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## Mesoderm Development Lecture

Gastrulation

Early Mesoderm Development

Notochord

Paraxial Mesoderm

Intermediate Mesoderm

Lateral Plate Mesoderm

Early Heart Development

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## Somites give rise to the vertebral column



## 2: Paraxial Mesoderm AP patterning Somite Derivative Specification depends on AP level/*Hox* code



# NOTCH1 target gene expression in the presomitic mesoderm

### Lfng-GFP

Aulehla et al Nat Cell Biol 2008









## NOTCH1 activity in the presomitic mesoderm



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Farkas et al Nature 2002

## Dll3 is required for formation of somites and vertebrae

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Dunwoodie et al Dev 2002

## Genes required for somitogenesis in mouse

	+/+ -/-	a	+/-
DII3-/-	Mesp2-/-	Lfng-/-	Hes7-/-
Adam10	Efnb2	Meox1	Ripply1
Aldh1a2	Epha1	Meox2	Ripply2
Aphla	Fn1	Mesp2	Sfrp1
Axin1	Fgf3	Mib1	Sfrp2
Cdh2	Fgf4/Fgf8	Msgn1	Sip1
Cdh2	Fgfr1	Ncstn	Tbx6
Cdh11	Foxc1	Notch1	Tbx18
Сур26а1	Foxc2	Pax1	Tcf15
Dact1	Has2	Pax3	Uncx
Dll1	Hes7	Pofut1	Wnt3a
DII3	ltgav	Psen1	Zic2
Dkk1	Lef1	Rbpj	Zic3
Dvl2	Lfng	Rere	
	Lrp6		

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MOUSE 1-3 hours per somite embryonic days 8-13 36 vertebrae + 26 in tail HUMAN 4-6 hours per somite embryonic days 20-30 33 vertebrae

## Spondylocostal dysostosis (SCD) is caused by mutation in Notch associated genes SCD1 DLL3 SCD2 MESP2

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Bulman et al 2000 Turnpenny et al 2003

![](_page_10_Picture_3.jpeg)

Whittock et al 2004

SCD3 LFNG

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Sparrow et al 2006

SCD4 HES7

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Sparrow et al 2008

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MESP2 **RIPPLY2** TBX6

DLL3

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SCD6 RIPPLY2

McInerney-Leo et al 2014

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## Complex birth defects

heart vertebra kidney

> limb digit palate

Folic acid supplementation reduces the incidence of neural tube defects

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# HAAO or KYNU variants in families with multiple congenital malformation and miscarriage

2005 – 2012

#### HAAO: p.D162\* (HAAO)

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# HAAO or KYNU variants in families with multiple congenital malformation and miscarriage

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## KYNU and HAAO required to synthesise NAD from tryptophan

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#### **NAD precursors**

tryptophan 60:1 vitamin B3 1:1 niacin equivalents

#### Vitamin B3

niacin/nicotinic acid nicotinamide nicotinamide riboside Building evidence of a gene or variant's role in disease

Does the variant disrupt protein function?

Does the variant affect protein function in patients?

Is the genes required for embryogenesis?

What alters penetrance and expressivity of the variant?

### Are the variant enzymes active?

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### - quantifying enzymatic activity in vitro

Family	Α	В	C	D
Gene	HAAO	HAAO	KYNU	KYNU
DNA variant(s)	c.483dupT homozygous	c.558G>A homozygous	c.170-1G>T homozygous	c.468T>A c.1045_1051 delTTTAAGC
Protein variant(s)	p.D162*	p.W186*	p.V57Efs*21	p.Y156* p.F349Kfs*4

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KYNU specific activity

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## Do the variants affect enzyme function in patients? **YES!**

-quantifying metabolites in patients

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## Is the genes required for embryogenesis? -identifying a phenoty in mice

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Kynu +/-

Defects: heart, vertebral, kidney, cleft palate, talipes, syndactyly, caudal agenesis

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Increase in upstream metabolites Decrease in downstream metabolites

YES

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# What alters the effect of (penetrance/expressivity) of the variant? Niacin supplementation prevents NAD deficiency and defects

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### Niacin supplementation prevents NAD deficiency and defects

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### Niacin supplementation prevents NAD deficiency and defects

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### Methodologies used in this research

- genome sequencing (human)
- enzyme activity assays (in vitro)
- quantifying metabolites with LC-MS (human and mouse)
- generation of mutant mice (CRISPR-Cas9)
- mouse phenotyping (skeletal, heart, kidney, etc)
- whole mouse embryo phenotyping (microCT)

## Using microCT to phenotype mouse embryos and whole litters

E11.5

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E14.5

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