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Map7/7D1 and Dvl form a feedback loop that facilitates microtubule remodeling and Wnt5a signaling

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Abstract

The Wnt signaling pathway can be grouped into two classes, the β-catenin-dependent and β-catenin-independent pathways. Wnt5a signaling through a β-catenin-independent pathway promotes microtubule (MT) remodeling during cell-substrate adhesion, cell migration, and planar cell polarity formation. Although Wnt5a signaling and MT remodeling are known to form an interdependent regulatory loop, the underlying mechanism remains unknown. Here we show that in HeLa cells, the paralogous MTassociated proteins Map7 and Map7D1 (Map7/7D1) form an interdependent regulatory loop with Disheveled, the critical signal transducer in Wnt signaling. Map7/7D1 bind to Disheveled, direct its cortical localization, and facilitate the cortical targeting of MT plus-ends in response to Wnt5a signaling. Wnt5a signaling also promotes Map7/7D1 movement toward MT plus-ends, and depletion of the Kinesin-1 member Kif5b abolishes the Map7/7D1 dynamics and Disheveled localization. Furthermore, Disheveled stabilizes Map7/7D1. Intriguingly, Map7/7D1 and its Drosophila ortholog, Ensconsin show planar-polarized distribution in both mouse and fly epithelia, and Ensconsin influences proper localization of Drosophila Disheveled in pupal wing cells. These results suggest that the role of Map7/7D1/Ensconsin in Disheveled localization is evolutionarily conserved.

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Introduction

Wnt signaling participates in various cellular functions [1]. The Wnt signaling pathway can be divided into two groups, the β-catenindependent and β-catenin-independent pathways. β-cateninindependent Wnt signaling plays important roles in cell-substrate adhesion, cell migration, and planar cell polarity (PCP) formation, all of which are essential features of tissue morphogenesis [2,3]. β-catenin-independent Wnt signaling is transduced to its effectors through Disheveled (Dvl), whose intracellular localization is important for actin remodeling [4]. A formin family actin nucleator, Daam1, is an effector of this process. Microtubule (MT) remodeling is also promoted by β -catenin-independent Wnt signaling [5–8]. However, the mechanism by which β -catenin-independent Wnt signaling regulates MT remodeling remains elusive. Notably, MT remodeling and β -catenin-independent Wnt signaling appear to be regulated interdependently. For example, during front-rear polarity formation in migrating cells, MTs are polarized by elongating toward the leading edge. This MT attachment to the leading edge depends on β -catenin-independent Wnt signaling [6,7]. Conversely, treating cells with nocodazole, which induces MT depolymerization, disturbs the proper localization of Dvl and adenomatous polyposis coli (APC), both of which are critical component of β -cateninindependent Wnt signaling [6], suggesting that the β-cateninindependent Wnt signal transduction requires proper MT alignment. Similarly, during PCP formation in the multiciliated cells of the mouse airway, β -catenin-independent Wnt signaling promotes apical MT arrays to be organized in a planar-polarized manner along the lung-oral axis, and this MT organization is required for the proper localization of several proteins involved in PCP formation [8]. These observations indicate that the interdependent regulation of MT remodeling and β-catenin-independent Wnt signaling

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establishes robust cell polarity. However, the factor that mutually connects them is completely unknown.

Microtubule remodeling is usually regulated by the coordinated actions of various MT-binding proteins, such as MT-associated proteins (MAPs) [9,10]. Thus, we hypothesized that MT-binding protein(s) may be responsible for the interdependent regulation. Since one of β -catenin-independent pathways, the Wnt5a signaling pathway regulates cell-substrate adhesion and cell migration in HeLa cells [6,11,12], as well as PCP formation during mammalian development [13], we used HeLa cells to screen uncharacterized MT-binding proteins for their involvement in Wnt5a signaling. Here, we report that Map7 and its paralog, Map7D1 (Map7/7D1) participate in a feedback loop between MT remodeling and Wnt5a signaling through a direct interaction with Dvl. We also showed that the Kinesin-1 member Kif5b, which is known as the binding partner of Map7 [14], is required for both Map7/7D1 dynamics and Dvl localization. Furthermore, we found that Map7/7D1 and its Drosophila ortholog, Ensconsin (Ens) show planar-polarized distribution in epithelial cells of mouse oviducts and fly pupal wings, respectively, and that Ens is required for proper localization of Drosophila Disheveled (Dsh). These results suggest that Map7/7D1 cooperate with Kif5b to coordinate a feedback loop between Dvl dynamics and MT remodeling in the Wnt5a signaling pathway, and that the role of Map7/7D1 family proteins in Dvl/Dsh localization is evolutionarily conserved.

Results

Paralogous MT-associated proteins Map7 and Map7D1 are required for cell adhesion and migration in HeLa cells

To identify MT-binding proteins that are potentially involved in the β -catenin-independent Wnt5a signaling pathway, we performed a siRNA-based screen in HeLa cells for previously identified MT cosedimented proteins [15] (Fig 1A; Appendix Fig S1; see Materials and Methods for details). In HeLa cells, cell-substrate adhesion and directional cell migration (hereafter, cell adhesion and migration, respectively) is regulated by endogenously expressing Wnt5a. By observing the effects of their knockdown on cell adhesion and

migration, two genes, encoding Map7 and Map7D1, were identified as candidates that regulate cell adhesion and migration in response to endogenous Wnt5a (Fig 1A–C; Appendix Figs S2 and S3). Map7 and Map7D1 are members of the MAP7 family, which also includes Map7D2 and Map7D3 (Appendix Fig S3A). RT–qPCR analysis revealed that *MAP7*, *MAP7D1*, and *MAP7D3*, but not *MAP7D2*, were detectably expressed in HeLa cells (Appendix Fig S3A). Unlike Map7 and Map7D1, however, Map7D3 depletion neither triggered blebbing nor slowed migration (Fig 1B and C; Appendix Fig S3C). In contrast, depletion of both Map7 and Map7D1 caused much severer defects in cell adhesion and migration than that of each single gene product (Fig 1B and C). Thus, Map7 and Map7D1, but not Map7D3, have overlapping functions in the adhesion and migration of HeLa cells.

The ectopic expression of Map7 or Map7D1 induced aberrant MT bundling [16] and therefore did not rescue the defects of Map7or Map7D1-depleted cells, respectively. To confirm the specificity of the siRNAs for depleting Map7 or Map7D1, by applying CRISPR-Cas9 technique [17,18], we generated Map7-EGFP knocked-in (Map7-EGFP^{KI}) HeLa cell lines, in which the endogenous 3' untranslated region (UTR) was replaced by the SV40 polyadenylation signal (Fig 1D, top panel; Appendix Fig S4; Movie EV1). The siRNAs targeting the 3' UTR or the coding sequence (CDS) of MAP7 caused slower migration in unmodified HeLa cells (Fig 1D, bottom). In contrast, siRNAs targeting the CDS but not the 3' UTR decreased the migration rate of Map7-EGFPKI cells (Fig 1D, bottom). These results indicate that the siRNAs used in our assay specifically deplete the target genes as designed, and that Map7 and Map7D1 play overlapping functions in cell adhesion and migration. Because of their functional overlap (Fig 1B and C), Map7 and Map7D1 (Map7/7D1) were simultaneously depleted in the following experiments.

Map7/7D1 are critical for the cortical targeting of MT plus-ends

As Map7/7D1 depletion caused slower cell migration, it may affect MT stability. To test this possibility, we measured the levels of acetylated and detyrosinated tubulins, which are enriched in stable MTs. Map7/7D1 depletion did not affect the bulk levels of these modified tubulins (Fig 2A). We also evaluated the stability of MTs

Figure 1. Paralogous MT-associated proteins Map7 and Map7D1 are required for cell-substrate adhesion and migration in HeLa cells.

- A Experimental flow chart for the siRNA-based screen in HeLa cells to discover MT-binding protein(s) potentially involved in β-catenin-independent Wnt5a signaling. For details, see Materials and Methods.
- B Images of the indicated cells at various times after being replated on a fibronectin-coated glass-bottom dish (top). Lamellipodial extension was observed during cellsubstrate adhesion in control cells. Defective cell adhesion caused membrane blebbing instead of lamellipodial extension. Graph shows the percentage of blebbing cells 60 min after replating.
- C Images of the indicated cells after inducing cell migration (top). Dotted and solid lines show the wounded edge 0 or 6 h after wounding, respectively. Average distance moved by the wounded edge 6 h after wounding (lower left). HeLa cells were transfected with validated CDS-targeting siRNAs. Map7D3 was depleted with a mixture of three validated siRNAs (see Appendix Fig S3C). Distance moved by the wounded edge was measured over time after wounding in the indicated cells (lower right). Map7 or Map7D1 was depleted with a mixture of three or two validated siRNAs, respectively. For the double depletion, cells were treated with combined siRNAs against Map7 and Map7D1.
- D Depletion efficiency of Map7 in wild-type or Map7-EGFP^{KI} cells transfected with the indicated siRNAs (top). At 72 h post-transfection, the protein level of Map7 was analyzed with an anti-Map7 antibody. Graph shows the average distance moved by the wounded edge 6 h after wounding. si*MAP7* CDS, Map7 was depleted with a mixture of three validated siRNAs targeting the CDS. si*MAP7* 3' UTR, Map7 was depleted with a mixture of two validated siRNAs targeting the 3' UTR.

Data information: Scale bars, 10 μ m in (B) and 50 μ m in (C). Data shown in (B–D) are from three or four independent experiments, and represent the average \pm SD. *P < 0.002; **P < 0.005: ***P < 0.015 (the Student's t-test).

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Figure 1.



Figure 2.

Figure 2. Map7/7D1 are critical for the cortical targeting of MT plus-ends.

- A Immunoblot analysis for detyrosinated (Detyr-) and acetylated (Ace-) tubulins in the indicated cells. β-Tubulin (loading control) and Map7/7D1 were also analyzed. Asterisk shows unspecific band.
- B Images of peripheral MT arrays at the leading edge in the indicated cells 1 h after wounding (left). Images were focused on the Paxillin signal, a marker of focal adhesions (FAs), because the polarized MT arrays were observed close to the adherent side of the cells. Graph shows the percentage of cells with polarized MT arrays (from three independent experiments).
- C Dynamics of EB1-GFP comets observed by live-cell imaging 1 h after wounding (left). Time-lapse images were taken at 5-s intervals for 2 min (see Movies EV2, EV3, EV11 and EV12). Comet trails were measured at three time points (red: 0 s, green: 5 s, blue: 10 s) in the indicated cells (arrowheads).
- D The measurement of the vector angle of EB1-GFP comets with respect to the leading edge (top). The vector angle of 0° indicates direction toward the leading edge. Arrow indicates the direction of migrating cells. Rose diagram shows the vector angle of EB1-GFP comets in the indicated cells (control, n = 328 comets; si*MAP7/7D1*, n = 277 comets; si*WNT5A*, n = 318 comets; si*DVLs*, n = 320 comets from three independent experiments).
- E Graph shows the velocity of EB1-GFP comets in the indicated cells (control, *n* = 270 comets; si*MAP7/7D1*, *n* = 270 comets; si*WNT5A*, *n* = 450 comets; si*DVLs*, *n* = 300 comets from three independent experiments).
- F Images of filopodia at the leading edge in the indicated cells 1 h after wounding (left). Graph shows the number of filopodia at the leading edge of the front cells divided by the length of the leading edge. Twenty images (1,024 × 1,024 pixels, one image included about 4–5 front cells) from four independent experiments were analyzed for each cell type.
- G FAs at the leading edge in the indicated cells 1 h after wounding (left). FAs were visualized by staining for focal adhesion kinase (FAK). Graph shows the FA area at the leading edge of the front cells measured 1 h after wounding (control, n = 114 cells; siMAP7/7D1, n = 81 cells from four independent experiments).

Data information: Panels in (B–D, F, and G) are arranged to show that cells are migrating in an upward direction. Scale bars, 10 μ m in (B, C, F, and G). Data shown in (B and F) are from three or four independent experiments, and represent the average \pm SD. The bars of box-and-whisker plots show the 5 and 95 percentiles, and the box limits are the 1st and 3rd quartile in (E and G). Statistical significance was tested with the Student's *t*-test in (B and E–G) or the Mardia-Watson-Wheeler test in (D). Source data are available online for this figure.

in migrating cells. Since MT turnover is fast at the leading edge during cell migration, the signal for acetylated tubulin was obvious only in the inner region, and not at the cell periphery, in control cells. These staining patterns were unaffected by Map7/7D1 depletion (Appendix Fig S5A). Thus, it is unlikely that Map7/7D1 regulate MT stability.

We next examined the proportion of polarized MTs elongating toward the leading edge (hereafter, the polarized MT arrays) by antibody staining for MTs and found that Map7D/7D1 depletion caused a decrease in the polarized MT arrays at the leading edge (Fig 2B). Since the polarized MT arrays are established by the cortical targeting of MT plus-ends [9], we examined the dynamics of the MT plus-ends by live imaging using the MT plus-end marker, EB1-GFP [19]. In control cells, EB1-GFP comets moved toward the leading edge during cell migration (Fig 2C and D; Movie EV2). However, the proportion of EB1-GFP comets moving toward the leading edge was severely decreased in Map7/7D1-depleted cells (Fig 2C and D; Movie EV3). Notably, the gross velocity of EB1-GFP movement was unaffected by Map7/7D1 depletion (Fig 2E). These results suggest that Map7/7D1 are required for the cortical targeting of MT plus-ends without affecting the growth of EB1-decorated MTs.

Map7/7D1 coordinate MT and actin dynamics

The cortical targeting of MT plus-ends regulates the actin dynamics, which plays essential roles in cell adhesion and migration [20,21]. Since Map7/7D1 depletion compromised the cortical targeting of MT plus-ends, we wondered if it would also affect the filopodia organization. In control migrating cells, extended filopodia with thick F-actin bundles were observed at the leading edge (Fig 2F). Map7/7D1 depletion caused significant decreases in the number of filopodia and thickness of F-actin bundles (Fig 2F). Filopodia formation is required for the proper assembly and disassembly of focal adhesions (FAs), which is called FA turnover [22]. In control migrating cells, small FAs, visualized by staining for focal adhesion kinase (FAK), formed at the leading edge, due to the increased

turnover of FA [23] (Fig 2G). In contrast, larger FAs were observed at the leading edge in Map7/7D1-depleted cells (Fig 2G), suggesting that the FA turnover rate was reduced. Similar phenotypes were observed during cell adhesion (Appendix Fig S5B and C). These results indicate that Map7/7D1 depletion causes a failure in the cortical targeting of MT plus-ends, which in turn leads to reduced actin and FA dynamics, and consequently to cell migration and adhesion defects.

Map7/7D1 bind to the key mediator of Wnt5a signaling, Dvl

Map7/7D1 depletion shows similar phenotypes as when Wnt5a signaling is disrupted, including multinucleated cells [5,6] (Appendix Fig S5D). To further examine whether Map7/7D1 are involved in the β -catenin-dependent pathway, we analyzed the effects of Map7/7D1 depletion on the β-catenin-dependent induction of AXIN2 expression by RT-qPCR [24]. By the Wnt3a administration, AXIN2 mRNA was increased in both control and Map7/7D1depleted cells (Appendix Fig S5E), suggesting that Map7/7D1 are dispensable for the β -catenin-dependent pathway in response to Wnt3a. Because the key mediator in Wnt5a signaling, Dvl is known to participate in the cortical targeting of MT plus-ends [6], we examined whether Map7/7D1 form a complex with Dvl. Endogenous Dvl2 was co-precipitated with hMap7-V5His₆ (Fig 3A). Furthermore, an anti-Dvl2 antibody co-precipitated endogenous Map7 and Map7D1 (Fig 3B). In contrast, a trace amount of overexpressed Map7D2 was co-immunoprecipitated with Dvl2 (Appendix Fig S6A and B). These results indicate that Map7 and Map7D1 form a complex with Dvl2 under physiological conditions.

To determine which domains of Map7 interact with Dvl2, we expressed various deletion derivatives of Map7 together with Dvl2 in HeLa cells. Map7 lacking amino acids (aa) 159–246 interacted poorly with Dvl2. Further deletion (aa 89–246), which includes the coiled-coil domain 1 (CC1), abolished the Map7–Dvl2 interaction, whereas deletion of the CC1 domain alone (aa 89–152) did not affect the interaction (Fig 3C). We next examined which region of Dvl2 is required for the association with Map7, and found that Dvl2 lacking

the DIX or DEP domain failed to associate with Map7 (Fig 3D). Although it is well known that overexpressed Dvl2 is highly phosphorylated in HeLa cells, this phosphorylation was abolished in the truncated Dvl2 that lacked the DIX domain. In contrast, another truncated Dvl2 with the DEP deletion remained phosphorylated (Appendix Fig S6C), suggesting that the conformational change of Dvl2 arising from DIX deletion may affect the Map7-Dvl2 interaction. We further performed in vitro biding assay using purified GST-hDvl1^{DIX} and GST-hDvl1^{DEP}. Purified GST-hDvl1^{DEP}, but not GST-hDvl1^{DIX}, was pulled down with MBP-hMap7^{1-265ΔCC1} in vitro (Fig 3E; Appendix Fig S6D). Taken together, these results indicate that the DEP domain of Dvl is sufficient for, and the aa 159-246 region of Map7 is required for their interaction. The DEP domain in Dvls is critical for both β-catenin-dependent and βcatenin-independent Wnt signaling [25-28]. Because Map7/7D1 are not involved in β-catenin-dependent Wnt3a signaling (Appendix Fig S5E), these results further support the idea that Map7/7D1 play a role in the Wnt5a signaling pathway through interaction with Dvl.

We also noticed that depleting all three human Dvl proteins (Dvls) reduced the steady state of Map7/7D1 protein levels without affecting the *MAP7/7D1* mRNA levels (Fig 3F and G). In contrast, Wnt5a depletion did not affect the Map7/7D1 levels. These results indicate that Dvl is required for Map7/7D1's stability, and that this regulation is independent of Wnt5a signaling.

Map7/7D1 direct the Dvl localization to the cell cortex

We next examined whether Map7/7D1 regulate Dvl's localization in the Wnt5a signaling pathway. Dvl can bind to actin [29] and is preferentially accumulated at lamellipodia of the cell periphery in response to Wnt5a [6,30]. To observe Dvl's localization to the cell periphery in living cells, we generated Dvl2-EGFP knock-in (Dvl2-EGFP^{KI}) HeLa cell lines (Appendix Fig S7). Consistent with previous immunostaining results [6,30], Dvl2-EGFP^{KI} accumulated at the cell cortex during cell migration in control cells (Fig 4A; Movie EV4). In contrast, this Dvl2-EGFP^{KI} accumulation was compromised in Map7/7D1-depleted cells (Fig 4A; Movie EV5). Importantly, Map7/ 7D1 depletion did not affect the expression or secretion of Wnt5a, which provides the autocrine signal that is essential for the cortical accumulation of Dvl in HeLa cells (Fig 4B). The expression and localization of adenomatous polyposis coli (APC), which binds to Dvl and maintains the polarized MT arrays [6], were also unaffected by Map7/7D1 depletion (Fig 4C and D). Furthermore, upon Wnt5a administration into the medium, a robust cortical accumulation of Dvl2-EGFP^{KI} was induced in the control cells, but not in Map7/7D1-depleted cells (Fig 4E). In contrast, the Wnt5a-induced Dvl2 phosphorylation was intact in Map7/7D1-depleted cells (Fig 4C). Thus, Map7/7D1 depletion disrupted the cortical accumulation of Dvl2, even though the Wnt5a signaling-mediated Dvl phosphorylation was intact.

The cortical accumulation of Dvl requires lamellipodia [6,30]. As the lamellipodia formation depends on Map7/7D1 (Fig 2F; Appendix Fig S5B), the lack of cortical Dvl accumulation might have been an indirect consequence of Map7/7D1 depletion. To exclude this possibility, we tested the effects of ectopically formed lamellipodia on the cortical accumulation of Dvl in Map7/7D1-depleted cells. The expression of a constitutively active form of Rac1 (Rac1^{CA}) induces lamellipodia formation and targeting of MTs to the lamellipodia [31] (Figs 5A and EV1A). In both control and Map7/7D1-depleted cells, FLAG-Rac1^{CA} expression promoted lamellipodia formation and the targeting of MTs (Fig 5C and D). However, in the Map7D/7D1-depleted cells, Dvl2-EGFP^{KI} failed to accumulate to the lamellipodia (Figs 5A and B, and EV1B). Virtually identical results were observed when Wnt5a was depleted (Fig 5A-D). Another Map7 paralog, Map7D3 was dispensable for the Dvl accumulation (Fig 5A-D). These results suggest that lamellipodia formation and the targeting of MTs are insufficient for the cortical accumulation of Dvl, and Map7/7D1 direct Dvl's localization to the cell cortex in response to Wnt5a.

Map7/7D1 and APC act at different points in Wnt5a signaling

Adenomatous polyposis coli is another MT-binding protein that binds to Dvl during Wnt5a signaling [6]. To dissect the functional differences between Map7/7D1 and APC, we examined the effects of Rac1^{CA} expression in APC-depleted cells. Although

Figure 3. Map7/7D1 bind to Dvl, a key mediator of Wnt5a signaling.

- A Lysates from HeLa cells transfected with control vector or pcDNA3.1-hMAP7-V5His₆ were immunoprecipitated with an anti-V5 antibody, and the immunoprecipitates were probed with anti-Dvl2 and anti-V5 antibodies.
- B Lysates from HeLa cells were subjected to immunoprecipitation with control IgG or an anti-Dvl2 antibody and analyzed by immunoblotting with an anti-Map7/7D1 or anti-Dvl2 antibody.
- C Lysates from HeLa cells co-expressing various deletion derivatives of hMap7-V5His₆ with EGFP-mDvl2 were immunoprecipitated with an anti-GFP antibody, and the immunoprecipitates were probed with anti-V5 and anti-GFP antibodies.
- D Lysates from HeLa cells co-expressing various derivatives of EGFP-mDvl2 with hMap7-V5His₆ were immunoprecipitated with an anti-V5 antibody, and the immunoprecipitates were probed with anti-GFP and anti-V5 antibodies.
- E MBP-hMap7^{1-265ACC1} (30 pmol) conjugated to amylose resin was incubated with purified GST, GST-hDvl1^{DIX}, or GST-hDvl1^{DIX} and GST-hDvl1^{DIX}
- F Depletion efficiency of siWNT5A or siDVLs. Lysates derived from the indicated cells were probed with anti-Dvl2 and anti-Wnt5a antibodies. The blot was reprobed for γ-tubulin as a loading control (left). Effects of siWNT5A or siDVLs on the protein levels of Map7 and Map7D1 were also analyzed (right). The blot was reprobed for γ-tubulin as a loading control.
- G Graph shows the relative mRNA levels of MAP7 and MAP7D1 in the indicated cells 72 h after siRNA transfection. Expression levels of MAP7 and MAP7D1 transcripts were quantified by normalization to the GAPDH expression. Data are from three independent experiments and represent average \pm SD.

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Figure 3.



Figure 4.

Figure 4. Map7/7D1 direct Dvl localization to the cell cortex.

- A Live-cell imaging of Dvl2-EGFP^{K1} cells 1 h after wounding. Movies were taken at 10-s intervals for 3 min (see Movies EV4 and EV5). Graph shows the percentage of cells with accumulated Dvl2-EGFP^{K1} at the cell periphery. Data are from four independent experiments and represent average ± SD. Statistical significance was tested with the Student's *t*-test.
- B Effects of Map7/7D1 depletion on the secretion and expression levels of Wnt5a. Conditioned medium and lysates derived from the indicated cells were separated on SDS–PAGE and were immunoblotted with an anti-Wnt5a antibody. To assess the levels of Map7/7D1 depletion and loading control, the blot was reprobed for Map7/7D1 and γ-tubulin, respectively. Asterisk shows unspecific band.
- C Effects of Map7/7D1 depletion on the expression levels of Dvl and APC. Lysates derived from the indicated cells were separated by SDS–PAGE and were immunoblotted with anti-Dvl2 and APC antibodies. The blots were reprobed for Clathrin heavy chain (HC) or γ-tubulin as a loading control. The phosphorylation state of Dvl2 was confirmed by its mobility shift. P-Dvl2 represents phosphorylated Dvl2.
- D Localization of APC at the leading edge in the indicated cells. Cells were fixed 1 h after wounding, and stained for α -tubulin and APC.
- E A strong cortical accumulation of Dvl2-EGFP^{K1} was induced by purified Wnt5a (100 ng/ml). Cells were fixed 1 h after treatment with buffer or Wnt5a. The percentage of cells in which Dvl2-EGFP^{K1} was accumulated at the cell periphery was calculated (control with buffer, n = 323; si*MAP7/7D1* with buffer, n = 335 cells; control with Wnt5a, n = 209 cells; si*MAP7/7D1* with Wnt5a, n = 249 cells). Arrows indicate cortical Dvl2-EGFP^{K1} at the corresponding lamellipodia in buffer-treated control cells. Arrow heads indicate cortical Dvl2-EGFP^{K1} at the lamellipodia in Wnt5a-treated control cells.

Data information: Scale bar, 10 μm in (A, D, and E). Source data are available online for this figure.

the Rac1^{CA}-induced MT targeting was intact when Wnt5a, Dvls, or Map7/7D1 were depleted, it was compromised in APC-depleted cells (Fig 5C and D). In contrast, the lamellipodia formation appeared to be normal even in APC-depleted cells (Fig 5C and D). APC acts downstream of Rac1 to couple the MT and actin networks [32], whereas Wnt5a and Dvl act upstream of Rac1 [24] (Fig EV1A). Since the Map7/7D1-depleted cells responded to Rac1^{CA} in a similar fashion as Wnt5a- or Dvls-depleted cells (Fig 5A–D), Map7/7D1 are likely to act upstream of Rac1 in the Wnt5a signaling pathway to regulate lamellipodia formation and the targeting of MTs.

Map7 moves toward the MT plus-end in response to Wnt5a

Because Map7/7D1 bind to Dvl and promote its accumulation at Wnt5a-induced lamellipodia, the Map7/7D1 dynamics might also be modulated by Wnt5a signaling. We therefore examined the Map7/7D1 localization in migrating HeLa cells, in which Wnt5a signaling is activated. Whereas Map7/7D1 were located along MTs in non-migrating cells (Appendix Fig S3D), Map7/7D1 formed dots at the cell periphery during migration (Fig 6A). Although these dots did not co-localize with EB1 (Fig 6B), they moved toward the MT plusend (Fig 6C; Movie EV6). Furthermore, fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (FRAP) analysis revealed that the recovery rate of Map7-EGFP^{KI} fluorescence at the leading edge was higher in migrating cells than in non-migrating cells (Fig 7A; Appendix Fig S8A;

Movies EV7 and EV8). In addition, the Map7-EGFP^{KI} dots appeared from the minus-end side after photobleaching (Fig 7A). These results suggest that the Map7/7D1 are loaded onto the MT to form dots and move toward the plus-end.

We next examined whether Wnt5a signaling affected these Map7 dynamics. Compared with control cells, the recovery rate of Map7-EGFP^{KI} fluorescence after photobleaching was significantly reduced at the leading edge in Wnt5a-depleted cells (Fig 7B; Appendix Fig S8; Movies EV9 and EV10). Since Wnt5a signaling regulates the cortical MT dynamics to establish polarized MT arrays [7,12], Wnt5a depletion might slow the MT dynamics, resulting in a reduced recovery rate of Map7-EGFP^{KI} fluorescence. Although depletion of Wnt5a or Dvls affected the vector angle of EB1-GFP comets toward the cell cortex, the growth rate of EB1-GFP-decorated MTs at the leading edge was intact (Fig 2C-E). These results suggest that the reduced Map7-EGFP^{KI} dynamics by Wnt5a depletion is independent of the peripheral MT growth, and that Wnt5a signaling is important for the association/dissociation cycle of Map7/7D1 with MTs and their movement toward the MT plus-end.

Map7 is reported to act with the Kinesin-1 member, Kif5b [14]. We therefore examined the effects of Kif5b depletion in Map7/7D1 dynamics. FRAP analysis showed that the recovery of Map7-EGFP^{KI} fluorescence at the leading edge was significantly slowed by Kif5b depletion (Fig 7B; Appendix Fig S8; Movie EV13). Furthermore, the

Figure 5. Map7/7D1 and APC act at different points in Wnt5a signaling.

- A Effects of Rac1^{CA} on Dvl localization. Dvl2-EGFP^{KI} cells were first transfected with siRNA, and 2 days later with Flag-Rac1^{CA}. Twenty-four hours after the plasmid transfection, the cells were fixed and stained with anti-Flag and anti-GFP antibodies, and Phalloidin. By confocal z-sectioning (0.2-µm intervals), lamellipodia/ruffling structures were carefully distinguished from other peripheral actin structures such as stress fibers and blebbing membrane.
- B The strongest intensity for $Dvl2-EGFP^{KI}$ and F-actin at the three different lamellipodia in each cell type was averaged, and the ratio of the $Dvl2-EGFP^{KI}/F$ -actin intensity was plotted (control, n = 181 cells; si*MAP7/D1*, n = 146 cells; si*MAP7D3*, n = 159 cells; si*WNT5A*, n = 137 cells; si*APC*, n = 194 cells; si*KIF5B*, n = 195 cells; from three independent experiments). The bars of box-and-whisker plots show the 5 and 95 percentiles, and the box limits are the 1st and 3rd quartile.
- C Images of peripheral MTs at the lamellipodium in the indicated cells. Cells were first transfected with siRNA and 2 days later with the Flag-Rac1^{CA} expression plasmid. Twenty-four hours after the plasmid transfection, the cells were fixed, and stained with anti-Flag and anti-α-tubulin antibodies, and Phalloidin. By confocal z-sectioning (0.2-µm intervals), the lamellipodium/ruffling structures were carefully distinguished from other peripheral actin structures, such as stress fibers and blebbing membrane.
- D Graph shows the percentage of cells with polarized MT arrays. Data are from three independent experiments and represent the average \pm SD.

Data information: Scale bar, 10 μ m in (A and C). Statistical significance was tested with the Student's *t*-test in (B and D). Source data are available online for this figure.



Figure 5.



Figure 6. Map7 moves toward the MT plus-end during in migrating cells.

- A Subcellular localization of endogenous Map7 or Map7D1 at the leading edge during cell migration. Fixed cells were co-immunostained for α -tubulin.
- B Subcellular localization of endogenous Map7 or Map7D1 co-stained for EB1 at the leading edge. Cells were fixed 1 h after wounding and then stained with the indicated antibodies. Enlarged merged images show that Map7/7D1 was not co-localized with EB1.
- C Live imaging of Map7-EGFP^{KI} cells. Time-lapse images were taken at 10-s intervals after wounding. Images at individual time points are shown at right, and the merged image is shown at left. Note that a Map7-EGFP^{KI} dot moves toward the cell cortex, where MT plus-ends are enriched (circles).

Data information: Scale bar, 10 $\,\mu\text{m}.$

strong Dvl accumulation at the leading edge in Rac1^{CA}-expressing cells was dramatically decreased when Kif5b was depleted, even though MT targeting to the lamellipodia was rescued (Fig 5). These data suggest that Kif5b promotes the Map7D/7D1 movement toward the MT plus-end, and that this movement is involved in the regulation of Dvl's localization in Wnt5a signaling.

Polarized distribution of Map7/7D1 and the *Drosophila* ortholog, Ens in epithelial tissues

 β -catenin-independent Wnt signaling including Wnt5a signaling is required for PCP formation in various types of tissues during

mammalian development [2,3,13]. In planar-polarized cells, components involved in β -catenin-independent Wnt signaling often show polarized distribution along the proximal–distal axis [33]. Since Map7/7D1 mediate Wnt5a signaling during cell adhesion and migration in HeLa cells, we investigated the subcellular localizations of Map7/7D1 in the mouse oviduct epithelium, in which multiciliated cells have PCP in response to β -catenin-independent Wnt signaling [34,35]. Intriguingly, immunofluorescence analysis revealed that Map7/7D1 localized to the ovary (proximal) side along the planar axis of multiciliated cells in the mouse oviduct (Fig 8A). This polarized localization was more striking when hMap7-EGFP or mMap7-EGFP was transiently expressed



Figure 7. Wnt5a signaling and the Kinesin-1 member Kif5b promote directional Map7 movement toward the MT plus-end.

- A FRAP analysis of Map7-EGFP^{KI} at the cell periphery (blue square) or the internal region (green square) of non-migrating cells or at the leading edge of migrating cells (red square). Recovery of fluorescence was recorded at 10-s intervals for 5 min. Data represent the median (circles) and the interquartile range (the interval from the 1st quartile to the 3rd quartile). Peripheral, n = 30 ROIs; Internal, n = 22 ROIs; Leading edge, n = 21 ROIs from three independent experiments.
- B FRAP analysis of Map7-EGFP^{KI} at the leading edge of the indicated cells after wounding. Recovery of fluorescence was recorded at 10-s intervals for 5 min. Cropped images of all time points are shown in Appendix Fig S8B. Data represent the median (circles) and the interquartile range (the interval from the 1st quartile to the 3rd quartile). Control, n = 121 ROIs; siWNT5A, n = 112 ROIs; siKIF5B, n = 106 ROIs from four independent experiments.

Data information: Scale bar, 10 µm.

Source data are available online for this figure.



Figure 8. Polarized distribution of Map7/7D1 and the Drosophila ortholog, Ens in epithelial tissues.

- A Immunofluorescence images of Map7 (top) or Map7D1 (bottom) in the ciliated epithelium of the mouse oviduct. Fz6 and Celsr1 were used as markers for PCP orientation, and E-Cadherin for cell boundaries. O, ovary side; U, uterus side. Asterisks show the secretory cells.
- B Subcellular localization of hMap7-EGFP or mMap7-EGFP in multiciliated cells of the mouse oviduct. A hMap7-EGFP or mMap7-EGFP expression construct was transfected into the oviduct by electroporation. The oviduct was fixed with paraformaldehyde, and stained with Phalloidin to visualize cell boundaries. Arrow heads indicate the polarized localization of hMap7-EGFP or mMap7D1-EGFP at the ovary side of multiciliated cells.
- C Live-cell imaging of the pupal wing in an Ens::EGFP^{KI} fly expressing DE-Cadherin::mTomato at 29 and 30 h APF. P, proximal side; D, distal side. The subcellular distribution of Ens::EGFP^{KI} was evaluated as follows: The cell boundary of individual cells was first outlined manually, and the point of the center of each cell was calculated (white dots). Next, after binarizing images of Ens::EGFP^{KI}, the mass of Ens::EGFP^{KI} was outlined, and the point of the center of its mass was calculated (yellow dots). Then, angles of vector between two points were calculated and were plotted on rose diagrams (*n* = 37 cells). The median angle is represented by green arrow.

Data information: Scale bar, 10 $\mu m.$ Source data are available online for this figure.

(Fig 8B). We further examined the distribution of the Drosophila Map7/7D1 ortholog in pupal wing epithelium. D. melanogaster has a single MAP7/7D1 ortholog gene, ensconsin (ens). We generated a homozygous viable and fertile Ens::EGFP knock-in (Ens:: EGFP^{KI}) fly strain by CRISPR-Cas9-mediated genome editing, in which the EGFP CDS was fused to the C-terminal end of the ens CDS (Appendix Fig S9A). Endogenous Ens accumulates in the region where MT minus-ends are known to enrich, such as the anterior side of oocytes and the apical side of epithelial follicle cells [36]. The localization of Ens::EGFPKI was indistinguishable from that of endogenous Ens (Appendix Fig S9B), indicating that the added EGFP moiety did not affect Ens's localization and functions. Similar to the Map7/7D1 localization in multiciliated cells of the mouse oviduct epithelium, Ens::EGFPKI enriched to the proximal side of pupal wing cells (Fig 8C; Appendix Fig 9C), where the MT minus-ends are known to be accumulated [37,38]. These data indicate that the localization pattern of Map7/7D1/Ens is evolutionarily conserved in planar-polarized cells of epithelial tissues.

Ens is involved in proper Dsh localization in epithelial cells

The conserved localization pattern of Map7/7D1/Ens led us to examine whether Ens contributes to PCP in epithelial tissues of Drosophila, though some modules in Drosophila PCP signaling cascade are different from those in β-catenin-independent Wnt signaling in vertebrates. During wing formation, core PCP proteins, including Disheveled (Dsh), show polarized distribution along the proximal-distal axis in each wing epithelial cell and promote the formation of a wing hair along the proximal-distal axis. Genetic data indicate that the remaining N-terminal portion encoded by the $ens^{\Delta C}$ allele retains *ens* functions [39] (Appendix Fig S10A). Therefore, to examine the effects of the loss of ens on PCP formation and Dsh's localization, we generated frame-shift mutants for ens, ens^{KO36}, and ens^{KO39} (Appendix Fig S10B). Both alleles showed severe homozygous lethality prior to or immediately after eclosion (Appendix Fig S10A). We therefore analyzed wing hair orientation in ens^{KO36}/Df(3L)BSC735 pupae, which were identified by the loss of GFP fluorescence from the balancer chromosome. We found that the loss of ens caused wing hair misorientation (Fig 9A). These data indicate that Ens is involved, directly or indirectly, in PCP formation.

During PCP formation, Dsh becomes asymmetrically localized by the polarized transport of Dsh-containing vesicles to the distal cortex [40-42]. This polarized transport is known to require MTs [41], though the underlying mechanisms are not defined. We found that, similar to HeLa cells, Ens can form a complex with Dsh (Fig 9B). We also investigated the effect of the loss of ens on the Dsh localization in pupal wing cells. To this end, ens^{KO36}/ ens^{KO39} pupae expressing Dsh::GFP was used, because defects in wing hair orientation in *ens^{KO36}/ens^{KO39}* pupae were virtually identical to those in wing hair orientation in ensKO36/Df(3L)BSC735 pupae (Appendix Fig S10C). In the wild-type pupal wing cells, Dsh::GFP exhibited a planar-polarized localization at the cell cortex (Figs 9C and EV2). In contrast, the planar-polarized localization of Dsh::GFP was compromised by the loss of ens (Figs 9C and EV2). These results indicate that Ens is required for proper Dsh localization in epithelial cell.

Discussion

In this study, we showed that Map7/7D1 forms a complex with Dvl to mediate the interplay between β-catenin-independent Wnt5a signaling and MT remodeling in HeLa cells (Fig 9D; Appendix Fig S10D). Map7/7D1 are MAPs, many of which contribute to MT stabilization [16,43-45]. However, Map7/7D1 act differently from other conventional MAPs, in that they do not affect MT stabilization and growth. Rather, they promote the cortical localization of Dvl, thereby polarizing the MT arrays in response to Wnt5a signaling. Intriguingly, the movement of Map7 to the MT plus-end depends on Wnt5a signaling (Fig 7B) and is likely to be essential for the cortical localization of Dvl; therefore, Map7/7D1 form an interdependent regulatory loop with Dvl. In addition, the stability of Map7/7D1 depends on their interaction with Dvl (Fig 3F and G). Notably, Map7/7D1 depletion did not affect the Wnt5a-induced Dvl2 phosphorylation (Fig 4C), suggesting that Map7/7D1 is dispensable for transducing the Wnt5a signal to Dvl. Based on these data, we propose that Wnt5a signaling is first transduced to Dvl, which in turn facilitates Map7/7D1 dynamics and promotes the cortical localization of Dvl. Therefore, the Map7/7D1-Dvl interplay is likely to establish a positive feedback loop between Wnt5a signaling and MT remodeling (Fig 9D; Appendix Fig S10D).

Adenomatous polyposis coli is another MT-binding protein that also binds to Dvl and organizes the polarized MT arrays in response to Wnt5a [6]. However, Map7/7D1 and APC have different roles in the Wnt5a signaling pathway. Our data suggest that Map7/7D1 act upstream of Rac1 (Figs 5A-D and EV1A), whereas APC is known to act downstream of Rac1 [32]. In addition, Map7/ 7D1 are involved in the targeting, rather than the attachment, of MTs to the cell cortex, because the ectopic expression of Rac1^{CA} rescued the attachment of MTs in Map7/7D1-depleted, but not APC-depleted cells (Fig 5C and D). Although it is clear that Map7 and Map7D1 have overlapping functions in Wnt5a signaling (Fig 1B and C), each may have non-overlapping functions as well. Intriguingly, we found that endogenous Map7D1, but not Map7, can form a complex with APC, which plays a role in MT attachment to the cell cortex in Wnt5a signaling (Appendix Fig S6E). Thus, Map7D1 may act together with both Map7 and APC to steer the processes between MT targeting and attachment to the cell cortex.

Microtubules are required for the proper localization of Dvl in Wnt5a signaling [5,6]. Map7 and Ens are required for the recruitment of a motor protein, Kinesin-1 to MTs, thereby promoting several MT-dependent processes, such as cytoplasmic flow, myonuclear positioning, and cargo transport [14,36,39]. We showed that Map7-EGFP^{KI} moves toward the MT plus-end during cell migration, and that this movement, along with the cortical localization of Dvl, is compromised by Kif5b depletion. Thus, we propose that Map7/7D1 also promote the loading of Kinesin-1 family protein onto MTs for the Dvl localization (Appendix Fig S10D).

In pupal wing cells, Ens localizes to the MT minus-end enriched proximal side (Fig 8C; Appendix Fig 9C), whereas Dsh enriches in the distal cortex where the MT plus-ends are known to accumulate (Fig 9C) [37,38,41]. Despite their non-overlapping distributions, we showed that, similarly to HeLa cells, Ens is required for Dsh localization to the distal cortex. Intriguingly, Dsh distributes to the entire cell cortex before the onset of PCP formation and becomes redistributed asymmetrically at the distal cortex during PCP formation



Figure 9. Ens is involved in proper Dsh localization in epithelial cells..

- A Pupal wings of wild-type or *ens^{K036}/Df(3L)BSC735* (*ens^{K036}/Df*) mutants at 32–34 h APF (after puparium formation) were stained with an anti-Fmi antibody and Phalloidin. P, proximal side; D, distal side. High magnification views of boxed area (intervein region between L3 and L4 veins) are shown at right. Magenta lines in right side panels indicate wing hair orientation. Because *ens^{K036}/Df* mutants died before eclosion, we obtained their pupae by selecting third instar larvae, which were identified by the loss of GFP fluorescence from the balancer chromosome. *Oregon-R* was used as wild type.
- B Lysates from HeLa cells expressing Ens-EGFP and Dsh-V5His₆ were immunoprecipitated with an anti-V5 antibody, and the immunoprecipitates were probed with anti-V5 and anti-GFP antibodies.
- C Localization of Dsh::GFP in 30 h APF pupal wing stained for Fmi, and GFP and F-actin (shown in Fig EV2). The Dsh::GFP localization was analyzed in intervein region between L3 and L4 veins. We obtained *ens^{K036}/ens^{K039}* pupae by selecting third instar larvae, which were identified by the loss of mCherry fluorescence from the balancer chromosome. *w; dsh::EGFP* was used as wild type.
- D Proposed model for a feedback loop between MT remodeling and Wnt5a signaling mediated by the Map7/7D1-Dvl axis. See Discussion for details.

Data information: Scale bar, 10 μ m in (A and C). Source data are available online for this figure.

[40–42], the process in which Ens is involved. Therefore, Ens in the proximal side may promote the MT loading of Kinesin-1, which carries Dsh-containing cargo to the distal cortex.

Ensconsin is required for proper wing hair orientation, likely through regulating the Dsh localization (Figs 9A–C and EV2). Components involved in PCP formation are well conserved between *Drosophila* and vertebrates, though mechanistic features in *Drosophila* PCP signaling are different in some parts from those in β catenin-independent Wnt signaling [46]. We propose that the role of Map7/7D1/Ens in the localization of Dvl/Dsh in polarized cells is evolutionarily conserved between vertebrate and invertebrate. Map7/7D1/Ens also show planar-polarized distribution in both mouse and fly epithelia (Fig 8), and we provide evidence that Ens might contribute to PCP formation in *Drosophila*. Therefore, whether Map7/7D1 are involved in mammalian PCP formation would be an important future issue.

Materials and Methods

Reagents and antibodies

HeLa cells stably expressing EB1-GFP were provided by Y. Mimori-Kiyosue [19]. Wnt5a used in Fig 4C and E was purified from the conditioned medium of L cells stably expressing Wnt5a, as described previously [47]. Fibronectin was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. All of the primary antibodies used are listed in Appendix Table S1. Rabbit polyclonal antibodies against Map7D1 were raised using recombinant GST fused with a region of Map7D1 (aa 529-803) as an antigen. Secondary antibodies coupled to horseradish peroxidase (HRP) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Alexa Fluor-conjugated secondary antibodies used for immunofluorescence experiments were purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific. Sequences of the siRNAs used in this study, except for those used for the siRNA-based screen, are listed in Appendix Table S2. The short-guide RNA (sgRNA) sequences used in this study are listed in Appendix Table S3. To generate EGFP- or V5-tagged proteins, the CDS was cloned into pEGFP-N3 (Clontech) or pcDNA3.1-V5His₆ (Thermo Fisher Scientific), respectively. The cDNA encoding hMAP7 was provided by the RIKEN BRC through the National Bio-Resource Project of the MEXT, Japan [48–51].

Cell culture and transfection

HeLa cells were maintained in DMEM (Wako) supplemented with 10% FBS and penicillin-streptomycin. For cell staining and imaging, cells were seeded on fibronectin-coated coverslips or glass-bottom dishes. Cell transfection with plasmids and siRNAs was described previously [52]. Transfectants with plasmid or siRNA were analyzed 24 h or 72 h post-transfection, respectively. In Figs 4E and 5A, the cells were first transfected with siRNA and 2 days later with Flag-Rac1^{CA}. The cells were analyzed 24 h after the plasmid transfection.

Generation of Map7-EGFP or Dvl2-EGFP knock-in HeLa cell lines by CRISPR-Cas9

Two sgRNA sequences for each gene (Appendix Table S3) were designed using Jack Lin's CRISPR/Cas9 gRNA finder tool

(http://spot.colorado.edu/~slin/cas9.html). The short doublestranded DNA for each sgRNA was inserted into the BbsI site of pX330 [17]. To construct the Map7-EGFP or Dvl2-EGFP knock-in vector, the 5' and 3' arms of each gene were amplified by PCR using HeLa genomic DNA and cloned into the pCR4 Blunt-TOPO vector (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The 5' arm of each gene was inserted inframe using multiple cloning sites, and the 3' arm of each gene was blunted and then inserted into the blunted AflII site of pEGFP-N3 in which the CMV promoter region had been deleted. HeLa cells were transfected with 1 µg of each of the two pX330-sgRNA plasmids and the knock-in vector using Lipofectamine 2000 (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Knock-in clones were selected by adding G418 at 24 h post-transfection. Successful targeting of EGFP into each gene was confirmed by immunoblotting using antibodies against GFP and each endogenous protein, genomic PCR, and the intracellular localization of GFP fluorescence.

Quantitative real-time PCR analysis

The primer sequences for RT–qPCR are shown in Appendix Table S4. Total RNA was isolated using the RNeasy mini kit (Qiagen) and reverse-transcribed to cDNA with MuLV reverse transcriptase (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and random hexamers (TaKaRa). RT–qPCR was carried out using SYBR green (Kapa Biosystems) on a ViiA 7 Real-Time PCR system (Thermo Fisher Scientific), according to the manufacturer's instructions.

siRNA-based screen

The experimental flow chart of the siRNA-based screen is shown in Fig 1A. For 69 uncharacterized MT co-sedimented proteins and their paralogs identified from rat brain extracts by mass spectrometry [15], we examined the expression level of each gene in HeLa cells. Twenty-six of the 69 genes were expressed at detectable levels in HeLa cells (Appendix Fig S1). Because wound healing assays require a larger number of siRNA-transfected cells, compared with cell spreading assays, we first conducted cell spreading assays, in which cell adhesion is evaluated by seeding cells onto a fibronectincoated glass-bottom dish, and then counting the cells exhibiting lamellipodial extension 1 h later. The individual depletion of eight genes using pooled siRNAs was found to trigger blebbing and reduce the lamellipodial extension (Fig 1A and B; Appendix Fig S2A). These eight genes were then further analyzed by wound healing assays to measure the rate of cell migration. Of the eight genes, the individual depletion of 7 using pooled siRNAs caused slower migration, compared with control cells (Appendix Fig S2B). We also measured the depletion efficiency of three independent siRNAs against each of these seven genes by RT–qPCR (Appendix Fig S2C) and measured the migration rate of cells transfected separately with each effective siRNA (Fig 1A and C; Appendix Fig S2D). The siRNA sequences for the siRNA-based screen are shown in Appendix Table S5.

Immunoblotting and immunoprecipitation

Immunoblotting and immunoprecipitation were performed as described [6,52]. Briefly, for immunoprecipitations between endogenous proteins, HeLa cells were washed once with PBS and lysed with lysis buffer [20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM EGTA, 0.5% NP-40] supplemented with protease inhibitors (1 mM phenylmethylsulfonylfluoride, 1 µg/ml leupeptin, and 1 µg/ml aprotinin) and phosphatase inhibitors (5 mM sodium fluoride, 1 mM sodium orthovanadate, and 10 mM β-glycerophosphate) for 30 min on ice. The supernatant was collected after centrifugation and incubated with the appropriate antibody. After incubation, 15 µl of protein A or G Sepharose beads was added, and the mixtures were rotated for 1 h at 4°C. The beads were washed five times with lysis buffer and resuspended in Laemmli's sample buffer. For immunoprecipitations between exogenous proteins, at 24 h post-transfection, the HeLa cells were washed once with PBS and lysed with 1× NP-40 buffer [20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 10% glycerol, 137 mM NaCl, 1% NP-40] supplemented with protease inhibitors and phosphatase inhibitors for 20 min on ice. The supernatant was collected after centrifugation and incubated with the appropriate antibody. After incubation, 15 µl of protein A or G Sepharose beads was added, and the mixtures were rotated for 1 h at 4°C. The beads were washed once with 1× NP-40 buffer, twice with LiCl buffer [0.1 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 0.5 M LiCl], and once with 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), and finally resuspended in Laemmli's sample buffer.

In vitro binding assay

In vitro binding assays were performed as described [53]. $pGEX-2T/hDvl1^{DIX}$ and $pGEX-2T/hDvl1^{DEP}$ were generated by PCR-mediated site-directed mutagenesis using $pGEX-2T/hDvl1^{1-282}$ and $pGEX-2T/hDvl1^{281-670}$ as a template, respectively. A cDNA fragment for $hMap7^{1-265\Delta CC1}$ was cloned into pMAL-C2X (New England Biolabs).

Immunofluorescence and imaging analyses

Immunofluorescence analyses in HeLa cells, Drosophila pupal wings, or mouse oviducts were performed as described [5,6,34,37,54]. Confocal images were obtained and processed using FV1000, FV1200 (Olympus, Japan), or A1Rsi (Nikon, Japan). In Fig 5A and C, lamellipodial formation induced by the ectopic expression of Rac1^{CA} was confirmed by z-sectioning. Confocal timelapse imaging and FRAP analysis in HeLa cells were performed with an FV1200 equipped with GaAsP detectors and an incubator. For the time-lapse imaging of cell spreading and wound healing assays, we used an inverted microscope system equipped with an incubator (LCV110; Olympus). For Fig 8C, confocal time-lapse imaging was performed with FV3000 (Olympus, Japan). The planar polarization of Ens::EGFPKI was quantified with the method previously described [55]. For Fig 9C, since the polarization of Dsh localization is most prominently observed at 30 h after pupal formation (APF), just before the onset of wing hair outgrowth [40,42], we examined the localization of Dsh::GFP [40] in pupal wings at that time point. Images were processed and analyzed using Fiji software (National Institutes of Health).

Animals

Female mice (Slc:ICR; Japan SLC, Japan) were used in this study. Animal care and experiments were conducted in accordance with the

Guidelines of Animal Experiment of the National Institutes of Natural Sciences. The experiments employed in this study were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of National Institutes of Natural Sciences. The animals were kept in a light and temperature controlled room with a 12-h light/dark cycle at $22 \pm 1^{\circ}$ C.

Transient expression of hMap7-EGFP or mMap7-EGFP in multiciliated cells of the mouse oviduct epithelium by electroporation

Plasmids were introduced into mouse oviduct cells by electroporation as described [35] with several modifications. DNA solutions (1 µg/µl in TE buffer) were colored with Fast Green at a final concentration of 0.0025% and injected into the end of the oviduct at the ovarian side by blowing through a glass pipette. The oviduct was sandwiched between tweezer-type electrodes (Nepagene), and five repeated square-wave pulses (50 ms on, 50 ms off) at 20 V were applied by an electroporator (Nepagene). After changing the position of the electrode, the electric pulses were applied again. DNA was then injected again, and the set of electronic pulses was again applied twice. The skin was closed by wound clips (BD Biosciences). Four days later, oviduct samples were collected and opened longitudinally to analyze the fluorescent signal. After fixation with 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS, the samples were treated with 0.1% Triton X-100 in PBS and stained by Texas Red-X phalloidin (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

Fly strains

The fly strains used in this study are listed in Appendix Table S6. Fly stocks were maintained on standard food at 25°C.

Generation of *ens* null mutants or Ens::EGFP knock-in fly strains by the CRISPR-Cas9 gene-editing technique

Two sgRNA sequences of ens were designed using the CRISPR Optimal Target Finder [56] (Appendix Table S3). The short doublestranded DNA for each sgRNA was inserted into the BbsI site of pDCC6 [57]. To generate ens null mutants, the pDCC6-based plasmids (150 ng/µl in distilled water) were microinjected into embryos derived from *y w* females crossed with *w*; $P\{neoFRT\}80B$ males. To screen for knocked-out lines, four F0 males or females were grouped, crossed with w; TM3 Ser Sb/TM6B Tb, and cultured in the presence of G418. About 10 F1 progeny from each vial were used to prepare genomic DNA. The 559-bp genomic region containing sgRNA target sites was PCR amplified using primers 5'-AGAGCA CACCACTATACAACAGTACGGTCG-3' and 5'-GAAGCGAGAGAGA CAGTGAGAAGTACGAGA-3'. The T7 endonuclease I (T7EI) assav was performed as described [58]. Males from positive vials were individually crossed with w; TM3 Ser Sb/TM6B Tb females for a few days, and then, T7EI assays were performed for the genomic DNA from each male. Whether the identified indels caused a frame-shift mutation was confirmed by subjecting PCR fragments of the target region to DNA sequencing.

To construct the Ens::EGFP knock-in vector, the 5' and 3' arms of *ens* were amplified by PCR using genomic DNA from the *y w* strain and directly cloned into the pCR4 Blunt-TOPO vector (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The 5' arm of *ens* was inserted in-frame at the

*Eco*RV and *Sal*I sites, and the 3' arm of *ens* was inserted at the *Not*I and *Afl*II sites of a modified pEGFP-N3, from which both the CMV promoter region and the SV40 polyadenylation signal had been removed. The pDCC6-based plasmids and knock-in vector constructs were mixed (150 ng/µl each) and microinjected into *y w* embryos. To isolate knocked-in fly lines, individual F1 progeny were crossed with *w*; *TM3 Ser Sb/TM6B Tb* for a few days, and then, their genomic DNAs were PCR amplified using two sets of primers 5'-GATGAGGGCAATGAGAAGGAGGTTCCTAAG-3' and 5'-A CAGCTCCTCGCCCTTGCTCAC-3' (*EGFP 25-4*), and 5'-CCTTATCGA GAGGTTCTTGCAGCAGCATTC-3' and 5'-TCGGCATGGACGAGCTG TACAAG-3' (*EGFP* 695-717). Flies that were positive for both primer sets were established as homozygous stocks, and examined for the expression patterns of GFP fluorescence.

Statistics

The experiments were performed at least three times (biological replication), and the results were expressed as the average \pm SD or the median \pm SD, except for Fig 7. In Fig 7, the results were expressed as the median (circles) and the interquartile range (the interval from the 1st quartile to the 3rd quartile). Differences between data values were tested for statistical significance using the Student's *t*-test, except for the analysis of the vector angle of the EB1-GFP comets, in which *P*-values were calculated using the Mardia-Watson-Wheeler test [34]. *P*-values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant.

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Conflict of interest

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