

## Fig. S1. The deficiencies of the Arf6<sup>1</sup> and Arf6<sup>KO</sup> alleles delete the complete Arf6 coding region.

(A) An alignment of the primary protein sequences of Drosophila and human Arf6. There is a 97% identity conservation between the two proteins. Non-conserved residues are highlighted in pink. (B) the break points and deficiencies of the two null Arf6 alleles used in this study (Arf6<sup>1</sup> and Arf6<sup>KO</sup>). Both deficiencies delete the complete Arf6 coding region (shown in orange) of all predicted Arf6 isoforms (RC, RD, RB, RA and RE). Primers are represented by half arrows above (see Table S1 for primer sequences). Thin horizontal grey lines represent intronic regions, while the grey and orange blocks represent exons. (B') the PCR products resulting from the PCR testing the location of the  $Arf6^1$  deletions. A 2000bp amplicon is present in control ( $w^-$ ) samples whereas no signal in present in Arf6<sup>KO</sup> due to loss of the region to which primer D binds. A 500bp band is present in  $Arf6^1$  due to amplification of regions flanking  $Arf6^1$ deletion. Three biological replicates are shown for each genotype. The deficiency in Arf6<sup>KO</sup> was analysed in details in (Huang et al., 2009) (C) An outline of the main morphological features of the adult wing: AWM = anterior wing margin, PWM = posterior wing margin, ACV = Anterior crossvein, PCV = posterior crossvein. Details of the AWM and PWM in (C'). C = chemosensory bristle, SM = stout mechanosensory bristle, FM = fine mechanosensory bristle, NI = noninnervated bristle. The stout mechanosensory and non-innervated bristles are collectively referred to as the margin bristles in the text.

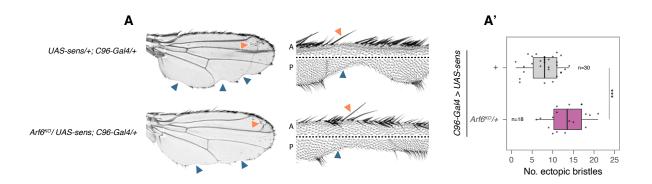


Fig. S2. Sens proneural activity is not impaired in an Arf6 mutant

(A) Over-expressing wild-type Sens induces ectopic bristles (closed orange arrowheads) and wing margin notching (closed blue arrowheads) in both a wild-type and  $Arf6^{KO}$  background, resembling the previously described hypermorphic  $sens^{Lyra}$  allele (Nolo et al., 2001). (A') the number of ectopic bristles induced by Sens over-expression is not reduced in an Arf6 mutant background, indicating that the proneural capacity of Sens was not suppressed in a heterozygous Arf6 mutant background. Ectopic bristle numbers were analysed using a Kruskal-Wallis test. Significance values for pairwise comparisons between genotypes were calculated using a post-hoc Dunn test and reported using the following abbreviations: N.S. = p > 0.05, \*\* =  $p \le 0.005$ , \*\* =  $p \le 0.001$ , \*\*\* =  $p \le 0.001$ .

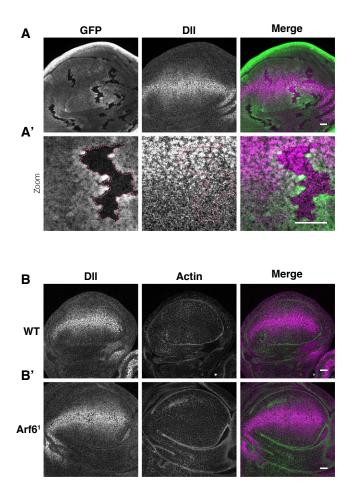


Fig. S3. distalless expression is not affected in the absence of Arf6.

(A) DII staining in  $Arf6^1$  clones (labelled by the absence of GFP) with zoom shown in (A') n=23. (B) DII staining in both WT and homozygous  $Arf6^1$  mutant discs (B'). In the merges, DII is in magenta, GFP in green (B-B') and actin in green (B''). All scale bars represent 20 $\mu$ m. WT n=5, Arf61 n = 8

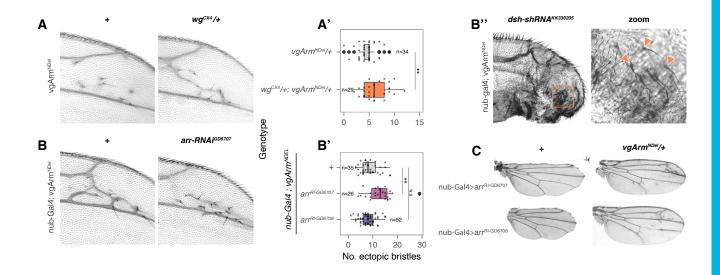


Fig. S4. vg<sub>MQ</sub>-Arm<sup>NDel</sup> acts independently of endogenous Wg signalling

(A) The ectopic bristles induced by vg<sub>MQ</sub>-Arm<sup>NDel</sup> (vgArm<sup>NDel</sup>) are not dominantly reduced in a heterozygous *wg* background (*wg*<sup>CX4</sup>/+) indicating that vgArm<sup>NDel</sup> activity is independent of endogenous Wg ligand and signalosome activity. (A') The quantification of the number of ectopic bristles. (B) knocking down the Wg coreceptor *arr* with *nub-gal4* also does not suppress the formation of ectopic bristles induced by vgArm<sup>NDEL</sup>, again suggesting that the signalling activity of vgArm<sup>NDel</sup> does not depend on endogenous Wg signalling (quantified in B'). (B") Knock-down of dsh caused strong wing defects, but does not suppress the activity of vgArm<sup>NDEL</sup>. No quantification is shown due to the difficulty of reliably discerning ectopic bristles in this context. (C) vgArm<sup>NDEL</sup> is able to rescue the loss of the wing margin loss induced by knocking down *arr* with nub-gal4. This shows that vgArm<sup>NDEl</sup> can recapitulate WT canonical wingless signalling activity and is sufficient to rescue a moderate Wg wing margin phenotype induced by the *arr* knock-down.

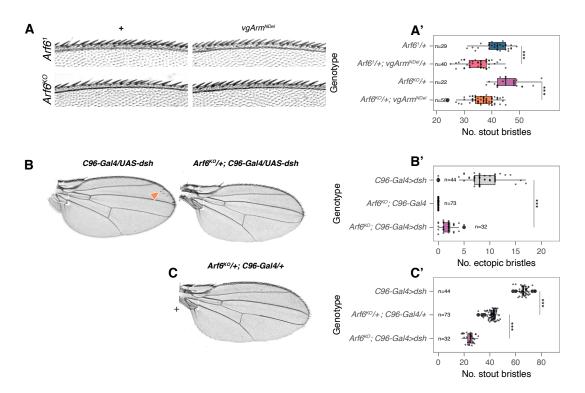


Fig. S5. Wg activation b. vgArm<sup>Neel</sup> and dsh over-expression enhance the Arf6 phenotype

(**A**) The loss of stout wing margin bristles in a heterozygous Arf6 mutant background is enhanced by the expression of vgArm<sup>NDel</sup> (quantified in **A'**). (**B**) WT dsh over-expression triggers high level Wg signalling and the formation of ectopic bristles (closed orange arrowhead). (**B'**) These bristles are dominantly suppressed in the  $Arf6^{KO}$  background. (**C**) Similar to the effect of Arm<sup>S10</sup> and vgArm<sup>NDel</sup>, the number of stout mechanosensory bristles is reduced by the over-expression of dsh in an  $Arf6^{KO}$  background (quantified in **C'**).

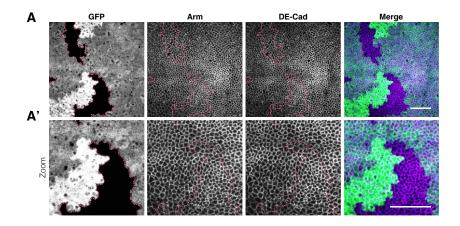


Fig. S6. Arm and DE-Cadherin localisation is not affected in Arf6 mutants

(A) Staining for adherens junction components Arm and DE-Cadherin in Arf6KO clones. (A') A zoom of the  $Arf6^{KO}$  mutant clone is shown. In the merges, GFP is in green, Arm is in blue and DE-Cad is in magenta. n = 28.

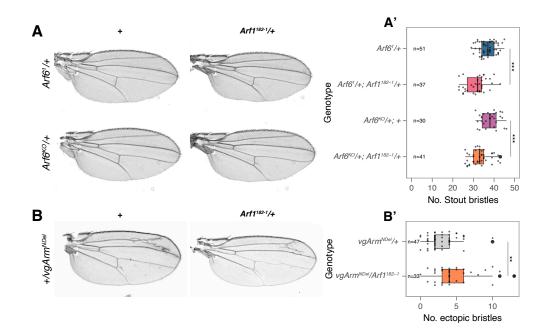


Fig. S7. Arf6 acts independently of Arf1 in Wingless signalling

(A) Consistent with an upstream role of Arf1 in Wg signal transduction (Hemalatha et al., 2016), removing a copy of arf1 (arf1<sup>182-1</sup> (West et al., 2017)) in a heterozygous Arf6<sup>KO</sup> mutant background mildly enhances the loss of anterior stout mechanosensory bristles (quantified in A'). (B) Unlike Arf6 mutants, arf1<sup>182-1</sup> does not reduce the number of ectopic bristles induced by vgArm<sup>NDel</sup> (quantified in B'). ). This suggests that Arf1 and Arf6 play distinct roles in wing margin patterning.

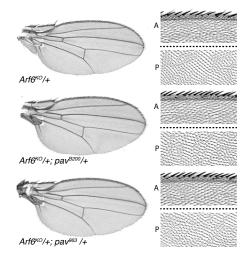
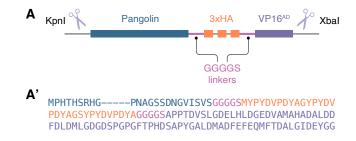
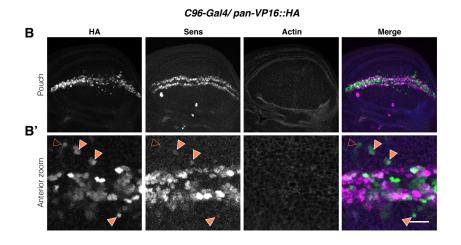


Fig. S8. The genetic interaction between Arf6 and pav does not induce cytokinesis defects

(A) anterior and posterior zooms of wings of the genotypes shown in figure 4A showing details of trichomes. No multiple wing hair phenotype is present.





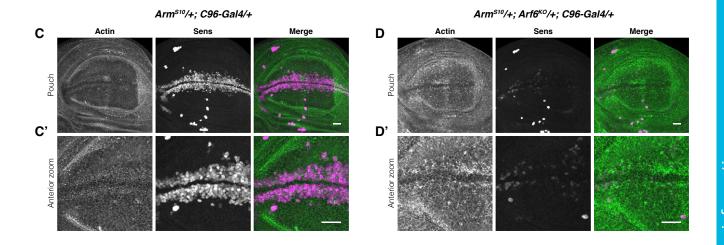


Fig. S9. Structure and activity of Pan-VP16

(A) schematic showing the structure of the pan-VP16 construct. The full-length pan coding sequence (blue) was synthesised with a sequence encoding the activation domain of herpes simplex VP16 (purple). 3xHA tags (orange) were introduced between the two sequences, with sequences encoding GGGGS linkers at either end (pink). The sequence was flanked by 5' KpnI and 3' XbaI. (A') Abbreviated primary sequence of the Pan-VP16 construct is presented. The sequence colours

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