

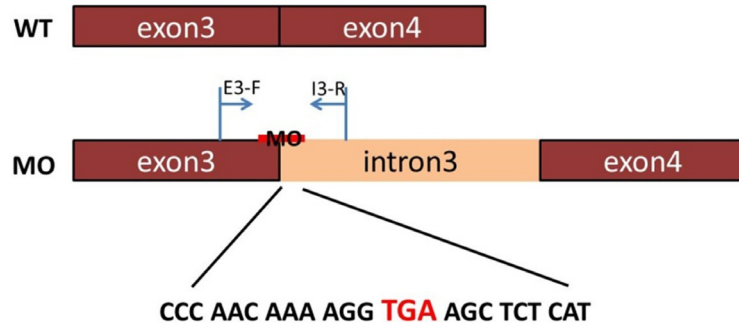
**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

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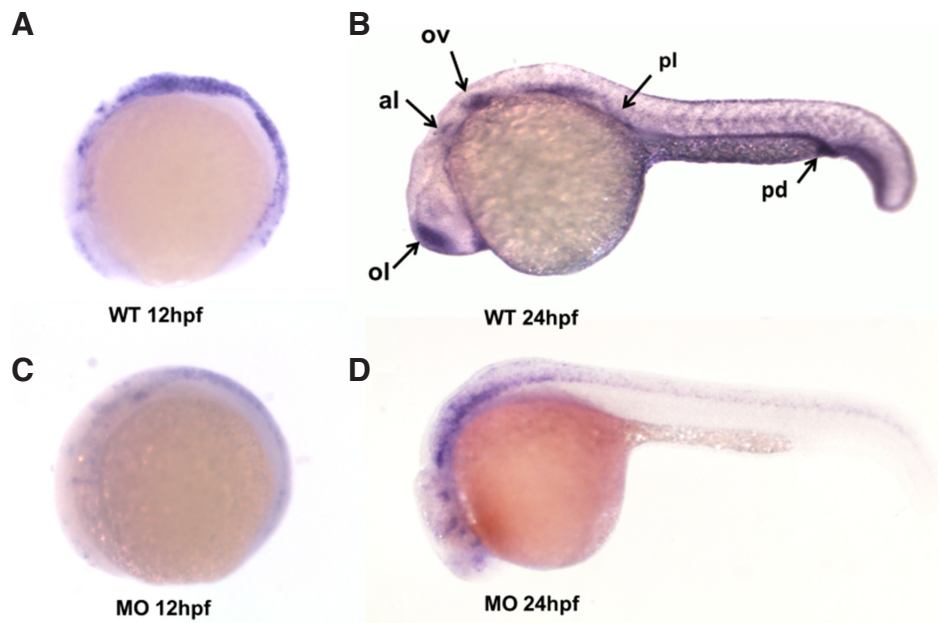
***Grhl1* deficiency affects inner ear development in zebrafish**

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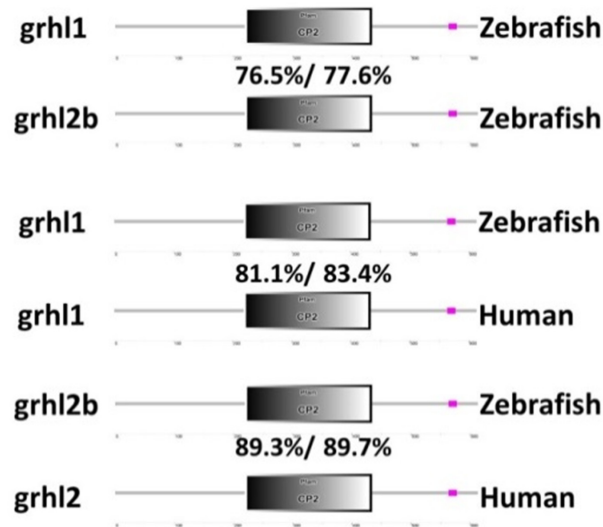
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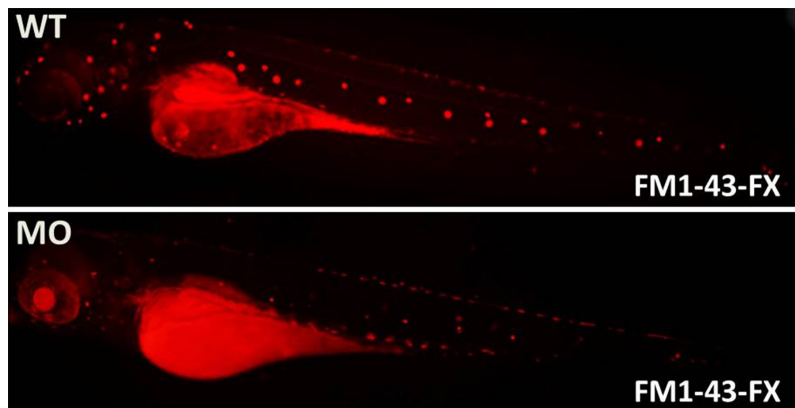
Suppl. Fig.1. Intron-3MO leading to mature mRNA with a terminator codon.



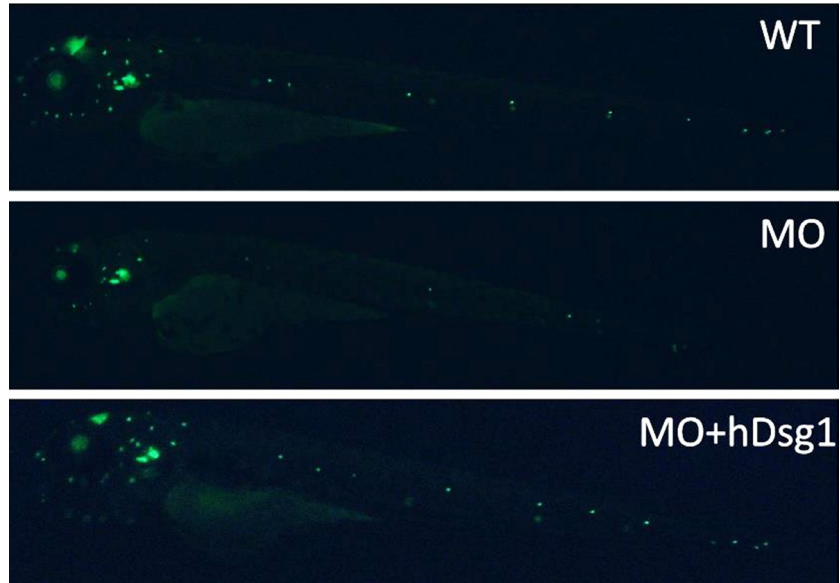
Suppl. Fig. 2. WISH was performed to verify the efficiency of MO.



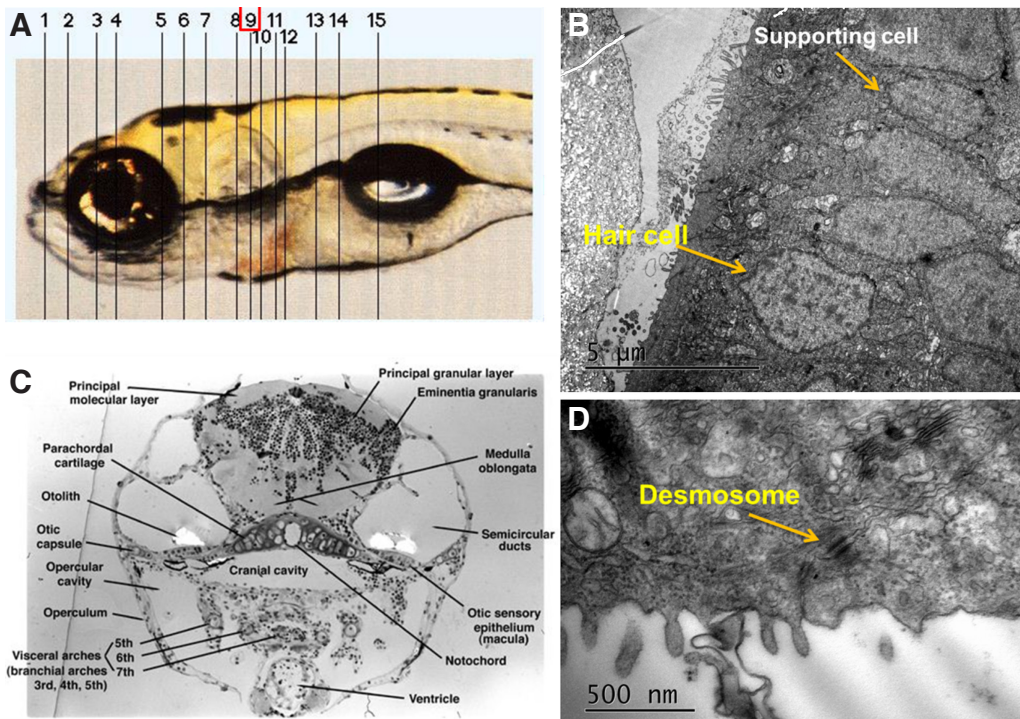
Suppl. Fig. 3. Protein homology analysis of *grhl1* and its family member *grhl2*, which is confirmed as a new deafness gene, was performed in zebrafish and human. *Supplementary Fig. 6A* depicts *grhl1* which shares 76.5% homology with *grhl2* in zebrafish. Also, *grhl1* of zebrafish shares 81% homology with *GRHL1*, which is a prerequisite for an effective rescue assay with *GRHL1* mRNA. An evolutionary tree emphasized this point.



Suppl. Fig. 4. FM-143-FX staining indicates that neuromasts are not as bright as in the WT group.



Suppl. Fig. 5. Neuromasts, originating from a primordium near the head, are neatly arranged from L1 to L8 (WT).



Suppl. Fig. 6. The systematical sketch for identifying sensory epithelium. (A) Lateral view of the 120 hour embryo. (B,C) Serial section was performed and the 9th layer of the lateral view could find the supporting cell and hair cell. (D) A desmosome was found by TEM in the 9th layer.