Building the right centriole for each cell type

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The centriole is a multifunctional structure that organizes centrosomes and cilia and is important for cell signaling, cell cycle progression, polarity, and motility. Defects in centriole number and structure are associated with human diseases including cancer and ciliopathies. Discovery of the centriole dates back to the 19th century. However, recent advances in genetic and biochemical tools, development of high-resolution microscopy, and identification of centriole components have accelerated our understanding of its assembly, function, evolution, and its role in human disease.

The centriole is an evolutionarily conserved structure built from highly conserved proteins and is present in all branches of the eukaryotic tree of life. However, centriole number, size, and organization varies among different organisms and even cell types within a single organism, reflecting its cell type-specialized functions. In this review, we provide an overview of our current understanding of centriole biogenesis and how variations around the same theme generate alternatives for centriole formation and function.

Introduction on centriole structure and function

Centrioles are microtubule (MT)-based structures that form centrosomes and cilia and have diverse functions in our cells, such as cell polarity, signaling, cell proliferation, and motility. The centrosome is an MT-nucleating and signaling center of the cell (Arquint et al., 2014; Conduit et al., 2015). The animal centrosome is composed by two centrioles surrounded by a protein-rich material, the pericentriolar matrix (PCM). In mitosis, two centrosomes organize the poles of the mitotic spindle, which defines its bipolarity, and mediate spindle positioning through the interactions of their astral MTs with the cell cortex (Roubinet and Cabernard, 2014; Ramkumar and Baum, 2016). In interphase, centrosomes and their anchored MTs regulate the positioning of many molecules and structures such as nuclei and the Golgi along with the stability of cellular junctions and adhesions, helping to define cell shape and polarity (Akmanova et al., 2009; Etienne-Manneville, 2013; Gavilan et al., 2015). When fully mature, centrioles form a structure termed the basal body that is essential to nucleate a cilium (Fig. 1A). Cilia functions include cell motility, movement of fluids, and specialized sensory functions such as a response to light. In addition, most cilia, whether motile or immotile, are signaling entities. It is likely that the centrosome plays many other undescribed roles as several novel functions were recently described, such as positioning of the cilium (Mazo et al., 2016), promoting polarized secretion at the immune synapse (Stinchcombe et al., 2015), locally regulating actin nucleation (Farina et al., 2016; Obino et al., 2016), and concentrating protein translation and degradation machinery (Hehnly et al., 2012; Amato et al., 2014; Vertii et al., 2016).

Centrioles may drastically vary in size among different organisms and within different cell types of the same organism; however, all centrioles share a ninefold symmetry and a proximal-distal polarity (Fig. 1A). Centriole diameter is ~200–220 nm, whereas length ranges from 150 (Drosophila melanogaster embryo) to 500 nm (human somatic cells) to >1,000 nm in the sperm of Drosophila and some other organisms. Most centrioles have a wall of nine triplet MTs: a complete inner A tubule and two partial B and C tubules, although in certain organisms, the centriole wall has MT doublets or singlets (Carvalho-Santos et al., 2011). Centriole symmetry is defined during early stages of its formation by a ninefold symmetrical cartwheel (Fig. 1A; Görnzy, 2012), a scaffolding structure present in the proximal lumen of young and sometimes older (mature) centrioles.

The proximal end of centrioles organize PCM critical for the centrosome to nucleate MTs (Fig. 1A; Conduit et al., 2015). PCM size depends on the size of the centriole, the amount of available components, and the activity of regulatory kinases such as Polo-like kinase 1 (PLK1; for a model of PCM accumulation see Woodruff et al., 2014; Zwicker et al., 2014; Conduit et al., 2015). The PCM was originally observed by electron microscopy as an electron-dense amorphous material surrounding centrioles with γ-tubulin ring complexes that nucleate MTs. Recent superresolution microscopy of PCM components revealed that the PCM is not an amorphous material but a well-defined supramolecular complex (Lawo et al., 2012; Mennella et al., 2012; Sonnen et al., 2012; Lukinavičius et al., 2013). During interphase, some PCM components such as pericentrin extend radially from the centriole, with the carboxy terminus pericentrin-AKAP450 centrosomal targeting (PACT) domain adjacent to the centriole wall and the amino terminus extending outward into the PCM. Many other components are organized in toroids around the centriole. In mitosis, the PCM is more abundant but less structured. Mitotic kinases such as PLK1 phosphorylate critical components of the PCM such as SPD5 in Caenorhabditis.
elegans (Laos et al., 2015; Wueseke et al., 2016; Woodruff et al., 2017) and CNN/CDK5RAP2 in Drosophila, leading to the recruitment of MT polymerizers and stabilizers that concentrate tubulin, thus promoting MT nucleation (Conduit et al., 2010, 2014a,b; Feng et al., 2017; Woodruff et al., 2017).

At their distal end, fully mature centrioles form nine distal appendages (DAs; Fig. 1 A), and in vertebrates, a variable number of more robust sub-DAs (SDAs). DAs are required for the formation of cilia as they interact with vesicles to form a vesicular cap, which fuses with the cytoplasmic membrane of the cell during ciliogenesis (Sorokin, 1962; Tanos et al., 2013; Lu et al., 2015). DAs are equivalent to fibers observed at the distal end of basal bodies in motile cilia (Ishikawa et al., 2005; Tateishi et al., 2013). During interphase, SDAs anchor MTs and position the centriole and primary cilium (Piel et al., 2000; Delgehyr et al., 2005; Tateishi et al., 2013; Mazo et al., 2016). SDAs are molecularly equivalent to the basal feet, a structure that associates with the basal bodies of motile cilia and help their positioning (Kunimoto et al., 2012; Tateishi et al., 2013). In cycling cells, SDAs are transiently lost from centrioles before mitosis and are rebuilt in G1, although the physiological significance of such dynamics is not understood. On their proximal end, centrioles often have another fibrous appendage-like striated structure called a rootlet, which varies in size depending on the cell type. Rootlets link centrioles and basal bodies of various animal cilia and green algae flagella to the cell body (Lechtreck and Melkonian, 1991) and contribute to their long-term stability and/or function (Yang et al., 2005; Mohan et al., 2013; Chen et al., 2015).

Additional structures found in the vicinity of vertebrate centrosomes are centriolar satellites (Fig. 1 A). Satellites are poorly understood nonmembrane particles (70–100 nm), which contain components such as OFD1 and PCM1 (Hori and Toda, 2017). Deregulation of satellite components perturbs spindle assembly, centriole duplication, and the initial steps of ciliogenesis, suggesting that satellites regulate centrosome–cilia
complexes by their sequestration and/or trafficking (Delgehyr et al., 2005; Kurtulmus et al., 2016).

Recent work has begun to elucidate the molecular underpinnings of different modes of centriole biogenesis in different organisms and cell types. In this review, we focus on our current understanding of molecular processes that drive centriole formation in different cellular contexts, aiming at discussing common frameworks and diverse aspects that underlie each.

**Building a centriole**

In cycling somatic cells, centrioles assemble in association with preexisting (mother) centrioles in the canonical centriole duplication process. However, centrioles can also form without detectable precursors by the so-called de novo pathway or around specialized structures known as deuterosomes. Those different modes of centriole formation can occur independently in time and space or simultaneously (Bettencourt-Dias and Glover, 2007). These modes use some specific, but mostly conserved, molecules to build centrioles (Meunier and Azimzadeh, 2016). Cells have molecular mechanisms that adjust the number of centrioles to the requirement of a given cell. For instance, somatic cycling cells strictly restrict the number of mature centrioles able to form cilia, whereas multiciliated cells (MCCs) produce and mature hundreds of centrioles (Meunier and Azimzadeh, 2016). In this section, we discuss the common steps in centriole assembly and describe several examples where these steps take a different turn to satisfy specific physiological requirements.

**Initiation of a centriole.** Initiation of centriole formation is driven by the sequential action of a highly conserved set of proteins. In humans, three proteins, Plk4 (Sak or PLK4 in *Drosophila* and ZYG-1 in *C. elegans*), SCL-inter interrupting locus protein (STIL; Ana-2 in *Drosophila* and SAS-5 in *C. elegans*), and SAS-6, comprise a seed for centriole initiation (Fig. 1 C; Arquint and Nigg, 2016). Plk4, a serine/threonine kinase, is the master driver of centriole duplication (Bettencourt-Dias et al., 2005; Habedanck et al., 2005; Kleylein-Sohn et al., 2007). Plk4 phosphorylates STIL, its key binding partner, on multiple sites (Moyer et al., 2015; Kraatz et al., 2016), allowing STIL binding with SAS-6 and initiation of centriole formation. SAS-6 is a key structural component of a cartwheel, the structure that institutes a ninefold symmetry of the centriole (Leidel et al., 2005; Nakazawa et al., 2007; Kitagawa et al., 2011; van Breugel et al., 2011; Keller et al., 2014). This was recently demonstrated by the ability of recombinant SAS-6 and its binding partner Bld10 to self-organize into a ninefold symmetrical cartwheel structure in vitro (Guichard et al., 2017).

Initial binding of Plk4 to centrioles in human cells is mediated by Cep63, Cep192, and Cep152, which encircle the proximal ends of mother centrioles (Fig. 1 B; Dzhindzhev et al., 2010; Brown et al., 2013; Kim et al., 2013; Lukinavičius et al., 2013; Sonnen et al., 2013). In flies, recruitment of SAK/Plk4 requires only the Cep152 orthologue Asterless, and in worms, the recruitment of ZYG-1 requires only the Cep192 orthologue SPD-2 (Delattre et al., 2006; Pelletier et al., 2006; Dzhindzhev et al., 2010). After cartwheel formation, centrosomal p41-associated protein (CPAP; Sas-4 in *Drosophila*) aids formation of the centriole MT wall (Pelletier et al., 2006; Kohlmaier et al., 2009; Schmidt et al., 2009; Tang et al., 2009). In some species such as humans, nine MT singlets are first assembled, followed by addition of the second and third set of MTs (Guichard et al., 2010). It is not known what regulates addition of the second and the third MT set. Additional proteins such as Cep135 (Bld10 in *Drosophila*) and Cep120 associate with CPAP, facilitating the formation and stabilization of the centriole MT wall, and drive centriole elongation (Fig. 1 C; Comartin et al., 2013; Lin et al., 2013a,b).

**Elongation of a centriole.** Centriole size varies in different species and in different tissues within a species. Unlike cytosolic MTs, centriole MTs grow at a very slow rate and are extremely stable (Kochanski and Borisy, 1990). In recent years, a variety of work has shown that there are very specialized MT-associated proteins (MAPS) that regulate the slower but steady elongation of centriolar MTs (Sharma et al., 2016; Zheng et al., 2016). Overexpression of several centrosomal proteins such as CPAP or Cep120 leads to the elongation of centriole tubules in some mammalian cells (Kohlmaier et al., 2009; Schmidt et al., 2009; Tang et al., 2009; Lin et al., 2013b). CPAP associates directly with centriole tubules via its N terminus, mediating centriole growth and stabilization (Sharma et al., 2016; Zheng et al., 2016). Proteins such as hPOC5 (Azimzadeh et al., 2009), Asterless (Galletta et al., 2016), Cep295 (Chang et al., 2016), Centrinobin (Gudi et al., 2015), and SPICE1 (Comartin et al., 2013) also positively regulate centriole elongation, although the mechanisms are unknown (Fig. 1 C). In addition, proteins that cap distal centriole ends, such as CP110 and Cep97, restrict centriole elongation in vertebrate but not invertebrate cells (Spektor et al., 2007; Schmidt et al., 2009; Franz et al., 2013). In flies, the MT-depolymerizing kinesin-13 KLPI0A/Kin13 has an important role in restricting elongation through MT depolymerization (Delgehyr et al., 2012). In conclusion, how centriole elongation is regulated and how this process varies across tissues and species is still a fundamentally unanswered question.

**Maturation of a centriole and acquisition of appendages.** New centrioles must be stabilized to become competent for duplication in a process termed “centriole-to-centrosome conversion” (Fig. 1 C). This involves the acquisition of ANA1/CEP295 for the recruitment of critical factors for duplication, such as Asl/CEP152 (Loncarek et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2011; Izquierdo et al., 2014; Kong et al., 2014; Fu et al., 2016). Proteins such as centrinobin and Cep120, which are recruited to daughter centrioles in their first cell cycle, are gradually lost during the conversion (Mahjoub et al., 2010; Januschke et al., 2013).

To become competent for ciliogenesis and MT anchoring, centrioles must additionally mature on their distal ends and build DAs and SDAs (Fig. 1 C). The assembly of SDAs is initiated by recruitment of ODF2 (Ishikawa et al., 2005; Huang et al., 2017) and followed by the recruitment of various proteins that are poorly characterized, including CCDC120, CCDC68, and trichoplein. hNinein and CEP170 are part of the SDA, and both bind MTs. Other proteins that localize near SDAs and function in anchoring MTs to mother centrioles, include those comprising the dynein–dynactin complex (containing p50/dynamitin, p150Glued, and p24), EB1, and Kif3a (Huang et al., 2017). The formation of DAs requires the recruitment of OFD1 and Cdc33 (Ye et al., 2014) at thecentriole, followed by the recruitment of Cep83, which then recruits other DA components, including Cep89, SCLT1, FB1F1, and Cep164 (Tanos et al., 2013; Thauvin-Robinet et al., 2014). All identified DA proteins are essential for appendage and cilia formation. Functional studies indicate that DA proteins are essential for centriole docking to the membrane, recruitment of intraflagellar transport complex, and axoneme extension (Schmidt et al., 2012; Joo et al., 2013; Tanos et al., 2013; Ye et al., 2014; Sánchez and Dynlacht, 2016).
Maintenance of a centriole. Centrioles and basal bodies are very stable structures, with fluorescence recovery after photobleaching of α-tubulin at the basal body in Tetrahymena thermophila showing little turnover (Pearson et al., 2009). Moreover, upon nematode egg fertilization, the sperm centriole that is inherited after fertilization can be traced at least until the 550-cell stage (Balestra et al., 2015). In certain species, immature centrioles (Izquierdo et al., 2014). In certain species, α- and ε-tubulins found on the centriole contribute to the formation and/or stability of the triplet MTs (Winey and O’Toole, 2014). Ultrastructural analysis revealed linkers between the A and B tubules and between the A and C tubules that may help to stabilize the centriole (Winey and O’Toole, 2014). In addition, centriole MTs are modified by detyrosination, acetylation, and glutamylation and contain Δ2-tubulin, all of which can contribute to their stability directly or through association with other proteins (Janke, 2014). Injections of antibodies against the more characterized PTM, glutamylated tubulin (Bobiniec et al., 1998), and interference with a molecular linker between glutamylated tubulin and the PCM were suggested to lead to centriole disassembly (Mada-rampalli et al., 2015), indicating that those modifications are important for centriole stability.

However, centrioles can be eliminated from cells at certain development stages. In 1933, Huettner and Rabinowitz (1933) showed that centrosomes are eliminated in Drosophila eggs, and the same was later shown in some terminally differentiated cells such as skeletal muscle (Tassin et al., 1985; Srsen et al., 2009). It is not yet known how they disassemble, but it was recently shown in the female germline in Drosophila that loss of Polo kinase leads to the loss of PCM and centriole elimination, whereas artificial tethering of Polo to centrosomes prevented centriole loss in the oocyte (Pimenta-Marques et al., 2016). This strongly suggests that centrioles require active maintenance through a PCM-mediated mechanism and that cells have strategies for their elimination.

Regulation of centriole number

Canonical centriole duplication. In proliferating vertebrate cells, centriole formation follows the canonical pathway whereby new centrosomes assemble in association with mother centrioles (Vorobjev and Chentsov YuS, 1982). There are two unduplicated centrioles during G1 (Fig. 1 A). At the beginning of S phase, the proximal end of each (mother) centriole provides an environment for the initiation of one perpendicularly oriented daughter centriole, also known as procentriole (Fig. 1, B and C). Initially, a cartwheel forms near the wall of the mother centriole, marking the site of procentriole assembly. Next, there is addition of centriole MTs, which continue to elongate during interphase. In mitosis, each duplicated centriole forms one pole of a mitotic spindle and segregates into one of the sister cells. The mother and daughter centrioles separate from each other and form two centrosomes at mitotic exit by assembling an independent PCM around them. By synchronizing the duplication and segregation of their two centrioles with the DNA cycle, somatic cycling cells maintain two centrosomes over generations. However, for this strategy to succeed, the mother centriole must duplicate only once per cell cycle and form only one procentriole.

Control of procentriole number. Control of the number of procentrioles formed in one duplication cycle requires fine-tuned cellular levels of centriole initiating factors such as Plk4, STIL, and SAS-6, because their stoichiometry controls the litter size. Overexpression of Plk4, and to a lesser extent STIL and SAS-6, leads to simultaneous formation of multiple daughter centrioles per mother centriole (Habedanck et al., 2005; Kley-lein-Sohn et al., 2007; Guderman et al., 2010). Plk4 levels are regulated at a transcriptional level but, more importantly, via protein turnover. Plk4 degradation depends on its homodimerization and autophosphorylation of the residues critical for the binding of the SCF-ΔTCP E3 ubiquitin ligase, which mediates its degradation (Cunha-Ferreira et al., 2009; Rogers et al., 2009; Guderman et al., 2010; Moyer et al., 2015). During G1, Plk4 is localized in a Cep63/Cep152/Cep192-dependent manner in a ringlike pattern around centrioles (Fig. 1 B). Interestingly, although Cep63, Cep152, and Cep192 remain localized in a ring throughout the cell cycle, Plk4 localization is reduced to a discrete site marking the position of the future daughter centriole after procentriole initiation (Sonnen et al., 2012; Kim et al., 2013). Asymmetric dotlike localization of Plk4 persists until the end of the cell cycle when the two centrioles separate (Sonnen et al., 2012; Kim et al., 2013). It is unclear how Plk4 achieves an asymmetric high local concentration, escaping its own destruction, and what mechanisms prevent the accumulation of Plk4 around the mother centriole once the procentriole is initiated. In this respect, Plk4 association with STIL was suggested to protect Plk4 from degradation (Dzhindzhiev et al., 2014; Ohta et al., 2014; Arquint et al., 2015; Klebba et al., 2015).

Association between mother and daughter centriole. Centrosomes have an intrinsic mechanism to inhibit overduplication of a mother centriole once it is associated (engaged) with a procentriole (Tsou and Stearns, 2006a). This centrosome-intrinsic block to reduplication was first proposed by Wong and Stearns (2003) after a series of cell fusion experiments. Fusion of the cells containing either duplicated or unduplicated centrioles with cells in different cell cycle stages has demonstrated that when exposed to cytoplasm permissive for centriole duplication, only unduplicated mother centrioles initiate duplication, whereas the mother centrioles already engaged to daughter centrioles do not. Laser ablation of the daughter centrioles in S phase–arrested HeLa cells promoted a new duplication cycle on the mother centrioles, showing that the block of reduplication originates from the daughter (Loncarek et al., 2008).

So, how does engagement prevent reduplication? Fong et al. (2016) disrupted cartwheel maintenance by chemical and genetic manipulation of Plk4 and STIL to show that the loss of STIL from the cartwheel triggers a new reduplication cycle on the mother centriole. Under experimental conditions such as those causing cell cycle arrest that allow mother centriole reduplication during interphase, distancing of daughter centrioles from the wall of mother centrioles leads to reduplication even without the dissolution of the cartwheel (Shukla et al., 2015). So, it is possible that the mother centriole senses the vicinity of the Plk4–STIL complex, which operates in trans and inhibits the initiation of additional centrioles.

How centrioles maintain or lose association is also not clear. One explanation of the association between mother and daughter centriole is the existence of a physical link established between the two centrioles during duplication and which per-
sists until it is severed during centriole disengagement. Candidate structures were seen using cryotomography on isolated centrioles (Guichard et al., 2010) and in Drosophila spermatocytes (Stevens et al., 2010).

In recent years, a series of investigations have aimed to unravel the components responsible for centriole engagement. Separase is the proteolytic enzyme that cleaves cohesin connecting two sister chromatids during mitosis and is indispensable for disengagement of isolated human centrioles in Xenopus laevis extracts in vitro (Tsou and Stearns, 2006b). However, homologous inactivation of both separase genes in human HCT116 cells slowed, but did not prevent, disengagement (Tsou et al., 2009). Similarly, defects in the centriole cycle have not been reported in a separase-knockout mouse (Kumada et al., 2006). In C. elegans embryos, separase depletion affected centriole disengagement and duplication of the sperm-derived centrioles at the meiosis–mitosis transition but not during mitotic centriole duplication cycles (Cabral et al., 2013). Thus, separase may not be universally needed for disengagement. The data describing the role of cohesin in engagement are contradictory as well. Inhibition of cohesin cleavage did not prevent centriole disengagement in HCT116 cells (Tsou et al., 2009), whereas a different study conducted in both U2OS cells and isolated centrioles found that it did (Schöckel et al., 2011). Cohesin cleavage was not sufficient to drive centriole disengagement in Drosophila (Oliveira and Nasmyth, 2013), but the depletion of a short form of Shugoshin, a protector of cohesin integrity, was sufficient for centriole disengagement in mouse fibroblasts (Wang et al., 2008).

Mitotic Plk1 has also emerged as a necessary protein for centriole disengagement in a human mitotic (Tsou et al., 2009; Kim et al., 2015) and interphase-arrested cells (Lončarek et al., 2010; Kong et al., 2014). Overactive Plk1 in human cells leads to premature centriole disengagement and reduplication in a CPAP-dependent manner (Shukla et al., 2015). In mitosis, Plk1 may also promote centriole disengagement via Plk1-dependent phosphorylation and subsequent degradation of the PCM protein Pericentrin (Lee and Rhee, 2012; Matsuo et al., 2012; Seo et al., 2015). Centrioles are also prematurely disengaged after various types of genotoxic stress, a process dependent on Plk1 (Inag et al., 2010) and/or the ubiquitin proteasome system (Dowthright and Sluder, 2014).

In conclusion, the existing data point to multiple possible mechanisms leading to the loss of centriole association, which may result in uncoupling of the centriole with the cell cycle. These mechanisms may be cell type– or cell cycle–specific. Many studies exploring centriole cycle rely on biochemical methods or on conventional low-resolution immunofluorescence analyses and therefore lack an in-depth ultrastructural centriole analysis needed for unambiguous interpretation of the data. Increased usage of superresolution imaging techniques together with more direct and immediate techniques to perturb gene function in centriole studies will resolve some of these conundrums and help us understand the nuances of centriole cycle regulation among various cells and cell cycle conditions.

**Centrosome association and segregation.** Preservation of mother–daughter centrosome association during interphase is also critical for proper segregation of duplicated centrioles during cell division. After mitosis, separated mother and daughter centrioles each assemble a centrosome. During early G1, the younger centriole moves extensively in the cytoplasm, whereas the older centriole stays near the cell center. As the younger centriole matures and duplicates, its movement becomes attenuated and in most cell types, both centrosomes are adjacent to each other near the physical center of the cell in S and G2 phases (Piel et al., 2000). Some research suggests that the two mother centrioles are tethered by a proteinaceous filament composed of several coiled-coil proteins including rootletin, LRRc45, and CEP68 (Flanagan et al., 2017). These proteins dock to the proximal side of mother centrioles via NEK2-associated protein 1 (C-NAP1), CEP135, and centrin. In the G2 phase of the cell cycle, Plk1 activates NEK2A, which phosphorylates the linker filaments, allowing their dissolution. Together with the activity of motor proteins such as kinesin Eg5, this leads to the separation of two centrosomes at the onset of mitosis (Agirrnan et al., 2014).

**Regulation of centriole cycle by cyclin-dependent kinases (Cdks).** Cdk1 and Cdk2 regulate the centriole cycle in several embryonic and somatic systems (Hinchcliffe and Sluder, 2002). Cdk2 activity was shown to be necessary for centriole duplication and/or reduplication in a variety of systems, comprising Xenopus embryos (Lacey et al., 1999), Xenopus egg extracts (Hinchcliffe et al., 1999), sea urchin zygotes (Schnackenberg et al., 2008), and CHO cells (Matsumoto et al., 1999; Meraldi et al., 1999) as well as for HPV-16 E7-dependent centriole reduplication in mouse fibroblasts (Duensing et al., 2006). Cdk2 and Cdk4 were proposed to promote centriole reduplication in mouse fibroblasts by hyperphosphorylating the centrosomal protein nucleoplasmin, a putative inhibitor of centriole duplication (Okada et al., 2000; Adon et al., 2010). However, in mammalian somatic cells, Cdk2 is not essential for cell cycle progression (Berthet et al., 2003) or for the centriole cycle (Duensing et al., 2006). In Cdk2-null cells, centrioles still duplicate; thus, if Cdk2 drives centriole duplication, its role can be overtaken by a redundant Cdk/cyclin combination. Contrary to its positive role in centriole formation, Cdk2 was proposed to play an inhibitory role in centriole reduplication via phosphorylation of Cep76 and inhibition of premature Plk1 activation (Barbelanne et al., 2016). Cdk1 has been proposed to inhibit premature initiation of centriole formation in mitosis via its inhibitory binding and phosphorylation of STIL, which prevents both its presence at the centrosome and association with Plk4 (Arquint and Nigg, 2014; Zitouni et al., 2016). In fast-dividing Drosophila embryos, Cdk1 is important for phosphorylation and priming of Sas-4 for Polo recruitment to the young centrioles and for their timely conversion to centrosomes (Novak et al., 2016). A systematic approach will be required to unravel which steps of the centriole cycle are responsive to the activity of various Cdks.

**MCCs and deuterosomes.** Somatic cycling cells must restrict the number of mature centrioles to two. However, in tissues such as respiratory airways, oviduct, and brain ependymal, some cells undergo differentiation into MCCs. MCCs generate hundreds of centrioles that are converted into basal bodies and produce hundreds of motile cilia (Fig. 2 A). Cilia beat at the cell surface and promote a fluid flow that is vital for numerous tissue-specific processes. Some centrioles in MCCs form in association with the preexisting two centrioles, which duplicate with the increased litter size. However, for massive centriole production, MCCs develop specialized electron-dense structures called deuterosomes, which nucleate centrioles in their vicinity. The descriptions of deuterosome-mediated centriole formation go back to the 1960s (Sorokin, 1968), but the cascade of molecular events that trigger deuterosome formation and support a massive centriole production have only recently emerged (Meunier and Azimzadeh, 2016).
In many tissues, the process of multiciliation starts with down-regulation of the Notch signaling pathway followed by differentiation of MCCs. This event promotes the expression of two regulatory genes, GEMC1 and multicilin (MCIDAS), triggering the differentiation program of MCCs (Stubbs et al., 2012; Amato et al., 2014; Terré et al., 2016). A complex containing MCIDAS, E2F4/5, and Dp1 then in turn modulates the expression of selected cell cycle regulators and transcriptionally up-regulates hundreds of genes, including those used for canonical centriole duplication (Vladar and Stearns, 2007; Hoh et al., 2012). Massive centriole formation is also somehow promoted by the transcription factor Myb (Tan et al., 2013). In addition, downstream from MCIDAS is cyclin O, expression of which is up-regulated in MCCs and required for proper deuterosome structure, subsequent centriole maturation, and centriole docking to the membrane (Funk et al., 2015). Maturation of young centrioles into basal bodies and cilogenesis is under the control of the RFX/FOXJ1 signaling network (Choksi et al., 2014; Jackson and Attardi, 2016).

Transcriptional up-regulation of conserved centriole duplication genes explains the formation of multiple daughter centrioles around existing parental centrioles in MCCs. To form deuterosomes, MCCs need a specific deuterosome-forming factor Deup1 (or CCDC67), a paralog of the centrosomal protein Cep63 (Zhao et al., 2013). Like Cep63, Deup1 associates with Cep152, but unlike Cep63, which localizes specifically to parental centrioles, Deup1 associates with deuterosomes. Cep152 recruitment to the deuterosomes requires CCDC78 (Klos Dehring et al., 2013), followed by PLK4 recruitment and the rest of the centriole assembly pathway used by the canonical centriole duplication pathway (Klos Dehring et al., 2013; Zhao et al., 2013). How these centrioles mature in these terminally differentiated cells is not known.

MCCs from mouse ependyma form <100 cilia, a small number compared with other multiciliated epithelia, which form 200–300 cilia. It was suggested that in these cells, deuterosomes form only in association with the young centriole and not freely in the cytoplasm (Al Jord et al., 2014). This finding differs from the early studies of MCC formation in fetal rat lungs (Sorokin, 1968), where deuterosomes were found associated with the fibrous material adjacent to the Golgi. In agreement, deuterosomes in MCCs of trachea were not seeded from preexisting centrioles (Zhao et al., 2013). It is noteworthy that MCCs in airways form a larger number of cilia (200–300). Finally, MCCs of olfactory neurons only moderately up-regulate centriole numbers (Jenkins et al., 2009). It is not clear whether in these cells, centriole amplification uses deuterosomes or only the centrosome-mediated pathway (Cuschieri and Bannister, 1975). It is possible that the presence of deuterosomes, their origin, and their overall number is related to the total number of cilia in MCCs. In support of this possibility, species that generate a smaller number of cilia in their MCCs (for instance, zebrafish) or that do not have MCCs (for instance, invertebrates) do not have Deup1.

Multiciliation also occurs in some primitive plants such as mosses, where numerous centrioles can be produced by a structure called the blepharoplast (Mizukami and Gall, 1966; Vaughn and Renzaglia, 2006). The blepharoplast is a hollow
sphere with initially radially arranged short centrioles along its wall. As the sphere enlarges during spermatid differentiation, centrioles elongate until the blepharoplast finally breaks up and releases individual centrioles. The mechanisms leading to the formation of this intriguing structure are slowly emerging (Klink and Wolniak, 2003; Wolniak et al., 2015).

**De novo centriole formation.** Finally, centrioles can form de novo without any visible precursors. In cycling somatic vertebrate cells, the de novo pathway is silenced by resident centrosomes. It can be activated after resident centrioles are destroyed by a laser beam or removed by microsurgery (Khodjakov et al., 2002; La Terra et al., 2005; Uetake et al., 2007). The de novo pathway in somatic human cells leads to the formation of a random number of centrioles, which are scattered in the cytoplasm (Fig. 2 B). The de novo pathway uses a common Plk4/STIL/SAS-6/CPAP molecular cascade for centriole biogenesis, raising the question of how cells with resident centrioles normally suppress random centriole formation in their cytoplasm (Rodrigues-Martins et al., 2007). A study by Lopes et al. (2015) offered insight into this question. They demonstrated that the activation of Plk4 requires dimerization and trans-phosphorylation of its Thr172 residues, which occurs only at higher Plk4 concentrations. Plk4 is naturally a low abundant protein, and its cytosolic levels are not sufficient for Plk4 activation. Resident centrioles serving as Plk4 concentrators allow Plk4 to achieve the levels necessary for its self-activation, assuring that the new centrioles form only in association with existing centrosomes. In support of this idea, a moderate Plk4 overexpression leads to the formation of additional daughters in association with existing centrioles, whereas higher Plk4 overexpression leads to de novo centriole formation (Kleylein-Sohn et al., 2007; Lopes et al., 2015). Similarly, inhibition of Plk4 degradation leads to the formation of de novo centrioles in the cytoplasm (Wang et al., 2011).

The de novo centriole pathway is naturally widely used by a variety of organisms. During parthenogenesis (development without fertilization) in some insects, centrioles are lost during oogenesis but are formed after oocyte activation (Miki-Noumura, 1977; Szöllosi and Ozil, 1991; Riparbelli and Callaini, 2003; Manandhar et al., 2005). Centrioles form de novo after parthenogenetic activation of sea urchin eggs (Kato and Sugiyama, 1971; Kallenbach and Mazia, 1982; Kallenbach, 1983) or in early embryogenesis in species where both paternal and maternal gametes lose centrioles during gametogenesis (Szollosi et al., 1972; Schatten, 1994; Courtois and Hiiragi, 2012a). A mouse zygote is a classic illustration as it does not initially contain centrioles and successfully divides without them. Then, during the blastomere stage, centrioles form and continue to duplicate by the canonical pathway thereafter (Gueth-Hallonet et al., 1993; Courtois et al., 2012b). Furthermore, centrioles form de novo in centriole-less cells of a *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* mutant defective in centriole segregation (Marshall et al., 2001). De novo formation of centrioles has been originally documented in the amoeboflagellate *Naegleria gruberi* (Fulton and Dingle, 1971). *Naegleria* is a free-living freshwater protist, which reproduces and divides without centrioles when it is in its amoeba state. However, if exposed to various nutritional and environmental changes *Naegleria* undergoes a rapid (within 1 h) metamorphosis into a swimming flagellate (Fig. 2 C), forming two centrioles and two flagella. In this system, the first centriole forms de novo immediately following by its duplication (Fritz-Laylin et al., 2016).

Although these examples of naturally occurring de novo centriole formation illustrate that de novo centriole formation can be controlled to yield centrioles in the proper number, the molecular mechanisms have remained enigmatic.

**Centriole and centrosome requirement**

The requirement for centrosomes, centrioles, and cilia is species- and tissue type–specific. Higher plants, yeasts, and amoebas do not have centrioles, canonical centrosomes, or cilia. Lower plants like mosses, ferns, cycads, and ginkgo make centrioles only in the cells which yield flagellate sperms as referred to previously (Renzaglia et al., 2000). All animals studied to date build centrioles, centrosomes, and cilia except planarians (flatworms), which have no centrosomes but have centrioles and motile cilia in MCCs.

Recent studies have demonstrated that the loss of centrioles or centrosomes is variably tolerated. For instance, somatic cells of fruit flies appear more tolerant to centrosome loss than somatic vertebrate cells. Without centrosomes, divisions in the fly occur slower and with defects, but compensatory cell proliferation can still make up for the lost cells (Basto et al., 2006; Rodrigues-Martins et al., 2008; Poulton et al., 2014). Nevertheless, flies without centrioles are uncoordinated and sterile because of the absence of sensory cilia and sperm and ultimately die. Vertebrates seem to have pathways sensitive to errors caused by the lack of centrosomes. In mouse and human somatic cells, centrosome loss triggers 53BP1 and USP28-mediated pathways, which activate p53 and block cell proliferation (Fong et al., 2016; Lambrus et al., 2016; Meitinger et al., 2016). Which types of errors are detected by 53BP1 and USP28 pathways in acentrosomal cells are not known (Lambrus and Holland, 2017). Divisions in zebrafish and *C. elegans* embryos as well as fly embryos and spermatocytes, however, seem sensitive to the absence of centriole-mediated bipolar spindle assembly (O’Connell et al., 2001; Yabes et al., 2007; Rodrigues-Martins et al., 2008).

In vertebrates, centrosome number and structure defects can lead to disease. Numerical and structural centriole aberrations can cause chromosome attachment and segregation errors (Ganem et al., 2009; Silkworth et al., 2009) and alter the behavior of interphase cells by increasing their invading and migrating capacity (Godinho and Pellman, 2014; Godinho et al., 2014). Centrosome numerical and structural defects can also perturb the formation and the function of cilia. Already in the 19th century, the German biologist Theodor Boveri suggested a link between centrosome amplifications and cancer. This remained a hypothesis until recently, when it became possible to manipulate the centrosome number in flies and mice to demonstrate that amplified centrosomes can both trigger and accelerate tumor development (Basto et al., 2008; Coelho et al., 2015; Lukic et al., 2015; Vitre et al., 2015; Serçin et al., 2016; Levine et al., 2017). Centrosome deregulation caused by mutations in centrosome protein coding genes can also cause microcephaly, a neurological condition resulting in smaller-than-normal brain size (Bettencourt-Dias et al., 2011; Chavali et al., 2014). It has been proposed that microcephaly results from a decreased pool of neural precursors as a result of abnormal asymmetric divisions in the neural stem cells and/or abnormal mitotic divisions that lead to aneuploidy, death, and p53-mediated cell cycle arrest. Microcephaly can also be induced by Zika virus. Recent work shows that the Zika virus leads to centrosome perturbations, abnormal spindle positioning, and premature...
differentiation of neural progenitors (Gabriel et al., 2017; Wolf et al., 2017). Infection with other viruses such as oncogene human papilloma viruses increases centrosome number (Korzeniewski et al., 2011). The causality in those relationships is yet to be determined.

Conclusion
It is gradually becoming clear that different modes of centriole formation observed across different organisms and different cell types of the same organism are controlled variations of the same centriole assembly blueprint. However, to fully understand centriole functions and how centrioles contribute to human diseases, it will be critical to understand the nuances of the molecular pathways that operate in physiological cellular contexts. Until then, because of the diversity in their number, structure, and function, centrioles will rightfully remain a central enigma in cell biology.

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