

# Wnt 신호전달의 개요 및 연구 동향

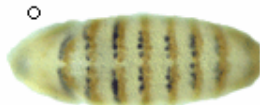
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# Historical Background

- The Wnt signaling pathway plays a critical and evolutionarily conserved role in directing cell fates during embryogenesis. In addition, inappropriate activation of the Wnt signal transduction pathway plays a role in a variety of human cancers.
- The first Wnt gene was cloned in 1982 as a proto-oncogene (*int-1*) whose expression was up-regulated in breast tumor and was found adjacent to the integration site of mouse mammary tumor virus (MMTV). (Nusse et al, Cell, 1982)
- *Wnt* gene family encode secreted-, cysteine-rich glycoproteins.  
(Bradley et al, EMBO, 1990/ Papkoff et al, MCB, 1987)
- The *wingless* (*wg*) gene of *Drosophila* is homolog of mouse *int*.  
 $wg + int = Wnt$  (Nusse et al, Cell, 1991)
- Highly conserved in human, mouse, *Drosophila*, *C. elegans*, Hydra.

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# The Wnt Homepage

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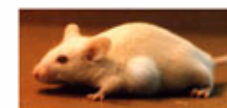


**Wnt proteins** form a family of highly conserved secreted signaling molecules that regulate cell-to-cell interactions during embryogenesis. *Wnt* genes and *Wnt* signaling are also implicated in cancer. Insights into the mechanisms of *Wnt* action have emerged from several systems: genetics in *Drosophila* and *Caenorhabditis elegans*; biochemistry in cell culture and ectopic gene expression in *Xenopus* embryos. Many *Wnt* genes in the mouse have been mutated, leading to very specific developmental defects. As currently understood, *Wnt* proteins bind to receptors of the Frizzled family on the cell surface. Through several cytoplasmic relay components, the signal is transduced to beta-catenin, which then enters the nucleus and forms a complex with TCF to activate transcription of *Wnt* target genes. These pages contain some diagrams of the pathway. *Wnt* signaling has been discussed in several [reviews](#), listed [here](#).



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## Wnt genes, proteins

- [Vertebrates](#) April 2003
- [Mouse](#) June 2004
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- [Xenopus](#) August 2002
- [Chicken](#) Feb 2001
- [Zebrafish](#) October 2003
- [Drosophila](#) April 2003

## Frizzleds, SFRP

- [Frizzleds in Mammals](#) June 2004
- [Frizzleds in Drosophila and C. elegans](#) Oct 2002
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- [Annotated Alignment](#)
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## TCF

- [TCF/Lef](#) June 2004
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## Other genes

- o [wnt alignments All](#)
- o [Wnt alignment Fewer](#)
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### Dishevelled

- o [Dsh](#) January 2003
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- o [Structure](#) of the Dep domain
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### LRP

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- ### Axin
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- ### beta-catenin
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  - o [alignment](#)
  - o [Structure](#) April 2001
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- o [Fraxin](#) Dec 2004
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- o [FRAT/GBP](#) March 2003
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- o [Human diseases](#) Dec 2004

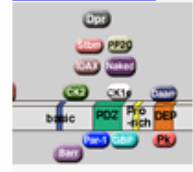
### Methods, Resources, Reagents

- [Where to obtain reagents](#) Dec 2004
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- [How to inhibit Wnt signaling](#) June 2002
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- [How to visualize Wnt signaling in animals](#) October 2003
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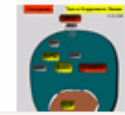
### all components signaling



### Protein interactions



### Wnt signaling in cancer

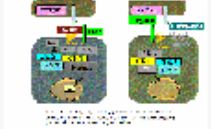


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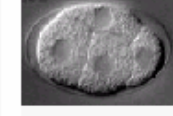
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### Comparison Wnt-Hedgehog



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### Wnt signaling in C. elegans



### Target Genes Dec 2004

Wnt1	Wnt2	Wnt3	Wnt4	Wnt5a	Wnt5b	Wnt6	Wnt7a	Wnt7b	Wnt8a	Wnt8b	Wnt9a	Wnt9b	Wnt10a	Wnt10b	Wnt10c	Wnt11	Wnt12	Wnt13	Wnt14	Wnt15	Wnt16	Wnt17	Wnt18	Wnt19	Wnt20	Wnt21	Wnt22	Wnt23	Wnt24	Wnt25	Wnt26	Wnt27	Wnt28	Wnt29	Wnt30	Wnt31	Wnt32	Wnt33	Wnt34	Wnt35	Wnt36	Wnt37	Wnt38	Wnt39	Wnt40	Wnt41	Wnt42	Wnt43	Wnt44	Wnt45	Wnt46	Wnt47	Wnt48	Wnt49	Wnt50	Wnt51	Wnt52	Wnt53	Wnt54	Wnt55	Wnt56	Wnt57	Wnt58	Wnt59	Wnt60	Wnt61	Wnt62	Wnt63	Wnt64	Wnt65	Wnt66	Wnt67	Wnt68	Wnt69	Wnt70	Wnt71	Wnt72	Wnt73	Wnt74	Wnt75	Wnt76	Wnt77	Wnt78	Wnt79	Wnt80	Wnt81	Wnt82	Wnt83	Wnt84	Wnt85	Wnt86	Wnt87	Wnt88	Wnt89	Wnt90	Wnt91	Wnt92	Wnt93	Wnt94	Wnt95	Wnt96	Wnt97	Wnt98	Wnt99	Wnt100
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Embryonic development

Neural crest formation

Angiogenesis

Chondrocyte  
differentiation

Hematopoietic  
stem cell renewal

ES cell differentiation

Wnt  
signaling

Differentiation of  
skin stem cell

Neurite formation

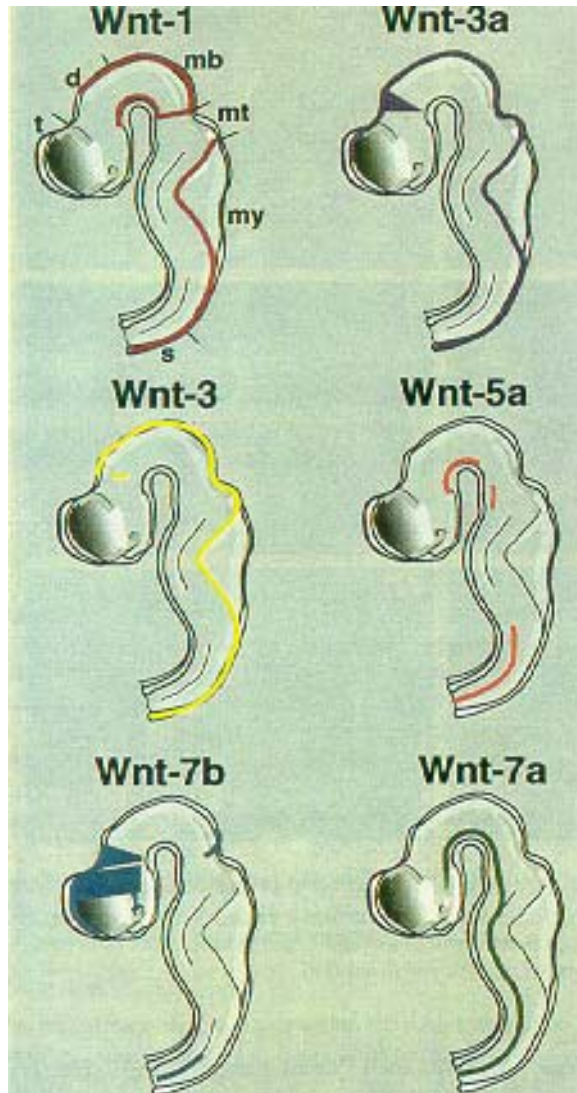
Lymphocyte development

Adipogenesis

Synaptogenesis

Tumorigenesis

19 Wnts and 10 Frizzleds



### Wnt 1 -/-

- loss midbrain, loss cerebellum

### Wnt 3a -/-

- deficiency in neural crest derivatives (together with Wnt 1-/-)
- Loss hippocampus

### Wnt 3 -/-

- early gastrulation defect; Axis formation

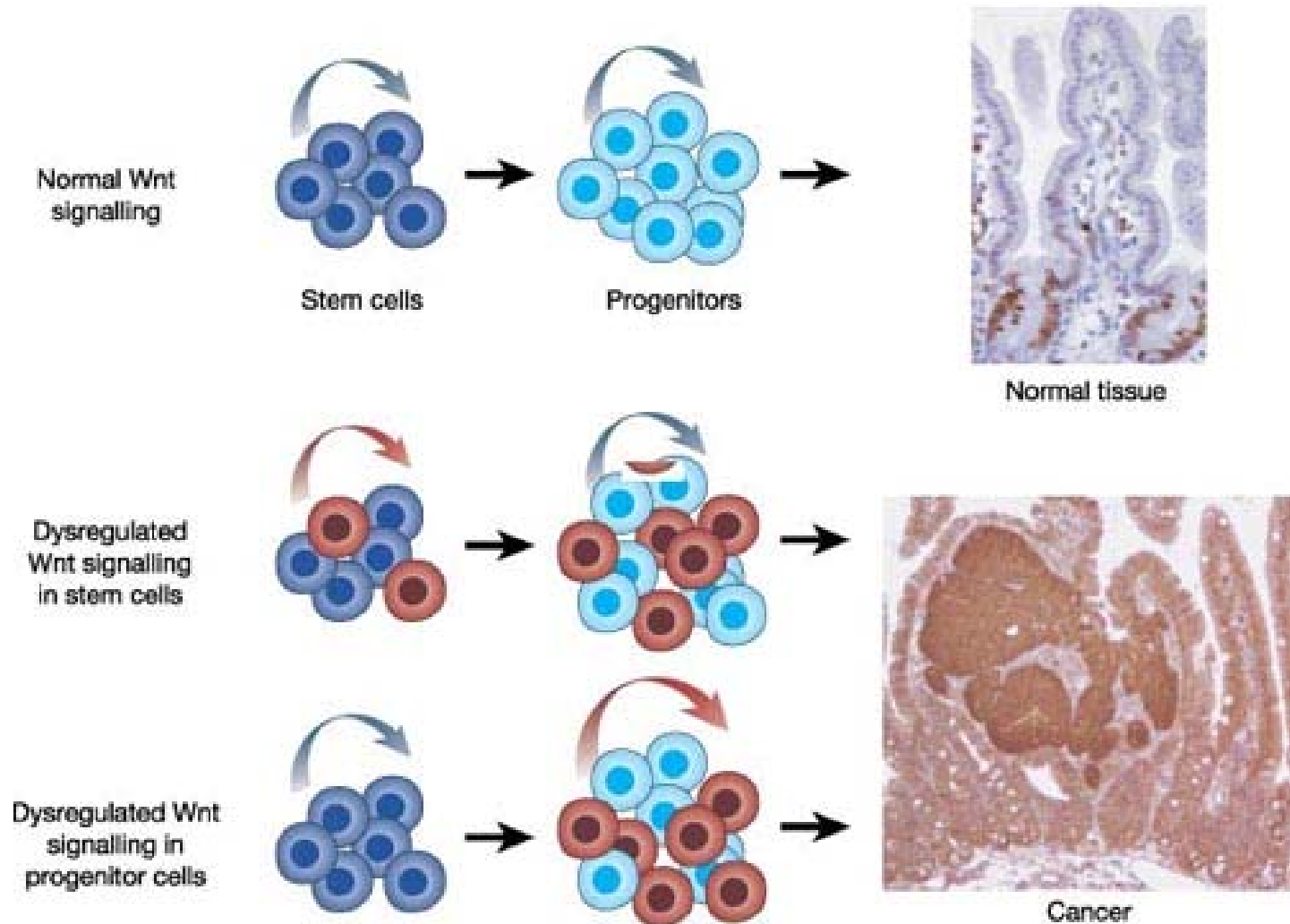
### Wnt 5a -/-

- truncated limbs, truncated AP axis, reduced number proliferating cells

### Wnt 7a -/-

- Delayed maturation synapses in Cerebellum

# Dysregulation of Wnt signaling leads to Cancer formation



## Target Genes of Wnt signaling

Gene	Organism/system	Direct/Indirect	up/down	Ref.
c-myc	human colon cancer	yes	up	<a href="#">He 1998</a>
Cyclin D	human colon cancer	yes	up	<a href="#">Tetsu 1999</a> <a href="#">Shtutman 1999</a>
Tcf-1	human colon cancer	yes	up	<a href="#">Roose 1999</a>
LEF1	human colon cancer	yes	up	<a href="#">Hovanes, 2001</a> <a href="#">Filali 2002</a>
Siamois	Xenopus	yes	up	<a href="#">Brannon 1997</a>
fibronectin	Xenopus	yes	up	<a href="#">Gradl 1999</a>
BMP4	Xenopus	?	down	<a href="#">Baker 1999</a>
myogenic bHLH	Xenopus	?	up	<a href="#">Munsterberg 1995</a>
engrailed-2	Xenopus	yes	up	<a href="#">McGrew 1999</a>
Xnr3	Xenopus	yes	up	<a href="#">McKendry 1997</a>
connexin43	Xenopus, Mouse	yes	up	<a href="#">van der Heyden 1999</a>
twin	Xenopus	yes	up	<a href="#">Laurent 1997</a>
connexin 30	Xenopus	?		<a href="#">McGrew 1999</a>
retinoic acid receptor gamma	Xenopus	?		<a href="#">McGrew 1999</a>
dharma/bozozok	Zebrafish	yes	up	<a href="#">Ryu 2001</a>
Cdx4	Zebrafish HSC	?	up	<a href="#">Davidson 2003</a>

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# Wnt signaling을 연구하는 연구자들

## Nobel 상 수상자들

- Dr. Harold Varmus (1982) : Tumorigenesis
- Dr. David Baltimore (1975) : 최근 Wnt co-receptor 인 Ryk cloning
- Dr. Eric Wieschaus (1995) : Wnt signaling의 전달체계를 재조명
- Dr. Paul Greengard (2000) : Wnt signaling을 조절하는 small molecule

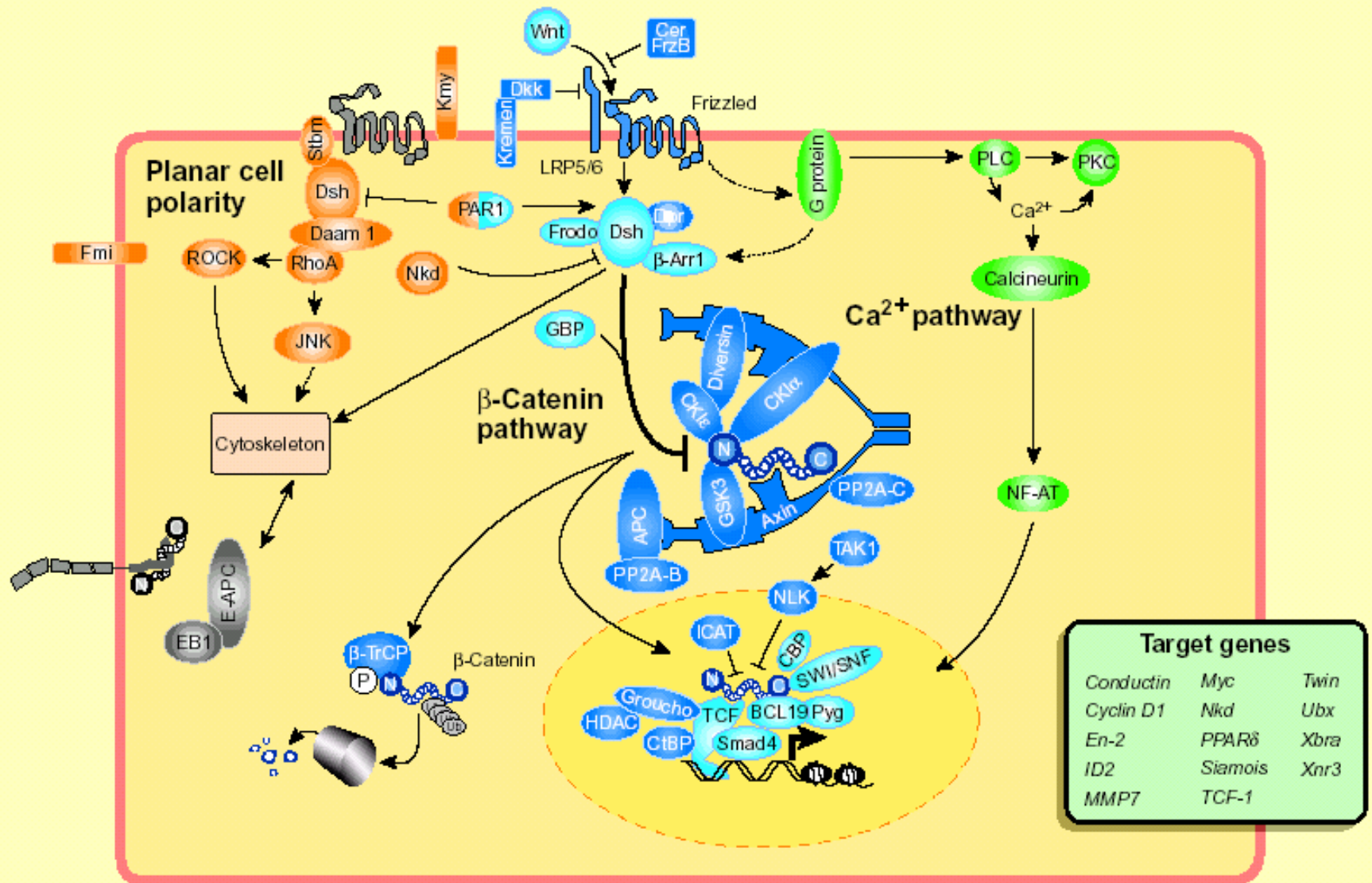
## Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) investigators 들

- Dr. Roel Nusse : Wnt Homepage, Stem cell
  - Dr. Doug Melton : Development, Embryonic Stem cell
  - Dr. Randall Moon : Development, non-cannonical Wnt siganling
  - Dr. Nobert Perrimon : Wnt modification and secretion
- 등 13 명의 HHMI members ( HHMI member의 총 수는 301 명)

# Wnt 신호전달의 연구 방향

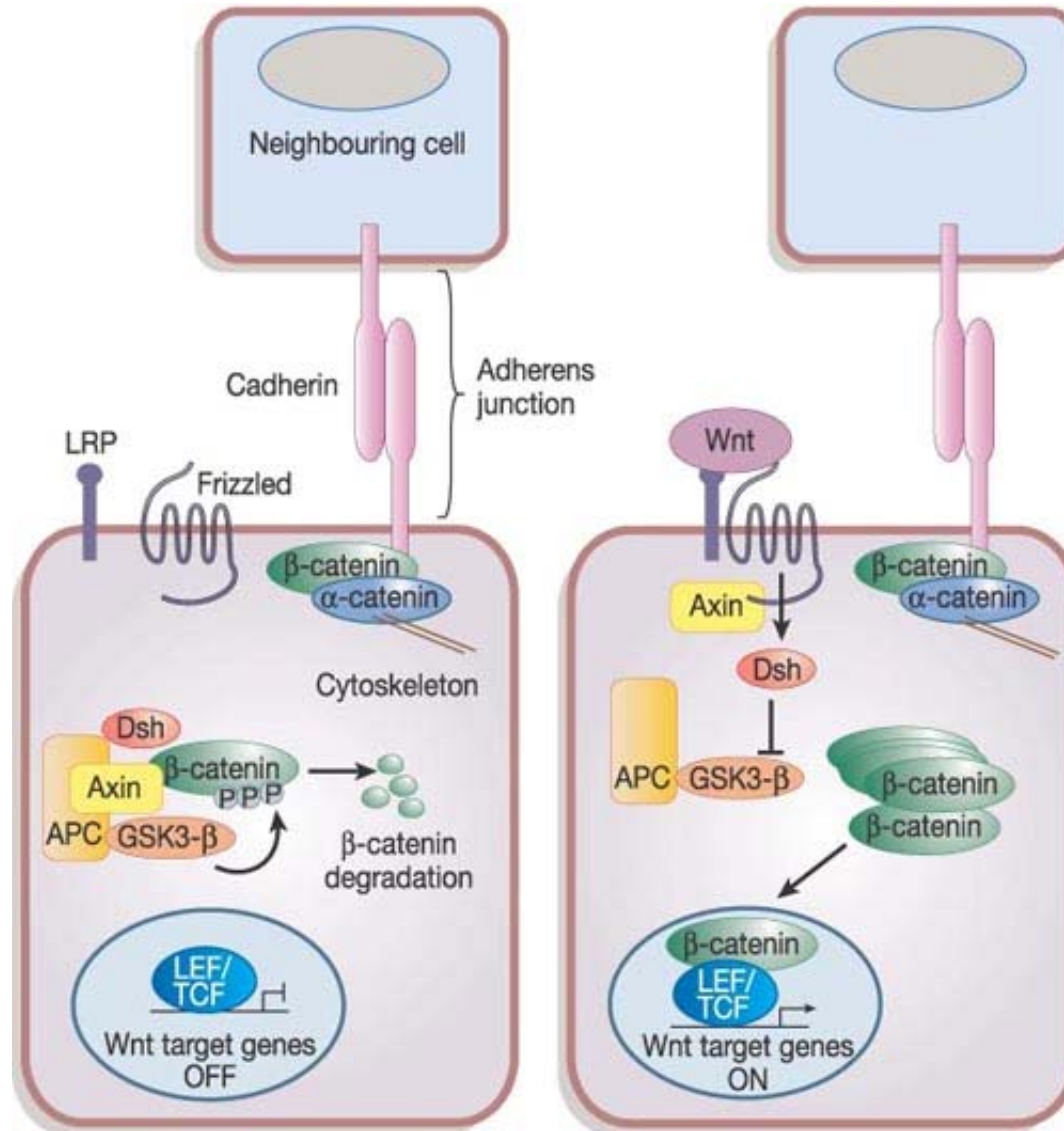
1. Wnt signaling의 신호전달에 관련하는 새로운 component의 발굴 및 기능 연구.
2. 모델 시스템을 이용한 Wnt signaling의 이상에 따른 질병과의 연관성 연구.
3. Wnt signaling을 조절할 수 있는 small molecule의 발굴 및 target identification.
4. Wnt signaling의 조절에 의한 directed 세포 분화의 연구

# Wnt signaling pathway



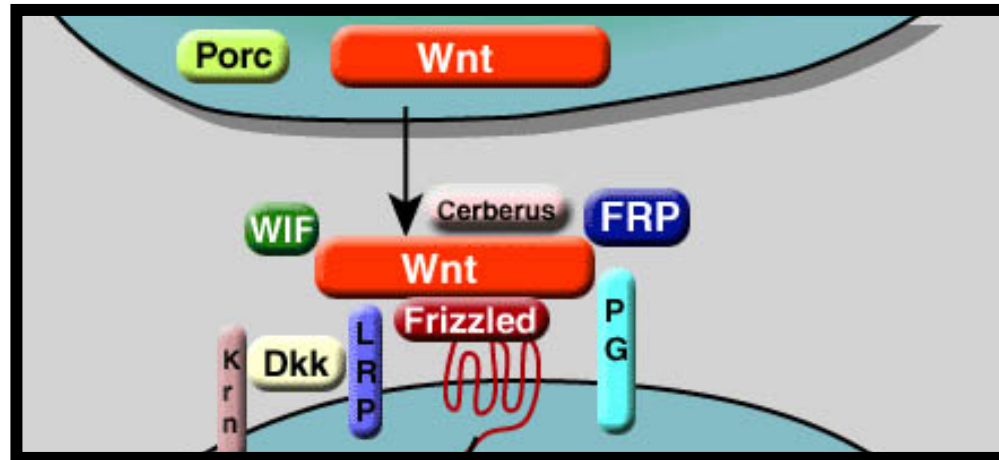
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# The canonical Wnt signaling pathway



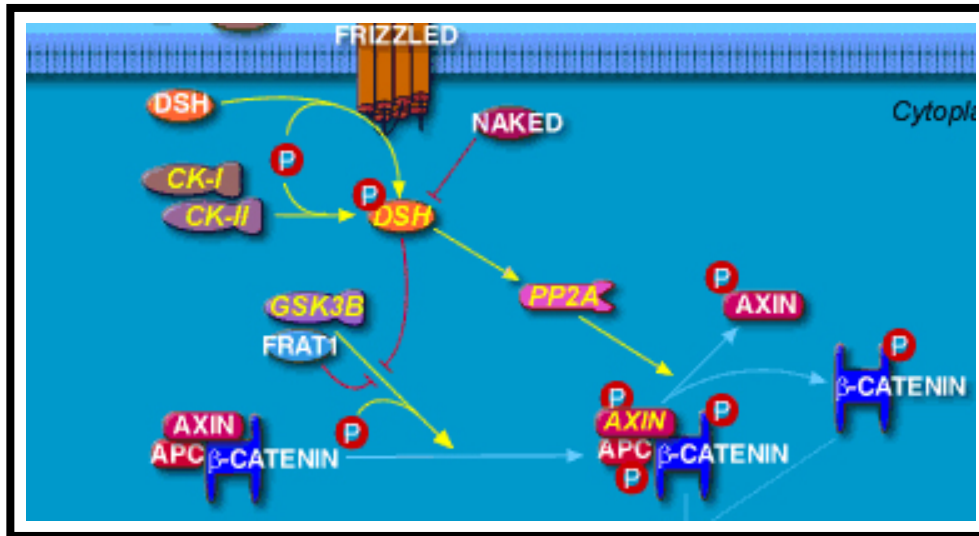
# Wnt – Frizzled

- *Wnt* gene family : humans(19), mouse (19) xenopus(15), zebrafish(9), *Drosophila* (4), *C. elegans*(5) , Hydra(at least 1).
- 350~400 a.a
- the difficulty in preparing purified, biologically active forms : conditioned medium



- Frizzled proteins (10) are seven-transmembrane receptors
- Wnts can bind the the CRD (cysteine-rich domain) of Frizzled, an extracellular part of the receptor
- Little is known about the mechanism of Frizzled signaling.
- The structure of the CRD has been solved. (Dann et al, nature, 2001)
- Some but not all Frizzleds stimulate Ca<sup>2+</sup> release and PKC activity

# Frizzled-Dishevelled (Cytoplasm)



- The Wnt signal leads, through its receptor to activation of Dishevelled (Dsh), while the mechanism of activation of Dsh is not known

- Dsh interacts with Casein Kinase 1 ( Peters ,1999), Casein Kinase 2 ( Willert, 1997) and GBP/Frat1 (Li, 1999, Salic, 2000.)

- Dsh also interacts with **GBP** (Yost et al) and can bind to **Axin** (Smalley, 1999), an interaction that may lead to the next step in Wnt signaling, the accumulation of b-catenin.

- Dsh can also bind to the **Phosphatase PP2C (PP2C)** which is able to dephosphorylate **Axin** (Strovel, 1999) and to **Frodo** (Gloy, 2002)

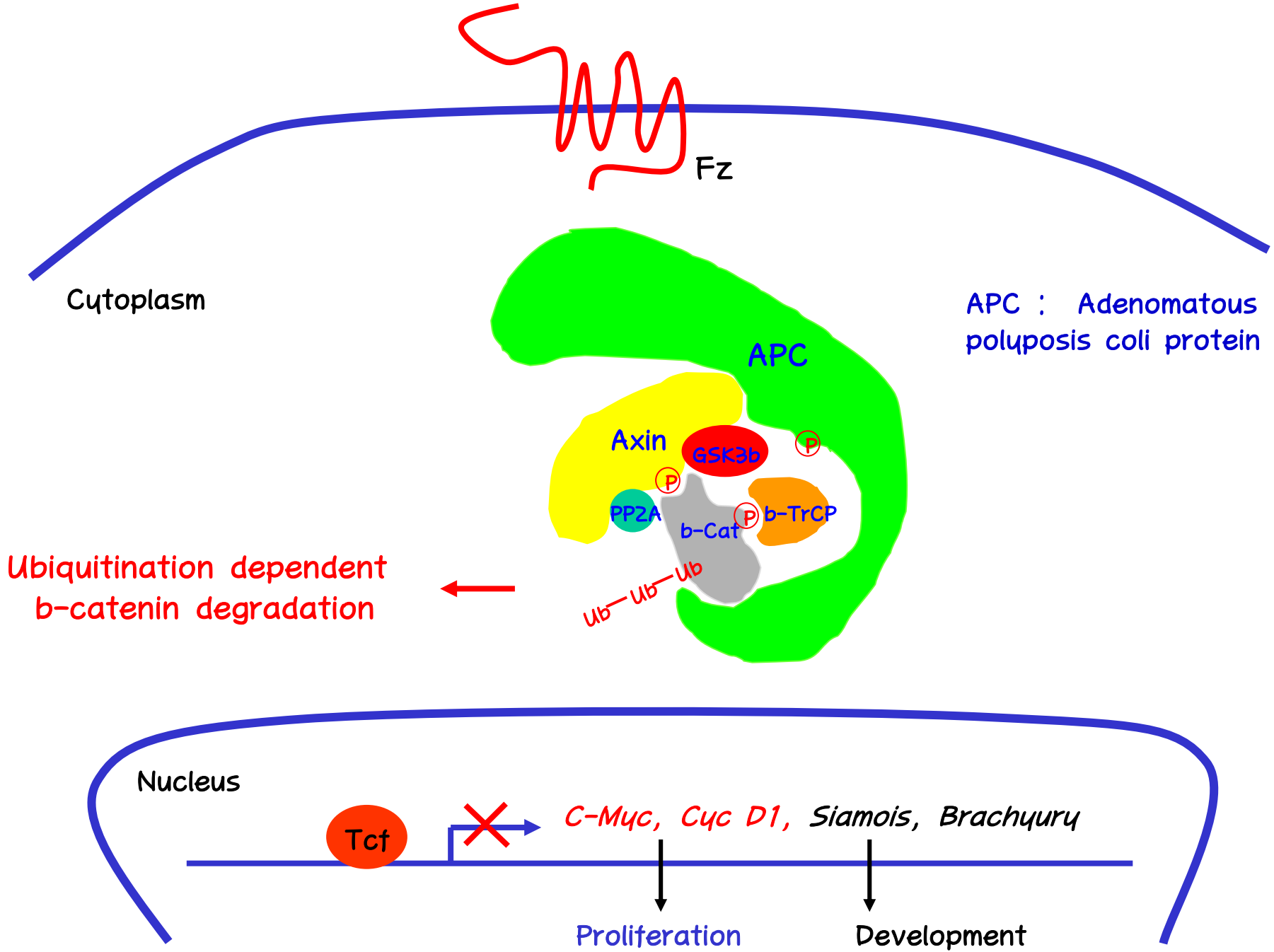
- In *Drosophila*, the **naked cuticle gene (naked)** acts as an inducible inhibitor of Wingless signaling (Zeng et al, 2000) The naked protein can directly bind to the Dsh protein (Rousset et al, 2001)

- Par-1** (Sun et al, 2001) kinase acts as a positive regulator of Wnt signaling in *Drosophila* and in other systems and can phosphorylate Dsh directly.

- Dapper (Dpr)** interacts with Dsh, to counteract its activity (Cheyette, 2002)

# Cytoplasmic complex for $\beta$ -catenin degradation

- Without the Wnt signal,  $\beta$ -catenin levels are kept low through interactions with the protein kinase  $\text{zw3/GSK-3}\beta$ , CK1 $\alpha$ , APC (Adenomatous polyposis coli protein) and Axin (reviewed in Kikuchi, 2003)
- $\beta$ -catenin is degraded, after phosphorylation by GSK-3 and CK1  $\alpha$  (Yanagawa 2002, Liu 2002), through the ubiquitin pathway (Aberle 1997), involving interactions with Slimb/ $\beta$ -TrCP (reviewed in Maniatis 1999)
- Axin also binds to the phosphatase PP2A. (Hsu 1999), while the B56 subunit of PP2A interacts with APC (Seeling 1999). According to Li, 2001, PP2A activity inhibits Wnt signaling. The binding between Axin and Diversin brings CK1 $\epsilon$  to this complex (Schwarz-Romond 2002)
- Loss of APC in mammalian cells can also lead to a critical loss over  $\beta$ -catenin control, leading to cell transformation (reviewed in Polakis, 2000). APC has a specific function in keeping  $\beta$ -catenin out of the nucleus (Henderson, 2000)



Fz

Cytoplasm

APC : Adenomatous polyposis coli protein

APC

Axin

GSK3 $\beta$

PP2A

b-Cat

b-TrCP

Ubiquitination dependent b-catenin degradation

Ub-Ub-Ub

Nucleus

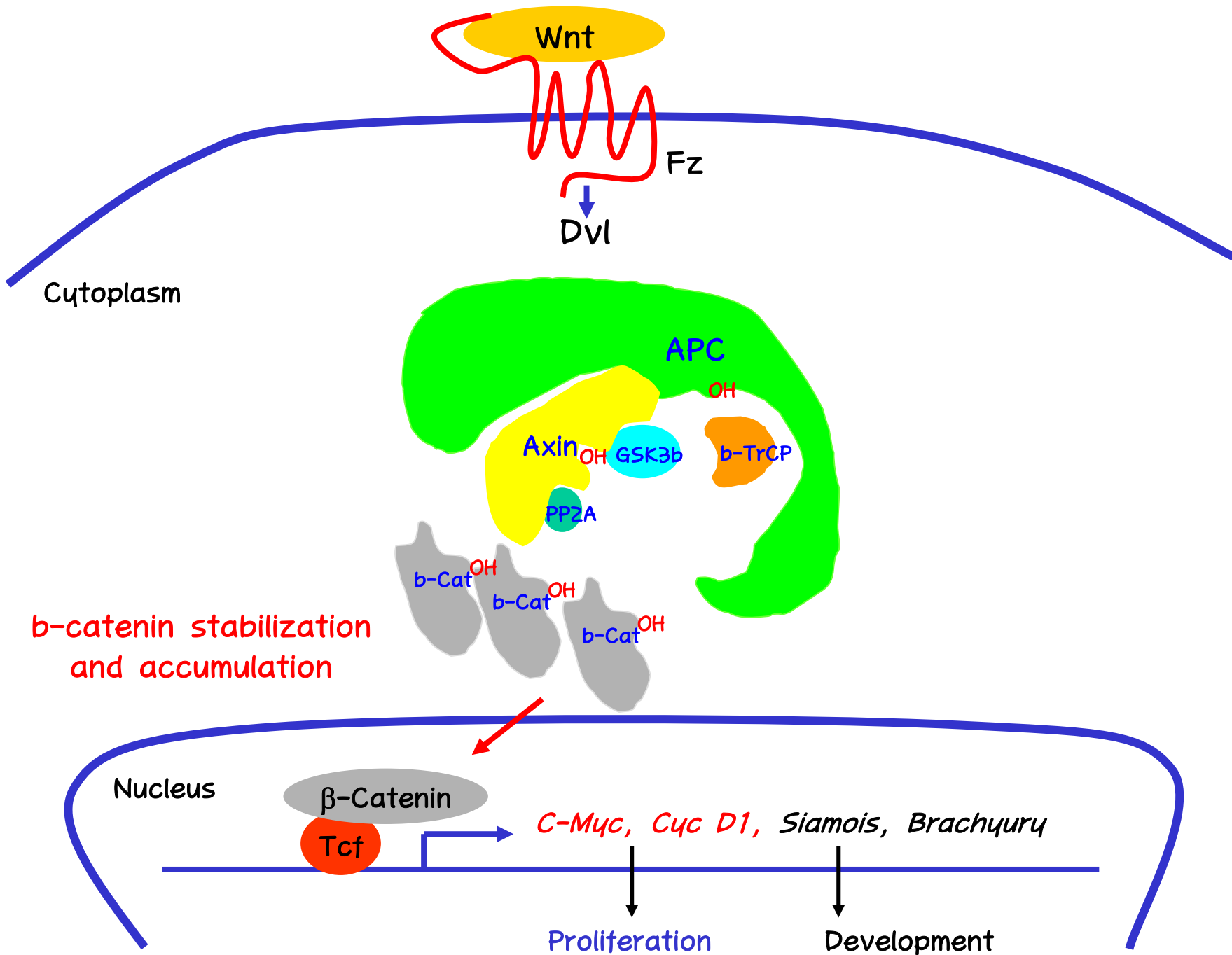
Tcf

*C-Myc, Cyc D1, Siamois, Brachyury*

Proliferation

Development





## Phenotypic effect of mutant *Axin* alleles

	<i>Fused</i> ( <i>Axin</i> <sup><i>Fu</i></sup> )	<i>Kinky</i> ( <i>Axin</i> <sup><i>Ki</i></sup> )	<i>Knobbly</i> ( <i>Axin</i> <sup><i>Kb</i></sup> )	transgenic ( <i>Axin</i> <sup><i>Tg1</i></sup> )	deletion ( <i>t</i> <sup><i>h2θ</i></sup> )
<b>Dominant:</b>					
Skeletal defects, Neurological defects	✓	✓	✓	-	-
<b>Recessive:</b>					
Embryonic lethality	-	✓	✓	✓	(✓)
Axial Duplications					(✓)
Neuroectodermal defects					
Cardiac defects					



Axis duplication in a *Knobbly* embryo

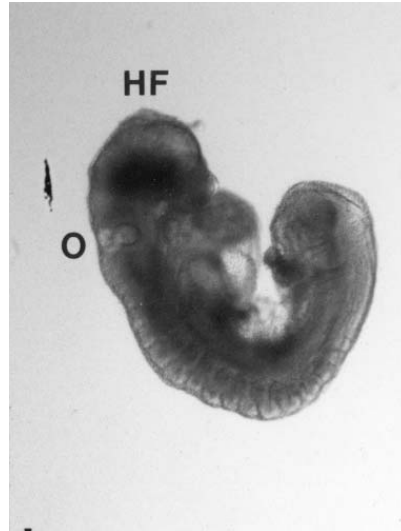


Kinky tail in heterozygote mice

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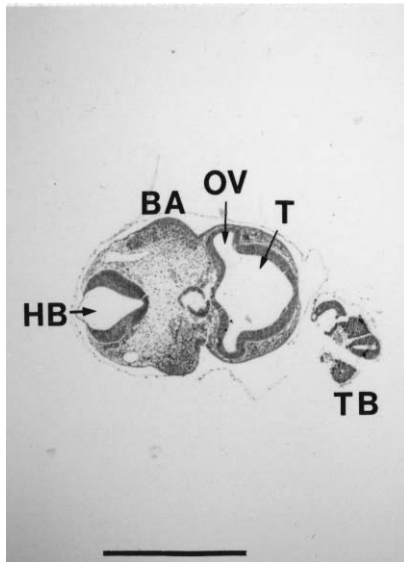
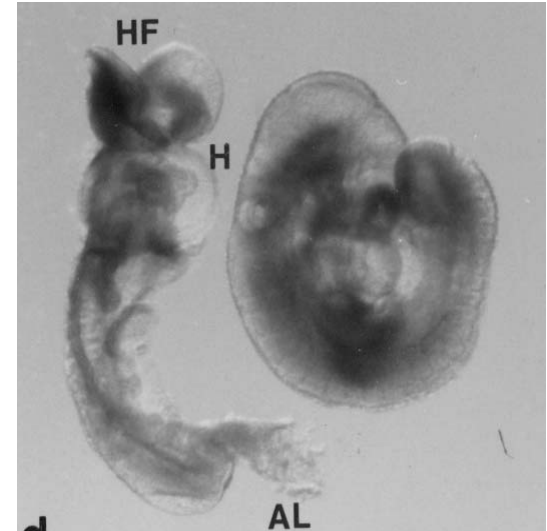


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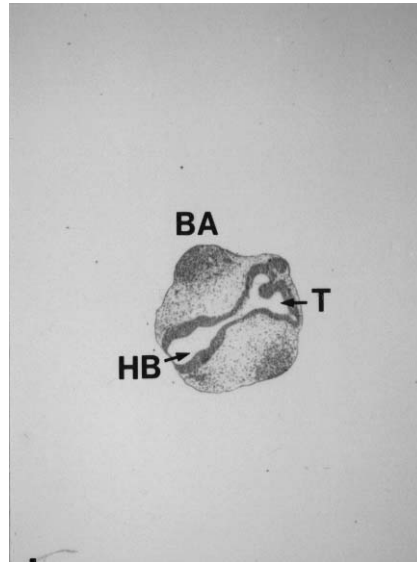


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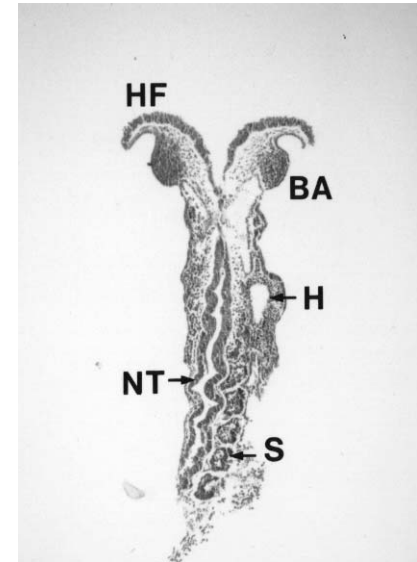
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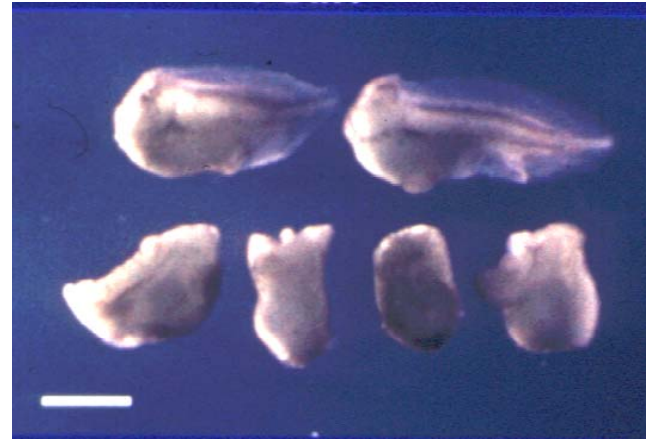


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## Role of Wnt signaling in early embryonic axis formation



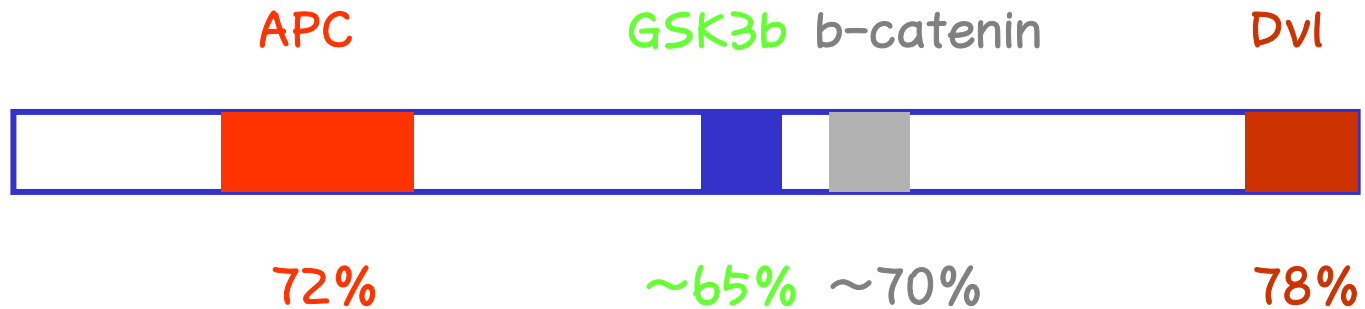
$\beta$ -galactosidase



Axin

Inhibition of body axis formation by dorsal injection of Axin

# Similarity between Axin and Axin2 amino acid sequences

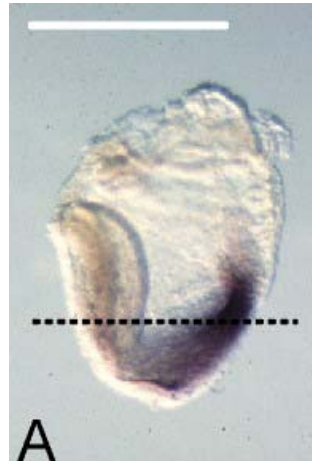


Overall similarity : ~54 %

# Expression of Axin2 during Embryogenesis and Organogenesis



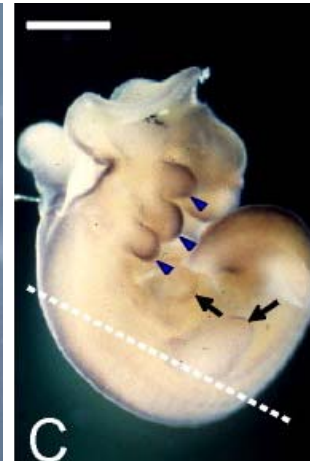
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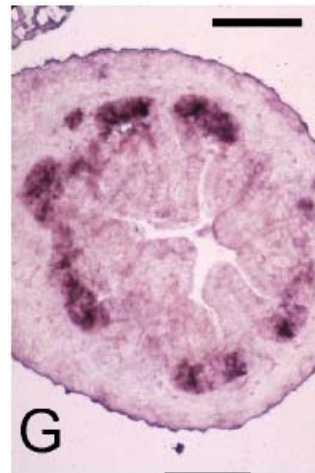
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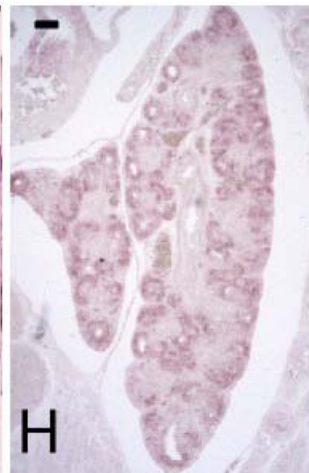
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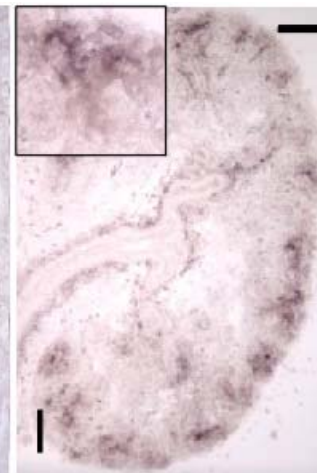
E10.5



Gut



Lung



Kidney

E14.5

*AXIN1* mutations in hepatocellular carcinomas,  
and growth suppression in cancer cells by  
virus-mediated transfer of *AXIN1*

*Seiji Satoh et al.*

*Nature Genetics* 24, 245 – 250 (2000)

Mutations in *AXIN2* cause colorectal cancer  
with defective mismatch repair by activating  
b-catenin/TCF signalling

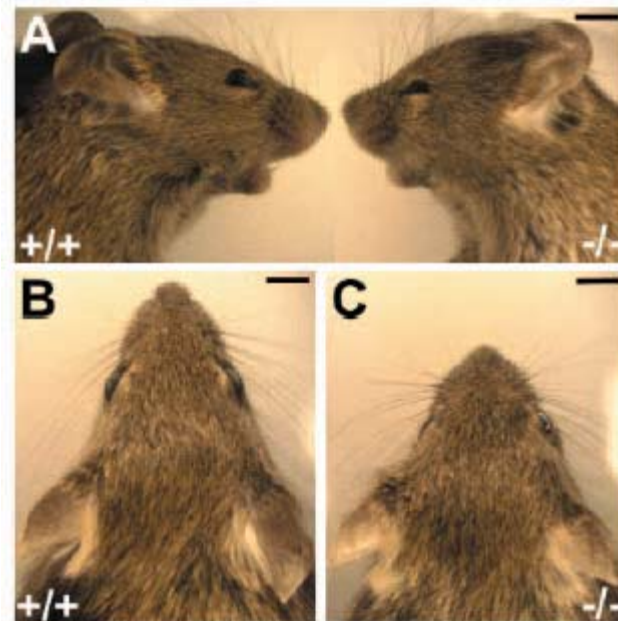
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## Axin vs. Axin 2

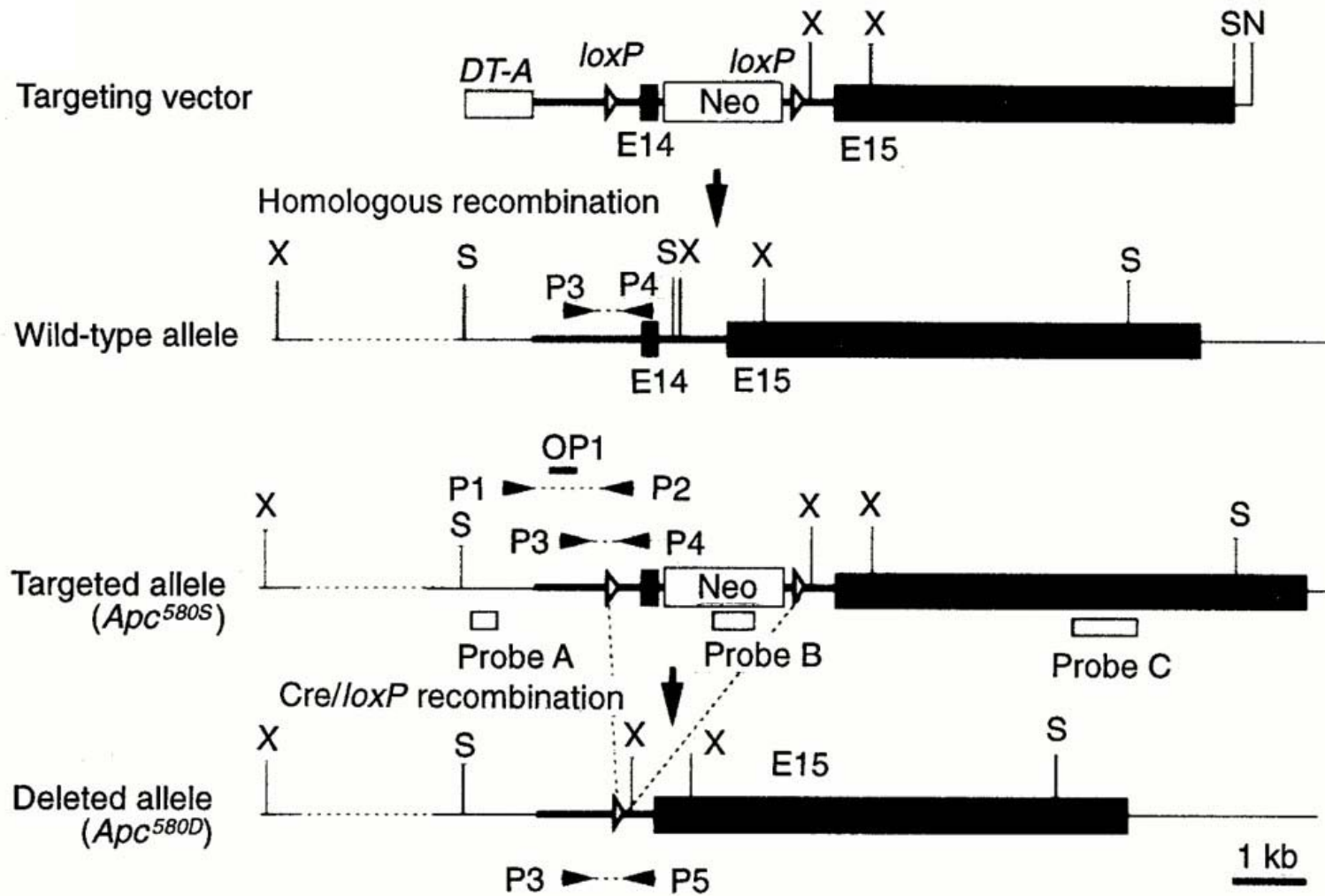
Chia IV and Costantini F (2005) Mouse axin and axin2/conductin proteins are functionally equivalent in vivo. *Mol Cell Biol.* Jun;25(11):4371-6.

Yu et al. (2005) The role of Axin2 in calvarial morphogenesis and craniosynostosis. *Development.* 132:1995-2005.

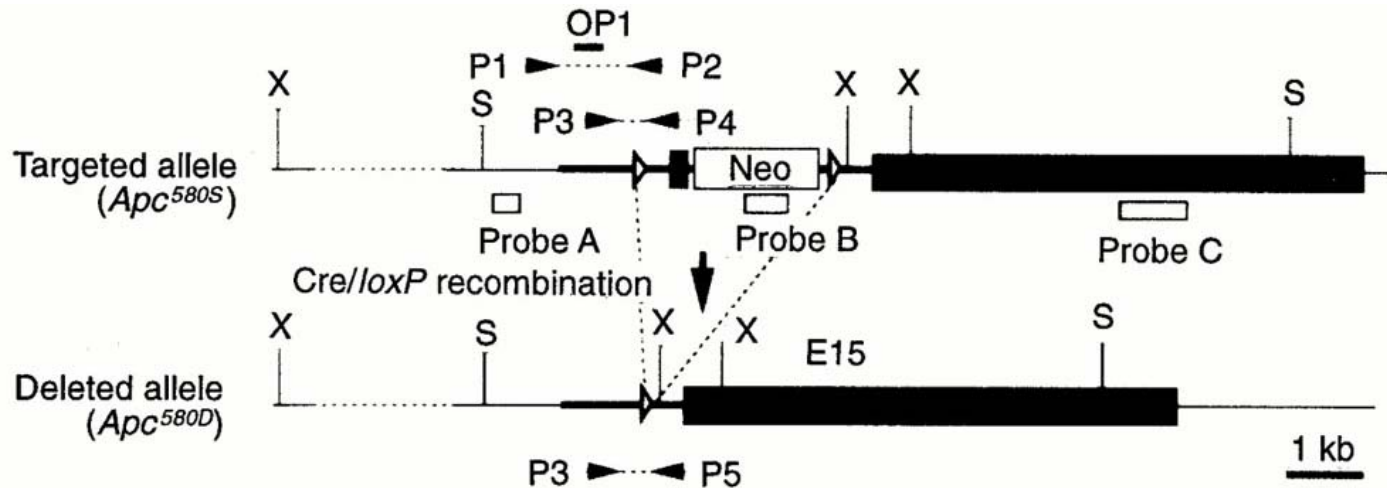
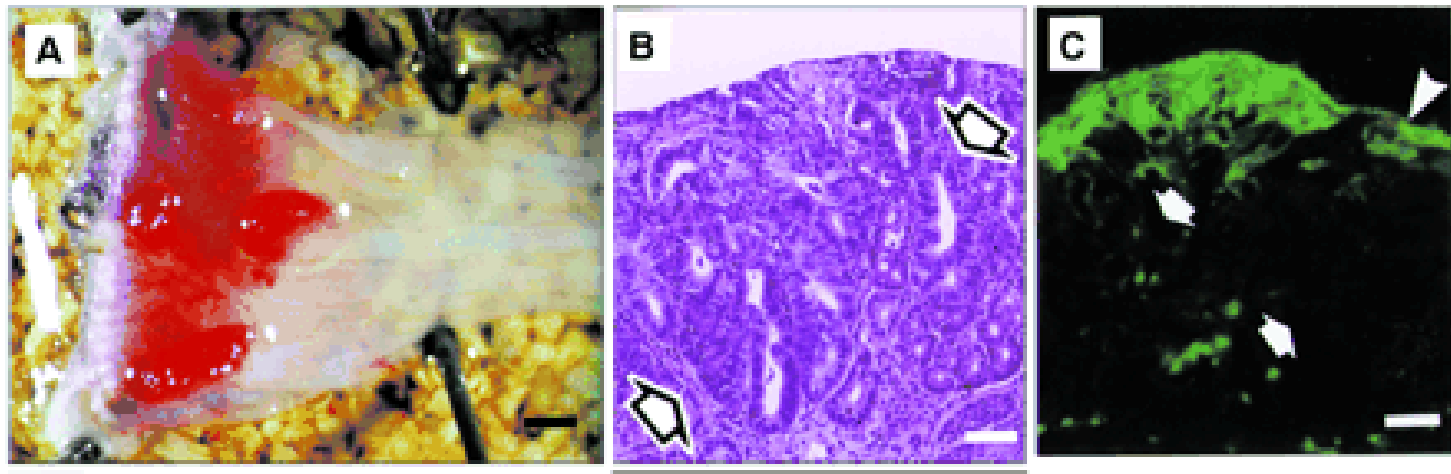




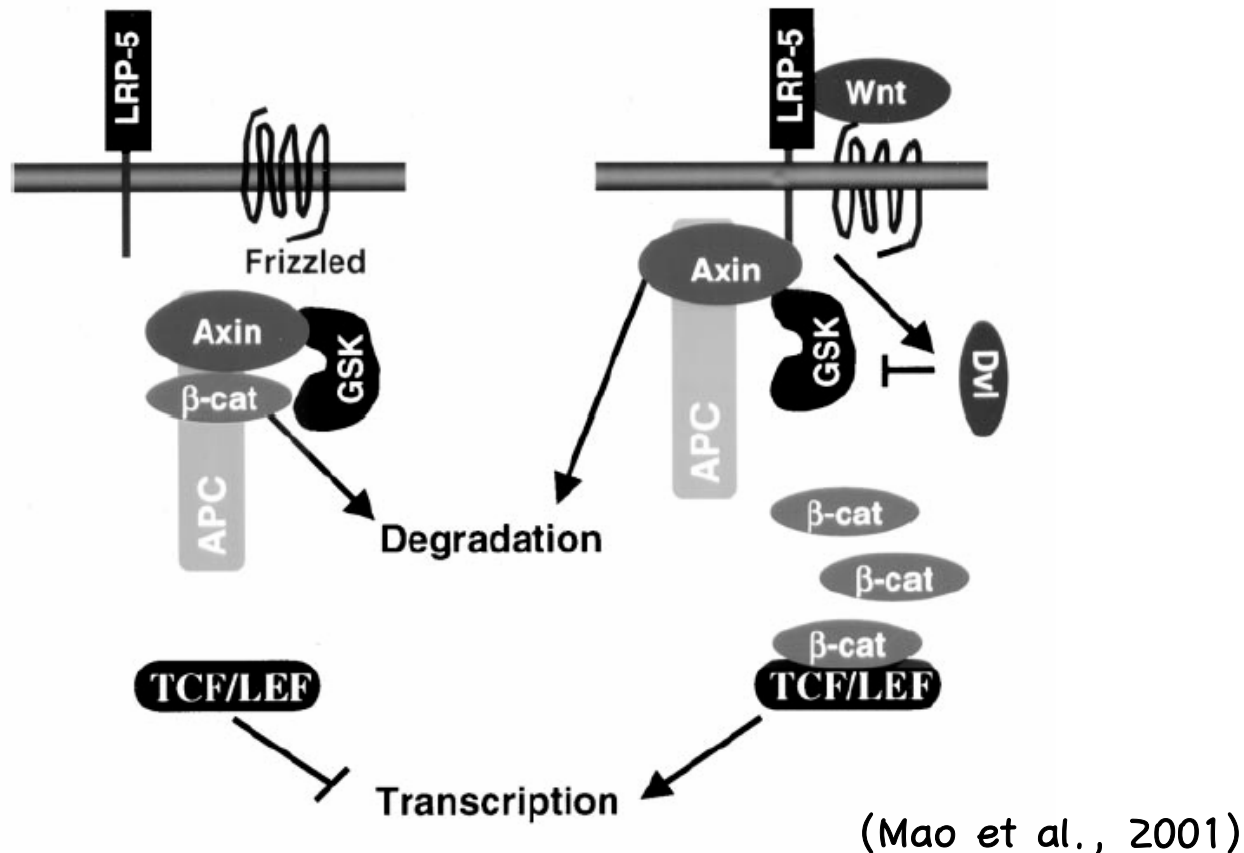
## Cre/loxP conditional Knock-out of APC



Analysis of the colorectal region of mice infected with recombinant adenoviruses.



## Regulation of the level of Axin upon Wnt signal

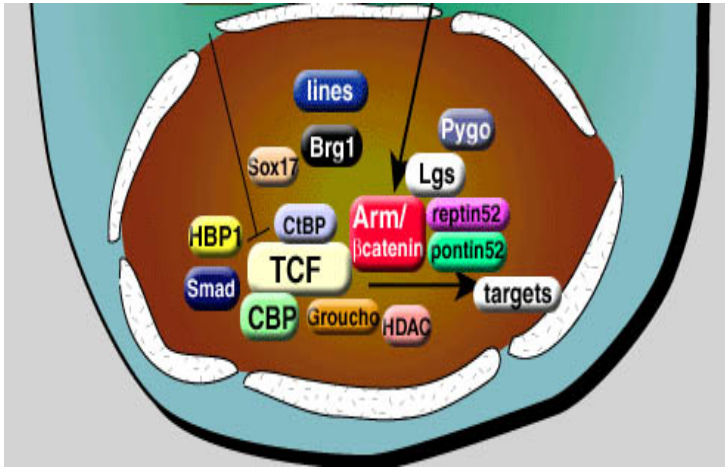


## Rethinking WNT signaling.....

We propose that the control of Axin stability, rather than the control of GSK3b phosphorylation of b-catenin, is the key step in signaling.

Nobel Laureate, Eric Wieschaus TIG 2004

# Nuclear (b-catenin - TCF)



b-catenin can convert TCF into a transcriptional activator of the same genes that are repressed by TCF alone (reviewed in Nusse, 1999).

In *Drosophila*, TCF interacts with CBP (Waltzer 1998.) repressing gene transcription when Wnt signaling is inactive. In mammalian cells, CBP/P300 can however behave as a co-activator of TCF-b-catenin (Hecht, 2000, Takemaru, 2000).

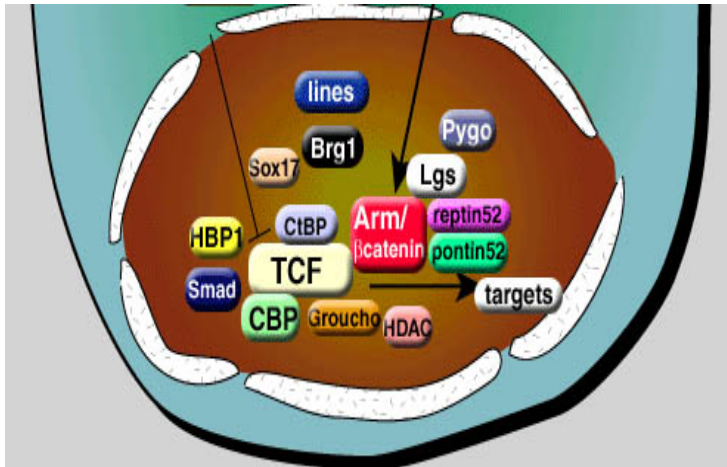
- In the nucleus, in the absence of the Wnt signal, TCF acts as a repressor of Wnt/Wg target genes (Brannon 1997, Bienz 1998).

- TCF can form a complex with Groucho (Cavallo 1998). The repressing effect of Groucho is mediated by interactions with Histone Deacetylases (HDAC, Chen 1999).

CtBP acts as another co-repressor binding to TCF (Brannon, 1999) and so does the HMG box protein HBP1 (Sampson, 2001)

b-catenin activity in the nucleus may also be regulated by interactions with other members of the HMG-box family (to which TCF belongs) including XSox17 (Zorn et al, 1999)

# Nuclear (b-catenin - TCF)



- Tcf is antagonized by phosphorylation, and the protein kinase Lit-1/Nemo/ NLK is implicated in direct phosphorylation
- The kinase activity of Lit1/NLK/Nemo is stimulated by another kinase, TAB1/TAK1 (or MOM-4 in the worm). (Rocheleau . ; Ishitani ; Meneghini,1999

- Specificity of activation of target genes can be achieved by interaction with other factors, for example the Smad4. (Nishita et al, 2000).

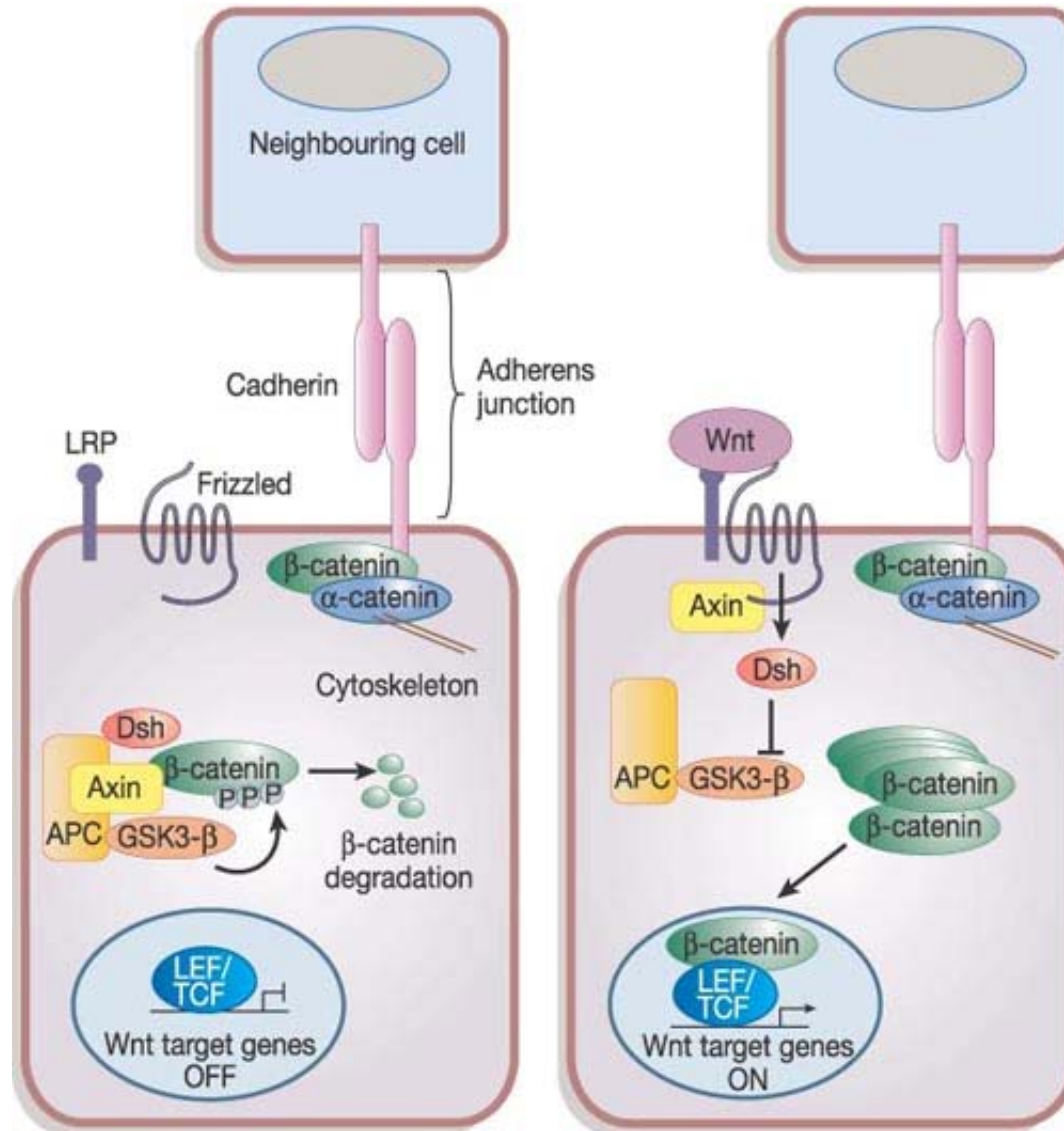
- ICAT is a b-catenin binding protein that inhibits b-catenin function (Tago et al, 2000)

- Two other key players in this complex are Legless (Bcl9) and Pugopos (Kramps 2002, Thompson 2002, Parker 2002)

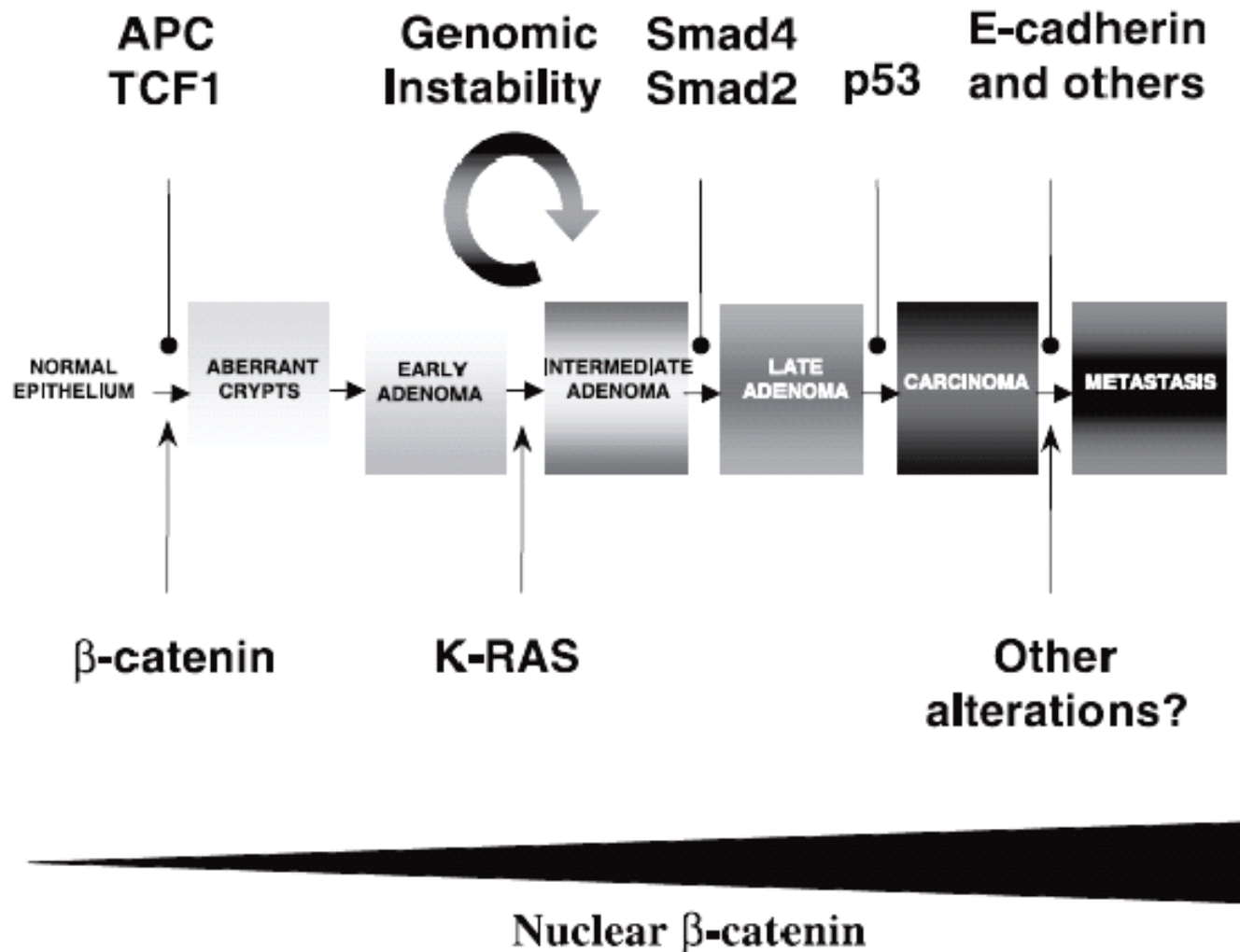
- Pontin52 and Reptin52 are proteins that are related to each other and interact with b-catenin as antagonist (Bauer,EMBO, 2000).

- Brg-1 is a mammalian SWI/SNF and Rsc chromatin-remodelling complex protein binding to b-catenin and promoting activity (Barker,EMBO, 2001)

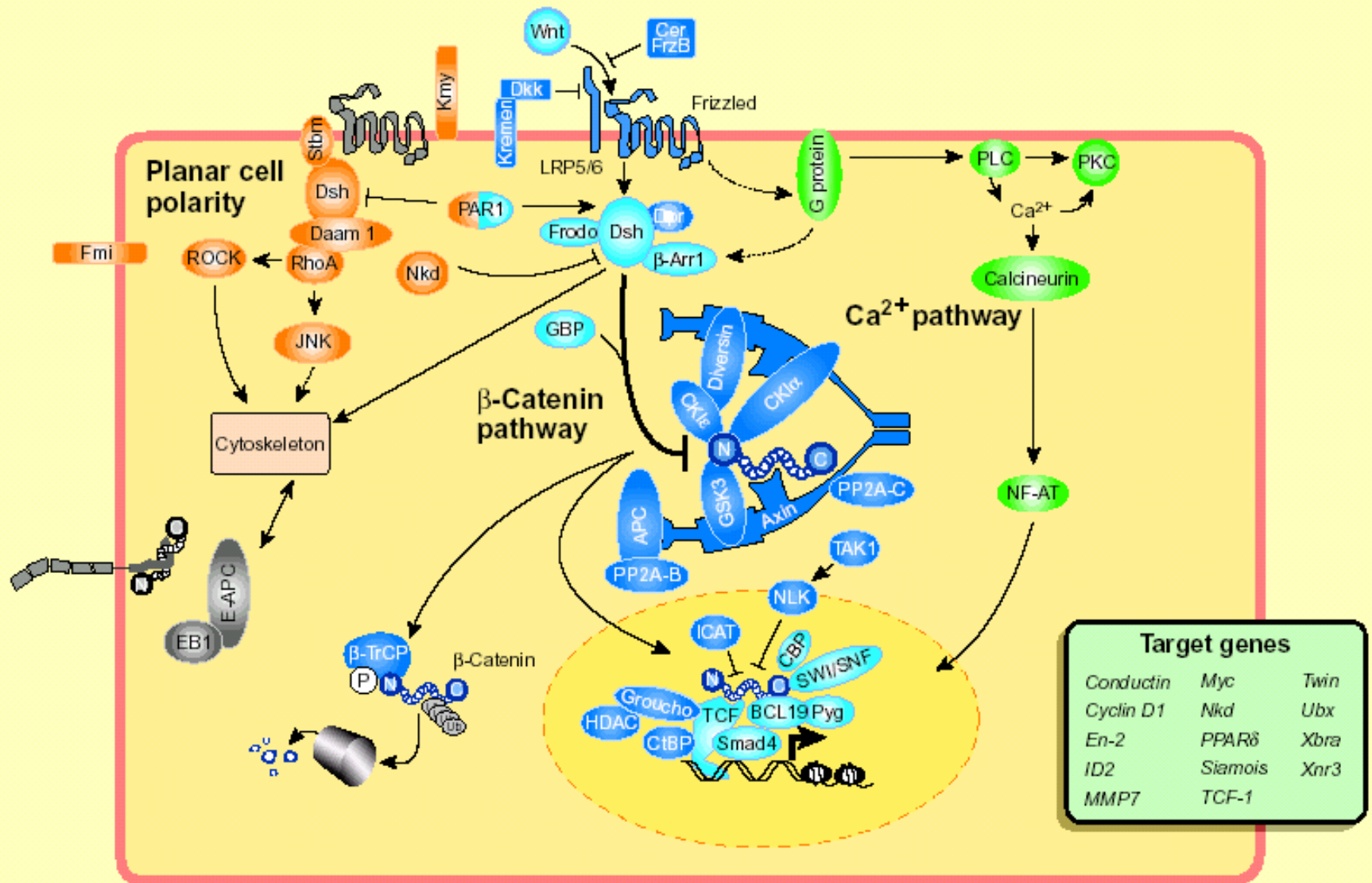
# The canonical Wnt signaling pathway



# Progression of Cancer Formation



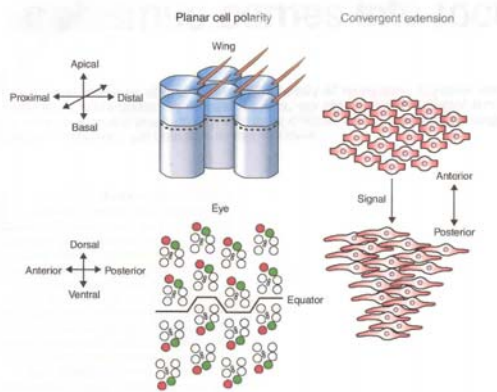
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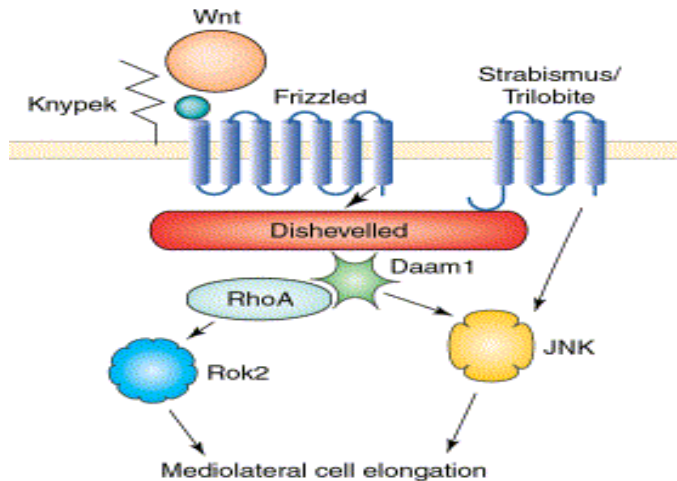
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# Wnt/PCP pathway



planer cell polarity  
(Alexlrod, Nature, 2001)



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- In vertebrates, Wnt-mediated Fz/Dsh PCP signaling is essential for cell polarity and movement during gastrulation.

(Sokol, Nat. cell biology, 2000).

- vang/stbm modulating convergent extention movement can activate JNK, but inhibit Wnt/b-catenin signaling.

(Park et al, Nat. cell biology, 2002)

- Wnt/Fz signaling directly activates small G-protein RhoA via Dsh and Daam1

(He et al, cell, 2001)

- Zebrafish rho kinase 2 acts downstream of wnt11 to mediate cell polarity and effective convergence and extension movements.

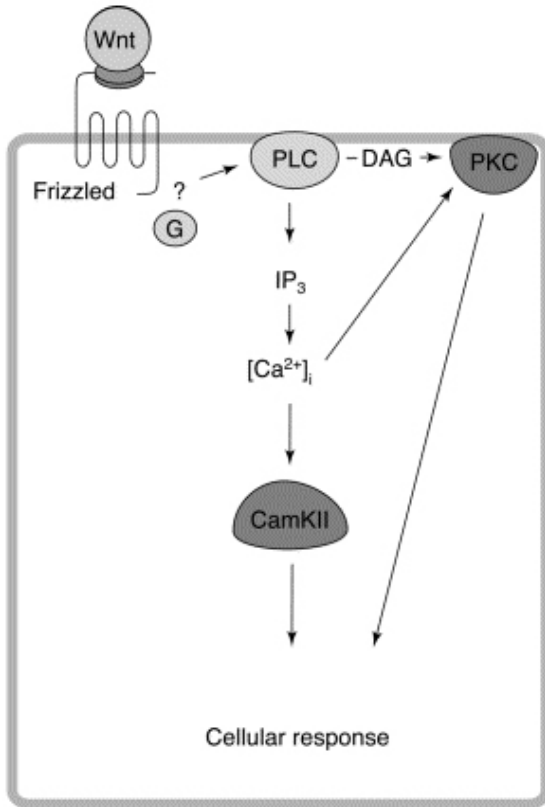
(Marlow et al, Curr Biol, 2002)

- JNK functions in the non-canonical Wnt pathway to regulate convergent extension movements in vertebrates.

•(Yamanaka et al, EMBO report, 2002)

(Myers et al, Triends in Genetics, 2002)

# Wnt/Ca<sup>2+</sup> pathway



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(Moon et al, TIG, 2000)

- Depending on ligand(Wnt), Wnt signaling stimulate CamKII and PKC via up-regulation of intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> level.

Wnt 1 Group : Wnt 1,3A,8,8B

-induction of secondary axis

Wnt 5A Group : Wnt 4,5A,11

-alternation of cell movement and reduction of cell adhesion

- The signaling specificities are probably defined the receptor with which the Wnts interact

(RFz-1,mFz-7,-8, XFz-1,DFz,Dfz-2 : b-catenin  
RFz-2,mFz-3,-4,-6, :PKC )

- CamkII is stimulated by Wnt/Fz homologue and promote ventral cell fate in Xenopus.

(Kuhl et al, JBC, 2000)

- Wnt/calcium pathway activates NF-AT and promotes ventral cell fate in Xenopus embryos

(Saneushl et al, nature,2002)

Wnt/Ca<sup>2+</sup> pathway ? | Wnt/b-catenin pathway

# Wnt signaling & Development 1

Canonical Wnt signaling components play important roles in multiple cell fate decision

- Body axis formation and mesodermal patterning in *Xonepus*, Zebrafish and mouse
  - overexpressed b-catenin :axis-duplication
  - knock-out b-catenin : no mesoderm and head structure(Moon et al, *Bioessays*, 1998 and Huelsen et al, *JCB*, 2000)
- Brain & CNS development
  - Inhibition of Wnt signaling is crucial at later stages of bodyplan formation in vertebrates.
  - ectopic expression of Wnt antagonists (FrzB-1, Dkk-1, Cerberus) promotes head formation (*J Cell Biol*, 1997)
  - Wnt signaling is important in neural development and maintenance (*Development*, 2000)
- Cardiogenesis
  - Wnt signaling also plays a negative role in heart formation (*Cell*, 1999)
- Limb development
  - Wnt signaling plays essential roles in limb initiation and induction of the apical ectodermal ridge(AER) in vertebrates. (Cell, 2000)

# Wnt signaling & Development 2

## Wnt signaling and stem cell control.

- Wnt signaling pathway is implicated in the control of skin epithelial stem cell specification and Hair Follicle Cell Fate ( cell, 2001,105: 533-545)
- Wnt signaling controls stem cell proliferation in the intestine.  
(Nat Genet, 1998,19:379-383)
- Wnts may also play a major role in regulating hematopoietic cell fate.

## Adipogenesis

## synaptic modulation.

# Wnt signaling & Cancer

- Colorectal cancer

: Activation of b-catenin Tcf signaling in colon cancer by mutation in b-catenin and APC (Morin et al, science, 1997)

- Melanoma

: Mutant b-catenin with a single amino acid substitution at the N-terminus was identified as a melanoma-specific antigen. (Robbina et al, , J Exp Med, 1996)

- Prostate cancer

: b-catenin mutation in human prostate cancer. (Voeller et al, cancer Res., 1998)

- Hepatocellular carcinoma and hepatoblastomas

: b-catenin mutation in Hepatocellular carcinoma and hepatoblastomas (Miyoshi et al, cancer Res, 1998)

- Uterine Endometrial carcinomas

: Mutations in the b-catenin gene were reported in 10 of 76 cases (13%) of endometrial carcinomas studied. (Fukuchi et al , Cancer Res, 1998)

- Medulloblastoma(brain tumor)

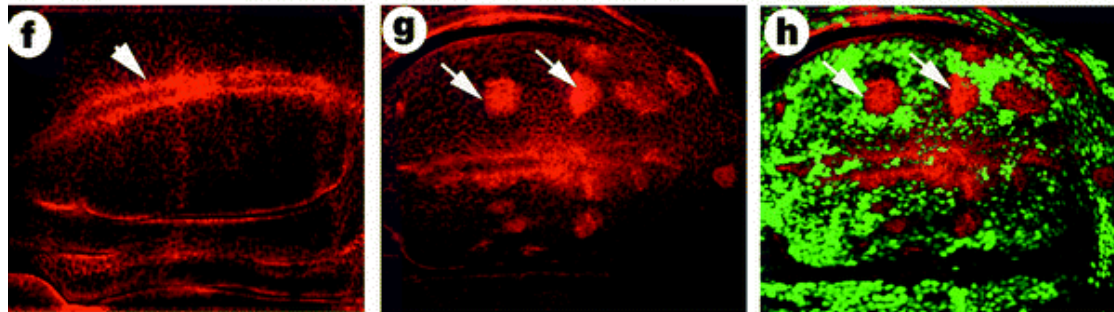
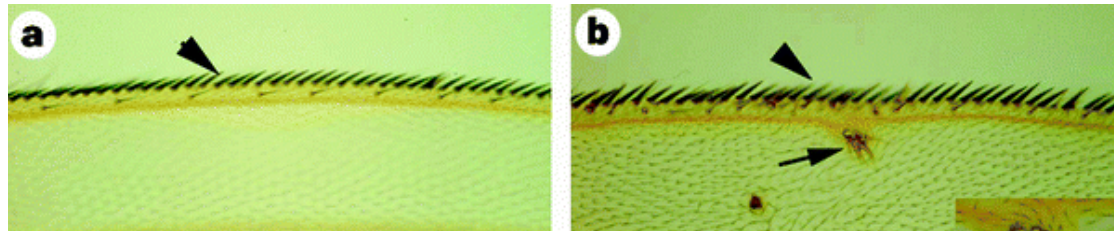
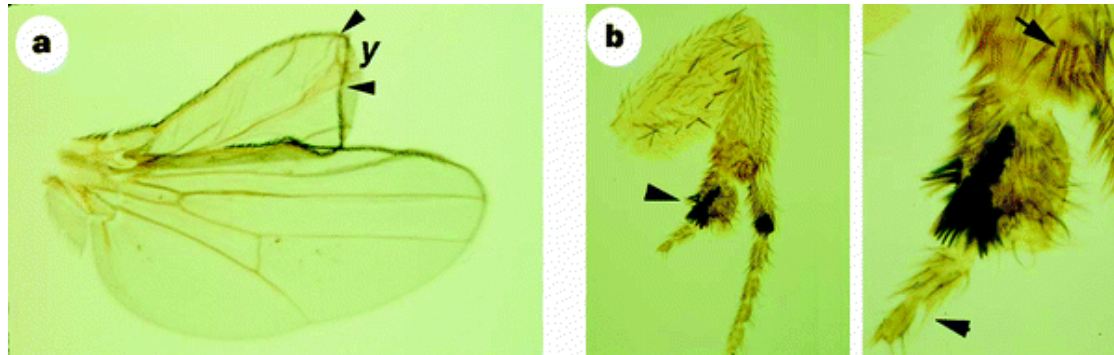
: germ line mutation of APC, small percentage of b-catenin and Axin sporadic mutation

- Ovarian cancer, Pilomatricomas(skin cancer)

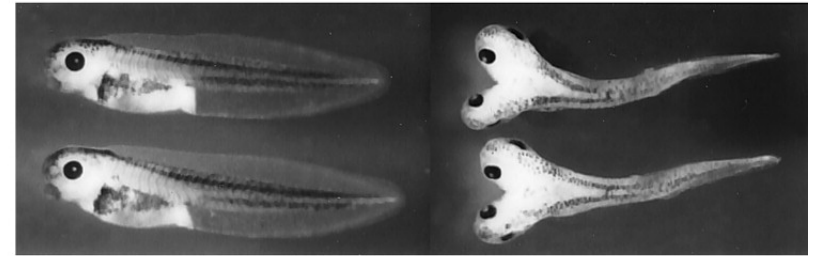
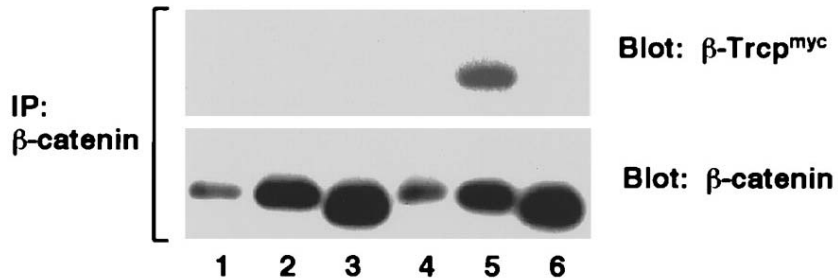
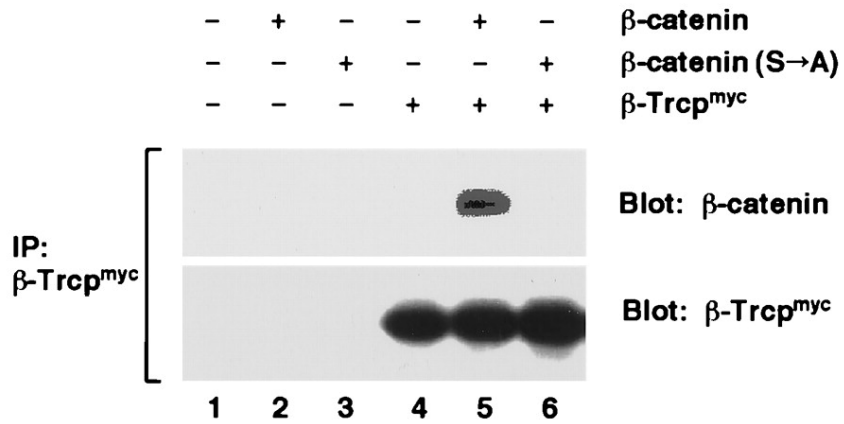
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*slimb* (for supernumerary limbs, bTrCP)

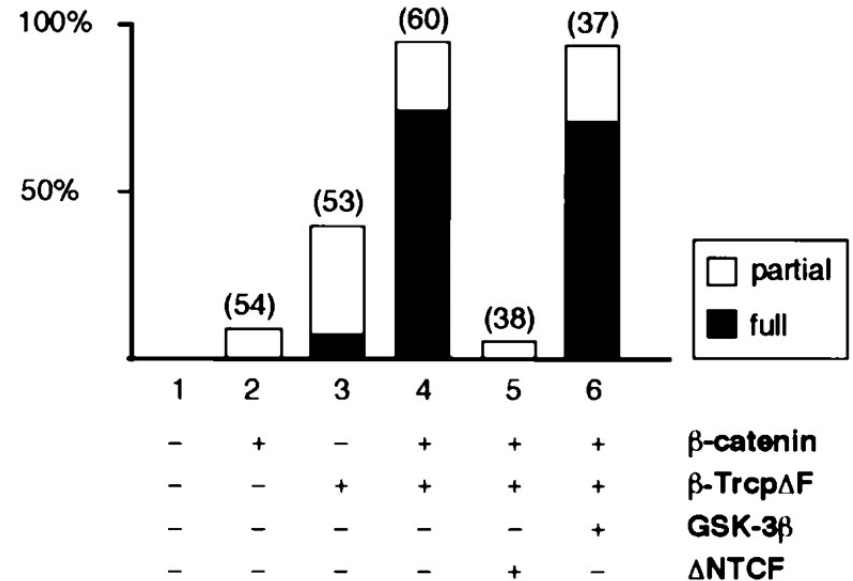


# b-Trcp couples beta-catenin phosphorylation-degradation and regulates *Xenopus* axis formation.



$\beta$ -catenin

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 $\beta$ -Trcp $\Delta$ F

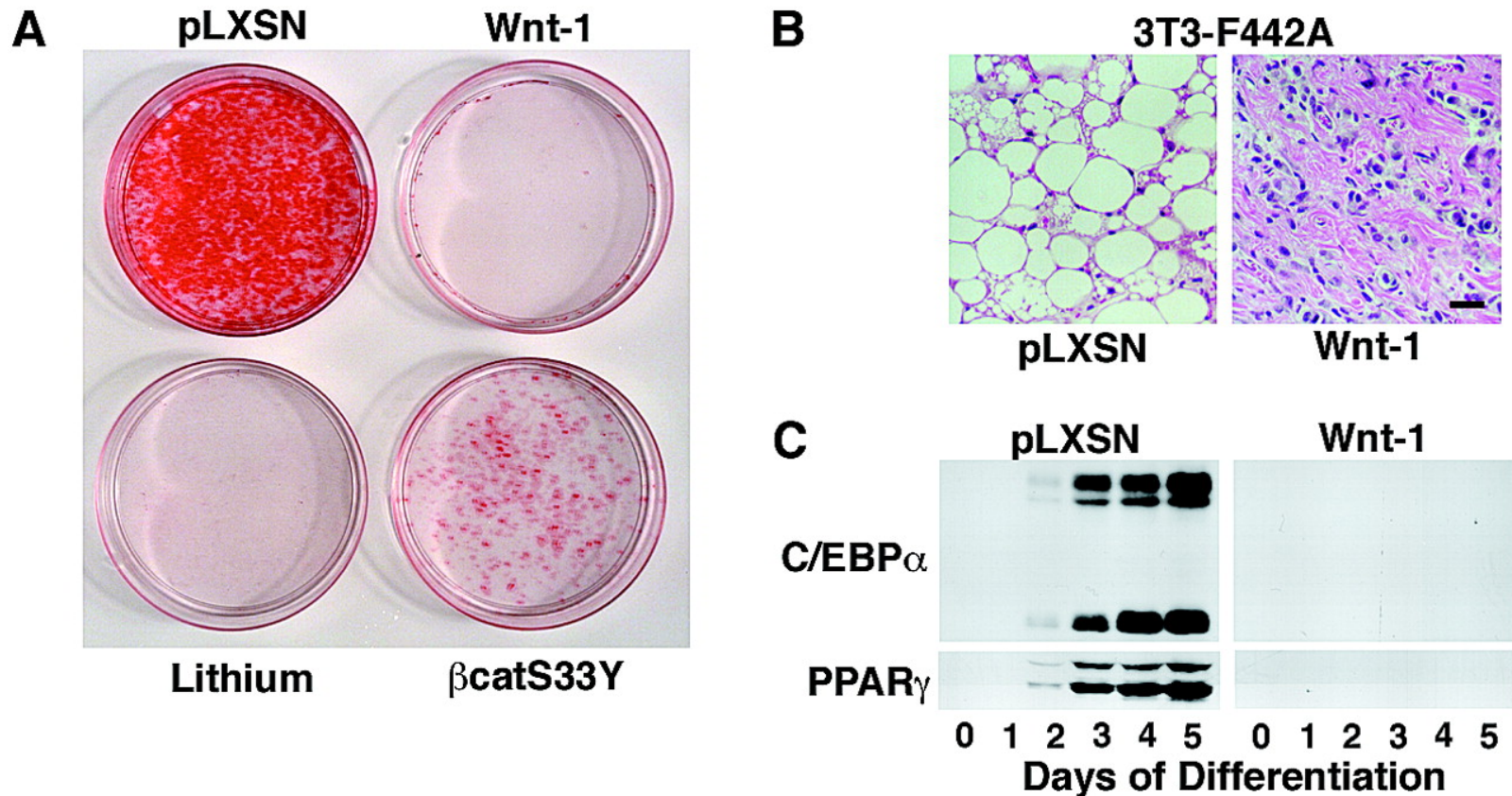


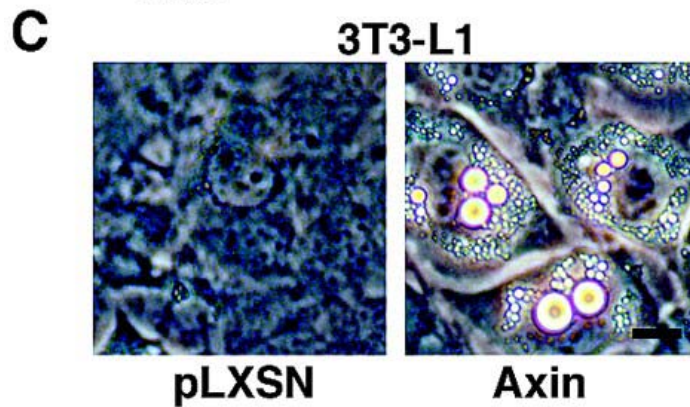
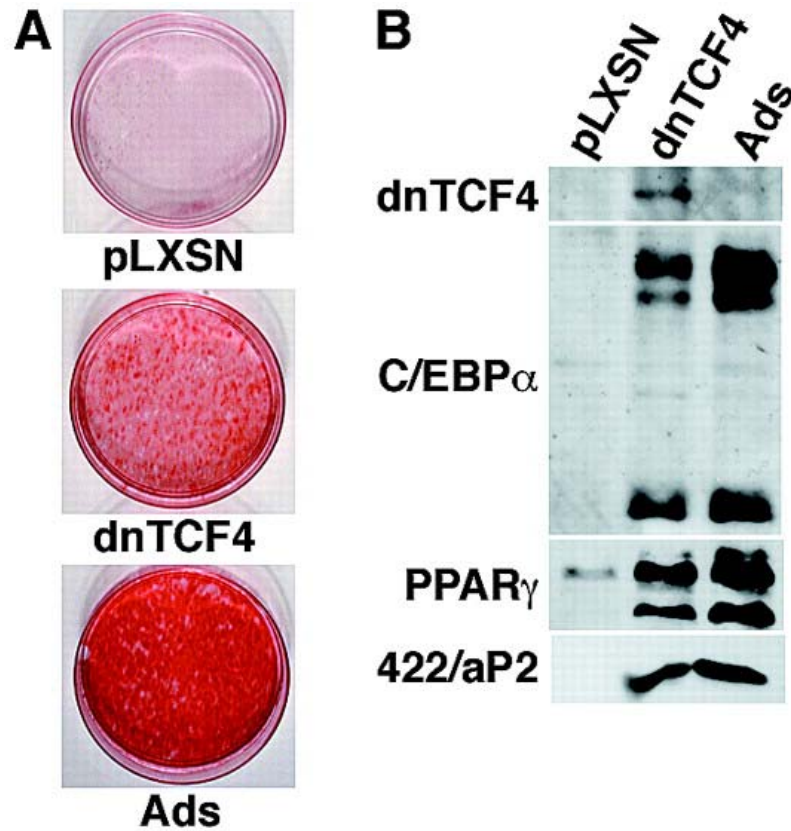


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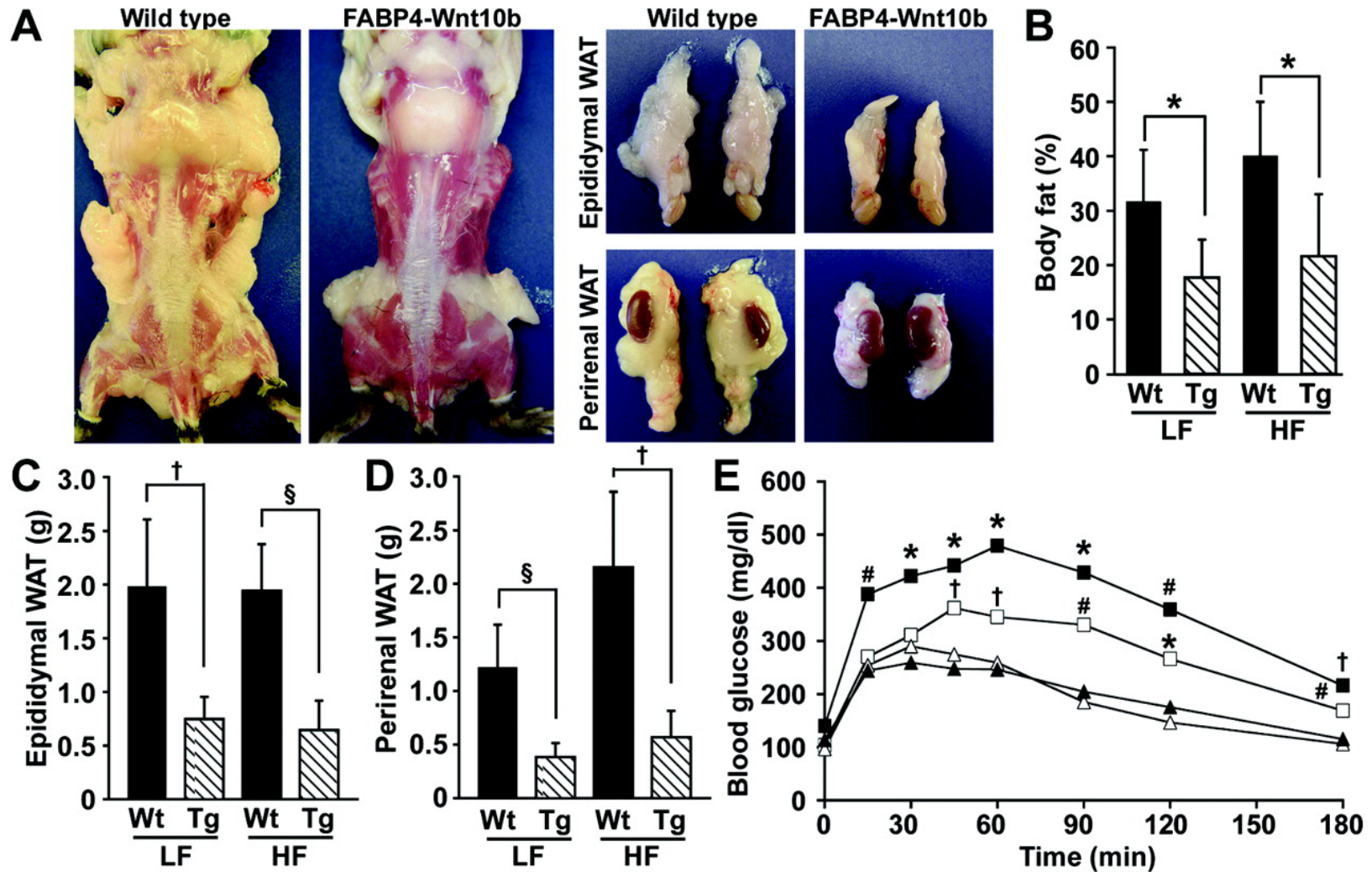
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# Inhibition of adipogenesis by Wnt signaling

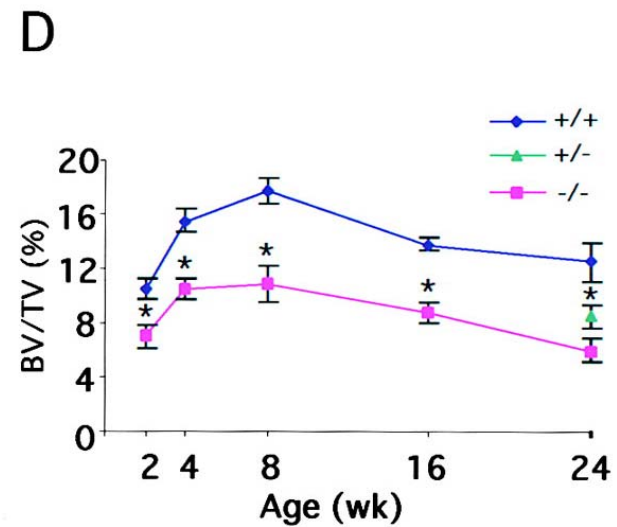
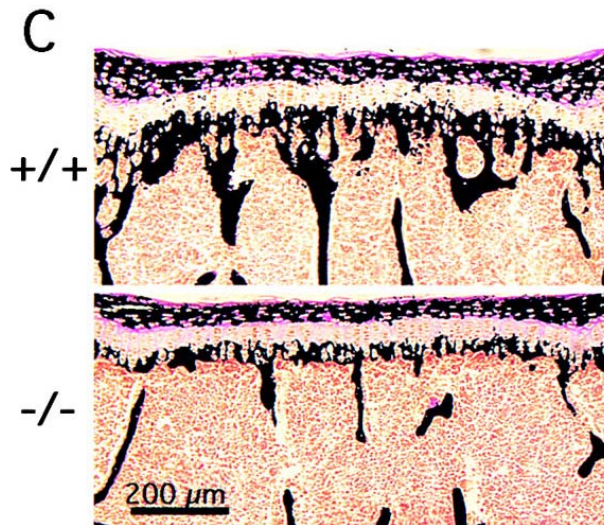
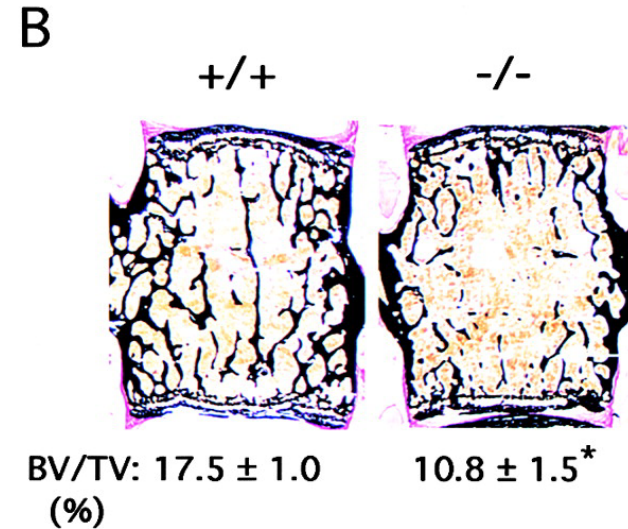
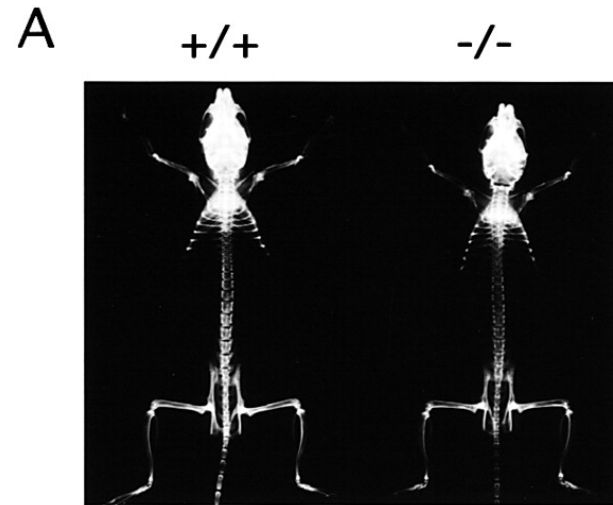




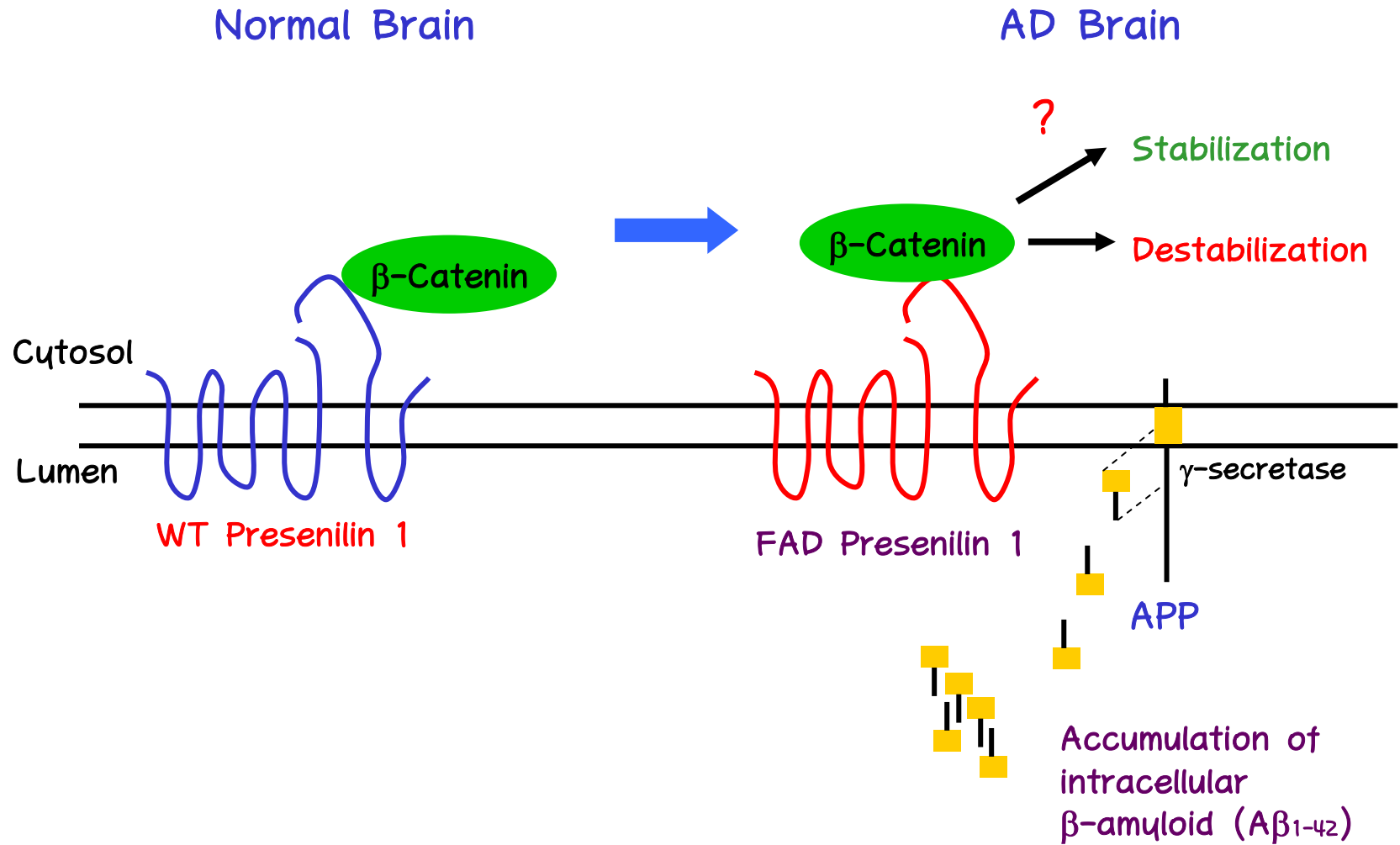
# Wnt10b inhibits body fat accumulation and improves glucose tolerance in FABP4-Wnt10b transgenic mice



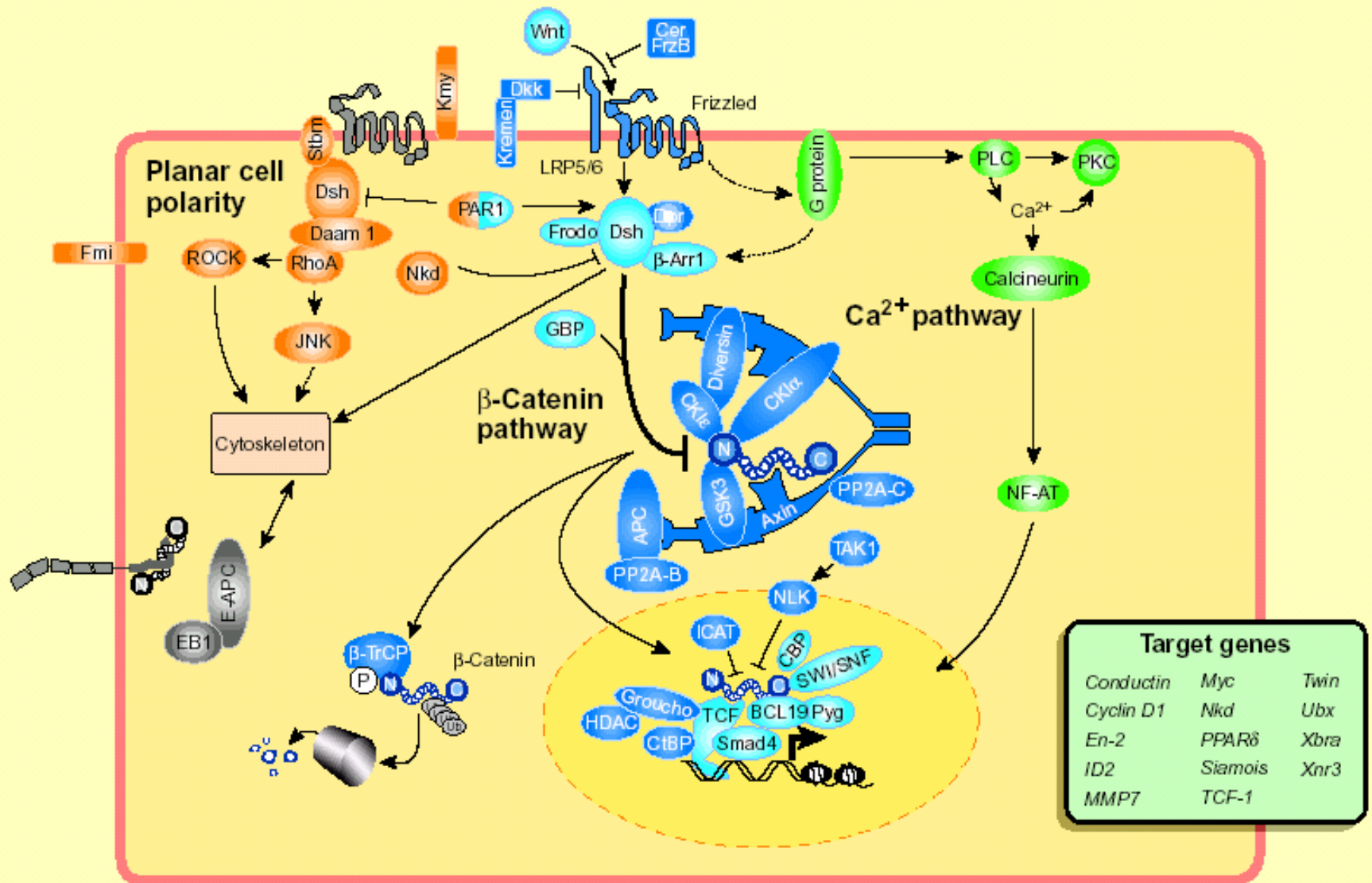
# Low bone mass in *Lrp5*<sup>-/-</sup> mice.



# Mis-regulation of Wnt signaling in the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease

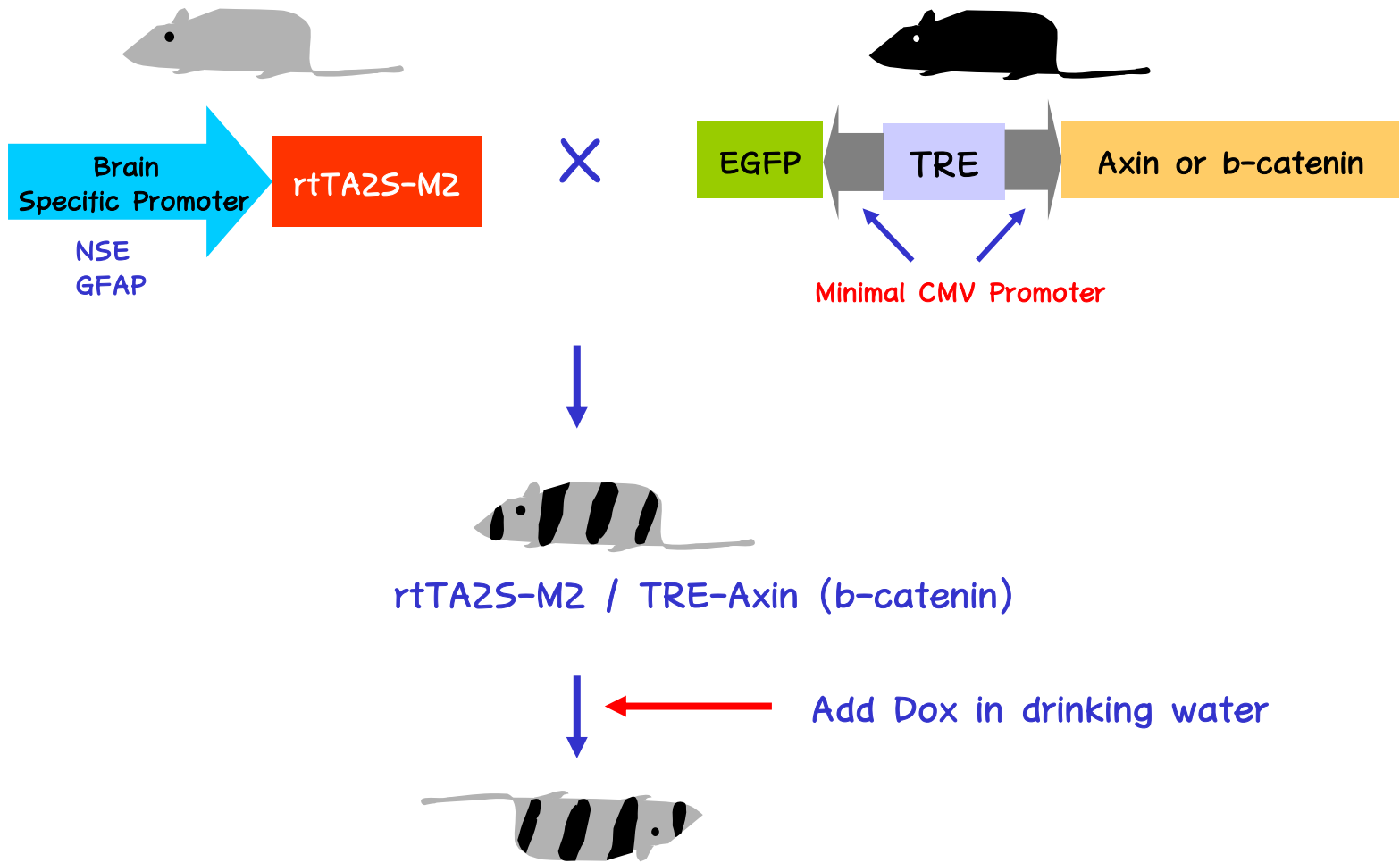


# Wnt signaling pathway



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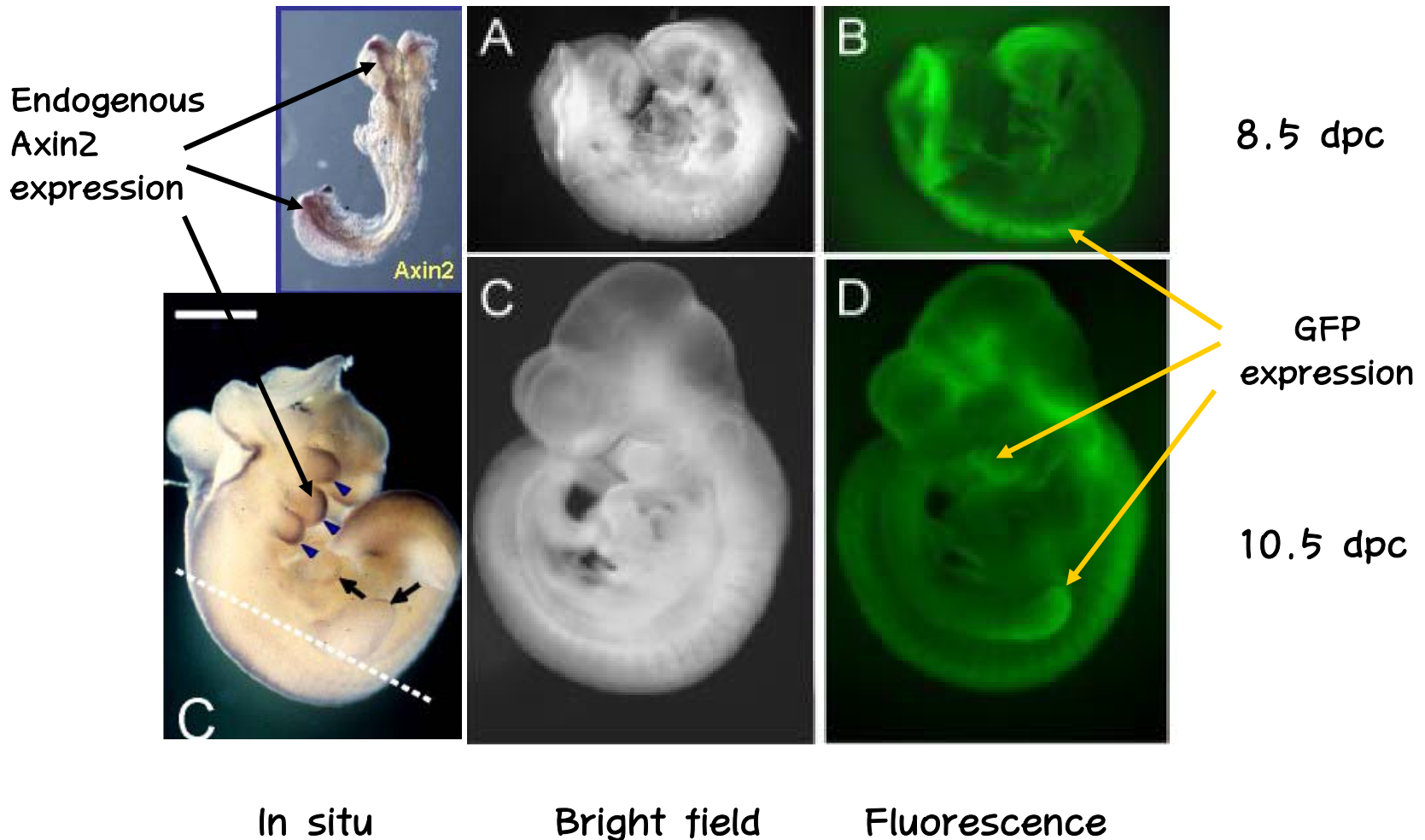


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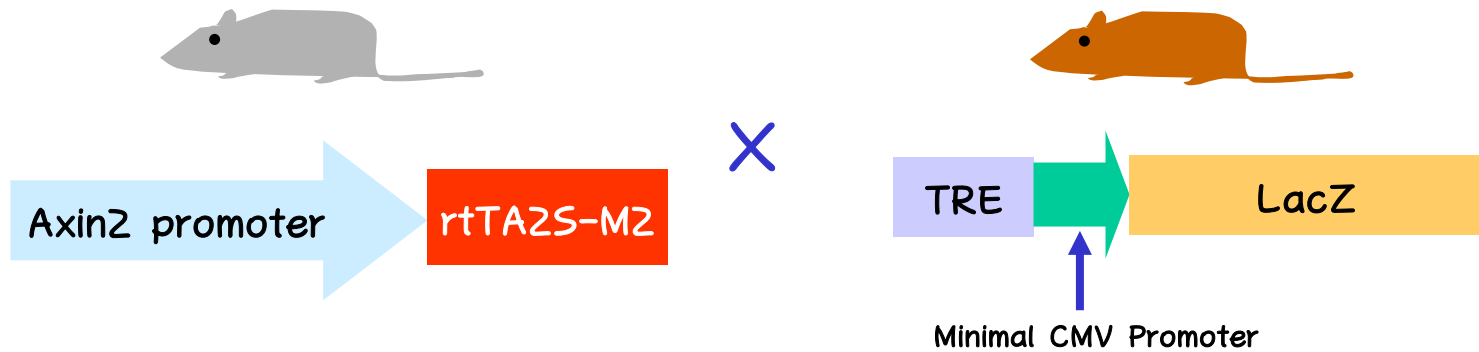


# GFP expression by Axin2 promoter in Transgenic mice recapitulate endogenous Axin2 expression

Ax2P-d2EGFP transgenic mice

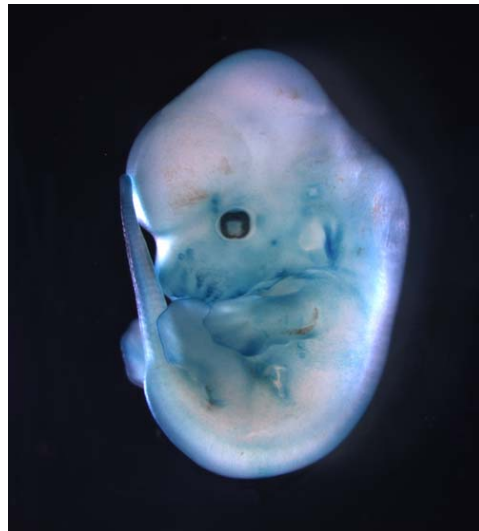


# Specific reporter gene expression by inducible system *in vivo*

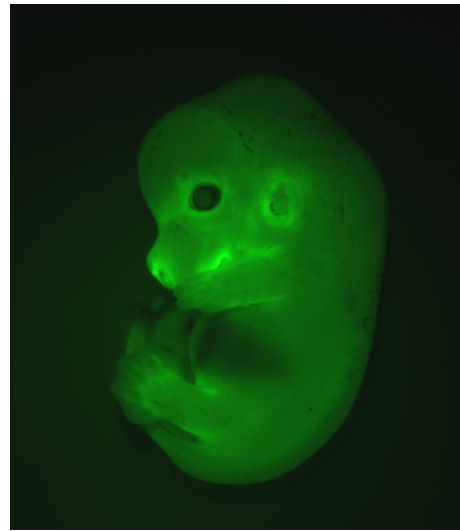


Add Dox after 8.5 days of pregnancy and isolate embryos in 13.5dpc

Ax2P-rtTA  
+  
TRE-LacZ



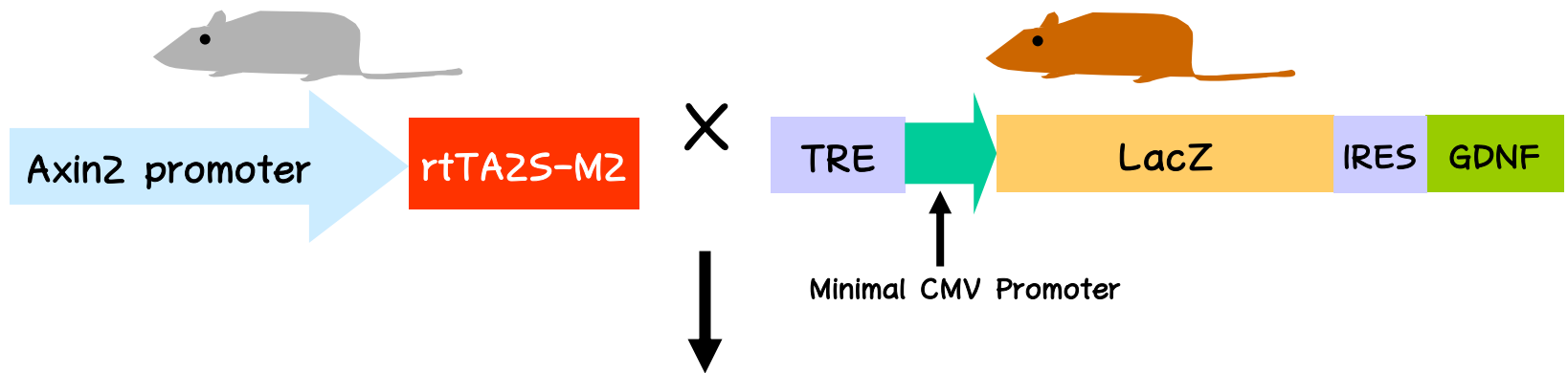
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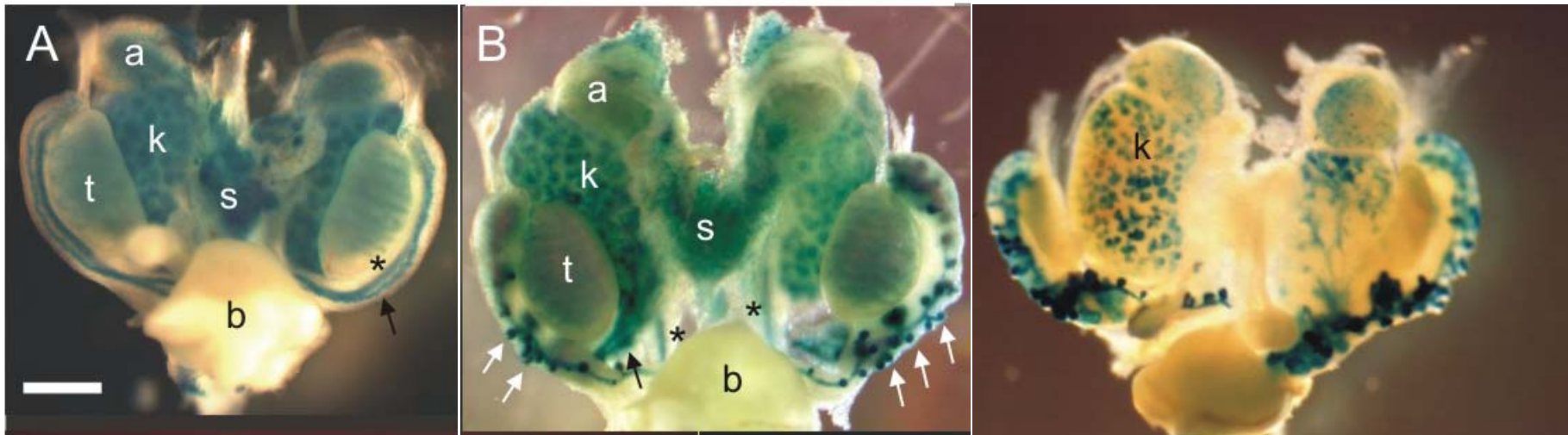
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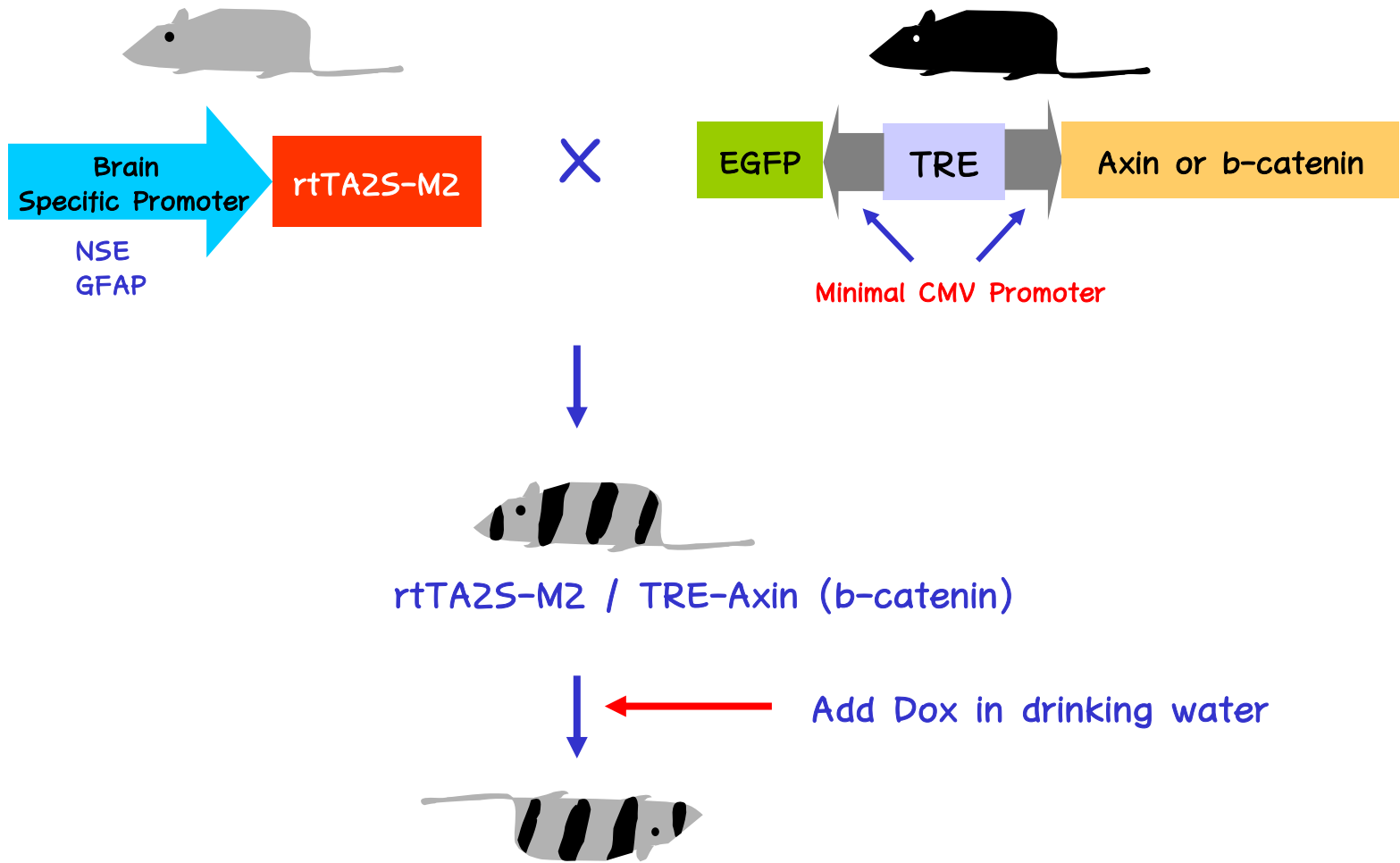
Ax2P-rtTA driven expression of TRE-lacZ-GDNF  
in mouse embryonic kidney causes abnormal phenotype



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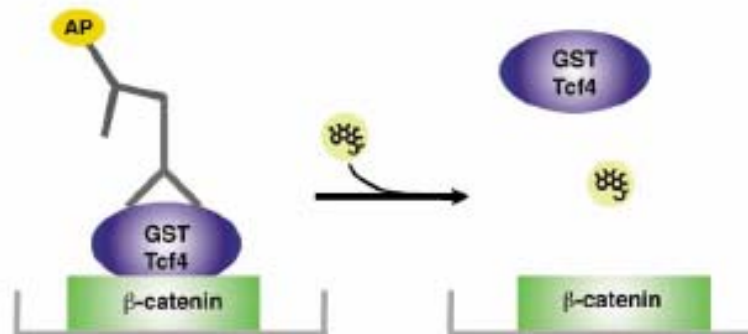
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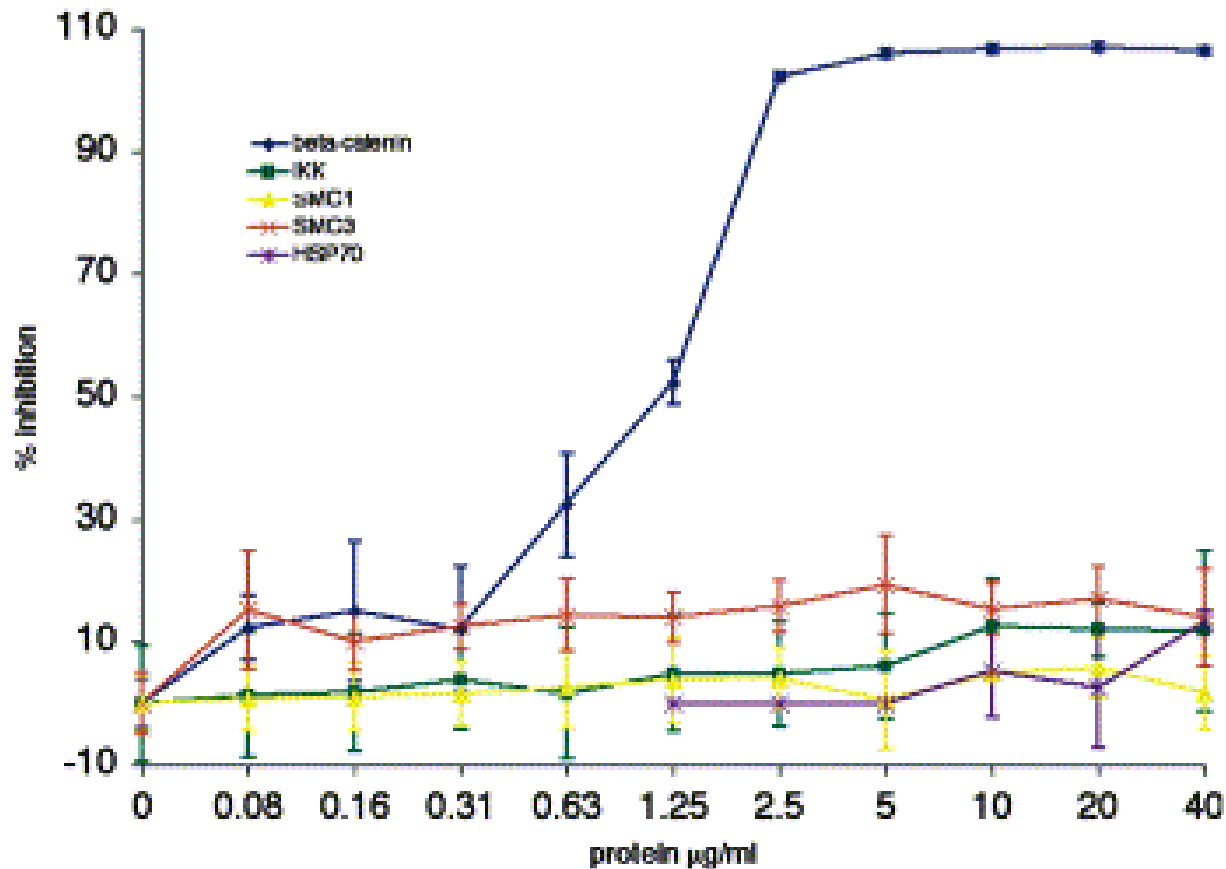
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## Antagonists of the Tcf4/ $\beta$ -catenin association isolated in a high-throughput screen

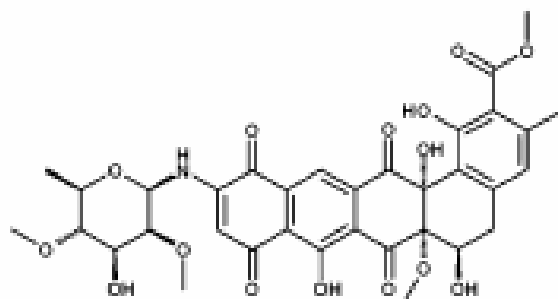
1.  $\beta$ -catenin을 membrane에 coating 시키고,
2. bacteria에서 purify 한 GST-Tcf를  $\beta$ -catenin에 binding 시킴.
3. drug이 없는 상태에서는 AP conjugated GST antibody가 GST에 binding 하고, drug이  $\beta$ -catenin과 Tcf의 interaction을 blocking할 경우는 antibody가 결합할 수 없게 된다.
4. 이때 AP의 substrate를 넣어 주어서 발색이 되지 않는 drug을 선택



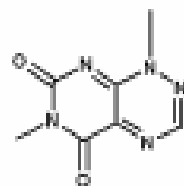
## Inhibition of Tcf4/b-catenin association in the presence of various concentrations of recombinant fusion proteins



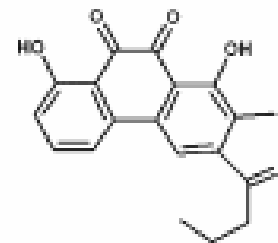
## Chemical structures of inhibitors of the Tcf4/b-catenin interaction



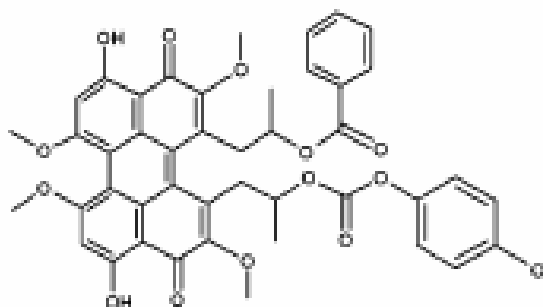
**ZTM000990**  
0.64  $\mu\text{M}$



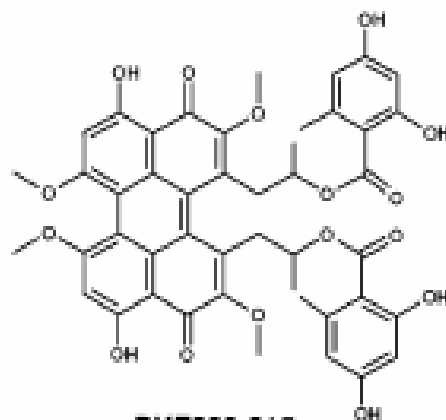
**PKF118-310**  
0.8  $\mu\text{M}$



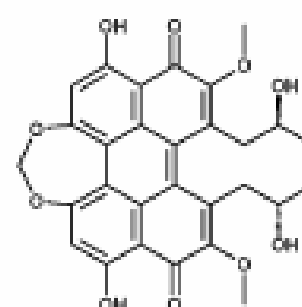
**PKF118-744**  
2.4  $\mu\text{M}$



**PKF115-584**  
3.2  $\mu\text{M}$



**PKF222-815**  
4.1  $\mu\text{M}$



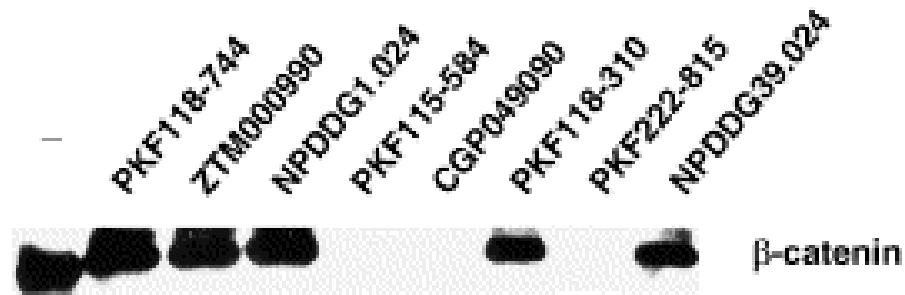
**CGP049090**  
8.7  $\mu\text{M}$

The activity of six compounds as the concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) of compound required to inhibit the Tcf4/ b-catenin association by 50% ( $\text{IC}_{50}$ ).



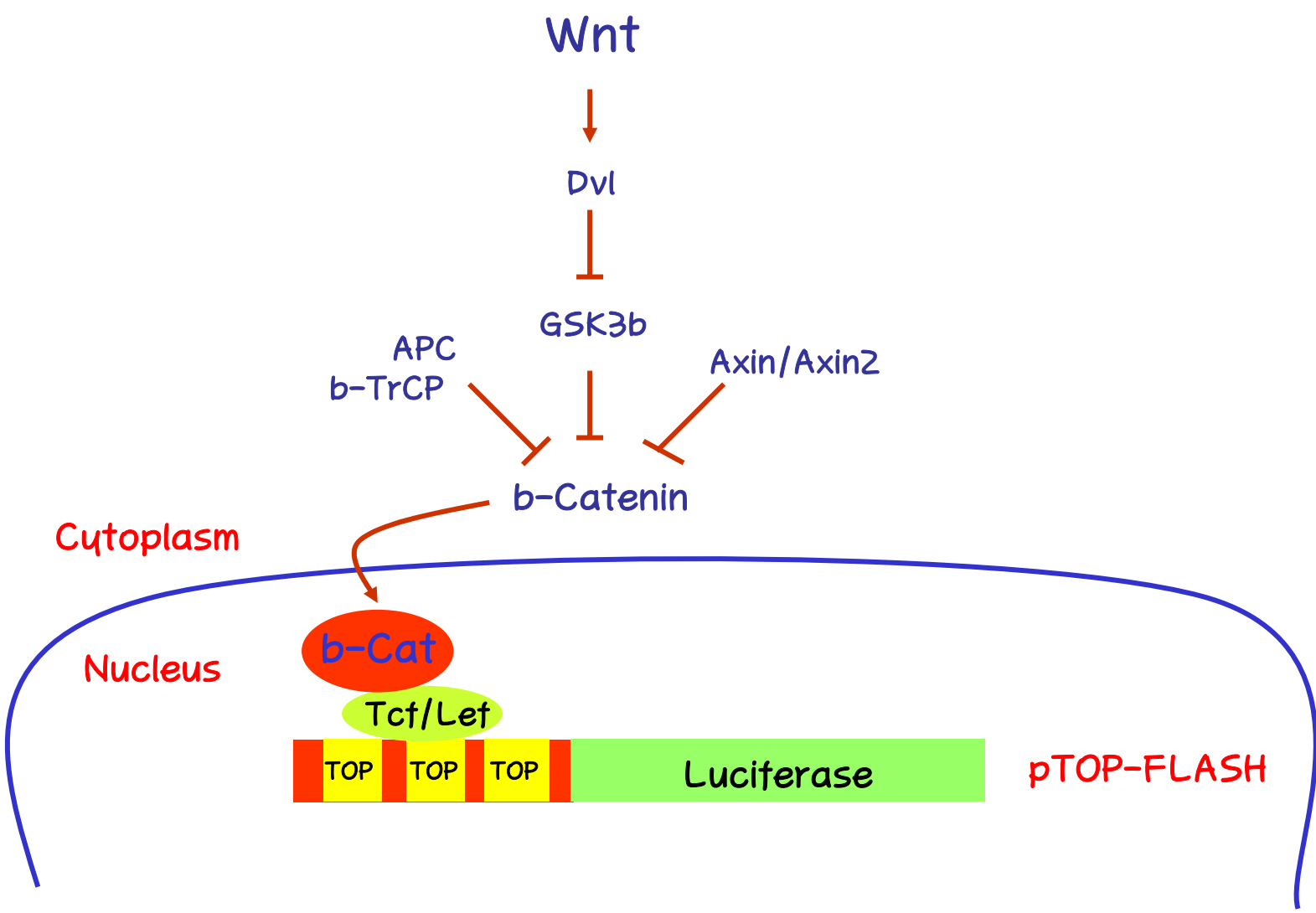
# Compounds isolated in the HTS inhibit Tcf4/ $\beta$ -catenin interaction in independent assays

Precipitation of cellular  $\beta$ -catenin by a GST-tethered Tcf4 fragment.

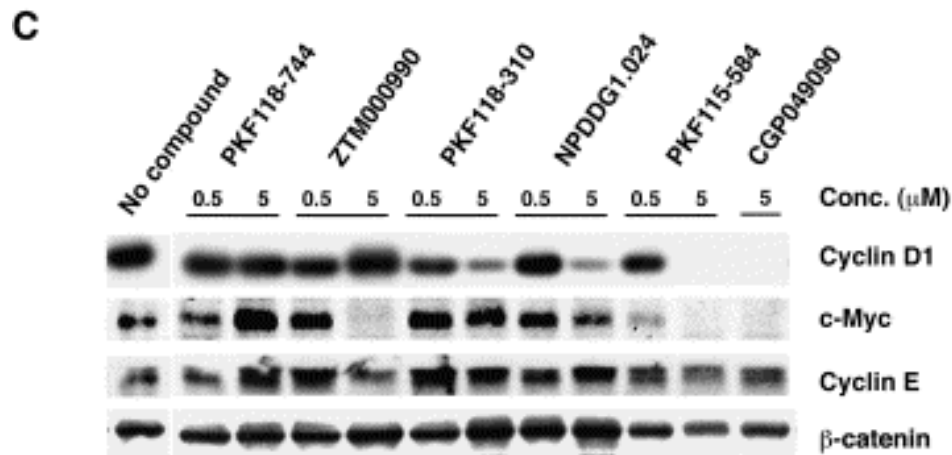
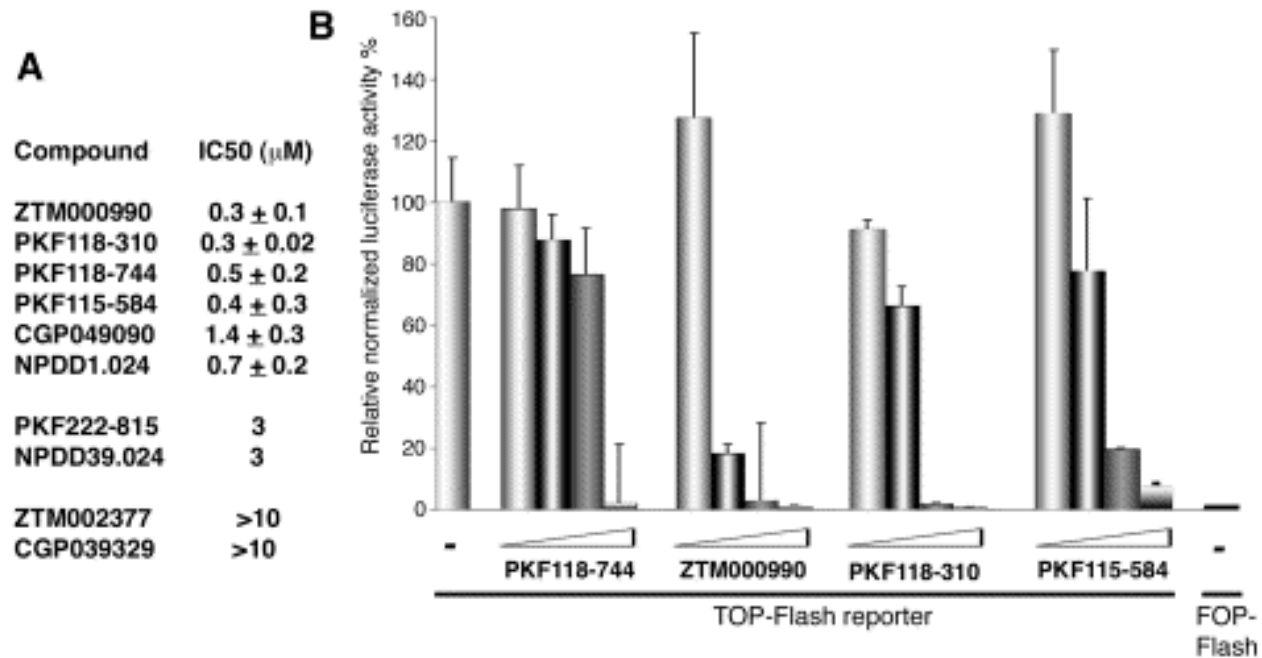


Inhibition of the interaction with GST-Tcf4 is dose dependent.

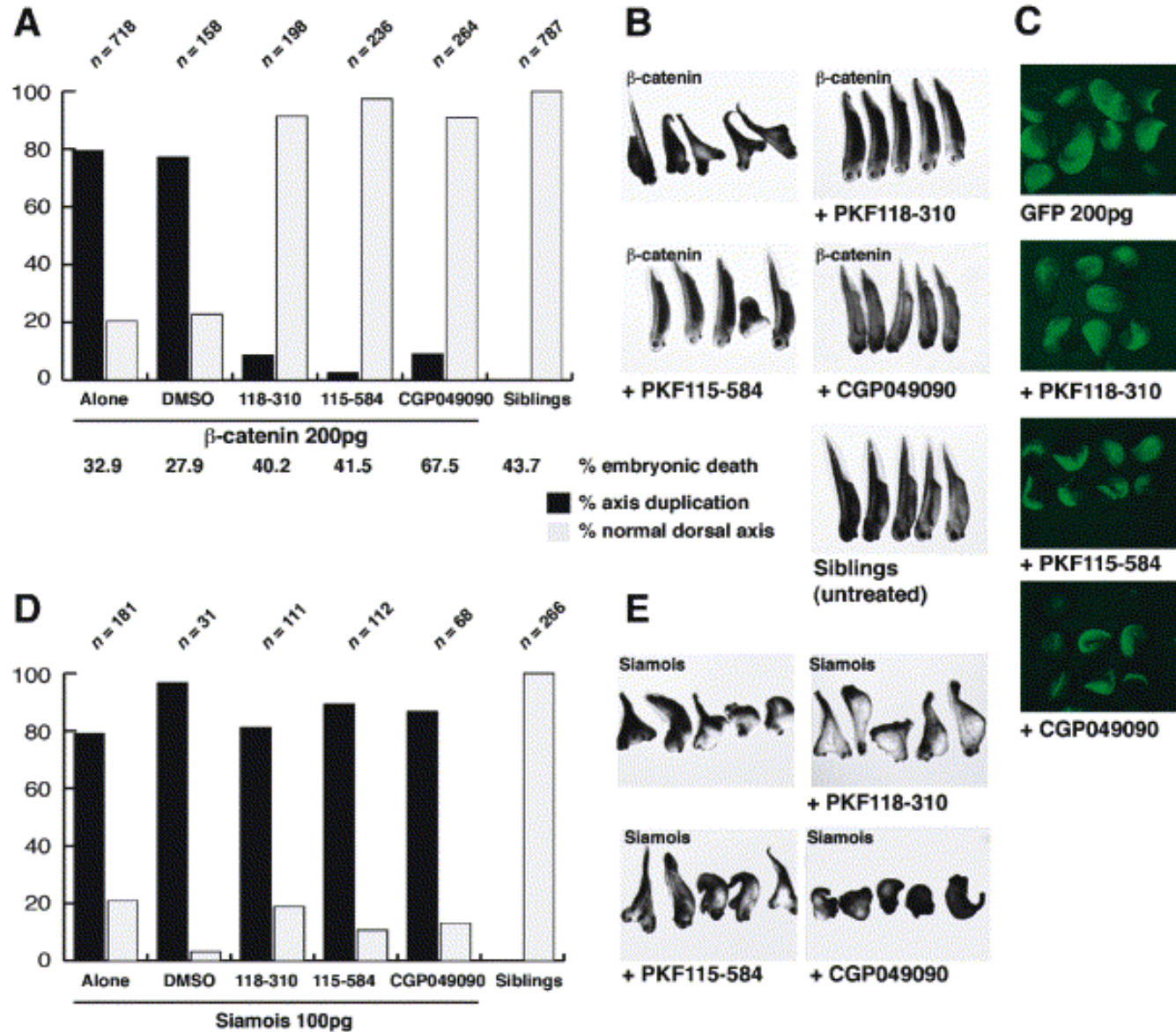


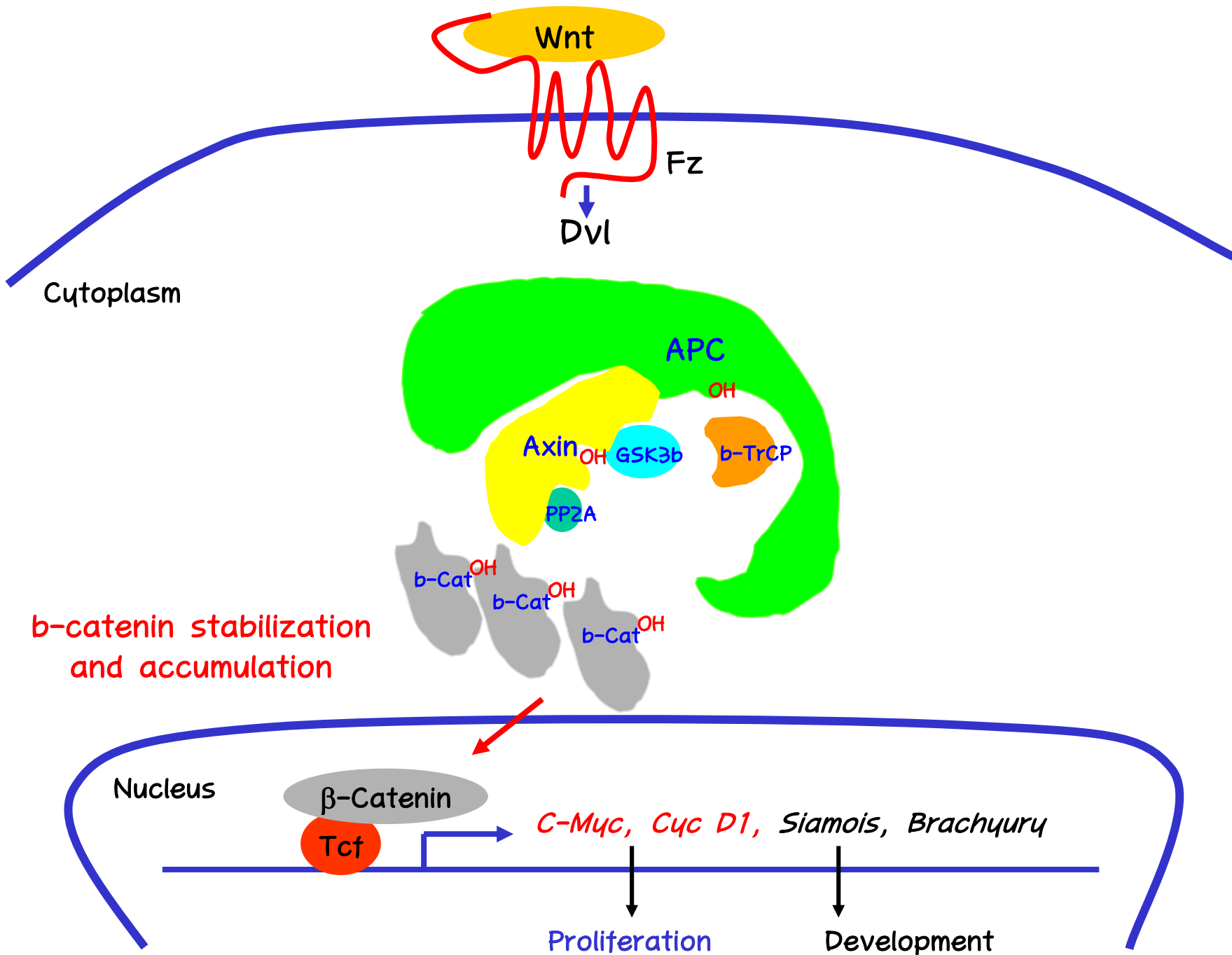


# Inhibition of biological markers of Tcf4/ b-catenin transactivation

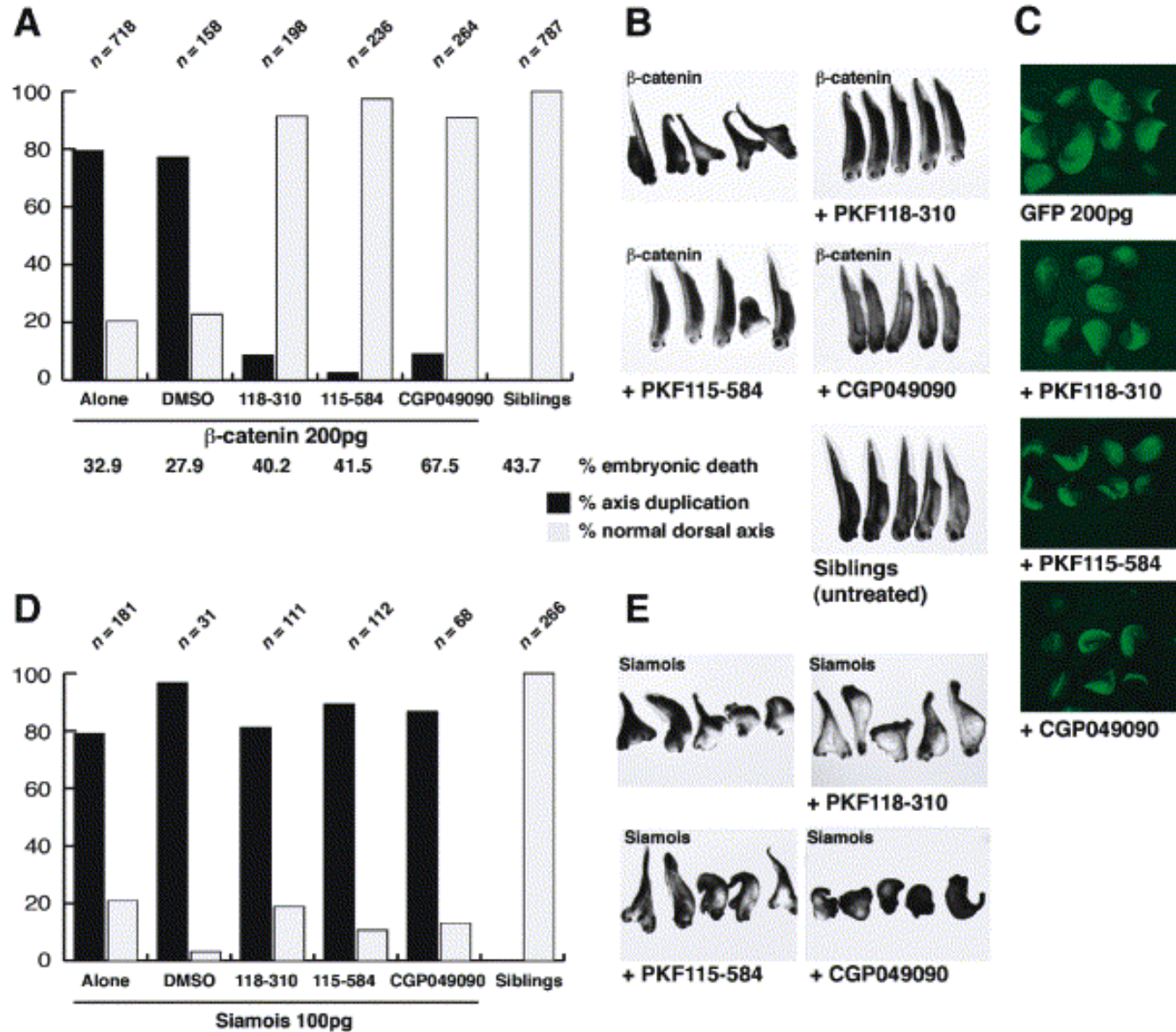


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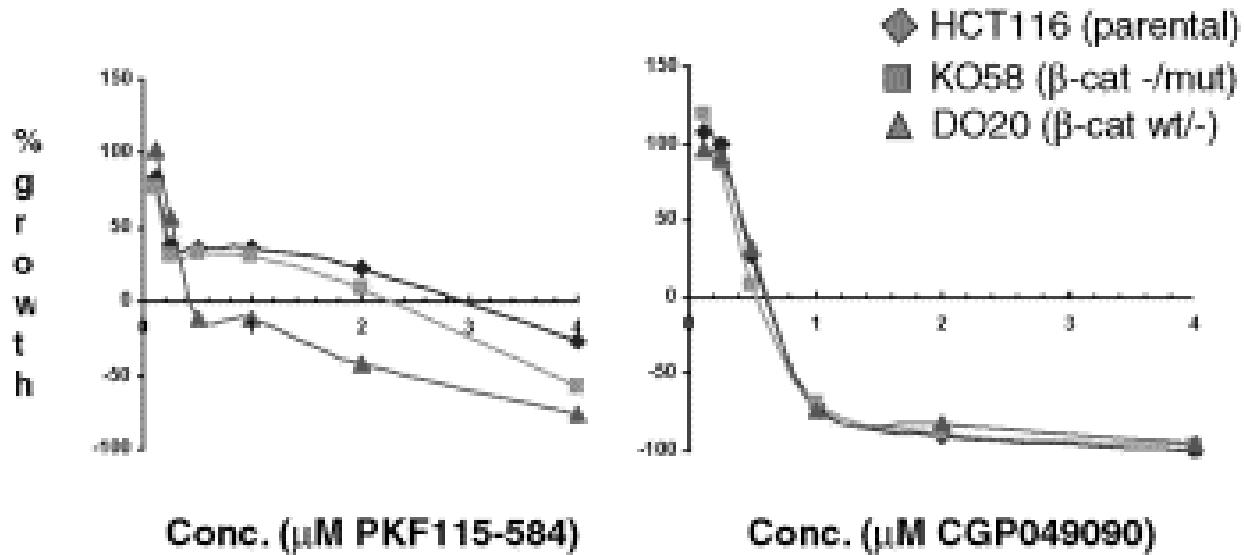


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# Activity of compounds against colon cancer cells

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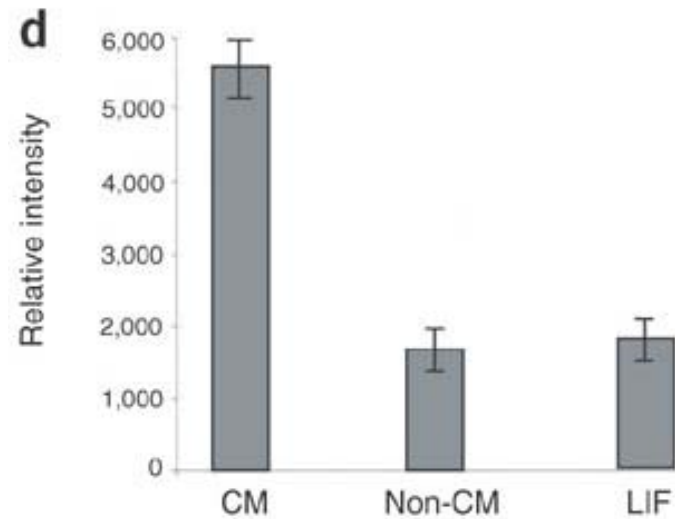
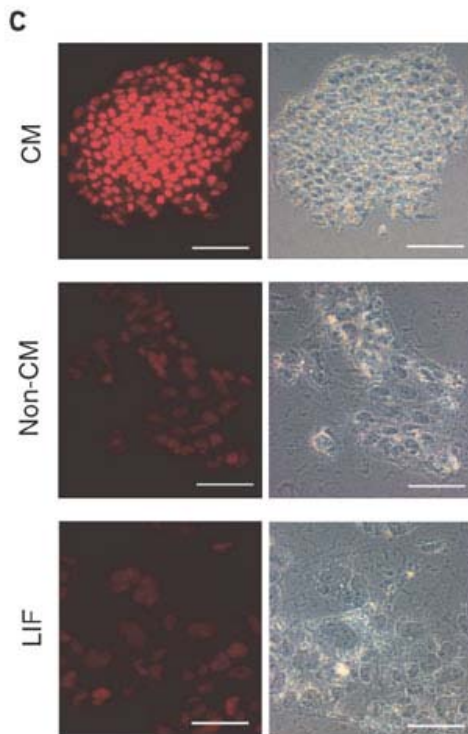
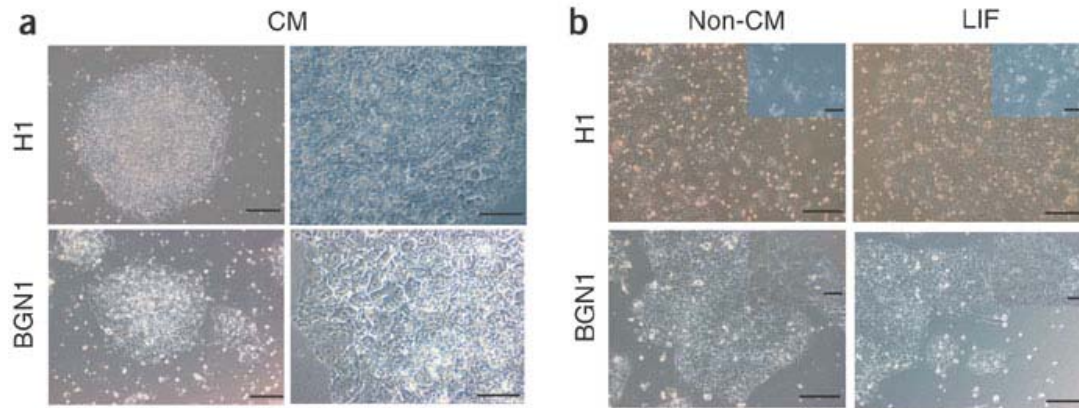


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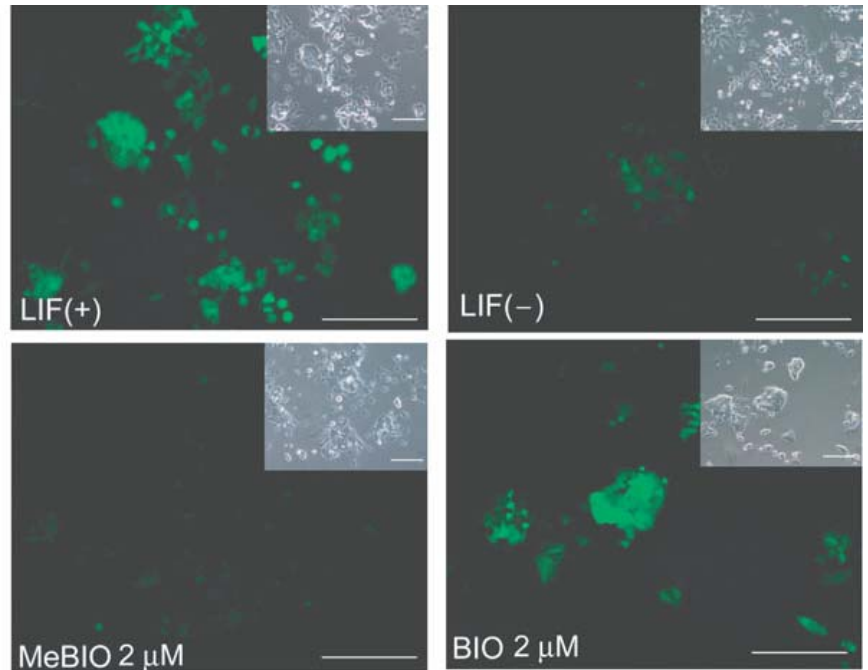
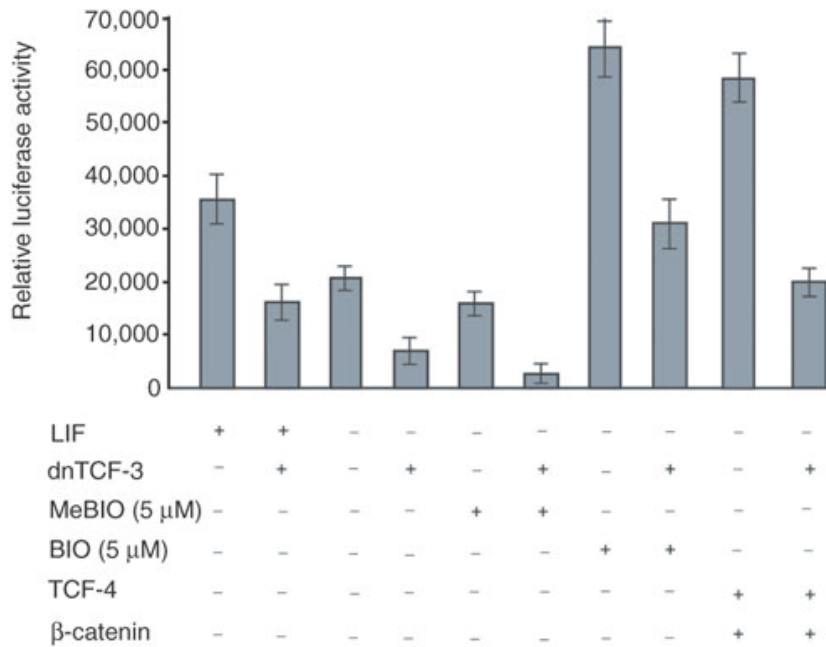
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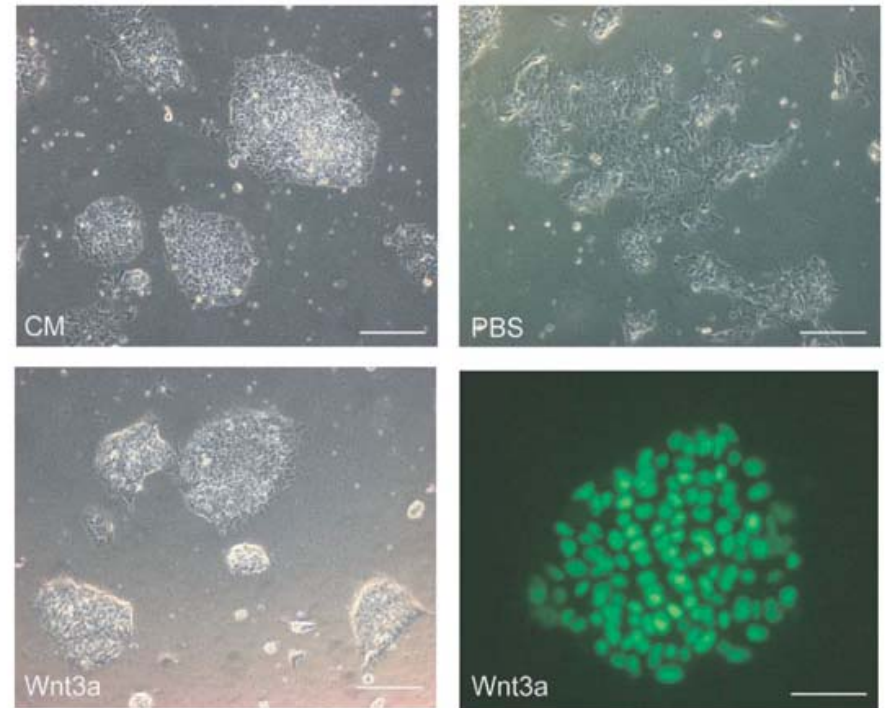
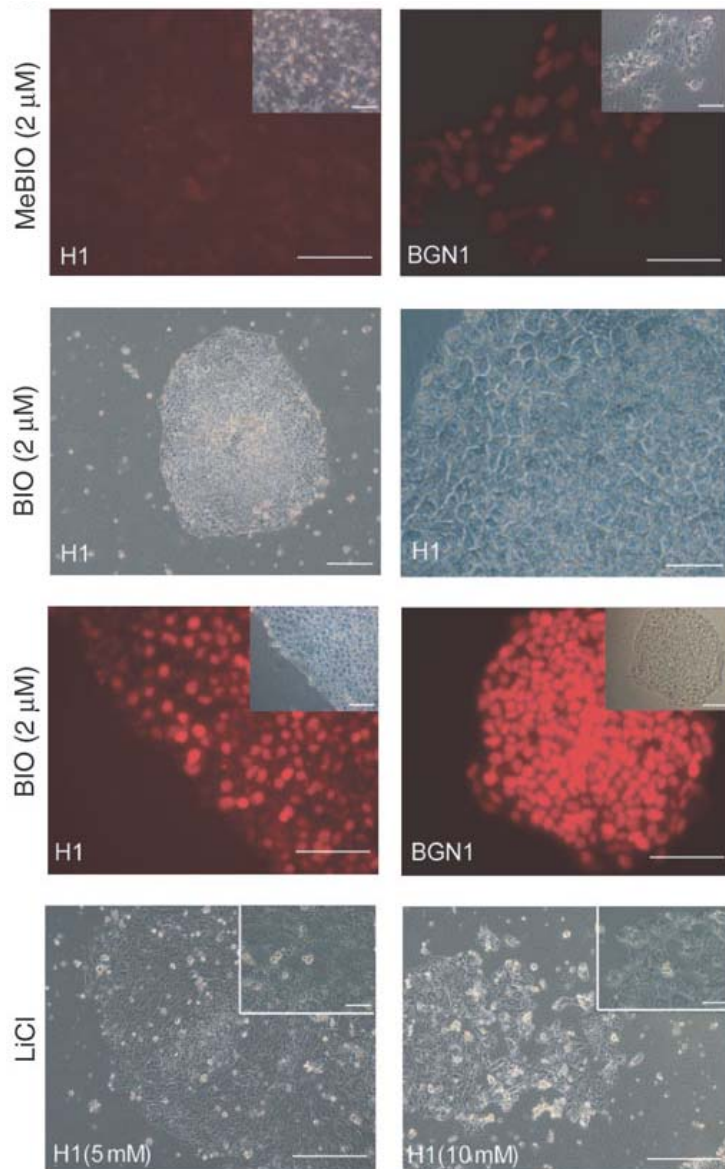
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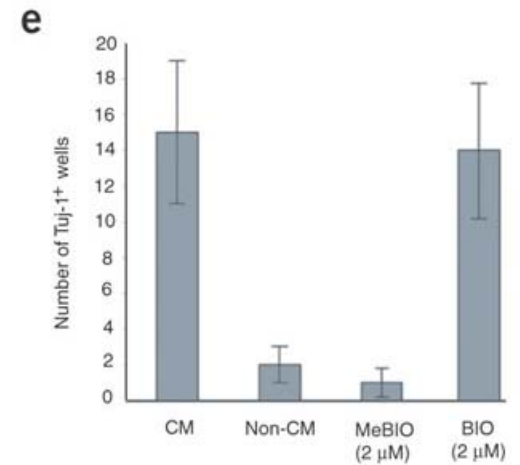
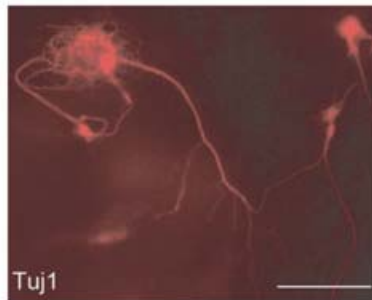
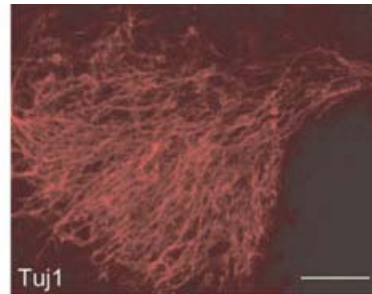
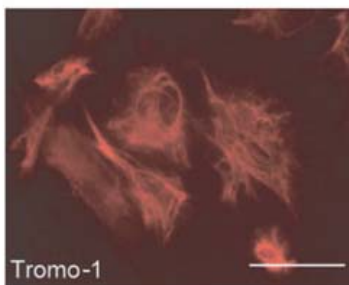
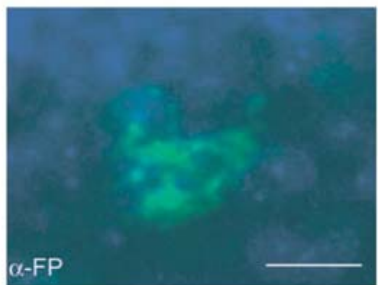
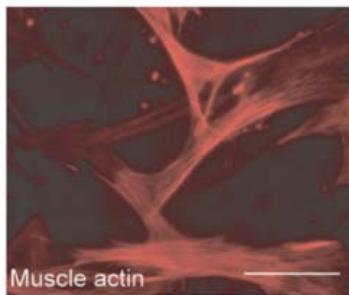
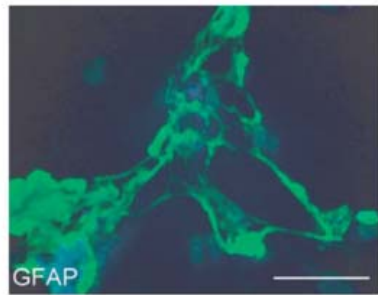
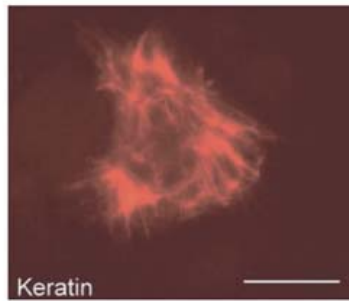
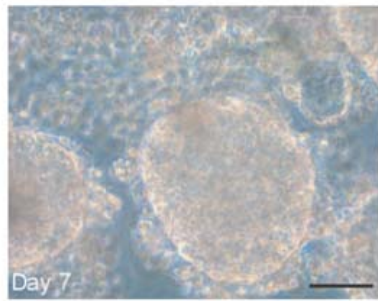
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# Activation of Wnt signaling by BIO maintains the undifferentiated state of HESCs.



# Wnt activation of HESCs by BIO preserves normal multidifferentiation potential



# Wnt 신호전달의 연구 방향

1. Wnt signaling의 신호전달에 관련하는 새로운 component의 발굴 및 기능 연구.
2. 모델 시스템을 이용한 Wnt signaling의 이상에 따른 질병과의 연관성 연구.
3. Wnt signaling을 조절할 수 있는 small molecule의 발굴 및 target identification.
4. Wnt signaling의 조절에 의한 directed 세포 분화의 연구