

# Late steps in cytoplasmic maturation of assembly-competent axonemal outer arm dynein in *Chlamydomonas* require interaction of ODA5 and ODA10 in a complex

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**ABSTRACT** Axonemal dyneins are multisubunit enzymes that must be preassembled in the cytoplasm, transported into cilia by intraflagellar transport, and bound to specific sites on doublet microtubules, where their activity facilitates microtubule sliding-based motility. Outer dynein arms (ODAs) require assembly factors to assist their preassembly, transport, and attachment to cargo (specific doublet A-tubule sites). In *Chlamydomonas*, three assembly factors—ODA5, ODA8, and ODA10—show genetic interactions and have been proposed to interact in a complex, but we recently showed that flagellar ODA8 does not copurify with ODA5 or ODA10. Here we show that ODA5 and ODA10 depend on each other for stability and coexist in a complex in both cytoplasmic and flagellar extracts. Immunofluorescence and immuno-electron microscopy reveal that ODA10 in flagella localizes strictly to a proximal region of doublet number 1, which completely lacks ODAs in *Chlamydomonas*. Studies of the in vitro binding of ODAs to axonemal doublets reveal a role for the ODA5/ODA10 assembly complex in cytoplasmic maturation of ODAs into a form that can bind to doublet microtubules.

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## INTRODUCTION

Dyneins are microtubule-associated, minus end-directed ATPase motor complexes. Extended amino-terminal tail domains of dyneins bind to cargoes, whereas globular motor heads built from AAA domains bind to and translocate along microtubules (Roberts et al., 2013). Cytoplasmic and related intraflagellar transport (IFT) dyneins transport cargoes such as proteins, RNAs, and vesicles in cells for fast and efficient transport when diffusion is too slow for the purpose. They appear to assemble spontaneously, and their functions may be regulated in part by their interactions with specific cargoes, to coordinate activation of their motor activity. Motile cilia have

specialized axonemal dyneins, which bind to microtubules by both ends, by their tails to doublet A-tubule cargo attachment (docking) sites, and by their heads to doublet B-tubules. Evidence suggests that functional assembly of axonemal dyneins is a multistep process requiring not only the dynein subunits, but also cochaperones and dedicated transport factors (Kobayashi and Takeda, 2012). Axonemal dyneins have further diversified into inner dynein arms (IDAs), which have multiple subtypes and are largely responsible for ciliary waveform regulation, and outer dynein arms (ODAs), which provide power and beat frequency regulation (Kamiya and Yagi, 2014). Most inner dynein arm (IDA) isoforms are found once every 96 nm along all nine doublet microtubules, whereas the more abundant ODAs are usually found every 24 nm along eight of the nine doublets.

Most of the work to elucidate axonemal dynein assembly mechanisms has been done in the single-celled biflagellate alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* using *oda* and *ida* mutants, most of which identify loci encoding conserved proteins that play similar roles in vertebrate axonemal dynein function. Here we focus on the role of ODA10 in the assembly of axonemal outer dynein arms in *Chlamydomonas* to shed light on the apparently complex assembly pathway required for axonemal dyneins. *Chlamydomonas oda* mutants all have a slow-swimming phenotype with reduced beat

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Abbreviations used: AC, assembly complex; DC, docking complex; ODA, outer dynein arm.

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frequency, but they can be differentiated into functional assembly groups using cytoplasmic complementation after gamete fusion, termed dikaryon rescue (Kamiya, 1988). Based on this approach, available *oda* mutants were categorized into four genetic groups, each of which corresponds to proteins that physically interact in a complex or participate in a common mechanistic step in the dynein assembly process. One group consists of mutations in motor subunits, together with the cytoplasmic chaperones that are involved in forming an ODA complex in the cytoplasm (Freshour *et al.*, 2007; Omran *et al.*, 2008; Duquesnoy *et al.*, 2009; Horani *et al.*, 2012; Kott *et al.*, 2012; Mitchison *et al.*, 2012). These preassembled complexes are then proposed to interact with adaptor proteins that facilitate recognition of preassembled axonemal dyneins as cargoes for the IFT system. One putative adaptor protein, ODA16 (WDR69 in vertebrates), interacts with IFT46, and the *oda16* mutation alone forms the second genetically defined group (Ahmed and Mitchell, 2005; Ahmed *et al.*, 2008). Once transported into the ciliary compartment, ODAs dock onto axonemes through interaction with an independently assembled axonemal docking complex (ODA DC), and the two core ODA DC subunits form the third genetic group (Takada and Kamiya, 1994; Takada *et al.*, 2002; Koutoulis *et al.*, 1997; Wakabayashi *et al.*, 2001; Casey *et al.*, 2003).

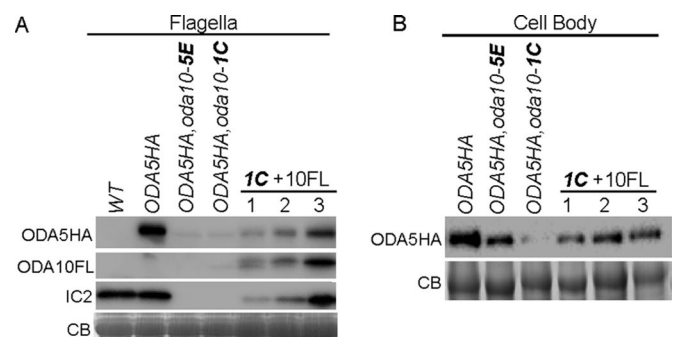
A fourth group of assembly factors is defined by mutations at the *ODA5*, *ODA8*, and *ODA10* loci, believed to encode subunits of a hypothesized accessory complex involved in docking of ODAs to doublet microtubules (Kamiya, 1988; Fowkes and Mitchell, 1998; Wirschell *et al.*, 2004; Dean and Mitchell, 2013). Although initial characterizations of *ODA5* (Wirschell *et al.*, 2004), *ODA8* (Desai *et al.*, 2015), and *ODA10* (Dean and Mitchell, 2013) show that all three gene products are present in flagella, support for their interaction in a complex is lacking, and their roles in ODA assembly are unclear. Immunoprecipitation of a dynein heavy chain showed that preassembly of ODA complexes in the cytoplasm of all three mutants was comparable to that of wild type, which suggests that these genes function after the initial cytoplasmic preassembly of ODAs (Fowkes and Mitchell, 1998). However, more recently, we showed that ODAs in *oda8* cytoplasm dissociate readily and have greatly reduced affinity for axonemal docking sites (Desai *et al.*, 2015), suggesting that these assembly factors may play a role in the cytoplasm rather than, or as well as, in flagella. *ODA5* and *ODA10* are coiled coil proteins that have predicted structural similarities and weak sequence homology with *Chlamydomonas* docking complex proteins *ODA1* (ODA DC2) and *ODA3* (ODA DC1), respectively (Dean and Mitchell, 2013). However, unlike DC1 and DC2, *ODA10* and *ODA5* are unnecessary for functional reconstitution of purified flagellar ODA complexes onto *oda* axonemes in vitro (Dean and Mitchell, 2013). Of interest, the vertebrate homologue of *ODA10*, *CCDC151*, is not expressed during *Drosophila* spermatogenesis, an IFT-independent process, whereas it is required for dynein assembly in other motile ciliated tissues in the same organism, all of which rely on IFT-based ciliary assembly (Jerber *et al.*, 2014). Thus *ODA10* may be involved in an IFT-dependent step of ODA assembly. To determine specific functions of these proteins in dynein assembly, we further characterized the *ODA10* and *ODA5* proteins and examined their interaction in both cytoplasmic and flagellar compartments. Our results reveal an unexpected distribution of *ODA10* and *ODA5* in flagella and a defect in ODA complexes in the cytoplasm of *oda10* mutants. We hypothesize that these proteins form an assembly complex that acts after preassembly of dynein subunits in the cytoplasm but before transport and docking of dynein onto axonemes in flagella and supports a maturation step in the cytoplasm necessary to prepare ODAs as substrates for IFT-dependent transport and docking.

## RESULTS

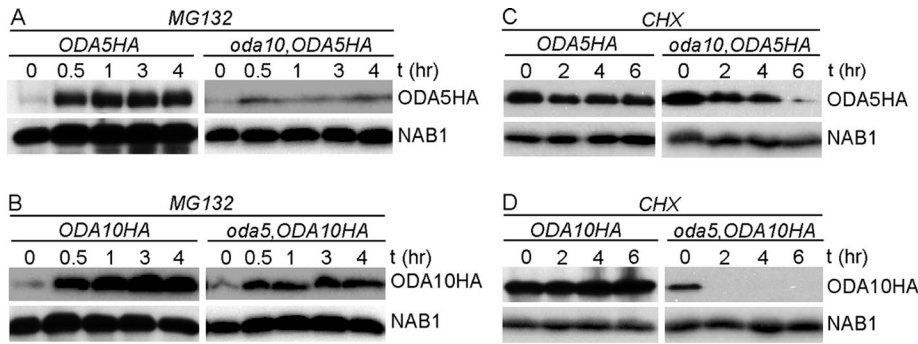
### ODA5 and ODA10 interact in a complex

Because *ODA5* and *ODA10* both encode coiled-coil proteins with weak homology to *Chlamydomonas* docking complex subunits, which interact in an obligate heterodimer, we predicted that the *ODA5* and *ODA10* proteins would also form a heterodimer and might be dependent on each other for stability. We previously showed that the amount of *ODA10* is significantly reduced in *oda5* mutant cytoplasm. Based on the analysis of Wirschell *et al.* (2004), *ODA5* does not assemble in *oda10* flagella, but cytoplasmic abundance of *ODA5* was not analyzed. To follow abundance, we used hemagglutinin (HA)- and FLAG epitope-tagged versions of *ODA5* and *ODA10* (Supplemental Figure S1). When we tested the abundance of *ODA5HA* in two independent meiotic products generated by crossing *oda10* into the *ODA5HA* strain, we found that both strains almost completely lack *ODA5HA* in their flagella (Figure 1A) and show reductions in *ODA5HA* in deflagellated cell body samples (Figure 1B). To confirm that the reduction in *ODA5HA* level was due to the absence of *ODA10*, we introduced a plasmid encoding *ODA10FL* (*ODA10* C-terminally tagged with 3xFLAG and hexahistidine [6xHIS]) into the meiotic product with the lowest level of *ODA5HA* expression, *ODA5HA,oda10-1C*. Cell body and flagellar samples of three independent transformants that showed varying levels of motility rescue were tested for the level of *ODA5HA* by Western blot. *ODA5HA* was restored upon expression of *ODA10FL* (Figure 1, A and B), and the levels of both *ODA5HA* and of *ODA10FL* subunit IC2 that had assembled into flagella correlated with the flagellar abundance of *ODA10FL*. Only the highest *ODA10FL* expression levels observed supported assembly of dynein to wild-type levels.

Reduced abundance of *ODA10* and *ODA5* in cytoplasm could result from either reduced rates of protein synthesis (due to altered rates of transcription or translation) or increased rates of degradation. First, we tested whether protein synthesis was affected in mutant cells, using a simple measure of the time needed to reach a new steady-state concentration when turnover was inhibited. Levels of *ODA10HA* and *ODA5HA* were detected by Western blot in samples of whole cells treated with proteasomal protein degradation



**FIGURE 1:** *ODA5* stability is dependent on *ODA10*. (A) Blots of flagella from untagged wild-type cells (WT), pseudo-wild-type *oda5,ODA5HA* cells (*ODA5HA*), two meiotic products (5E and 1C) that introduce the *oda10* mutation into the *ODA5HA*-tagged strain, and three transformants of meiotic product 1C with a construct that expresses FLAG-tagged *ODA10* (1C+10FL), probed with anti-HA, anti-FLAG, and anti-IC2. (B) Blots of deflagellated cell body samples from the same strains, probed with anti-HA, show reduction of *ODA5HA* in the *oda10* background and restoration from transgene expression of *ODA10FL*. CB, portions of Coomassie blue-stained gels showing equal protein loads.



**FIGURE 2:** Half-lives of ODA5 and ODA10 are reduced by the *oda10* and *oda5* mutations. Blots of whole-cell samples probed with (top) anti-HA and (bottom) anti-NAB1 (loading control) isolated before and at indicated times after treatment with 10  $\mu$ M MG132 (A, B) or 20  $\mu$ g/ml cycloheximide (C, D). All strains expressing epitope-tagged transgenes also carry the mutant allele at the corresponding endogenous locus.

inhibitor MG132 for various times. In the wild-type background (Figure 2A, left), the abundance of ODA5HA increases rapidly after MG132 addition and reaches a new steady-state level within 1 h. The level of ODA5HA in the *oda10* background, although much lower to begin with, also reaches a new steady state within 1 h, suggesting little or no defects in protein synthesis. A similar pattern of accumulation was seen for ODA10HA in wild-type and *oda5* mutant backgrounds (Figure 2B), even though the ODA5HA protein is expressed from a tagged version of the endogenous gene, whereas the ODA10HA construct was introduced in a cassette that uses the promoter, 5' untranslated region (UTR), and 3' UTR from an unrelated, nonflagellar gene (Dean and Mitchell, 2013).

To test whether ODA5 and ODA10 are degraded faster than normal in mutant cytoplasm, we estimated half-lives of ODA5 and ODA10 by detecting the abundance of ODA10HA and ODA5HA in the cell body fraction of cells treated with cycloheximide for various times. Levels of ODA5HA (Figure 2C) and ODA10HA (Figure 2D) were unchanged in wild-type cells even after 6 h, whereas they were significantly reduced in mutant backgrounds by 2 h, supporting the hypothesis that mutual reduction in the amount of ODA5 and ODA10 is due to reduced half-lives of the proteins, not to changes in rates of protein synthesis. Apparent differences in the stability of each protein when expressed alone could result from real intrinsic differences in degradation rates or differential effects of the HA tag sequences introduced into each construct. These results show that ODA5 and ODA10 require each other for stability, as might be expected if they interact directly with each other in a complex.

To see whether ODA5 and ODA10 physically interact in a complex, we immunoprecipitated ODA10FL from a dialyzed axonemal salt extract of double-tagged *oda5,oda10,ODA5HA,ODA10FL* cells and probed the immunoprecipitate for the presence of ODA5HA. The result shows that ODA5HA coimmunoprecipitated with ODA10FL from flagellar extracts, supporting their interaction in a complex, whereas no ODA5HA appeared in control FLAG IPs from extracts of *oda5,ODA5HA* flagella (Figure 3). We were unable to perform similar single-step anti-FLAG immunoprecipitations (IPs) from cytoplasmic extracts because endogenous proteins similar in size to ODA10FL reacted with the anti-FLAG M2 antibody (Supplemental Figure S2). However, IP with anti-HA from cytoplasmic extracts of double-tagged cells shows that ODA10FL coimmunoprecipitates with ODA5HA (Figure 3A), which confirms that these proteins coexist in a complex in the cytoplasm. Based on these results, the low-abundance protein pool of ODA10 that remains in the cytoplasm of *oda5* (and of ODA5 in the cytoplasm of

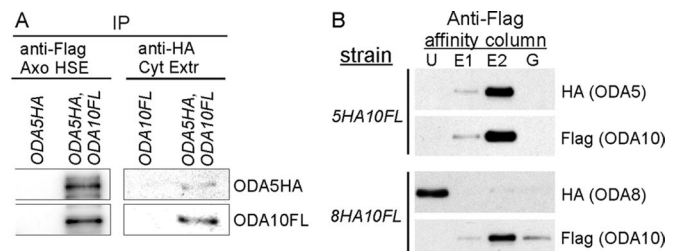
*oda10*) represents protein that is both unstable and unable to support dynein assembly. Phenotypically, *oda5* and *oda10* mutants can be taken as essentially identical, and the functional depletion of both proteins in the cytoplasm of either mutant explains the lack of dynein assembly in temporary dikaryons between *oda5* and *oda10* mutant strains.

Although we previously showed that flagellar ODA8 does not copurify with flagellar ODA10 (Desai et al., 2015), the failure of dikaryon rescue between *oda8* and *oda5*, and between *oda8* and *oda10*, suggests that ODA8 might interact with ODA5 and ODA10 in the cytoplasm. To test this, we initially purified ODA10FL from cytoplasmic extracts of *ODA5HA,ODA10FL* and

*ODA8HA,ODA10FL* strains based on the 6xHIS tag on ODA10FL, using a Ni-nitriloacetic acid (NTA) column. Peak fractions containing ODA10FL were subsequently purified on a FLAG M2 affinity column. As summarized in Figure 3B and Supplemental Figure S2, ODA5HA and ODA10FL quantitatively copurified from cytoplasmic extracts, but ODA8HA, although it coincidentally eluted from the Ni-NTA column in the same fractions as ODA10FL, failed to copurify with ODA10FL on the FLAG M2 column. Based on these results, ODA5 and ODA10 are obligate subunits of a complex, hereafter designated as the ODA assembly complex (ODA AC), whereas ODA8 does not appear to be associated with this complex under the conditions tested.

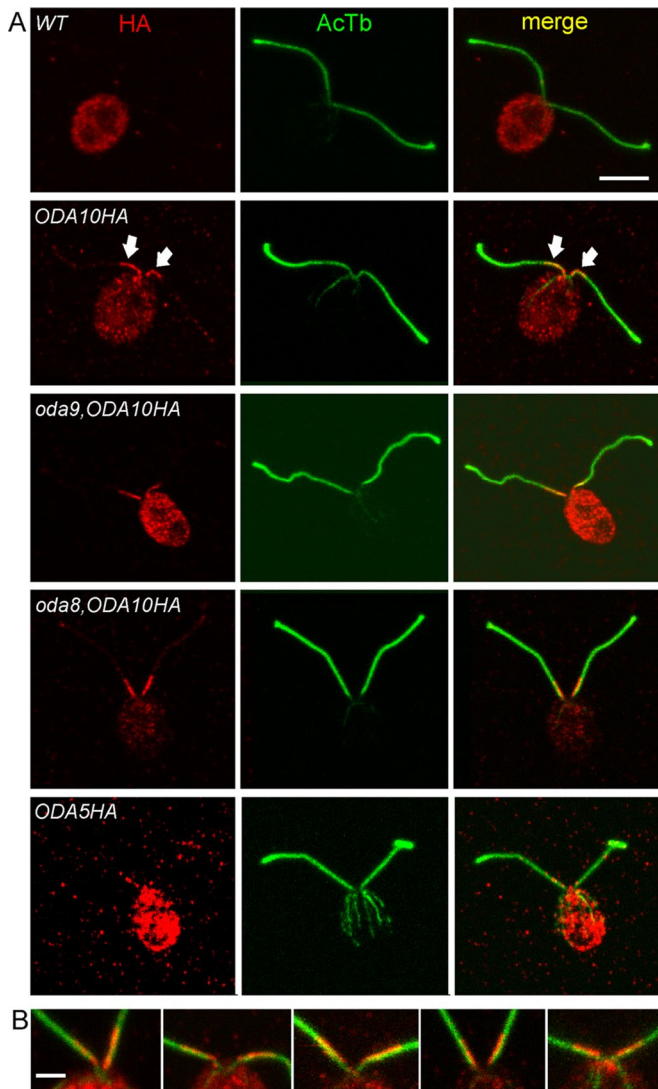
### The ODA AC has a restricted proximal flagellar localization

Localization patterns of the ODA AC could constrain its possible functions in ODA assembly. By immunoblot, the ODA AC is present primarily in axonemal fractions of flagella, with only trace amounts seen in detergent-soluble membrane/matrix fractions, and therefore it interacts in some way with axonemal microtubules (Wirschell et al., 2004; Dean and Mitchell, 2013). If this interaction is involved directly in promoting the attachment of ODAs to docking sites, then the ODA AC should be doublet associated and evenly distributed along the entire length of the axoneme. To determine its localization



**FIGURE 3:** ODA5 and ODA10 interact with each other but not with ODA8. (A) Blots of immunoprecipitated proteins from a dialyzed axonemal salt extract (Axo HSE) of *oda10,oda5,ODA10FL,ODA5HA* strain flagella (left) probed with anti-HA and anti-FLAG show that ODA5HA coimmunoprecipitates with ODA10FL; blots of the reciprocal immunoprecipitate from a cytoplasmic extract of the same strain (right) shows that ODA10FL coimmunoprecipitates with ODA5HA. (B) Anti-FLAG affinity column purification of ODA10FL from cytoplasmic extracts of the indicated strains shows copurification of ODA5HA, but not ODA8HA, with ODA10FL. E1 and E2, eluted with 3xFLAG peptide; G, eluted with 0.1 M glycine, pH 3.5; U, unbound.





**FIGURE 4:** ODA10 localizes to a unique proximal flagellar domain. (A) IF localization of the HA epitope (red) and acetylated tubulin (green) reveals ODA10HA only in the first 2–3  $\mu\text{m}$  at the proximal end of each flagellum. This localization is unaffected by the absence of ODAs in *oda9,oda10,ODA10HA* cells or the combined absence of ODAs and ODA8 in *oda8,oda10,ODA10HA* cells. A similar distribution of signal is seen in *oda5,ODA5HA* cells, although the signal is weaker due to the lower expression level of ODA5HA. (B) Enlarged views of the anterior end of cells and proximal portion of flagella of ODA10HA-expressing strains stained with anti-HA (red) and anti-acetylated tubulin (green). The HA signal does not overlap symmetrically with the tubulin signal but consistently labels a region shifted toward the midline of the cell. All images are maximum intensity projections of z-stacks from confocal analysis. Bar, 5  $\mu\text{m}$  (A), 2  $\mu\text{m}$  (B).

pattern, we used confocal immunofluorescence (IF) microscopy with an anti-HA antibody. Compared with the nonspecific background seen in untagged wild-type cells, ODA10HA appears only in a restricted region on the flagella of *oda10,ODA10HA* cells, limited to ~2–3  $\mu\text{m}$  near the base (Figure 4A); note that faint fluorescence seen along the length of these flagella is equivalent to the signal often seen on negative controls and is therefore considered nonspecific. This proximal localization of ODA10HA was not altered by the absence of the ODA complex itself, as seen in *oda9,oda10,ODA10HA*

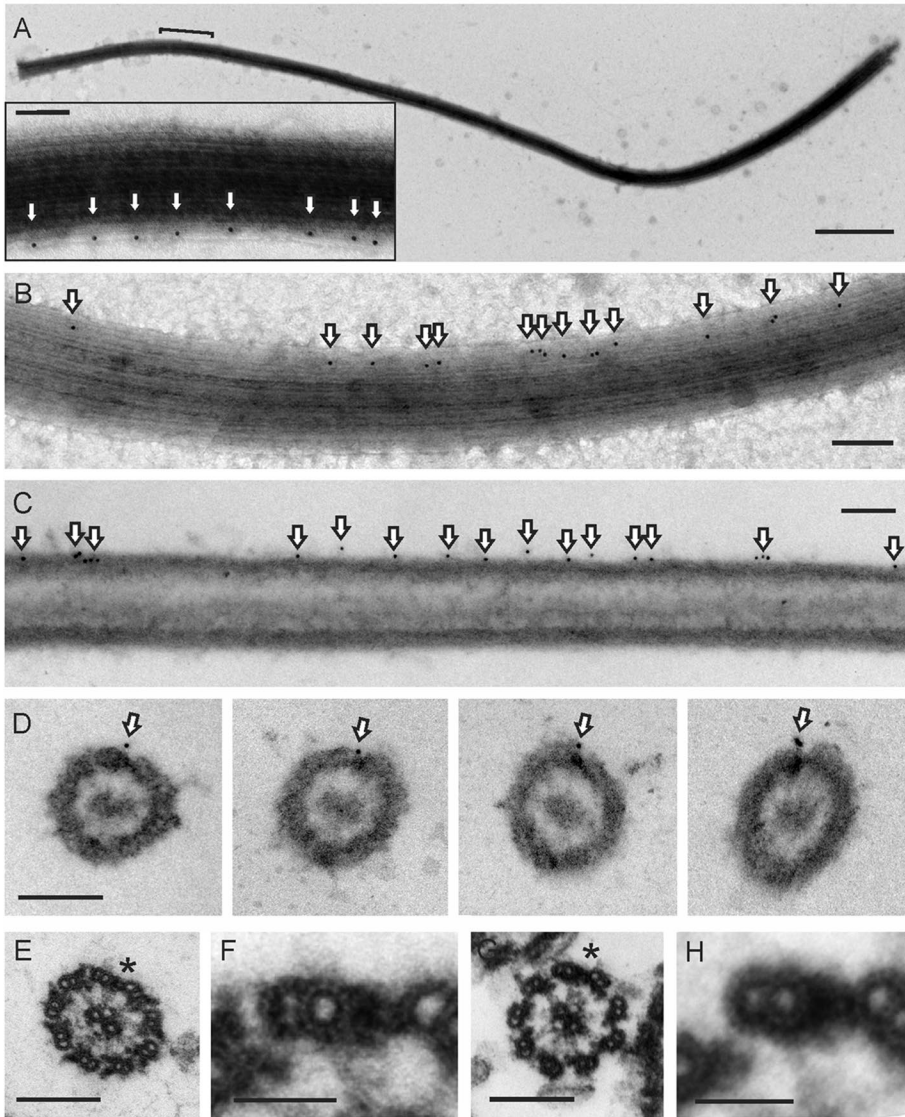
cells (*oda9* is a mutation in the outer dynein IC1 subunit and is essential for ODA assembly) or by the absence of ODA8, as seen in *oda8,oda10,ODA10HA* cells.

Further IF localization with unfixed, isolated *oda10,ODA10HA* axonemes confirmed the proximal localization seen in fixed whole cells; however, no signal was visible on ~20% of axonemes, and, when present, it did not always extend to the extreme proximal end of the severed axoneme (Supplemental Figure S3). Lack of signal on apparently full-length axonemes likely results from problems of antibody access to axonemes that have already adhered in random orientations to the poly-L-lysine-coated coverslip before antibody incubation, blocking the limited region of ODA10 distribution. Absence of a signal at the extreme proximal end suggests that the complex preferentially dissociates from this region during axoneme purification or that the domain specifying an attachment site for this complex does not extend to the transition zone where flagellar severing occurs. A similar pattern was observed for ODA5HA, although the lower expression level of this construct resulted in a weaker signal than that typically seen for ODA10HA (Figure 4A and Supplemental Figure S3).

Enlarged images of ODA10 localization consistently displayed a biased distribution toward the side of each flagellum that faced the midline between the two flagella on each cell (Figure 4B). This distribution could not be due to misalignment of signals from different confocal channels, as it was apparent on multiple cells within a field of view, regardless of their orientation. Given that *Chlamydomonas* flagella have a fixed orientation with doublet microtubule 1 (DM1) facing the midline (Hoops and Witman, 1983), this fluorescence signal distribution suggests that the ODA AC is concentrated on the DM8-9-1-2-3 side of the axoneme.

To see whether the proximal flagellar localization of ODA10 corresponded to a specific ultrastructural feature, we performed whole-mount negative-stain immunogold electron microscopy using secondary 10-nm gold-labeled antibodies to detect anti-HA on unfixed *oda10,ODA10HA* axonemes. Gold particles appeared on only a single microtubule doublet toward one end of any given axoneme (Figure 5, A and B). This end was identified as the base by the orientation of ODAs, which tilt toward the base, and by the appearance of the doublets, which all end together at the severed base but appear uneven in length and are reduced to A-tubules alone at the distal tip. The overall distribution of gold particles (Figure 6A) was similar to that seen by immunofluorescence in isolated axonemes and intact cells. Longitudinal thin sections of embedded axonemes labeled with 10-nm gold displayed an identical gold particle distribution, with single rows of gold particles visible along the margin of axonemes that were in a favorable orientation (Figure 5C). The spacing between gold particles in both negatively stained and longitudinal thin-section images peaks around 24 nm (Figure 6B).

Cross sections of pre-embedding, gold antibody-labeled axonemes show that ODA10HA is located exclusively on DM1 (Figure 5D), which was identified by the absence of electron density that corresponds to ODAs and by the presence of the DM1–DM2 bridge, an electron-dense structure that connects DM1 to DM2 in the proximal region of *Chlamydomonas* axonemes (Hoops and Witman, 1983; Bui et al., 2009; Lin et al., 2012). To control for the possibility that gold labeling of ODA10HA was only observable on DM1 because ODA complexes blocked antibody access on DM2–9, we also examined gold labeling on axonemes from an *oda* strain (*oda9,oda10,ODA10HA*; Supplemental Figure S4), as well as on wild-type (*oda10,ODA10HA*) axonemes that were fixed with formaldehyde (similar to those used for immunofluorescence analysis in Figure 5A). Both of these controls generated identical labeling



**FIGURE 5:** ODA10 is restricted to DM1. (A, B) Negative-stain electron micrograph of ODA10HA localized with 10-nm gold particles (arrows) on unfixed axonemes. Bracket in A indicates the region enlarged in the inset. (C, D) Pre-embedding, labeled *oda10*, ODA10HA axonemes, thin section. (E) Wild-type axoneme (proximal). (F) Enlarged averaged view of wild-type DM1–DM2 bridge. (G) *oda10* axoneme (proximal). (H) Enlarged averaged view of *oda10* DM1–DM2 bridge. The DM1–DM2 bridge is marked by an asterisk in E and G. Scale bar, 1  $\mu\text{m}$  (A; inset, 100 nm); 200 nm (B–E, G), 50 nm (F, H).

limited to a single microtubule doublet, supporting the conclusion that ODA10HA is restricted to the proximal region of DM1. Previous ultrastructural analyses of *oda5* and *oda10* noted that axonemes of both mutants lacked ODAs but retained the ODA-DC (Kamiya, 1988; Takada and Kamiya, 1994); however, the appearance of the DM1–DM2 bridge was not analyzed. We compared bridge structures using thin sections of traditionally fixed, unlabeled wild-type and *oda10* axonemes. No difference between wild-type (Figure 5, E and F) and *oda10* (Figure 5, G and H) bridge structures was detected using this method.

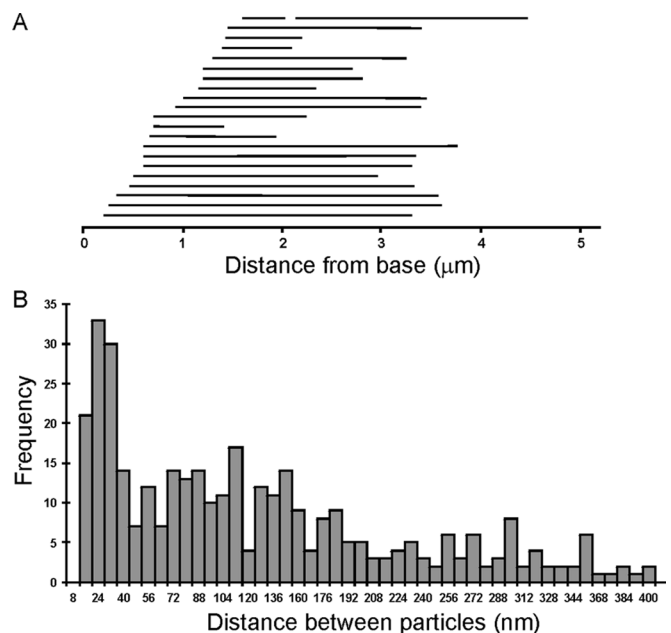
To gain further insight into the relationship between a proximally localized ODA AC and the overall assembly of ODAs, which occurs primarily at the flagellar tip during all phases of flagellar elongation, we observed ODA10HA in vegetative cells that were regenerating their flagella after a pH shock-induced deflagellation.

By IF microscopy, ODA10HA was seen at the proximal end of the growing flagella as soon as they were observable, but this ODA10HA signal never extended beyond the proximal 2–3  $\mu\text{m}$  over the 90 min required for flagella to reach 10  $\mu\text{m}$  in length (Figure 7).

The genetic interaction between *oda8* and *oda10* was originally identified through lack of cytoplasmic complementation in temporary dikaryons formed by fusion of *oda8* and *oda10* gametes (Kamiya, 1988), where complementation was scored as rescue of beat frequency from the *oda* level of ~24 Hz to the wild-type dikaryon level of ~45 Hz. To understand this phenomenon, we first tested whether lack of beat frequency restoration was due to lack of dynein assembly or to assembly of a defective dynein that could not contribute to motility. Blot analysis of flagella isolated at various times after gamete mixing (Figure 8A) confirms that there is no increase in dynein abundance above the level contributed by the *oda10* gametes (~1% of the wild-type level). Dikaryons from a cross in which ODA10HA was expressed in the *oda8* strain (*oda10*  $\times$  *oda8*, *oda10*, ODA10HA) were then analyzed by IF to determine whether the ODA10 protein present in *oda8* mutant cytoplasm could assemble into the *oda10* mutant flagella. Surprisingly, ODA10HA only appeared in one pair of flagella in dikaryons fixed at 15, 30, or 60 min after mixing (Figure 8B), and some dikaryons completely lacked an HA signal in all four flagella. In addition, the HA signal consistently appeared attenuated in gametes compared with vegetative cells and in dikaryons compared with unmated gametes in the same samples. To provide a more quantitative analysis, we isolated flagella from vegetative and gametic cells and blotted them to determine the relative levels of ODA10HA. ODA10 is maintained at the same levels in vegetative and gametic flagella of wild-type cells but is reduced by about half in gametes of ODA

assembly mutants regardless of whether dynein assembly was blocked by a mutation in the interacting *oda8* locus or in an ODA subunit locus, *oda6* (Figure 8C). Next we compared ODA10 levels during an *oda10*  $\times$  ODA10HA cross, in which one pair of flagella is already fully populated with ODA complexes and with ODA10HA, before and 90 min after mixing (Figure 8D) and observed a nearly complete loss of ODA10HA from the dikaryon flagella. To see whether this loss also occurred in dikaryons during a dikaryon rescue in which one set of gamete flagella initially has ODA10 assembled but all of the gamete flagella lack dynein, we isolated flagella from an *oda8*, *oda10*  $\times$  *oda6*, *oda10*, ODA10HA cross. As seen in Figure 8E, the levels of ODA10HA decreased, whereas the levels of IC2 increased, over a 2-h period. We conclude that the ODA AC is mobilized in gametes and during a dikaryon rescue and that steady-state concentrations of this complex in flagella are not required for



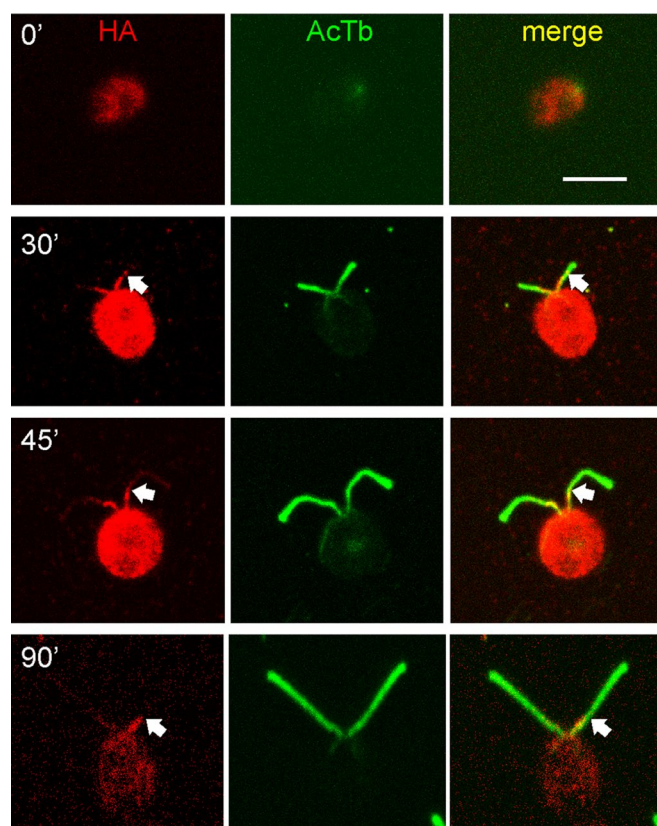


**FIGURE 6:** Gold particle distribution on *oda10, ODA10HA* axonemes labeled with anti-HA and 10-nm gold secondary antibodies. (A) Extent of labeled region on each of 22 negatively stained axonemes arranged in order of the distance from the base to the first gold particle. (B) Distance between adjacent gold particles binned in 8-nm increments (357 particles, from images of 47 axonemes).

ODA assembly. Thus, although ODA10 fails to assemble into *oda10* mutant flagella during a cross between *oda8* and *oda10* mutant cells, this failure may not be related to the failure of ODA complexes to assemble into the dikaryon flagella. We therefore turned to an analysis of the role of the ODA AC in formation of assembly-competent ODA complexes in the cytoplasm.

#### ODA complexes in *oda10* mutant cytoplasm are defective

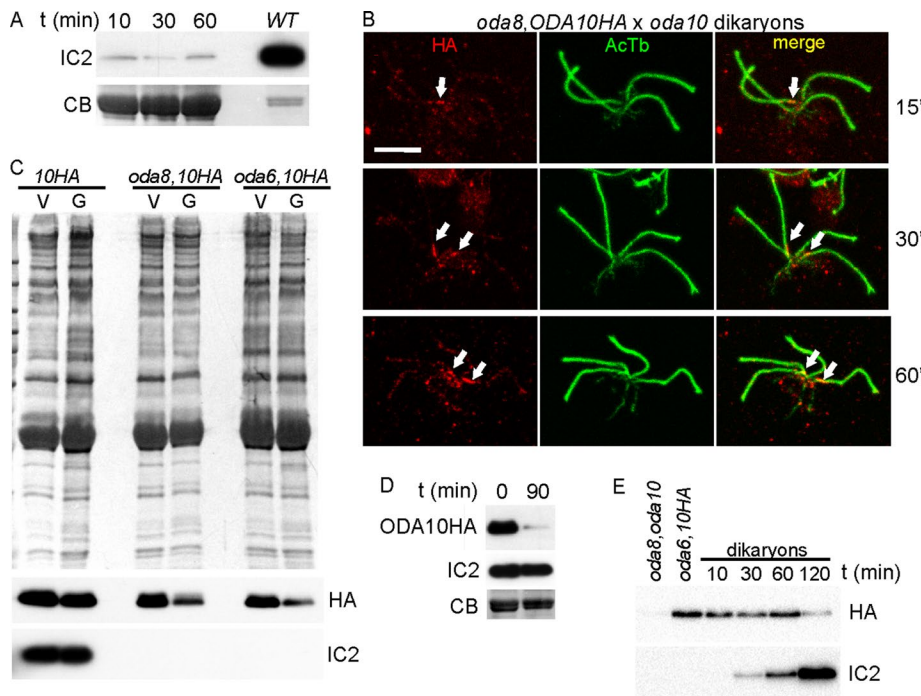
Because axonemal binding sites for ODAs appear normal in both *oda8* (Desai *et al.*, 2015) and *oda10* (Dean and Mitchell, 2013), whereas ODA complexes in the cytoplasm of *oda8* do not appear normal, we hypothesized that the genetic interaction between *oda8* and *oda10* involved a shared role in maturation of ODA complexes in the cytoplasm, after preassembly of dynein but before transport of ODA complexes into flagella. We therefore tested whether preassembled dynein in the cytoplasm of *oda10* mutants was defective in its ability to bind to outer doublet microtubules. Dynein binding assays were performed by incubating cytoplasmic extracts with axonemes lacking outer arm dyneins, and the pellets were analyzed for the presence of dynein, using Western blots. The results show that ODAs from *oda10* mutant cytoplasm are highly defective for binding to axonemes (Figure 9A). ODA subunits are present at wild-type abundance in *oda10* cytoplasm, and their assembly state is comparable to that in wild-type cytoplasm, based on coimmunoprecipitation with a monoclonal antibody to ODA heavy chain  $\beta$  (Fowkes and Mitchell, 1998). Recently, however, we observed that ODA complexes in the cytoplasm of another ODA assembly mutant, *pf22*, could not be detected using our monoclonal for immunoprecipitates, even though ODA heavy chain  $\beta$  is abundant in the *pf22* cytoplasm by blot (Mitchison *et al.*, 2012), leading us to question the accuracy of IP analysis based on this anti- $\beta$  monoclonal. Subsequently, IP with a Myc-epitope tagged IC (ODA IC2) revealed



**FIGURE 7:** Localization of the ODA AC during flagellar growth. *oda10, ODA10HA* cells deflagellated by pH shock and fixed at the indicated times during flagellar assembly were stained for HA (red) and acetylated tubulin (green). HA signal appears at the earliest stages of assembly but does not extend beyond the proximal  $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$  (arrows). Bar,  $5 \mu\text{m}$ .

reduced structural integrity of ODA complexes in *oda8* compared with wild-type cytoplasm (Desai *et al.*, 2015). With this anti-Myc IP approach, when ODA complexes in *oda10* cytoplasm were compared with those in wild-type cytoplasm,  $<50\%$  of the wild-type level of dynein heavy chains  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  was seen to coimmunoprecipitate with IC2 (Figure 9B), indicating comparable or greater defect in stability of ODA complexes in *oda10* cytoplasm and *oda8* cytoplasm. Because the *Chlamydomonas* ODA5/ODA10 complex appears to function in cytoplasmic steps needed for correct ODA assembly rather than as an accessory to the docking complex for ODA attachment to doublet microtubules, we suggest that its continued designation as the ODA AC should serve to indicate ODA assembly complex rather than ODA accessory complex.

The defective ODAs in *oda10* cytoplasm can apparently be repaired and assembled into the flagella of dikaryons formed between *oda10* gametes and gametes harboring mutations in either intermediate chains (*oda6* or *oda9*) or heavy chains (*oda2* or *oda4*; Kamiya, 1988; Figure 8E). To see whether this repair required a measurably slow process such as protein synthesis, as reported recently for rescue between two I1 inner arm dynein mutants (Viswanadha *et al.*, 2014), we measured the relative rate of repair in a cross between *oda6* (missing IC2) and *oda10* (missing the ODA AC) and in a cross between *oda6* and *oda1* (missing the ODA DC). As seen in Figure 9C, the repair in *oda6*  $\times$  *oda10* dikaryons does not display any lag indicative of the need for synthesis of new proteins during dikaryon rescue. A successful replication of this cytoplasmic



**FIGURE 8:** Flagellar ODA10 is dynamic in dikaryons. (A) Coomassie-stained gel (CB, bottom) and Western blot (IC2, top) of flagella samples isolated from a mating mixture of *oda8* and *oda10* gametes at various times. WT lane, flagellar sample of vegetative cells, loaded five times less than the gamete flagella. Dynein fails to rescue in these *oda8* × *oda10* dikaryons. (B) IF analysis of dikaryons between *oda8*, *oda10*, *ODA10HA* and *oda10* gametes fixed at the indicated times, showing ODA10HA in only one pair of flagella (arrows). Scale bar, 5 μm. (C) Amido black-stained blot (top) and immunoblots (bottom) of flagellar samples from vegetative (V) and gametic (G) cells demonstrates reduction of flagellar ODA10HA in *oda*-strain gametes. (D) Flagella isolated from a mating mixture of *oda10* and *oda10*, *ODA10HA* gametes immediately after and 90 min after mixing of gametes. Blots show loss of ODA10HA but no loss of IC2. (E) Blots of flagella from gametes and dikaryons formed between *oda8*, *oda10* and *oda6*, *oda10*, *ODA10HA* show that ODA10 is lost from flagella during the time when ODAs (IC2) are assembling.

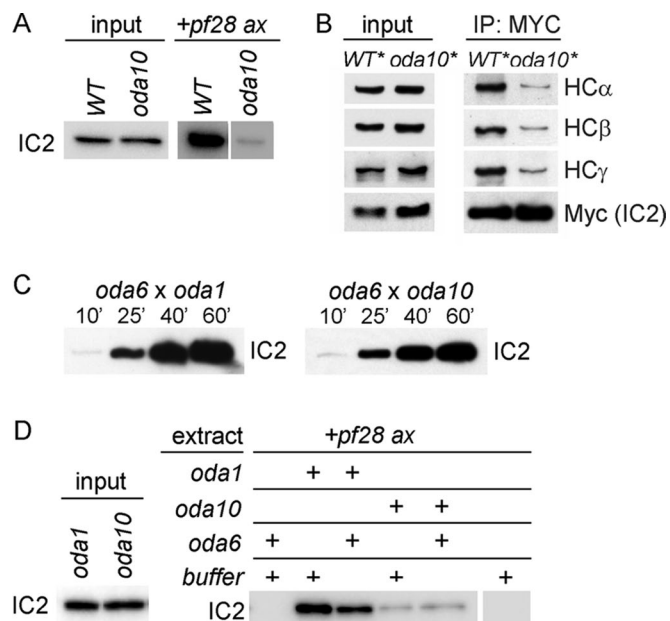
complementation phenomenon in vitro could allow us to biochemically isolate the components in *oda6* cytoplasm that modified the defective dynein into an assembly-competent form. Thus we tested whether the axonemal binding defect in ODAs from *oda10* cytoplasm could be restored by mixing together cytoplasmic extracts of *oda6* and *oda10* cells and then preincubating the mixture to allow any necessary enzymatic activity in vitro before adding axonemes to test binding. No repair was observed in this experiment (Figure 9D) or in several others with variations of the time, temperature, and ATP concentration during preincubation. In contrast, ODAs in the cytoplasm of docking complex mutant *oda1* bound to axonemes with high affinity, which was unaffected by preincubation with *oda6* extracts.

## DISCUSSION

ODA assembly is demonstrably a nonspontaneous process requiring multiple complexes and proteins that do not function as part of the motor itself. Preassembly of ODA motor subunits (heavy chains and ICs) begins in the cytoplasm with the assistance of cytoplasmic assembly factors (Freshour *et al.*, 2007; Omeran *et al.*, 2008; Duquesnoy *et al.*, 2009; Horani *et al.*, 2012; Mitchison *et al.*, 2012). Transport of preassembled ODAs into cilia uses an ODA-specific IFT adaptor protein (Ahmed and Mitchell, 2005; Ahmed *et al.*, 2008), and, once in cilia, ODAs assemble onto axonemes at locations specified by the independently assembled

ODA DC (Takada and Kamiya, 1994; Takada *et al.*, 2002; Koutoulis *et al.*, 1997; Wakabayashi *et al.*, 2001; Casey *et al.*, 2003; Ide *et al.*, 2013). There is at least one additional step required for ODA assembly in *Chlamydomonas*, which requires three proteins—ODA5, ODA8, and ODA10—after cytoplasmic preassembly and before docking of ODAs onto axonemes in flagella (Kamiya, 1988; Fowkes and Mitchell, 1998; Wirschell *et al.*, 2004; Dean and Mitchell, 2013; Desai *et al.*, 2015). Here we showed that ODA5 and ODA10 exist together in a complex, the ODA AC, in both the cytoplasm and in flagella and that these two proteins depend on each other for stability. Thus lack of cytoplasmic complementation in dikaryons between *oda5* and *oda10* follows from an absence of the ODA AC in both strains, but the exact role of the ODA AC is unclear. Sequence and predicted structure comparisons suggest that these proteins share a common ancestor with ODA DC subunits (Dean and Mitchell, 2013). Most organisms with motile flagella powered by ODAs only retain a single homologue of ODA10 and a single homologue (or two close paralogues) of *Chlamydomonas* DC2, and evidence has been presented that the vertebrate ODA10 homologues (Hjeij *et al.*, 2014; Jerber *et al.*, 2014) and DC2 homologues (Knowles *et al.*, 2013; Onoufriadis *et al.*, 2014) are interacting axonemal proteins important for ODA assembly. We hypothesize that ancestrally a single heterodimer performed the functions of both the *Chlamydomonas* AC and DC complexes, but through gene duplication in the green algal lineage, two separate complexes emerged with separate functions, one dedicated to assembly and the other to forming an axonemal docking site. If so, then the single complex found in mammals formed through interaction of DC2 homologue CCDC114 and ODA10 homologue CCDC151 (Hjeij, 2014) may still perform both assembly and docking functions. In tissues in which IFT-dependent assembly is not required, such as *Drosophila* testis, the need for an ODA10 homologue appears to have been lost (Jerber *et al.*, 2014). It remains to be seen whether a docking complex is still required for attachment of ODA complexes in fly sperm and whether a DC2 homologue participates in its formation.

Of interest, immunofluorescence and immunogold electron microscopy showed that ODA5 and ODA10 are localized to DM1 in the proximal 2–3 μm of flagella (Figures 4 and 5). DM1 in *Chlamydomonas* lacks outer arms, and ODA10 localization was not affected by lack of ODAs; thus binding sites on DM1 for the ODA AC are assembled independently of ODAs (Figure 4). The only other structures with a similar localization to ODA10 are bridges with 8-nm periodicity that connect DM1 and DM2 in the proximal region of *Chlamydomonas* flagella (Hoops and Witman, 1983; Bui *et al.*, 2009; Lin *et al.*, 2012). The function of these bridges is unclear, but similar structures are present in sea urchin sperm axonemes (Lin *et al.*, 2012), and they are hypothesized to be responsible for



**FIGURE 9:** Defective ODA complexes in *oda10* mutant cytoplasm. (A) Axonemal binding of ODA complexes from wild-type cytoplasm (WT) and *oda10* cytoplasm to *pf28* axonemes (+*pf28 ax* lanes). Blots of pelleted axonemes were probed for IC2 to reveal bound ODA complexes. Input shows equal amounts of ODA IC2 in the extracts. (B) Blot of total cytoplasmic proteins to show relative abundance (left) and anti-Myc IP of ODA complexes (right) from extracts of wild-type (*oda6,IC2-Myc*) and *oda10* cells expressing IC2-MYC (*oda10,oda6,IC2-Myc*). (C) Comparison of the rates of ODA assembly into fully formed flagella of dikaryons between *oda6* and *oda1* (left) and between *oda6* and *oda10* (right). Flagella isolated at the indicated times were blotted for IC2. (D) Binding assays comparing the ability of ODA complexes from *oda10* and *oda1*, with and without preincubation with an *oda6* cytoplasmic extract, to bind to *pf28* axonemes. Input lanes show equal amounts of IC2 in the extracts.

creating asymmetric planar waveforms typical of ciliary motility by restraining sliding between DM1 and DM2. ODA10 localization did not reach the extreme proximal end of axonemes (Figures 5A and 6A), a region that lacks the DM1–DM2 bridge (Bui *et al.*, 2012). This pattern is not the same as the pattern of another coiled-coil protein that has been implicated in dynein assembly in vertebrates, CCDC11, which extends along the entire cilium in some zebrafish tissues but is restricted to the basal body region (coincident with  $\gamma$ -tubulin) in nodal cilia, where it may be needed for outer arm dynein assembly (Narasimhan *et al.*, 2015).

Our data suggest that some DM1-specific proteins direct assembly of the DM1–DM2 bridge and also favor interaction of the AC in this region, whereas the remaining eight doublets show higher affinity for the DC at the same relative A-tubule position. DM1 distal to the bridge lacks any electron density at the position occupied by the DC (and outer arms) on the remaining eight DMs and fails to bind outer arms *in vitro* in the presence of the DC (Takada and Kamiya, 1994). Thus the AC does not play a role in docking ODA onto axonemes, consistent with our dynein reconstitution assay, which showed that ODA10 is unnecessary for dynein to bind to axonemes *in vitro* (Dean and Mitchell, 2013). The structural and implied evolutionary relationship between the heterodimeric DC1/DC2 core of the docking complex and the heterodimeric ODA5/ODA10 assembly complex would be consistent with a 24-nm periodicity for the interaction of both complexes with doublet microtubules. Although

the peak of ODA10 immunogold particle separation distance was ~24 nm, the size of gold particle–tagged immune complexes precludes accurate measurement of closer spacing. Thus AC complexes could have true periodicities of 8 or 16 rather than 24 nm.

Immunofluorescence microscopy performed on cells fixed at various times during ciliogenesis showed that ODA10 assembles from base to tip coincident with assembly of the proximal bridge-associated domain, suggesting that ODA10 and ODA5 function in the proximal region of flagella to facilitate ODA assembly in flagella (Figure 7). However, reductions in flagellar ODA10 during a dikaryon rescue, at a time when ODAs are still being assembled (Figure 8E), suggest that the proximal location of the ODA AC is not essential for dynein assembly and that ODAs no longer need the ODA AC once they have been assembled. However, because we were unable to distinguish HA signals at the single-molecule level from the background IF signal seen along the flagella of control (untagged) cells, we cannot eliminate the possibility that low levels of ODA10 are transported along with dynein to the flagellar tip during the assembly process.

Dynein binding assays show that ODAs in *oda10* cytoplasm, like those in *oda8* cytoplasm (Desai *et al.*, 2015), do not bind to axonemes with the same affinity as ODAs in wild-type or *oda1* cytoplasm (Figure 9), suggesting that preassembled ODAs are in a different state in the absence of ODA8 or the AC. Cytoplasmic complementation analysis showed that ODAs in *oda10* cytoplasm can be assembled to rescue motility in dikaryons formed between *oda10* and *oda6* (ODA-IC2 mutant), suggesting that ODAs in *oda10* cytoplasm can be restored, given the right conditions. However, we could not replicate this restoration *in vitro*. Preincubating *oda10* cytoplasmic extract with *oda6* cytoplasmic extract, which lacks dynein but has ODA8, ODA10, and ODA5, did not restore the defective ODA in *oda10* cytoplasm to wild-type affinity (Figure 9D). ODAs in *oda10* cytoplasm may require an intact cellular architecture, such as the presence of basal body/centrosome-associated factors that are not present in these extracts, in order to be repaired or transitioned to a mature state.

In summary, we hypothesize that ODA10 and ODA5 function in an assembly complex required for dynein maturation in the cytoplasm after preassembly of most ODA subunits and that ODA8 is also important in this maturation process. In this instance, maturation could involve a posttranslational modification of a dynein subunit, such as a lipidation, phosphorylation, or the isomerization of a proline, or a change in dynein interaction with a specifically activated transport factor, such as a G-protein, as seen for other ciliary cargoes (Sung and Leroux, 2013). This function and the traditional doublet docking function may be dual roles of the docking complex in metazoan organisms. In *Chlamydomonas*, where these functions are separate, the function of the ODA AC in the cytoplasm may be essential to form ODA complexes that can be recognized by the IFT machinery as substrates for transport and that will interact productively with axonemal docking sites on outer doublet microtubules.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Strains and culture conditions

The following strains of *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* can be obtained from the *Chlamydomonas* Genetics Center (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN): wild-type 137c,mt- (CC-124), 137c,mt+ (CC-125), *pf28*,mt- (CC-1877), *pf28*,mt+ (CC-3661; an allele of *oda2*), *oda1*,mt+ (CC-2228), *oda6*,mt+ (CC-2239), *oda5*,mt+ (CC-2236), *oda8*,mt+ (CC-2242), *oda9*,mt+ (CC-2244), *oda9*,mt- (cc-2245), *oda10-1*,mt+ (CC-2246), and *oda10-1*,mt- (CC-2247). Strains *oda5,ODA5HA* (CC-4030), insertional mutant *oda10-2*,mt-, and



*oda10-2,mt,arg7* (Wirschell et al., 2004) were obtained from George Witman (University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA). *oda5,oda10*, *oda8,oda10*, *oda5,oda10,ODA10HA*, *oda8,oda10,ODA10HA*, and *oda10-2,ODA10HA* (Dean and Mitchell, 2013), *oda6, ODA6MYC*, and *oda8,ODA8HA* (Desai et al., 2015), and *oda10-2,ODA10FLAG*, *oda5,oda10,ODA5HA,ODA10FLAG*, *oda10,oda5,ODA5HA*, and *oda9,oda10,ODA10HA* were constructed in our laboratory. *oda10-2,ODA10FLAG* was created by cotransformation of FLAG-tagged *ODA10* cDNA with ARG2 gene plasmid pJD67 into an arginine-dependent *oda10-2,arg7* strain. *oda6,ODA6HA* has been previously described (Mitchison et al., 2012). The double-mutant strain *oda10,oda5* was crossed with *oda5,ODA5HA* to create *oda10,oda5,ODA5HA* from nonparental di-type tetrads. *oda* mutant strains that expressed *ODA10HA* and *ODA10FLAG* were selected using whole-cell and flagellar sample Western blots probed with anti-HA and anti-FLAG antibodies, respectively. *oda10-2,ODA10HA* was crossed with *oda9* to create *oda9,oda10,ODA10HA* from nonparental di-type tetrads. *oda10-2,ODA10FLAG* and *oda5,oda10,ODA5HA,ODA10FLAG* were created by cotransformation of FLAG-tagged *ODA10* cDNA with ARG2 gene plasmid pJD67 and paromomycin-resistant gene plasmid pChlamiRNA3int (*Chlamydomonas* Genetics Center), respectively, into arginine-dependent *oda10-2,arg7* and *oda10,oda5,ODA5HA* strains. Mating and tetrad analyses were performed according to standard protocols (Dutcher, 1995). Expression of all tagged proteins was in the background of a cell that was null at the endogenous locus. Expression levels are documented in Supplemental Figure S1.

### Cell fractionation

Whole-cell protein samples were prepared by acetone precipitation, dissolved in 1× high-SDS buffer, boiled for 2 min, and spun in a microcentrifuge to remove cell ghosts. β-Mercaptoethanol was added, and supernatants were boiled for 5 min. Cell body samples were prepared identically to whole-cell samples after deflagellation by pH shock. Cytoplasmic extracts for binding assays and immunoprecipitations were prepared as previously described (Dean and Mitchell, 2013) and adjusted to equalize abundance of ODA IC2 by Western blot before use. For column purification, extracts of cells that had not been pretreated with gametic lysine were prepared from 32-l cultures using a commercial bead beater (Biospec, Bartlesville, OK) and an extraction buffer of 140 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris, pH 7.8, and 5 mM imidazole. Up to 10 ml of extract was fractionated on a 1-ml His Bind column (Novagen). Peak fractions from the His Bind column were applied directly to a 0.1-ml anti-FLAG M2 affinity column (Sigma-Aldrich) and eluted with 3×FLAG peptide (APE Bio).

Flagella, axonemes, and axonemal salt extracts were prepared from vegetative cells using standard methods as detailed previously (Dean and Mitchell, 2013). For binding assays, axonemes were incubated with cytoplasmic extracts on ice for 1 h and pelleted in a microcentrifuge at 4°C for 5 min. Pellets were made directly into gel samples or washed as detailed in *Results*. For dikaryon analysis, cells were washed into medium lacking nitrogen and incubated overnight under constant illumination. Gametes were resuspended at equal densities before mixing. At the indicated times, samples were removed for pH shock deflagellation for fixation and immunofluorescence analysis.

### Antibodies and immunodetection

Antibodies used include rat monoclonal anti-HA epitope 3F10 (Roche), mouse monoclonal anti-ODA-IC2 (C11.4; Mitchell and Rosenbaum, 1986), mouse monoclonal anti-FLAG epitope M2 (Sigma-Aldrich, Cell Signaling), anti-NAB1 (Agriseria AB, Vannas,

Sweden), and mouse anti-acetylated-tubulin 6B11 (Sigma-Aldrich). The anti-Myc 9E 10 monoclonal antibody, developed by J. Michael Bishop, was obtained from the Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank (University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA). For Western blots, horseradish peroxidase-labeled secondary antibodies were detected using Clarity Western ECI Substrate (Bio-Rad). Chemiluminescence signals were detected using either radiography or Chemidoc MP Imager (Bio-Rad). The blots were quantified using Chemidoc software (Bio-Rad).

For immunoprecipitation, extracts were preincubated with 15 μl of a 50% suspension of protein A-Sepharose (PA-Seph) for 1 h, and spun, and supernatants were transferred to fresh tubes. For IP with anti-HA and anti-FLAG, antibodies were added and, after 2 h, 15 μl of PA-Seph suspension was added and incubated for 1 h while rotating. For IP with anti-Myc, beads with covalently bound anti-Myc (Sigma-Aldrich) were used. The mixtures were spun in a microcentrifuge, and pellets were washed three times with 0.5 ml of HMDEK50 buffer (30 mM 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid [HEPES], pH 7.4, 5 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 1 mM dithiothreitol, 0.5 mM ethylene glycol-bis (β-aminoethyl ether)-N,N,N',N'-tetraacetic acid [EGTA], 50 mM potassium acetate) for 10 min while rotating. Finally, the pellets were resuspended in SDS-sample buffer and boiled for 2 min.

For immunofluorescence analysis, cells were simultaneously fixed and permeabilized by mixing with equal volumes of 10 mM HEPES/6% paraformaldehyde/3% Triton X-100, and the mixture was immediately applied to 0.1% poly-L-lysine (Sigma-Aldrich)-coated coverslips and allowed to settle for 12 min. Slides were plunged into methanol for 5 min at −20°C and air dried. After rehydration in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS), samples were blocked for 1 h in 100% block solution (PBS/5% bovine serum albumin/1% cold-water fish gelatin), incubated with primary antibodies diluted in 20% block solution for 1 h at room temperature, washed 3 × 5 min in PBS, and incubated with secondary antibodies diluted in 20% block solution for 1 h at room temperature. Coverslips were washed as before and mounted in 50% glycerol/50% Tris-saline with 2% N-propyl-gallate as an anti-fade reagent. Slides were stored at 4°C until imaged. For multiple staining, the slides were incubated with one antibody at a time, followed by its secondary, with 30-min blocks before the next primary antibody, to avoid cross-reaction between antibodies. Alexa Fluor 488 goat anti-mouse and Alexa Fluor 555 goat anti-rat secondary fluorescent antibodies (Invitrogen) were used. Images were captured on a Leica SP5 scanning confocal microscope with an HCX PL APO 63×/1.40–0.60 Oil λ BL objective (Leica, Bannockburn, IL) with Leica LAS AF 2.6 software. Maximum Z-stack projections were made in ImageJ (National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD). Images were cropped, and brightness and contrast levels were adjusted using Photoshop (Adobe).

### Electron microscopy

For traditional thin-section analysis, axonemes were pelleted and fixed in 1% glutaraldehyde, 1% tannic acid, and 100 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.0, rinsed, postfixed in osmium tetroxide, dehydrated, and embedded in Epon. Thin sections were stained with ethanolic uranyl acetate and lead citrate and imaged in a JEOL JEM1400 transmission electron microscope with a Gatan 832 charge-coupled device camera. Median density of images was adjusted with the Levels function in Photoshop. For immunogold analysis, axonemes adhering to carbon/Formvar-coated nickel grids or to poly-L-lysine-coated glass cover slips were incubated in 10% block in HMDEK50 for 10 min, treated with 3F10 (rat monoclonal anti-HA) diluted 1:10 in 10% block for 1 h at room temperature, rinsed in 10% block for 10 min, treated with 10 nm gold goat anti-rat

(Electron Microscopy Sciences) diluted 1:20 in 10% block for 1 h at room temperature, and rinsed 2 × 10 min in HMDEK50. Preparations on grids were negatively stained with 2% aqueous uranyl acetate. Preparations on coverslips were fixed, dehydrated, embedded, and sectioned as described, except that HMDEK50 was substituted for phosphate buffer during glutaraldehyde fixation. Sections were lightly stained with uranyl acetate and lead citrate before viewing. Point-to-point distances between adjacent gold particles and from the abscission zone at the base of the axoneme to each gold particle were measured using Gatan Digital Micrograph DM3 software.

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