Title: GTP-binding of ARL-3 is activated by ARL-13 as a GEF and stabilized by UNC-119.

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#### **Supplementary Materials:**

#### **Supplementary Figure legends**

Figure S1. UNC-119 localizes to the InV-like compartment of cilia. (a). UNC-119 is highly conserved across ciliated species. *Ce*, *Caenorhabditis elegans*; *Cr*, *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*; *Dr*: *Danio rerio*r; *Mm*, *Mus musculus*; *Hs*, *Homo sapiens*. (b). *unc-119 (ed3)* mutants are dye-filling defective in phasmid cilia. The wild-type copy of GFP-tagged UNC-119 used in localization studies can fully rescue ciliogenesis defect of *unc-119* mutants. \*: p < 0.01. (c). GFP-tagged UNC-119 only localizes along the middle segment. mCherry-tagged β-tubulin TBB-4 was used to label the whole cilium. (d). The N-terminal sequence but not the PDE-delta domain is required for UNC-119 ciliary targeting. (e) Negative controls for BiFC studies. UNC-119, ARL-13, and ARL-3 do not show fluorescence complementation with IFT components (CHE-11 and IFT-20) in BiFC studies. Scale bar: 5 μm. Arrowheads indicate the ciliary tip, and stars indicate the ciliary base.

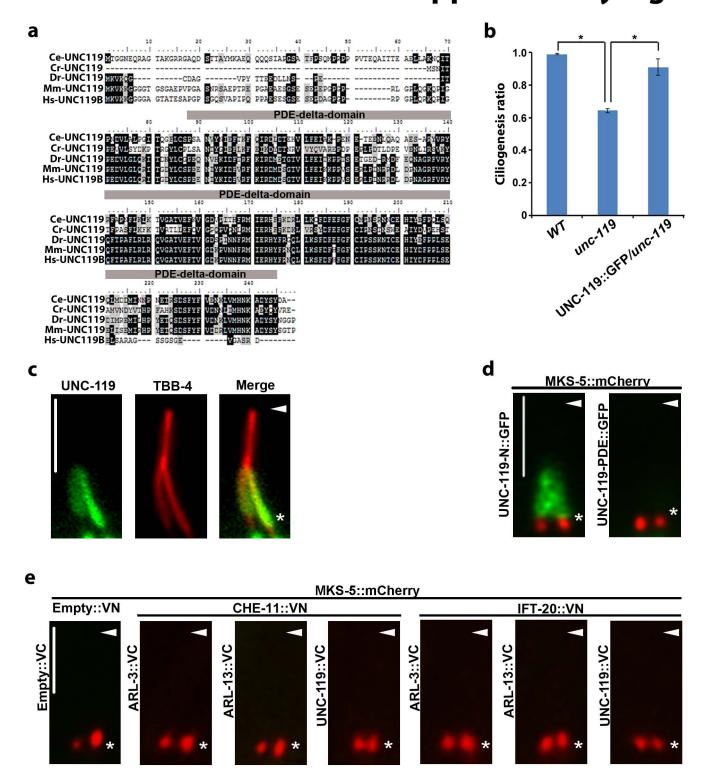
Figure S2. Characterization of UNC-119-ARL-13-ARL-3 association. (a). The Palmitoylation or SUMOylation modification of ARL-13 is not required for its association with UNC-119 or ARL-3 in BiFC study. (b). Dominant negative ARL-3 or Dominant negative ARL-13 still show normal mutual interactions with other components in the UNC-119-ARL-13-ARL-3 module in BiFC study. (c). Deletion of UNC-119, or ARL-13, or ARL-3 does not affect the ciliary entry of other proteins in the UNC-119-ARL-13-ARL-3 module. mCherry-tagged MKS-5 was used to label the transition zone at the ciliary base. Arrows point to the abnormal bulge formed in residual cilia in *arl-13* mutants. (d). ARL-13 exclusively localizes to the middle segment of cilia in wide-type worms and mislocalizes to the dendrite and the cell body in *unc-119* mutants. E. *arl-3* mutants possess normal axonemal doublets. Scale bars: (a-d), 5 μm; E, 100 nm. Arrowheads indicate the ciliary tip, and stars indicate the ciliary base.

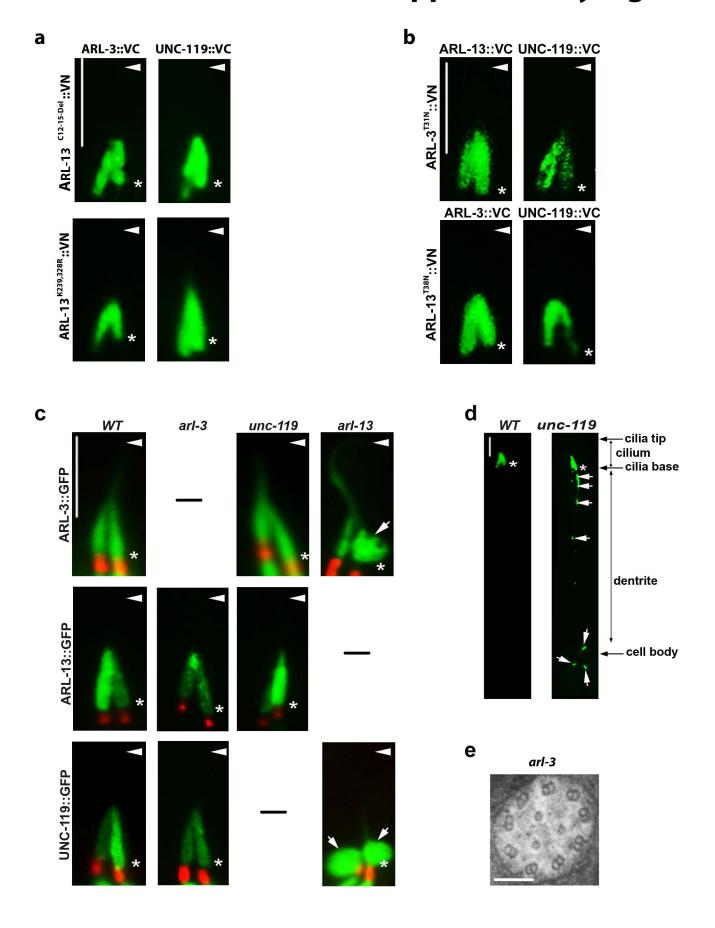
Figure S3. ARL-13 promotes GDP release from ARL-3. (a). All purified proteins used in this manuscript were showed here by SDS-PAGE and stained by Coomassie blue. 5μg protein was loaded in each lane. BSA served as indication for the protein amount. (b). ARL-13 but not UNC-119 accelerates GDP release from His-tagged ARL-3.

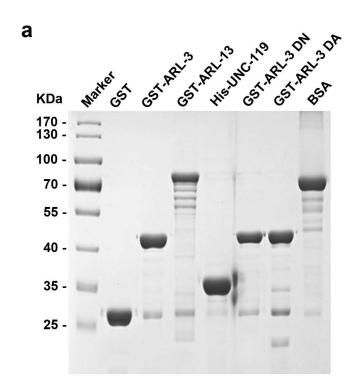
Figure S4. The N terminal but not the C terminal domain of ARL-13 can accelerates GDP release from GST-ARL-3. (a). GEF activity of the indicated concentrations of ARL-13 for  $0.05 \mu M$  ARL-3·mantGDP. Kobs (s<sup>-1</sup>×10<sup>-3</sup>) and fold change are shown in the table below the graph. (b). ARL-3·GTP cannot promote nucleotide dissociation of ARL-

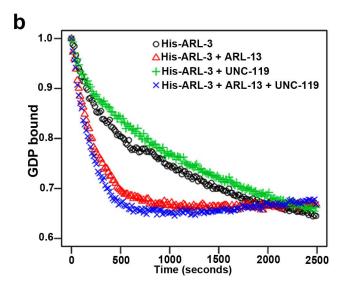
13·mantGppNHp. (c). The N-terminal domain of ARL-13 containing the GTPase domain (1-176aa) and the coil-coil domain (177-250aa) is able to accelerate the GDP release from ARL-3·mantGDP. (d). Adding UNC-119 together with FL or truncated ARL-13 does not change the nucleotide exchange rate of ARL-3.

**Figure S5. ARL-3 and ARL-13 show no intrinsic GTP hydrolysis activity.** No GTP hydrolysis was detected when mixing Mant-GTP with either ARL-3 or ARL-3 +ARL-13 at room temperature (**a**)or 37°C (**b**)for 60 min. RhoA and RhoA GAP (P50) served as positive control. (**c**). GFP-tagged ARL-3(T31N) normally localizes in cilia. mCherry-tagged MKS-5 was used to label the transition zone at the ciliary base. Scale bars: 5 μm; The arrowhead indicates the ciliary tip, and the star indicates the ciliary base.

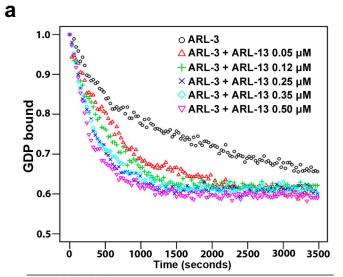




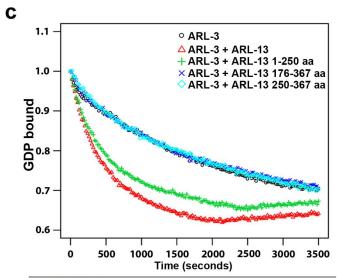




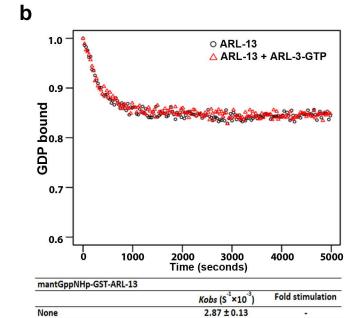
	Kobs (S-1 X 10-3)	Fold stimulation
His-ARL-3	1.07 ± 0.03	5
His-ARL-3 + ARL-13	4.74 ± 1.13	4.45
His-ARL-3 + UNC-119	0.83 ± 0.04	0.78
His-ARL-3 + ARL-13 + UNC-119	7.66 ± 0.43	7.19



mantGDP-GST-ARL-3		
	Kobs (S <sup>-1</sup> ×10 <sup>-3</sup> )	Fold stimulation
None	0.59 ± 0.03	-
ARL-13 0.05μM	1.45 ± 0.06	2.44
ARL-13 0.12μM	2.53 ± 0.36	4.26
ARL-13 0.25μM	2.78 ± 0.16	4.69
ARL-13 0.35μM	2.83 ± 0.08	4.76
ARL-13 0. 5μM	2.71 ± 0.06	4.57



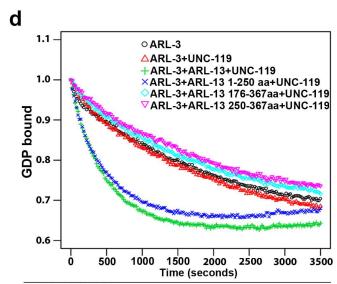
mantGDP-GST-ARL-3		
	Kobs (S <sup>-1</sup> ×10 <sup>-3</sup> )	Fold stimulation
None	$0.50 \pm 0.02$	•
ARL-13	1.79 ± 0.03	3.57
ARL-13 1-250aa	1.38 ± 0.04	2.74
ARL-13 176-367aa	$0.51 \pm 0.03$	1.01
ARL-13 250-367aa	0.58 ± 0.04	1.16



2.66 ± 0.22

0.93

ARL-3-GTP



	Kobs (S <sup>-1</sup> ×10 <sup>-3</sup> )	Fold stimulation
	KODS (3 ×10 )	
None	$0.50 \pm 0.02$	-
ARL-3 + UNC-119	$0.50 \pm 0.01$	0.98
ARL-13 + UNC-119	2.23 ± 0.10	4.44
ARL-13 1-250aa + UNC-119	2.06 ± 0.03	4.11
ARL-13 176-367aa + UNC-119	0.50 ± 0.03	1.00
ARL-13 250-367aa + UNC-119	0.50 ± 0.01	0.99

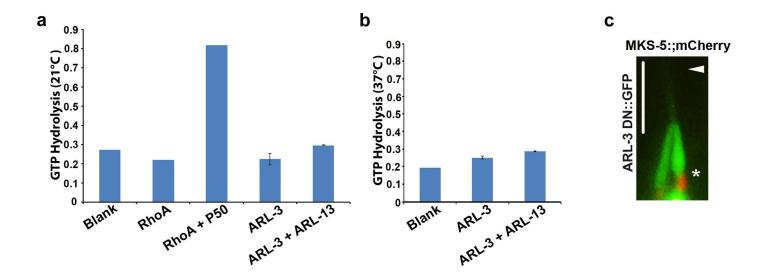


Table S1. Transgenic strains used in this study

Strain name	Genotype
ZP1863	arl-3 (tm1703); arl-13 (gk513)
ZP1865	arl-3 (tm1703); arl-13 (gk513); unc-119 (ed3)
ZP1866	arl-13 (gk513); [Parl-13::UNC-119::GFP; Parl-13::TBB-4::mCherry; PR4]
ZP1867	arl-3 (tm1703); [UNC-119::VN; ARL-13::VC; PR4]
ZP1870	N2; [ARL-13T38N::VN; ARL-3::VC; PR4]
ZP1871	N2; [ARL-13T38N::VN; UNC-119::VC; PR4]
ZP1886	arl-3 (tm1703); unc-119 (ed3)
ZP1887	unc-119 (ed3); [Parl-13::ARL-13::GFP]
ZP1889	arl-13 (gk513); [ARL-3::VN; UNC-119::VC; RP4]
ZP1892	arl-13 (gk513); him8
ZP1893	N₂ [ARL-13::VN; ARL-3::VC; ccGFP]
ZP1895	N <sub>2</sub> [ARL-3::VN; UNC-119::VC; ccGFP]
ZP1900	N <sub>2</sub> [ARL-13::VN; UNC-119::VC; MKS-5::mCherry; ccGFP]
ZP1901	N <sub>2</sub> [ARL-13::VN; ARL-3::VC; MKS-5::mCherry; ccGFP]
ZP1905	N <sub>2</sub> [ARL-3::VN; UNC-119::VC; MKS-5::mCherry; ccGFP]
ZP1910	arl-3 (tm1703); OSM-6::GFP
ZP1911	unc-119 (ed3); OSM-6::GFP
ZP1912	arl-3 (tm1703); arl-13 (gk513); OSM-6::GFP
ZP1913	arl-3 (tm1703); unc-119 (ed3); OSM-6::GFP
ZP1914	unc-119 (ed3); OSM-6::GFP
ZP1916	N <sub>2</sub> [Parl-13::ARL-3::GFP; MKS-5::mCherry; PR4]
ZP1917	unc-119 (ed3) [Parl-13::ARL-3::GFP; MKS-5::mCherry; PR4]
ZP1919	N <sub>2</sub> [Parl-13::UNC-119::GFP; MKS-5::mCherry; PR4]
ZP1920	arl-3 (tm1703); [Parl-13::UNC-119::GFP; MKS-5::mCherry; PR4]
ZP1921	arl-13 (gk513); [Parl-13::UNC-119::GFP; MKS-5::mCherry; PR4]
ZP1926	unc-119 (ed3); [Parl::ARL-13::GFP]
ZP1927	arl-3 (tm1703); [Parl::ARL-13::GFP]
ZP1953	arl-13 (gk513); unc-119 (ed3)
ZP1959	N₂ [Parl-13::ARL-13::GFP; MKS-5::mCherry; PR4]