

Remodeling and activation mechanisms of outer arm dyneins revealed by cryo-EM

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Referee #1:

GENERAL SUMMARY AND OPINION ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY, ITS QUESTIONS AND FINDINGS:

I was informed by EMBO that part of the submitted manuscript has been scooped by a paper published in Nature Communications on Jan 2021 (Pubmed ID 33473120) and since main findings by the authors were posted on the BioRxiv website before the publication of the Nat Comms paper the study is covered by our preprint scooping protection policy. Therefore, the Nature Communications paper was not included in my revisions.

The manuscript is well written. The topic covered is interesting and timely. The study provides useful insight into the mechanism comprising attachment of the ODA to the doublet microtubule and the remodeling and activation of the ODA complex. I think it would be of the interest of the readers of the EMBO journal.

My main concern is regarding the MD simulations, which are actually coarse-grained MD simulations not all-atom MD simulations.

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Despite my critics above, I think that the coarse grained MD simulations still provide useful data for this study. They suggest that Shulin binding is weakened upon applying external force. This finding is complimentary to their experimental findings.

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aware of the limitations and what was performed in detail, I believe it shouldn't be a problem.

The authors may consider including coarse-grained MD details in the supplementary data if they feel that it will affect the conciseness of their manuscript.

Taken all together, it is my opinion that this study can be published after performing the revisions provided below. Therefore, my recommendation will be minor revision.

SPECIFIC MAJOR CONCERNS ESSENTIAL TO BE ADDRESSED TO SUPPORT THE CONCLUSIONS

The authors perform coarse-grained MD simulations. Each amino acid is represented by a single bead. Whether implicit solvent is included in the simulations is not indicated. Thus, I have to conclude that solvent effect was not included. This would affect the results significantly.

Since coarse-grained MD simulations do not comprise any atomic detail, the way they are performed and to what extend a conclusion can be drawn should be treated very carefully. Dyneins have a very complex machinery. The machinery correlates atomic events to global molecular motions. To what extend coarse-grained MD simulations can capture them is debatable. Yet, we know for fact that due to the missing atomic detail they cannot catch all of them. However, coarse-grained MD simulations have the advantage over all-atom MD simulations that they are computationally much less expensive thus allowing for longer MD simulation lengths. However, this study does not make use of them. In the study it is indicated that $5x10^{7}$ MD steps were performed for each of the 10 simulations. This is not a large number. Even all-atom MD studies are able to go easily several orders more steps than this.

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"The force field for observing dynamics used AICG2+ (Li, W., et al., 2012; Li, W. et al., 2014)."

It seems there is something missing in this sentence. AICG2+ is a coarse-grained model. Why does it fit this problem and in which related applications were it successfully applied?

"In the AICG2+, the reference structure was assumed as the most stable conformation, and their parameters are defined from the reference of all-atom structures."

Which parameters do the authors refer to?

"Here, by comparing the inactive Shulin-ODA model with the active ODA structure on the doublet, we identified chains that keep their binding and chains which change their binding schemes"

How did the authors do this?

"Based on this information, we adjusted the parameters that determine the attraction between the chains. First, since Dyh3, 4, and 5 clearly have a different contact style, we set the

attraction force between these chains to be 0.5 times of the default. Next, since the contacts between Dyh3, Dic2, and the LC tower were not significantly changed, we increased the attraction by a factor of 10 in order to treat this chain as a rigid body"

What is the attraction factor? Most of the readers won't know it. There should be a description of the coarse grained model provided and which parameters are changed in this model. Even the main equations of the coarse-grained model could be provided.

"Lastly, the attractive force between Shulin and others was decreased by 0.3 times the default in order to observe the Shulin detachment in a reasonable simulation time"

What is a reasonable simulation time? This is a bit vague statement. These type of parameters are going to strongly affect the outcome and observation of the coarse-grained MD simulations. Why they are selected should be rigorously stated. Furthermore, this bias in the simulations should be clearly indicated in the main text (Docking of the ODA complex to the DC induces the remodeling) and figure 5.

What is the time step used? How many fs, ps, or ns?

In the discussion section in the following sentence

"Based on our structure and MD simulation, we present a model of how the ODA attachment induces remodeling and activation of the ODA complex (Fig. 6)."

It should be clearly stated that these are coarse-grained MD simulations with weakened Shulin interaction.

MINOR CONCERNS THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED

1) In the abstract it is written that

"Combined with molecular dynamics simulations, we present a model of how the attachment of the ODA to the doublet microtubule induces remodeling and activation of the ODA complex."

Here it should be clearly indicated that those MD simulations are coarse-grained molecular dynamics simulations.

2) Same issue exists in the in the final sentence of the introduction

"Combined with molecular dynamics (MD) simulations, we have revealed how the ODA complex undergoes an activating rearrangement when it is docked onto the doublet microtubule."

It should read combined with "coarse-grained molecular dynamics (MD) simulations"

3) Similarly in the "Docking of the ODA complex to the DC induces the remodeling" section it is written "To test if the remodeling of the Dyh3 HC causes the detachment of Shulin, we

performed a MD simulation.". Here it should read "coarse-grained MD simulations"

4) In the figures Shuilin is neither tagged nor its color is indicated.

5) It is also a bit unusual to have MD steps instead of simulation time. I would strongly suggest the reader to change it to time.

6) In the section "Docking complex modelling" usage of BLASTP, MODELLER and Coot is indicated. The authors may prefer to include a bit more regarding the search and modelling parameters used.

7) The authors wrote "When we blasted CCDC151, we found Q22T00 as a homolog". This sounds a bit odd. Maybe something like "Using BLAST, Q22T00 was as identified as a homolog for CCDC151". Again as indicated in the previous comment, the parameters used in the BLAST search would be beneficial for the readers.

8) Similarly, in the MD simulations sections "The inactive Shulin-ODA structure had some missing residues. For MD simulation, we modelled loops for missing regions by MODELLER (Šali, A. and Blundell., T. L., 1993)." Which PDB structure did MODELLER use as a template? As a reader, I would be interested in this information.

9) Considering that there are only a couple of all-atom MD studies on dynein and a limited number of coarse-grained MD studies, it is my opinion that the presence should at least be acknowledged.

The reader should know that all-atom MD and coarse-grained MD are performed in the literature successfully for dyneins. A sentence or maybe two summarizing MD studies in the literature would suffice.

Here are a couple of all-atom MD studies

Can, S., Lacey, S., Gur, M., Carter, A. P., and Yildiz, A. (2019). Directionality of dynein is controlled by the angle and length of its stalk. Nature, 566(7744), 407-410. Kamiya, N., Mashimo, T., Takano, Y., Kon, T., Kurisu, G., and Nakamura, H. (2016). Elastic properties of dynein motor domain obtained from all-atom molecular dynamics simulations. Protein Engineering, Design and Selection, 29(8), 317-325.

Here are a few coarse-grained MD studies

Dutta, M., and Jana, B. (2019). Role of AAA3 Domain in Allosteric Communication of Dynein Motor Proteins. ACS omega, 4(26), 21921-21930.

Dutta, M., and Jana, B. (2021). Computational modeling of dynein motor proteins at work. Chemical Communications.

Goldtzvik, Y., Mugnai, M. L., & Thirumalai, D. (2018). Dynamics of allosteric transitions in dynein. Structure, 26(12), 1664-1677. e1665.

Kubo, S., Li, W., and Takada, S. (2017). Allosteric conformational change cascade in cytoplasmic dynein revealed by structure-based molecular simulations. PLoS computational biology, 13(9), e1005748. (This is already in the references so citing it again won't increase

the total number of references)

Wang, Q., Jana, B., Diehl, M. R., Cheung, M. S., Kolomeisky, A. B., and Onuchic, J. N. (2018). Molecular mechanisms of the interhead coordination by interhead tension in cytoplasmic dyneins. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 115(40), 10052-10057.

Zheng, W. (2012). Coarse-grained modeling of the structural states and transition underlying the powerstroke of dynein motor domain. The Journal of chemical physics, 136(15), 04B617.

Please note that these are suggestions. There are already 59 citations in the manuscript. Maybe the authors prefer only to cite the most recent ones. I leave it up to them.

Referee #2:

The authors seek to understand the interaction of ODAs and doublet microtubules using tetrahymena cilia extract. Using cryo-EM and modified non-helical single particle analysis, the authors obtained the structure of the ODA-doublet microtubule complex at a resolution between 5.5-7 A. In addition, the authors made a comparison to a recently published structure of ODA in the inactive form in complex with the protein shulin. The authors discussed how the structural change occurs upon engagement of doublet-microtubules within cilia, and further how shulin release, i.e. activation of ODA, may happen in the presence of force using MD simulation.

The structure of this paper has much lower resolution (5.5-7 A) compared to a recently published report by Alan Brown and colleagues (3.8 A), therefore the structure itself does not give much additional information as is. The structures resemble each other and the authors much descriptively explain the structures. There are slightly different observations, for example, the presence of LC3 in this paper, or the linker region for b-HC or Dyh4 connected to AAA5 in post power stroke reported by Alan Brown and colleagues, whereas in this paper, in tetrahymena, it was slightly leaning towards the AAA4. This could be due to the interaction of LC3.

The most interesting part of this paper is the comparison of the structure with the recently published inactive form of ODA(ODA-shulin) and molecular modelling to enable the discussion of how the conformational change of ODA occurs form the inactive to the active form. As the authors make extensive analysis of the structures, this paper makes a distinction from the report of Alan Brown.

Overall, it is an interesting story enough to consider because of the comparison of active/inactive form of ODA. For the structure itself, the quality is not as stellar as the one from Alan Brown, but it would be beneficial if the authors compare their structure with Alan Brown's more side-by-side, mention differences and discuss if that is due to the different biological source (Tetrahymena vs Chlamydomonas) or due to the resolution difference.

Scientific advisor's comments:

1. The authors do not do a very good job in citing the literature. They often omit the original papers and instead cite their own, much more recent publications. Just two examples:

- "Unlike cytoplasmic dyneins which walk on microtubules while carrying cargos, axonemal dyneins are anchored firmly on the doublet microtubules (Bui, K. H. et al., 2008; Bui, K. H. et al., 2009)." That axonemal dyneins are anchored firmly to the doublet is know from the '80, the authors should take the time to look for the original publications.

- "By cryo-electron tomography (cryo-ET) work, ODAs were shown to form a 24-nm repeating row on the doublet microtubules (Bui, K. H. et al., 2012; Lin J. and Nicastro, D. 2018)." Also in this case it is know from the '80 that ODA bind every 24 nm from standard EM images. Additionally, Nicastro published a paper in 2006 where she shows ODA in cryo-ET for the first time... it is strange that the authors cite themselves with a paper from 2012 and then Nicastro with a paper from 2018.

2. The statement: "However, the interactions among the ODA and DC complexes and the doublet have not been revealed in subnanometer resolution." is wrong. The sentence should be removed and the authors should cite the paper from Brown's lab (Pubmed ID 33473120).

3. About novelty, unluckily the high resolution structure of the ODA docked on the microtubule doublet is not novel anymore. I say unluckily, because this is a big part of the paper, it is technically very well done, and it must have been a considerable investment of time and efforts for the authors.

The only novel contribution is in the very last chapter of the manuscript results: "Docking of the ODA complex to the DC induces the remodeling". This aspect was only briefly mentioned at the end of the Discussion in the Brown's paper, but not addressed experimentally.

So, there is an aspect of novelty in the submitted manuscript. Unluckily, I am not an expert in molecular dynamics and it is difficult for me to provide rigorous technical evaluation of this part of the manuscript.

Rebuttal of the original manuscript's comments

First, we would like to thank the reviewers and editors for the constructive suggestions and criticisms. We appreciate all the comments and try to improve the manuscripts according to the suggestions. In this revision, here are the main things that we improve:

• Adding Supplementary figure 3 to compare between our model & PDB 7kzm (ODA model from Chlamydomonas by Brown lab)

- Adding more detail regarding methods for our coarse-grained molecular dynamics and other analyses.
- The deposited PDB, composite map & validation report are downloadable for the reviewers from

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/suzzrtfwpaoo90f/AAAUIMYPY_XQaOdiRRlClpPPa?dl=0
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Below is our rebuttal to the reviews.

>Referee #1:

>GENERAL SUMMARY AND OPINION ABOUT THE PRINCIPAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE >STUDY, ITS QUESTIONS AND FINDINGS:

>I was informed by EMBO that part of the submitted manuscript has been scooped by a >paper published in Nature Communications on Jan 2021 (Pubmed ID 33473120) and since >main findings by the authors were posted on the BioRxiv website before the publication of >the Nat Comms paper the study is covered by our preprint scooping protection policy. >Therefore, the Nature Communications paper was not included in my revisions.

>The manuscript is well written. The topic covered is interesting and timely. The study >provides useful insight into the mechanism comprising attachment of the ODA to the doublet >microtubule and the remodeling and activation of the ODA complex. I think it would be of the >interest of the readers of the EMBO journal.

We appreciate that the referee #1 has agreed that our work has shown useful insight into the dynein activation mechanisms.

>My main concern is regarding the MD simulations, which are actually coarse-grained MD >simulations not all-atom MD simulations.

>Since coarse-grained MD simulations lack atomic details, they have limitations on what >conclusions can be drawn for them. This, on the other hand, further depends on how these >coarse-grained simulations were performed. In my opinion, in the current state of the >coarse-grained MD section of the manuscript, there are not enough details provided for me >to perform an in-depth evaluation.

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We apologize for insufficient details for the coarse-grained MD simulation. We have included more details for the coarse-grained MD simulation in the main text as well as Materials and Methods section, especially about the external forces applied. Sentences describing the weakened interaction of Shulin were also added so that readers can clearly understand the condition. We believe that there is enough information for readers to evaluate our coarse-grained MD simulation.

>Despite my critics above, I think that the coarse grained MD simulations still provide useful >data for this study. They suggest that Shulin binding is weakened upon applying external >force. This finding is complementary to their experimental findings.

We appreciate that referee #1 understands the importance of our study.

>I have to emphasize that the coarse-grained MD simulations only comprise a small part of >the study. If the coarse-grained MD simulations performed in this study would have >performed as all-atom MD simulations, then this would require an extensive amount of >computational resources. It would probably not be feasible to ask for all-atom MD >simulations at this stage. Furthermore, there is extensive experimental data in the study. As >long as the reader is made aware of the limitations and what was performed in detail, I >believe it shouldn't be a problem.

We appreciate that the referee #1 agrees that our coarse-grained MD simulation is still meaningful for this project. More details of our coarse-grained MD simulation is incorporated into the manuscript so that the readers can understand what kind of conclusions can be drawn as well as the limitations of our method.

>The authors may consider including coarse-grained MD details in the supplementary data if >they feel that it will affect the conciseness of their manuscript.

We think that our coarse-grained MD simulation is important for our model of activation of the ODA complex, and therefore, we wish to keep these results in the main figure. We have put details of our coarse-grained MD simulation like equations in Supplementary text.

>Taken all together, it is my opinion that this study can be published after performing the >revisions provided below. Therefore, my recommendation will be a minor revision.

We appreciate the positive response of the referee and we believe that our revised manuscript is suitable for the publication now.

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The effect of water solvent is treated implicitly via Langevin dynamics. This point is also mentioned in the Materials and Method section.

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In the previous MD simulation using AICG2+, the allosteric conformational change of dynein was simulated with 10^7 MD steps and it succeeded to observe their mechanism (Kubo et al., PLoS Comp 2017), therefore, we believe that the 5x10^7 MD steps are enough to simulate the dynein conformational change. This point was included in the manuscript so that the reason we chose this time scale would be clearer.

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We have fixed the sentence. Here, we do not try to obtain the detailed information of the residues. Rather, we want to gain insights into the relationship between global conformational change and detachment of Shulin. These points were also included in the main text.

>"In the AICG2+, the reference structure was assumed as the most stable conformation, and >their parameters are defined from the reference of all-atom structures."

>Which parameters do the authors refer to?

For example, native bond, native angle, native dihd, native contact. Here is the equation.

$$\begin{aligned} V_{AICG2+}(R|R_0) &= \sum_{i} K_{b,i} (b_i - b_{i,0})^2 + V_{loc}^{flp} \\ &+ \sum_{j=i+2} \varepsilon_{loc,ij} \exp\left(-\frac{(r_{ij} - r_{ij0})^2}{2W_{ij}^2}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{j=i+3} \varepsilon_{loc,ij} \exp\left(-\frac{(\phi_{ij} - \phi_{ij0})^2}{2W_{\phi,ij}^2}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{i < j-3}^{nat \ contact} \varepsilon_{go,ij} \left[5\left(\frac{r_{ij0}}{r_{ij}}\right)^{12} - 6\left(\frac{r_{ij0}}{r_{ij}}\right)^{10}\right] + \sum_{i < j-3}^{non-native} \varepsilon_{ev} \left(\frac{d}{r_{ij}}\right)^{12} \end{aligned}$$

Each term represents the elasticity of the virtual bond, the sequence-dependent angleand dihedral-angle potential, the structure-based local potential between i-th and i+2-th residues, the structure-based local potential for dihedral angles, the Go potential for non-local natively interacting pairs, and the generic repulsion for the rest of the non-local pairs. The vector R represents the $3n_{aa}$ -dimensional Cartesian coordinates of the simulated protein where n_{aa} is the number of the protein amino acids. R_0 is the corresponding coordinate in the reference structure. All variables with the subscript 0 refer to parameters defined by the reference structure (initial structure).

 b_i : bond length beween i-th and i+1-th residues.

 V_{loc}^{flp} : (Terakawa et al., Biophys J 2011)

 r_{ii} : distance between i-th and j-th residues.

 ϕ_{ii} : dihedral angle defined as i-th, i+1-th, i+2-th, and i+3-th residues.

 $W_{ij}^2, W_{\phi,ij}^2$: widths of the attractive interaction

 $K_{b,i}, \varepsilon_{loc,ij}, \varepsilon_{go,ij}$: determined by AMBER force field

 ε_{ev} , d: determined from a structural servay.

The default values of these parameters in CafeMol manual (http://www.cafemol.org).

We have included these equations and parameters in the supplementary text. We hope that the referee finds the information sufficient.

>"Here, by comparing the inactive Shulin-ODA model with the active ODA structure on the >doublet, we identified chains that keep their binding and chains which change their binding >schemes"

>How did the authors do this?

Here, we compared the structures of Shulin-ODA and our active ODA complex and checked which interactions are kept after the conformational change by visual inspection. We have added the sentences describing this point.

>"Based on this information, we adjusted the parameters that determine the attraction >between the chains. First, since Dyh3, 4, and 5 clearly have a different contact style, we set >the attraction force between these chains to be 0.5 times of the default. Next, since the >contacts between Dyh3, Dic2, and the LC tower were not significantly changed, we >increased the attraction by a factor of 10 in order to treat this chain as a rigid body"

>What is the attraction factor? Most of the readers won't know it. There should be a >description of the coarse grained model provided and which parameters are changed in this >model. Even the main equations of the coarse-grained model could be provided.

We have included the main equation in Supplementary text and cited it. The attraction factor that we mentioned here is "The Go potential for non-local natively interacting pairs" in the AICG2+ equation. The Go potential is already well estimated for the intra-chain interactions, but it needs to be edited for the inter-chain interactions, so we changed these parameters. This point was also included in the Supplementary text.

>"Lastly, the attractive force between Shulin and others was decreased by 0.3 times the >default in order to observe the Shulin detachment in a reasonable simulation time"

>What is a reasonable simulation time? This is a bit vague statement. These type of >parameters are going to strongly affect the outcome and observation of the coarse-grained >MD simulations. Why they are selected should be rigorously stated. Furthermore, this bias in >the simulations should be clearly indicated in the main text (Docking of the ODA complex to >the DC induces the remodeling) and figure 5.

Here, we aimed to see if the conformational change of ODA complex induces the Shulin detachment and we are not trying to obtain insights into the time scale of the detachment. With these simulation times, we were able to see the difference in Shulin detachment rate with and without applied force. We revised our sentences carefully so that our intentions would be clearer for the readers.

>What is the time step used? How many fs, ps, or ns?

One MD step roughly corresponds to \sim 1 ps. Thus, each trajectory corresponds to approximately 50 µs, but the correspondence with the real time is weak. In addition, the event might not really occur in this time scale since the external force values are only

parameters, which are not obtained from the experiment. However, it is still possible to confirm that the existence of the external force promotes the dissociation itself. These points are now included in the manuscript.

>In the discussion section in the following sentence

>"Based on our structure and MD simulation, we present a model of how the ODA attachment >induces remodeling and activation of the ODA complex (Fig. 6)."

>It should be clearly stated that these are coarse-grained MD simulations with weakened >Shulin interaction.

We mentioned these points so that the readers can evaluate our condition clearly.

MINOR CONCERNS THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED

>1) In the abstract it is written that

>"Combined with molecular dynamics simulations, we present a model of how the attachment >of the ODA to the doublet microtubule induces remodeling and activation of the ODA >complex."

>Here it should be clearly indicated that those MD simulations are coarse-grained molecular >dynamics simulations.

The expression in the abstract was changed accordingly.

>2) Same issue exists in the in the final sentence of the introduction

"Combined with molecular dynamics (MD) simulations, we have revealed how the ODA >complex undergoes an activating rearrangement when it is docked onto the doublet >microtubule."

>It should read combined with "coarse-grained molecular dynamics (MD) simulations"

We changed the expression to show clearly that it is coarse-grained molecular dynamis (MD) simulations.

>3) Similarly in the "Docking of the ODA complex to the DC induces the remodeling" section it >is written "To test if the remodeling of the Dyh3 HC causes the detachment of Shulin, we >performed a MD simulation.".

>Here it should read "coarse-grained MD simulations"

The expression was fixed.

>4) In the figures Shuilin is neither tagged nor its color is indicated.

We have labeled Shulin in the figure and mention that Shulin is shown green in the figure legend.

>5) It is also a bit unusual to have MD steps instead of simulation time. I would strongly >suggest the reader to change it to time.

We included the sentence about the relationship between MD steps and the time in the main text. However, it is a rough correlation and showing them as time might cause the misunderstanding. Therefore, we wish to keep the label of the figure as MD steps. We mentioned the information about simulation time in the figure legend instead.

6) In the section "Docking complex modelling" usage of BLASTP, MODELLER and Coot is indicated. The authors may prefer to include a bit more regarding the search and modelling parameters used.

We have incorporated the details of parameters for these parts.

7) The authors wrote "When we blasted CCDC151, we found Q22T00 as a homolog". This sounds a bit odd. Maybe something like "Using BLAST, Q22T00 was as identified as a homolog for CCDC151". Again as indicated in the previous comment, the parameters used in the BLAST search would be beneficial for the readers.

We have modified the sentences so that it would be clearer for the readers.

8) Similarly, in the MD simulations sections "The inactive Shulin-ODA structure had some missing residues. For MD simulation, we modelled loops for missing regions by MODELLER (Šali, A. and Blundell., T. L., 1993)." Which PDB structure did MODELLER use as a template? As a reader, I would be interested in this information.

We have used the PDB 6ZYW structure for the template and this information was incorporated into the manuscript.

>9) Considering that there are only a couple of all-atom MD studies on dynein and a limited >number of coarse-grained MD studies, it is my opinion that the presence should at least be >acknowledged.

>The reader should know that all-atom MD and coarse-grained MD are performed in the >literature successfully for dyneins. A sentence or maybe two summarizing MD studies in the >literature would suffice.

>Here are a couple of all-atom MD studies

Can, S., Lacey, S., Gur, M., Carter, A. P., and Yildiz, A. (2019). Directionality of dynein is
controlled by the angle and length of its stalk. Nature, 566(7744), 407-410.
Kamiya, N., Mashimo, T., Takano, Y., Kon, T., Kurisu, G., and Nakamura, H. (2016). Elastic
properties of dynein motor domain obtained from all-atom molecular dynamics simulations.

>Protein Engineering, Design and Selection, 29(8), 317-325.

>Here are a few coarse-grained MD studies

>Dutta, M., and Jana, B. (2019). Role of AAA3 Domain in Allosteric Communication of Dynein >Motor Proteins. ACS omega, 4(26), 21921-21930.

>Dutta, M., and Jana, B. (2021). Computational modeling of dynein motor proteins at work. >Chemical Communications.

>Goldtzvik, Y., Mugnai, M. L., & Thirumalai, D. (2018). Dynamics of allosteric transitions in >dynein. Structure, 26(12), 1664-1677. e1665.

>Kubo, S., Li, W., and Takada, S. (2017). Allosteric conformational change cascade in >cytoplasmic dynein revealed by structure-based molecular simulations. PLoS computational >biology, 13(9), e1005748. (This is already in the references so citing it again won't increase >the total number of references)

>Wang, Q., Jana, B., Diehl, M. R., Cheung, M. S., Kolomeisky, A. B., and Onuchic, J. N. >(2018). Molecular mechanisms of the interhead coordination by interhead tension in >cytoplasmic dyneins. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 115(40), >10052-10057.

>Zheng, W. (2012). Coarse-grained modeling of the structural states and transition underlying >the powerstroke of dynein motor domain. The Journal of chemical physics, 136(15), 04B617.

>Please note that these are suggestions. There are already 59 citations in the manuscript. >Maybe the authors prefer only to cite the most recent ones. I leave it up to them.

We appreciate the reviewer's valuable suggestion. We have cited several papers utilizing MD simulation for dynein molecules.

Referee #2:

The authors seek to understand the interaction of ODAs and doublet microtubules using tetrahymena cilia extract. Using cryo-EM and modified non-helical single particle analysis, the authors obtained the structure of the ODA-doublet microtubule complex at a resolution between 5.5-7 A. In addition, the authors made a comparison to a recently published structure of ODA in the inactive form in complex with the protein shulin. The authors discussed how the structural change occurs upon engagement of doublet-microtubules within cilia, and further how shulin release, i.e. activation of ODA, may happen in the presence of force using MD simulation.

>The structure of this paper has much lower resolution (5.5-7 A) compared to a recently >published report by Alan Brown and colleagues (3.8 A), therefore the structure itself does >not give much additional information as is. The structures resemble each other and the >authors much descriptively explain the structures. There are slightly different observations, >for example, the presence of LC3 in this paper, or the linker region for b-HC or Dyh4 >connected to AAA5 in post power stroke reported by Alan Brown and colleagues, whereas in >this paper, in tetrahymena, it was slightly leaning towards the AAA4. This could be due to the >interaction of LC3.

>The most interesting part of this paper is the comparison of the structure with the recently >published inactive form of ODA(ODA-shulin) and molecular modelling to enable the >discussion of how the conformational change of ODA occurs form the inactive to the active >form. As the authors make extensive analysis of the structures, this paper makes a >distinction from the report of Alan Brown.

We appreciate that the reviewer understands the novelty of our report.

>Overall, it is an interesting story enough to consider because of the comparison of >active/inactive form of ODA. For the structure itself, the quality is not as stellar as the one >from Alan Brown, but it would be beneficial if the authors compare their structure with Alan >Brown's more side-by-side, mention differences and discuss if that is due to the different >biological source (Tetrahymena vs Chlamydomonas) or due to the resolution difference.

We appreciate that the referee #2 understands the different focuses of our work and Alan Brown lab's. Now we have cited Brown lab's recent Nature Communication paper and discussed the similarity and difference of the two structures with a new supplementary figure (Fig. S3).

Scientific advisor's comments:

1. The authors do not do a very good job in citing the literature. They often omit the original papers and instead cite their own, much more recent publications. Just two examples:

- "Unlike cytoplasmic dyneins which walk on microtubules while carrying cargos, axonemal dyneins are anchored firmly on the doublet microtubules (Bui, K. H. et al., 2008; Bui, K. H. et al., 2009)." That axonemal dyneins are anchored firmly to the doublet is know from the '80, the authors should take the time to look for the original publications.

- "By cryo-electron tomography (cryo-ET) work, ODAs were shown to form a 24-nm repeating row on the doublet microtubules (Bui, K. H. et al., 2012; Lin J. and Nicastro, D. 2018)." Also in this case it is know from the '80 that ODA bind every 24 nm from standard EM images. Additionally, Nicastro published a paper in 2006 where she shows ODA in cryo-ET for the first time... it is strange that the authors cite themselves with a paper from 2012 and then Nicastro with a paper from 2018.

We apologize for the poor choices for the literature. We have now cited more traditional papers for these points.

>2. The statement: " However, the interactions among the ODA and DC complexes and the >doublet have not been revealed in subnanometer resolution." is wrong. The sentence should >be removed and the authors should cite the paper from Brown's lab (Pubmed ID 33473120).

The sentence is removed and we have cited Brown lab's work and discussed the differences. We have included a supplementary figure (Fig. S3) for the comparison.

>3. About novelty, unluckily the high resolution structure of the ODA docked on the >microtubule doublet is not novel anymore. I say unluckily, because this is a big part of the >paper, it is technically very well done, and it must have been a considerable investment of >time and efforts for the authors.

>The only novel contribution is in the very last chapter of the manuscript results: >"Docking of the ODA complex to the DC induces the remodeling". This aspect was only >briefly mentioned at the end of the Discussion in the Brown's paper, but not addressed >experimentally. >So, there is an aspect of novelty in the submitted manuscript. Unluckily, I am not an expert in >molecular dynamics and it is difficult for me to provide rigorous technical evaluation of this >part of the manuscript.

We appreciate that the Scientific advisor finds our work meaningful in the sense that we have shown the activation mechanisms of the dynein.

Since referee #1 was the specialist of the molecular dynamics, we have fixed the manuscript according to referee #1's comments. We believe that the change we have made improved our manuscript in the part of MD simulation.

Apart from referees' comments, there was a mistake in the label of the X-axis of Fig. 4E and F, so the values were corrected. In the previous version, it was labeled as 10^5 MD steps, but it was actually 10^4 MD steps. The mistakes of the values were corrected now.

Dear Huy,

Thank you for submitting your revised manuscript. It has now been seen by one of the original referees.

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Referee #1:

The authors addressed most of the issues and critics.

The most recent all-atom MD simulations study was not cited in the revised manuscript. I think it should be cited. Please find the reference below

Can, S., Lacey, S., Gur, M., Carter, A. P., and Yildiz, A. (2019). Directionality of dynein is controlled by the angle and length of its stalk. Nature, 566(7744), 407-410.

The authors have addressed all minor editorial requests.

Dear Huy,

Thank you for submitting your revised manuscript. I have now looked at everything and all is fine. Therefore, I am very pleased to accept your manuscript for publication in EMBO Reports.

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