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**CCDC61/VFL3 Is a Paralog of SAS6
and Promotes Ciliary Functions**

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1 **Supplementary tables**

2 **Table S1. Related to Figure 1.** Accession numbers of selected CCDC61 orthologs.

Name of organism		Accession number
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	Human	NP_001254652.1
<i>Mus musculus</i>	Mouse	NP_001028486.1
<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Chicken	NP_001006546.1
<i>Xenopus laevis</i>	Frog	XP_018084688.1
<i>Danio rerio</i>	Zebrafish	NP_001070634.1
<i>Capitella teleta</i>	Worm	ELU17212.1
<i>Apis dorsata</i>	Bee	XP_006623417.1
<i>Pediculus humanus corporis</i>	Body louse	XP_002431146.1
<i>Nicrophorus vespilloides</i>	Beetle	XP_017778830.1
<i>Strongylocentrotus purpuratus</i>	Sea urchin	XP_011661626.1
<i>Schmidtea mediterranea</i>	Planaria	SMU15034611
<i>Amphimedon queenslandica</i>	Sponge	XP_019855245.1
<i>Salpingoeca rosetta</i>	Choanoflagellate	XP_004997494.1
<i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis JAM81</i>	Fungi	XP_006681050.1
<i>Paramecium tetraurelia strain d4-2</i>	Ciliate	XP_001428378.1
<i>Tetrahymena thermophila SB210</i>	Ciliate	XP_001015880.1
<i>Stylonychia lemnae</i>	Ciliate	CDW82093.1
<i>Thecamonas trahens ATCC 50062</i>	Flagellate	XP_013757734.1
<i>Selaginella moellendorffii</i>	Plant	EFJ09694.1
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	Green algae	XP_001695308.1
<i>Phytophthora parasitica P1569</i>	Oomycete	ETI35441.1
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi strain CL Brener</i>	Parasite	XP_814690.1
<i>Giardia lamblia P15</i>	Parasite	EFO64425.1
<i>Trichomonas vaginalis G3</i>	Parasite	XP_001298262.1

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- 1 **Table S2. Related to Figure 2, 3 and 4.** Primers used for site-directed mutagenesis of human and
 2 zebrafish CCDC61 plasmids and human genomic DNA PCR.

Primers	Sequences
hCCDC61 ^{F128E/D129A} _F	TACAGTGTGGAAGAAGCTCGCATTTCAT
hCCDC61 ^{F128E/D129A} _R	ATGAATGCGAGCTTCTTCCACACTGTA
hCCDC61 ^{E5} -F	GAAGCGAGCGAAGAGAGCCTGGAAGCCGAGCTGGAAACCCTGACGAGCGAAC TGGCA
hCCDC61 ^{E5} -R	TTCCAGCTCGGCTTCCAGGCTCTCTTCGCTCGCTTCCGCTTCTTCCAGTTCTTTA GCCA
zCCDC61 ^{F129E/D130A} _F	CACGGTGGAGGAAGCTAGGATACATTA
zCCDC61 ^{F129E/D130A} _R	TAATGTATCCTAGCTTCTCCACCGTG
zCCDC61 ^{E5} -F	GAAGCCTCCGAAGAGGCTCTTCAAATAGAGGTTGAAAGTCTGACCACTGAGTTG GCC
zCCDC61 ^{E5} -R	TTCAACCTCTATTTCAAGAGCCTCTTCGGAGGCTTCAAGTTCTCTAACTGTTCC ACCAG
Human genomic DNA PCR forward	TTCCAGGGTTCATGGGTCTAGGTTTCTCTCATCTCCTT
Human genomic DNA PCR reverse	CGAGGTCGACGAATTCGGCACACTCACAGCCAGCATCGAA

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1 **Table S3. Related to Figure 5.** Primers used to construct *Chlamydomonas* VFL3 plasmids.

Primers	Sequences
VFL3-1F	GCTGTGCTGGCAGGCTGAAC
VFL3-7R	TGCCCAAAGGCCCAAATGTC
VFL3-NotI-F	CATGCTCGAGCGGCCGCTCGGTCCGATTGGTGCTATG
VFL3-NdeI-R	TCACAGTCTCGCATATGTCGCCCATTTCCCTTCACGC
VFL3-13F-AflII	TCAAGAAGTTCCCCGTGTTTCGTCA
VFL3-13R-HpaI	CGACAACGGAGTTAACAGAGGCACGGGACGTCCCC
VFL3-14F-HpaI	CCGTGCCTCTGTAACTCCGTTGTTCGGTAAGCTTGTAGCC
VFL3-14R-SalI	CGCTCGCTGGCCGACTC
exon7-HpaI-HA-F	TCCCGTGCCTCTGTTGGCCGCATCTTTTACCCATACG
exon7-HpaI-HA-R	ACCGACAACGGAGTTGCACTGAGCAGCGTAATCTGG
VFL3-7F	TGCTCAGCCGGTTCCTCTTC
VFL3-15R-HpaI	GCATGCATCAGTTAACCGCCTGTGTCTGTGCTGGTG
VFL3-15F-HpaI	GACACAGGCGGTTAACTGATGCATGCATGTAGCGGG
VFL3-3R	CACAGATGCACGGTGCCAGA
exon9-HpaI-HA-F	ACGACACAGGCGGTTGGCCGCATCTTTTACCCATACG
exon9-HpaI-HA-R	ATGCATGCATCAGTTGCACTGAGCAGCGTAATCTGG
VFL3-F126D127-F	CTGAGGAGGCCCGCGTGCCTACTACCCGCTA
VFL3-5R	AGTCCTCCGTCAGCTGCCGT
VFL3-8F	GTGGAGGTGGAGCAGAAGTC
VFL3-F126D127-R	CGCGGGCCTCCTCAGCGGCATAGGTCATAATGAGG
VFL3-5E-F	TCGAGGAGCTCGAGATGGAGATAGAGCAGCTGACGGAGGACTTAGAGGC
VFL3-6R	CCACCACCCGGGAACCTTGA
VFL3-2F	ACCCGCTACCGCTGCTGTTC
VFL3-5E-R	TCTCGAGCTCCTCGATTTGCTCCTCGCAGCGACCCAGCTCGTCC

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1 **Supplemental figure legends**

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3 **Figure S1. Related to Figure 1.** Identification of CCDC61 as an XRCC4 superfamily member and
4 sequence alignment of its orthologs. (A) A schematic flow chart of the computational approach
5 used to identify CCDC61 as an XRCC4-superfamily member. (B) Sequence alignment of CCDC61
6 orthologs from *Homo sapiens*, *Xenopus laevis*, *Danio rerio*, *Schmidtea mediterranea*,
7 *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* and *Paramecium tetraurelia*. The alignment was generated using the
8 BOXSHADE server. α -helices and β -strands observed in our crystal structures are highlighted with
9 pink and green respectively, and are labelled on top of the alignment. Predicted helices are
10 highlighted with blue boxes. Residue numbers are found next to the corresponding species names.
11 Dark and light blue and red arrows point to residues in the head and coiled-coil domain,
12 respectively, that were mutated in this study to address their functional role in CCDC61. The
13 green arrow points to the position of the nonsense mutation K497X in the CCDC61 ortholog VFL3
14 in *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* strain *vfl3-1*.

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16 **Figure S2. Related to Figure 2.** The N-terminal head domain of CCDC61 homodimerizes in
17 solution. (A) The two head domain interactions of hCCDC61¹⁻¹⁴³ observed in the asymmetric unit of
18 the corresponding protein crystal. These two different packing interactions of hCCDC61¹⁻¹⁴³ are
19 shown in the rectangular boxes labelled D1 and D2. The protein chain common between D1 and
20 D2 is represented using the Consurf (Glaser et al., 2003) conservation colour code as defined in
21 the right bottom of the D1 box. (B) Detailed view of the β -zipper found in the head-to-head
22 homodimer interface of hCCDC61¹⁻¹⁴³ (dimer D1). The location of the β -zipper is indicated by a
23 black square in the overview of the head-to-head homodimer shown on the left. Subunit colouring
24 as in Figure 2A. Hydrogen bonds are represented by dotted lines. (C) AUC sedimentation velocity
25 analysis of hCCDC61¹⁻¹⁴³ and hCCDC61^{1-143; F128E/D129A} in solution. Upper panels show Rayleigh
26 interference profiles with best fits of a c(s) model (coloured lines) and their residuals to the fits
27 underneath. The different colors represent scans at different times: blue is the earliest time points

1 where very little material has sedimented; through to red where all the material has sedimented
2 and the signal is near baseline across the radius. For clarity, only every 3rd scan and 7th data point
3 is displayed. The lower panels show the $c(s)$ distribution of species. The wild-type protein had two
4 main sedimenting species: the species at 1.27 S ($S_{w,20} = 2.02$ S) had a calculated mass of approx.
5 17.5 kDa with frictional ratio (f/f_0) = 1.20, close to that expected for a monomer (16.5 kDa); and a
6 species at 1.70 S ($S_{w,20} = 2.71$ S) with a calculated mass of 27.3 kDa close to the mass expected
7 for a dimer (33 kDa). hCCDC61^{1-143; F128E/D129A} had only one main sedimenting species at 1.15 S
8 ($S_{w,20} = 1.83$ S) with a corresponding mass of approx. 16 kDa with $f/f_0 = 1.245$. This is close to the
9 mass expected for a monomer (16.4 kDa). (D) Analysis of an AUC equilibrium sedimentation
10 experiment with wild-type protein in three different concentrations (1.3, 4 and 12 mg/ml) at 11,600
11 (dark blue), 19,700 (light blue) and 34,000 rpm (maroon). For clarity only every 6th data point is
12 displayed. The data revealed average molecular masses from 22-33 kDa consistent with a
13 monomer-dimer equilibrium. Fitting such a model to the data gave a global value for the
14 dimerisation dissociation constant $K_d = 170 \pm 18 \mu\text{M}$. (E) 2D ¹H,¹⁵N BEST-Trosy spectra of ¹⁵N-
15 labelled human SAS6¹⁻¹⁴³ alone (black) or mixed with unlabelled hCCDC61¹⁻¹⁴³ (red). No
16 significant chemical shift perturbation of ¹⁵N-labelled human SAS6¹⁻¹⁴³ was observed in the
17 presence of unlabelled hCCDC61¹⁻¹⁴³, arguing against an interaction between these two proteins.

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19 **Figure S3. Related to Figure 2.** Comparison of XRCC4 superfamily proteins. (A) Structural
20 comparison of zCCDC61 (pink; Figure 2C), *L. major* SAS6 (cyan); PDB code: 4CKP (van Breugel
21 et al., 2014)), *C. elegans* SAS6 (sky blue; PDB code: 3PYI (Hilbert et al., 2013)) and *H. sapiens*
22 XRCC4/XLF (yellow and grey respectively; PDB code: 3W03 (Wu et al., 2011));. (B) Superposition
23 of the head domains of zCCDC61 (pink), *L. major* SAS6 structures (cyan), *C. elegans* SAS6 (sky
24 blue) and *H. sapiens* XRCC4/XLF (yellow and grey respectively). Both the relative head-to-head
25 dimer orientations and the head-domain – coiled-coil domain orientation differ between these
26 structures, explaining the different oligomeric assemblies formed by them. The relative orientations

1 of the head-to-head dimers were measured using C α atoms of a conserved hydrophobic residue
2 indicated by the red arrowhead in Figure S7A.

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4 **Figure S4. Related to Figure 3.** CCDC61 binds microtubules. (A) Transiently over-expressed
5 hCCDC61 colocalizes with microtubules in cells. Immunofluorescent images of RPE-1 cells
6 expressing the indicated GFP-hCCDC61 constructs and stained against GFP and α -tubulin. Scale
7 bars are 10 μ m. (B) Microtubule-stabilizing and -destabilizing agents do not affect the proportion of
8 cells containing CCDC61 filaments. Immunofluorescent images of RPE-1 cells expressing GFP-
9 hCCDC61 that were treated with DMSO (control), 5 μ M taxol (Taxol) or 5 μ g/ml nocodazole
10 (Noco.) for 3 hours. The regions indicated by white rectangles (1: CCDC61 containing, 2: largely
11 devoid of CCDC61) are shown magnified in the second and third columns. α -tubulin staining of the
12 regions devoid of CCDC61 indicated that in these regions taxol-treated cells tend to have thicker
13 microtubule bundles whereas nocodazole-treated cells have a more dispersed α -tubulin staining
14 there. Scale bars, 20 μ m. Bar graphs show the ratios of cluster-only versus filament-containing
15 RPE-1 cells expressing GFP-hCCDC61 observed under the experimental conditions (DMSO
16 ($n=169$), taxol ($n=240$), nocodazole ($n=253$)). Error bars are standard deviations calculated from
17 three biological replicates. (C) CCDC61 filaments are retained in the presence of nocodazole. Live
18 cell imaging of a control RPE-1 cell after addition of 0.1%(v/v) DMSO and three RPE-1 cells (cell 1:
19 upper panel, cell 2: lower panel with white arrowheads and cell 3: lower panel with white arrows)
20 containing GFP-hCCDC61 filaments after addition of 5 μ g/ml nocodazole. Scale bar, 10 μ m. (D)
21 Conserved positively charged residues in α 7 are essential for microtubule binding by hCCDC61.
22 Coomassie stained SDS-PAGE gel showing a co-pelleting assay with taxol-stabilized microtubules
23 and the 5E mutant of the coiled-coil domain of hCCDC61. S, supernatant, P, pellet. (E) Western
24 blot showing the results of a GFP-pulldown from tissue culture cell extracts of HEK293T cells
25 transiently overexpressing GFP- or 3xHA-tagged hCCDC61 mutants. Shown is the ponceau
26 stained blot (top) as well as the blot staining with an anti-HA antibody (bottom). (F) Circular
27 dichroism (CD) spectra of zCCDC61¹⁴⁶⁻²⁸⁰ (black) and its 5E mutant (red). The figure shows CD

1 spectra at 5 °C (left) and melting curves of these constructs as observed at 222 nm at increasing
2 temperatures (right). (G) Removal of the C termini of tubulins in microtubules by subtilisin. 2 mg/ml
3 taxol-stabilised microtubules “C” were incubated with a four-fold dilution series of subtilisin. The
4 highest used concentration of subtilisin was 2 mg/ml. Reactions were stopped by PMSF addition
5 and parts of these reactions were separated by SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie Blue staining.
6 The corresponding gel is shown here. The remainder of the reaction marked by a black arrow was
7 subsequently used for the co-pelleting assay shown in (H), in the panel beneath. (H) The C-
8 terminal tails of tubulins are required for CCDC61 binding to microtubules. Coomassie stained
9 SDS-PAGE gel showing a co-pelleting assay of the coiled-coil domain of hCCDC61 with either
10 untreated taxol-stabilized microtubules (MT) or subtilisin-treated taxol-stabilized microtubules that
11 lack the C-terminal tails of tubulin (MT^{ΔC}, see (G)). S, supernatant, P, pellet. (I) Immunofluorescent
12 images of RPE-1 cells overexpressing GFP-hCCDC61^{5E} and stained against GFP and α -tubulin.
13 We examined a total of 101 cells from three biological replicates but did not observe any filament
14 formation by GFP-hCCDC61^{5E}. Scale bar is 20 μ m.

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16 **Figure S5. Related to Figure 4.** CCDC61 does not play a major role in cell division but has a
17 function in ciliogenesis. (A) CRISPR/Cas9 knockout strategy and results of *CCDC61* knock-out in
18 RPE-1 cells. Inserts (pink) and premature-stop codon positions (pink arrows) are indicated in a
19 schematic diagram of the genomic locus of *CCDC61*. An agarose gel image shows genomic PCR
20 results of two-independent *CCDC61* knockout RPE-1 cells. (B) FACS profiles of control and two
21 *CCDC61*-knockout RPE-1 cells. The colour scheme of the FACS profile of each cell is as follows:
22 experimental data, which are cell count x Hoechst-area, (black), diploid in G0/G1 (red “\”), diploid in
23 S (red “|”), diploid in G2/M (red “/”) and fitted curve (green). Bar graphs show quantification of the
24 numbers of cells in G1, S and G2/M cells from three biological replicates. Error bars are standard
25 deviations. (C) Centrosome numbers of control and *CCDC61* knockout RPE-1 cells. The numbers
26 of centrioles of monastrol treated RPE-1 cells were counted by immunostaining with Centrin-3. 30
27 mitotic cells were counted per cell line from one sample per cell type. (D) Proliferation profiles of

1 control and the *CCDC61*-knockout RPE-1 cells. Data correspond to three biological replicates.
2 Error bars are standard deviations. (E) Reduction of ciliated cells upon knockdown of *CCDC61* in
3 RPE-1 cells. The top bar graphs show knockdown efficiencies of cell only (Cells), transfection-
4 reagent only (RNAiMAX), control siRNA (CT siRNA) and three different siRNAs against *CCDC61*
5 (siRNA 1,2 and 3), assessed by RT-PCR and calculated from three biological replicates. The
6 bottom bar graphs show ciliogenesis efficiencies of these control and *CCDC61* knockdown RPE-1
7 cells. Data correspond to three biological replicates (total cell counts $n=1130, 1157, 717, 738, 715$
8 and 565 for Cells, RNAiMAX, CT siRNA, siRNA 1, siRNA 2 and siRNA 3 respectively).
9 Percentages are relative to CT siRNA-treated cells. Bar graphs show mean \pm standard deviation.
10 Representative immunofluorescent images used for the quantification of the ciliogenesis
11 efficiencies are shown on the right. Scale bar is 10 μm .

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13 **Figure S6. Related to Figure 5.** Rescue of *Chlamydomonas vfl3* strains. (A) Abnormal striated
14 fibers in *vfl3* strains. Staining of striated fibers in the wild-type, *vfl3-1* and *vfl3-2* mutants, and the
15 rescued *vfl3-2* strains. Striated fibers are indicated by staining of centrin (green) and cilia are
16 indicated by staining of acetylated α -tubulin (red). Scale bar is 4 μm . (B) Expression of mRNA of
17 *VFL3* in the wild-type strain, *vfl3* strains and the strains expressing *VFL3* constructs. *CNK10* was
18 used for control. (C) Five independent transformants carrying the 3x HA tag in exon 7 of *VFL3*.
19 Molecular weights are indicated on the right. (D) Transformants carrying wild-type, 5E-, and FD-
20 *VFL3* all express the *VFL3* protein. Molecular weights are indicated on the right.

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22 **Figure S7. Related to Figure 1** Comparison of the XRCC4 superfamily members. (A) Structure-
23 guided sequence alignment of the XRCC4 superfamily members. A conserved motif is indicated by
24 a red-dotted rectangle. The red arrowhead indicates the conserved hydrophobic residue whose $C\alpha$
25 atoms were used to measure the relative orientations of the head-to-head dimers in Figure S3B.
26 (B) Amino-acid sequence identities between the XRCC4 superfamily members as observed in their
27 N-terminal head domains. The alignment shown in (A) was used to calculate sequence identities

1 using the SIAS server (<http://imed.med.ucm.es/Tools/sias.html>). Shown below these values are the
2 R.M.S.D. values of superpositions of the corresponding N-terminal head domain structures. (C) A
3 hypothetical CCDC61 filament bundle. Two linear zCCDC61 filaments (surface representation in
4 cyan and pink) were superimposed onto the CCDC61 D2 dimer (Figure S2A) found in the
5 asymmetric unit of the hCCDC61¹⁻¹⁴³ crystal (cartoon representation). The two dimers D1 (red and
6 blue) and D2 (red and green) are indicated by black arrows. (D) Coomassie stained SDS-PAGE
7 gels showing the purified hCCDC61¹⁻¹⁴³, hCCDC61^{1-143; F128E/D129A}, zCCDC61^{1-168; F129E/D130A}, His₆-
8 lypoyl-zCCDC61¹⁻¹⁷⁰, His₆-lypoyl-zCCDC61^{1-170; F129E/D130A}, zCCDC61¹⁻¹⁷⁰, zCCDC61¹⁴⁶⁻²⁸⁰,
9 zCCDC61^{146-280; 5E} and hSAS6¹⁻¹⁴³ used for AUC, CD, crystallography, NMR and SEC-MALS
10 experiments.

Figure S2

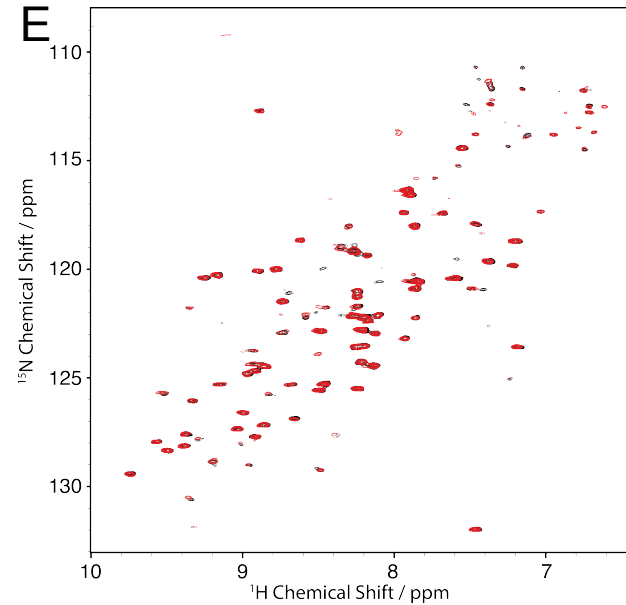
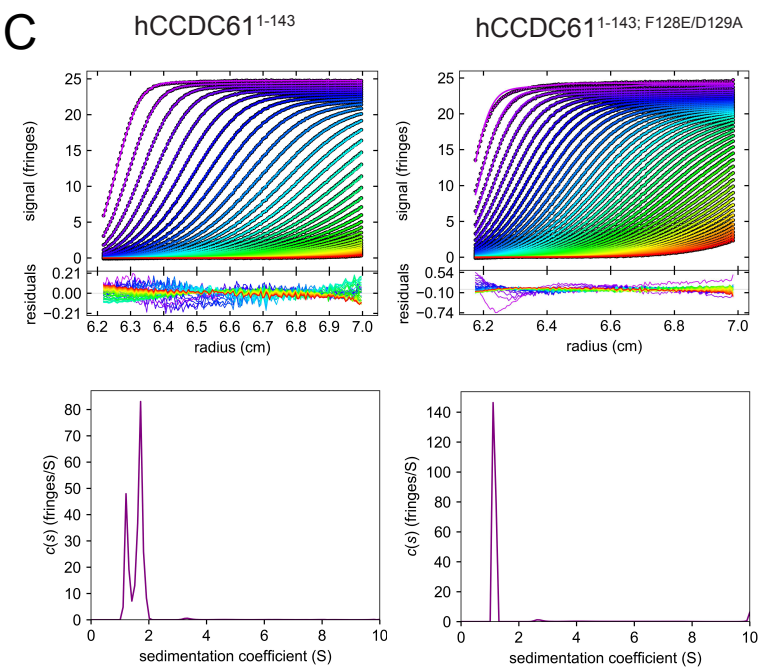
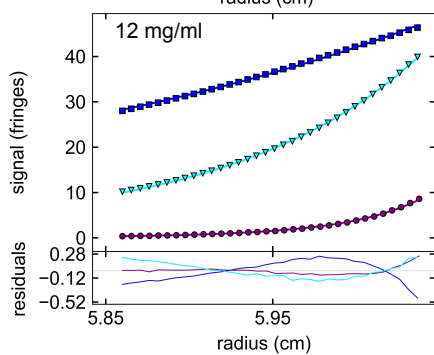
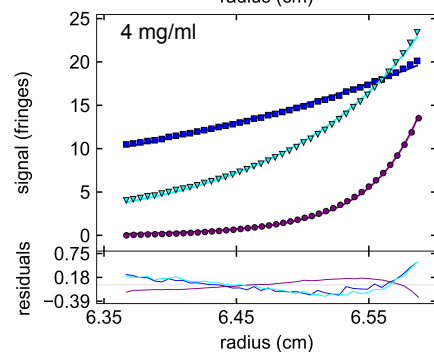
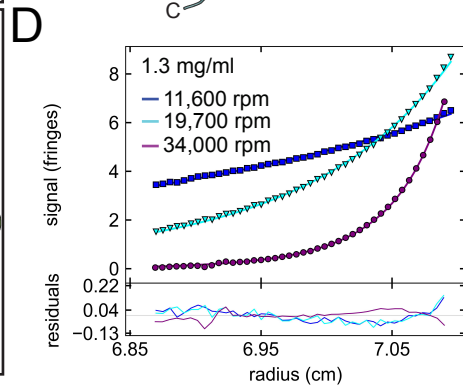
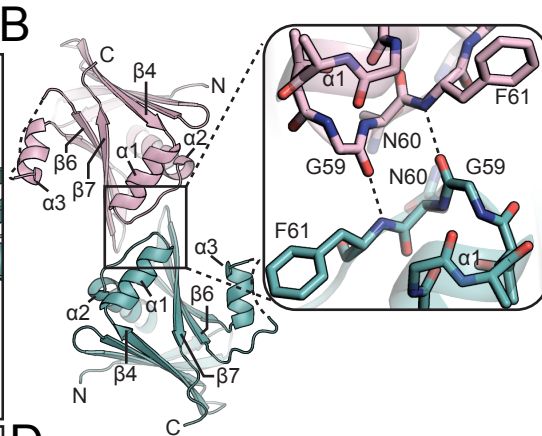
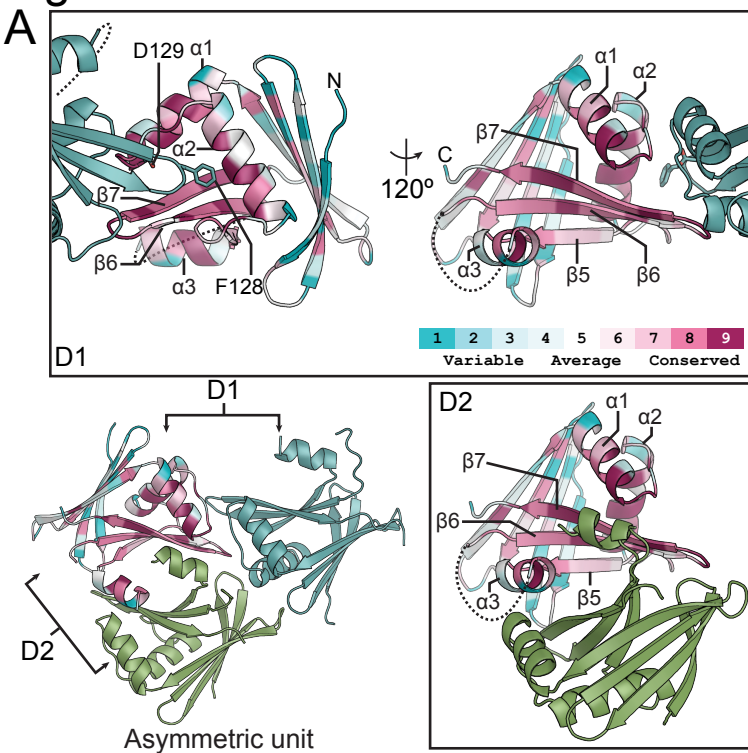
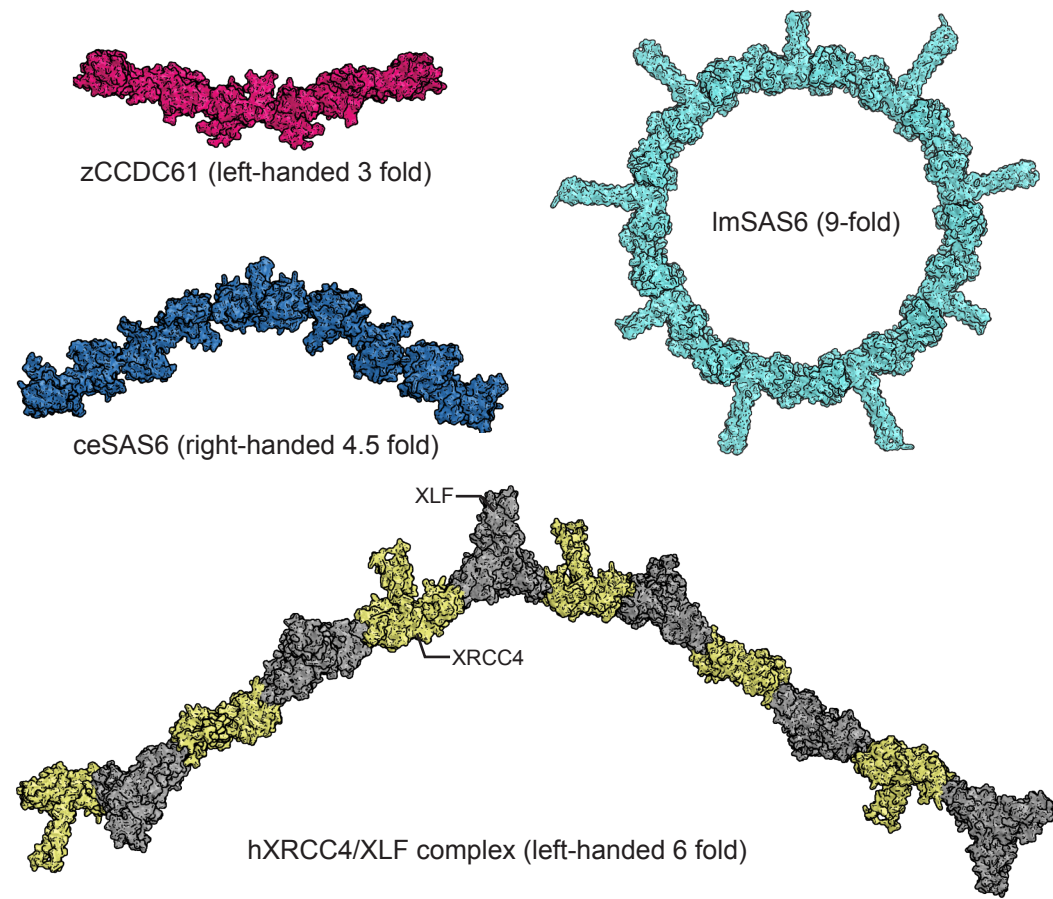


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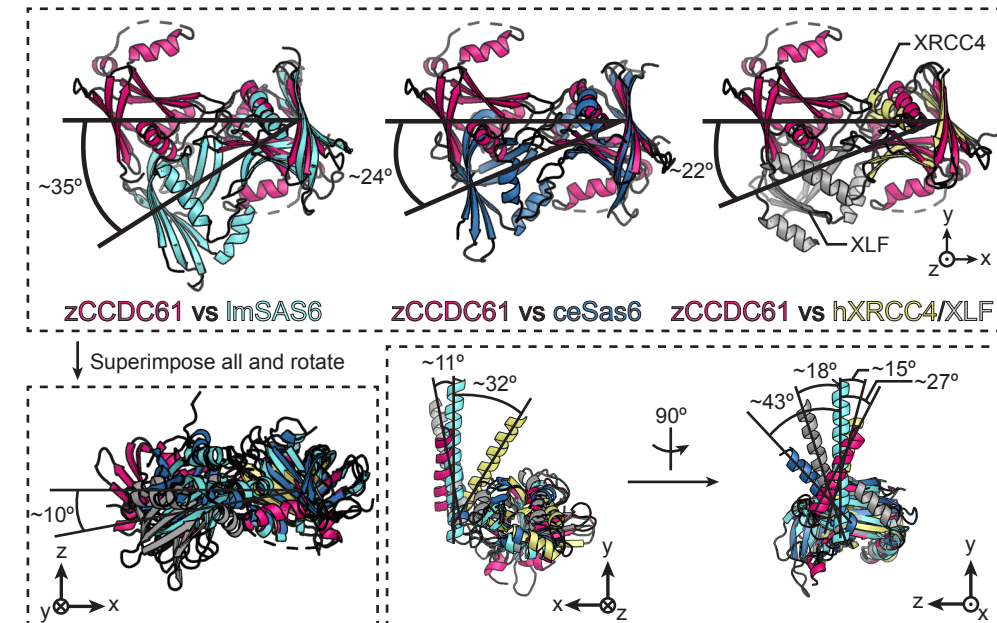


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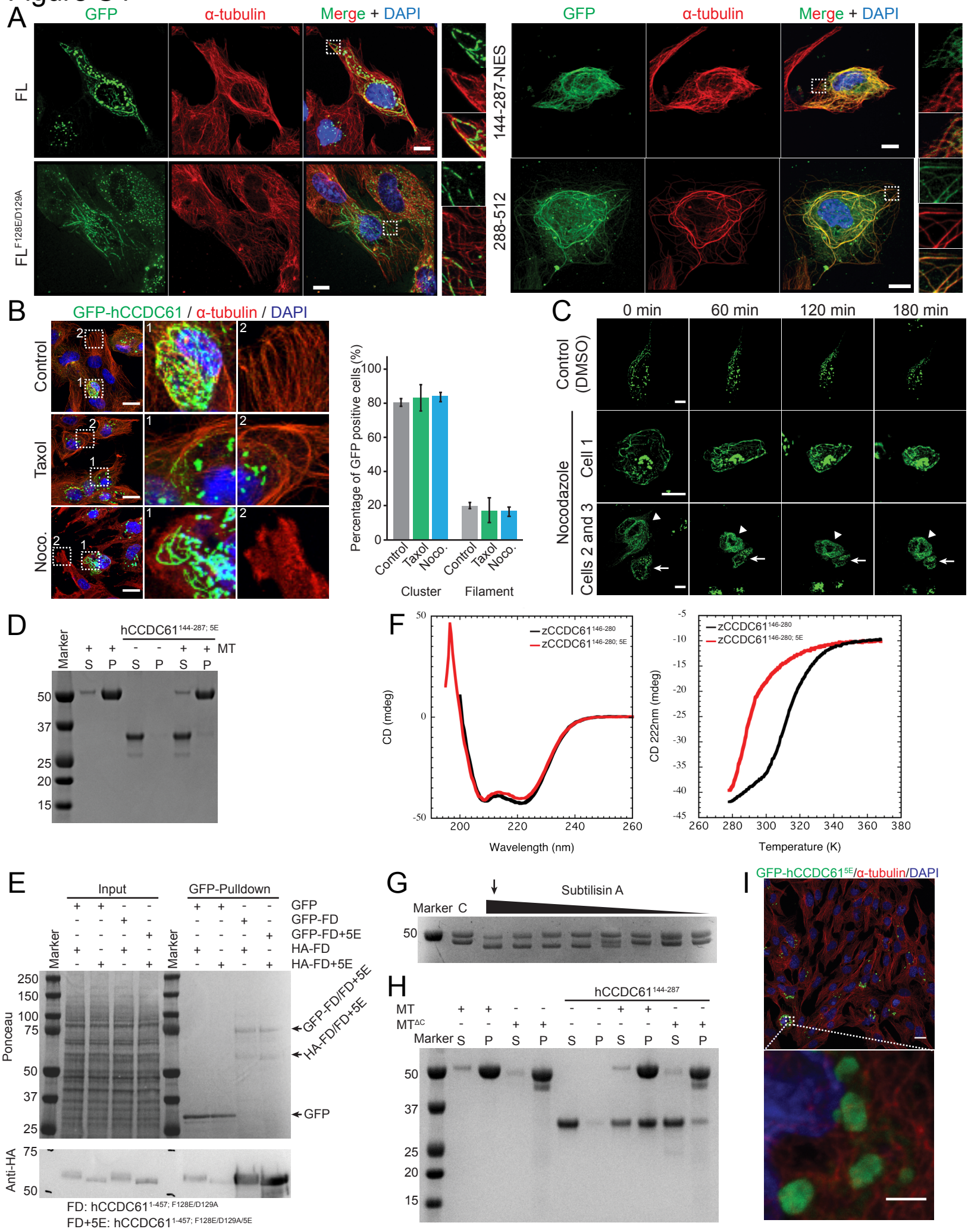


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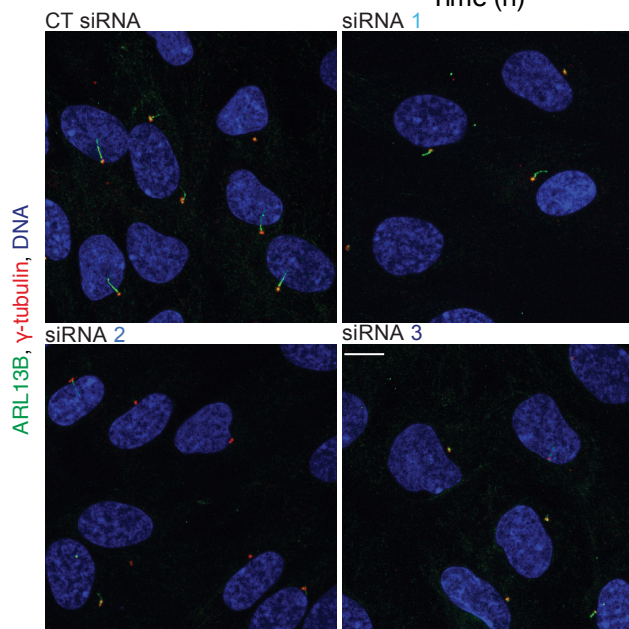
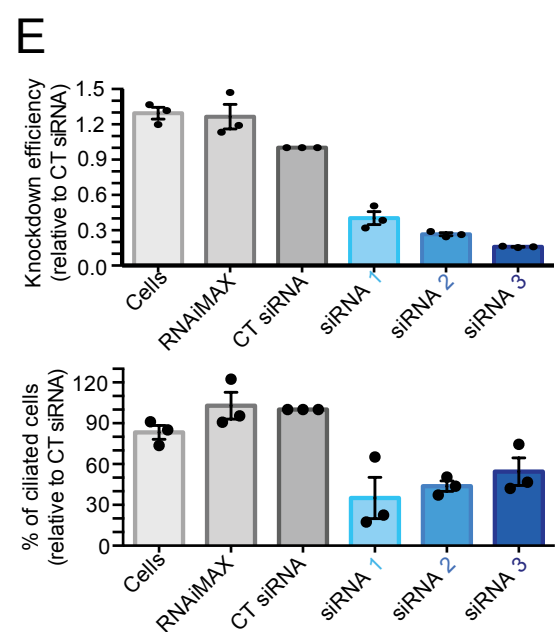
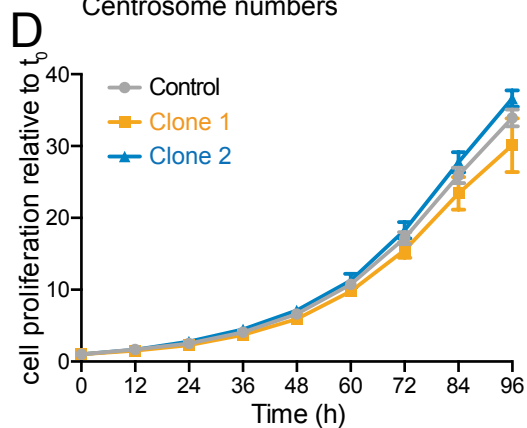
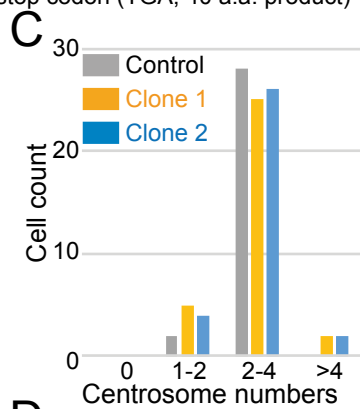
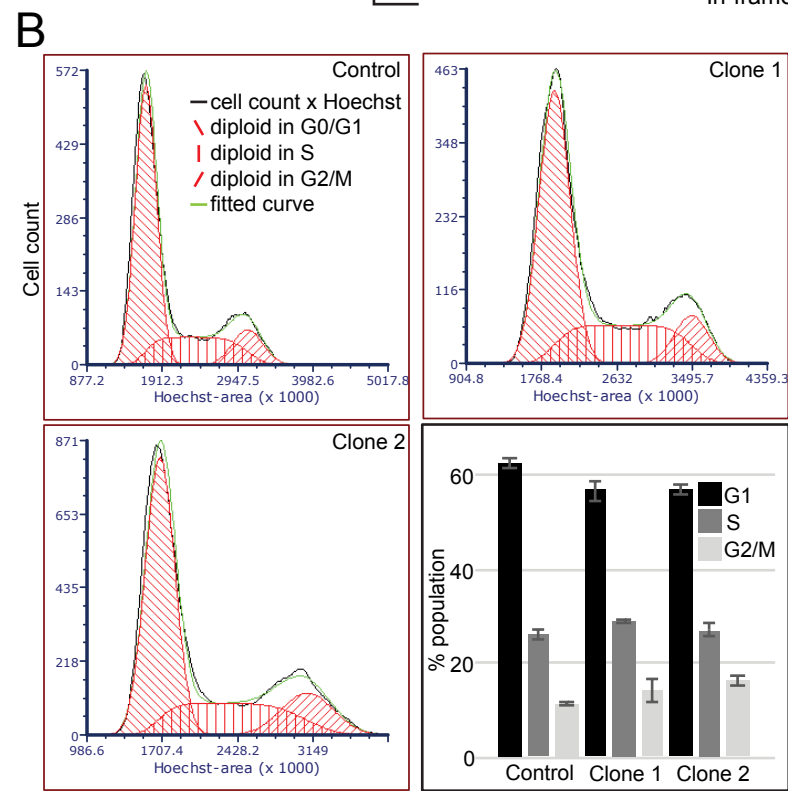
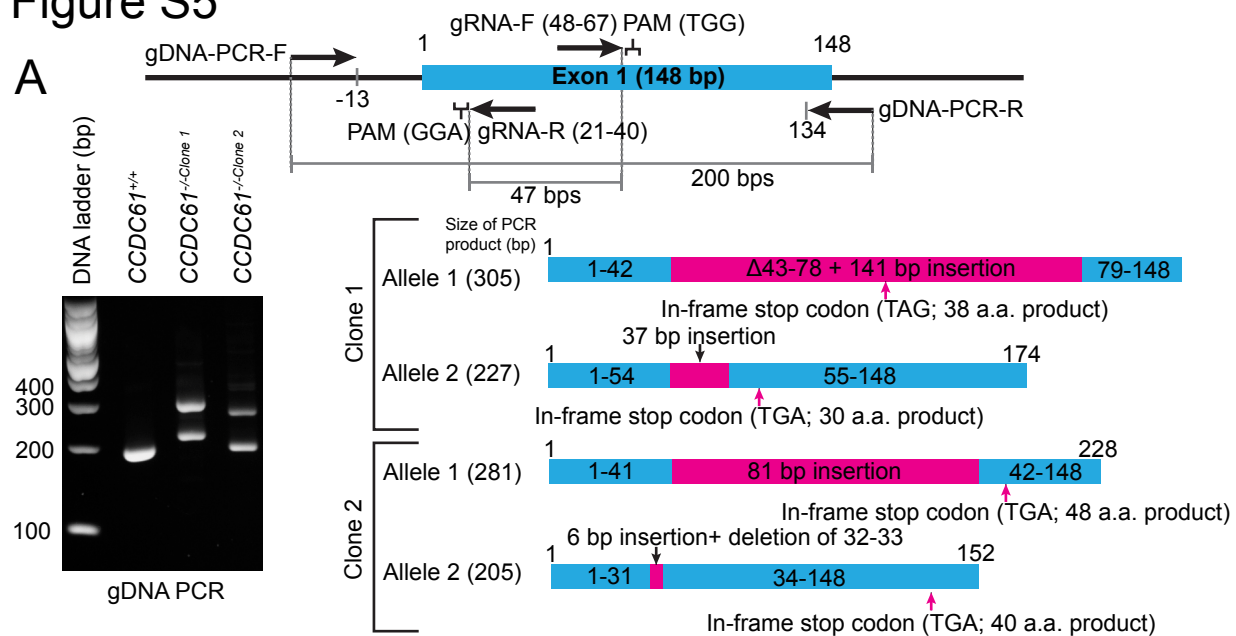
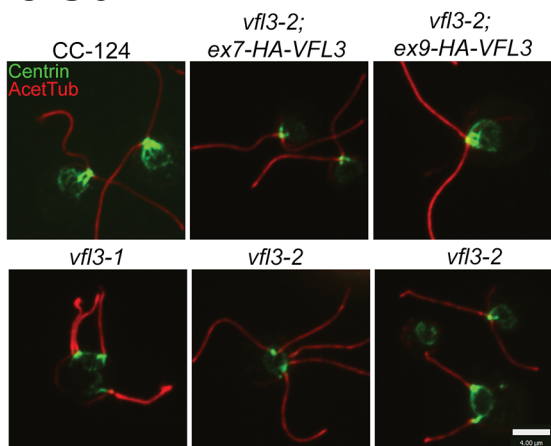
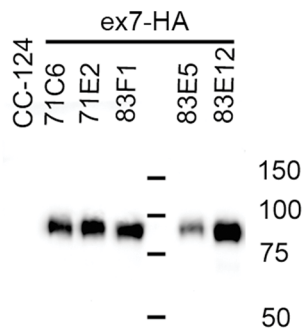


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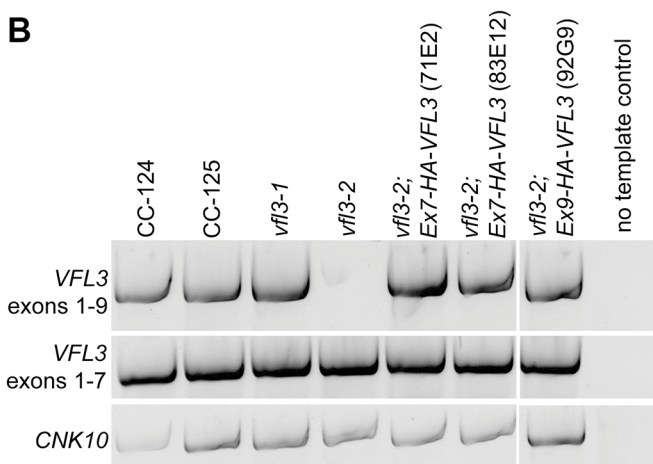
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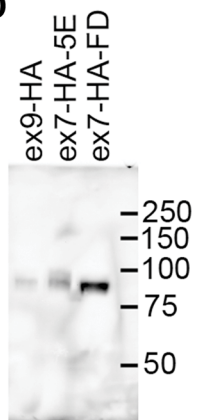


Figure S7

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hSAS6 1 -----MSQVLFHQLVPIQVKCKDCEERRVSIKMSIELQSVSNPVHRKDLVIRLTDDDPFFLYNLVISEEDFQSLKFQQGL--LVDFLA
hXRCC4 1 -----MERKISRIRHV-----SEPSITHFLOVSWEK-----TLESGFVITLTDG---HSAWTGTVSESEISQEADDMAM----EKGK
hXLF 1 MEELEQGLLMOPAWLQ-----AENSLLAKVFITK-----QGYALLVSDL---QQVWHEQVDTSVVSORAKELNKRLTAPPAA
hPAXX 1 -----MDPLSPPLCTLP-----GPEPPRFVCYCEGEE-SGEGRGCFNLVTDA---AELWSTCFTPDSLAALKARFGL----SAED

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Conserved motif

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hCCDC61 67 FCHMLESALTOSS-----ESVFLDLLTYTDLESLRNRKMGRPGSLAPRSAQLNSKRYILIYSVEFD-RIHY-PLPLPYQ
hSAS6 83 FPQKFIDLLQCTQEHAKEIPRFLLQVSPAA-----ILDNSPAFINVVETNPFKHLTHI-SLKLLPG
hXRCC4 66 YVGELRKALLSGAG---PADVYTFNFS-----KESCYFFFEKNLK-DVSFRLGSFNLEKV
hXLF 72 FLCHLDNLLRPLLKDAAH-PSEATFSCDC-----VADALIRVRSELS-GLPFYW-NFHCMLA
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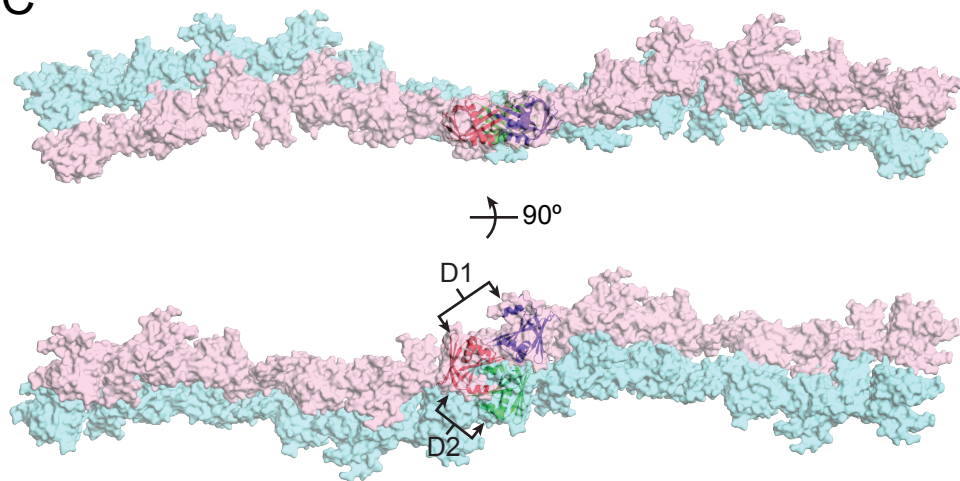
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CCDC61	100 / 0.00				
SAS6	12.85 / 4.56	100 / 0.00			
XRCC4	11.20 / 3.06	11.20 / 4.38	100 / 0.00		
XLF	9.52 / 3.37	7.93 / 5.34	15.51 / 4.26	100 / 0.00	
PAXX	13.39 / 4.00	16.96 / 5.93	11.60 / 4.24	8.03 / 3.92	100 / 0.00
CCDC61	SAS6	XRCC4	XLF	PAXX	

Sequence identities (%) / R.M.S.D (Å)

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