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refinement to 2.4 Å resolution. The structure was refined as described for the Mo(VI) form. The current model (6212 atoms) contains the same residues as the oxidized form, except Trp³⁸⁸ and the oxo ligand, and 229 water molecules. The stereochemistry of the reduced form is of comparable quality to the oxidized form: 87.9 percent of the residues are in the most favored regions of the Ramachandran diagram with Glu¹⁶³ and His⁶⁴⁹ being again in disallowed regions. The average coordinate error of this model is 0.25 Å.

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Sending and Receiving the Hedgehog Signal: Control by the Drosophila Gli Protein **Cubitus interruptus**

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Drosophila limb development is organized by interactions between anterior and posterior compartment cells. Posterior cells continuously express and require engrailed (en) and secrete Hedgehog (Hh) protein. Anterior cells express the zinc-finger protein Cubitus interruptus (Ci). It is now shown that anterior cells lacking ci express hh and adopt posterior properties without expressing en. Increased levels of Ci can induce the expression of the Hh target gene decapentaplegic (dpp) in a Hh-independent manner. Thus, expression of Ci in anterior cells controls limb development (i) by restricting hh secretion to posterior cells and (ii) by conferring competence to respond to Hh by mediating the transduction of this signal.

Drosophila appendages develop from imaginal discs, each of which is composed of two adjacent but distinct cell populations, anterior (A) cells and posterior (P) cells (1). P cells continuously express en (2-4), which encodes a homeodomain protein (3, 5) and

which programs these cells to secrete the signaling molecule Hh (6). At the A/P boundary, but not in the rest of the P compartment, Hh induces in adjacent cells the expression of the organizing signal Dpp (7). Genetic analysis has shown that P cell identity is specified by en and the en-related gene invected (inv) (8-11), whereas A cell identity is the default fate for imaginal disc cells.

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The subdivision of the imaginal disc into A and P compartments can be visualized by the expression of the cubitus interruptus (ci) gene in all A compartment cells (12, 13). Restriction of *ci* expression to A cells begins with the onset of en expression, which represses *ci* expression in the P compartment cells (12, 13). Activation of en coincides with the establishment of specific affinities of A and P cells, which prevents intermixing between these cell populations. ci encodes a Zn-finger protein (Ci) belonging to the Gli family of transcription factors (14).

Anterior cell identity requires ci function. Loss-of-function mutations in ci are embryonic lethal (15). Thus, the effects of complete removal of ci function in imaginal disc cells have to be studied in genetic mosaics. *ci* is located on the fourth chromosome, and virtually no recombination is observed between fourth chromosome arms (16), making the generation of clones mutant for ci difficult. We have induced such clones by x-rays, albeit at very low frequency (17). Immunofluorescence studies of these ci null mutant clones have enabled us to make three observations: (i) ci clones form compact patches with smooth borders, as if cells within these clones minimize their contact with surrounding cells (Fig. 1, A to C and E to G). (ii) Most clones cause an up-regulation of Ci protein levels in surrounding cells (Fig. 1, A, C, E, and F). This accumulation

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of Ci protein is similar to that of Ci along the A/P compartment boundary (13, 18) (Fig. 1A). (iii) We found that *ci* mutant cells

cause an autonomous, and often also nonautonomous, increase in proliferation that can result in outgrowths (Fig. 1, B and E).



Fig. 1. Clones of cells mutant for *ci* express *hh* and cause pattern reorganizations. All panels show late third instar larval wing imaginal discs. Ci expression is always in green, anterior is to the left, and dorsal is up. (A through C) Wing discs carrying clones of cinul mutant cells marked by the lack of Ci staining. In the wild type, Ci protein is distributed uniformly at low levels in all A cells and at higher levels in a band, three to five cells wide, adjacent to the A/P compartment border. The presence of a patch of ci- cells, in an otherwise ci^+ tissue, can reprogram A cells to accumulate Ci protein around the ci^- cells [(A through C) and (E through G)] and to induce excess proliferation (B and E). A total of 52 ci clones were analyzed for this study. (D) A wing disc carrying a Tub α 1>en clone in the A compartment that was marked by the presence of *hh-lacZ* expression (10). Tub α 1>en clones are circular, autonomously repress ci expression, and nonautonomously up-regulate the Ci protein levels in a ring around the clone. This behavior is similar to the effects of removal of *ci* function [compare *ci* clones in (A) and (C) with the $Tub\alpha 1 > en$ clone in (D)]. (E) An en-lacZ wing disc carrying a ci^- clone double-stained with anti-Ci (green, left panel) and anti- β -galactosidase (red, left and right panels) to visualize en expression. None of the clones showed en expression, as assessed either by the enhancer trap line ryxho25 (4, 19) (six clones) or by the En monoclonal antibody 4D9 (43) (three clones). (F and G) Autonomous activation of hh expression in ci mutant cells. We used two independently generated ciprotein-null alleles, ciD+revA9-101A (17) (F) and ci^{DR50} (13) (G). Because both revertants have been induced on the same ci^{o} chromosome, we cannot exclude the presence of additional lesions on these chromosomes. The up-regulation of Ci protein levels (in green) around the ci clones is likely to be a consequence of the hh expression within the clones (red staining in F and G, right panel). (G) In this disc, the ci clone (marked by the absence of Ci staining) is the result of a reciprocal recombination event. The twin spot clone (determined by the higher Ci protein level) has a typical irregular shape (arrow), in contrast to the smooth, round shape of all ci clones. All 15 clones that were analyzed by double staining showed *hh-lacZ* expression; 12 clones were induced with the $ci^{D+rev9A-101A}$ allele, and 3 with ci^{R50} .

The interface between wild-type and *ci* mutant cells resembles an A/P compartment boundary (Fig 1, A and C). Moreover, ci mutant clones behave similarly to anterior clones that ectopically express en (Tubal>en) (10). Anterior expression of en under the control of the Tubal promoter causes autonomous repression of ci transcription (Fig. 1D). As with ci⁻ clones (Fig. 1, A to C), cells surrounding the en-expressing clones accumulate higher levels of Ci protein (Fig. 1D). However, the described behavior of *ci* mutant clones is a consequence not of en expression within these clones (Fig. 1E) but of the lack of *ci* activity, suggesting that the phenotype caused by ectopic en expression in A cells might be a consequence of the ability of En to repress ci transcription.

Ci prevents hh expression in anterior cells. We monitored hh expression in wing discs carrying *ci* mutant clones (19) and found that loss of *ci* activity always caused autonomous activation of hh expression (Fig. 1, F and G). Thus, ci activity is required in A cells to prevent them from expressing hh. Ectopic expression of ci by means of the Gal4 system (20) does not consistently reduce hh-lacZ expression in P cells (21), indicating that although Ci is required to repress *hh* transcription, it is not sufficient to do so in P cells (22). The clonal analysis indicates that an essential function of Ci is to prevent hh expression, thereby defining the anterior border of the hh expression domain.

Ci transduces the Hh signal by activating the target genes dpp and ptc. The Hh signaling pathway induces in adjacent, non-en-expressing cells the expression of dpp (7). The activities of the segment polarity gene product Patched (Ptc) (11, 23, 24) and the cyclic AMP-dependent protein kinase A (Pka-C1) (24, 25) block inappropriate *dpp* expression in the absence of Hh signaling. Loss of ptc (26) or pka-C1 function in imaginal disc cells causes an autonomous accumulation of Ci protein (Fig. 2B) (27). Because the transcriptional activity of the *ci* gene is not changed in these clones (Fig. 2A), it can be inferred that Ci levels must normally be down-regulated posttranscriptionally by Ptc and Pka and that this negative regulation is alleviated in those cells that receive the Hh signal (18, 27). This conclusion explains the increased levels of Ci protein in cells surrounding ci clones and at the A/P boundary (Fig. 1, A to C, E, and F). The control of Ci protein levels by the Hh signaling pathway could be of crucial importance if Ci functions in a concentration-dependent manner. In wild-type wing discs, the high levels of Ci protein along the A/P boundary spatially correlate with the domain of *dpp*

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and high ptc expression. To test whether high levels of Ci are sufficient to activate dpp expression independently of Hh, we ectopically expressed increased levels of Ci (Fig. 2, C and D) and found that dpp transcription was induced in A cells and even in en-expressing P cells (Fig. 2, C and D) (28). Consistent with a role for *ci* in inducing *dpp* transcription, we observed that a 50% reduction in *ci* exacerbates the phenotype of hypomorphic dpp^{disc} alleles (29). So, as has been inferred from genetic analysis in the embryo (18, 30), ci functions downstream of the Hh signaling pathway to activate transcription of the Hh target genes. From our ectopic expression experiment, we conclude that Ci plays a direct role in inducing dpp expression. Notably, Ci is predicted to be a Zn-finger transcription factor and is the first identified component of the Hhsignaling cascade that is able to activate *dpp* transcription in both A and P cells. Ectopic expression of Ci is also able to activate ptc transcription in P cells (31).

Bifunctional role of Ci in regulating *dpp* expression. In reciprocal experiments, we investigated *ptc* and *dpp* expression in wing discs containing *ci* mutant clones (32). We found that expression of *ptc-lacZ* in cells surrounding ci mutant clones (Fig. 3A) mimics its expression along the A/P compartment boundary-consistent with a positive regulation of ptc by Ci (see Fig. 4 legend). In contrast, we found that regulation of *dpp* transcription by Ci is more complex. Although cells surrounding ci clones occasionally expressed dpp (Fig. 3B), cells lacking *ci* consistently express *dpp* (Fig. 3B). This expression of *dpp* in *ci* mutant cells implies that dpp expression is normally repressed by the low levels of Ci in the wild-type A cells. Because *ci* mutant cells express hh (Fig. 1, F and G) and do not express en (Fig. 1E), Hh signaling might bypass Ci function to induce *dpp* expression. However, we think these data indicate that the Zn-finger protein Ci acts both as a repressor and as an activator of dpp transcription in a concentration-dependent manner (Fig. 4). Other Gli-like proteins, such as YY1 (Yin Yang 1) in humans and Krüppel in Drosophila, can act as repressors as well as activators (33, 34), depending on their concentration (33, 35). Furthermore, the activity of YY1 is negatively modulated by the E1A-associated adapter protein p300 (36), a homolog of CBP (CREB binding protein) (37). Haploinsufficiency for the cofactor CBP gives rise to the Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome characterized by abnormal development of extremities (for example, broad thumbs and overgrown toes) (38). A CBP homolog in Drosophila might play an analogous role in Ci-mediated dpp transcription. Constitutive phosphorylation by Pka might be required for this CBP homolog and Ci to repress *dpp* transcription. Conversely, reduction of Pka or CBP activity or an increase of Ci levels (by experimental overexpression or by Hh signaling) might overcome this regulation and result in *dpp* activation (Fig. 4).

Ci mutant phenotypes. The bifunctional roles of *ci* in controlling gene expression are reflected in the phenotypes of viable *ci* alleles. Wings from homozygous ci^{W} mutants

Fig. 2. ptc-mediated control of Ci protein levels prevents inappropriate activation of dpp transcription. All panels show third instar wing discs. Anterior is to the left, and dorsal is up. (A and B) Two wing discs carrying multiple ptc^{S2} clones. The clones are marked by the lack of the CD2 marker gene expression [red in (A), twin spots with two copies of the hs-CD2 transgene are also visible] or the presence of dpplacZ expression [red in (B)]. The transcription of *ci* was monitored by means of an enhancer trap line in ci [green in (A)] and the distribution of the Ci protein by staining with anti-Ci [green in (B)]. In contrast to ci-lacZ expression, Ci protein levels are up-regulated in ptc mutant clones, indicating that Ci levels in A cells that are not exposed to the Hh signal are posttranscriptionally downregulated during normal development. (C and D) Expression of high Ci levels by means of the Gal4/UAS system can activate dpp transcription in A and P cells. (C) Overexpression of *ci* driven by the Gal4 line C765. This Gal4 enhancer trap line is expressed by most wing imaginal cells at the late third instar larval stage. The ectopic expression of ci (green staining) causes excess proliferation, likely because of the activation of dpp expression (red) in A and P cells. In wildtype discs, *dpp* expression is confined to a stripe of cells running along the A/P compartment boundary (visible in Figs. 2C, 3A, and 4B). (D) The Gal4 line MS1096 is expressed at high levels by dorsal wing cells and at low

have, at low penetrance, a mirror-symmetric outgrowth composed of anterior wing material (Fig. 5A) (39, 40), resembling duplications caused by ectopic *dpp* expression (10). In ci^{W} mutant wing discs, *dpp*, but not *hh*, is ectopically expressed in patches of A cells associated with the anterior outgrowths (Fig. 5B). One could explain these defects by inferring that the lower levels of Ci protein in ci^{W} mutants (13) are too low to adequately repress *dpp* transcription in A



levels in ventral wing cells. *dpp* expression is activated (red) in those cells that express high but not low levels of Ci (green). The genotypes of the wing discs are *FRT42* ptc^{S2} hs-CD2; ci^{PlacZ}/+ (A), *dpp*^{P10638} *FRT42* ptc^{S2} (B), *dpp*^{P10638}/+; *Gal4*[C765]/ UAS-ci (C), and *Gal4*[MS1096]/+; *dpp*^{P10638}/+; UAS-ci/+ (D).

cells. Conversely, adult wings heterozygous for another ci allele, the ci^{Cell} , have been described as narrower and as lacking wing material between veins L3 and L4, the region adjacent to the A/P compartment boundary (39). This defect is typical for a "reduced *dpp* function" phenotype. The *ci*^{Cell} allele encodes a COOH-terminally truncat-

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ed protein that inappropriately accumulates to high, uniform levels in all A cells (13). Presumably, the Ci^{Cell} protein acts in a dominant-negative fashion by competing with wild-type Ci in the activation of dpp transcription along the compartment boundary.

Multiple roles of the Gli-related protein Ci in controlling limb development. Taken

Fig. 3. Regulation of ptc and dpp by Ci. In all panels Ci staining is in green. (A) The high levels of Ci protein around the ci- clones induce ptc-lacZ expression (red) at a level comparable with the wild-type ptc expression along the A/P border. Ten clones were recovered in a ptc-lacZ background. (B) In addition to some nonautonomous expression around the clones (see yellow stain in the right panel), dpp-lacZ expression (red) is observed within the ci mutant clones. The increase in proliferation that results in outgrowths is likely due to the activation of dpp in ci mutant cells. Thirteen clones were analyzed for dpp expression by two different reporter lines (32), and in all cases dpp was expressed by the ci- cells in the A compartment.

Fig. 4. Model for the multiple functions of ci in preventing the production of, but conferring competence to, the Hh signal. The ability of En to repress ci transcription subdivides the wing imaginal disc into two cell populations: anterior, ciexpressing cells (A, shaded) and posterior, nonci-expressing cells (P, unshaded). Ci performs two functions during limb patterning. First, constitutive ci activity represses hh in all A cells, thereby generating a non-hh-expressing (A) and a hh-expressing population of cells (P). Second, Ci is also a central component of the Hh signal transduction pathway. The selective expression of ci in A cells is therefore also responsible for creating a Hh-responsive (A) and a non-Hh-responsive population

of cells (P). This dual function of Ci links the control of Hh signal production with the control of Hh signal reception. Regulation of dpp and ptc expression by different levels of Ci. Pka and Ptc activity prevent the stabilization (or posttranscriptional modification) of Ci protein in all A cells that are not exposed to Hh signal. Therefore, Ci protein is present at low levels in these cells (indicated by ci). Hh signal transduction allows stabilization (or modification) of the Ci protein by antagonizing the posttranscriptional regulation imposed by Pka and Ptc. The Ci protein levels are high (indicated by ci in bold type) in cells near the A/P boundary that are exposed to the Hh signal (dark shaded). We propose that at higher concentration Ci activates dpp and ptc transcription (for example, by forming homodimers or heterodimers with other factors). In contrast, at low concentration, Ci protein is likely unable to form homodimers and functions alone, or in combination with cofactors (for example, a CBP homolog), as a repressor of dpp expression. Our findings raise the possibility that Pka and Ptc activity repress dpp and ptc transcription by modulating Ci levels (or activity). Lack of pka or ptc function results in increased Ci protein levels and activation of dpp and ptc transcription independently of the Hh signal. Ectopic expression of ci shows that ptc expression is positively regulated by ci function (31), indicating that repression of ptc by en is likely to be indirect. In contrast, dpp expression is regulated at different levels; our results suggest that dpp is actively repressed or induced by low or high Ci levels, respectively.

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activity minimize contact with surrounding wild-type A cells, suggesting that A cell identity is not a default fate that imaginal cells adopt in the absence of en. The analogy to the behavior of en/inv mutant clones in the P compartment raises the possibility that loss of *ci* function in the A compartment generates cells with "P-type affinity." In this instance, Ci could be regarded as the primary determinant of compartment affiliation, and the A/P compartment boundary would be defined by the apposition of ciexpressing and non-ci-expressing cells. In this scenario, the primary function of en in the compartmentalization process of imaginal discs would be to selectively prevent ci

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transcription in one population of disc cells, thereby generating a *ci* "on"/*ci* "off" interface of cells.

Our results indicate that *ci* expression is responsible for preventing the expression of hh in one population of imaginal disc cells (the A cells) at the same time that it renders these cells competent to respond to Hh and mediates the transduction of this signal (Fig. 4). The dual function of *ci*--to prevent production of, but to confer competence to, the Hh signal-might represent an evolutionarily conserved aspect of patterning by Hh family members. It is interesting to note possible parallels in the function of Ci and its vertebrate homologs Gli. First, like Ci, Gli proteins appear to be expressed in patterns complementary to Sonic Hh (41). Second, like reduction of *ci* activity, haploinsufficiency for the Gli3 gene appears to be responsible for the genetic disorders Greig cephalopolysyndactyly syndrome (GCPS) in humans and Extra-toes (Xt) in mice (42). Mutations in *extra-toes* cause anterior digit duplications similar to the phenotype of homozygous *ci*^W flies (Fig. 5A). These observations are consistent with the view that Gli protein function in Hh signaling is not restricted to Drosophila.

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