Golgb1 in dermal cells stained for anti-flag (white arrow). White dotted line is indicating cell boundaries. N=3 individuals. (C) Quantification of heart position (32 hpf), additionally showing Rn-Golgb1 mRNA co-injection rescue. (D) Stereomicroscope images of 3 dpf control and E14 morpholinos injected with same dose in *WT* and *golgb1*^{Q2948X/Q2948X} individuals derived from same day *WTxWT* and *golgb1*^{Q2948X/Q2948X} x *golgb1*^{Q2948X/Q2948X} in-crosses with (E) quantification of phenotypes scored. (F) Quantitative RT-PCR of golgins showing relative mRNA expression levels on 5 dpf larvae. Normalised to beta-actin, mean and standard deviation. All data from three independent experiments.



Figure S1: Protein alignment showing conserved regions of zebrafish Golgb1 with human, mouse, and rat Golgb1. (A) Relatively conserved region corresponding to zebrafish exon-11 covering coiled-coiled domains number 23 and 24 counted from the *N*-terminus. (B) Evolutionarily conserved regions mapped to zebrafish exon-14 protein sequence, coding for coiled-coiled domains number 32 until 36 included, from a total of 40 annotated coiled-coiled domains in the zebrafish. Clustal OMEGA protein alignment tool (EMBL-EBI (Sievers et al., 2011)) was used to align Golgb1 protein sequences obtained from Ensembl (release #87).



Figure S2: Smoothened agonist treatment does not alter the ciliopathy-like phenotypes in giantin morphants. (A) Quantification of phenotypes observed (48 hpf). Note, no difference is seen with 1 ng p53 morpholino co-injection in all conditions. (B) Gli::mCherry expression was reduced in somites after SANT1 treatment, but not in SAG-treated individuals (48 hpf). SAG: smoothened agonist, SANT1: smoothened antagonist 1.

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Figure S3: Depletion of giantin by RNAi in hTERT-RPE1 cells does not affect translocation of smoothened to the primary cilium. (A)

Immunofluorescence of hTERT-RPE1 cells incubated with GL2 siRNA or two giantin siRNAs incubated for 96 hours, immunolabelled against acetylated Tubulin and smoothened. Smoothened translocation was detected in both conditions upon Shh stimulation (red arrow). (B) Quantification of Smo translocation to the cilium of three independent experiments (5 fields per images per condition). Scale bar = 5 μ m. SANT1: smoothened antagonist 1, Shh: Sonic Hedgehog. Statistical test: 1-way ANOVA with Dunn's multiple comparison test. * p<0.05, ** p<0.01, and *** p<0.001

Table S1: Primer sequences used for Quantitative RT-PCR of golgins.

| POPULAR GENE NAME | ENSEMBL GENE NAME | SEQUENCE PRIMER | | PRODUCT (BP) |
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| | | Forward | Reverse | |
| gm130 | golga2 | GAGCTGCAGGAGAGGATCAT | TGGTCTTTGAGCTCTCGGTT | 362 |
| gmap210 | trip11 | AGGAGGAGGTGCAGAAACTC | TCATACTCTGCCAGCTCCTG | 466 |
| golgin160 | golga3 | GAGGTCTGAGGGCTCTGTTC | CAGAAACTGCTCCACCAGAA | 410 |
| golgin84 | golga5 | AAGGAGGGCTCAGGTCTAGA | ATCAGAGTCTCCGTCAGCTG | 446 |
| casp | cux1a | AAAGCCGCGAGTTCAAGAAG | TGATGAGTCCAAGTTCGGCT | 398 |
| giantin | golgb1 | GAGGAGAAAGAGCAGGCAGA | GTTGACTTCCTGCTGCAACA | 492 |
| golgin-97 | golga1 | GCGCAAACTTCAAGACCAGA | GCTCTGCCTCCTCTTTCTCA | 458 |
| golgin-245 | golga4 | GAGAGTGTTAAAGCAGCCGG | AGCAGCATCAAACTCCTCCT | 546 |
| gcc8 | gcc1 | CGGAGAGCAAAGCAAGAGTC | GTCCTTCTGTCTGGCCTTCT | 494 |
| gcc185 | gcc2 | GCCGAGGACTACAAGAACCT | TAGTCCGCCATCTCCATGTC | 449 |
| tmf | tmf1 | AGAATCACAGTTGCTTGCGG | TCTGTTTGGCGATTTGTGCA | 398 |
| p115 | uso1 | CCAGTTGTTGTGTGGAGGTC | CCTATGCGCTTCTCAATCAA | 412 |
| grasp55 | gorasp2 | TAGCGTTGAGAAGCCTGTGA | GGTAGCCGTATCCAATCCCA | 413 |
| grasp65 | gorasp1a | CAACATGTGGGGTGGACAAG | GGGGTTTCAAGATCCATGCC | 432 |
| gorab | gorab | GACTAACCGGAGCAGACAGC | TGCTCTTTCACCTCGGTCTT | 597 |
| mannosidase II | man2a1 | CTCCAAGTCTTCGTTGTGCC | CAAATGGATCCACAGCCCAG | 379 |
| hprt1 | hprt1 | ATGGACCGAACTGAACGTCT | GGTCTGTATCCAACGCTCCT | 401 |
| beta-actin | actb1 | TCAACACCCCTGCCATGTAT | CAGGAAGGAAGGCTGGAAGA | 422 |
| gapdh | gapdh | TGTTCCAGTACGACTCCACC | GCCATACCAGTAAGCTTGCC | 559 |