

*Project updates on Functional Genomics,
Imaging Analyses, and Rescue of Cleft Palate*

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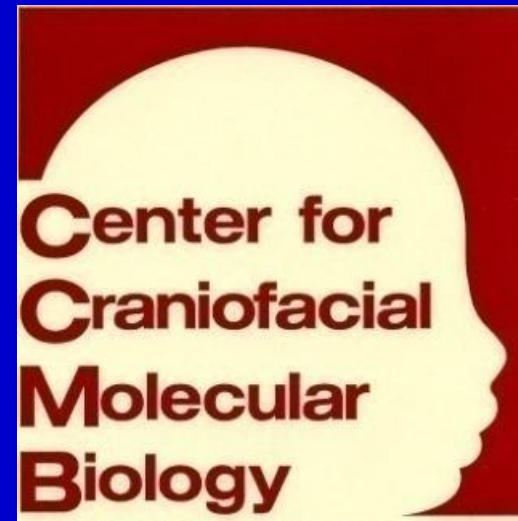
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What did we propose to do and what have been accomplished

1. Global and specific gene expression analyses and 3D imaging study

143 sets of microarray data uploaded to the hub

87 hard and 104 soft tissue microCT images uploaded to the hub and how to use microCT images to study hard and soft tissue structures

Development of a data presentation interface with FaceBase

2. High-throughput analysis of Tgf- β downstream target genes in our *Tgfbr* mutant models and to test whether manipulation of altered Tgf- β downstream signaling molecules offers the opportunity to rescue cleft palate in vivo.

Discovery of an alternative Tgf- β signaling pathway and rescue of cleft palate in vivo (Iwata et al., *JCI*, 2012; Iwata et al., *Development*, 2013; Iwata et al., *JBC* 2011, 2012)

Gene expression in the secondary palate

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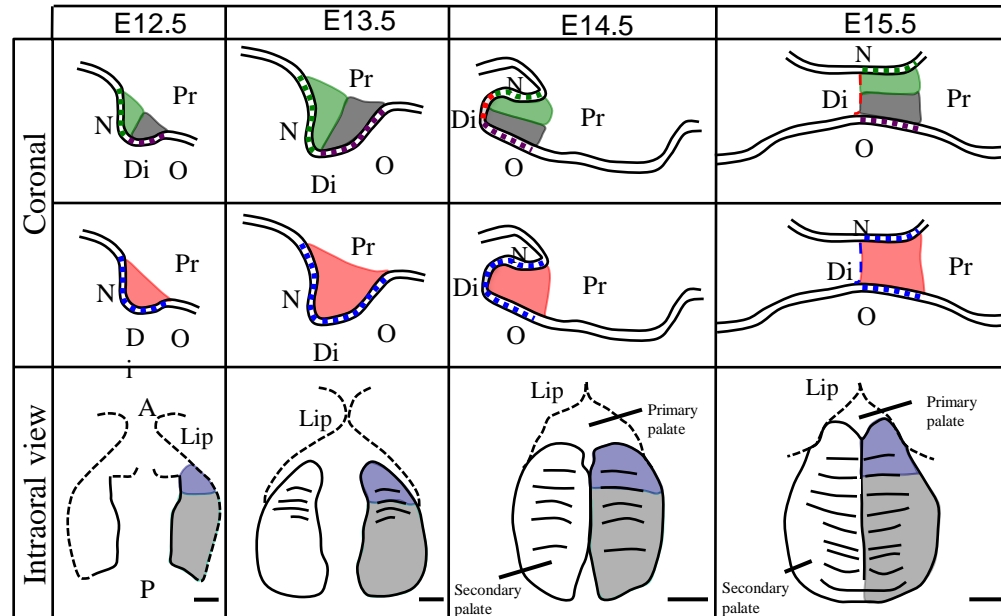
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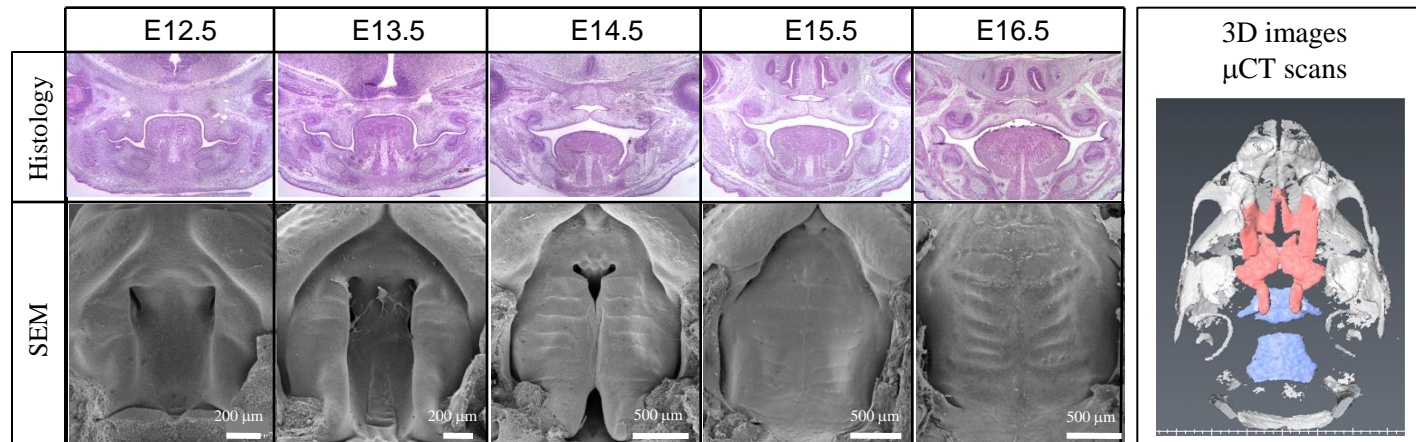
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Color code:
■ Nasal mesenchyme ■ Anterior mesenchyme ■■■■ Nasal epithelium
■ Oral mesenchyme ■ Posterior mesenchyme ■■■■ Midline epithelium
■ All mesenchyme ■■■■ Oral epithelium
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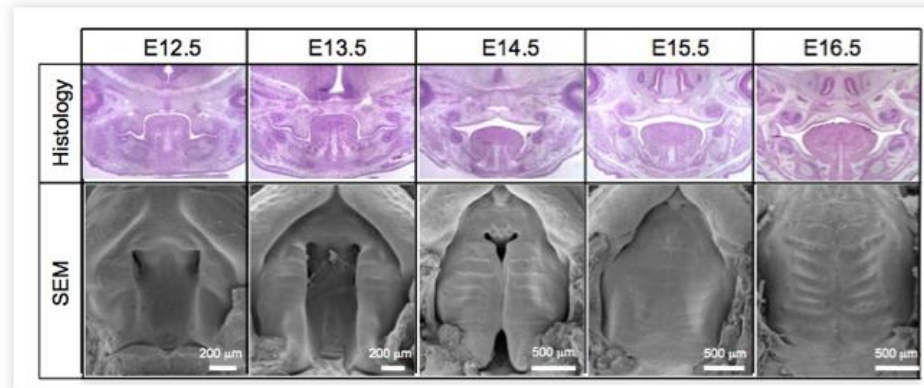
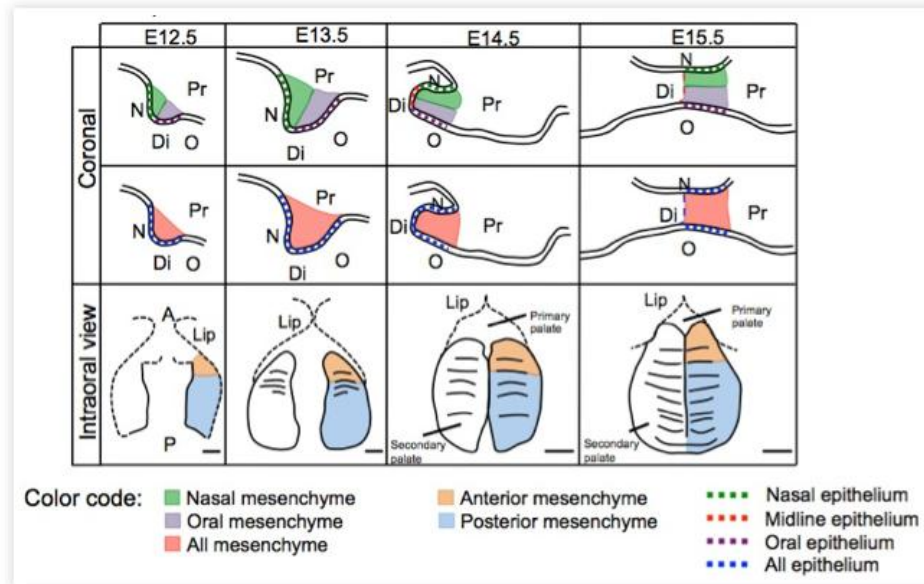
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Dlx5 gene expression

Dlx5 (Distal-less homeobox 5) Description: Dlx5 is expressed in the nasal mesenchyme along the AP axis of the E13.5 palatal shelf. Source: Han et al., 2009 Indirect modulation of Shh signaling by Dlx5 affects the oral-nasal patterning of palate and rescues ... [Continue reading →](#)

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Gli1 gene expression

Description: Gli1 is expressed in the oral mesenchyme and oral epithelium along the AP axis at E13.5. At E14.5, expression is restricted to the oral mesenchyme of the anterior region of the palate. Sources: Han et al. (2009) Indirect modulation of ... [Continue reading →](#)

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Irf6 gene expression

Irf6 (Interferon regulatory factor 6) Description: Irf6 is expressed in the palatal epithelium along the AP axis throughout development, including the oral and nasal epithelia and in the MEE from E14.5 to E15.5. Source: Immunofluorescence. Unpublished data from Chai's lab.

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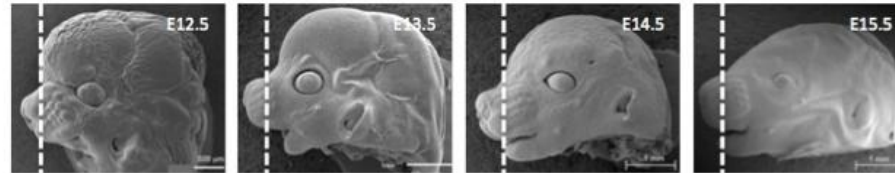
Msx1 gene expression

Msx1 (Msh homeobox 1) Description: Msx1 is expressed in the mesenchyme of the anterior region of the developing palate, on both nasal and oral sides. Sources: Zhang et al. (2002) Rescue of cleft palate in Msx1-deficient mice by transgenic Bmp4 reveals ... [Continue reading →](#)

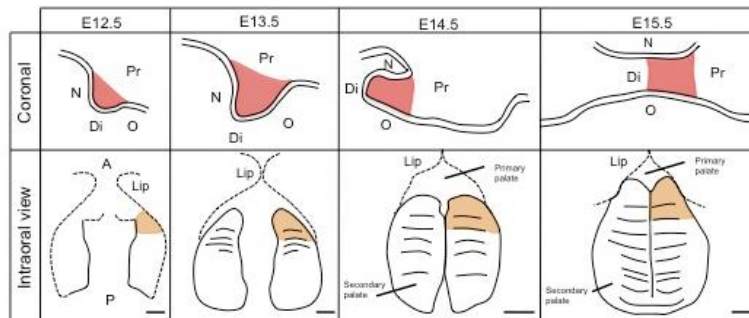
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Msx1 gene expression

Msx1 (Msh homeobox 1)



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Color code: ■ All mesenchyme (ON axis) ■ Anterior mesenchyme (AP axis)

Description: *Msx1* is expressed in the mesenchyme of the anterior region of the developing palate, on both nasal and oral sides.

Sources:

Zhang et al. (2002) **Rescue of cleft palate in *Msx1*-deficient mice by transgenic *Bmp4* reveals a network of BMP and Shh signaling in the regulation of mammalian palatogenesis.** *Development* 129(17):4135-46.

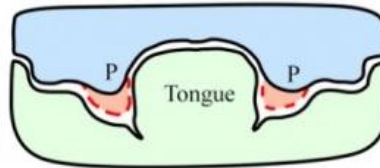
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Classification of cleft palate in mutant mouse models and examples

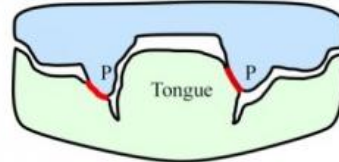
Failure of palatal shelf formation



Class I: Palatal shelf hypoplasia

- *Fgfr2^{-/-}*

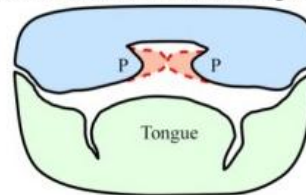
Fusion with the tongue or the mandible



Class II: Palatal shelf fusion with the tongue or the mandible

- *Fgfr2^{R84C/R84C}*
- *Irf6^{-/-}*

Failure of shelves to meet following elevation

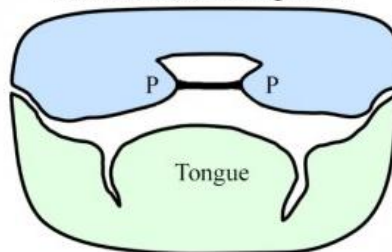


Class III: Palatal shelves fail to meet at midline

- *Ctgf^{-/-}*
- *Msx1^{-/-}*
- *Wnt1-Cre;Alk5^{fl/fl}*
- *Wnt1-Cre;Shh^{fl/fl}*
- *Wnt1-Cre;Tgfb2^{fl/fl}*



Submucosal cleft palate




Class IV: Submucosal cleft palate and/or persistence of medial edge epithelial cells

- *K14-Cre;Alk5^{fl/fl}*
- *K14-Cre;Tgfb2^{fl/fl}*
- *Osr2-IresCre;Bmpr1^{fl/fl}*
- *Tbx1^{-/-}*
- *Tbx22^{-/-}*

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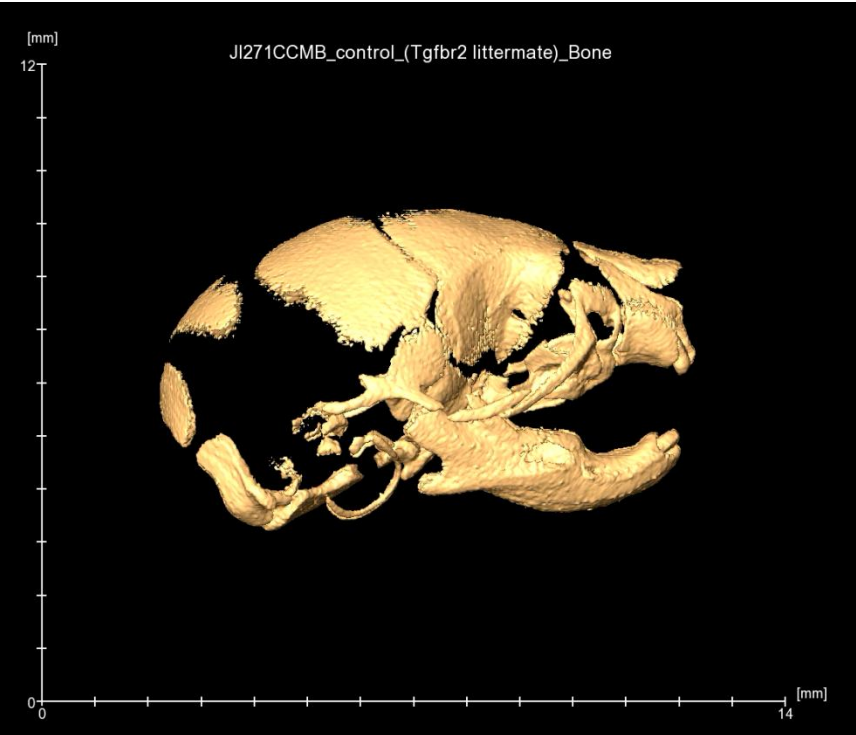
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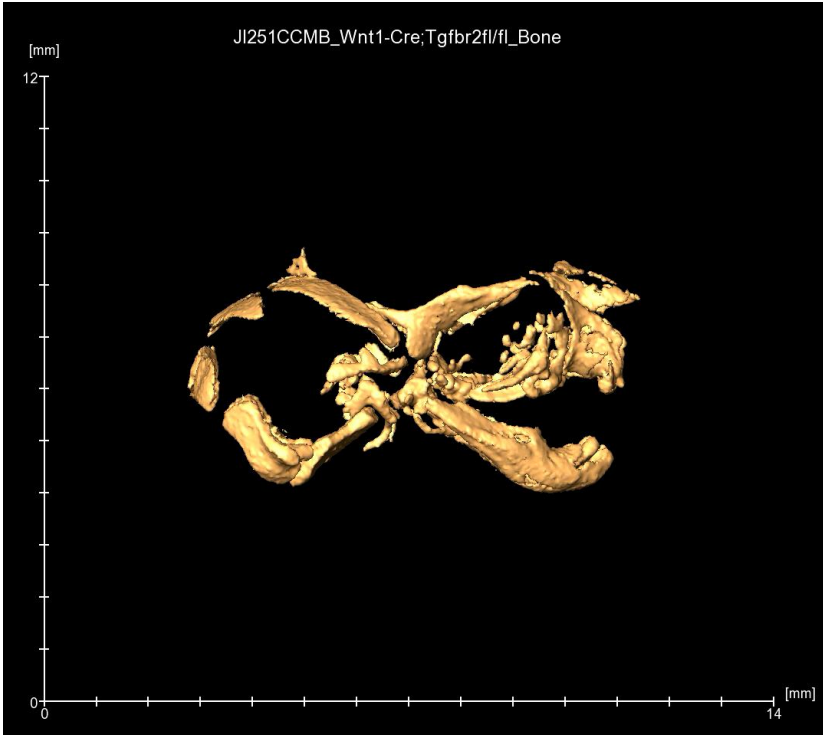
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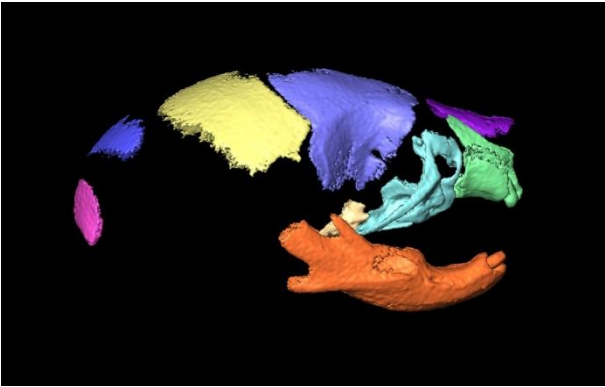
Dynamic microCT data for analysis of skull development and malformations

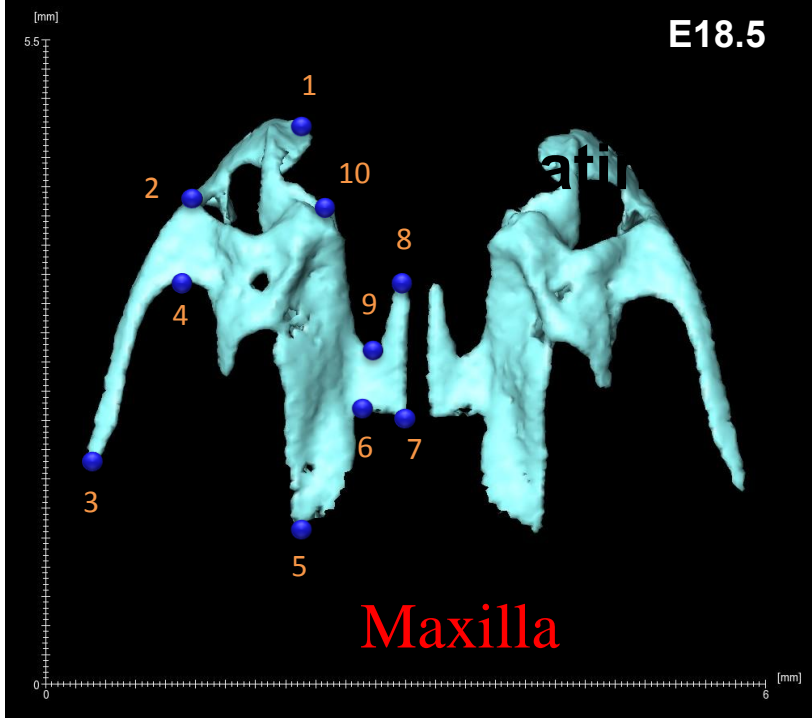


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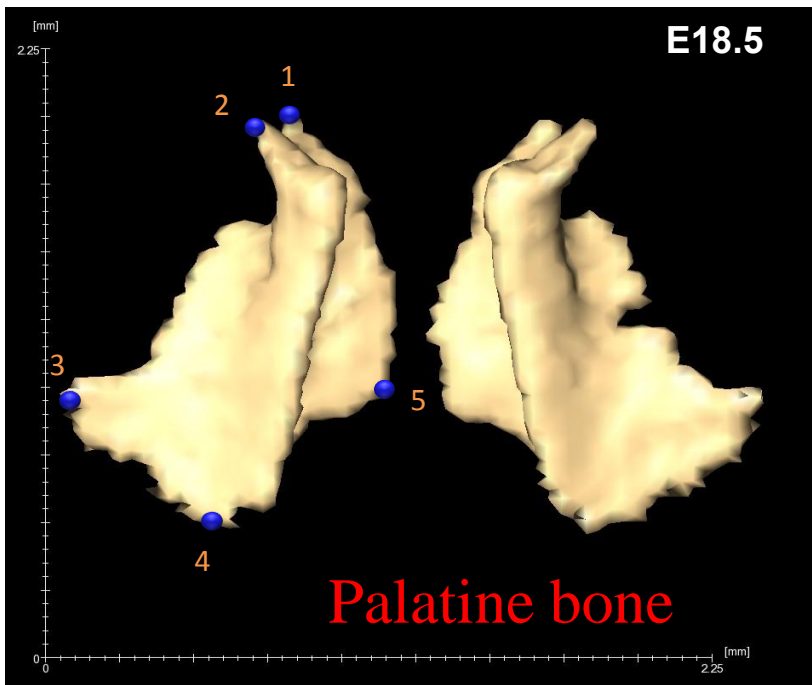


Wnt1-Cre;Tgfbr2^{fl/fl}_E18.5





1. Anterior point of maxilla
2. Lateral point of premaxillary-maxillary suture
3. Tip of zygomatic process of maxilla
4. Anterior-medial point to zygomatic process
5. Posterior point of maxilla
6. Posterior-lateral point of the palatal process of maxilla
7. Posterior-medial point of the palatal process of maxilla
8. Anterior-medial point of palatal process of maxilla
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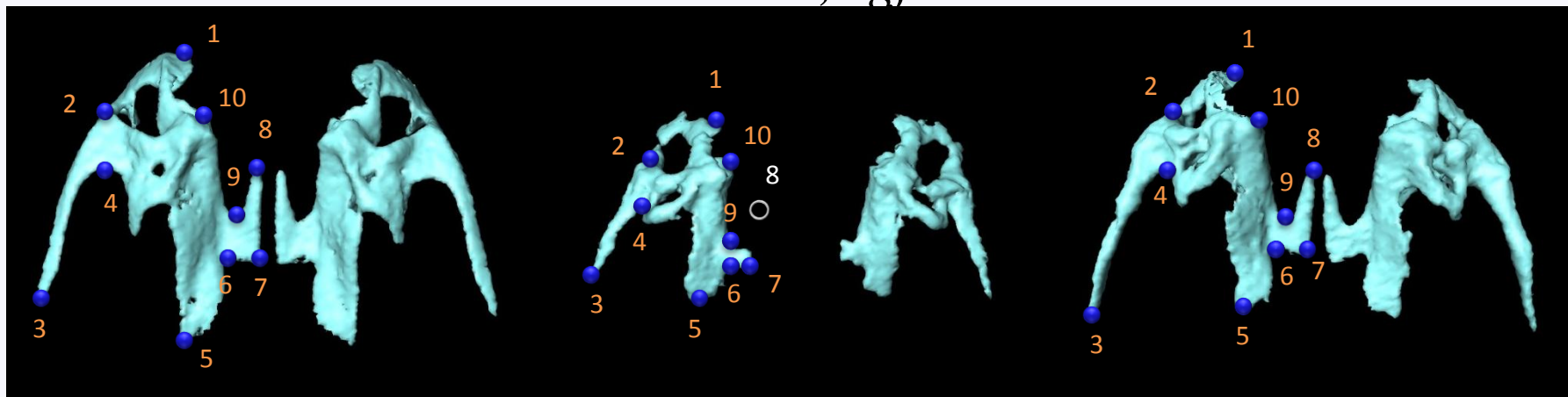


1. Anterior point of palatine bone
2. Anterior point of the ridge of palatine bone
3. Lateral point of the pyramidal process of palatine bone
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5. Posterior-medial point of the horizontal plate of palatine bone

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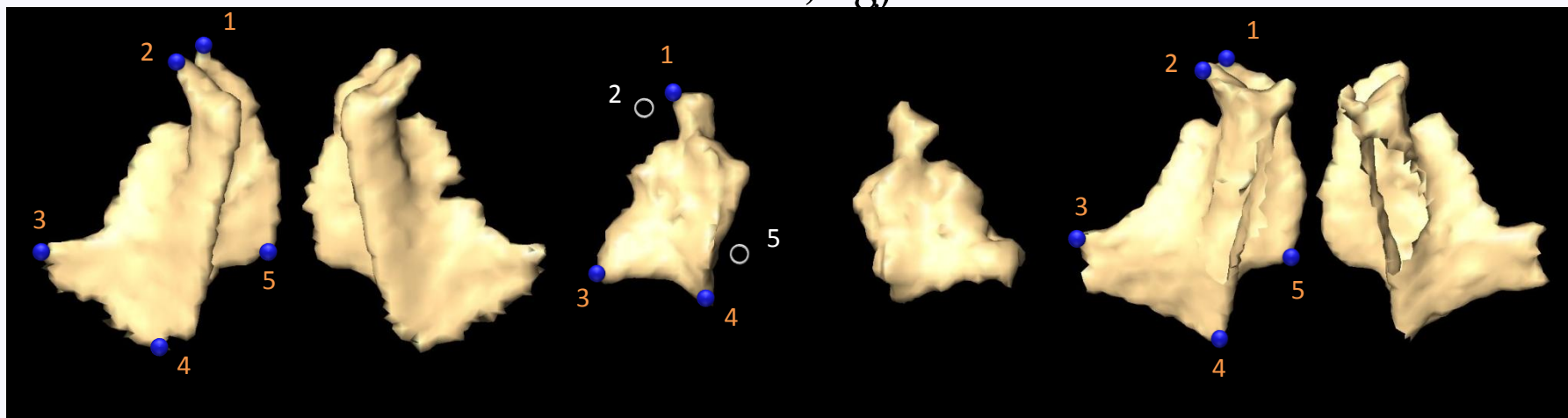
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Microarray: E14.5 Tgfbr2 Palate

Whole-genome transcriptome profiling by microarray of palatal tissue of E14.5 murine embryos with and without a conditional inactivation of *Tgfbr2* in the cranial neural crest

See a heatmap of the top 10 most differentially expressed genes between mutant and control samples for the following signaling pathways:

- BMP/TGF-Beta signaling pathway
- FGF signaling pathway
- Hedgehog signaling pathway
- Wnt (canonical) signaling pathway

See an interactive pie chart of the enriched Gene Ontology (GO) biological processes for:

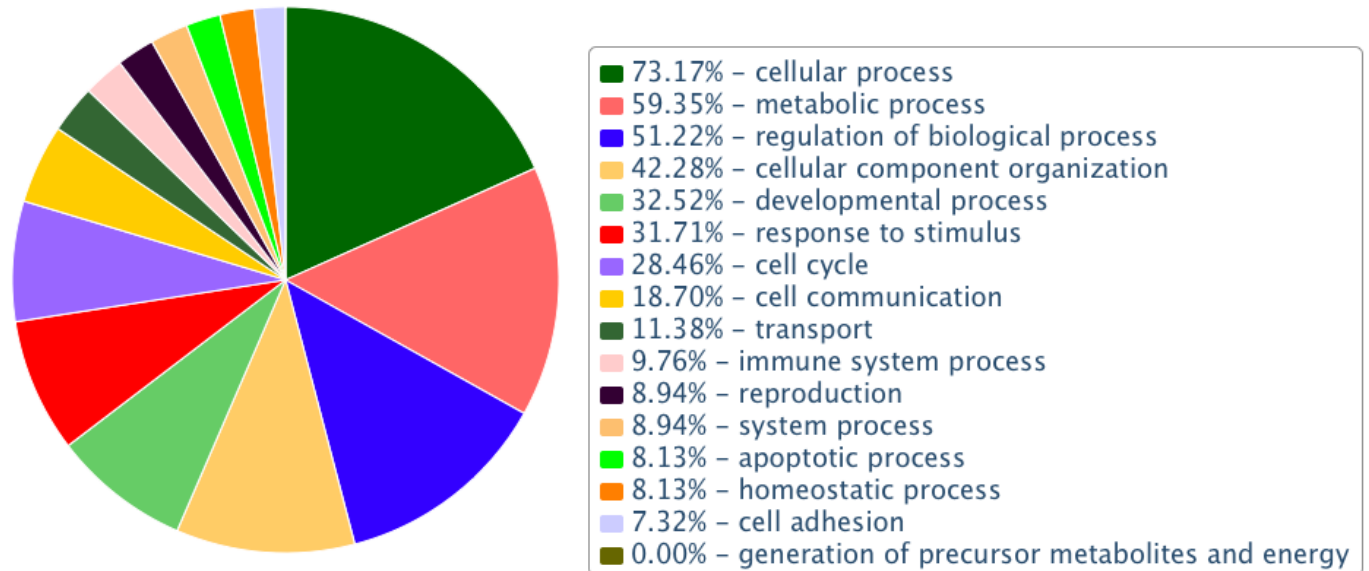
- Genes upregulated in Wnt1-Cre;Tgfbr2^{fl/fl} mutant mice
- Genes downregulated in Wnt1-Cre;Tgfbr2^{fl/fl} mutant mice

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Functional Categories Enriched With Genes Downregulated in Wnt1-Cre;Tgfbr2 fl/fl mutant

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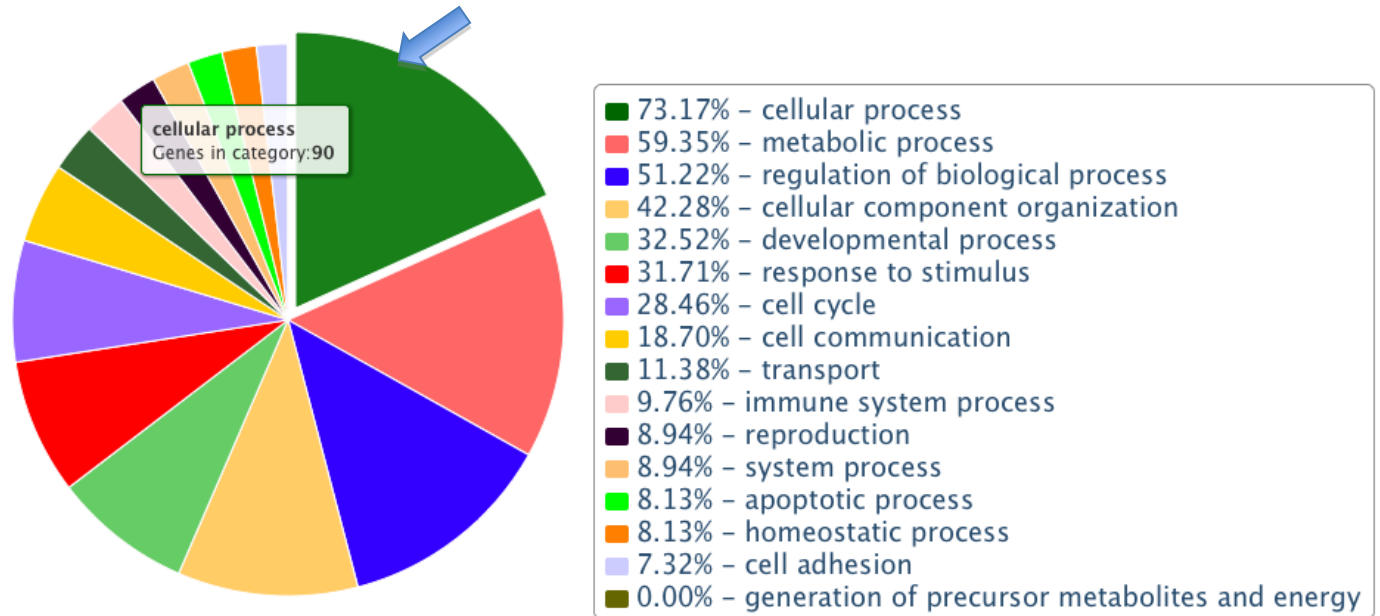


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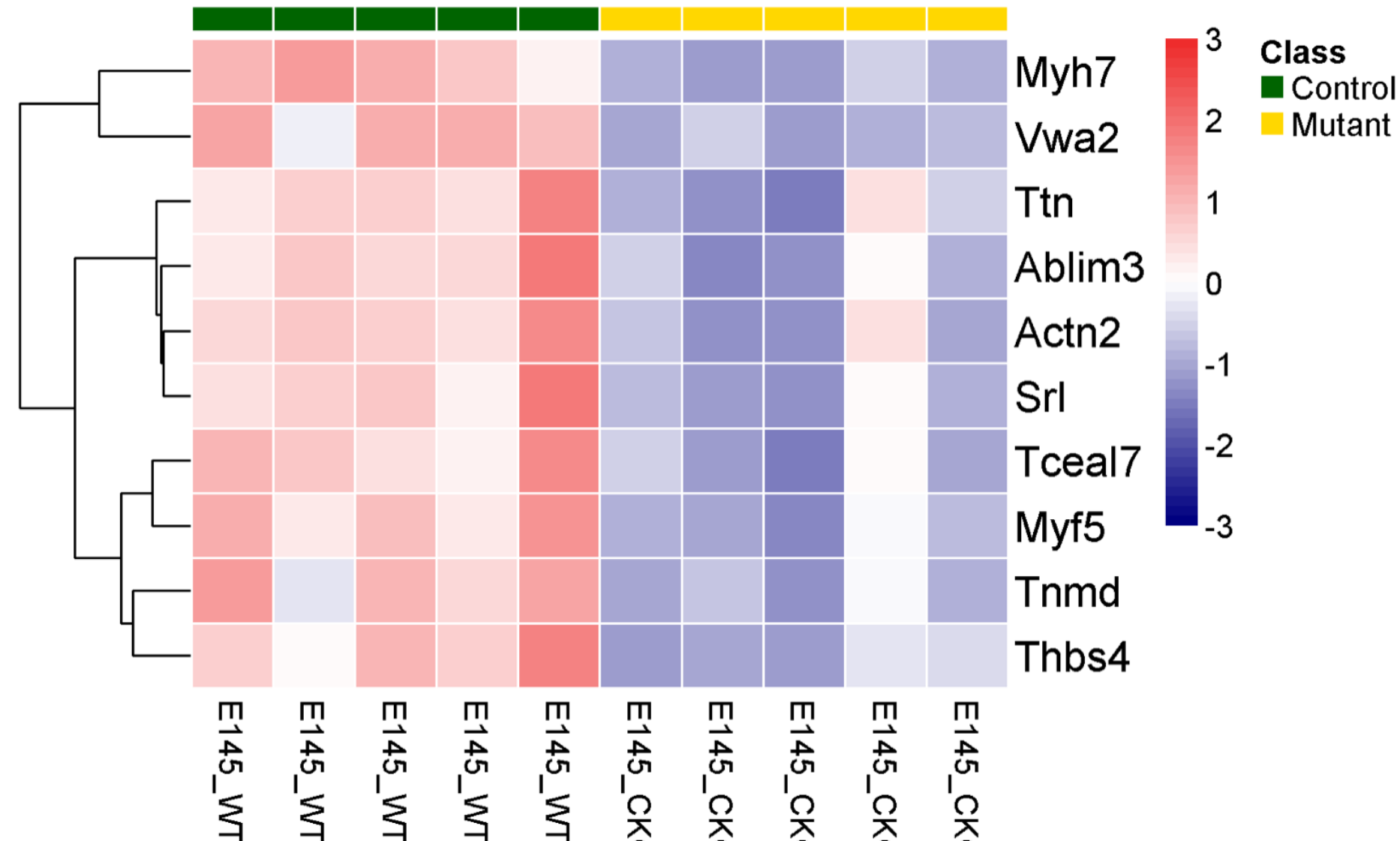


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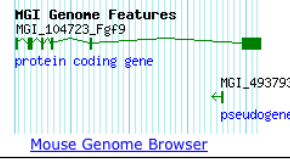
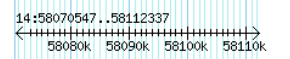
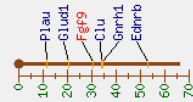
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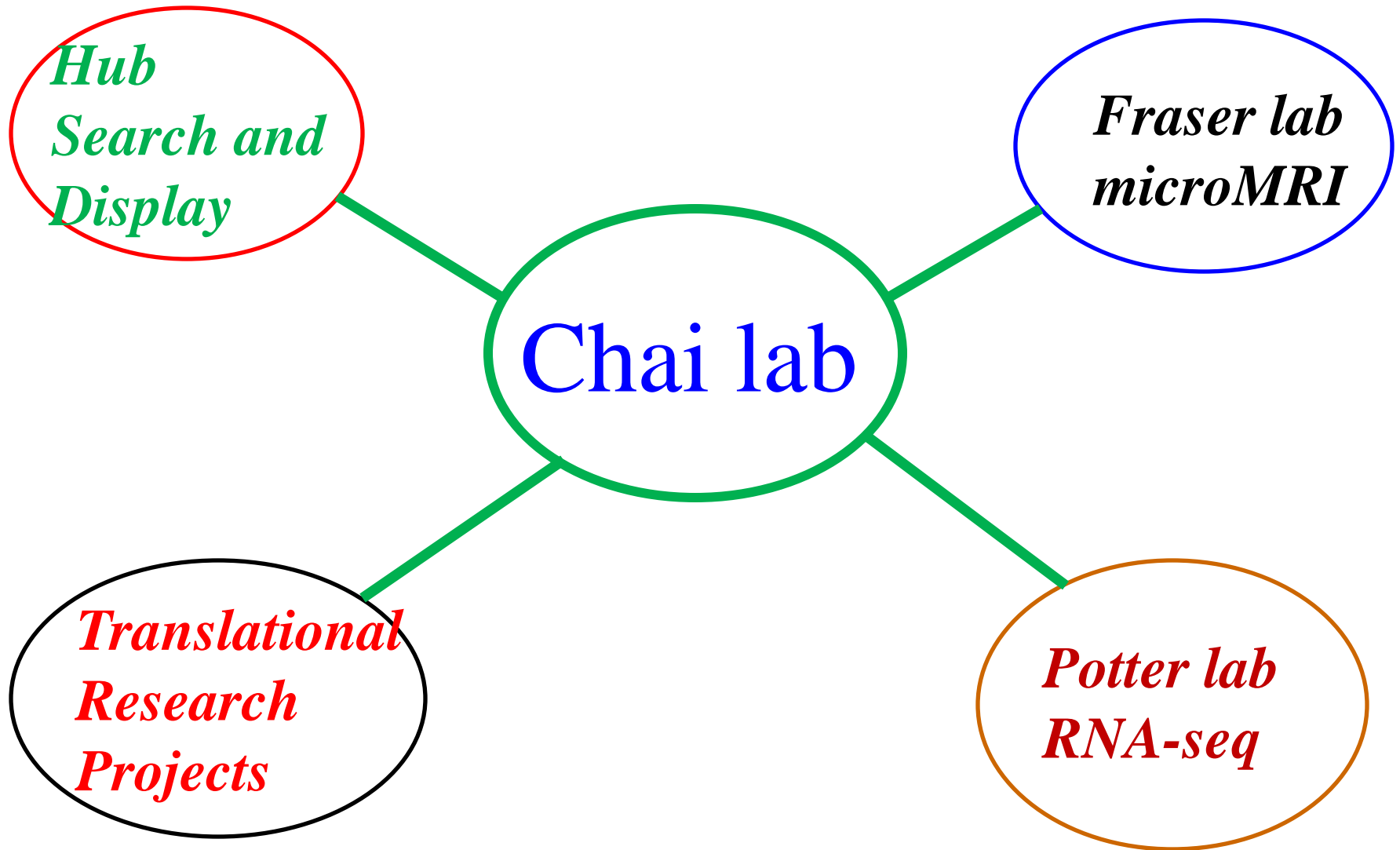
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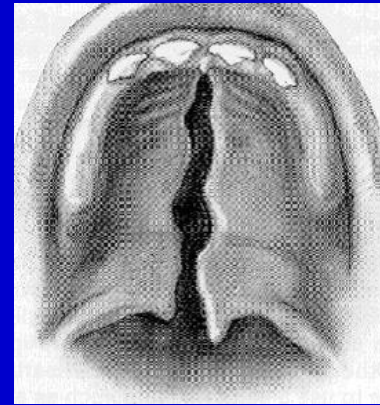
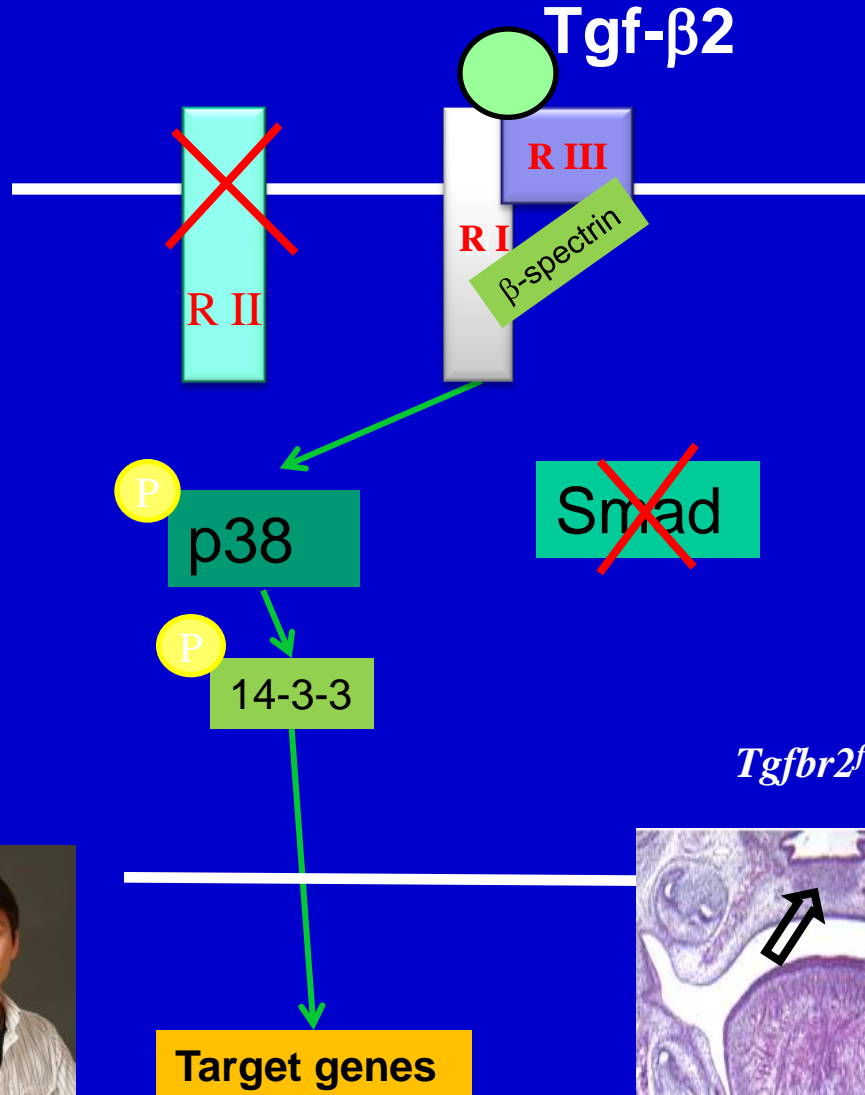
Symbol Name ID	Fgf9 fibroblast growth factor 9 MGI:104723
Synonyms	Eks, glia activating factor
Feature Type	protein coding gene
Genetic Map	Chromosome 14 30.51 cM, cytoband D Detailed Genetic Map ± 1 cM Mapping data(5)
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Alleles and phenotypes	All alleles(8) : Targeted(6) Spontaneous(1) Chemically induced(1) Homozygotes for a targeted null mutation exhibit reduced size, pulmonary hypoplasia, cardiac dilation, impaired testes development resulting in male-to-female sex reversal, abnormal retina, and neonatal lethality. Phenotype Images(3)
Gene Ontology (GO) classifications	All GO classifications: (54 annotations) Process angiogenesis , cardiac left ventricle morphogenesis , ... Component basement membrane , cytoplasm , ... Function fibroblast growth factor receptor binding , growth factor activity , ... External Resources: FuncBase
Expression	Literature Summary: (113 records) Data Summary: Results (277) Tissues (223) Images (40) Theiler Stages: 15 , 16 , 17 , 18 , 19 , 20 , 21 , 22 , 23 , 24 , 25 , 28 Assay Type Results RNA in situ 167



Collaborations



Discovery of a novel TGF- β signaling mechanism



Cleft of the secondary palate

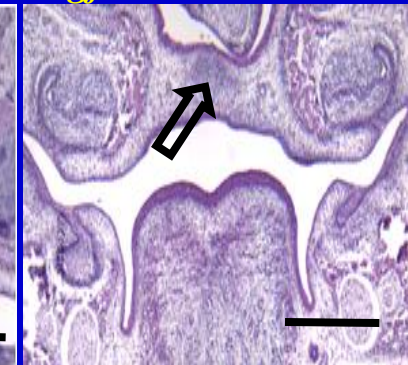
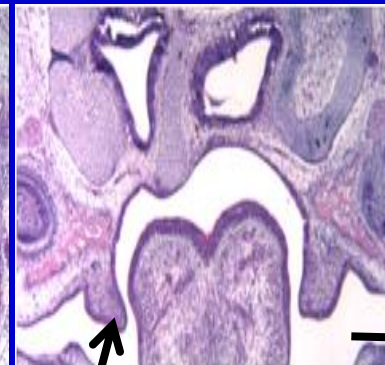


Wnt1-Cre;Tgfbr2^{fl/fl}

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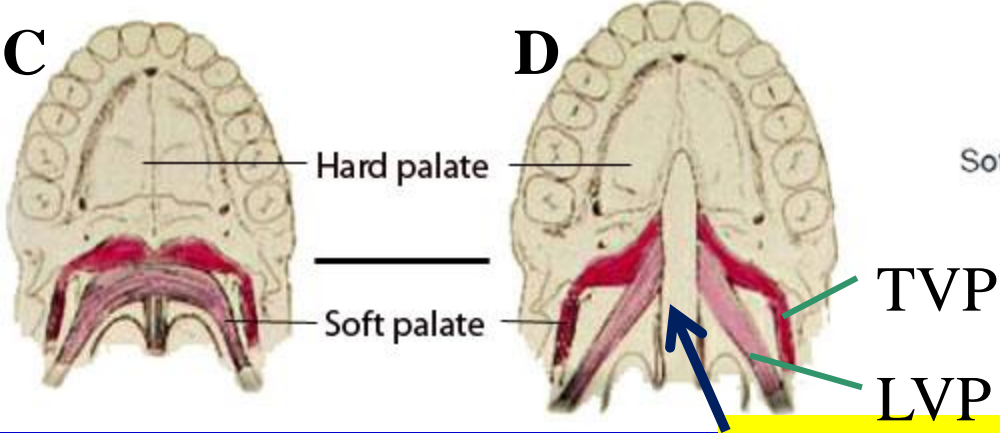
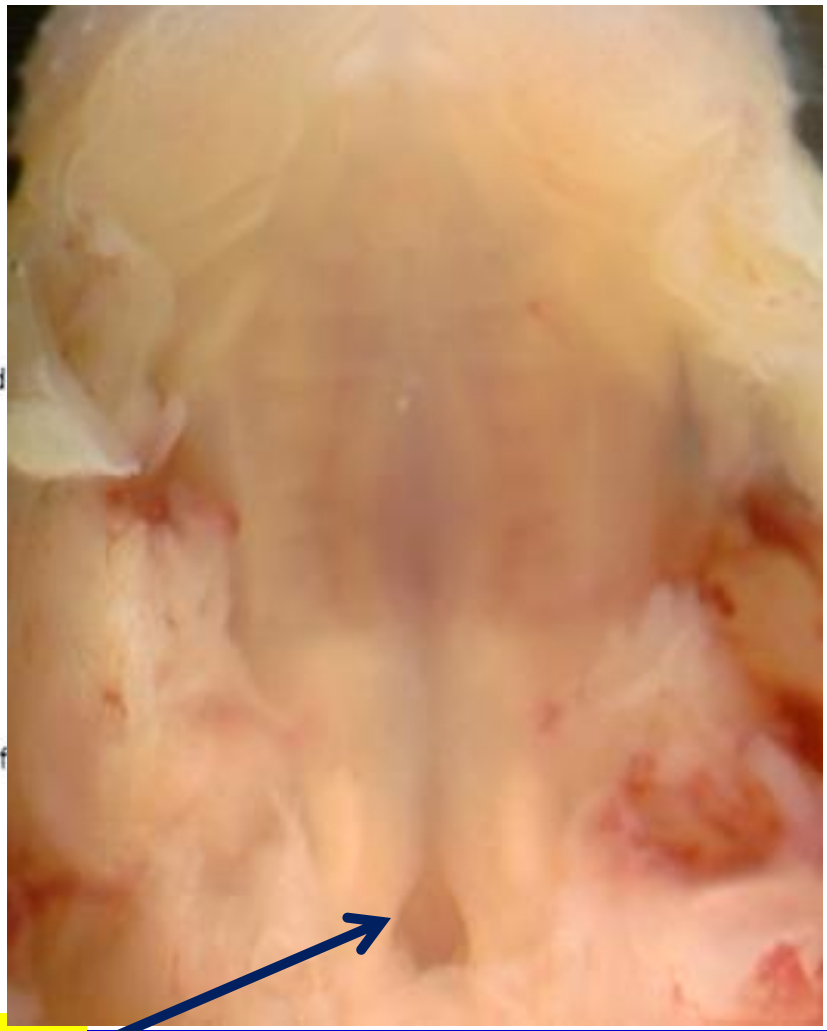
Wnt1-Cre;Tgfbr2^{fl/fl}; Tgfb2^{+/-}



TGF- β -mediated epithelial-mesenchymal interactions and palatal muscle development

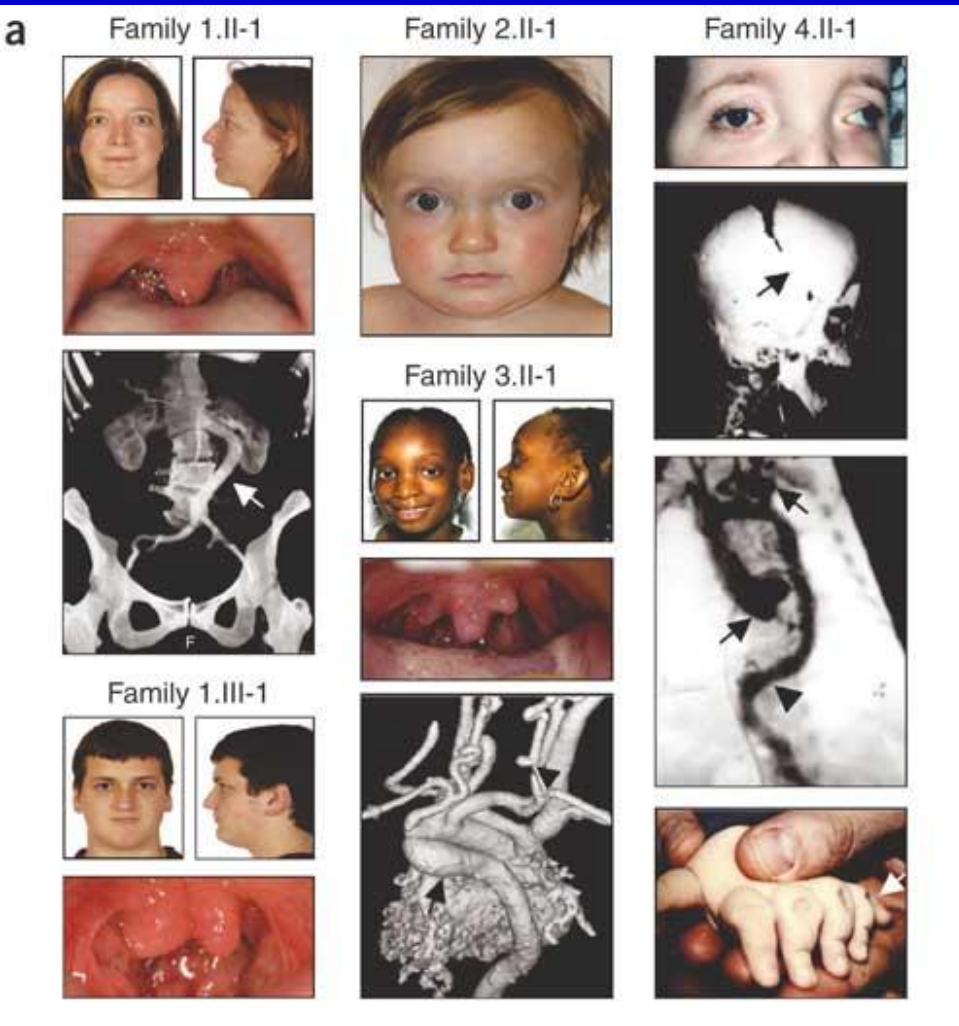
Cleft soft palate

K14-Cre;Tgfbr2^{fl/fl}



Cleft palate

TGF- β signaling mechanism in patients with TGF- β receptor mutations



Loeys-Dietz syndrome
(*TGF- β RII* or *TGF- β RI* mutations)
(Marfan's syndrome type II)

What is the TGF- β signaling mechanism in patients with TGF- β RII mutations?

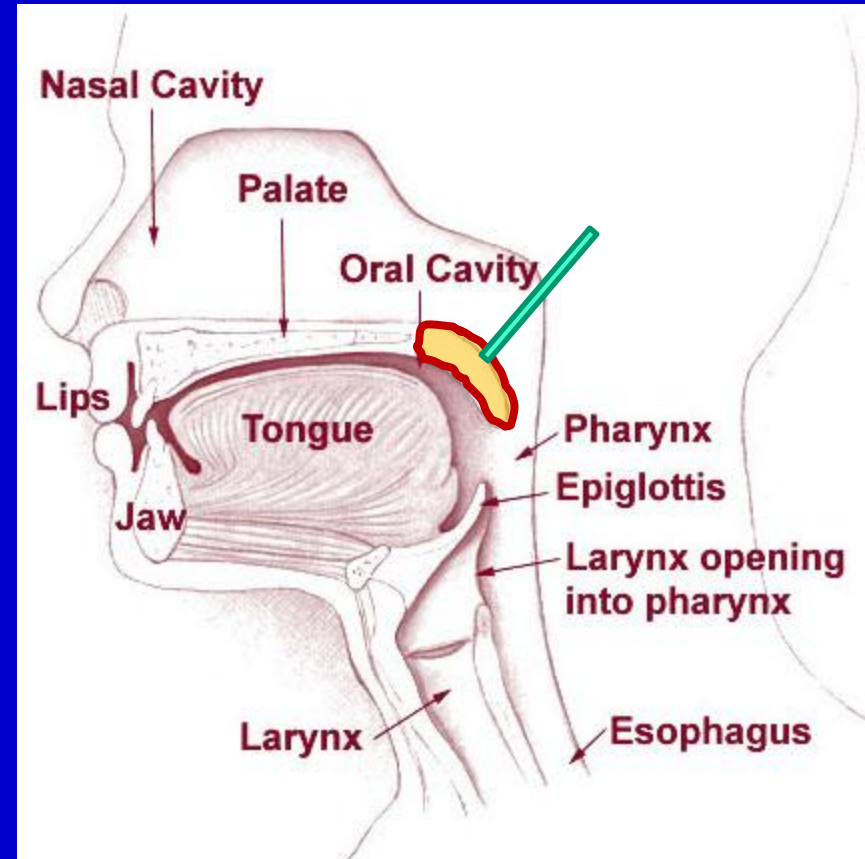
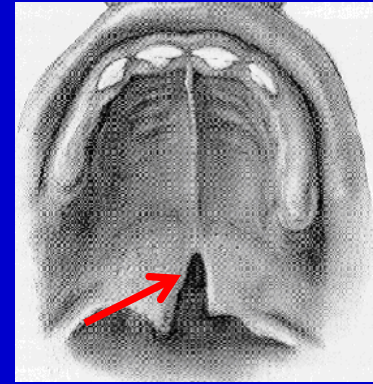
TGF- β receptor mutations and cleft palate

Loeys et al., 2005, Nature Genetics 37, 275-281

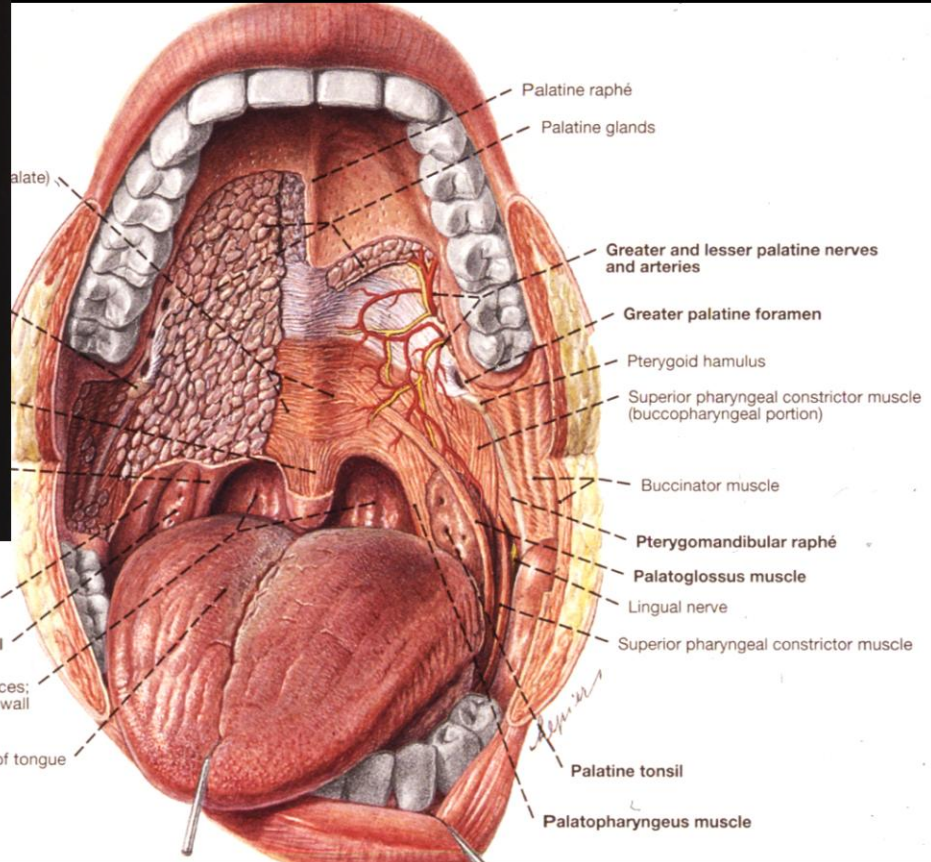
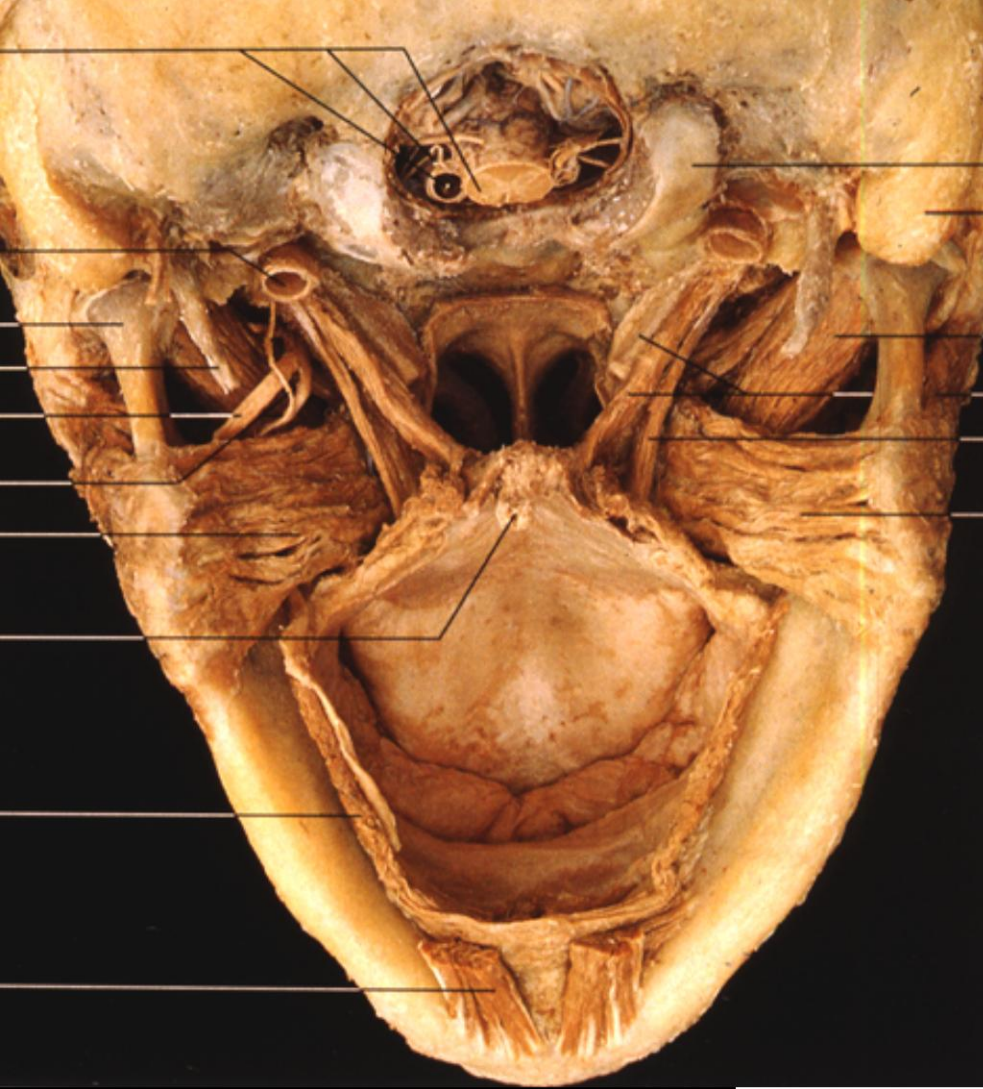
Why is the soft palate important?

- **Speech**
- **Hearing**
- **Swallowing**

Cleft soft palate,
risk for speech problems, middle
ear infection, and difficulties
in swallowing

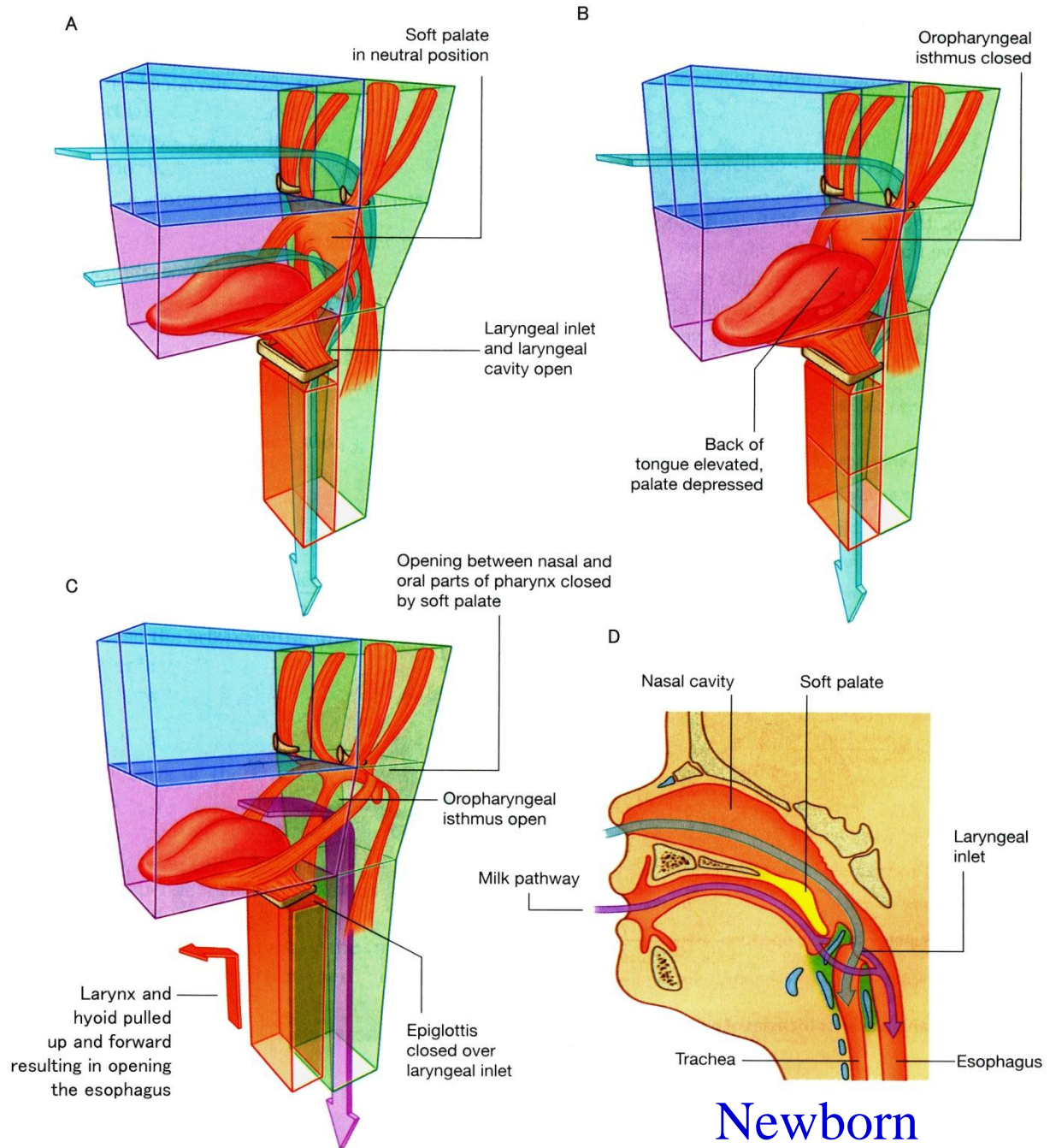


Functional Significance of Soft Palate Muscles



Functional separation of the digestive and respiratory passages

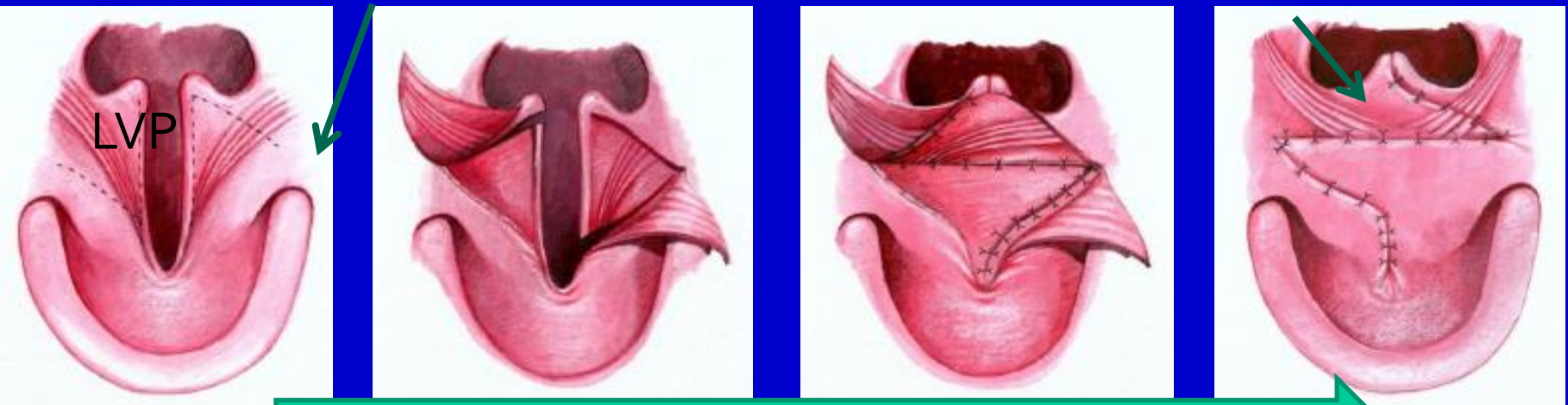
The Soft Palate



Repair of cleft soft palate

Abnormal orientation of LVP muscle

Surgical correction of the orientation of LVP muscle



Clinical problems:

Following the surgical correction of mis-oriented LVP muscle, these patients still have difficulty with precise pronunciation. **Why?**

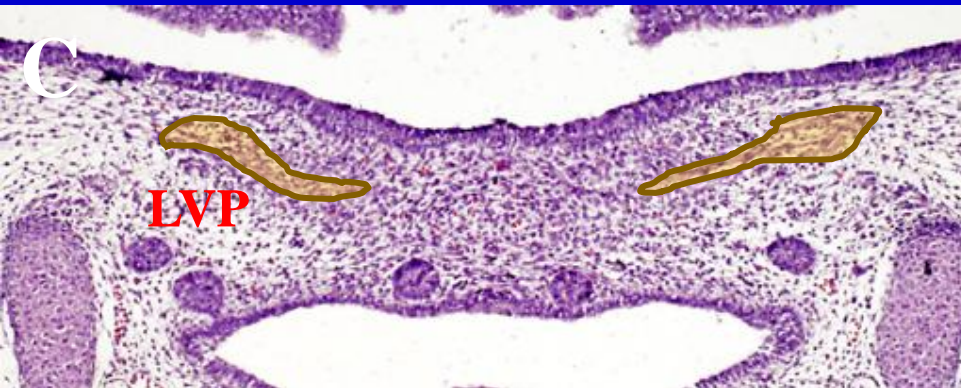
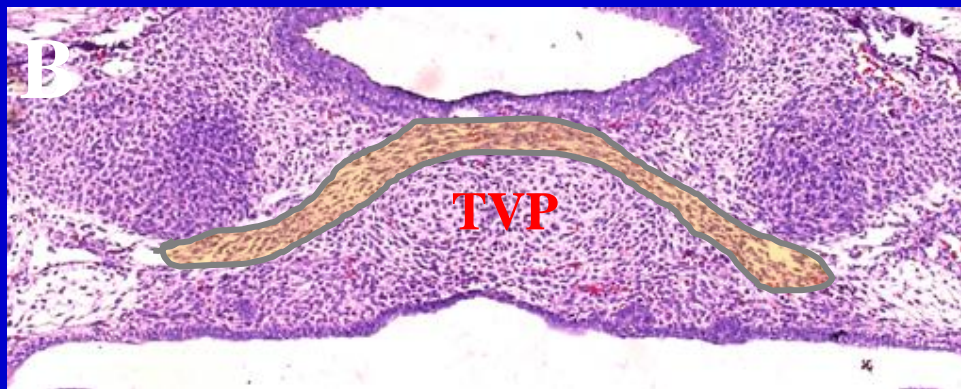
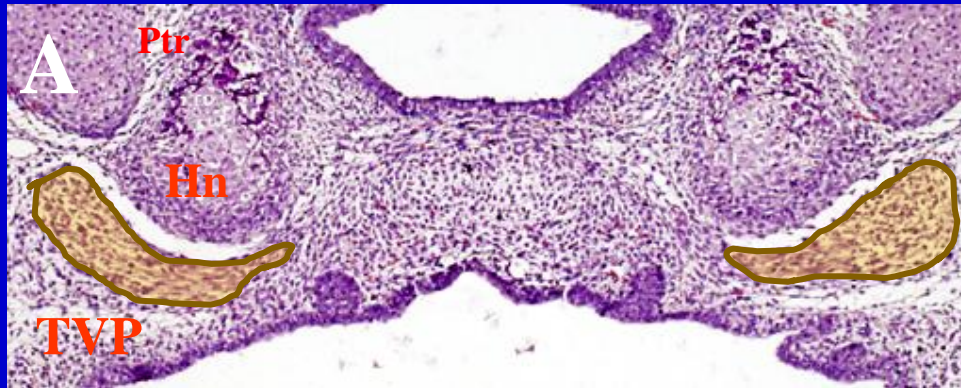
- 1. Intrinsic functional defects in soft palate muscles (fast/slow fibers)?*
- 2. Decreased volume of muscles?*
- 3. Molecular regulation of muscles in soft palate is still defective*

Soft palate muscles

Anterior



Posterior



E15.5

Ptr; Pterygoid plate
Hn; Hamular notch
TVP; Tensor veli palatini muscle
LVP; Levator veli palatini muscle

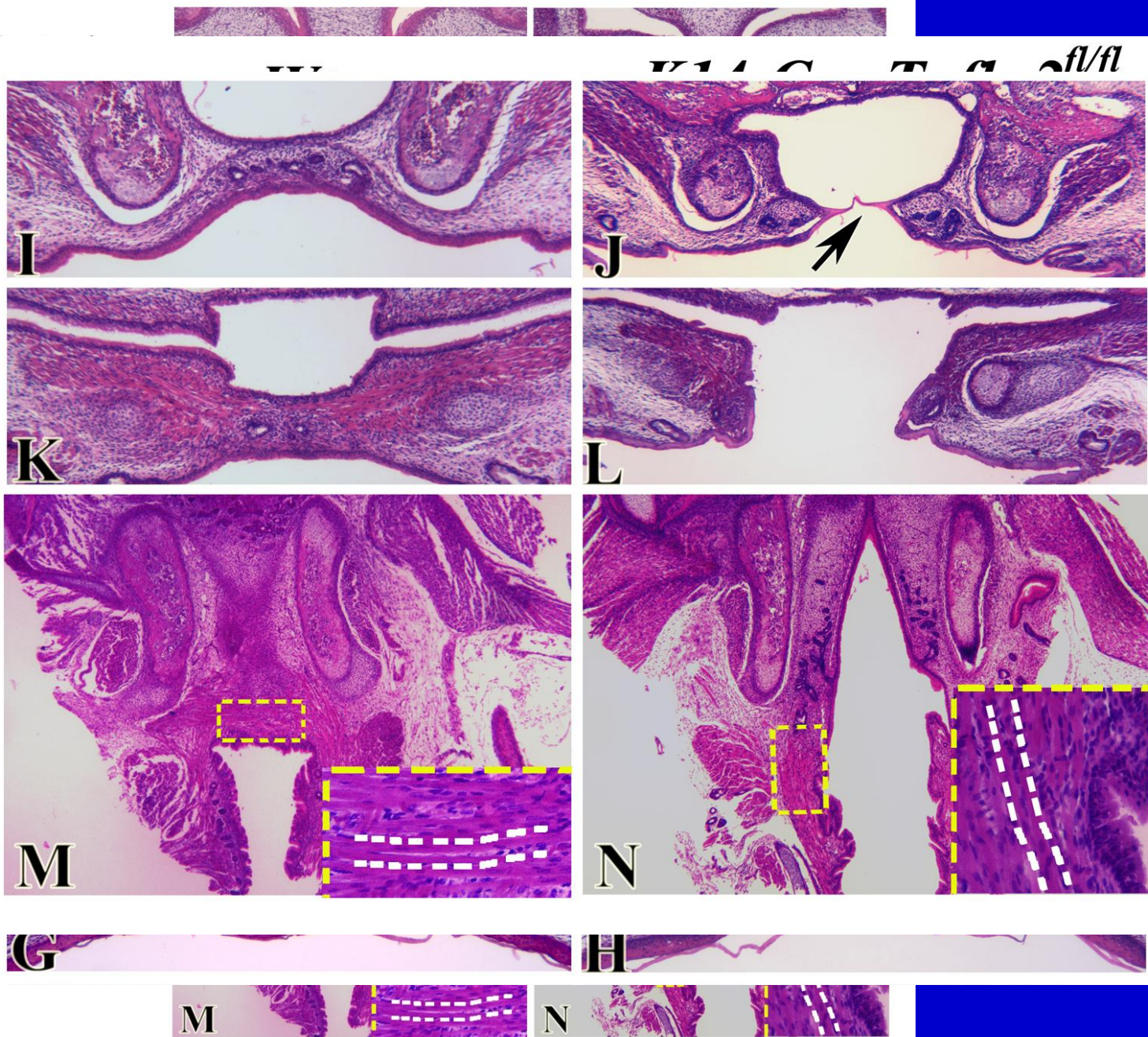
**TGF- β signal
is required in
the MEE cells
for soft palate
development**



Posterior

Wt

K14-Cre;Tgfbr2^{fl/fl}



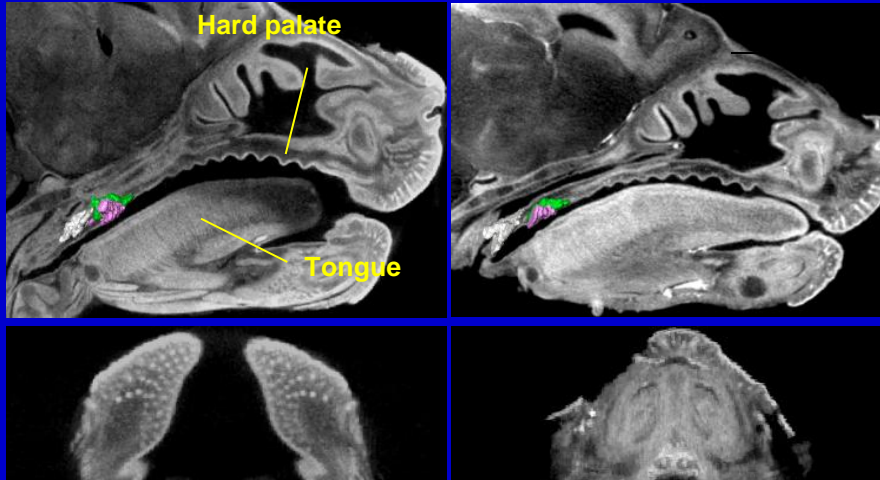
Muscles of the soft palate analyzed by microCT

B

Control

Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre

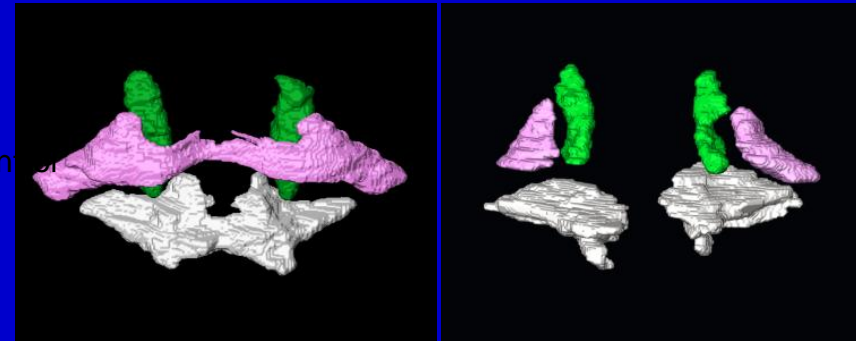
Side view



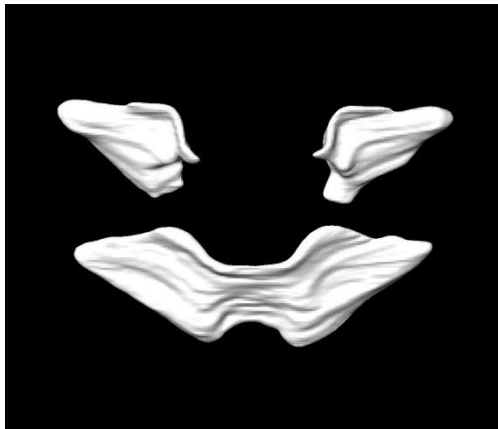
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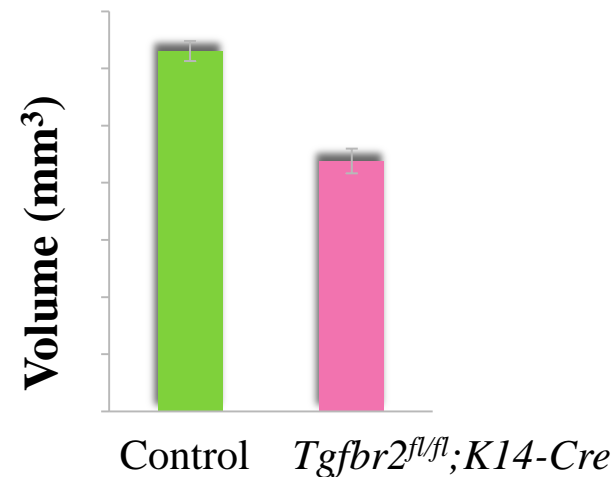
Bottom view



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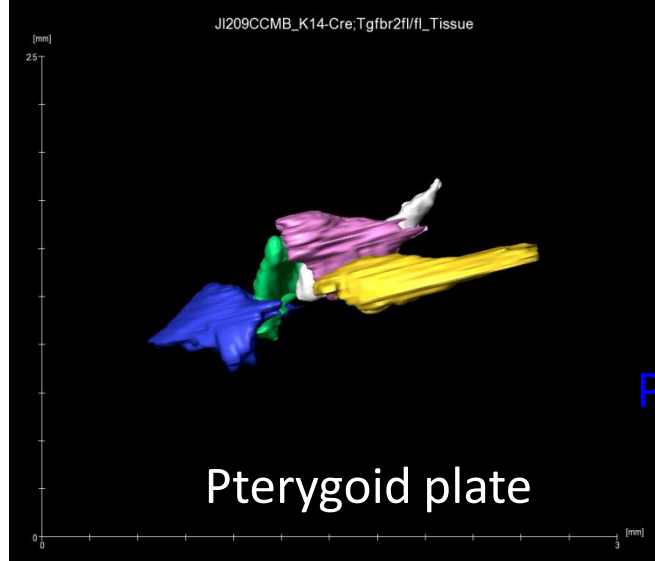
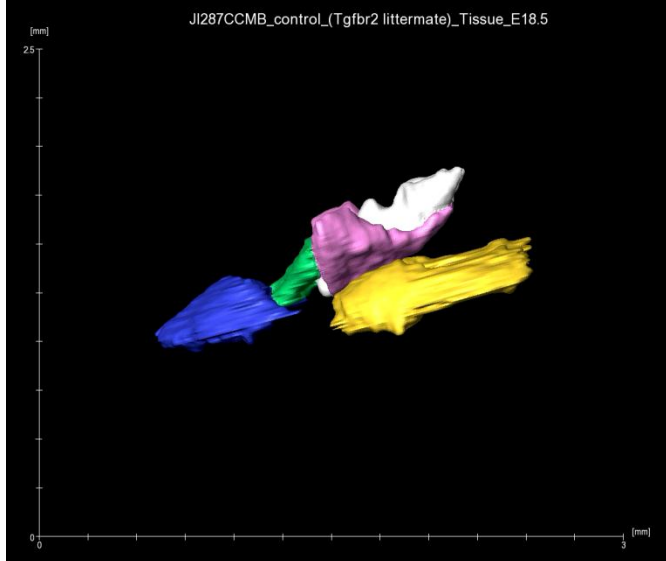
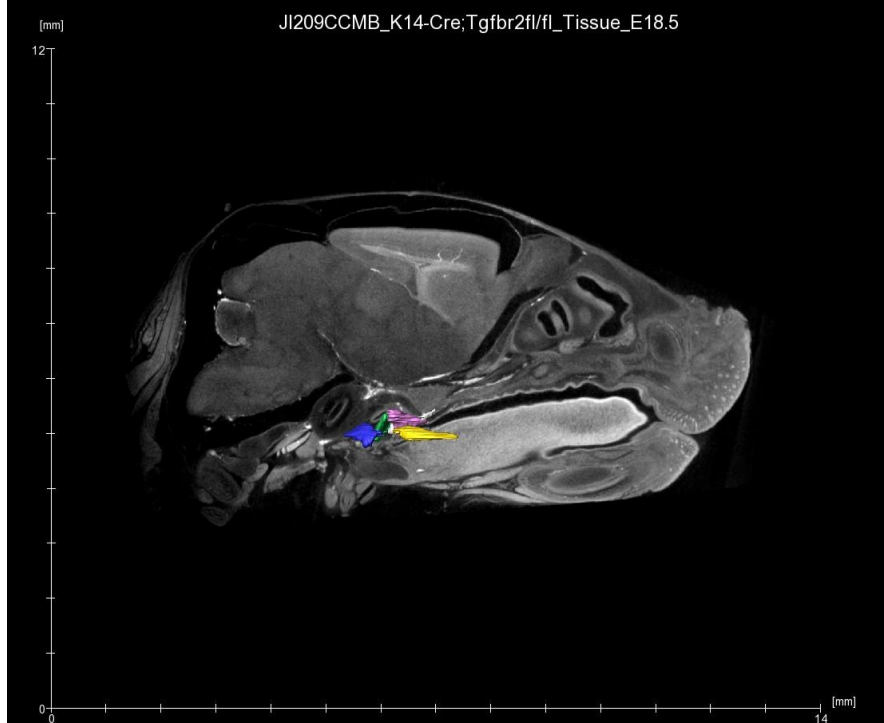
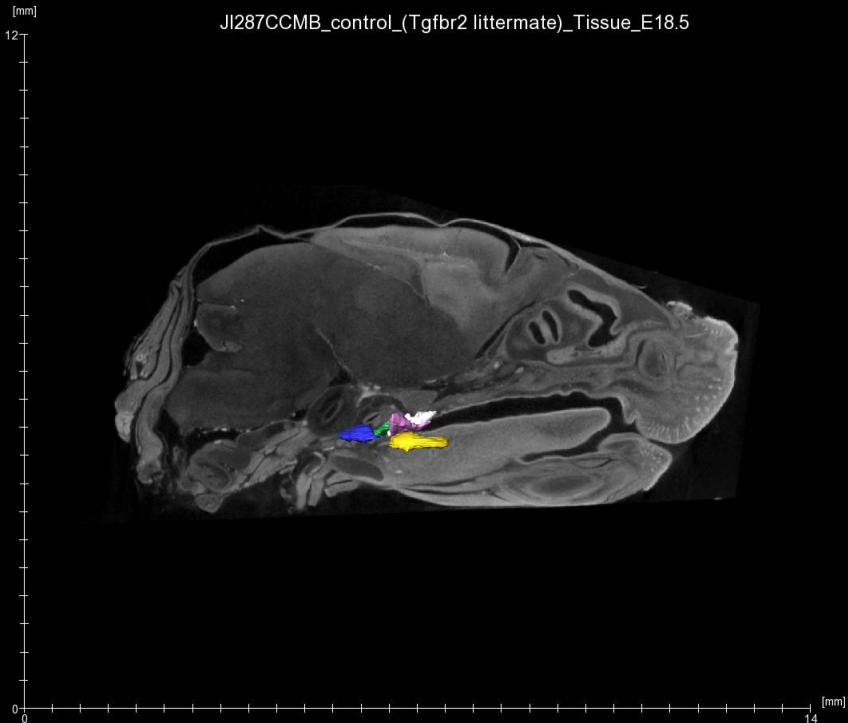


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Control_E18.5

K14-Cre;Tgfb β 2^{fl/fl}_E18.5



Tensor veli
palatini

Levator veli
palatini

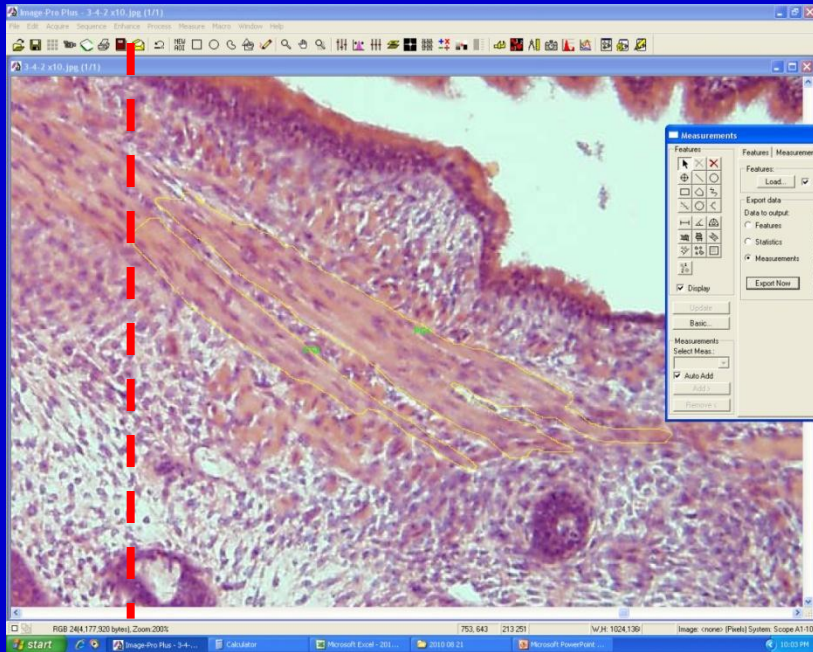
Palatoglossus

Palatopharyngeus

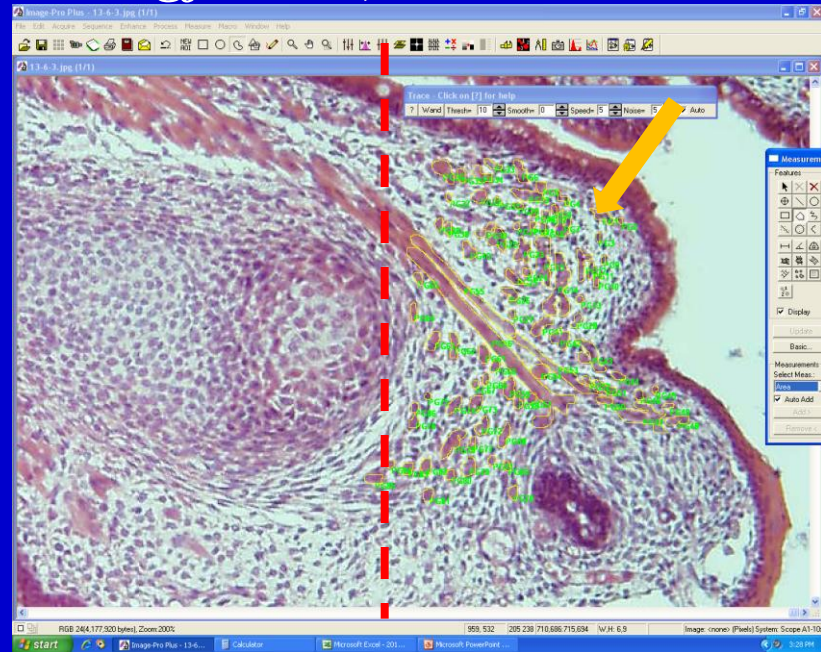
Pterygoid plate

Muscle volume in *Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre* mice

Control



Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre



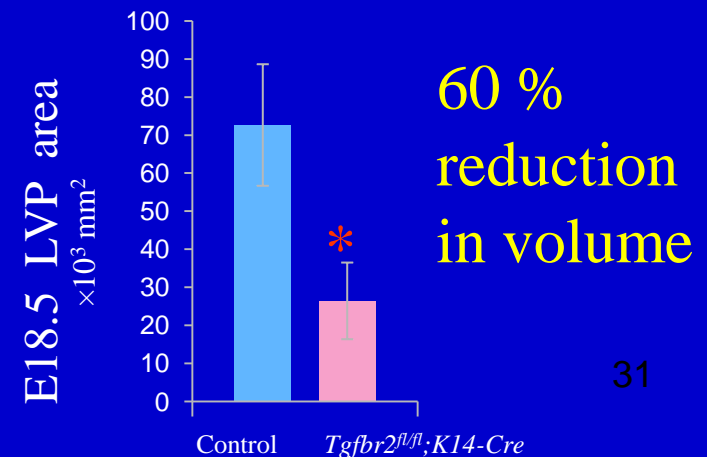
Serial coronal sections for the LVP muscle (E18.5)



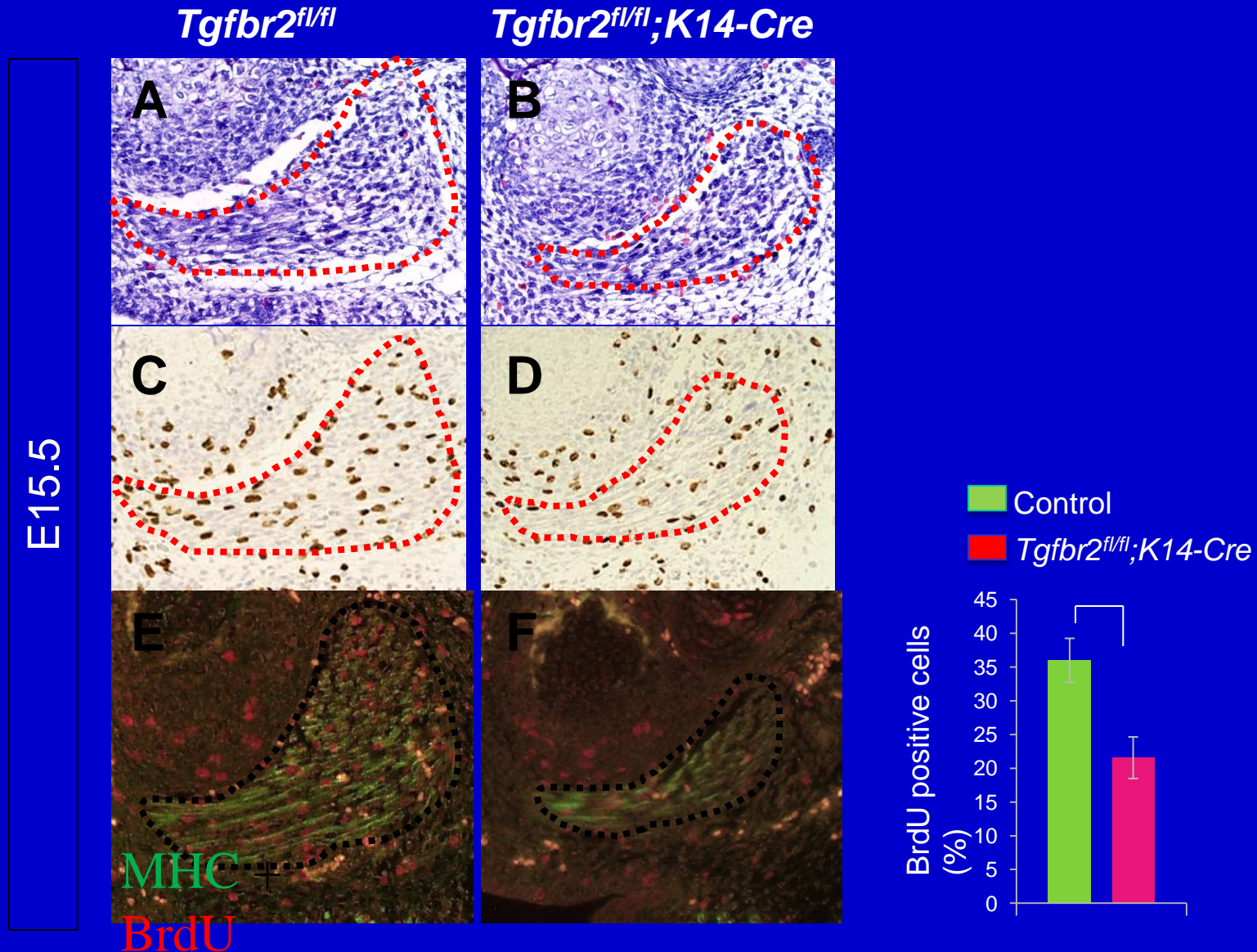
Isolation of muscle fibers on each section



Volume analysis



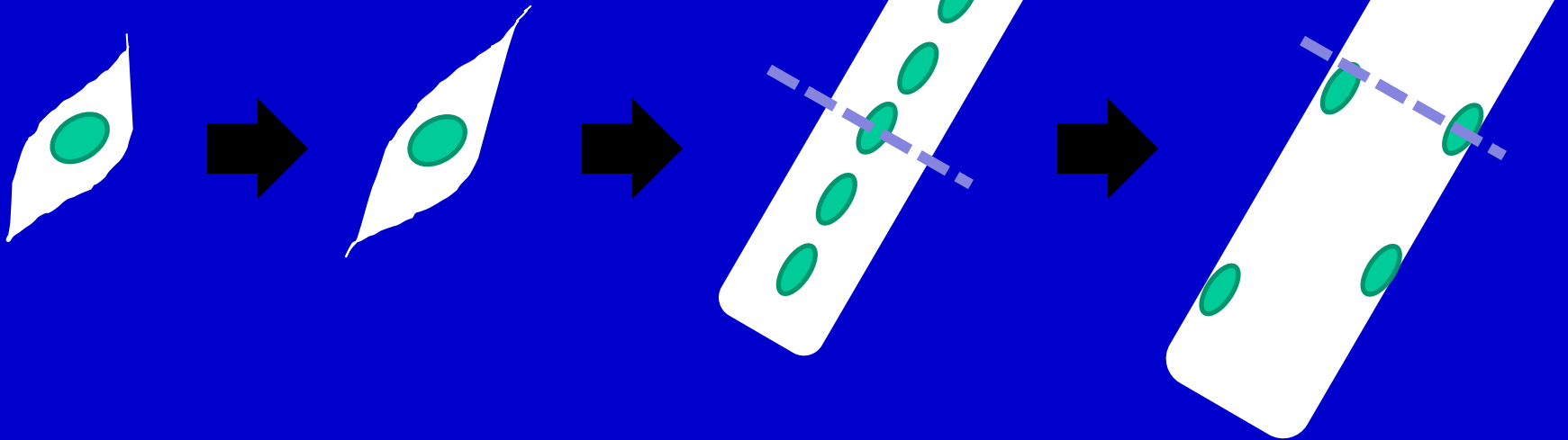
Cell proliferation defect in the muscles of *Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre* mice



Muscle development

Myoblast

Myofiber



Progenitors

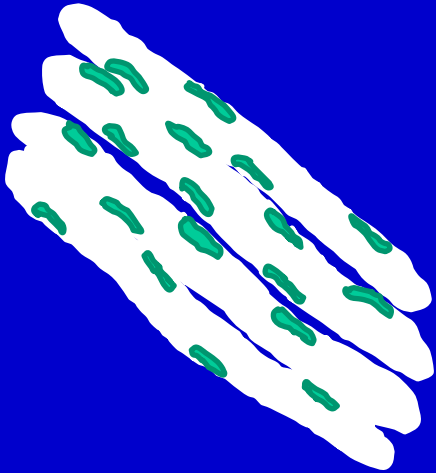
Commitment to
differentiation

Fusion into
myotube

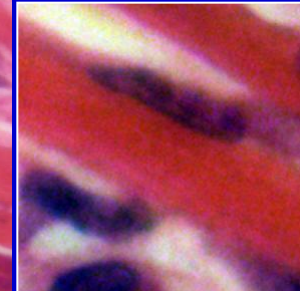
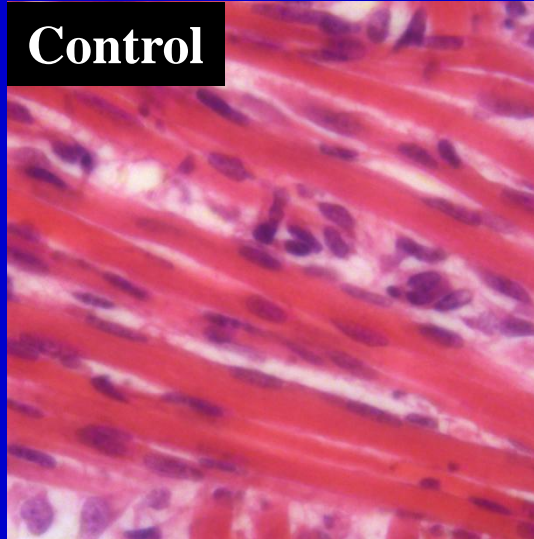
Maturation of
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Muscle development defects in *Tgfbr2* mutant model

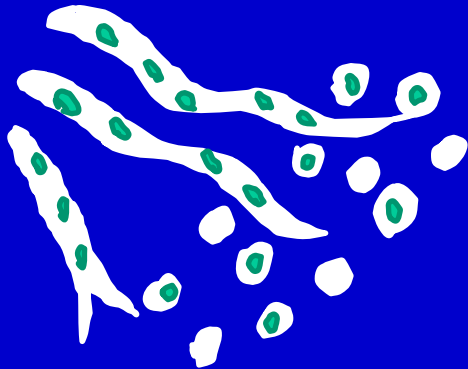
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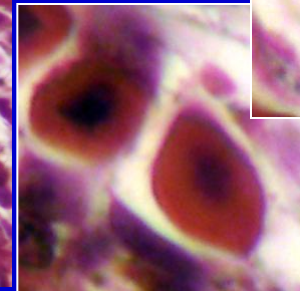
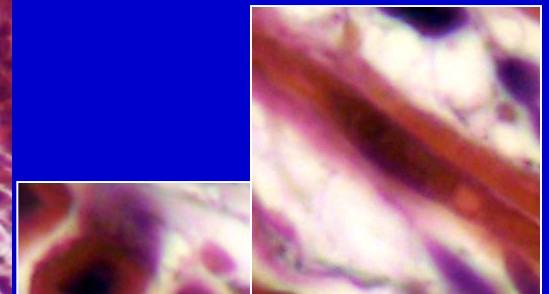
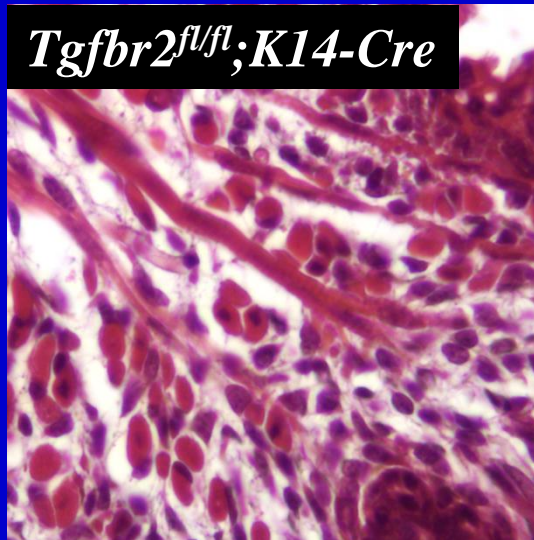
Control



Cleft soft palate

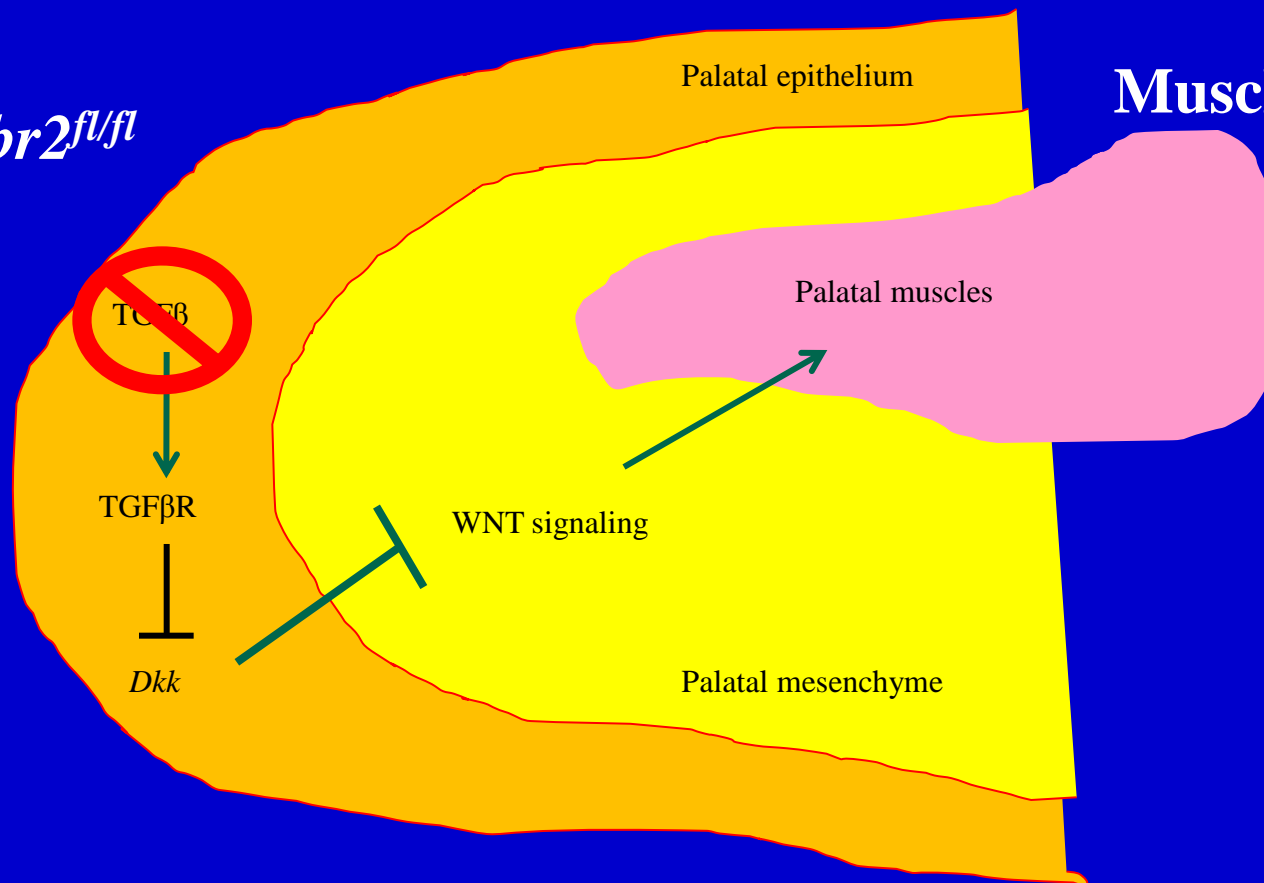


Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre



How does TGF- β mediated tissue-tissue interaction control muscle development in the soft palate?

K14-Cre;Tgfbr2^{fl/fl}



Muscle Defects

Microarray analysis

1.5-fold, <5% false discovery rate (FDR)

Wild-type (WT) *Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre* (CKO)

AFFY_ID	Symbol	$Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};Wnt1 / Tgfbr2^{fl/fl}$	FDR
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1425447_at	Dkk4	5.602	0.0103

E15.5 Posterior palate

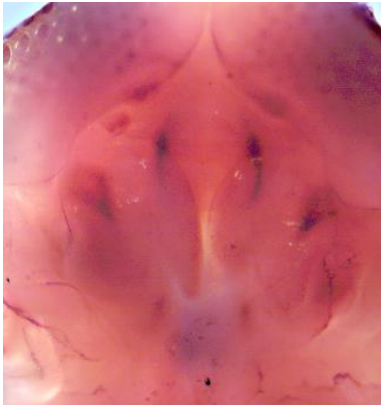
549 probe sets representing transcripts that were differentially expressed

(WT Post vs. CKO Post)

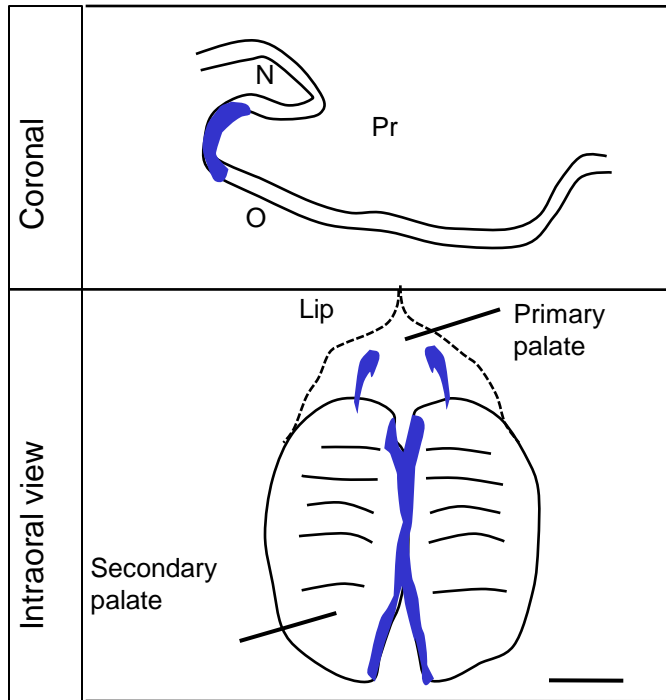
Dkk1

Control

K14-Cre;Tgfb β 2^{fl/fl}



E14.5



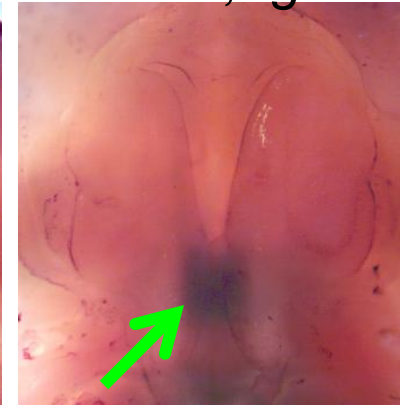
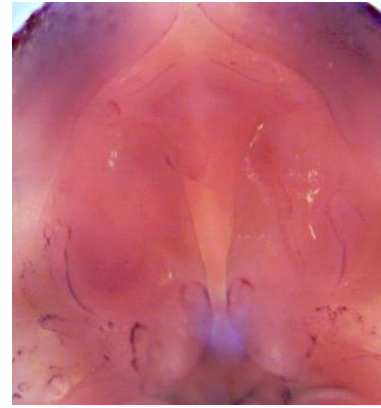
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Dkk1

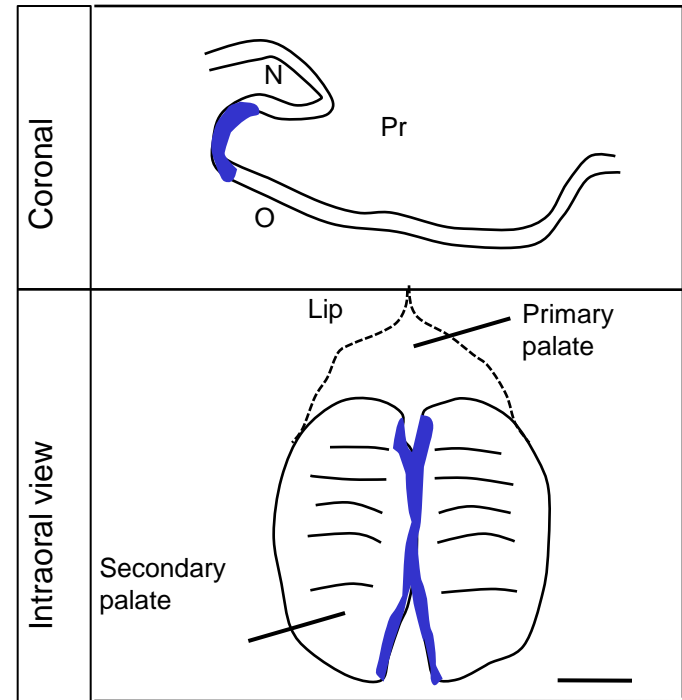
Dkk4

Control

K14-Cre;Tgfb β 2^{fl/fl}



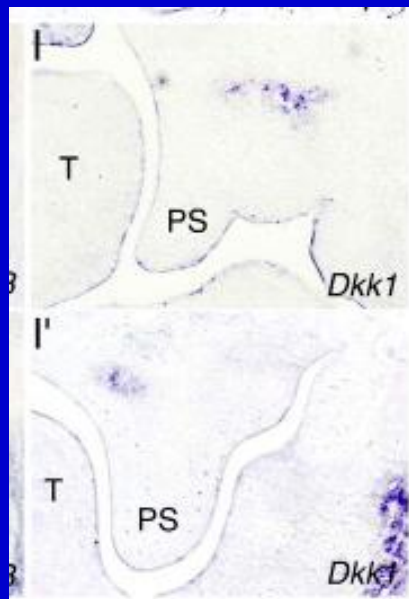
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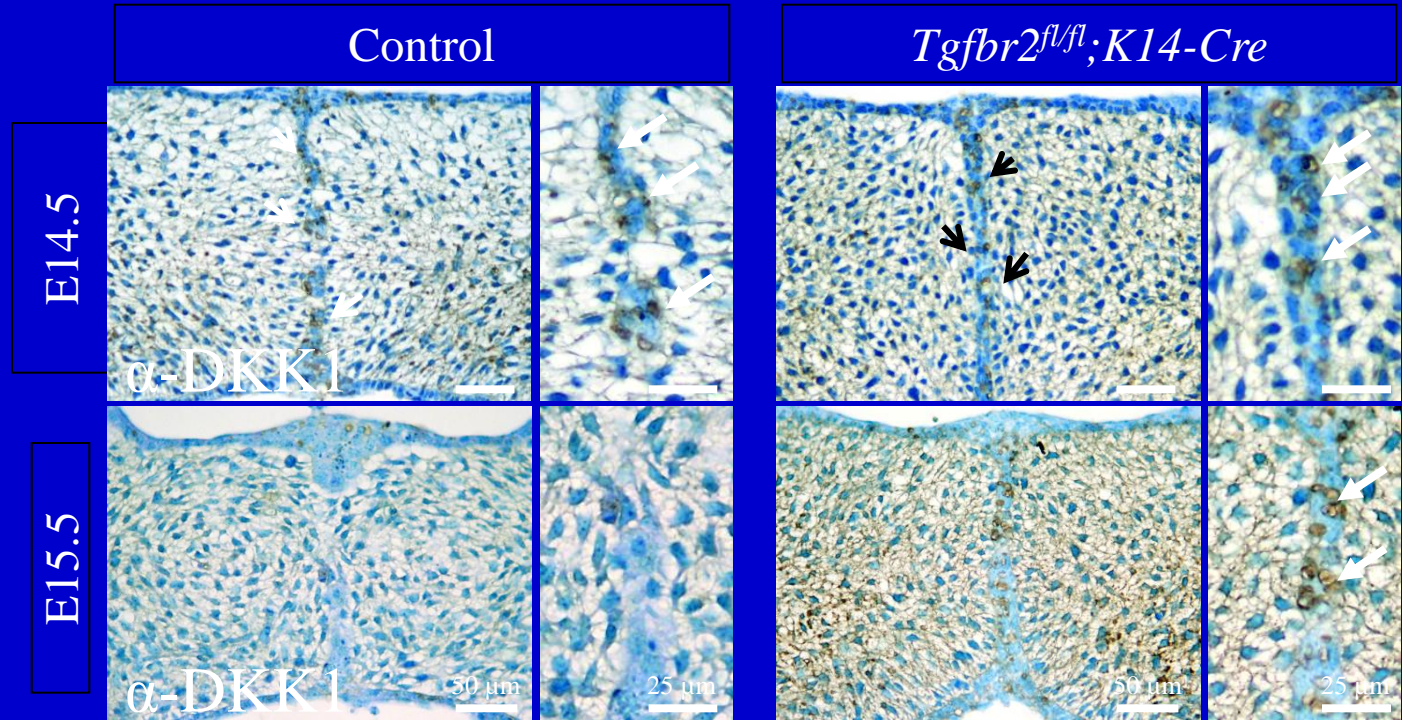
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Dkk4

Identification of TGF- β downstream molecules altered in the soft palate of *Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre* mice

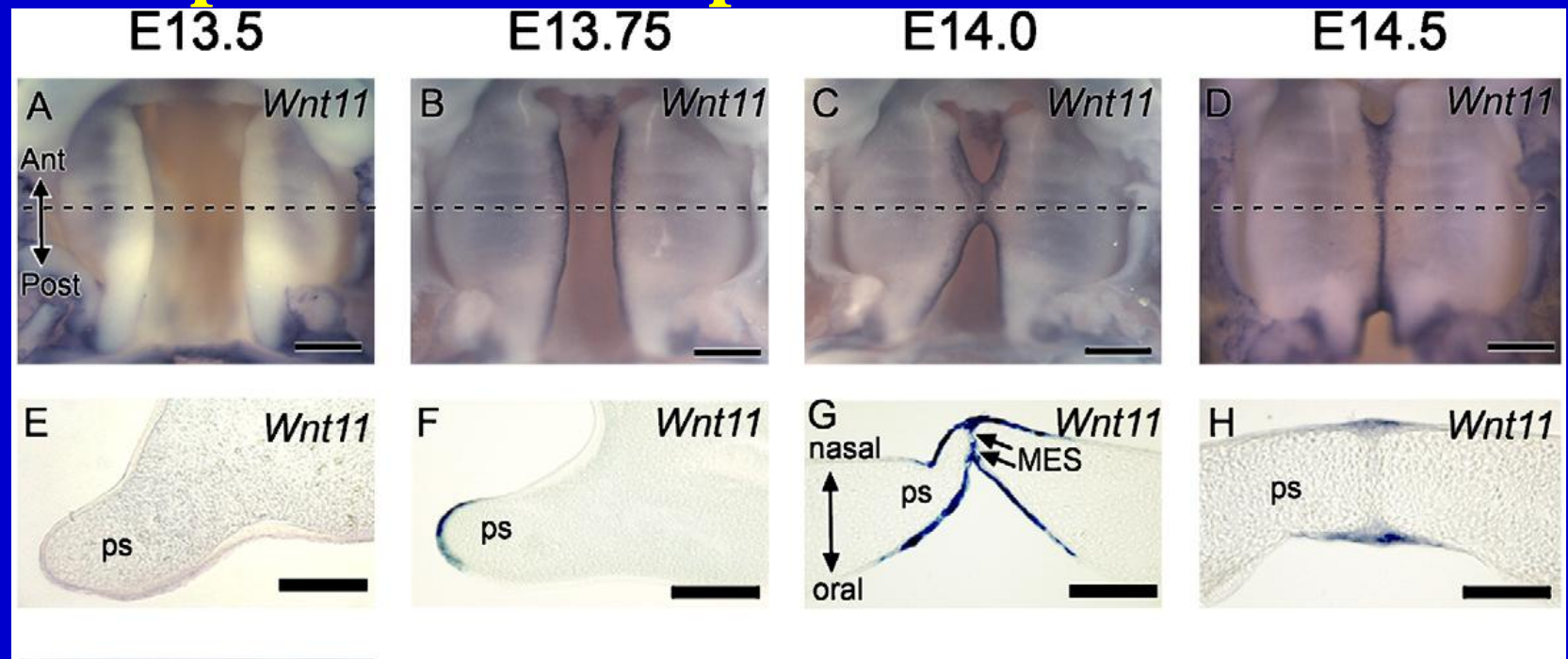


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In *K14Cre;Tgfbr2^{fl/fl}* mice, there is persistence of MEE cells. There is also persistence of DKK1 expression in the MEE and palatal mesenchyme.

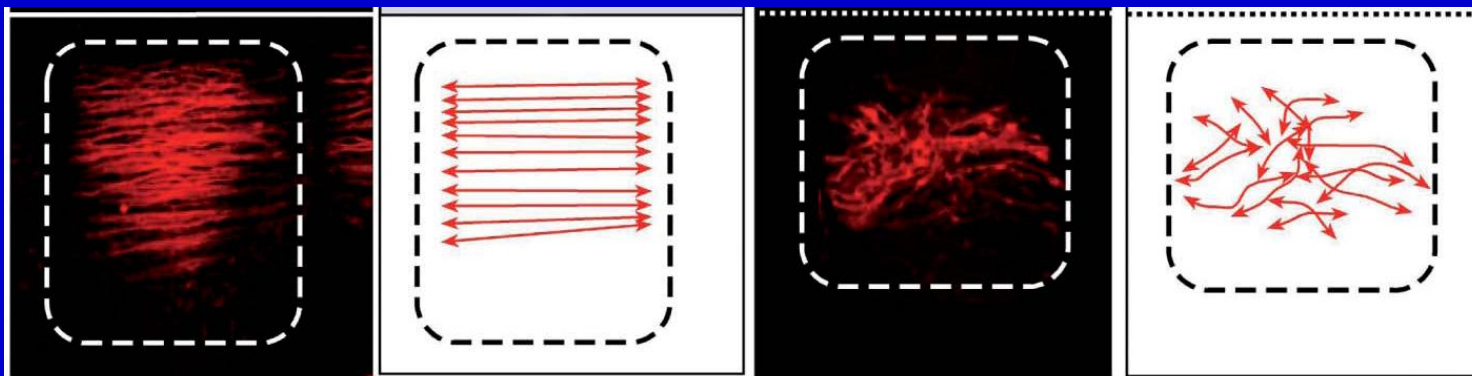
Wnt11 expression in the palate



Developmental Biology 314, 341–350, 2008

WNT11 acts as a directional cue to organize the elongation of early muscle fibers

Nature, 29, 589-593, 2009



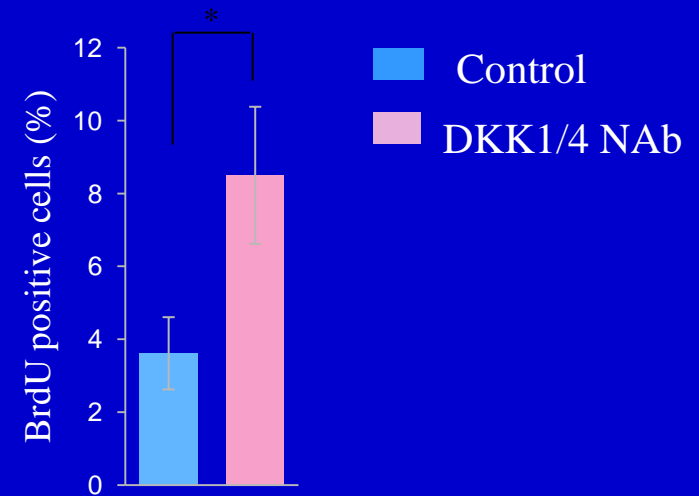
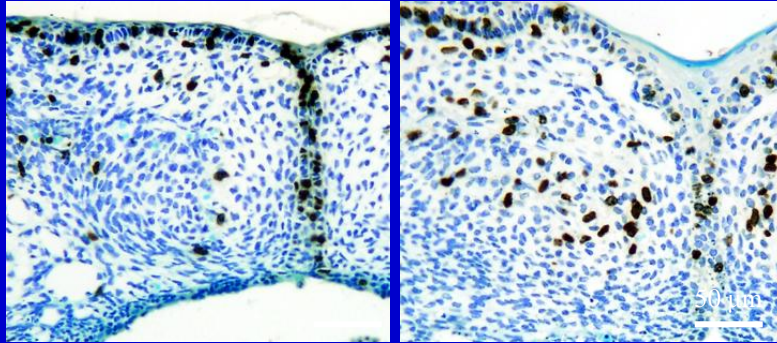
Rescue of the cell proliferation defect in the soft palate of *Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre* mice

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DKK1/4 NAb



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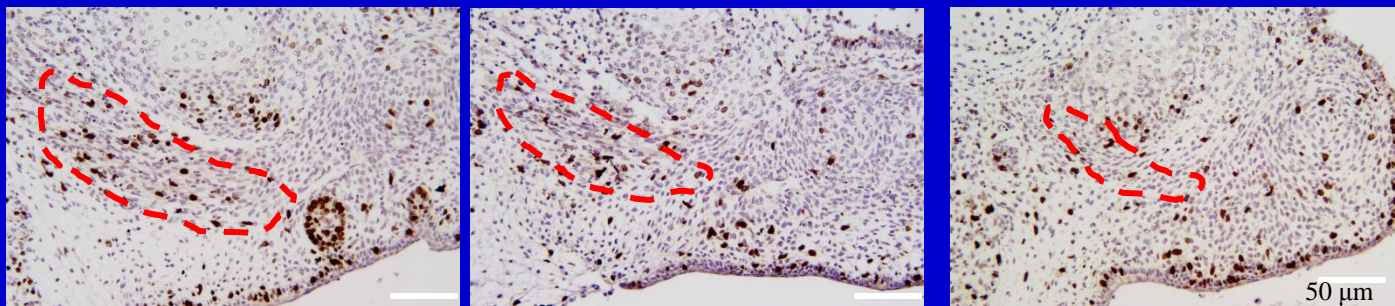
Tgfbr2^{fl/fl}

Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre

Control

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Control



LOPAC Library Screen Summary Statistics

Parameters	Assays	
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Compounds tested	1280	1280
Points per titration	7	7
Data points	8,960	8,960
B:I	13.6 ± 2.6	3.5 ± 0.6
Output Signal	37700 ± 6800 RLU	595000 ± 98000 FLU
CV	17.9 ± 11.2	25.5 ± 12.4
Z' factor	0.45 ± 0.14	-0.70 ± 0.34
Control condition 1	Double Cell number	Double Cell number
Control compound	FGF9	FGF9
Control IC ₅₀ (μM)	N/A	N/A

Summary

1. Loss of *Tgfbr2* in the palatal epithelium results in myogenic progenitor cell proliferation, differentiation and muscle fiber orientation defects. There is reduced soft palate muscle mass in *Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre* mice.
2. *Dkk1* and *Dkk4*, negative regulators of WNT/ β -catenin signaling, are up-regulated in *Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre* mice and may be responsible for disrupting epithelial-mesenchymal interactions and causing muscle defects in the soft palate.
3. *Tgfbr2^{fl/fl};K14-Cre* mice can serve as an animal model to investigate tissue-tissue interactions in regulating palatal muscle formation.

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