



Figure S1. Gene expression profiles obtained by microarray-based analysis

The expression levels of mRNAs analyzed by microarray hybridization at different stages of the life cycle (Miao et al. 2009) were plotted. Exponentially ($\sim 3.5 \times 10^5$ cells/ml) growing cells (E); 24-hr starved cells (S); and conjugating cells at 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 hr post-mixing (C2, C4, C6, C8, C10 and C12, respectively) are indicated. The data were obtained from the Tetrahymena Functional Genomics Database (<http://tfgd.ihb.ac.cn/>). The COI genes are marked with yellow rectangles.

Figure S1

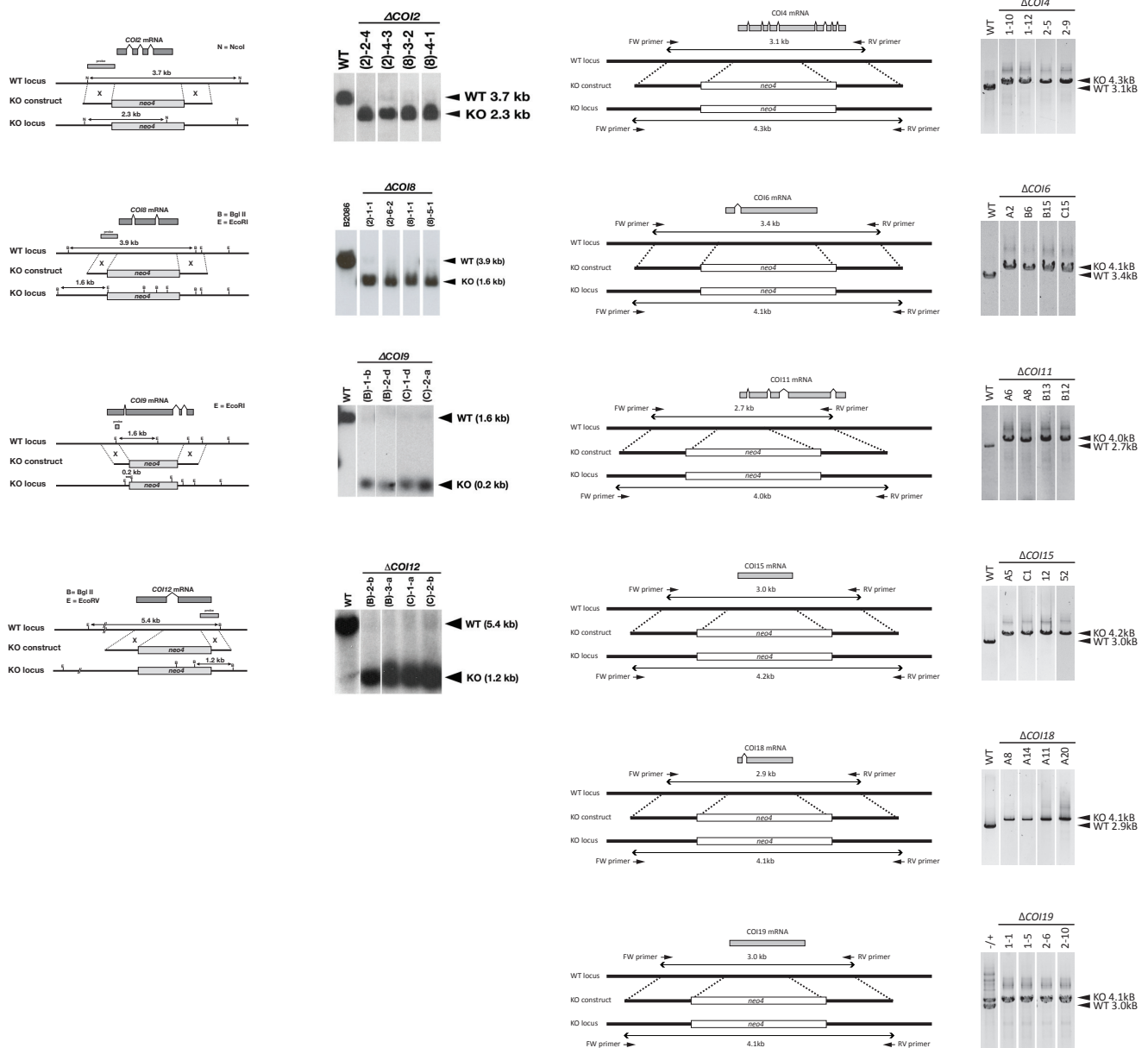


Figure S2. Construction of gene KO strains

Somatic (left) or germline (right) KO strains were produced by replacing parts or entire coding sequences with a drug-resistance cassette (*neo4*) by homologous recombination. For the somatic KO strains, complete replacements of the corresponding endogenous genes in the MACs were confirmed by Southern blot using the probes indicated. For the germline KO strains, homozygosity of the disrupted gene loci was confirmed by PCR using the primer sets shown as arrows in the schematic drawings.

Figure S2

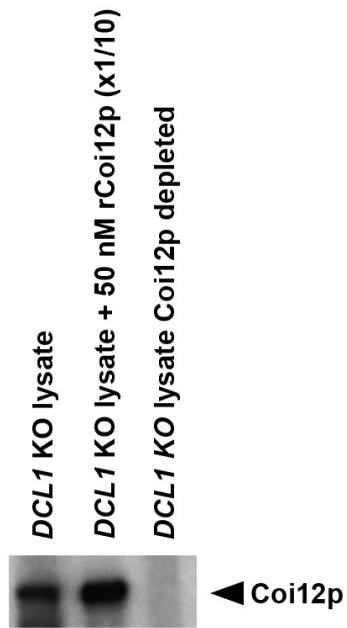


Figure S3. Comparison of endogenous and recombinant Coi12p

DCL1 KO cell lysate, 1/10th volume of DCL1 KO cell lysate mixed with 50 nM recombinant Coi12p (rCoi12p), and DCL1 KO cell lysate immunodepleted with Coi12p were analyzed by western blot using the anti-Coi12p antibody.

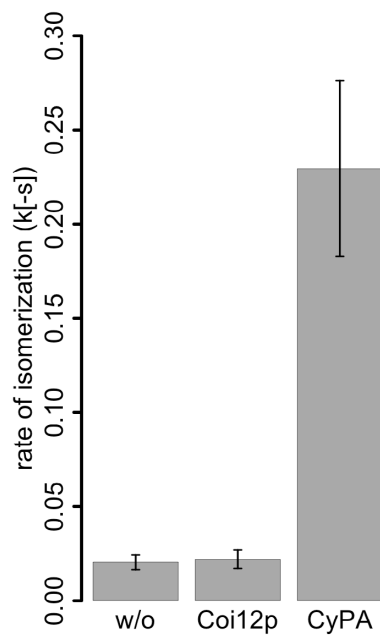


Figure S5. Peptidyl-prolyl isomerization assay with recombinant Coi12p

Peptidyl-prolyl isomerization activity was determined in a coupled assay with chymotrypsin. Cyclophilin A (CyPA) was used as a positive control. The buffer only condition (w/o) was used as a negative control. The standard deviation (SD) between technical replicates is indicated.

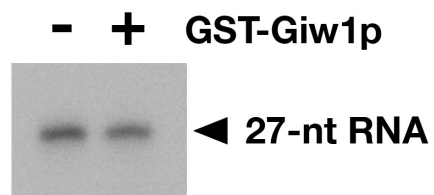


Figure S6. Stability of double-stranded 27-nt RNA incubated with GST-Giw1p

Radio-labeled double-stranded 27-nt RNAs were incubated with (+, 500 nM) or without (-) of GST-Giw1p in the buffer used for the loading assay for 1 hr. RNA was then purified from the reactions, separated in a denaturing gel and the radio-labeled 27-nt RNA was detected by autoradiography.

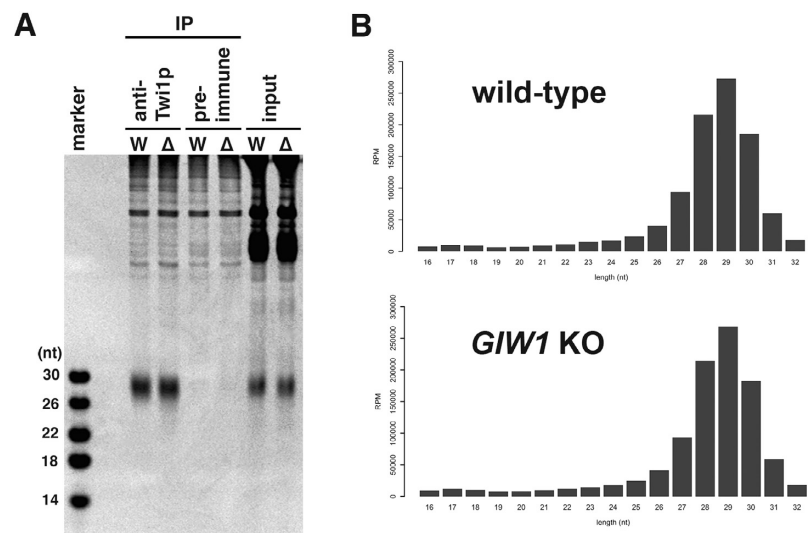


Figure S7. Twi1p-loaded scnRNAs in GIW1 KO cells

(A) Lysates from wild-type (W) and GIW1 KO (Δ) cells were prepared (input) and used for immunoprecipitation (IP) using either an anti-Twi1p antibody or a pre-immune rabbit serum. RNAs were extracted from input and immunoprecipitated samples, separated on a denaturing gel and visualized by the nucleic acid dye GelRed. The sizes of the RNA markers are indicated at the left. (B) Small RNAs (~16-32 nt) that co-precipitated with Twi1p from wild-type and GIW1 KO cells were analyzed by high-throughput sequencing. The size distributions of the sequenced small RNAs are shown.

Supplementary Table S1. Primers used for gene-expression analyses

Name	sequence (5' -> 3')
00006160FW	TGAAATGAGGAAGACTATAGCC
00006160RV	TGTTAGAGCTAGGTTCTAATTCCTAG
00034970FW	AAGGTATCTCTTTTGAATGACGCTG
00034970RV	GGAATGTTAAAGATGTTGAAGAGG
00046930FW	CTCTTAGAAGCTATGATTAAGTCA
00046930RV	TGCGACAGATAACTCTGCTATATGTC
00049220FW	GTAAGAACAAGATGCAGCCATC
00049220RV	TACTCTAATAGGTAGAGCTGCTCAC
00079530FW	AAGTTGGTTAAATCACTTCTGTCTGTG
00079530RV	CTATGTATCTATGACCTGGATAGTGTG
00086720FW	AGAAGAATCAATGTTGAATA
00086720RV	TAAGCTTTACTAATTTGACGT
00112710FW	TTTATACAGTAGAGTTGGAGG
00112710RV	TTTGAGCAAACTTCTTAGAG
00128920FW	TTTCCACCAAGCCTAGGCAC
00128920RV	AGGAATCTAAGAGGAATTCG
00133710FW	TCTTATTTGCGATTGCTGAAGTAG
00133710RV	ACAACCTTGATAATGTTAAGGTC
00134800FW	CCTTCTGAAGATAAGAACTCATGTT
00134800RV	CCTTATGAATGCCTAATCCTCAC
00148990FW	GACTTTCATGATCAACTAATGA
00148990RV	GGCATATTTGTATGGAAATACTG
00155590FW	CAATCTAAGCTAAACATCCAGGTG
00155590RV	CTATCTGAAACGCATGGTTGCTC
00189440FW	CGGATAGCATCAGTGAGGAGG
00189440RV	GAGACAAGTCAATGTCAGATAAGTCTTGC
00193969FW	TTGAGCAGATGGATGATGAGTC
00193969RV	TCTTCTTACCCTGTTTCAGG
00197670FW	TCCAGAGCAGCCATCTAGTG
00197670RV	AGCTTTCCTTAGTTAAGAATTCCTTG
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00219320RV	CTGTTTTTGGAGTCTAGTTATAAGC
00238970FW2	AGTAGCGAGTCAAATTTGGTTGC
00238970RV	CATAAGAAGCTCCTACGTTATCGC
00268140FW	CTAAACCATACAAAGTAATGAGTGC
00268140RV	CAGCTATTTGGATAGGTTATGAAG
00300650FW	GAATAATATAGAATACTTGCTAACTATGG
00300650RV	AATTAATAAACTCTCAGTAGTTGAGAGG
00348580FW	CAAAGACATGGCTATCAAACCTAG
00348580RV	GAGACTACTGATATCGAAGGTGC
00361840FW	ACCAATACAACCTTGCACAATTAACG
00361840RV	CACAGCTGCTTCCACTGACCAAC
00402050FW	CTTGATATGAGTTTCTCTAAACTTGGC
00402050RV	CTCTAGACAAATATACCCTTTGCTG
00412010FW	GAGGATAAAGCAAAAGATCTTTG
00412010RV	AGTTAGTATACTATTTGGTGG
00420400FW	TATGTAATGTAACCTAAATAGAGAAGC
00420400RV	TCTGGATAATTCATCGCTGGTTTGC
00433790FW	TCGATTCACTTATCAAAATAGCAG
00433790RV	GTTGGATTAATTTTCATAAGCTTTCAG
00439170FW	CTTACTCAGGTTGCTGGCTTACTTAG
00439170RV	CCGAAGAATAAATCTTACACTGATTTGTC
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00474360FW	GTTGATGATTACTAAGACAACC
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00497670FW	ATGCCTCAAAGTAGATTGCATGATG
00497670RV	TCGTATATGGGCTTCTCCGAG
00501010FW	ATATTACTCTGCGCATGGATGC
00501010RV	TGAGACTGTCTTCTCAATCCTCC
00522820FW	GAAATGAGCTATTTGAAGTAGCATC
00522820RV	GACATAATCATTTACTTCTCTATTTTAC
00526270FW	TGAAGACTTACTAGGTTAGTCT
00526270FW2	TGTTTCTCCTTCTACCATGCAGACTAGG
00526270RV	AATCCATTTAAGACTCTACAG
00526270RV2	AGAATTTATTTAGCTCATCAACGCCAC
00531890FW	GTTTCAAATACTAACTCCCAACATG
00531890RV	GATTTCTGAATTTGTAATAGCGAAAGG
00564480FW	AATAGAACAAGATCTAGCCAGAG
00564480RV	TATTTCTGCTTTATAGCTGTC
00572190FW	AGATACTTAGAAGCTGAAGTAACAG
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00585190RV	GACAAATGGAGTACTCCATTTGCTTC
00649180FW	AAGCACGATAGCTACATCAAGG
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00732800RV	ATTTATAGAGGAATGCCTTGTTGATG
01085480FW	AGAACTTATCAAAGCTCTTTAGC
01085480RV	TGAGTTCTAGTACGTTTACACC
01276320FW	AGCTCTTACTTAGGAACATTTGT
01276320RV	GAAATAGATGGAGTTAAGGTTT
01358410FW	TTCTGAGATGAACCTAAGTGTTCG
01358410RV	CGAGGACATTTCTAACTTAAAGTCG
01367700FW	AGCTATGACTAAATCATCACC
01367700RV	GTATCCAGATAGACCGAAATATGAGCAC
L21-FW	AAGTTGGTTATCAACTGTTGCGTT
L21-RV	GGGTTTTCAAAGGACGACGTA

Table S1

Supplementary Table S2. Primers used to make KO constructs

Name	sequence (5' -> 3')
COI2_KO_5FW	AATAATTATTATGGAATCCATGG
COI2_KO_5RV	GTCTATCGAATTCCTGCAGCCCTTGAATTGAACAAAACACAC
COI2_KO_3FW	CTGGAAAAATGCAGCCCATTTGATGGTTTGACCAAGC
COI2_KO_3RV	CATTTTATTGTAAAGTACTGAC
COI4-KO-3FW-SBHSN	TGCGGATCCGCTAGCACTAGTCATATGAAACGTTCAAGAGCCCTCAAAAGAG
COI4-KO-3RV-SacII	CCGCCGCGGTAATTCACAAAATGGTTGGCATACT
COI4-KO-5FW-XhoI	GCGCTCGAGAGAATATTGATTAATAATTAAGCAGG
COI4-KO-5RV-SBHSN	ATGACTAGTGTAGCGGATCCGCATGCTTAGAAGACACAACCTTTCGTGCTC
COI6-KO-3FW2-SBHSN	TGCGGATCCGCTAGCACTAGTCATATGCTTATACAAGAAATTCAGAAAGTGATAG
COI6-KO-3RV2-SacII	CCGCCGCGGTTATCAATTTTATATAAGTAAGGTTTC
COI6-KO-5FW-XhoI	GCGCTCGAGACTGTAGCTATTAATAACTATTAG
COI6-KO-5RV2-SBHSN	ATGACTAGTGTAGCGGATCCGCATGCGCTAAGTTTCAGCAAATTTTGTAGATTC
COI8_KO_5FW	CATACAAGCCCTTAAACACTC
COI8_KO_5RV	GTCTATCGAATTCCTGCAGCCCAAGAAACACAAAATAAAATCAATCTC
COI8_KO_3FW	CTGGAAAAATGCAGCCCTAAGTCTATGCAGAGTGTG
COI8_KO_3RV	ATAAATTAGCACACAAAAACAGC
COI9_KO_5FW	GTGGATCCGAGACACTAAATTAAGTAGG
COI9_KO_5RV	CAGATCGTCGACAGATCTGGCACACGCTCTTAAGTAC
COI9_KO_3FW	TGTGCCAGATCTGTCGACGATCTGCTATTGACAAACGTAAC
COI9_KO_3RV	GGCTCGAGGCGGAATCAGAAATTTGATCTGC
COI11-KO-3FW-SBHSN	TGCGGATCCGCTAGCACTAGTCATATGCTATTTGATAATTTGCAAGC
COI11-KO-3RV-SacII	CCGCCGCGGCAACATTAATAATGTCAAACTTAGC
COI11-KO-5FW-XhoI	GCGCTCGAGAAAAGATAGATGATATCTTTGGCTG
COI11-KO-5RV-SBHSN	ATGACTAGTGTAGCGGATCCGCATGCTTATCCATTTTAAATTTAAAAATAGGC
COI12_KO_5FW	GTGGATCCTAGAAGTTGTGTGTAAGT
COI12_KO_5RV	TTCCAGGTCGACAGATCTGATAAGAGTAACTAGTTTGGTGC
COI12_KO_3FW	AGATCTGTCGACGACTTTCGAGAAAACCTCATATCAAGCTTCAG
COI12_KO_3RV	GGCTCGAGTGTATGTATGAGTGTCTCTG
COI15-KO-3FW-SBHSN	TGCGGATCCGCTAGCACTAGTCATATGGCTAACCTTACTGTCAACGATATAT
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COI15-KO-5FW-XhoI	GCGCTCGAGTTTAGTCAATTCACCATTTTATTTTC
COI15-KO-5RV-SBHSN	ATGACTAGTGTAGCGGATCCGCATGCGATTCCTAATAATATCTCTGATTGTG
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COI18-KO-3RV-SacII	CCGCCGCGGACAGATAATCCTCTTACTTCTTAAGAG
COI18-KO-5FW-XhoI	GCGCTCGAGCCTTAAATAGATAGAAAATAGACTG
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COI19-KO-3FW-SBHSN	TGCGGATCCGCTAGCACTAGTCATATGTAATAAAGAAAAGGTTAAACG
COI19-KO-3RV-SacII	CCGCCGCGGACTATTGGATTTATATTTAGTTC
COI19-KO-5FW-XhoI	GCGCTCGAGGGCTATTTAATTAACATAGATTAG
COI19-KO-5RV-SBHSN	ATGACTAGTGTAGCGGATCCGCATGCGAATCTTCTCGTTTATTTAACC

Table S2

Supplementary Table S3. RNA oligos used for RNA loading assays

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sR-3hit-G	UCGAGUUGAUCUUUAGUUUCUUUAGC
sR-3hit-aG	UAAAAGAAACUAAAAGAUCAACUCGAUA
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RNA23A	AGAAACUAAAAGAUCAACUCGAUA
RNA27S	UCGAGUUGAUCUUUAGUUUCUUUAGC
RNA27A	UACAAGAAACUAAAAGAUCAACUCGAUA
RNA31S	UCGAGUUGAUCUUUAGUUUCUUUAGC
RNA31A	AAGCUACAAGAAACUAAAAGAUCAACUCGAUA
RNA35S	UCGAGUUGAUCUUUAGUUUCUUUAGC
RNA35A	AUGGAAGCUACAAGAAACUAAAAGAUCAACUCGAUA

Table S3