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# SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

# **Rare germline variants in the E-cadherin gene** *CDH1* **are associated with the risk of brain tumors of neuroepithelial and epithelial origin**

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### SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS AND METHODS

## **Isolation of rat oligodendroglial cells**

To prepare primary oligodendroglial cultures from neonatal Sprague-Dawley rats (P0-P3), meninges, choroid plexus, cerebellum and brain stem were removed, and brains were dissociated mechanically and digested enzymatically with 0.1% trypsin (Biochrom, Berlin, Germany) and 0.25% DNase (Roche, Basel, Switzerland). The obtained single cell suspensions were seeded into culture flasks pre-coated with poly-L-lysine (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA). Cultures were kept in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM; Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) supplemented with 1% penicillin/streptomycin (Sigma-Aldrich) at  $37^{\circ}$ C and  $5\%$  CO<sub>2</sub> until use. On day 7, microglial cells were harvested after shaking the culture flasks at 180 rpm and 37°C for 40 min on an orbital shaker. After allowing the remaining cells in the culture flasks to rest for at least 2 h, oligodendroglial cells were isolated by orbitally shaking the culture flasks at 160 rpm and 37°C for 16-20 h. Supernatants were collected, centrifuged and, to reduce contamination with astrocytes and microglia, cells were kept in uncoated culture flasks for 20-30 min at 37°C. Medium containing free-floating oligodendroglial cells was collected, centrifuged, and cells were seeded on glass coverslips coated with poly-L-lysine and kept in medium until day 4 and 6, whereby 80,000 cells were plated in proliferation medium: KnockOut™ DMEM/F-12 supplemented with GlutaMAX<sup>™</sup>, StemPro supplement, EGF, human FGF, PDGF-AA (all from Thermo Fisher Scientific), and 100,000 cells were plated in differentiation medium: Neurobasal® medium supplemented with GlutaMAX<sup>™</sup>, B-27 supplement (all from Thermo Fisher Scientific), and 30 ng/ml T3 (Sigma-Aldrich).

# **Antibodies used for immunofluorescence microscopy**

The following primary antibodies were used for immunostaining of oligodendroglial (precursor) cells: mouse anti-E-cadherin (#610181, Becton, Dickinson and Company, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA; dilution 1:50), rabbit anti-Olig2 (#AB9610, Sigma-Aldrich; dilution 1:500), and mouse anti-MBP (#SMI99, BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA; dilution 1:500).

#### **CRISPR/Cas9-mediated knock-in of** *CDH1***:c.2450C>T p.(A817V)**

To generate a knock-in of *CDH1*:c.2450C>T p.(A817V) in HEK293T cells, the synthesized guide RNA (gRNA) was inserted by T4 DNA ligase into a *Bpi*I-digested pSpCas9(BB)-2A-GFP plasmid (#48138, Addgene, Watertown, MA, USA) containing a gRNA scaffold and expression cassettes for Cas9 and GFP. By transient transfection, the Cas9/gRNA construct and the homology-directed repair template were introduced into HEK293T cells. After 24 hours, GFP-positive cells were isolated using a MoFlo XDP cell sorter (Beckman-Coulter, Brea, MA, USA), and their genomic DNA was extracted using the innuPREP DNA Mini Kit (Analytik Jena, Jena, Germany). To identify the knock-in genotype of selected cell clones, PCR products of *CDH1* exon 16 were analyzed by (i) direct sequencing and (ii) agarose gel electrophoresis after 16 h treatment with *Tau*I restriction enzyme to verify the loss of one of two *Tau*I restriction sites due to the introduced *CDH1*:c.2450C>T variant.

#### **Primary antibodies used for Western blot analysis**

The following primary antibodies were used for immunodetection: anti-AKT (pan) (#4691, C67E7, Cell Signaling Technology (CST), Danvers, MA, USA; dilution 1:1,000), antiphospho-AKT (Ser473) (#4060, D9E, CST; dilution 1:1,000), anti-E-cadherin (#3195, 24E10, CST; dilution 1:1,000), anti-β-catenin (#2698, L87A12, CST; dilution 1:1,000), anti-nonphospho-Ser45-(active)-β-catenin (#19807, D2U8Y, CST; dilution 1:1,000), anti-GAPDH (MAB374, 6C5, Merck; dilution 1:3,000), anti-GFP (sc-9996, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Dallas, TX, USA; dilution 1:1,000), anti-lamin A/C (#4777, 4C11, CST; dilution 1:1,000) or anti-α-tubulin (#2125, 11H10, CST; dilution 1:1,000).

#### **Molecular dynamics simulations**

For molecular dynamics simulations, the crystallized sequence of the ectodomain of wildtype and mutant E-cadherin were fully solvated with the TIP3P explicit water model (Jorgensen et al. 1983), and the systems were neutralized by adding  $Na<sup>+</sup>$  counter ions. A minimum distance of 9 Å between the protein and water box edges was used with periodic boundary conditions.

Langevin dynamics and the Langevin piston method maintained a constant temperature of 310 K and a constant pressure of 1 atm. A cutoff of 12 Å was used for van-der-Waals and short-range electrostatics, and the particle-mesh Ewald method (Darden et al. 1993) was used for long-range electrostatic interactions. The solvated systems were initially energyminimized and equilibrated for at least 5 ns, prior to 100 ns production runs with an integration time step of 2 fs. All MD simulations were carried out on the supercomputer of the North-German Supercomputing Alliance (HLRN). Dynamical network analysis was carried out according to Sethi et al. (2009). Simulation trajectory analysis was performed using VMD 1.9 (Humphrey et al. 1996).

## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



**Suppl. Fig. 1** The identified rare heterozygous *CDH1* variants co-segregate with the tumor phenotype in glioma families 1 and 2 as determined by direct sequencing. **a** Electropherograms of glioma family 1 confirming the presence of the heterozygous *CDH1*:c.2450C>T p.(A817V) variant, which was initially identified by whole-genome sequencing, in the germline of patients III.1 (son), III.2 (daughter), and II.2 (father) with oligodendroglioma, WHO grade II/III, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted, but not in their tumor-unaffected relatives II.1 (paternal uncle) and II.3 (mother). **b** Electropherograms of glioma family 2 demonstrating the heterozygous *CDH1*:c.1774G>A p.(A592T) variant in the germline of patient III.1 (son) with oligodendroglioma, WHO grade II, IDH-mutant and 1p/19qcodeleted and patient II.2 (mother) with a serous ovarian carcinoma, but not in their tumorunaffected relatives II.1 (father) and II.3 (maternal uncle). Nucleotide numbering according to nucleotide position in the coding sequence of NCBI Reference Sequence: NM\_004360.



**Suppl. Fig. 2** Qualitative *Cdh1* mRNA analysis confirming the presence of *Cdh1*-specific sequences in RNA samples from rat oligodendroglial cultures. Oligodendroglial cells were isolated from neonatal Sprague-Dawley rats (P0-P3) and cultured in either proliferation medium (PM) or differentiation medium (DM) for four or six days. After first-strand cDNA synthesis from total RNA extracted from oligodendroglial cultures at day 4 or day 6, specific oligonucleotides (Suppl. Table 9) were used to amplify a part of the rat *Cdh1* cDNA sequence (NM\_031334, c.2165-2536). **a** By gel electrophoresis, a PCR product consistent with the expected rat *Cdh1* cDNA band of 372 bp was detected irrespective of medium used on oligodendroglial cultures or culture duration. **b** Each PCR product shown in (**a**) was subjected to direct sequencing. All obtained electropherograms confirmed the presence of sequences specific for rat *Cdh1* cDNA that are not conserved in other cadherin family members. One of the electropherograms is partly shown.



**Suppl. Fig. 3** The ratios of active and total β-catenin levels were not significantly different in the cytosolic or nuclear fraction of WT/A817V and A817V/A817V compared to WT/WT cells. Protein bands of active β-catenin (detected using a non-phospho-Ser45-specific antibody) and total β-catenin detected by Western blot analysis after subcellular fractionation (as shown in Fig. 3l) were quantified by densitometry (mean±SD of two independent experiments); ns, not significant (Student's *t* test).



**Suppl. Fig. 4** E-cadherin expression in CHO cells transfected with pIRES-EGFP-puro (vector control), pIRES-CDH1 wildtype-EGFP-puro (WT), pIRES-CDH1 A592T-EGFP-puro (A592T), or pIRES-CDH1 A817V-EGFP-puro (A817V), selected by puromycin treatment followed by cell sorting. **a** Cell lysates were examined by Western blot analysis using anti-E-cadherin and anti-GFP antibodies. **b** By densitometric quantification of Western blot analyses (**a**), Ecadherin levels normalized to the co-expressed EGFP-puro were comparable in stably WT and mutant (A592T and A817V) E-cadherin expressing CHO cells (mean±SD of four independent experiments). \*\*\**p* ≤0.001; ns, not significant (Student's *t* test).







**Suppl. Fig. 6** Molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of the mature ectodomain, comprising extracellular cadherin (EC) domains EC1 to EC5, of murine E-cadherin WT (82% sequence identity to the human E-cadherin ectodomain, a crystal structure of the human ectodomain is only available of EC1 and EC2) and E-cadherin A592/438T (the human residue A592 in the pre-protein corresponds to A438 in the mature protein, which is conserved in mouse). **a, b** Upper panel: conformational changes of the E-cadherin WT (**a**) and E-cadherin A592/438T (**b**) ectodomain along the 100 ns MD simulations. Structural changes from the starting structure (grey) are indicated by vectors (**a,** orange; **b,** pink). E-cadherin A592/438T showed increased flexibility particularly of EC1, EC4, and EC5 as illustrated by the larger vector arrows (**b**). Lower panel: dynamical network analysis shows network communities that correlate with the domain architecture of the ectodomain. Network communities of correlated motions are colored individually. Red spheres are used to highlight residue A592/438. The A592/438T variant led to a new network community (grey) around the site of the variant (shown as red spheres) that is uncoupled from the network community (yellow) of the remaining EC5 domain, and also altered the network communities of the EC1 domain (**b**).

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

**Suppl. Table 1** Analysis of WGS germline data from two siblings (III.1, III.2) and their father (II.2) with oligodendroglioma, WHO grade II/III, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted, and their unaffected relatives (II.1, II.3) of glioma family 1 using a linkage-based strategy to identify glioma-predisposing genes



<sup>a</sup>1000 Genomes Project data (http://www.internationalgenome.org/), Exome Aggregation Consortium (ExAC) and Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD) (http://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/), NHLBI Exome Sequencing Project (http://evs.gs.washington.edu/EVS/)

**bSIFT** (http://sift.jcvi.org/), PolyPhen-2 (http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/), RegulationSpotter (http://www.regulationspotter.org/) <sup>c</sup>Variants are summarized in Suppl. Table 2





a SNP database ID (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SNP/)

<sup>b</sup>According to the gnomAD browser v2.1.1 (all samples, http://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/)

c SIFT (http://sift.jcvi.org/)

d PolyPhen-2 (http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/)

e RegulationSpotter (http://www.regulationspotter.org/)

f According to Rahman 2014

**Suppl. Table 3** Oligonucleotides used for amplification and sequencing of human *CDH1* (NM\_004360) coding exons



**Suppl. Table 4** Oligonucleotides used for amplification and sequencing of human *POT1*  (NM\_015450) coding exons





**Suppl. Table 5** Oligonucleotides used to subclone the human *CDH1* open reading frame amplified from hE-cadherin-pcDNA3 (#45769; Addgene) into the *Xh*oI-linearized pIRES-EGFP-puro vector (#45567; Addgene)



**Suppl. Table 6** Oligonucleotides used for site-directed mutagenesis of human *CDH1*  variants into a pIRES-CDH1 wildtype-EGFP-puro construct



**Suppl. Table 7** Oligonucleotides used for quantitative PCR of rat *Cdh1* cDNA (NM\_031334)



**Suppl. Table 8** Oligonucleotides used for quantitative PCR of rat *Pgk1* cDNA (NM\_053291), as described in Langnaese et al. 2008



**Suppl. Table 9** Oligonucleotides used for amplification and sequencing of rat *Cdh1* cDNA (NM\_031334)



**Suppl. Table 10** Oligonucleotides used for CRISPR knock-in of the human *CDH1* A817V variant in HEK293T cells



Given are sense and antisense oligonucleotides designed for gRNA (target sequence in bold print) insertion into the pSpCas9(BB)-2A-GFP vector (#48138, Addgene), and sequence of the synthetic single-stranded oligo DNA nucleotide (ssODN) containing the *CDH1*:c.2450C>T p.(A817V) variant and the synonymous PAM variant c.2472C>T (both indicated in bold print) used as homology-directed repair template in the CRISPR/Cas9 protocol.

**Suppl. Table 11** Oligonucleotides used to determine the sequence of gRNA on- and offtarget sites in the three HEK293T cell clones selected for further analysis harboring either human wildtype *CDH1*, a heterozygous or homozygous *CDH1* A817V knock-in



E, exon

**Suppl. Table 12** Rare non-silent *CDH1* variants predicted to be deleterious identified in leukocyte DNA of glioma families or tumor DNA of 99 oligodendrogliomas, WHO grade II/III, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted and their allele frequency compared to controls



Given are all identified rare (minor allele frequency, MAF ≤0.5%), non-silent (i.e. splice site, frameshift, in-frame indels, stop gained/lost and nonsynonymous missense) variants predicted to be deleterious by at least one prediction tool, i.e. SIFT or PolyPhen-2, in the *CDH1* gene (NM\_004360) and their allele frequencies in glioma families (leukocyte DNA) and oligodendrogliomas, WHO grade II/III, IDH-mutant and 1p/19qcodeleted (tumor DNA) compared to controls. The MAFs indicated in bold print significantly differ from controls (*p* ≤0.01, two-sided Fisher's exact test).

a SNP database ID (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SNP/)

b SIFT (http://sift.jcvi.org/)

c PolyPhen-2 (http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/)

<sup>d</sup>Leukocyte DNA of glioma families with at least two glioma patients each was investigated (n=15)

e Tumor DNA of oligodendrogliomas, WHO grade II/III, IDH-mutant and 1p/19q-codeleted was investigated (*CDH1* exons 1-11 n=28-65, exon 12 n=75, exon 13 n=72, exon 14 n=96, exon 15 n=99, exon 16 n=93)

f Control individuals according to the gnomAD browser v2.1.1 (http://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/) (n=60,146**)**

<sup>g</sup>Leukocyte DNA was not available to determine whether the variant is present in the germline or not

<sup>h</sup>Variant not detected in DNA from non-neoplastic tissue or whole blood

i Homozygous variant detected in one anaplastic oligodendroglioma, WHO grade III, IDH-wildtype and 1p/19q-codeleted



**Suppl. Table 13** Oligodendroglioma patients and oligodendrogliomas harboring rare non-silent *CDH1* variants predicted to be deleterious

NCBI Reference Sequence: NM\_004360

O II, oligodendroglioma, WHO grade II; AO III, anaplastic oligodendroglioma, WHO grade III; A II, astrocytoma

**Suppl. Table 14** Rare non-silent variant predicted to be deleterious identified by mutational analysis of *CDH1* exons 14 to 16 in tumor DNA of 65 renal cell carcinomas (RCC) and its allele frequency compared to controls



Given are all rare (minor allele frequency, MAF ≤0.5%), non-silent (i.e. splice site, frameshift, in-frame indels, stop gained/lost and nonsynonymous missense) variants predicted to be deleterious by at least one prediction tool, i.e. SIFT or PolyPhen-2, in exons 14 to 16 of the *CDH1* gene (NM\_004360) and their allele frequency in RCCs (tumor DNA) compared to controls. The MAF indicated in bold print significantly differs from controls (*p* ≤0.001, two-sided Fisher's exact test).

a SNP database ID (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SNP/)

b SIFT (http://sift.jcvi.org/)

c PolyPhen-2 (http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/)

<sup>d</sup>Control individuals according to the gnomAD browser v2.1.1 (http://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/)

e Homozygous variant in one chromophobe RCC

<sup>f</sup>Leukocyte DNA was not available to determine whether the variant is present in the germline or not

**Suppl. Table 15** No indels at off-target sites were detected in the selected *CDH1WT/WT, CDH1WT/A817V*, and *CDH1A817V/A817V* HEK293T single cell clones



All coding off-target sites with homology to the given guide RNA (gRNA) on-target site in *CDH1* exon 16 were determined by the CRISPOR webtool (http://crispor.tefor.net/), and are sorted by their cutting frequency determination (CFD) score. Sequence analysis of genomic DNA amplicons was performed by direct sequencing (oligonucleotide sequences are given in Suppl. Table 11).

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