

What's NEW in Basic bone research

Physiology
Molecular Mechanisms
Osteoclasts
Mouse models
Skeletal Stem Cells
Osteoprogenitors
Development
Cartilage
Remodeling
Fracture healing
Skeletal Vasculization
Cell Biology
Innovation

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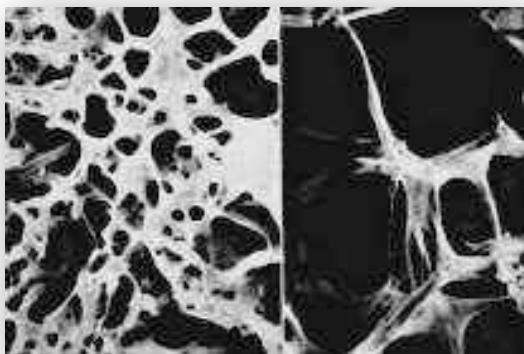
What is New? The Year in Review:

Bone Basic Science Highlights

*Development
Bone growth*



Bone formation & homeostasis



*Fracture
repair & TE*

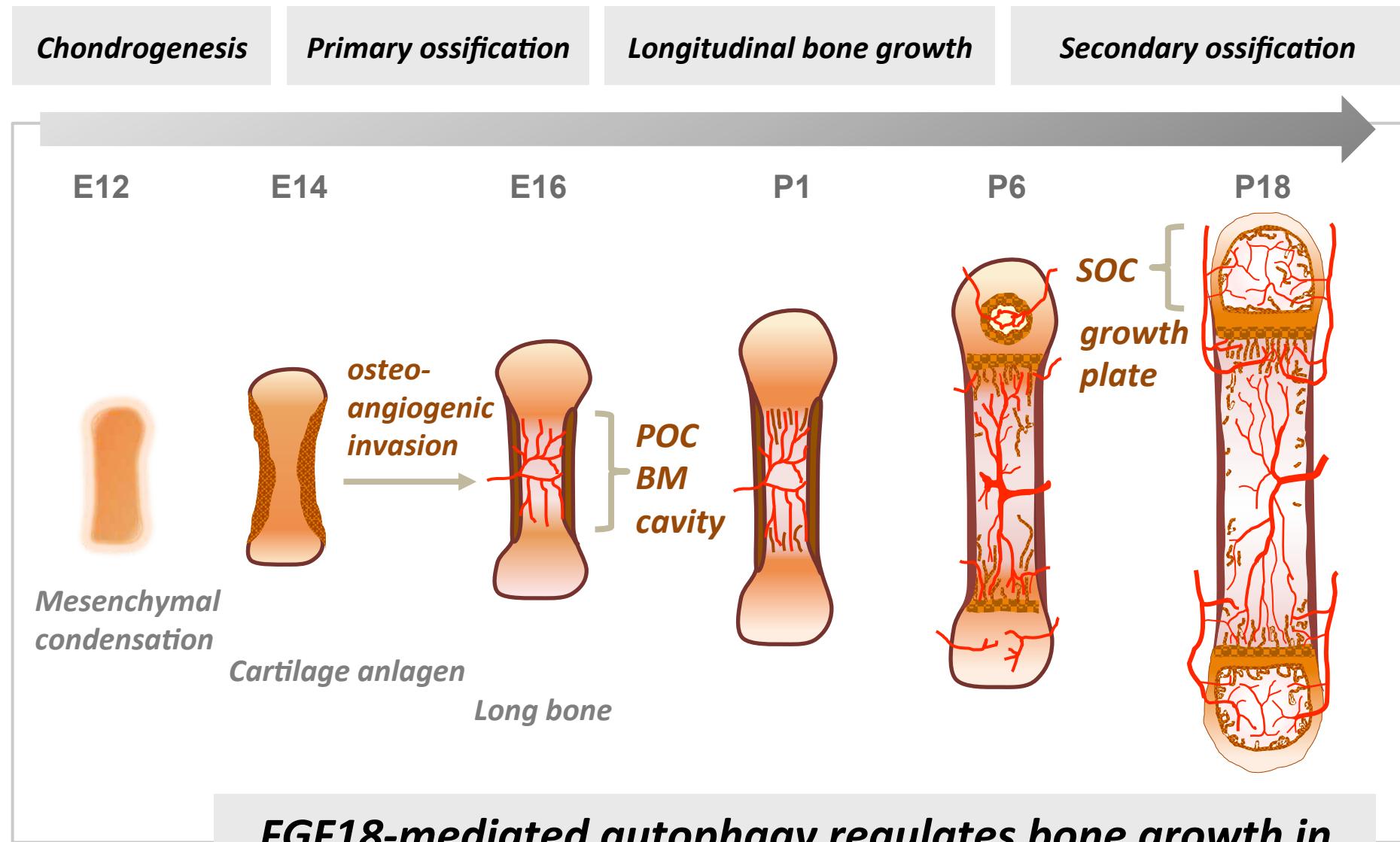


Metastasis



- **Limited selection of papers (that can be discussed in the time frame of 30 mins)**
- **Published in 2015-2016**
- **Research papers covering diverse aspects of skeletal cell biology and physiology (...*with a personal bias*...)**
- **Too much interesting material for 30 mins!**
- **Apologies to all authors whose wonderful work is not presented here!**

Long bone development by endochondral ossification



FGF18-mediated autophagy regulates bone growth in mice (Cinque et al., Nature, Dec 2015)

FGF signalling regulates bone growth through autophagy

Laura Cinque^{1,2*}, Alison Forrester^{1,2,3*}, Rosa Bartolomeo^{1,2}, Maria Svelto^{1,2,3}, Rossella Venditti¹, Sandro Montefusco¹, Elena Polishchuk¹, Edoardo Nusco¹, Antonio Rossi⁴, Diego L. Medina¹, Roman Polishchuk¹, Maria Antonietta De Matteis¹ & Carmine Settembre^{1,2,3}

- Autophagy is the conserved process whereby aggregated proteins, intracellular pathogens, and damaged organelles are degraded and recycled
- Autophagic structures can also act as hubs for the spatial organization of recycling and synthetic processes in secretory cells

L.J. Hocking, C. Whitehouse, and M.H. Helfrich

“Autophagy: A New Player in Skeletal Maintenance?” JBMR 2012

Autophagy

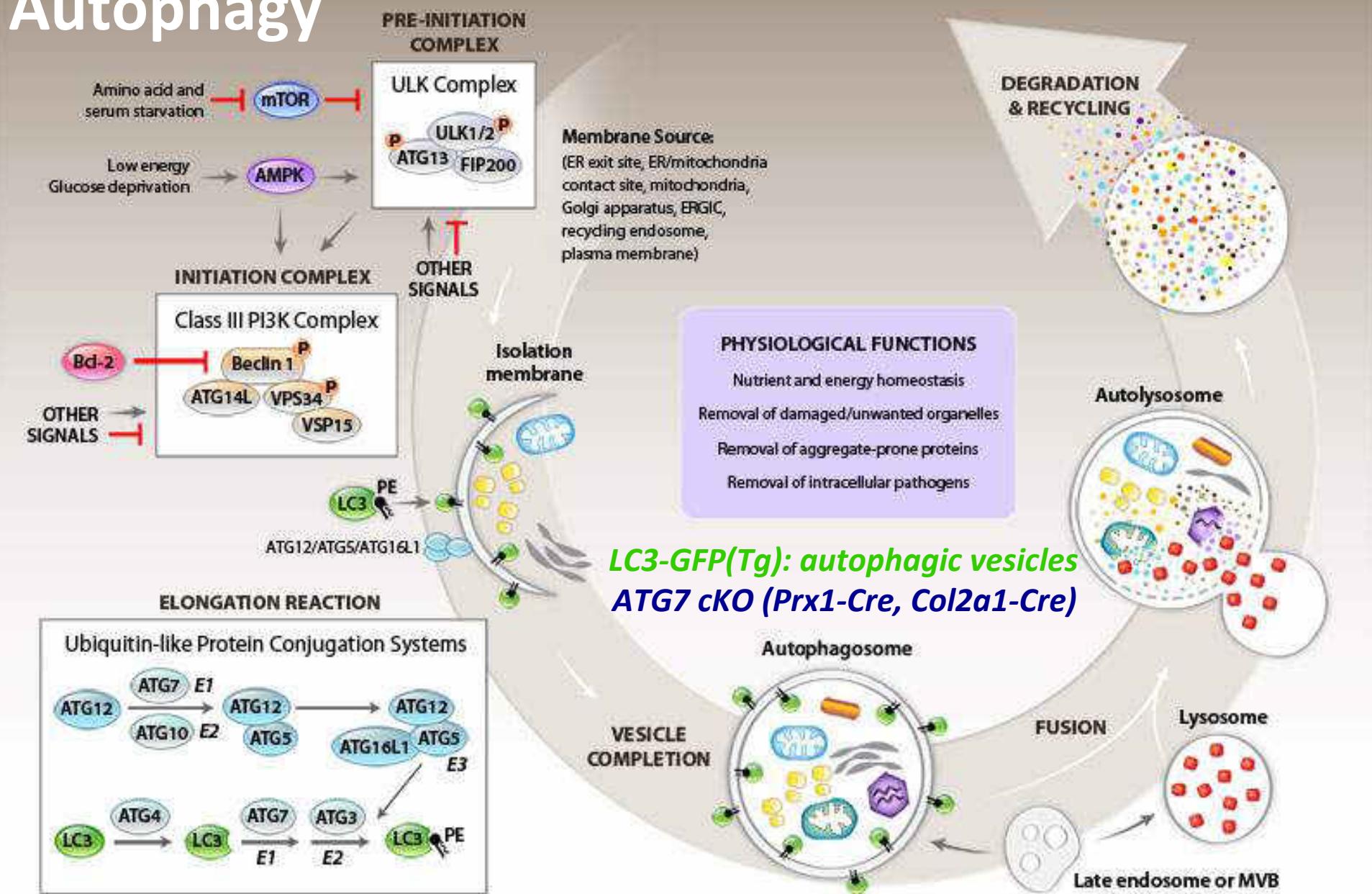
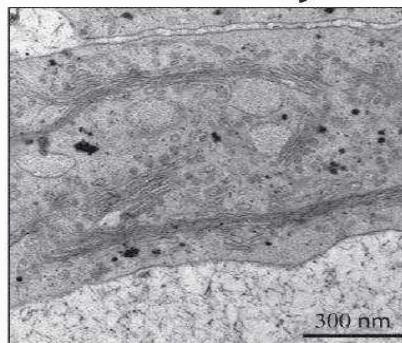


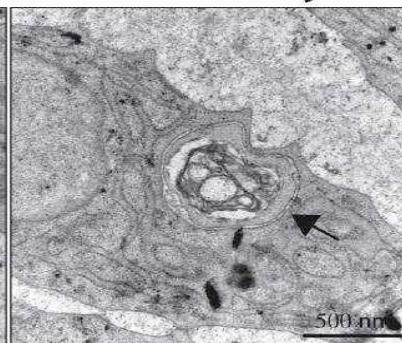
Image: Center for Autophagy Research, Levine Laboratory, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas

LC3-GFP(Tg): autophagic vesicles

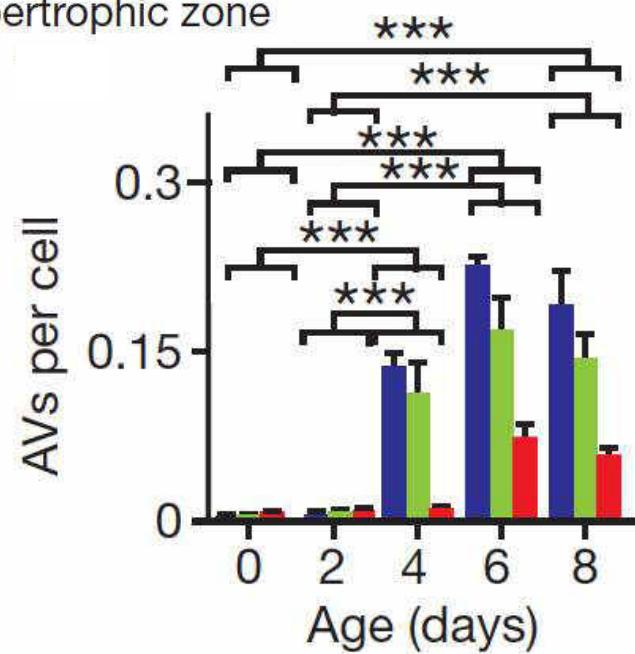
Postnatal day 0



Postnatal day 6



- Resting zone
- Proliferating zone
- Hypertrophic zone

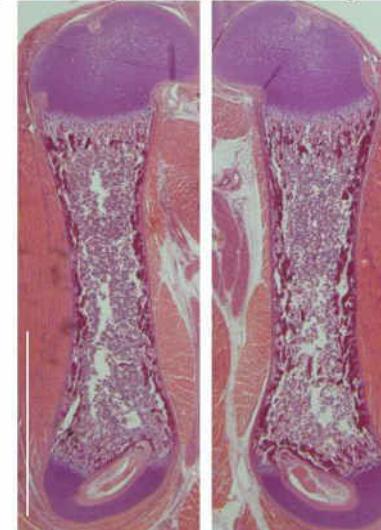


Cinque et al., Nature 528:272-275, Dec 2015

ATG7 cKO (Prx1-Cre, Col2a1-Cre)

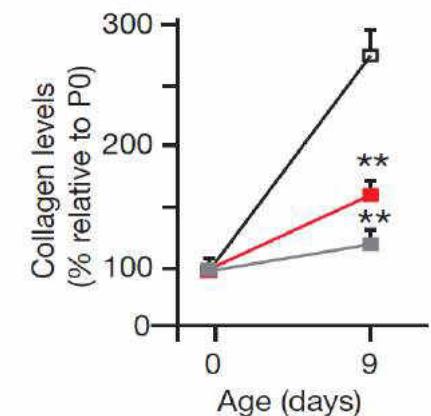
Postnatal day 6

a *Atg7^{fl/fl}* *Prx1-Cre; Atg7^{fl/fl}*

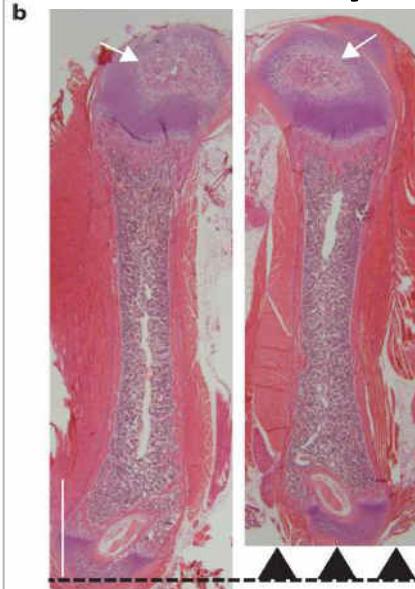


↓ Col2 levels in cartilage

- *Atg7^{fl/fl}*
- *Col2a1-Cre; Atg7^{fl/fl}*
- *Prx1-Cre; Atg7^{fl/fl}*

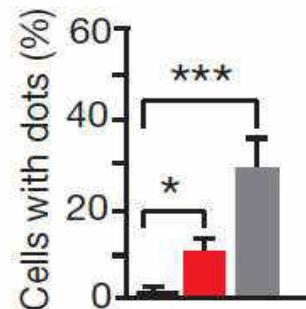


Postnatal day 9

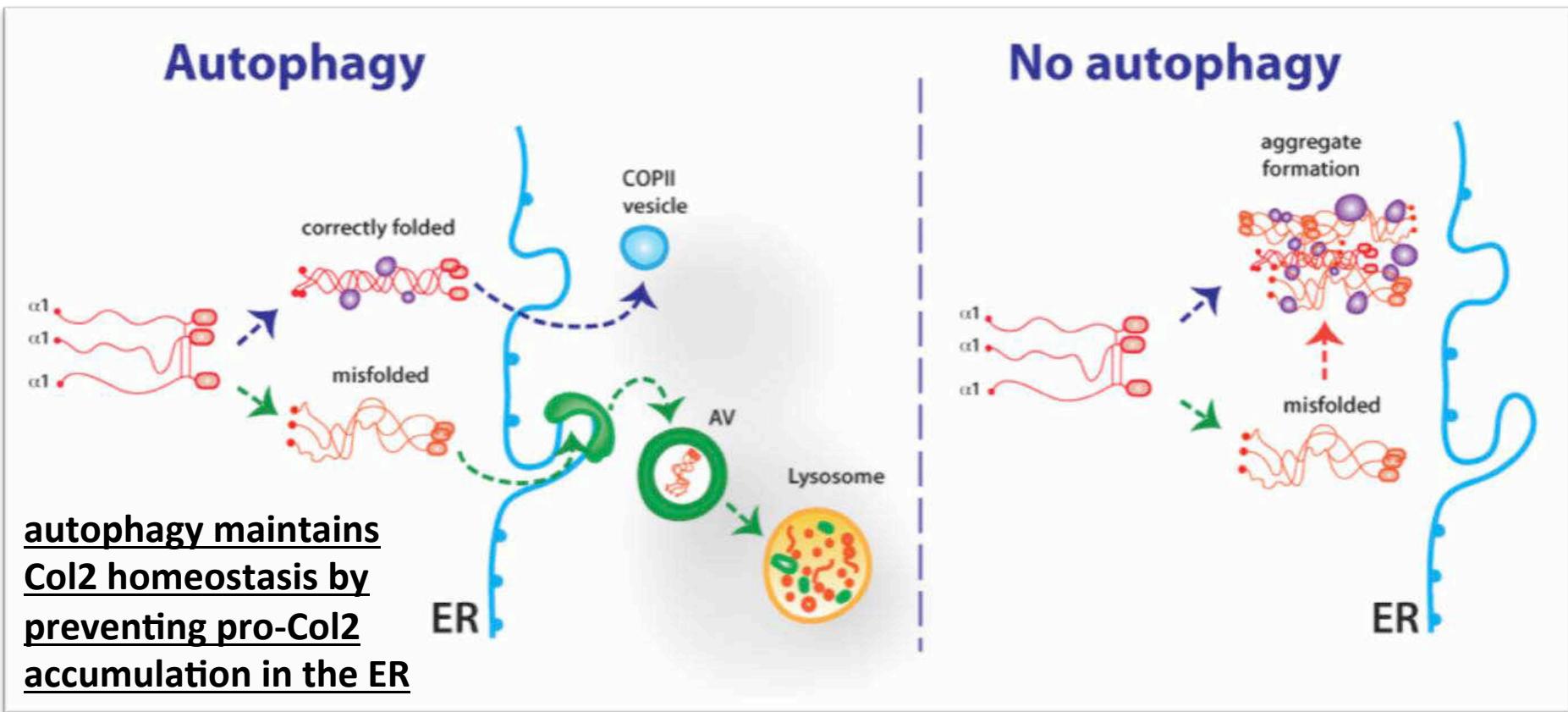


↑ Intracellular pro-Col2 accumulation

- *Atg7^{fl/fl}*
- *Col2a1-Cre; Atg7^{fl/fl}*
- *Prx1-Cre; Atg7^{fl/fl}*

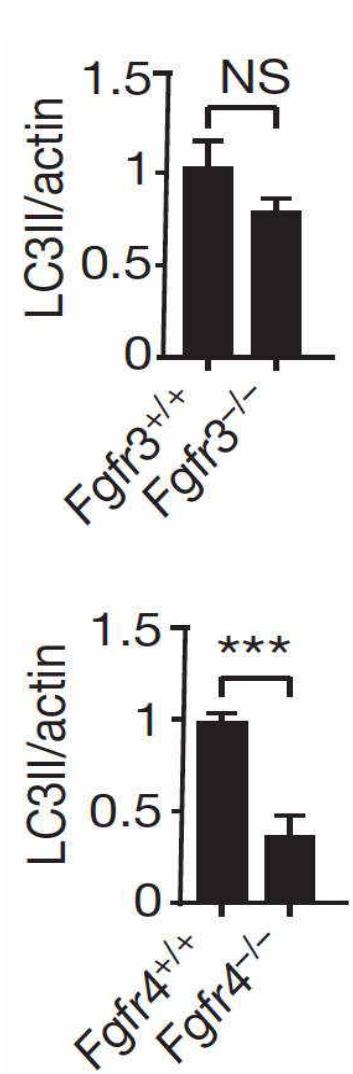
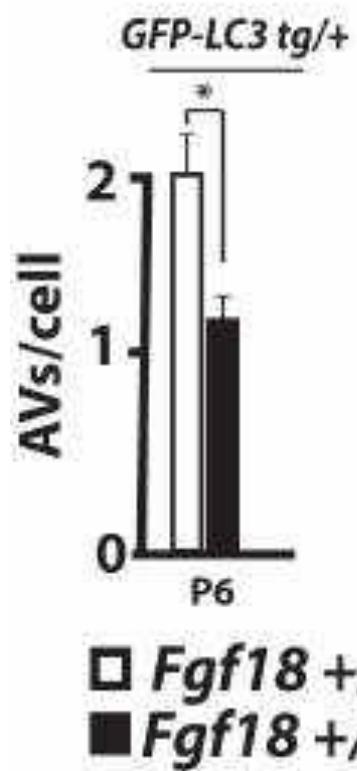


Autophagy regulates postnatal bone growth in part by controlling the secretion of type II collagen in chondrocytes

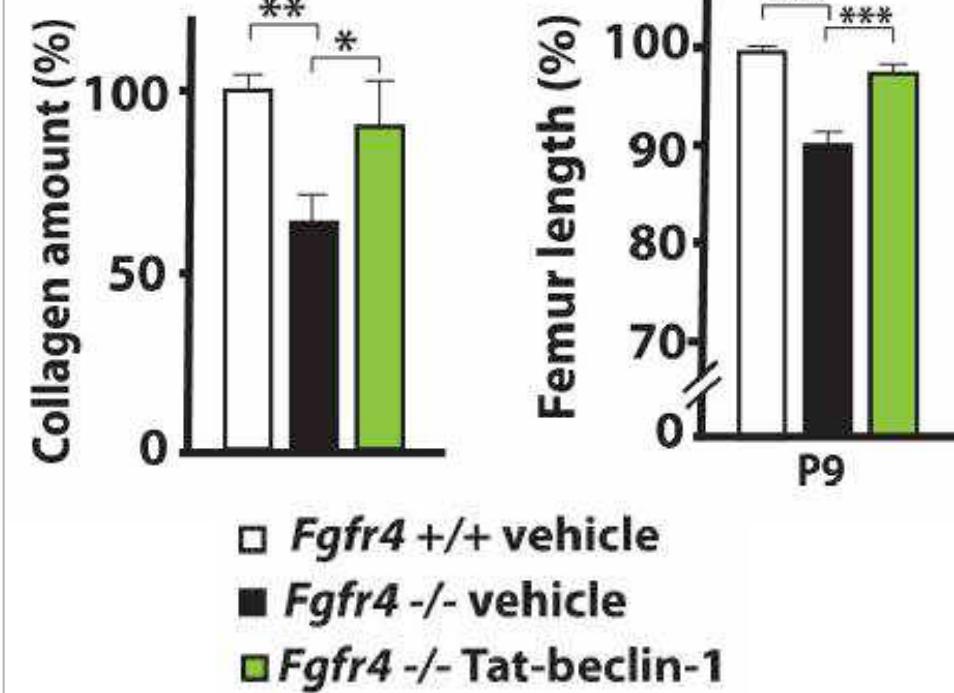


Autophagy in chondrocytes is regulated by FGF-18/FGFR4 signaling

LC3-GFP(Tg): autophagic vesicles

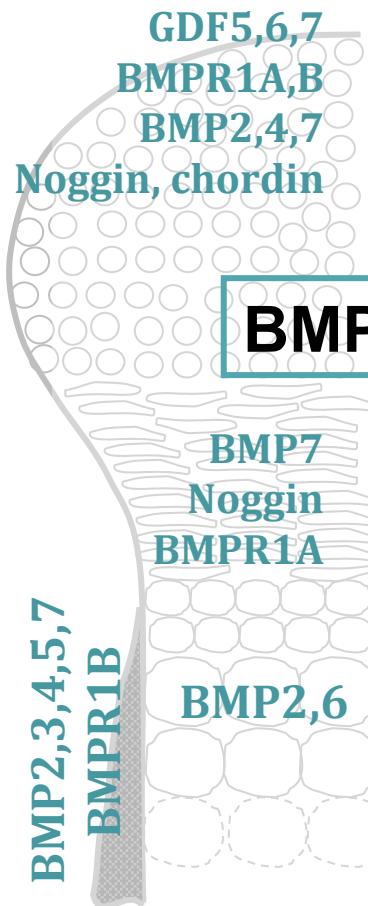


+*Tat-beclin-1: autophagy-inducing peptide*
→ *Rescue of collagen secretion defect*

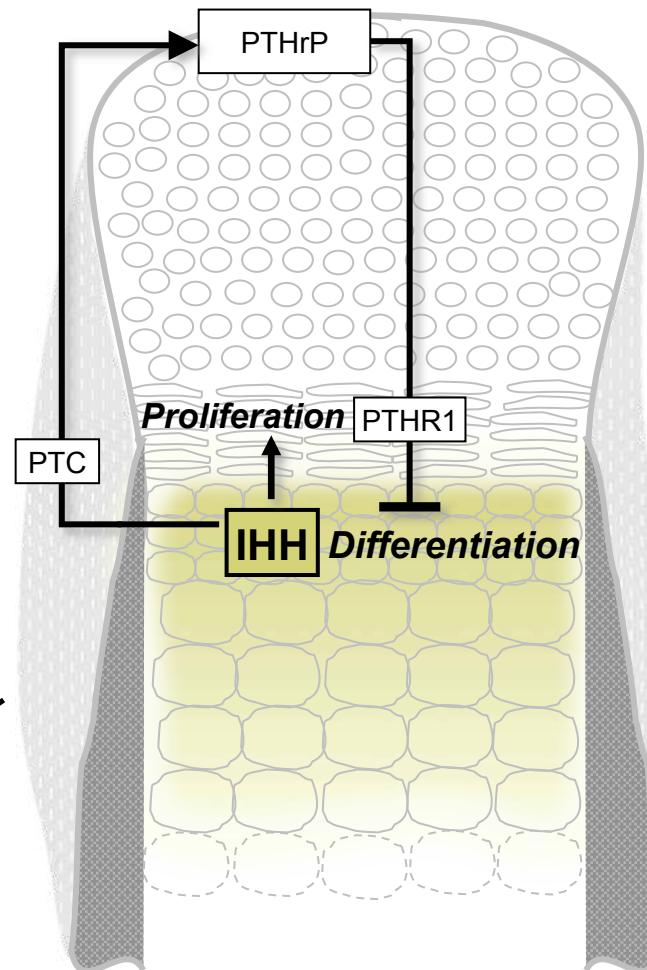


Interacting growth factor pathways control proliferation and differentiation of growth plate chondrocytes

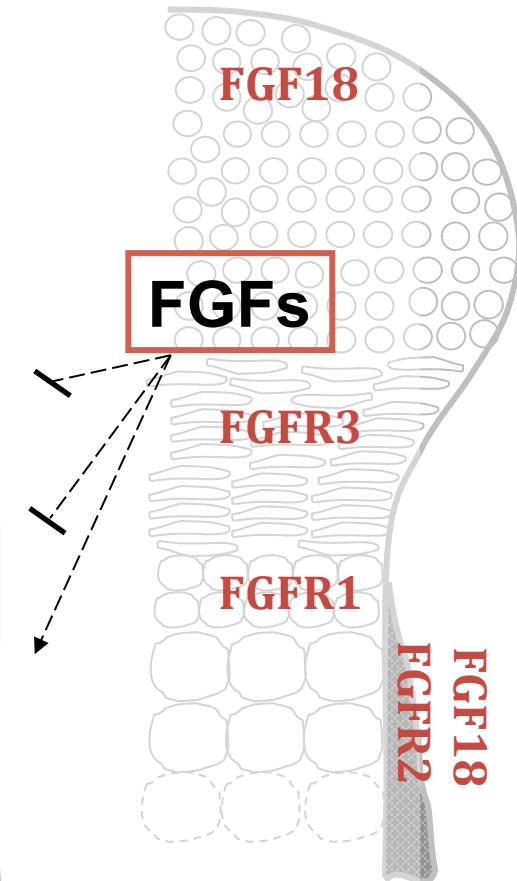
BMP family



Ihh-PTHrP feedback loop



FGF family

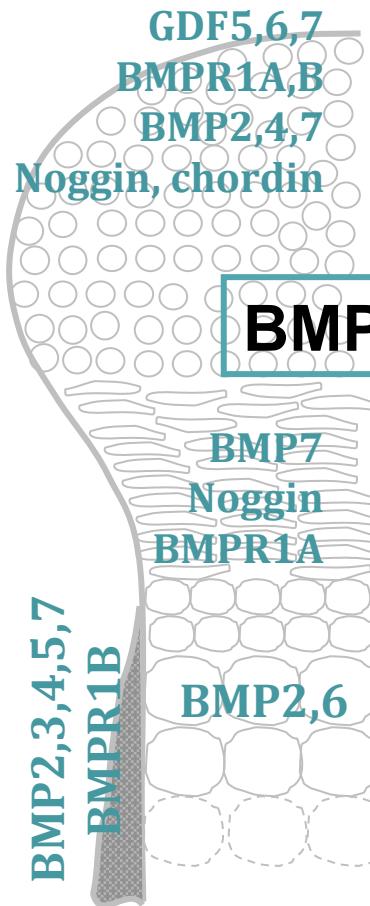


Maes C., Sem Cell Dev Biol 2016 (in press)

"Signaling Pathways Effecting Crosstalk Between Cartilage and Adjacent Tissues"

Interacting growth factor pathways control proliferation and differentiation of growth plate chondrocytes

BMP family



Ihh-PTHrP feedback loop

FGF family

C. Settembre: Meet-The-Expert Session
(today 17:45)

Immature, round
chondrocytes

Autophagy
Cartilage matrix production

Columnar chondrocytes

Proliferation

Pre-hypertrophic chondrocytes

Differentiation

Hypertrophic chondrocytes

FGF18

FGFs

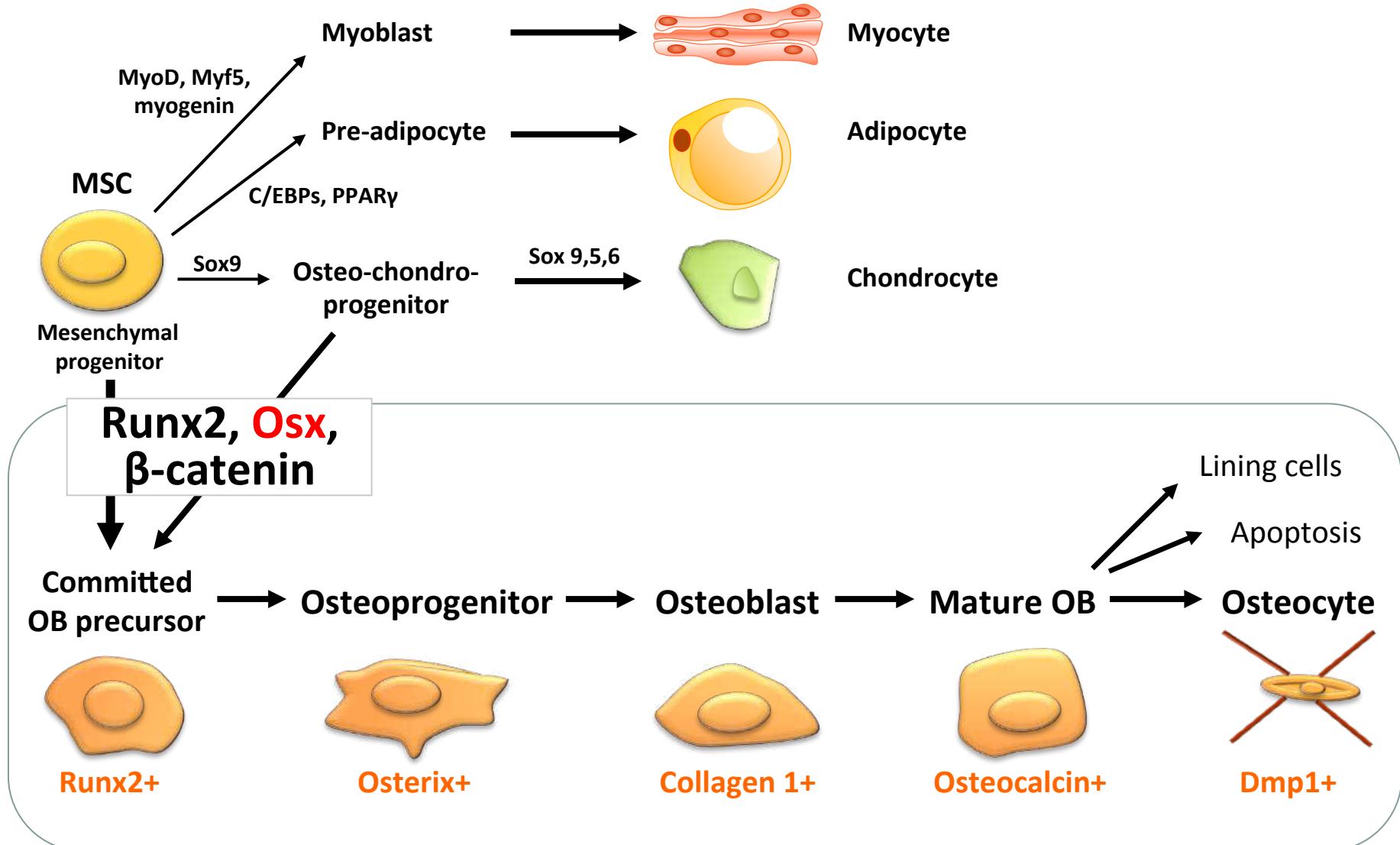
FGFR3
FGFR4
FGFR1

FGFR2
FGFR18

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Osteoblast differentiation

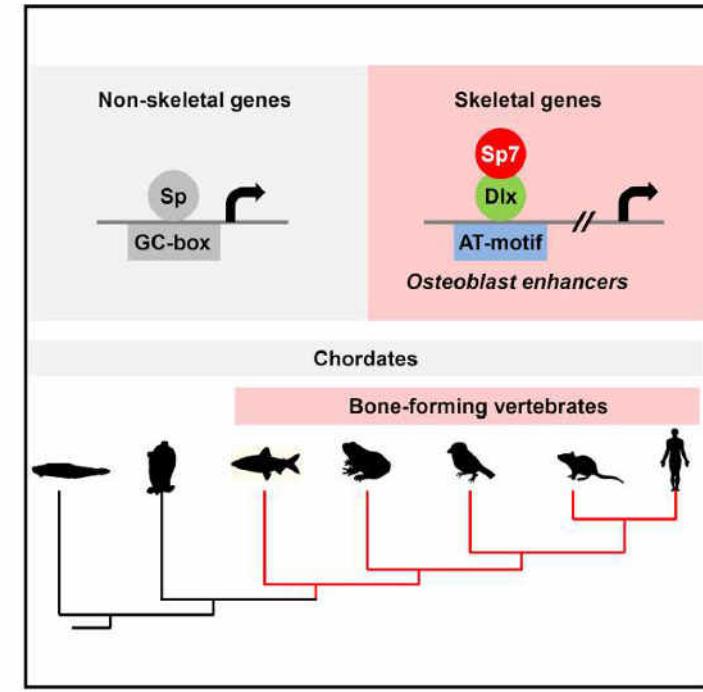


Developmental Cell

Article

Sp7/Osterix Is Restricted to Bone-Forming Vertebrates where It Acts as a Dlx Co-factor in Osteoblast Specification

Graphical Abstract



Authors

Hironori Hojo, Shinsuke Ohba,
Xinjun He, Lick Pui Lai,
Andrew P. McMahon

In Brief

Unlike other Sp family members, which directly bind a consensus GC box, Hojo et al. show that Sp7/Osterix, a master transcriptional regulator specifying bone-forming osteoblasts, engages targets indirectly, through Dlx factors bound at AT-rich motifs. Cross-species analysis suggests that an Sp7-like variant arose in a common ancestor of bone-forming vertebrates.

Sp7/Osterix:

Crucial
osteoblastogenic TF

... but...

The osteogenic regulatory program determinants, target genes and mechanisms of action are poorly understood

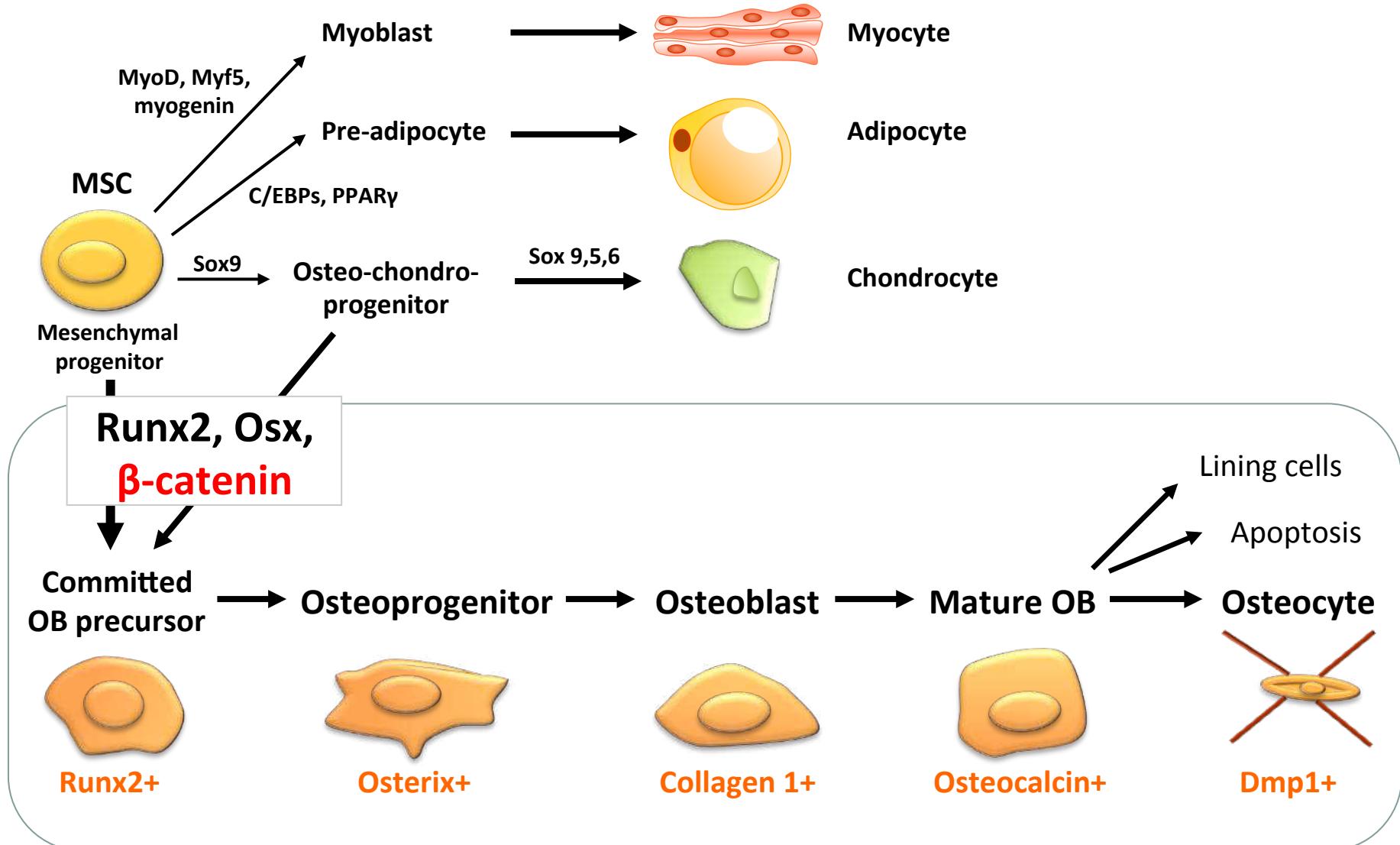
Highlights

- Sp7 genome-wide analysis identified osteoblast enhancers in calvarial osteoblasts
- Motif recovery and functional analysis indicate Sp7 acts through an AT-rich motif
- Sp7 indirectly engages the AT-rich motif through a Dlx complex
- The Sp7 Sp family variant correlates with the emergence of bone-forming vertebrates

Sp7-Biotin-3xFLAG knock-in mouse
→ ***Sp7 chromatin immunoprecipitation sequencing analysis (primary calvaria OBs P1 mice)***

Hojo et al., Dev Cell, May 2016

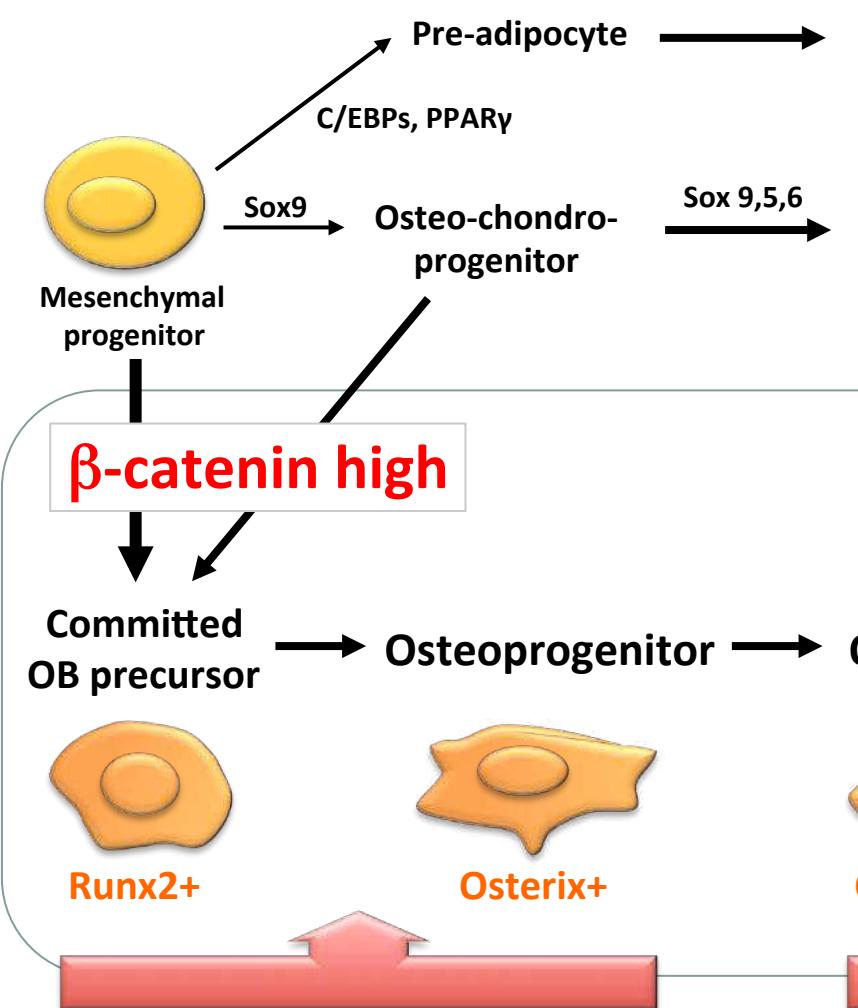
Osteoblast differentiation



WNT/β-catenin signaling in osteoblast lineage cells

➤ L-O-F / G-O-F β-catenin in mice

β-catenin low



➤ Crucial role for β-catenin in the cell fate decision of mesenchymal progenitors

- Day et al., Dev Cell 2005; Hill et al., Dev Cell 2005; Hu et al., Development 2005
- Song et al., JBMR 2012; Chen & Long, JBMR 2013

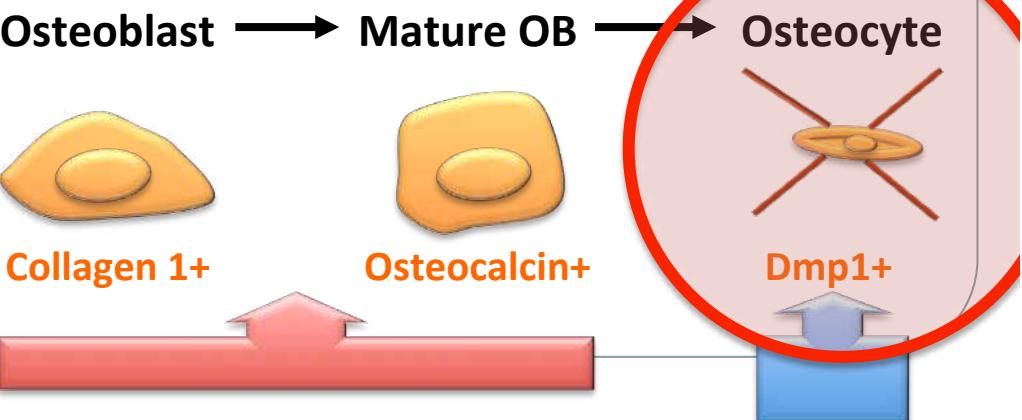
➤ Role in osteoclastogenesis through OPG

- Glass et al., Dev Cell 2005

➤ Role in leukemic transformation

- Kode et al, Nature 2014

➤ Role in osteocytes

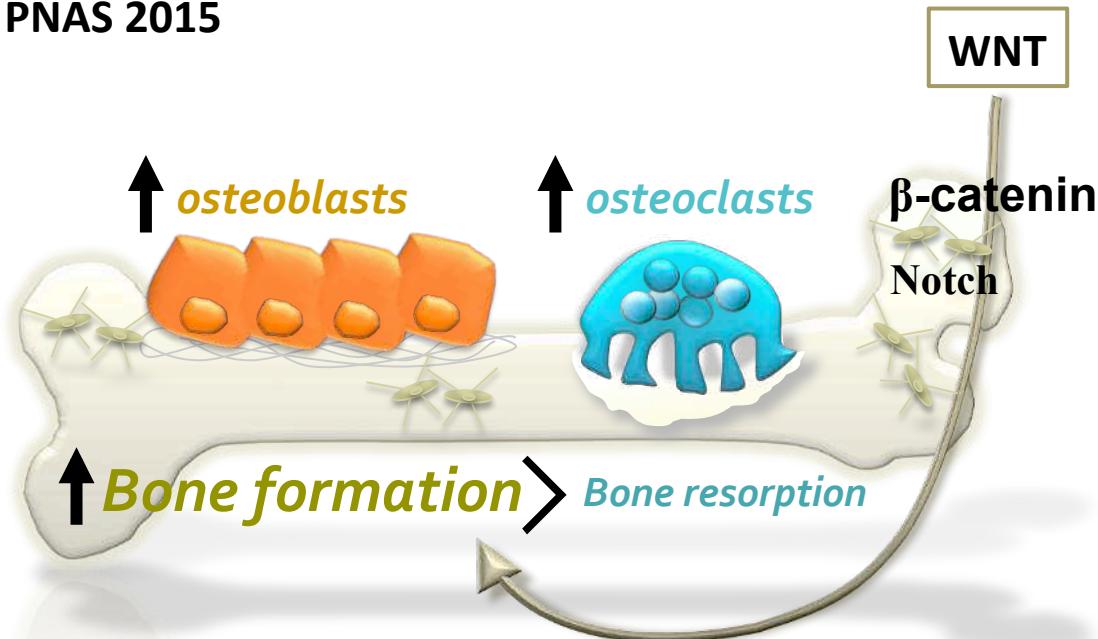


“Osteocytes mediate the anabolic actions of canonical Wnt/β-catenin signaling in bone”

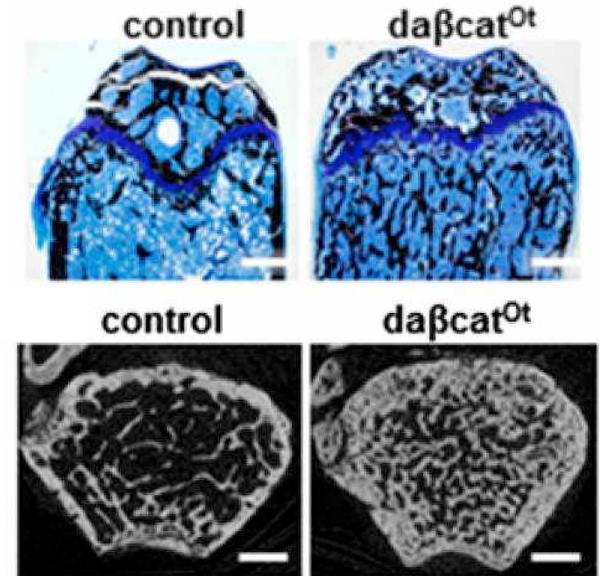
Xiaolin Tu, Jesus Delgado-Calle, Keith W. Condon, Marta Maycas, Huajia Zhang, Nadia Carlesso,

Makoto M. Taketo, David B. Burr, Lilian I. Plotkin, and Teresita Bellido

PNAS 2015



DMP1(8kb)-Cre; CA(β-catenin)



“Postnatal β-catenin deletion from Dmp1-expressing osteocytes/osteoblasts reduces structural adaptation to loading, but not periosteal load-induced bone formation”

Kyung Shin Kang, Jung Min Hong, Alexander G. Robling

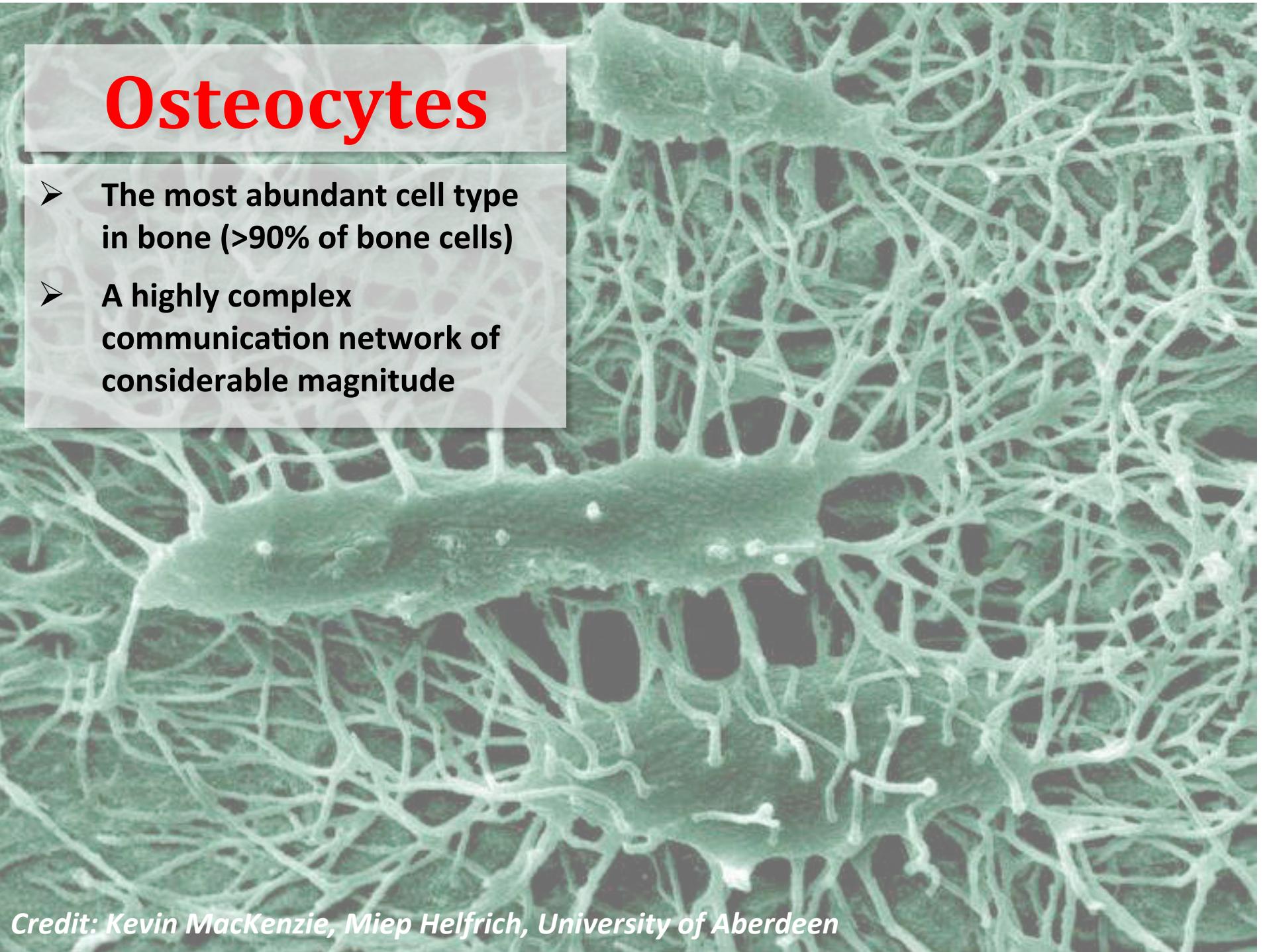
Bone 2016

**DMP1(10kb)-CreERt2; β-catenin(floxed)
icKO (tamoxifen @ week 17)**

Adult-onset deletion of βcat → reduced bone mass and density over a 4-wk period + Altered response to mechanical loading

Osteocytes

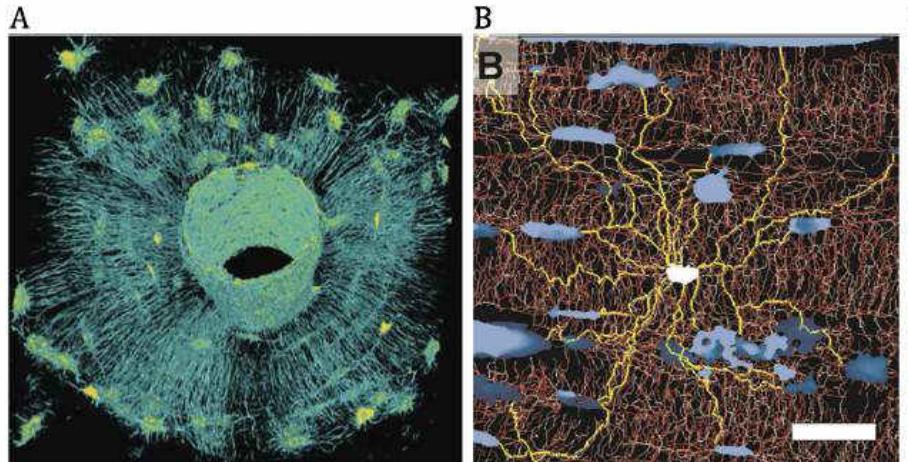
- The most abundant cell type in bone (>90% of bone cells)
- A highly complex communication network of considerable magnitude



Credit: Kevin MacKenzie, Miep Helfrich, University of Aberdeen

“Quantifying the osteocyte network in the human skeleton”

Buenzli PR, Sims NA. Bone 75:144-150, 2015



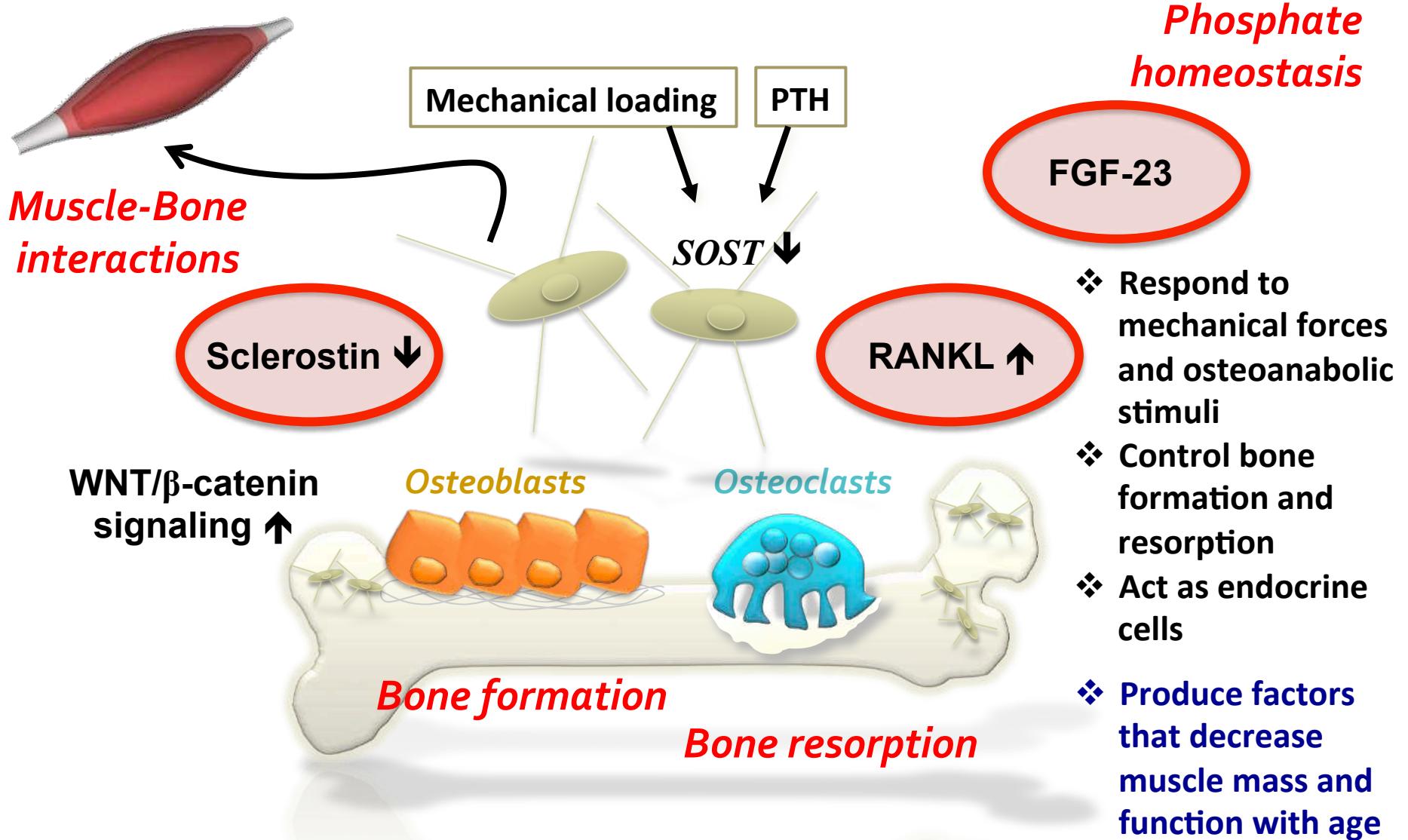
- Using data of recent papers, obtained with advanced imaging techniques
synchrotron X-ray, Nano-CT
- Using published literature
> Parfitt 1983 – now
- Arithmetic calculations and mathematical models

e.g.: total # osteocytes (Ots) = total BV x estimated average osteocyte density (# Ots/BV)

Estimations of the magnitude of the osteocyte network in human bone:

	Osteocyte network in bone	Neuronal network in brain
Total # cells in human body	≈ 42 billion	≈ 86 billion
Total processes length	≈ 175,000 km	≈ 150,000 – 180,000 km
Total # dendritic projections	≈ 3.7 trillion (≈ 89 per Ot)	
# connections (with other Ots and bone surface cells)	≈ 23.4 trillion (on average 12.7 termini per cell process)	≈ 150 trillion neural cortex synapses

The Multifunctional Osteocyte



The muscle-bone functional unit

Molecular Clocks Symposium (Tuesday)

"Deletion of Mbtps1 (Pcsk8, S1p, Ski-1) Gene in Osteocytes Stimulates Soleus Muscle Regeneration and Increased Size and Contractile Force with Age"
Gorski et al. *J Biol Chem.* 2016 Feb 26;291(9):4308-22.

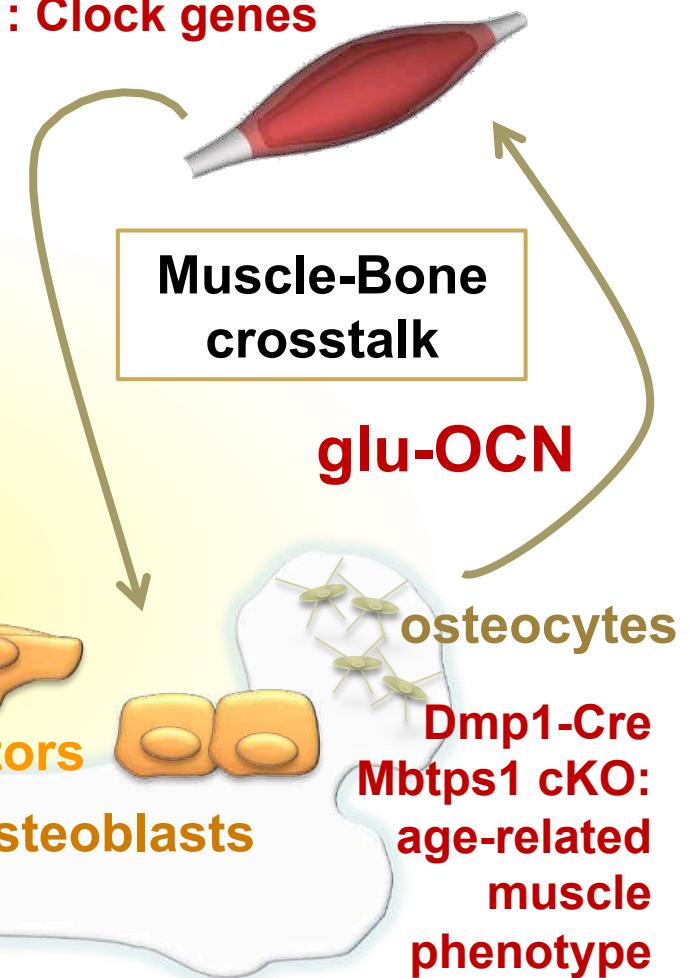
"Deletion of connexin43 in osteoblasts/osteocytes leads to impaired muscle formation in mice"
Shen et al. *J Bone Miner Res.* 2015 Apr;30(4):596-605.

"Intrinsic muscle clock is necessary for musculoskeletal health"
Schroder et al. *J Physiol.* 2015 Dec 15;593(24): 5387-404.

"Bone and muscle: Interactions beyond mechanical"
Brotto and Bonewald. *Bone.* 2015 Nov;80:109-14.

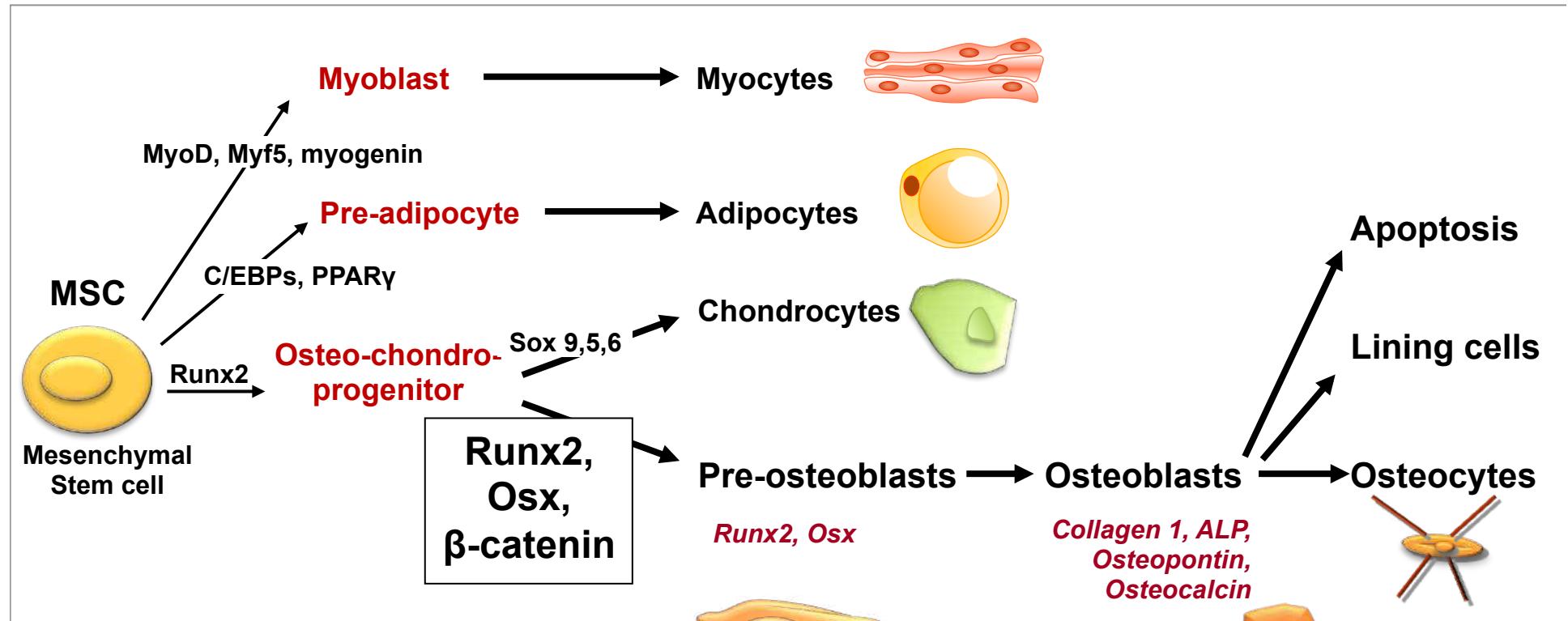
"Muscle and bone, two interconnected tissues"
Tagliaferri et al. *Ageing Res Rev.* 2015 May;21:55-70.

muscle icKO-Bmal1: Clock genes



Muscle and Bone Sessions (Monday)

Osteoblast differentiation and bone formation



**WNT and BMP
signaling**



Osteoblast differentiation and bone formation

DMP1-Cre; BMPR1a(flox)
PN Osx-Cre^{dox}; BMPR1a(flox)

“Dual function of Bmpr1a signaling in restricting preosteoblast proliferation and stimulating osteoblast activity in mouse”

Lim et al. Development. 2016

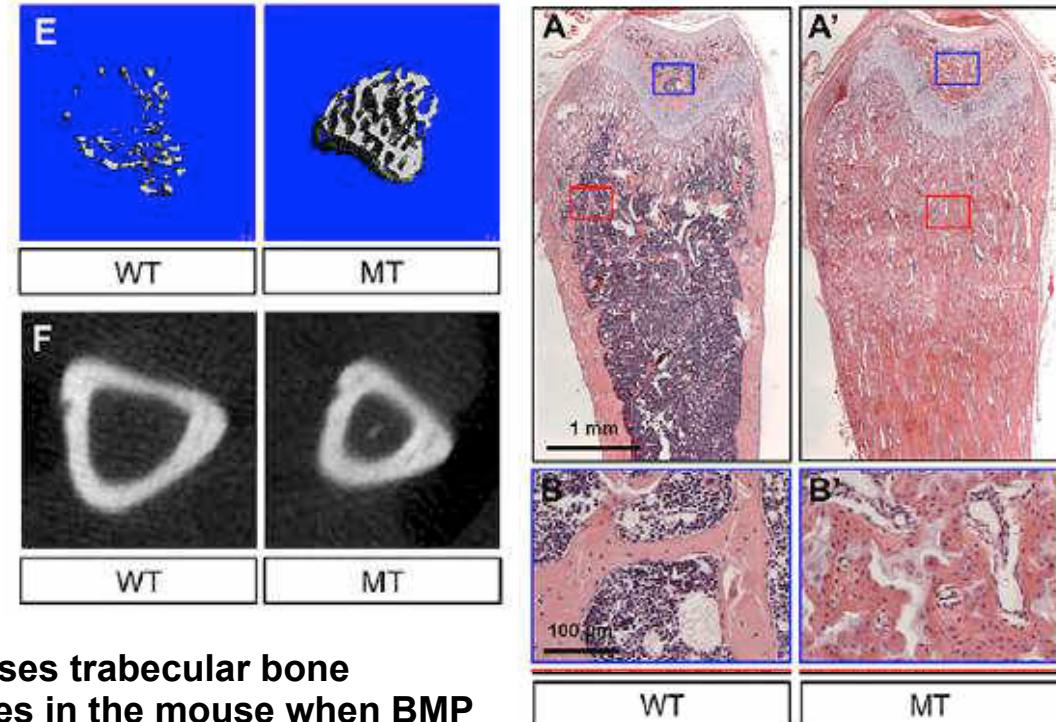
PN Col1-CreERT; BMPR1a(flox)

“Mechanical loading synergistically increases trabecular bone volume and improves mechanical properties in the mouse when BMP signaling is specifically ablated in osteoblasts”

Iura et al. PLoS One. Oct 2015.

“Loss of BMP signaling through BMPR1A in osteoblasts leads to greater collagen cross-link maturation and material-level mechanical properties in mouse femoral trabecular compartments”

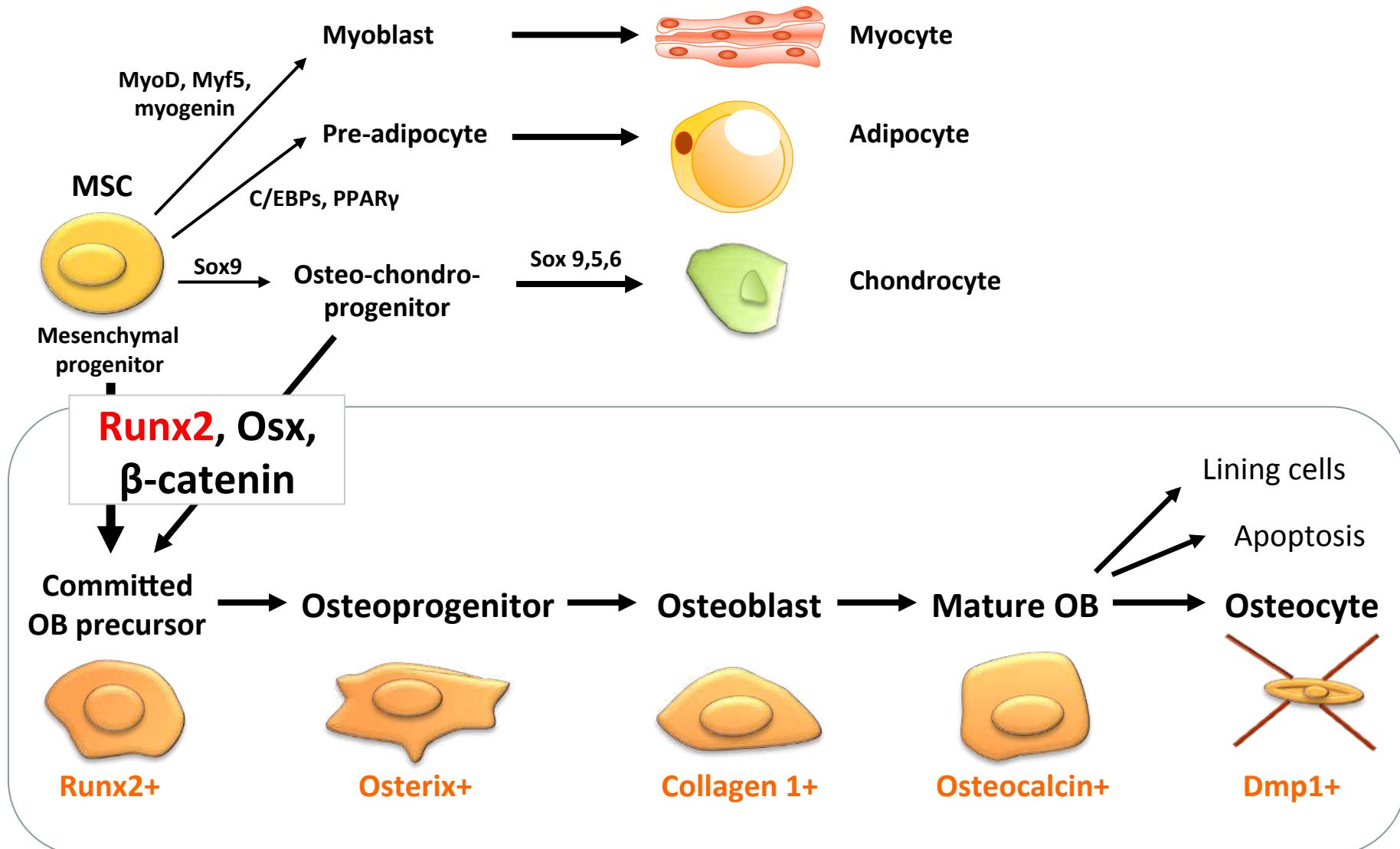
Zhang et al. Bone. Apr 2016.



Trabecular bone ↑
OBs ↑
SOST ↓

BMP signaling can negatively regulate bone formation

Osteoblast differentiation and bone formation



Glucose Uptake and Runx2 Synergize to Orchestrate Osteoblast Differentiation and Bone Formation

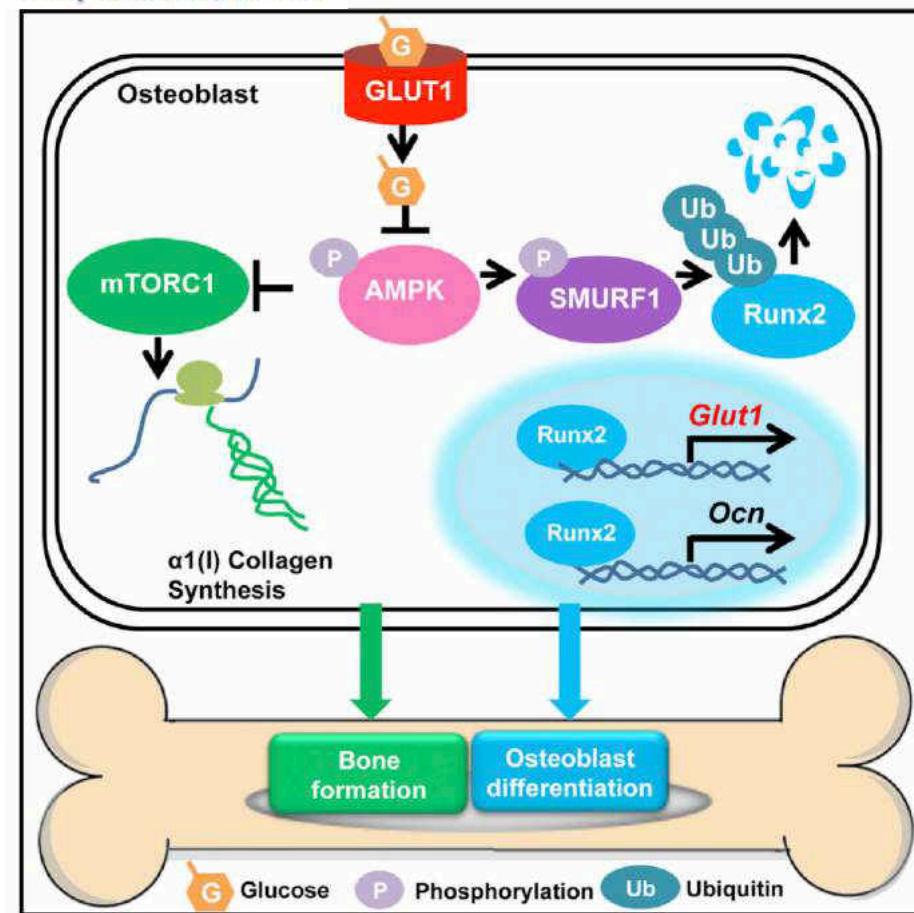
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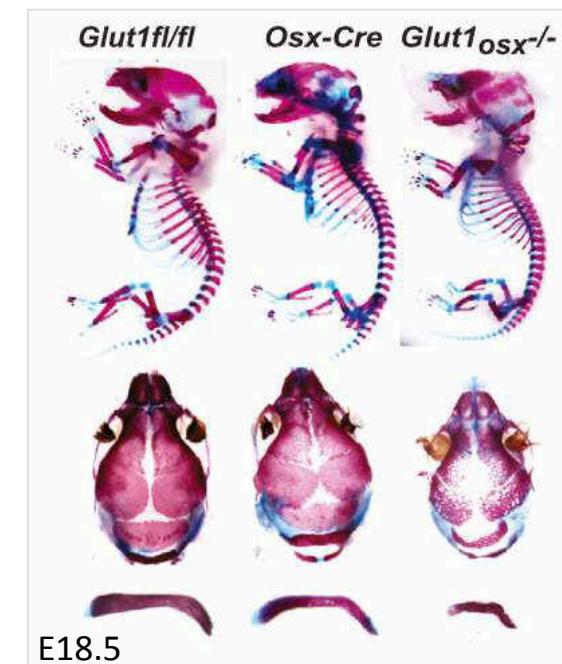
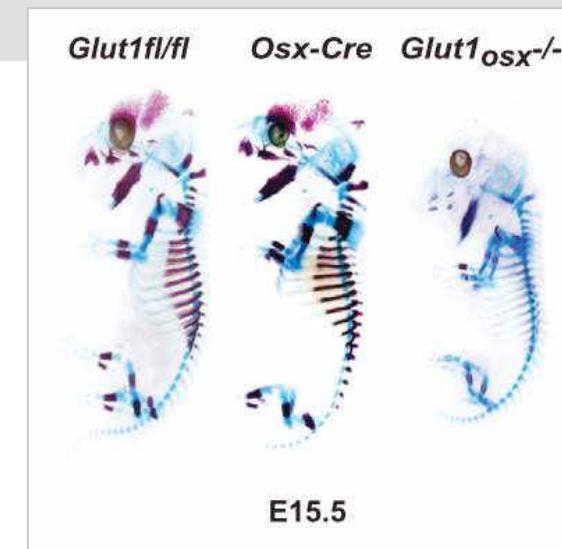
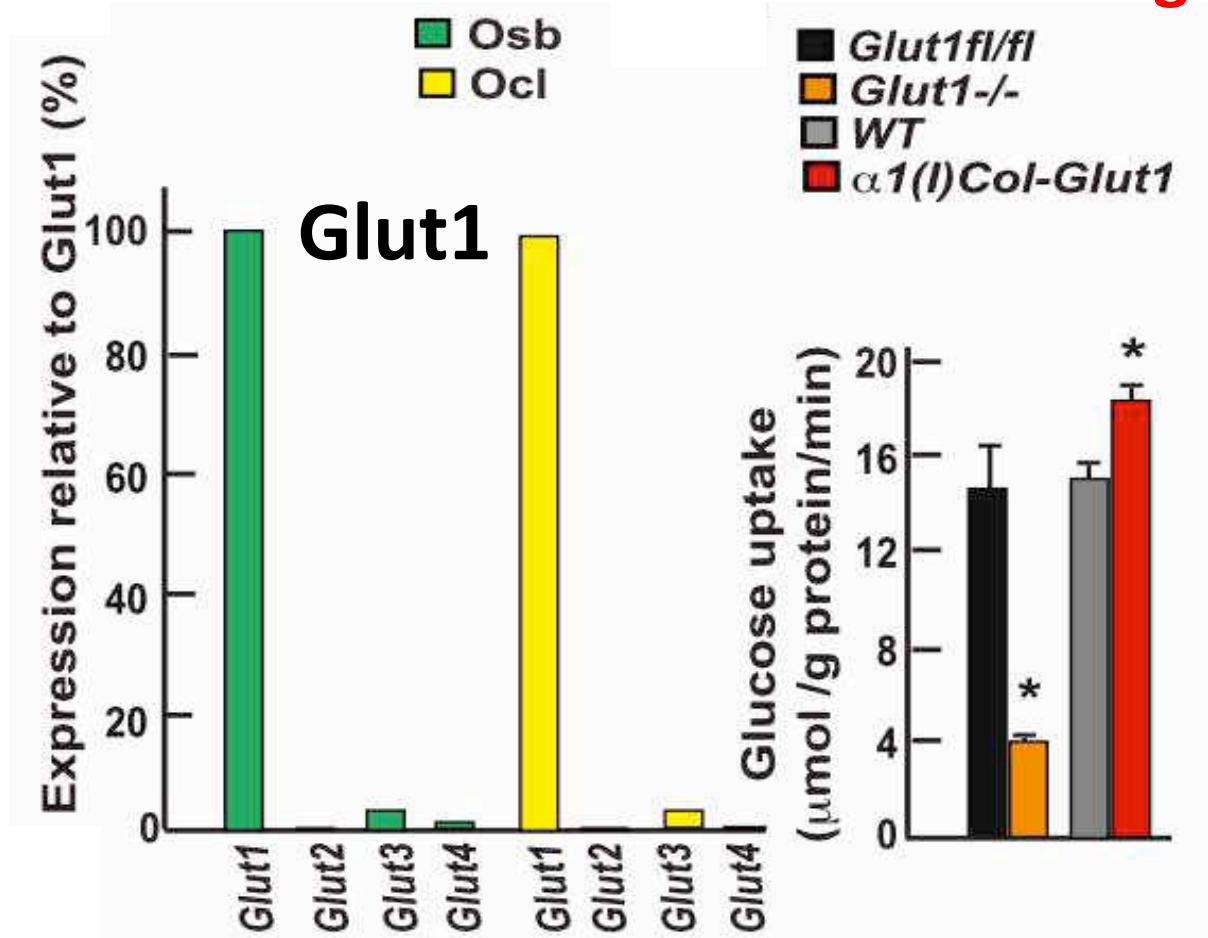
Highlights

- Osteoblasts are addicted to glucose
- Glucose uptake is needed for osteoblast differentiation and bone formation
- Runx2 is necessary for Glut1 expression in prospective osteoblasts
- Glut1 and Runx2 crosstalk determines osteoblast differentiation and bone formation

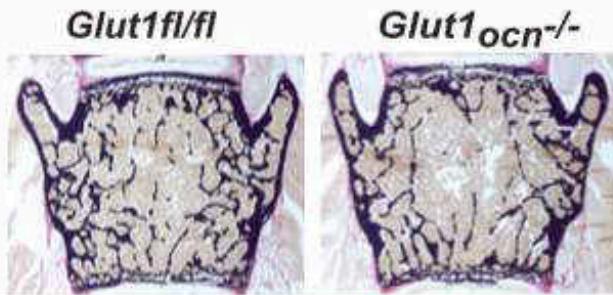
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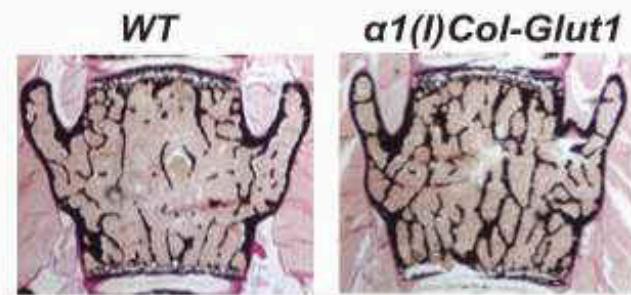
Glucose uptake is necessary for osteoblast differentiation and bone formation during development



Glucose uptake is necessary for bone formation postnatally



BV/TV (%)	18.3 ± 0.87	$12.78 \pm 0.55^{\#}$
N.Ob/T.Ar	119.19 ± 21.54	$66.68 \pm 11.45^*$
MAR (mm/y)	1.68 ± 0.12	$1.20 \pm 0.13^*$
BFR/BS ($\mu\text{m}^3/\mu\text{m}^2/\text{y}$)	106.84 ± 13.12	$60.78 \pm 4.93^*$
Oc.S/BS	21.24 ± 1.23	23.29 ± 0.99



BV/TV (%)	16.91 ± 0.67	$19.59 \pm 0.88^*$
N.Ob/T.Ar	124.00 ± 16.65	$190.85 \pm 19.36^*$
MAR (mm/y)	1.38 ± 0.09	$1.87 \pm 0.13^*$
BFR/BS ($\mu\text{m}^3/\mu\text{m}^2/\text{y}$)	101.43 ± 12.50	$150.66 \pm 17.10^*$
Oc.S/BS	12.65 ± 1.05	13.49 ± 0.89

**OCN-Cre;Glut1(flox)
cKO**

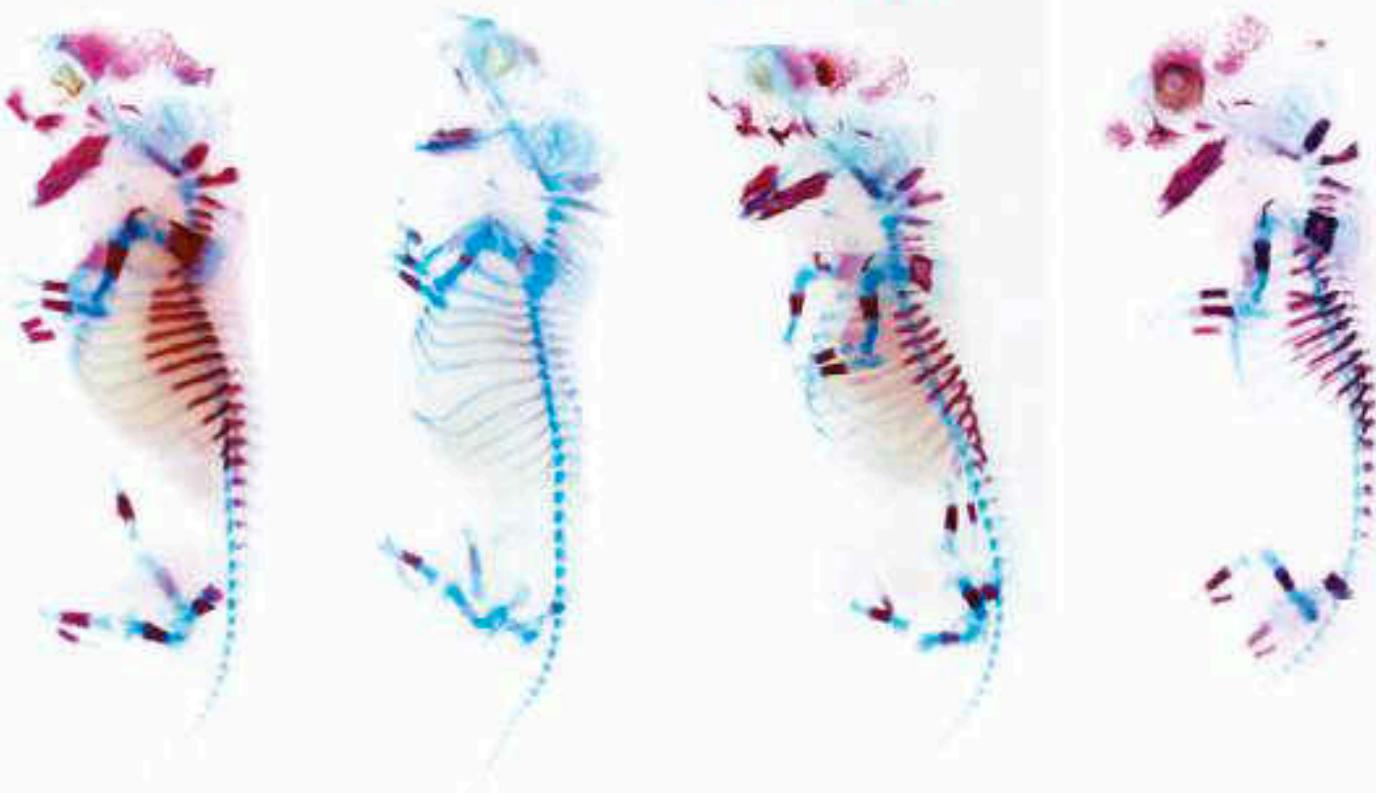
Trab bone ↓
OBs ↓
OB activity ↓

**Col1-Glut1
Tg**

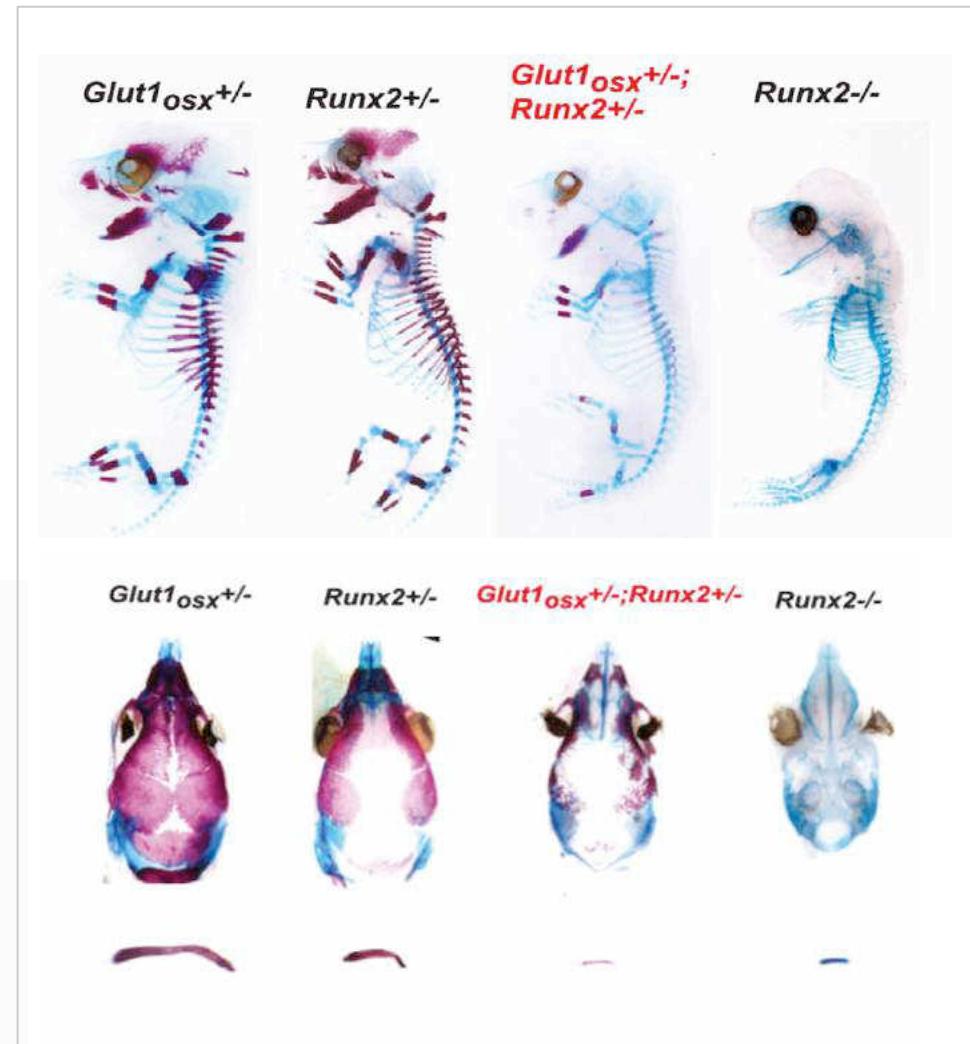
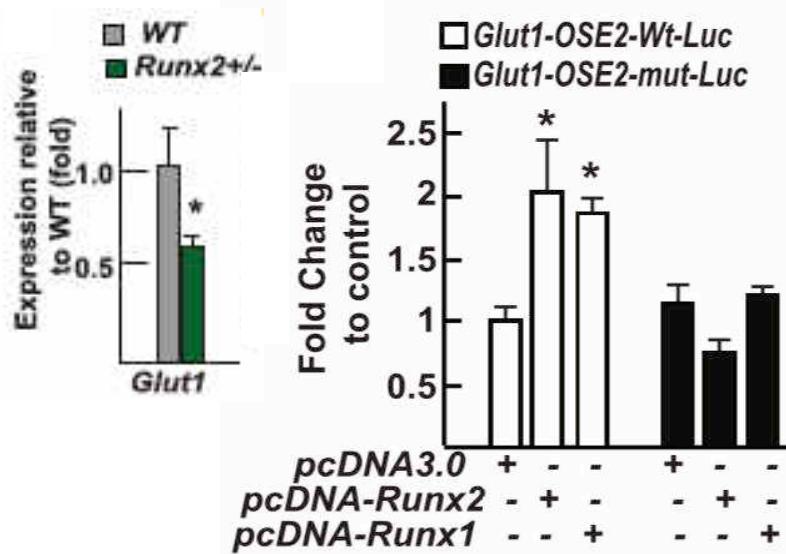
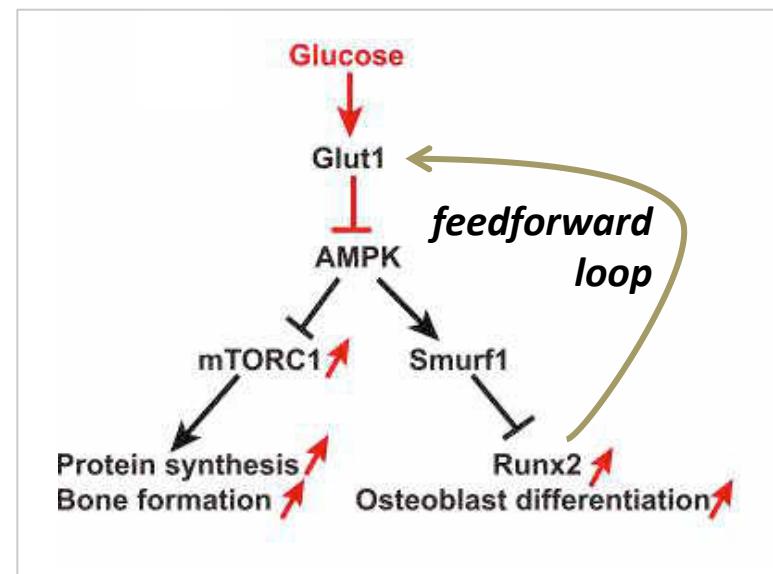
Trab bone ↑
OBs ↑
OB activity ↑

Glut1-deficiency inhibits osteoblast differentiation and bone formation by increasing AMPK

Glut1fl/fl *Glut1osx^{-/-}* *Glut1osx^{-/-}; Ampka1osx^{+/-}* *Ampka1osx^{+/-}*



Crosstalk between Runx2 and Glut1 coordinates osteoblast differentiation and bone formation



Osteoblast cellular glucose and energy metabolism

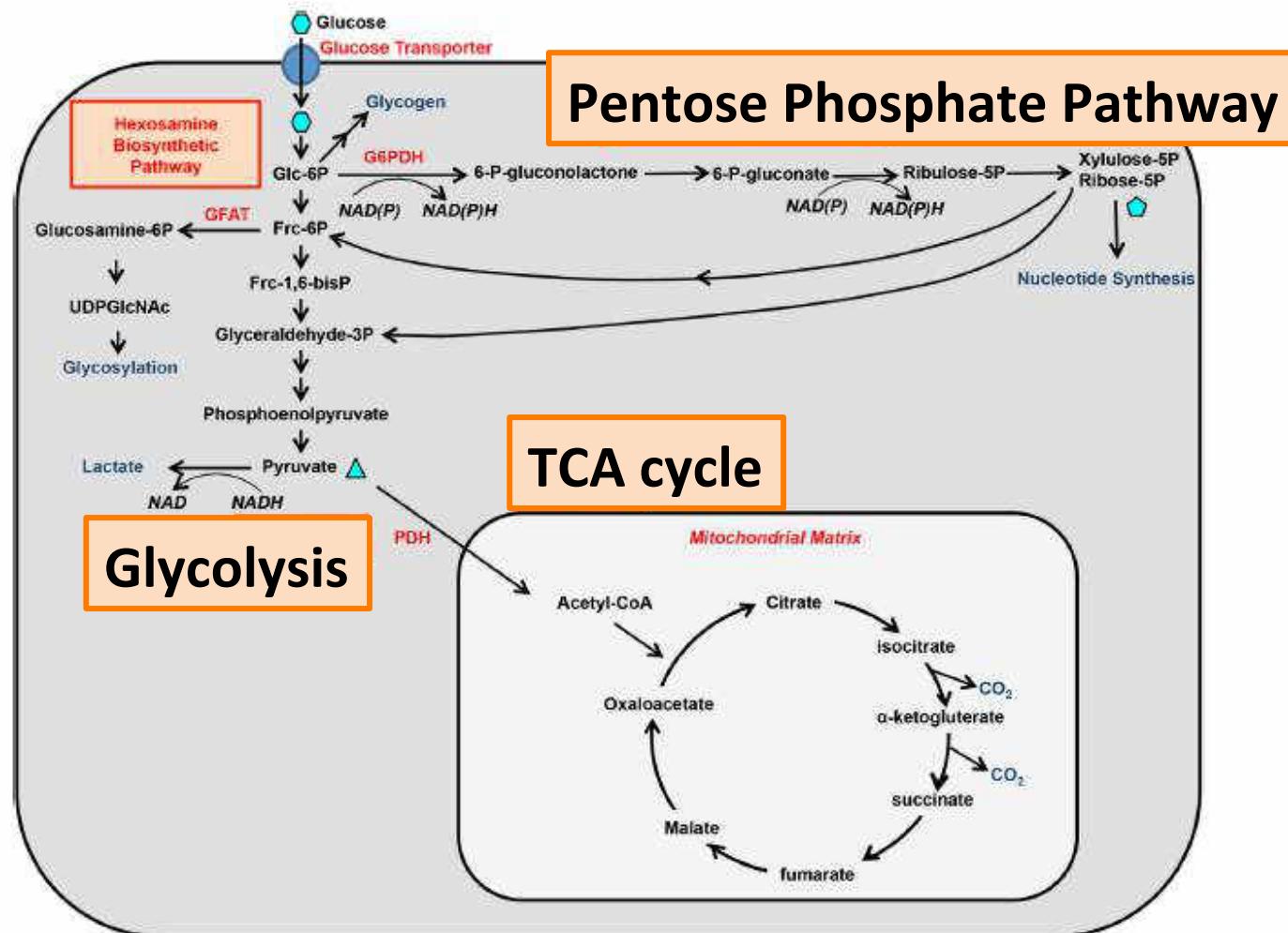
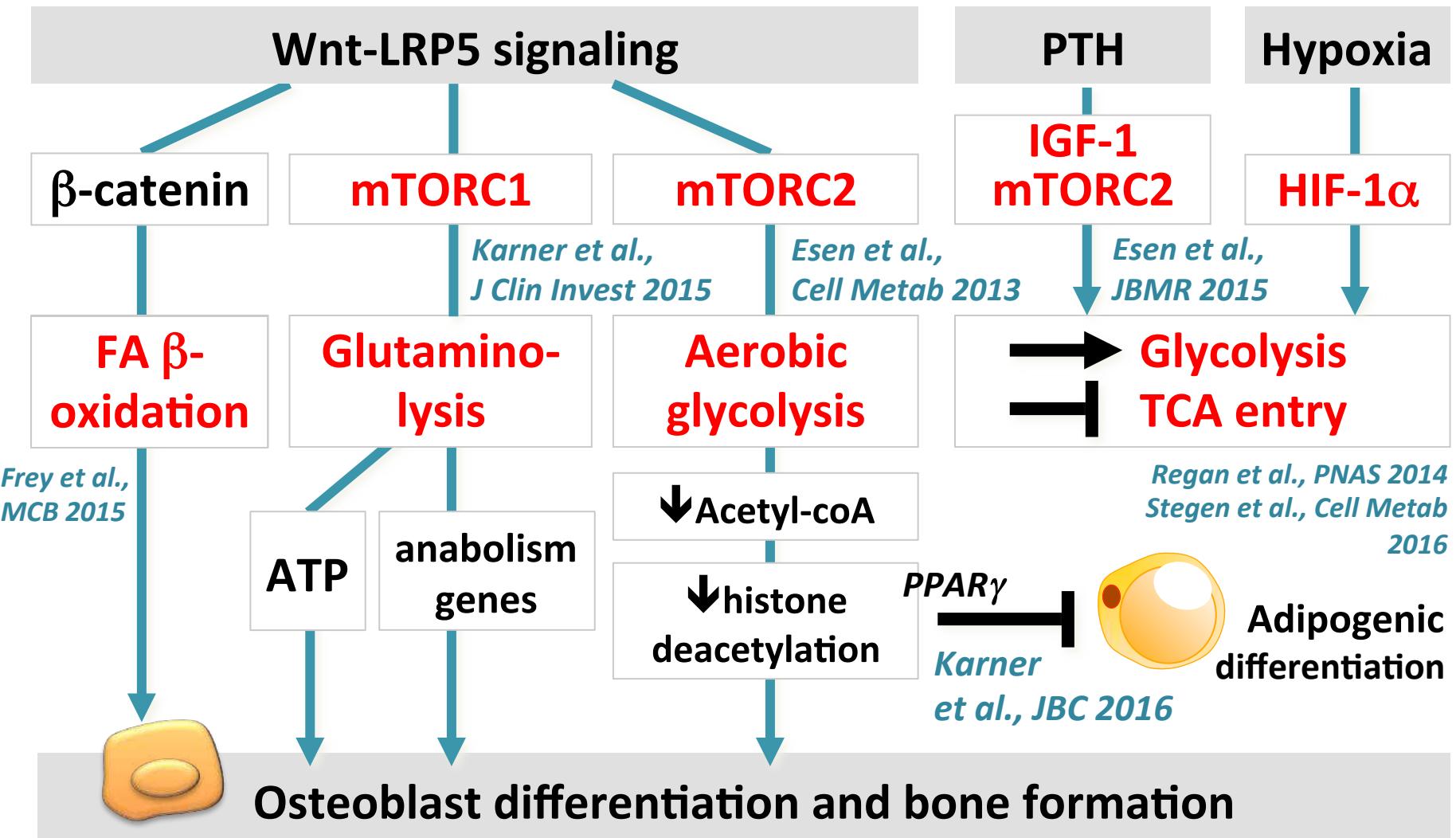


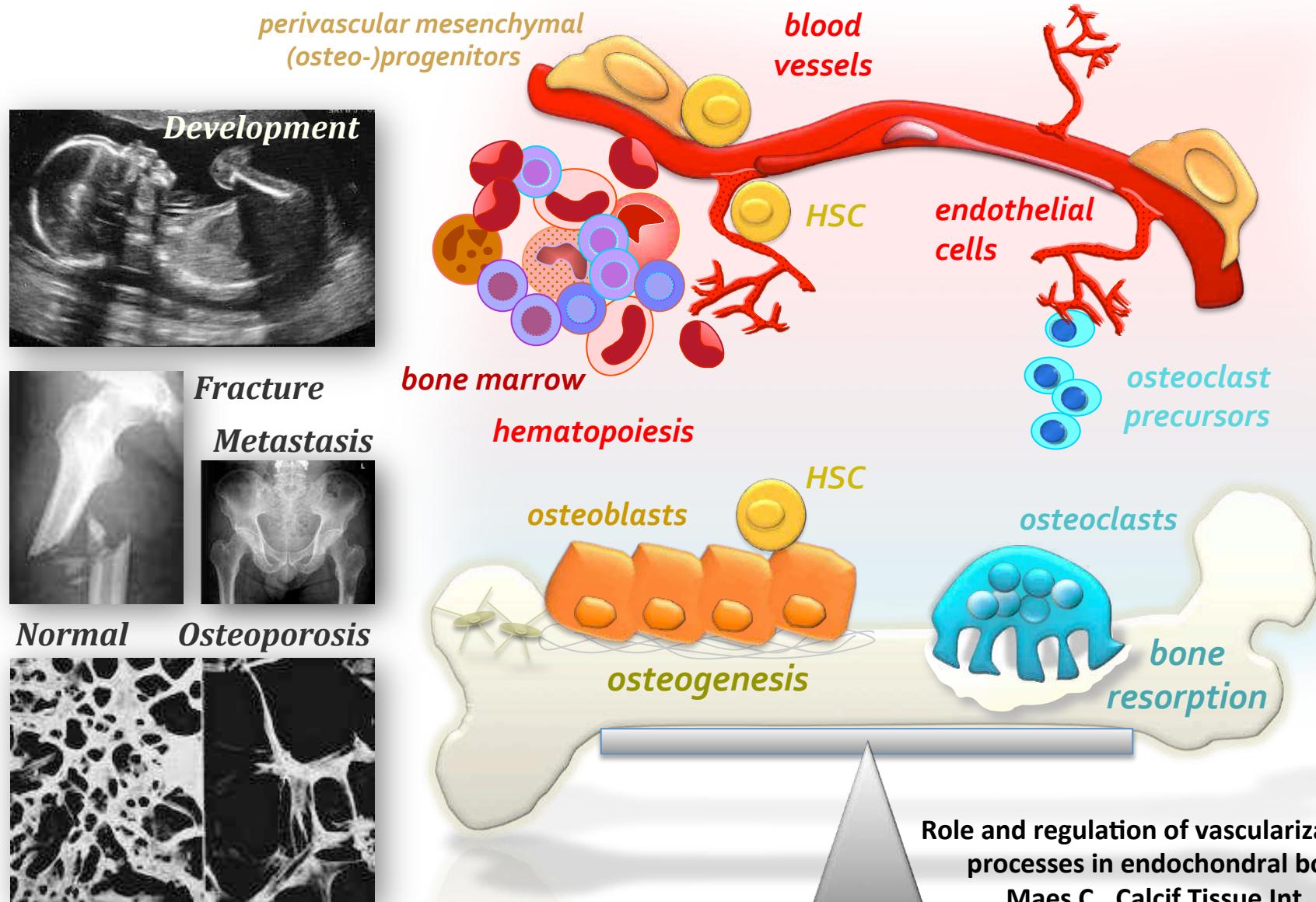
Fig. 1 Metabolic fates of glucose in mammalian cells. G6PDH: Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase. GFAT: Glutamine fructose-6-phosphate amidotransferase. PDH Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex

Esen E, Long F. "Aerobic glycolysis in osteoblasts"
Curr Osteoporos Rep. 12:433-438. Dec 2014

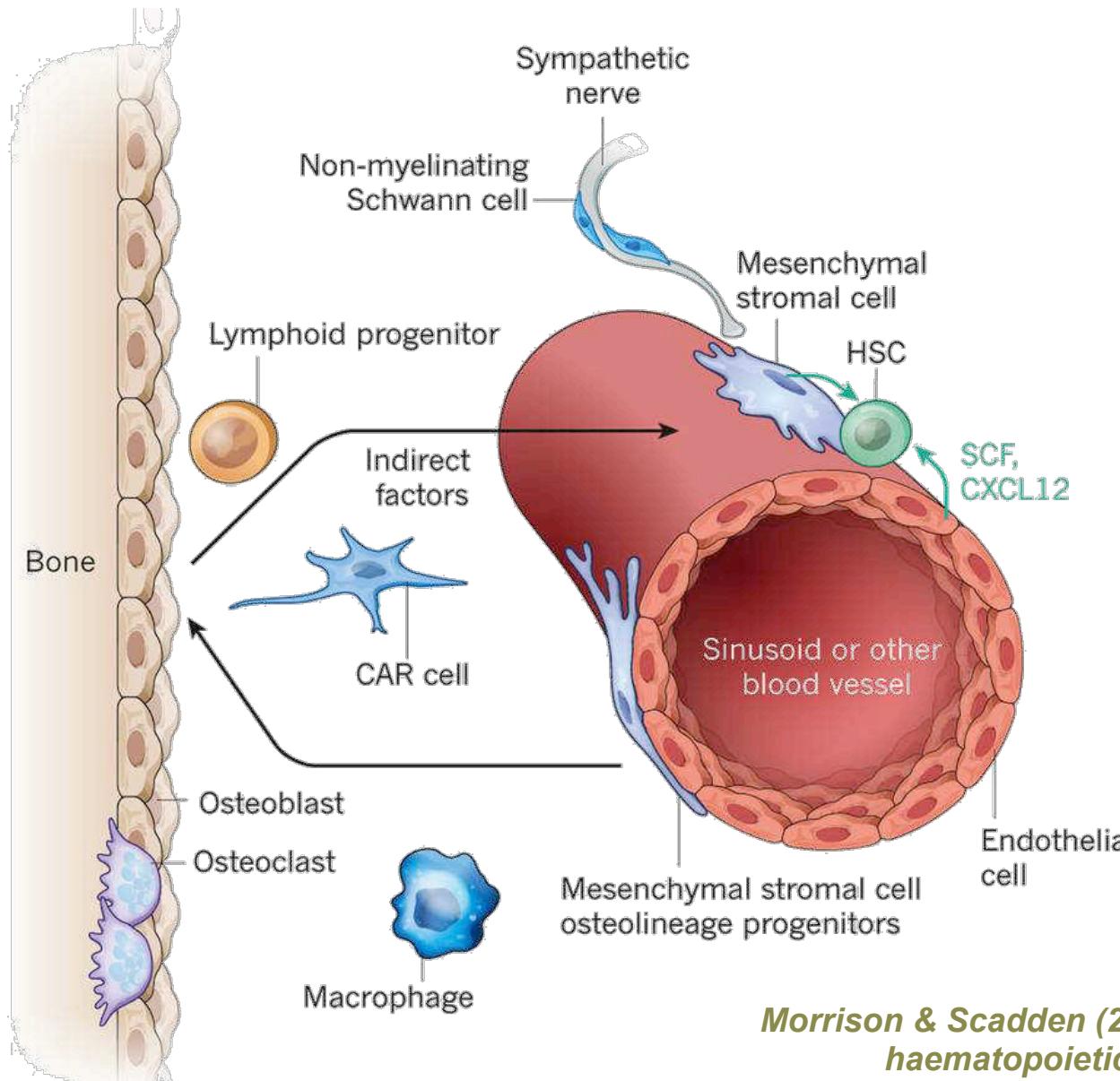
Osteoblast energy metabolism



Bone vascularization



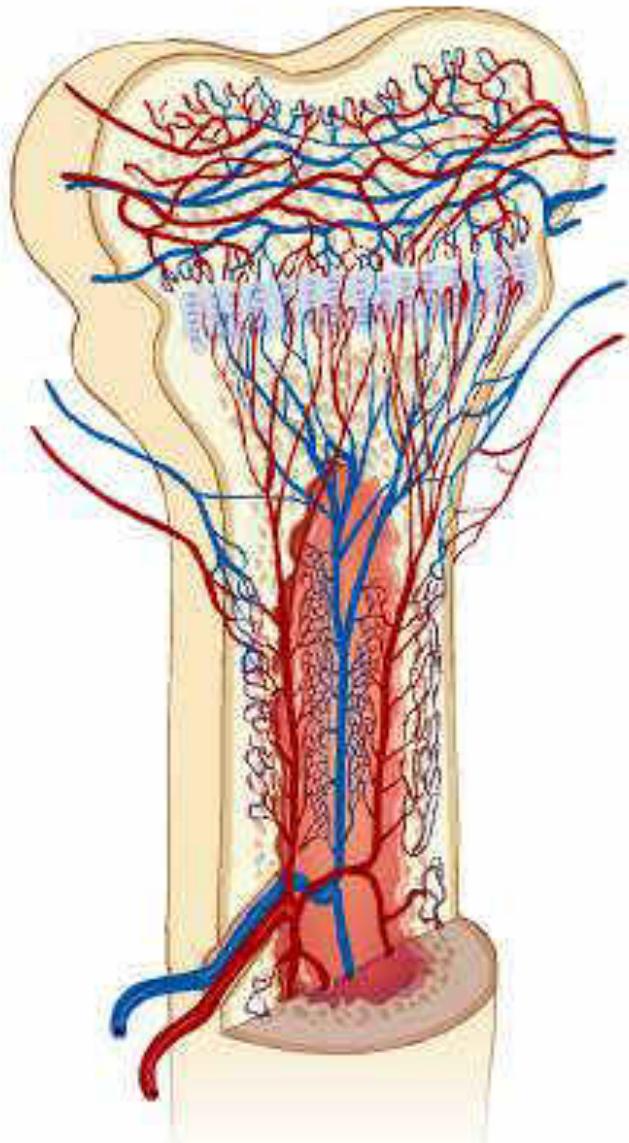
Perivascular mesenchymal progenitor populations contain hematopoiesis-supportive cells in mice



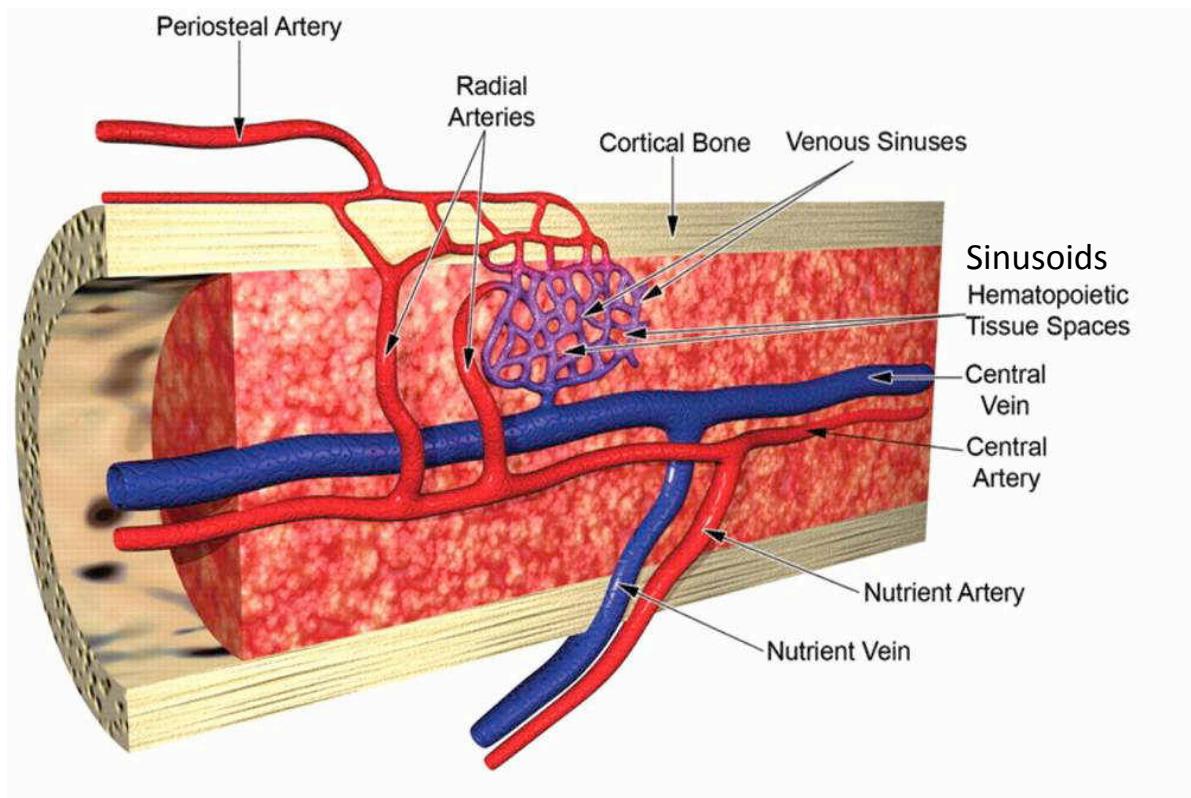
- HSC support in the perivascular niche
- Multipotent: adipo-/osteogenic
 - CAR cells ($CXCL12^{\text{high}}$)
 - Nestin $^+$ cells
 - LepR $^+$ cells
 - PDGFR α/β^+ cells
 - Osx $^+$ cells

Morrison & Scadden (2014). The bone marrow niche for haematopoietic stem cells. *Nature* 505, 327–334

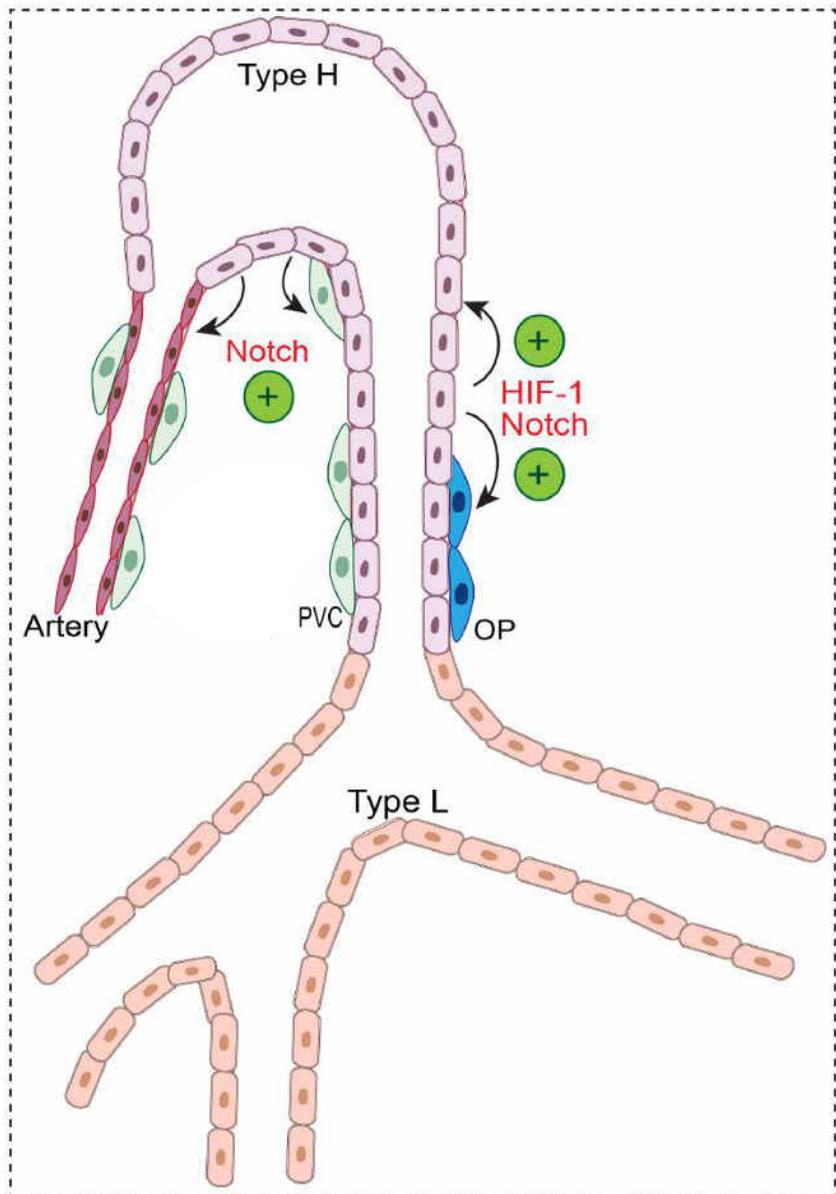
New work on the Bone Vascular System and Hematopoiesis



➤ The specific location of these perivascular HSC niches remains controversial



Skeletal Vascular System



Type H capillaries ($CD31^{hi}$ $Emcn^{hi}$):

- Connect to arterioles
- Are surrounded by osteoprogenitors
- Release factors promoting osteogenesis

< 2% of bone ECs

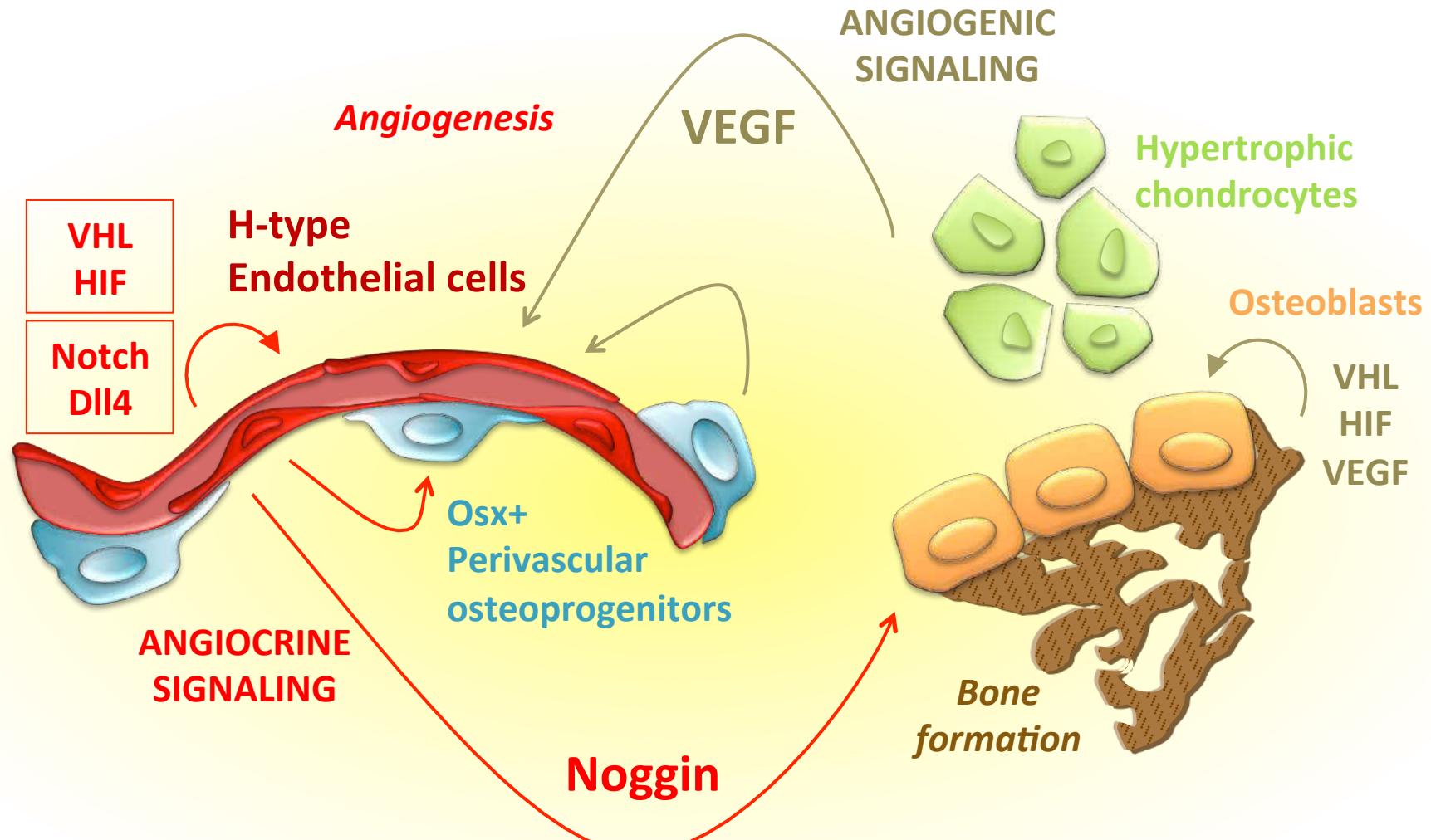
Type L ($CD31^{lo}$ $Emcn^{lo}$) vessels:

- Correspond to BM sinusoids
- Lack arteriolar connections
- Lack osteoprogenitor association

[Endothelial Notch activity promotes angiogenesis and osteogenesis in bone.](#) Ramasamy SK, Kusumbe AP, Wang L, Adams RH. Nature. 2014; 507(7492):376-80.

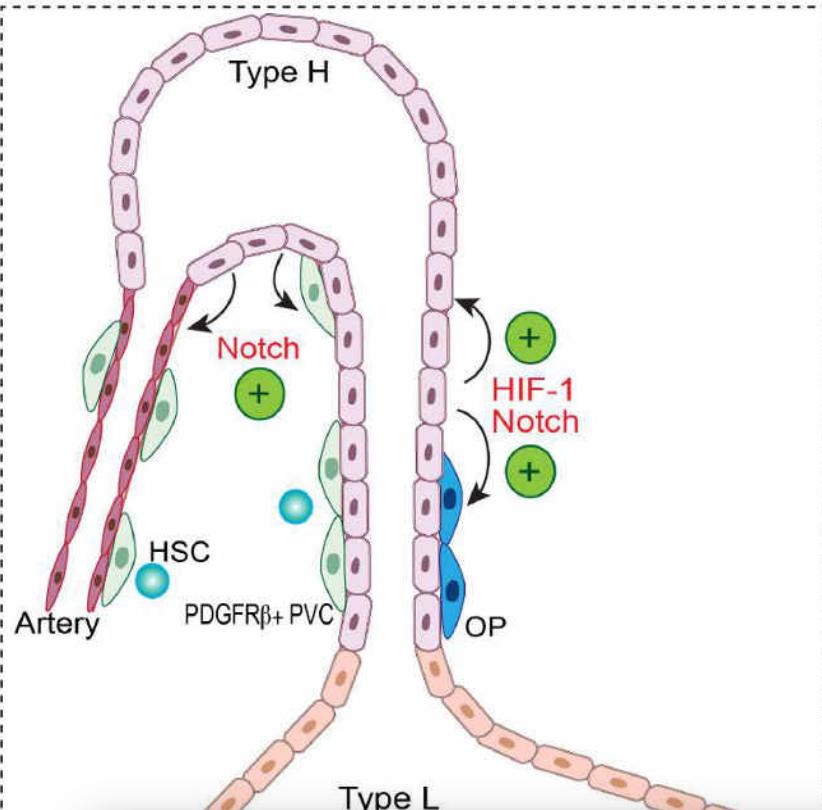
[Coupling of angiogenesis and osteogenesis by a specific vessel subtype in bone.](#) Kusumbe AP, Ramasamy SK, Adams RH. Nature. 2014;507(7492):323-8.

Angiogenic-Osteogenic Coupling



Angiogenic-osteogenic coupling: the endothelial perspective.
Maes C, Clemens TL. Bonekey Rep. 2014 Oct 15;3:578.

HSC niche expansion by endothelial Notch signaling



Type H capillaries ($CD31^{hi}$ $Emcn^{hi}$):

- Connect to arterioles
- Are surrounded by **$PDGFR\beta+$ perivascular cells (PVCs)**
- Release factors promoting osteogenesis **and hematopoiesis**
- **Identify a vascular niche for HSCs**

Decreased during ageing

Increased by activation of endothelial Notch signaling

Anjali Kusumbe et al., Nature. 2016 Apr 21;532(7599):380-4

Age-dependent modulation of vascular niches for haematopoietic stem cells

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Skeletal Vascular System and Hematopoiesis

LETTER

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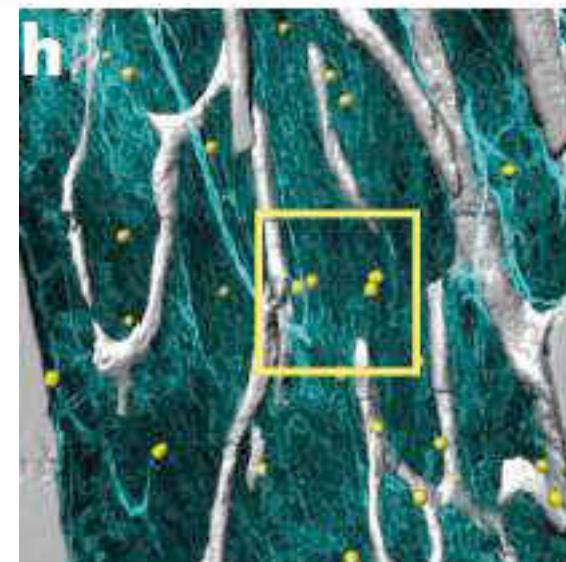
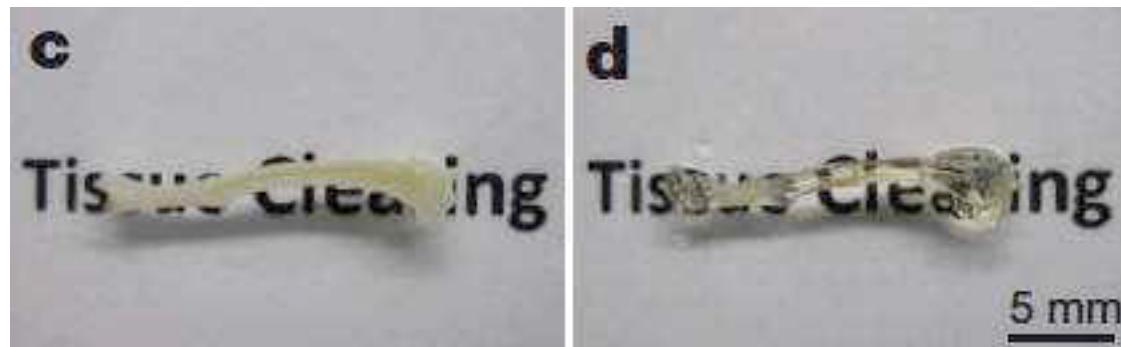
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Deep imaging of bone marrow shows non-dividing stem cells are mainly perisinusoidal

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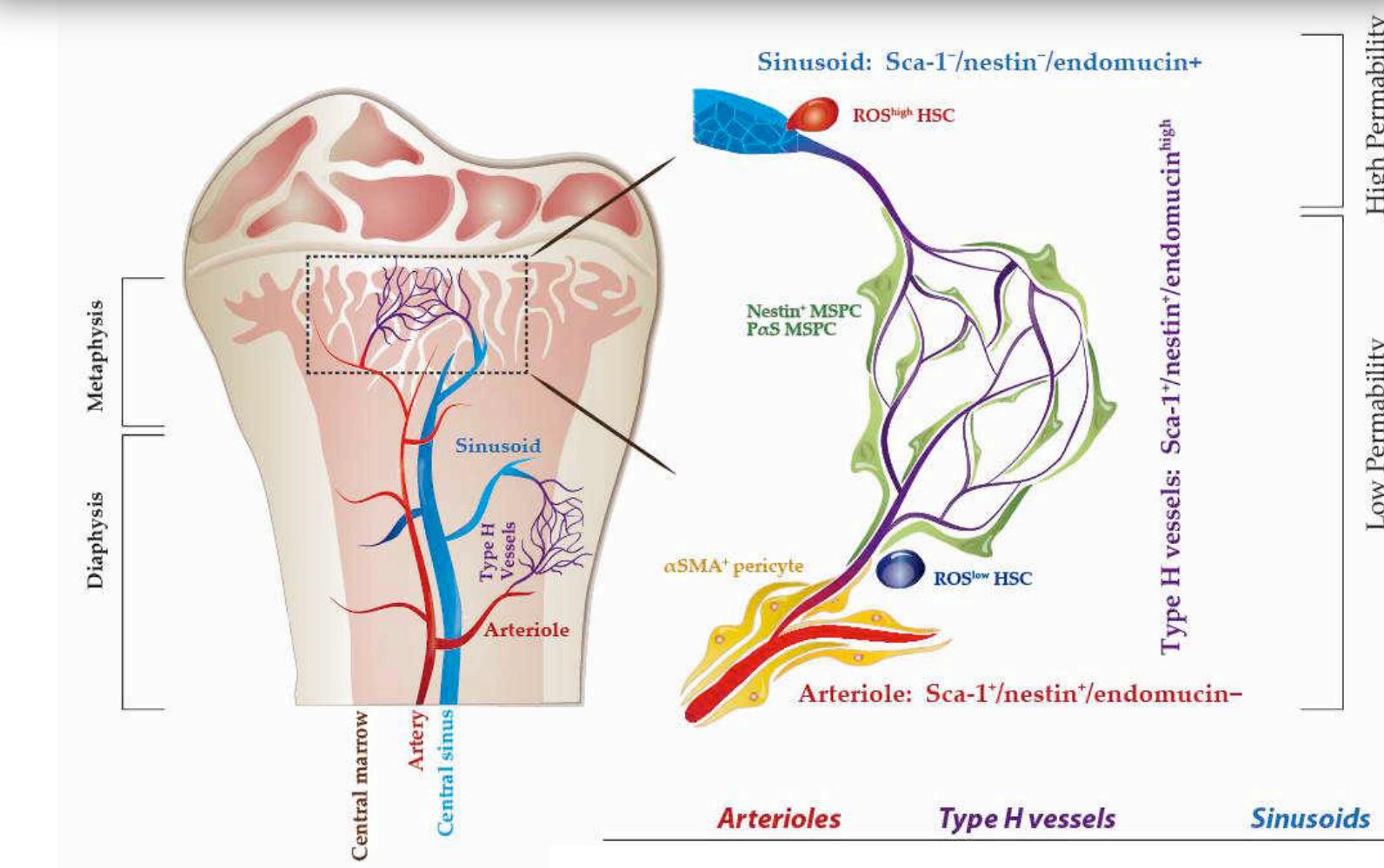
α-catulin-GFP knockin mouse

(marks 0.02% of BM hematopoietic cells, incl.
most HSCs (*α-catulin-GFP+*;c-kit+))

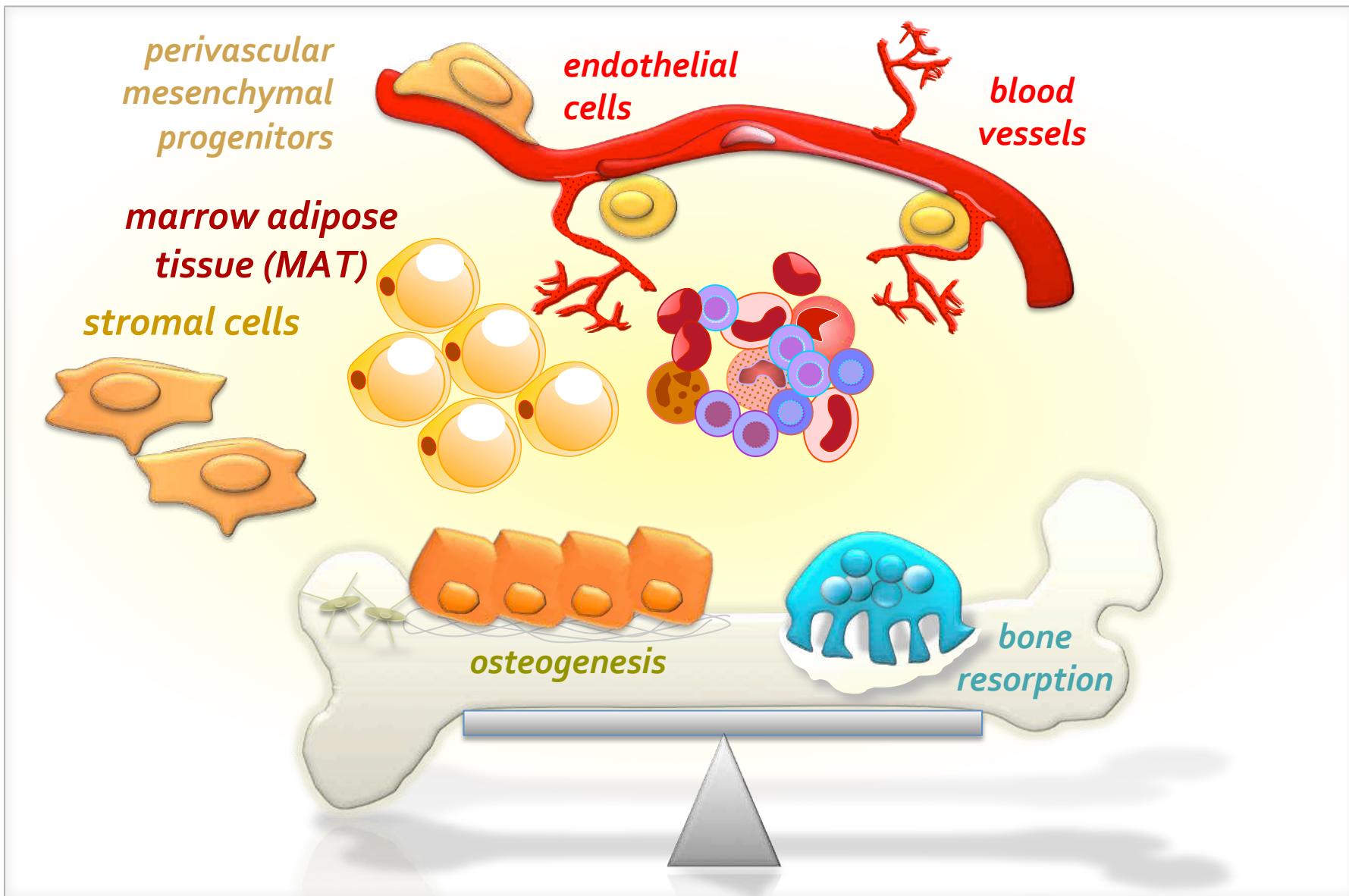


Distinct bone marrow blood vessels differentially regulate haematopoiesis

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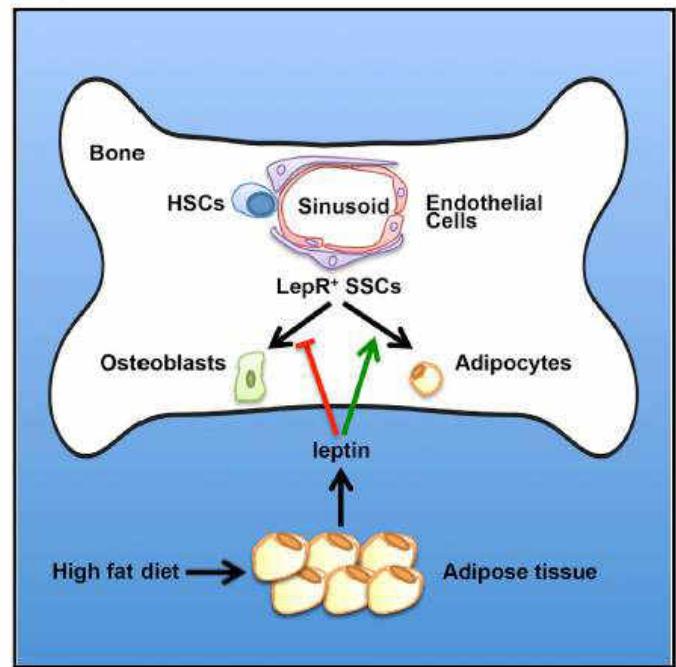


Increased insights in the interactions between bone cells and their microenvironment



Leptin Receptor Promotes Adipogenesis and Reduces Osteogenesis by Regulating Mesenchymal Stromal Cells in Adult Bone Marrow

Graphical Abstract



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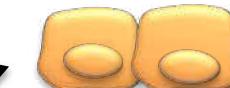
In Brief

A fundamental question concerns how stem cells are regulated by nutrition and systemic energy homeostasis. Morrison and colleagues demonstrate that leptin receptor acts within skeletal stem cells in the bone marrow as a sensor of systemic energy homeostasis, promoting adipogenesis and inhibiting osteogenesis in response to diet and adiposity.

HFD

Leptin

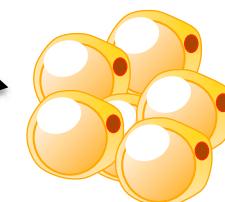
LepR⁺ bipotent
progenitors



osteoblasts



cell fate



marrow
adipocytes

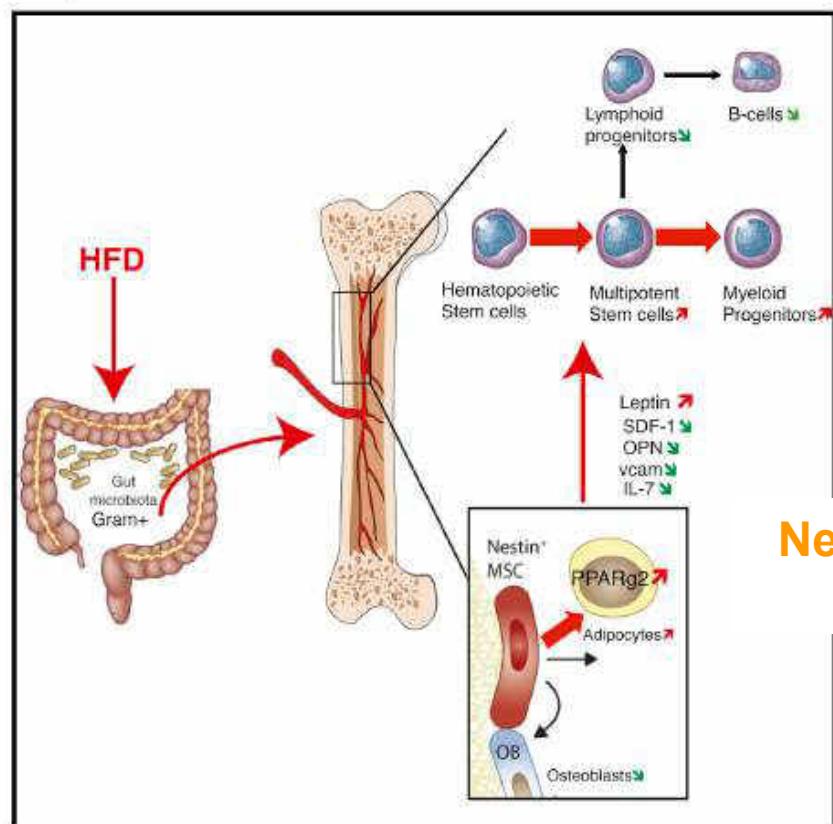
LepR in MSCs acts as a sensor
of systemic energy homeostasis

Cell Metabolism

Luo et al., Cell Metabl,
Nov 2015

Microbiota from Obese Mice Regulate Hematopoietic Stem Cell Differentiation by Altering the Bone Niche

Graphical Abstract



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HFD

Gut microbiota

Nestin+ bipotent
progenitors

cell fate



osteoblasts



marrow
adipocytes

HFD alters the BM niche (increased MAT)
and alters HSC differentiation

Sex steroid deficiency-associated bone loss is microbiota dependent and prevented by probiotics

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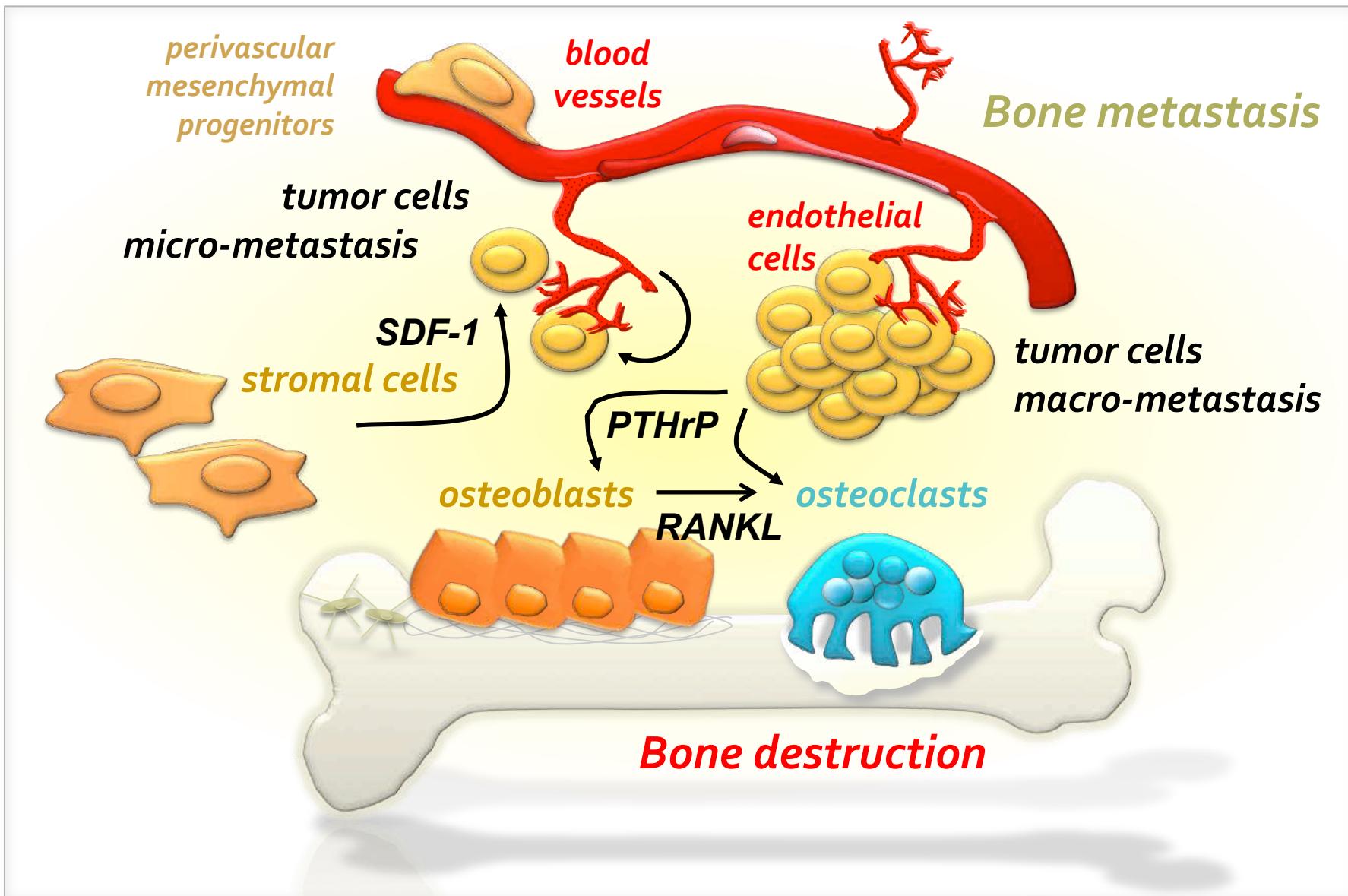
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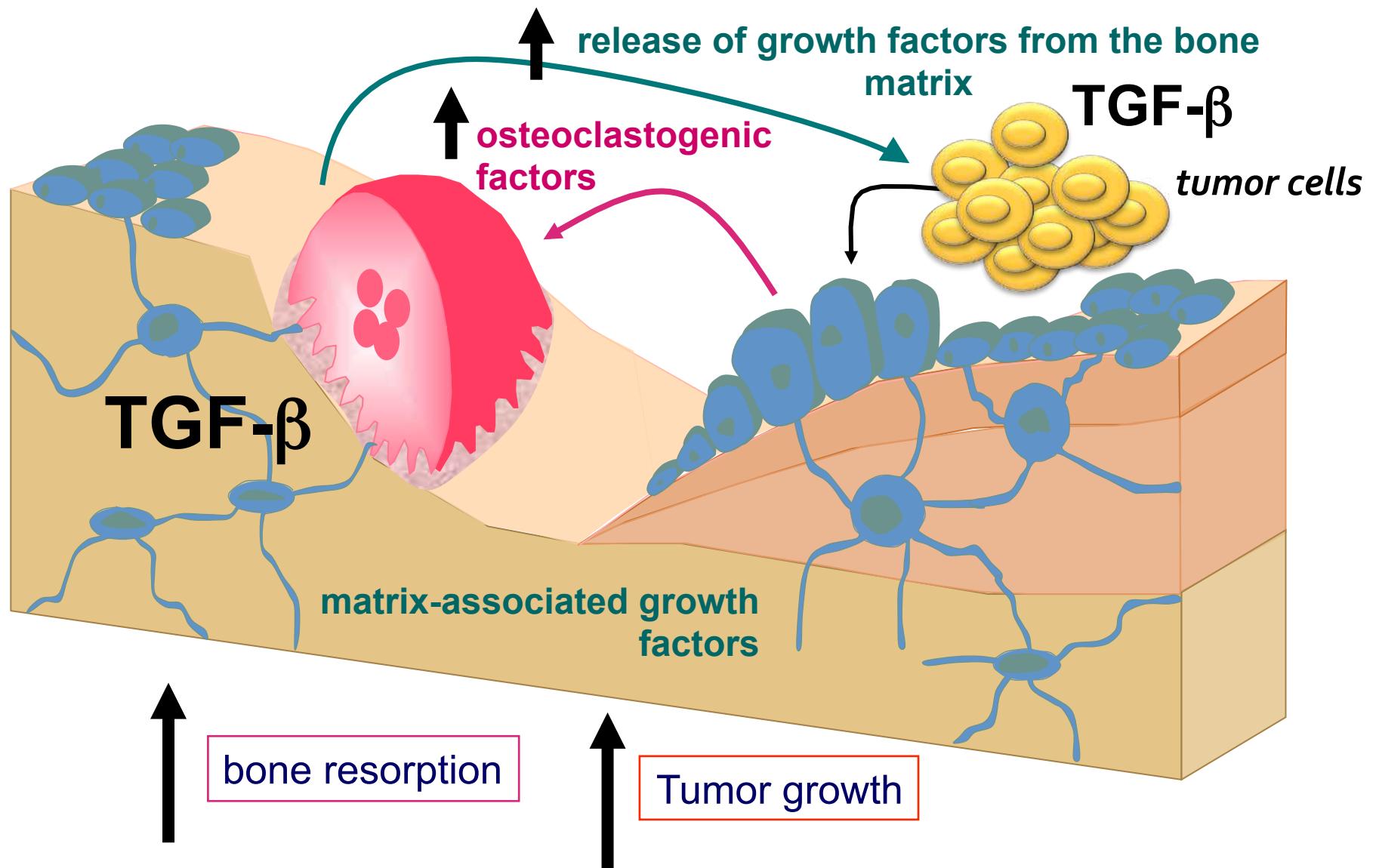
A eubiotic microbiota influences many physiological processes in the metazoan host, including development and intestinal homeostasis. Here, we have shown that the intestinal microbiota modulates inflammatory responses caused by sex steroid deficiency, leading to trabecular bone loss. In murine models, sex steroid deficiency increased gut permeability, expanded Th17 cells, and upregulated the osteoclastogenic cytokines TNF α (TNF), RANKL, and IL-17 in the small intestine and the BM. In germ-free (GF) mice, sex steroid deficiency failed to increase osteoclastogenic cytokine production, stimulate bone resorption, and cause trabecular bone loss, demonstrating that the gut microbiota is central in sex steroid deficiency-induced trabecular bone loss. Furthermore, we demonstrated that twice-weekly treatment of sex steroid-deficient mice with the probiotics *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* GG (LGG) or the commercially available probiotic supplement VSL#3 reduces gut permeability, dampens intestinal and BM inflammation, and completely protects against bone loss. In contrast, supplementation with a nonprobiotic strain of *E. coli* or a mutant LGG was not protective. Together, these data highlight the role that the gut luminal microbiota and increased gut permeability play in triggering inflammatory pathways that are critical for inducing bone loss in sex steroid-deficient mice. Our data further suggest that probiotics that decrease gut permeability have potential as a therapeutic strategy for postmenopausal osteoporosis.

Microbiome and Bone Symposium (Monday)

Interactions of bone cells and the BM microenvironment with tumor cells determine the preference tumor cells to metastasize to and grow in bone



Excessive bone resorption: increased release of growth factors from the matrix → stimulation of tumor growth



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Wan et al., Nat Med. 2015 Nov;21(11):1262-71

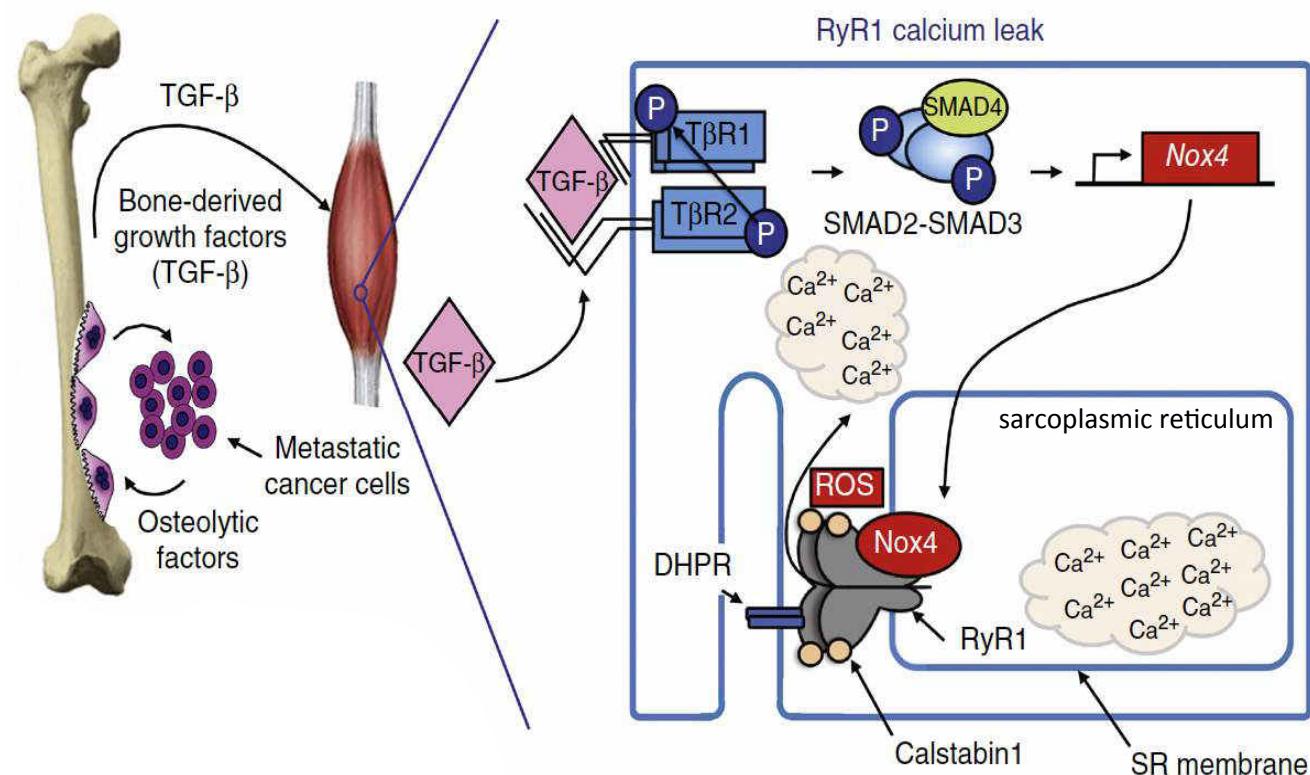
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Excess TGF- β mediates muscle weakness associated with bone metastases in mice

David L Wan et al., Nat Med. 2015 Nov;21(11):1262-71
Antonella Chiechi, Laura E Wright, Alisa Umanskaya, Maria Niewolna, Trupti Trivedi, Sahba Charkzarrin, Pooja Khatiwada, Anetta Wronska, Ashley Haynes, Maria Serena Benassi, Frank A Witzmann, Gehua Zhen, Xiao Wang, Xu Cao, G David Roodman, Andrew R Marks & Theresa A Guise

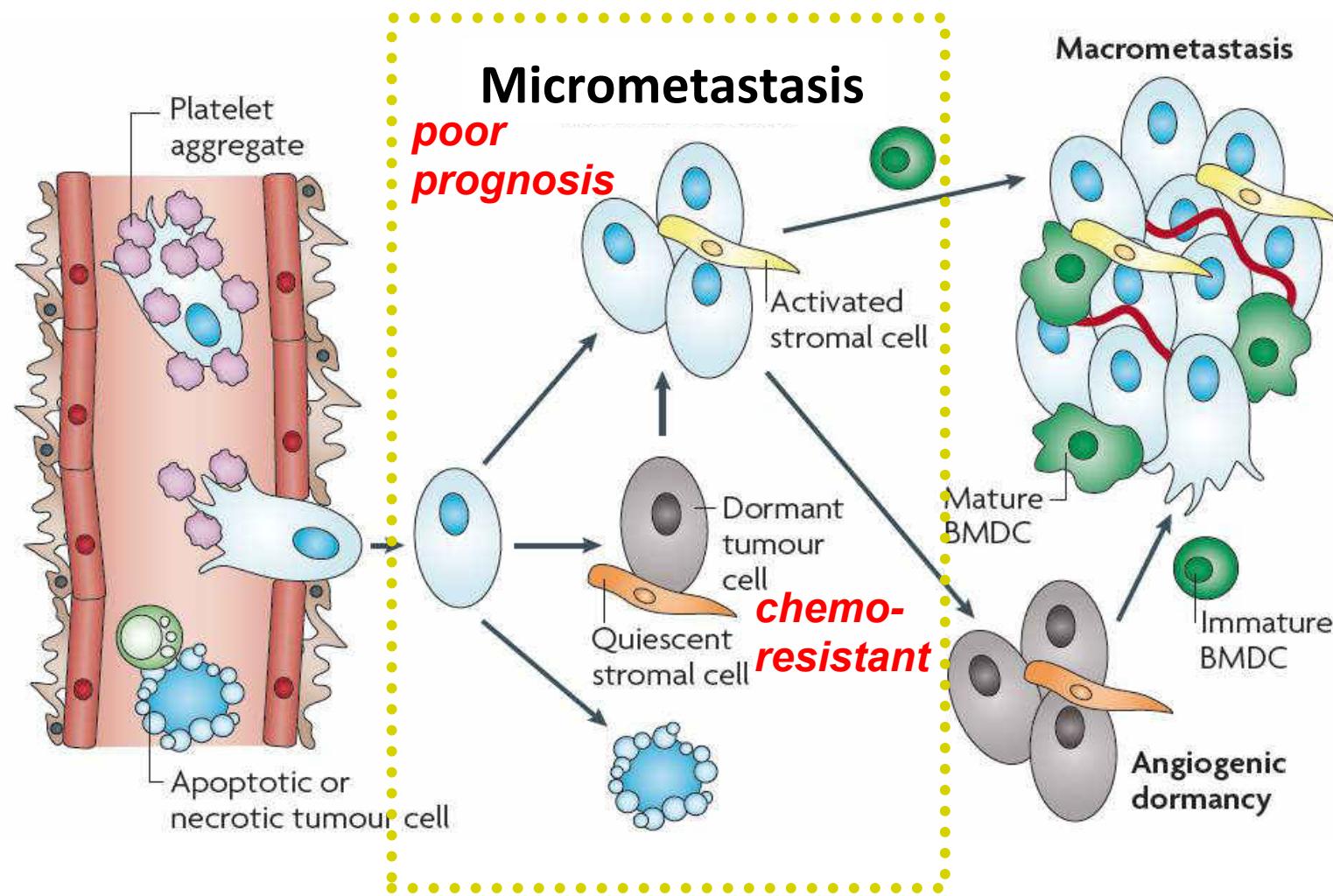
Osteolytic bone metastasis in mice (from different cancers: breast, lung, prostate, multiple myeloma) are commonly associated with impaired muscle function

Bone-released TGF- β upregulates NADPH oxidase 4 (Nox4) in muscle
→ elevated oxidization of skeletal muscle proteins, including the Ca²⁺ release channel RyR1
→ Ca²⁺ leakage
→ reduced intracellular signaling
→ impaired muscle contraction



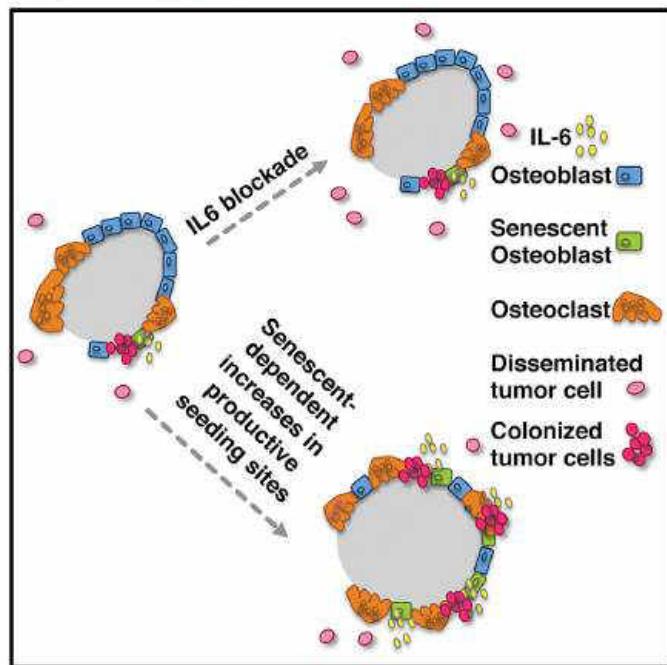
The pre-metastatic niche in bone

Tumor-derived factors can prime the bone environment for subsequent colonization of tumor cells, but also local stromal changes in the bone can initiate the pre-metastatic niche and drive tumor cell seeding and growth



Stromal-Initiated Changes in the Bone Promote Metastatic Niche Development

Graphical Abstract



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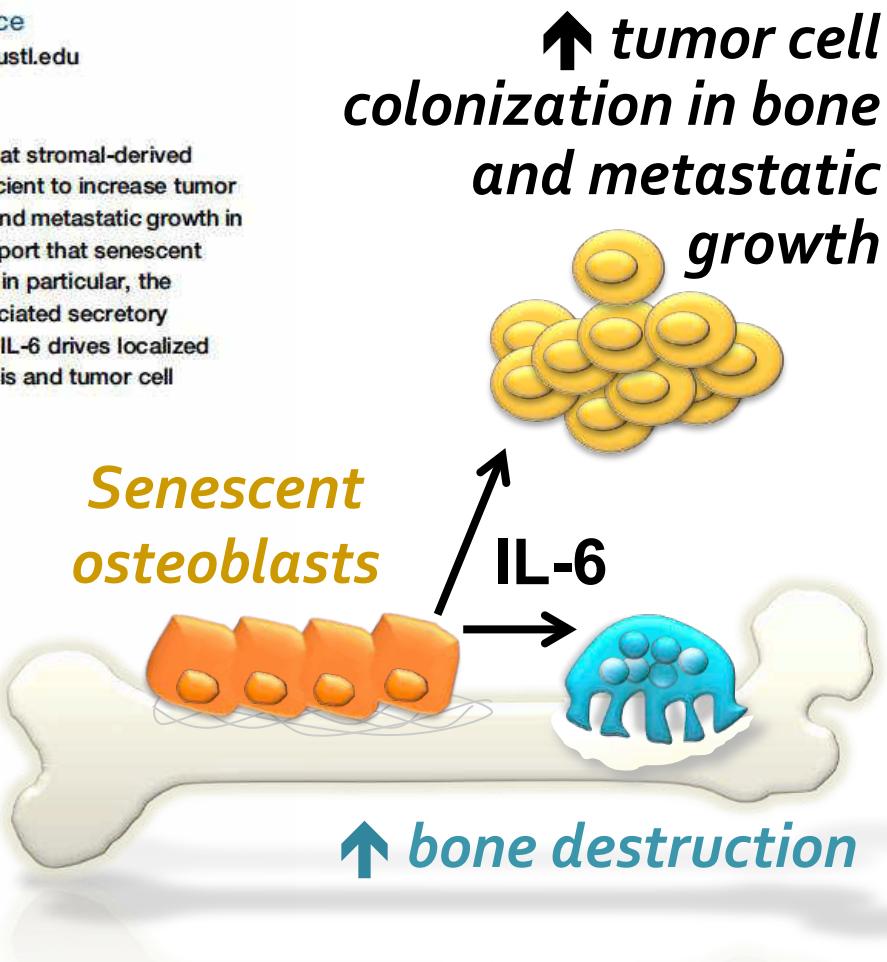
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In Brief

Luo et al. show that stromal-derived changes are sufficient to increase tumor cell colonization and metastatic growth in the bone. They report that senescent osteoblasts, and, in particular, the senescence-associated secretory phenotype factor IL-6 drives localized osteoclastogenesis and tumor cell growth.

Highlights

- Stromal changes in the bone drive tumor cell seeding and growth
- IL-6-expressing stromal cells are present in human bone
- Senescent osteoblasts drive increased osteoclastogenesis and tumor cell seeding
- Senescent-derived IL-6 drives localized osteoclastogenesis and tumor cell growth



Interactions between disseminating tumor cells and osteogenic cells

Cancer Cell
Article

Wang et al., Cancer Cell. 27(2):193-210, 2015.

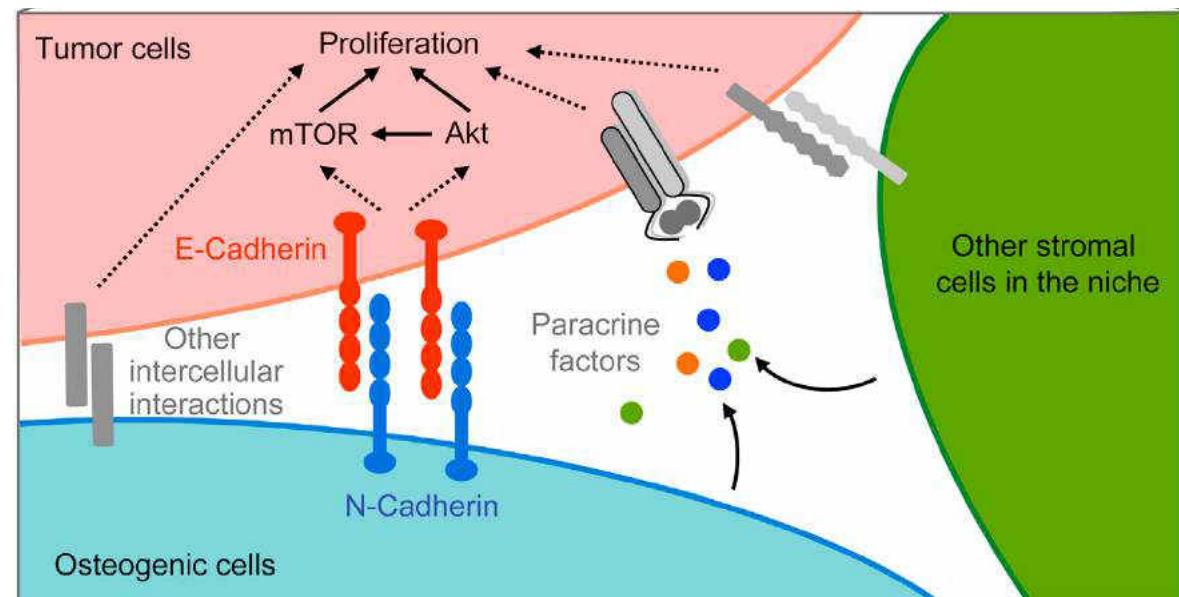
The Osteogenic Niche Promotes Early-Stage Bone Colonization of Disseminated Breast Cancer Cells

Hai Wang,^{1,3,14} Cuijuan Yu,^{1,3,14} Xia Gao,^{1,3} Thomas Welte,^{1,3} Aaron M. Muscarella,^{1,6} Lin Tian,^{1,2,5} Hong Zhao,^{8,9} Zhen Zhao,^{8,9,10} Shiyu Du,¹¹ Jianning Tao,⁴ Brendan Lee,⁴ Thomas F. Westbrook,^{2,4,5} Stephen T.C. Wong,^{2,3,8,9,12} Xin Jin,¹³ Jeffrey M. Rosen,^{2,3} C. Kent Osborne,^{1,2,3} and Xiang H.-F. Zhang^{1,2,3,7,*}

Heterotypic adherens junctions:

Tumor cell
E-cadherin

Osteogenic cell
N-cadherin



"The hypoxic cancer secretome induces pre-metastatic bone lesions through lysyl oxidase"

Cox et al., **Nature**. 2015 Jun 4;522(7554):106-10.

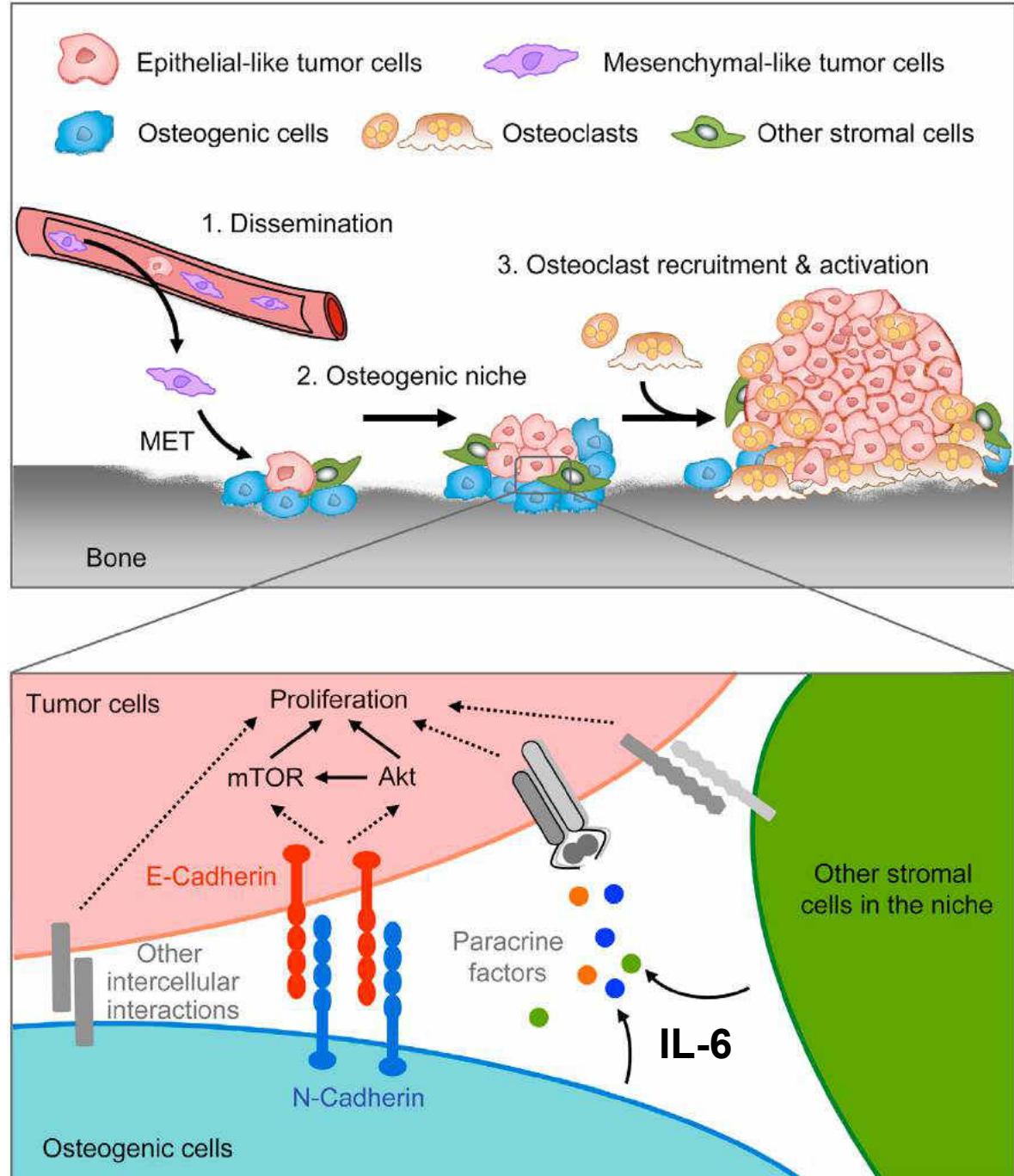
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Li et al., **Cancer Res.** 2015 Aug 15;75(16):3302-13.

CABS Sessions at this meeting

Cradle of Evil: Osteogenic Niche for Early Bone Metastasis

Zheng and Kang. **Cancer Cell** 2015

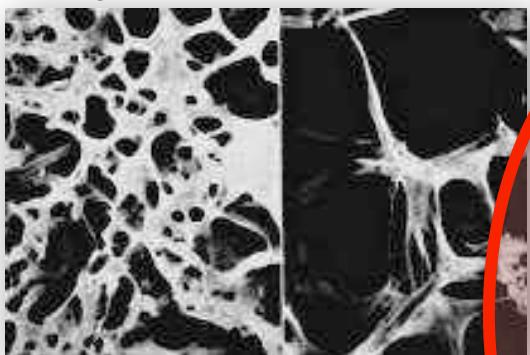


Towards applications: In Search of the Skeletal Stem Cell

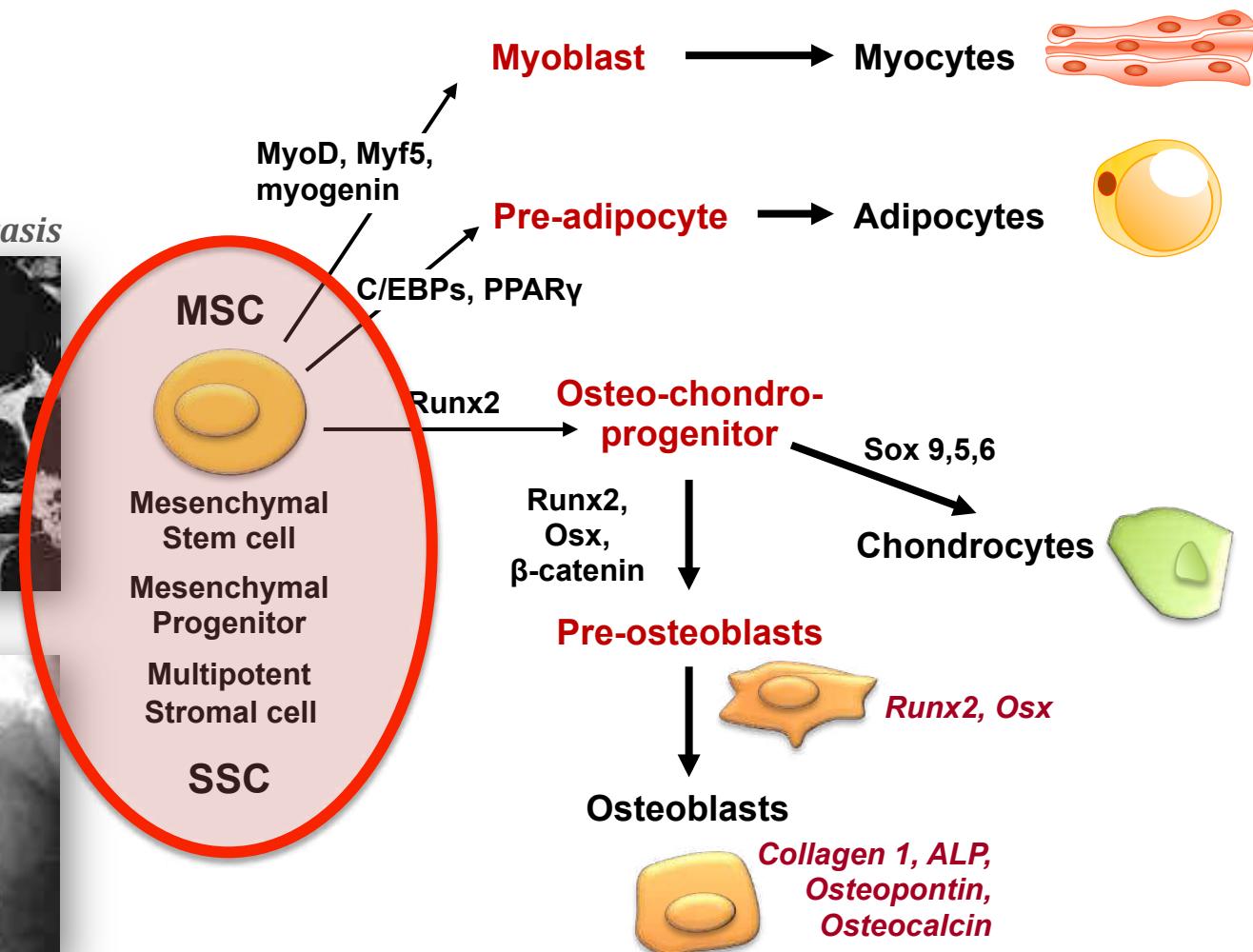
Development
Bone growth



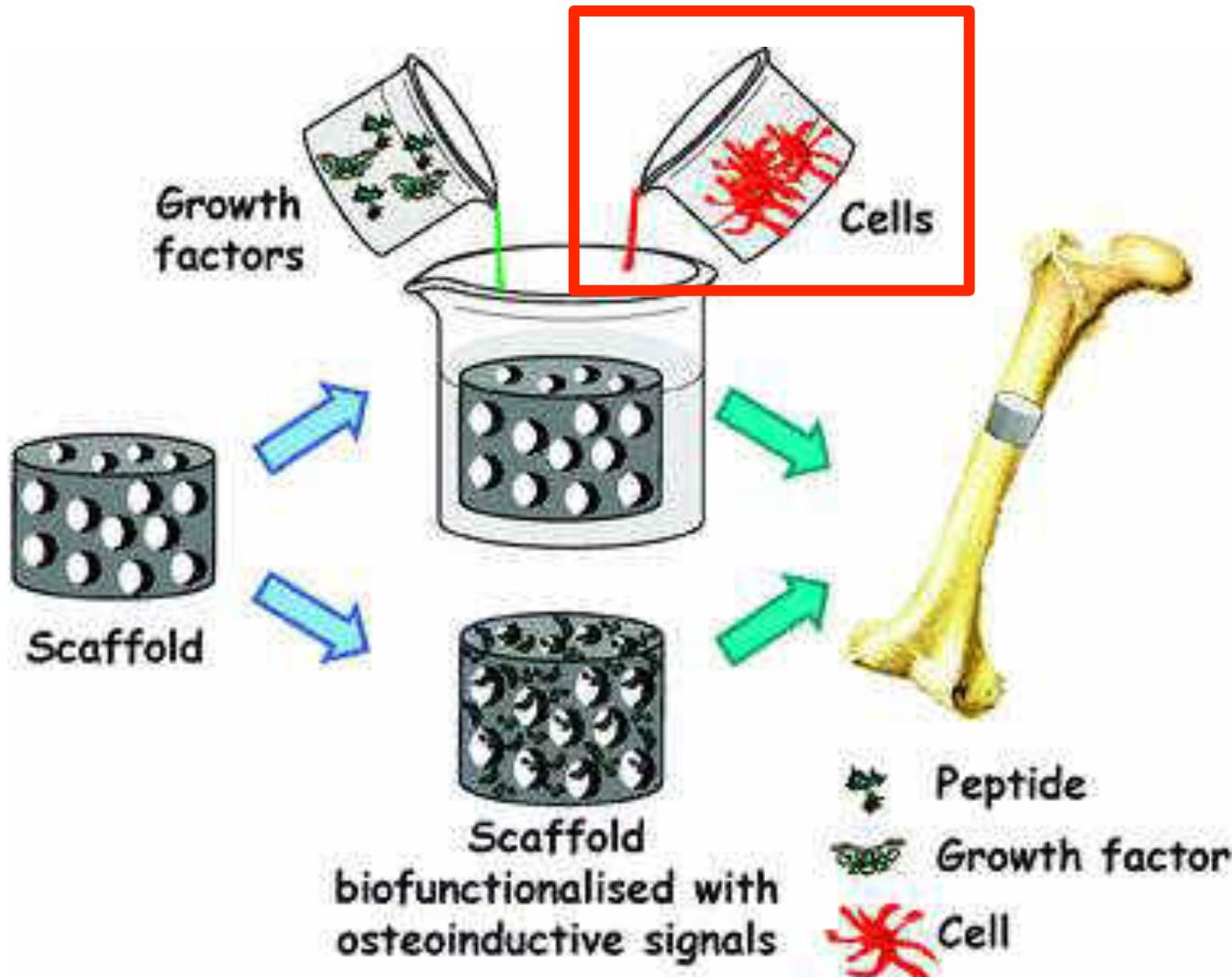
Bone formation & Homeostasis



Fracture Repair
& Tissue
Engineering



Fracture repair: Bone Tissue Engineering



In search of the Skeletal Stem Cell

Article

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Cell

Gremlin 1 Identifies a Skeletal Stem Cell with Bone, Cartilage, and Reticular Stromal Potential

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Article

Cell 160, 285–298, January 15,

Identification and Specification of the Mouse Skeletal Stem Cell

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Primitive mesenchymal progenitor cells that surround the blood vessels of bone are considered as skeletal stem cells

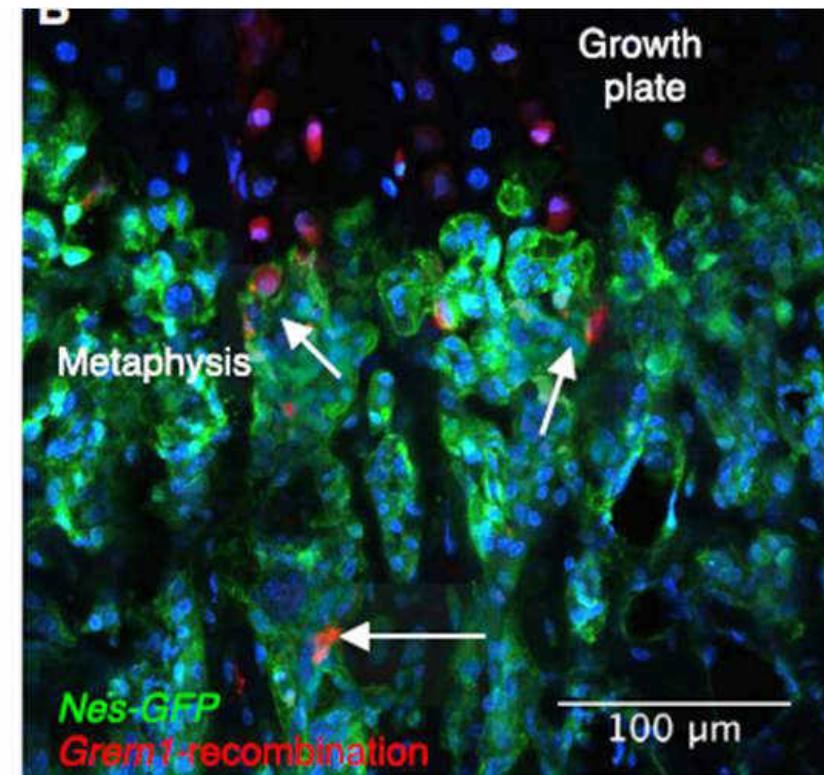
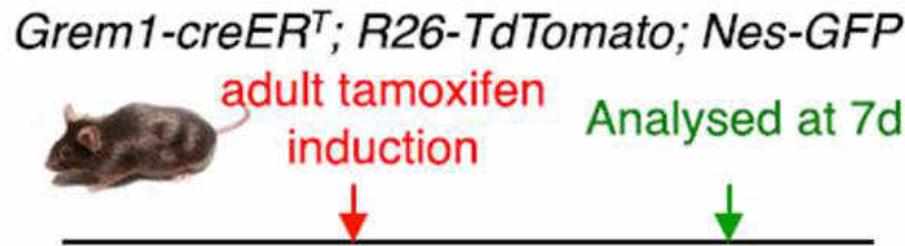
Marked as CD146+ in humans,
Nestin+ or LepR+ in mice

(Sacchetti et al, 2007; Mendez-Ferrer et al, 2010; Ding et al, 2012; Mizoguchi et al 2014; Zhou et al, 2014)

Contribute to osteo-adipo lineages
in adult mice

In search of the Skeletal Stem Cell

Worthley et al., *Cell* 160:269-284, 2015



- **Grem1+ cells are distinct from Nes-GFP+ cells**
- **50% of Grem+ are CD105+**
- **Single clones gave rise to osteoblasts, chondrocytes and myofibroblasts in vitro**

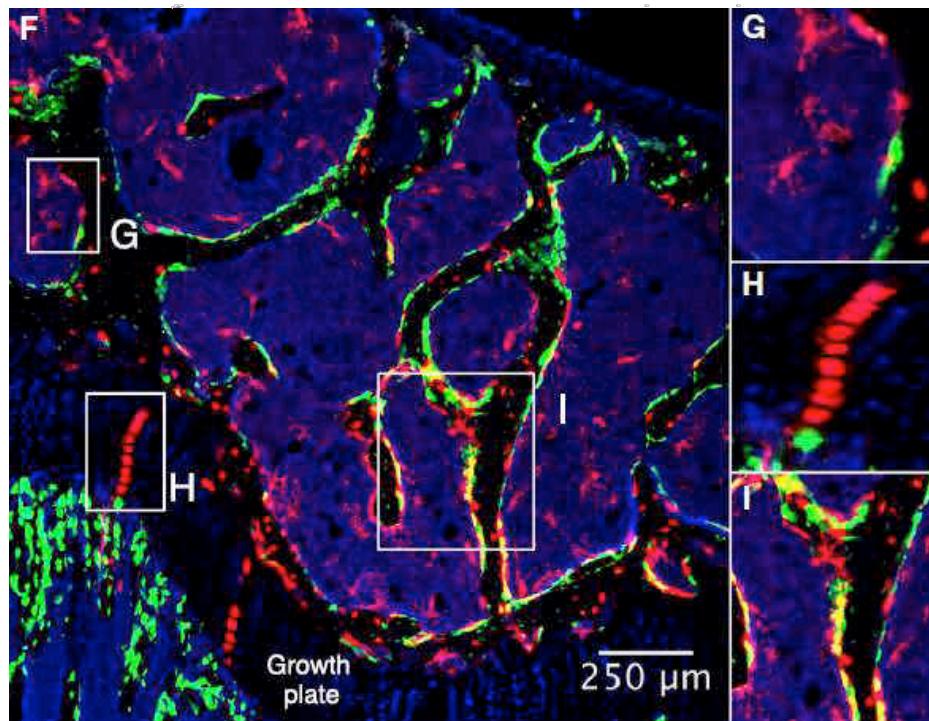
Endogenous Grem1+ cells lineage trace bone, cartilage and stroma in vivo



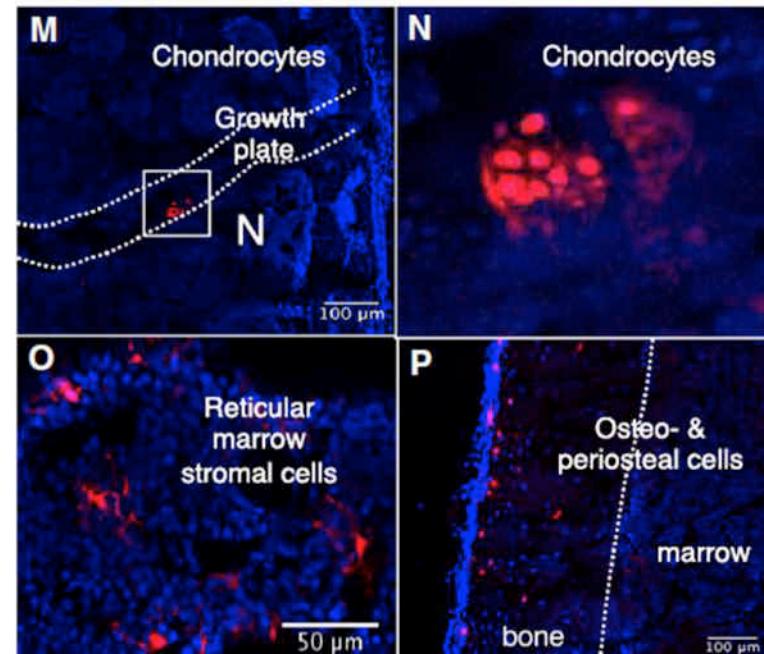
P1 tamoxifen induction

Analysed at 6w

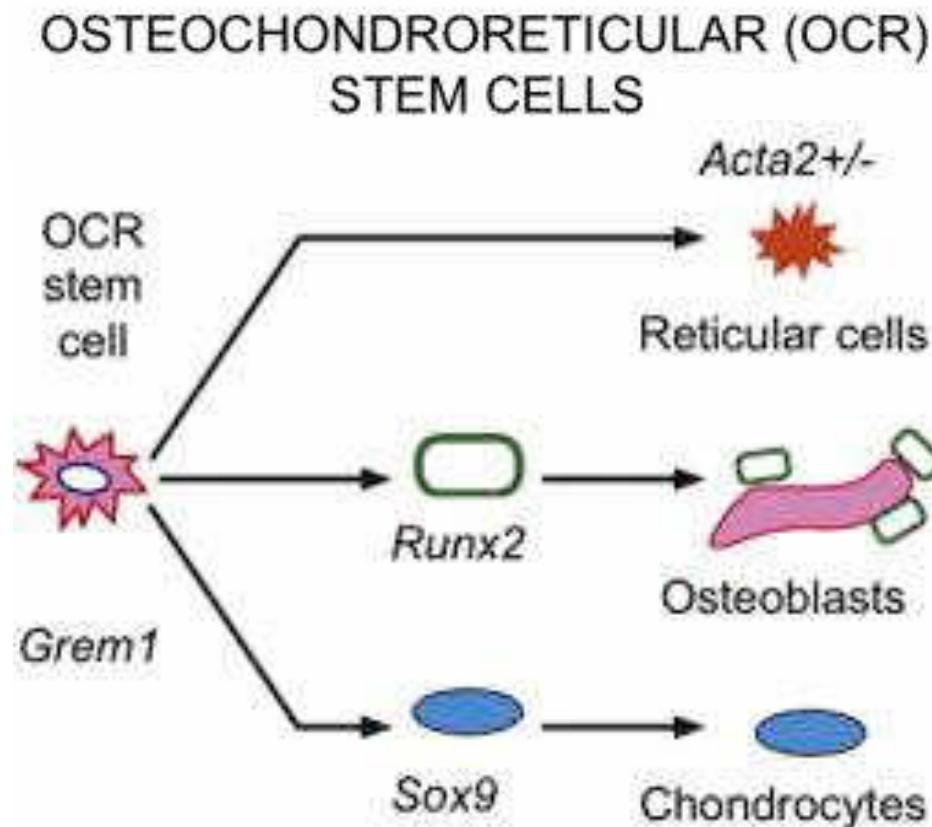
Grem1-creERT; R26-LSL-TdTomato;2.3colGFP



Grem1-creERT; R26-TdTomato
adult tamoxifen induction
Analyzed >11 months



Gremlin1 marks a stem cell with osteo-chondro-reticular potential (OCR cell)

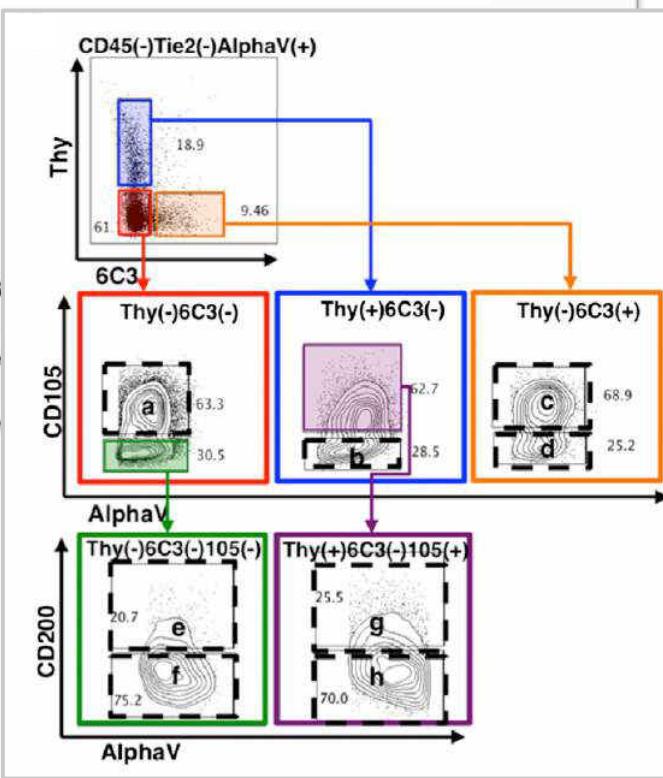
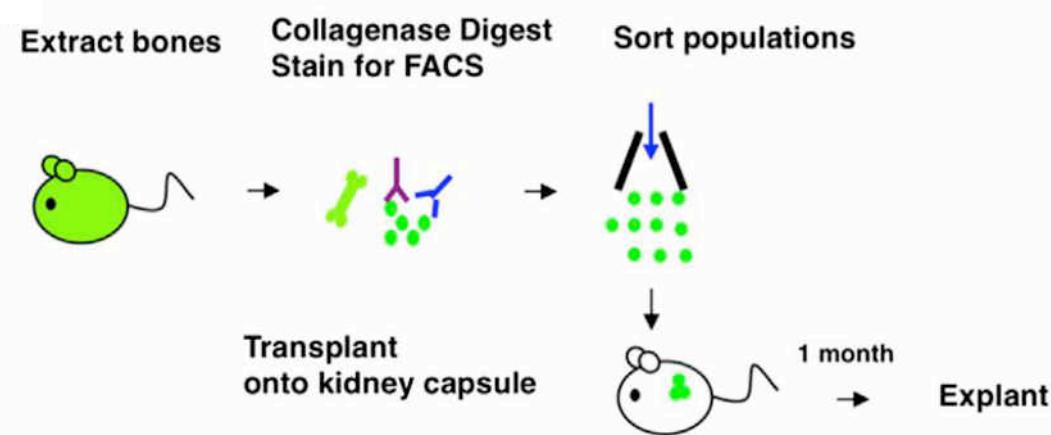


- Not peri-sinusoidal
- No adipogenic potential
- Plays a role in development, adulthood, and repair

A complementary, non-perivascular, skeletal stem cell

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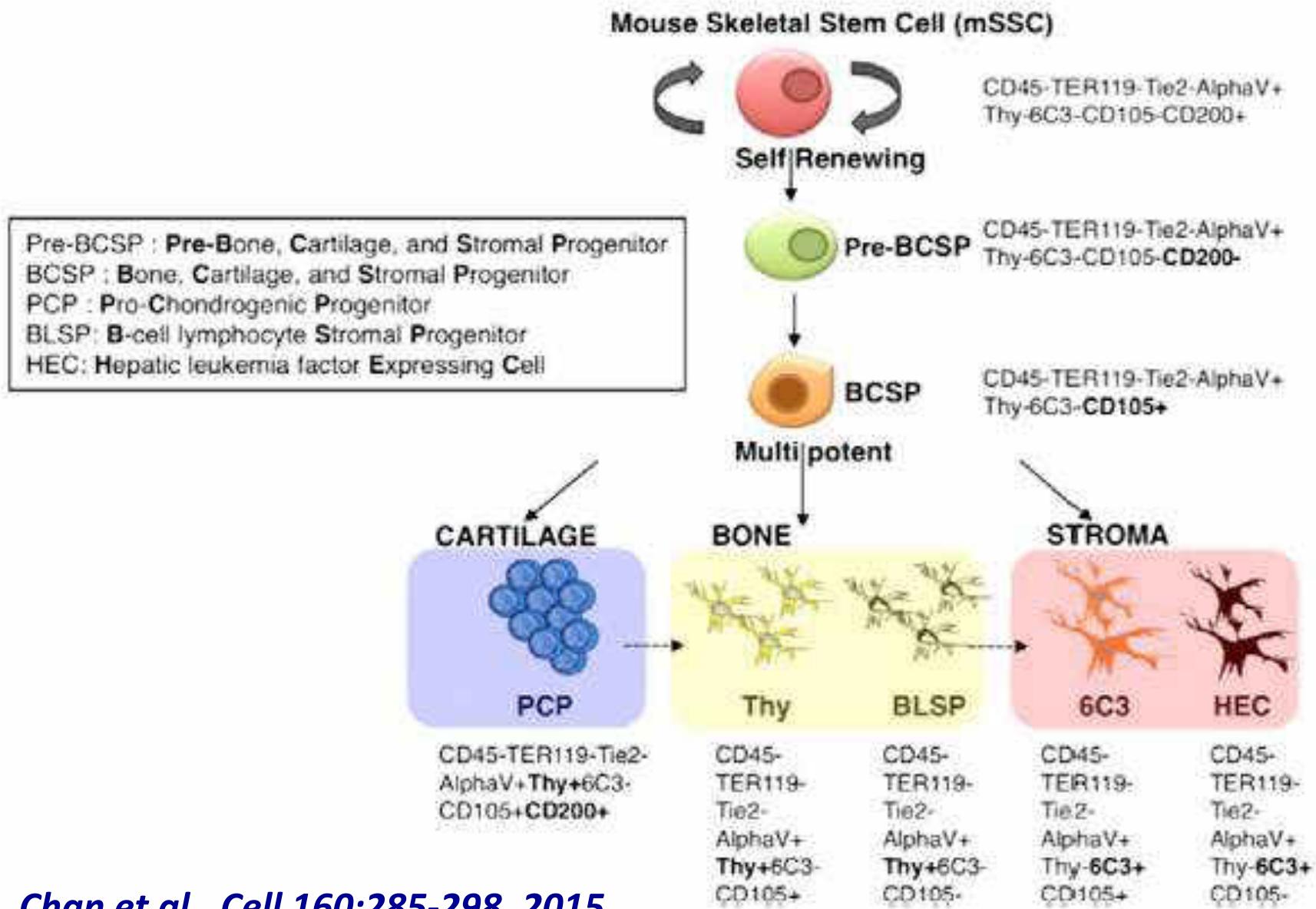
Fate of transplants

Legend: yellow = bone, blue = cartilage, red = Marrow

CD45⁻ Ter119⁻ Tie2⁻ α V⁺ Thy⁻ 6C3⁻ CD105⁻ CD200⁺ cells: = mSSCs

give rise to bone, cartilage, BM stroma (no adip/o/hemato/muscle)
and to all the other subpopulations in vitro and in vivo

Hierarchy chart of differentiation along different lineages



Chan et al., Cell 160:285-298, 2015

Translational impact of the Skeletal Stem Cell: Fracture healing

➤ mSSCs are enriched in fracture calluses and demonstrate enhanced osteogenic capacity

➤ Identification and characterization of an injury-induced skeletal progenitor

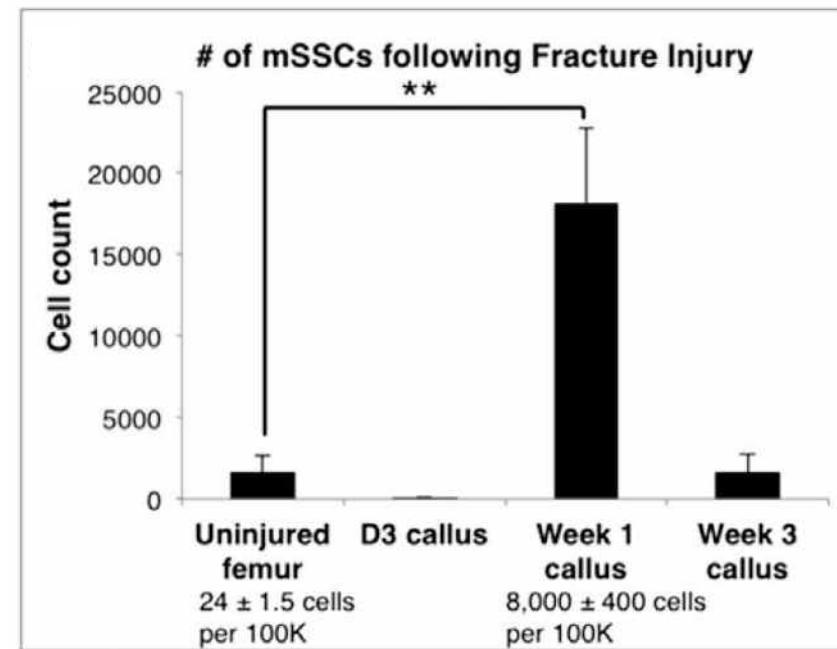
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➤ Skeletal Stem Cell Niche Aberrancies Underlie Impaired Fracture Healing in a Mouse Model of Type 2 Diabetes

Tevlin R, Young Seo E, Marecic O, Wearda T,
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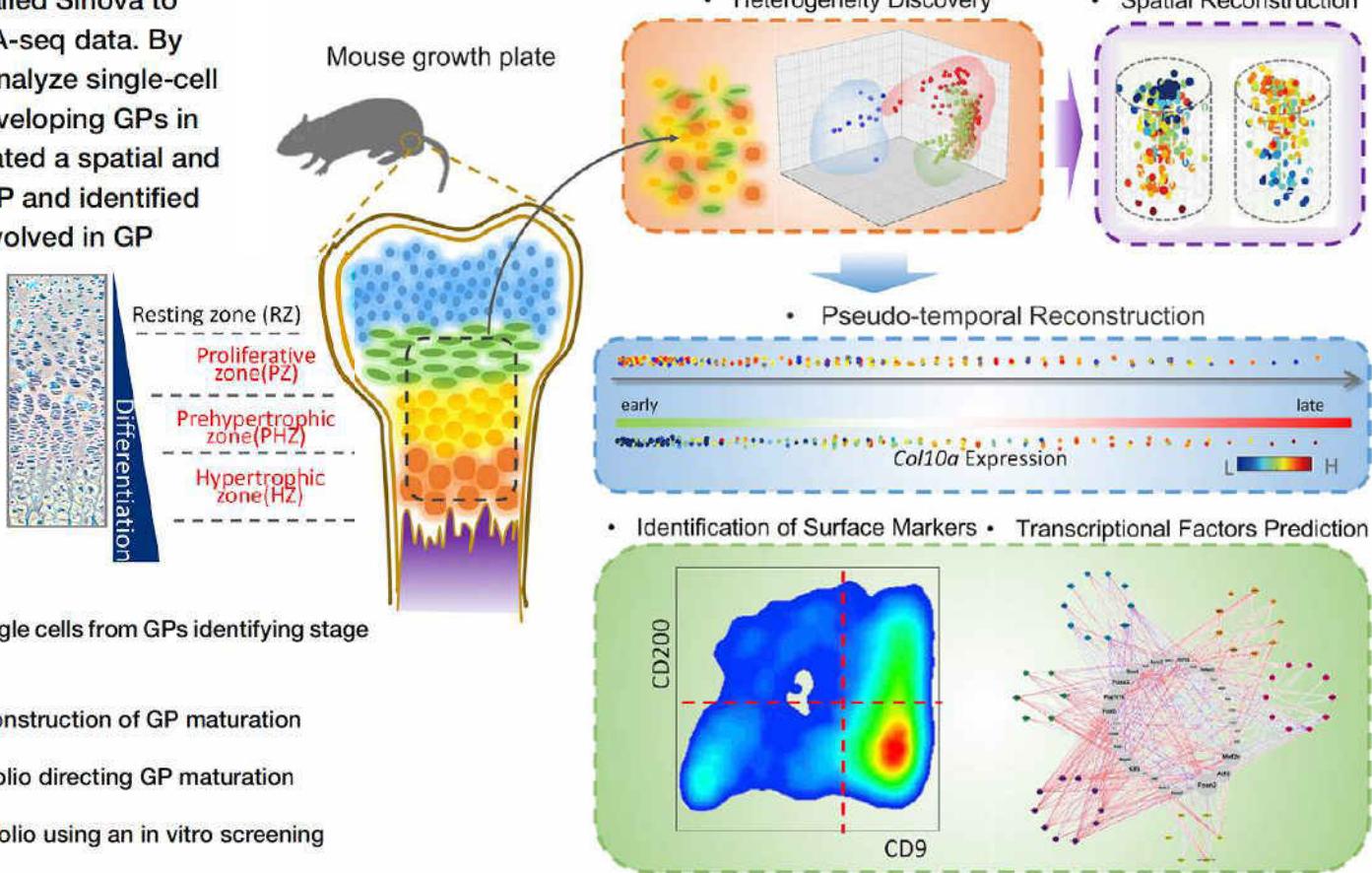
**Stem Cells Workshop
(Monday)**

Use of new technologies

Systematic Reconstruction of Molecular Cascades Regulating GP Development Using Single-Cell RNA-Seq

Li et al., Cell Reports. pii: S2211-1247(16)30470-3. May 2016

Li et al. have developed an unsupervised clustering approach called Sinova to analyze single-cell RNA-seq data. By using this pipeline to analyze single-cell RNA-seq data from developing GPs in mice, they have generated a spatial and temporal map of the GP and identified molecular networks involved in GP development.



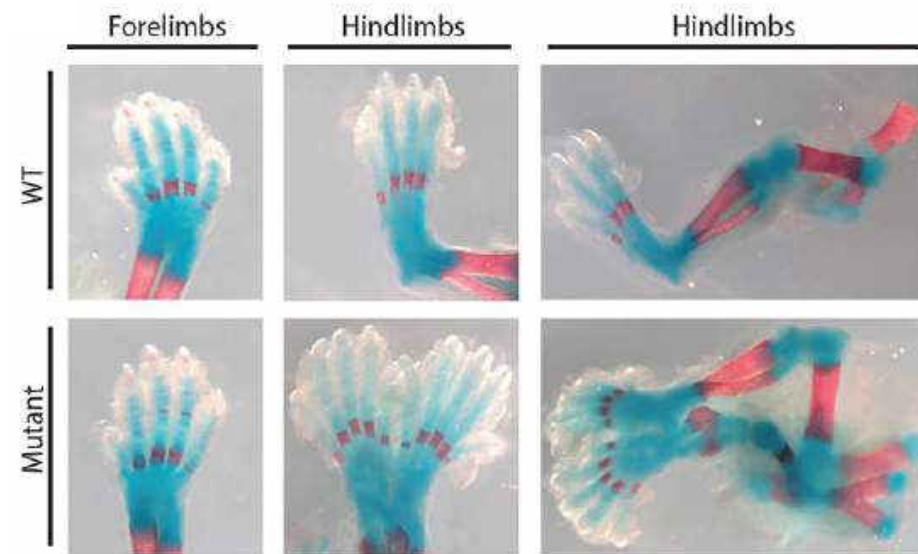
Highlights

- Unbiased clustering of single cells from GPs identifying stage transitions
- Temporal and spatial reconstruction of GP maturation
- Prediction of the TF portfolio directing GP maturation
- Recapitulation of TF portfolio using an in vitro screening system

Symposium 2 (today 14:30)

Use of new technologies

Exome sequencing and CRISPR/Cas genome editing identify mutations of ZAK as a cause of limb defects in humans and mice



The CRISPR/Cas technology enables targeted genome editing and the rapid generation of transgenic animal models for the study of human genetic disorders. Here we describe an autosomal recessive human disease in two unrelated families characterized by a split-foot defect, nail abnormalities of the hands, and hearing loss, due to mutations disrupting the SAM domain of the protein kinase ZAK. ZAK is a member of the MAPKKK family with no known role in limb development. We show that *Zak* is expressed in the developing limbs and that a CRISPR/Cas-mediated knockout of the two *Zak* isoforms is embryonically lethal in mice. In contrast, a deletion of the SAM domain induces a complex hindlimb defect associated with down-regulation of *Trp63*, a known split-hand/split-foot malformation disease gene. Our results identify ZAK as a key player in mammalian limb patterning and demonstrate the rapid utility of CRISPR/Cas genome editing to assign causality to human mutations in the mouse in <10 wk.

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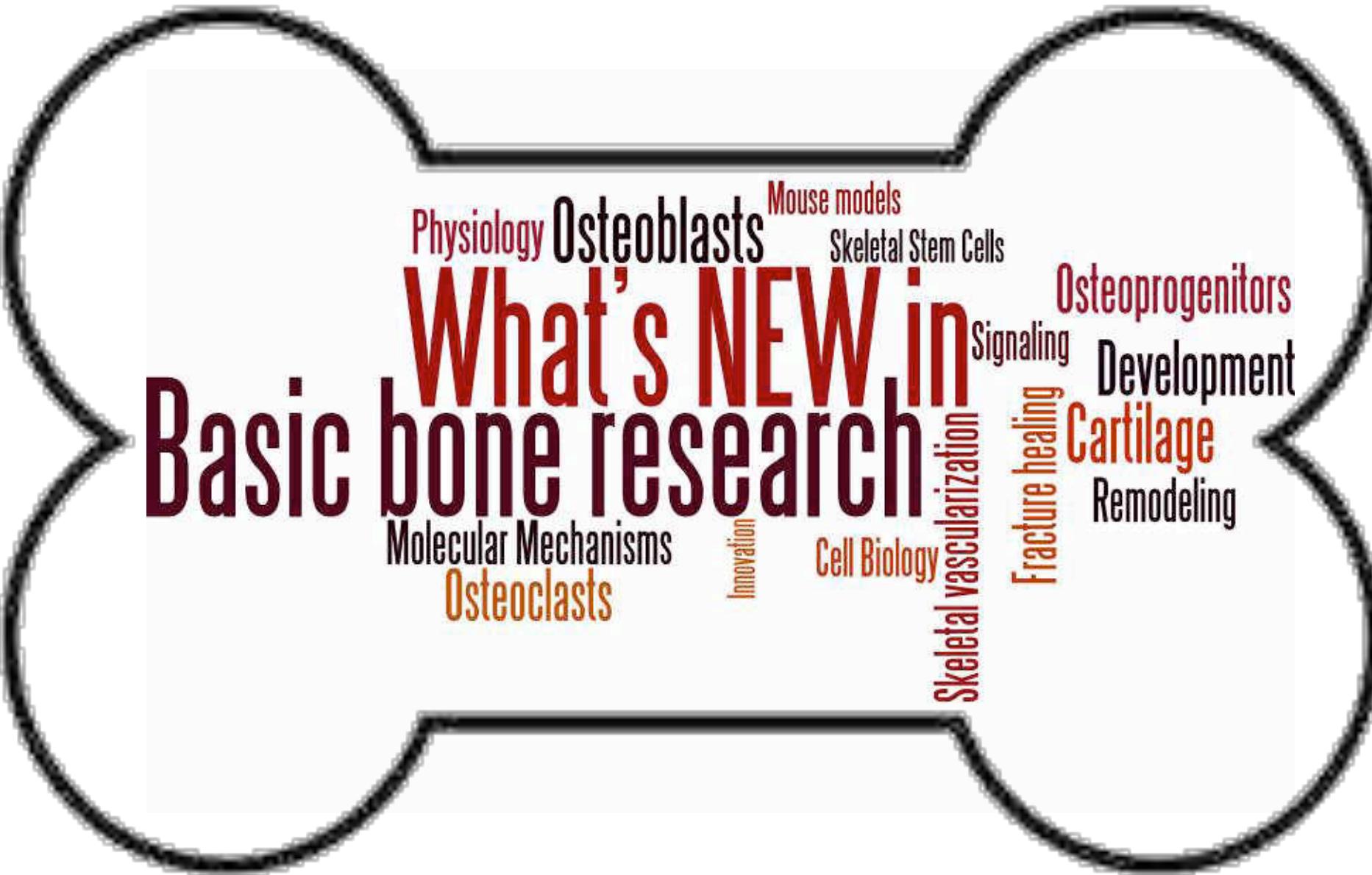
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What's NEW in Basic bone research

Mouse models
Skeletal Stem Cells
Signalining
Development
Cartilage
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Fracture healing

Skeletal vascularization

Innovation

Cell Biology

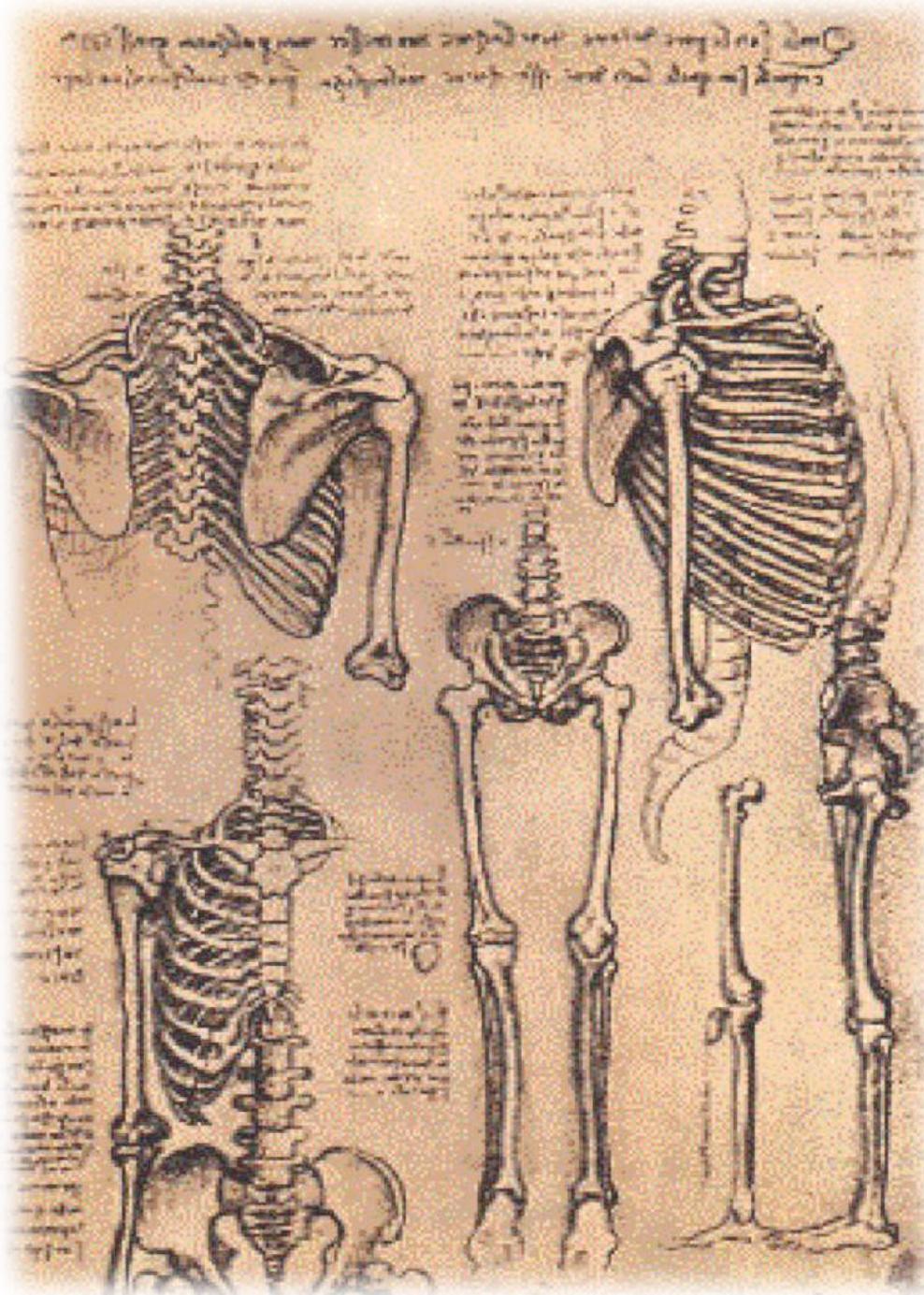
Osteoprogenitors

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