# Unexpected genetic heterogeneity for primary ciliary dyskinesia in the Irish Traveller population

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#### Abstract

We present a study of five children from three unrelated Irish Traveller families presenting with primary ciliary dyskinesia. As previously characterised disorders in the Irish Traveller population are caused by common homozygous mutations, we hypothesised that all three PCD families shared the same recessive mutation. However, exome sequencing showed that there was no pathogenic homozygous mutation common to all families. This finding was supported by histology which showed that each family has a different type of ciliary defect; transposition defect (family A), nude epithelium (family B) and absence of inner and outer dynein arms (family C). Therefore, each family was analysed independently using homozygosity mapping and exome sequencing. The affected siblings in family A share a novel 1bp duplication in RSPH4A (NM\_001161664.1:c.166dup; p.Arg56Profs\*11), a radial spoke head protein involved in ciliary movement. In family B, we identified three candidate (CCNO, KCNN3 and *CDKN1C*), with a 5bp duplication in genes CCNO (NM\_021147.3:c.258\_262dup; p.Gln88Argfs\*8) being the most likely cause of ciliary aplasia. This is the first study to implicate CCNO, a DNA repair gene reported to be involved in multiciliogenesis, in PCD. In family C, we identified a ~3.5kb deletion in DYX1C1, a neuronal migration gene previously associated with PCD. This is the first report of a disorder in the relatively small Irish Traveller population to be caused by more than one disease gene. Our study identified at least three different PCD genes in the Irish Traveller population, highlighting that one cannot always assume genetic homogeneity, even in small consanguineous populations.

**Keywords:** Primary ciliary dyskinesia; Irish Traveller; genetic heterogeneity; *RSPH4A*; *CCNO*; *DYX1C1* 

#### Introduction

Primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD) (MIM#242650) is a heterogeneous autosomal recessive disorder characterised by impairment of muco-ciliary clearance. Clinically, PCD manifests as chronic bronchial sepsis and bronchiectasis, sinusitis and chronic secretory otitis media.<sup>1</sup> In a large subset of PCD patients, laterality is randomised resulting in 50% of cases with abdominal and thoracic situs inversus. Male infertility and female sub-fertility is also common. Less common associations include oesophageal disease, biliary atresia, complex congenital heart disease and hydrocephalus.<sup>2</sup> The estimated prevalence of PCD is 1:15,000-30,000 live births, although this is likely an underestimate as clinical under-diagnosis is common.<sup>1</sup> The prevalence is increased in certain consanguineous or isolated populations and families.<sup>3</sup>

Mutations in genes that cause PCD result in defective cilia that move abnormally or are completely immotile. Ciliary ultrastructural abnormalities, such as defects of dynein arms, microtubules and connecting radial spokes, can be visualized by electron microscopy.<sup>4</sup> PCD is associated with a high degree of genetic heterogeneity, with 28 disease genes identified to date. The type of ciliary defect in a patient is often an indication of the type of gene that is mutated in the individual (Table 1). Of the known causes of PCD, *DNAH5* mutations are the most common and account for 15-22% of cases.<sup>5</sup> However, the majority of PCD cases are still of unknown etiology.

In this study, we report on five children from three unrelated consanguineous Irish Traveller families (Families A-C) who presented with recurrent lower respiratory tract infections (LRTIs) (Figures 1A, 2A and 3A). A diagnosis of PCD was made on the basis of the combination of 1) presentation of classic clinical PCD features, 2) low nasal nitric oxide

levels plus 3) ciliary abnormalities revealed by electron microscopy analysis of nasal ciliary brushings (Figures 1B-D and 3B and Supplementary Table S1) and 4) abnormal ciliary motility on video microscopy. As genetic disorders in the Traveller population are typically caused by a common homozygous mutation, we initially hypothesised that all five children shared the same recessive PCD mutation. We proposed to identify this shared mutation using whole exome sequencing.

#### **Materials and Methods**

#### Clinical and diagnostic assessment

Written informed consent was obtained from patient guardians and the study protocol was approved by the ethics committee of Temple Street Children's University Hospital (Ireland). A detailed medical history was taken from all individuals, and all were physically examined.

Family A (A;II:1 and A;II:2) initially presented to the Respiratory service with a history of recurrent LRTI, chronic wet cough, persistent segmental collapse of the left lower lobe with likely bronchiectasis on CT thorax and documented hearing deficit on official testing. In addition to PCD, both children were diagnosed with glycogen storage disease (GSD) type III, early-onset severe cardiomyopathy and developmental delay (secondary to GSD III) and are closely monitored by both the metabolic, cardiology, Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) and respiratory services. One of the two patients (A;II:1) also had a myelomeningocoele which was repaired at birth. A further sibling (A;II:3) has GSD type III without PCD. The two children with PCD and GSD type III (A;II:1 and A;II:2) are short in stature and both have PEG tubes in place for feeding.

Family B includes two siblings who presented with recurrent lower respiratory tract infections. In addition, the elder sibling (B;IV:13) has a history of recurrent otitis media but

the younger sibling (B;IV:15) has not. Neither have recurrent sinusitis or situs inversus. The younger sibling was identified early because of a high index of suspicion based on his elder brother's diagnosis. Repeat nasal oxide screening tests were universally low at 30-50ppb, indicative of PCD.

Child II:1 from family C presented with a neonatal pneumonia necessitating 16 days of intravenous antibiotics at birth. He also had significant left main stem broncho-malacia, identified at flexible bronchoscopy and broncho-alveolar lavage, resulting in recurrent left-sided pneumonias with rapid clinical deterioration.

#### **Diagnostics and management**

All patients regularly attend the ENT service for hearing and sinus monitoring and treatment. The older three patients have documented hearing loss (A;II:1, A;II:2, and B;IV:13) with child A;II:1 requiring a hearing aid within the last 2 years. Respiratory examination in the affected sib-pair from family A (II:1 and II:2) at baseline revealed reduced breath sounds at left bases while the respiratory examination of the children from families B and C was normal. Progression of lung disease is monitored by repeated lung function testing (spirometry, total lung capacity (TLC) and diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide (DLCO)), chest radiographs and CT thorax where indicated. Children A;II:1 and A;II:2 have CT thorax evidence of segmental left lobar collapse with bronchiectasis, the older sibling from family B (IV:13) has evidence of bronchical wall thickening but no bronchiectasis, and the remaining two children (B;IV:15 and C;II:1) have no bronchiectasis on CT thorax.

Lung function testing using a body plethysmograph (Jaeger, Wurzburg, Germany) is reliable in children ~5 years of age and older with good technique only. Due to developmental delay in children II:1 and II:2 (family A), lung function technique has been poor in the past and results have been unreliable or unobtainable. More recently child A;II:1 has mildly reduced spirometry, child A;II:2 has moderately reduced spirometry and the older patient in family B (IV:13) has moderately reduced spirometry with normal TLC and DLCO. The other two children (B;IV:15 and C;II:1) are too young to perform these tests reliably. Flexible bronchoscopy and broncho-alveolar lavage have been performed on 3 of the 6 children revealing significant copius mucus bilaterally in child A;II:1 and B;IV:13 and left main stem broncho-malacia with thick tenacious mucus in child C;II:1. All samples cultured haemophilus influenza. Further diagnostic assessment included detailed analysis of immune function (normal full blood count, IgG, IgM, IgA, IgE, IgG subclasses, tetanus diphtheria, haemophilus influenza and pneumococcal titres), a sweat test (normal) and out-ruling aspiration.

Children A;II:1, A;II:2, B;IV:13, and B;IV:15 are admitted to hospital every 3 months for prophylactic intravenous antibiotic therapy, nebulised rhDNase (pulmozyme) and chest physiotherapy. This is due both to the progressive nature of their PCD lung disease combined with patients' lack of attendance at outpatient clinic and poor compliance with home treatment: the latter includes daily nebulised rhDNase, rotating prophylactic oral antibiotics and daily chest physiotherapy. In addition they are reviewed annually at the Royal Brompton Hospital PCD clinic (London U.K.). Progression of lung disease is monitored by repeated lung function testing (spirometry, total lung capacity and diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide), chest radiographs and CT thoraces. Child C;II:1 initially required regular prophylactic in-patient intravenous antibiotic therapy for the first 2 years of life. However,

his broncho-malacia has improved and he is currently treated based on clinical symptoms plus radiological findings.

#### Transmission electron microscopy and video microscopy

Nasal brushings from the five children were analysed at a centre of excellence for PCD (Royal Brompton Hospital London) as previously described.<sup>6</sup> Ciliary motility was analysed by video microscopy from transnasal brush biopsies. High-speed (500 frames per second) video sequences of the cilia were captured using a MotionPro X4 camera (Lake Image Systems UK) on an inverted Nikon Diaphot microscope.

# Whole exome sequencing

DNA from one affected individual in each family (A;II:2, B;II:13 and C;II:1) was selected for whole exome sequencing (GATC, Germany). The exonic DNA was enriched with either the SureSelect 38Mb or 50Mb Human All Exon Kit (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara), and sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq (GATC, Germany). The 100bp paired-end reads were aligned and variants/indels identified as previously described.<sup>7</sup> Assuming an autosomal recessive model, we prioritised variants that were (i) autosomal, (ii) homozygous, (iii) not present in dbSNP130, (iv) absent or present with a frequency <1% in our 50 Irish control exomes, (v) located within a candidate homozygous region and (vi) absent or present with a frequency <1% in the NHLBI Exome Variant Server database. Copy number variants and exon deletions were identified from the exome sequencing data using an in-house algorithm.

# Genotyping and homozygosity mapping

Genomic DNA from the five affected children was extracted from peripheral lymphocytes and genotyped for 1 million single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) on the Illumina platform (Illumina, California). The homozygous regions (>1Mb) shared by the affected children in each family were identified independently using HomozygosityMapper.<sup>8</sup>

#### Sanger sequence validation and screening of control panel

The *RSPH4A* c.166dup and *CCNO* c.258\_262dup duplications and the 3.5kb deletion in *DYX1C1* were validated by Sanger sequence analysis (Supplementary Table S1). The *DYX1C1* deletion was also confirmed using SNP data (Supplementary Figure S1). A control panel, comprising 200 control chromosomes from the Irish and Irish Traveller populations, was also screened for each mutation by Sanger sequencing. The identified variants have been submitted to the following databases: http://databases.lovd.nl/shared/genes/RSPH4A, http://databases.lovd.nl/shared/genes/CCNO.

#### Results

#### **Ciliary analysis**

Analysis of nasal brushings in the affected sib-pair in family A showed that all cilia appeared abnormal and were either static or dyskinetic. On overhead views, the cilia were observed to be circling in motion although the pattern was not full and the cilia appeared stiff with no clearing of debris. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) revealed a transposition defect with the predominant abnormality (22%) being absence of the central pair, although a significant proportion (25-43%) of ciliary cross-sections had a normal 9+2 pattern (Figure 2 and Supplementary Table S2). Displacement of one of the peripheral doublets was observed in some cilia. Outer and inner dynein arms were normal. Nasal epithelial strips from family B were completely nude suggesting ciliary aplasia but it is unclear if this is a primary or secondary effect. A single rootlet was observed which argues that the absence of ciliary defect

in family B is unknown. Light microscopy showed that the cilia in the proband in family C were static. Electron microscopy revealed that, typically, both inner and outer dynein arms were missing.

#### Exome sequencing and homozygosity mapping

Assuming a homozygous recessive model, novel homozygous coding variants were identified in each affected child and a comparison was made across families. We found that there was no novel homozygous variant common to all three families suggesting genetic heterogeneity. Although surprising, this genetic finding is supported by the TEM data which showed that each family has a different type of ultrastructural defect, and it is therefore plausible that each family may have a different disease mutation. Accordingly, SNP homozygosity mapping and exome variant analysis was undertaken for each family independently. In family A, we identified 25 homozygous segments containing 2,768 positional candidate genes that were shared by the two affected siblings (Supplementary Figure S2). Exome analysis identified 4 novel homozygous coding variants/indels within the shared homozygous regions (Supplementary Table S3 and S4). One of the four candidate mutations is located within a gene that encodes a known component of the cilium and represents the most likely cause of PCD in family A; RSPH4A (NM\_001161664.1:c.166dup; p.Arg56Profs\*11). RSPH4A encodes a radial spoke head protein involved in ciliary movement. There are two previous reports of mutations in RSPH4A associated with primary ciliary dyskinesia type 11 (CILD11; MIM#612649).<sup>9,10</sup> RSPH4A mutations reported to date have been associated with a microtubule transposition phenotype, the same ciliary defect observed in the patients in the current study. The frameshift mutation we identified is novel and is located in the first exon of RSPH4A. Sanger sequence analysis confirmed that both affected siblings are homozygous for the RSPH4A c.166dup duplication (Figure 1C). DNA was not available from unaffected

family members to test for segregation. The mutation was not present in 200 control chromosomes from the Irish and Irish Traveller populations. In addition to PCD, the affected children in family A have GSD type III. Exome sequencing showed that these children are homozygous for a 1bp deletion in *AGL* (NM\_000643.2:c.4197del; p.Ala1400Leufs\*15) which has been previously reported in GSD type III.<sup>11</sup>

The two affected siblings from family B share 19 homozygous regions implicating 860 candidate genes (Figure 2B and Supplementary Figure S3). CNV analysis did not identify any variants of interest (data not shown). Exome analysis and variant prioritisation identified 3 variants within the candidate loci that are shared by both affected siblings: KCNN3 (NM\_002249.5:c.239\_241del; p.Gln80del); a calcium-activated potassium channel involved the regulation of neuronal excitability, CCNO (NM 021147.3:c.258 262dup; in p.Gln88Argfs\*8); a cyclin O gene involved in the cell cycle and DNA repair and whose induced during multiciliogenesis CDKN1C expression is strongly and (NM\_001122631.1:c.479\_490del; p.Ala160\_Ala163del); a cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor involved in differentiation of skeletal muscle and alveoli in the lung and which has been implicated in sporadic cancers (Supplementary Table S4). Of the three genes, CCNO is of greatest interest due to its location within a region of the genome (5q) that appears to play major role in multiciliated cell differentiation, a process that gives rise to motile cilia in respiratory airways. Sanger sequencing confirmed segregation of the CCNO mutation with PCD in this family (Figure 2A).

In family C, analysis of homozygous segments and exome sequencing identified 8 regions of homozygosity (349 positional candidate genes) and 11 candidate homozygous variants (Supplementary Figure S4 and Table S4). However, none of the 11 variants were in genes

that were likely to cause a ciliopathy. Analysis of the 349 positional candidate genes identified in the mapping study revealed two genes involved in ciliary function; *KIF5C* and *DYX1C1*. Although no single nucleotide variants or indels were identified in either gene, copy number variant/exon deletion analysis identified a homozygous deletion of ~3.5kb in *DYX1C1* which has been previously reported in a family with PCD (Figure 3C).<sup>12</sup> The deletion was confirmed by SNP genotyping and PCR (Supplementary Figure S1 and Table S1). SNP genotyping showed that the deletion was not present in 200 control chromosomes from the Irish and Irish Traveller populations.

#### Discussion

Due to founder effects and the limited size of the Irish Traveller population (population size=29573-40129),<sup>13,14</sup> each disorder tends to be caused by one common homozygous mutation or a few different mutations within the same disease gene.<sup>11,15</sup> We undertook exome sequencing to identify a putative common PCD disease mutation in the Irish Traveller population. Analysis of three Irish Traveller families with PCD showed that there was no homozygous mutation common to all three families. TEM analysis of nasal ciliary brushings from the three families revealed different types of ciliary defects; transposition defects in family A, nude epithelium in family B and inner and outer dynein arm defects in family C. The presence of different ciliary defects in each of the three Irish Traveller families supports the likelihood of different underlying disease genes. This is surprising given the limited population size and is the first disorder in the Traveller population to be associated with more than one disease gene. Given the reported PCD incidence of 1:15,000-30,000, it is surprising to have identified three unrelated Irish Traveller families with PCD in a total population of ~30,000-40,000. Even more remarkable is the finding that there are at least three distinct

mutations causing PCD in the relatively small Traveller population, suggesting that the mutations are more likely to be of recent origin.

Following this realisation, each family was analysed independently using the combined approach of homozygosity mapping and exome sequencing. In family A, we identified a novel frameshift mutation in the radial spoke head protein RSPH4A (c.166dup; p.Arg56Pro\*11) as the likely cause of PCD in this family. Firstly, TEM of cilia from the patients showed absence of the central microtubular pair, a ciliary defect that is consistent with RSPH4A mutations. Secondly, the patients have normal situs, as has been the case for all the pathogenic RSPH4A mutations reported to date. Thirdly, the frameshift mutation in RSPH4A introduces a premature stop codon at residue 66, resulting in loss of all annotated domains including the radial-spoke domain (PF04712, residues 209-694; PS50313, residues 370-405; PS50313, residues 507-586). The mutant RSPH4A protein is missing 91% (546/601) of amino acids compared to wild-type and the truncated protein is predicted to undergo non-sense mediated decay (Supplementary Figure S5). Lastly, the mutation was not present in 200 Irish control chromosomes, dbSNP, the 1000 Genomes project or the NHLBI ESP database, supporting the likelihood that it is a rare disease-causing mutation. There have been two previous reports of non-sense mutations in exons 1 and 3 of RSPH4A in patients with PCD.<sup>9,10</sup> The clinical symptoms and ultrastructural defects in family A in the current study are very similar to the previously reported patients with RSPH4A mutations; recurrent respiratory infections, chronic wet cough, bronchiectasis, nasal symptoms, normal situs and a transposition defect with absence of the central pair.

Analysis of the affected sib-pair in family B identified novel variants in three positional candidate genes; *KCNN3*, *CCNO* and *CDKN1C*. Of the three genes, *CCNO* is the strongest

candidate for a potential PCD disease gene. We identified a 5bp duplication in exon 1 of CCNO (c.258\_262dup; p.Gln88Argfs\*8) that was homozygous in both affected siblings but was not present in the homozygous state in healthy family members. The frameshift mutation results in premature protein truncation at residue 95 (73% of wild-type protein missing) and the mutant protein is predicted to undergo non-sense mediated decay (Supplementary Figure S6). In mice, CCNO is expressed in the olfactory epithelium and naris anterior epithelium, amongst other tissues. CCNO is involved in the cell cycle and DNA repair. Recently, it has been shown that DNA damage can affect primary ciliogenesis.<sup>16</sup> Centriole splitting can occur as a general response to DNA damage and the resulting split centrioles give rise to very few cilia.<sup>16,17</sup> TEM of nasal epithelium from these children showed nude epithelium that was absent of cilia. We hypothesise that the frameshift duplication in CCNO, which is involved in DNA repair, results in the accumulation of DNA damage and centriole splitting. In turn, this may lead to the production of very few cilia and would account for the nude nasal epithelium observed in these children. CCNO is also located within the 5q11 locus which plays a complex but critical role in determining the multiciliated phenotype. CCNO is flanked by IDAS (multicilin), a gene whose expression is required to induce multiciliogenesis, and CDC20B, which encodes a protein that is expressed at the base of each cilium. Indeed, the expression of CCNO itself is strongly induced during multiciliogenesis. Therefore, CCNO makes for a tempting novel PCD gene. Further functional analyses and screening of additional PCD patients is required to determine the extent that CCNO may play in ciliopathies.

The affected singleton in family is homozygous for a deletion which includes exon 7 of the *DYX1C1* gene. Analysis of exome sequence reads shows that the deletion may be as large as 3.9kb (chr15:g.53516430\_53520334del), based on the end coordinates for the nearest

upstream read and the start coordinates for nearest downstream read. The deletion was confirmed by logR ratio analysis of the SNP genotype data which shows a deletion of rs7181226 (chr15:g.53516609-53517109) and rs687623 (chr15:g.53518223-53518723) (Supplementary Figure S1). The nearest flanking SNPs that show normal copy number are rs7167170 (chr15:g.53514629-53515129) and cnv4116p2 (chr15:g.53521450). Therefore, both SNP and exome data indicate that the deleted region is a maximum of 3.9kb. *DYX1C1* encodes a neuronal migration factor which was first associated with susceptibility to dyslexia. However, both *DYX1C1* knock-out mice and zebrafish have a ciliary phenotype recapitulating that of PCD in humans. There has been one previous report of PCD patients with recessive loss-of-function mutations in *DYX1C1*. Indeed, one of the patients reported by Tarkar et al. has the same *DYX1C1* deletion that we identified in one of the Irish Traveller patients in the current study (C;II:1).<sup>12</sup> TEM of nasal epithelium from child C;II:1 showed loss both of inner and outer dynein arms, consistent with the ultrastructural defect observed in previously reported patients with mutations in *DYX1C1*.

In summary, we have shown that, unexpectedly, PCD is a genetically heterogeneous disorder in the Irish Traveller population. Our study has identified three different PCD genes in this population; two previously reported (*RSPH4A* and *DYX1C1*) and one novel candidate gene (*CCNO*). Analysis of ciliary ultrastructure and patient ethnicity can help to determine which of the 29 PCD genes (28 previously reported and *CCNO*) may be mutated in each patient and should be prioritised for mutation screening (Table 1).

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#### **Conflict of Interest Statement**

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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**Figure 1. Irish Traveller family A.** (A) Family A includes two siblings (II:1 and II:2) with PCD and glycogen storage disease (GSD) type III. Individual II:3 has GSD type III without PCD. DNA was available from the individuals denoted with a \*. % GenHom; percentage of the autosomal genome located in a region of homozygosity >1 Mb in the affected children. (B-D) Transmission electron microscope analysis of bronchial epithelium samples from the Irish siblings with PCD. White arrows indicate cilia with normal ultrastructure. Black arrows indicate absence of the central pair. Dashed arrows indicate absence of the central pair and translocation of a peripheral pair to the center. (B) Ciliary cross-sections from child II:1 at 20,000x magnification. Microvilli are evident. (C) Ciliary cross-sections from child II:2 at 70,000x magnification. (D) A zoomed in view of microtubule defects. (E) The *RSPH4A* NM\_001161664.1:c.166dup duplication was validated by Sanger sequence analysis. The inverted triangle indicates the duplicated C base on the forward strand which causes a frameshift at residue 56 [Arg (R) to Pro (K)]. The amino acid sequence is denoted using single letter database codes.



**Figure 2. Irish Traveller family B.** (A) Family B includes two affected siblings (IV:13 and IV:15) with PCD. TEM of nasal brushings from IV:13 showed nude epithelium which may be a primary (ciliary aplasia) or secondary (infection) effect. % GenHom; percentage of the autosomal genome located in a region of homozygosity >1 Mb in the affected children. (B) Sanger sequence validation of the 5bp duplication (NM\_021147.3:c.258\_262dup) in exon 1 of *CCNO*. The GCCCG 5bp duplication occurs immediately after two repeats of the same GCCCG sequence. The GCCCG sequence is repeated three times in succession in the patient (top), but only twice in the control sample (bottom). Each wild-type 5bp sequence (repeat) is denoted by a dashed rectangle. The extra GCCCG sequence is marked with a red rectangle. The amino acid sequence is denoted using single letter database codes.



**Figure 3. Irish Traveller family C. (A)** A singleton (II:1) in family C was diagnosed with PCD. % GenHom; percentage of the autosomal genome located in a region of homozygosity >1 Mb in the affected child. **(B)** Transmission electron microscope analysis of bronchial epithelium samples from patient C;II:1 typically showed absence of both inner and outer dynein arms. The left-hand panel shows a ciliary cross-section at 50,000x magnification. The right-hand panel shows a zoomed in view of the inner and outer dynein arm defects at 80,000x magnification. **(C)** A homozygous ~3.5kb deletion, which includes exon 7 of *DYX1C1*, was identified by exome sequencing (II:1) and copy number variant analysis in the affected child in family C. A screenshot of the Integrative Genomics Viewer shows a lack of sequence reads (pink/light blue boxes) across *DYX1C1* exon 7 in patient II:1 compared to the control sample. *DYX1C1* exons are shown as dark blue boxes at the bottom of the browser.

Gene	Situs	Ultrastructural defect	Video microscopy	Patient origin
	inversus			
ARMC4	Yes	ODA defects	Reduced numbers of ODAs and	Consanguineous German of
			severely impaired ciliary beating	Turkish origin <sup>18</sup>
C21orf59	In some cases	Absent IDA and ODA or partial IDA	Complete paralysis	Ashkenazi Jewish, Brazilian,
		and ODA defects		European American <sup>19</sup>
CCDC103	Yes	Variable defects in the IDA and ODA	Complete paralysis, reduced beat	Consanguineous and of Pakistani
			amplitude or loss of beat	or German origin <sup>20</sup>
			coordination	
CCDC114	In some cases	Loss of ODA	Abnormal ciliary motility to	Isolated region of North
			complete ciliary immotility with	Holland <sup>21</sup> , UK <sup>21</sup> , Caucasian <sup>22</sup>
			stiff or dyskinetic cilia	
CCDC39	In some cases	Absent/Defective IDA, abnormal nexin	Dyskinetic or akinetic ciliary	Algeria, Northern Africa,
		links and radial spokes, axonemal	motility, ciliary beating has	Tunisia, Germany, Turkey,
		disorganisation, normal ODA	reduced amplitude with rigid	France, Denmark, West

# Table 1 PCD disease genes with associated ciliary defects and patient ethnicities

			axonemes and fast, flickery	Indies/Senegal, Egypt, Israel
			movements	(some consanguineous) <sup>23</sup>
CCDC40	In some cases	Disorganization of the peripheral	Markedly reduced beating	Germany <sup>24</sup> , Pakistan <sup>24</sup> , Austria <sup>24</sup> ,
		microtubular doublets, absent or shifted	amplitudes and rigid cilia with	Denmark <sup>24</sup> , Yugoslavia <sup>24</sup> ,
		central pairs, partial or complete loss of	fast, flickery movements	Hungary <sup>24</sup> , Northern European <sup>6</sup>
		IDA, abnormal radial spokes and nexin		
		links, normal ODA		
CCDC65	No	Normal ODA, radial spokes, and central	Stiff and dyskinetic cilia	Ashkenazi Jewish <sup>19</sup>
		pairs but a reduction in IDA and nexin	waveform	
		links		
DNAAF1	In some cases	Absent IDA and ODA	Unknown	Consanguineous German <sup>25</sup> ,
				Ethnicity not reported <sup>26</sup>
DNAAF2	In some cases	Combined IDA and ODA defects	Immotile cilia	Consanguineous but ethnicity
				not reported <sup>27</sup>
DNAAF3	In some cases	Combined IDA and ODA defects	Immotile cilia	Consanguineous Israeli, Saudi
				Arabian and Pakastani <sup>28</sup>

DYX1C1	In some cases	Severe defects in IDA and ODA	Immotile cilia or cilia with a	German <sup>12</sup> , Belgian <sup>12</sup> , Austrian <sup>12</sup> ,
(DNAAF4)			reduced beat frequency and	American <sup>12</sup> , Consanguineous
			amplitude	Irish <sup>12</sup> , Irish Traveller <sup>d</sup>
DNAH11	In some cases	Normal ciliary ultrastructure	Immotile or hyperkinetic cilia	German <sup>29</sup> , Hispanic origin <sup>30</sup> ,
				Caucasian <sup>31</sup>
DNAH5	In some cases	Absent ODA; Defects in IDA and ODA	Immotile cilia	Consanguineous and of Arabic
				origin <sup>32</sup> , Lebanon <sup>33</sup> , Germany <sup>33</sup> ,
				USA <sup>33</sup> , England <sup>33</sup> , Scotland <sup>33</sup> ,
				European <sup>34</sup> , Asian-Indian <sup>22</sup> ,
				White <sup>22</sup>
DNAI1	In some cases	Absent ODA; Absent IDA and ODA	Immotile cilia	Ethnicity not reported <sup>35,36</sup>
DNAI2	In some cases	Defects in ODA	Not reported	Consanguineous Iranian Jewish
				kindred <sup>37</sup> , Hungarian <sup>37</sup> ,
				German <sup>37</sup> , Ashkenazi Jewish
				descent <sup>22</sup>
DNAL1	Yes	Absent or markedly shortened ODA	Absent or weakened ciliary	Consanguineous Bedouin

			movement	families <sup>38</sup>
DRC1	No	Normal IDA and ODA but nexin links	Increased beat frequency with	Austrian of Turkish ancestry,
(CCDC164)		are lacking	decreased bending amplitude	Swedish <sup>39</sup>
HEATR2	In some cases	Absent ODA and most outer doublets	Virtually immotile cilia	Amish community <sup>40</sup>
		lack IDA		
HYDIN	No	Projection C2b absent at the central pair	Reduced coordination of beating	Consanguineous German <sup>41</sup> ,
		apparatus, most cilia have normal 9+2	activity, reduced beating	Faroe Islands <sup>41</sup> , consanguineous
		axonemal composition, both IDA and	amplitudes, and reduced bending	family of European descent <sup>42</sup>
		ODA are normal	capacity; some immotile cilia also	
LRRC6	In some cases	Absent IDA and ODA	Immotile cilia	European descent (some
				consanguineous) <sup>43</sup> , Asian
				Pakastani families (some
				consanguineous) <sup>44</sup> , Turkish <sup>44</sup>
NME8	Not known	Mixture of normal cilia and cilia with	Persistent beating of cilia	Ethnicity not reported <sup>45</sup>
(TXNDC3)		absent/shortened ODA		
OFD1 <sup>a</sup>	In some cases	Axonemal structure seems normal <sup>46</sup>	Airway epithelia ciliated cells:	Multiple ethnicities

			cilia are rare, disorganised and	
			disorientated at the cell surface.	
			The number of ciliated cells is	
			restricted in lung epithelia.46	
<i>RPGR<sup>b,c</sup></i>	Not known	Partial dynein arm defects <sup>47</sup>	Not reported	Dutch <sup>b 48</sup> , White European
				ancestry <sup>b 49</sup> , Ethnicity not
				reported <sup>c 47</sup>
RSPH1	No	Ciliary central microtubule complex and	Coexistence of different ciliary	Consanguineous of North
		radial spoke defects	beating patterns; cilia with a	African descent <sup>50</sup> , European
			normal beat frequency but	descent <sup>50</sup>
			abnormal motion as well as	
			immotile cilia or cilia with a	
			slowed beat frequency	
RSPH4A	No	Transposition defect with complete	Abnormal circular movement of	Pakastani <sup>10</sup> , Northern European
		absence of the central microtubule pair	cilia with a close to normal beat	descent <sup>10</sup> , Ethnicity not
			velocity	reported <sup>50</sup> , Irish Traveller <sup>d</sup>

RSPH9	No	Intermittent loss of the central pair	Abnormal circular movement of	Consanguineous Bedouin and
		observed by longitudinal-section	cilia with a close to normal beat	Bedouin Bani Tameem tribe <sup>10</sup>
		electron microscopy	velocity	
SPAG1	In some cases	Combined IDA and ODA defects	Nearly complete ciliary	Caucasian, South Asian descent,
			immotility and stiffness	Ammish-Mennonite <sup>51</sup>
ZMYND10	In some cases	Absent/Defective IDA and ODA;	Immotile cilia; milder mutations	Israeli <sup>44</sup> , Consanguineous
		milder mutations associated with	result in cilia with a slowed and	Turkish <sup>44</sup> , French <sup>44</sup> , Hispanic
		reduced but not absent IDA and ODA	stiff beating pattern	origin <sup>44</sup> , Northern European
				descent <sup>52</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Causes X-linked oral-facial-digital-syndrome type 1 and several other disorders with features that overlap OFD syndrome

<sup>b</sup> Families have X-linked retinitis pigmentosa with recurrent respiratory/sino-respiratory infections

<sup>c</sup> Brothers have primary ciliary dyskinesia and X-linked retinitis pigmentosa secondarily

<sup>d</sup> Current study

# **Supplementary Material**

# **Supplementary Figure S1**



**Confirmation of the** *DYX1C1* **deletion using SNP data.** Analysis of SNP intensities using Genome Studio software shows two SNPs, rs7181226 and rs687623, with a logR ratio of

-3.9, indicative of a homozygous deletion. The nearest flanking SNPs that show normal copy number are rs7167170 (chr15:g.53514629-53515129) and cnv4116p2 (chr15:g.53521450) indicating that the deleted region is ~3.5-3.9 kb (max). (A) Zoomed out view. The two deleted SNPs are marked with an arrow. (B) Zoomed in view of SNPs across *DYX1C1*. The deletion boundaries are shaded in grey.



Candidate homozygous regions shared by the affected sib-pair in family A. HomozygosityMapper<sup>1</sup> identified 25 homozygous segments >1 Mb shared by the affected sib-pair in family A. The identified loci are shown in red and implicate 2,786 positional candidate genes. Exome sequencing identified a novel 1 bp duplication in *RSPH4A* (blue line) as the most likely cause of PCD in this family. Exome sequencing also identified a deletion in *AGL* (green line) as the cause of GSD type III in this family. Both genes are located within a candidate homozygous segment shared by the affected siblings. The ideogram was built using Ideographica with genomic positions set at build hg18.<sup>2</sup>



Candidate homozygous regions shared by the affected sib-pair in family B. HomozygosityMapper<sup>1</sup> identified 19 homozygous segments >1 Mb shared by the affected sib-pair in family B. The identified loci implicate 860 positional candidate genes. Exome sequencing identified a novel 5 bp duplication in *CCNO* (blue line) as the most likely cause of PCD in this family. The *CCNO* gene is located within the largest shared homozygous segment which measures 43 Mb. The genomic position of previously reported PCD disease genes (n=28) is denoted by a green line. The ideogram was built using Ideographica with genomic positions set at build hg18.Genomic positions refer to build hg18.<sup>2</sup>



Candidate homozygous regions identified in the singleton from family C. HomozygosityMapper<sup>2</sup> identified 8 homozygous regions >1 Mb in the affected singleton (II:1) in family C. The identified loci implicate 349 positional candidate genes. Exome sequencing identified a whole exon deletion in *DYX1C1* (blue line) as the most likely cause of PCD in this family. The *DYXC1* gene is located within a candidate homozygous segment of 12 Mb. The ideogram was built using Ideographica with genomic positions set at build hg18.Genomic positions refer to build hg18.<sup>2</sup>

Refe	rence protein:					
1	MEDSTSPKQE	KENQEELGET	RRPWEGKTAA	SPQYSEPESS	EPLEAKQGPE	TGRQS <b>RSSRP</b>
61	WSPQSRAKTP	LGGPAGPETS	SPAPVSPREP	SSSPSPLAPA	RODLAAPPOS	DRTTSVIPEA
121	GTPYPDPLEQ	SSDKRESTPH	HTSQSEGNTF	QQSQQPKPHL	CGRRDVSYNN	AKQKELRFDV
181	FQEEDSNSDY	DLQQPAPGGS	EVAPSMLEIT	IQNAKAYLLK	TSSNSGFNLY	DHLSNMLTKI
241	LNERPENAVD	IFENISQDVK	MAHFSKKFDA	LQNENELLPT	YEIAEKQKAL	FLQGHLEGVD
301	QELEDEIAEN	ALPNVMESAF	YFEQAGVGLG	TDETYRIFLA	LKQLTDTHPI	QRCRFWGKIL
361	GLEMNYIVAE	VEFREGEDEE	EVEEEDVAEE	RDNGESEAHE	DEEDELPKSF	YKAPQAIPKE
421	ESRTGANKYV	YFVCNEPGRP	WVKLPPVIPA	QIVIARKIKK	FFTGRLDAPI	ISYPPFPGNE
481	SNYLRAQIAR	ISAGTHVSPL	GFYQFGEEEG	EEEEEAEGGR	NSFEENPDFE	GIQVIDLVES
541	LSNWVHHVQH	ILSQRFRIYP	PGQHGYPQIS	FHNMLLQSFN	PTFGLEHMPS	PMAKSLKIST
601	*					
Prote	ein predicted fr	om variant co	ding sequence	ə:		
1 61	MEDSTSPKQE I <b>LEPAV</b> *	KENQEELGET H	RRPWEGKTAA	SPQYSEPESS H	EPLEAKQGPE 1	IGRQS <b>PKQPS</b>

**Predicted impact of** *RSPH4A* **c.166dup on protein sequence.** Mutalyzer v2.9 was used to predict the impact of the RSPH4A NM\_001161664.1:c.166dup; p.Arg56Profs\*11 mutation. The frameshift occurs at residue 56 and is predicted to truncate the protein at residue 66. The mutant RSPH4A protein is missing 91% (546/601) of amino acids compared to wild-type and the mutant truncated protein is predicted to undergo non-sense mediated decay.

**Reference protein:** 

 1
 MVTPCPTSPS
 SPAARAGRRD
 NDQNLRAPVK
 KSRRPRLRRK
 QPLHPLNPCP
 LPGDSGICDL

 61
 FESPSSGSDG
 AESPSAARGG
 SPLPGPAQPV
 AQLDLQTFRD
 YGQSCYAFRK
 AQESHFHPRE

 121
 ALARQPQVTA
 ESRCKLLSWL
 IPVHRQFGLS
 FESLCLTVNT
 LDRFLTTTPV
 AAACFQLLGV

 181
 TSLLIACKQV
 EVHPPRVKQL
 LALCCGAFSR
 QQLCNLECIV
 LHKLHFTLGA
 PTISFFLEHF

 241
 THARVEAGQA
 EASEALEAQA
 LARGVAELSL
 ADYAFTSYSP
 SLLAICCLAL
 ADRMLRVSRP

 301
 VDLRLGDHPE
 AALEDCMGKL
 QLLVAINSTS
 LTHMLPVQIC
 EKCSLPPSSK
 \*

 Protein predicted from variant coding sequence:

 1
 MVTPCPTSPS
 SPAARAGRRD
 NDQNLRAPVK
 KSRRPRLRRK
 QPLHPLNPCP
 LPGDSGICDL

 61
 FESPSSGSDG
 AESPSAARGG
 SPLPGPARPS
 PWRS\*
 \*

**Predicted impact of** *CCNO* **c.258\_262dup on protein sequence.** Mutalyzer was used to predict the impact of the *CCNO* NM\_021147.3:c.258\_262dupGCCCG; p.Gln88Argfs\*8 mutation. The frameshift occurs at residue 88 and is predicted to truncate the protein at residue 95. The mutant CCNO protein is missing 73% of amino acids compared to wild-type and the mutant truncated protein is predicted to undergo non-sense mediated decay.

Supplementary Table S1. Primer sequences for PCR amplification

Variant	Forward Primer	Reverse Primer	Annealing	PCR
	5'-3'	5'-3'	temperature	product size
				( <b>bp</b> )
RSPH4A c.166dup	tettecatatttteacgece	tgattgttccaaaggatcagg	60°C	450
<i>CCNO</i> c.258_262dup	cctccttcgcactttcgag	agcctgggaggaggaggaag	60°C	519
<i>DYX1C1</i> inside 3.5 kb deletion <sup>a</sup>	tgaactcccagaaagcaagaa	tetggtgaacteccaacete	59°C	485
<i>DYX1C1</i> outside 3.5 kb deletion <sup>a</sup>	ttttgggagctctcctctca	atggatgccctgtctacctt	58°C	813

<sup>a</sup> Primer sequences obtained from Tarkar et al. 2013<sup>3</sup>

	Fam	ily A	Family C
Cross-section details	II:1	II:2	II:1
Total count of cilia examined	78	55	90
Normal microtubule pattern	43.6%	25.5%	95%
Disarranged outer microtubules	11.5%	16.4%	1.3%
Central Pair; one tubule missing	5.1%	3.6%	1%
Central Pair; both tubules missing	20.5%	23.6%	0.3%
Missing outer dynein arm only	0%	0%	4.4%
Missing inner dynein arm only	0%	0%	15.6%
Missing both inner and outer dynein arms	0%	0%	70%
Other defect	11.5%	29.1%	0%

# Supplementary Table S2. Transmission electron microscopy analysis

Nasal brushings from the five affected children were analysed by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) at the PCD clinic of the Royal Brompton Hospital London. In family A, TEM revealed a transposition defect with the predominant abnormality being absence of the central pair. No ciliated epithelium was observed in family B. In family C, typically both inner and outer dynein arms were absent.

# **Supplementary Table S3. Prioritisation of exome variants**

Parameter	Family A II:1	Family B IV:13	Family C II:1
Autosomal recessive homozygous coding variants and indels not present in dbSNP	89	59	107
+ not present in our 50 Irish control exomes	23	22	28
+ located in a homozygous region shared by the affected family members	8	3	15
+ absent or present with a frequency <1% in NHLBI ESP database	4	3	11

Assuming an autosomal recessive model, we prioritised variants that were (i) autosomal, (ii) homozygous, (iii) not present in dbSNP130, (iv) absent or present with a frequency <1% in our 50 Irish control exomes, (v) located within a candidate homozygous region and (vi) absent or present with a frequency <1% in the NHLBI Exome Variant Server database.

Gene	Transcript	Variant / Indel	Impact on protein
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Family A	
AGL	NM_000643.2	c.4197del	p.Ala1400Leufs*15
SPOCK3	NM_001204354.1	c.1017C>G	p.Asp339Glu
RSPH4A	NM_001161664.1	c.166dup	p.Arg56Profs*11
MACC1	NM_182762.3	c.1304T>C	p.Ile435Thr
		Family B	
KCNN3	NM_002249.5	c.239_241del	p.Gln80del
CCNO	NM_021147.3	c.258_262dup	p.Gln88Argfs*8
CDKN1C	NM_001122631.1	c.479_490del	p.Ala160_Ala163del
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Family C	
AGXT	NM_000030.2	c.33dup	p.Lys12Glnfs*156
LPHN3	NM_015236.1	c.3007del	p.Tyr1003Thrfs*2
IRF5	NM_032643.3	c.524_553del	p.Arg175_Leu184del
CTAGE15P	NM_001008747.2	c.1564_1565insTA	p.Gly522Valfs*64
PTPRJ	NM_001098503.1	c.47G>A	p.Gly16Glu
C13orf40	NM_001146197.1	c.17983A>G	p.Lys5995Glu
STARD9	NM_020759.2	c.2310_2311insT	p.Gln771Serfs*30
EIF3CL	NM_001099661.1	c.885_887del	p.Glu295del
ADRA1D	NM_000678.3	c.91A>G	p.Ser31Gly
MYO18B	NM_032608.5	c.3034G>T	p.Ala1012Ser
TUBGCP6	NM_020461.3	c.3190G>A	p.Gly1064Arg

Supplementary Table S4. Novel recessive mutations located within the candidate loci

We identified 3 (family A), 3 (family B), and 11 (family C) homozygous coding variants that are located within a candidate homozygous segment in each family. The variants are not present in dbSNP130, our 50 Irish control exomes or the NHLBI ESP database. The *RSPH4A* and *CCNO* variants are the most likely cause of PCD in families A and B respectively. None of the 11 candidate variants in family C are likely to cause ciliary dysfunction. The *AGL* variant in family A is responsible for their GSD III phenotype. All variants are reported using HGVS nomenclature.

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