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Ankmy2 Prevents Smoothened-Independent Hyperactivation of the Hedgehog Pathway via Cilia-Regulated Adenylyl Cyclase Signaling

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SUMMARY

The mechanisms underlying subcellular targeting of cAMP-generating adenylyl cyclases and processes regulated by their compartmentalization are poorly understood. Here, we identify Ankmy2 as a repressor of the Hedgehog pathway via adenylyl cyclase targeting. Ankmy2 binds to multiple adenylyl cyclases, determining their maturation and trafficking to primary cilia. Mice lacking Ankmy2 are mid-embryonic lethal. Knockout embryos have increased Hedgehog signaling and completely open neural tubes showing co-expansion of all ventral neuroprogenitor markers, comparable to the loss of the Hedgehog receptor *Patched1*. Ventralization in *Ankmy2* knockout is completely independent of the Hedgehog pathway transducer Smoothened. Instead, ventralization results from the reduced formation of Gli2 and Gli3 repressors and early depletion of adenylyl cyclase III in neuroepithelial cilia, implicating deficient pathway repression. Ventralization in *Ankmy2* knockout requires both cilia and Gli2 activation. These findings indicate that cilia-dependent adenylyl cyclase signaling represses the Hedgehog pathway and promotes morphogenetic patterning.

Graphical Abstract

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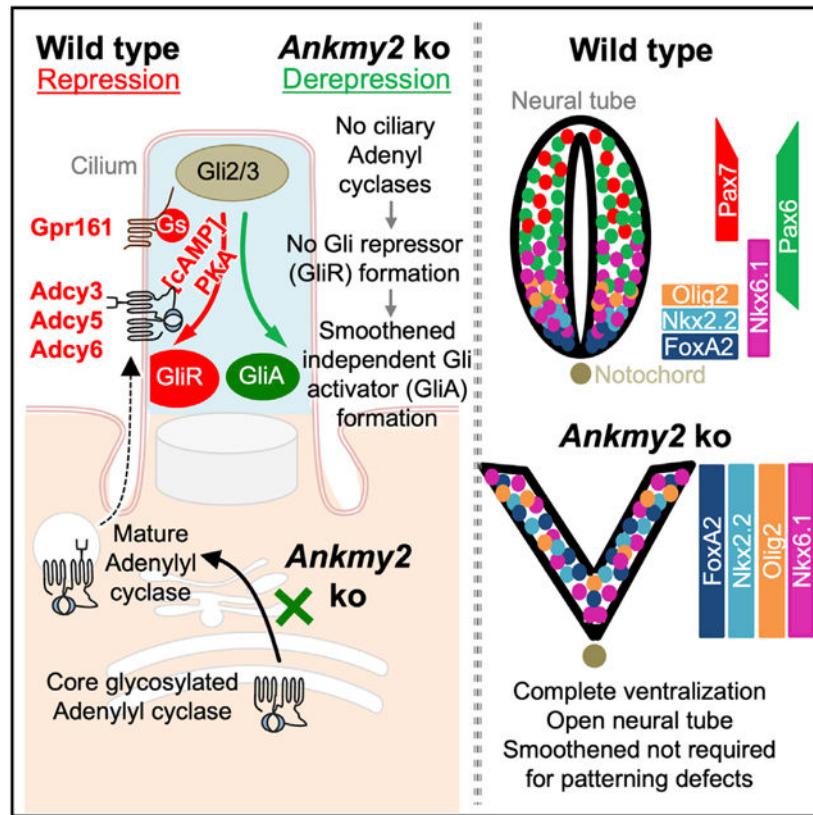
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In Brief

Somatilaka et al. identify *Anky2* as a repressor of the Hedgehog pathway. *Anky2* knockout mouse show complete neural tube ventralization independently of *Smoothened* but requiring cilia and *Gli2*. *Anky2* regulates maturation of adenylyl cyclases and trafficking to cilia, implicating cilia-dependent adenylyl cyclase signaling in Gli-repressor formation and morphogenetic patterning.

INTRODUCTION

Hedgehog (Hh) signaling in vertebrates is an excellent system to study subcellular cAMP signaling processes and the role of compartmentalized signaling. The primary cilium is a microtubule-based dynamic cellular appendage that mediates extra-cellular signaling, particularly with respect to vertebrate Hh signaling (Goetz and Anderson, 2010; Briscoe and Théron, 2013; Kopinke et al., 2020). Binding of Hh to its receptor Patched (Ptch1) triggers removal of Ptch1 from cilia and promotes enrichment and activation of *Smoothened* (Smo)—the pathway transducer—in cilia, resulting in the generation of Gli transcriptional activator (GliA) (Corbit et al., 2005; Rohatgi et al., 2007). In contrast, the basal repression machinery of Hh signaling involves protein kinase A (PKA)-mediated partial proteolysis of full-length Gli2/3 into Gli2/3 repressor (GliR) forms in a cilia-dependent manner (Tuson et al., 2011; Mukhopadhyay and Rohatgi, 2014).

The neural tube is patterned during early embryonic development by Hh secreted from the notochord (Dessaud et al., 2008). Lack of cilia prevents ventral patterning and expansion of dorsal markers at the expense of ventral cell types or “dorsalization” (Huangfu et al., 2003), similar to lack of Hh (Chiang et al., 1996). Increased Hh signaling from lack of *Ptch1* causes ectopic specification of ventral cell types at the expense of lateral and dorsal cell types or “ventralization” (Goodrich et al., 1997). Complete loss of both PKA catalytic subunits α/β (*PKA* null) also result in embryonic lethality by E9 and full ventralization of the neural tube (Tuson et al., 2011). Thus, high Hh signaling phenotypes can result from either increased pathway activation in *Ptch1* knockouts or loss of PKA-mediated repression.

We previously described that the cilia-localized orphan GPCR, *Gpr161*, functions as a repressor of Hh signaling during early neural tube development in mice (Mukhopadhyay et al., 2013). Mice knockout for *Gpr161* are embryonic lethal by embryonic day 10.5 (E10.5) and exhibit increased Hh signaling and ventralization throughout the rostrocaudal extent of the neural tube, albeit weaker than the loss of PKA (Hwang and Mukhopadhyay, 2015). *Gpr161* determines Gli3R formation via cAMP signaling. Interestingly, *Gpr161* C-tail has been proposed to be an A-kinase anchoring protein for PKA activation in cilia by binding to PKA regulatory subunit RI α and RI β (Bachmann et al., 2016). In addition, the PKA regulatory subunit RI α localizes to cilia (Bachmann et al., 2016; Mick et al., 2015), whereas PKA regulatory RII subunits localize to centrosomes (Tuson et al., 2011; Saade et al., 2017; Barzi et al., 2010). As cAMP production regulates PKA activation, studying repressive pathways regulating Hh signaling might provide novel insights into both spatiotemporal regulation of cAMP signaling and Hh pathway derepression.

Other than GPCRs, another less-studied and plausible level of regulation of cAMP signaling might arise from spatiotemporal distribution of adenylyl cyclases (ACs). At least three of the ACs, types III, V, and VI (AC3/5/6 or ADCY3/5/6) are localized to cilia (Mick et al., 2015; Choi et al., 2011; Bishop et al., 2007). Overexpression of *ADCY5/6* in the developing chicken neural tube only partially represses the Hh pathway (Vuolo et al., 2015), whereas individual knockdown or knockouts are only partially penetrant in increased Hh signaling phenotypes and are not embryonic lethal (Vuolo et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2009), unlike *PKA* null mutants (Tuson et al., 2011). Here, we identify the ankyrin-repeat and MYND-domain-containing protein, *Ankmy2* in maturation and trafficking of ACs to primary cilia. By generating *Ankmy2* mouse knockouts, we demonstrate that *Ankmy2* is one of the strongest known repressors of Hh pathway during neural tube development. Our results suggest that repression of Hh signaling during neural tube development should not be considered as an inherent background state, but instead must be actively maintained by cilia-regulated AC signaling, lack of which causes Gli2 activation independent of Smo.

RESULTS

Identification of *Ankmy2* as a Common Interacting Factor for Ciliary ACs

To identify factors that might regulate subcellular trafficking of ADCY3, we performed tandem affinity purification followed by mass spectrometry (TAP-MS) of stably expressed ACIII/ADCY3^{LAP} in NIH 3T3 cells (C-term LAP, X-Stag-PreScission-EGFP). The ankyrin-repeat and MYND-domain-containing protein, *Ankmy2*, was identified among ADCY3^{LAP}

interacting partners (Figures 1A and 1B; Table S1). Reciprocal TAP-MS of ^{LAP}ANKMY2 in NIH 3T3 cells (N-term LAP, EGFP-TEV-Stag-X) identified another AC (ADCY6) as an interacting partner, whereas TAP-MS of ^{LAP}ADCY6 also detected Ankmy2 (Figure 1A; Table S1). Endogenous Ankmy2 could be detected by immunoblotting upon tandem affinity purification of LAP-tagged ADCY3, ADCY5, and ADCY6, suggesting Ankmy2 is a common interacting factor for these cilia-localized ACs (Figure 1C). As reported before (Saita et al., 2014), stably expressing ^{LAP}ANKMY2 in NIH 3T3 cells was confirmed to be a predominantly cytosolic protein, but not enriched in cilia, using subcellular fractionation and immunofluorescence (Figures S1A and S1B). Endogenous Ankmy2 also fractionated into the cytosolic fraction (Figure S1A). Thus, Ankmy2 is a common interacting factor for multiple ACs.

Ankmy2 Knockout Mice Are Embryonic Lethal at 10 to 12-Somite Stage

As we detected binding between ACs and Ankmy2, we hypothesized that Ankmy2 might regulate the Hh pathway. *Ankmy2* was expressed in low abundance throughout the mid-gestational period of development (Figure S1C) and ubiquitously at E10.5 using radiometric RNA *in situ* hybridization (Figure 1D). We generated a knockout mouse model deleting exon 3 of *Ankmy2*, which is predicted to result in a frameshift after the initial 44 amino acids and truncation after a further 46 amino acids unrelated to the actual protein sequence (Figures 1B, S1D, and S1E). *Ankmy2* protein and transcripts were absent in the homozygous knockout embryos (*Ankmy2* ko) by immunoblotting and qRT-PCR, respectively at E8.5 (Figures 1E and S1F), confirming the present allele to be a null allele.

Interestingly, homozygous knockout embryos were arrested at 10–12 somites (E8.5) (Figure 1F). In contrast to wild-type littermates (Murdoch and Copp, 2010), the knockout embryos did not turn and had a completely open neural fold (craniorachischisis) at 10 to 12-somite stage (Figures 1F, 1G, and 1I). Knockout embryos had extensive rostral malformations and open brain regions (Figures 1F–1H) that bore a striking resemblance to *PKA* null embryos (Tuson et al., 2011) or *Ptch1* knockouts (Figure 1F) (Goodrich et al., 1997). However, *Ptch1* knockout embryos arrest around E9–E9.5 (Goodrich et al., 1997; Bai et al., 2002) with at least 14–16 somites (Figure 1F), possibly due to the compensatory function of *Ptch2* (Alfaro et al., 2014). The *Ankmy2* heterozygous embryos had no characteristic defects and essentially resembled wild-type embryos.

To rule out trophoblast-intrinsic defects that could potentially affect embryogenesis (Perez-Garcia et al., 2018), we used *Sox2-Cre* to delete *Ankmy2* conditionally in the epiblast (Figures 1J and S1G), while leaving expression intact in the trophoblast-derived cells of the placenta and the visceral yolk sac endoderm. The *Sox2-Cre; Ankmy2^{f/ko}* embryos were embryonic lethal by 10 to 12-somite stage similar to the knockout, suggesting that *Ankmy2* deletion in embryonic tissues caused the observed phenotypes (Figure 1J).

Ankmy2 Knockout Embryos Exhibit Increased Hh Signaling

Ankmy2 has been previously reported to positively regulate Hh signaling using knockdown and overexpression studies in cultured cells (Saita et al., 2014). However, the rostral malformations in *Ankmy2* knockouts resembled *PKA* null and *Ptch1* knockouts that exhibit

high Hh signaling. Levels of the *Gli1*, *Ptch1*, and *Ptch2* transcripts and Gli1 protein were increased in the knockout compared with those of wild-type littermates at E8.5 (Figures 2A–2D). In the *Ankmy2* knockouts, *Ptch1* expression was sharply elevated throughout the rostrocaudal extent in the ventral spinal cord, the ventral somatic and intermediate mesoderm, and the splanchnic mesoderm compared with that of the wild-type littermates at E8.5 by RNA *in situ* hybridization in mid-trunk and caudal regions (Figures 2E and S2A). Ventral hindbrain also showed elevated levels of *Ptch1* expression in the knockouts (Figure S2A). Similarly, *Gli1* expression was expanded in the dorsal neural tube and increased in the somatic mesoderm in the mid-trunk and caudal regions, with respect to control littermates at E8.5 by RNA *in situ* hybridization (Figures 2F and S2B). Around this embryonic stage, Shh expression is restricted to the notochord. However, in *Ptch1* knockouts, high expression of *Shh* is seen in the neural tube (Goodrich et al., 1997). In contrast, in *Ankmy2* knockouts, *Shh* expression was not increased and confined to the notochord at E8.5 throughout the neural tube (Figures 2G, S2C, and S2D), with occasionally expanded domains only in the hindbrain (Figure S2C).

***Ankmy2* Knockout Mice Exhibit Gli3/Gli2-Processing Defects**

In the absence of Hh ligand, PKA-mediated phosphorylation of Gli3 and Gli2 results in partial proteolytic processing into Gli3R and Gli2R, respectively (Wang et al., 2000; Tempé et al., 2006; Niewiadomski et al., 2014). In *Ankmy2* knockout embryos, the extent of Gli3 processing into Gli3R at E8.5 whole-embryonic extracts was strongly reduced compared with that of wild-type (Figure 2H), similar to *Gpr161* (Mukhopadhyay et al., 2013) and *PKA* null knockouts (Tuson et al., 2011), suggesting that *Ankmy2* regulates the processing of Gli3 into Gli3R. Levels of Gli2R were also reduced (Figure 2I). Upon high Hh signaling, activated full-length Gli proteins are formed that are unstable (Chen et al., 2009; Humke et al., 2010; Jia et al., 2009; Wang et al., 2010; Wen et al., 2010). The full-length form of Gli3 was also significantly reduced in *Ankmy2* knockouts (Figure 2H), although levels of Gli2 full-length protein remained unchanged (Figure 2I). *Gli2* transcripts were unaffected (Figure S2E). Gli3 full-length to Gli3R ratios were significantly increased in *Ankmy2* knockout embryos with respect to wild-type (Figure 2G). A ~50% decrease in *Gli3* transcript levels in *Ankmy2* knockout embryos (Figure S2F), a likely consequence of activation of the Hh pathway (Wang et al., 2000; Bai et al., 2004), is not sufficient to explain the selective decrease in Gli3R levels. In summary, the *Ankmy2* knockouts exhibit defects in GliR processing accompanying increased Hh signaling.

***Ankmy2* Knockout Mice Exhibit a Ventralized Neural Tube**

We next determined regions in the *Ankmy2* knockout embryos that showed altered Hh signaling. When dissected at E9.5, Hh-dependent ventral cell types were ectopically specified at the expense of lateral and dorsal cell types (ventralization) in the *Ankmy2* knockouts. Specifically, floor plate progenitors expressing FoxA2, p3 progenitors expressing Nkx2.2, pMN progenitors expressing Olig2, and p3/pMN/p2 progenitors expressing Nkx6.1 showed enlarged expression domains that expanded fully into dorsal regions throughout the rostrocaudal extent of the spinal cord and hindbrain (Figure 3A). Expression of these ventral progenitor markers predominantly overlapped with each other alongside some intermixing (Figures 3B and 3C). In contrast, the dorsolateral neural tube marker Pax6 was completely

absent in the *Ankmy2* knockouts (Figures 3A and S3). Neural tube ventralization and complete lack of closure were similar in extent and severity to *Ptch1* knockouts (Figure S3) (Goodrich et al., 1997). The *Sox2-Cre; Ankmy2^{ko/f}* embryos also had ventralization similar in extent and severity to the knockout, suggesting that *Ankmy2* deletion in epiblast caused the observed phenotypes (Figure S3). Thus, *Ankmy2* knockout embryos exhibit severely ventralized neural tube throughout the rostrocaudal extent and co-expression of most ventral markers.

Hh Pathway Activation in *Ankmy2* Knockouts Is Independent of *Smo*

To test if the severe ventralization phenotype in *Ankmy2* knockouts was dependent on *Smo* activation, we generated double knockouts of *Ankmy2* and *Smo*. Mice knockout for *Smo* exhibit embryonic arrest by E9.5, defects in the ventral midline, including cyclopia (Zhang et al., 2001) and lack of expression of all ventral progenitor and floor plate markers (Figure 4A) (Caspary et al., 2007; Norman et al., 2009). Double knockouts of *Smo* and *Ptch1* resemble *Smo* knockouts, suggesting that *Smo* is epistatic to *Ptch1* (Zhang et al., 2001). However, double knockouts of *Ankmy2* and *Smo* arrested by 10–12 somites and had rostral malformations similar to that of *Ankmy2* knockouts (Figure 4A). Similarly, the expansion of ventral identity markers, *FoxA2*, *Nkx2.2*, *Olig2*, and *Nkx6.1* occurred rostrocaudally as in *Ankmy2* knockouts (Figures 4A and S4A). *FoxA2* transcripts were similarly upregulated in *Ankmy2* single and *Ankmy2; Smo* double knockout embryos by qRT-PCR (Figure 4B). Correspondingly, while the dorsolateral neural tube marker *Pax6* was fully dorsalized rostrocaudally in *Smo* knockout, *Pax6* was completely absent in *Ankmy2; Smo* double knockouts, similar to *Ankmy2* knockouts (Figures 4A and S4A). *Ankmy2* is fully epistatic to *Smo* even for maximal pathway activation, which suggests GliA generation independent of *Smo* (Figure 4C).

Gli2 Accumulation in Resting *Ankmy2* Knockout Cells

Our genetic epistasis experiments between *Ankmy2* and *Smo* suggested that Hh pathway hyperactivation occurs in *Ankmy2* knockout in a *Smo*-independent manner. However, the predominant view in the field is that Hh triggers Gli2 activation in a *Smo*-dependent manner, which results in the accumulation of Gli2 in ciliary tips (Haycraft et al., 2005; Chen et al., 2009; Kim et al., 2009). We generated an *Ankmy2* knockout clonal NIH 3T3 line and two independent *Ankmy2* knockout clonal 3T3-L1 lines for testing Gli2 ciliary localization with respect to Hh signaling (Figures 4D, 4E, and S4B). While ~20% of cilia tips in control cells had detectable Gli2 staining, ~75% of *Ankmy2* knockout cilia in NIH 3T3 cells and 45%–60% of *Ankmy2* knockout cilia in 3T3-L1 cells had Gli2 staining in the absence of SAG (Figures 4D and 4E). Treatment with SAG further enhanced Gli2 accumulation in *Ankmy2* knockout cilia in 3T3-L1 cells (Figure 4E). A similar accumulation of Gli2 in cilia has also been observed in resting *PKA* null MEFs (Tuson et al., 2011). Gli2 accumulation in ciliary tips of *Ankmy2* knockout and *PKA* null cells suggests that *Ankmy2* and *PKA* serve in the same pathway to prevent precocious Gli2 activation.

In contrast to knockout embryos (Figure 2), however, *Ankmy2* knockout 3T3 and 3T3-L1 cells had no significant upregulation of basal *Ptch1/Gli1* transcript or Gli1 protein levels and showed normal Gli3 processing in resting cells or upon pathway activation by SAG (Figures

S4C and S4D). Persistence of Gli3R in *Ankmy2* knockout cultured cells explains the lack of basal upregulation of Gli1 levels in these cell lines, despite Gli2 accumulation in ciliary tips (see Discussion).

Hh Pathway Activation in *Ankmy2* Knockout Requires Gli2

As high Hh signaling in *Ankmy2* knockout was Smo-independent, we tested if downstream factors in Hh pathway regulate ventralization by generating *Ankmy2; Gli2* double knockouts. *Gli2* single knockouts are perinatal lethal (Bai and Joyner, 2001). The *Ankmy2; Gli2* double knockouts survived till the 26–28 somite stage, past the 10–12 somite stage embryonic lethality period for *Ankmy2* single knockouts. The general morphology of *Ankmy2; Gli2* double knockouts resembled that of *Gli2* single knockouts, except that the embryos exhibited open neural tube in the brain (Figure 5A). At the thoracic and lumbar levels, by 26–28 somites, the neural tube was closed with sparse FoxA2 in floor plate as seen in *Gli2* single knockouts (Figures 5A, S5A, and S5B). The dorsolateral markers Pax7 and Pax6 were restricted to their normal domains as in the wild-type, with some persistent but limited ventralization of Nkx6.1 domain (Figures 5A, S5A, and S5B). Such limited and intermediate-level Nkx6.1 ventralization in *Ankmy2; Gli2* double knockout suggests a lack of Gli3R formation (Persson et al., 2002) contributing to the phenotype. In contrast, the hindbrain of the double knockout remained fully open (exencephaly) with ventralized Nkx6.1 and absent Pax7 domains similar to *Ankmy2* knockout. However, unlike *Ankmy2* knockout, FoxA2 levels were reduced (Figures 5A and S5A), while Pax6 was restored (Figure S5A). Thus, most of the ventralization and neural tube closure defects in the *Ankmy2* knockouts were overcome in the absence of Gli2, while the brain defects persisted, suggesting a possible role for Gli3 in this region (Yu et al., 2009; Liu et al., 2015; Shimada et al., 2019). Similarly, exencephaly persisted in *Ptch1* knockouts upon concomitant *Gli2* loss, although spinal cord ventralization was rescued (Liu et al., 2015; Bai et al., 2002). Thus, strong ventralization in the spinal cord region of *Ankmy2* knockout is dependent on Gli2.

Hh Pathway Activation in *Ankmy2* Knockouts Requires Cilia

We next investigated if the *Ankmy2* knockout phenotype is dependent on cilia by generating *Ankmy2; Ift88* double knockouts. Disruption of the anterograde IFT-B protein, Ift88, results in defective ciliogenesis and a loss of ventral cell types specified by high levels of Hh in the neural tube (Huangfu et al., 2003; Murcia et al., 2000). However, Suppressor of fused (Sufu), another negative regulator of mammalian Hh signaling, functions independent of cilia (Chen et al., 2009; Jia et al., 2009). *Ift88* single knockouts arrested around E9.5, lacked cilia (Figure S5C), and exhibited pericardial effusion with heart looping defects (Figure 5B). *Ankmy2; Ift88* double knockouts also lacked cilia and arrested at stages, and with phenotypes, similar to *Ift88* single knockouts (Figures 5B and S5C). The rostral morphology of *Ankmy2; Ift88* double knockouts resembled that of *Ift88* single knockouts and lacked cilia while arresting at stages similar to *Ift88* single knockouts (Figure 5B). Unlike *Ankmy2* single knockouts, the neural tube of the double knockout was fully closed from hindbrain to lumbar levels by 14–16 somite stage (Figures 5B, S5D, and S5E). Throughout the hindbrain and spinal cord, FoxA2 was absent (Figures 5B, S5D, and S5E), Pax6 was dorsalized (Figures 5B, S5D, and S5E), whereas Nkx6.1 levels were sparse to absent similar to *Ift88*

knockouts by 20–22 somites (Figures 5B, S5D, and S5E). Thus, activation of the Hh pathway resulting from disruption of *Ankmy2* depends on cilia.

Defective Trafficking of ACs to Cilia in *Ankmy2* Knockouts

As we observed that *Ankmy2* interacts with ACs and regulates Hh signaling in a cilia-dependent manner, we tested if *Ankmy2* regulates ciliary trafficking of ACs. We generated stably expressing LAP-tagged cilia-localized ACs in control or *Ankmy2* knockout NIH 3T3 cells (Figures S4B and S4C). Control experiments established that ADCY3^{LAP}, ADCY5^{LAP} and LAPADCY6 were localized to cilia along with localization in the secretory pathway in wild-type cells (Figures 6A–6D). However, cilia positive for ACs in the *Ankmy2* knockout cells were drastically reduced (Figures 6A–6D) along with a significant reduction in fluorescence intensities of ciliary AC pools (Figure S6A), despite persistent extraciliary localization in the secretory pathway (Figures 6A–6C). Importantly, upon stably expressing *HAANKMY2* in the knockout cells, trafficking of the respective ACs to cilia was partially rescued (Figures 6A–6D). Endogenous levels of *Adcy3* were also reduced in C3H10T1/2 cells upon CRISPR-mediated partial knockdown of *Ankmy2* (Figures S6B and S6C). Ciliary levels of other integral membrane proteins, such as *Smo* (Figures S6D and S6E) and *Gpr161* (Figures S6F and S6G) were unaffected in *Ankmy2* knockout NIH 3T3 and IMCD3 cells, respectively. The morphology of cilia was not grossly affected in *Ankmy2* knockout cells, as evidenced from acetylated tubulin immunostaining and measurements of cilia length (Figure S6H). Thus, defective trafficking of ACs to cilia upon *Ankmy2* knockout was specific and not arising from a general and non-specific defect in ciliary membrane composition, as seen upon disruption of the transition zone (Chih et al., 2011).

Decreased Maturation of ACs in *Ankmy2* Knockout

Glycosylation stages serve as markers for the trafficking of transmembrane proteins through the secretory pathway. Specifically, core and complex carbohydrates demark ER-localized and post-trans Golgi localized forms, respectively, and are identifiable upon digestion with Endo H/PNGase treatment (Helenius and Aebi, 2001). We were unable to detect endogenous ACs by immunoblotting or immunoprecipitation using existing antibodies. Thus, we determined the glycosylation state of ACs stably expressed as LAP-tagged ADCYs (C-term LAP, X-Stag-PreScission-EGFP for ADCY3 and ADCY5; N-term LAP, EGFP-TEV-Stag-X for ADCY6) in NIH 3T3 cells by tandem affinity purification followed by Endo H/PNGase treatment (Figure 6E). To pre-serve the complex membrane topology of ACs during pull downs, detergents including digitonin, n-Dodecyl- β -D-Maltoside, and Cholesteryl hemisuccinate were used and proteins were eluted in urea sample buffer without heating (Pal et al., 2015). At steady state in control cells, the ACs existed in complex glycosylated state (“c” form) that was Endo H resistant but PNGase sensitive and core glycosylated form (“b” form) that was Endo H and PNGase sensitive (Figure 6F). In *Ankmy2* knockout cells, the high MW “c” form was substantially reduced in these ACs (Figure 6G) and the core glycosylated “b” form was increased in ADCY5 and ADCY6 (Figure 6G). In addition, complex glycosylated pools of these ACs were restored upon *HAANKMY2* expression (Figure 6G), suggesting a primary defect in maturation of these ACs upon loss of *Ankmy2*. Thus, *Ankmy2* regulates the maturation of ADCY3/5/6 in the secretory pathway.

Defective Trafficking of Adcy3 to Cilia in *Ankmy2* Knockouts during Neural Tube Development

As *Ankmy2* determines the trafficking of multiple ACs to cilia (Figure 6), we next tested if ciliary levels of the ACs were affected upon *Ankmy2* depletion during neural tube development. *Adcy3* has been reported to localize to cilia throughout many regions of the adult mouse brain and to cilia of primary cultured neurons and glia from neonatal mice (Bishop et al., 2007). *Adcy3* is also localized to cilia that project into the lumen of the mouse neural tube at E10.5 (Liem et al., 2012); however, the localization of *Adcy3* during early embryogenesis is unknown. We detected *Adcy3* to localize to cilia of neuroepithelial cells constituting the neural fold and that of surrounding mesenchymal cells during neurulation, as early as E7.5-E8.0 before somitogenesis (Figures 7A, 7B, 7D, and S7A; Video S1). By 6-somite stage, almost all cilia had *Adcy3* in control embryos (Figures 7C, 7D, and S7A; Video S3). However, *Ankmy2* knockout embryos were completely lacking in *Adcy3* localization to cilia during all these stages (Figures 7B–7D; Videos S1, S2, S3, and S4). Despite absent ciliary levels, *Adcy3* transcripts were unaffected in the E8.5 *Ankmy2* knockout embryos (Figure S7B). Embryos at neurulation stages before somite formation or during early somitogenesis also had increased Hh signaling as evident from *Ptch1* RNA *in situ* hybridization (Figure 7A) or ventral progenitor marker immunostaining (Figures 7C and S7C), suggesting that missing *Adcy3* ciliary levels corresponded with high Hh pathway activity. *Adcy5/6* are also expressed in the E8.5 embryos but at much lower levels than *Adcy3* (Figure S7B) and were completely depleted in cilia of cultured *Ankmy2* knockout cell lines (Figures 6A, 6B, and 6D). Further, ciliary targeting of membrane-associated palmitoylated protein, *Arl13b*, was unaffected in *Ankmy2* knockout embryos (Figures 7B and 7C). Thus, depletion of ciliary *Adcy3* pools in neuroepithelial and mesenchymal cells accompanied Hh pathway hyperactivation starting from early neurulation.

cAMP Prevents Gli2 Accumulation in Cilia of *Ankmy2* Knockout Cells

If Hh-independent Gli2 activation arises from the loss of cAMP production as a result of defective AC maturation and trafficking, Gli2 accumulation in ciliary tips should be prevented by cAMP. Upon treatment with the cell-permeable cAMP analog, dBcAMP, we noticed near-complete reduction of Gli2 accumulation in two clonal *Ankmy2* knockout lines in 3T3-L1 cells in a dose-dependent manner (Figures 7E and S7D). In comparison to dBcAMP treatment, we noticed only partial reduction of Gli2 accumulation upon treatment with the AC activator Forskolin in *Ankmy2* knockout 3T3-L1 cells compared with untreated cells. Forskolin treatment also prevents Gli2 accumulation in ciliary tips of *PKA* null MEFs (Tuson et al., 2011), suggesting Forskolin functioning independent of PKA or even independent of AC activation (Hoshi et al., 1988) in such inhibition. Similar PKA/AC activation-independent role of Forskolin could account for the partial reduction of Gli2 accumulation in *Ankmy2* knockout cells. Overall, dBcAMP-mediated rescue of Gli2 in ciliary tips of *Ankmy2* knockout cells argues for a lack of AC-regulated cAMP signaling in causing premature Gli2 accumulation.

DISCUSSION

Ankmy2 Functions as a Strong Repressor of Hh Pathway via Cilia-Regulated AC Signaling

Factors regulating subcellular trafficking of ACs to cilia and their role in Hh pathway are unknown. Here, we report the identification of a cytosolic protein, Ankmy2 as a strong repressor of the Hh pathway. Ankmy2 functions in maturation and trafficking of multiple ACs to cilia. *Ankmy2* knockout causes unrestricted ventral progenitor marker expression and the highest levels of Hh pathway hyperactivation in the neural tube. Based on the onset of embryonic lethality, neural tube defects, and extent of neural tube ventralization, *Ankmy2* knockout has phenotypes severe or similar to *Ptch1* knockout (Goodrich et al., 1997) that promotes Smo-mediated activation (Zhang et al., 2001) or *PKA* null mutants that prevent Gli3R generation (Tuson et al., 2011). The *Ankmy2* knockout phenotypes are also much severe than *Sufu* (Svärd et al., 2006; Liu et al., 2015) or *Gpr161* knockouts (Mukhopadhyay et al., 2013). Reduced Gli2 and Gli3 transcriptional repressor (GliR) levels in the *Ankmy2* knockout implicates deficient pathway repression; however, ventralization is mostly Gli2-dependent, suggesting predominant role of Gli2A. In addition, by demonstrating complete independence of derepression from canonical activation by Smo, our results show GliA generation irrespective of Hh stimulation (Figure 4C). In contrast, *Gli3* knockouts (that lack both Gli3 repressor and activator) show intermediate-level ventralization (Persson et al., 2002), whereas *Gli2; Gli3* double knockouts (that lack both GliR and GliA) show dorsalization (Bai et al., 2004). Lack of GliR and simultaneous GliA generation in *Ankmy2* knockout qualifies for derepression and establishes a critical role of Hh pathway repression during the neural tube patterning and closure.

Ankmy2 prevents the derepression of Hh signaling during neural tube development by regulating maturation and trafficking of multiple ACs to cilia. Missing Adcy3 ciliary levels in the neural fold and surrounding mesenchymal cells in *Ankmy2* knockout embryos corresponded with high Hh pathway activity before somitogenesis and in later stages. Similarly, other ciliary ACs ADCY5/6 were also not trafficked to cilia in *Ankmy2* knockout cell lines. The high Hh signaling phenotypes in the neural tube in *Ankmy2* knockouts are completely rescued upon concurrent loss of cilia in *Ift88* knockouts, suggesting that lack of AC signaling requires cilia for hyperactivation. While we cannot rule out the role of nonciliary ACs or nonciliary pools of ACs in additionally regulating Hh signaling in neural tube, ultimately the ventralization phenotype requires cilia. Such strict cilia dependence of the highest levels of ventralization argues for a lack of ACs and corresponding PKA activity in close proximity to cilia and centrosome. Furthermore, Gli2 accumulates in ciliary tips of *Ankmy2* knockout cells irrespective of Smo activation. Rescue of Gli2 ciliary accumulation by dBcAMP in *Ankmy2* knockout cells lends further credence to compromised AC trafficking and signaling contributing to Hh-independent Gli2 activation. Thus, juxtaciliary production of cAMP by ACs likely promotes Gli-repressor generation and prevents Smo-independent Gli2 activation (Figure 7F).

Complete Neural Tube Ventralization Irrespective of Smo Suggests Hh-Independent Gli Activator Generation

How do full-scale ventralization and Gli2 activation occur in *Ankmy2* knockout in the absence of Smo? Complete lack of AC ciliary trafficking from early neurulation in *Ankmy2* knockout could enable early and complete disruption of GliR gradient, unlike attenuated AC activity in *Gpr161* knockout (Mukhopadhyay et al., 2013). Different activation states of Gli2 has been proposed to be encoded by different patterns of Gli phosphorylation at the C terminus, with full phosphorylation or lack of phosphorylation driving GliR or GliA formation, respectively (Niewiadomski et al., 2014). For e.g., overexpression of the activation domain dephosphorylated Gli2 has been shown to result in the ectopic specification of ventral progenitors, including expression of floor plate markers (Niewiadomski et al., 2014). Whereas GliR formation requires Gli-Sufu complex (Humke et al., 2010; Kise et al., 2009), dissociation of Sufu from Gli2/3 is a hallmark of Shh-stimulated signaling by Smo and requires cilia (Tukachinsky et al., 2010; Humke et al., 2010). Forskolin treatment prevents Gli-Sufu dissociation even upon Smo activation suggesting that PKA-mediated phosphorylation of either or both promotes binding (Humke et al., 2010). Similarly, lack of phosphorylation of Gli2 and Gli3 in *Ankmy2* knockout, as evident from loss of Gli2R and Gli3R in the absence of juxtaciliary AC signaling, might enable Gli2A and Gli3A formation from Gli-Sufu dissociation even in the absence of Smo. Finally, our results showing that GliA can be formed independent of Smo necessitates reevaluation of the actual role of Smo activation in Gli-Sufu dissociation and suggests Smo's role in promoting, rather than determining GliA generation (Figure 4C). Reduced PKA activation in cilia/centrosome complex by Smo-G α i coupling (Barzi et al., 2011; Villanueva et al., 2015; Ogden et al., 2008) and *Gpr161* removal from cilia (Pal et al., 2016) likely prevents further phosphorylation of full-length Gli proteins enabling Gli activator formation.

Hh Pathway Derepression from Loss of *Ankmy2* or *Gpr161* Is Not Modeled in NIH 3T3 Cells

Hh pathway hyperactivation is seen in *Ankmy2* knockout embryos (this paper) and *Gpr161* knockout embryos (Mukhopadhyay et al., 2013) or conditional knockouts in limb buds (Hwang et al., 2018), embryonic cerebellum (Shimada et al., 2018), and forebrain (Shimada et al., 2019). Hh hyperactivation phenotypes are also observed in zebrafish knockouts of *GPR161* (Tschaiikner et al., 2019). Predisposition to SHH-subtype medulloblastoma is also seen from loss of *GPR161* in children (Begemann et al., 2020), whereas *GPR161* mutations are detected in patients suffering from neural tube defects (Kim et al., 2019). Basal Hh pathway hyperactivation is, however, not recapitulated in *Ankmy2* (Figures S4C and S4D) or *Gpr161* knockouts in NIH 3T3 (Pusapati et al., 2018) and NIH3T3-L1 fibroblasts. CRISPR-based whole-genome screens for regulators of Hh pathway also did not detect *Gpr161* or *Ankmy2* as negative regulators (Breslow et al., 2018; Pusapati et al., 2018b). The lack of basal derepression in fibroblasts possibly result from intact Gli3R formation in either knockout (Figures S4C and S4D) (Pusapati et al., 2018) despite Gli2 accumulation in ciliary tips of *Ankmy2* knockout cells (Figures 4D and 4E) similar to PKA null MEFs (Tuson et al., 2011). As PKA null knockout embryos still retain a small amount of Gli3R processing (Tuson et al., 2011), there could be additional PKA-independent mechanisms for Gli3 processing. Such alternative mechanisms for Gli3R formation might be activated in

fibroblasts upon *Gpr161* or *Ankmy2* knockout, highlighting the importance of using *in vivo* approaches for studying the role of Hh pathway suppression during morphogenesis.

How Does Anmky2 Determine Maturation and Ciliary Localization of Multiple ACs?

The complex glycosylated forms of ACs are selectively reduced in *Ankmy2* knockout cells, and at least, in the case of ADCY5 and ADCY6, such decrease is associated with a concomitant increase in core glycosylated forms. Reduction in complex glycosylated forms are restored upon ^{HA}*ANKMY2* expression, suggesting a primary defect in maturation of these ACs upon loss of *Ankmy2* (Figure 7F). A distant MYND-domain protein DAF-25 determines the trafficking of guanylyl cyclases (GCs) to *C. elegans* chemosensory cilia (Fujiwara et al., 2010; Jensen et al., 2010). As *Ankmy2* binds to both ACs and retinal-specific GC1 (Jensen et al., 2010), it is likely that such binding involves the highly homologous cyclase domains. *Ankmy2* has been proposed to bind to *Fkbp8*, a member of the FK506-binding protein family (Saita et al., 2014). We also detect *Fkbp8* in TAP-MS of ACs (Table S1). Both proteins were featured in quantitative chaperone interaction networks, where *Fkbp8* was proposed to be a part of the core Hsp90 complex and *Ankmy2* was proposed to be a peripheral interacting partner in facilitating specific chaperone-client interactions with transcription factors, possibly inferred so because of its MYND domain (Taipale et al., 2014). Interestingly, *Fkbp8* mouse mutants exhibit high Hh signaling and ventralization in the lumbar neural tube, albeit weaker than *Ankmy2* knockouts, in a Gli2- and cilia-dependent manner, and spina bifida (Bulgakov et al., 2004; Cho et al., 2008; Wong et al., 2008). Another MYND domain protein, *Zmynd10*, has been shown to confer specificity for the *Fkbp8*-Hsp90 chaperone complex toward axonemal dynein clients in motile cilia (Mali et al., 2018). Thus, *Fkbp8* could play a more general role in the core Hsp90 chaperone in recruiting *Ankmy2* as a client-specific factor during maturation of a subset of membrane-bound ACs.

STAR★METHODS

RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

Lead Contact—Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Saikat Mukhopadhyay (saikat.mukhopadhyay@utsouthwestern.edu).

Materials Availability—The *Ankmy2* knockout mouse allele will be deposited to EUCOMM and also will be made available to other researchers upon request.

Data and Code availability—This study did not generate/analyze datasets/code.

EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

ES Cells—ES cells targeting *Ankmy2* (NM_146033.3, MGI: 2144755; third exon flanked by LoxP sites) that was generated by homologous recombination in mouse ES cells of the C57BL/6 strain were from EUCOMM (Clone # HEPD0679–6–C03). ES cells were grown on SNL feeders with media containing 20% Serum, 6 mM L-glutamine, 1× Penicillin/Streptomycin, 1 mM β-mercaptoethanol, 1 mM Non-essential Amino Acids, 1×

Nucleosides, 10 mg/L Sodium Pyruvate, ESGRO supplement 66 μ L and incubated at 37°C in 5% CO₂ (Dr. Robert Hammer lab, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas).

Mouse Strains—The ES cells were injected into host embryos of the C57BL/6 albino strain by the transgenic core (Dr. Robert Hammer lab, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas). The *Ankmy2* knockout allele was generated by the deletion of third exon crossed with germline CAG-Cre recombinase strain (Sakai and Miyazaki, 1997). The double knockout analysis was performed using *Ift88^{tm1.1Bky}* allele (Haycraft et al., 2007), *Gli2^{tm1Alj}* allele (Mo et al., 1997), and *Smo^{tm1Amc}* allele (Zhang et al., 2001). *Sox2-Cre* (Hayashi et al., 2002) was crossed with the floxed allele of *Ankmy2*. *Ptch1* allele was as described before (Goodrich et al., 1997). Yolk sac DNA was used for genotyping embryos. Mice were housed in standard cages that contained three to five mice per cage, with water and standard diet *ad libitum* and a 12 h light/dark cycle. Mice aged 8 weeks or older were used for breeding and timed pregnancies. Noon of the day on which a vaginal plug was found was considered E0.5. All the animals in the study were handled according to protocols approved by the UT Southwestern Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, and the mouse colonies were maintained in a barrier facility at UT Southwestern, in agreement with the State of Texas legal and ethical standards of animal care.

Stable Cell Lines—NIH 3T3 Flp-In cells (Life Technologies) stably expressing LAP tag or LAP tagged ACs were generated by retroviral infection, antibiotic selection, and flow sorting. CRISPR/Cas9 knockout or knockdown lines for *Ankmy2* were generated in NIH 3T3 Flp-In, 3T3-L1 (gift of Peter Michaely, UT Southwestern) or C3H10T1/2 (ATCC) cells by using guide RNA targeting sequences AAGGAACTGCTG GAAGTGAT (Exon 1) or GAATGTTTCATGTCAACTGCT (Exon 2). Clonal lines were tested for knockout or knockdown by Sanger sequencing and immunoblotting for *Ankmy2*. ORF clones were as follows: ADCY3 (gift of Ron Taussig, UT Southwestern), ADCY5 (gift of Ron Taussig, UT Southwestern), ADCY6 (Life Technologies IOH40476), ANKMY2 (Origene RG206770; NM_020319 in PCMV6-AC-GFP vector from Origene). Gateway pENTR clones were generated by PCR cloning and BP reaction as necessary for N- or C-terminal tagging. Gatewaytized pBABE-LAP-N terminus and pBABE-LAP-C terminus plasmids were generated from LAP1 and LAP5 vectors (Addgene) and pBABE puro. We cloned 3×HA-ANKMY2 into pQXIN (Clontech), which was used for retroviral infection in knockout lines expressing LAP-tagged ACs. Antibiotic selection was used to generate rescue lines stably expressing 3×HA-ANKMY2. NIH 3T3 Flp-In cells were cultured in DMEM high glucose (Sigma-Aldrich) media with 10% Bovine calf serum, 0.05 mg/ml penicillin, 0.05 mg/ml streptomycin, and 4.5 mM glutamine. 3T3-L1 cells were cultured in DMEM high glucose (Sigma-Aldrich) media with 10% FBS, 0.05 mg/ml penicillin, 0.05 mg/ml streptomycin, 4.5 mM glutamine and 8 ng/ml Biotin. C3H10T1/2 cells were grown in DMEM high glucose (Sigma-Aldrich) media with 10% FBS, 0.05 mg/ml penicillin, 0.05 mg/ml streptomycin, 4.5 mM glutamine, 1 mM Sodium Pyruvate, and 1× MEM Non-essential Amino Acid solution.

METHOD DETAILS

Mouse Genotyping—To genotype *Ankmy2* mice, the following primers were used. For floxed allele with or without deletion: 3F (5'-CTG TCT CCA TAT TCA CAC ATT GAA TAG C-3'), 4R (5'-GCT GCA TGC ATC AAA GGA GTC ATT CC-3') and 2R (5'-TGA ACT GAT GGC GAG CTC AGA CC-3') gave 508 bp for wild type, 732 bp for floxed allele, and 289 bp for deleted floxed allele (cko). For KO allele: 3F, 4R, and 5R (5'-CAA CGG GTT CTT CTG TTA GTC C-3') gave 508 bp and 316 bp for wild type and knockout bands, respectively (Figures S1D, S1E, and S1G). *Cre* allele was genotyped with Cre-F (5'-AAT GCT GTC ACT TGG TCG TGG C-3') and Cre-R (5'-GAA AAT GCT TCT GTC CGT TTG C-3') primers (100 bp amplicon). To genotype *Ptch1* mice, P1 (5'-TGG GGT GGG ATT AGA TAA ATG CC-3'), P2 (5'-TGT CTG TGT GTG CTC CTG AAT CAC-3'), P3 (5'-CTG CGG CAA GTT TTT GGT TG-3') and P4 (5'-AGG GCT TCT CGT TGG CTA CAA G-3') primers were used. Wild type and knockout bands were 400 bp and 100 bp, respectively. To genotype *Smo* mice, Smo WT-F (5'-CCT GCG CTG CTC AAC ATG G-3'), Smo WT-R (5'-GGT CAC GTT CCC GCT CAA G-3'), and Smo KO-R (5'-ACT TCC ATT TGT CAC GTC CTG CAC-3') primers were used. Wild type and knockout bands were 340 bp and 490 bp, respectively. To genotype *Gli2* mice, Gli2 sense (5'-AAA CAA AGC TCC TGT ACA CG-3'), Gli2 antisense (5'-CAC CCC AAA GCA TGT GTT TT-3') and pPNT (5'-ATG CCT GCT CTT TAC TGA AG-3') primers were used. Wild type and knockout bands were 300 bp and 600 bp, respectively. To genotype *Ift88* mice, Ift88 Flox-F (5'-GAC CAC CTT TTT AGC CTC CTG-3'), Ift88 Flox-R (5'-AGG GAA GGG ACT TAG GAA TGA-3') and Ift88 KO-R (5'-CAT TTT TGG CTT CCA AAG G-3') primers were used. Wild type and knockout bands were 365bp and 319bp respectively.

Tissue Processing, Antibodies, Immunostaining, and Microscopy—Mouse embryos were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) overnight at 4°C (except for Adcy3 immunostaining, see below), and processed for cryosectioning or paraffin embedding and sectioning. For cryosectioning, the embryos were incubated in 30% sucrose at 4°C until they were submerged in the solution. Embryos were mounted with OCT compound. For Adcy3 immunostaining, presomite stage and 6–8 somite stage embryos were fixed for 30 min on ice with freeze-thawed chilled 4% PFA, transferred into a 30% sucrose solution on ice until the embryos submerged, and then mounted in OCT. Embryos in OCT were cut into 15 µm frozen sections. The sections were incubated in PBS for 15 min to dissolve away the OCT. Sections were then blocked in blocking buffer (1% normal donkey serum [Jackson immunoResearch, West Grove, PA] in PBS) for 1 h at room temperature. Sections were incubated with primary antibodies against the following antigens; overnight at 4°C: FoxA2 (1:1000, ab40874, Abcam or 1:1000, ab108422; Abcam), Nkx6.1 (1:100, F55A10-s; DSHB), Nkx2.2 (1:10, 74.5A5-s; DSHB), Olig2 (1:500, MABN50; Millipore Corp), Pax6 (1:2000, 901301; Biolegend), Pax7 (1:10; DSHB) and Adcy3 (1:500, LS-C204505; LifeSpan BioSciences). An earlier available antibody against Adcy3 (sc-588) was used for immunofluorescence studies only in C3H10T1/2 cells (Figures S6C and S6D). This antibody has currently been discontinued and for all embryo cryosections (Figures 7, S7, and Supplemental Videos 1–4), the anti-Adcy3 antibody from LifeSpan BioSciences (LS-C204505) was used at a dilution of 1:500. After three PBS washes, the sections were incubated in secondary antibodies (Alexa Fluor 488-, 555-, 594-, 647- conjugated secondary

antibodies, 1:500; Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA or Jackson ImmunoResearch) for 1 h at room temperature. Cell nuclei were stained with DAPI (Sigma). Slides were mounted with Fluoromount-G (0100–01; Southern Biotech) and images were acquired with a Zeiss AxioImager.Z1 microscope and a Zeiss LSM780/LSM880 confocal microscope using a 40x oil immersion objective lens with tile stitching feature. For paraffin sections, embryos were processed over a 12 h period using a Thermo-Shandon Hypercenter Automated Tissue Processor (A78400001D; ThermoFisher Scientific) which dehydrated the brains through 6 ethanol concentrations, from 50% ethanol to 100% ethanol, cleared through 3 changes of xylene, and infiltrated with wax through 3 Paraplast Plus paraffin baths (39602004; Leica). Samples were embedded in Paraplast Plus using paraffin-filled stainless steel base molds and a Thermo-Shandon Histocenter 2 Embedding Workstation (6400012D; ThermoFisher Scientific). The embryos were then cut in 5 μ m thick sections. For hematoxylin and eosin staining, paraffin sections were stained by hematoxylin and eosin (Hematoxylin 560; 3801575; Leica and Alcoholic Eosin Y 515; 3801615; Leica) using a Sakura DRS-601 x-y-z robotic-stainer (DRS-601; Sakura-FineTek, Torrance, CA). Slides were dehydrated and mounted with Permount (SP15–100; ThermoFisher Scientific). For immunofluorescence experiments in cell lines, cells were cultured on coverslips until confluent and starved for indicated periods before fixation. Cells were fixed with 4% PFA. After blocking with 5% normal donkey serum, the cells were incubated with primary antibody solutions for 1 h at room temperature followed by treatment with secondary antibodies for 30 min along with DAPI. Primary antibodies used were against the following antigens: GFP (Abcam ab13970 (1: 5000, Figure 6), ab290 (1:300, Figure S1B)), Arl13b (1:500, gift from Tamara Caspary) Caspary et al., 2007, acetylated tubulin (1:5000, T6793; Sigma), Gpr161 (1:200, custom-made) (Pal et al., 2016), Smo (1:500, gift from Kathryn Anderson) Ocbina and Anderson, 2008, Gli2 (1:500, gift from Jonathan Eggenschwiler) and γ -tubulin (1:500, ab11316; Abcam). Coverslips were mounted with Fluoromount-G and images were acquired with a Zeiss AxioImager.Z1 microscope.

Reverse Transcription and Quantitative PCR—RNA was extracted using the GenElute mammalian total RNA purification kit (RTN350; Sigma). Genomic DNA was eliminated by DNase I (D5307; Sigma). qRT-PCR was performed with SYBR Green Quantitative RT-qPCR Kit (QR0100; Sigma) or Kicqstart One-Step Probe RT-qPCR ReadyMix (KCQS07; Sigma). *Gli1* TaqMan probes for qRT-PCR were published before (Wen et al., 2010), and inventoried probes for *FoxA2* and *Gapdh* were from Applied Biosystems. Primer sequences are in Table S2. Reactions were run in CFX96 Real-time System (Bio Rad). *Gapdh* was used for normalization of Taqman assays (Figures 2, 4, and S4). α Tubulin (Figures 2 and S2) or Hprt (Figures S4 and S7) were used for normalization with SYBR Green Quantitative RT-qPCR Kit.

In Situ Hybridization (ISH)—Antisense riboprobes were made using the following templates: *Ptch1*, *Gli1*, *Shh* (gifts from Andrew McMahon lab and Deanna Grant, Andrew Peterson lab). For *Ankmy2* sense and antisense probes, 900bp of *Ankmy2* cDNA initiating from the start site was cloned into pcDNA3.1 in both directions using *Ankmy2* whole cDNA from Origene (MR204185) as template. Whole-mount in situ hybridization using digoxigenin-labeled probes was performed on embryos using standard protocols. Images

were acquired using a Leica stereomicroscope (M165 C) with a digital camera (DFC500) or Zeiss stereomicroscope (Discovery.V12) and AxioCam MRc.

Radiolabeled sense and antisense probes were generated using T7 RNA polymerases and ^{35}S -UTP ($>1,000$ Ci/mmol; NEG039H, PerkinElmer LAS Canada, Inc.) using linearized cDNA templates by in-vitro transcription using the Maxiscript kit (AM1324M, Life technologies). Radioisotopic in situ hybridization was performed as described below (Shelton et al., 2000). Briefly, 5 μm thick sections were deparaffinized, permeabilized, and acetylated prior to hybridization at 70°C with riboprobes diluted in a mixture containing 50% formamide, 0.75 M NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 5 mM EDTA, 10 mM NaPO_4 , 14% dextran sulfate, 1 \times Denhardt's, and 0.5 mg/ml tRNA. Following hybridization, the sections were rinsed with increasing stringency washes, subjected to RNase A (2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, 30 min at 37°C), and dehydrated prior to dipping in K.5 nuclear emulsion gel (AGP9281; Ilford, UK). Following autoradiographic exposure for 21–35 days, photographic development was carried out with D-19 Developer Substitute and Kodak Fixer (26920–4; 26942, Ted Pella Inc.). Sections were counterstained with hematoxylin, dehydrated with ethanol, cleared with xylene, and coverslipped with synthetic mounting media (SP15, Fisher Chemical). Radioisotopic *in-situs* were analyzed using dark-field and bright-field microscopy. Sense (control) riboprobes established the level of background signal. Review and photography of all radioisotopic *in situ* hybridizations were carried out on a Leica DM2000 photomicroscope equipped with brightfield, and incident-angle darkfield illumination. Photomicrography was achieved using this microscope and an Optronics Microfire digital CCD color camera using PictureFrame 3.0 acquisition software (Optronics, Inc. Goleta, CA, USA). Resulting ISH silver-grain signal was imaged with camera settings to produce near binary intensity and contrast.

Scanning EM—Embryos were fixed in 1/2 Karnovsky's fixative (2% PFA, 2.5% Glutaraldehyde in 0.1M Sodium Cacodylate buffer, pH 7.4) overnight and post fixed in 1% OsO_4 for 1 h. They were dehydrated through a series of ethanol. After three washes of hexamethyldesilazane, the samples were air-dried at room temperature. The embryos were oriented and mounted on carbon tape on aluminum stubs. They were then sputter-coated with 10 nm of gold/palladium mixture and viewed on a FEI XL30 SEM at 10 kV.

Tandem Affinity Purification and Immunoblotting—NIH 3T3 cells stably expressing LAP tag or LAP tagged ACs were lysed in buffer containing 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 200 mM KCl, 1 mM MgCl_2 , 1mM EGTA, 10 % glycerol, 1 mM DTT, 1% digitonin, 0.05% n-Dodecyl- β -D-Maltoside, 0.25% Cholesteryl hemisuccinate, 1 mM of AEBSF, 0.01 mg/mL of Leupeptin, pepstatin and chymostatin (Pal et al., 2015). Lysates were centrifuged at 12000 \times g for 10 min followed by tandem IPs (Cheeseman and Desai, 2005). Briefly, the GFP immunoprecipitates were first digested with TEV (N terminal LAP) or PreScission (for C terminal LAP) protease for 16 h at 4°C. The supernatants were subjected to secondary IPs with S-protein agarose. Treatment with Endo H and PNGase F (NEB) was performed on the IP-ed proteins on S-protein agarose beads in NEB designated buffers at 37°C for 2 h. The resulting secondary IPs were eluted in 2 \times urea sample buffer (4 M urea, 4% SDS, 100 mM Tris, pH 6.8, 0.2% bromophenol blue, 20% glycerol, and 200 mM DTT) at 37°C for 30 min

and analyzed by immunoblotting (Pal et al., 2015). For detection of different glycosylation forms of the LAP-tagged ACs by S-tag immunoblotting and based on the stable expression levels, we required ~0.75 ml packed cell pellet for finally eluting secondary IPs in 30–40 μ l of 2 \times urea sample buffer from 30–40 μ l S-protein agarose beads. Tandem-IPs were mostly run on 4–20% Mini-PROTEAN TGX Precast Protein Gels (Bio-Rad).

Immunoblots from tandem affinity purifications were probed with antibodies against S-tag (mouse monoclonal MAC112; EMD Millipore), Ankmy2 (HPA067100, Sigma), α -tubulin (clone DM1A, T6199, Sigma), HA tag (clone 3F10, Roche) followed by visualization using IRDye-tagged secondary antibodies.

Embryos were prepared by lysing in RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% SDS, 1% sodium deoxycholate) containing freshly added phosphatase and protease inhibitors on ice for 1 h and shredded using Qiashredder spin-columns (Qiagen). Insoluble debris was removed by centrifugation at 16,000 \times g for 20 min at 4°C. Lysate concentrations were determined with the bicinchoninic acid (BCA) kit (Pierce, Rockford, IL) and compared to BSA standards in RIPA buffer. Samples were boiled at 95°C for 5 minutes with 5 \times Laemmli sample buffer and kept on ice. 30 μ g of total protein lysates were analyzed using antibodies against Gli3 (AF3690, R&D, 1 μ g/ml), Gli2 (AF3635, R&D, 1 μ g/ml), Gli1 (L42B10, Cell Signaling; 1:1000) and α -tubulin (clone DM1A, T6199, Sigma; 1:5000). For mass spectrometry, total protein was cut out from the gel and analyzed as mentioned below.

Mass Spectrometry—In the UT Southwestern proteomics core, protein in gel bands was reduced and alkylated with DTT and iodoacetamide (Sigma), then digested overnight with trypsin (Pierce). Following solid-phase extraction cleanup with Oasis HLB plates (Waters), the resulting peptides were reconstituted in 10 μ l of 2% (v/v) acetonitrile (ACN) and 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid in water. 2 μ l was injected and analyzed by LC/MS/MS using a Q Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo) coupled to an Ultimate 3000 RSLC-Nano liquid chromatography system (Dionex). Samples were separated on a 50-cm length 75 μ m ID EasySpray column (Thermo) and eluted with a gradient from 1–28% buffer B over 60 min at a 400 nl/min flow rate. Buffer A contained 2% (v/v) acetonitrile (ACN) and 0.1% formic acid in water, and buffer B contained 80% (v/v) ACN, 10% (v/v) trifluoroethanol, and 0.08% formic acid in water. The mass spectrometer was operated in positive ion mode with a source voltage of 2.4 kV, the capillary temperature of 250°C, and S-lens RF level at 50.0%. MS scans were acquired at 70,000 resolution and up to 10 MS/MS spectra were obtained for each full spectrum acquired using higher-energy collisionally induced dissociation (HCD) for ions with charge ≥ 2 . Raw MS data files were converted to a peak list format and analyzed using the central proteomics facilities pipeline (CPFP), version 2.0.3 (Trudgian and Mirzaei, 2012; Trudgian et al., 2010). Peptide identification was performed using the TANDEM (Craig and Beavis, 2004) and open MS search algorithm (OMSSA) (Geer et al., 2004) search engines against the mouse protein database from Uniprot and the sequence of the tagged proteins, with common contaminants and reversed decoy sequences appended (Elias and Gygi, 2007). Fragment and precursor tolerances of 20 ppm and 0.5 Da were specified, and three missed cleavages were allowed. Carbamidomethylation of Cys was set as a fixed modification, with the oxidation of Met set as a variable modification.

An additional requirement of two unique peptide sequences per protein was used for protein identification.

In the Taplin proteomics core (^LAP^{AD}CY6), excised gel bands were cut into approximately 1 mm³ piece. Gel pieces were then subjected to a modified in-gel trypsin digestion procedure (Shevchenko et al., 1996). Gel pieces were washed and dehydrated with acetonitrile for 10 min followed by removal of acetonitrile. Pieces were then completely dried in a speed-vac. Rehydration of the gel pieces was with 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate solution containing 12.5 ng/μl modified sequencing-grade trypsin (Promega, Madison, WI) at 4°C. After 45 min, the excess trypsin solution was removed and replaced with 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate solution to just cover the gel pieces. Samples were then placed in a 37°C room overnight. Peptides were later extracted by removing the ammonium bicarbonate solution, followed by one wash with a solution containing 50% acetonitrile and 1% formic acid. The extracts were then dried in a speed-vac (~1 h). The samples were then stored at 4°C until analysis. On the day of analysis, the samples were reconstituted in 5–10 μl of HPLC solvent A (2.5% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid). A nano-scale reverse-phase HPLC capillary column was created by packing 2.6 μm C18 spherical silica beads into a fused silica capillary (100 μm inner diameter x ~30 cm length) with a flame-drawn tip (Peng and Gygi, 2001). After equilibrating the column each sample was loaded via a Famos autosampler (LC Packings, San Francisco CA) onto the column. A gradient was formed and peptides were eluted with increasing concentrations of solvent B (97.5% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid). As peptides eluted they were subjected to electrospray ionization and then entered into an LTQ Orbitrap Velos Pro ion-trap mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA). Peptides were detected, isolated, and fragmented to produce a tandem mass spectrum of specific fragment ions for each peptide. Peptide sequences (and hence protein identity) were determined by matching protein databases with the acquired fragmentation pattern by the software program, Sequest (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) (Eng et al., 1994). All databases include a reversed version of all the sequences and the data was filtered to between a one and two percent peptide false discovery rate.

Cell Fractionation—Cells were washed with PBS and homogenization buffer (1 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 1 mM EDTA and 250 mM sucrose, 1 mM AEBSF, 1 μM Leupeptin, 1 μM Pepstatin, 1 μM Chymostatin, and 1 mM DTT) and lysed using a ball-bearing homogenizer with a clearance of 10 μm (Balch and Rothman, 1985). The homogenate was centrifuged for 5 min at 4°C at 1000 × g. The post-nuclear supernatant was again centrifuged for 20 min at 5000 × g for separating the mitochondrial pellet, followed by 30 min at 4°C at 100,000 × g. The supernatant was collected as the cytosolic fraction and the pellet was collected as the microsomal fraction. Both mitochondrial and microsomal pellets after washing once with homogenization buffer (without disrupting the pellet) were finally resuspended in homogenization buffer, which was 1/10th of final cytosolic fraction in volume. Equal volumes of cytosolic, mitochondrial, and microsomal fractions were loaded for immunoblotting using antibodies against S-tag, Ankmy2 (Sigma HPA067100), Pgk1 (GeneTex GTX107614) and Timm50 (Epitomics EPR5785). The mitochondrial and microsomal fractions were concentrated 10× compared to a cytosolic fraction.

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

AC positive cilia in LAP-tagged ADCY cell lines and Smo/Gpr161 positive cilia in *Ankmy2* CRISPR knockout cell lines were quantified as follows. Three independent immunostaining experiments were performed for each cell line. After immunostaining, images of 5 independent fields per cell line were acquired. Number of DAPI positive nuclei and acetylated tubulin positive cilia were counted for each field and expressed as the % of ciliated cells. Cilia positive for acetylated tubulin and ACs/Smo/Gpr161 were counted next and expressed as % of ADCY/Smo/Gpr161 positive cilia. To quantify ciliary pools of ACs, fluorescence levels were measured using the “Measure” tool of Fiji software. Fluorescence levels of neighboring background areas were subtracted from that of the selected ciliary areas and expressed as “corrected fluorescence”. For Adcy3 staining in embryo sections, cilia that could be identified for Adcy3 signal independent of Arl13b ciliary staining were considered to be positive for Adcy3. Such cilia were counted in neural fold and mesenchyme and expressed as a percentage of Arl13b positive cilia. Statistical analyses were performed using Student’s t-test for comparing two groups using GraphPad Prism.

Supplementary Material

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Highlights

- *Ankmy2* represses the Hh pathway via targeting of adenylyl cyclases to cilia
- *Ankmy2* knockout mouse shows complete neural tube ventralization
- Ventralization is completely independent of *Smoothed* but requires cilia and Gli2
- Reduced Gli repressors in knockout mice cause Gli2 activation and accumulation in ciliary tips

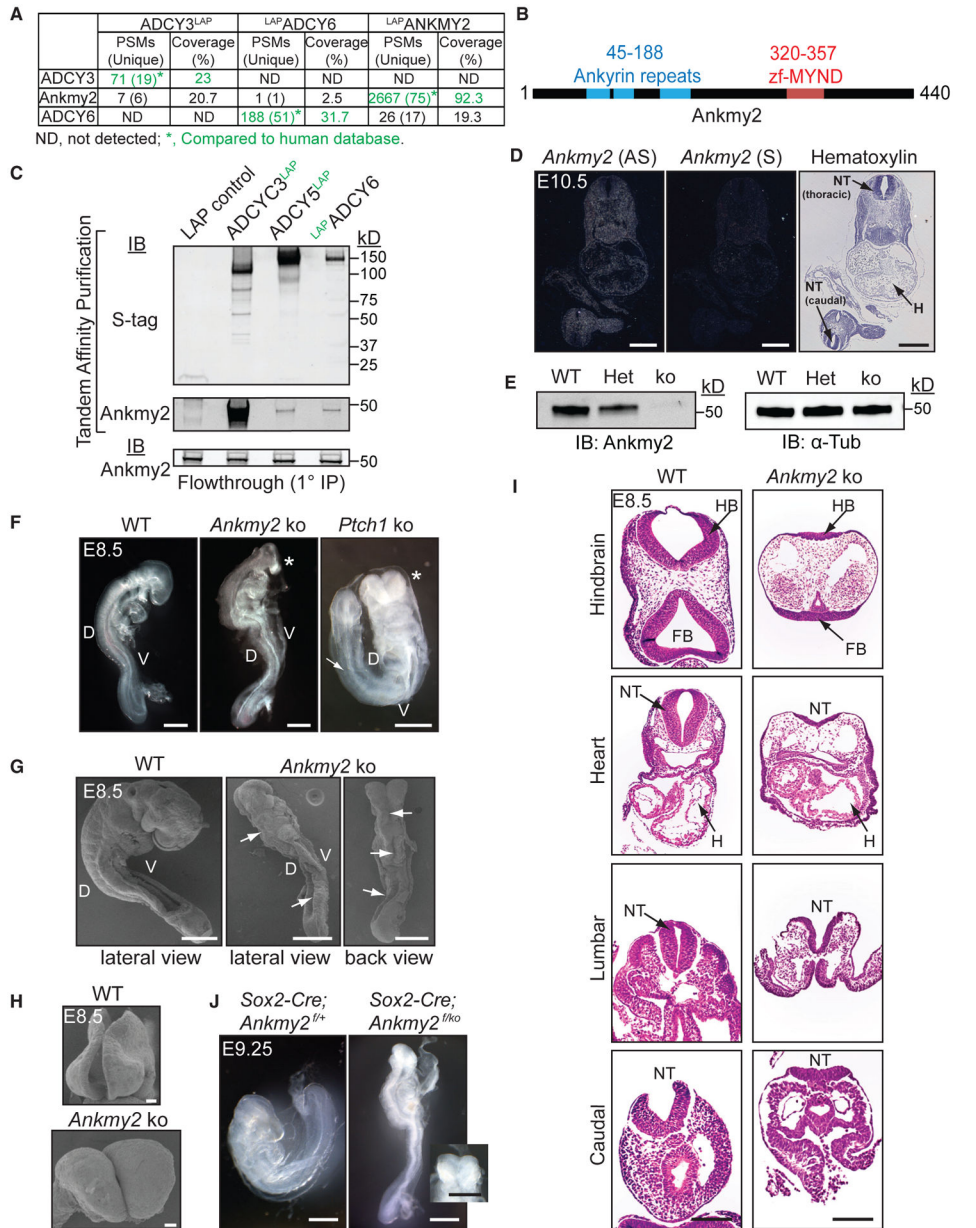


Figure 1. *Ankmy2* Knockout Mice Are Embryonic Lethal at 10 to 12-Somite Stage and Exhibit Completely Open Neural Tubes

(A) TAP-MS of LAP-tagged ACs or ANKMY2 stably expressed in NIH 3T3 cells. ADCY3/6 and ANKMY2 clones were human ORFs, and peptides were compared to the human database.

(B) *Ankmy2* protein domains. zf-MYND, zinc finger MYND domain.

(C) TAP of ADCY3/5/6 detects *Ankmy2*. Flow through (0.35%) from the initial anti-GFP IP below. $n = 4$ independent experiments.

(D) Radioisotopic RNA *in situ* hybridization using antisense or sense (AS or S) riboprobes for *Ankmy2* in transverse sections of wild-type E10.5 embryos.

(E) Immunoblotting of whole-embryo lysates at E8.5 in wild-type (WT), heterozygote (Het), and *Ankmy2* knockout (ko). α -tubulin, loading control. $n = 3$ embryos per genotype.

(F) Bright-field images of WT (16 somites), *Ankmy2* ko (10–12 somites), and *Ptch1* ko (14–16 somites) whole-mount embryos dissected at E8.5. Asterisks, rostral malformations. n > 10 (WT, *Ankmy2* ko), 6 (*Ptch1* ko).

(G and H) Scanning electron micrographs of WT (12–14 somites) (G) and *Ankmy2* ko (12 somites) and *en face* views of head regions (H). Arrows, open neural tube. n = 3 (WT), 5 (ko).

(I) HE-stained transverse sections of WT (16 somites) and *Ankmy2* ko (12 somites). n = 4 per genotype.

(J) *Sox2-Cre; Ankmy2^{fl/ko}* (12 somites) embryos dissected at E9.25 recapitulates *Ankmy2* ko compared with control (20–22 somites) (inset: *en face* head view). n = 2 per genotype.

Scale: D, 500 μ m; F and G, I and J (including inset), 200 μ m; H, 20 μ m.

Abbreviations: PSM, peptide-to-spectral matches; D, Dorsal; V, Ventral; HB, hindbrain; FB, Forebrain; H, Heart; NT, neural tube; WT, wild-type.

Also see Figure S1; Table S1.

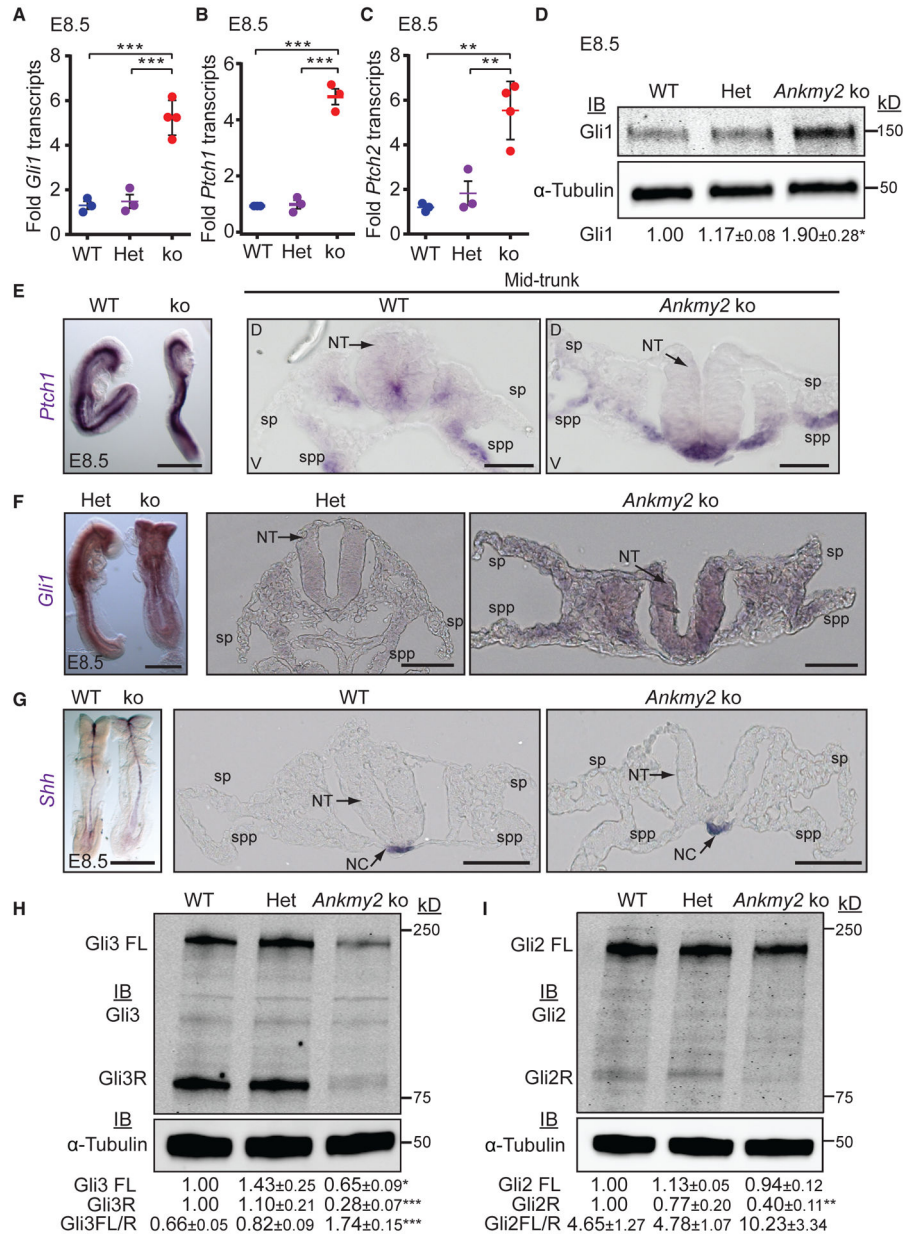


Figure 2. *Ankmy2* Knockout Embryos Exhibit Increased Hh Signaling

(A–C) qRT-PCR of *Gli1* (A), *Ptch1* (B), and *Ptch2* (C) transcript levels in whole-embryo extracts at E8.5. n = 3–4 embryos each. Data shown as mean ± SEM.

(D) Immunoblotting in whole-embryo lysates at E8.5. n = 3 embryos per genotype in each experiment. Data shown as mean ± SEM (4 experiments) for Gli1 levels normalized to α-tubulin.

(E–G) RNA *in situ* hybridization for *Ptch1* (E), *Gli1* (F), *Shh* (G) showed increased expression in the *Ankmy2* ko at E8.5. Left panel shows lateral or back views, whereas right panels are transverse sections of the mid-trunk region. n = 5 (control), 4 (ko) embryos (*Ptch1*); n = 3 (control), 2 (ko) embryos (*Gli1*); n = 4 (control), 5 (ko) embryos (*Shh*). Hindbrain and caudal regions in Figure S2.

(H and I) Immunoblotting for Gli3 (H) or Gli2 (I) and α -tubulin in whole-embryo lysates at E8.5 shows reduced Gli3R and Gli2R levels and increased Gli3FL to Gli3R ratio in ko. n = 3 embryos per genotype in each experiment. Data shown as mean \pm SEM (4 [H] and 3 [I] experiments) normalized to α -tubulin.

Scale: (E–G) left panels, 500 μ m; right panels, 50 μ m.

Abbreviations: sp, somatopleure; spp, splanchnopleure; NT, neural tube; NC, notochord; FL, full length; R, repressor. *, p < 0.05; **, p < 0.01; ***, p < 0.001, as determined by unpaired t test with respect to wild-type embryos or as indicated. Also see Figure S2.

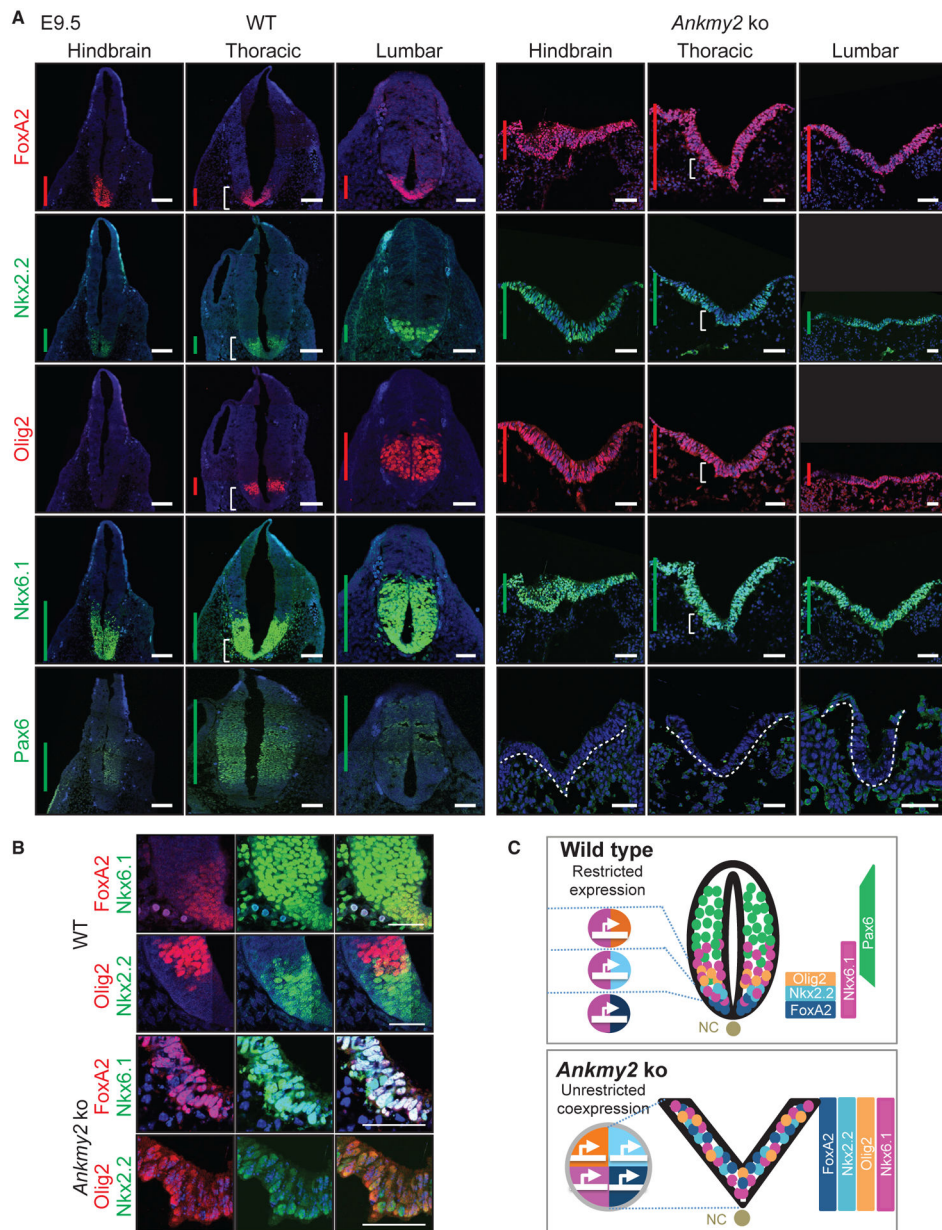


Figure 3. *Anky2* Knockout Mice Exhibit a Ventralized Neural Tube

(A) Neural tube sections (hindbrain, thoracic, and lumbar regions) from WT (20 somites) and *Anky2* ko (12 somites) dissected at E9.5 stained for designated neural tube markers. $N > 10$ embryos for *Anky2* ko for FoxA2, Nkx6.1, and Pax6 immunostaining. $n = 5$ embryos for *Anky2* ko for Nkx2.2 and Olig2 immunostaining. Vertical bars show the extent of dorsoventral expression of markers.

(B) Corresponding regions designated by white brackets in (A) show predominantly overlapping and some intermixing of ventral progenitor marker expression in the *Anky2* ko.

(C) Cartoon showing unrestricted ventral progenitor transcription factor co-expression and complete ventralization of the open neural tube in the *Ankmy2* ko. Abbreviations: NC, notochord.

All images were counterstained with DAPI. Scale: (A and B), 50 μ m. Also see Figure S3.

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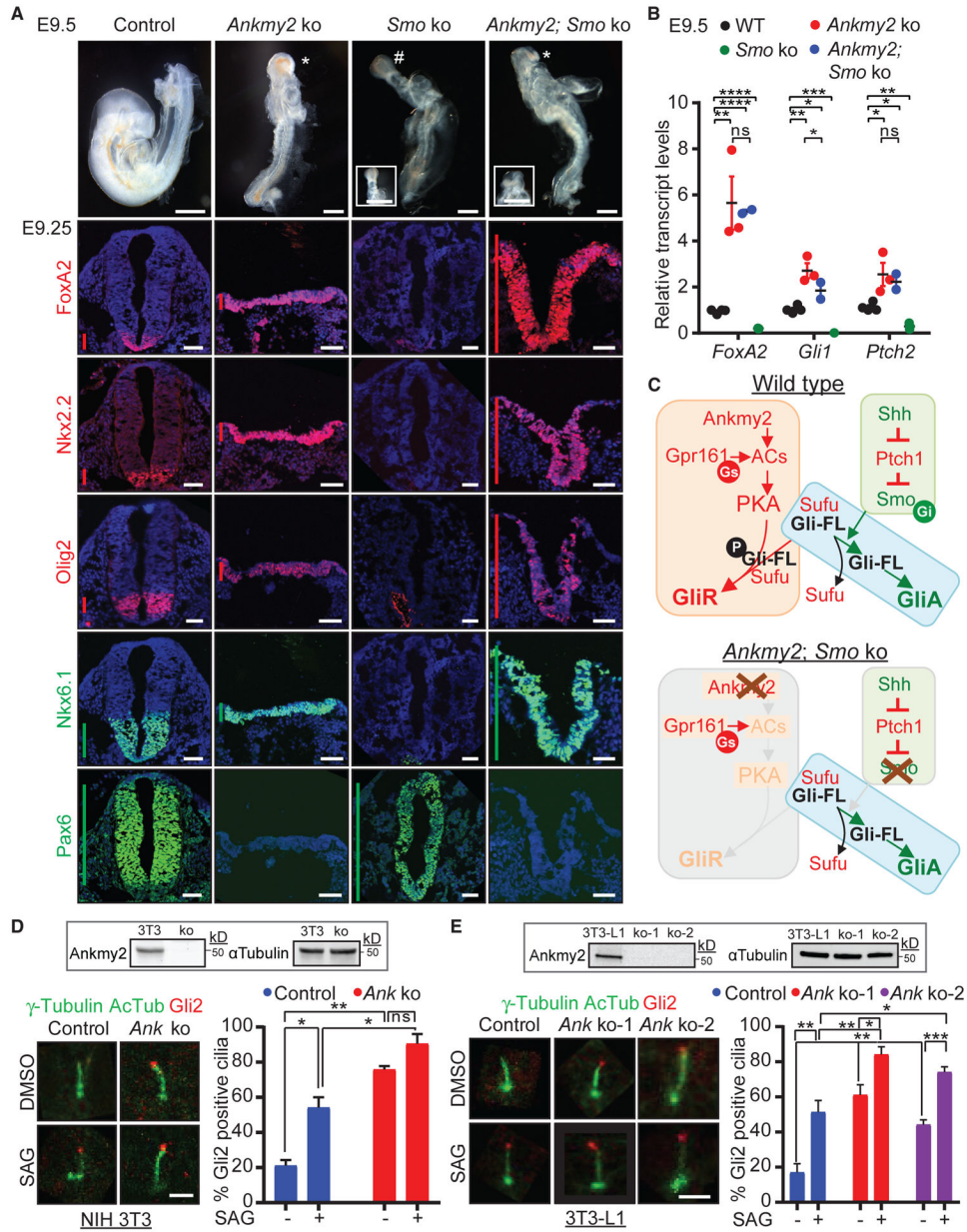


Figure 4. Hh Pathway Activation in *Ankmy2* Knockouts Is Independent of *Smo*

(A) Topmost panels show bright-field images of WT (18–20 somites), *Ankmy2* ko (10–12 somites), *Smo* ko (10–12 somites), and *Smo*; *Ankmy2* double ko (10–12 somites) whole-mount embryos dissected at E9.5. #, cyclopia; *, open cephalic neural tube. Inset shows *en face* views highlighting cyclopia or open cephalic neural tube. Bottom panels show thoracic neural tube horizontal sections immunostained for designated markers from control (*Ankmy2*^{WT/WT} *Smo*^{WT/ko}, 16–18 somites), *Ankmy2* ko (10–12 somites), *Smo* ko (10 somites), and *Smo*; *Ankmy2* double ko (10–12 somites) littermate embryos dissected at E9.25. Hindbrain and lumbar sections are shown in Figure S4A. n = 3 embryos for *Smo* ko and n = 5 embryos for double ko. Vertical bars show the extent of dorsoventral expression of markers.

(B) qRT-PCR of *FoxA2*, *Gli1*, and *Ptch2* transcript levels normalized to *Gapdh* in whole-embryo extracts at E9.5. n = 2–4 embryos each. Data shown as mean \pm SD.

(C) Cartoon showing model for GliA generation independent of Smo.

(D and E) Control and CRISPR-based *Ankmy2* (*Ank*) ko NIH-3T3 cells (Figure S4) were starved for 24 h upon confluence and were treated for further 24 h \pm SAG (500 nM) (D). Control and two independent CRISPR-based *Ankmy2* (*Ank*) ko clones of 3T3-L1 cells (Figure S4) were treated upon confluence for 48 h \pm SAG (500 nM) (E). After fixation, cells were immunostained for Gli2, γ -tubulin (centrosome), and acetylated tubulin (AcTub, cilia). Representative immunofluorescence images (left) and quantification (right) showing Gli2 enriched at the tips of cilia in untreated *Ankmy2* ko cells. Immunoblotting shows a complete lack of *Ankmy2* in the ko cells. Quantification from 60–100 (D) or 120–125 cells (E) total from 2 (D) or 4 (E) experiments. Data shown as mean \pm SD.

Immunostained images in (A) were counterstained with DAPI. Scale: (A), bright-field images, 200 μ m; insets, 250 μ m; horizontal sections, 50 μ m; (D and E), 2 μ m. *, p < 0.05; **, p < 0.01; ***, p < 0.001; ****, p < 0.0001 as determined by unpaired t test. ns, not significant. Also see Figure S4.

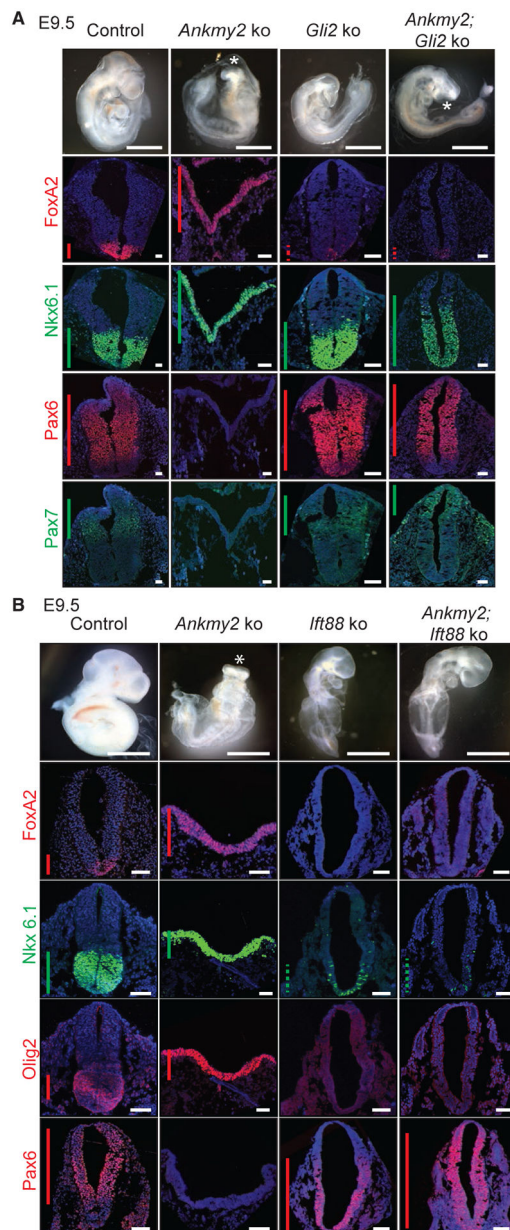


Figure 5. Hh Pathway Activation in *Ankmy2* Knockouts Requires *Gli2* and *Ifi88*
 (A and B) Bright-field images of control (*Ankmy2*^{ko/WT} *Gli2*^{ko/WT}, 24–26 somites), *Ankmy2* ko (12 somites), *Gli2* ko (24–26 somites), and *Gli2; Ankmy2* double ko (26–28 somites) whole-mount embryos dissected at E9.5 (A). Bright-field images of WT (26–28 somites), *Ankmy2* ko (12 somites), *Ifi88* ko (20–22 somites), and *Ifi88; Ankmy2* double ko (20–22 somites) whole-mount embryos dissected at E9.5 (B). Neural tube sections (thoracic region) stained for designated markers. n = 3 embryos each for *Gli2* ko and *Ankmy2; Gli2* double ko stained for each marker (A). n = 4 embryos for *Ifi88* knockout and n = 5 embryos for *Ankmy2; Ifi88* double knockout stained for all markers except n = 2 each for Olig2 immunostaining (B). Hindbrain and lumbar regions are shown in Figure S5.

All images are counterstained with DAPI. Asterisks indicate rostral malformations. Vertical bars show the extent of expression of the transcription factor. Dotted bars depict weak expression. Scale: bright-field images, 200 μm ; immunostained images, 50 μm . Also see Figure S5.

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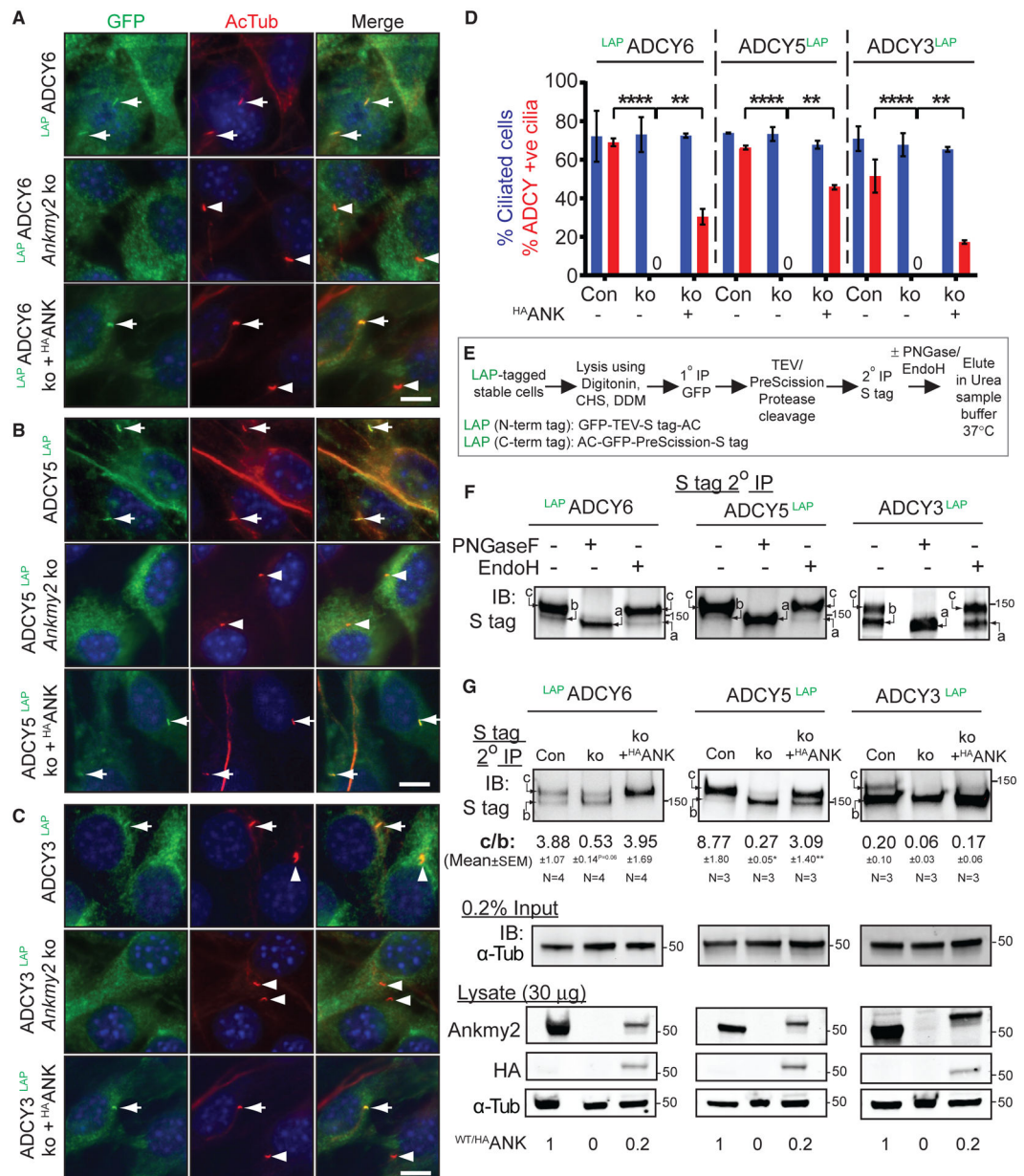


Figure 6. ACs Traffic to Cilia in an Anky2-Dependent Manner

(A–C) ^{LAP}ADCY6, ADCY5^{LAP}, and ADCY3^{LAP} were localized to cilia in stably expressing NIH 3T3 cell lines and completely lacked them in cilia upon CRISPR-based *Anky2* ko, as detected upon performing immunostaining with antibodies against GFP and acetylated tubulin. Ciliary levels of respective ACs were partially rescued upon stable expression of ^{HA}ANKMY2 (^{HA}ANK).

(D) Quantification of localization of ADCYs to cilia as shown in (A)–(C). Data from 3 experiments shown as mean ± SEM. Total 250–500 cells counted per cell line in each experiment. Ciliary fluorescence intensity plots in Figure S6A.

(E) Flowchart showing procedure of tandem affinity purification and enzymatic digestion for assessing glycosylation state of stably expressed LAP-tagged ACs. Abbreviations: DDM, n-Dodecyl- β -D-Maltoside; CHS, Cholesteryl hemisuccinate.

(F) Immunoblots showing glycosylation state of stably expressed LAP-tagged ACs in NIH 3T3 cells after tandem affinity purification followed by Endo H or PNGase treatment. Form “c,” complex glycosylated; Form “b,” core glycosylated; Form “a,” non-glycosylated.

(G) Immunoblots showing different glycosylated states of stably expressed LAP-tagged ACs present in control and *Ankmy2* ko NIH-3T3 cells after tandem affinity purification as shown in (E). Inputs from the same experiments shown below immunoblotted for α -tubulin. Data showing ratios of complex vs core glycosylated forms (C/B) from n = 3–4 experiments, expressed as mean \pm SEM. p values with respect to control cells. Immunoblots for *Ankmy2* and ^{HA}ANKMY2 in lysates of the same cells and relative levels of *Ankmy2* or ^{HA}ANKMY2 are also shown.

Scale: (A–C) 10 μ m. *, p < 0.05; **, p < 0.01; ****, p < 0.0001 as determined by unpaired t test. Also see Figure S6.

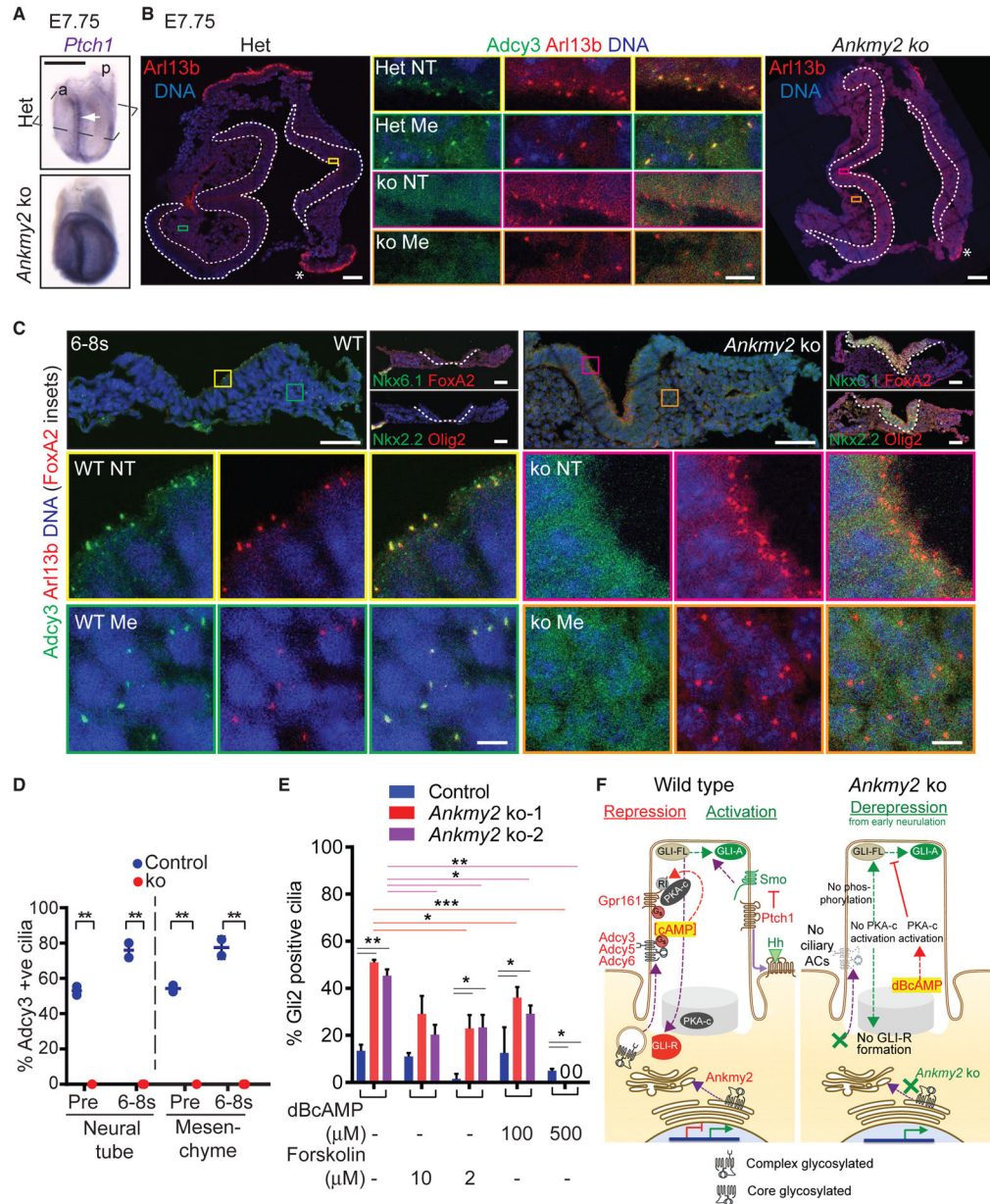


Figure 7. Adcy3 Trafficking during Neural Tube Development and Role of cAMP Signaling in Gli2 Activation

(A) *En face* ventral views of E7.75 *Ankmy2* ko embryos after RNA *in situ* hybridization for *Ptch1* showed increased expression with respect to heterozygous (Het) embryos (A). Rostral (a); caudal (p). Arrow, neural fold.

(B) Horizontal cryosections as shown in (A), immunostained for *Arl13b* and *Adcy3*. The neural fold of head (left) and of caudal regions (right) marked by white dotted lines. Colored boxed regions from immunostained neural fold (NT) and mesenchyme (Me) showing the absence of *Adcy3* from *Arl13b*-positive cilia in *Ankmy2* ko, in contrast to WT (middle insets). *, Non-specific staining in yolk sac endoderm.

(C) Horizontal cryosections of E8.25 wild-type and *Ankmy2* ko (ko) embryos (6–8 somite stage) immunostained for *Arl13b* and *Adcy3*. Colored boxed regions from immunostained

NT/Me regions are enlarged below showing the absence of *Adcy3* from *Arl13b* positive cilia in ko. Consecutive cryosections in top right show ventralization in the neural fold and predominantly overlapping ventral progenitor marker expression in the ko. Individual immunostained images in Figure S7.

(D) Quantification of *Adcy3* in *Arl13b* positive cilia from different stages and regions from pre-somite stage (E7.75, Pre) and 6–8 somite stage (6–8 s) embryos. E7.75: WT, n = 2 (50–120 cells per region); ko, n = 2 (35–150 cells per region). 6–8 somite stage: WT, n = 1 (40–70 cells per region); Het, n = 1 (30–40 cells/region); ko, n = 3 (100–350 cells per region). Data shown as mean \pm SD. Ciliary fluorescence intensities in Figure S7A.

(E) Control and *Ankmy2* ko clones of 3T3-L1 cells (Figure 4E) were treated upon confluence \pm indicated doses of dBcAMP and Forskolin for 48 h and immunostained as in Figure 4E. Representative immunofluorescence images shown in Figure S7D. n = 2 independent experiments, 50–75 total cilia counted per condition. Data shown as mean \pm SD.

(F) Model of *Ankmy2* function in repressing Hh pathway. Abbreviations: PKA-c, catalytic subunit; RI, PKARI subunit. *, p < 0.05; **, p < 0.01; ***, p < 0.001 as determined by unpaired t test. Scale: (A), 500 μ m; (B), 50 μ m (Middle insets, 5 μ m); (C), Top panels, 50 μ m (Bottom insets, 5 μ m). Also see Figure S7; Videos S1, S2, S3, and S4 that show full horizontal sections of the respective sections in (B) and (C).

KEY RESOURCES TABLE

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
Mouse monoclonal anti-Acetylated tubulin	Sigma	Cat# T6793 RRID: AB_477585
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Arl13b	Gift from Tamara Caspary, Emory University School of Medicine (Caspary et al., 2007)	N/A
Mouse monoclonal anti-Arl13b	NeuroMab Facility	Cat# N295B/66 RRID: AB_2750771
Rabbit polyclonal anti-FoxA2	Abcam	Cat# ab40874 RRID: AB_732411 or Cat# ab108422 RRID: AB_11157157
Mouse monoclonal anti-Nkx6.1	DSHB	Cat# F55A10-s RRID: AB_532378
Mouse monoclonal anti-Nkx2.2	DSHB	Cat# 74.5A5 RRID: AB_531794
Mouse monoclonal anti-Olig2	Millipore Corp	Cat# MABN50 RRID: AB_10807410
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Pax6	Biologend	Cat# 901302 RRID: AB_2749901
Mouse monoclonal anti-Pax7	DSHB	RRID: AB_528428
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Adcy3 (Figure 7)	LifeSpan BioSciences	LS-C204505
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Adcy3 (only in Figures S6C and S6D)	Santa Cruz Biotechnologies	Cat# sc-588 RRID: AB_630839
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Smo	Gift from Kathryn Anderson, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (Ocbina and Anderson, 2008)	N/A
Guinea pig anti-Gli2	Gift from Jonathan Eggenschwiler, University of Georgia (Cho et al., 2008)	N/A (Figures 4 and 7)
Mouse monoclonal anti- γ -tubulin	Abcam	Cat# ab11316 RRID: AB_297920
Chicken anti-GFP	Abcam	Cat# ab13970 RRID: AB_300798 (Figure 6)
Rabbit anti-GFP	Abcam	Cat# ab290 RRID: AB_303395 (Figure S1)
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Gpr161	Custom-made (Pal et al., 2016)	N/A
Mouse monoclonal anti-S-tag	EMD Millipore	MAC112
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Ankmy2	Sigma	Cat# HPA067100 RRID: AB_2685777
Mouse monoclonal anti- α -tubulin (clone DM1A)	Sigma	Cat# T6199 RRID: AB_477583
Rat monoclonal anti-HA tag (clone 3F10)	Roche	Cat# 11867423001 RRID: AB_390918
Goat polyclonal anti-Gli3	R&D Systems	AF3690 RRID: AB_2232499
Goat polyclonal anti-Gli2	R&D Systems	AF3635 (Figure 2) RRID: AB_2111902

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Mouse monoclonal anti-Gli1	Cell Signaling	Cat# 2643 RRID: AB_2294746
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Pgk1	GeneTex	GTX107614 RRID: AB_2037666
Timm50	Epitomics (EPR5785)	Cat# ab23938 RRID: AB_778461
Goat polyclonal anti-Flag	Abcam	Cat# ab1257 RRID: AB_299216
Alexa Fluor 488-, 555-, 594-, 647- conjugated secondary antibodies	Life Technologies	N/A
anti-mouse IgG isotype-specific secondary antibodies	Life Technologies	N/A
IRDye tagged secondary antibodies	LI-COR	N/A
IRDye tagged neutravidin	LI-COR	926–68079
Rabbit polyclonal anti-Arl13b	Gift from Tamara Caspary, Emory University School of Medicine (Caspary et al., 2007)	N/A
Mouse monoclonal anti- γ -tubulin	Abcam	Cat# ab11316 RRID:AB_297920
Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins		
Penicillin	Sigma	P4333
Streptomycin	Sigma	P4333
Glutamine	Sigma	G7513
Polyfect	Qiagen	301107
DMEM	Sigma	D5796
Bovine calf serum	Sigma	12133C
FBS	Sigma	F6178
Biotin	Sigma	B4639
Sodium Pyruvate	Sigma	S8636
MEM Non-essential Amino Acid solution	Sigma	M7145
Dibutryl cAMP	Sigma	D0627
Paraformaldehyde	Electron microscopy solutions	15710
Normal donkey serum	Jackson ImmunoResearch	017-000-121
Fluoromount-G	Southern Biotech	0100–01
Hematoxylin 560	Leica	3801575
Alcoholic Eosin Y 515	Leica	3801615
Permout	Thermo Fisher Scientific	SP15–100
GenElute mammalian total RNA purification kit	Sigma	RTN350
DNase I	Sigma	D5307
SYBR Green Quantitative RT-qPCR Kit	Sigma	QR0100
M-MLV Reverse Transcriptase M1427	Sigma	M1427
Kicqstart One-Step Probe RT-qPCR ReadyMix	Sigma	KCQS07
³⁵ S-UTP	PerkinElmer	NEG039H
Maxiscript kit	Life Technologies	AM1324M

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
K.5 nuclear emulsion gel	Ilford, UK	AGP9281
Kodak Fixer	Ted Pella Inc	26920-4; 26942
Synthetic mounting media	Fisher Chemical	SP15
OCT Compound	Tissue-Tek	4583
Mini-PROTEAN TGX Precast Protein Gels	Bio-Rad	N/A
DAPI	Sigma	D9542
QIAshredder	Qiagen	79654
BCA kit	Pierce	23225
Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		
ES cells targeting the third exon of <i>Ankmy2</i> (used to generate <i>Ankmy2</i> knockout and conditional alleles in the transgenic core, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas).	EUCOMM	EUCOMM (HEPD0679-6-C03)
Mouse: <i>CAG-Cre</i> recombinase	Sakai and Miyazaki, 1997	N/A
Mouse: <i>Ifi8^{gm1Bky}</i>	Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME Haycraft et al., 2007	Strain #022409
Mouse: <i>Gli2^{tm1Ali}</i>	Mo et al., 1997	N/A
Mouse: <i>Smo^{tm1Amc}</i>	Zhang et al., 2001	N/A
Mouse: <i>Sox2-Cre</i>	Hayashi et al., 2002	N/A
Mouse: <i>Ptch1^{tm1Mps}</i>	Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME Goodrich et al., 1997	Strain #003081
Experimental Models: Cell Lines		
<i>Ankmy2</i> stable knockout cell lines in NIH-3T3 Flp-In and 3T3-L1	This study (methods)	N/A
NIH-3T3 Flp-In	Life Technologies	R76107
3T3-L1	Gift of Peter Michaely, UT Southwestern	N/A
C3H10T1/2 cells	ATCC	CCL-226
IMCD3 cells	ATCC	CRL-2123
Recombinant DNA		
ADCY3 ORF clone	Gift of Ron Taussig, UT Southwestern	N/A
ADCY5 ORF clone	Gift of Ron Taussig, UT Southwestern	N/A
ADCY6 ORF clone	Life Technologies	IOH40476
ANKMY2 ORF clone in PCMV6-AC-GFP vector	Origene	RG206770
pgLAP1 vector	Addgene	19702
pgLAP5 vector	Addgene	19706
pQXIN vector	Clontech	631514
Ankmy2 whole cDNA	Origene	MR204185
Oligonucleotides		
Primers for genotyping, Taqman assays, and qRT-PCR, See Table S2	Sigma	N/A
Inventoried Taqman probes for <i>FoxA2</i>	Applied Biosystems	Mm01976556_s1

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Inventoried Taqman probes for <i>Gapdh</i>	Applied Biosystems	Mm99999915_g1
<i>Ankmy2</i> guide RNA targeting sequence: AAGGAACTGCTGGAAGTGAT (Exon 1)	Sigma	N/A
<i>Ankmy2</i> guide RNA targeting sequence: GAATGTTTCATGTCAACTGCT (Exon 2)	Sigma	N/A
Software and Algorithms		
ImageJ software	National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD	https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/
GraphPad Prism	GraphPad, La Jolla, CA	https://www.graphpad.com/scientific-software/prism/
aequest3.0 acquisition software	Optronics, Inc. Goleta, CA, USA	N/A
Sequest	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA	N/A
Other		
Thermo-Fisher Excelsior Automated Tissue Processor	Thermo Fisher Scientific	A82300001
Paraplast Plus paraffin bath	Leica	39602004
Thermo-Shandon HistoCenter 2 Embedding Workstation	Thermo Fisher Scientific	6400012D
Leica stereomicroscope (M165 C) with digital camera (DFC500)	Leica	N/A
Zeiss stereomicroscope (Discovery.V12)	Zeiss	N/A
Zeiss LSM780 confocal microscope	Zeiss	N/A
Leica DM2000 photomicroscope	Leica	N/A
Sakura DRS-601 x-y-z robotic-stainer	Sakura-FineTek, Torrance, CA	DRS-601
CFX96 thermocycler	Bio-Rad	N/A
Superfrost® Plus slides	Fisher Scientific	12-550-15
Kodak BioMaxMR x-ray film	Kodak	N/A
PrimeHisto XE slide scanner	Pacific Imaging, Inc.	N/A
Vitros 250 chemistry analyzer	GMI Inc, Ramsey, MN	N/A
FEI XL30 Scanning Electron Microscope		N/A
Q Exactive mass spectrometer	Thermo	N/A
Ultimate 3000 RSLC-Nano liquid chromatography system	Dionex	N/A