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As you will see, the reviewers raise a large number of substantial criticisms and concerns. Given their comments, you will need to provide additional experiments to address their concerns including using SGS3-GFP a native cargo under the control of its endogenous promotor (this point was raised by both reviewers). If you think that you can deal satisfactorily with the criticisms on revision, I would be pleased to see a revised manuscript. We would then return it to the reviewers.

Please ensure that you clearly highlight all changes made in the revised manuscript. Please avoid using 'Tracked changes' in Word files as these are lost in PDF conversion.

I should be grateful if you would also provide a point-by-point response detailing how you have dealt with the points raised by the reviewers in the 'Response to Reviewers' box. Please attend to all of the reviewers' comments. If you do not agree with any of their criticisms or suggestions please explain clearly why this is so.

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Advance summary and potential significance to field

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Comments for the author

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Comments for the author

Overall, the manuscript is lacking in depth of analysis and does not contain the level of experimental detail and rigor to adequately support the stated conclusions.

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- 4) Additional analysis of the sequence of Swip-1 localization to secreting vesicles relative to other known regulators should be included. The authors should perform their own analysis of the timing of Arp3 localization to secreting granules instead of referencing previously published values (lines 172-174), especially since a UAS-Arp3-GFP reagent is publicly available. The sequence of recruitment of Swip-1 to secreting vesicles relative to other known markers is a major point of the manuscript, and the authors rely on this sequence of events to determine how Swip-1 regulates secretion. Thus, a rigorous examination of this sequence is necessary to support the stated conclusions of the manuscript. The authors should also analyze the timing of Swip-1 localization with at least one other marker besides Lifeact. A sqh-mCherry construct is publicly available and would allow direct analysis of the relative timing of Swip-1 and myosin II to secreting granules.
- 5) The calcium-related data described in the Discussion section (lines 267-274) should be included in the manuscript. This data would help to provide additional experimental depth to the manuscript, and also lend more credence to the argument that the dimerization domain, and not the calcium-binding domain, of Swip-1 is required for its role in secretion.

Additional minor comments:

1) There is a general lack of introductory info about the Swip-1 protein. The authors should include information about the structure and known functions of this protein in the Introduction.

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- 3) The statement in lines 255-257 of the Discussion section is incorrect. Synthesis (not regulated exocytosis) of mucin-like glue proteins is triggered by a small pulse of 20E at the mid-third instar transition. Exocytosis of mucins is triggered by the late larval pulse of 20E that also triggers the onset of metamorphosis.
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First revision

<u>Author response to reviewers' comments</u>

We would like to thank all reviewers for careful and thorough reading of our manuscript as well as their constructive suggestions and comments. To the best of our possibilities, we have revised our manuscript accordingly, and are optimistic that the made changes strengthen our conclusions and improve the quality of the manuscript.

Let me briefly highlight the **most important points** that we have addressed before providing a detailed point-to-point- response to the referees' comments.

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We agree and we have now quantified all phenotypes using the spinning disk confocal microscope (see also new figure 3A).

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We thank the reviewer for pointing this out and followed up this suggestion. Interestingly, we indeed found that the overexpression of EFhD2/Swip-1 resulted in a similar prolonged cargo release suggesting that increased EFhD2/Swip-1 protein level interferes with its function. We now included the overexpression data and quantifications in new Figure 4D, E, F and supplementary movie M11.

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We apologize for unclear description and included a more detailed description in the material & methods section. Measurement of percent fluorescent intensity of two proteins of interest (e.g. LifeAct/Swip-1) was performed as previously described (Tran et al., 2015). In short, an oval region of interest was drawn around single fusing vesicles in a single z-plane. The "plot z-axis profile" function in ImageJ was used to obtain fluorescence intensity values for each channel. Subsequent calculations of % fluorescence intensity and time difference of detection were carried out in Microsoft Excel according to Tran and colleagues. Start of protein recruitment to the vesicle membrane was defined as fluorescence intensity increase of $\leq 1\%$ compared to the previous frame. Accordingly, measurement of time of cargo expulsion was determined by calculating the time difference between detection of Lifeact and minimal Sgs3 fluorescence in the region of interest. For data plotting, Sgs3 fluorescence at onset of actin coat formation was set to 100% and minimal detection of fluorescence at end of cargo expulsion (i.e. background fluorescence) set to 0%.

In addition, we further quantified Lifeact and Swip-1 recruitment in relation to Arp3- GFP as a reference. As shown in the new figure 2D, Lifeact and Swip-1 are both detected at the vesicle membrane at the same time in relation to Arp3 detection. LifeAct: $-5.48s \pm 10.87s$, n=23 vesicles from 7 SG and Swip-1: $-5.68s \pm 11.04s$, n=24 vesicles from 6 SGs.

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We now provided the missing representative graphs of Lifeact recruitment and Sgs3 expulsion in wild type, *swip-1* mutant and Swip-1 overexpressing salivary glands in the new figure 4E. Quantification of expulsion duration defined as time from actin coat formation to minimal Sgs3-GFP detection is now shown in figure 4F. Cargo expulsion is significantly delayed in both *swip-1* mutants and Swip-1 overexpression.

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Gyoergy, A., M. Roblek, A. Ratheesh, K. Valoskova, V. Belyaeva, S. Wachner, Y. Matsubayashi, B.J. Sanchez-Sanchez, B. Stramer, and D.E. Siekhaus. 2018. Tools Allowing Independent Visualization and Genetic Manipulation of Drosophila melanogaster Macrophages and Surrounding Tissues. G3 (Bethesda). 8:845-857.

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We now provided new supplemental movies with consistent format.

VI. Supplemental movie M3 seems to have different magnifications for WT and Swip-1 depleted glands. This complicates the interpretation.

We changed this in the new figure 4E and in the supplementary movie (now M8) accordingly.

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Importantly, however, there are significant concerns with reliance on the ex vivo assay without consideration for the systemic phenotypes of Swip-1 mutant animals. No information is included in this manuscript or in Lehne et al. 2022 about the developmental phenotypes of Swip-1 mutant animals. Are they lethal? Do they exhibit any developmental delays?

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Developmental delay phenotypes could account for the delayed onset of secretion shown in Fig. 3A-B, since the salivary glands must reach the correct developmental stage to acquire "competence" to respond to 20E, even in ex vivo culture. Therefore, analysis of secretion in Swip-1 mutant glands should be accompanied by analysis of secretion upon salivary gland-specific RNAi knockdown of Swip-1 (using the fkh-GAL4 or Sgs3-GAL4 driver).

As mentioned above, developmental delay does not account for delayed secretion *swip-1* null mutant salivary glands. As suggested by the reviewer we tried to suppress EFhD2/Swip-1 function by expressing a RNAi construct under the control of the *sgs3*- Gal4 driver. Unfortunately, Western blot analysis revealed an incomplete knockdown which did not allow clear conclusions.

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We thank the reviewer for this suggestion. We followed up this idea. However, it turned out that the massive histolysis of larval tissue including SGs immediately starts after completing SG secretion. Thus, it is not possible to obtain reliable data at the onset of metamorphosis.

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We thank the reviewer for this interesting question. We see that individual wild type secretory vesicles undergo a slight expansion directly after fusion with the apical PM, likely due to hydrationrelated expansion of mucins creating mechanical forces that will be counter-balanced by the branched actomyosin vesicle coat (Tran et al, 2015). We did not see very large vesicles formed in swip-1 null mutant salivary glands as reported for arp2/3 knockdown. As suggested by Tran and colleagues, the fused secretory vesicles continue to expand in size in the absence of branched actin, likely due to reduced counter-balancing actin coat. However, in swip-1 mutants the situation is different. We provided further evidence that loss of EFhD2/Swip-1 results in a significant premature recruitment of Rho to fused secreting vesicles that explains the dramatic increase of active myosin by 4.5-fold observed in swipΔ1 mutant salivary glands in the revised manuscript (see new figure 4H, I). Thus, increased level of active myosin might reduce myosin dynamics and further increase vesicle stiffness resulting in an inefficient vesicle compression and secretion in swip 1 mutant salivary glands. Inefficient compression also affects membrane crumpling, a recently described mechanism which helps to squeeze the content out of the vesicle while retaining and sequestering the vesicle membrane (Kamalesh et al., 2021). Both, swip-1 mutant and Swip-1 overexpressing salivary glands even showed reduced membrane crumpling although less severe compared to zip-RNAi (myosin II). These new data are included in new figure 4L.

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As mentioned above, we quantified p-MRLC staining and found a dramatic increase of active myosin by 4.5-fold observed in swip $\Delta 1$ mutant salivary glands (see new figure 4H, I). We also performed time-lapse imaging of myosin-II using sqh-mCherry in wild type and swip-1 mutant cells. In this experiment Sqh-mCherry appeared slightly but not significantly earlier on vesicles in swip $\Delta 1$ mutants compared to wildtype. However, we observed significant differences in Sqh-mCherry recruitment between in rescued swip-1 mutant cells and cells overexpressing Swip-1. Consistent with our model, Sqh-mCherry localizes significantly earlier on vesicles in rescued $swip\Delta 1$ mutants compared to Swip-1 overexpression (included in supplemental figure 1).

Additionally, Rousso et al. 2016 shows that myosin II is still recruited to secreting vesicles upon Arp2/3 knockdown, but the organization of myosin is disrupted. The data shown in this manuscript again conflict with previously published work, and the authors need to explain how their findings (an increased level of myosin-II on secreting vesicles in Swip-1 mutant glands) result in secretion defects.

As described above, we propose that increased level of active myosin reduces myosin dynamics and further increases vesicle stiffness resulting in an inefficient vesicle compression and secretion in swip $\Delta 1$ mutants. Thus, we hypothesized that EFhD2/Swip-1 contributes to the recruitment of Rho-GTPase regulating actomyosin activity to drive proper vesicle membrane crumpling and expulsion of cargo.

4) Additional analysis of the sequence of Swip-1 localization to secreting vesicles relative to other known regulators should be included. The authors should perform their own analysis of the timing of

Arp3 localization to secreting granules instead of referencing previously published values (lines 172-174), especially since a UAS-Arp3- GFP reagent is publicly available. The sequence of recruitment of Swip-1 to secreting vesicles relative to other known markers is a major point of the manuscript, and the authors rely on this sequence of events to determine how Swip-1 regulates secretion. Thus, a rigorous examination of this sequence is necessary to support the stated conclusions of the manuscript. The authors should also analyze the timing of Swip-1 localization with at least one other marker besides Lifeact. A sqh-mCherry construct is publicly available and would allow direct analysis of the relative timing of Swip-1 and myosin II to secreting granules.

We agree with the reviewer and we further provided these important data in figure 2C (quantification of Swip1, Rho, Arp3, Whamy, Dia and Zip recruitment in relation to Lifeact). We now included representative time series of all proteins as new supplementary movies M3, M4, M5, M6 and M7. These data further support the two- step model, but also indicates a central role of the Rho-GTPase in the initial F-actin coat formation. First, Dia forms an initial linear actin filament coat. Second, Arp2/3 and its activators such as WASP, are subsequently recruited to promote the formation of branched actin coat structures. Together with myosin II this actin meshwork provides the mechanical forces needed to fold the membrane and thereby squeeze the content into the apical lumen (Rousso et al., 2016; Tran et al., 2015). Our new localization data suggests that Rho precedes Dia recruitment. Rho promotes Dia-mediated actin nucleation (Bogdan et al., 2013; Kuhn and Geyer, 2014; Spiering and Hodgson, 2011), but also promotes actomyosin contractility through activation of the Rho-dependent kinase Rok (Amano et al., 1996; Hodge and Ridley, 2016). We also further confirmed that EFhD2/Swip-1 is recruited simultaneously with F-actin to fused secretory vesicles.

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We thank the reviewer for this suggestion. Given that calcium-binding is not crucial for EFhD2/Swip-1 function in SG secretion, we decided to remove the calcium-related data from the manuscript.

Additional minor comments:

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We now provided more information about the structure and known functions of this protein in the manuscript.

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We agree and included this information in the figure legends.

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We agree and changed the text accordingly.

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Second decision letter

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We have now reached a decision on the above manuscript.

To see the reviewers' reports and a copy of this decision letter, please go to: https://submit-jcs.biologists.org and click on the 'Manuscripts with Decisions' queue in the Author Area. (Corresponding author only has access to reviews.)

As you will see, reviewer 2 is satisfied and recommends publication. In contrast, reviewer 1 raises a number of important points concerning your analysis. Having looked at your paper again, I am afraid I think these are important issues and will require amendments and additional analysis before I can accept your paper. If you think that you can deal satisfactorily with the criticisms on revision, I would be pleased to see a revised manuscript.

Please ensure that you clearly highlight all changes made in the revised manuscript. Please avoid using 'Tracked changes' in Word files as these are lost in PDF conversion.

I should be grateful if you would also provide a point-by-point response detailing how you have dealt with the points raised by the reviewers in the 'Response to Reviewers' box. Please attend to all of the reviewers' comments. If you do not agree with any of their criticisms or suggestions please explain clearly why this is so.

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Hasn't changed from the first review.

Comments for the author

The revised manuscript addresses the major concerns raised in the prior review.

Second revision

Author response to reviewers' comments

Dear Michael,

Before I provide a detailed point-to-point- response, let me briefly comment on reviewer #1. Disappointingly, the reviewer mixed up the two manuscript versions, with the result that our new data are misjudged. This becomes most obvious in the first paragraph. We did not state that "... and even after eight hours post treatment only half of the mutant glands become secretory" and the reviewer further comments "but figure 4B shows 100% secretion at the 8hr time point (full green bar, green secreting and black non-secreting) in the swip-1 null." This is an excerpt from the initial manuscript where we still used the exogenous SerpCBP-eGFP reporter, and our new data are shown in figure 3B, not in figure 4B. Overall, we have put a lot of effort into the revision and addressed all main concerns of both reviewers by establishing numerous new recombined fly stocks, in particular those expressing the SGS3-GFP reporter as a native cargo under the control of its endogenous promotor. Our new data confirmed our initial findings that loss of EFhD2/Swip-1 function impairs salivary gland secretion. Contrary to reviewer #1, these defects are not subtle but are rather very striking as shown in figure 3B. Unfortunately, the other comments by reviewer 1 are similarly less constructive than before. Below you will find our point-to-point discussion (marked in blue) including our additional data analysis.

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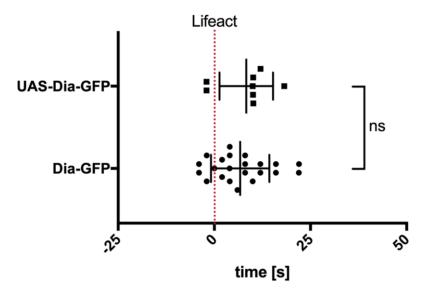
We also disagree with the reviewer that defects are subtle. The defects are rather very prominent as our quantification indicates that mutant cells show only 50% (75 %) secretion after 5 hours (6 hours) compared to wild type (50 % after 2 hours; 75 % after 3 hours). Thus, these new data show a striking rather than "subtle" delayed secretion of mutant salivary glands.

Additionally, the authors state in the legends that "apoptotic and non-secreting (un- primed) SGs were discarded from analysis." If the point of the experiment is to see if glands secrete cargo, how can one discard non-secreting glands from the analysis?

Apoptotic cells should be always discarded from analysis. We indeed also excluded salivary glands that had not started secretion after 8 hours post induction and considered them unprimed to address a major concern of Reviewer #2 (see also original comments "...since the salivary glands must reach the correct developmental stage to acquire "competence" to respond to 20E, even in ex vivo culture.").

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We disagree with the reviewer. Protein recruitment/localization and function are two different things. Overexpression of Swip-1-eGFP indeed resulted in a prolonged secretion process, i.e. that the compression of the vesicle and therefore expulsion of cargo into the lumen is prolonged. However, our data do not suggest that the initial Swip-1 recruitment to the membrane is delayed but rather that it accumulates at fused secretory vesicles at early stage. Noteworthy, we also see no significant differences in recruitment between endogenously labeled Dia (GFP protein trap) and overexpressed UAS-Dia-GFP fusion (see quantification included below), which is known to interfere with endogenous protein function upon overexpression.



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From the comparison of Lifeact and Swip-1 data points we cannot conclude if there is a significant difference in time of recruitment or if the earlier mean time of Swip-1 recruitment is due to the fluctuations in our measurements, but we are within the realm of statistical possibility. We therefore had to use a third reporter (Arp3-GFP) to perform such a comparative analysis and we indeed found no significant difference as shown in figure 2D.

We disagree that "The time relationship between Lifeact and Arp3 is a fixed linear event". To our knowledge, this is not fixed but rather one observation published once in Tran et al., 2015.

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These are *in vivo* measurements of different endogenously and exogenously labeled-fluorescent reporters, that indeed vary in tissue as published by many different research groups. Our data does not allow the direct conclusion of the sequence of events concerning all proteins analyzed. However, we could show that Swip-1 is recruited earlier than all other examined proteins to the vesicle membrane. This is statistically significant, which we now included in figure 2C. Thus, the early recruitment of the actin-binding protein Swip-1 coincides with the polymerization of F-actin around the vesicle. In our analysis, we were not able to confirm the published data (Tran et al., 2015) even though the published method was applied and a much higher n-number of vesicles were analyzed (n of 20 to 30 SG instead of 10-12 SG, see also Tran et al., 2015).

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We disagree that our new data are out of place. By contrast, we further provided new and important evidence that loss of EFhD2/Swip-1 function affects actomyosin- mediated vesicular membrane crumpling. We agree that 3D analyses could be more appropriate to characterize defective vesicular membrane crumpling. Therefore, we tried to analyze the surface to volume ratio of the vesicles during the secretion process. However, we could not obtain 3D rendering of vesicles (even with machine learning and consultation with an Imaris representative) with both enough detail of the membrane folding and complete surface structures to perform proper analysis. These problems become also very obvious in computational 4D reconstructions of secretory vesicles published by Tran et al., 2015 (see figure 1E) or Tran and Hagen 2017 (JCS, see also figure 5C). We therefore decided to perform 2D analysis to truly assess the membrane invagination opposed to comparing rather smoothened surfaces as can be seen in other publications (Tran et al., 2015, Fig. 1E; Rousso et al, 2016 Fig.1f).

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We already changed the text accordingly. We now also deleted completely the term "membrane fusion" in the sentence "...membrane fusion (fusion pore formation) and actin recruitment ..." (see also line 223).

Third decision letter

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I am happy to tell you that your manuscript has been accepted for publication in Journal of Cell Science, pending standard ethics checks.