# Exome Sequencing Identifies Mutations in CCDC114 as a Cause of Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia

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Primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD) is a genetically heterogeneous, autosomal-recessive disorder, characterized by oto-sino-pulmonary disease and situs abnormalities. PCD-causing mutations have been identified in 14 genes, but they collectively account for only ~60% of all PCD. To identify mutations that cause PCD, we performed exome sequencing on six unrelated probands with ciliary outer dynein arm (ODA) defects. Mutations in CCDC114, an ortholog of the Chlamydomonas reinhardtii motility gene DCC2, were identified in a family with two affected siblings. Sanger sequencing of 67 additional individuals with PCD with ODA defects from 58 families revealed CCDC114 mutations in 4 individuals in 3 families. All 6 individuals with CCDC114 mutations had characteristic oto-sinopulmonary disease, but none had situs abnormalities. In the remaining 5 individuals with PCD who underwent exome sequencing, we identified mutations in two genes (DNAI2, DNAH5) known to cause PCD, including an Ashkenazi Jewish founder mutation in DNAI2. These results revealed that mutations in CCDC114 are a cause of ciliary dysmotility and PCD and further demonstrate the utility of exome sequencing to identify genetic causes in heterogeneous recessive disorders.

Primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD) is a rare, autosomalrecessive disorder (MIM 244400) of motile cilia structure and/or function (incidence, ~1:16,000). Clinical features include respiratory distress in term neonates, onset of chronic cough and middle ear disease early in life, chronic rhinosinusitis, age-dependent bronchiectasis, defective sperm motility/infertility in males, and laterality defects in 50% of affected individuals (see References $1-5$  and GeneReviews in [Web Resources](#page-6-0)). The diagnosis of PCD has traditionally relied on transmission electron microscopy (EM) to demonstrate different types of ultrastructural defects in cilia (for example, outer and/or inner dynein arm defects and/or central apparatus defects) as we and others have reported (see References<sup> $2-10$ </sup> and GeneReviews in [Web Resources\)](#page-6-0).

PCD is highly genetically heterogeneous, and mutations in 14 known genes collectively account for just ~60% of cases. Interestingly, mutations of each known gene are linked to a specific ciliary ultrastructural phenotype (re-viewed in GeneReviews, Zariwala et al.,<sup>[2](#page-6-0)</sup> Chilvers et al.<sup>11</sup>). We speculated that studying individuals with the same ciliary phenotype (ultrastructural defect) would facilitate the identification of additional mutations in genes underlying PCD; therefore, we performed exome sequencing of six unrelated individuals with isolated outer dynein arms (ODA) defects, which is the most common ciliary phenotype in PCD (see References<sup>2,6-10</sup> and GeneReviews in [Web Resources](#page-6-0)). Clinical, phenotypic, and demographic information of these six individuals, including levels of nasal nitric oxide (nNO), which are very low in PCD,  $3,5,9,12$  are presented [\(Table 1](#page-1-0) and [Table S1](#page-6-0) available online). To enhance the likelihood of identifying mutations in additional gene(s), we selected for exome sequencing only those individuals in whom mutations in the two genes (DNAH5 [MIM 603335]; DNAI1 [MIM 604366]) most frequently associated with ODA defects (see References<sup>[2,13–15](#page-6-0)</sup> and GeneReviews in [Web](#page-6-0) [Resources](#page-6-0)) had been excluded by Sanger sequencing.

The study was approved by the Committee for the Protection of the Rights of Human Subjects at the UNC and participating institutions, and written consent was obtained.

Exome sequencing was performed as previously described.[16](#page-7-0) The Nimblegen EZ SeqCap kit (Roche) was used to capture exons. Shotgun libraries were constructed by shearing DNA and ligating sequencing adaptors bearing

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Abbreviations: M, male; F, female; SI, situs inversus; SA, situs ambiguous; SS, situs solitus; NA, not available; ODA, outer dynein arms; Neo RDS, neonatal respiratory distress in full-term birth; Bxsis, bronchiectasis; nN nitric oxide.

<sup>a</sup>Normal nNO levels are [3](#page-6-0)76  $\pm$  124 nl/min (mean  $\pm$  SD), calculated from 27 healthy subjects.<sup>3</sup>

bMutant allele shown to segregate with either the father's (paternal) or mother's (maternal) side of the family.

cDNA from father was not available, but paternal aunt carried the mutation and hence father was an obligate carrier, see details in [Figure](#page-2-0) <sup>1</sup> showing segregation analysis. <sup>d</sup>Splice-site mutations interrogated with RT-PCR, see details in [Table](#page-4-0) 2.

 $e^{i\theta}$  rhree unaffected siblings of the affected individual, each carried only one mutation representing *trans* inheritance, see details in [Figure](#page-2-0) 1 showing segregation analysis.

fDNA from father was not available, but mother carried the other mutation so father is an obligate carrier, see details in [Figure](#page-2-0) <sup>1</sup> showing segregation analysis.

<sup>9</sup>Two transcripts were observed predicting two different translation products.

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Figure 1. Cross-section Analysis of Ciliary Ultrastructure by Electron Microscopy and Segregation Analysis of CCDC114 (A) Normal ciliary ultrastructure from healthy subject (left) and absence of outer dynein arms (right) from UNC family 62 with biallelic mutations in CCDC114.

(B–E) Pedigrees with mutations segregating in trans, consistent with autosomal-recessive mode of inheritance.

an 8 base pair barcode, followed by PCR amplification. Libraries were hybridized to EZSeqCap V1 (corresponding to CCDS2008 gene set) solution-based probe, amplified, pooled, and sequenced on Illumina GAIIx ( $PE76 + \text{barcode}$ read). The final targeted region was 26,402,573 bp that included 16,151 genes (198,334 exons and splice junctions). The average mean fold coverage was  $84x$ ; ~98% target bases were covered at least at  $1 \times$  and ~93% covered at 8x. The details of capture statistics and coverage are presented in [Table S2](#page-6-0). After barcode-based sample deconvolution, sequence reads were mapped with BWA tools to the human genome (hg18). Sequence variant calls were performed by SAMtools after removing potential PCR duplicates, with a minimum quality threshold of 30 for SNPs and 200 for indels. On average we called 18,235 base substitutions and 578 insertions/deletions per individual [\(Table S2](#page-6-0)). Genotypes were annotated with the SeattleSeq server ([Table S3](#page-6-0)). Missense-, nonsense-, or splice-site-altering variants absent from 1000 Genomes data and also absent or at a minor allele frequency (MAF) of <1% in other exomes sequenced at the University of Washington ( $n = 849$ ) were considered further, as were indels that were absent or observed <10 times in the other exomes sequenced at the University of Washington. Under an autosomal-recessive model for PCD, only genes with

biallelic variants (homozygous or compound heterozygous) were considered further [\(Tables S2](#page-6-0) and [S3\)](#page-6-0). We manually checked each of these variants for its potential of being pathogenic, highlighting a subset for validation by Sanger sequencing. Candidate genes were prioritized for validation by Sanger sequencing ([Tables S3](#page-6-0) and [S4\)](#page-6-0), based on expression in ciliated airway epithelia (RNA-seq data set, unpublished) and potential relevance to PCD as assessed through published information, including analysis of large-scale coexpression data sets. $17,18$  The primer sequences and results of validation are depicted in [Tables](#page-6-0) [S3](#page-6-0) and [S4.](#page-6-0) For the potentially pathogenic variants in a proband, segregation analysis on the available DNA from the relatives was carried out.

An apparently homozygous missense variant (c.742G>A) was identified in CCDC114 (RefSeq: NM\_ 144577.3) at the last base of exon 7 in an individual with PCD with ODA defect (Figure 1A), altering the protein sequence and potentially affecting splicing. Sanger sequencing confirmed inheritance in *trans* for the propositus and an affected sibling, and two unaffected siblings had no mutation (Figure 1B). The CCDC114 ortholog in Chlamydomonas reinhardtii, DCC2 (oda-DC2),<sup>[19](#page-7-0)</sup> encodes a component of the outer dynein arm docking complex, and a Chlamydomonas mutant in DCC2 (oda1.1) has



#### Figure 2. Genomic Organization of CCDC114 and Location of PCD-Causing Mutations

(A) The transcript of CCDC114 consists of 3,215 bp and encodes 670 amino acid protein. Filled box designates exons ''E,'' horizontal lines designate intron "IVS," and location of 5' UTR, 3<sup>T</sup> UTR, and start and stop codons are shown. Introns/exons are not drawn to scale. The positions of all identified CCDC114 mutations are indicated.

(B, D, and E) Heterozygous sequences in affected (bottom) and corresponding wild-type (top) sequences in controls.

(C) Homozygous (bottom) and heterozygous (middle) sequences in affected and the corresponding wild-type sequences (top) in control. Base sequence, amino acid sequence, and codon numbers are shown. Intron-exon junctions are shown with the red dotted lines.

impaired motility and ODA defects analogous to the ultrastructural defect in PCD. Therefore, we performed high-throughput Sanger-based sequencing of CCDC114 (Genotyping and Resequencing Services in Seattle; RC2- HL-102923; MJB-primer sequences: [Table S5](#page-6-0)) in 104 additional individuals with PCD from 91 families (67 affected individuals from 58 families with isolated ODA defects; 37 affected individuals from 33 families with ODA+IDA defects) [\(Table S6\)](#page-6-0). Four individuals from three families with isolated ODA defects had biallelic mutations in CCDC114, including two affected siblings (UNC family 212) ([Table 1\)](#page-1-0). Segregation analysis at UNC by Sanger sequencing (capillary electrophoresis; Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) confirmed that the mutations were inherited in *trans* [\(Table 1,](#page-1-0) [Figures 1C](#page-2-0)–1E). In total, there were four different mutations (three splice-site and one frameshift) in four unrelated families.

The c.742G>A splice-site variant was found in each unrelated PCD family: homozygous in one family and compound heterozygous in three families harboring a different splice-site or frameshift mutation on the second allele [\(Table 1](#page-1-0)). The genomic organization of CCDC114 and location of mutations is shown (Figure 2). The finding that c.742G>A is a rare PCD-causing variant is consistent with the observation that this splice mutation is present at very low frequency on the NHBLI Exome Variant Server (EVS) (3 of 7,020 alleles; 0.043%) in non-PCD subjects of European ancestry, as compared with our 64 families with isolated ODA defects (5 of 128 alleles; 3.9%). The presence of likely causative mutations in EVS indicates that the depth of publicly available data for genetic variation is now sufficiently deep that caution must be exercised when filtering exome or genome data, particularly for recessive disorders. Neither intronic splice mutations  $(c.487 - 2A)$ G,  $c.1391 + 5G$ A) nor the frameshift mutation (c.939delT) was present in either dbSNP or EVS. For subjects harboring the c.742G>A mutation, we constructed haplotypes for all variants/polymorphisms in CCDC114 and found that all affected individuals carried a conserved haplotype in cis with the c.742G>A mutation,

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 $^{\rm a}$ Primer sequences depicted in [Table S8](#page-6-0). RT-PCR was carried out on ciliated epithelia cells collected from inferior nasal turbinate as shown previously.  $^{14}$  $^{14}$  $^{14}$ <sup>b</sup>Two mutant transcripts, both causing frameshift leading to premature translation termination signal, were identified for c.742G>A mutation that is located on the last base in exon 7 on conserved splice donor site in UNC-139 (#891) (I-3 in [Figure 1](#page-2-0)C) as depicted in [Figure S2.](#page-6-0) Only mutant transcript 1 was identified in both siblings in UNC-62 who carried homozygous  $c.742G$ >A mutation.

<sup>c</sup>Amplification with primer set exons 4 sense + 13 antisense in individuals with homozygous c.742G>A mutation yielded two major products probably representing the inclusion of intron 7  $\pm$  the inclusion of intron 10. Analysis of other individuals by RT-PCR and agarose gel electrophoresis (data not shown) indicated the presence of mutant transcripts with insertion of part of intron 10 in all affected individuals carrying c.742G>A mutation. Irrespective of whether all mutant transcripts resulting from c.742G>A mutations occur with insertion of parts of introns 6, and/or 7, and/or 10, they all cause frameshift leading to premature translation termination signal.

 $^{\text{d}}$ Two mutant transcripts were identified for g.IVS5 $-$ 2A $>$ G mutation in UNC-139 (#891) (I-3 in [Figure 1C](#page-2-0)) as depicted in [Figure S4.](#page-6-0) This individual had c.742G $>$ A mutation on the trans allele, but both mutant transcripts were wild-type at c.742G>A locus, indicating that both these transcripts are caused by g.IVS5-2A>G mutation.

compatible with being a founder mutation ([Figure S1\)](#page-6-0). Multiple benign variants are listed that were identified in CCDC114 [\(Table S7](#page-6-0)).

To determine the effect of splice variants in CCDC114, reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) was performed on RNA from nasal epithelia of individuals with biallelic mutations with cyclophilin as a control (primer sequences: [Table S8\)](#page-6-0). The exonic splice-site mutation c.742G>A (present on at least one allele in six individuals from four families) yielded two mutant transcripts,

both resulting in premature translation termination signals (Table 2, [Figure S2\)](#page-6-0). Using a different downstream primer set revealed another splicing defect on the same mutant allele, indicating impairment of splicing distal to the mutation, as well (Table 2, [Figure S3\)](#page-6-0). The aberrant splicing that is three exons downstream from c.742G>A could not compensate for the upstream frameshift, as the upstream insertions lead to termination codons before the inclusion of intron 10. The  $c.487 - 2A > G$  (g.IVS5 $-2A > G$ ) mutation also yielded two mutant transcripts, one causing premature



## Figure 3. Expression Analysis via Reverse-Transcriptase PCR

(A) Expression pattern of CCDC114 in a panel of normal human tissues.

(B) Expression pattern of CCDC114 (top) during ciliogenesis in human airway cells. RNA was isolated from human airway epithelia cells at different times after plating on collagen-coated culture inserts at an air/liquid interface. Under these conditions the cells initially grow as a single monolayer of undifferentiated ''basal-like'' cells. After 10–14 days, ciliated

cells begin to appear, increasing over the next 2-3 weeks before plateauing at approximately 60%–80% of the culture.<sup>21,22</sup> For both expression analyses, DNAI1 (middle) was used as a known ciliary gene control and cyclophilin (bottom) as a positive RNA control.

translation termination signals and another causing inframe deletion of exon 6 and inclusion of part of intron 6 ([Table 2,](#page-4-0) [Figure S4](#page-6-0)). The intron 12 splice mutation  $(c.1391+5G>A [g.IVS12+5G>A])$  caused an out-of-frame deletion of exon 12 and a premature translation termination signal [\(Table 2](#page-4-0), [Figure S5](#page-6-0)).

Although 51 individuals with PCD with situs abnormalities underwent CCDC114 mutation analysis ([Table S6\)](#page-6-0), none had mutations. This suggests that CCDC114 mutations do not affect embryonic nodal cilia motility, and/or that the splice mutant  $(c.742G>A)$  is leaky, rendering partial function. Consistent with this, there was faint amplification of full-length mRNA (confirmed by Sanger sequencing) in nasal epithelial RNA from an individual (#359, III-1 in [Figure 1](#page-2-0)B) homozygous for c.742G>A ([Figure S6](#page-6-0)). Despite this leakiness, clinical features and nasal nitric oxide values in individuals with CCDC114 mutations ([Table 1](#page-1-0)) are indistinguishable from individuals with ''classic'' PCD with ODA defects and mutations in *DNAI1* and *DNAH5*.<sup>13-15,20</sup> CCDC114 is highly expressed in testis (Figure 3) and males with PCD are frequently infertile. However, the only male patient in this study is currently 7 years old, which precludes study of fertility or sperm motility.

Genetic data indicating that CCDC114 mutations recessively cause PCD was robustly supported by additional biological studies. (1) CCDC114 shows a similar pattern of expression (e.g., high in lung and testis) as DNAI1, muta-tions in which cause PCD with ciliary ODA defects<sup>[14](#page-7-0)</sup> (Figure 3A). (2) CCDC114 expression in cultured human bronchial cells<sup>[21,22](#page-7-0)</sup> over 30 days parallels the time course of ciliary differentiation and DNAI1 expression (Figure 3B). (3) Quantitative proteomic analysis of isolated human cilia by data-independent mass spectrometry  $(LC/MS<sup>E</sup>)<sup>23,24</sup>$  $(LC/MS<sup>E</sup>)<sup>23,24</sup>$  $(LC/MS<sup>E</sup>)<sup>23,24</sup>$ demonstrate that CCDC114 is present in equimolar amounts as DNAI1, mutations in which cause PCD. (4) Videomicroscopy analysis of nasal epithelial cilia obtained by nasal-scrape biopsy from five individuals with biallelic mutations in CCDC114 showed complete ciliary immotility in most ciliated cells and stiff dyskinetic cilia in some cells.[11,25](#page-7-0) When activity was sufficient to quantify ciliary beat frequency, it was reduced compared to normal (average 3.1 Hz versus 7.3  $\pm$  1.5 [SD] Hz at 25°C)<sup>25</sup> (Movies S1, S2, and S3).

The identification of mutations in CCDC114 as PCD causing is also congruent with other information. (1) The Chlamydomonas reinhardtii motility mutant oda1.1 is defective in  $DCC2$ ,  $^{19}$  $^{19}$  $^{19}$  an ortholog of CCDC114. Interestingly, the oda1.1 mutant displays a reduced beat frequency, but is not immotile, suggesting that the absence of outer dynein arms has different functional consequences in these two organisms (human and Chlamydomonas). (2) There is coordinate regulation between CCDC114 and other known genes harboring mutations causing PCD (gene expression data set; UGET). $17,18$  (3) Three other members of the coiled-coil domain containing (CCDC) family of genes (CCDC39 [MIM 613798], CCDC40 [MIM 613799], CCDC103 [MIM 614677]) are known to play a role in assembly of ciliary inner dynein arms, dynein regulatory complexes, and outer dynein arms, and mutations in these CCDC genes cause PCD.<sup>26-29</sup> (4) CCDC114 has never been associated with any other genetic disorder.

For the five remaining individuals with PCD with ODA defects who had exome sequencing, three individuals of Ashkenazi Jewish ethnicity had identical homozygous nonsense (c.1304G>A [p.Trp453\*]) mutations in DNAI2 (MIM 605483; RefSeq: NM\_023036.4) that were inherited in trans [\(Figure S7\)](#page-6-0). Other mutations in DNAI2 have been reported as a rare cause of PCD with ODA defects.<sup>[30](#page-7-0)</sup> All three individuals shared a  $~158$  kb haplotype in *cis* with c.1304G>A, indicative of a founder event ([Figure S8\)](#page-6-0). Exome sequencing also identified two mutations in DNAH5 (RefSeq: NM\_001369.2) in an individual with PCD who previously did not have biallelic mutations identified by Sanger sequencing. The two mutants were a 1 bp insertion in exon 16 (c.2261\_2262insT [p.Met754Ilefs\*5]) and a missense variant (c.6249G>A [p.Met2083Ile]) at the last base of exon 37. Review of the original Sanger sequencing primers for exon 16 revealed a rare variant at the  $3'$  end of the original antisense primer binding site, thereby causing the allele dropout [\(Figure S9A](#page-6-0)). Both mutations were present in an affected sibling, and each parent was a carrier ([Figures S9](#page-6-0)B–S9D). RT-PCR of nasal RNA demonstrated the exon 37 (c.6249G>A) mutation affected splicing, leading to premature translation termination signal ([Figure S10\)](#page-6-0). This illustrates that mutations missed by Sanger sequencing may be

<span id="page-6-0"></span>identified by different techniques and that retesting of exon 16 may be appropriate, if biallelic mutations in DNAH5 were not identified by Sanger sequencing with the published primer set.<sup>[20](#page-7-0)</sup> In one individual of Asian-Indian descent with PCD, two missense variants in DNAH5 were identified by exome sequencing and confirmed by Sanger sequencing: c.1121T>C (p.Ile374Thr) in exon 9 and c.3139G>A (p.Gly1047Arg) in exon 20. The variants were inherited in trans (Figures S11A–S11C), and the amino acids were well conserved across species (Figure S11D). In silico mutation prediction analysis (Mutation Taster) $31$  scored them as deleterious and both are very rare in public databases, but further genetic and/ or functional studies will be necessary to confirm the role of these variants in PCD.

In conclusion, exome sequencing identified mutations in CCDC114 as a cause of PCD in  $~6\%$  of individuals with PCD and an ODA defect. Additionally, we identified a nonsense mutation in DNAI2 that appears to be a founder mutation in individuals with PCD with Ashkenazi Jewish ethnicity. The identification of genetic causes of PCD in six families via exome sequencing further demonstrates the power of this approach for identifying the etiology in genetically heterogeneous disorders.

## Supplemental Data

Supplemental Data include 11 figures, 8 tables, and 3 movies and can be found with this article online at [http://www.cell.com/](http://www.cell.com/AJHG/) [AJHG/](http://www.cell.com/AJHG/).

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### Web Resources

The URLs for data presented herein are as follows:

- 1000 Genomes, <http://browser.1000genomes.org/index.html> dbGaP, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap>
- dbSNP, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/>
- Ensembl Genome Browser, <http://www.ensembl.org/index.html>
- GeneReviews, Zariwala, M., Knowles, M., and Leigh, M.W. (2012). Primary ciliary dyskinesia, [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK1122) [books/NBK1122](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK1122)
- Genetic Disorders of Mucociliary Clearance Consortium (GDMCC), <http://rarediseasesnetwork.epi.usf.edu/gdmcc/index.htm>
- Mutation Taster, [http://neurocore.charite.de/MutationTaster/](http://neurocore.charite.de/MutationTaster/index.html) [index.html](http://neurocore.charite.de/MutationTaster/index.html)
- NHLBI Exome Variant Server/Sequencing Project (ESP), [http://evs.](http://evs.gs.washington.edu/EVS/) [gs.washington.edu/EVS/](http://evs.gs.washington.edu/EVS/)
- Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM), [http://www.](http://www.omim.org/) [omim.org/](http://www.omim.org/)
- RefSeq, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/RefSeq>
- RS&G NHLBI Resequencing and Genotyping Service, [http://rsng.](http://rsng.nhlbi.nih.gov/scripts/index.cfm) [nhlbi.nih.gov/scripts/index.cfm](http://rsng.nhlbi.nih.gov/scripts/index.cfm)
- SeattleSeq Annotation 137, [http://snp.gs.washington.edu/](http://snp.gs.washington.edu/SeattleSeqAnnotation137/) [SeattleSeqAnnotation137/](http://snp.gs.washington.edu/SeattleSeqAnnotation137/)
- UCLA Gene Expression Tool (UGET), [http://genome.ucla.edu/](http://genome.ucla.edu/%7Ejdong/GeneCorr.html) [~jdong/GeneCorr.html](http://genome.ucla.edu/%7Ejdong/GeneCorr.html)
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