## **Supplementary material**



	Primer ID	Sequence 5'-3'
Gateway cloning - forward primer	Primer A	GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCRGGCTTCatgag ggagccggaagag
Gateway cloning - reverse primer	Primer D	GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTttatagtat tgtacaggattttgatc
UAA (AS385)	Primer B - UAA	cgatgaaataaatgatacttgctaatctgtggcgacttttctgccg
UAA (AS385)	Primer C - UAA	cggcagaaaagtcgccacagattagcaagtatcatttattt
UGA (AS385)	Primer B – UGA	cgatgaaataaatgatacttgctgatctgtggcgacttttctgccg
UGA (AS385)	Primer C - UGA	cggcagaaaagtcgccacagatcagcaagtatcatttattt

**Supplementary Figure S1: Site-directed mutagenesis.** Generation of RPGR expression constructs encoding the full-length RPGR protein from exon 1 to 19 either with a UAA stop codon at amino acid position 384 or a UGA stop codon at amino acid position 384. The PCR primers B and C contain the mis-matched sequence to insert either a UAA or UGAs top codon in exon 10 of the *RPGR* gene. During the first PCR, the primer combinations A-B and C-D amplified two products with the mutated sequence (red). During the second PCR, the PCR-products AB and CD were used as templates and were amplified with the primer combination A-D. RPGR reference sequence: NM\_000328.3



**Suppl. figure S2: Quantitative RT-PCR of the cycloheximide treated patient and control cells.** Conventional RT-PCR analyses suggested that the *RPGR* transcripts carrying the nonsense mutation c.1154T>A (p.Leu385stop) undergo nonsense-mediated decay (NMD). To inhibit NMD, we applied cycloheximide (CHX, dissolved in DMSO) to both, patient-derived fibroblasts and controls. The quantification was performed using CYBR Green detection of RT-PCR products generated with primers amplifying exons 9 through 11 of *RPGR* (previously published in [1, 2]). *RPGR* expression levels in control fibroblasts were almost independent from the CHX treatment. In contrast, the patient-derived fibroblasts showed strongly increased levels of *RPGR* transcripts due to the CHX treatment. DMSO seems to have smaller effects on *RPGR* expression levels. The quantification was performed relative to *GAPDH* expression levels. The error bars show the standard deviation (3 replicates).

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