

# TTC25 Deficiency Results in Defects of the Outer Dynein Arm Docking Machinery and Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia with Left-Right Body Asymmetry Randomization

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Multiprotein complexes referred to as outer dynein arms (ODAs) develop the main mechanical force to generate the ciliary and flagellar beat. ODA defects are the most common cause of primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD), a congenital disorder of ciliary beating, characterized by recurrent infections of the upper and lower airways, as well as by progressive lung failure and randomization of left-right body asymmetry. Using a whole-exome sequencing approach, we identified recessive loss-of-function mutations within *TTC25* in three individuals from two unrelated families affected by PCD. Mice generated by CRISPR/Cas9 technology and carrying a deletion of exons 2 and 3 in *Ttc25* presented with laterality defects. Consistently, we observed immotile nodal cilia and missing leftward flow via particle image velocimetry. Furthermore, transmission electron microscopy (TEM) analysis in *TTC25*-deficient mice revealed an absence of ODAs. Consistent with our findings in mice, we were able to show loss of the ciliary ODAs in humans via TEM and immunofluorescence (IF) analyses. Additionally, IF analyses revealed an absence of the ODA docking complex (ODA-DC), along with its known components CCDC114, CCDC151, and ARMC4. Co-immunoprecipitation revealed interaction between the ODA-DC component CCDC114 and *TTC25*. Thus, here we report *TTC25* as a new member of the ODA-DC machinery in humans and mice.

Ciliary motility is important for proper function of diverse processes within the human body.<sup>1</sup> Defects in structure and function of motile respiratory cilia lining the airways lead to the autosomal-recessive mucociliary clearance disorder primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD [MIM: 244400]), which is clinically characterized by recurrent infections of the upper and lower airways, causing permanent lung damage such as bronchiectasis. About 50% of individuals with PCD exhibit situs inversus due to reduced motility or immotility of node monocilia during early embryogenesis (Kartagener syndrome).<sup>1–3</sup> Defects in the structure of the outer dynein arms (ODAs) are the most common cause of PCD. We utilized homozygosity mapping as well as a whole-exome sequencing (WES) approach to identify candidate genes for PCD. Here, we report that mutations in *TTC25* lead to an ODA-docking complex (ODA-DC) defect involving severely reduced ciliary motility and classical symptoms of PCD, as well as randomization of left-right body asymmetry in humans and mice.

Total genome haplotype data analysis, performed as described previously,<sup>4</sup> in a cohort of PCD-affected individuals with ODA defects revealed a homozygous region on human chromosome 17 in the consanguineous PCD-affected families OP-95 (Figure S1) and OP-1331 (Figure 1),

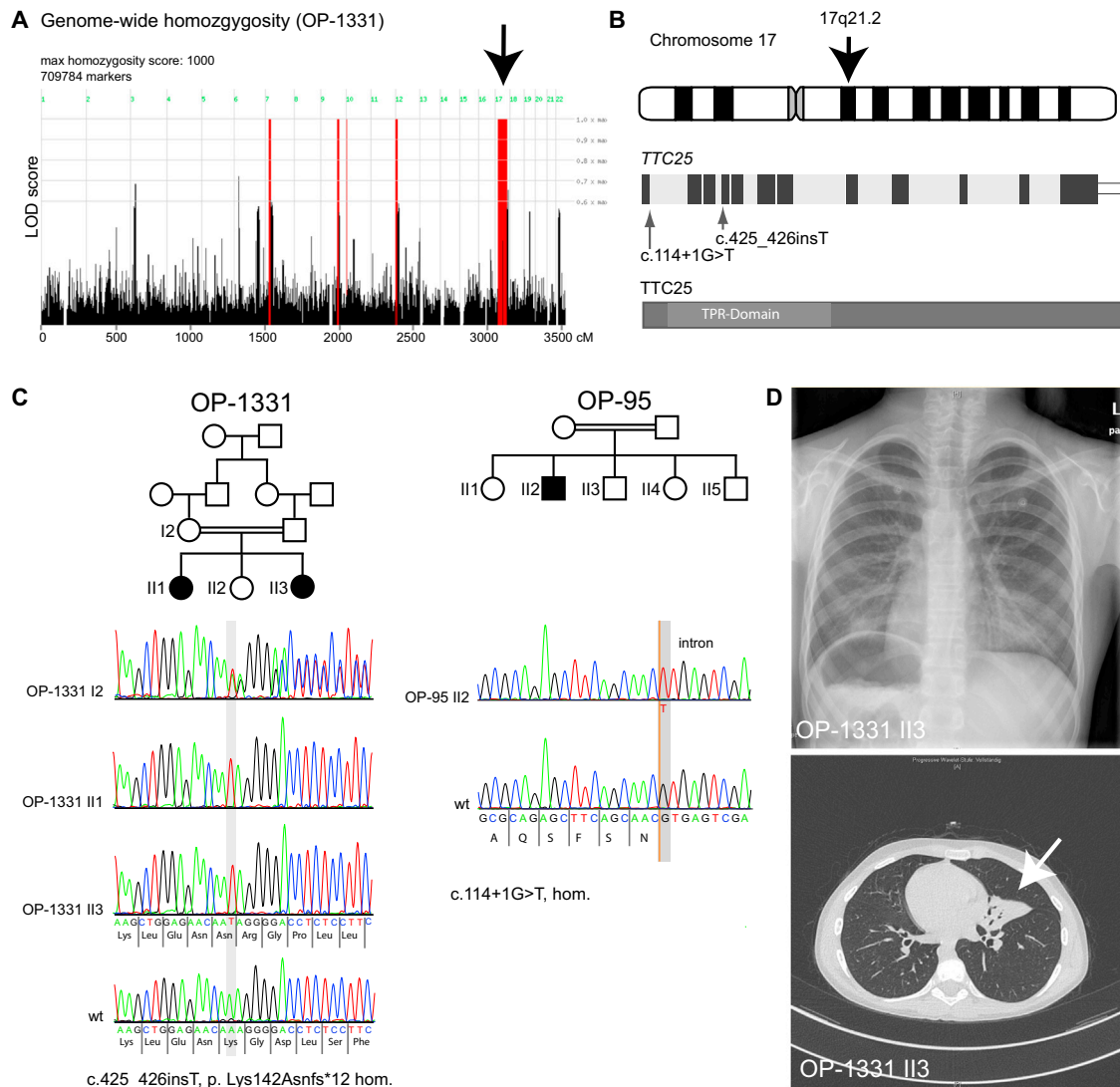
consistent with identity by descent. PCD diagnosis was confirmed by standard clinical diagnostic criteria and documentation of typical symptoms such as neonatal respiratory distress and signs of chronic oto-sinu-pulmonary infections with development of bronchiectasis. Clinical diagnosis included nasal nitric oxide (NO) measurement, medical imaging (X-ray), high-speed video microscopy analysis (HVMA), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), and/or high-resolution immunofluorescence (IF) analysis to analyze ciliary structure and function. We obtained signed and informed consent by using protocols approved by the institutional ethics review board of the University of Muenster.

DNA variants obtained by WES as previously described<sup>5</sup> were filtered according to a recessive disease model. Detailed analyses of all known PCD-associated genes did not reveal any mutations. Genes with monoallelic variants were excluded from further analysis. Furthermore, all variants with an estimated frequency above 0.01 in human variant databases (e.g., 1000 Genomes) were excluded, consistent with models for rare autosomal-recessive diseases. Regions that had shown homozygosity by SNP haplotype data analysis (Affymetrix GeneChip Human Mapping 10K Array v.2.0 and OmniExpressExome 8v.1.2)

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**Figure 1. Mutations in *TTC25* Cause PCD**

(A) Genome-wide homozygosity SNP studies in individuals OP-1331 III1 and OP-1331 III3 revealed a large (50 Mb) homozygous region on chromosome 17, spanning the *TTC25* locus (black arrow).

(B) We identified two homozygous loss-of-function mutations in *TTC25* in the two unrelated consanguineous PCD-affected families OP-95 and OP-1331. *TTC25* encodes a tetratricopeptide (TPR)-domain containing protein.

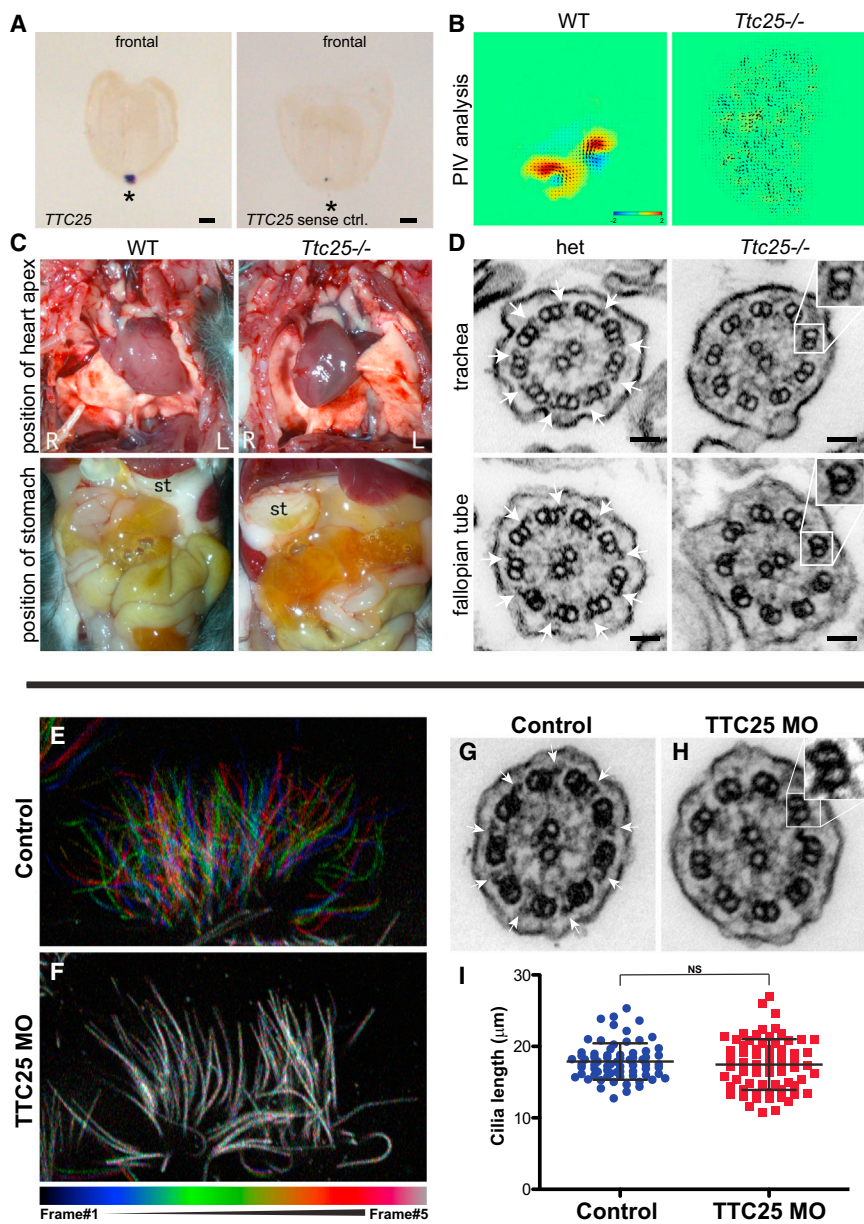
(C) The homozygous splice-site mutation (c.114+1G>T) disrupts the evolutionarily conserved canonical donor site in OP-95 II2. The homozygous frameshift mutation (c.425\_426insT) was identified in the two affected siblings III1 and III3 of family OP-1331. Consistent with autosomal-recessive inheritance, the mutation was detected in the heterozygous state in the mother (OP-1331 I2).

(D) The PCD-affected individual OP-1331 III3 had situs inversus, documented by chest X-ray (upper panel) and computed tomography of the thorax (CT-scan; lower panel). Please also note complete atelectasis of the left-positioned middle lobe, as well as bronchiectasis (white arrow).

were analyzed for possible PCD-causing variants coding for non-synonymous or splice-site substitutions as well as small insertions and/or deletions (indels) (Tables S1 and S2). This analysis revealed a homozygous splice-site mutation (c.114+1G>T) in individual OP-95 II2 and a homozygous out-of-frame insertion (c.425\_426insT [p.Lys142Asnfs\*12]) in OP-1331 III1 in *TTC25* (GenBank: NM\_031421), predicting early termination of translation. The mutations were confirmed by Sanger sequencing, as previously described.<sup>6</sup> Segregation analysis was performed in family OP-1331, confirming that the mutation

segregated consistent with an autosomal-recessive inheritance pattern (Figure 1). Overall, classical loss-of-function *TTC25* mutations were identified in three PCD-affected individuals from two families (Figure 1).

All three PCD-affected individuals (OP-95 II2, OP-1331 III1, and OP-1331 III3) displayed typical clinical PCD phenotypes, including recurrent upper (chronic rhinitis, chronic otitis, chronic sinusitis, and nasal polyps) and lower (chronic productive cough, recurrent pneumonia, and bronchiectasis) airway disease (Figure 1). OP-1331 III1 presented with respiratory distress after birth. Nasal NO



**Figure 2. Analysis of *Ttc25* Mutant Mice and *Ttc25* Knockdown in *Xenopus***

(A) In situ hybridization analyses of wild-type mouse embryos at the age of embryonic day (E) 7.5 revealed strong and restricted expression of *Ttc25* at the ventral node (asterisk). A sense probe was used for negative controls, which do not show any signal (right).

(B) Particle image velocimetry (PIV) analysis of the ventral node also revealed differences between wild-type (WT) and mutant embryos. Whereas, at the wild-type node, flow of particles is rapid and directed, for the *Ttc25* mutant embryo, only scattered and undirected movement could be observed. Leftward flow is shown in yellow and red and rightward in blue.

(C) Mice carrying the *Ttc25* mutation show randomization of left-right body asymmetry. In wild-type mice, the heart apex points to the left side (top left). In mutant mice, shown here, it points to the right side (dextrocardia) (top right). The stomach (st) is localized on the left side in wild-type animals (bottom left), but was found on the right side in *Ttc25* mutants (bottom right).

(D) Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) of ciliary cross-sections from the trachea (upper panel) or fallopian tubes (lower panel) of a heterozygous (het) *Ttc25* mutant mouse (left column) revealed the presence of ODAs (white arrows) attached to the A tubules. In homozygous *Ttc25* mutant mice (right column), the ODAs are lacking.

(E and F) Color-based time coding of time-lapse data from high-speed confocal microscopy reveals robust beating in control multiciliated cells of *Xenopus* (E), and a failure of beating in *Ttc25* morphants (F). Colored bar below indicates the color of each of five frames in the time-lapse movie. (G–I) ODAs are apparent in TEM of normal axonemes of *Xenopus* multiciliated cells (G), but are absent in axonemes after *Ttc25* knockdown (H). At the stages examined here, *Ttc25* knockdown has no effect on cilium length (I).

Scale bars represent 100  $\mu\text{m}$  (ISH) and 5 nm (TEM).

production rate was below 100 nL/min, consistent with the diagnosis of PCD.<sup>7</sup> Two individuals displayed laterality defects: OP-1331 II3 presented with situs inversus and OP-95 II2 had situs ambiguus. In one individual (OP-1331 II1), situs solitus was present, indicating that *TTC25* mutations result in PCD and randomization of left-right body asymmetry.

*TTC25* is located on human chromosome 17q21.2 and comprises 12 exons. The 2,255-bp *TTC25* cDNA encodes the 672-amino-acid tetratricopeptide repeat domain-containing protein 25. *TTC25* contains eight tetratricopeptide (TPR) domains, which exist in organisms from bacteria to humans and are known to be involved in multiprotein-complex formation.<sup>8</sup>

To further analyze the molecular function of *TTC25*, we designed a mouse model via CRISPR/Cas9 that carries a deletion of *Ttc25* exons 2 and 3 (Figure S2). Homozygous *Ttc25* mutants phenotypically exhibited several differences from wild-type mice, consistent with previous findings in mice carrying mutations in genes related to ciliary motility<sup>9</sup> (Figure 2, Table S1). Most mice presented with small body size and some with hydrocephalus at the age of 2 weeks. Consistent with our findings in PCD-affected individuals, most mutant animals displayed a variety of left-right body asymmetry defects, including reversal of lung lobation or dextrocardia (Figure 2), consistent with the laterality defects observed previously after *Ttc25* knockdown in *Xenopus*.<sup>10</sup>

Analysis of the genotype frequency of heterozygous intercrosses revealed deviation from the Mendelian distribution (Table S2). At examination 2 weeks after birth, only 6 out of 53 born mice (11.3%) carried the homozygous *Ttc25* mutation, thus a lower percentage of homozygous *Ttc25* mutant animals was counted than suspected. We therefore hypothesized that some *Ttc25* mutant mice died prenatally due to severe laterality defects.

To better understand the functional role of *TTC25* in the development of left-right asymmetry, we analyzed *Ttc25* expression during early embryonic development by whole-mount in situ hybridization. Analyzing wild-type mouse embryos with probes directed against *Ttc25* mRNA, we observed a well-defined signal restricted to the ventral node, the left-right organizer, where motile monocilia play an important functional role during the critical period of left-right determination (Figure 2A). Next, we studied the monocilia at the left-right organizer. First, we noticed immotility of monocilia at the node of homozygous *Ttc25* mutants (Movies S1 and S2). To check whether the node monocilia in the mutants were capable of generating the leftward-directed nodal flow necessary for determination of left-right asymmetry, we analyzed the embryos by particle image velocimetry (PIV) (Figure 2B), applying particles to the cavity of the node to observe their transport through the nodal pit. Whereas in wild-type embryos the nodal cilia generated a strong, mainly leftward-directed flow, in the mutant embryo, the particles moved only diffusely. This strongly indicates that the cilia are not capable of generating directed fluid flow sufficient for proper axis development. Our results in mice suggest that *TTC25* plays an essential role in the correct function of motile cilia at the ventral node and is therefore important for the development of left-right body asymmetry.

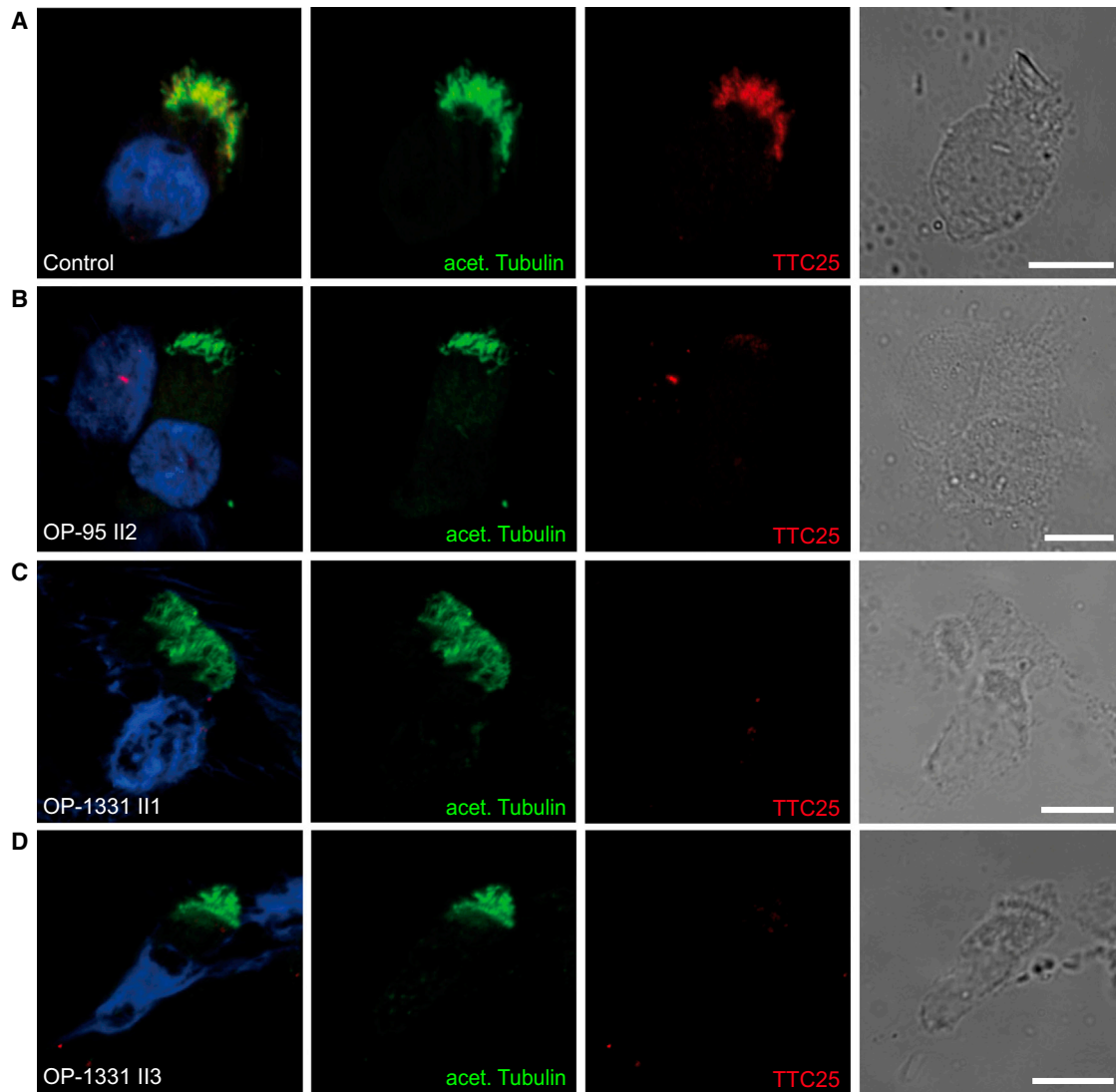
Next, we analyzed the subcellular localization of *TTC25* in human respiratory cells obtained by nasal brush biopsy in healthy control individuals. High-resolution IF microscopy was performed with anti-*TTC25* antibody (ab157630, 1:500) as previously reported<sup>11</sup> and demonstrated *TTC25* localization throughout the ciliary axonemes (Figure 3A), consistent with previous findings in multiciliated cells (MCCs) of *Xenopus* skin.<sup>12</sup> In agreement with the predicted loss-of-function mutations in the three PCD-affected individuals (OP-95 II2, OP-1331 II1, and OP-1331 II3), *TTC25* was not detectable in mutant ciliary axonemes (Figures 3B and 3D).

To further characterize the functional consequences of recessive *TTC25* mutations, we performed TEM (OP-1331 II1 and OP-1331 II3) and HVMA<sup>13</sup> of the ciliary beat (OP-95 II2, OP-1331 II1, and OP-1331 II3) in respiratory epithelial cells obtained by nasal brush biopsy. Motile respiratory cilia consist of multiprotein complexes serving different functions. Careful ultrastructural analyses showed that *TTC25* mutant ciliary axonemes had a normal 9+2 architecture and no evidence of tubular disorganization. Cross-sections of *TTC25* mutant respiratory cilia revealed

absence of ODAs, which are easily depicted in respiratory cilia of control individuals (Figure 4A). The ODAs generate the main mechanical force by converting chemical energy of ATP, by transient binding of neighboring microtubules and conformational changes. Consistent with defective ODA function, we found cilia to be immotile in ciliated respiratory cells from PCD-affected individuals OP-95 II2, OP-1331 II1, and OP-1331 II3. In only a few cells, some residual flickery ciliary movement was visible by HVMA (Movies S3–S5), consistent with defective ODA function.<sup>13</sup> Interestingly, we did not observe any signs of fewer or shortened cilia in the respiratory epithelial cells of individuals with a *TTC25* mutation. Previous studies of morpholino knockdown of *Ttc25* in *Xenopus* resulted in fewer cilia, which appeared very short via scanning electron microscopy.<sup>12</sup> Therefore, it was speculated that *TTC25* might play a role as a ciliogenesis factor. Here, we do not have any evidence for cilia reduced in either length or number. As observed in the respiratory cilia of humans carrying recessive mutations in *TTC25*, TEM analyses of the trachea and fallopian tubes of *Ttc25* mutant mice revealed an absence of ODAs from the ciliary axonemes, which are present in the heterozygous controls (Figure 2D). Consistent with the absence of the ODAs, video microscopy of tracheal tissue confirmed a severe reduction of cilia beating. There was no evidence of short cilia or a reduction in number, consistent with the findings in humans.

In light of these data, we revisited the knockdown phenotype in *Xenopus* MCCs. memGFP mRNA synthesized with an mMACHINE kit (Ambion) and *TTC25* morpholino (Gene Tools) were injected into two ventral cells of four-cell-stage *Xenopus* embryos. We found that defects in ciliogenesis<sup>12</sup> were apparent only at early stages, whereas more mature MCCs displayed normal cilium length after *Ttc25* knockdown (Figure 2I). However, in these later stages, high-speed confocal microscopy revealed severe defects in ciliary beating in morphant MCCs (Figures 2E and 2F, Movies S6 and S7). *Ttc25* morphant cilia in *Xenopus* retained a twitching motility (severe defect in organized beating), similar to that described above for human MCCs (Movies S6 and S7). Finally, TEM analysis revealed a specific loss of ODAs in *Ttc25* morphants (Figures 2G and 2H), consistent with our findings in human individuals with *TTC25* mutations.

ODAs, arranged in a 24 nm repeat along the A tubule, are multiprotein complexes composed of dynein heavy chains (HCs, 400–500 kDa), intermediate chains (ICs, 45–140 kDa), and light chains (LCs, 8–28 kDa).<sup>1</sup> We have previously shown that in contrast to *Chlamydomonas* flagella, ODA complexes vary in their composition of HCs along the human respiratory ciliary axoneme. At least two different types of ODAs are present in human respiratory cilia. Whereas type 1 ODAs (ODA HC DNAH9 negative and ODA HC DNAH5 positive) are present in the proximal part of the ciliary axonemes, type 2 ODAs (ODA HC DNAH5 positive and ODA HC DNAH9 positive) are distributed in the distal region of the axonemes.<sup>11</sup> To



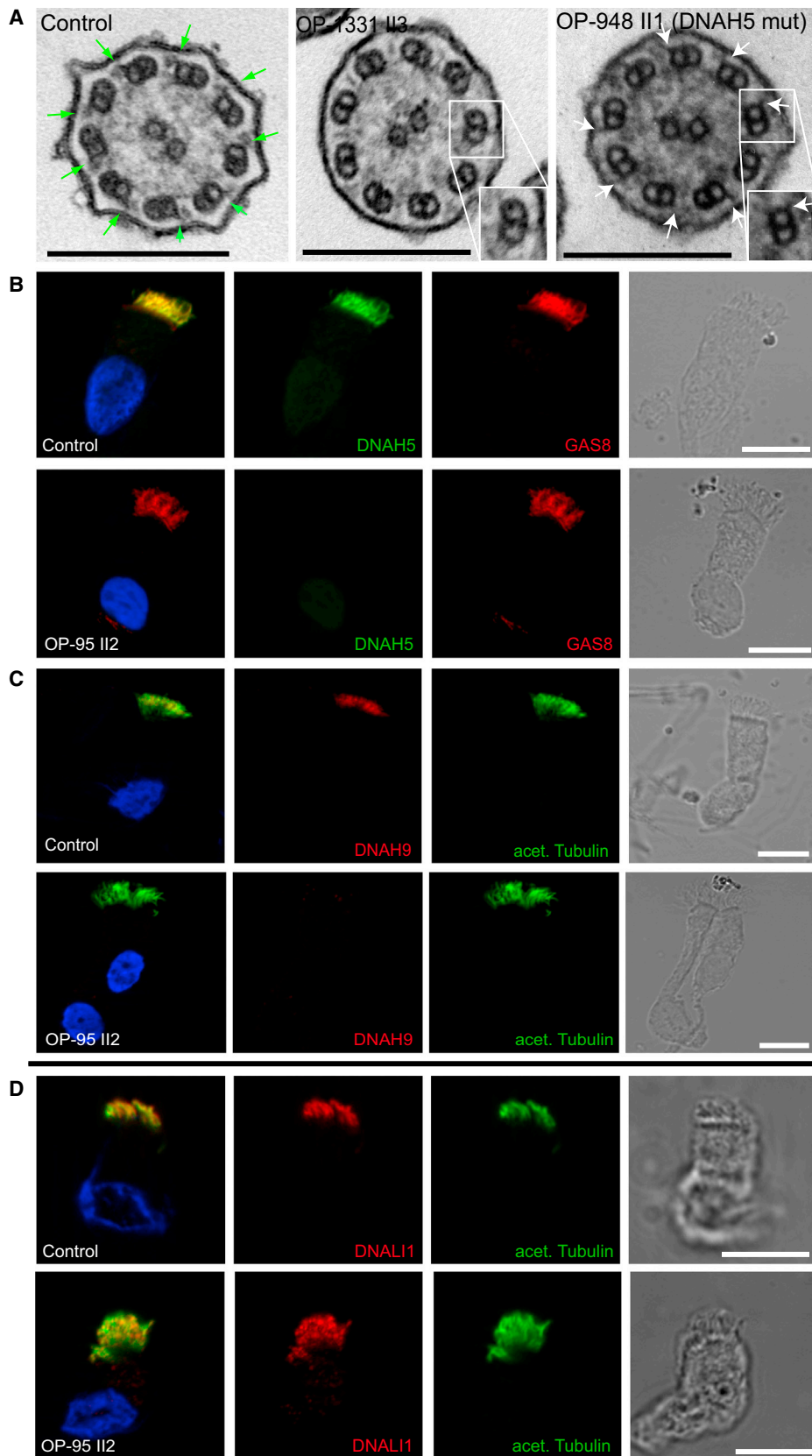
**Figure 3. Axonemal Localization of TTC25**

(A) In respiratory cells obtained from a healthy control individual, TTC25 (red) localizes throughout the ciliary axoneme, which is marked by acetylated tubulin (green). This co-localization is represented by yellow in the merged image. (B–D) TTC25 is absent in respiratory cells from individuals harboring recessive loss-of-function *TTC25* mutations. Absence of TTC25 protein localization in the affected individuals OP-95 II2 (B), OP-1331 II1 (C), and OP-1331 II3 (D) is consistent with the detected loss-of-function mutations (c.114+1G>T and c.425\_426insT) and confirms specificity of the polyclonal anti-TTC25 antibody (Abcam, ab157630, 1:500). The nucleus (blue) was stained with Hoechst33342 (Sigma, 14533-100MG, 1:1000). Scale bars represent 10  $\mu$ m.

further characterize the ODA defect in *TTC25* mutant respiratory cells on the sub-cellular level, we performed high resolution IF analysis with antibodies directed against the ODA HCs DNAH5 and DNAH9 as previously described<sup>11</sup> in individuals OP-95 II2, OP-1331 II1, and OP-1331 II3. Consistent with an ODA defect affecting both ODA types, the ODA HCs DNAH5 and DNAH9 were completely absent from the ciliary axonemes of *TTC25* mutant respiratory cilia (Figures 4B and 4C).

ODAs are pre-assembled in the cytoplasm by the cytoplasmic-dynein-arm assembly machinery, which comprises several components that are predicted to localize to the cytoplasm, such as dynein axonemal assembly factors (DNAAFs).<sup>14,15</sup> Thus, based on the axonemal localiza-

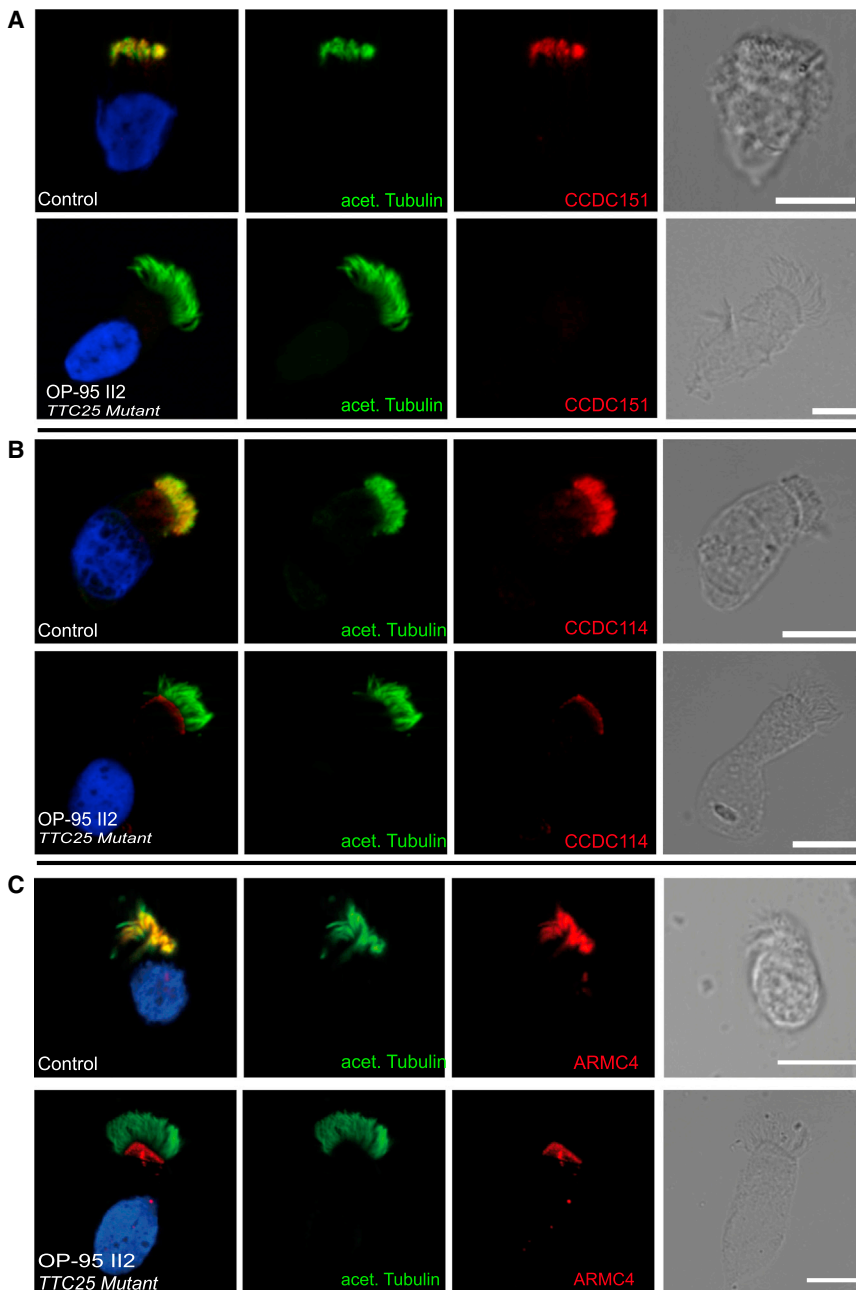
tion of TTC25, it is highly unlikely that TTC25 functions as a cytoplasmic-dynein-arm assembly factor. In addition, mutations in genes encoding cytoplasmic pre-assembly factors not only cause defects of ODAs, but also of inner dynein arms (IDAs), which are supposed to modulate the waveform of the beating. To distinguish between an isolated ODA defect and a combined defect of ODAs and IDAs, we performed IF with antibodies directed against the IDA LC DNALI1,<sup>16</sup> which is absent from ciliary axonemes with cytoplasmic pre-assembly defects.<sup>14</sup> The preservation of DNALI1 in *TTC25* mutant cilia makes a defect related to cytoplasmic-dynein-arm pre-assembly very unlikely (Figure 4D). Because genetic defects responsible for ODA defects do not result in



**Figure 4. Mutations in *TTC25* Result in Ultrastructural Defects of the ODAs Detectable by TEM and IF Analysis in Ciliated Respiratory Cells**

(A) TEM analyses of OP-1331 II1 (not shown) and OP-1331 II3 demonstrate absence of ODAs, which are present in control cilia (green arrows). Interestingly, by comparing TEM cross-sections of OP-1331 II1 and OP-1331 II3 with the TEM cross sections of OP-948 II1

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**Figure 5. TTC25 Functions in the Docking of ODAs in Respiratory Ciliary Axonemes**

Respiratory epithelial cells from an unaffected control individual and from OP-95 II2, carrying *TTC25* mutations, were double-labeled with antibodies directed against acetylated tubulin (green) and the ODA-DC components CCDC151 (Atlas Antibodies, HPA04418, 1:250) (red, A), CCDC114 (Atlas Antibodies, HPA042524, 1:500) (red, B), or ARMC4 (Atlas Antibodies, HPA037829, 1:500) (red, C). Yellow shows co-localization of CCDC151, CCDC114, or ARMC4 with acetylated tubulin in control axonemes (upper panels in A, B, and C). However CCDC151, CCDC114, and ARMC4 are absent from the ciliary axonemes of *TTC25* mutant cells (lower panels in A, B, and C). The red signal, which is still visible in ARMC4- and CCDC114-deficient cells, is probably related to the unspecific binding of the polyclonal antibodies to the basal bodies and is probably not related to residual CCDC114 or ARMC4 within the cilia. The nuclei (blue) were stained with Hoechst33342 (Sigma, 14533-100MG, 1:1,000). Scale bars represent 10  $\mu$ m.

As expected, we did not detect any abnormalities within these structures.

ODAs require a docking complex facilitating their docking on the microtubule.<sup>18,19</sup> Interestingly, when comparing TEM cross-sections from OP-1331 II3 with the TEM cross sections from OP-948 II1 carrying loss-of-function mutations in *DNAH5* (MIM: 608644), we observed that the cells of OP-1331 II3 also lack the tiny projections on the doublet microtubules known to represent the ODA-DC (Figure 4A). This indicates that *TTC25* mutations lead to a combined ODA and ODA-DC defect. Consistent with the findings in humans, TEM analysis in the mutant mice also revealed missing ODA-DCs. Given that TEM analysis revealed the absence of ODA-DCs in *TTC25* and *Ttc25* mutant cells (Figures 2 and 4), we next studied the localization of the known proteins associated with docking of the

abnormalities of the radial spokes, which connect the central single tubules with the outer doublets, or the nexin links, connecting the outer doublets, we studied the localization of the nexin-dynein regulatory complex (N-DRC) component GAS8<sup>17</sup> (Figure 4B), as well as the radial spoke head protein RSPH4A<sup>5</sup> (data not shown).

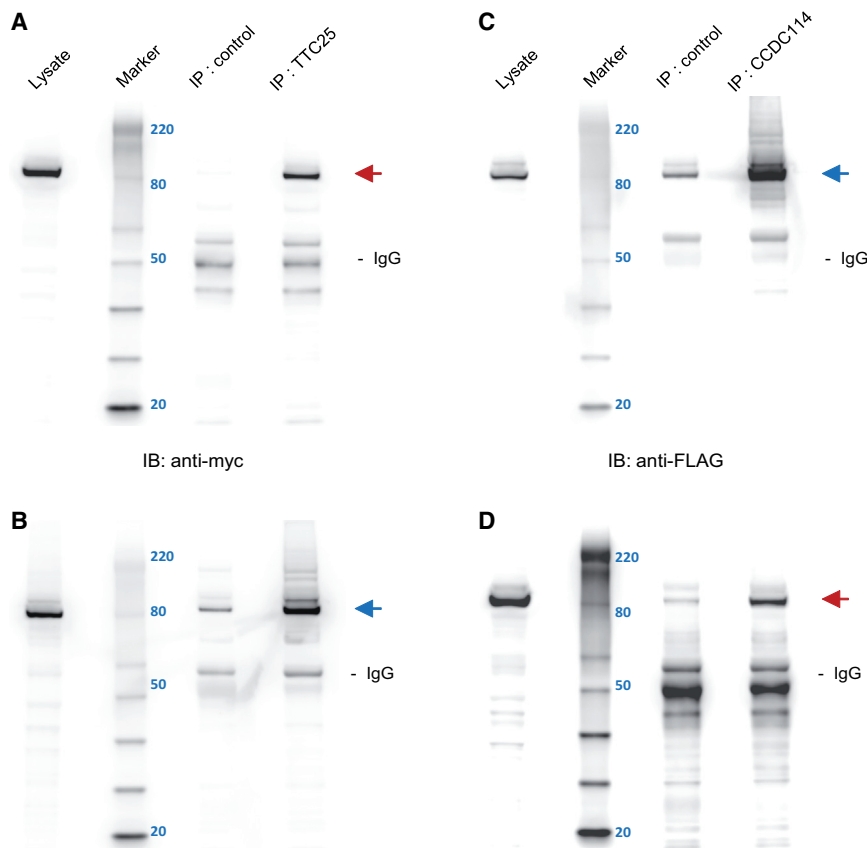
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carrying loss-of-function mutations in *DNAH5*, we could observe that the cells of OP-1331 II1 and OP-1331 II3 also lack the tiny projections on the doublet microtubules known to represent the ODA-DC that can still be detected in *DNAH5* mutant cilia (white arrows). This indicates that *TTC25* mutations lead to a combined ODA and ODA-DC defect.

(B and C) IF analyses confirm absence of the ODA HC DNAH5<sup>14</sup> (green, OP-95 II2) (B) and absence of the ODA HC DNAH9<sup>14</sup> (red, OP-95 II2) (C).

(D) The localization of the IDA LC DNALI1<sup>14</sup> (red) is not altered in mutant respiratory cells (OP-95 II2).

Yellow represents co-localization of DNAH5 (green, B) with GAS8 (Atlas Antibodies, HPA041311, 1:500) (N-DRC component; red, B), DNAH9 (red, C) and DNALI1 (red, D) with acetylated tubulin (green, C and D). Nuclei (blue) were stained with Hoechst33342 (Sigma, 14533-100MG, 1:1,000). Scale bars represent 10  $\mu$ m.



**Figure 6. TTC25 Reciprocally Co-immunoprecipitates with the ODA-DC Protein CCDC114**

Following co-expression of myc-tagged TTC25 and FLAG-tagged CCDC114 in HEK293 cells, lysates were immunoprecipitated with rabbit control and either rabbit anti-TTC25 or rabbit anti-CCDC114 antibodies.

(A and B) Rabbit anti-TTC25 immunoprecipitates myc-tagged TTC25 (red arrow) and FLAG-tagged CCDC114 (blue arrow), as detected by immunoblotting (IB) with mouse anti-myc (Abcam, ab18185, 1:2000) and anti-FLAG (Sigma, F1804, 1:2000) antibodies.

(C and D) Rabbit anti-CCDC114 immunoprecipitates FLAG-tagged CCDC114 (blue arrow) and myc-tagged TTC25 (red arrow), as detected by immunoblotting with mouse anti-myc and anti-FLAG antibodies. Relative molecular weight in kDa is visualized with a Magic Mark XP protein ladder and indicated by blue numerals (Marker). Lysate equals approximately 25  $\mu$ g of protein. Immunoprecipitate fractions represent 1/16 lysis volume (33  $\mu$ l); 16  $\mu$ l of immunoprecipitate were electrophoresed. Immunoreactive bands in the range of 50 kDa most likely indicate HC IgG. The estimated molecular weights of TTC25 (77 kDa) and CCDC114 (75 kDa) are slightly higher due to additional peptide sequence from myc and FLAG epitopes, respectively.

Residual immunoreactivity in control lanes most likely represents non-specific binding of overexpressed proteins to protein agarose A beads. Normal rabbit IgG (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-2027) was used as control for immunoprecipitations.

ODAs, CCDC114, ARMC4, and CCDC151, as previously reported,<sup>20</sup> in respiratory epithelial cells obtained from individuals with mutations in *TTC25*. Indeed, we found that *TTC25* mutant cilia lack any detectable CCDC151, CCDC114, or ARMC4 (Figure 5). This indicates that *TTC25* is essential for the assembly of all three known ODA-DC proteins. However, *TTC25* could still localize to the axonemes of cells deficient in ODA HC DNAH5, as well as to the cells of individuals with mutations in genes encoding CCDC114, CCDC151 and ARMC4 (Figure S3). Thus, we identified *TTC25* as a new member involved in the ODA-DC-associated machinery.

We cloned the full-length human *TTC25* isoform from RNA of healthy respiratory epithelial cells and determined that anti-*TTC25* antibodies could detect *TTC25* ectopically expressed in HEK293 cells by both western blotting and immunoprecipitation (data not shown), supporting the specificity of anti-*TTC25* IF analysis (Figure 3). We therefore tested whether *TTC25* interacts with ODA-DC components. As shown in Figure 6, myc-tagged *TTC25* reciprocally co-immunoprecipitated with FLAG-tagged CCDC114, using anti-*TTC25* for immunoprecipitation. We previously demonstrated a direct interaction between ODA-DCs CCDC114 and CCDC151 by yeast two-hybrid and reciprocal co-immunoprecipitation.<sup>19</sup>

Because CCDC114, CCDC151, and ARMC4 are all absent in *TTC25* mutant ciliary axonemes, we propose that *TTC25* facilitates recruitment and/or attachment of these ODA-DC proteins to ciliary axonemes via interaction with CCDC114 (Figure 6).

Consistent with our findings that *TTC25* plays a functional role in ODA docking, immune gold electron microscopy studies in sea urchins have shown that the *TTC25* ortholog AP58 localizes periodically in ~25 nm intervals along sperm flagella, coinciding with the repeat of the ODA.<sup>21</sup>

The ODA-DC machinery has been well studied in the green unicellular alga *Chlamydomonas*. Interestingly, *TTC25* is not present in the *Chlamydomonas* genome, suggesting it evolved in higher eukaryotes. Here, we report *TTC25* as a new member of the ODA-DC machinery. ODAs are pre-assembled in the cytoplasm<sup>22</sup> and then delivered by the intraflagellar transport (IFT) machinery<sup>23</sup> to the ODA docking sites. Because recent studies have found interactions between the IFT machinery and *Ttc25* in zebrafish,<sup>24</sup> as well as between the IFT machinery and CCDC151 in flies<sup>20</sup> and humans,<sup>25</sup> we hypothesize that *TTC25* might functionally link the IFT system to the ODA-DC and ODA HC machinery in motile cilia. Alternatively, it might serve as a link of the ODA-DC to the microtubules.



The identification and detailed molecular characterization of a ODA-DC defect responsible for primary ciliary dyskinesia will aid diagnosis and help to develop therapeutic strategies.

### Supplemental Data

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