

**Supplementary Figure S1.** The presence of Triton X-100 had no effect on stimulation of GEF activity by G $\alpha$ 13. Nucleotide exchange assays with p115 RH-L-DH/PH and RhoA were carried out as described in Figure 1. Stimulation of the GEF activity of RH-L-DH/PH was measured in the presence of activated G $\alpha$ 13 bound to GDP $\bullet$ AlF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> $\bullet$ Mg<sup>2+</sup> (GDP $\bullet$ AMF).



**Supplementary Figure S2.** GAP activity of RH is not required for stimulation of GEF activity by G $\alpha$ 13. Nucleotide exchange assays with p115 RH-L-DH/PH and RhoA were carried out as described in Figure 1. Stimulation of GEF activity was measured in the presence of activated G $\alpha$ 13 bound to GDP•AMF or GTP $\gamma$ S as indicated. Replacement of the RH domain of p115 with RH from PRG had no effect on the stimulation of GEF activity by activated G $\alpha$ 13 bound to GDP•AMF. G $\alpha$ 13 bound to GTP $\gamma$ S was more efficient at stimulating the GEF activity of the chimeric <sup>PRG</sup>*RH*-L-DH/PH due to the higher binding affinity between the PRG-RH domain and G $\alpha$ 13•GTP $\gamma$ S (*1*).

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**Supplementary Figure S3.** Comparison of the solution structures of wild-type RH-L-DH/PH and <sup>YFP</sup>RH-L-DH/PH. (A) Comparison of the distance distribution functions of wild-type p115 and the YFP-fusion protein. (B) Molecular envelopes of the wild-type p115 and the YFP-fusion proteins were superimposed based on the modeled DH/PH structure. Insertion of YFP within the RH domain caused significant changes in conformation beneath the DH domain.



**Supplementary Figure S4.** The replacement of the  $\alpha$ 3b region in p115 with that from PRG had no effect on the GEF activity of the RH-DH/PH ( $\Delta$ L $\Delta$ C) fragment of p115. p115 has significantly higher basal exchange activity towards RhoA in the absence of the auto-inhibitory linker region. In the  $\Delta$ L $\Delta$ C<sup>PRG $\alpha$ 3b</sup> construct, residues 503-507 from p115 were substituted with corresponding residues from PRG. As in the cases shown in Figure 5 and Figure 7, such substitution had no effect on the GEF activity of RH-DH/PH. Taken together, these data demonstrated that mutations to the  $\alpha$ 3b region of p115 do not compromise intrinsic capacity of the protein to activate RhoA. Nucleotide exchange assays with RH-DH/PH and RhoA were carried out as described in Figure 1. Two concentrations (60 nM and 100 nM) of RH-DH/PH were tested.



**Supplementary Figure S5.** (A) Mutations at the  $\alpha$ B- $\alpha$ C region did not affect binding of Ga13 to guanine nucleotide. GTP $\gamma$ S-binding assays of Ga13 were carried out at 20 °C: wild-type (WT, closed circles), Y145A (open circles), F125A/Y145A (closed triangles). Reactions contained 10  $\mu$ M Ga13 (wild-type or mutant) and 100  $\mu$ M [<sup>35</sup>S]GTP $\gamma$ S, in a solution containing 20 mM Na·HEPES, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 100 mM NaCl and 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>. At the indicated time points, 10 uL aliquots were removed from the reaction mixture and assessed for protein-bound [<sup>35</sup>S]GTP $\gamma$ S by filter binding. (B) Mutations at the  $\alpha$ B- $\alpha$ C region did not affect the intrinsic GTPase activity of Ga13. Single-turnover GTPase assays (4 °C) of wild-type Ga13 (WT, closed circles) or the F125A/Y145A mutant (open circles) were carried out as described (2).

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