

Supplementary figure 1. *Fz5/8* siRNA injection does not affect expression of collar and trunk markers.

**a**, **b**, expression of *en* (**a**) and *hox11/13c* (**b**) in embryos injected with a scrambled, control siRNA. **c**, **d**, expression patterns of *en* (**c**) and *hox11/13c* (**d**) are unaffected in embryos injected with fz5/8 siRNA.



## Supplementary figure 2. Expression patterns for *S. kowalevskii* and mouse homologues of additional genes involved in *Shh* regulation at the ZLI.

**a**, *fezf* is expressed in the *S. kowalevskii* anterior proboscis ectoderm. **b**, *Fezf2* expression in the mouse brain at E10.5. **c**, *irx* is expressed in anterior proboscis mesoderm, ventral probosciscollar boundary ectoderm, collar-trunk boundary ectoderm, and collar endoderm in *S. kowalevskii*. **d**, **e**, mouse *Irx1* (**d**) and *Irx3* (**e**) are expressed in the diencephalon posterior to the ZLI with additional domains in the midbrain and hindbrain. Arrowheads mark the probosciscollar boundary in hemichordates. In hemisected mouse heads, dashed lines indicate the ZLI with arrows additionally denoting its extent.



## Supplementary figure 3. *Ptch* expression in wild-type embryos and spectrum of phenotypes caused by *hh* siRNA.

Images show optically cleared embryos oriented with anterior to top left. **a**, **b**, *ptch* expression with images focused through the embryo (**a**) or on the dorsal surface (**b**). Note expression in proboscis mesoderm and the ectodermal midline. **c**, *dlx* expression in an embryo injected with a scrambled, control siRNA. (**d-f**), *dlx* expression in embryos injected with *hh* siRNA. Milder phenotypes exhibit *dlx* downregulation in the apical ectoderm and proboscis base (**d**) while more severely affected embryos show progressive loss of the anterior proboscis and *dlx* dorsal midline expression (**e**, **f**).



## Supplementary figure 4. Phylogenetic trees for S. kowalevskii FGFs, PTCH, and FNG.

**a**, phylogenetic tree for *S. kowalevskii* FGFs. *S. kowalevskii* FGF8/17/18 was placed within a robustly supported FGF8/17/18 clade, but the placement of FGF-SK1 was unstable, and it could not be confidently assigned to any FGF subfamily. Putative PTCH (**b**) and FNG (**c**) homologues were placed within well-supported clades. Posterior probabilities are shown above each node.



## Supplementary figure 5. Phylogenetic trees for *S. kowalevskii* PAX2/5/8 and TYROSINE HYDROXYLASE (TH).

Putative *S. kowalevskii* PAX2/5/8 (**a**), and TH (**b**) homologues were placed within robustly supported clades that corroborated earlier predictions. Posterior probabilities are shown above each node.

Supplementary table 1. siRNA sequences.

Target gene	Sense	Antisense
β-catenin	ACAUGCUGUUGUAAAUCUUuu	AAGAUUUACAACAGCAUGUuu
fgf8/17/18	AAAGCGGUACAAUUUAUGAtt	UCAUAAAUUGUACCGCUUUtt
fgf8/17/18 scrambled	GAGAAUAACUGAACGUAUAtt	UAUACGUUCAGUUAUUCUCtt
fz5/8	GCUGAUACCUUCCGUGAAAtt	UUUCACGGAAGGUAUCAGCtt
fz5/8 scrambled	GCGUUCCAUCGAUCAAGUAtt	UACUUGAUCGAUGGAACGCtt
hh	GGAGCGGACCGATTAATGAtt	UCAUUAAUCGGUCCGCUCCtt
hh scrambled	ACAAGATGGTAGGCGTGCCtt	GGCACGCCUACCAUCUUGTtt
otx	CCGCCGAUAGCUGCUUAGAtt	UCUAAGCAGCUAUCGGCGGtt

Supplementary table 2. S. kowalevskii gene accession numbers.

Gene	NCBI accession number
β-catenin	ACH73219.1
dlx	AAP79300.1
en	AAP79298.1
fgf-Sk1	ACY92516.1
fgf8/17/18	ADB22412.1
fng	JN084014.1
foxa	ACG76356.1
foxg	AAP79301.1
gbx	AAP79285.1
hh	ABD97267.1
hox11/13c	AAP79288.1
otx	AAP79293.1
pax2/5/8	ADB22664.1
pax6	AAP79294.1
ptch	ADB22662.1
rx	AAP79282.1
sfrp1/5	ACY92646.1
six3	AAP79281.1
th	ADB22647.1
wnt1	ACH68427.1
wnt8	ACY92691.1