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## 生命の科学

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# Global Focus on Knowledge Lecture Series

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## Life Science-from the Perspective of Developmental Biology

- No.1 Oct.16 Mechanism of formation from an egg to an adult body
- No.2 Oct.23 Biological information system and networking
- No.3 Oct.30 Mechanism of organ formation



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# Organ formation in Development

The development of an organism

A single cell (fertilized egg) proliferates, and differentiates into various tissues and organs to form an individual body.

To form a well-controlled individual body



Organ formation could be understood in the whole process of embryo development.

Development

Formation of  
structure and  
function



Determination of directions of the whole embryo

Differentiation of 3 germ layers and induction of each of them

Determination of locations

Induction between tissues

Formation of each organ

Formation of the whole individual

What cause these?



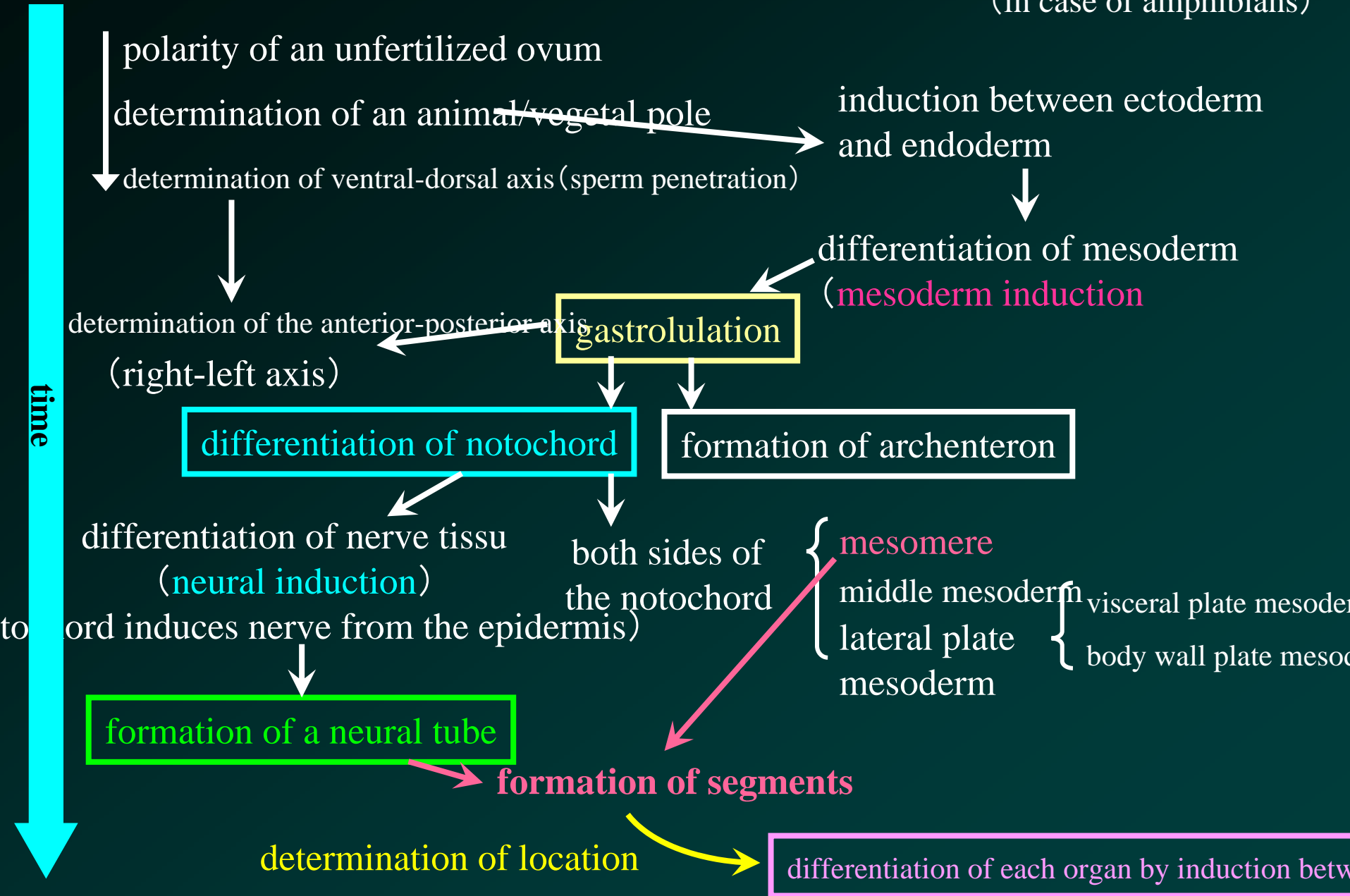
Understanding phenomena

Analysis of mechanism

**An overview of vertebrate embryo  
development  
(example: in amphibians)**

# Flow of direction in determination, and organ formation in an embryo

(in case of amphibians)



fertilized egg

Sperm penetrates the ovum by fertilization.

Cortical layer  
rotates

Ventral

Dorsal

Process of  
cleavage

morula~blastula

Vegetal polar endoderm induces  
animal-polar  
ectoderm becomes mesoderm

ectoderm becomes mesoderm

ectoderm

mesoderm

endoderm

induction

opposite side of sperm penetration spot becomes the dorsal side.

Determination of ventral-dorsal axis

section

blastula~  
archigastrula

ventral  
mesoderm

induction

dorsal  
mesoderm

Nieuwkoop center

organizer

The Nieuwkoop center is formed in dorsal mesoderm  
and induces dorsal mesoderm into the organizer.

notochord

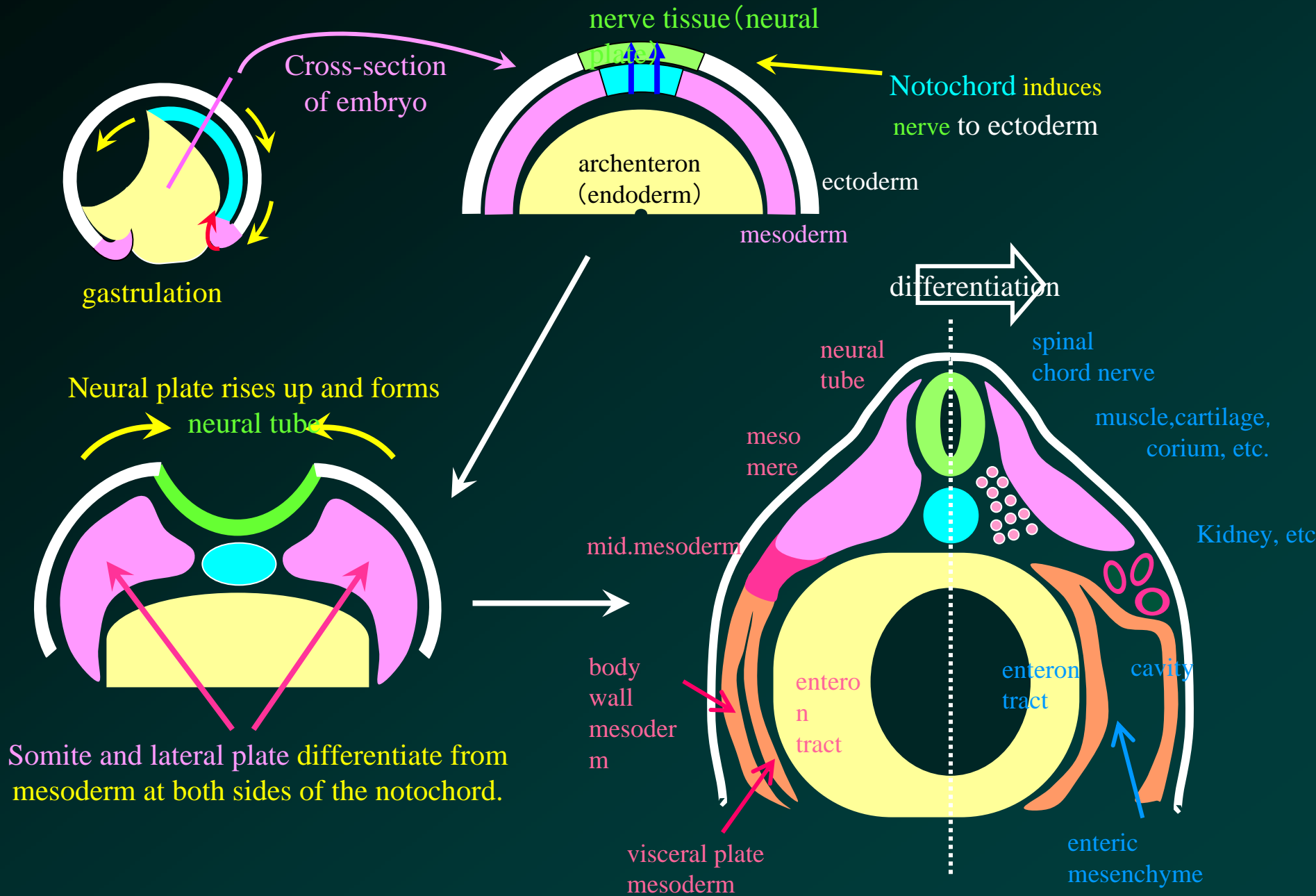
blastopora

Gastrulation starts from the dorsal mesoderm. Central region  
of embryonic mesoderm differentiates into the notochord.

Determination of central axis



# archigastrula ~ neurula



# Example of research on organ formation

①

Structure of the whole individual and interaction in organ formation

individual



organ



tissue



cell

②

Interaction between tissues during organ development

③

Function of various genes in organ formation



- **Mechanisms of organ formation can be discovered by** considering phenomena at each scale, and by **thinking cross-sectionally**.

(①,②,③ cannot be perfectly separated)

- It is important to understand the **relationship between structure and function**.



# ① The interaction between the structure of the whole individual and organ formation

Formation of the segment structure  
and information concerning location in the embryo

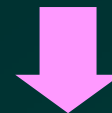
# **Segment**: a structure common to many animals

An animal body has a **segment structure** responsible for **keeping positional information**

example ;

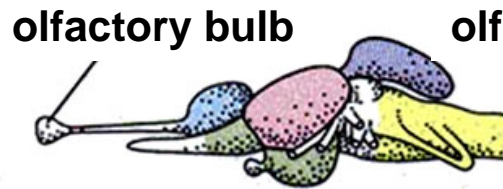


- { Determination of **cervical spine** • **spinal chord** • **lumbar spine** • **regions of brain** • **position of legs and arms** of vertebrates
- { Determination of **head** • **trunk** • **tail**, **position of limbs and wings** of invertebrates

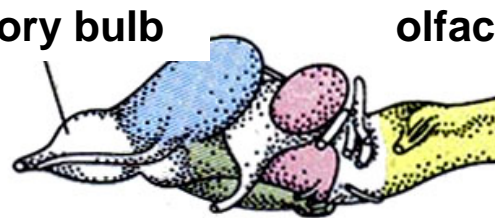


**“Brain segments”** & **“somites”** are especially important.

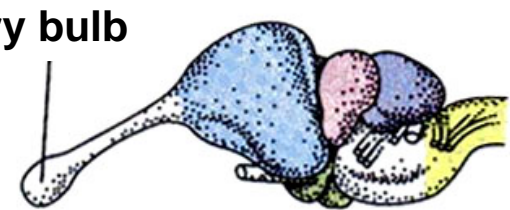
# The structure of a vertebrate's brain



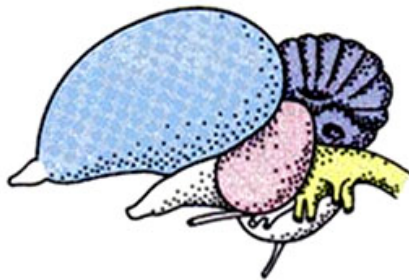
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amphibian (frog)



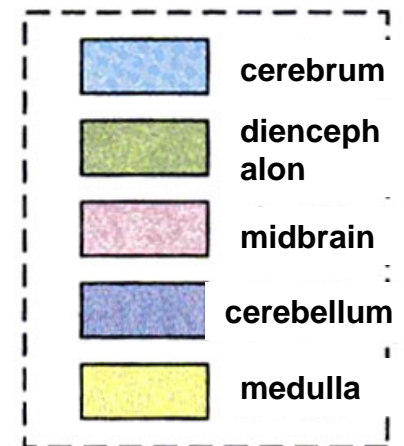
reptile (alligator)



avian (duck)

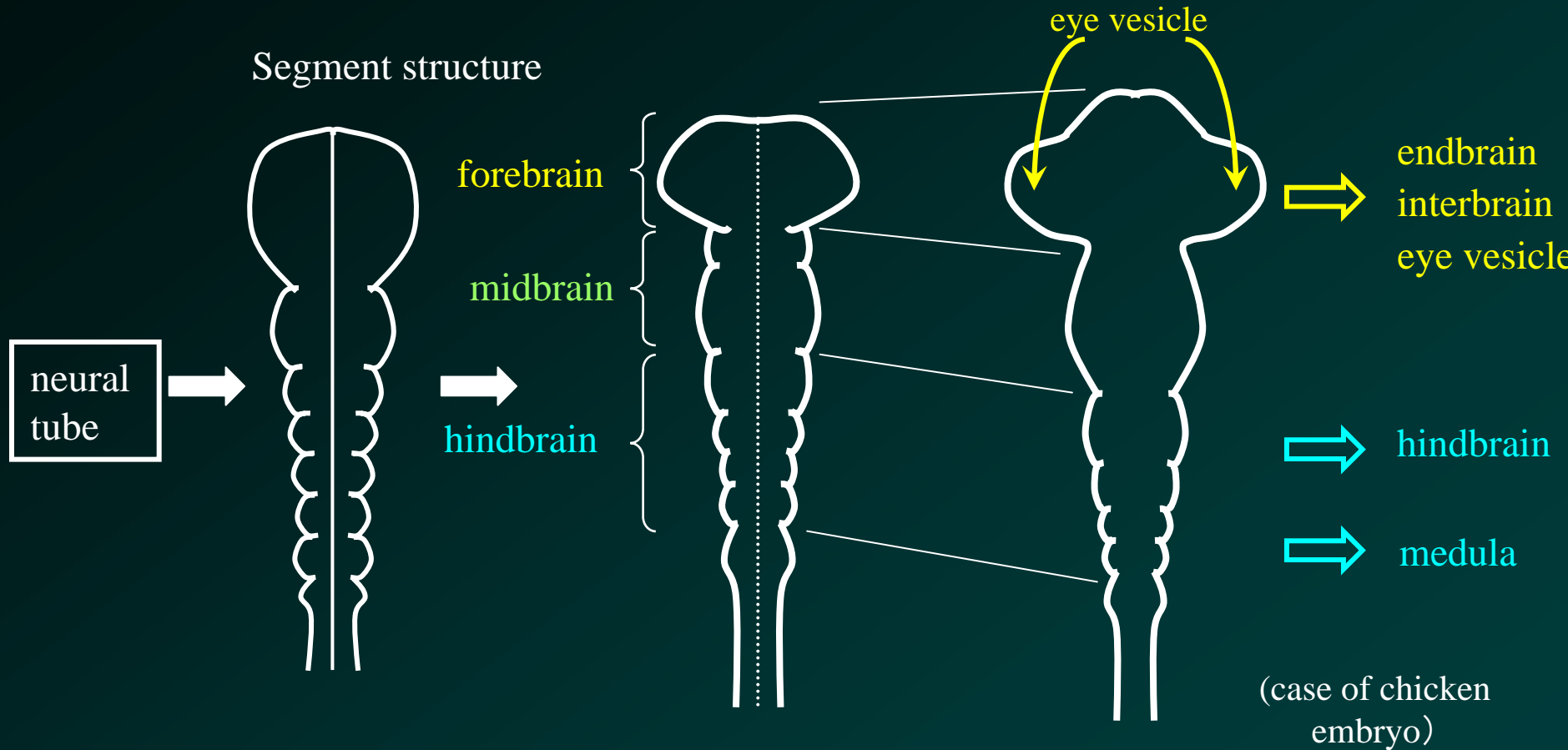


mammal (human)



Commonly seen functional segment structures

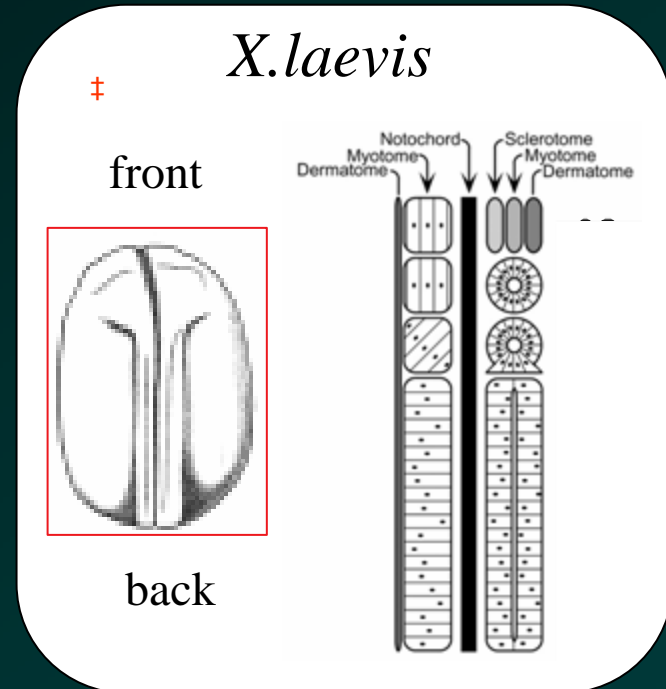
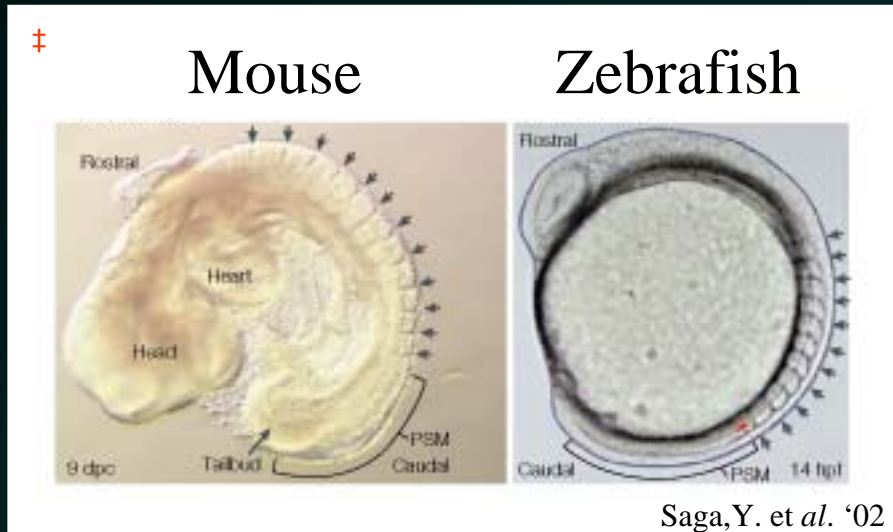
# Segment structure of the brain



As a neural tube develops, constriction occurs, and the brain is segmented.

Segments are formed as a result of complications in the “cavities”

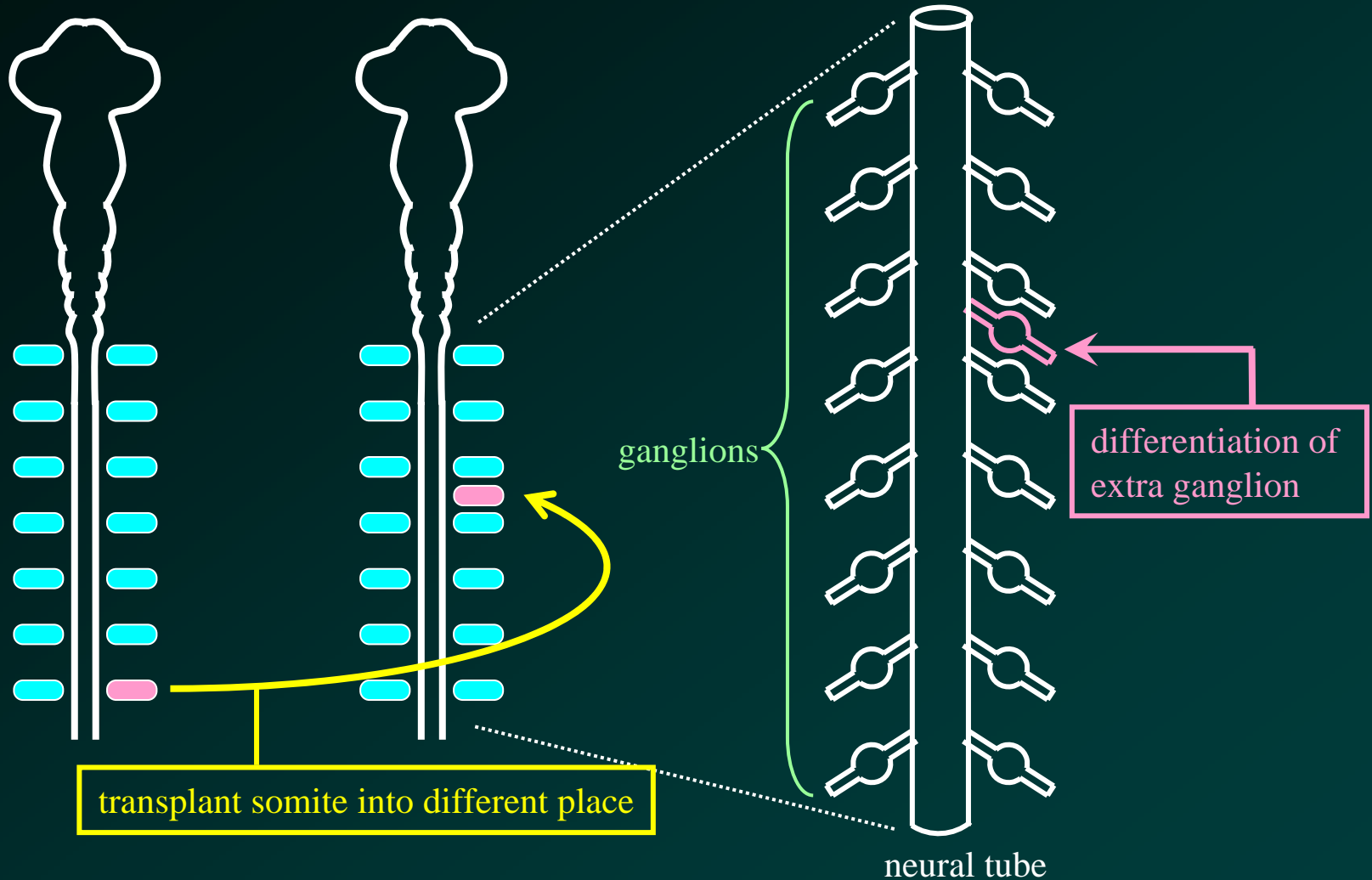
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- Repeated structures formed in an early stage of development  
→ basis of segmented structures such as the spinal chord, muscles, and the nervous system
- Somites of vertebrates are formed cyclically one by one along with the growth of the embryo.

# Somites contain location information



When somites are transplanted into different parts,  
extra ganglions differentiate from the neighboring neural tube.



**Slight disarray in which location information is functionally covered by a flexible change in neuron projection.**

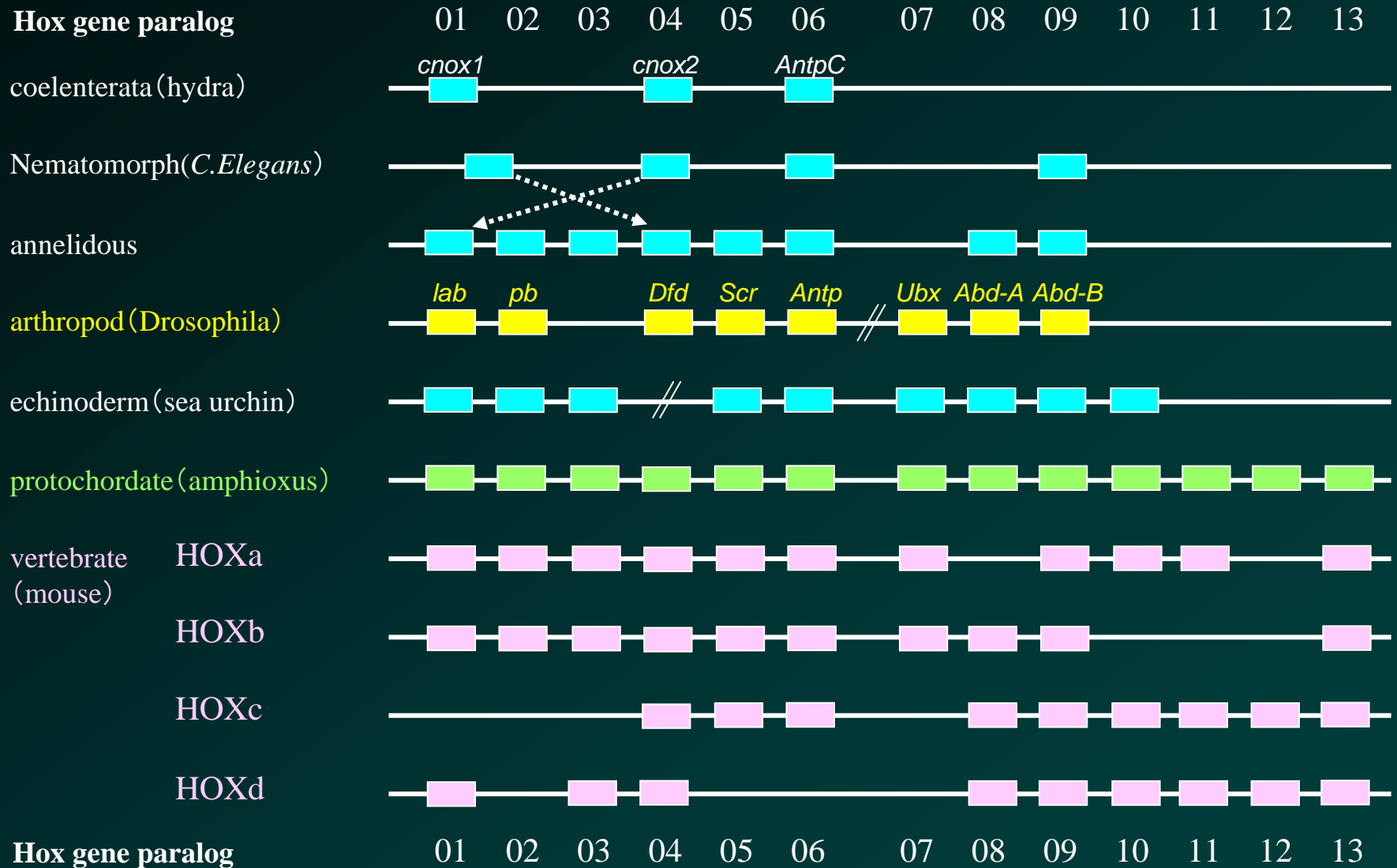
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When segments are partially reversed, neuron projection works to project them to an alternate location.

# Segments of insects and mammals are regulated by the Hox gene family


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Hox gene family regulation”  
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# Hox gene groups that determine segment structures are common to many animals



# Disarray in segment formation changes the positions of the adnex

T2 T3



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Mutant of drosophila  
whose T3 structure changed to T2  
and whose wings increased to 4

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These mutations are called “homeotic mutations”.

# The effect of retinoic acid treatment on embryo development

Normal mouse embryo

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Front structure (jawbone) is lost in retinoic acid treatment

Retinoic acid changes location information.

# The effect of retinoic acid treatment on embryo development②

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Double limbs are formed when the tadpole's tail is cut and treated with retinoic acid.

Retinoic acid changes location information.



# Regions where limbs differentiate are determined by somites

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FGF10  
expresses in  
the embryo.

formation of fore limb

↑  
Extra limb is formed if  
FGF10 expresses at an  
abnormal location

↑  
FGF10, FGF8, Wnt2b/8c, Wnt3a  
determine where the limbs are formed

↓  
formation of hind limb

# Location information determining types of fore and back limbs

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location information determining types of limbs”  
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Fore limbs are located by Tbx5, hind limbs are located by Tbx4

Limbs are induced at the middle position by abnormal expression of  
a chimera structure when fore and hind limbs are formed.

# Location information determining types of fore and back limbs

Expression of Tbx5  
at fore limb

Tbx5 differentiates  
at fore part

Tbx4 differentiates  
at hind part  
of middle limb

Expression of Tbx4  
at hind limb

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Limb induced  
between fore  
limb and hind  
limb by FGF



Front part  
differentiated into  
wings

Hind part  
differentiated into  
limbs

# Limbs developed by interactions between AER and mesenchyme

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Removal of AER

→ tip is not formed

Transplant of extra AER

→ 2 tips are formed

Exchange hind limb mesenchyme and  
fore limb mesenchyme

→ hind limb is formed

(types of limb are dependent on  
mesenchyme)

Removal of mesenchyme

→ tip is not formed

Replacement of AER by FGF bead

→ normal wing

AER : apical ectodermal ridge

# Location information which determines types of fingers

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**Finger types scoot down when inter-digital tissue is removed.**

The same result occurs when BMP is inhibited by beads soaked with Noggin

Many abnormal fingers are formed when location information  
of the inter-digital tissue is disturbed. ↑

Finger types are determined by the concentration of BMP in inter-digital tissue.

# Abnormal development of limbs by Hox gene mutation

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Fore limbs of a  
mouse

Hoxa-11, Hoxd-11  
Inhibited mouse

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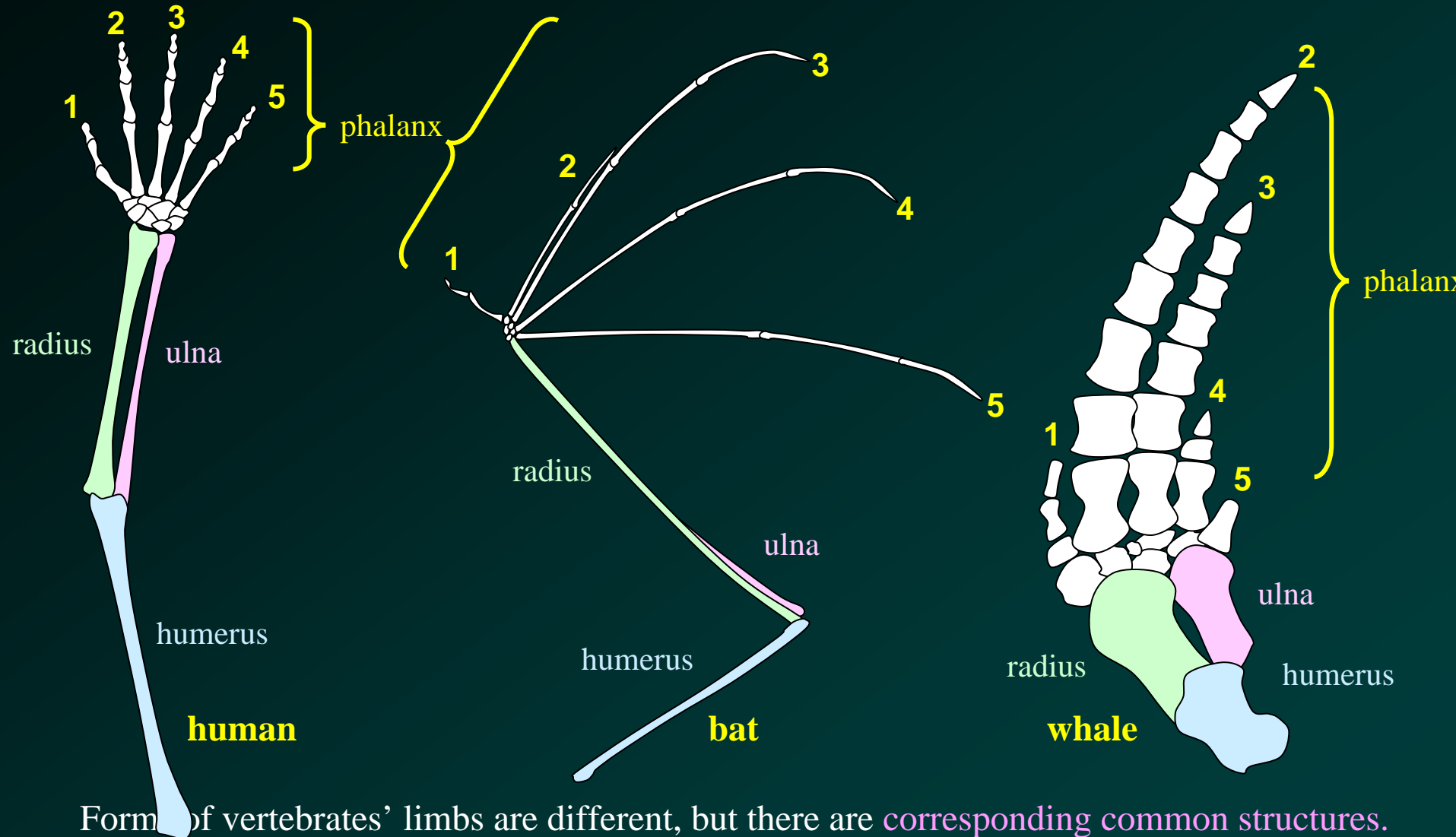
Abnormal fingers by  
HOXD-13 mutation

↑ hypothesis on Hox gene correspondence concerning the regional specificity of fore limbs

The Hox gene family regulates location information of the body.



# Common structures in arms and legs



Form of vertebrates' limbs are different, but there are corresponding common structures.

These organisms form diverse structures typical to each species using same gene groups or common signal transduction system during development.

## ② The interaction between tissues during organ development

example: the interaction between epithelia and mesenchyme

# “Induction” between tissues

example:

- induction between **ectoderms** • **endoderms** → induce **mesoderm**
- induction between **ectoderms** (epithelia) • **mesoderms** (notochord) → induce nervous system

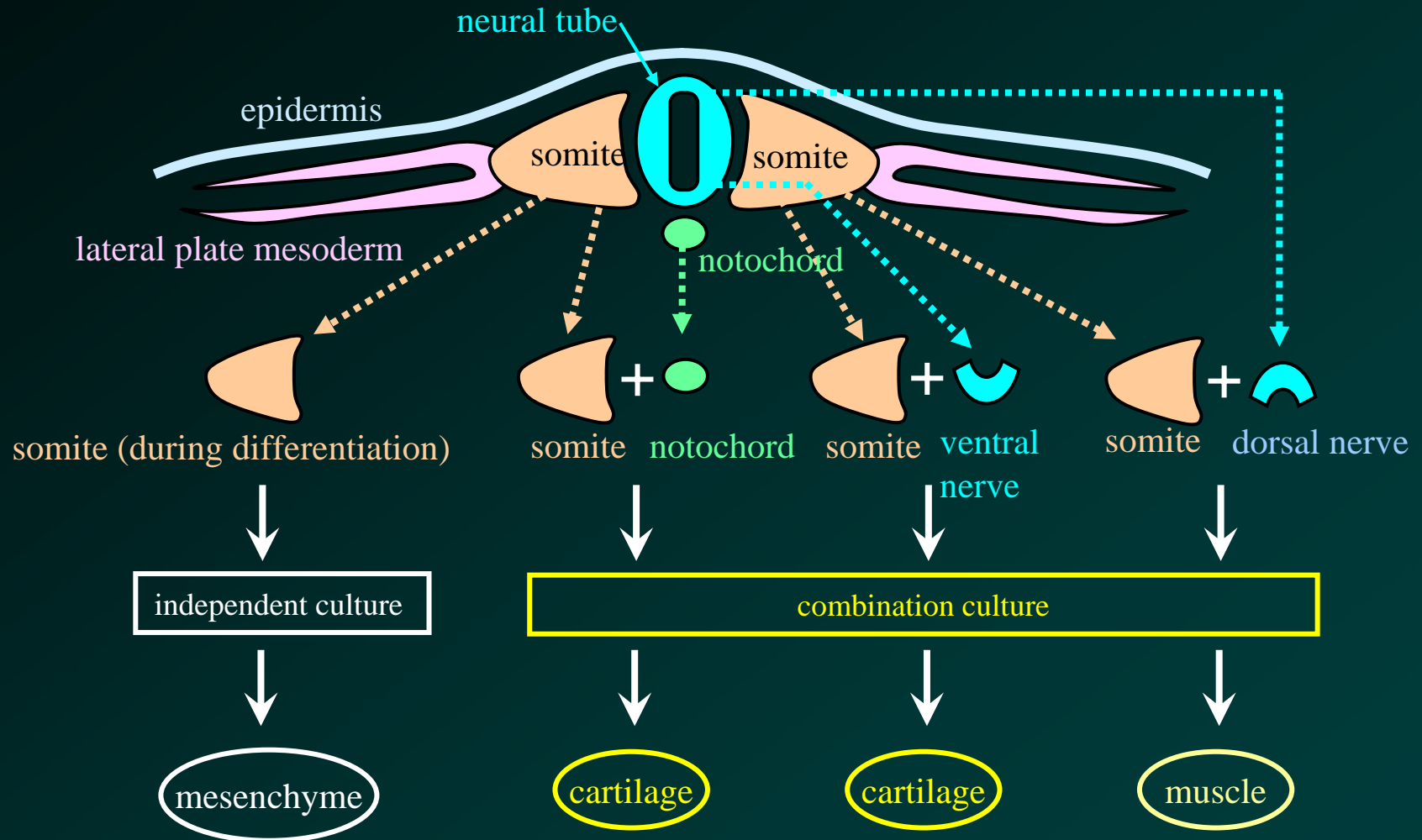


“Induction” is the effect from the tendency of neighboring tissues to differentiate.



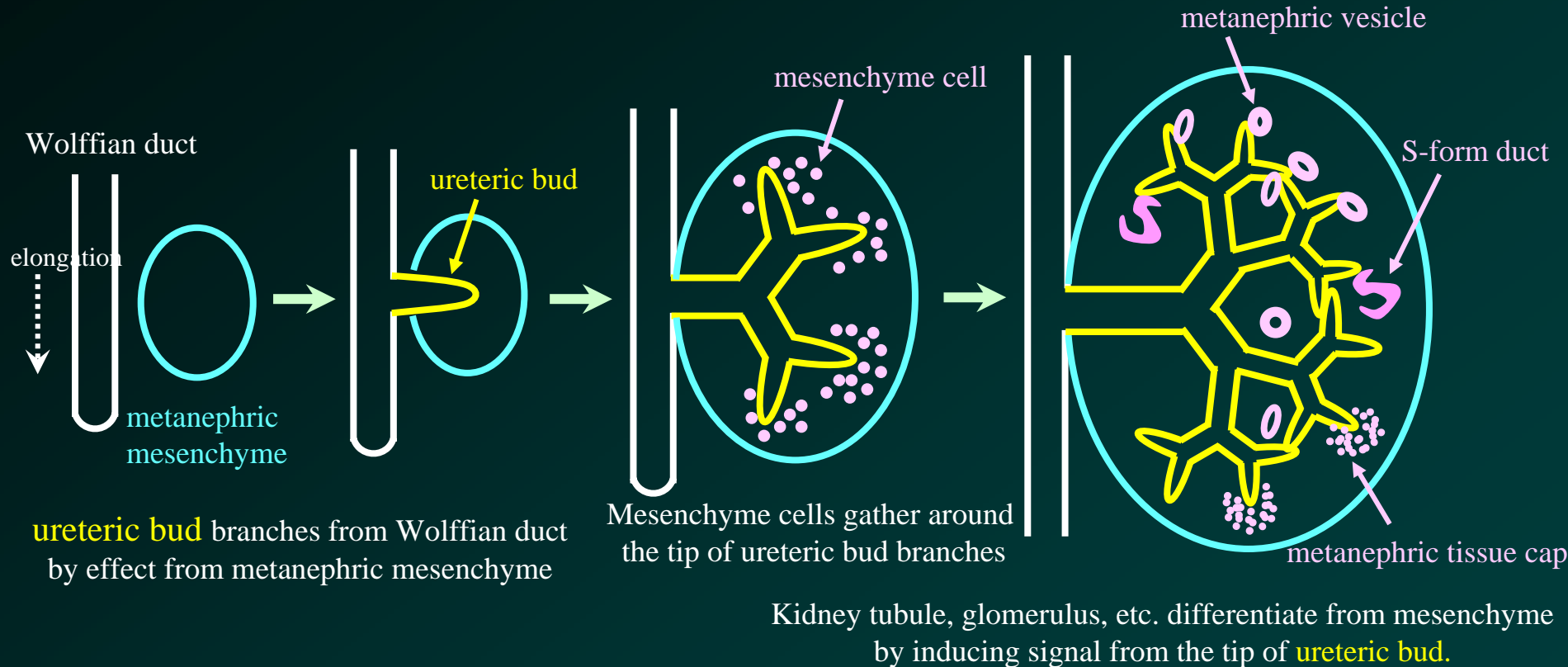
Interactions between epithelia (endoderm) and mesenchyme (mesoderm) play an important role in forming the structures of organs

How somite differentiation is determined by induction from neighboring tissues.



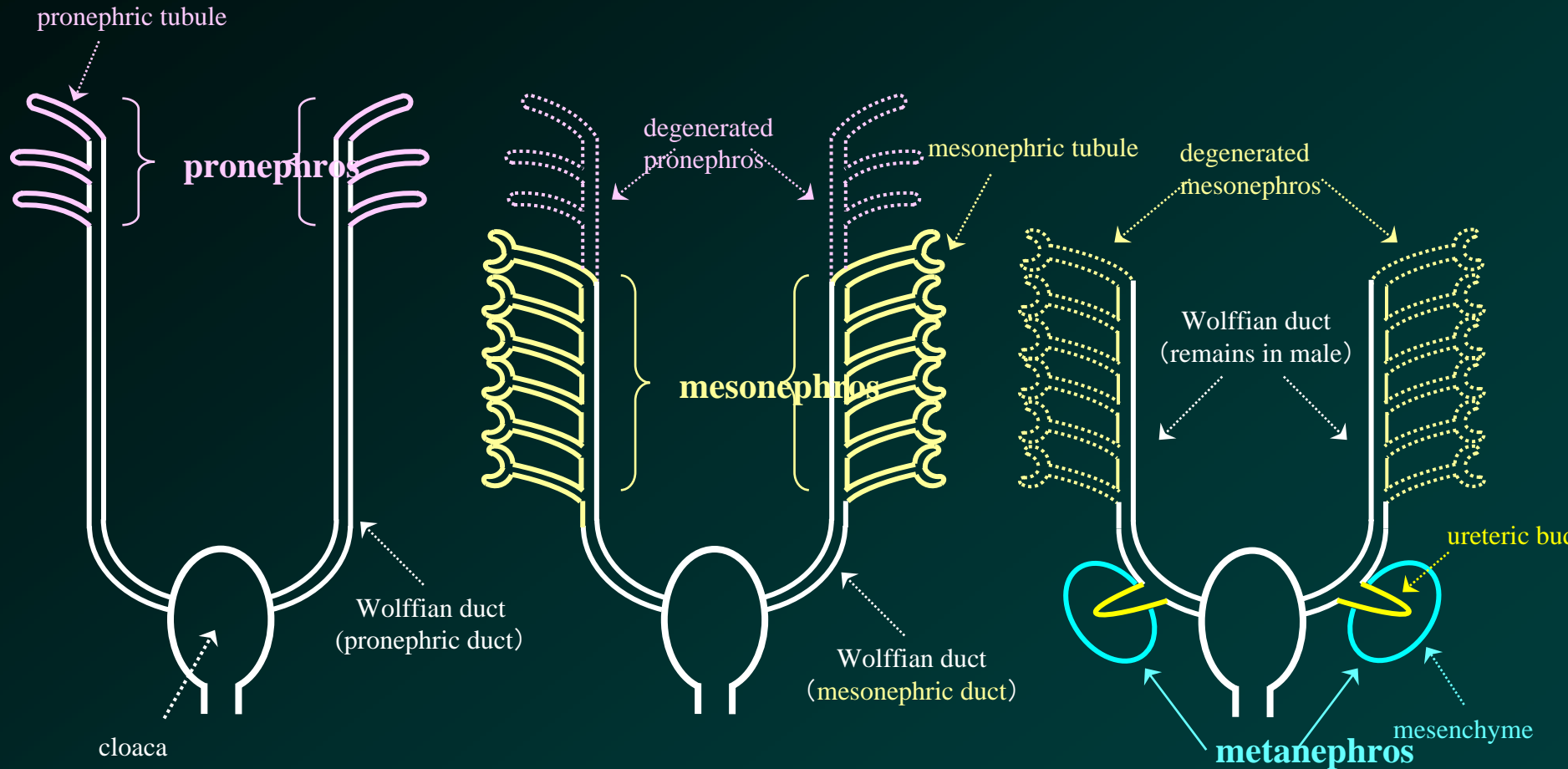
When somite tissues are cultured with other tissues, the directions of their differentiation change by the combination of tissues

# A kidney induced by interactions between the epithelia and mesenchyme



Mammals' (including humans') kidneys are metanephros. They are formed by interactions between the ureter bud projected from the Wolffian duct and metanephric mesenchyme.

# The structure of a vertebrate's kidney

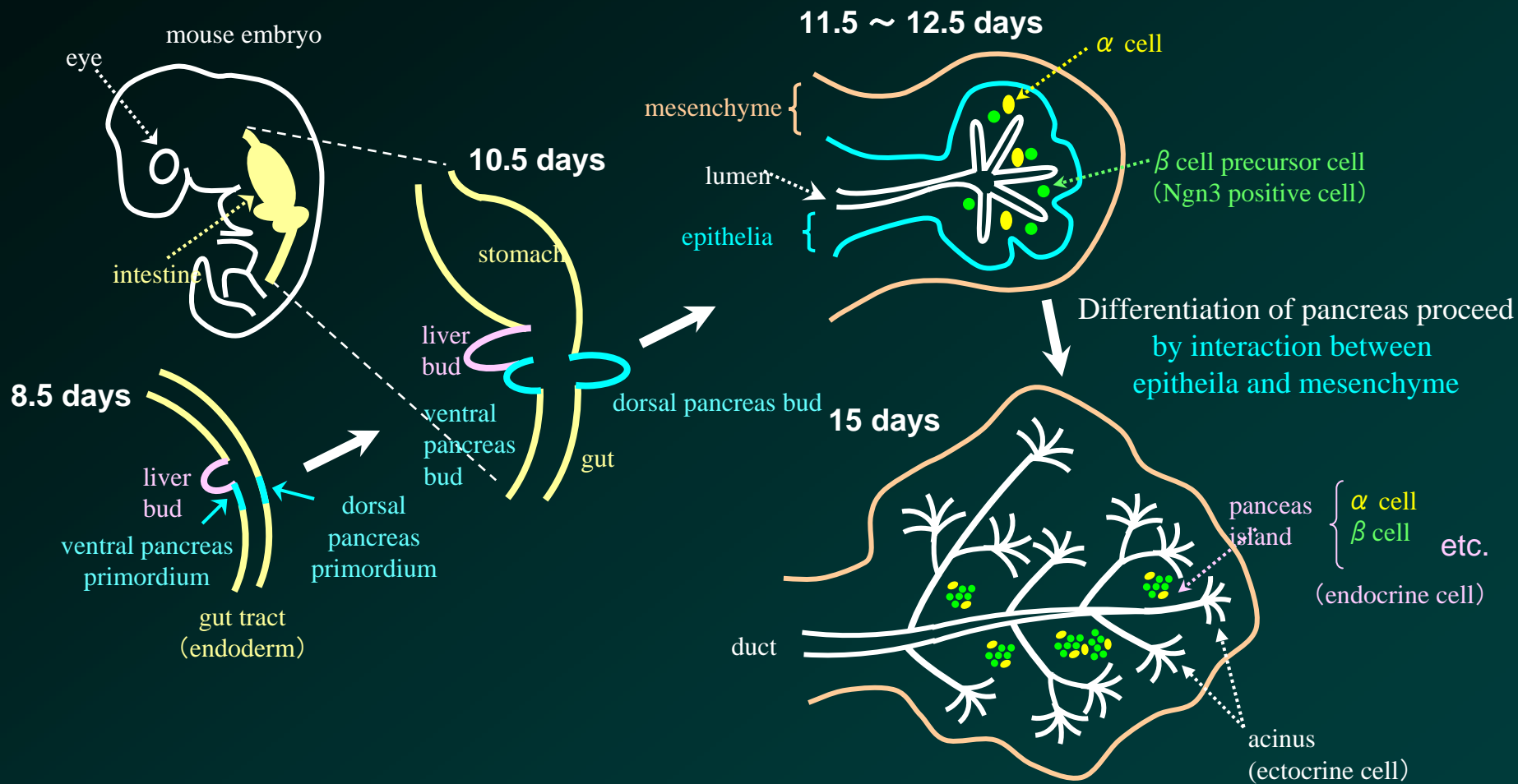


The structures of **mammals' metanephros** and **amphibians' pronephros** differ.

The differences lie in interaction with metanephric mesenchyme

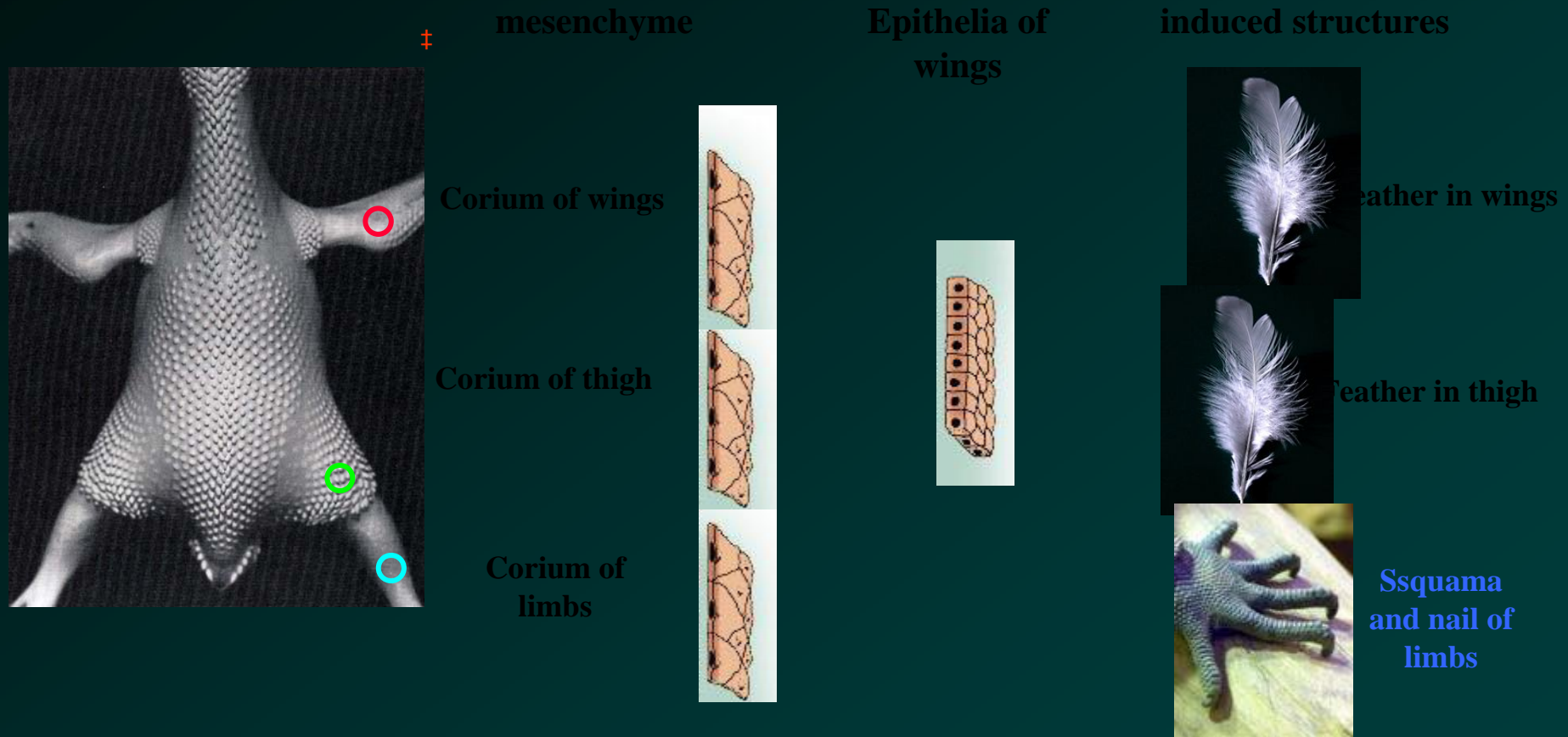


# A pancreas is induced by interaction between the epithelia and mesenchyme.



The structure of pancreas glands is formed by interactions between intestinal epithelia and neighboring mesenchyme.

# Interaction between the epithelia and mesenchyme in bird's wings



When the epithelia of wings is coordinated with the corium mesenchyme of different parts, a structure corresponding to corium is induced in epithelia.

### ③ The function of genes in organ development

- A method of research on organ formation
- The mechanism of organ formation

# To analyze the regulating mechanism of organ formation and body development

Functional analysis of genes in nuclear genome and coded proteins



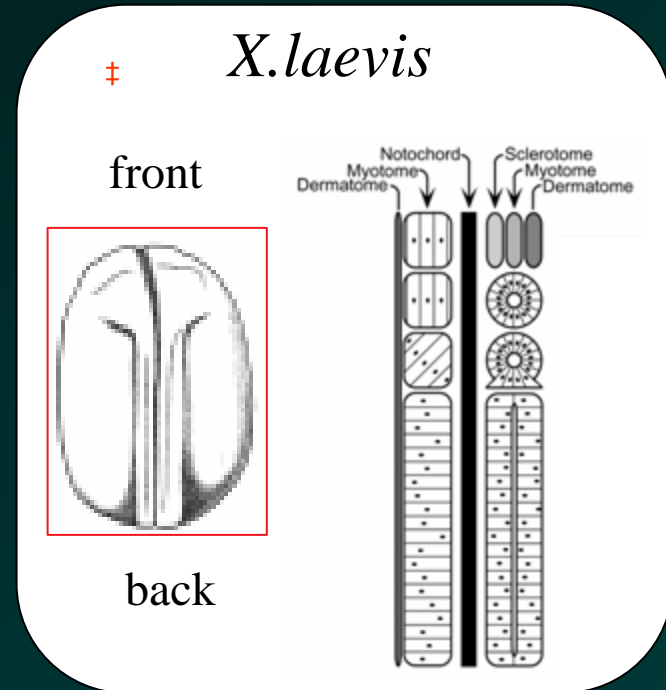
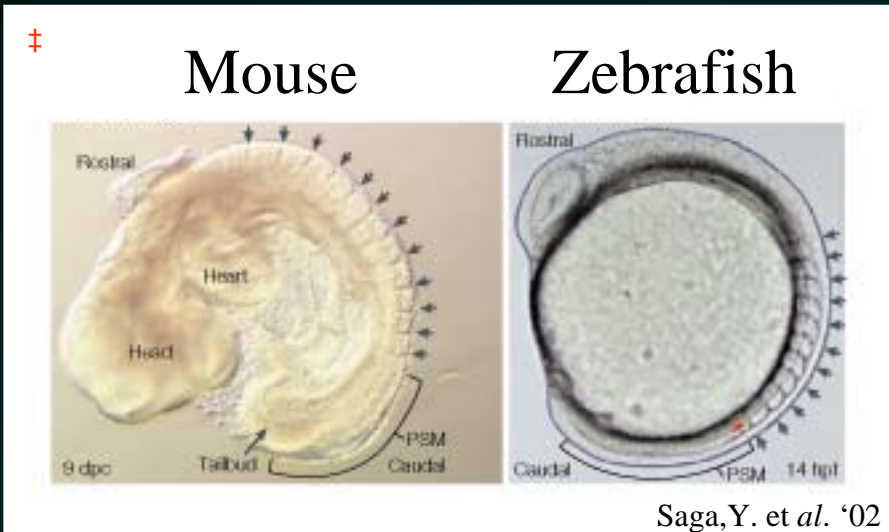
Methods of function analysis for genes and proteins

1. Analyze expression pattern  
(test to see if the genes are functioning)
2. Overexpress genes and check the effects  
(inject mRNA into the cell to observe genetic transformation by a virus vector)
3. Inhibit expression of genes and check the effects  
(knockout, knockdown by RNAi, dominant negative, etc.)

# **The molecular mechanism of organ formation①**

On the molecular mechanism of **somite formation**  
and a method for its research

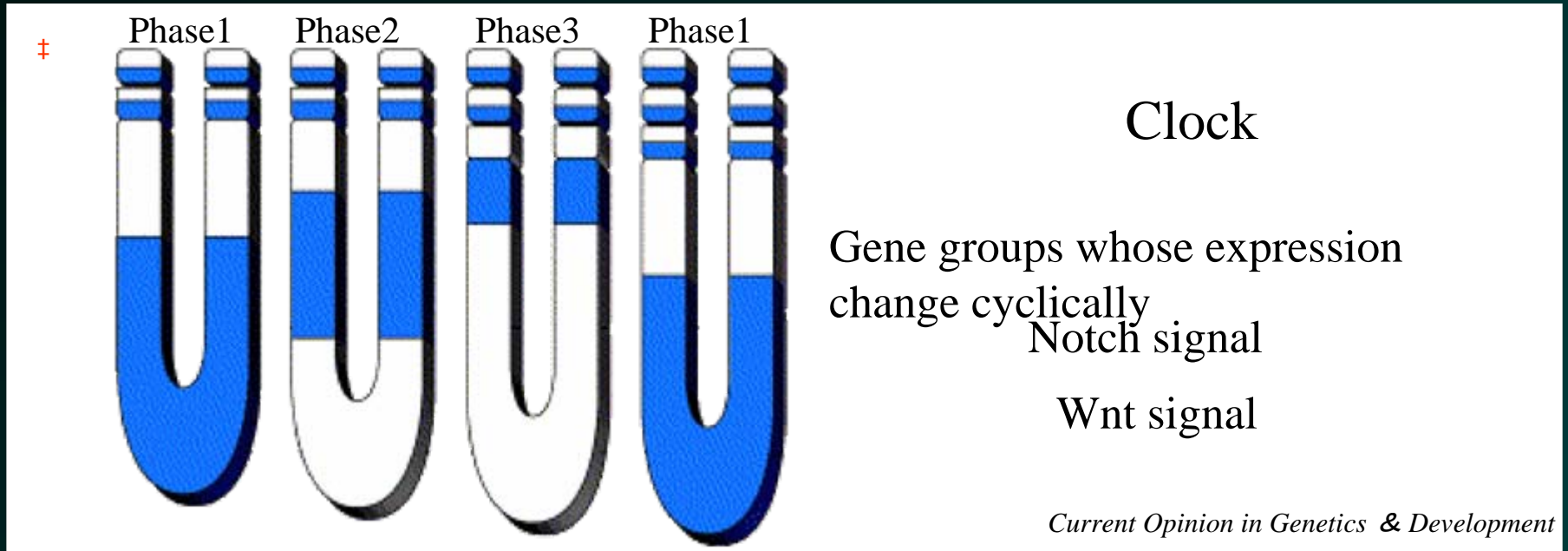
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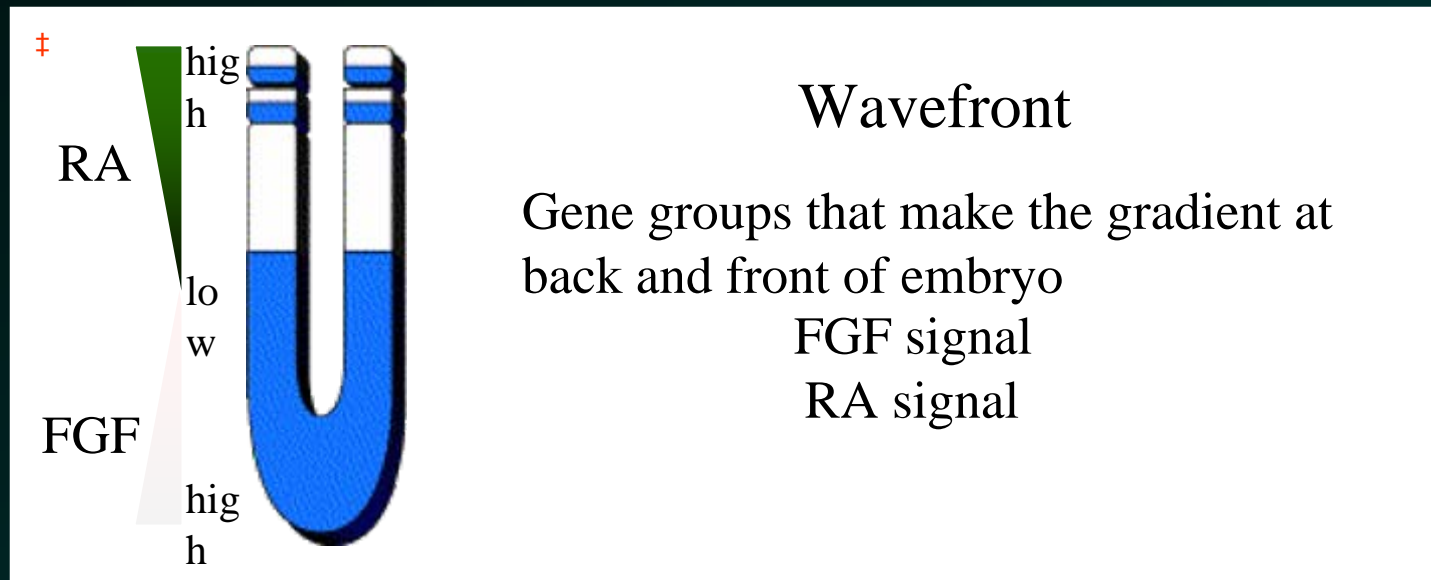
# Thee molecular mechanism of somite formation



Bessho Y. et al., Curr Opin Genet Dev., vol 13, p380-Fig.1, 2003

- Expressions of some gene groups change cyclically during embryo growth.
- The forefront of these gene groups appear at the location at which the somite separates.

# The molecular mechanism of somite formation



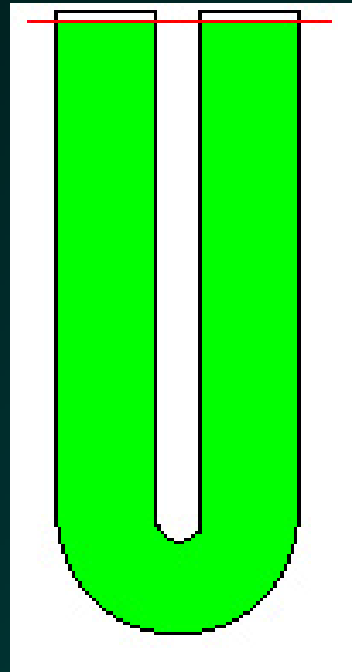
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- There are gene groups that make the gradient at the back and front of the embryo.
- The boundaries of these gene groups are related to the locations of the somites.



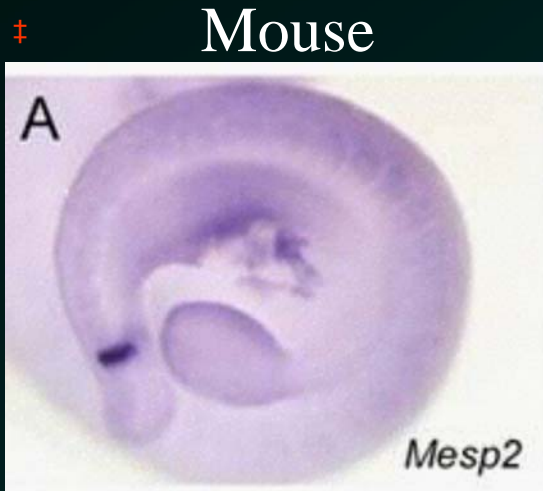
# The molecular mechanism of somite formation

## Clock and wavefront model



The clock (green) changes cyclically, and the wavefront (red line) is located on boundary of the gradients. Where the clock and the wavefront touch each other, the locations of the somite can be determined.

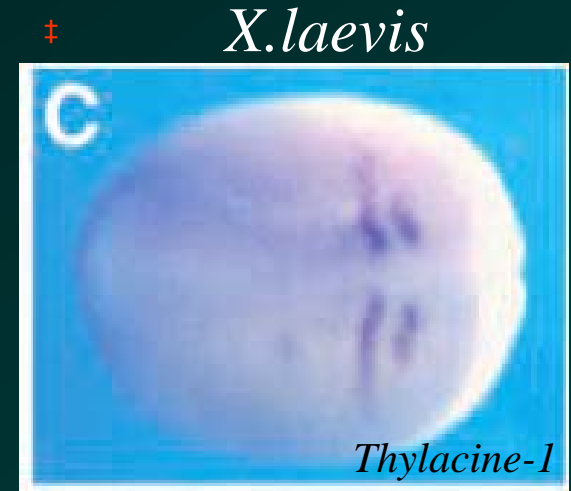
# The location of somites by Mesp family



*Nakajima et al, 2006*



*Sawada et al, 2000*

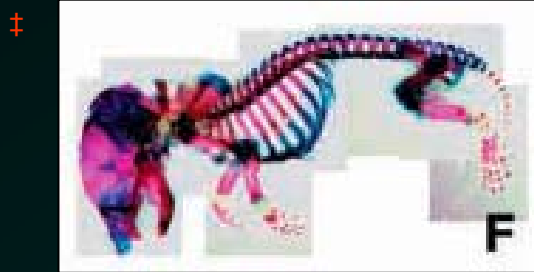


*Sparrow et al, 1998*

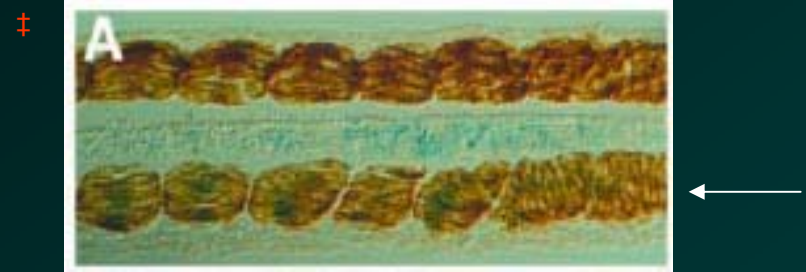
- Gene groups responsible for somite formation (Mesp family) are isolated.
- Genes in the Mesp family are expressed in stripes at the locations of the somites.

# The location of somites by the Mesp family

Mouse normal embryo



*X.Laevis* normal embryo



*Mesp2*-knockout mouse



Embryo with overexpression of *Thylacine-1*



Gain-of-function and loss-of-function of genes in the Mesp family caused the abnormal formation of somites.

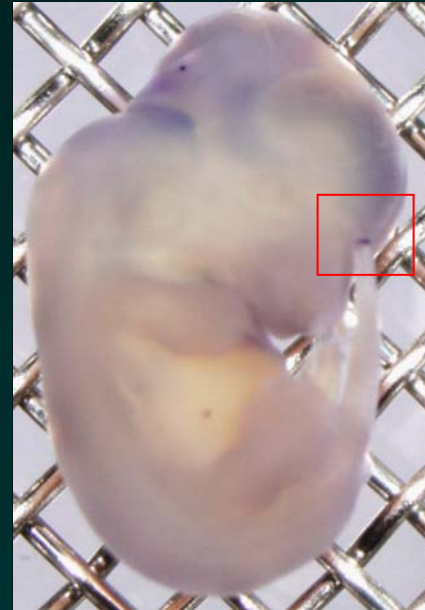
→ Genes of the Mesp family seem to determine locations where the somites are formed.

# Isolation of a new gene family

*Xenopus bowline*



*Xenopus Ledgerline*



*Mouse ripply1*

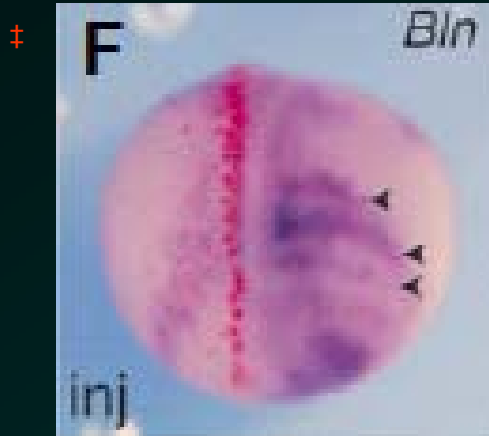


- Recently, new gene families (*bowline* and *Ledgerline* from the *X.laevis*, and the *rippy1* gene from the Mouse and Zebrafish) were isolated.
- These genes were expressed at the locations of somite formation as in the case of the *Mesp* family.

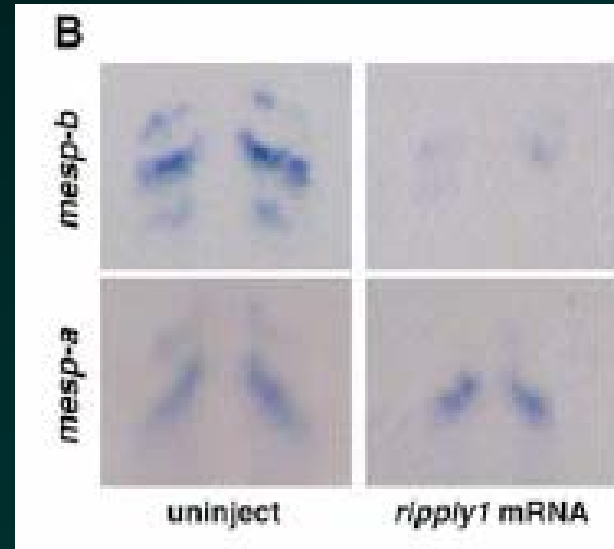
# Isolation of a new gene family

Embryo with overexpression of *Zebrafish ripply1*

Embryo with overexpression of *bowline*



Kondow et al, 2006



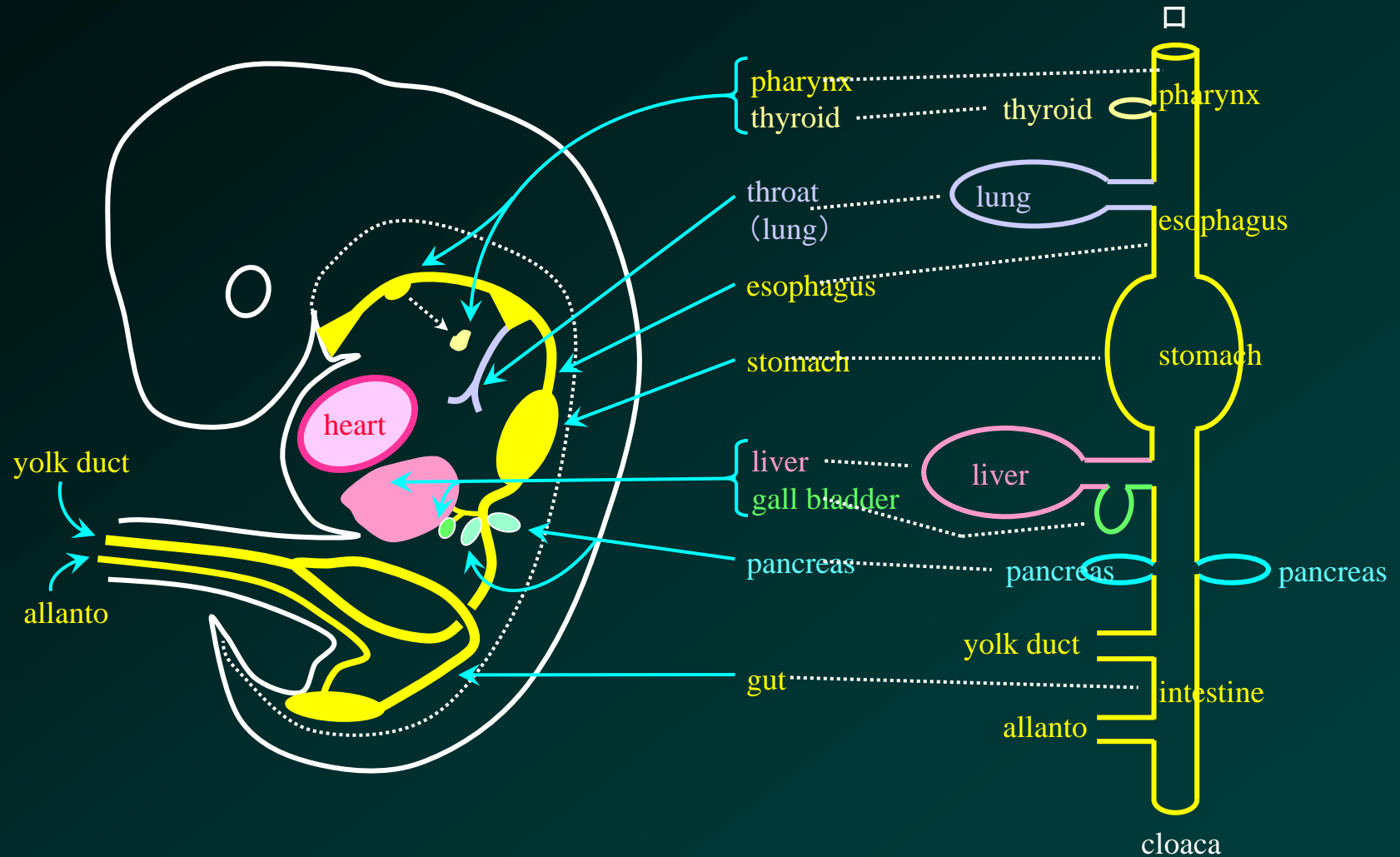
Kawamura et al, 2005

- The effects of *bowline* and *ripply1* on the expression of a Notch signal and the Mesp family genes were discovered.  
→ Research on functions of these newly-found gene groups would uncover mechanism of metamere formation.

# The molecular mechanism of organ formation②

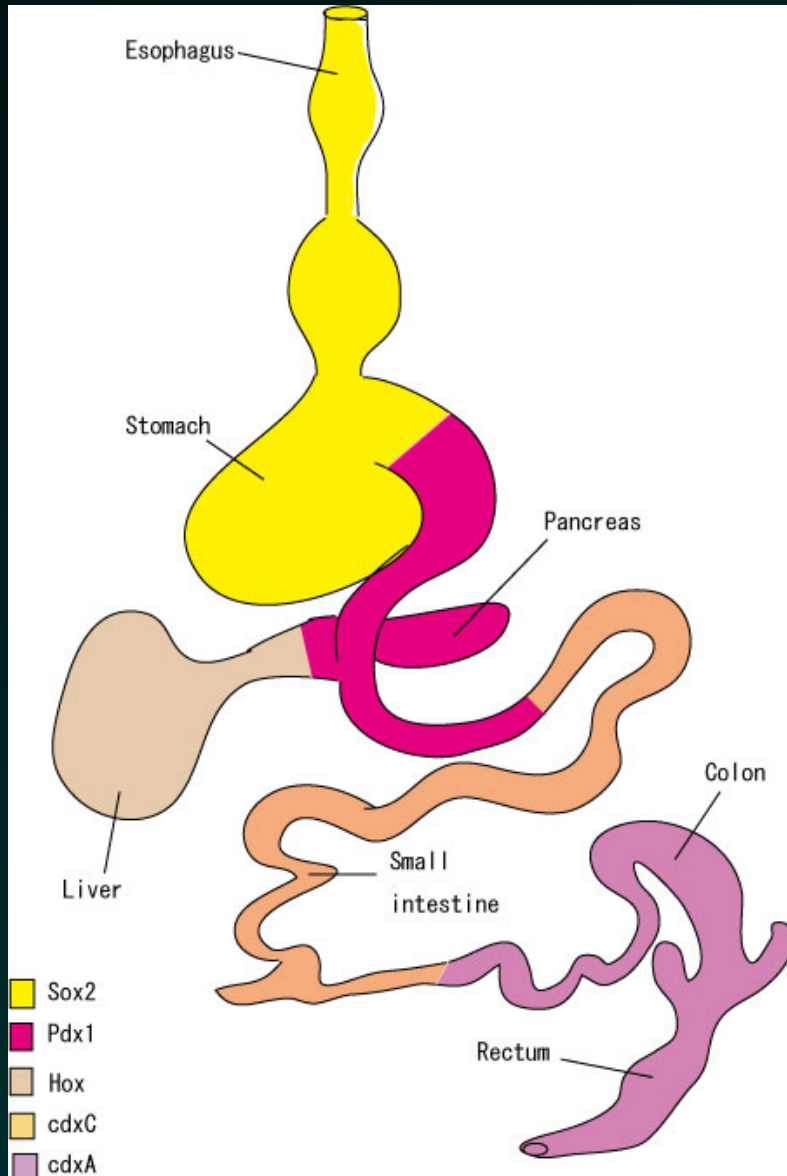
The molecular mechanism of enteron formation  
and associated research

# The mechanism of enteron / pancreas / liver differentiation



- Archenteron differentiates into enteron after gastrulation.
- Structures with specific functions differentiate at each region by induction to epithelia of mesenchyme.

# The molecular mechanism of enteron / pancreas / liver differentiation



Genes expressed specifically at each region

esophagus, stomach: Sox2

duodenum, pancreas: Pdx1

liver: Hox

small intestine: cdxC

colon, rectum: cdxA

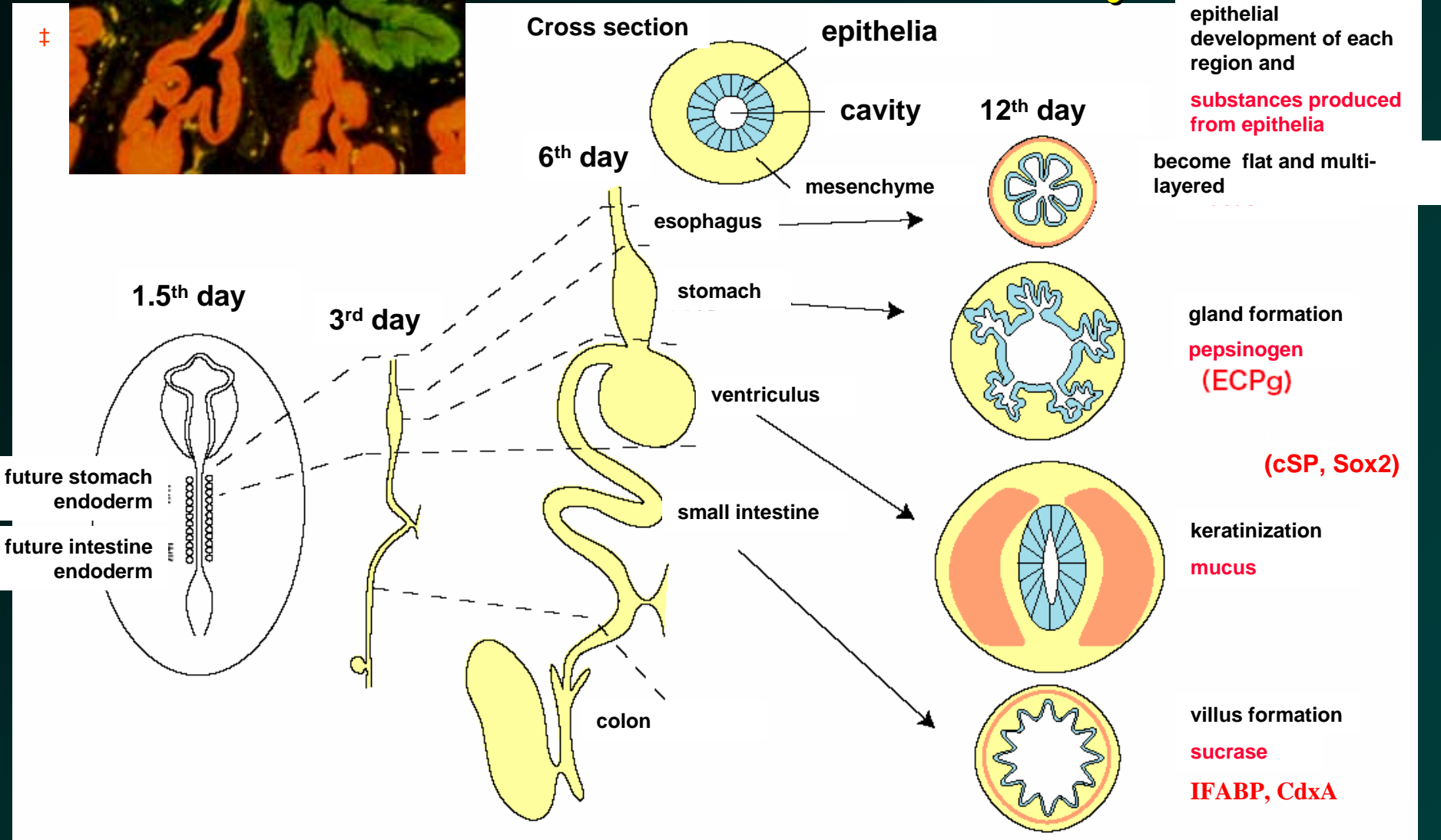


Specific genes work for differentiation of each region (enteron, liver, pancreas)



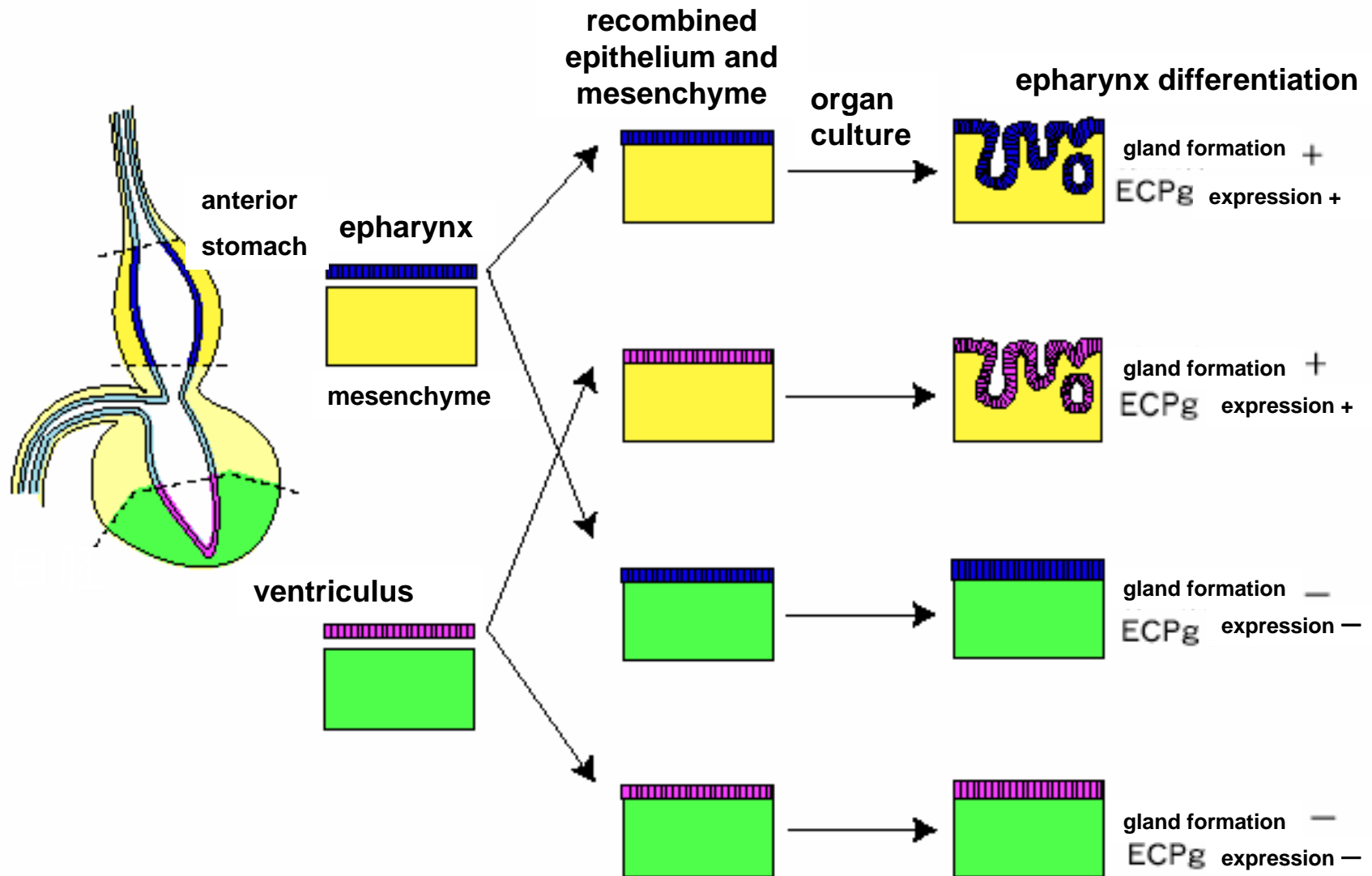
Stomach of a 12<sup>th</sup> day embryo  
cSP/ECPg

# Differentiation of enteron in a chicken embryo

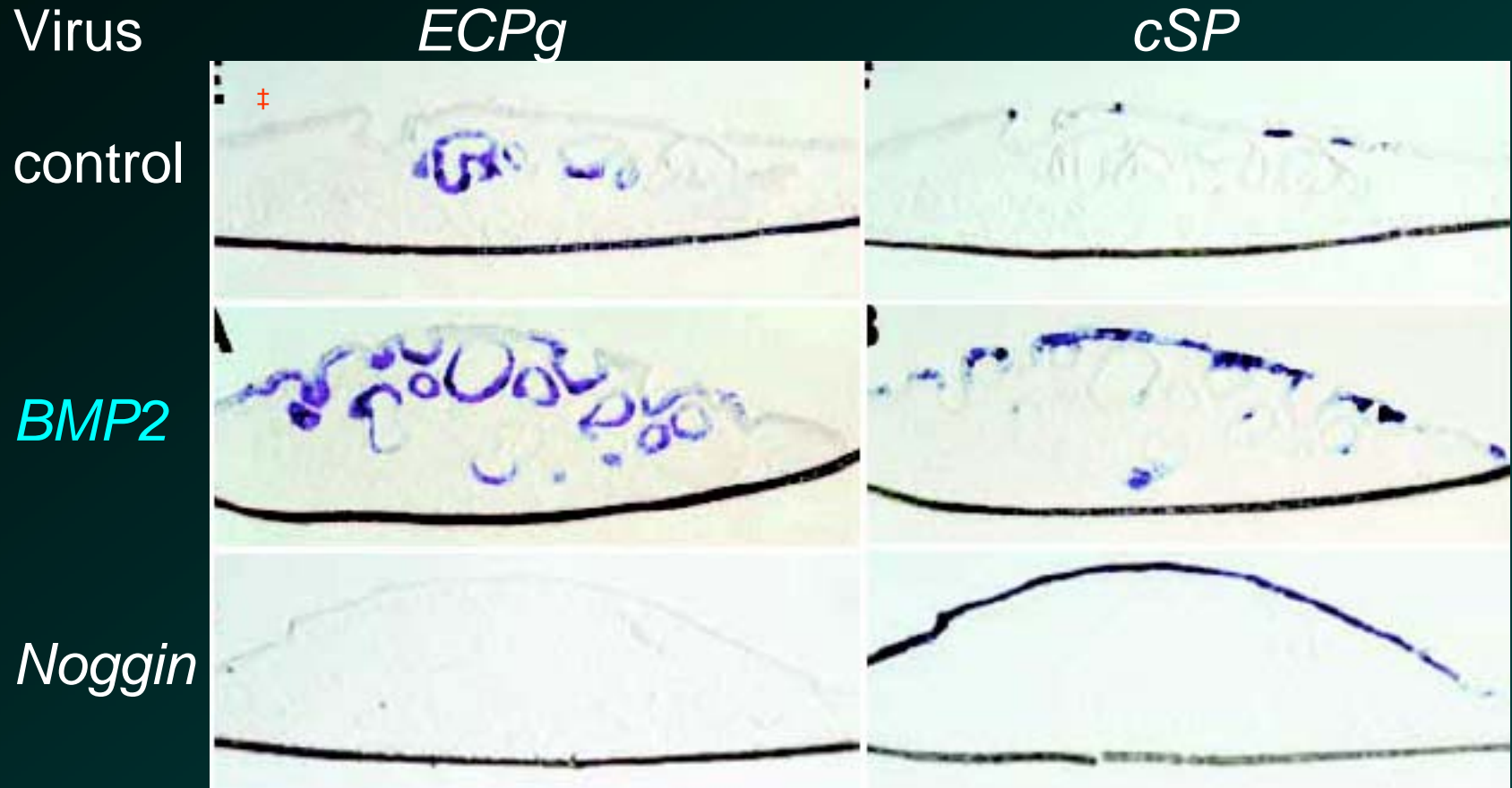


# Prospective fate of epithelium is “induced” by mesenchyme.

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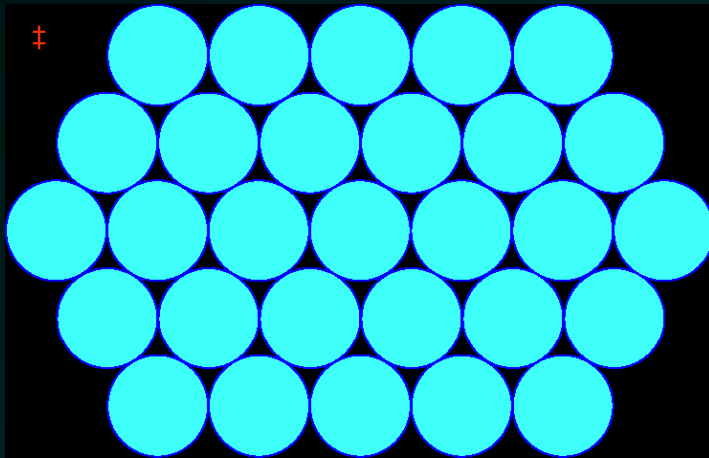
# Effect of overexpression of BMP2 and Noggin on stomach differentiation



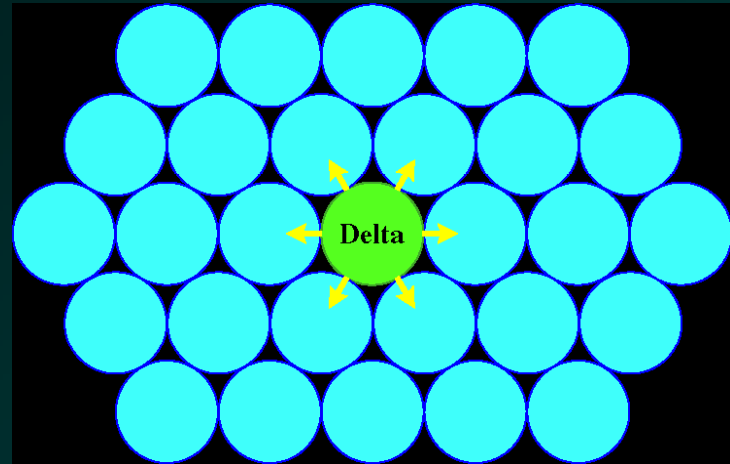
- The *BMP2* gene expresses specifically in the anterior stomach before and after gland formation.
- Overexpression of *BMP2* in mesenchyme promotes formation of gland and expression of pepsinogen.  
 → *BMP2* regulates secretory gland structure of anterior stomach

# Characteristics of a Notch signal

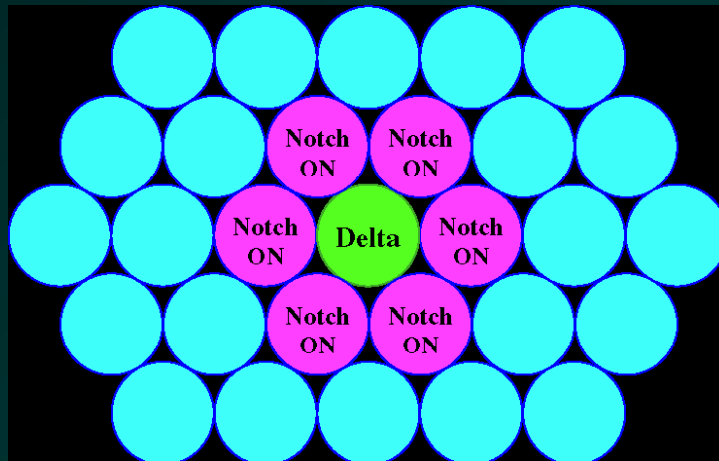
Even cell mass



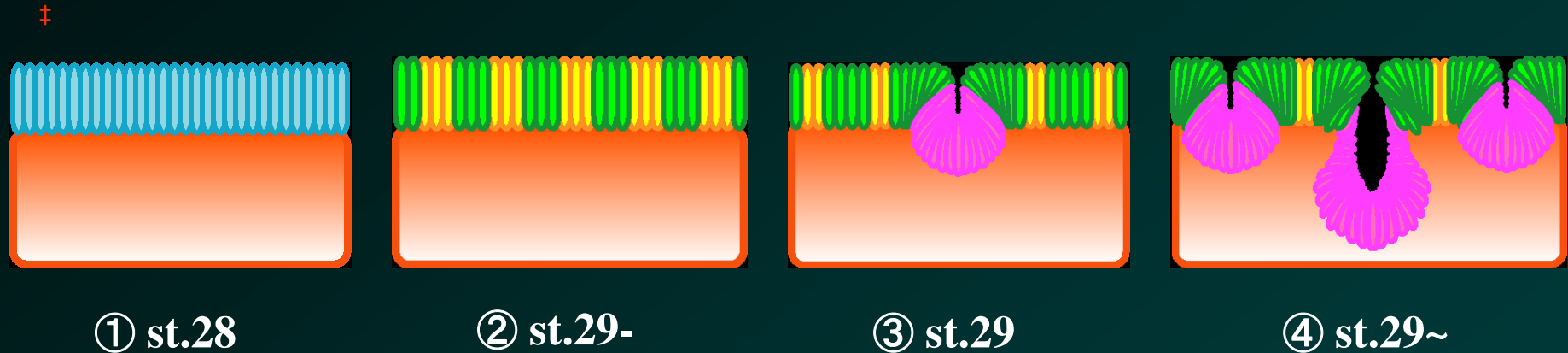
Expression of ligand



Signal transduction to surrounding cells



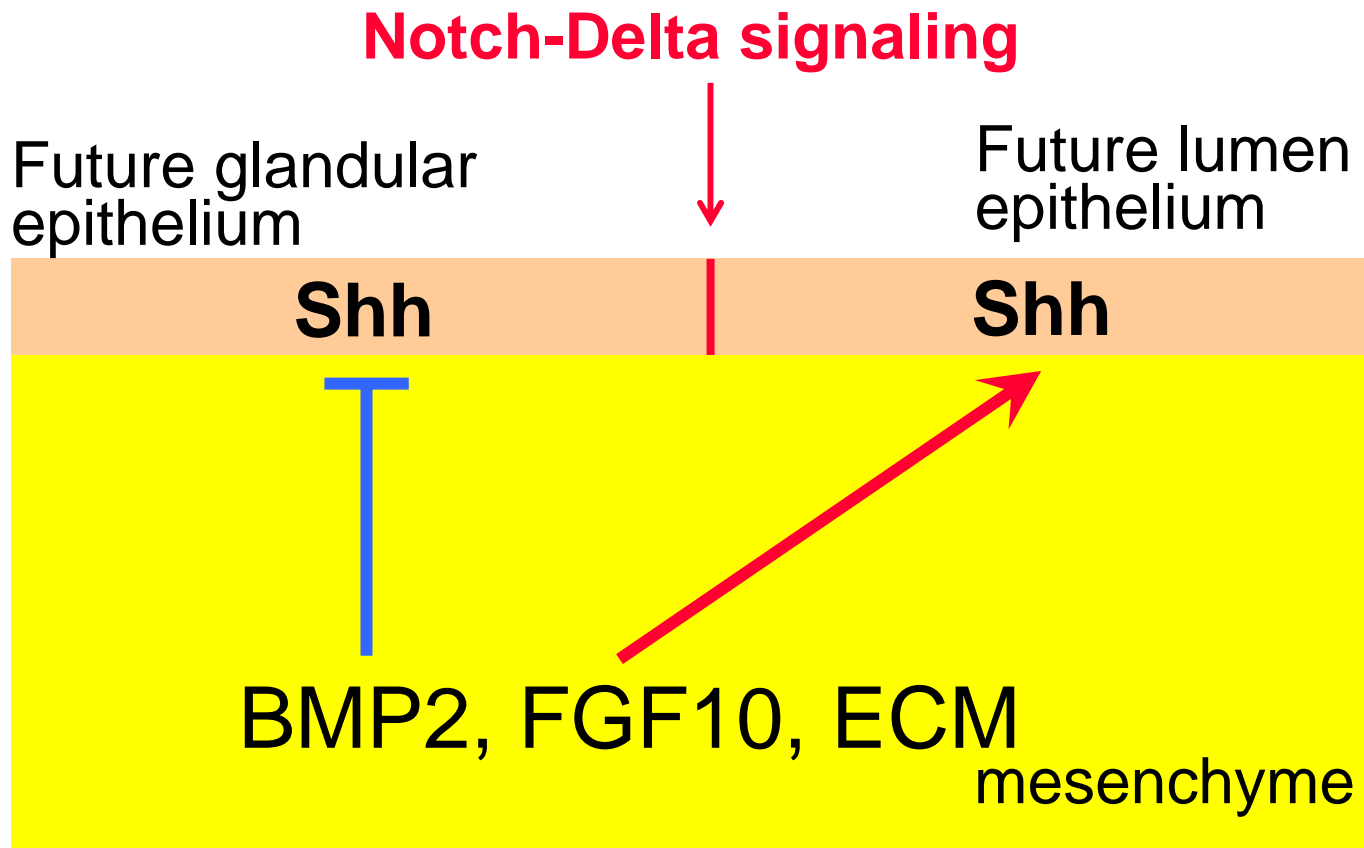
# Control model of anterior stomach epithelial cell differentiation by a Notch signal



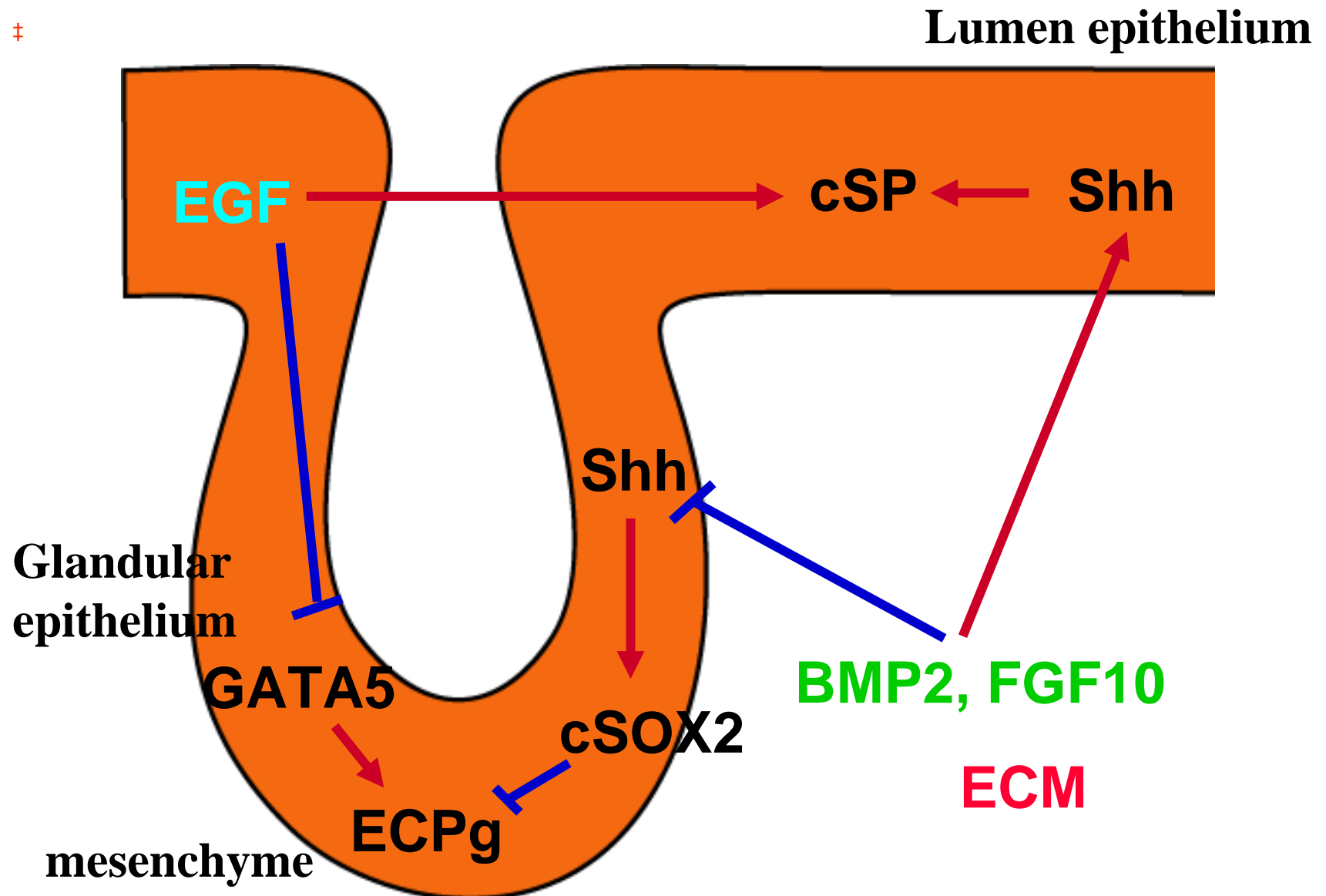
- ① Anterior stomach epithelia consists of an even cell mass of undifferentiated epithelial cells.
- ② As differentiation of lumen epithelial cells begin, a Notch1 signal is activated with Delta1, and glandular epithelial precursor cells are preserved.
- ③ Glandular epithelial precursor cells differentiate into glandular epithelial cells when the Notch1 signals disappear, and glands are formed.
- ④ The Notch1 signal fades continuously, and new glands are formed as the anterior stomach gets bigger.

# Genes related to differentiation of the stomach epithelium (1)

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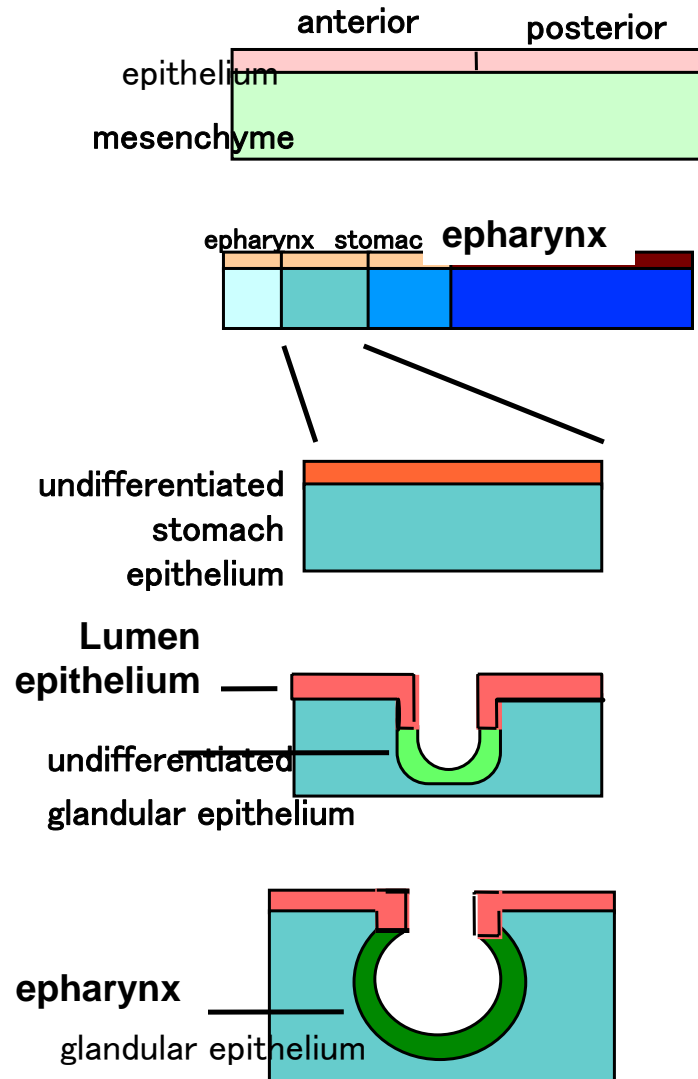


## Genes related to differentiation of the stomach epithelium (2)



# Summary of gene expressions in the formation and functional development of stomach glands

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Gene groups that determine characteristics of gastrointestinal epithelia **Shh, cGATA5, HNF-3B**

Establish anterior and posterior regions **cSox2**  
anterior **CdxA**  
posterior

Key gene to determine of anterior stomach region

Differentiation from undifferentiated epithelium to glandular epithelium and lumen epithelium

**Notch-Delta signal, Sonic hedgehog**

Morphogenesis of glands and cell differentiation

**BMP2, FGF10, EGF**

Functional differentiation of glandular epithelium **GATA transcription factors, cSox2, Smad transcription factors**  
(expression of ECPg gene)  
Differentiation of lumen epithelium  
(expression of cSP gene)

Regionalization in the gastrointestinal tract

Regionalization in the anterior stomach



# **The molecular mechanism of organ formation③**

The molecular mechanism of heart development  
and associated research

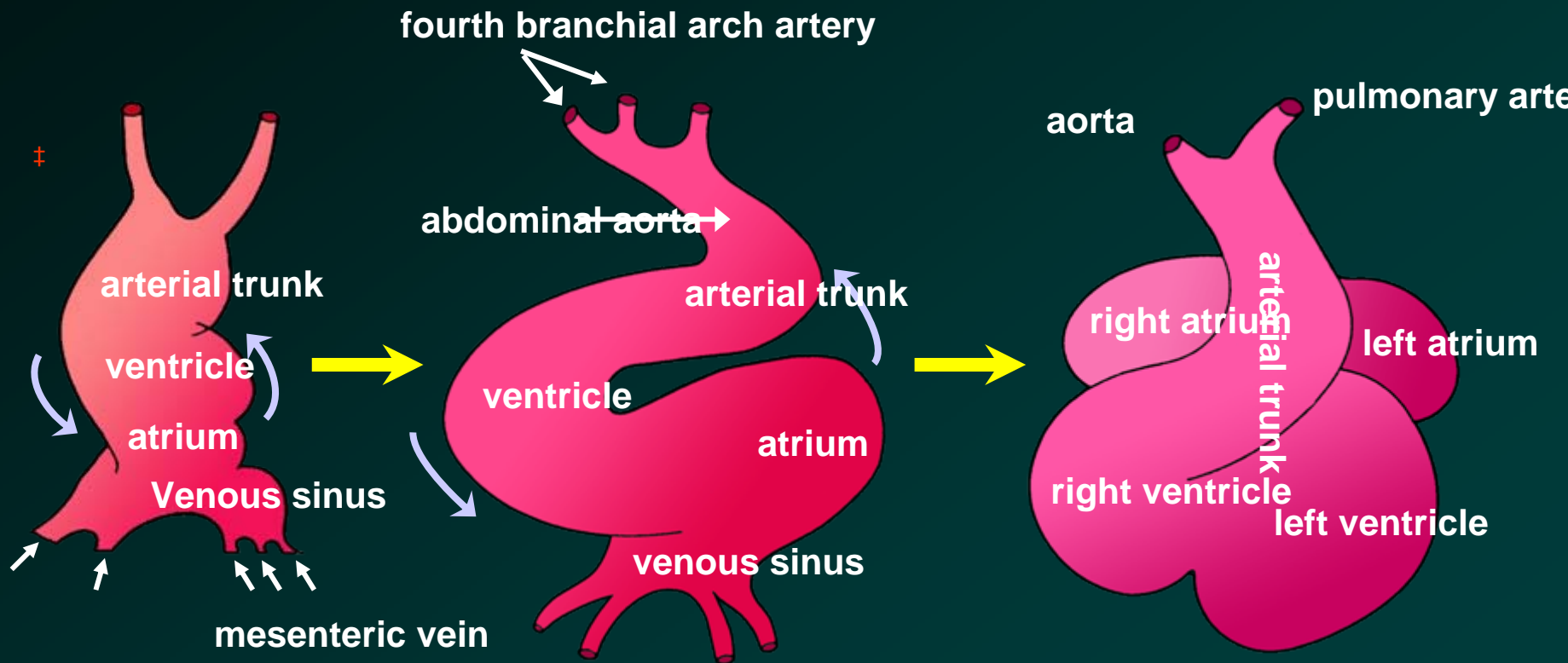
# Mechanisms in heart development

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immunostaining { brown ; ventricular myosin, ventricle marker  
blue ; atrial myosin, atrium marker

The tubular structure forms a loop, and eventually forms an interventricular septum.

# Formation of the human heart loop (ventral side)



# The molecular mechanism in heart development

Lateral tube  
mesoderm

Formation of heart fields

Heart development

morphogenesis of heart

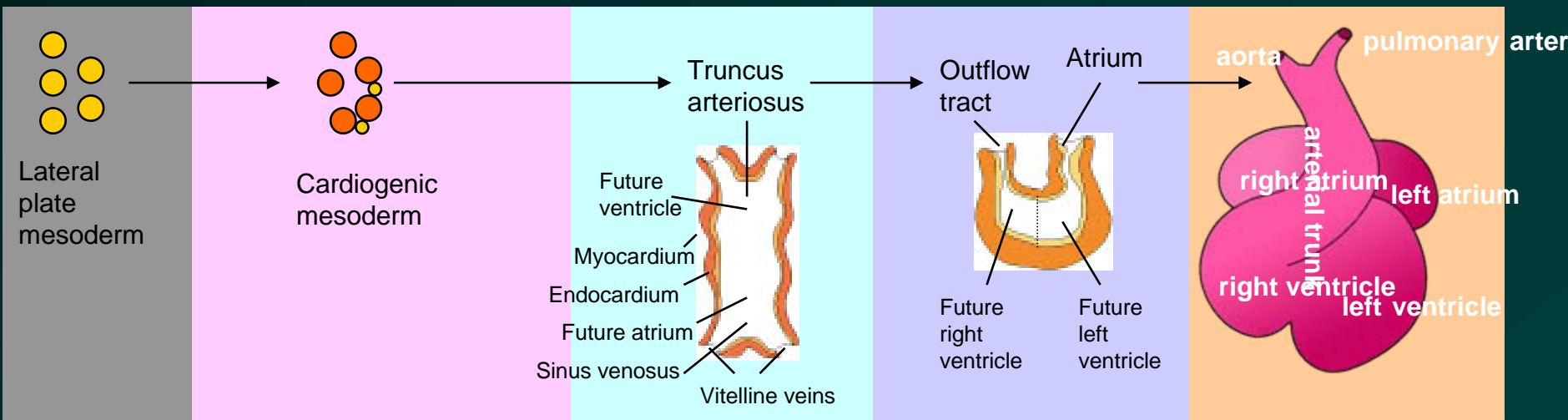
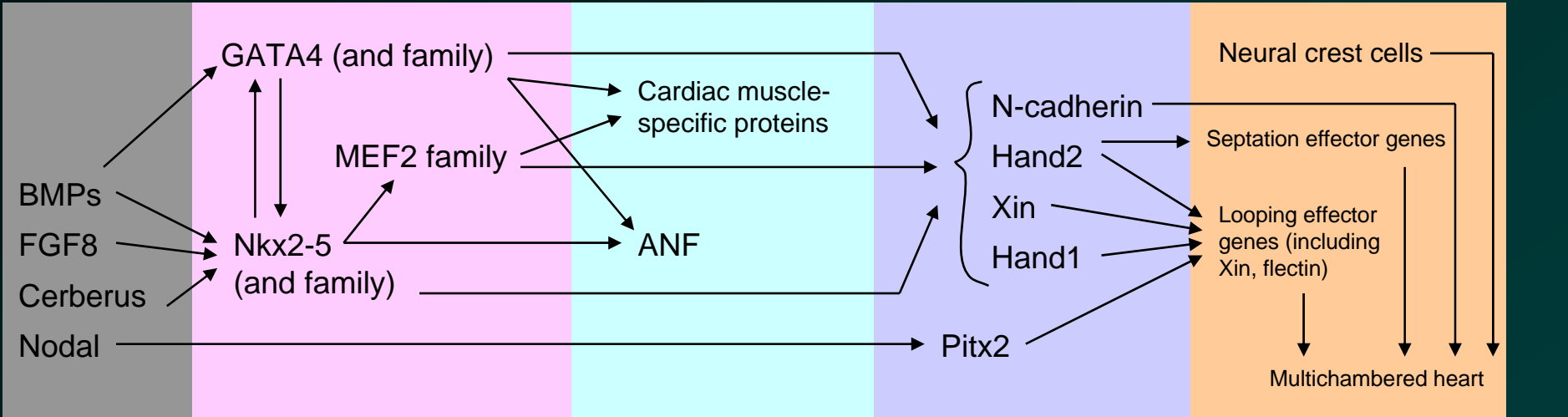
Signaling  
molecules

Myocardial transcription  
factors (commitment)

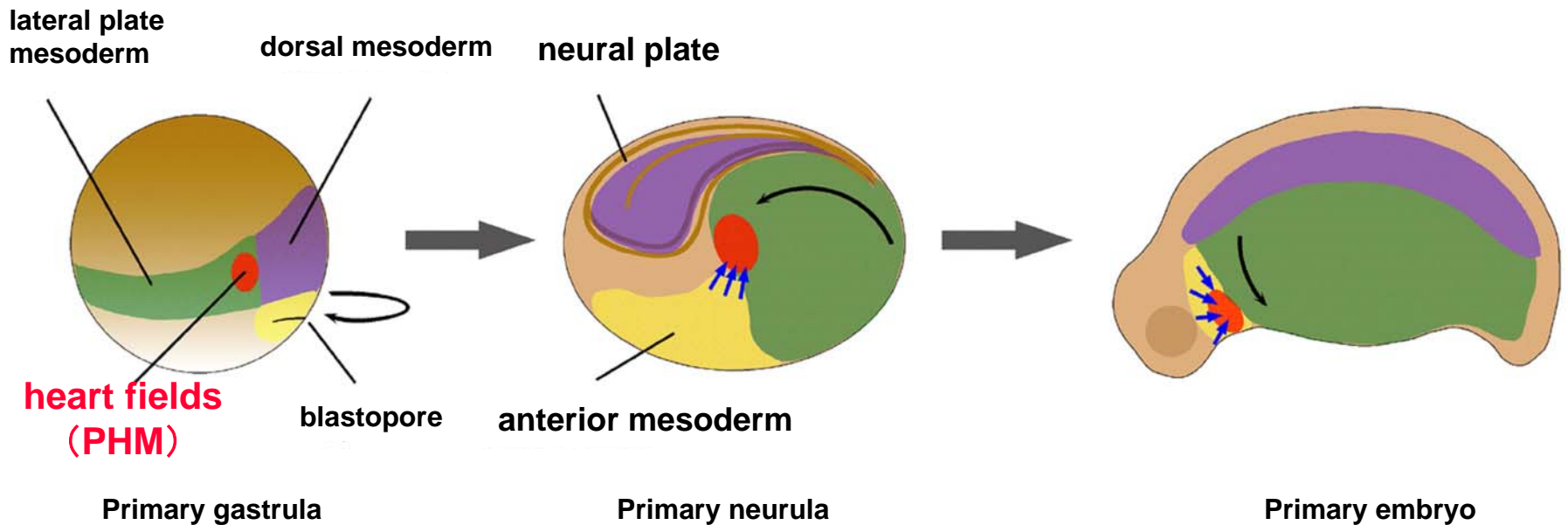
Differentiation  
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Morphogenic  
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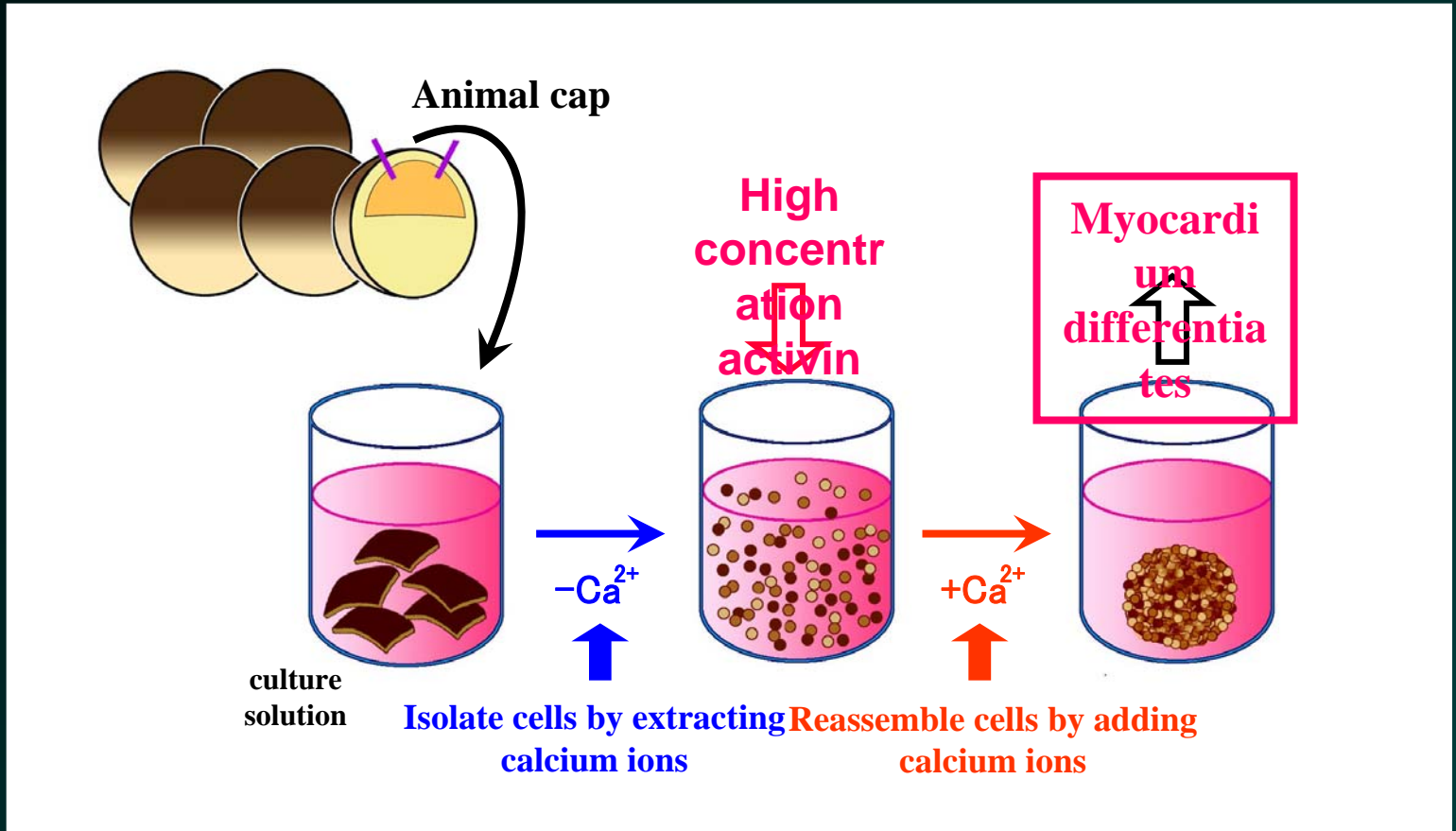


# Heart development in a *Xenopus* embryo



Heart fields (PHM) migrate, and are induced by an anterior endoderm.

# Induction system of the heart: experiment with undifferentiated *Xenopus* cells

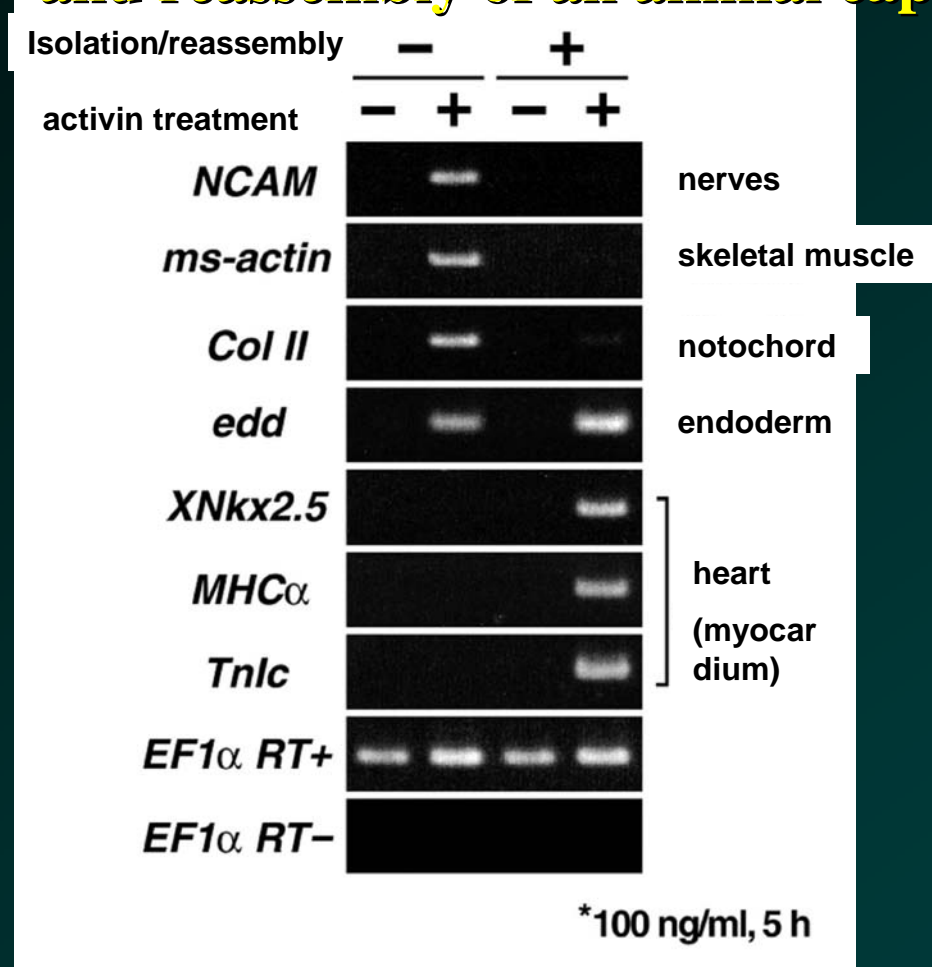


When isolated animal caps of *Xenopus* blastopore are reassembled after high concentration activin treatment and are incubated, an autonomously pumping heart-like structure is induced.

# Pumping “heart” made from an animal cap



# Evaluation of a heart-inducing system formed by isolation and reassembly of an animal cap

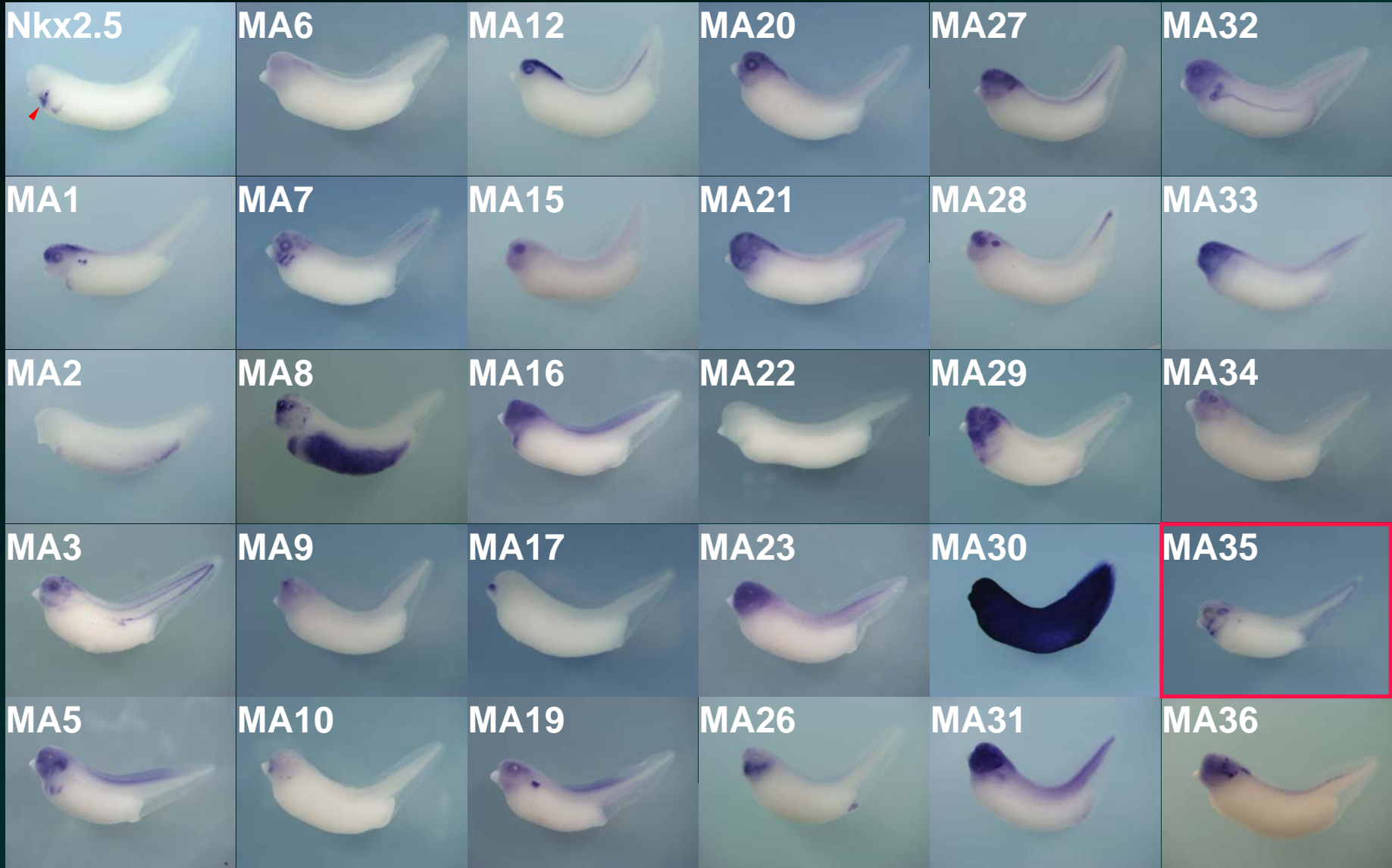


- Without isolation/reassembly, the expression of the mesoderm marker increases.
- With isolation/reassembly, the expression of endoderm and heart marker increases.

→ This heart induction system using an animal cap reproduces a real heart-formation mechanism.



# Research on genes which are specific to the heart



# MA35 gene expresses in the heart

MA35

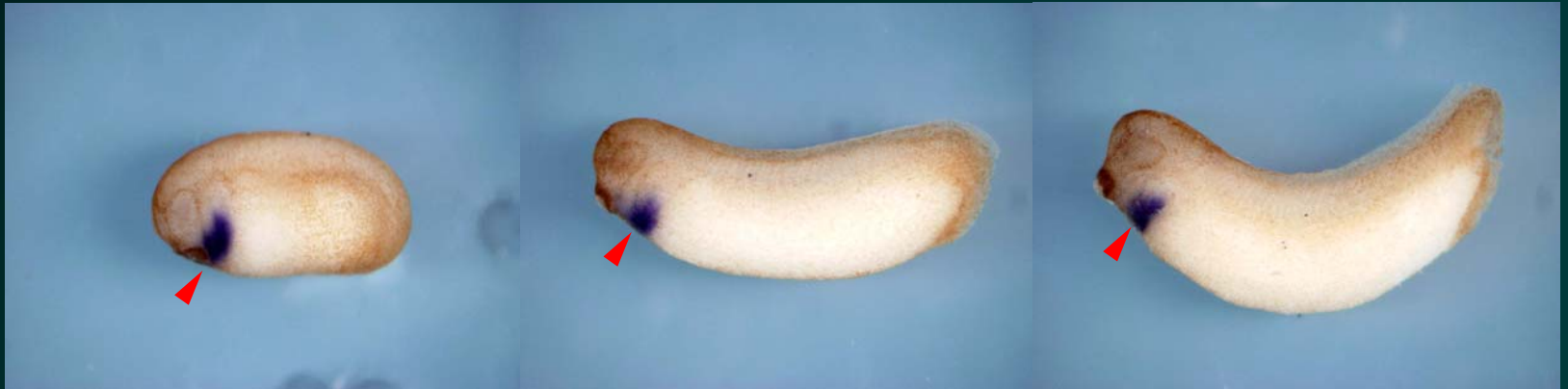


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st. 26

st. 34

Nkx2.5



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# Inhibiting experiment with MA35①



Control

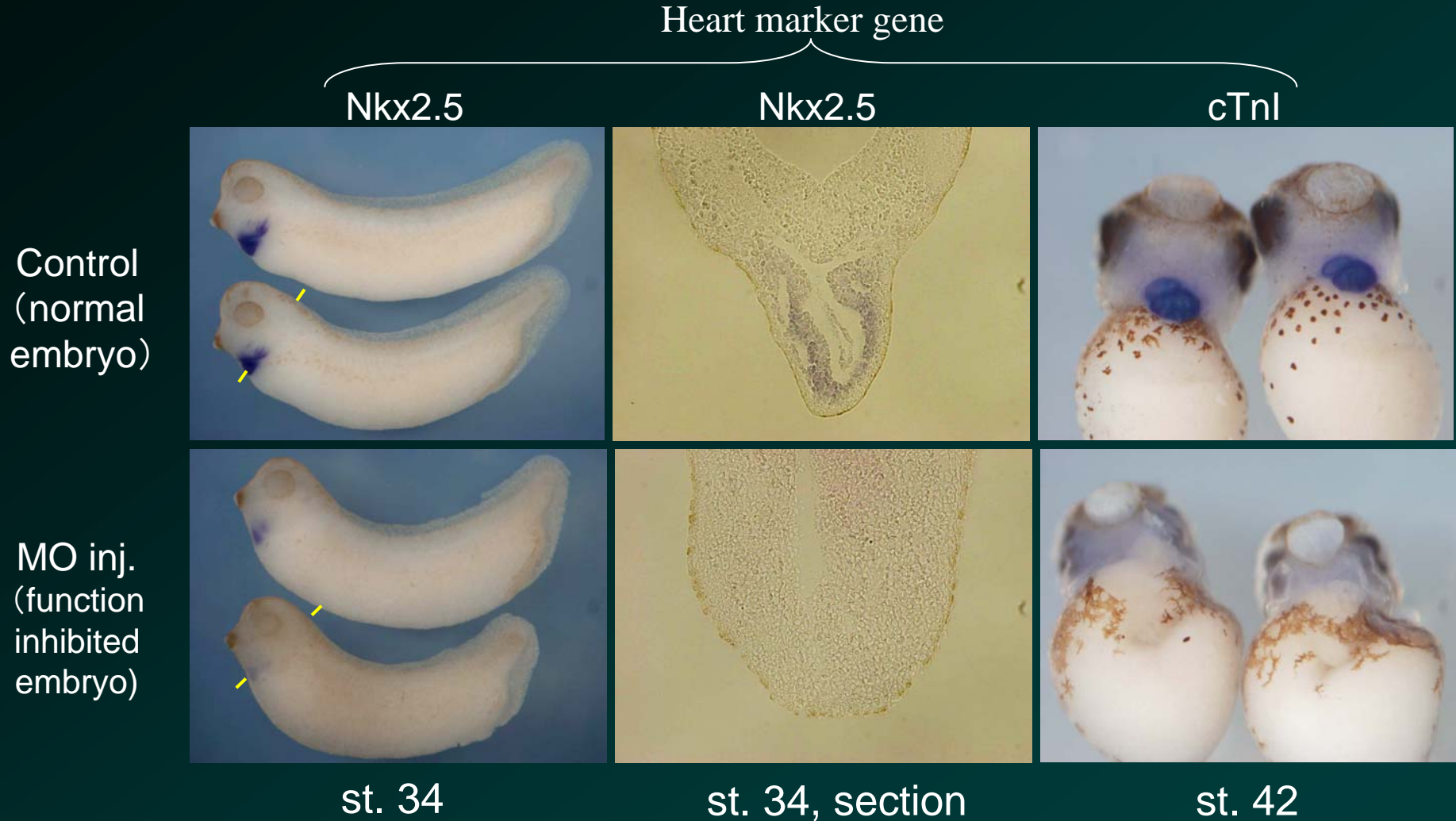


MO injected (function inhibited embryo)

Heart is not formed when the function of MA35 is inhibited.

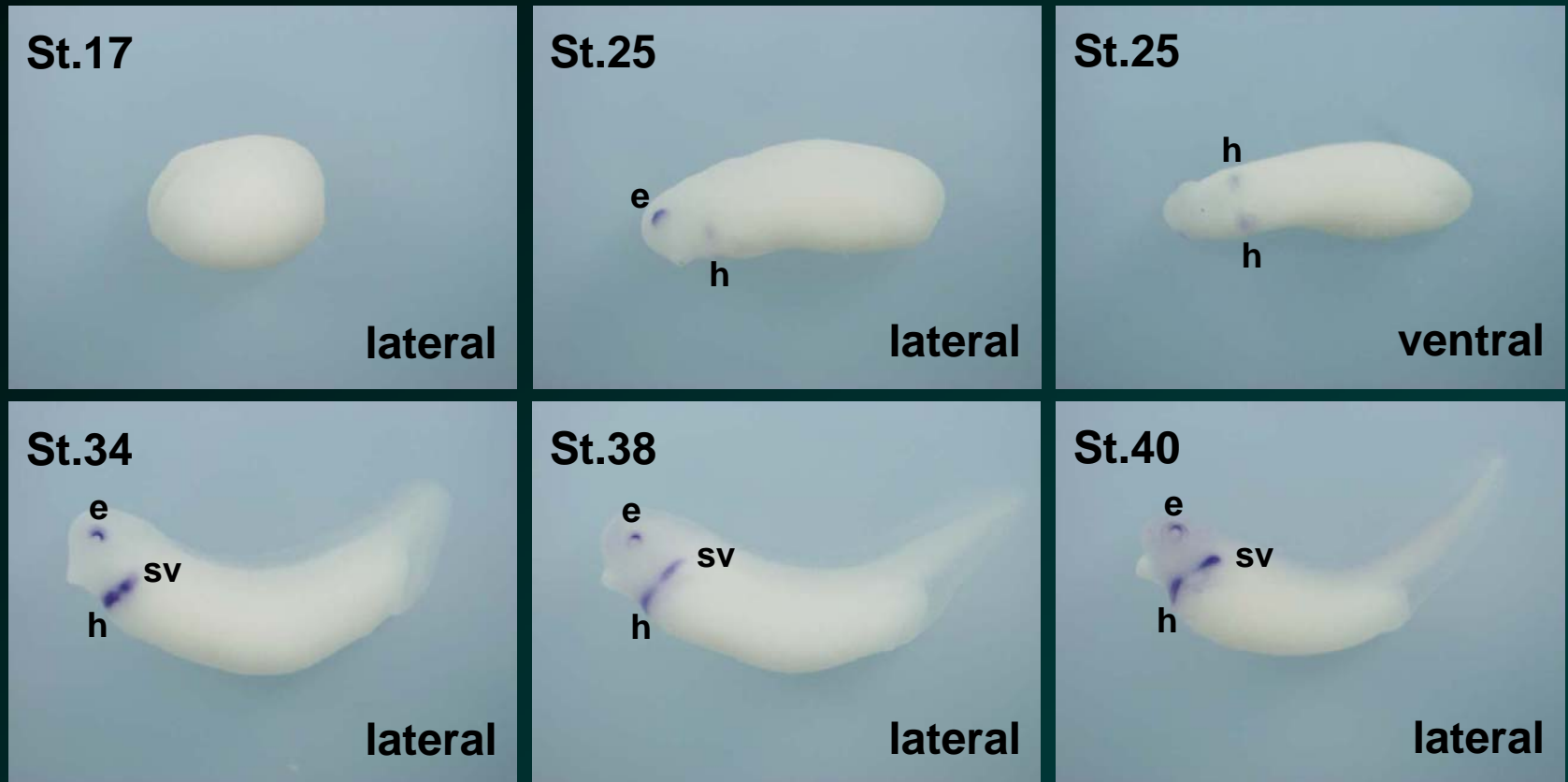
→ MA35 is essential for heart development.

# Inhibiting experiment with MA35②



Expression of the heart marker decreases when the function of MA35 is inhibited.  
→ **MA35 is essential for heart development.**

# Regions of *XTbx5* expression in heart development



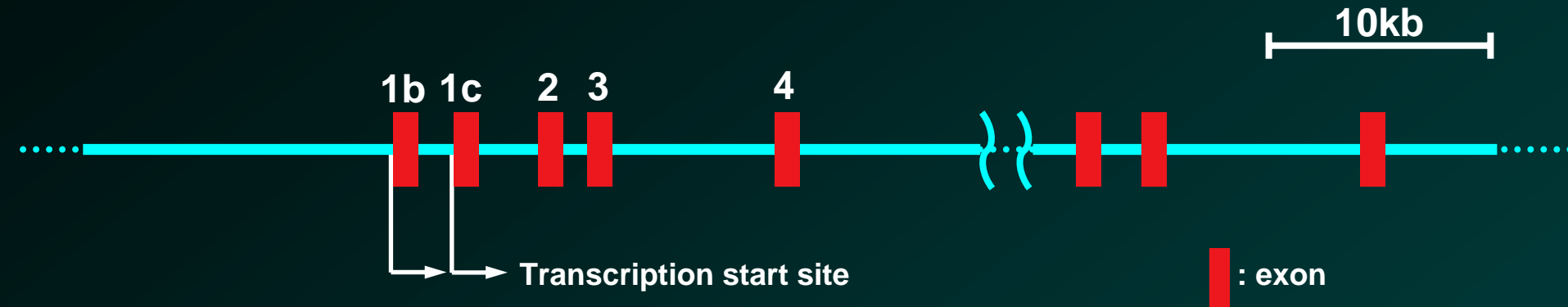
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*XTbx5* is the gene that expresses in heart and venous sinus regions.

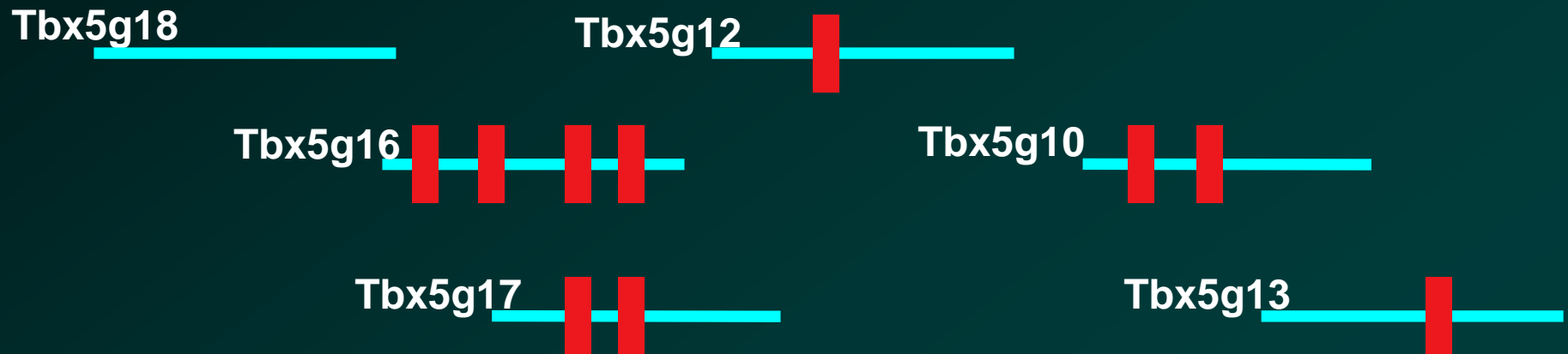
→ Research on modulation mechanism of *XTbx5* during heart and vessel development.



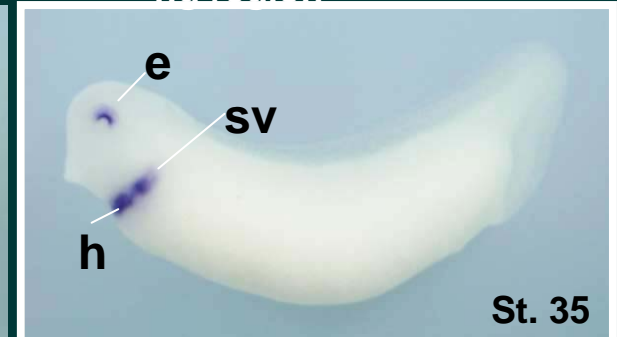
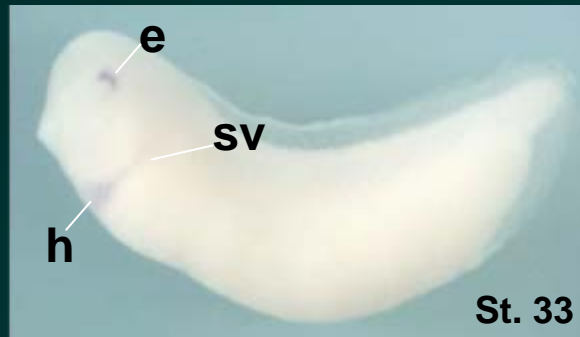
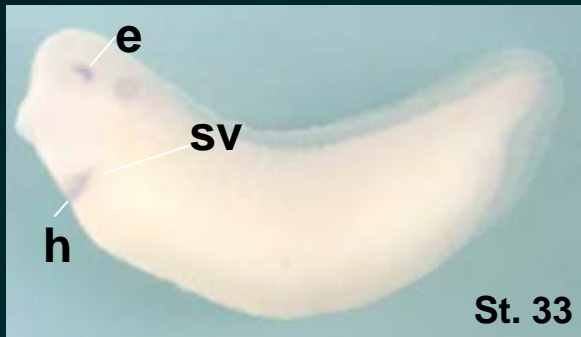
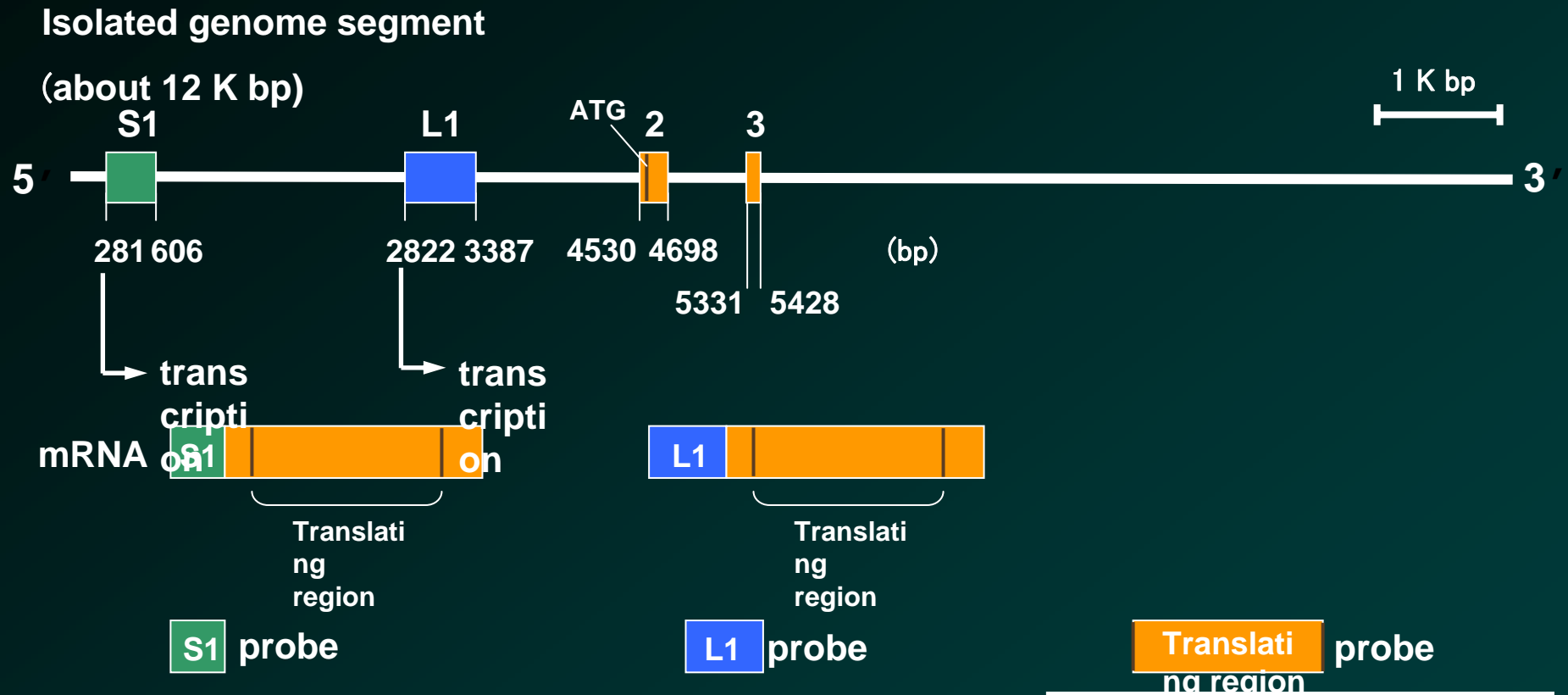
# The structure of the *XTbx5* gene



## Isolated genomic clones

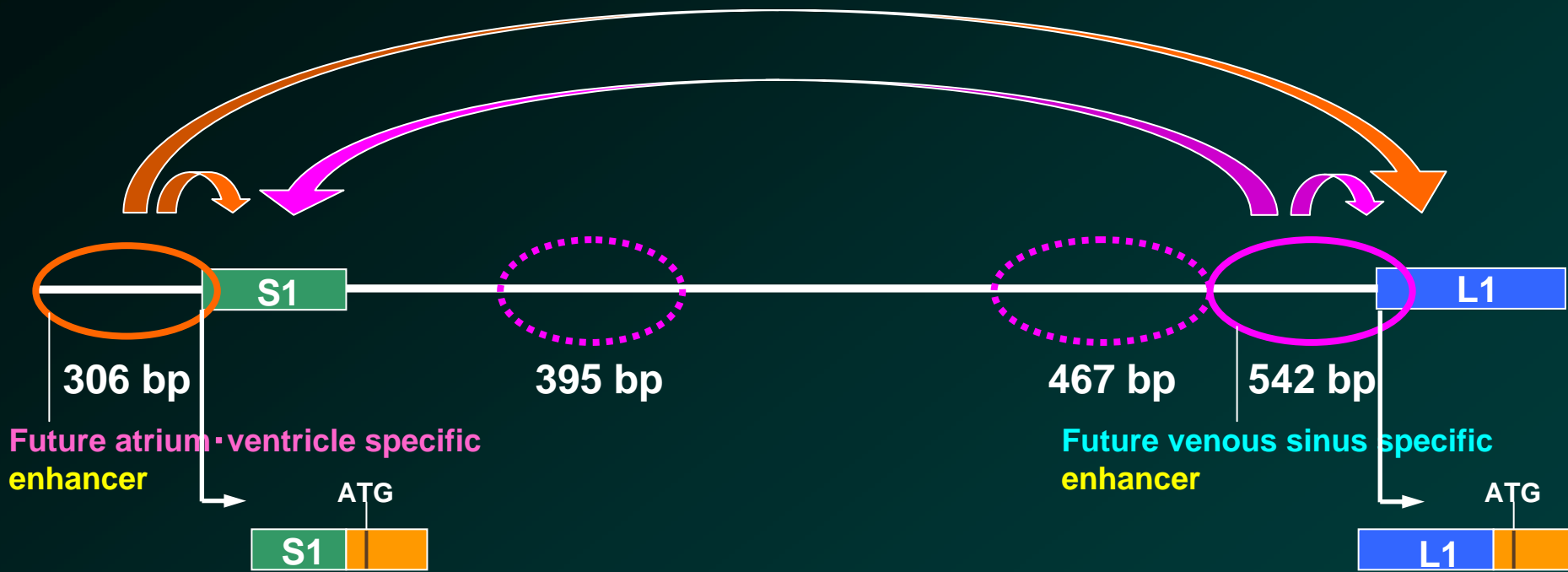


# The structure of the upper sequence of the *XTbx5* genome

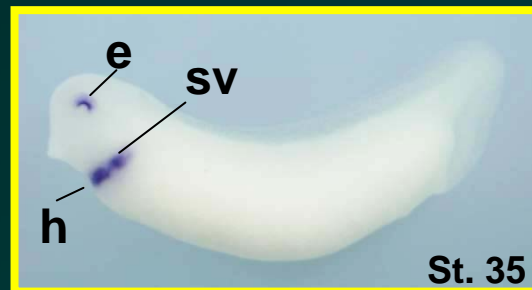


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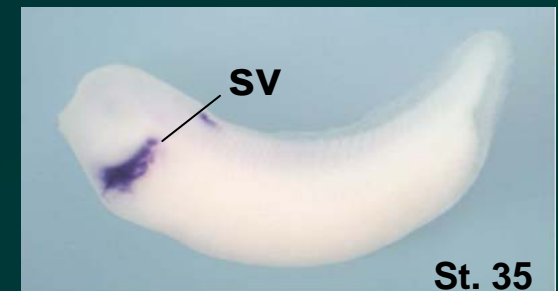
# The interaction between heart and vessel development is regulated by control between genes



e: future retinoid region  
h: future atrium-ventricle region



Expression of inner

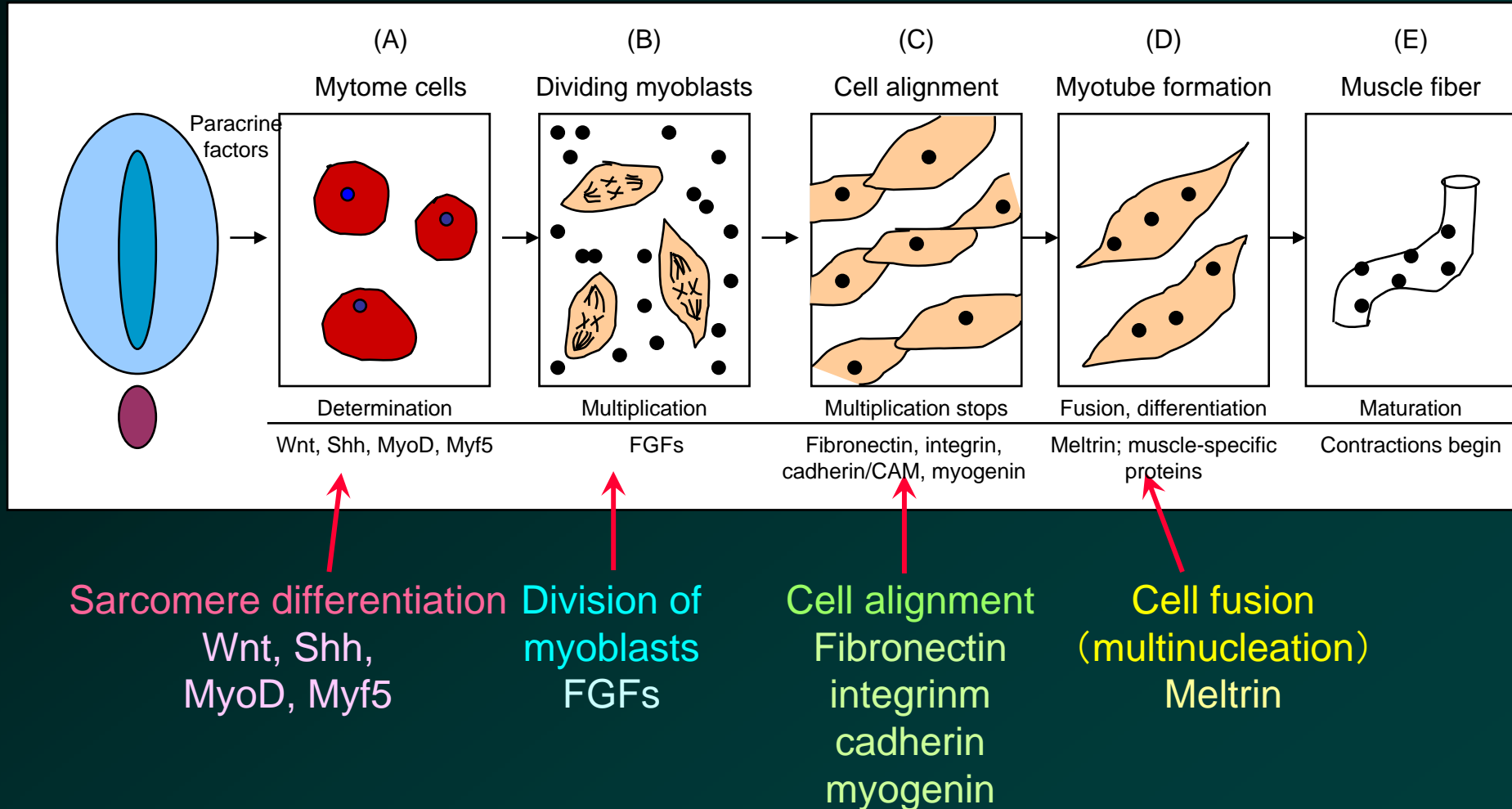




# **The molecular mechanism of organ formation④**

The molecular mechanism of other organ formation

# The molecular mechanism of muscle differentiation



# The mechanism of skeletal differentiation

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Bone develops from **mesenchyme** (**mesoderm**, and matures through ossification by cartilage formation and accumulation of minerals, and penetration of vessels.

**Skeletal differentiation is regulated by various homeobox genes and BMP, and region-specific bones are correctly formed.**

# A supply of calcium is essential for skeletal differentiation (chicken)

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with abnormal bone”  
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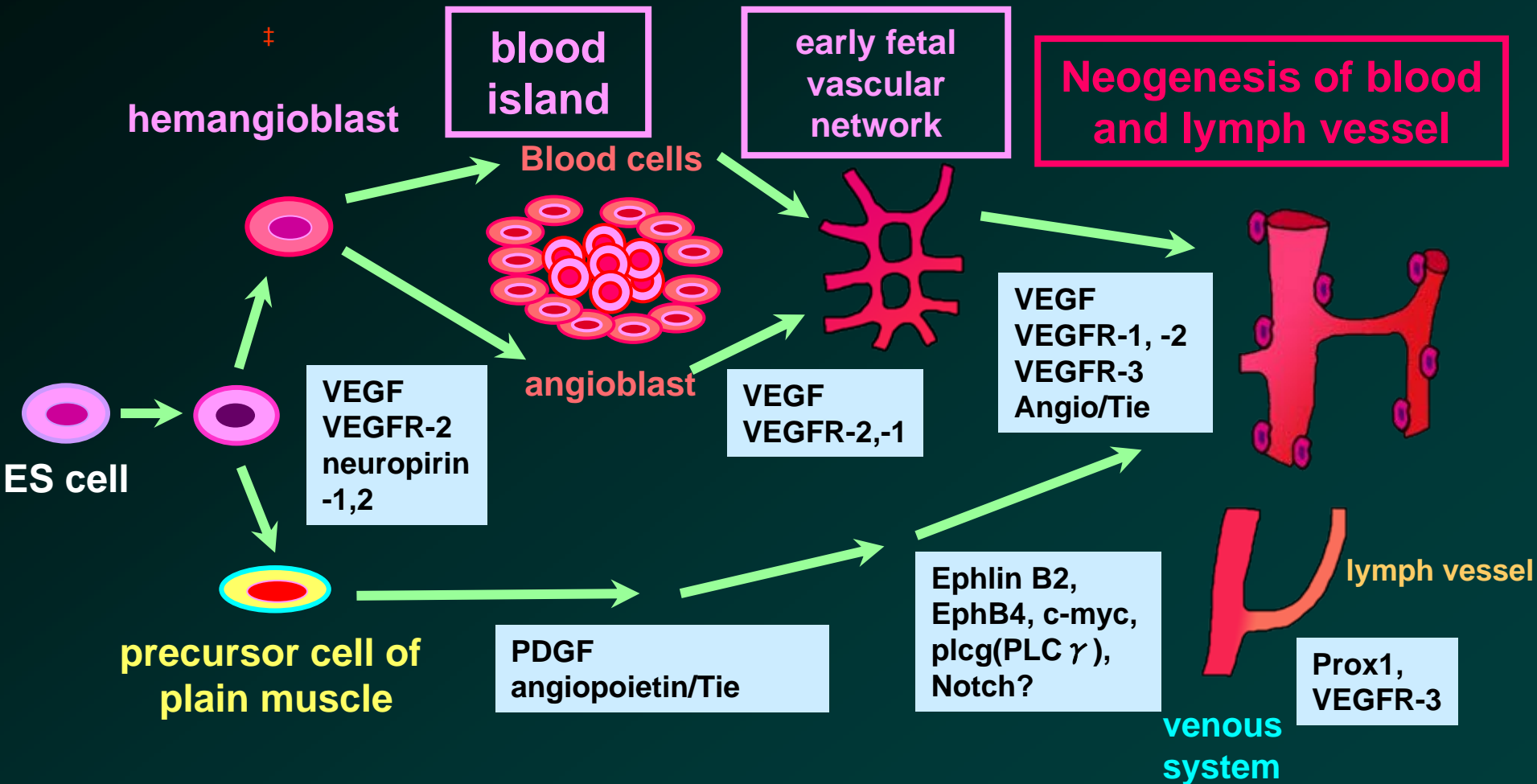
Abnormal bone  
development

normal

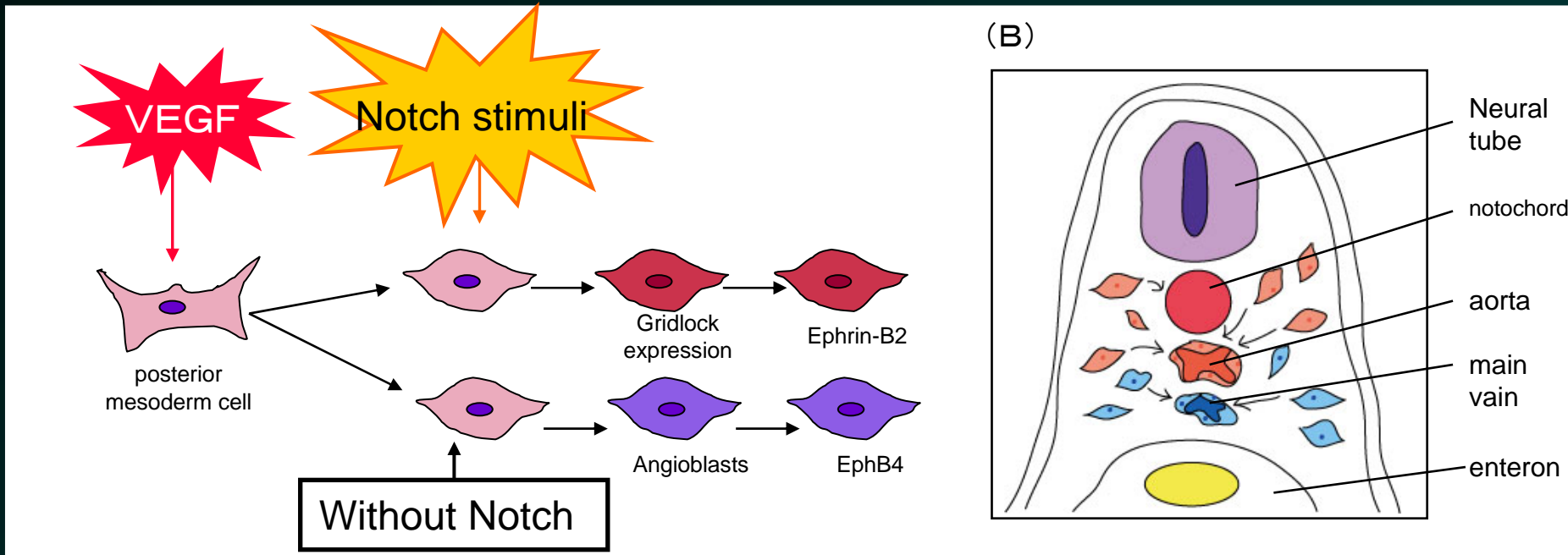
(skeletal tissues are dyed using alizarin red)

When a chicken embryo is incubated outside of its shell, abnormal ossification takes place for lack of calcium supply. (The positions are correct, but ossification has stopped.)

# Development mechanism of blood & lymph vessels



# Differentiation of blood vessel cells are monitored by VEGF signal and Notch signal



Mesoderm cells differentiate into blood vessels using VEGF stim.  
Existence of a Notch signal determines whether to differentiate into  
an artery or a vein.

Move toward appropriate positions as arteries and veins differentiate.

# The molecular mechanism of blood cell differentiation

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# Overall organ formation

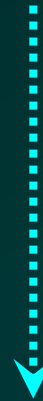


# Organ development and apoptosis

Normal embryo

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caspase-9  
Functionally inhibited embryo

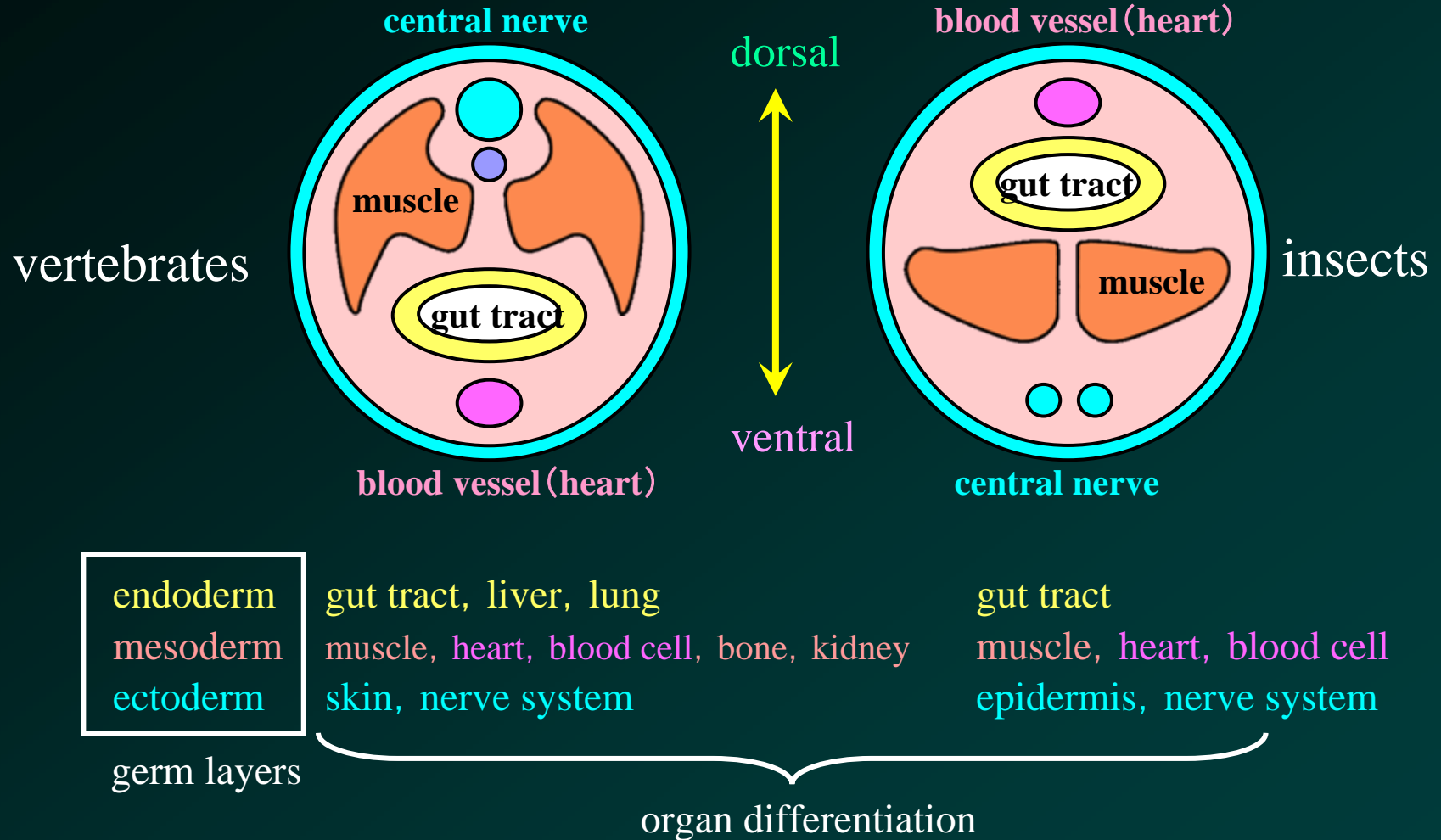


As the result of apoptosis i  
the brain structure is abno

caspase-9; the gene that causes apoptosis

Appropriate regulation of apoptosis is important for healthy organ formation

# similarities of structure and ventral-dorsal reversal in vertebrates and insects



Organs with similar functions differentiate from same structure of 3 germ layers. However, dorsal side of vertebrates correspond to ventral side of insects.

amphibian

The diagram illustrates the developmental pathways of an amphibian embryo. It starts with the three germ layers: **外中葉** (ectoderm), **中胚葉** (mesoderm), and **内胚葉** (endoderm). The **外中葉** differentiates into structures like **角膜** (cornea), **聴道** (auditory canal), **表皮** (epidermis), **鼻** (nose), **レンズ** (lens), **耳胞** (otic vesicle), **網膜** (retina), **口** (mouth), **端脳** (telencephalon), **眼盂** (optic cup), **間脳** (diencephalon), **後脳** (metencephalon), and **脊髄** (spinal cord). The **中胚葉** differentiates into **えら軟骨** (pharyngeal cartilage), **外中葉** (ectoderm), **子葉** (notochord), **定葉** (somites), **外胚葉** (ectoderm), and **胚葉** (embryonic leaf). The **内胚葉** differentiates into **咽頭** (pharynx) and **腸** (intestine). The diagram also shows the formation of **神経冠** (neural crest), **表皮** (epidermis), **脊索** (notochord), **体節** (somites), **側板** (lateral plate), and **表皮** (epidermis) from the **外中葉**. The **外中葉** further differentiates into **えら軟骨** (pharyngeal cartilage) and **外中葉** (ectoderm). The **中胚葉** differentiates into **えら軟骨** (pharyngeal cartilage) and **外中葉** (ectoderm). The **内胚葉** differentiates into **咽頭** (pharynx) and **腸** (intestine). The diagram uses solid arrows for **誘導作用** (induction) and dashed arrows for **分化** (differentiation).

There are many stages of “induction” in organ development.