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Structural basis of the Trichoplax adhaerens Scribble and Dlg interactions with the PDZ-binding motif of Vangl

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Maintenance of multicellular tissue architecture is conserved process which is regulated by a highly conserved set of proteins. The interacting partners of these regulators are also conserved across the animal kingdom. Scribble and Dlg are two such key polarity regulators that involve in the establishment

and maintenance of multicellular apical-basal cell polarity in epithelial cells. These are scaffolding proteins bearing multiple PDZ domains that mediate most of their interactions. Complex multicellular

organisms evolved from the simple primitive forms; therefore, we examined Scribble and Dlg mediated

cell polarity in the simplest metazoan living on earth, Placozoa, Trichoplax adhaerens. Despite its extreme simplicity, Trichoplax contains all polarity regulators that are fundamental to instruct the body

plans in higher animals; thus, making it an ideal candidate to use as a polarity studying model. We now

show biochemically that a key interaction for the establishment of cell polarity between Scribble and

Dlg PDZ domains and Vangl in mammals is fully recapitulated in Trichoplax. We found that Scribble

PDZ1, PDZ2 and PDZ3 interact with Vangl with affinities comparable to the human interaction, with

a similar hierarchy in affinities. We also found that all three PDZ domains of Dlg interact with Vangl

with no hierarchy of their affinities. We then show using crystal structures of Scribble PDZ1, PDZ2 and

Dlg PDZ1, PDZ2 bound to the C-terminal PDZ binding motif of Vangl that in addition to the binding

affinities, the detailed interactions between Scribble/Vangl and Dlg/Vangl are also conserved at the atomic level between Trichoplax and human.

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