



## Supplementary Materials for

### **Zebrafish models of idiopathic scoliosis link cerebrospinal fluid flow defects to spine curvature**

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## Materials and Methods

### Animal Care

Established zebrafish husbandry protocols were adhered to and all protocols were performed in accordance with Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) guidelines and the guidelines of the Princeton University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Wild-type zebrafish from the AB, WIK, PWT, and TL strains were used. Mutant *ptk7* (*hsc9*), *c21orf59<sup>TS</sup>* (*kur*, *tm304*), *ccdc40* (*lok*, *t0237b*), and *ccdc151* (*fld*, *ts272*) lines have been described previously (8, 20, 21, 24). The *dyx1c1<sup>Pr13</sup>* line was generated by CRISPR/Cas9-mediated mutagenesis. Embryos obtained from natural matings were grown at 28°C unless otherwise indicated (31). Scoliotic fish tested negative for the presence of potential pathogens that might induce spinal defects, including *Mycobacterium* and *Pseudoloma*.

### Molecular Cloning

For RNA expression constructs, full-length ORFs of *ccd151*, *dyx1c1* and *ccdc40* were amplified from 24 hpf zebrafish cDNA generated by SuperScript IV following manufacturers instructions. Amplified products were cloned via Gateway technology (Life Technologies) into pDONR221 and subsequently shuttled into pCS2+ as expression vectors. For mRNA production, vectors were linearized with NotI and *in vitro* transcribed using mMessage mMachine SP6 kit (Ambion).

### Transgenesis

-5.2*foxj1a* was amplified from zebrafish genomic DNA using GoTaq Long PCR Master Mix (Promega) using primers: forward 5'-GGGGACAACCTTTGTATAGAAAAGTTGTAGCTGTATCCCATCTAGACTTTATCT-3' and reverse 5'-GGGGACTGCTTTTTTTGTACAAACTTGCAAATCCTAACAGGCAGAAACATTTA-3'. The PCR product was gel purified followed by BP recombination into pDONRP4P1r (Invitrogen) to generate p5E-foxJ1aP. Entry plasmids were shuttled into standard Tol2 kit Gateway-compatible vectors (32) via LR recombination to generate final transgenes. Embryos were injected at the one cell stage with 25 pg plasmid and 25 pg Tol2 transposase RNA and screened at 72 hpf for transgenesis marker expression. Embryos showing strong fluorescence were sorted, grown to adulthood and individuals were crossed to wild-type AB to generate independent stable F1 lines. Imaging of GFP reporter line was performed on an Axio Zoom.V16 (Zeiss).

### CRISPR/Cas9 mutagenesis

Single guide RNAs (sgRNAs) with the *dyx1c1* targeting sequencing 5'-GGAGAGGAATTCAGAAGAGGA-3', and Cas9 RNA were generated as previously described (33). 100 pg of sgRNA and 150 pg of Cas9 RNA were injected into the single cell of the 1-cell stage embryo. Potential mosaic fish were raised, intercrossed, and resulting embryos were screened for curved body axis at 1-3 dpf. Non-phenotypic siblings were raised and outcrossed to generate homogeneous founder lines that were sequenced (Genewiz, Inc.) for *dyx1c1* indels.

### Morpholino oligonucleotide (MO) knock-down and mRNA rescue injection

Antisense MOs (GeneTools LLC) targeting *dyx1c1* or *ccdc151* were injected into the yolk of the 1-cell staged embryo. For *dyx1c1*, 2 ng of an AUG MO were injected whilst 8 ng of AUG MO targeting *ccdc151* were used (21, 22). For rescue injections, mRNA for zebrafish *dyx1c1* (500 pg), *ccdc40* (100 pg), and *ccdc151* (50 pg) was generated using mMESSAGING mMACHINE kits (Ambion) from full-length cloned cDNA and injected into the single cell of the 1-cell staged embryos.

### Bone preparation

Zebrafish adults were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) in PBS for 4 days at 4°C then washed twice for 2 hours in PBS with 0.1% Tween-20. Alizarin Red and Alcian Blue staining was performed as previously described (4) and scales were removed manually with forceps.

### μCT

Adult zebrafish were fixed in 10% neutral-buffered formalin (Sigma) overnight at 4°C. Fixed specimens were mounted in 1% low-melt agarose (Sigma) in a plastic vial. Samples were scanned for 1 h using SkyScan1172 high resolution Micro-CT scanner (Bruker micro-CT, Belgium) with the X-ray power at 45 kVp and 218 mA. All three-dimensional Micro-CT data sets were reconstructed with 18 μm isotropic resolution. Images were then analyzed using Amira software (TGS Inc., Berlin, Germany).

### Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

Adults were decapitated and brains were removed from the skull and surrounding tissue. Isolated whole brains were sliced in the sagittal plane along the midline and fixed in 2% glutaraldehyde in 0.1M sodium cacodylate buffer (pH 7.3) overnight at 4°C. Samples were then rinsed in 0.1M sodium cacodylate buffer with 0.2M sucrose (pH 7.3) and gradually dehydrated in an ethanol gradient. The samples were critical point dried in a Bal-tec CPD030 critical point dryer, mounted on aluminum stubs, gold coated in a Denton Desk II sputter coater and imaged on an FEI XL30 SEM (Philips).

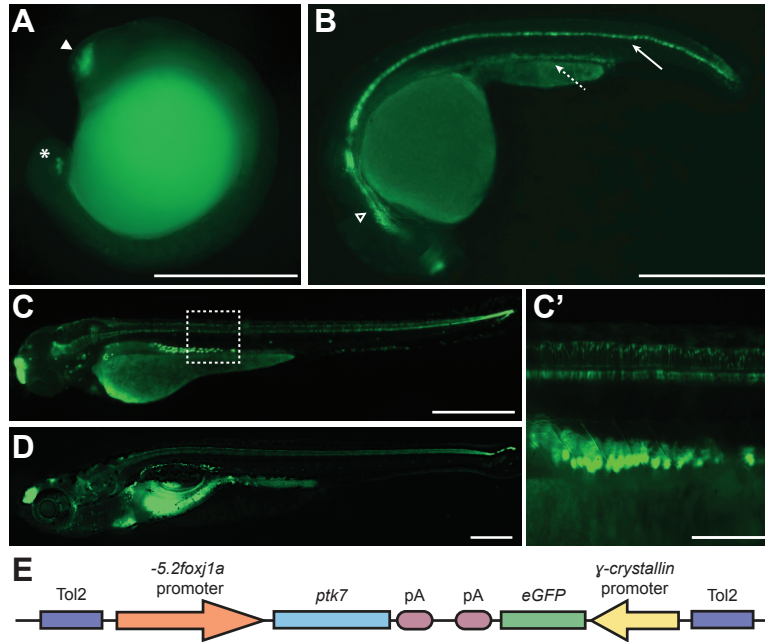
### Calcein staining

Zebrafish larvae were incubated in 0.15% Calcein (Sigma) for 10 minutes, rinsed and then washed twice for 5 minutes in system water. Larvae were immobilized in 0.005% Tricaine (Sigma), mounted in 0.8% low melting temperature agarose and imaged using a Leica M205FA microscope with a DFC365 FX camera attachment (Leica Microsystems).

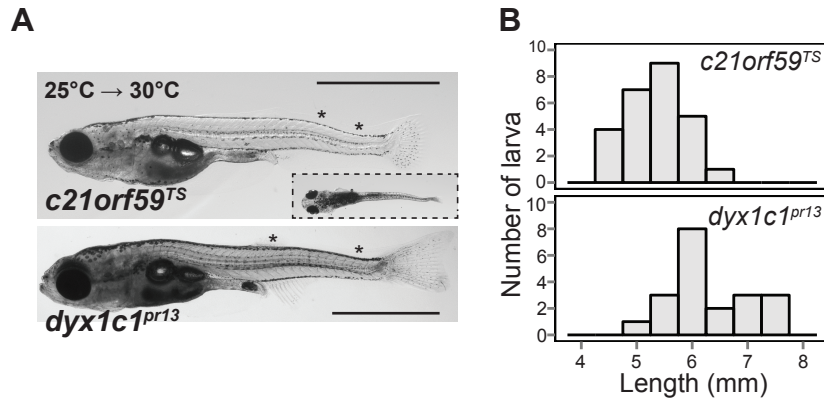
### Ventricle flow analysis

Whole mount adult brains were prepared fresh by dissection and washed several times with PBS before incubating in pre-warmed high glucose DMEM (Life Technologies). Brains were mounted in 1% low melt agarose prepared in DMEM and dissected using glass capillary needles to reveal the floorplate region of the rhombencephalic ventricle. A solution of 2.5% glycerol/0.2% red microspheres (1 μm, Polysciences) was loaded into a glass micropipette and the bead solution was deposited into the anterior region of the dissection. Movement of beads was captured using an

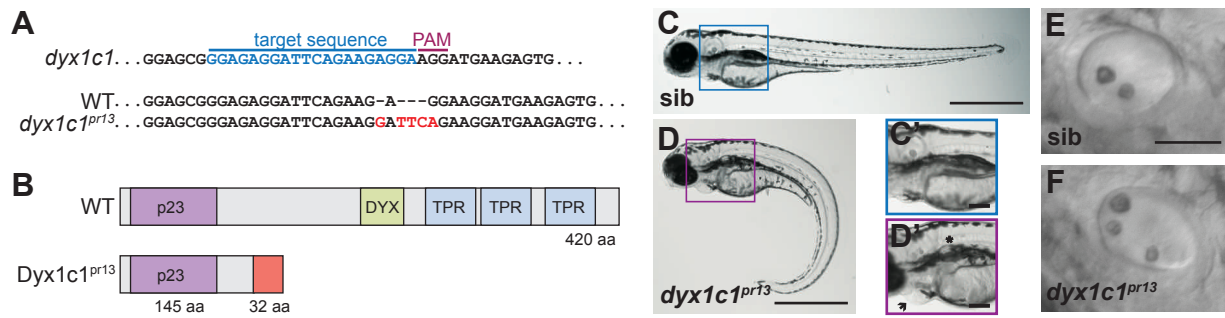
ORCA-Flash 4.0 camera (Hamamatsu). Trajectories of bead movement was tracked over 50 frames (10 seconds) using 'Temporal-Color Coder' plugin for Fiji (Kota Miura, EMBL, Heidelberg). Speeds of individual beads were measured using Imaris software (Bitplane). Means and standard error mean of bead speeds were determined using GraphPad Prism (GraphPad Software). Means between groups were compared using using a two-tailed *t*-test.



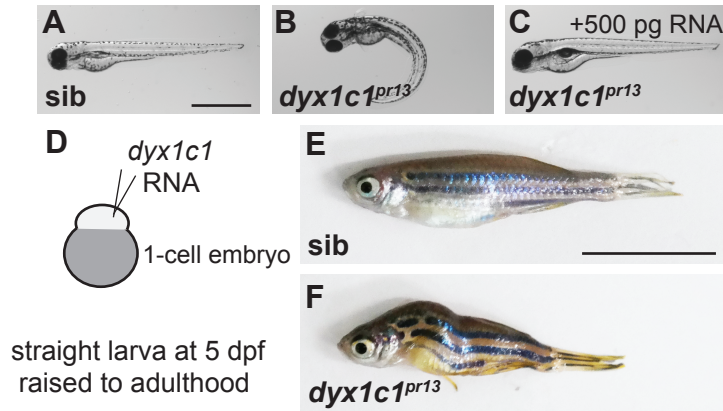
**Fig. S1. *foxj1a* enhancer element drives expression specifically in motile ciliated cell lineages.** (A-D) *Tg(foxj1a::eGFP)* transgenic embryos demonstrate faithful reporter expression in known motile ciliated cell lineages. Earliest GFP expression is detected during somitogenesis (A) in Kupffer's vesicle (asterisk) and olfactory pits (arrowhead). By 28 hpf (B) expression is observed within brain ventricles (empty arrowhead), pronephric ducts (dotted arrow) and neural tube floor plate (solid arrow). Transgene expression persists after organogenesis at 60hpf (C and C') and is maintained in motile ciliated tissues throughout adolescence (17 dpf) (D). (E) Schematic of *Tg(foxj1a::ptk7)* rescue transgene. Scale bars: 500  $\mu$ m (A-C and D) and 250  $\mu$ m (C')



**Fig. S2. Spinal curves develop during late larval stages in cilia motility mutants. (A)** Lateral view of larval *c21orf59<sup>TS</sup>* (rescued by temperature shift) and *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* mutants (rescued by RNA injection) exhibiting spinal curves (asterisks). Inset shows top view of *c21orf59<sup>TS</sup>* mutant. **(B)** Quantification of length of curve onset for *c21orf59<sup>TS</sup>* and *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* mutants illustrating the distribution data. Both mutants exhibited curves no earlier than 4.5-5 mm. Scale bar: 1 cm (A).

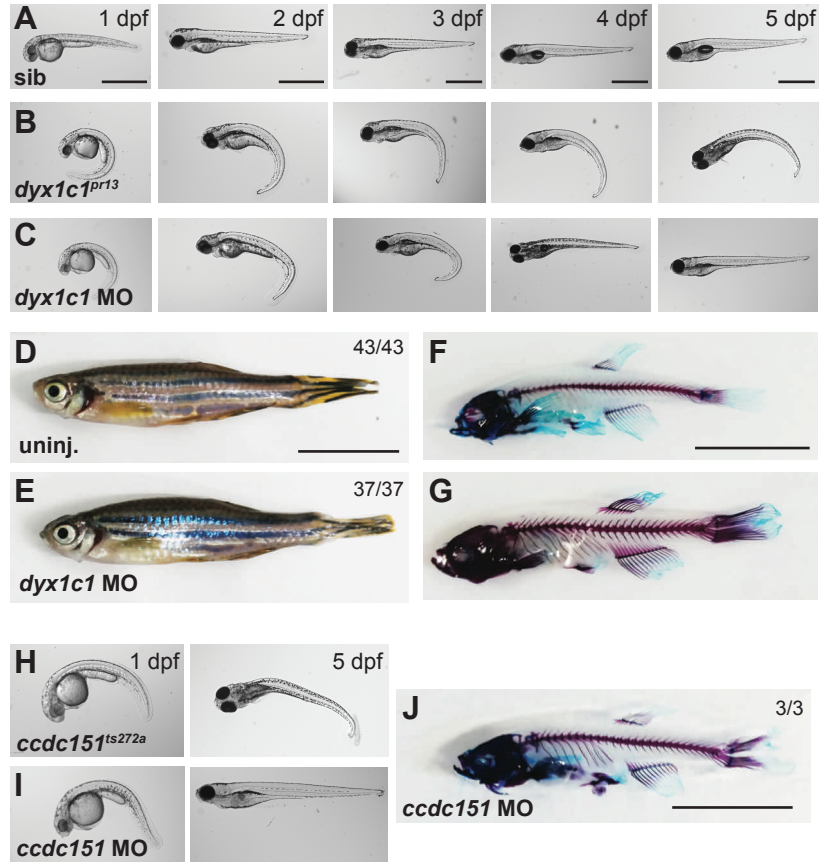


**Fig. S3. Generation of *dyx1c1* mutants via CRISPR/Cas9.** (A) Segment of the zebrafish *dyx1c1* sequence showing single guide RNA target sequence and the protospacer adjacent motif (PAM). CRISPR/Cas9-mediated mutagenesis induced an indel that caused a frame shift mutation. The line harboring this mutation was designated *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>*. (B) Schematic of the wild-type (WT) and *Dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* protein. After the frame shift at R146, 32 out-of-frame amino acids are incorporated before a premature termination codon truncates the protein. (C-D') *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* mutants at 3 dpf exhibited ventral body curvature (D) and kidney cysts, marked by an asterisk (D'), which were not present in sibling (sib) controls (C-C'). The arrow highlights pericardial edema, which was occasionally present in *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* mutants (D'). (E and F) Lateral views of otic vesicles showing two otoliths in sib controls but abnormal numbers and positioning in *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* mutants ( $p=8.2 \times 10^{-7}$ , *chi-squared test*). Scale bars: 1 mm (C and D), 0.2 mm (C' and D'), and 0.05 mm (E and F).



**Fig. S4. *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* mutants exhibit late-onset spinal curves.** (A and B) Intercrosses between *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* heterozygotes produced phenotypically normal siblings (sib) (A) and mutant embryos exhibiting cilia motility-associated abnormalities including ventral axis curvature at 3 dpf (B). (C and D) Injection of wild-type *dyx1c1* RNA at the 1-cell stage (D) fully rescued the embryonic phenotypes of *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* mutants (C). (E and F) *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* mutants rescued by RNA injection and then raised to sexual maturity exhibited late-onset spinal curves (F) whereas sib controls did not (E). Scale bars: 1 mm (A), and 1 cm (E).





**Fig. S5. Knock-down of cilia motility genes during embryonic development does not cause late-onset spinal curves.** (A-C) The first 5 days of embryonic development in sibling (sib) controls (A), *dyx1c1<sup>pr13</sup>* mutants (B), and embryos injected at the 1-cell stage with *dyx1c1* antisense morpholino oligonucleotides (MO) to knock-down *Dyx1c1* expression (C). Whilst both mutants and morphants exhibited early ventral axis curvature, morphants were able to recover from this defect by 5 dpf likely owing to reduced effectiveness of the MO as the embryo enlarges. Mutants, by contrast, cannot recover from ventral axis curvature. (D-G) Lateral views of uninjected control (uninj.) and *dyx1c1* morphants at sexual maturity with Alizarin Red and Alcian Blue staining (F-G) showing an absence of spinal curves in morphants that had exhibited ventral axis curvature as embryos. (H and I) Whereas *ccdc151* mutants exhibit ventral axis curvature throughout embryonic stages (H), transient knock-down of *ccdc151* by MO resulted in ventral axis curvature which recovered by 5 dpf (I). (J) Alizarin Red and Alcian Blue staining revealed an absence of spinal curves in *ccdc151* morphants. Scale bars: 1 mm (A,B,C), and 1 cm (D,F,J).

**Movie S1: Microsphere bead flow and CSF dynamics within the *ptk7/+* rhombencephalic ventricle.** 50 frames = 10 seconds.

**Movie S2: Microsphere bead flow and CSF dynamics within the *ptk7* mutant rhombencephalic ventricle.** 50 frames = 10 seconds.

**Movie S3: *foxj1a* enhancer element drives gene expression within the midline of the brain and spinal cord.** Three-dimensional reconstruction of a z-series through the trunk and neural tube of a 48hpf Tg(*foxj1a::eGFP*) embryo revealing eGFP fluorescence in the dorsal roof plate and ventral floor plate.

**Movie S4: Microsphere bead flow and CSF dynamics within *ptk7* + Tg(*foxj1a::ptk7*) zebrafish rhombencephalic ventricle.** 50 frames = 10 seconds.

**Movie S5: Microsphere bead flow and CSF dynamics within the *c21orf59<sup>TS</sup>* mutant rhombencephalic ventricle.** Live imaging movie showing flow of fluorescent microspheres in 10 seconds. Tissue was maintained at 30°C for the duration of the dissection and imaging.

**Movie S6: Rescued *c21orf59<sup>TS</sup>* mutant zebrafish model idiopathic scoliosis.** Three-dimensional microCT reconstruction (18 μm isotropic resolution) of an adult *c21orf59<sup>TS</sup>* mutant zebrafish, which was raised through the first 5 days of embryonic development at permissive temperatures (25°C) before being shifted to a restrictive temperature of 30°C.

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