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**PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 bind to PDZD11 to target the Menkes
ATPase ATP7A to the cell periphery and regulate copper homeostasis**

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28 **Abstract**

29 Copper homeostasis is crucial for cellular physiology and development, and its
30 dysregulation leads to disease. The Menkes ATPase ATP7A plays a key role in copper
31 efflux, by trafficking from the Golgi to the plasma membrane upon cell exposure to
32 elevated copper, but the mechanisms that target ATP7A to the cell periphery are poorly
33 understood. PDZD11 interacts with the C-terminus of ATP7A, which contains
34 sequences involved in ATP7A trafficking, but the role of PDZD11 in ATP7A localization
35 is unknown. Here we identify PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 as new interactors of PDZD11,
36 which bind to PDZD11 N-terminus through their WW domains similarly to the junctional
37 protein PLEKHA7. Using CRISPR-KO kidney epithelial cells, we show by
38 immunofluorescence microscopy that WW-PLEKHAs (PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6,
39 PLEKHA7) recruit PDZD11 to distinct plasma membrane localizations, and that they
40 are required for the efficient anterograde targeting of ATP7A to the cell periphery in
41 elevated copper conditions. Pulldown experiments show that WW-PLEKHAs promote
42 PDZD11 interaction with the C-terminus of ATP7A. However, WW-PLEKHAs and
43 PDZD11 are not necessary for ATP7A Golgi localization in basal copper, ATP7A
44 copper-induced exit from the Golgi, and ATP7A retrograde trafficking to the Golgi.
45 Finally, measuring bioavailable and total cellular copper, metallothionein-1 expression
46 and cell viability shows that WW-PLEKHAs and PDZD11 are required to maintain low
47 intracellular copper levels when cells are exposed to elevated copper. These data
48 indicate that WW-PLEKHAs-PDZD11 complexes regulate the localization and function
49 of ATP7A to promote copper extrusion in elevated copper.

50 **Introduction**

51 Copper is an essential micronutrient as a cofactor of vital oxidative enzymes, and both
52 its deficiency and overload are pathological, as exemplified by the Menkes and Wilson
53 diseases (Bandmann *et al.*, 2015; Czlonkowska *et al.*, 2018). The brain and nervous
54 tissue have a particularly high oxidative demand and requirement for copper-
55 dependent enzyme activities, and several neurological disorders, including Alzheimer,
56 Parkinson and Huntingdon diseases, are associated with disrupted copper
57 homeostasis (Kaler, 2011; Telianidis *et al.*, 2013; Zlatic *et al.*, 2015; Ackerman and
58 Chang, 2018; Lutsenko *et al.*, 2019). Intracellular copper is physiologically finely tuned
59 through the coordination of copper uptake, intracellular trafficking by copper
60 chaperones, and efflux by specific copper efflux transporters (reviewed in (Camakaris

61 *et al.*, 1999; La Fontaine and Mercer, 2007; Lutsenko *et al.*, 2007; Polishchuk and
62 Lutsenko, 2013; Hartwig *et al.*, 2019)). The P-type ATPases ATP7A (Menkes copper
63 ATPase) and ATP7B (Wilson copper ATPase) play a major role in copper efflux in
64 different tissues (La Fontaine and Mercer, 2007; Lutsenko *et al.*, 2007; Nevitt *et al.*,
65 2012). Under basal copper conditions, ATP7A is localized in a specific compartment
66 of the trans-Golgi network (TGN), whereas elevated copper levels induce its
67 translocation from the TGN to a compartment of post-Golgi membrane vesicles which
68 are trafficked to the plasma membrane and whose exocytosis and endocytic recycling
69 drive copper efflux (Camakaris *et al.*, 1995; Petris *et al.*, 1996; Yamaguchi *et al.*, 1996;
70 Dierick *et al.*, 1997; La Fontaine *et al.*, 1998; La Fontaine *et al.*, 1999; Petris and
71 Mercer, 1999; Cobbold *et al.*, 2002; Petris *et al.*, 2002; Monty *et al.*, 2005; Holloway *et*
72 *al.*, 2007; Nyasae *et al.*, 2007).

73 Although the severity of Menkes disease correlates with the intracellular localization of
74 ATP7A (Skjorringe *et al.*, 2017), the molecular mechanisms that regulate the trafficking
75 and plasma membrane localization of ATP7A-containing vesicles remain unresolved.
76 In cultured polarized epithelial cells, C-terminal di-leucine and PDZ-binding motifs are
77 required for basolateral plasma membrane targeting of ATP7A in elevated copper
78 (Greenough *et al.*, 2004). The single PDZ domain-containing protein (PDZD11, also
79 known as AIPP1) was identified as an interactor of the C-terminal 15 amino acids of
80 ATP7A, and in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* this interaction was not dependent on
81 copper levels (Stephenson *et al.*, 2005). Although these observations suggest that
82 PDZD11 could be involved in plasma membrane targeting of ATP7A, the role of
83 PDZD11 in ATP7A trafficking and in copper homeostasis has not been explored.

84 We identified PDZD11 as an interactor of the adherens junction (AJ) protein PLEKHA7
85 (Guerrera *et al.*, 2016). The N-terminal tandem WW domains of PLEKHA7 bind to the
86 N-terminal proline-rich sequence of PDZD11 to recruit PDZD11 to AJ, and this
87 interaction is required for the accumulation of the transmembrane proteins nectins,
88 tetraspanin-33 (Tspan33) and ADAM10 at AJ (Guerrera *et al.*, 2016; Shah *et al.*, 2018;
89 Rouaud *et al.*, 2020). Although we detected PDZD11 labeling predominantly at cell-
90 cell junctions using antibodies against the endogenous protein (Guerrera *et al.*, 2016),
91 PDZD11 was reported to interact not only with ATP7A (Stephenson *et al.*, 2005), but
92 also with additional transmembrane transporters, such as the plasma membrane
93 calcium ATPase (PMCA) and the sodium-dependent multivitamin transporter SLC5A6

94 (Goellner *et al.*, 2003; Nabokina *et al.*, 2011), which are not localized at junctions, but
95 along the basolateral membrane of polarized epithelial cells (Chicka and Strehler,
96 2003; Greenough *et al.*, 2004; Subramanian *et al.*, 2009). This suggests that PDZD11
97 interacts with other ligands at these sites independently of PLEKHA7. To address this
98 question and gain more insight into the molecular complexes that implicate PDZD11,
99 we searched for new PDZD11 interactors through a yeast two-hybrid (Y2H) screen.
100 We report here that PLEKHA5 (Pleckstrin homology domain-containing family A
101 member 5) and PLEKHA6 (Pleckstrin homology domain-containing family A member
102 6), also known respectively as phosphatidylinositol-three-phosphate-binding PH-
103 domain protein-2 (PEPP2) and -3 (PEPP3) (Dowler *et al.*, 2000), are new PDZD11-
104 interacting proteins, which are localized in the cytoplasm and near the apical, lateral
105 and basal plasma membranes in epithelial cells within tissues and in culture. Since
106 PDZD11 binds to ATP7A sequences required for its trafficking to the cell periphery
107 (Greenough *et al.*, 2004; Stephenson *et al.*, 2005), we hypothesized that PDZD11,
108 PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 are involved in ATP7A trafficking. Here we
109 validate this hypothesis, and we show that PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7
110 promote the binding of PDZD11 to the C-terminus of ATP7A and together with PDZD11
111 are also required for efficient copper efflux upon cell exposure to elevated copper.

112 **Results**

113 **PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 are new interactors of PDZD11**

114 In addition to interactions with known partners, i.e. PLEKHA7 (residues 1-113 of
115 transcript variant NM_175058.4) (Guerrera *et al.*, 2016) and the sodium-dependent
116 multivitamin transporter SLC5A6 (Nabokina *et al.*, 2011), a Y2H screen using full-
117 length PDZD11 as a bait for a human placenta library containing fragments of cDNAs
118 revealed high confidence interactions with the N-terminal sequences of PLEKHA5
119 (residues 1-117 of transcript variant 1, NM_019012.5) and PLEKHA6 (residues 1-93
120 of transcript variant X11, XM_011509297.2) (Figure 1A). Sequence analysis shows
121 that similarly to PLEKHA7, and unlike other members of the PLEKHA family of proteins,
122 these PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 isoforms contain N-terminal tandem WW domains.
123 The highest degree of sequence similarity is displayed by the N-terminal regions,
124 comprising the WW and PH domains (Figure S1A-E). We propose the name WW-
125 PLEKHAs for these members of the PLEKHA family, which contain tandem WW
126 domains. WW-PLEKHAs also comprise a PH domain, typical of the PLEKHA family,

127 and C-terminal regions that contain coiled-coil (CC) and proline-rich (Pro-rich) domains
128 (Figure 1A, Figure S1A).

129 We generated antibodies against the C-terminal regions of PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6
130 (Figure S1A, orange boxes) and validated their specificity by immunoblotting (IB) and
131 immunofluorescence (IF) microscopy analysis of cells either overexpressing (Figure
132 S2A-C) or lacking (Figure S2D-F) the respective proteins. PDZD11 was detected in
133 immunoprecipitates of endogenous PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 present in Caco-2 cells,
134 which are of human origin, as the proteins used in the Y2H assay, indicating the
135 formation of a complex in cells (Figure 1B). Moreover, in agreement with the results of
136 the Y2H screen, GST-fusion proteins comprising the tandem N-terminal WW domains,
137 but not the C-terminal domains of PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6, interacted with full-length
138 PDZD11 (Figure 1C). Finally, full-length PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 interacted with GST
139 baits comprising either full-length PDZD11 (Figure 1D) or the first 30 residues of
140 PDZD11, but not with PDZD11 lacking the first 24 residues (Figure 1E), demonstrating
141 that the WW domains of PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 interact with the N-terminal proline-
142 rich region of PDZD11, similarly to PLEKHA7 (Rouaud *et al.*, 2020).

143 **PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 show distinct localizations in cells and**
144 **tissues and define cytoplasmic and microtubule-associated, lateral and**
145 **junctional pools of PDZD11 in cultured cells**

146 The cellular functions and localizations of PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 are not known. To
147 determine whether the pattern of distribution of PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 is consistent
148 with a role in ATP7A trafficking, we first examined their expression and localization in
149 cells and tissues.

150 IB analysis showed distinct patterns of expression for each WW-PLEKHA in epithelial
151 and non-epithelial cell lines (Figure S3A and (Vasileva *et al.*, 2017)). For IF microscopy
152 analysis of endogenous proteins, we used epithelial cells from the collecting duct
153 (mCCD) and the proximal tubule (MDCK) of the kidney, grown to full polarization either
154 on Transwell filters or as cysts in Matrigel, and myeloblastic-derived Hap1 cells (Shah
155 *et al.*, 2018). mCCD cells express PLEKHA7 and PLEKHA6, while PLEKHA5 is not
156 detectable by IB (Figure S3A). In polarized mCCD cells, PLEKHA6 labeling was
157 detected both at apical junctions, colocalizing with PLEKHA7, and along E-cadherin-
158 labeled lateral contacts (Figure 2A). Exogenously expressed GFP-tagged PLEKHA6
159 and PLEKHA7 are also detected at cell-cell contacts in mCCD cells and in bEnd.3

160 endothelial cells, while exogenous PLEKHA5 shows in addition a cytoplasmic fibrillar
161 staining (Figure S3B-C). Co-expression of PDZD11-HA with GFP-tagged PLEKHA6
162 and PLEKHA7 in polarized mCCD cells enhanced the accumulation of PDZD11 and
163 its WW-PLEKHA interactor either along lateral contacts (PLEKHA6, Figure 2B) or at
164 apical junctions (PLEKHA7, Figure 2C). Co-expression of PDZD11 with PLEKHA5
165 resulted in enhanced localization of both proteins in the cytoplasm and along lateral
166 contacts (Figure 2D), whereas expression of PDZD11 alone resulted in its detection at
167 apical junctions, lateral contacts and in the cytoplasm of mCCD cells (Figure 2E).

168 MDCK cells express all three WW-PLEKHAs as detected by IB (Figure S3A and
169 (Pulimeno *et al.*, 2010) for what concerns PLEKHA7). In MDCK cells grown on
170 Transwells, PLEKHA5 colocalized with E-cadherin at lateral contacts, in the
171 submembrane cytoplasm near the apical and basal domains, and in the cytoplasm, but
172 not at junctions (arrows and arrowheads, Figure 2F), whereas PLEKHA6 was localized
173 both at apical junctions, colocalizing with PLEKHA7, and along lateral contacts,
174 colocalized with E-cadherin, but not in the cytoplasm (Figure 2G). In MDCK cysts,
175 PLEKHA5 was detected along the lateral membrane, colocalizing with E-cadherin, and
176 in the cytoplasm near basal and apical plasma membranes (arrows, Figure 2H).
177 PLEKHA5 apical labeling was spatially distinct from that of the apical membrane
178 marker GP135 but overlapped with tubulin labeling (arrows, Figure 2I), indicating an
179 association with apical submembrane structures associated with microtubules, rather
180 than a juxtamembrane localization. PLEKHA6 was localized at junctions and along the
181 lateral membrane (Figure 2J), and PDZD11 was detected at junctions and lateral cell-
182 cell contacts, and in the cytoplasm near basal and apical membranes, overlapping
183 tubulin staining (arrows, Figure 2K) similarly to PLEKHA5. Hap-1 cells express
184 PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA7, as detected by IB (Figure S3A). In Hap1 cells, PLEKHA5
185 was colocalized with PLEKHA7 at junctions (Shah *et al.*, 2018) and was also distributed
186 extensively along the plasma membrane and in a cytoplasmic fibrillar pattern (arrows
187 and arrowheads, Figure 2L). Since the localizations of PLEKHA5 and PDZD11 were
188 similar to that of microtubules, we asked whether the integrity of the microtubule
189 network controls PLEKHA5 localization. The cytoplasmic labeling of PLEKHA5 in both
190 MDCK and Hap1 cells was dramatically reduced by treatment with the microtubule-
191 depolymerizing drug nocodazole (Figure 2M-N), indicating that cytoplasmic PLEKHA5
192 is associated with microtubules. Similarly, cytoplasmic labeling for exogenous PDZD11

193 was detected in MDCK and in Hap1 cells (arrows, Figure 2O) and was dramatically
194 decreased upon treatment with nocodazole (arrowheads, Figure 2P).

195 Next, we examined the expression and localization of WW-PLEKHAs in tissues. IB
196 analysis showed expression of WW-PLEKHAs in different tissues and faster and
197 slower migrating forms, suggesting the expression of differentially spliced isoforms
198 and/or post-translational modifications (see also (Pulimeno *et al.*, 2010)) (Figure S3D).
199 IF microscopy analysis of the kidney cortex showed strong PLEKHA5 labeling of
200 glomeruli and weak diffuse labeling of apical and basal regions of tubular cells (arrows
201 and arrowheads, Figure S3E, top panels), whereas PLEKHA6 labeling was localized
202 along the basal surface of tubular epithelial cells, and PLEKHA7 localized at epithelial
203 apical junctions (arrows and arrowheads, Figure S3E, bottom panels) (Pulimeno *et al.*,
204 2010). In intestinal epithelial cells of the duodenum, PLEKHA5 was detected mostly in
205 a sub-apical diffuse localization (Figure S3F, top panel) whereas PLEKHA6 was
206 detected both at junctions, colocalizing with PLEKHA7, and along basolateral surfaces
207 (arrows, Figure S3F, bottom panel). The localizations of PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 in
208 intestinal epithelial cells were distinct from the localization of ATP7A, which is localized
209 in the TGN (Figure S3G) (Monty *et al.*, 2005; Nyasae *et al.*, 2007). We also tested
210 whether WW-PLEKHAs are expressed in ATP7A-expressing cells in the brain. Strong
211 expression of PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA7 were detected in blood vessels, marked by the
212 endothelial marker PECAM-1 (Fig S3H). ATP7A is highly expressed in pia matter
213 adjacent to glial end-feet labeled with GFAP, and in the outer layer of the blood vessel
214 (green, Figure S3H). On the contrary, PLEKHA6 is not detected in brain blood vessel
215 (Figure S3H, bottom panels). Expression of PLEKHA7 was broader than PLEKHA5,
216 and in some cases, ATP7A colocalized with PECAM-1 and PLEKHA7 (Figure S3H).
217 The locus coeruleus (LC) contains the highest amount of copper among brain neurons
218 and ATP7A plays an important role in metalate dopamine- β -hydroxylase activity to
219 promote norepinephrine biosynthesis (Schmidt *et al.*, 2018; Xiao *et al.*, 2018). We
220 tested whether PDZD11 and WW-PLEKHAs are co-expressed in these neurons. WW-
221 PLEKHAs and PDZD11 were detected in LC neurons, however, ATP7A-labeled puncta
222 did not overlap with WW-PLEKHAs and showed partial colocalization with PDZD11 in
223 LC (Figure S3I). Overall, PLEKHA7 distribution was broader than both PLEKHA5 and
224 PLEKHA6, since labeling was detected in some neurons, brain blood vessels and
225 choroid plexus, and shows a better overlap with ATP7A expression. On the other hand,

226 although PLEKHA5 was immunolocalized in primary hippocampal neurons (Bayes *et*
227 *al.*, 2011; Pandya *et al.*, 2017), our results on brain sections suggest a more abundant
228 distribution in blood vessels. Finally, in primary cultures of cortical neurons, PLEKHA5
229 and PLEKHA6 labeling was detected in the cytoplasm of the neuronal cell body and
230 was colocalized with β -tubulin III along projections, whereas weak PLEKHA7 labeling
231 was detected in the cytoplasm and nucleus (Figure S3J, arrows). In summary, WW-
232 PLEKHAs show different patterns of subcellular localization and tissue expression in
233 cells and tissues that express ATP7A and do not colocalize with ATP7A under basal
234 copper conditions.

235 **PDZD11 and WW-PLEKHAs are required for ATP7A localization at the cell** 236 **periphery in response to elevated copper**

237 To study the role of WW-PLEKHAs in the localization and trafficking of ATP7A, we
238 used available and new knock-out (KO) cell lines for either one or two WW-PLEKHAs,
239 or for PDZD11, in the background of mCCD (Figure S4A-C), MDCK (Figure S4D-G)
240 and Hap1 (Figure S4H-J) cells. The KO of one WW-PLEKHA did not affect either the
241 localization or levels of expression of the remaining WW-PLEKHA(s) (Figure S5A, B,
242 D, F). Moreover, KO of either PLEKHA5 or PLEKHA6 did not affect the localization of
243 different components of junctions and lateral contacts, including nectin-3, ADAM10 and
244 Tspan33, which interact with the PLEKHA7-PDZD11 complex (Figure S5A, C, E)
245 (Guerrera *et al.*, 2016; Shah *et al.*, 2018), or Tspan15, which is localized laterally in
246 epithelial cells (Figure S5C,E) (Shah *et al.*, 2018).

247 WT and KO clonal lines were cultured either as cysts in Matrigel or on Transwell filters,
248 which allows optimal apicobasal polarization. In WT mCCD cells at basal copper levels
249 ATP7A labeling was concentrated in a perinuclear location facing the apical membrane
250 (apical perinuclear region), previously identified as the trans-Golgi network (TGN)
251 (Greenough *et al.*, 2004; Monty *et al.*, 2005; Nyasae *et al.*, 2007) (Figure 3A, C and
252 Figure S6E). The same localization was observed at basal copper levels in mCCD cells
253 KO for either PDZD11, or PLEKHA6, or PLEKHA7, or for both PLEKHA6 and
254 PLEKHA7 (Figure 3A, C and Figure S6A, C, E-I). The TGN localization of ATP7A was
255 confirmed by colocalization of ATP7A with the TGN marker golgin-97 (Figure S6O-S,
256 quantification in Figure S6Y), and it was similar in WT and KO lines. Similarly, in both
257 cells grown on Transwells and in cysts under basal copper conditions, a perinuclear
258 apical localization of ATP7A was observed in WT MDCK cells and in cells KO for either

259 PLEKHA5 or PLEKHA6 (Figure 4A, C and Figure S7F-H). Moreover, colocalization
260 between ATP7A and golgin-97 was observed in basal copper conditions in MDCK
261 cysts (Figure S7A) and cells grown on Transwells (Figure S7L-N, quantification in
262 Figure S7R) in an indistinguishable manner in WT, PLEKHA5-KO and PLEKHA-6-KO
263 cells, confirming the established localization of ATP7A in the TGN (Camakaris *et al.*,
264 1995; Petris *et al.*, 1996; Yamaguchi *et al.*, 1996; Dierick *et al.*, 1997; La Fontaine *et*
265 *al.*, 1998; Petris and Mercer, 1999). This indicates that neither PDZD11 nor WW-
266 PLEKHAs are required for the localization of ATP7A in the TGN at basal copper levels
267 in epithelial cells.

268 Upon exposure to elevated copper level, WT mCCD cells in cysts showed a massive
269 redistribution of ATP7A labeling from the TGN to the cell periphery. Strong ATP7A
270 labeling was detected linearly along lateral contacts, basal plasma membranes and in
271 a sub-apical position (arrows in Figure 3B, WT). Instead, in mCCD cysts KO either for
272 PDZD11 or for both PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7, accumulation of ATP7A near the plasma
273 membranes was disrupted (arrowheads in Figure 3B, PDZD11-KO and PLEKHA6/7-
274 KO). In mCCD cysts KO for PLEKHA6 alone, the lateral accumulation of ATP7A was
275 similar to WT cysts, whereas in cysts KO for PLEKHA7 alone the sub-membrane
276 labeling was disrupted (Figure S6B). In WT mCCD cells grown on Transwells, TGN
277 labeling for ATP7A strongly decreased in elevated copper whereas labeling proximal
278 to lateral E-cadherin was strongly increased (orange arrows in Figure 3D, Figure S6J).
279 Instead, cells KO for either PDZD11, or both PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7, or PLEKHA7
280 alone, showed decreased ATP7A labeling at the cell periphery along E-cadherin-
281 labeled lateral contacts and increased cytoplasmic perinuclear staining (Figure 3D, cyt.
282 and red arrowheads, Figure S6D, K, M, N, quantification in Figure 3E). It should be
283 noted that some ATP7A labeling was still detected in the TGN of WT and KO cells,
284 colocalized with golgin-97 in elevated copper conditions, albeit less than in basal
285 copper (Figure S6T-X, quantification in Figure S6Z). In mCCD cells KO for PLEKHA6
286 the redistribution of ATP7A to the cell periphery was similar to WT cells (Figure S6D,
287 L, quantification in Figure 3E), but labeling for ATP7A was shifted towards apico-lateral
288 junctional contacts, rather than lateral cell-cell contacts (quantification in Figure 3F).

289 In WT MDCK cysts exposed to elevated copper, strong ATP7A labeling was detected
290 along lateral contacts, near the basal plasma membrane, and in a sub-apical
291 localization, similarly to mCCD cells (arrows in Figure 4B, WT). Double IF microscopy

292 analysis with the apical membrane marker GP135 confirmed that ATP7A is in a sub-
293 apical, and not apical localization (Figure S7C-D). The KO of PLEKHA5 resulted in a
294 strong decrease in sub-apical, basal and lateral ATP7A labeling in elevated copper,
295 compared to WT cysts (arrowheads in Figure 4B, PLEKHA5-KO). The KO of PLEKHA6
296 resulted instead in disorganized and reduced sub-apical and basal labeling, but not as
297 strong as that observed in PLEKHA5-KO cysts (arrow and arrowheads in Figure 4B,
298 PLEKHA6-KO). Some residual signal for ATP7A was observed in the TGN of MDCK
299 cells grown in cysts, with no difference between WT and KO lines (Figure S7B).
300 Immunofluorescence microscopy analysis of ATP7A and the early sorting endosomal
301 marker EEA1 in MDCK cysts in elevated copper conditions showed that ATP7A
302 labeling is distinct from that of EEA1 (Figure S7E), suggesting that ATP7A-associated
303 vesicles are not early sorting endosomes.

304 In MDCK cells grown on Transwells and exposed to elevated copper level, KO of
305 PLEKHA5 resulted in a significant increase in ATP7A labeling in the cytoplasmic space
306 between the perinuclear TGN and the cell periphery, and in PLEKHA6-KO cells the
307 redistribution of ATP7A to the cell periphery was similar to WT cells (Figure 4D and
308 Figure S7I-K, quantifications in Figure 4E). ATP7A labeling was mostly detected in the
309 basolateral and sub-apical cell periphery, with no significant ATP7A staining
310 colocalized with golgin-97 in the TGN both in WT and KO cells (Figure S7O-Q,
311 quantification in Figure S7S), confirming that WW-PLEKHAs do not modulate the exit
312 of ATP7A from the TGN, but rather its association with the cell periphery. As in cysts,
313 no colocalization was observed between ATP7A and the early sorting endosomal
314 marker EEA1 in MDCK cells grown on Transwells and exposed to elevated copper
315 conditions, either WT or PLEKHA5-KO or PLEKHA6-KO (Figure S7T-V). Interestingly,
316 in cells KO for PLEKHA6 lateral labeling for ATP7A was shifted apically (Figure 4D,
317 quantification in Figure 4F).

318 Next, we asked whether either PDZD11 or WW-PLEKHAs are required for the
319 retrograde trafficking of ATP7A to the TGN when the elevated copper levels are
320 depleted by treatment with the copper chelator bathocuproinedisulfonic acid (BCS). IF
321 microscopy analysis revealed that both mCCD (Figure S6AA-AE) and MDCK (Figure
322 S7W-Y) WT and KO lines showed the same redistribution of ATP7A back to the TGN
323 region after copper washout, with ATP7A colocalizing with golgin-97 (Figure S6AF-AK
324 for mCCD and Figure S7Z-AC for MDCK).

325 Finally, since previous work showed that copper induces increased basolateral plasma
326 membrane levels of ATP7A, as measured by biotinylation (Greenough *et al.*, 2004),
327 we examined the role of WW-PLEKHAs and PDZD11 in modulating the surface levels
328 of ATP7A along the basolateral membrane. Basolateral surface proteins were
329 biotinylated by addition of sulfo-NHS-SS-biotin to the basal chamber, isolated by
330 affinity chromatography on streptavidin-coated beads, and lysates were analyzed by
331 SDS-PAGE and IB using anti-ATP7A antibodies, and anti-E-cadherin antibodies as a
332 positive control (Figure 3G for mCCD and Figure 4G for MDCK). Apical biotinylation
333 was not carried out because previous biotinylation studies (Greenough *et al.*, 2004;
334 Nyasae *et al.*, 2007) demonstrated that the amount of ATP7A at the apical surface is
335 negligible and not physiologically relevant. Our data also show that in our cellular
336 models ATP7A is not localized at the apical membrane, but in a sub-apical localization
337 even in elevated copper (Figure S7D). No basolateral ATP7A was detected under
338 basal copper conditions, whereas elevated copper resulted in detectable ATP7A
339 (Figure 3G for mCCD and Figure 4G for MDCK), in agreement with (Greenough *et al.*,
340 2004). Confirming our IF microscopy analysis, KO of either PDZD11, or PLEKHA7, or
341 both PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7, but not PLEKHA6 alone, resulted in decreased levels
342 of ATP7A at the basolateral surface of mCCD cells, when compared to WT (Figure 3G,
343 quantifications in Figure 3H). In MDCK cells, we observed a decrease in the basolateral
344 levels of ATP7A in PLEKHA5-KO, but not PLEKHA6-KO cells, when compared to WT
345 (Figure 4G, quantification in Figure 4H).

346 In summary, these findings indicate that PDZD11 and WW-PLEKHAs are not required
347 either for the TGN localization of ATP7A under basal copper conditions, for the copper-
348 induced exit from TGN or for the retrograde traffic of ATP7A to the TGN after copper
349 washout. However, they are required to promote the efficient localization of ATP7A at
350 the cell periphery.

351 **PDZD11 and WW-PLEKHAs regulate intracellular copper homeostasis in** 352 **response to elevated copper level**

353 We asked whether the altered localization of ATP7A in cells KO for either PDZD11 or
354 WW-PLEKHAs correlates with changes in copper homeostasis. To this purpose, we
355 first used the copper Fluor-4 (CF4) probe (Figure 5A, E), which, in combination with
356 the control Copper Fluor-4-Sulfur-2 (Ctrl-CF4-S2) sensor that is insensitive to copper

357 changes (Figure 5B, F), provides a measure of intracellular labile copper (Xiao *et al.*,
358 2018).

359 In agreement with the normal TGN localization of ATP7A, in basal copper conditions
360 KO cells showed intracellular labile copper levels similar to those of WT cells, in both
361 mCCD and MDCK lines (Figure 5C, G). In contrast, exposure to elevated copper
362 resulted in a 2.7-fold increase in intracellular labile copper in WT mCCD cells, but
363 greater increases, between 3.4-fold and 4.1-fold in cells KO for either PDZD11,
364 PLEKHA6, PLEKHA7 or both PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 (Figure 5C). Similarly, in WT
365 MDCK cells, elevated copper resulted in a 2.4-fold increase in intracellular labile
366 copper, whereas in cells KO for either PLEKHA5 or PLEKHA6, the increase was 3.9-
367 fold and 3.7-fold, respectively (Figure 5G). The absence of significant differences in
368 Ctrl-CF4-S2 fluorescent signals between WT and KO cells, either in basal or elevated
369 copper environments, indicated a comparable loading of the probes in all conditions
370 (Figure 5D, H).

371 To confirm that PDZD11 and WW-PLEKHAs control intracellular copper levels, we
372 measured the mRNA expression of metallothionein-1 (MTT-1), which is regulated by
373 intracellular copper (Mercer *et al.*, 1981), in WT and KO cells. In elevated copper
374 conditions, the increase in MTT-1 expression was significantly higher in cells KO for
375 either PDZD11, PLEKHA6, PLEKHA7, or both PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 (Figure 5I).
376 Furthermore, quantification of total cellular copper content by ICP-MS confirmed a
377 higher increase in copper levels in PLEKHA5-KO MDCK cells with respect to WT in
378 elevated copper conditions, and after return to basal copper conditions (Figure 5J).

379 Since elevated intracellular copper levels are toxic (Schilsky, 1996), we predicted that
380 cell death would increase upon elevated copper in cells KO for either PDZD11 or WW-
381 PLEKHAs. To test this hypothesis, we carried out cell viability assay using crystal violet
382 both for MDCK (Figure S8A) and mCCD (Figure S8C) WT and KO clones. A significant
383 decrease in cell viability was observed in PLEKHA5-KO and PLEKHA6-KO MDCK
384 clones (Figure S8B) and mCCD PDZD11-KO, PLEKHA6-KO, PLEKHA7-KO, and
385 double PLEKHA6/7-KO clones (Figure S8D), when compared to WT cells.

386 Together, these results support the notion that WW-PLEKHAs and PDZD11 regulate
387 copper homeostasis, resulting in higher intracellular copper accumulation in KO cells
388 exposed to elevated copper levels, through impaired trafficking of ATP7A to the cell
389 periphery.

390 **WW-PLEKHAs promote the binding of the C-terminal region of ATP7A to PDZD11**

391 Since PDZD11 binds both to the C-terminus of ATP7A and to the WW domains of WW-
392 PLEKHAs, we investigated whether WW-PLEKHAs modulate ATP7A-PDZD11
393 interaction using a trimolecular GST pulldown assay. We used as preys GFP-tagged
394 constructs encoding either the C-terminus of ATP7A (residues 1462-1500) or the same
395 construct lacking the PDZ-binding motif (residues 1462-1496), or GFP alone (negative
396 control) (Figure 6A). As additional (third) proteins, we used HA-tagged constructs of
397 PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 (Figure 6B). Either GST-PDZD11 (Figure 6C, 6F)
398 or GST alone (negative control, Figure 6D, 6G) were used as baits. IB analysis showed
399 that the C-terminus of ATP7A but not GFP interacted with PDZD11, and this interaction
400 increased in the presence of WW-PLEKHAs (Figure 6C-E). In contrast, no interaction
401 between PDZD11 and the C-terminus of ATP7A was observed when the PDZ-binding
402 motif of ATP7A was deleted (Figure 6F-G). Either GST-PDZD11 or GST alone did not
403 interact with GFP alone used as a prey (negative control, Figure 6H). These results
404 indicate that WW-PLEKHAs promote the interaction of the PDZ-binding motif of the C-
405 terminus of ATP7A with PDZD11.

406 To verify that the interaction detected *in vitro* occurs within cells, we used
407 immunofluorescence colocalization, since co-immunoprecipitation of endogenous full-
408 length ATP7A was not possible since it required solubilization conditions that abolished
409 labile protein-protein interactions. There was no colocalization between ATP7A and
410 PDZD11, and ATP7A and either PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6, PLEKHA7 under basal copper
411 conditions (Figure S9A-C). In contrast, in elevated copper conditions, we observed
412 colocalization of ATP7A labeling with PDZD11 and PLEKHA5 both at the cell periphery
413 (Figure S9D, magnified insets a in D', D'') and in the cytoplasm (Figure S9D, magnified
414 insets b in D', D''). We also observed colocalization of ATP7A labeling with PDZD11
415 and PLEKHA6 (Figure S9E, magnified insets a in E', E'') and PLEKHA7 (Figure S9F,
416 magnified insets a in F', F'') at the cell periphery. Thus ATP7A, PDZD11, and the WW-
417 PLEKHA proteins partially overlap in the same compartments under elevated copper
418 conditions, and a potential physical association *in vivo* is indicated by the *in vitro*
419 interaction between the C-terminal PDZ binding domain of ATP7A and PDZD11, which
420 is increased in the presence of WW-PLEKHAs.

421 **Discussion**

422 The trafficking of ATP7A and the regulation of its localization are critical for the control
423 of intracellular copper homeostasis, but little is known about the trafficking machinery
424 that drives and stabilizes ATP7A at the cell periphery (Holloway *et al.*, 2007; La
425 Fontaine and Mercer, 2007; Lutsenko *et al.*, 2007; Veldhuis *et al.*, 2009; Holloway *et al.*
426 *et al.*, 2013; Polishchuk and Lutsenko, 2013; Skjorringe *et al.*, 2017; Hartwig *et al.*, 2019).
427 Here we identify PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7, and their ligand adaptor
428 PDZD11, as proteins involved in the copper-dependent localization of ATP7A at the
429 cell periphery and in the maintenance of copper homeostasis.

430 PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 were first characterized as PH domain-containing proteins
431 implicated in phosphoinositide signaling (Dowler *et al.*, 2000), and genetic studies
432 indicate that they participate in several developmental processes and diseases (Wythe
433 *et al.*, 2011; Fromer *et al.*, 2014; Jamain *et al.*, 2014; Spellmann *et al.*, 2014; Jilaveanu
434 *et al.*, 2015; Thapa *et al.*, 2015; Shah *et al.*, 2016; Barbitoff *et al.*, 2018; Cox *et al.*,
435 2018; Tavano *et al.*, 2018; Daulagala *et al.*, 2019; Huang *et al.*, 2020; Liu *et al.*, 2020).
436 However, little is known about the cellular localization and functions of PLEKHA5 and
437 PLEKHA6, and the molecular basis for the involvement of all three WW-PLEKHAs in
438 physiological and pathological processes.

439 Here we show that the tissue distributions of PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 are distinct from
440 PLEKHA7 and that WW-PLEKHAs and PDZD11 are expressed in essentially all cell
441 types and tissues that express ATP7A. For example, in the adult mouse brain, ATP7A
442 is expressed in endothelial cells of blood vessels (Qian *et al.*, 1998), ependymal cells
443 of choroid plexus in ventricles (Kuo *et al.*, 1997; Choi and Zheng, 2009), a subset of
444 astrocytes (Kodama *et al.*, 1991) and neurons (Iwase *et al.*, 1996), and we detected
445 WW-PLEKHAs in most of these cell types. PLEKHA5 appears less expressed than
446 PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 in neuronal and epithelial tissues, and more expressed in
447 vascular tissues. It is likely that each tissue and cell type expresses a specific
448 combination of WW-PLEKHA proteins, providing functional redundancy, which could
449 explain why genetic disorders with impairment of copper metabolism have not been
450 described following loss of function of either one WW-PLEKHA or PDZD11. Indeed,
451 our results do not exclude that ATP7A traffic may also be regulated by PDZD11- and
452 WW-PLEKHAs-independent mechanisms, providing an additional layer of functional
453 redundancy.

454 The subcellular localizations of WW-PLEKHAs are also distinct, since PLEKHA5 is
455 associated with microtubules and PDZD11 throughout the cytoplasm (see also (Zou
456 and Cox, 2013)) and is also detected near lateral membranes and in a sub-apical
457 localization, whereas PLEKHA6 is detected along basolateral membranes and at
458 apico-lateral AJ, and PLEKHA7 exclusively at apico-lateral AJ. The role of the WW,
459 PH and coiled-coil domain of WW-PLEKHAs in directing their subcellular localization
460 was addressed in our recent study (Sluysmans *et al.*, 2021). In the case of PLEKHA5,
461 the PH domain is required for membrane association, whereas the PH domain of
462 PLEKHA7 is not required, but promotes the junctional localization of chimeric WW-
463 PLEKHA proteins (Sluysmans *et al.*, 2021). Thus, it cannot be excluded that PH
464 domains of WW-PLEKHAs are involved in creating targeting patches for ATP7A-
465 containing vesicles at the plasma membrane.

466 ATP7A and WW-PLEKHAs are not colocalized under basal copper conditions either in
467 cells or tissues, and the colocalization of ATP7A with golgin-97 under basal copper
468 conditions confirms its localization in the TGN. The KO of either PDZD11 or WW-
469 PLEKHAs does not significantly affect the localization of ATP7A in the TGN under
470 basal copper and the copper-induced exit of ATP7A from the TGN. This is in
471 agreement with the observation that ATP7A localization in the TGN in basal copper
472 conditions depends on sequences in the transmembrane domain 3 (Francis *et al.*,
473 1998), and the copper-induced exit from the TGN depends on one CXXC metal binding
474 site at the C-terminus (Lutsenko *et al.*, 1997; Goodyer *et al.*, 1999; Strausak *et al.*,
475 1999), but not on the C-terminal sequences that interact with PDZD11 (Greenough *et al.*,
476 2004; Stephenson *et al.*, 2005). The subcellular localization of ATP7A is very
477 sensitive to copper status, as high bioavailable copper levels target ATP7A to the cell
478 periphery to facilitate copper efflux (Kaler, 2011). KO of either PDZD11 or WW-
479 PLEKHAs, especially PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA7, correlates with decreased
480 accumulation of ATP7A at the cell periphery, as detected both by IF microscopy
481 analysis and biotinylation experiments. In PLEKHA6-KO cells, ATP7A lateral labeling
482 and biotinylated levels were not decreased, but lateral labeling shifted apically,
483 suggesting that ATP7A is redundantly targeted to the lateral membrane by more than
484 one WW-PLEKHA, and that PLEKHA6 retains ATP7A laterally. Since PDZD11 is
485 distributed in cellular pools associated with different WW-PLEKHAs, the redistribution
486 of ATP7A towards the apical junction in PLEKHA6-KO cells may be driven by an

487 increased proportion of PDZD11 bound to junctional PLEKHA7. The significance of the
488 sub-apical ATP7A labeling detected in MDCK cysts in elevated copper is unclear, since
489 studies on mice show a redistribution of ATP7A from the TGN to basolateral but not
490 sub-apical regions of the plasma membrane in intestinal and kidney epithelial cells of
491 mice exposed to elevated copper (Monty *et al.*, 2005; Nyasae *et al.*, 2007; Linz *et al.*,
492 2008). Our colocalization experiments with EEA1 indicate that in elevated copper
493 conditions ATP7A is associated with vesicles that are distinct from early sorting
494 endosomes. Thus, it is possible that ATP7A-associated vesicles are recycling
495 endosomes, and additional studies are required to precisely identify the molecular
496 composition of the ATP7A-containing vesicles.

497 Finally, PDZD11 and WW-PLEKHAs did not control retrograde trafficking of ATP7A to
498 the TGN after copper washout, in agreement with normal recycling of the ATP7A
499 mutant lacking the PDZ-binding motif after restoration of basal copper levels
500 (Greenough *et al.*, 2004). Previous studies showed that internalization of ATP7A from
501 the plasma membrane depends in part on clathrins and clathrin adaptors AP-1 and
502 AP-2 and in part on clathrin-independent endocytic pathways (Holloway *et al.*, 2013;
503 Yi and Kaler, 2015).

504 Interestingly, no genetic study has so far revealed a role of WW-PLEKHAs and
505 PDZD11 in copper metabolism in vivo. PLEKHA7-KO mice are viable and were not
506 reported to display any phenotype consistent with grossly altered copper homeostasis
507 (Popov *et al.*, 2015), and mice KO for either PLEKHA5 or PLEKHA6 or PDZD11 have
508 not been described. If WW-PLEKHAs have redundant functions in the regulation of
509 ATP7A, simultaneous KO of multiple WW-PLEKHAs may be necessary to elicit a
510 strong phenotype. Furthermore, we cannot exclude that additional PDZ-containing
511 proteins may also participate in the trafficking of ATP7A, potentially compensating a
512 pathological or experimental loss of PDZD11. Thus, future studies should use mouse
513 models, including mouse models with copper accumulation (*Atp7b* KO mice) (Huster
514 *et al.*, 2006), to test the relevance of WW-PLEKHAs and PDZD11 as targets or
515 effectors of copper-sensing mechanisms in specific tissues.

516 The altered localization of ATP7A in cells KO for PDZD11 and WW-PLEKHAs
517 correlated with increased intracellular labile and total copper levels upon exposure to
518 elevated copper. This could be simply explained by the reduced trafficking of ATP7A-
519 containing vesicles to the plasma membrane. However, we did not observe a strict

520 correlation between effect of KO on ATP7A localization and the increase in labile
521 copper signal. This suggests that WW-PLEKHAs may also regulate the activity of
522 ATP7A independently of their effect on ATP7A localization, for example by modulating
523 the recycling and dynamics of ATP7A-containing vesicles (Petris *et al.*, 1996; La
524 Fontaine *et al.*, 1998; Pase *et al.*, 2004), by tethering vesicles to specific domains of
525 the plasma membrane, or by maintaining a conformation of ATP7A that maximizes its
526 function as a copper pump. It should be noted that the trafficking of ATP7A depends
527 on actin and microtubule cytoskeletons (Cobbold *et al.*, 2002; Cobbold *et al.*, 2004),
528 and PLEKHA7 was identified as a GTPase activating protein (GAP) for Rac1 and
529 Cdc42 (Lee *et al.*, 2017) and an indirect linker to microtubules (Meng *et al.*, 2008), and
530 we showed that PLEKHA5 associates with microtubules (see also (Zou and Cox,
531 2013)). Thus, it is also possible that WW-PLEKHAs regulate ATP7A trafficking by
532 affecting the dynamics of the cytoskeleton. These questions, the identification of
533 additional components of the trafficking machinery for ATP7A, and the role of
534 regulation by phosphorylation should be addressed by future studies.

535 Here we did not analyze the role of WW-PLEKHAs and PDZD11 in the regulation of
536 the Wilson copper pump (ATP7B), because, unlike ATP7A, ATP7B lacks the PDZ-
537 binding motif that interacts with PDZD11, and its C-terminus does not interact with
538 PDZD11 (AIPP1) by β -galactosidase assays in yeast, (Stephenson *et al.*, 2005).
539 Although ATP7B is not expected to be regulated by WW-PLEKHAs through PDZD11,
540 future studies should address the localization of ATP7B in cells KO for WW-PLEKHAs,
541 since we cannot rule out that alternatively spliced isoforms of PLEKHA proteins which
542 lack the WW domains could be involved in the trafficking of both ATP7A and ATP7B,
543 through PDZD11-independent mechanisms.

544 We noted that WW-PLEKHAs promote the interaction of PDZD11 with the PDZ-binding
545 motif of ATP7A. These results are in line with the idea that by interacting together WW-
546 PLEKHAs and PDZD11 cooperatively promote the binding of the complex to their
547 ligands (Guerrera *et al.*, 2016; Shah *et al.*, 2018; Rouaud *et al.*, 2020). The WW
548 domains of PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 interact with the N-terminal, Proline-rich
549 sequences of PDZD11, similarly to PLEKHA7 (Guerrera *et al.*, 2016; Rouaud *et al.*,
550 2020), and the PDZ-binding motif of ATP7A is required for binding of the ATP7A C-
551 terminus to the PDZD11-WW-PLEKHA complex. Thus, the mode of interaction of the
552 WW-PLEKHA-PDZD11 complex with ATP7A is similar to what was described for the

553 Ig-like adhesion molecules nectins (Guerrera *et al.*, 2016) and distinct from that of
554 Tspan33, which interacts directly with the first WW domain of PLEKHA7 (Rouaud *et*
555 *al.*, 2020). Our colocalization analysis also suggests that multimolecular complexes
556 comprising ATP7A, PDZD11 and all WW-PLEKHAs can occur at the cell periphery in
557 elevated copper, and complexes of ATP7A, PDZD11 and PLEKHA5 can be associated
558 with microtubules in the cytoplasm.

559 Collectively, our results indicate that PDZD11 links WW-PLEKHAs to the C-terminus
560 of ATP7A and suggest that the WW-PLEKHA-PDZD11 complexes are involved in the
561 trafficking, membrane delivery, tethering, and regulation of dynamic exocytosis and
562 endocytosis of ATP7A-containing vesicles at the cell periphery in elevated copper
563 (Figure 7). How elevated copper acts as a transition metal signal (Chang, 2015;
564 Ackerman and Chang, 2018) to trigger the formation of the multimolecular ATP7A-
565 PDZD11-WW-PLEKHA complexes remains to be resolved.

566 **Experimental procedures**

567 **Cell culture**

568 Culture conditions for mouse cortical collecting duct cells (mCCD), Madin-Darby
569 canine kidney cells (MDCKII Tet-off), mouse brain microvascular endothelial
570 (endothelioma) cell line (bEnd.3), mouse heart endothelial cell line (H5V), human lung
571 carcinoma cell line (A427), ciliated aortic mouse embryonic endothelial cells (meEC),
572 human keratinocyte cell line (HaCaT) (Vasileva *et al.*, 2017), human umbilical vascular
573 endothelial cells (HUVEC) (Rouaud *et al.*, 2019), haploid human cells (Hap1) (Popov
574 *et al.*, 2015), mouse mammary epithelial cells (Eph4), human intestinal carcinoma cells
575 (Caco-2) (Spadaro *et al.*, 2017), human embryonic kidney epithelial cells (HEK293T)
576 (Rouaud *et al.*, 2020) were described previously.

577 Cysts of mCCD and MDCK cells were obtained using the protocol of (Debnath *et al.*,
578 2003). 40 μ l of Matrigel (BD Biosciences, 354230) were added on glass coverslips in
579 a 24-well plate and allowed to solidify for 30 min at 37°C. Cells were trypsinized,
580 resuspended in SMEM medium (Sigma-Aldrich, M8167), pelleted by centrifugation
581 (150x *g*, 3 min) and resuspended in 2 ml of SMEM to obtain a single-cell suspension.
582 Cells were diluted to obtain 35000 cells/ml and mixed in a 1:1 ratio with Assay Medium
583 2x/Matrigel 4%/Epidermal growth factor (EGF) 10 ng/ml), and 400 μ l were plated per

584 well. MDCK cysts were grown up to 7 days, mCCD up to 14 days, replacing medium
585 with fresh Assay Medium (1x) every 4 days.

586 Primary cultures of cortical neurons were obtained as described in (Chassefeyre *et al.*,
587 2015). Cortices were dissected from E18.5 mouse embryos in HBSS (Invitrogen)
588 containing HEPES 10 mM, streptomycin 10 µg/ml, penicillin 10 U/ml, then treated with
589 0.25% trypsin-EDTA for 10 min at 37°C and disrupted by 10 aspirations/ejections
590 through a 1-ml micropipette tip followed by 10 cycles through a 200-µl tip. 400000
591 cells/well of dissociated cortical neurons were seeded in DMEM (Invitrogen)
592 supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated horse serum in 6-well plates on 12-mm glass
593 coverslips precoated overnight with 50 µg/ml poly-D-lysine (Thermo Fischer Scientific,
594 A3890401) at 37°C. 20 hours after seeding, medium was changed to culture medium
595 (Neurobasal (Invitrogen), B27 supplement 2%, sodium pyruvate 1 mM, L-Glutamine 2
596 mM, streptomycin 10 µg/ml, penicillin 10 U/ml), and 4 days after plating cytosine
597 arabinoside (AraC, 5 µM) was added. Neurons were fed every 4 days with 500 µl of
598 fresh culture medium containing AraC and fixed for immunofluorescence microscopy
599 after 8 days of culture.

600 For immunofluorescence microscopy of copper-dependent ATP7A trafficking, MDCK
601 or mCCD culture medium containing 315 µM CuCl₂ (Sigma-Aldrich, C3279), diluted
602 from aqueous 1500x stock solution, was added to the cells (Greenough *et al.*, 2004),
603 overnight before fixation in the case of cysts, 4 or 5 hours before fixation for MDCK or
604 mCCD cells grown on Transwells, respectively. Basal copper conditions correspond to
605 regular MDCK or mCCD culture medium, whose main source of copper is fetal bovine
606 serum (10-20%) and copper concentration is less than 1 µM (Arredondo *et al.*, 2000;
607 Bauerly *et al.*, 2004; Keenan *et al.*, 2018). For copper washout, cells were treated with
608 CuCl₂ as described, washed once with culture medium, and then incubated for 4h at
609 37°C in culture medium containing 200 µM of the copper chelating agent
610 bathocuproinedisulfonic acid (BCS) (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Sc-217698) and 50
611 µg/ml cycloheximide (protein synthesis inhibitor), with replacement with fresh medium
612 every 80 min (Holloway *et al.*, 2013).

613 To disrupt the microtubule network, cells were treated with 10 µM nocodazole (stock
614 solution at 5 mg/ml in DMSO, Sigma-Aldrich, SML1665) for 2h at 37°C before
615 immunofluorescence microscopy analysis. DMSO (maximal final concentration of
616 0.1%) treatment was used as negative control.

617 **Genome engineering**

618 PLEKHA7 KO and PDZD11 KO mCCD and Hap1 cells were described previously
 619 (Popov *et al.*, 2015; Guerrero *et al.*, 2016; Shah *et al.*, 2018). CRISPR/Cas9 gene
 620 editing technology was used to generate PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 KO cells, in wild
 621 type (WT) or PLEKHA7 KO background to obtain single or double KO cell lines,
 622 respectively. Genscript guide RNA (gRNA) designing tool
 623 (<https://www.genscript.com/gRNA-design-tool.html>) was used to determine the
 624 CRISPR target sequences (Table 2). After cloning the gRNAs into the BbsI site of Cas9
 625 and GFP expressing px458 CRISPR plasmid (Addgene catalog no. 48138), specific
 626 background cells (Table 2) were transfected using Lipofectamine2000 (Invitrogen) and
 627 GFP-positive single-cell sorted as described previously (Guerrero *et al.*, 2016; Shah *et al.*,
 628 *et al.*, 2018). Single clones were further amplified and screened for KO using immunoblot
 629 and immunofluorescence microscopy analysis, before further validation by genotyping.
 630 Genomic DNA was purified using the DNeasy Blood and Tissue kit from QIAGEN
 631 (#69504) and the genomic locus surrounding the target region was amplified by PCR
 632 using specific primers (Table 2). Purified PCR products of Hap1 genotyping were
 633 subjected to Sanger sequencing (Microsynth, Switzerland), while products from mCCD
 634 and MDCK lines were first subcloned into the EcoRI-HindIII site of pcDNA3.1(+)/myc-
 635 His to separate alleles before being sequenced. Due to missing regions in the genomic
 636 sequence of dog PLEKHA5, MDCK PLEKHA5 KO could not be genotyped.

637 **Table 2. Genome engineering of PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 in mCCD, Hap1 and**
 638 **MDCK cells.**

Cell line	Species	CRISPR target(s)	Cell background	Genotyping primers
mCCD PLEKHA6 KO	Mouse	GGTTCATAGAGC TTTTGCGC GCCAGTCTTTTA TGACGAGC	mCCD N64 WT	gaggaattcCCAAGTTACCCCGAGAA GGG gagaagcttGGGAGGAGAGGACGTA CCAT
mCCD PLEKHA6/7 KO	Mouse	GGTTCATAGAGC TTTTGCGC GCCAGTCTTTTA TGACGAGC	mCCD N64 PLEKHA7 KO (Guerrero <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Shah <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Shah <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	gaggaattcCCAAGTTACCCCGAGAA GGG gagaagcttGGGAGGAGAGGACGTA CCAT
Hap1 PLEKHA5 KO	Human	AATGCACCGGTT GTCAGACG	Hap1 WT	CAGGTAGGACAAAATACTGCCAC CTGAAACCTAGCTGCAAACCTGG
Hap1 PLEKHA5/7 KO	Human	AATGCACCGGTT GTCAGACG	Hap1 PLEKHA7 KO (Popov <i>et al.</i> , 2015; Shah <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	CAGGTAGGACAAAATACTGCCAC CTGAAACCTAGCTGCAAACCTGG
MDCK PLEKHA5 KO	Dog	TGGACTTACGGG ATCACCCG	MDCK II Tet-off WT	N/A

MDCK PLEKHA6 KO	Dog	CCACCCGAATGT TGATGAGC	MDCK II Tet-off WT	gaggaattcAAGCTGCTGGGCAAATT GTGTGA gagaagcttCCCAGAACTACCGTCCA AGCAGCC
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639 **Antibodies**

640 The primary antibodies targeting the following proteins, raised in the detailed host
641 species, were used at the indicated dilution for immunoblotting (IB),
642 immunofluorescence microscopy (IF) or immunohistochemistry (IHC): rabbit PDZD11
643 (Rb29958, in-house (Guerrera *et al.*, 2016), IB: 1/1000, IF,IHC: 1/100); rabbit
644 PLEKHA7 (Rb30388, in-house (Pulimeno *et al.*, 2010)), IB: 1/5000, IF: 1/1000, IHC:
645 1/500); guinea pig PLEKHA7 (GP2737, in-house (Guerrera *et al.*, 2016), IF: 1/500,
646 IHC: 1/4000 or 1/300 for brain sections); mouse β -tubulin (32-2600, Thermo Fisher
647 Scientific, IB: 1/3500); mouse α -tubulin (32-2500, Thermo Fisher Scientific, IF: 1/250);
648 guinea pig α -tubulin (AA345 scFv-F2C, in house (Guerreiro and Meraldi, 2019), IF:
649 1/500); rabbit GFP (A-11122, Thermo Fisher Scientific, IB: 1/2000, IF: 1/200); mouse
650 GFP (11814460001, Roche, IF: 1/100); mouse HA (32-6700, Thermo Fisher Scientific,
651 IF: 1/150, IB: 1/1000); rabbit HA (sc-805, Santa Cruz, IF: 1/100); mouse myc (9E10,
652 in-house, IB: 1/2); mouse E-cadherin (610181, BD Biosciences, IB: 1/5000, IF,IHC:
653 1/2500); mouse ZO-1 (33-9100, Thermo Fisher Scientific, IF: 1/1000); rat ZO-1
654 (R40.76, a kind gift from Prof. Daniel Goodenough (Harvard Medical School, USA), IF:
655 1/100); rabbit afadin (A0224, Sigma-Aldrich, IB: 1/8000, IF: 1/200); rabbit paracingulin
656 (20893, in-house (Pulimeno *et al.*, 2011), IB: 1/10 000, IF: 1/500); rabbit paracingulin
657 (n.821, in-house (Guillemot *et al.*, 2008), IF: 1/100); rabbit cingulin (C532, in-house
658 (Cardellini *et al.*, 1996), IF: 1/10 000, IB: 1/2000); mouse p120-catenin (8D11, a kind
659 gift from Pr. A. Reynolds (Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA) (Wu *et al.*, 1998),
660 IB: 1/2500, IF: 1/100); rabbit α -catenin (C2081, Sigma, IB: 1/8000); rabbit β -catenin
661 (C2206, Sigma, IB: 1/3500, IF: 1/500); rat nectin-3 (D084-3, MBL, IF: 1/100); rabbit
662 ADAM10 (AB19026, Merck Millipore, IF: 1/300); mouse GP135 (3F2/D8, DSHB, IF:
663 1/5); mouse actin (MAB1501R, Merck Millipore, IB: 1/5000); mouse GFAP (G3893,
664 Sigma-Aldrich, IF: 1/800); chicken GFAP (01-670-261, Invitrogen, IHC: 1/2000);
665 mouse tubulin β -III (801201, BioLegend, IF: 1/500); mouse ATP7A (sc-376467, Santa
666 Cruz, IHC: 1/500); Armenian hamster PECAM-1 (MAB1398Z, Merck Millipore, IHC:
667 1/500); goat VE-cadherin (sc-6458, Santa Cruz, IF: 1/1000); mouse Golgin97 (A-21270
668 (CDF4), Thermo Fisher Scientific, IF: 1/100); mouse EEA1 (610457, BD Biosciences,
669 IF: 1/75). The rabbit polyclonal antibody targeting ATP7A (RbCT78, IF,IHC: 1/500)

670 (Steveson *et al.*, 2003) was a kind gift from Betty Eipper (University of Connecticut
671 Health Center, USA). The rat polyclonal antibodies targeting either PLEKHA5
672 (RtSZR129, IB: 1/1000, IF,IHC: 1/100) or PLEKHA6 (RtSZR127, IB: 1/1000, IF,IHC:
673 1/100) were generated by immunization of rats (Polyclonal Antibody Production,
674 Eurogentec) with purified N-terminally GST-fused C-terminal fragments of human
675 PLEKHA5 (NP_061885, aa 817-1116) or PLEKHA6 (XP_011507599, aa 971-1297)
676 produced in BL21DE3 bacteria.

677 Secondary antibodies for IF, from Jackson ImmunoResearch and diluted at 1/300,
678 were: anti-mouse (715-546-151), anti-rabbit (711-545-152), anti-rat (712-546-153) and
679 anti-guinea pig (706-546-148) Alexa Fluor 488; anti-mouse (715-165-151), anti-rabbit
680 (711-165-152) and anti-rat (712-166-153) Cy3; anti-guinea pig (706-605-148), anti-
681 rabbit (711-605-152) and anti-goat (705-606-147) Alexa Fluor 647; anti-rat (712-175-
682 153) and anti-mouse (715-605-151) Cy5. Additionally, for mouse brain IHC, secondary
683 antibodies, diluted at 1/250, were: anti-Armenian hamster DyLightTM405 (127-475-
684 160, Jackson ImmunoResearch); anti-mouse Alexa Fluor Plus 555 (A32727, Thermo
685 Fisher Scientific); anti-chicken Alexa Fluor Plus 488 (A32931, Thermo Fisher
686 Scientific). Anti-mouse, anti-rabbit (1/20000, Promega, W4021 and W4011,
687 respectively) and anti-rat (1/10000, Thermo Fisher Scientific, 62-9520) HRP-
688 conjugated secondary antibodies were used for IB.

689 **Plasmids**

690 Constructs that have been described previously include CFP-HA, full-length human
691 PDZD11 (GFP-, GST- or -HA) and GST-fused WW (1-162) PLEKHA7 (Guerrera *et al.*,
692 2016), GFP- and myc-tagged full-length (1-1121) and N-terminal region (1-562) of
693 human PLEKHA7 (Paschoud *et al.*, 2014), EGFP-tagged Tetraspanin-15 and
694 Tetraspanin-33 (Shah *et al.*, 2018), and GST-fused N-terminal (1-40) and Δ 24 human
695 PDZD11 (Rouaud *et al.*, 2020). GFP-tagged WT (1462-1500) and Δ PDZ-binding
696 (1462-1496) C-terminal regions of human ATP7A (NP_000043.4) were obtained by
697 annealing of oligonucleotides and insertion in pcDNA3.1(-) plasmid previously modified
698 to contain N-terminal GFP (pcDNA3.1-GFP) (Paschoud *et al.*, 2011). Full-length
699 sequences of human PLEKHA5 (NM_019012) and PLEKHA6 (XM_011509297)
700 isoforms identified by Y2H screen were synthesized by Genscript
701 (https://www.genscript.com/gene_synthesis.html) and amplified by PCR with
702 appropriate oligonucleotides for subsequent cloning. GST-fusion of truncated

703 sequences (PLEKHA5: WW (1-120), Cter (817-1116); PLEKHA6: WW (1-116), Cter
704 (971-1297)) were cloned into pGEX4T1 (EcoRI/BamHI-NotI for PLEKHA5; EcoRI-NotI
705 for PLEKHA6) for IPTG-inducible bacterial expression. For mammalian expression,
706 full-length GFP-tagged PLEKHA5 (1-1116) and PLEKHA6 (1-1297) constructs were
707 obtained by PCR and subcloned into pcDNA3.1(-) plasmid (NotI-KpnI for PLEKHA5,
708 NotI-HindIII for PLEKHA6) previously modified to contain N-terminal GFP (pcDNA3.1-
709 GFP) (Paschoud *et al.*, 2011). N-terminally HA-tagged full-length PLEKHA5 and
710 PLEKHA6 and N-terminal PLEKHA7 (1-562) were amplified by PCR using HA-
711 containing forward primer before cloning into pcDNA3.1(-) (NotI-KpnI for PLEKHA5,
712 NotI-HindIII for PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7). Full-length PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6,
713 tagged with GFP in N-terminal and myc at the C-terminus, were made by PCR and
714 subcloning into NotI-ClaI site of a pTre2Hyg plasmid already containing GFP-myc
715 (Paschoud *et al.*, 2014). All constructs were validated by sequencing (Microsynth,
716 Switzerland).

717 **Yeast two-hybrid (Y2H) screen**

718 The Y2H screen was carried out by Hybrigenics (France), with ULTImate Y2H
719 screening technology. The full-length sequence of human PDZD11 (NP_001357103.1)
720 was cloned in pB27 vector with N-terminal LexA, and this construct was used to screen
721 a human placenta library (RP6), in the presence of 20 mM of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole.

722 To perform bioinformatic analysis, the analyzed protein sequences corresponding to
723 the human PLEKHA7 (NM_175058.4), PLEKHA5 (NM_019012.5) and PLEKHA6
724 (XM_011509297.2) were aligned using T-Coffee (version 8.93) from EMBL-EBI. WW
725 and PH domains are SMART domains proposed by databases; coiled-coil domains
726 were detected using NCoils (version 1) from Expasy; Proline-rich domains were
727 obtained by a scan in the protein profile database PROSITE from Expasy. The two
728 WW domains and PH domain of the three proteins were submitted to WebLogo 3.7.4
729 (Crooks *et al.*, 2004) for graphical representation of the amino acid multiple sequence
730 alignment of these regions.

731 **Cell transfection and immunofluorescence microscopy**

732 For immunofluorescence microscopy (IF) staining, cells were seeded either on
733 6.5 mm/0.4 µm pore polyester 24-well tissue culture inserts (Transwell filters; Corning
734 Costar #3470), or on 12-mm glass coverslips in 24-well plates. For Hap1 cells,

735 coverslips were precoated with 0.01% Poly-L-lysine (Sigma-Aldrich, P4707) for 30 min
736 at 37°C prior to plating. To study the localization of tagged proteins that are
737 exogenously expressed, cells at 60 to 80% confluence were transfected one day after
738 seeding, using either Lipofectamine2000 (Invitrogen) or jetOPTIMUS (Polyplus)
739 following the manufacturer's guidelines, and processed for IF 48-72h later. Cells on
740 coverslips were washed twice with room temperature (RT) phosphate buffered saline
741 (PBS) before methanol (pre-cold at -80°C) fixation during 8 min at -20°C. After three
742 PBS washes, cells were permeabilized 5 min in PBS/Triton X-100 0.3% and blocked
743 20 min in blocking buffer (PBS/Gelatin 0.2%/Bovine serum albumin (BSA) 1%/Triton
744 X-100 0.03% prior to incubation with primary antibodies, diluted in blocking buffer,
745 either during 1h at RT or 16h at 4°C. Following three washes with PBS/Triton X-100
746 (0.3%) and 15 min of blocking, secondary antibodies and DAPI (1µg/ml), diluted in
747 blocking buffer, were applied during 30 min at 37°C, before final washes with
748 PBS/Triton X-100 (0.3%) (3 times) and PBS, and mounting with Fluoromount-G
749 (Invitrogen). Alternative IF protocol, used when staining endogenous PLEKHA5 and
750 PLEKHA6, consists in, after methanol fixation, washing the cells three times with PBS
751 before a 30-min blocking step in PBS/donkey serum 1% and incubation overnight with
752 primary antibodies diluted in serum incubation buffer (PBS/BSA 1%/donkey serum
753 1%/Triton X-100 0.3%) at 4°C. After three washes in PBS (15 min each), cells were
754 incubated in secondary antibodies and DAPI (1 µg/ml), diluted in serum incubation
755 buffer, during 30 min at 37°C, before final washes with PBS (three times, 15 min each)
756 and mounting with Fluoromount-G (Invitrogen).

757 Cells grown on Transwells were fixed by 16h incubation in methanol at -20°C, followed
758 by a 1-minute treatment with acetone pre-cooled at -20°C. Filters were excised
759 manually using a razor blade and hydrated in IMF buffer (0.1% Triton X-100, 0.15 M
760 NaCl, 5 mM EDTA, 20 mM HEPES, pH 7.5, 0.02% NaN₃ as preservative) during 15
761 min at RT. After two washes with IMF, cells were blocked with IMF/donkey serum 1%
762 for 30 min and then incubated with primary antibodies diluted in serum incubation IMF
763 (IMF/BSA 1%/donkey serum 1%/Triton X-100 0.3%) overnight at 4°C. Three IMF
764 washes (15 min each) were done prior to incubation with secondary antibodies (diluted
765 in serum incubation IMF) for 2 hours at RT, and final washes with IMF (four times, 15
766 min each). For staining of Golgin97 and EEA1, cells were fixed for 20 min at RT in 4%
767 paraformaldehyde before quenching with NH₄Cl 5mM (in PBS) for 15 min at RT. After

768 excision of filters, cells were permeabilized 5 min in PBS/Triton X-100 (0.3%) and
769 blocked 30 min in blocking buffer (PBS/BSA 1%/Triton X-100 (0.03%)) prior to
770 incubation with primary antibodies, diluted in blocking buffer, during 16h at 4°C.
771 Following three washes with PBS (15 min each, under slight shaking), secondary
772 antibodies, diluted in blocking buffer, were applied during 2h at RT, before four final
773 washes with PBS (15 min each, under slight shaking). The filters were placed on glass
774 slides, cells facing up, were mounted with Vectashield containing DAPI (VECTOR
775 Laboratories) and covered by a glass coverslip.

776 Cysts were fixed with methanol and acetone mixed 1:1 for 11 min at -20°C before
777 permeabilization with PBS containing 0.5% Triton X-100 (10 min at RT). For staining
778 of Golgin97 and EEA1, cells were fixed for 20 min at RT in 3% paraformaldehyde
779 before quenching with NH₄Cl 5mM (in PBS) for 15 min at RT and permeabilization for
780 5 min in PBS/Triton X-100 (0.5%). Immunostaining was then performed as described
781 previously (Spadaro *et al.*, 2017).

782 Slides were imaged on a Zeiss LSM800 confocal microscope using a 63x/1.4NA oil
783 immersion objective. Staining of nuclei with DAPI is colored in blue. Unless otherwise
784 stated, scale bars correspond to 20 µm.

785 **Mouse tissues immunohistochemistry**

786 Wildtype C57BL/6J mice were obtained from in-house breeding colonies. Mice were
787 group housed on a 12:12 hour light-dark cycle at 22°C with free access to food and
788 water. All animal studies were approved by and performed according to the guidelines
789 of the Animal Care and Use Committee of the University of Geneva (under
790 authorization n. GE133/20) and of the University of California, Berkeley (under AUP-
791 2019-04-12038). To harvest epithelial tissues, mice were euthanized, tissues included
792 in OCT medium and snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen-cooled isopentane. Frozen sections
793 (5 µm) were air-dried, fixed with acetone at -20°C for 20 min and rehydrated in PBS.
794 After 30 min of blocking in PBS/donkey serum 1%, sections were incubated with
795 primary antibodies (overnight at 4°C) and secondary antibodies (1h at RT) diluted in
796 PBS/BSA 1%/donkey serum 1%/Triton X-100 0.3%, each followed by three washings
797 in PBS, and were finally mounted with Vectashield containing DAPI (VECTOR
798 Laboratories) and covered by a glass coverslip. Sections were imaged on a Zeiss
799 LSM800 confocal microscope using a 40x/1.3NA oil immersion objective. For brain
800 IHC, mice were euthanized and immediately perfused with PBS and 4% formaldehyde

801 in PBS. Brains were post-fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for 24-48h and stored in 30%
802 sucrose in PBS solution for 48 h for cryoprotection. Brains were embedded and
803 mounted in Tissue-Tek OCT compound (Sakura finetek) and 20 µm sections were cut
804 using a cryostat (Leica). Brain sections were rehydrated in PBS, permeabilized using
805 PBST (0.3% Triton X-100 in PBS) for 30 min and incubated with blocking solution (5%
806 normal goat serum or normal donkey serum in PBST) for 1h followed by primary
807 antibody incubation overnight at 4°C. After washing in PBS, sections were incubated
808 in corresponding fluorescently conjugated secondary antibodies (1/250) for 2 h at room
809 temperature. After washing in PBS, sections were mounted with VECTASHIELD
810 Antifade Mounting Medium (Vector Laboratories, H-1000). Fluorescence images were
811 taken with a confocal microscope (LSM880 Confocal, Zeiss).

812 **Imaging quantifications**

813 To quantify ATP7A localization between cytoplasmic/TGN and membrane-associated
814 fractions (XY view), the integrated density of ATP7A signal in the cytoplasmic region
815 (drawn inside the E-cadherin labeling with the polygon selection tool of FIJI) was
816 divided by the integrated density of the signal in the entire cell area, i. e. comprising
817 also the membrane-associated ATP7A staining, using E-cadherin to define this region
818 with the polygon selection tool of FIJI. Quantification of ATP7A distribution at cell-cell
819 contacts (XZ view) after copper treatment was done by calculating the zonular
820 percentage of ATP7A signal, which was obtained by dividing the integrated density of
821 the signal in the zonular region, using ZO-1 to delimit the area (polygon selection tool
822 of FIJI), by the integrated density of the signal at the entire cell-cell contact area using
823 E-cadherin to determine this region. Colocalization between ATP7A and Golgin-97 was
824 quantified by Pearson's correlation coefficients. Coefficients were determined using
825 the *Colocalization Threshold* plug-in in FIJI software, applying auto-thresholding from
826 the Costes method (images with "Pearson's below threshold" superior to 0.1 were not
827 considered). 2-5 images from three different stainings were used, each image being
828 used as replicate.

829 **Cell and tissue lysates, immunoblot analysis**

830 Cell lysates were obtained in 500 µl of RIPA buffer (NaCl 150 mM/Tris-HCl 40 mM, pH
831 7.5/ EDTA 2 mM/glycerol 10%/Triton X-100 1%/sodium deoxycholate 0.5%/SDS 0.2%)
832 supplemented with protease inhibitor cocktail (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32965) from
833 10-cm dishes, followed by sonication (8 sec at 66% amplitude with a Branson sonifier).

834 Solubilized proteins were clarified by centrifugation (15 min at 4°C, 13 000 rpm). Organ
835 lysates were obtained by homogenization of the sample in 500 µl of lysis buffer A
836 (Guillemot *et al.*, 2012) using plastic micro-pestles. After 15 min of incubation on ice,
837 samples were sonicated five times for 5 sec at 66% (Branson sonifier), before
838 clarification by centrifugation (40 min at 4°C, 13 000 rpm).

839 Samples were mixed with SDS loading buffer and boiled 5 min at 95°C before SDS-
840 PAGE separation at 4°C. Proteins were transferred onto nitrocellulose (0.45 µm)
841 membrane (100V for 80 min or 70V for 180 min, at 4°C), and blots were blocked in Tris
842 Buffered Saline (TBS)/Tween-20 0.1%/Low-fat milk 20% for 1h before incubation with
843 primary antibody (diluted in TBS/Tween-20 0.1%/Low-fat milk 10%) followed by
844 secondary HRP-labeled antibody (same buffer) for 1h, and finally chemiluminescence
845 (ECL) revelation which was detected using Odyssey Imager (LI-COR). Numbers on
846 the left of immunoblots correspond to sizes in kDa.

847 **Basolateral surface biotinylation**

848 ATP7A levels along the basolateral surface was assessed by cell surface biotinylation
849 (Greenough *et al.*, 2004; Pase *et al.*, 2004). 400 000 cells were grown on 24-mm
850 transwells (Corning Costar #3450) for 7 days. For copper stimulation, culture medium
851 containing 315 µM CuCl₂ was added to the apical and basal chambers and incubated
852 for 4-5h at 37°C. Biotin labeling and processing was performed at 4°C for 30 min, using
853 Pierce Cell Surface Protein Isolation Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 89881). Sulfo-NHS-
854 SS-Biotin was dissolved in PBS supplemented with MgCl₂ (0.5 mM) and CaCl₂ (1 mM)
855 (PBS⁺⁺) and placed in the basal chamber, and PBS⁺⁺ containing 315 µM CuCl₂ was
856 placed in the apical chamber. Biotin was quenched for 10 min and cells were scraped
857 and transferred to a tube. After two washes with TBS (resuspension, centrifugation for
858 3 min at 500g and removal of supernatant), cells were lysed in lysis buffer (NaCl 150
859 mM/Tris-HCl 50 mM, pH 7.5/Triton X-100 1%/EDTA 5mM) containing protease and
860 phosphatase inhibitor cocktail (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32959) and sonicated two
861 times for 4 sec at 45% (Branson sonifier). Lysates were incubated 30 minutes on ice,
862 vortexing every 5 min for 5 sec, before centrifugation at 13 000 rpm for 15 min and
863 transfer of the clarified supernatant to new tube. Biotinylated proteins were purified by
864 overnight incubation with NeutrAvidin Agarose slurry from the kit. After incubation,
865 beads were washed three times with lysis buffer, twice with high-salt buffer (NaCl 500
866 mM/ Tris-HCl 50 mM, pH 7.5) and once with no-salt buffer (Tris-HCl 10 mM, pH 7.5)

867 before elution with sample buffer supplemented with DTT (200 mM) and urea (250
868 mg/ml) during 30 min at RT, vortexing every 5 min, and 15 min at 37°C. Samples were
869 then analyzed by immunoblotting, along with inputs prepared in sample buffer
870 containing DTT and urea (15 min of incubation at 37°C). Quantification of ATP7A
871 chemiluminescence signal was carried out in Image Studio Lite (LI-COR). For each
872 genotype, signal of biotinylated ATP7A was normalized to the input signal, and
873 calculated relative to the WT.

874 **Recombinant protein expression and Glutathione S-transferase (GST)** 875 **pulldowns**

876 For the production of GST-fused proteins, *E. coli* (BL21-DE3) were transformed by
877 heat shock with pGEX4T1 constructs and expression was induced with 0.1 mM IPTG
878 for 2h at 37°C. Bacterial pellets were snap frozen in liquid nitrogen before lysis in lysis
879 buffer (PBS/Triton X-100 1%) supplemented with protease inhibitor cocktail (Thermo
880 Fisher Scientific, A32965) and sonication five times at 55% (Branson sonifier). Cell
881 debris were removed by centrifugation (13 000 rpm) for 15 min at 4°C, and GST-tagged
882 baits contained in supernatants were normalized using Pierce Glutathione Magnetic
883 Agarose Beads (Thermo Fisher Scientific, #78602) according to manufacturer's
884 protocol, followed by Coomassie staining of SDS-PAGE. Prey and additional (for tri-
885 molecular pull-downs) proteins were expressed in HEK293T cells (2 300 000 cells in
886 10-cm dish) transfected with 10 µg of DNA using polyethylenimine (Polysciences, #
887 23966-2) and 48h later, after washing with PBS, lysing in ColP buffer (NaCl 150
888 mM/Tris-HCl 20 mM, pH 7.5/Nonidet P-40 1%/EDTA 1 mM) supplemented with
889 protease inhibitor cocktail (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32965), applying sonication (8
890 sec at 66%, Branson sonifier) and centrifugation (15 min at 13 000 rpm, at 4°C). Prey
891 and additional protein loadings were normalized by immunoblotting.

892 For GST pulldowns, 5 µg of GST-fused bait were coupled to Pierce Glutathione
893 Magnetic Agarose Beads (Thermo Fisher Scientific, #78602), previously washed twice
894 with equilibration buffer (Tris-HCl 125 mM, pH 7.4/NaCl 150 mM/DTT 1 mM/EDTA 1
895 mM), for 1h30 at RT. Following incubation and three washings with PBS/milk
896 2%/Nonidet P-40 1%, beads were incubated at 4°C overnight or for 2h with normalized
897 preys HEK293T lysates. After three washings with ColP buffer, proteins bound to the
898 beads were eluted with 20 µl of SDS loading buffer boiled at 95°C for 5 min, before
899 analysis by immunoblotting. Since lysates, and not purified proteins, were used as

900 preys, it cannot be formally excluded that contaminating proteins from the HEK293T
901 lysates may affect the results; however, it is unlikely that they are present in sufficiently
902 high concentrations to affect results, as preys were significantly overexpressed.

903 Quantification of WT C-terminal ATP7A chemiluminescence signal intensity in GST-
904 PDZD11 pull-downs in the presence of WW-PLEKHAs was carried out in Image Studio
905 Lite (LI-COR), normalized to bait signal (Ponceau S staining) and calculated relative
906 to control additional protein (CFP-HA) value.

907 **Immunoprecipitation**

908 Immunoprecipitation of proteins was carried out as described previously (Guerrera *et*
909 *al.*, 2016). Lysates were obtained from 10-cm dishes by rinsing cells with PBS and
910 incubating them in 500 μ l of CoIP buffer (NaCl 150 mM/Tris-HCl 20 mM, pH
911 7.5/Nonidet P-40 1%/EDTA 1 mM) supplemented with protease inhibitor cocktail
912 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32965) for 10 min at 4°C. After sonication (8 sec at 66%,
913 Branson sonifier) and centrifugation (15 min at 13 000 rpm, at 4°C), the supernatant
914 was collected (cytoskeleton-soluble fraction). The pellet was resuspended in 50 μ l of
915 SDS buffer (SDS 1%/Tris-HCl 10 mM, pH 7.5/EDTA 2 mM/DTT 0.5 mM/PMSF
916 0.5 mM), sonicated 3 sec at a power of 15% (Branson sonifier), incubated 5 min at
917 95°C and clarified by centrifugation. Supernatant was brought to a volume of 500 μ l
918 with CoIP buffer and mixed with the cytoskeleton-soluble fraction to obtain the total cell
919 lysate. 20 μ l of Dynabeads protein G (or protein A for guinea pig anti-PLEKHA7)
920 (Invitrogen) were coupled to antibodies (diluted in PBS/BSA 5%/Nonidet P-40 1%; 2 μ l
921 of pre-immune or immune serum for anti-PLEKHA7, 10 μ l for anti-PLEKHA5 and -6) at
922 4°C for 90 min. After two washes with PBS/BSA 5%/Nonidet P-40 1%, beads were
923 incubated overnight at 4°C with 100-120 μ l of total cell lysate and then washed three
924 times with CoIP buffer. Immunoprecipitates were eluted in 20 μ l SDS loading buffer
925 and boiled 5 min at 95°C, before analysis by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting.

926 **Intracellular labile copper imaging**

927 Cells were seeded on 35-mm glass-bottom fluorodishes (WPI, FD35-100) and
928 incubated for 48h until confluent. On the day of imaging, after 4 (MDCK) or 5 (mCCD)
929 hours of incubation at 37°C (5% CO₂) in fresh culture medium at basal or elevated (315
930 μ M, CuCl₂ mixed as aqueous solution) copper, cells were washed with Live Cell
931 Imaging Solution (LCIS, Thermo Fisher Scientific, A14291DJ) before loading with

932 either 1 μM CF4 (diluted in LCIS) or 1 μM Ctrl-CF4-S2 probe (Xiao *et al.*, 2018) for 20
933 min at 37°C. Cells were rinsed twice with LCIS and imaged in LCIS at 37°C on a Zeiss
934 LSM780 confocal microscope using a 40x/1.2NA water immersion objective, exciting
935 the probe at 536 nm (HeNe543 laser) and collecting emission between 545 and
936 700 nm. 7-22 fields were acquired for each fluorodish. In FIJI, signal was adjusted to
937 threshold to remove background areas and the mean intensity of the image (limited to
938 threshold) was measured; the average of the 7-22 intensities was calculated for each
939 fluorodish (replicate). GraphPad Prism 8 software was then used to normalize
940 replicates to the mean of WT cells in basal copper conditions.

941 **RNA isolation and quantitative PCR (qPCR)**

942 Confluent mCCD cells seeded in 35-mm dishes were incubated for 5h in basal or
943 elevated copper (315 μM CuCl_2 (Sigma-Aldrich, C3279), diluted from aqueous 1500x
944 stock solution) medium before mRNA extraction using NucleoSpin RNA Purification Kit
945 from Macherey-Nagel (740955.50) and cDNA synthesis using iScript cDNA Synthesis
946 Kit (Bio-Rad, 1708891), following the manufacturer's instructions. Quantitative PCR
947 analysis was performed on 20 ng of cDNA (each in triplicate) with SYBR Select Master
948 Mix for CFX (Thermo Fisher Scientific (Life Technologies), 4472942) for mouse
949 metallothionein-I (Fw: GAATGGACCCCAACTGCTC; Rv:
950 GCAGCAGCTCTTCTTGAG) (Wunderlich *et al.*, 2010) and GAPDH (internal
951 standard, Fw: GTGCAGTGCCAGCCTCGTCC; Rv: CTCGGCCTTGACTGTGCCGT).

952 **Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS)**

953 600 000 cells/well were cultured in 6-well plates for 72h before incubation in basal or
954 elevated copper (315 μM CuCl_2 (Sigma-Aldrich, C3279), diluted from aqueous 1500x
955 stock solution) medium for 4h. To measure the efflux of copper, copper-treated cells
956 were washed once with culture medium and then incubated for 30 minutes in fresh
957 culture medium (basal copper). For mineralization, cells were rinsed three times with
958 ice-cold PBS and incubated 16h at RT in trace-metals grade concentrated nitric acid
959 (215 μl /well) (VWR (Normatom), 83872.290). After incubation, a volume of 150 μl was
960 taken and completed up to 3.3 ml with water in 15 ml metal-free tubes, ending to a final
961 solvent composition of sample matrix of 4.5% HNO_3 in water (v/v). The analyses were
962 performed by the Mass Spectrometry Core Facility from the Faculty of Sciences of the
963 University of Geneva, using a 7700x ICP-MS equipped with a Micromist nebulizer and
964 a Scott nebulizing chamber (Agilent Technologies). The autosampler was an ASX-500

965 series (Cetac) and the software used for data acquisition was MassHunter 4.2 (C.01.02
966 version). Copper content was determined by measuring ^{63}Cu and ^{65}Cu in helium (He)
967 mode with the He flow set to 4.3 ml/min, in triplicate instrumental measurements. The
968 internal standard was 20 ppb of rhodium, diluted from ICP standard mono-element
969 solution of rhodium (SCP Science, 140-052-450). Sample measurements were
970 compared to a calibration curve established with dilutions of ICP standard mono-
971 element solution of copper (SCP Science, 140-051-290). Two rounds of experiments
972 were conducted, each composed of three repetitions of every copper-treatment
973 conditions. GraphPad Prism 8 software was used to normalize all conditions to the
974 mean of WT cells in elevated copper conditions (relative cellular copper content).

975 **Cell viability analysis**

976 Cells were seeded in 96-well plate (4000 cells/well, each condition in triplicate) 72h
977 before copper treatment, to reach confluency. Fresh culture medium at basal or
978 elevated copper (315 μM CuCl_2 (Sigma-Aldrich, C3279), diluted from aqueous 1500x
979 stock solution) was added for 20h before fixation for 20 min at RT in 4%
980 paraformaldehyde. After two washes with PBS, cells were stained for 20 min at RT
981 with Crystal Violet (0,5%)/Ethanol (30%)/Water, washed three times with water, and
982 then dried for 2 days at RT (Feoktistova *et al.*, 2016). Colorant was dissolved in 10%
983 acetic acid for 10 min and absorbance at 590 was measured with Cytation3 plate
984 reader. For each experiment, the triplicate for each condition was averaged and, after
985 subtraction of the blank (empty wells), normalized to value of the basal copper level
986 condition of the corresponding genotype.

987 **Statistical analysis**

988 Statistical significance was determined using GraphPad Prism 8 software; sample size
989 (n), p-values (P) and statistical tests performed are specified in figure legends. Values
990 are shown as mean \pm standard deviation (SD). Significance has been determined as
991 follows: * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, **** $p < 0.0001$. For multiple comparison tests,
992 after ANOVA results showing significant difference, Dunnett's test was used to
993 compare every mean to control mean.

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1004 **Figure Legends**

1005 **Figure 1. PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 interact with the N-terminus of PDZD11**
1006 **through their tandem WW domains.** (A) Schemes of human PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6
1007 and PLEKHA7 showing amino acid positions and structural domains: WW (Trp-Trp)
1008 green, PH (pleckstrin homology) red, Proline-rich (Pro-rich) blue, coiled-coil (CC) pink.
1009 Boxes show yeast two-hybrid (Y2H) screen preys. (B) Representative immunoblot (IB)
1010 analysis of PDZD11 in immunoprecipitates (IP) of either PLEKHA5 (P5) or PLEKHA6
1011 (P6) from lysates of Caco-2 cells (pre-immune serum as negative control) (n=4 for P5,
1012 n=3 for P6). (C) IB analysis, using anti-HA antibody, of GST pull-downs of either
1013 PDZD11-HA (P11-HA) or CFP-HA (negative control) (preys, green), using as baits
1014 (red) either GST or GST fused to the indicated sequences. Bait degradation products
1015 are non-specifically labeled in the CFP-HA pulldown (red dashed rectangles). (D) IB
1016 analysis, using anti-GFP antibodies, of GST pull-downs of GFP-tagged PLEKHA5 (full-
1017 length), PLEKHA6 (full-length) and PLEKHA7 (N-ter, 1-562) preys using as baits either
1018 GST or GST-PDZD11. (E) IB analysis, using anti-GFP antibodies, of GST pull-downs
1019 of GFP-tagged PLEKHA5 (full-length), PLEKHA6 (full-length) and PLEKHA7 (N-ter, 1-
1020 562) preys (green) using as baits (red) either GST, or GST-PDZD11 full-length, or the
1021 N-terminal 30 residues (P11-Nterm), or a mutant PDZD11 lacking the first 24 residues
1022 (P11- Δ 24). Ponceau S-stained blots show baits (dashed black rectangles).

1023 **Figure 2. PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 are localized along the basal, apical and lateral**
1024 **plasma membranes in cultured cells and recruit PDZD11.** (A, F-L)
1025 Immunofluorescence (IF) microscopy of endogenous PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and
1026 PLEKHA7 in cultured cells, using either zonular markers (ZO-1, CGN), or the AJ/lateral
1027 marker E-cadherin, or the apical marker GP135, or the microtubule protein α -tubulin
1028 as references. Different cell types and supports were used, as indicated: (A) mCCD
1029 (Transwells); (F-G) MDCK (Transwells); (H-K) MDCK (cysts in Matrigel); (L) Hap1
1030 (coverslips). (B-E) IF microscopy of exogenous PDZD11-HA and GFP-tagged
1031 PLEKHA6 (B), PLEKHA7 (C), PLEKHA5 (D), and GFP alone (E, negative control) in
1032 mCCD cells (Transwells). (M-P) IF microscopy of endogenous PLEKHA5 (M-N) or
1033 exogenous GFP-tagged PDZD11 (O-P) in MDCK or Hap1 cells grown on coverslips,
1034 treated with either DMSO (M,O) or nocodazole (N,P), using antibodies against α -
1035 tubulin to label microtubules. For cells on Transwells (A-G), Z sections taken at the
1036 horizontal middle positions are shown below XY images. Arrows indicate labeling,

1037 arrowheads indicate low/undetectable labeling. Junctional, basal, apical plasma
1038 membrane (PM), cytoplasmic (cyt/cytopl.), sub-apical cytoplasmic (cyt.) and lateral
1039 (lat.) localizations/pools are indicated by arrows. Bars= 20 μ m.

1040 **Figure 3. PDZD11, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 are required for the correct targeting**
1041 **of ATP7A to the cell periphery of mCCD cells in elevated copper.** (A-B) IF
1042 microscopy of the localization of ATP7A (green) and E-cadherin (basolateral labeling
1043 marker, red) in mCCD cysts. TGN= Trans Golgi Network. Lateral, sub-apical and basal
1044 ATP7A labeling in elevated copper are indicated by arrows in B. Arrowheads indicate
1045 low/undetectable labeling. Bars= 20 μ m. (C-F) IF microscopy (C-D) and quantifications
1046 (E-F) of ATP7A localization in mCCD cells grown on Transwells (see Figure S6 for
1047 images at lower magnification). Orange arrows and red arrowheads in D indicate
1048 ATP7A labeling colocalized and non-colocalized with E-cadherin, respectively. Bars=
1049 5 μ m. Values of ATP7A distribution between cell periphery and TGN/cytoplasm (E) or
1050 between lateral and apical cell-cell contacts (F) are shown as mean \pm SD. $n=22-30$
1051 cells for Basal Cu and $n=92-107$ cells for Elevated Cu (E), $n=18-23$ cell-cell contacts
1052 (F) (One-way ANOVA with post hoc Dunnett's test, $*p<0.05$, $****p<0.0001$; ns, not
1053 significant). (G) IB analysis of biotinylated ATP7A in the indicated WT and KO lines
1054 under basal and high copper conditions. E-cadherin was used as positive control for
1055 basolateral biotinylation. (H) Quantification of basolateral ATP7A in Elevated Cu
1056 indicates for each genotype the biotinylated ATP7A signal normalized to the input,
1057 relative to WT cells. Dots show replicates ($n=7$) and bars represent mean \pm SD. One-
1058 way ANOVA with post hoc Dunnett's test ($***p<0.001$; $****p<0.0001$; ns, not
1059 significant).

1060 **Figure 4. PLEKHA5 and PLEKHA6 are required for the correct targeting of ATP7A**
1061 **to the cell periphery of MDCK cells in elevated copper.** (A-B) IF microscopy of the
1062 localization of ATP7A in MDCK cysts. TGN= Trans Golgi Network. Lateral, sub-apical
1063 and basal ATP7A labeling in elevated copper are indicated by arrows in B. Arrowheads
1064 indicate low/undetectable labeling. Bars= 20 μ m. (C-F) IF microscopy (C-D) and
1065 quantifications (E-F) of ATP7A localization in MDCK cells grown on Transwells (see
1066 Figure S7 for images at lower magnification). Orange arrows and red arrowhead in D
1067 indicate ATP7A labeling colocalized and non-colocalized with E-cadherin, respectively.
1068 Bars= 5 μ m. Values of ATP7A distribution between cell periphery and TGN/cytoplasm
1069 (E) or between lateral and apical cell-cell contacts (F) are shown as mean \pm SD. $n=25-$

1070 31 (E, Basal Cu) and 90-105 cells (E, Elevated Cu), $n=29-47$ cell-cell contacts (F).
1071 One-way ANOVA with post hoc Dunnett's test (**** $p<0.0001$; ns, not significant). (G)
1072 IB analysis of biotinylated ATP7A in the indicated WT and KO lines under basal and
1073 high copper conditions. E-cadherin was used as positive control for basolateral
1074 labeling. (H) Quantification of basolateral ATP7A in Elevated Cu indicates for each
1075 genotype the biotinylated ATP7A signal normalized to the input, relative to WT cells.
1076 Dots show replicates ($n=5$) and bars represent mean \pm SD. One-way ANOVA with post
1077 hoc Dunnett's test ($*p<0.05$; ns, not significant).

1078 **Figure 5. PDZD11 and WW-PLEKHAs are required for the control of labile copper**
1079 **in mCCD and MDCK cells exposed to elevated copper level.** Fluorescence images
1080 (A-B, E-F) and quantification of fluorescence (C-D, G-H) of either mCCD (A-D) or
1081 MDCK (E-H) cells loaded either with CF4 (A,C,E,G) or Ctrl-CF4-S2 (B,D,F,H) under
1082 conditions of basal copper (Basal Cu) and after treatment with high concentration of
1083 copper (Elevated Cu). In C, D, G and H, dots show replicates (n), relative to the mean
1084 of WT cells in basal copper, and bars represent mean \pm SD. One-way ANOVA with
1085 post hoc Dunnett's test ($*p<0.05$, $**p<0.01$, $***p<0.001$). (I) Quantification by qRT-PCR
1086 of the mRNA levels of metallothionein-I (MTT-I) (using GAPDH as internal standard,
1087 see Experimental procedures) in WT and KO mCCD cells under conditions of basal
1088 copper (Basal Cu) and after treatment with high concentration of copper (Elevated Cu),
1089 relative to elevated copper-treated WT cells. Dots show replicates ($n=4$ for Basal Cu,
1090 $n=7$ for Elevated Cu), and bars represent mean \pm SD. One-way ANOVA with post hoc
1091 Dunnett's test ($*p<0.05$, $**p<0.01$). (J) Measurement of cellular copper content by ICP-
1092 MS in WT and PLEKHA5 KO MDCK cells under conditions of basal copper (Basal Cu),
1093 after treatment with high concentration of copper (Elevated Cu) and after treatment
1094 with elevated copper followed by a 30-minutes treatment in Basal Cu medium (Return
1095 to basal Cu) (see Experimental procedures). < LOD= below limit of detection. Dots
1096 show replicates ($n=6$), relative to the mean of WT cells in elevated copper, and bars
1097 represent mean \pm SD. One-way ANOVA with post hoc Sidak test ($*p<0.05$, $**p<0.01$).
1098 Abbreviations for genotypes: P11=PDZD11; P5=PLEKHA5, P6=PLEKHA6;
1099 P7=PLEKHA7.

1100 **Figure 6. WW-PLEKHAs enhance the interaction of PDZD11 with the C-terminus**
1101 **of ATP7A.** (A-B) Normalized preys (A, green) and additional proteins (B, blue) for GST-
1102 pulldowns. Preys normalized by IB with anti-GFP (A) were either GFP, GFP-tagged C-

1103 terminus of ATP7A WT (1465-1500) or the same, but lacking the C-terminal 4-residue
1104 PDZ-binding motif (GFP-ATP7A Cter Δ PDZ-binding). Additional proteins normalized
1105 with anti-HA (B) antibodies were either full length PLEKHA5 (P5), full-length PLEKHA6
1106 (P6), N-terminal fragment of PLEKHA7 (P7), or CFP-HA (negative control). (C-H) GST
1107 pulldowns. IB analysis using anti-GFP antibodies (C-D, F-H) and signal quantification
1108 (E) of GST pulldowns using either GST or GST-PDZD11 as baits (Ponceau S staining
1109 below IB show baits, in red), and the indicated preys (green), carried out either in the
1110 presence or the absence of the indicated HA-tagged third additional protein (blue). (E)
1111 quantifications, with each dot representing a replicate (n=4) of densitometric of the
1112 GFP immunoblot in (C) (pulldown of GFP-ATP7A Cter WT using GST-PDZD11 as a
1113 bait under the different conditions), each normalized to the respective signal of GST-
1114 PDZD11 bait (see Experimental procedures). Bars represent mean \pm SD. Repeated
1115 measures (RM) one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's multiple comparison test with
1116 +CFP-HA as reference (*p<0.05, **p<0.01).

1117 **Figure 7. Model WW-PLEKHA- and PDZD11-regulated ATP7A trafficking.**

1118 Schematic model and graphical legend describing the localization of the indicated
1119 proteins and the implication of WW-PLEKHAs and PDZD11 in the anterograde
1120 trafficking of ATP7A in absorptive polarized epithelial cells (MDCK) either in basal Cu
1121 (left) or in elevated Cu (right), based on IF results shown in Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure
1122 S6, Figure S7. The lateral plasma membrane (PM) and the apico-lateral AJ are shown
1123 on the left. PLEKHA7 is exclusively localized at the AJ/ZA. Under basal copper (Basal
1124 Cu, left), few ATP7A-containing membrane vesicles cycle between the plasma
1125 membrane and trans-Golgi network (TGN), and most ATP7A is in the TGN. With
1126 elevated copper (Elevated Cu, right), ATP7A-containing membrane vesicles are
1127 trafficked to the cell periphery along microtubule (MT) tracks and are tethered to the
1128 apical lateral and basal PM by the WW-PLEKHA-PDZD11 complexes. Copper
1129 chaperones, transporters, adaptors and signaling proteins involved in copper
1130 homeostasis (La Fontaine and Mercer, 2007; Lutsenko *et al.*, 2007; Polishchuk and
1131 Lutsenko, 2013) are not shown for the sake of simplicity.

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1135 **Figure S1. Sequence homology between PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7.** (A)
1136 Multiple sequence alignment of human PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 showing
1137 identical (black) and similar (grey) residues. WW and PH domains are in green and
1138 red boxes, respectively. Residues of coiled-coil and proline-rich domains are indicated
1139 in pink and blue, respectively. Orange boxes show regions used as antigens for
1140 generation of antibodies. (B-D) Weblogo diagrams of residue conservation in the first
1141 (B) and second (C) WW domains, and in the PH domain (D) of human PLEKHA5,
1142 PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7. In B and C, signature residues of the WW domains are
1143 highlighted in yellow, and arrows point the amino acids forming the pocket for
1144 interaction with PDZD11 (Rouaud *et al.*, 2020). In D, the residues that make up the
1145 putative PtdIns(3,4,5)P3-binding motif (PPBM) (Isakoff *et al.*, 1998; Dowler *et al.*, 2000)
1146 are highlighted in yellow, and the key amino acids for the PtdIns(3,4,5)P3 binding PH
1147 motif are squared in orange (Jungmichel *et al.*, 2014). (E) Percentage values of amino
1148 acid sequence identity between full-length and domains (with indicated amino acid
1149 positions) of WW-PLEKHAs.

1150 **Figure S2. Generation and validation of antibodies against PLEKHA5 and**
1151 **PLEKHA6.** (A-B) IB analysis, using anti-PLEKHA5 (A) or anti-PLEKHA6 (B) immune
1152 and pre-immune sera, of the respective antigen and of HEK cell lysates expressing the
1153 corresponding full-length protein (untransfected HEK lysate as negative control). (C)
1154 IB analysis of HEK lysates overexpressing GFP- and Myc-tagged PLEKHA5 (P5),
1155 PLEKHA6 (P6) or PLEKHA7 (P7) (GFP-Myc as control), using anti-PLEKHA5, -
1156 PLEKHA6 and -PLEKHA7 (-Myc as loading control) antibodies, showing the absence
1157 of cross-reaction. (D-F) IF microscopy (D) and IB analysis (E-F) of WT and KO MDCK
1158 cells (see Figure S4 for KO lines), using anti-PLEKHA5 (P5) or anti-PLEKHA6 (P6)
1159 immune and pre-immune sera. Bar= 20 μ m. β -tubulin serves as loading control.

1160 **Figure S3. Expression and localization of PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 in**
1161 **tissues and cells.** (A, D) IB analysis of PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7 (with
1162 either β -tubulin or actin as loading controls) in lysates of the indicated cell types (A)
1163 and mouse tissues (D). (B, C) IF microscopy analysis of GFP-tagged exogenously
1164 expressed PLEKHA5 (P5), PLEKHA6 (P6) and PLEKHA7 (P7) (GFP as control) either
1165 in epithelial mCCD (B) or endothelial bEnd.3 cells (C). Asterisks show transfected cells.

1166 (E-G) IF microscopy analysis of the localization of WW-PLEKHAs and ATP7A
1167 (indicated in each panel) in sections of mouse kidney cortex (E) and duodenum (F, G).
1168 Basal, baso-lateral (b.-lateral), junctional, glomerular (glomer.), sub-apical cytoplasmic
1169 (sub-apical cyt.) or trans-Golgi network (TGN) labeling is indicated by arrows.
1170 Arrowheads indicate low/undetectable labeling. Bars= 20 μ m. (H-I) IF microscopy of
1171 mouse brain sections focusing on blood vessels (PECAM-1 as endothelial marker
1172 (blood vessels)) (H) or locus coeruleus (I). All WW-PLEKHAs and PDZD11 are
1173 expressed in neurons in locus coeruleus region, and ATP7A expression in locus
1174 coeruleus neurons appears as puncta. Bars= 50 μ m. (J) IF microscopy analysis of
1175 WW-PLEKHAs in primary cultures of cortical neurons, co-labeled with anti- β -tubulin III
1176 to identify neuronal projections (pointed with P). N shows nucleus, arrows indicate
1177 labeling, arrowheads indicate low/undetectable labeling. Bars= 20 μ m.

1178 **Figure S4. Generation of single and double PLEKHA5, PLEKHA6 and PLEKHA7**
1179 **knock-out cell lines.** (A-C) Validation of CRISPR/Cas9-mediated deletion of
1180 PLEKHA6 in mCCD (either WT or PLEKHA7 KO background) by IF (A) and IB (B)
1181 analysis, and by genomic sequencing (C). E-cadherin is used as a junctional and
1182 lateral marker for internal reference in IF analysis. (D-G) Validation of CRISPR/Cas9-
1183 mediated deletion of either PLEKHA5 or PLEKHA6 in MDCK by IF microscopy (D) and
1184 IB (E, F) analysis and genotyping (G). Since full genomic sequence for dog PLEKHA5
1185 is not available alleles for MDCK PLEKHA5 KO clones could not be genotyped. (H-J)
1186 Validation of CRISPR/Cas9-mediated deletion of PLEKHA5 in Hap1 (either WT or
1187 PLEKHA7 KO background) by IF microscopy (H) and IB (I) analysis, and by
1188 sequencing (J). Bars= 20 μ m. In C, G and J, CRISPR targets are depicted in green in
1189 the WT sequences, with their position in the exon, and respective indels in the alleles
1190 of the KO clones obtained are indicated in red.

1191 **Figure S5. Knock-out of PLEKHA5 or PLEKHA6 does not affect the localization**
1192 **of cadherin complex proteins, Tspan15, Tspan33, ADAM10 and PLEKHA7.**
1193 (A,C,E). IF microscopy analysis of the localizations of endogenous WW-PLEKHAs
1194 (A,E), nectin-3, paracingulin (CGNL1), E-cadherin, p120-catenin (ctn) and β -ctn (A),
1195 ADAM10 (C,E), afadin (E) and the exogenous TspanC8s Tspan33 and Tspan15 (C,E)
1196 in MDCK (A), mCCD (C) and Hap1 (E) WT and KO cells. Genotypes of KO cells are
1197 indicated on top of each column: P5=PLEKHA5, P6=PLEKHA6, P7=PLEKHA7. The
1198 phenotype of PDZD11-KO cells is identical to the phenotype of PLEKHA7-KO cells

1199 (Shah *et al.*, 2018). Images showing Z section (taken at the horizontal middle position
1200 of XY view) were from cells grown on Transwells. Arrows indicate labeling, arrowheads
1201 indicate low/undetectable labeling. Bars= 20 μ m. (B, D, F) IB analysis of the expression
1202 of WW-PLEKHAs in WT and KO cells: MDCK (B), mCCD (D) and Hap1 (F).

1203 **Figure S6. Effect of KO of PDZD11 and of either single or double KO of PLEKHA6**

1204 **and PLEKHA7 on the localization of ATP7A in mCCD cells.** (A-D) IF microscopy

1205 analysis of the localization of ATP7A in either PLEKHA6-KO or PLEKHA7-KO mCCD

1206 cysts (A-B) and monolayers polarized on Transwells (C-D) either under basal copper

1207 conditions (A, C) or in elevated copper (B, D). TGN= trans-Golgi network. Lateral,

1208 apical and basal ATP7A labeling in elevated copper are indicated by arrows (B).

1209 Arrowheads indicate low/undetectable labeling. Orange arrows and red arrowheads in

1210 D indicate ATP7A labeling colocalized and non-colocalized with E-cadherin,

1211 respectively. Bars= 20 μ m (A-B), 5 μ m (C-D). (E-N) IF microscopy analysis of the

1212 localization of ATP7A in polarized monolayers of mCCD cells (E, J=WT; F,K=PDZD11-

1213 KO; G,L=PLEKHA6-KO; H,M=PLEKHA7-KO; I,N=PLEKHA6-PLEKHA7 double KO)

1214 grown on Transwells under basal (E-I) or elevated (J-N) copper conditions. Dotted

1215 white squares/rectangles indicate high magnification areas shown in Figure 3 and in

1216 Figure S6C-D. (O-X) IF microscopy analysis of the localization of ATP7A and golgin-

1217 97 in polarized monolayers of mCCD cells (O, T=WT; P, U=PDZD11-KO; Q,

1218 V=PLEKHA6-KO; R, W=PLEKHA7-KO; S, X=PLEKHA6-PLEKHA7 double KO) grown

1219 on Transwells under basal (O-S) or elevated (T-X) copper conditions. (Y-Z)

1220 Quantification of the colocalization of ATP7A and golgin-97 using Pearson's correlation

1221 coefficient under either basal Cu (Y) or elevated Cu (Z). Dots show replicates

1222 corresponding to individual images from 3 independent experiments (n=10-14). Bars

1223 represent mean \pm SD and show no significant difference between WT and KO cells.

1224 (AA-AE) IF microscopy analysis of the localization of ATP7A in polarized monolayers

1225 of mCCD cells (AA=WT; AB=PDZD11-KO; AC=PLEKHA6-KO; AD=PLEKHA7-KO;

1226 AE=PLEKHA6-PLEKHA7 double KO) grown on Transwells treated with CuCl_2 before

1227 copper washout (BCS chelation). (AF-AJ) IF microscopy analysis of the localization of

1228 ATP7A and golgin-97 in polarized monolayers of mCCD cells (AF=WT; AG=PDZD11-

1229 KO; AH=PLEKHA6-KO; AI=PLEKHA7-KO; AJ=PLEKHA6-PLEKHA7 double KO)

1230 grown on Transwells treated with CuCl_2 before copper washout (BCS chelation). (AK)

1231 Quantification of the colocalization of ATP7A and golgin-97 using Pearson's correlation

1232 coefficient in cells grown on Transwells treated with CuCl_2 before copper washout
1233 (BCS chelation). Dots show replicates corresponding to individual images from 3
1234 independent experiments (n=7-9). Bars represent mean \pm SD and show no significant
1235 difference between WT and KO cells. For XY analysis (E-N, AA-AE), a more apical
1236 and a more basal plane of focus were imaged, using ZO-1 and E-cadherin as markers
1237 for apical junctions and lateral contacts, respectively. Merge images show
1238 colocalization between either E-cadherin and ATP7A (A-N, AA-AE) or golgin-97 and
1239 ATP7A (O-X, AF-AJ). ATP7A labeling is detected in the TGN in all cells in basal Cu
1240 conditions and is targeted to different degrees to the cell periphery in KO cells. Copper
1241 washout resulted in the return of ATP7A to the Golgi in all cells. Bars= 5 μm .

1242 **Figure S7. Effect of KO of either PLEKHA5 or PLEKHA6 on the localization of**
1243 **ATP7A in polarized MDCK cells.** (A-E) IF microscopy analysis of the localization
1244 either of ATP7A (red) and TGN marker golgin-97 (green) (A-B) or of ATP7A and apical
1245 membrane marker GP135 (C-D), or of ATP7A and early endosome marker EEA1 (E)
1246 in MDCK cysts either under Basal Cu (A, C), or elevated Cu (B, D, E). Arrows indicate
1247 TGN, lateral (lat.), sub-apical, basal labeling. Arrowheads indicated low/undetectable
1248 labeling. Areas in dashed white squares are shown at higher magnification in bottom
1249 panels in (E). Bars= 20 μm . (F-K) IF microscopy analysis of the localization of ATP7A
1250 in polarized monolayers of MDCK cells (F, I=WT; G, J=PLEKHA5-KO; H, K=PLEKHA6-
1251 KO) grown on Transwells under basal (F-H) or elevated (I-K) copper conditions. Dotted
1252 white squares/rectangles indicate high magnification areas shown in Figure 4. Bars=
1253 5 μm . (L-Q) IF microscopy analysis of the localization of ATP7A and golgin-97 in
1254 polarized monolayers of MDCK cells (L, O=WT; M, P=PLEKHA5-KO; N, Q=PLEKHA6-
1255 KO) grown on Transwells under basal (L-N) or elevated (O-Q) copper conditions.
1256 Bars= 5 μm . (R-S) Quantification of the colocalization of ATP7A and golgin-97 using
1257 Pearson's correlation coefficient under either basal Cu (R) or elevated Cu (S). Dots
1258 show replicates corresponding to individual images from 3 independent experiments
1259 (n=8-13). Bars represent mean \pm SD and show no significant difference between WT
1260 and KO cells. (T-V) IF microscopy analysis of the localization of ATP7A (red) and early
1261 endosome marker EEA1 (green) in MDCK grown on Transwells under elevated Cu.
1262 Areas in dashed white squares are shown at higher magnification in panels on the
1263 right. Bars= 20 μm . (W-Y) IF microscopy analysis of the localization of ATP7A in
1264 polarized monolayers of MDCK cells (W=WT; X=PLEKHA5-KO; Y=PLEKHA6-KO)

1265 grown on Transwells treated with CuCl_2 before copper washout (chelation with BCS).
1266 Bars= 5 μm . (Z-AB) IF microscopy analysis of the localization of ATP7A (red) and TGN
1267 marker golgin-97 (green) in MDCK cells (Z=WT, AA= PLEKHA5 KO, AB=PLEKHA6
1268 KO) grown on Transwells treated with CuCl_2 before copper washout (chelation with
1269 BCS). Bars= 5 μm . (AC) Quantification of the colocalization of ATP7A and golgin-97
1270 using Pearson's correlation coefficient. Dots show replicates corresponding to
1271 individual images from 3 independent experiments (n=10-14). Bars represent mean \pm
1272 SD and show no significant difference between WT and KO cells. For XY analysis (F -
1273 Q, T-AB), a more apical and a more basal plane of focus were imaged, using ZO-1 and
1274 E-cadherin as markers for apical junctions and lateral contacts, respectively. Merge
1275 images show colocalization between E-cadherin and ATP7A (F-K, W-Y) or golgin-97
1276 and ATP7A (L-Q, Z-AB) or EEA1 and ATP7A (T-V). ATP7A labeling is detected in the
1277 TGN in all cells in basal Cu conditions and is targeted to different degrees to the cell
1278 periphery in cells KO for either PLEKHA5 or PLEKHA6. Copper washout resulted in
1279 the return of ATP7A to the Golgi in all cells.

1280 **Figure S8. PDZD11 and WW-PLEKHAs are required for cell survival under**
1281 **elevated copper conditions.** (A, C) Images of cell culture wells after staining with
1282 crystal violet of the indicated WT and KO MDCK (A) and mCCD (C) cells under basal
1283 copper (left columns) and elevated copper (right column) conditions. (B, D)
1284 Quantification of cell survival, based on crystal violet assay, of each clonal line, either
1285 under basal (white columns) or elevated (grey columns) copper. Absorbances are
1286 normalized to the basal copper level condition of the corresponding genotype. Dots
1287 show replicates (n=4 in B, n=9-15 in D) and bars represent mean \pm SD. One-way
1288 ANOVA with post hoc Dunnett's test (* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$). Abbreviations for
1289 genotypes: P11=PDZD11; P5=PLEKHA5, P6=PLEKHA6; P7=PLEKHA7.

1290 **Figure S9. ATP7A, PDZD11 and WW-PLEKHAs colocalize in elevated copper**
1291 **conditions.** (A-F) IF microscopy analysis of the localization of endogenous ATP7A
1292 (red) and WW-PLEKHAs (cyan) and of exogenous GFP-tagged PDZD11 (green) in
1293 MDCK cells grown on glass coverslips, under basal (A-C) or elevated (D-F) copper
1294 conditions. (D'-F') are enlarged merged images of dashed squares indicated in (D-F)
1295 (WW-PLEKHAs in blue). (D''-F'') are enlarged images of dashed squares indicated in
1296 (D'-F'). Arrows indicate labeling, arrowheads indicate low/undetectable labeling. Bars=
1297 20 μm (A-F).

1299 **Supplementary Table 1. Summary of localization of WW-*PLEKHAs* and *PDZD11***
 1300 ***in cultured cells and tissues.***

	PLEKHA5	PLEKHA6	PLEKHA7	PDZD11
mCCD cells	<i>Not detected</i>	Apical AJ and lateral contacts	Apical AJ	Apical AJ (endog.) Apical AJ, lateral contacts and cytoplasm (exog.)
MDCK cells	Lateral contacts and microtubules (also sub-apical in cysts)	Apical AJ and lateral contacts	Apical AJ	AJ
Hap1 cells	AJ and cytoplasm	<i>Not detected</i>	AJ	AJ (Shah <i>et al.</i> , 2018)
bEnd. endothelial cells	AJ (weak) and cytoplasm (exog.)	AJ and cytoplasm (weak) (exog.)	AJ	<i>Not determined</i>
Kidney cortex	Glomeruli Apical and basal surface epithelial cells	Basal surface epithelial cells	Apical AJ epithelial cells	<i>Not determined</i>
Duodenum	Sub-apical cytoplasm of epithelial cells	Apical AJ and basolateral surface epithelial cells	Apical AJ epithelial cells	<i>Not determined</i>
Brain tissue	Endothelial cells Neurons/glia cytoplasmic	Neurons/glia perinuclear	Endothelial cells Neurons/glia cytoplasmic	Neurons/glia perinuclear
Locus coeruleus	Neurons/glia cytoplasmic	Neurons/glia cytoplasmic	Neurons/glia cytoplasmic	Neurons/glia perinuclear
Cortical neurons (primary cultures)	Cytoplasm and neuronal projections	Cytoplasm and neuronal projections	Cytoplasm and nucleus	<i>Not determined</i>

1301 Based on data shown in Figure 2 and Figure S3.

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1303 SUPPLEMENTARY KEY RESOURCES TABLE

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
Rabbit polyclonal anti-PLEKHA7	Citi Laboratory (Pulimeno <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	Rb30388
Rabbit polyclonal anti-PDZD11	Citi Laboratory (Guerrera <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	Rb29958
Guinea pig polyclonal anti-PLEKHA7	Citi Laboratory (Guerrera <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	GP2737
Mouse monoclonal anti- β -tubulin	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 32-2600, RRID: AB_2533072
Mouse monoclonal anti- α -tubulin	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 32-2500, RRID: AB_2533071
Guinea pig monoclonal anti- α -tubulin	Geneva Antibody Facility (Guerreiro and Meraldi, 2019)	AA345 scFv-F2C
Rabbit polyclonal anti-GFP	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# A-11122, RRID: AB_221569
Mouse monoclonal anti-GFP	Roche	Cat# 11814460001, RRID: AB_390913
Mouse monoclonal anti-HA	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 32-6700, RRID: AB_2533092
Rabbit polyclonal anti-HA	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat# sc-805, RRID: AB_631618
Mouse monoclonal anti-myc	Citi Laboratory	9E10
Mouse monoclonal anti-E-cadherin	BD Biosciences	Cat# 610181, RRID: AB_397580
Mouse monoclonal anti-ZO-1	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 33-9100, RRID: AB_2533147
Rat monoclonal anti-ZO-1	Goodenough Laboratory (Harvard Medical School)	R40.76 RRID: AB_2205518
Rabbit polyclonal anti-afadin	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# A0224, RRID: AB_257871
Rabbit polyclonal anti-paracingulin	Citi Laboratory (Pulimeno <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	20893
Rabbit polyclonal anti-paracingulin	Citi Laboratory (Guillemot <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	n.821
Rabbit polyclonal anti-cingulin	Citi Laboratory (Cardellini <i>et al.</i> , 1996)	C532
Mouse monoclonal anti-p120catenin	Reynolds Laboratory (Wu <i>et al.</i> , 1998)	8D11
Rabbit polyclonal anti- α -catenin	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# C2081, RRID: AB_476830
Rabbit polyclonal anti- β -catenin	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# C2206, RRID: AB_476831
Rat monoclonal anti-nectin-3	MBL	Cat# D084-3, RRID: AB_592587
Mouse monoclonal anti-GP135	DSHB	Cat# 3F2/D8, RRID: AB_2618385
Rabbit polyclonal anti-ADAM10	Merck Millipore	Cat# AB19026, RRID: AB_2242320
Mouse monoclonal anti-actin	Merck Millipore	Cat# MAB1501R, RRID: AB_2223041
Mouse monoclonal anti-GFAP	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# G3893, RRID: AB_477010

Chicken polyclonal anti-GFAP	Invitrogen/Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 01-670-261 RRID: AB_1074620
Mouse monoclonal anti-tubulin β -III	BioLegend	Cat# 801201, RRID: AB_2313773
Rabbit polyclonal anti-ATP7A	Eipper Laboratory (Stevenson <i>et al.</i> , 2003)	RbCT78
Mouse monoclonal anti-ATP7A	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat# sc-376467, RRID: AB_1115048
Rat polyclonal anti-PLEKHA5	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	RtSZR129
Rat polyclonal anti-PLEKHA6	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	RtSZR127
Armenian hamster monoclonal anti-PECAM-1	Merck Millipore	Cat# MAB1398Z, RRID: AB_94207
Goat polyclonal anti-VE-cadherin	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat# sc-6458, RRID: AB_2077955
Mouse monoclonal anti-Golgin97	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# A-21270, RRID: AB_221447
Mouse monoclonal anti-EEA1	BD Biosciences	Cat# 610457, RRID: AB_397830
Alexa Fluor 488-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 711-545-152, RRID: AB_2313584
Alexa Fluor 488-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Mouse IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 715-546-151, RRID: AB_2340850
Alexa Fluor 488-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Rat IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 712-546-153, RRID: AB_2340686
Alexa Fluor 488-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Guinea Pig IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 706-546-148, RRID: AB_2340473
Cy3-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 711-165-152, RRID: AB_2307443
Cy3-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Mouse IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 715-165-151, RRID: AB_2315777
Cy3-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Rat IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 712-166-153, RRID: AB_2340669
Alexa Fluor 647-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Guinea Pig IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 706-605-148, RRID: AB_2340476
Alexa Fluor 647-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Rabbit	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 711-605-152, RRID: AB_2492288
Alexa Fluor 647-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Goat	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 705-606-147, RRID: AB_2340438
Cy5-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Rat IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 712-175-153, RRID: AB_2340672
Cy5-AffiniPure Donkey anti-Mouse IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 715-605-151, RRID: AB_2340863
DyLightTM405-AffiniPure Goat Anti-Armenian Hamster IgG	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat# 127-475-160 RRID: AB_2338994
Alexa Fluor Plus 555-Highly Cross-Adsorbed Goat anti-Mouse IgG	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# A32727 RRID: AB_2633276
Alexa Fluor Plus 488-Cross-Adsorbed Goat anti-Chicken IgY	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# A32931 RRID: AB_2762843
Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L), HRP conjugate	Promega	Cat# W4021, RRID: AB_430834
Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L), HRP conjugate	Promega	Cat# W4011, RRID: AB_430833
Anti-Rat IgG (H+L), HRP conjugate	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 62-9520, RRID: AB_2533965
Bacterial Strains		
BL21-DE3 Competent cells	NEB	Cat# C2530H

DH5- α Competent cells	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 18265017
Chemicals and Recombinant Proteins		
Matrigel	BD Biosciences	Cat# 354230
Poly-D-lysine solution	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# A3890401
Poly-L-Lysine solution	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# P4707
Cytosine arabinoside (AraC)	Brunschwig	Cat# CAY16069
Nocodazole Ready Made Solution 5 mg/mL, DMSO solution	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# SML1665
Cupric chloride dihydrate – suitable for cell culture	Sigma-Aldrich	C3279
Bathocuproinedisulfonic acid disodium salt	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Sc-217698
Copper Fluor-4 (CF4) probe	(Xiao <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	N/A
Control Copper Fluor-4 Sulfur 2 (Ctrl-CF4-S2) probe	(Xiao <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	N/A
Trace-metals grade concentrated nitric acid	VWR (Normatom)	Cat# 83872.290
ICP standard mono-element solution of rhodium	SCP Science	Cat# 140-052-450
ICP standard mono-element solution of copper	SCP Science	Cat# 140-051-290
GST-human PDZD11	Citi Laboratory (Guerrera <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	S1743
GST-human PDZD11-Nter. (1-30)	Citi Laboratory (Rouaud <i>et al.</i> , 2020)	S2034
GST-human PDZD11- Δ 24 (25-140)	Citi Laboratory (Rouaud <i>et al.</i> , 2020)	S2032
GST- human PLEKHA7-WW (1-162)	Citi Laboratory (Guerrera <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	S1792
GST-human PLEKHA5-WW (1-120)	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2084
GST-human PLEKHA5-Cter (817-1116)	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2085
GST-human PLEKHA6-WW (1-116)	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2086
GST-human PLEKHA6-Cter (971-1297)	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2087
Critical Commercial Assays		
DNeasy Blood and Tissue kit	QIAGEN	Cat# 69504
Lipofectamine 2000	Invitrogen	Cat# 11668027
jetOPTIMUS DNA Transfection Reagent	Polyplus	Cat# 117-15
Polyethylenimine, Linear, MW 25000	Polysciences	Cat# 23966-2
Pierce Glutathione Magnetic Agarose Beads	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 78602
Pierce Cell Surface Protein Isolation Kit	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 89881
Dynabeads protein G for Immunoprecipitation	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 1004D
Dynabeads protein A for Immunoprecipitation	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# 1001D
Protease inhibitor cocktail	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# A32965
Protease and phosphatase inhibitor cocktail	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# A32959
NucleoSpin RNA Purification Kit	Macherey-Nagel	Cat# 740955.50
iScript cDNA Synthesis Kit	Bio-Rad	Cat# 1708891

SYBR Select Master Mix for CFX	Thermo Fisher Scientific (Life Technologies)	Cat# 4472942
Deposited Data		
GTEEx Analysis Release V8 - dbGaP Accession phs000424.v8.p2	GTEEx portal	gtexportal.org/home/
Experimental Models: Cell Lines		
Mouse cortical collecting duct cell line, mCCD WT N64-Tet-ON	Feraille Laboratory, Unige	N/A
Mouse cortical collecting duct cell line, mCCD PLEKHA7-KO N64-Tet-ON	Citi Laboratory (Shah <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Shah <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	N/A
Mouse cortical collecting duct cell line, mCCD PDZD11-KO N64-Tet-ON	Citi Laboratory (Guerrera <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	N/A
Mouse cortical collecting duct cell line, mCCD PLEKHA6-KO N64-Tet-ON	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	N/A
Mouse cortical collecting duct cell line, mCCD PLEKHA6/7-KO N64-Tet-ON	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	N/A
Canine kidney proximal tubule cell line, MDCK-II WT Tet-OFF	Fanning Laboratory, U. North Carolina	N/A
Canine kidney proximal tubule cell line, MDCK-II PLEKHA5-KO Tet-OFF	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	N/A
Canine kidney proximal tubule cell line, MDCK-II PLEKHA6-KO Tet-OFF	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	N/A
Human haploid cell lines, Hap1 WT, PLEKHA7-KO	Amieva Laboratory, Standford (Popov <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	N/A
Human haploid cell line, Hap1 PDZD11-KO	Citi Laboratory (Shah <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	N/A
Human haploid cell line, Hap1 PLEKHA5-KO	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	N/A
Human haploid cell line, Hap1 PLEKHA5/7-KO	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	N/A
Mouse ciliated embryonic aorta-derived endothelial cell line, meEC	Kwak Laboratory, Unige	N/A
Mouse brain microvascular endothelial (endothelioma) cell line, bEnd.3	Imhof Laboratory, Unige	N/A
Human umbilical vascular endothelial cells, HUVEC	Imhof Laboratory, Unige	N/A
Mouse heart endothelial cell line, H5V	Lampugnani Laboratory, IFOM,	N/A
Human lung carcinoma cell line, A427	Paggi Laboratory, Regina Elena NCI	N/A
Human embryonic kidney, HEK293T	ATCC	N/A
Mouse mammary epithelial cell line, Eph4	Reichmann Laboratory, Hebrew University of Jerusalem	N/A
Human intestinal carcinoma cell line, Caco-2 BBE	Dr. Wangsun Choi, Harvard Medical School	N/A
Human keratinocyte cell line, HaCaT	Fontao Laboratory, Unige	N/A
Oligonucleotides		
CRISPR targets sequences: mouse PLEKHA6 GGTTCATAGAGCTTTTGCGC GCCAGTCTTTTATGACGAGC	This paper	N/A

Genotyping primers: mouse PLEKHA6 gaggaattcCCAAGTTACCCCGAGAAGGG gagaagcttGGGAGGAGAGGACGTACCAT	This paper	N/A
CRISPR target sequence: human PLEKHA5 AATGCACCGTTGTCAGACG	This paper	N/A
Genotyping primers: human PLEKHA5 CAGGTAGGACAAAATACTGCCAC CTGAAACCTAGCTGCAAACCTGG	This paper	N/A
CRISPR target sequence: dog PLEKHA5 TGGACTTACGGGATCACCCG	This paper	N/A
CRISPR target sequence: dog PLEKHA6 CCACCCGAATGTTGATGAGC	This paper	N/A
Genotyping primers: dog PLEKHA6 gaggaattcAAGCTGCTGGGCAAATTGTGTGA gagaagcttCCCAGAACTACCGTCCAAGCAGCC	This paper	N/A
qPCR mouse metallothionein-I Fw: GAATGGACCCCACTGCTC Rv: GCAGCAGCTCTTCTTGCG	(Wunderlich <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	N/A
qPCR mouse GAPDH Fw: GTGCAGTGCCAGCCTCGTCC Rv: CTCGGCCTTGACTGTGCCGT	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	N/A
Recombinant DNA		
pcDNA3.1(zeo+) human PDZD11-HA	Citi Laboratory (Guerrera <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	S1766
pcDNA3.1(zeo+) GFP-human PDZD11-myc	Citi Laboratory (Guerrera <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	S1744
pTRE2hyg YFP-human PLEKHA7-myc	Citi Laboratory (Paschoud <i>et al.</i> , 2014)	S1431
pTRE2hyg YFP-human PLEKHA7-Nter (1-562)-myc	Citi Laboratory (Paschoud <i>et al.</i> , 2014)	S1432
pEGFP-N3 human Tspan15	Citi Laboratory (Shah <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	S2152
pEGFP-N1 human Tspan33	Citi Laboratory (Shah <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	S2154
pcDNA3.1(zeo+) CFP-HA	Citi Laboratory (Guerrera <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	S1150
pcDNA3.1(-) GFP-myc	Citi Laboratory (Paschoud <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	S1166
pTRE2hyg YFP-myc	Citi Laboratory (Paschoud <i>et al.</i> , 2014)	S1210
pTRE2hyg YFP-human PLEKHA5-myc	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2082
pTRE2hyg YFP-human PLEKHA6-myc	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2083
pcDNA3.1(-) GFP-human PLEKHA5	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2530
pcDNA3.1(-) GFP-human PLEKHA6	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2531
pcDNA3.1(-) HA-human PLEKHA5	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2567
pcDNA3.1(-) HA-human PLEKHA6	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2568
pcDNA3.1(-) HA-human PLEKHA7 Nter (1-562)	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2589

pcDNA3.1(-) GFP-human ATP7A-Cter WT (1462-1500)	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2698
pcDNA3.1(-) GFP-human ATP7A-Cter Δ PDZ-binding (1462-1496)	Citi Laboratory (This paper)	S2699
pSpCas9(BB)-2A-GFP (px458)	(Ran <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	Addgene #48138
Softwares and Algorithms		
FIJI	NIH	RRID: SCR_002285
Adobe Photoshop	Adobe	RRID: SCR_014199
Adobe Illustrator	Adobe	RRID: SCR_010279
T-Coffee (version 8.93)	EMBL-EBI	RRID: SCR_011818
NCoils (version 1)	Expasy_Embnet	RRID: SCR_008440
PROSITE	Expasy	RRID: SCR_003457
WebLogo 3.7.4	weblogo.threeplusone.com/	RRID: SCR_010236
Image Studio Lite	LI-COR	RRID: SCR_013715
SnapGene	N/A	RRID: SCR_015052
Prism 8	GraphPad	RRID: SCR_002798

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