

Supplementary Material

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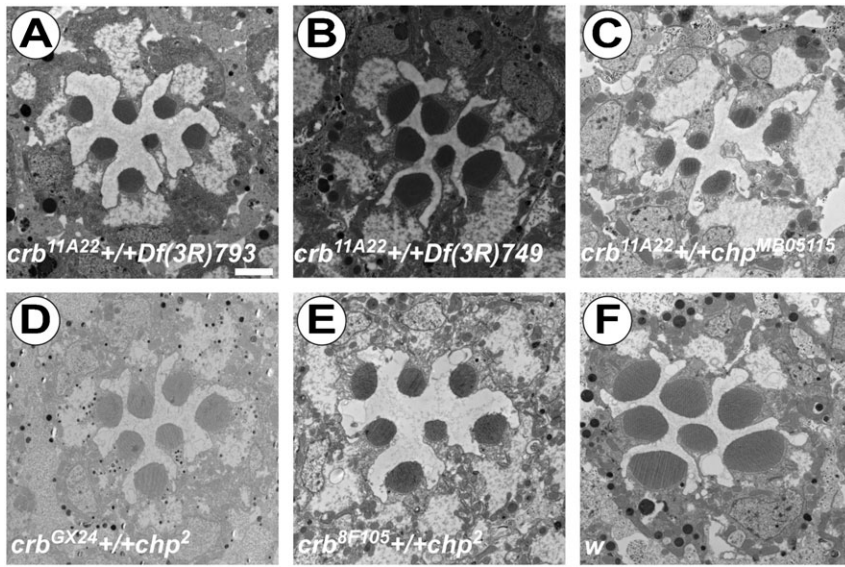


Fig. S1. Genetic interactions between different *crb* and *chp* mutant alleles. Electron micrographs of cross-sections of *w*; *crb*^{11A22}+/+ *Df(3R)BSC793* (A), *w*; *crb*^{11A22}+/+ *Df(3R)BSC749* (B), *w*; *crb*^{11A22}+/+ *chp*^{MB05115} (C) *w*; *crb*^{GX24}+/+ *chp*² (D), *w*; *crb*^{8F105}+/+ *chp*² (E) and *w* (F) adult ommatidia. Scale bar: 1 μm.

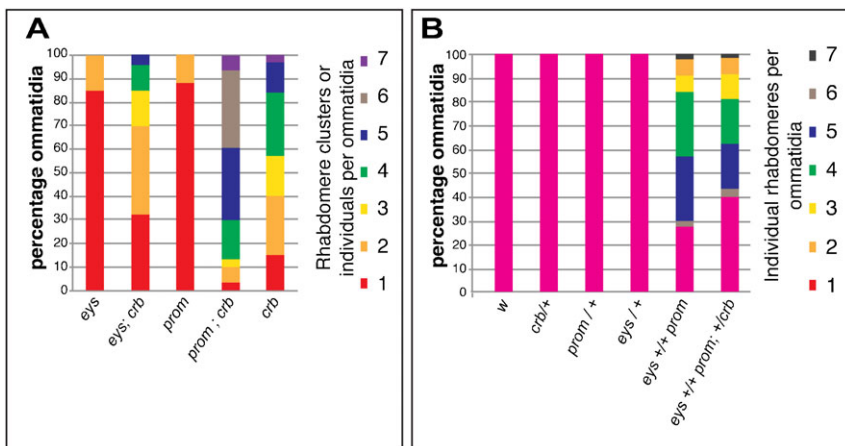


Fig. S2. Quantification of interrhabdomeral adhesion in different mutant backgrounds. Graphs showing quantification of individual rhabdomeres or rhabdomere clusters per ommatidium in *w*; *eys cn bw*, *w*; *eys cn bw*; *crb*^{11A22}, *w*; *cn bw prom*, *w*; *cn bw prom*; *crb*^{11A22}, *crb*^{11A22} (A) and *w*, *w*; *eys cn bw/+*, *w*; *cn bw prom/+*, *w*; *+*; *+*; *crb*^{11A22/+}, *w*; *eys cn bw +/+ cn bw prom*, *w*; *eys cn bw +/+ cn bw prom*; *crb*^{11A22/+} (B). *n* = number of ommatidia, *n*>30 (A); *n*>50 (B).

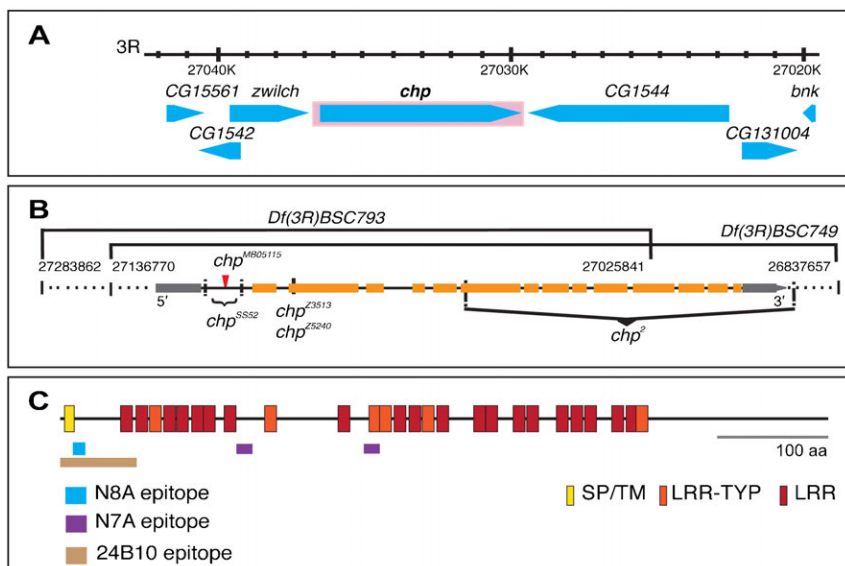


Fig. S3. Genomic organization and encoded putative protein domains of the *chp* gene. (A) Physical map of the *chp* locus on the right arm of the 3rd chromosome. Distal is left. (B) Mapped genetic lesions in the *chp* locus, here projected onto one of the five predicted transcripts, *chp*-RA. Refer to supplementary material Table S1 for details on various *chp* mutant alleles used in this study. (C) SMART annotation for Chp-PA. Localisation of epitopes used to raise Chp antibodies are indicated by blue, magenta and brown bars. Blue: N8A (Yano et al., 2012); magenta: N7A (this study) and brown: 24B10 (Zipursky et al., 1984). SP: signal peptide; TM: transmembrane domain; LRR-TYP: Leucine Rich Repeat-Typical domain and LRR: Leucine Rich Repeat domain.

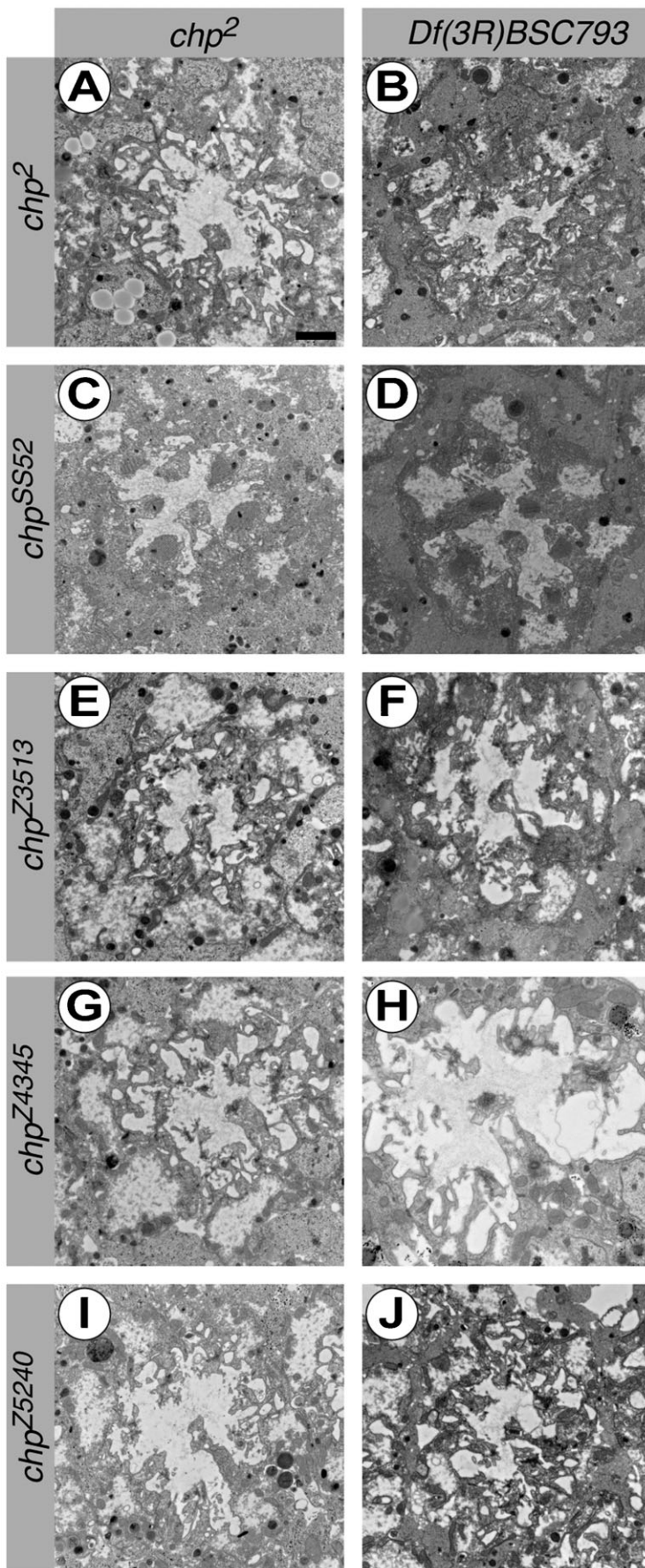


Fig. S4. Phenotype of different *chp* alleles in heteroallelic combinations. Electron micrographs showing tangential distal sections through various *chp* alleles in trans over *chp*² (A,C,E,G,I) and over a genomic deficiency (B,D,F,H,J). Scale bar: 1 μ m.

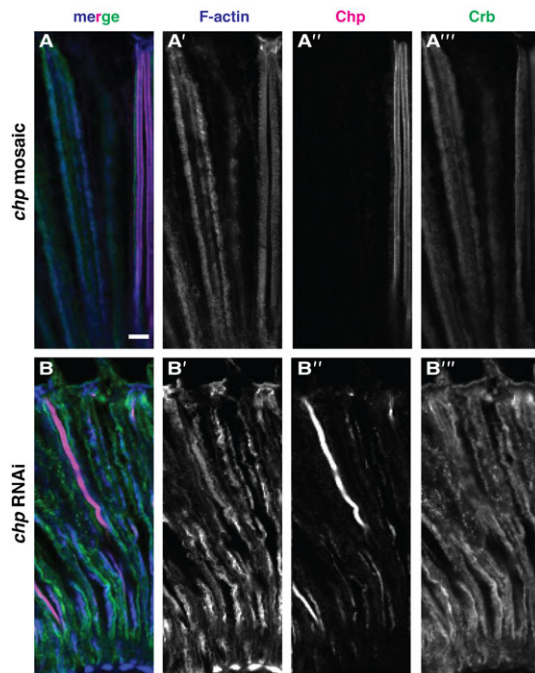


Fig. S5. Chp affects localization of Crumbs in adult PRCs. Confocal images of longitudinal sections through *chp² mosaic* (A) and *elav-GAL4>chp-RNAi* (B) ommatidia stained for F-actin (blue), Chp (magenta) and Crb (green). The rudimentary rhabdomeres span the entire retina and show non-uniform F-actin and fuzzy Crb distribution on the apical surface. Scale bar: 5 μ m.

Table S1. List of *chp* alleles used

Allele (reference)	Mutagen	Genetic lesion	Phenotype
<i>chp²</i> (Van Vactor et al., 1988)	X-ray	Truncation, exon 6 to 3' (Van Vactor et al., 1988; this study)	Amorph; rudimentary rhabdomeres, no Chp protein detected by immunohistochemistry and western blot
<i>chp^{Z3513}</i> (Sanxaridis and Tsunoda, 2010)	EMS	11 bp deletion in exon 3 (this study)	Hypomorph; Chp misdistributed
<i>chp^{Z5240}</i> (Sanxaridis and Tsunoda, 2010)	EMS	11 bp deletion in exon 3 (this study)	Not determined, homozygous lethal
<i>chp^{Z4345}</i> (Sanxaridis and Tsunoda, 2010)	EMS	No mutation detected within introns and exons (this study)	Hypomorph, Chp misdistributed
<i>chp^{MB05115}</i> (FlyBase; Venken and Bellen, 2007)	Minos-transposon insertion	Minos transposon inserted into the first intron (3R:27035655;27035655, Flybase)	Hypomorph, phenotype stronger in R7
<i>chp^{SS52}</i> (this study)	Minos-transposase	Deletion within the first intron	Hypomorph, Chp protein misdistributed, phenotype stronger in R7 in trans over, deficiency R7 phenotype is stronger than <i>chp²</i> , R1–R6
<i>Df(3R)BSC793</i> (FlyBase; Cook et al., 2012)	FLP-recombinase	Chromosomal deletion, 3R:26837657;27136770	Not determined, homozygous lethal
<i>Df(3R)BSC749</i> (FlyBase; Cook et al., 2012)	FLP-recombinase	Chromosomal deletion, 3R:27025841;27283862	Not determined, homozygous lethal

chp^{MB05115} is a mutation induced by the insertion of a *minos*-element in the first intron (Flybase). *chp^{SS52}*, which was obtained by transposase-induced imprecise excision of the *minos*-element in *chp^{MB05115}* (see Materials and Methods), is a hypomorphic allele, which severely affects R7 (supplementary material Fig. S3C,D). Its phenotype seems to be slightly stronger than that of the original insertion line. *chp^{Z3513}*, *chp^{Z5240}* and *chp^{Z4345}* are EMS (ethylmethanesulfonate)-induced alleles from the Zuker collection (Koundakjian et al., 2004), which have been identified as *chp* alleles (Sanxaridis and Tsunoda, 2010). *chp^{Z3513}* and *chp^{Z5240}* carry the same 11 bp deletion in exon 3 (supplementary material Fig. S2B), which results in a frameshift and a premature stop codon after another 80 unrelated amino acids. No sequence change could be detected in the intron and exon regions of *chp^{Z4345}*. The phenotype of these three alleles in trans over *chp²* or a genomic deletion is as strong as that of *chp²*, suggesting that they are complete loss of function alleles (supplementary material Fig. S3).