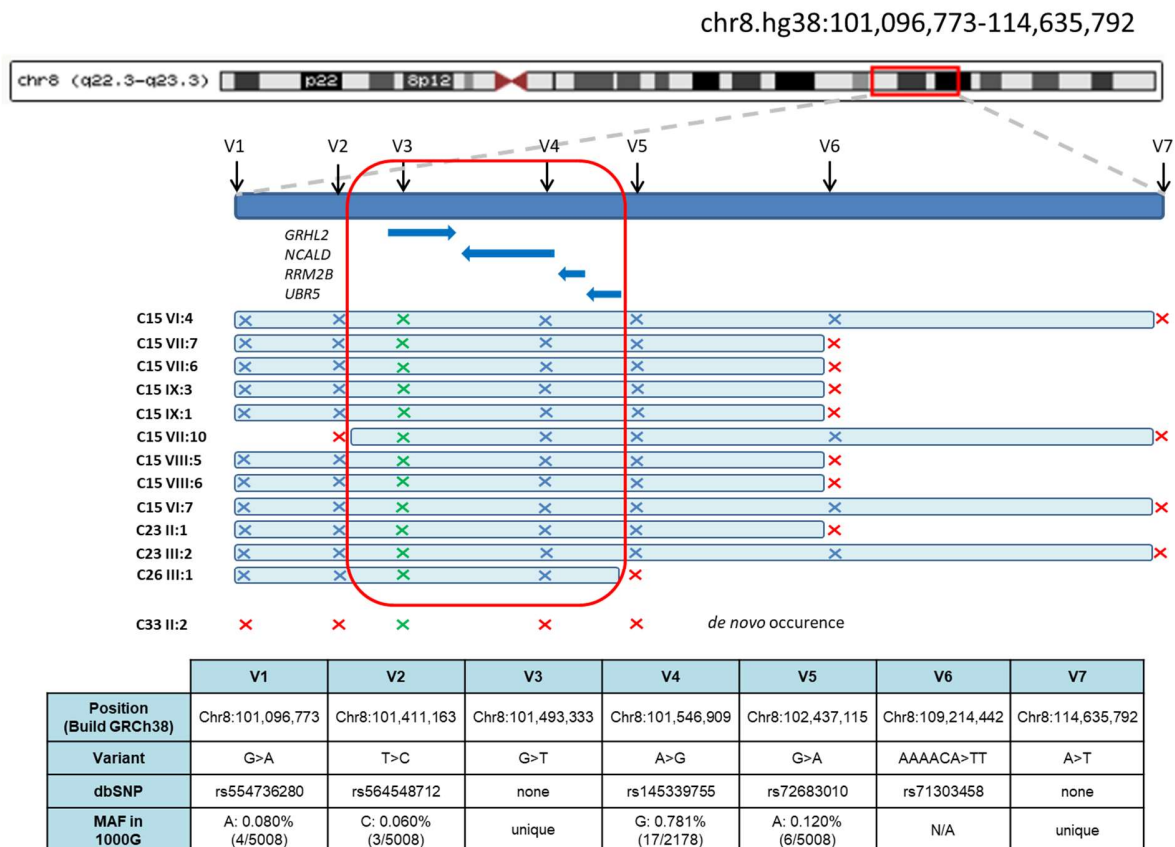


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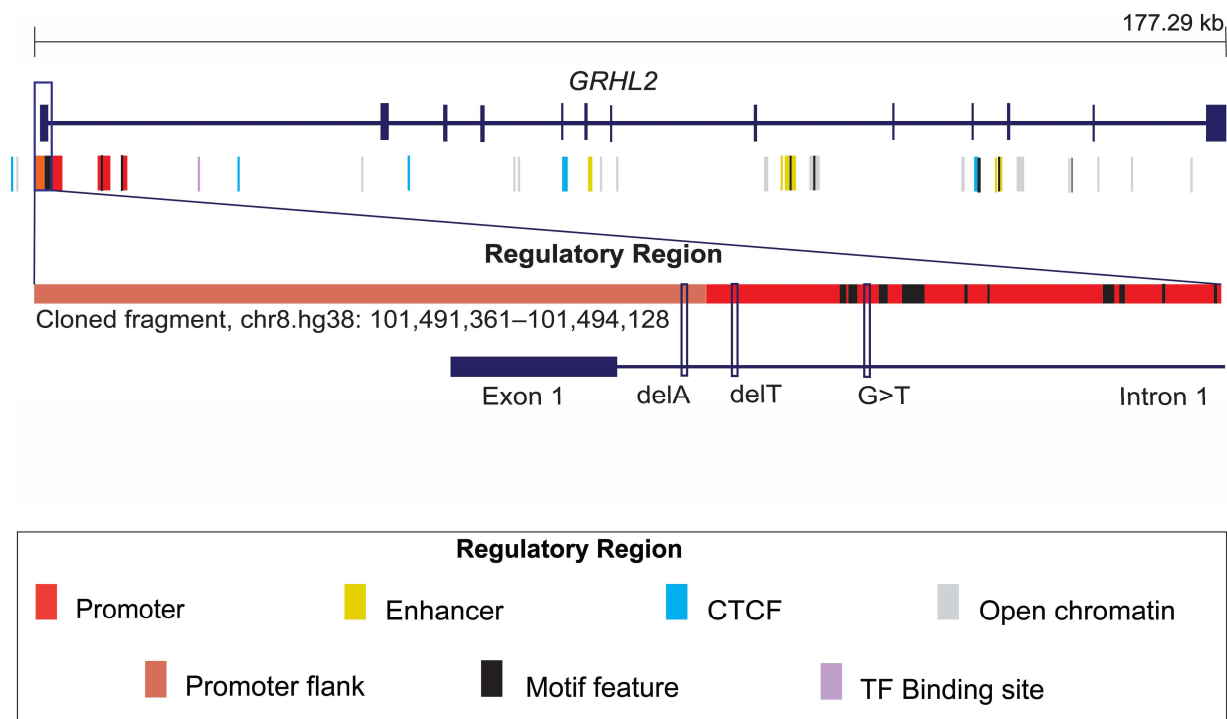
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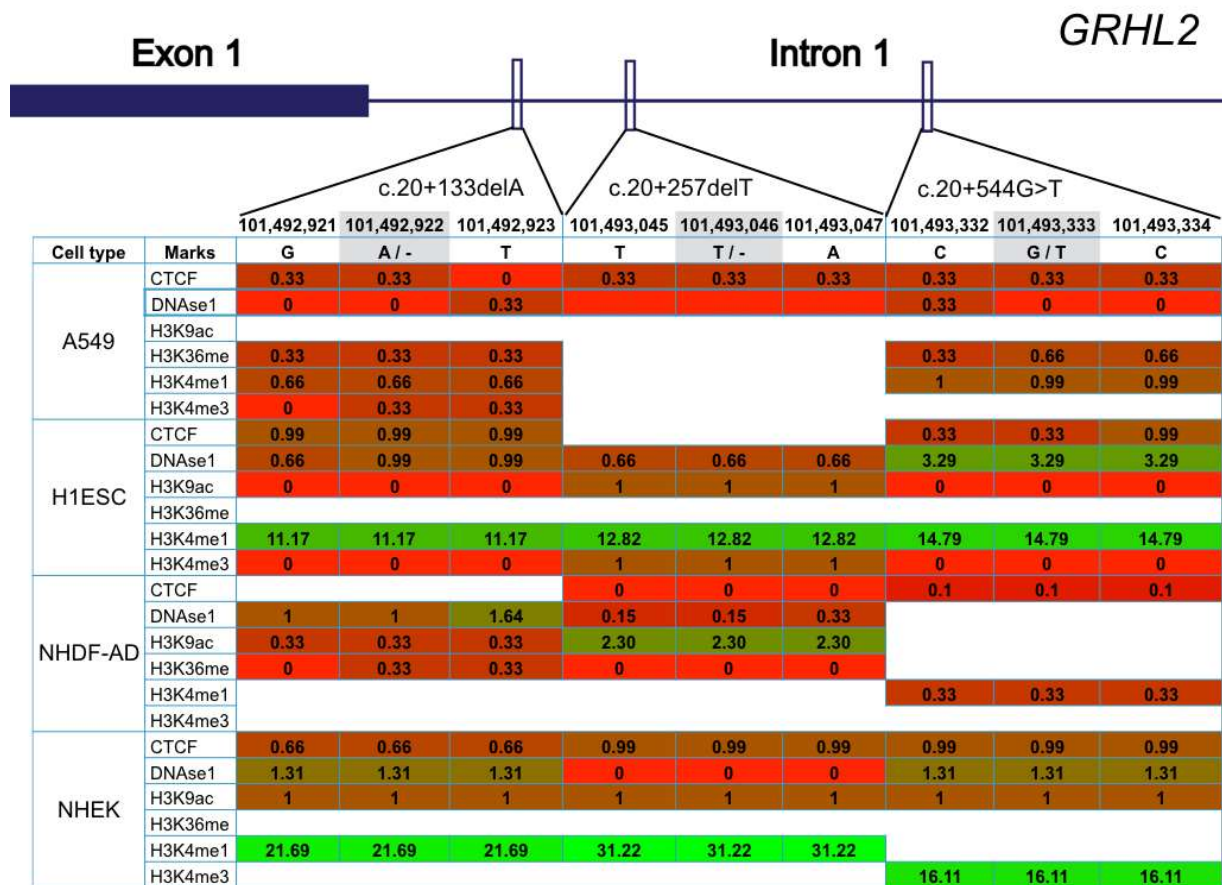
### Figure S1. Ancestral mini-haplotype of 3 families of Czech origin

Rare variants V1, V2, V4-V7 (see table at bottom of schematic haplotype) selected within the PPCD4 linked region (filled blue rectangles) were genotyped in individuals from families C15, C23 and C26 with the same *GRHL2* mutation (V3, green cross). Recombination event (red cross) were identified in family C15 that refined the locus and associated mini-haplotype. The same mini-haplotype was identified in families C23 and C26, with an additional recombination events, that suggests the *GRHL2* mutation in these families arose in a common ancestor. This ancestral mini-haplotype was absent in affected individual II:2 from family C33, who had the same *GRHL2* mutation that occurred *de novo*.

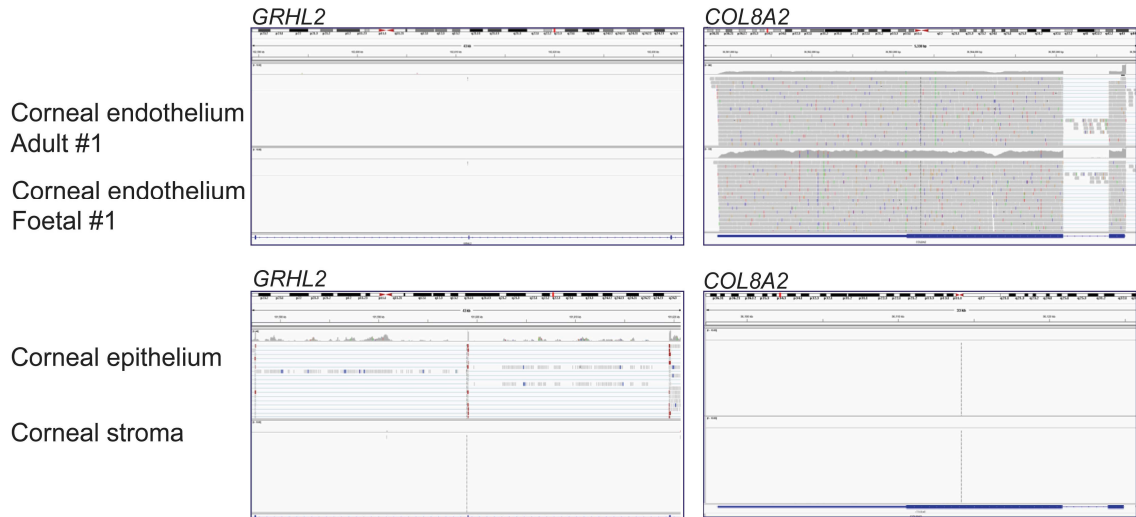
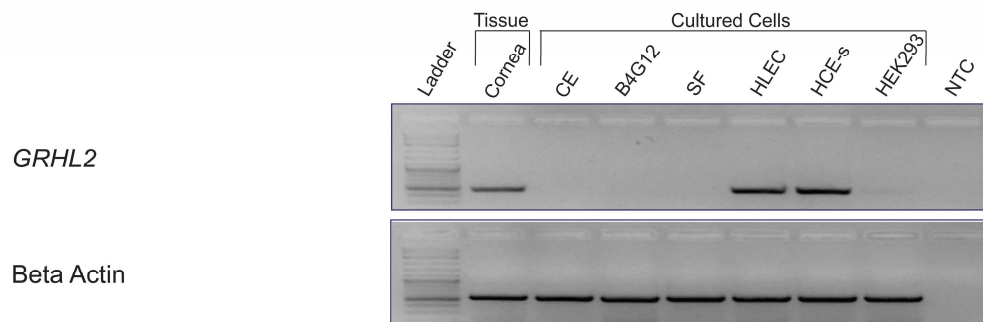


**Figure S2. Schematic representation of the regulatory region surrounding the three *GRHL2* promoter mutations**

*GRHL2* gene structure showing regulatory element annotations from the Ensembl Regulatory Build, colored by feature. Zoom-in view of the intron 1 region encompassing all 3 mutations showing they fall within a predicted promoter region. The image is extracted from Ensembl v90 using GRCh38 assembly and GENCODE v22 gene annotations. G>T represents c.20+544G>T, delT represents c.20+257delT, delA represents c.20+133delA. Mutations are annotated in accordance with the *GRHL2* cDNA sequence (Ensembl: ENST00000251808.7). Red bar represents the regulatory region (2,728 bp) sequenced in unsolved PPCD patients and cloned for the luciferase assay.



**Figure S3. Promoter features at the positions of the three intron 1 *GRHL2* mutations**  
 Zoomed-in view of promoter features for each of the 3 mutation positions within intron 1 of *GRHL2*. PChI-C data from 4 cell types (A549 - epithelial lung carcinoma; H1ES - human embryonic stem cells; NHDF-AD - adult dermal fibroblasts; NHEK - normal human epidermal keratinocytes), and chromatin features based on ChromHMM segmentations of BLUEPRINT histone modification data are shown. PChI-C data displays features such as DNase1 or CTCF binding sites. ChromHMM histone states for: H3 lysine 4 trimethylation (H3K4me3), H3 lysine4monomethylation (H3K4me1), H3 lysine 36 trimethylation (H3K36me3) for actively transcribed regions are shown. H3 lysine 9 acetylation is associated with promoter regions. The image is based on Ensembl v90 using GRCh38 assembly. Mutations are annotated in accordance with the *GRHL2* cDNA sequence (Ensembl: ENST00000251808.7). Brightness of colors (red and green, brighter = stronger) and numbers in boxes represent scores of relative strength of features.

**A****B****Figure S4. Expression of *GRHL2* in different layers of the human cornea**

**(A)** Interrogation of RNA-seq data derived from adult and fetal human corneal endothelial samples revealed no evidence of *GRHL2* expression. *COL8A2* is highly expressed in corneal endothelium. *GRHL2* is expressed only in the corneal epithelium and not expressed in stroma. **(B)** RT-PCR of corneal tissue and cell types indicates *GRHL2* is expressed in full thickness cornea, human corneal epithelial cells (HCE-s), human limbal epithelial cells (HLEC). No expression was detected in cultured endothelial cells (CE and B4G12) or stromal cells (SF). NTC = no template control.

**Table S1. *In silico* predictions of the consequence of *GRHL2* variants on transcription factor binding**

AliBaba<sup>1</sup> 2.1 predicts transcription factor binding sites in an unknown DNA sequence utilizing the TRANSFAC public database. MatInspector<sup>2</sup> utilizes a large library of matrix descriptions for transcription factor binding sites to locate matches in DNA sequences. \*RKPM values also encompass flanking transcripts. All 3 mutations were predicted to alter transcription factor binding (loss and gain).

| Transcription factor     | C15, C23, C26, C33<br>c.20+544G>T | B4<br>c.20+257delT       | B5<br>c.20+133delA       | Expression in endothelium (RKPM) |       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
|                          |                                   |                          |                          | Adult                            | Fetal |
| SP1                      | Site lost <sup>1</sup>            |                          |                          | 12.52                            | 17.53 |
| NRF1*                    | 4 sites lost <sup>2</sup>         |                          |                          | 9.31                             | 12.78 |
| ESRRA*                   | Site gained <sup>2</sup>          |                          |                          | 41.52                            | 8.74  |
| GLIS1                    | Site gained <sup>2</sup>          |                          |                          | 42.75                            | 3.19  |
| AHR                      | Site lost <sup>2</sup>            |                          |                          | 32.84                            | 28.87 |
| MYC                      | Site lost <sup>2</sup>            |                          |                          | 25.00                            | 5.98  |
| E2F2                     | Site lost <sup>2</sup>            |                          |                          | 0.07                             | 1.44  |
| E2F3                     | Site gained <sup>2</sup>          |                          |                          | 0.17                             | 0.02  |
| EBF1                     |                                   | Site lost <sup>2</sup>   |                          | 0.05                             | 5.98  |
| POZ/zinc finger proteins | Site lost <sup>2</sup>            | Site gained <sup>2</sup> |                          | N/A                              | N/A   |
| STAT6                    |                                   | Site gained <sup>2</sup> |                          | 27.53                            | 21.94 |
| ZNF354C                  |                                   |                          | Site lost <sup>2</sup>   | 3.53                             | 5.61  |
| GLI3                     |                                   |                          | Site gained <sup>2</sup> | 20.15                            | 14.68 |
| ZBTB7A                   |                                   |                          | Site gained <sup>2</sup> | 17.91                            | 7.01  |