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Decoding the IGF1 Signaling Gene Regulatory Network Behind Alveologenesis from A Mouse Model of Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia

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1 **Summary**

2 Lung development is precisely controlled by underlying Gene Regulatory Networks (GRN).
3 Disruption of genes in the network can interrupt normal development and cause diseases such
4 as bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD), a chronic lung disease in preterm infants with morbid
5 and sometimes lethal consequences that is characterized by lung immaturity and reduced
6 alveolarization.

7 Here, we generated a transgenic mouse exhibiting a moderate severity BPD phenotype by
8 blocking IGF1 signaling in secondary crest myofibroblasts (SCMF) at the onset of alveogenesis.
9 Using approaches mirroring the construction of the model GRN in sea urchin's development, we
10 constructed the IGF1 signaling network underlying alveogenesis using this mouse model that
11 phenocopies BPD. The constructed GRN, consisting of 43 genes, provides a bird's-eye view of
12 how the genes downstream of IGF1 are regulatorily connected. The GRN also reveals a
13 mechanistic interpretation of how the effects of IGF1 signaling are transduced within SCMF
14 from its specification genes to its effector genes and then from SCMF to its neighboring alveolar
15 epithelial cells with Wnt5a and Fgf10 signaling as the bridge. Consistently, blocking of Wnt5a
16 signaling in mice phenocopies BPD as inferred by the network. A comparative study on human
17 samples suggests that a GRN of similar components and wiring underlies human BPD.

18 Our network view of alveogenesis is transforming our perspective to understand and treat
19 BPD. The new perspective calls for the construction of the full signaling GRN underlying
20 alveogenesis, upon which targeted therapies for this neonatal chronic lung disease can be
21 viably developed.

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1 Introduction

2 Development is precisely controlled by the genetic program encoded in the genome and is
3 governed by genetic interactions (Davidson et al., 2002; Levine and Davidson, 2005).
4 Elucidating the network of interactions among genes that govern morphogenesis through
5 development is one of the core challenges in contemporary functional genomics
6 research (Przybyla and Gilbert, 2021). These networks are known as developmental gene
7 regulatory networks (GRN) which are key to understanding the developmental processes with
8 integrative details and mechanistic perspective. Over the past few decades, great advances have
9 been made in decoding these networks in classical model systems (i.e. Dequeant and Pourquie,
10 2008; Longabaugh et al., 2017; Olson, 2006; Satou et al., 2009; Sauka-Spengler and Bronner-
11 Fraser, 2008), as well as the in-depth understanding of the general design principles of these
12 networks in development and evolution (Carre et al., 2017; Davidson, 2010; Erwin and
13 Davidson, 2009; Gao and Davidson, 2008; Lim et al., 2013; Peter and Davidson, 2009).
14 Highlighted among them is the sea urchin developmental GRN, the most comprehensive and
15 authenticated network constructed to date (Peter and Davidson, 2017).

16 Disruption of any gene in the network could interrupt normal development and conceivably
17 cause disease. Some diseases are caused by single gene disorders while others are complex and
18 multi-factorial such as bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD), a common cause of morbidity and
19 mortality in preterm infants with their lungs characterized by arrested alveolar development
20 with varied severity (Jain and Bancalari, 2014; Jobe, 1999; Short et al., 2007). Both prenatal
21 insults and postnatal injury increase the risk of BPD. The multifactorial etiology of BPD has
22 made the development of therapies a unique challenge, and currently no effective treatment
23 exists to prevent or cure this debilitating disease.

24 In recent clinical trials, therapy with recombinant human insulin like growth factor 1 (rhIGF1)
25 protein showed initial promise for BPD, but significant limitations did not allow further clinical
26 trials (Ley et al., 2019; Seedorf et al., 2020). One impediment to further development of IGF1 as
27 a therapy is lack of comprehensive information regarding the precise role of the IGF1 signaling
28 pathway in alveologensis.

29 Alveolar development is a highly complex process that is driven by multiple signaling pathways
30 including Tgfb, Shh, Wnt, Pdgf, Vegf, Hgf, Notch, Bmp and IGF1 (Juul et al., 2020; Nabhan et
31 al., 2018; Tsao et al., 2016; Verheyden and Sun, 2020; Wu and Tang, 2021; Zepp and Morrissey,
32 2019). *Igf1* and *Igf1R* expression is found throughout fetal lung development and fluctuates at
33 different stages. Both *Igf1* and *Igf1r* expression is significantly reduced in BPD lungs (Hellstrom
34 et al., 2016; Lofqvist et al., 2012; Yilmaz et al., 2017), suggesting a potential role in pathogenesis
35 of BPD. The function of *Igf1* and *Igf1r* has been examined in their respective constitutive and
36 conditional knockout mice, but their specific function during alveologensis has not been
37 examined (Epaud et al., 2012; Lopez et al., 2016; Lopez et al., 2015). A recent study found
38 interruption in IGF1 signaling compromised mechanosignaling and interrupted alveologensis
39 (He et al., 2021).

40 In our study here, we found *Igf1* and *Igf1r* are primarily expressed in SCMF in postnatal mouse
41 lung. As a result, we interrupted IGF1 signaling in SCMF by inactivation of *Igf1r* at the onset of
42 alveologensis in postnatal day 2 (PN2) mouse neonates and analyzed the resulting phenotypes.
43 Inactivation of *Igf1r* resulted in mutant lungs with simplified and immature alveolar structure
44 reminiscent of the human BPD of moderate severity (Short et al., 2007). We reasoned that the
45 phenotype caused by inactivation of IGF1 in SCMF reflects interruption in the genetic program
46 downstream of IGF1 signaling that drives the normal functions of SCMF in the process of
47 alveologensis. Alterations in SCMF may further impact specification/differentiation of other

1 key cell types, particularly the alveolar epithelial cells. We aim to decode the genes and their
2 interactions behind this underlying genetic program.

3 Taking advantage of the high throughput next generation sequencing, people have been trying to
4 build GRNs by computational analysis using wild type gene expression data (i.e. Jia et al., 2017;
5 Xu et al., 2012). Currently, the most reliable way is still to build GRN experimentally on data
6 from perturbation analyses.

7 Genes we particularly focus on are the regulatory genes. These genes decide the outcome of a
8 GRN as they regulate and control other genes' expression forming a regulatory circuitry of
9 varied hierarchy with structural and cellular genes as their terminal targets (Davidson, 2010;
10 Erwin and Davidson, 2009). Their functions are defined by their logical control over the
11 circuitry's operation and their synergetic biological effects are manifested by the effector genes
12 under the circuitry (Peter and Davidson, 2009; Peter et al., 2012).

13 We followed the protocol similar to that used in construction of the sea urchin GRN (Materna
14 and Oliveri, 2008): regulatory genes were selected at the transcriptomic scale from LungMAP
15 database (www.lungmap.net) where their expression during alveologenesi were reported; the
16 cellular expression patterns of these genes were annotated on lungMap scRNAseq data for the
17 screen of SCMF genes; the regulatory interactions among these genes were examined from in
18 vivo and in vitro perturbations; and cellular communications were determined by secretome-
19 receptome analysis. Combining these data, we constructed the IGF1 signaling gene regulatory
20 network underlying alveologenesi from this mouse model of human BPD phenocopy.

21 Our GRN work on alveologenesi represents a transformative view of how to understand and
22 perhaps even design future preventive and therapeutic strategies for treatment of BPD.

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1 **Results**

2 **Postnatal Expression of *Igf1* and *Igf1r* in the lung.**

3 To define the expression pattern of *Igf1* and *Igf1r* during early postnatal lung development, we
4 performed RT-PCR using total lung RNA from embryonic day E18 to postnatal day PN30. The
5 analysis showed *Igf1* is expressed dynamically during development peaking at the onset of
6 alveologenesis and progressively decreasing during this process (Fig.1A). The expression pattern
7 of *Igf1r* was biphasic, initially displaying an overlap with *Igf1* in early alveologenesis with a
8 subsequent peak occurring on PN21 (Fig.1B).

9 Hedgehog responsive alveolar myofibroblasts, which we term secondary crest myofibroblasts
10 (SCMF), are required for alveologenesis, a process characterized by alveolar secondary crest
11 formation (Branchfield et al., 2016; Li et al., 2015; Li et al., 2020b). RNAscope showed highly
12 overlapping localization of *Igf1/Igf1r* and *Pdgfra*, a SCMF marker gene (Li et al., 2019a; Li et al.,
13 2018) (Fig.1C), indicating SCMF as a principal cellular site of *Igf1* and *Igf1r* expression in lungs
14 undergoing alveologenesis.

15 **Mesodermal-specific Inactivation of *Igf1* and *Igf1r*.**

16 As SCMF are derived from the lung mesenchyme early in lung development and *Dermo1* is
17 activated specifically at the onset of mesodermal lineage specification (Li et al., 2008), we used
18 *Dermo1-cre* (*Dcre*) to inactivate *Igf1* or *Igf1r* separately and specifically in the mesodermal
19 lineages and examined the mutant lung phenotype during embryonic and postnatal
20 development (SFig.1A).

21 Loss of *Igf1* or *Igf1r* in mesodermal progenitors using floxed alleles of these genes decreased
22 their mRNA by approximately two folds (SFig.1B). In consistent with previous reports (Epaud et
23 al., 2012; Lopez et al., 2015), loss of body weight was observed in our *Igf1r* mutant pups
24 (SFig.1C&D).

25 *The Dcre;Igf1r-f/f* mutant has clearly visible lung defects, with thickened saccular walls at E18,
26 dilated sacculi and severely reduced number of secondary crests at PN14 that persists to PN30
27 (SFig.1E). Similar defects of less severity were observed in the *Dcre;Igf1-f/f* mutant (SFig.1F).
28 However, due to the timing of *Dermo1-cre* activation, it is difficult to determine whether the
29 impact of *Igf1r* on alveologenesis occurs postnatally or is a carryover impact of events occurring
30 prior to onset of alveologenesis.

31 **Postnatal inactivation of *Igf1r* in SCMF profoundly arrests alveologenesis.**

32 Using *Gli1-creERT2* (*Gcre*), which targets SCMF (Li et al., 2015), we inactivated floxed alleles of
33 *Igf1r* on PN2 at the onset of alveologenesis (Fig.2A). Inactivation of *Igf1r* was validated by
34 genotyping (SFig.2A), and its downregulation verified by RT-PCR with RNA from both whole
35 lung and FACS-isolated SCMF (SFig.2B). The extent of overlap between Cre-induced green
36 fluorescent protein (GFP) and *Eln*, a marker for SCMF, indicated efficient recombination
37 (SFig.2C). The mutant mice were slightly runted compared to controls (SFig.2D).

38 Histology of multiple *Gcre;Igf1r-f/f* lungs at the timepoints PN7, PN14 and PN30, revealed a
39 phenotype of profoundly arrested alveolar formation as measured by mean linear intercept
40 (MLI) (Fig.2B). In addition, ImageJ analysis showed decreased perimeter/area ratio of airspace
41 (Peri/Area) and the number of airspaces per unit of area (# of Airspace/Area), all consistent
42 with the alveolar hypoplasia phenotype in the mutant lungs (Fig.2B, SFig.2E,F). The largest
43 deviation between control and mutant in these measurements occurred at PN14, which marks

1 the midpoint in the alveologenesis phase. Still, the severity of hypoplasia here is eclipsed by that
2 seen in *Gcre;Tgfr-f/f* induced BPD phenocopies (Gao et al., 2022).

3 Immunohistochemical analysis revealed no significant gross changes between the control and
4 mutant lungs in either proliferation or apoptosis (SFig.2G). Similarly, examination of specific
5 markers for various lung alveolar cell lineages including the mesenchyme (ELN, TPM1),
6 myofibroblasts (ACTA2, PDGFRA), endothelial cells (EMCN), lipofibroblasts (ADRP), epithelial
7 cells (NKX2.1, SFTPC, HOPX) and pericytes (NG2) did not reveal significant differences (Fig.2C,
8 SFig.2H). Nonetheless, it was observed in the mutant lungs the deposition of elastin seemed
9 aggregated at the secondary crest tips and the number of AT1 and AT2 cells were reduced
10 (Fig.2C). The altered elastin deposition has been reported in previous studies (He et al., 2021; Li
11 et al., 2019a), but whether this alteration is the cause or the consequence of the impaired
12 alveolar formation remains unknown.

13 To examine the genetic changes in *Gcre;Igf1r-f/f* mutant lungs, we tested two selected groups of
14 genes: lung signature (SFig.2J) and angiogenesis (SFig.2K) genes. This analysis showed
15 significant alterations in a few genes including *Fgf10*, *Igf1r* and *Pdgfra* in the mutant lungs. It is
16 noteworthy that RNA used in the test was from whole lung tissue, while inactivation of *Igf1r* by
17 *Gcre* was only targeted to SCMF. To determine the cell specific impacts of *Igf1r* inactivation, we
18 characterized gene expression in FACS sorted cells in the following studies.

19 **Identification of SCMF genes altered in mouse lungs of BPD phenotype.**

20 Both GFP+ (SCMF) and Tomato+ (non-SCMF) cells were isolated by FACS from lungs dissected
21 from *Gcre;mTmG* (control) and *Gcre;mTmG;Igf1r-f/f* (mutant) mice. Using the sorted cells, we
22 compared gene expression between them to identify genes enriched in SCMF and those altered
23 in SCMF and non-SCMFs in mutant lungs (Fig.3A, SFig.3A).

24 Our analysis didn't focus on the components of the pathway itself which are self-conserved and
25 usually tissue-independent (Pires-daSilva and Sommer, 2003), and instead was directed at
26 identifying genes downstream of the pathway, especially the regulatory genes through which the
27 developmental GRN is specified (Erwin and Davidson, 2009). 47 genes known to encode
28 signaling molecules and transcription factors were screened from the LungMAP transcriptomic
29 database (www.lungmap.net), where they were indicated to be expressed from SCMF between
30 PN3 to PN14 in the mouse developmental window (Supplemental Table 1). Expression of the
31 selected genes, together with 15 known SCMF cell markers and 3 non-SCMF genes (negative
32 control), were examined and compared by Realtime RT-PCR using RNA from the sorted cells.

33 Three criteria were applied to identify *Igf1* signaling targets within SCMF: (1) Functionally active
34 in SCMF with its $\Delta CT \leq 9$ (relative to *Gapdh* in Ctrl_GFP, Supplemental Table 1), that is
35 equivalent to ≥ 10 copies of transcripts per cell (copies of *Gapdh* transcripts per cell based on
36 Barber et al., 2005); (2) highly enriched in SCMF with FC ≥ 10 , $p \leq 0.05$ (Ctrl_GFP vs
37 Ctrl_Tomato, Fig.3B left column, Supplemental Table 1); (3) significantly altered with FC ≥ 2 ,
38 $p \leq 0.05$ (Mut_GFP vs Ctrl_GFP, Fig.3B right column, Supplemental Table 1).

39 Nineteen genes were identified that met all these 3 criteria (genes highlighted in red in the first
40 column in Supplemental Table 1). Spatial localization of a select number of these genes
41 including *Foxd1*, *Sox8*, *Tbx2*, *Bmper*, *Actc1*, *Wnt5a* and *Fgf10* in SCMF was validated by IHC
42 (Fig.3C, SFig.3B) or RNAscope (Fig.3D).

43 Regulation of the latter 19 genes by *Igf1* signaling was illustrated on Biotapestry (Longabaugh,
44 2012) as displayed in Fig.3E. Of note, all connections were drawn directly from the signaling,

1 whereas the regulation may happen indirectly through the cross regulation among these genes
2 (to be examined below).

3 The constructed link map points to IGF1 signaling as a positive regulator of 17 out of the 19
4 putative downstream genes (Fig.3E). Based on their molecular and cellular functions, the 19
5 genes can be stratified into two separate groups. One group is comprised of regulatory genes
6 encoding transcription factors (*Gli1*, *Foxd1*, *Tbx2*, *Sox8*, *Dermo1*, *Rxra*) and signaling molecules
7 (*Fgf10*, *Wnt5a*, *Bmper*, *Cyr61*, *Pdgfra*). The second group is comprised of *Acta2*, *Actc1*, *BGN*,
8 *Des*, *Eln*, *Cnn1*, *FN1*, and *TNC*, representing genes that encode structural & cellular molecules.
9 Based on the GRN's hierarchal design (Erwin and Davidson, 2009), it is most likely that IGF1
10 signaling first targets the regulatory genes, referred to as SCMF specifiers, whose expression
11 subsequently targets the downstream structural and cellular genes in SCMF, heretofore called
12 SCMF effectors.

13 **Cross regulation of altered SCMF genes in the mouse BPD phenocopy model.**

14 Within the inventory of altered SCMF genes, as defined above, are one transcription factor,
15 *Foxd1*, one of the most reduced regulatory genes from our RT-PCR measurements, and two
16 growth factor signaling molecules, *Fgf10* and *Wnt5a*, both known to function in postnatal lung
17 development (Chao et al., 2016; Li et al., 2020a; Zhang et al., 2020). Secretome-receptome
18 computation using the Fantom algorithm (Ramilowski et al., 2015) revealed the cognate
19 receptors, FGFR1/3/4 and ROR2, involve in FGF10 and WNT5a signaling transduction within
20 SCMF (Fig.4B). To investigate the possibility of cross regulation of these genes on the other
21 altered SCMF genes, GFP⁺ SCMFs were isolated by FACS from postnatal *Gcre;mTmG* lungs and
22 cultured in vitro (Fig.4 A). Cultures were treated with inhibitors that target the gene or pathway
23 of interest. The inhibitor's dose was determined from the literature and a series of testing
24 (Supplemental Table 2), and inhibition was validated by examining its target genes (SFig.4A).
25 Blocking IGF1 signaling using IGF1R inhibitor (PPP at 4uM as in Chen et al., 2017; Jin et al.,
26 2018; Wang et al., 2019), led to altered expression of all genes, except *Gli1*, in the same direction
27 as observed in vivo (SFig.4B) indicating that isolated cells in vitro recapitulate the observed in
28 vivo findings. Expression level of *Gli1* was too low to be reliably detected in culture, likely due to
29 absence of HH signaling which in vivo is provided exclusively by the lung epithelium.

30 The signaling of FGF10 and the expression of *Wnt5a* and *Foxd1* were blocked in culture with
31 FGFR inhibitor (Infigratinib at 1uM as in Manchado et al., 2016; Nakamura et al., 2015; Wong et
32 al., 2018), siWnt5a (at 20nM as in Nemoto et al., 2012; Sakisaka et al., 2015; Zhao et al., 2017)
33 and siFoxd1(at 20nM as in Li et al., 2021; Nakayama et al., 2015; Wu et al., 2018) respectively,
34 and their effects on other SCMF genes were quantified by RT-PCR (Fig.4C). Identified genes
35 with significant change are designated as targets of the gene/pathway perturbed, and their
36 connections are plotted on the network (Fig.4D).

37 The architecture of the new construct reveals the identity of 3 transcription factors FOXD1,
38 TBX2, and SOX8 forming a presumed connection hub. They are targeted by all 3 signaling
39 pathways within the network and with each other as demonstrated by FOXD1's regulation of
40 *Tbx2* and *Sox8*, likely representing a core network subcircuit (Peter and Davidson, 2009) tasked
41 to lockdown a regulatory state so that the signaling effect from the upstream can be stabilized.

42 **Alveolar epithelial genes are affected through WNT5a and FGF10 signaling.**

43 As mentioned above, both AT1 and AT2 cells were reduced in *Gcre;Igf1r-f/f* mutant lungs
44 (Fig.2C). To identify any genetic alterations within these cells, we analyzed our FACS-sorted
45 Tomato⁺ cells (Fig.3A), in which the lung epithelial cells reside, for the expression of a broad list

1 of known AT1/AT2 signature genes including their canonical markers and the ones identified by
2 scRNAseq (i.e. Treutlein et al., 2014; Nabhan et al., 2018; LungMap). The comparison between
3 the control and the mutant data identified the genes significantly altered (Fig.5A).

4 Since our *Gcre;Igf1r-f/f* mutant was a SCMF targeted deletion, these changes must be a
5 secondary consequence of intercellular cross communication. Within the altered SCMF gene list
6 there are a total of 3 ligands: *Wnt5a*, *Fgf10* and *Cyr61* (Fig.4D). CYR61 is more commonly
7 recognized as a matricellular protein (Lau, 2011) rather than a classical growth factor such as
8 FGF10 and WNT5A. Secretome-receptome analysis indicates that FGF10 and WNT5a from
9 SCMF communicate with alveolar epithelial cells thru their cognate receptors, FGFR2 and ROR1
10 (Fig.4B).

11 The intercellular connections discovered above, plus the affected epithelial genes were also
12 added to the network as shown in Fig.5B. Multiple evidence has shown that IGF1 signaling can
13 promote lung epithelial growth and development (Ghosh et al., 2013; Narasaraju et al., 2006;
14 Wang et al., 2018b). Our work here reveals a nearly comprehensive look at the genetic pathway
15 behind that.

16 **WNT5a is required for alveolar formation as inferred by the IGF1 signaling GRN.**

17 Our effort so far has led to the successful construction of the IGF1 signaling GRN during
18 alveologenes. The network offers a novel bird's-eye view of how the genes involved in IGF1
19 signaling are connected in the form of a molecular circuitry for alveologenes and a mechanistic
20 perception of how this circuitry is firstly turned on in SCMF for the function of these cells and
21 then advance to the neighboring alveolar epithelial cells to influence their cellular behaviors.

22 Under this mechanistic view, the position where a gene is located on the architecture of the
23 network and the connections it has with other genes manifest its role and impact on the
24 network's operation and outcome, thus its specific biological function in the process of alveolar
25 formation. The network makes it possible to assess and predict a gene's function before it is
26 tested in vivo.

27 Mainly derived from our in vitro data, it was discovered WNT5a signaling on the current
28 network is located immediately downstream of IGF1 and the signaling has connections with
29 many IGF1 downstream genes (Fig.5B). This indicates *Wnt5a*'s feed-forward role on the
30 transduction of IGF1 signaling and its biological effect. Indeed, when *Wnt5a* is inactivated in
31 mice, the mutant lungs exhibit a BPD-like phenotype with arrested alveologenes, similar to
32 what is seen in the *Igf1r* mutant (Fig.6). Inversely, the in vivo perturbation data collected from
33 this *Wnt5a* mutant mouse model can be used to further define the regulatory connections where
34 *Wnt5a* is involved on the current *Igf1* GRN.

35 **A GRN of similar components and wiring underlies human BPD.**

36 The expression of the mouse IGF1 signaling GRN regulatory genes in SCMF was also examined
37 in lung samples from postmortem human BPD samples. The regulatory genes, on the upper
38 hierarchy of the network, determine the network's outcome. In comparison to non-BPD lungs, 9
39 of the 12 genes examined were altered, and 8 were altered in the same direction as they were
40 defined in the mouse GRN (Fig.7). These findings indicate a genetic program of similar
41 components and wiring underlying human BPD.

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1 Discussion

2 With massive gene expression data available (e.g., the LungMAP database) in this postgenomic
3 era, one pressing job is to identify the function of the specific genes, and particularly how they
4 interact with one another (Przybyla and Gilbert, 2021). With gene regulatory network analysis as
5 our targeted approach, we have constructed the IGF1 signaling GRN underlying alveogenesis
6 using a mouse model of BPD.

7 The application of the GRN approach in the lung field is novel as it hasn't been previously
8 reported. Although not all the genes on the network have been examined by perturbation and
9 the links haven't been determined as direct or indirect, the regulatory connections running
10 along the constructed GRN are already able to provide potential mechanistic explanation as to
11 how the effect of IGF1 signaling is transduced from one gene to a constellation of its
12 downstream genes and from one cell type to another. Indeed, blocking Wnt5a signaling is
13 confirmed to produce a mouse BPD-like phenotype as inferred by the network. Signaling by Igf1,
14 Fgf10 and Wnt5a have been long recognized to have roles in alveogenesis (i.e. Chao et al.,
15 2016; He et al., 2021; Li et al., 2020a; Zhang et al., 2020). The present GRN reveals a full
16 genetic program behind and the cross-talk among them. The fact that all these signaling
17 pathways have connections on the specification and effector genes of both alveolar
18 mesenchymal and epithelial cells provides a direct causal link between the signaling and
19 alveolar development.

20 Alveogenesis is a teamwork of a larger signaling network involving several different cell types.
21 Within the mesenchymal cell type only, it is known that blocking IGF1, WNT5a, PDGFA and
22 TGFb signaling leads to impairment in development of alveoli though with different severity
23 (Gao et al., 2022; He et al., 2021; Li et al., 2020a; Li et al., 2019b; Zhang et al., 2020). The sum
24 of these leads to the construction of the hierarchical regulatory connections of these pathways
25 within SCMF (Fig.8). Once signaling pathways from alveolar epithelium, endothelium and
26 immune cells are included, a much larger and more comprehensive signaling GRN behind
27 alveogenesis is expected to emerge.

28 Clinically, etiology of BPD is presented as multifactorial and predominantly extrinsic factors,
29 reflecting at the first place their interference on cell's extracellular activity including cell
30 signaling and communication (Fig.8). From GRN perspective, BPD is a developmental disease
31 when the signaling GRN for alveogenesis is derailed and disrupted by these extrinsic factors.
32 This disruption may happen within different cell types, onto different signaling pathways, and
33 upon different hierarchy of the network (Fig.8). From the network's structural view, the
34 disruption at the higher hierarchy has greater manifestation thus leading to disease of higher
35 severity. Tgfb signaling, atop the whole hierarchy of the signaling GRN on Fig.8, exhibits in its
36 mouse model mutant the most severe BPD-like phenotype when compared to mutants from the
37 other signaling pathways under it (Chao et al., 2017; Gao et al., 2022; He et al., 2021; Li et al.,
38 2020a; Li et al., 2019b). Also, different signaling sitting at different hierarchy has different
39 coverage (sum of genes under the signaling's control) on the network. If disruption occurred
40 beyond a signaling's coverage, the treatment by targeting this signaling would be off target. Igf1
41 signaling is discovered as in the middle hierarchy of the constructed network (Fig.8). By
42 targeting one such signaling and hoping to treat BPD in general will surely not always work.

43 Our GRN view on alveogenesis presents a transformative viewing of BPD and could potentially
44 help in designing novel strategies to prevent and treat BPD. As for prevention, the GRN suggests
45 a study centered on the network's periphery with focus to cut off the extrinsic factors and block

1 their connections to the intrinsic alveogenesis GRN. For treatment, it is a study on the network
2 itself with focus to recover and rescue the signaling pathways that have been disheveled. All this
3 work calls for at the first place the construction of the whole alveogenesis GRN which includes
4 all major signaling pathways involved within and between each cell type and a network assembly
5 of the hierarchal regulatory connections among them. Though the network construction is
6 currently not experimentally accessible in human model, our work shows the alveogenesis
7 GRN is well conserved between mouse and human lungs. With the mouse model, the whole
8 signaling GRN behind alveogenesis can be decoded as exemplified by our work here in this
9 paper, and the impact of extrinsic factors/signaling pathways and their manipulation on the
10 network can be modeled and tested. The insights collected can then be used to guide health
11 delivery for BPD clinically. In general, patient's clinical exam and test are used to determine the
12 extrinsic factors; cell type gene expression data from bronchoalveolar lavage and/or biopsy are
13 used to reveal genes altered within alveolar compartment in patient's lung; implied extrinsic
14 factors and altered genes are mapped onto the alveogenesis GRN where the disruptions can
15 thus be defined; therapies proven to be successful from mouse modeling data can then be
16 pursued to recover/rescue these breaking points clinically in the patient.

17 A web resource of the network and the data presented in this paper is made available to the
18 public: <https://sites.google.com/view/the-alveogenesis-grn/home>, which we hope can be used
19 as portal to promote any further studies and collaborations in this direction. GRN is
20 traditionally a network built on chemical interactions (RNA, DNA, protein and other chemicals).
21 It has been recognized these interactions can also happen at mechanical and electrical level (i.e.
22 Azeloglu and Iyengar, 2015). Mechanosignaling is of particular interest in lung as the organ
23 itself is born to function through its non-stopping mechanical movement. New technologies,
24 including whole genome CRISPR perturbation and screening, epigenomic profiling, high
25 resolution ChIP-seq, spatial genomics and cis-regulatory analysis, are sprouting with their
26 potential use for a high throughput GRN construction (i.e. Cusanovich et al., 2018; Eng et al.,
27 2019; Sanson et al., 2018; Skene and Henikoff, 2015). Our journey to decode the alveogenesis
28 GRN is also an adventure to construct new version of GRNs with rising technologies.

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1 MATERIALS AND METHODS

2 1. Mouse Breeding and Genotyping

3 All animal studies were conducted strictly according to protocols approved by the USC
4 Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) (Los Angeles, CA, USA). The mice
5 were housed and maintained in pathogen-free conditions at constant room temperature (20–
6 22 °C), with a 12 h light/dark cycle, and free access to water and food. *Dermo1-cre*, *Gli1-cre^{ERT2}*,
7 *Rosa26^{mTmG}*, *CAG^{tdTomato}*, *Igf1^(flox/flox)*, *Igfl1^(flox/flox)*, *CAG-cre^{ER}*, and *Wnt5a^(flox/flox)* mice were
8 purchased from the Jackson Laboratory. *Foxd1GCE* mouse were generated by McMahon lab at
9 USC. *SPC^{GFP}* mice were generated by Wright lab at Duke University.

10 *Dermo1-cre;Igf1^(flox/flox)* (*Dcre;Igf1-f/f*) and *Dermo1-cre;Igfl1^(flox/flox)* (*Dcre;Igfl1-f/f*) mice were
11 generated by breeding *Dermo1-cre* with *Igf1^(flox/flox)* and *Igfl1^(flox/flox)* respectively.

12 *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};Rosa26^{mTmG}* mice were generated by breeding *Gli1-cre^{ERT2}* and *Rosa26^{mTmG}* mice.

13 *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};Igfl1^(flox/flox)* (*Gcre;Igfl1-f/f*) mice were generated by breeding *Gli1-cre^{ERT2}* mice with
14 the *Igfl1^(flox/flox)* mice.

15 *Rosa26^{mTmG};Igfl1^(flox/flox)* (*mTmG;Igfl1-f/f*) mice were generated by breeding *Rosa26^{mTmG}* mice
16 with the *Igfl1^(flox/flox)* mice.

17 *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};Rosa26^{mTmG};Igfl1^(flox/flox)* (*Gcre;mTmG;Igfl1-f/f*) mice were generated by breeding
18 *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};Igfl1^(flox/flox)* mice with the *Rosa26^{mTmG};Igfl1^(flox/flox)* mice.

19 *Foxd1GCE;CAG^{tdTomato}* (*Fcre;Tomato*) mice were generated by breeding *Foxd1GCE* mice with
20 the *CAG^{tdTomato}* mice.

21 *CAG-cre^{ER};Wnt5a^(flox/flox)* (*Ccre;Wnt5a-f/f*) mice were generated by breeding *CAG-cre^{ER}* mice
22 with the *Wnt5a^(flox/flox)* mice.

23 Genotyping of the transgenic mice was performed by PCR with genomic DNA isolated from
24 mouse tails. The forward (F) and reverse primers (R) for transgenic mouse genotyping are listed
25 in Supplemental Table 3.

26 2. Tamoxifen Administration

27 A single dose of Tamoxifen (8mg/mL in peanut oil) was administered by oral gavage to neonates
28 at postnatal day 2 (PN2, 400µg each pup) with a plastic feeding needle (Instech Laboratories,
29 PA). Neonatal lungs were collected between PN7 and PN30 for morphological,
30 immunohistochemical, cellular and molecular biological analyses.

31 3. Mouse lung tissue

32 Mice were euthanized by CO₂ inhalation at the time of tissue harvest. Chest cavity was exposed
33 and lungs cleared of blood by perfusion with cold PBS via the right ventricle. Lungs were
34 inflated with 4% formaldehyde under constant 30cm H₂O pressure and allowed to fix overnight
35 at 4°C. Tissue was dehydrated through a series of ethanol washes after which they were
36 embedded in paraffin and sectioned.

37 4. Immunohistochemistry

38 H&E staining was performed as usual, and morphometric measurements were made using
39 ImageJ. Immunofluorescent staining was performed as previously described using paraffin-

1 embedded lung sections (Li et al., 2019a). In brief, five micrometer (μm) tissue sections were
2 deparaffinized, rehydrated and subjected to antigen retrieval. After blocking with normal serum,
3 the sections were probed with primary antibodies at 4° C overnight. Combinations of Alexa
4 Fluor Plus secondary antibodies (Thermo Fisher Scientific) were applied for fluorescent
5 detection of above specific primary antibodies. Nuclei were counterstained with 4',6-diamidino-
6 2-phenylindole (DAPI). Primary antibodies used and their sources are listed in the Key
7 Resources Table below. Images were made with Leica DMI8 fluorescence microscope and
8 processed with Leica LAS X and ImageJ.

9 **5. RNAScope**

10 Samples were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin, dehydrated with ethanol and embedded in
11 paraffin wax. 5 μm Sections from paraffin blocks were processed using standard pretreatment
12 conditions per the RNAScope multiplex fluorescent reagent kit version 2 (Advanced Cell
13 Diagnostics) assay protocol. TSA-plus fluorescein, Cy3 and Cy5 fluorophores were used at
14 different dilution optimized for each probe. RNAScope probes used are listed in the Key
15 Resources Table below. Images were made with Leica DMI8 fluorescence microscope and
16 processed with Leica LAS X and ImageJ.

17 **6. Mouse lung single-cell dissociation**

18 Single-cell suspension was prepared as described in Adam et al. (2017) with all the procedures
19 performed on ice or in cold room. Mice were euthanized and the lungs were perfused with PBS
20 as described above. The lungs were inflated with cold active protease solution (5mM CaCl₂, 10
21 mg/ml Bacillus Licheniformis protease), dissected and transferred to a petri dish, and the heart,
22 thymus and trachea were removed. The lobes were minced using a razor blade. The minced
23 tissue was then immersed in extra cold active protease solution for 10 min and triturated using a
24 1ml pipet. This Homogenate was transferred to a Miltenyi C-tube with 5ml HBSS/DNase
25 (Hank's Balanced Salt Buffer) and the Miltenyi gentleMACS lung program was run twice on
26 GentleMACs Dissociator. Subsequently, this suspension was passed through a 100 μm strainer,
27 pelleted at 300g for 6 minutes, suspended in 2ml RBC (Red Blood Cell) Lysis Buffer
28 (BioLegend) and incubated for 2 min. At this point, 8ml HBSS was added and centrifuged again.
29 The pellet was suspended in HBSS, then filtered through a 30 μm strainer. The suspension was
30 pelleted again and finally suspended in MACS separation buffer (Miltenyi Biotec) with 2% FBS
31 for Fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS). Cell separation and viability were examined
32 under the microscope and through Vi-CELL Cell Counter after staining with Trypan blue.

33 **7. Flow Cytometry and Cell Sorting**

34 FACS was performed on a BD FACS Aria II at stem cell Flow Cytometry Core at Keck school
35 of medicine USC. The sorting was gated on viability, singlets, GFP and/or Tomato. GFP+ and/or
36 Tomato+ cells were collected as needed. For cell culture, cells were sorted in DMEM containing
37 10% FBS. For RNA, cells of interest were collected in Trizol-LS reagent (ThermoFisher).

38 **8. RNA-seq analyses**

39 Lungs dissected from Sftpc^{GFP} mouse at PN14 were dissociated into single cell suspension and
40 GFP+ cells were sorted and collected as described above. RNA was extracted using Qiagen
41 RNeasy Micro kit and then submitted to the Millard and Muriel Jacobs Genetics and Genomics
42 Laboratory at Caltech for sequencing, which was run at 50bp, single end, and 30 million reading
43 depth. The unaligned raw reads from aforementioned sequencing were processed on the

1 PartekFlow platform. In brief, read alignment, and gene annotation and quantification, were
2 based on mouse genome (mm10) and transcriptome (GENECODE genes-release 7). Tophat2 and
3 Upper Quartile algorithms were used for mapping and normalization. The RNA-seq data have
4 been deposited with GEO under the accession number GSE182886.

5 **9. Neonatal lung myofibroblast culture and treatment**

6 FACS sorted GFP+ cells from PN5 neonatal lungs of *Glil-cre^{ERT2};Rosa26^{mTmG}* mice were
7 suspended in DMEM containing 10% FBS, plated in 24-well culture plates at 50,000 cells/well
8 and incubated at 37°C with 5% CO₂ on day 1 after sorting. On day 2 after sorting, the attached
9 myofibroblasts were washed with PBS and cultured in fresh medium with inhibitors or siRNAs
10 as indicated in each experiment. The ON TARGETplus SMARTpool siRNAs from Dharmacon
11 were used, and the transfection was done using DharmaFECT™ Transfection Reagents. On day
12 4, the cells were collected for RNA analyses. The cells were authenticated for absence of
13 contaminations.

14 **10. Real-time Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (real-time RT-PCR)**

15 Neonatal mouse lung cells were collected from FACS or cell culture as described above. The
16 RNA was isolated with Direct-zol™ RNA MiniPrep kit according to the manufacturer's protocol
17 (ZYMO Research). Following RNA purification, cDNA was generated using the SuperScript IV
18 First-Strand Synthesis System (ThermoFisher). Expression of selected genes was quantified by
19 Quantitative Real Time RT-PCR performed on a Light Cycler (Roche) or 7900HT fast real-time
20 PCR system (Applied Biosystems) using SYBR green reagents (ThermoFisher). The deltaCT method
21 was used to calculate relative ratios of a target gene mRNA in mutant lungs compared to
22 littermate control lungs. *Gapdh* was used as the reference gene. Primers for each gene were
23 designed on IDT website and the specificity of their amplification was verified by their melting
24 curve. Sequences of the primers are listed in Supplemental Table 3.

25 **11. Human neonatal lung samples**

26 BPD and non-BPD postnatal human lung tissues were provided by the International Institute for
27 the Advancement of Medicine and the National Disease Research Interchange, and were
28 classified exempt from human subject regulations per the University of Rochester Research
29 Subjects Review Board protocol (RSRB00056775).

30 **12. Bioinformatic Methods**

31 Cell to cell communications were predicted using a published Fantom5 Cell Connectome dataset
32 linking ligands to their receptors (STAR Methods) (Ramilowski et al., 2015).

33 The ligands and receptors were identified from the following RNAseq dataset with GLI1+ cells
34 for SCMF (accession#: GSE126457 from Li et al., 2019a), SFTPC+ cells for AT2 (accession#:
35 GSE182886) and PDPN+ cells for AT1 (accession#: GSE106960 from Wang et al., 2018a).

36 The IGF1 signaling GRN was drawn in BioTapestry software developed by Longabaugh et al.
37 (2012).

38 **13. Statistical Analysis**

39 At least three biological replicates for each experimental group were used for quantification and
40 comparative analysis. At least 10 images (10x magnification) from each lung were used for
41 morphometric quantification. Statistical analysis was performed in JMP pro 15. A two-tailed

1 Student's T-Test was used for the comparison between two experimental groups and a one-way
2 ANOVA was used for multiple comparisons. Quantitative data are presented as mean values +/-
3 SD. Data were considered significant if $p < 0.05$.

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6 KEY RESOURCES TABLE

Reagent or Resource	Source	Identifier	Working Concentration
Antibodies			
ACTA2	Abcam	Cat#: AB5694	1:300
ACTC1	Santa Cruz	Cat#: SC-58670	1:100
ADRP	Abcam	Cat#: AB108323	1:200
AQP5	Alomone	Cat#: AQP-005	1:100
BMPER	Santa Cruz	Cat#: SC-377502	1:200
CAS3	Cell Signaling	Cat#: 9664	1:100
ELN	Abcam	Cat#: AB21600	1:200
EMCN	R&D Systems	Cat#: AF4666	1:100
GFP	Santa Cruz	Cat#: SC-9996	1:100
HOPX	Santa Cruz	Cat#: SC-30216	1:50
KI67	R&D Systems	Cat#: AF7649	1:50
NKX2.1	Seven Hills	Cat#: 8G7G3-1	1:50
NG2	Abcam	Cat#: AB5320	1:100
PDGFRa	Cell Signaling	Cat#: 3174	1:50
PDPN	Thermo Fisher	Cat#: 14-5381-82	1:300
RFP	Rockland	Cat#: 600-401-379S	1:300
SFTPC	Abcam	Cat#: AB3786	1:200
SOX8	Santa Cruz	Cat#: SC-374446	1:50
TBX2	Santa Cruz	Cat#: SC-514291	1:50
TPM1	Sigma Aldrich	Cat#: T2780	1:500
Chemicals and Inhibitors			
Tamoxifen	Sigma	Cat#: T5648	8mg/ml

Infigratinib	Selleckchem	Cat#: S2788	1uM
PPP	Selleckchem	Cat#: S7668	4uM
siFoxd1	Dharmacon	Cat#: L-046204-00-0005	20nM
siWnt5a	Dharmacon	Cat#: L-065584-01-0005	20nM
siRNA non-targeting	Dharmacon	Cat#: D-001810-01-05	20nM

Sequencing

Next Ultra DNA Library Prep Kit	New England Biolabs	Cat#: E7370	
Bulk RNAseq	Millard and Muriel Jacobs Genetics and Genomics Laboratory at Caltech	GEO: GSE182886	

Mouse

<i>Gli1-cre^{ERT2}</i>	Jackson Laboratories	Cat#: 007913	
<i>Rosa26^{mTmG}</i>	Jackson Laboratories	Cat#: 007676	
<i>CAG^{Tomato}</i>	Jackson Laboratories	Cat#: 007914	
<i>Dermo1-cre</i>	Jackson Laboratories	Cat#: 028701	
<i>Igf1^(flox/flox)</i>	Jackson Laboratories	Cat#: 016831	
<i>Igf1r^(flox/flox)</i>	Jackson Laboratories	Cat#: 012251	
<i>CAG-cre^{ER}</i>	Jackson Laboratories	Cat#: 004453	
<i>Wnt5a^(flox/flox)</i>	Jackson Laboratories	Cat#: 026626	
<i>Foxd1GCE</i>	McMahon Laboratory		

RNA Scope

RNA scope® Multiplex Fluorescent Reagent Kit V2	Advanced Cell Diagnostics	Cat#: 323100	
<i>Igf1</i>	Advanced Cell Diagnostics	Cat#: 443901-C1	1:750
<i>Igf1r</i>	Advanced Cell Diagnostics	Cat#: 417561-C3	1:500
<i>Pdgfra</i>	Advanced Cell Diagnostics	Cat#: 480661-C2	1:750
<i>Fgf10</i>	Advanced Cell Diagnostics	Cat#: 446371-C1	1:750

<i>Wnt5a</i>	Advanced Cell Diagnostics	Cat#: 316791-C3	1:500
RNAscope® 3-plex Positive Control Probe Mm	Advanced Cell Diagnostics	Cat#: 320881	1:1500
RNAscope® 3-plex Negative Control Probe	Advanced Cell Diagnostics	Cat#: 320871	1:1500

Software and Algorithms

Image J	NIH	https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/
STAR 2.5	PMCID: PMC3530905	https://github.com/alexdobin/STAR
JMP pro 15	Statistical Discovery	https://www.jmp.com/en_us/software/predictive-analytics-software.html
Fantom5 Cell Connectome	FANTOM5 project	https://fantom.gsc.riken.jp/5/suppl/Ramilowski_et_al_2015/vis/#/hive
Imaris	BitPlane	http://www.bitplane.com/imaris/imaris
R 3.2	R Project	https://www.r-project.org/
LAS X	Leica	https://www.leica-microsystems.com/products/microscope-software/p/leica-las-x-ls/
BioTapestry	Institute for Systems Biology	http://www.biotapestry.org/

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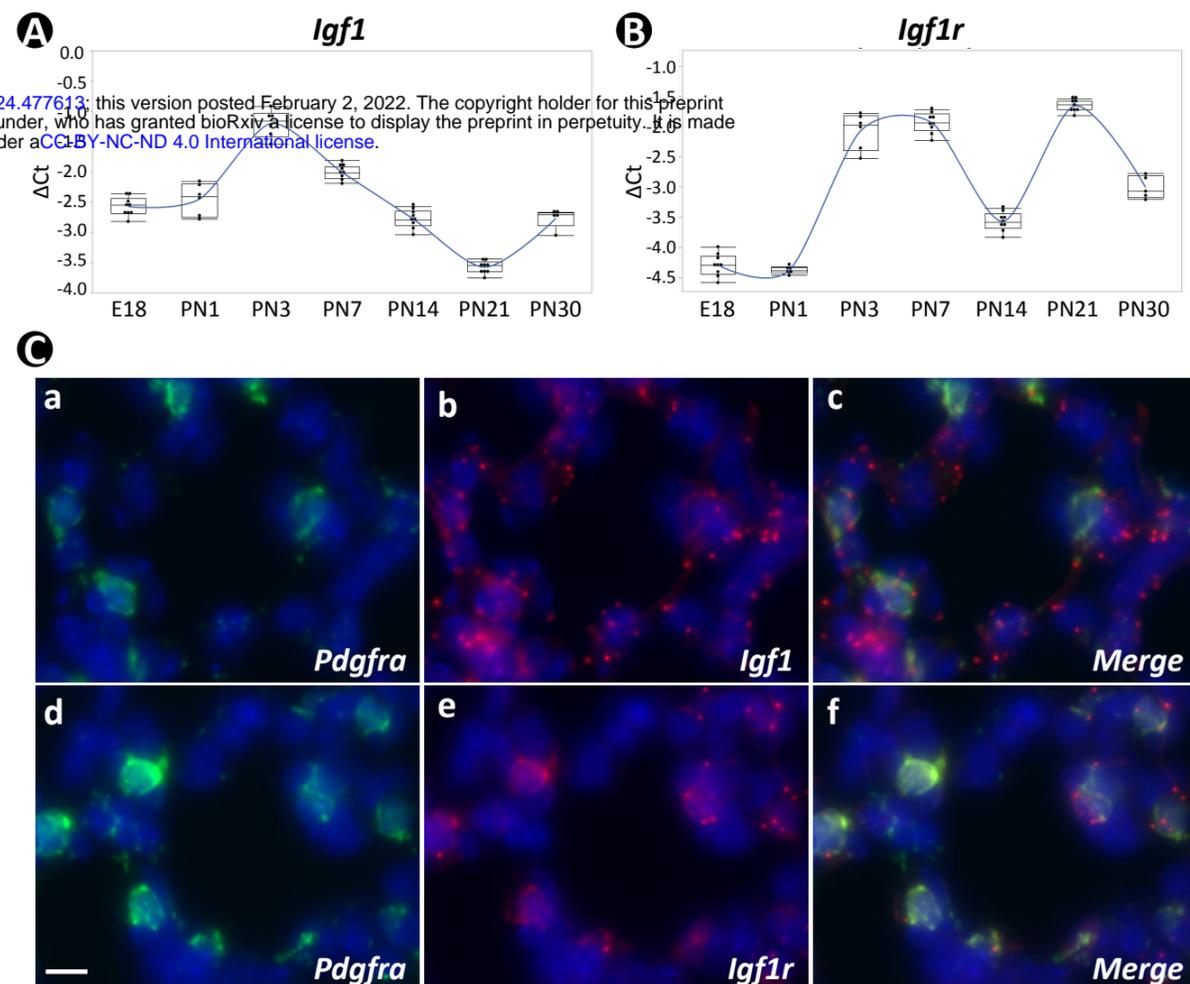


Figure 1: Temporal and spatial expression of *Igf1* and *Igf1r* during neonatal lung development in mouse. A, B: Temporal expression of *Igf1* (A) and *Igf1r* (B) from E18 to PN30, quantified by RT-PCR and normalized to *Gapdh*. C: Spatial localization of mRNA for *Igf1* (a-c) and *Igf1r* (d-f) in PN7 lungs as detected by RNAscope and their overlapped expression with *Pdgfra*. Scale bar: 10um for all images.

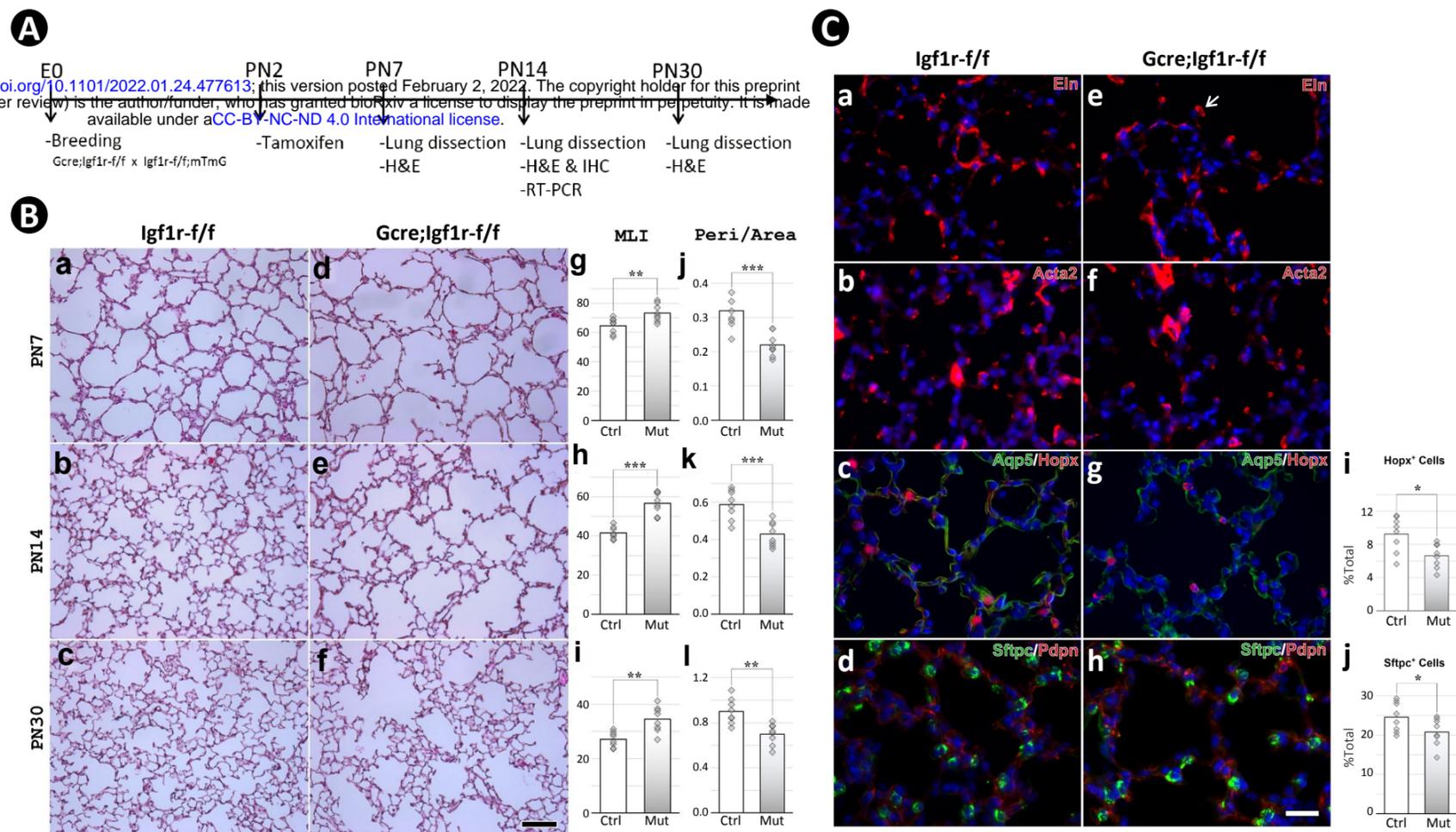


Figure 2: Postnatal inactivation of Igf1r from lung secondary crest myofibroblast cells. A: Schematic of the experimental protocol. B: H&E staining of lung sections from control (a-c) and *Gli1-cre^{ERT2}* mutant (d-f) mice and their morphometric measurements by MLI (g-i) and Peri/Area ratio (j-l) at PN7, PN14 and PN30. See Supplemental Figure 2 for the definition and calculation of these indices. C: Immunostaining of lung sections from control (a-d) and mutant (e-h) mice for Elastin (a,e), ACTA2 (b,f), AQP5/HOPX (c,g) and SFTPC/PDPN (d,h), and the comparison of number of AT1 (i) and AT2 (j) cells between control and mutant. Scale bar: 100um in B and 25um in C. *p*-value: * stands for 0.05-0.001, ** for 0.01-0.001, *** for <0.001, n.s. for not significant, and the same designation is used through the paper.

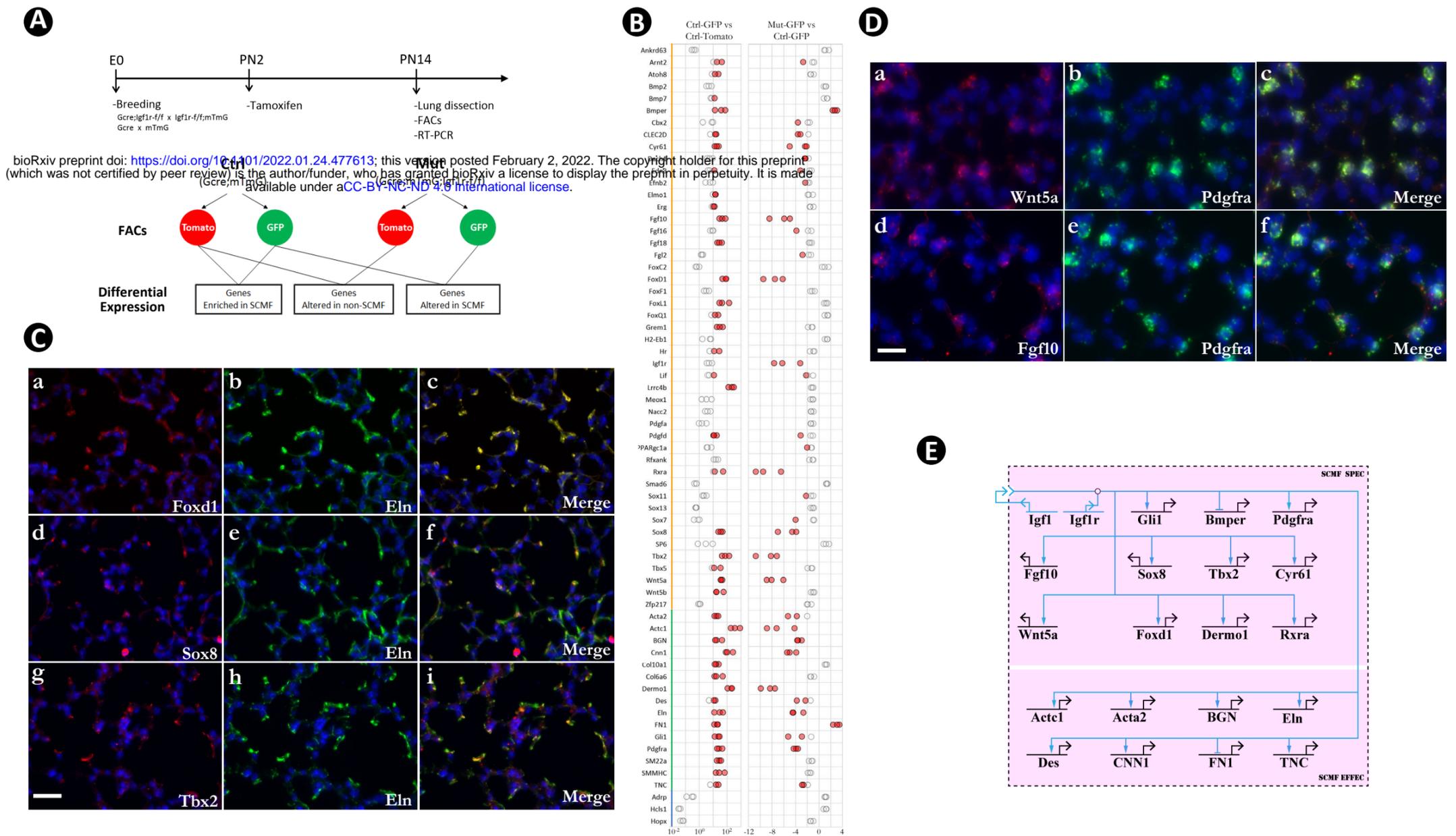


Figure 3: Identification of SCMF genes altered in *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};Igf1r-f/f* mutant lung. A: Schematic of the experimental protocol. B: RT-PCR data from the selected genes displaying their enrichment in SCMF and alterations in the mutant. Genes with orange line marked on their left: regulatory genes selected from LungMap database; Genes with green line: common SCMF markers; Genes with blue line: non-SCMF genes. Red circles: data points meeting the cutoff criteria described in the text, Empty circles: data points failing the cutoff criteria. This designation is used throughout the manuscript. C: Spatial expression of Foxd1 (a-c), SOX8 (d-f), and TBX2 (g-i) in the alveolar compartment of PN14 lungs as detected by immunostaining. Specific antibodies were used for SOX8 and TBX2, and RFP antibody was used for Foxd1 on lungs from Foxd1GCE;CAG^{Tomato} mice. Scale bar: 25µm for all images. D: Spatial expression of Wnt5a (a-c) and Fgf10 (d-f) in the alveolar compartment of PN14 lungs as detected by RNAscope. Scale bar: 15µm. E: Biotapestry network illustration of altered SCMF genes and their connections to Igf1 signaling. Genes (nodes) are shown in the territories (colored boxes) in which they are expressed. Edges show regulation by the originating upstream factor and are either positive (arrow) or repressive (bar). Signaling across cell membrane is indicated as double arrow heads.

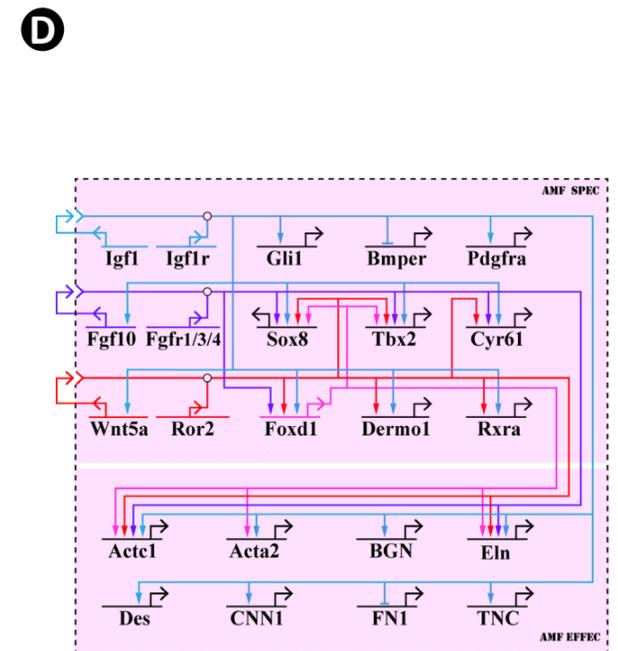
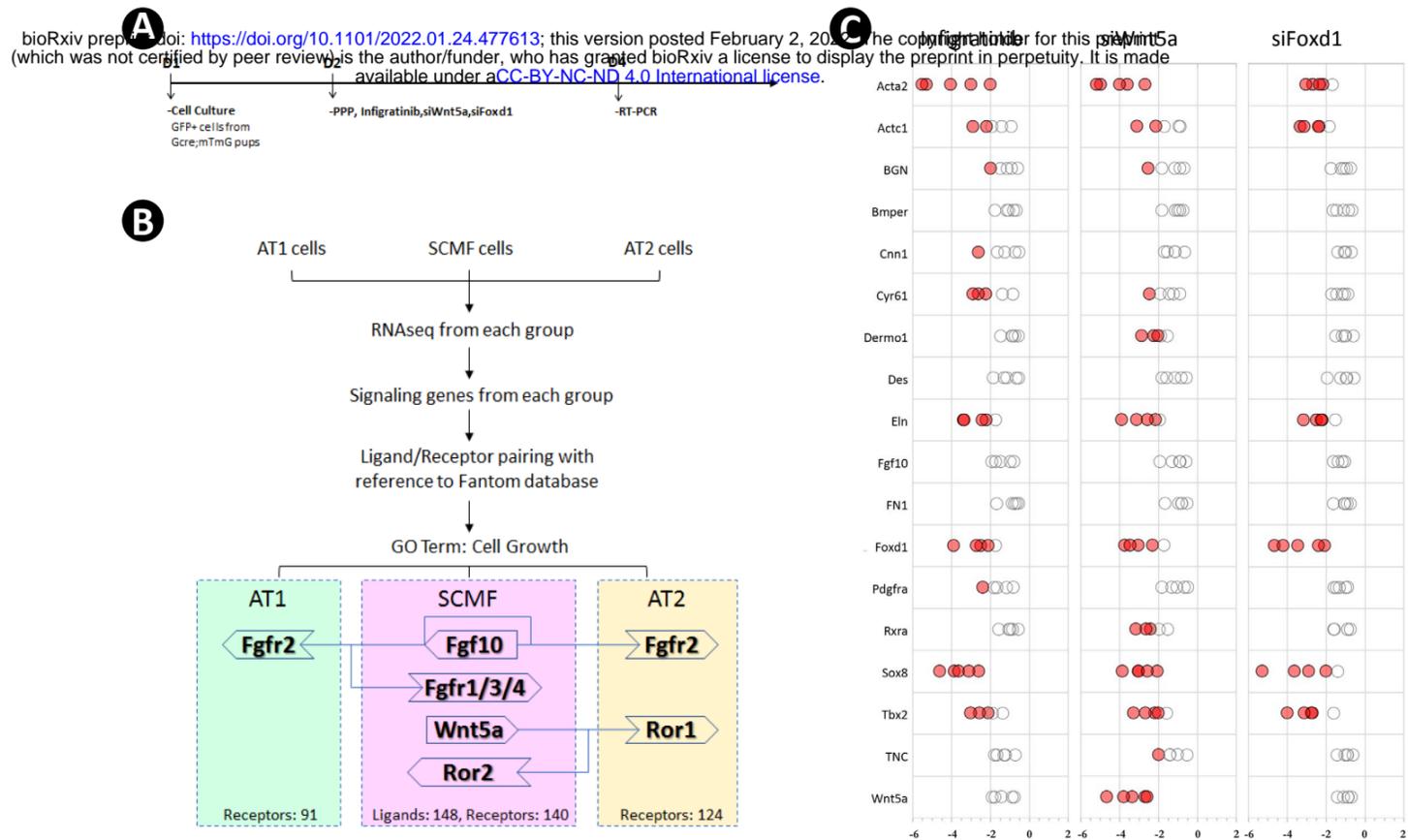


Figure 4: Cross regulation of the altered SCMF genes. A: Schematic of the experimental protocol. B: Flow chart of the secretome-receptome analysis among SCMF, AT1 and AT2 cells. The ligands and receptors were identified from the following RNAseq dataset with GLI1+ cells for SCMF (accession#: GSE126457 from Li et al., 2019), SFTPC+ cells for AT2 (accession#: GSE182886) and PDPN+ cells for AT1 (accession#: GSE106960 from Wang et al., 2018). C: RT-PCR data from the altered SCMF genes demonstrating their response to the treatments by Infigratinib, siWnt5a and siFoxd1. D: Biotapestry network illustration of the cross regulation among the altered SCMF genes.

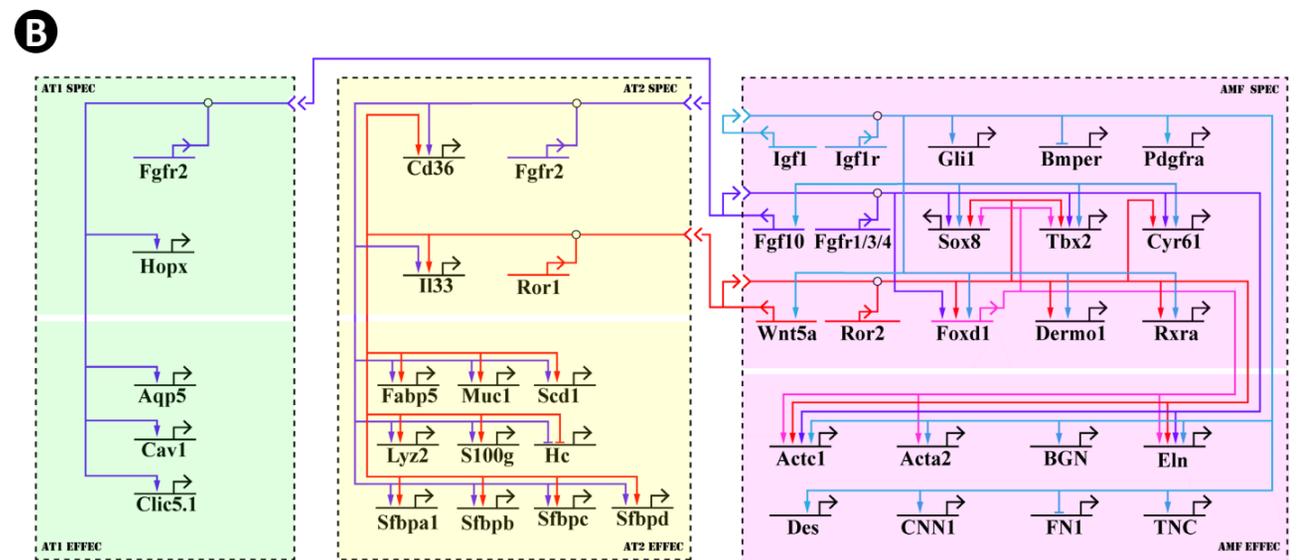
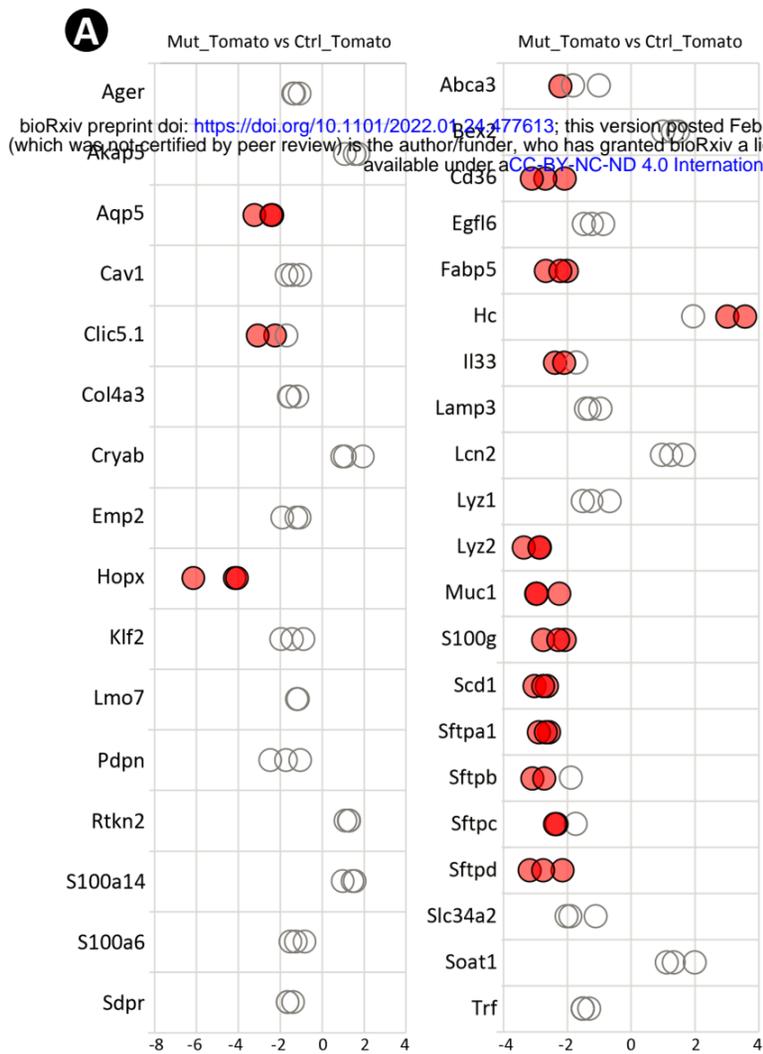


Figure 5: Epithelial genes affected in *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};Igf1r-f/f* mutant lung and their connections to SCMF Igf1 signaling. A: RT-PCR data from selected AT1 and AT2 genes revealing their alteration in the mutant lung. B: The Igf1 signaling GRN during alveologenesis with the IGF1 signaling-targeted epithelial genes and their cellular connections.

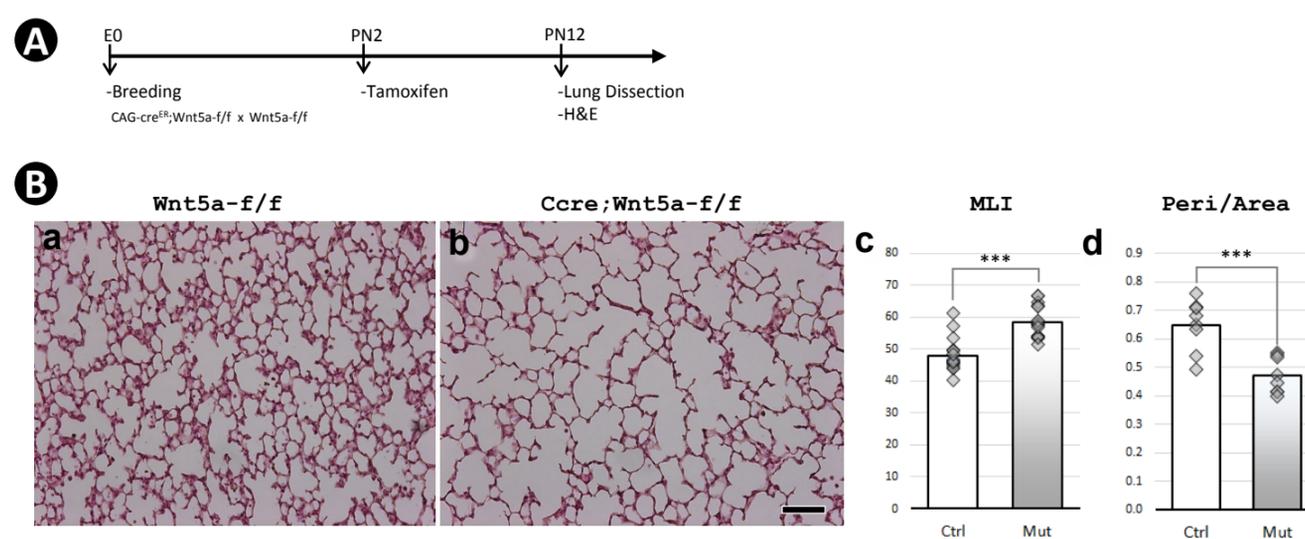


Figure 6: Postnatal inactivation of Wnt5a. A: Schematic of the experimental protocol. B: H&E staining of lung sections from control (a) and *Wnt5a*^{-/-} (b) mice and their morphometric measurements by MLI (c) and Peri/Area ratio (d). Scale bar: 100um for all images.

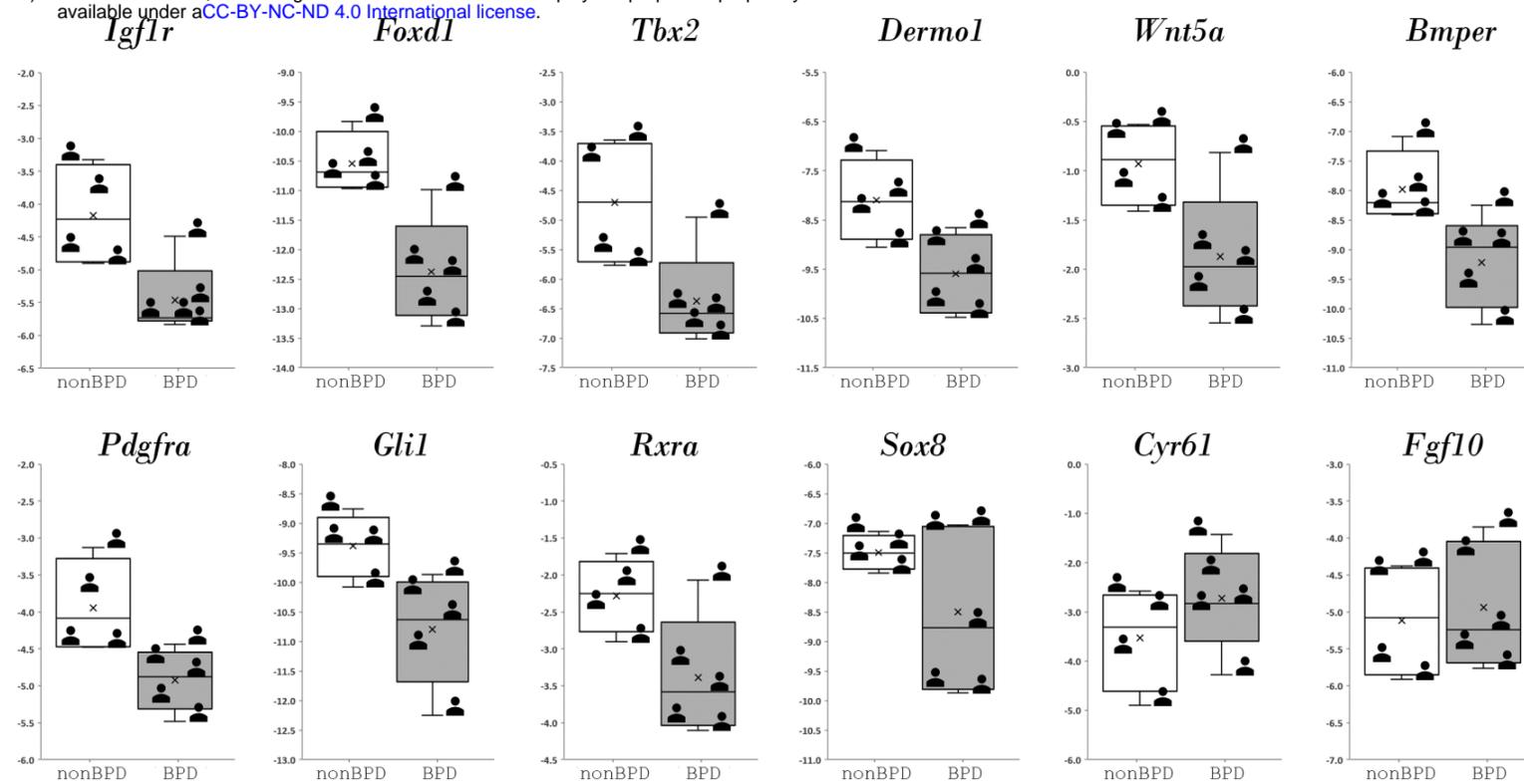


Figure 7: Regulatory genes from Igf1 signaling GRN and their expression in human bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) lungs.

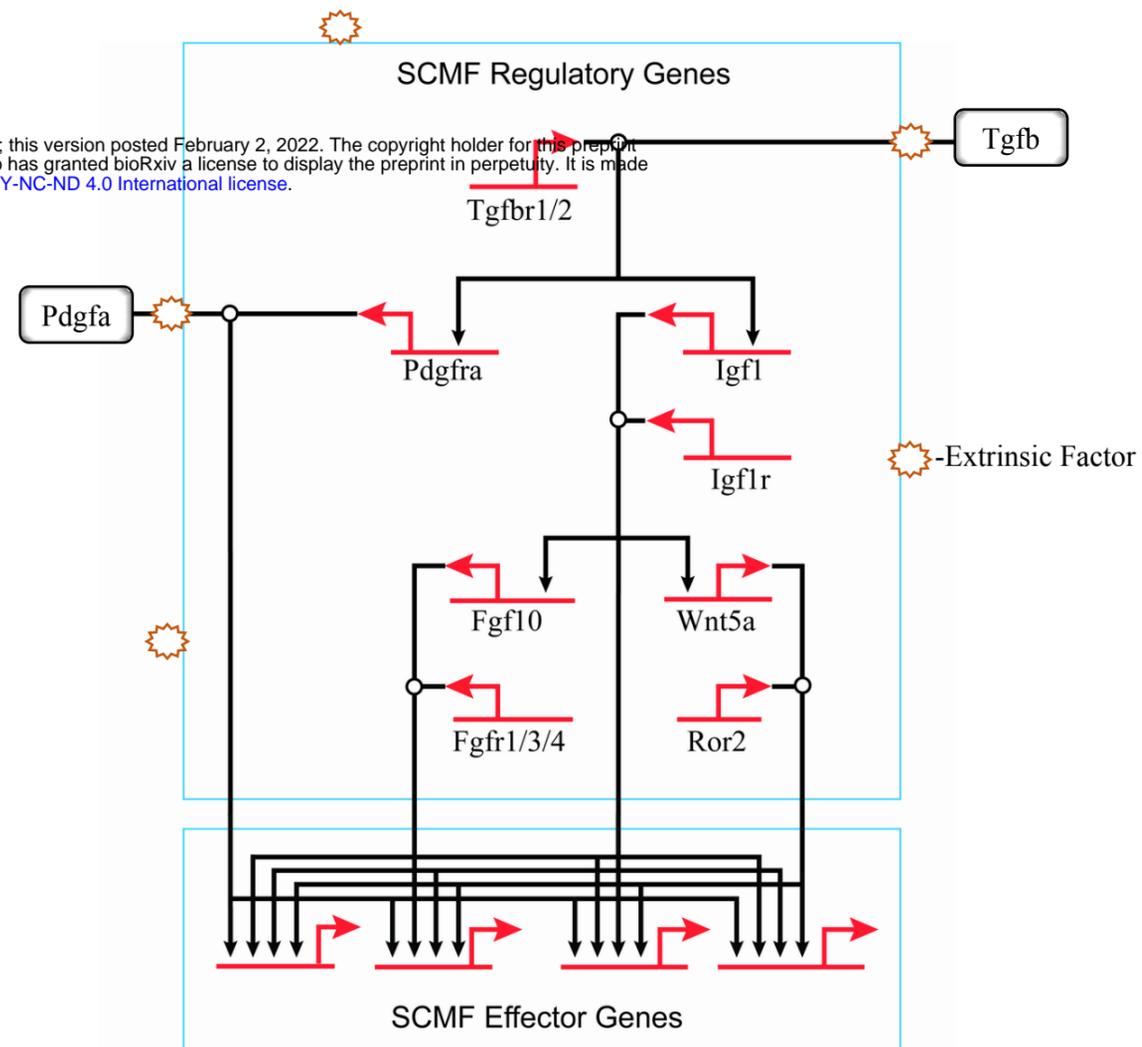
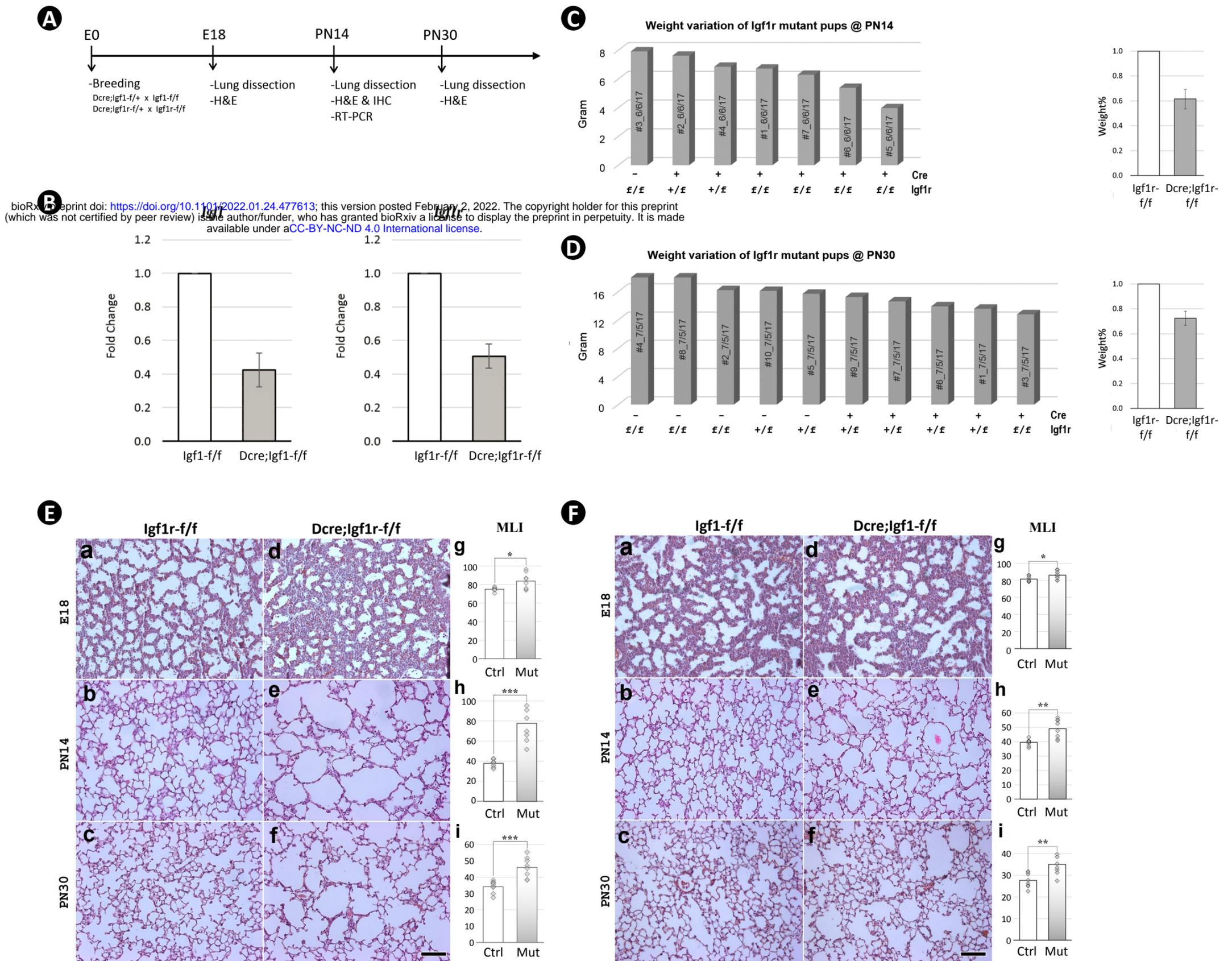
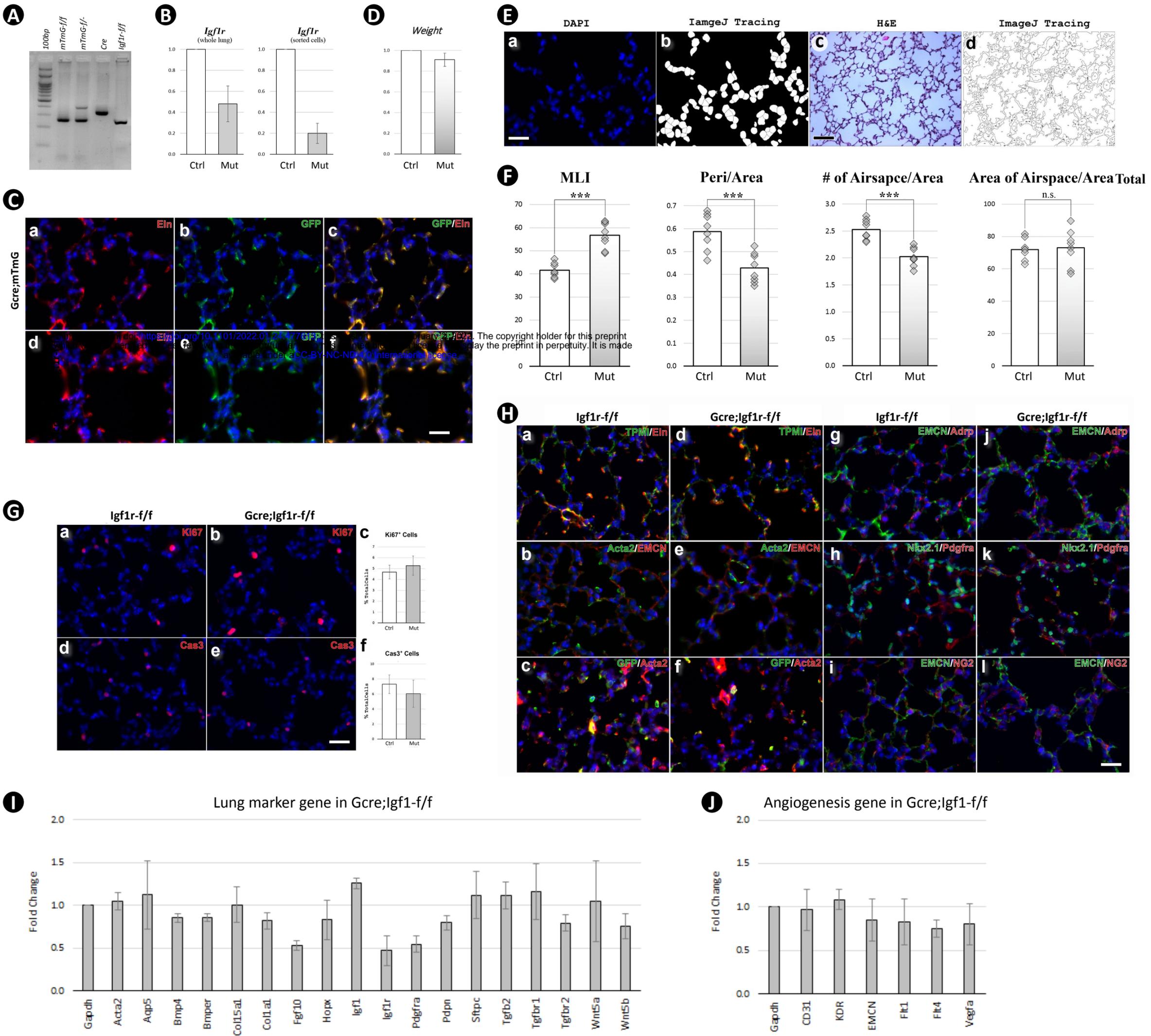


Figure 8: The hierarchical connections among the signaling pathways within SCMF during alveologenesis.

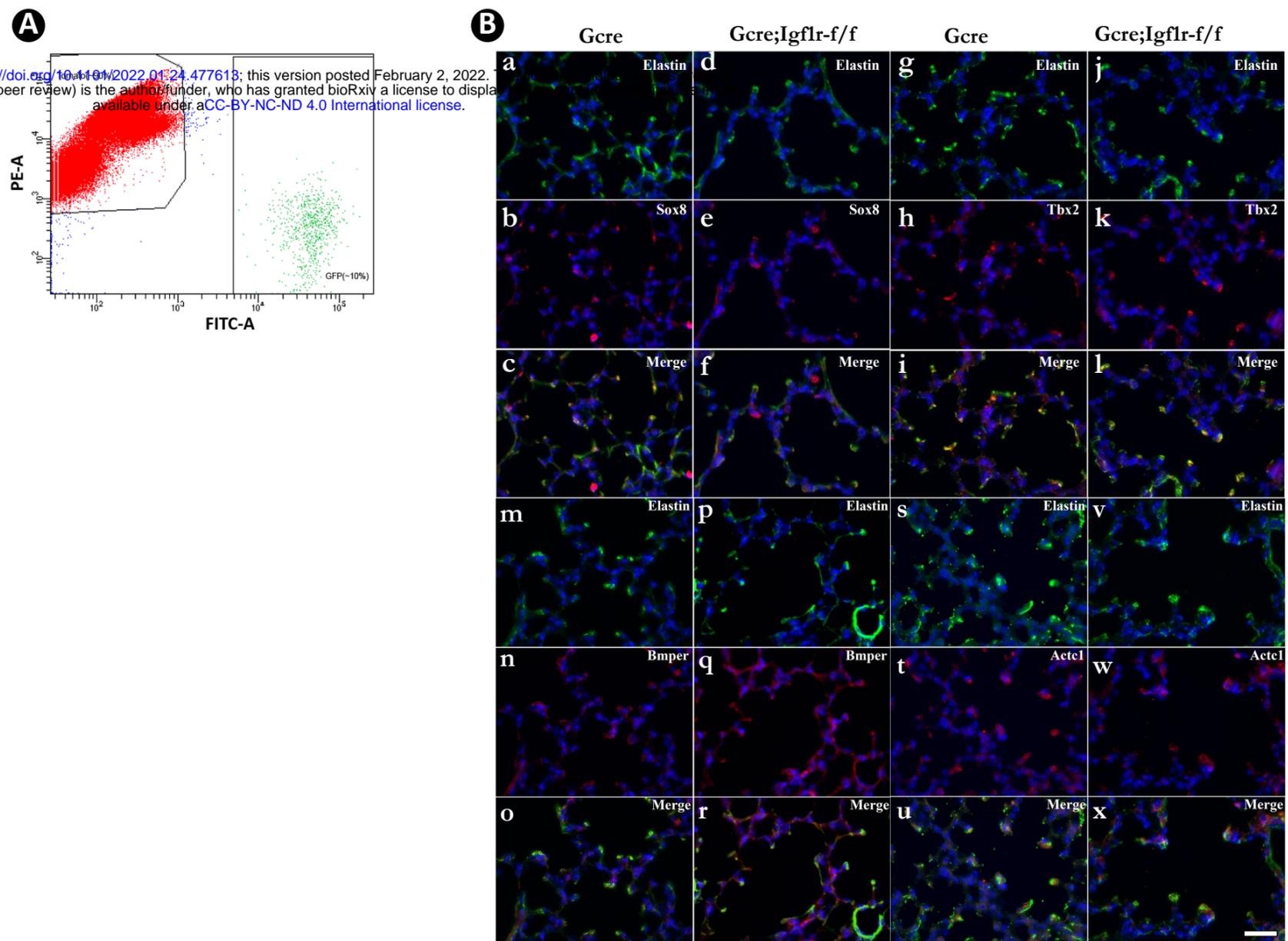


Supplemental Figure 1: Mesoderm constitutive deletion of Igf1 and Igf1r from mouse lung. A: Schematic of the experimental protocol. B: Impact of inactivation of Igf1 (left) and Igf1r (right) by Dermo1-cre on their respective transcripts in PN14 lungs. C: Body weight variation of pups at PN14 within a litter from the breeding of Dermo1-cre;Igf1r-f/- and Igf1r-f/f (left graph). Body weight comparison of pups from 4 litters between the control and the homozygous mutant (right graph). D: Same experiment as in E for pups at PN30. E: H&E staining of lung sections from Igf1r control (a-c) and Dermo1-cre mutant (d-f) mice and their morphometric measurements (g-i) at E18, PN14 and PN30. F: H&E staining of lung sections from Igf1 control (a-c) and Dermo1-cre mutant (d-f) mice and their morphometric measurements (g-i) at E18, PN14 and PN30. Scale bar: 100um for all images. *p*-value: * stands for 0.05-0.001, ** for 0.01-0.001, *** for <0.001, and the same designation is used through the paper.



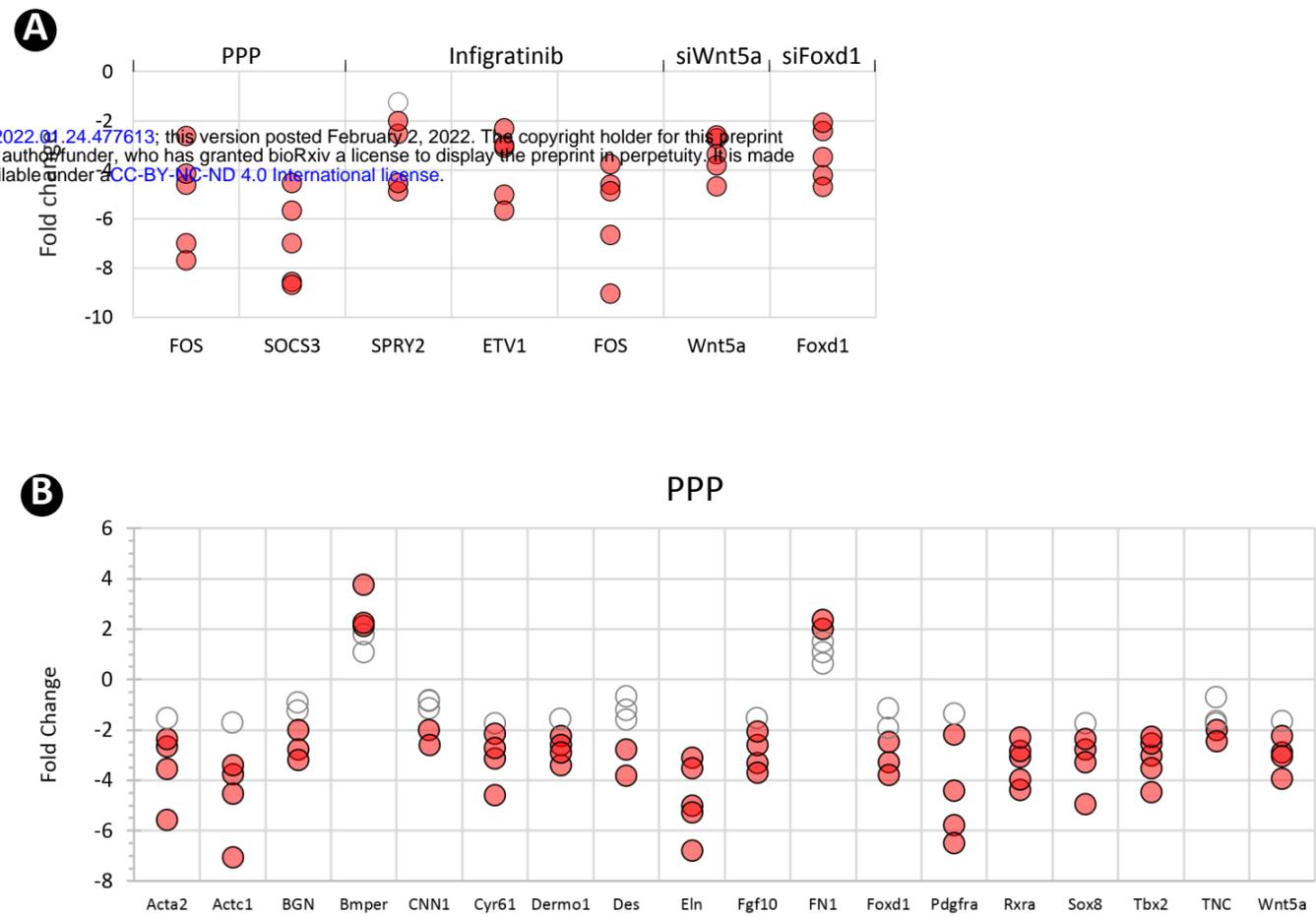
Supplemental Figure 2: Postnatal inactivation of *Igf1r* in secondary crest myofibroblasts. A: genotyping of pups from the breeding between *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};Igf1r-f/f* and *Igf1r-f/f;mTmG* mice. B: *Igf1r* expression in control and mutant lungs at PN14 using whole lung (left) and FACS sorted GFP+ cells (right). C: Immunostaining for Elastin and GFP on PN14 lung sections from *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};mTmG* (a-c) and *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};mTmG;Igf1r-f/f* (d-f) mice tamoxifen-treated at PN2. Scale bar: 25um for all images. D: Weight comparison between Ctrl and Mut at PN14. E: A sample of how to use ImageJ on cell counting (a,b) and morphometric measurements (c,d) where number of separated airspace (N), the perimeter ($Peri$) and area ($Area$) of each airspace can be calculated. Scale bar: 25um in a and 100um in c. F: Morphometric comparison between Ctrl and Mut at PN14 using different indexes. MLI is defined as in Crowley et al., 2019 and the others are quantified as below: $(Peri/Area) = \frac{\sum_1^N(Peri)}{\sum_1^N(Area)}$, $(\# \text{ of Airspace}/Area) = N/\sum_1^N(Area)$, $(Area \text{ of Airspace}/Area \text{ Total}) = \frac{\sum_1^N(Area)}{(Area \text{ of the whole view field})}$. G: Immunostaining for Ki67 (a,b) and cleaved Caspase-3 (d,e) using control and mutant lungs at PN14, and comparison of the percentage of cells identified from their staining between control and mutant lungs (c,f). Scale bar: 25um for all images. H: Immunostaining for mesenchymal marker ELN (a,d), TPM1 (a,d), ACTA2 (b-f), PDGFRA (h,k), epithelial marker NKX2.1 (h,k), endothelial marker EMCN (b,e,g,j,i,l), lipofibroblast marker ADRP (g,j), and pericyte marker NG2 (i,l) using control and mutant lungs at PN14. Scale bar: 25um for all images. I: Comparative expression of selected lung marker genes between control and mutant lungs at PN14. J: Comparative expression of angiogenesis related genes between control and mutant lungs at PN14.

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Supplemental Figure 3: Identification of SCMF genes altered in *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};Igf1r-f/f* mutant lung. A: GFP+ and Tomato+ cells are separated by FACS. B: Spatial expression of SOX8/ELN (a-f), TBX2/ELN (g-l), BMPER/ELN (m-r), and ACTC1/ELN (s-x) in the alveolar compartment in control and mutant lungs at PN14 as detected by immunostaining. Scale bar: 25um for all images.

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Supplemental Figure 4: SCMF cell culture treatments. A: RT-PCR data showing the effect of various treatments (top) on their respective targeted genes (bottom). B: RT-PCR data from the altered SCMF genes demonstrating their response to the treatment from PPP.

Gene	Ctrl_GFP			Ctrl_Tomato			Mut_GFP			Level of expression in SCMF		Fold enrichment in SCMF				DE expression (fold change) in SCMF				Cellular expression in Lung								
	deltaCT to Gapdh		Mouse#3	deltaCT to Gapdh		Mouse#3	deltaCT to Gapdh		Mouse#3	Mean_deltaCT	SEM	Ctrl_GFP/Ctrl_Tomato			Mean	p value	Mut_GFP/Ctrl_GFP			Mean	p value	SCMF	MatrixFB	LipoFB	Epi	Endo	Tercytb	Immune
	Mouse#1	Mouse#2		Mouse#1	Mouse#2		Mouse#1	Mouse#2				#1/#1	#2/#2	#3/#3			#1/#1	#2/#2	#3/#3									
Ankrk63	-9.33	-9.25	-9.17	-7.98	-8.32	-7.39	-8.58	-9.18	-9.37	-9.25	4.62E-02	0.39	0.52	0.29	0.40	3.13E-02	1.68	1.05	-1.15	1.20	5.41E-01							
Arnt2	-6.55	-5.89	-7.24	-10.77	-11.27	-10.59	-8.00	-5.61	-7.41	-6.56	3.90E-01	18.64	41.64	10.20	23.49	1.81E-02	-2.73	1.21	-1.13	-1.22	4.80E-01							
Atoh8	-3.91	-2.40	-3.76	-6.91	-6.97	-7.51	-3.80	-2.85	-4.32	-3.36	4.80E-01	8.00	23.75	13.45	15.07	1.41E-02	1.08	-1.37	-1.47	-1.21	2.85E-01							
Bmp2	-8.70	-7.41	-9.58	-10.39	-9.64	-12.51	-8.43	-7.13	-10.33	-8.56	6.30E-01	3.23	4.69	7.62	5.18	2.38E-02	1.21	1.21	-1.68	1.00	8.63E-01							
Bmp7	-3.05	-3.18	-2.41	-6.01	-5.90	-6.04	-3.37	-2.67	-1.99	-2.88	2.38E-01	7.78	6.59	12.38	8.92	7.61E-03	0.80	1.42	1.34	1.19	5.20E-01							
Bmp9	-2.36	-2.47	-2.56	-7.58	-6.22	-8.79	-0.74	-1.28	-1.15	-2.46	5.78E-02	37.27	13.45	75.06	41.93	1.96E-02	3.07	2.29	2.66	2.67	7.55E-03							
Cbx2	-5.31	-5.52	-5.78	-8.27	-6.34	-9.04	-6.26	-7.37	-6.45	-5.54	1.36E-01	7.78	1.77	9.55	6.37	9.24E-02	-1.93	-3.61	-1.59	-2.11	8.31E-02							
CLEC2D	-10.12	-8.02	-9.99	-12.75	-12.09	-12.78	-10.98	-9.88	-10.81	-9.04	6.07E-01	6.19	16.80	13.83	12.27	1.55E-02	-1.82	-3.63	-3.53	-2.71	4.31E-02							
Cyr61	0.48	1.43	0.88	-3.24	-3.20	-3.29	-0.78	-0.90	-0.32	0.93	2.75E-01	13.18	24.76	18.00	18.65	3.94E-03	-2.39	-5.03	-2.30	-2.85	4.89E-02							
Dach1	-2.50	-2.00	-2.69	-4.34	-4.41	-5.85	-3.33	-3.22	-3.97	-2.40	2.06E-01	3.58	5.31	8.94	5.94	2.31E-02	-1.78	-2.32	-2.43	-2.14	1.57E-02							
Edn3	-5.98	-4.95	-5.63	-8.46	-6.97	-9.23	-6.69	-5.31	-7.30	-5.52	3.02E-01	5.58	4.06	12.13	7.25	2.89E-02	-1.64	-1.28	-3.18	-1.76	1.45E-01							
Efnb2	0.99	0.99	0.53	-1.54	-0.49	-2.68	0.23	-0.25	-0.43	0.84	1.53E-01	5.78	2.79	9.25	5.94	4.10E-02	-1.69	-2.37	-1.94	-1.96	1.95E-02							
Elmo1	-0.55	0.05	0.12	-4.49	-3.18	-3.94	-0.64	-0.89	-0.90	0.21	1.79E-01	15.31	9.38	14.12	12.94	3.54E-03	-1.07	-1.92	-1.72	-1.47	1.45E-01							
Erg	-6.37	-5.65	-6.80	-10.00	-8.67	-10.18	-6.28	-6.21	-7.47	-6.27	3.35E-01	12.38	8.11	10.41	10.30	2.79E-03	1.06	-1.47	-1.59	-1.27	2.50E-01							
Fgf10	-2.98	-1.46	-2.81	-7.82	-6.95	-9.10	-6.06	-3.78	-5.38	-2.42	4.81E-01	28.64	44.94	78.25	50.61	5.68E-03	-8.46	-4.99	-5.94	-6.16	7.01E-03							
Fgf16	-5.89	-4.45	-6.22	-9.00	-7.75	-8.80	-6.29	-3.36	-8.17	-5.52	5.43E-01	8.63	9.85	5.98	8.15	5.13E-03	-1.32	-1.88	-3.86	-1.94	1.40E-01							
Fgf18	-3.69	-2.69	-2.94	-8.02	-8.09	-7.70	-4.48	-3.01	-3.53	-3.11	3.00E-01	20.11	42.22	27.10	29.81	4.12E-03	-1.73	-1.25	-1.51	-1.47	5.32E-02							
Fgl2	-3.16	-1.42	-3.02	-3.55	-2.28	-3.63	-4.01	-2.93	-3.48	-2.53	5.58E-01	1.31	1.82	1.53	1.55	4.48E-02	-1.80	-2.84	-1.38	-1.84	9.16E-02							
FoxC2	-4.60	-4.80	-3.93	-3.71	-4.15	-3.88	-5.51	-4.44	-2.83	-3.25	2.63E-01	0.54	0.64	0.97	0.72	1.71E-01	-1.88	-1.06	-1.60	-1.03	8.43E-01							
Foxd1	-5.14	-3.24	-4.59	-10.67	-9.68	-10.94	-7.77	-6.49	-7.50	-4.32	5.64E-01	46.20	86.82	81.57	71.53	2.24E-03	-6.19	-9.51	-7.52	-7.51	3.72E-03							
FoxF1	-1.96	0.05	-1.73	-3.10	-2.26	-3.34	-2.52	-0.17	-1.27	-1.21	6.35E-01	2.20	4.96	3.05	3.41	3.83E-02	-1.47	-1.16	1.38	-1.03	7.56E-01							
Foxl1	-5.04	-3.75	-5.71	-10.48	-10.87	-10.52	-4.53	-3.99	-5.47	-4.83	5.75E-01	43.41	139.10	28.05	70.19	1.39E-02	1.42	-1.18	1.18	1.15	5.19E-01							
FoxO1	-4.69	-2.73	-4.49	-7.56	-7.24	-8.25	-4.73	-2.33	-3.83	-3.97	6.23E-01	7.31	22.78	13.55	14.55	1.59E-02	-1.03	1.41	1.58	1.32	2.24E-01							
Grem1	-3.46	-3.05	-4.24	-9.06	-7.25	-9.11	-3.78	-3.96	-4.42	-3.58	3.49E-01	48.50	18.38	29.24	32.04	6.77E-04	-1.25	-1.88	-1.13	-1.35	1.71E-01							
H2-Fb1	-8.86	-7.36	-8.92	-9.56	-9.92	-11.67	-8.43	-6.82	-8.92	-8.38	5.10E-01	1.62	5.90	6.73	4.75	9.21E-02	1.35	1.45	1.00	1.27	1.89E-01							
Hr	-4.12	-2.76	-4.98	-7.68	-7.56	-7.44	-4.75	-2.73	-4.69	-3.95	6.46E-01	11.79	27.86	5.50	15.05	3.34E-02	-1.55	1.02	1.22	-1.04	7.42E-01							
Hgf1r	-2.09	-0.25	-2.28	-4.39	-3.26	-4.09	-4.74	-1.94	-5.22	-1.54	6.47E-01	4.92	8.06	3.51	5.50	2.09E-02	-6.28	-3.23	-7.67	-5.00	2.34E-02							
Igf	-6.18	-6.07	-5.39	-8.12	-8.35	-8.87	-6.21	-7.21	-6.36	-5.88	2.47E-01	3.84	4.86	11.16	6.62	3.16E-02	-1.02	-2.21	-1.95	-1.54	1.74E-01							
Lrrc4b	-0.92	-0.33	-1.17	-7.93	-8.16	-9.45	-1.38	-0.56	-1.16	-0.81	2.49E-01	128.89	227.54	310.83	222.42	2.32E-03	-1.38	-1.17	1.01	-1.16	2.37E-01							
Meox1	-8.92	-8.29	-7.92	-9.46	-9.95	-10.81	-8.91	-8.36	-8.46	-8.38	2.92E-01	1.45	3.16	7.41	4.01	1.30E-01	1.01	-1.05	-1.45	-1.13	3.64E-01							
Nacc2	-4.89	-5.26	-5.92	-7.57	-7.20	-7.29	-5.39	-5.77	-5.84	-5.36	3.01E-01	6.41	3.84	2.58	4.28	3.42E-02	-1.41	-1.42	1.06	-1.22	2.55E-01							
Pdgfra	-4.96	-4.21	-4.84	-5.59	-4.11	-6.50	-4.92	-4.71	-5.38	-4.67	2.33E-01	1.55	0.93	3.16	1.88	2.89E-01	1.03	-1.41	-1.45	-1.24	2.16E-01							
Pdgfrb	-1.99	-1.59	-2.64	-6.14	-4.99	-6.12	-2.06	-3.24	-3.16	-2.07	3.06E-01	17.71	10.56	11.16	13.14	4.12E-03	-1.05	-3.14	-1.43	-1.52	2.53E-01							
PPARG1a	-6.02	-4.36	-6.85	-7.94	-6.16	-9.70	-6.42	-4.79	-7.89	-5.74	7.32E-01	3.78	3.48	7.21	4.83	2.22E-02	-1.32	-1.35	-2.06	-1.51	9.60E-02							
Rfxank	-6.54	-6.23	-6.79	-10.47	-9.69	-11.25	-7.27	-6.30	-6.74	-6.52	1.62E-01	15.28	11.00	21.97	16.08	5.28E-03	-1.66	-1.05	1.04	-1.16	4.11E-01							
Rfxra	0.64	1.13	1.26	-3.07	-2.17	-4.42	-2.62	-2.30	-1.44	-1.01	1.89E-01	13.09	9.85	51.27	24.73	2.89E-02	-9.55	-10.78	-6.50	-8.54	4.92E-03							
Smad6	-3.99	-3.67	-4.61	-3.34	-3.96	-3.40	-3.73	-3.11	-4.12	-4.09	2.76E-01	0.64	0.61	0.43	0.56	4.04E-02	1.20	1.47	1.40	1.36	4.05E-02							
Sox11	-7.17	-5.34	-7.18	-8.24	-7.04	-7.94	-8.31	-5.30	-7.63	-6.56	6.12E-01	2.10	3.25	1.69	2.35	5.10E-02	-2.20	1.03	-1.37	-1.36	2.70E-01							
Sox13	-5.74	-5.55	-6.16	-5.04	-4.74	-5.21	-5.85	-5.34	-6.68	-5.82	1.80E-01	0.62	0.57	0.52	0.57	7.69E-03	-1.08	1.16	-1.43	-1.08	5.76E-01							
Sox7	-4.26	-2.42	-5.40	-3.91	-2.41	-4.10	-3.98	-4.42	-5.45	-4.03	8.68E-01	0.78	0.99	0.41	0.73	2.88E-01	1.21	-4.00	-1.04	-1.23	4.94E-01							
Sox8	-3.25	-2.58	-3.87	-8.81	-7.14	-9.01	-5.45	-4.54	-6.68	-3.23	3.72E-01	47.18	23.59	35.26	35.34	3.23E-03	-4.59	-3.89	-7.01	-4.86	1.17E-02							
SP6	-9.48	-9.30	-8.41	-11.02	-8.94	-11.60	-9.25	-9.65	-7.64	-9.06	3.31E-01	2.91	0.78	9.13	4.27	2.91E-01	1.17	-1.27	1.71	1.22	5.72E-01							
Tbx2	3.39	4.50	3.32	-2.08	-1.71	-3.83	0.54	1.46	-0.11	3.74	3.82E-01	44.32	74.03	142.02	86.79	5.94E-03	-7.21	-8.20	-10.78	-8.49	3.02E-03							
Tbx5	-4.48	-2.75	-4.89	-7.48	-7.85	-8.42	-4.88	-3.70	-5.26	-4.04	6.56E-01	8.00	34.30	11.55	17.95	2.54E-02	-1.32	-1.94	-1.29	-1.46	9.38E-02							
Wnt5a	2.91	4.21	2.64	-2.22	-1.29	-2.56	-0.25	1.19	0.03	3.25	4.65E-01	35.02	45.25	36.76	39.01	4.62E-04	-8.94	-8.11	-6.11	-7.52	3.16E-03							
Wnt5b	-5.59	-3.41	-6.06	-9.68	-9.24	-10.20	-5.26	-3.87	-6.07	-5.02	8.16E-01	17.03	56.89	17.63	30.52	1.46E-02	1.26	-1.38	-1.01	-1.01	8.57E-01							
Zfp217	-5.46	-4.17	-6.90	-5.64	-3.90	-6.97	-6.41	-4.56	-7.94	-5.51	7.88E-01	1.13	0.83	1.05	1.00	9.65E-01	-1.93	-1.31	-2.06	-1.70	5.99E-02							
Acta2	1.64	1.95	1.10	-2.49	-1.73	-3.41	-0.29	0.94	-1.31	1.56	2.48E-01	17.51	12.79	22.78	17.70	3												

Chemical	Concentration used in literature	Literature	Concentration tested	Concentration used in paper
PPP	0.1-10uM	Jin et al., 2018	0.5, 2, 4, 8 uM	4uM
	10uM	Chen et al., 2017		
	20uM	Wang et al., 2019		
Infigratinib	0.5uM	Nakamura et al., 2015	0.1, 1, 10 uM	1uM
	1.0uM	Wong et al., 2018		
	1.5uM	Manchado et al., 2016		
siWnt5a	20nM	Nemoto et al., 2012	10, 20, 40 nM	20nM
	20nM	Sakisaka et al., 2015		
	100nM	Zhao et al., 2017		
siFoxd1	20nM	Nakayama et al., 2015	10, 20, 40 nM	20nM
	20nM	Wu et al., 2018		
	100nM	Li et al., 2021		

Supplemental Table 2: List of the inhibitors and their concentrations used in cell culture treatment.

Supplemental Table 3. List of the primers used in the paper. Primers are for Mus musculus by default and for Homo sapiens when denoted with Hs.

Name	Sequence	Memo#1	Memo#2
Abca3-01	GGGCTGAGCTGTCCTTTATT	QPCR	Forward
Abca3-02	CCCAACTCCTTCTGCTTCTT	QPCR	Reverse
Acta2-01	CCATCATGCGTCTGGACTT	QPCR	Forward
Acta2-02	GGCAGTAGTCACGAAGGAATAG	QPCR	Reverse
Actc1-01	CCTCTCTGGAGAAGAGCTATGA	QPCR	Forward
Actc1-02	AATGAAAGAGGGCTGGAAGAG	QPCR	Reverse
Adrp-01	GAAGGATGTGGTGACGACTAC	QPCR	Forward
Adrp-02	TCACTGCTCCTTTGGTCTTATC	QPCR	Reverse
Ager-01	GTTGAGCCTGAAGGTGGAATAG	QPCR	Forward
Ager-02	AAGGGTGACCATCCTTTATC	QPCR	Reverse
Akap5-01	GGAGTCTTAGACACGGCTTTAC	QPCR	Forward
Akap5-02	CTCATAGGCCACAGAGCTAATG	QPCR	Reverse
Ankrd63-01	TTGGACAAGAGGGCTGATTATG	QPCR	Forward
Ankrd63-02	CCAGAAGGGAAAGCTGGTAAA	QPCR	Reverse
Aqp5-01	GGCTGCAATCCTCTACTTCTAC	QPCR	Forward
Aqp5-02	TTCTTCCGCTCCTCTCTATGA	QPCR	Reverse
Arnt2-01	CTATGTCCCTAACTTGCCCATCC	QPCR	Forward
Arnt2-02	CTGAGCTCATGACCCCTTCTTAC	QPCR	Reverse
Atoh8-01	CCATCCAGGGTTACTTCAGATT	QPCR	Forward
Atoh8-02	GGGCCTCATCCATAATTTCTT	QPCR	Reverse
Bex2-01	CCAACCTCTGCCAGCTTCTA	QPCR	Forward
Bex2-02	TGAGCATCTTCCCATGCAATA	QPCR	Reverse
BGN-01	GTCCACTCAGAGACTCCCTATAA	QPCR	Forward
BGN-02	GCAGTGTGCTCTATCCATCTT	QPCR	Reverse
Bmp2-01	AGTAGTTTCCAGCACCGAATTA	QPCR	Forward
Bmp2-02	TTCACCTAACCTGGTGTCCAATAG	QPCR	Reverse
Bmp4-01	AACGTAGTCCCAAGCATCAC	QPCR	Forward
Bmp4-02	CGTCACTGAAGTCCACGTATAG	QPCR	Reverse
Bmp7-01	AGAGGTGGGATGTTGGTTATG	QPCR	Forward
Bmp7-02	CCAGTTTAACCTCTGCATTTG	QPCR	Reverse
Bmper-01	AGCGATGACCTTTGTTCTAGTC	QPCR	Forward
Bmper-02	GCAGAATCAGGCACACAAATAC	QPCR	Reverse
Bmper-Hs-01	AAGTGCAGGGCGTAATAGTG	QPCR	Forward
Bmper-Hs-02	CTGCAGATACGAGGGTGATTAG	QPCR	Reverse
CAG-creER-01	TAAAGATATCTCACGTA CTGACGGTG	Genotyping_CAG-creER	Forward
CAG-creER-02	TCTCTGACCAGAGTCATCCTTAGC	Genotyping_CAG-creER	Reverse
CAG-Tomato-01	AAGGGAGCTGCAGTGGAGTA	Genotyping_CAG-Tomato	WT Forward
CAG-Tomato-02	CCGAAAATCTGTGGGAAGTC	Genotyping_CAG-Tomato	WT Reverse
CAG-Tomato-03	CTGTTCTGTACGGCATGG	Genotyping_CAG-Tomato	Mutant Forward
CAG-Tomato-04	GGCATTAAAGCAGCGTATCC	Genotyping_CAG-Tomato	Mutant Reverse
Cav1-01	ACTTCCCAGCTCACATTACAG	QPCR	Forward
Cav1-02	AGTCAAGCAGGGTTCCAATAC	QPCR	Reverse
Cbx2-01	ATGTCACAGCCAACCTCATC	QPCR	Forward
Cbx2-02	CTCGGGCAATGGTCTCAATAA	QPCR	Reverse
CD31-01	CACCCATCACTTACCACCTTATG	QPCR	Forward
CD31-02	TGTCTCTGGTGGGCTTATCT	QPCR	Reverse
Cd36-01	GGAGTGCTGGATTAGTGGTTAG	QPCR	Forward
Cd36-02	GCTGTGAGCAGACGTATAGAAG	QPCR	Reverse
CLEC2D-01	ATAGCCTCCACTGCCAAAC	QPCR	Forward
CLEC2D-02	GAAAGAGTAGCACCCACAGATAA	QPCR	Reverse
Clic5.1-01	GGAGGGATGGGAGGAAATAAAG	QPCR	Forward
Clic5.1-02	CTGATGTTGGAGTCTGCTCTAC	QPCR	Reverse
Cnn1-01	TTGAGAGAAGGCAGGAACATC	QPCR	Forward
Cnn1-02	GTACCCAGTTTGGGATCATAGAG	QPCR	Reverse

Coll0a1-01	CCCTGGTTCATGGGATGTTT	QPCR	Forward
Coll0a1-02	TGGCGTATGGGATGAAGTATTG	QPCR	Reverse
Coll5a1-01	TGCGTGTTTACCCAGTCATAG	QPCR	Forward
Coll5a1-02	AGGATTCTGTGCTGTTTTCTCTC	QPCR	Reverse
Coll1a1-01	GCTTGAAGACCTATGTGGGTATAA	QPCR	Forward
Coll1a1-02	GGTGGAGAAAGGAGCAGAAA	QPCR	Reverse
Col4a3-01	CTGGCACTCTTAAGGTCATCTC	QPCR	Forward
Col4a3-02	GTCCAGGGTCTCCTTTCATTC	QPCR	Reverse
Col6a6-01	GCTGAACCACCTGAAGAAGAA	QPCR	Forward
Col6a6-02	TTTGTGGGAGCAGAGAAATAGG	QPCR	Reverse
Cryab-01	TCTTCTCAACAGCCACTTCC	QPCR	Forward
Cryab-02	TCCTTCTCCAAACGCATCTC	QPCR	Reverse
Cyr61-01	CCAGTGTTACAGCAGCCTAAA	QPCR	Forward
Cyr61-02	CTGGAGCATCCTGCATAAGTAA	QPCR	Reverse
Cyr61-Hs-01	GAAGCAGCGTTTCCCTTCTA	QPCR	Forward
Cyr61-Hs-02	CTGACACTCTTCTCCCTTGTTT	QPCR	Reverse
Dach1-01	TCTAACTGGGCATGGACAAC	QPCR	Forward
Dach1-02	GGCCCTGTATGTTAGTGAGAAG	QPCR	Reverse
Dermol-01	CCAAGGCTCTCAGAACAAGAA	QPCR	Forward
Dermol-02	GGAGACGTAAAGAACAGGAGTATG	QPCR	Reverse
Dermol-cre-01	TAAAGATATCTCACGTAAGTACGGTG	Genotyping_Dermol-cre	Forward
Dermol-cre-02	TCTCTGACCAGAGTCATCCTTAGC	Genotyping_Dermol-cre	Reverse
Dermol-Hs-01	AGACTCTGGTGCTGACTCTATC	QPCR	Forward
Dermol-Hs-02	CTGTGTCTCTTCTCCTCTTAA	QPCR	Reverse
Des-01	TGACTCAGGCAGCCAATAAG	QPCR	Forward
Des-02	GCATCAATCTCGCAGGTGTA	QPCR	Reverse
Edn3-01	CGCTTGCGTTGTAAGTGTATG	QPCR	Forward
Edn3-02	CTTTCTGCTCTCCCGGAATAA	QPCR	Reverse
Efnb2-01	AGAAGAGCAGAGAGCCAAATC	QPCR	Forward
Efnb2-02	ATCTGACCTGCCTTTCCTAATG	QPCR	Reverse
Egfl6-01	GCAAATGCAAGCAGGGATATAG	QPCR	Forward
Egfl6-02	CCCAGGTGCTGTGAGTATTT	QPCR	Reverse
Elmo1-01	CTAAGGCCAGGGTTGGATAAA	QPCR	Forward
Elmo1-02	CACATAGAGCTGATGGTGTGAG	QPCR	Reverse
Eln-01	CTGCCAAAGCTGCCAAATAC	QPCR	Forward
Eln-02	CCAACACCATAGCCAGGAAA	QPCR	Reverse
EMCN-01	CCCTACACCTGGGCAATAAA	QPCR	Forward
EMCN-02	GACTGGTGAGAAGACTGGAAAT	QPCR	Reverse
Emp2-01	GATGAGTCTGAGTGGCTTTAGG	QPCR	Forward
Emp2-02	GGAAGGAAGGAAAGGAGGATAG	QPCR	Reverse
Erg-01	CTGACCCAGCAGCTCATATT	QPCR	Forward
Erg-02	GATGCGGTTCATCTCTGTCTTAG	QPCR	Reverse
Etv1-01	AAAGGTGGCTGGAGAAAGATAC	QPCR	Forward
Etv1-02	GTTATCCGGAAAGGCCATAGAG	QPCR	Reverse
Fabp5-01	GCCAAGCCAGACTGTATCATTAA	QPCR	Forward
Fabp5-02	CTCCCAGGTTACAAGAGAACAC	QPCR	Reverse
Fgf10-01	ATGCTGCCCTCTGGTTTAC	QPCR	Forward
Fgf10-02	AGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA	QPCR	Reverse
Fgf10-Hs-01	ACTCTTCTTCTCCTCCTTCTC	QPCR	Forward
Fgf10-Hs-02	GACCTTCCCCTTCTTCTCAATC	QPCR	Reverse
Fgf16-01	GCCTCACAATCTACCCAGATAC	QPCR	Forward
Fgf16-02	ACACTTCCCAGAGCTCTTTAG	QPCR	Reverse
Fgf18-01	GCGAGAACCAGCAAGATGTA	QPCR	Forward
Fgf18-02	GCTTGGTGACTGTGGTGTAT	QPCR	Reverse
Fgl2-01	GAGACGCTCCATCTGGTAAAT	QPCR	Forward

Fgl2-02	GGAACACTTGCCATCCAAAC	QPCR	Reverse
Flt1-01	AGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA	QPCR	Forward
Flt1-02	ACAGGGAAGGAATGGACTTTG	QPCR	Reverse
Flt4-01	CTAACCTGTCTGTGGGATTGAG	QPCR	Forward
Flt4-02	CGTAAGGGAGGGTTTGAGAAG	QPCR	Reverse
FN1-01	TCCTGTCTACCTCACAGACTAC	QPCR	Forward
FN1-02	GTCTACTCCACCGAACAAACAA	QPCR	Reverse
FOS-01	ATTGTGCGAGGTGGTCTGAATG	QPCR	Forward
FOS-02	TCGAAAGACCTCAGGGTAGAA	QPCR	Reverse
FoxC2-01	TCTGTAAACGAGTGCGGATTT	QPCR	Forward
FoxC2-02	TGGGCAAGACGAAACCTTATC	QPCR	Reverse
Foxd1-01	TAGCTCAGAGGGTCCATCTATT	QPCR	Forward
Foxd1-02	AATTCCTAGTGCCAAGACAGAG	QPCR	Reverse
Foxd1GCE-01	TCTGGTCCAAGAATCCGAAG	Genotyping_Foxd1GCE	Common Reverse
Foxd1GCE-02	CTCCTCCGTGTCTCTCGTC	Genotyping_Foxd1GCE	WT Forward
Foxd1GCE-03	GGGAGGATTGGGAAGACAAT	Genotyping_Foxd1GCE	Mutant Forward
Foxd1-Hs-01	CTGTCCAGTGTGAGAACTTTA	QPCR	Forward
Foxd1-Hs-02	CGAACCACCAAGACGAGAAA	QPCR	Reverse
FoxF1-01	CATGTGTGACAGAAAGGAGTTTG	QPCR	Forward
FoxF1-02	GTGACCTGCTGGTGATAGTAAG	QPCR	Reverse
FoxI1-01	TACTCCTGAGTGTGGGAGATAG	QPCR	Forward
FoxI1-02	CTGGAGGGATATAAAGGGAAACAC	QPCR	Reverse
FoxQ1-01	GGCTTTCCTTTCCTCCTATTT	QPCR	Forward
FoxQ1-02	GGAGTGGTTCCTGATGTATTT	QPCR	Reverse
Gapdh-01	GTGGCAAAGTGAGATTGTTG	QPCR	Forward
Gapdh-02	CGTTGAATTTGCCGTGAGTG	QPCR	Reverse
Gapdh-Hs-01	GGTGTGAACCATGAGAAGTATGA	QPCR	Forward
Gapdh-Hs-02	GAGTCCTTCCACGATACCAAAG	QPCR	Reverse
Gli1-01	ACCACCTACCTCTGTCTATTC	QPCR	Forward
Gli1-02	TTCAGACCATTGCCATCAC	QPCR	Reverse
Gli1-creERT2-01	TAAAGATATCTCACGTAAGCGGTG	Genotyping_Gli1-creERT2	Forward
Gli1-creERT2-02	TCTCTGACCAGAGTCATCCTTAGC	Genotyping_Gli1-creERT2	Reverse
Gli1-Hs-01	AGCTAGAGTCCAGAGGTTCAA	QPCR	Forward
Gli1-Hs-02	TAGACAGAGGTTGGGAGGTAAG	QPCR	Reverse
Grem1-01	GTAACCTGAGGGCTGCATTAG	QPCR	Forward
Grem1-02	GATGTCAGGGAGAGCAAAGAAA	QPCR	Reverse
H2-Eb1-01	CAGATGTGGCAGGACAATAGA	QPCR	Forward
H2-Eb1-02	CCTTGAGCAGGCTGATTTAGA	QPCR	Reverse
Hc-01	GCTGACGCAGTCTGGATAAA	QPCR	Forward
Hc-02	CACAGTTTGGCCTGGAGAATA	QPCR	Reverse
Hcls1-01	CCGTAACCAGGAACCAGTAAAG	QPCR	Forward
Hcls1-02	CACAAAGTCAGGGTCTGTATCC	QPCR	Reverse
Hopx-01	GATGATGTGGGAACCGTCTT	QPCR	Forward
Hopx-02	CCCTGCCTGTTCTGTTATCTT	QPCR	Reverse
Hr-01	CTCTCCTTCCCCTCTCTATTA	QPCR	Forward
Hr-02	ATTTCTGCATTCGCCTTCTTTT	QPCR	Reverse
Igfl-01	CGGCAGGAGACATTTGATTTG	QPCR	Forward
Igfl-02	TCTTCTCCTCTCTCCCTTCTT	QPCR	Reverse
Igfl-f/f-01	CACTAAGGAGTCTGTATTTGGACC	Genotyping_Igfl-f/f	Common Reverse
Igfl-f/f-02	AAACCACACTGCTCGACATTG	Genotyping_Igfl-f/f	Mutant Forward
Igfl-f/f-03	GGCAAATGGAAATCCTATGTCT	Genotyping_Igfl-f/f	WT Forward
Igflr-03	GGAGGAGTTCGAGACAGAGTA	QPCR	Forward
Igflr-04	CGATGCGGTACAGAGTGAAA	QPCR	Reverse
Igflr-f/f-01	CTTCCCAGCTTGCTACTCTAGG	Genotyping_Igflr-f/f	Forward
Igflr-f/f-02	CAGGCTTGCAATGAGACATGGG	Genotyping_Igflr-f/f	Reverse

Igf1r-Hs-01	TTCTCCCTTTCTCTCCTCTC	QPCR	Forward
Igf1r-Hs-02	GACAGCCACTTCTCAAAC	QPCR	Reverse
Il33-01	CCTACTCCCTCAGCTTTCTTTT	QPCR	Forward
Il33-02	GCAGGGTAAAGACAGTGAATA	QPCR	Reverse
KDR-01	GCGGAGACGCTCTTCATAATA	QPCR	Forward
KDR-02	GACAAGAAGGAGCCAGAAGAA	QPCR	Reverse
Klf2-01	GGCTAGATGCCTTGTGAGAAA	QPCR	Forward
Klf2-02	TGCCATCGTCTCCCTTATAGA	QPCR	Reverse
Lamp3-01	CCTAGTTCTAGGCCTACTCTT	QPCR	Forward
Lamp3-02	CAATCAGTGCTAGTCCCATCTC	QPCR	Reverse
Lcn2-01	TCCTCAGGTACAGAGCTACAA	QPCR	Forward
Lcn2-02	GCTCCTTGGTTCTTCCATACA	QPCR	Reverse
Lif-01	CTGCTCTCCCTCTTTCCCTTC	QPCR	Forward
Lif-02	ACATTCCCACAGGGTACATTC	QPCR	Reverse
Lmo7-01	CTCTCCCGTTCAATCGTTTCT	QPCR	Forward
Lmo7-02	CTCCTGTTATCCTCGTGTGTGT	QPCR	Reverse
Lrrc4b-01	ACAGGCAACTTACCAGAG	QPCR	Forward
Lrrc4b-02	GCAAACCTCCCTTCAAGTATCA	QPCR	Reverse
Lyz1-01	CAGCCCATTTCTGTCTCTTTCT	QPCR	Forward
Lyz1-02	TCTGCTGAAGTCTGTACTTTG	QPCR	Reverse
Lyz2-01	ATGGAATGGCTGGCTACTATG	QPCR	Forward
Lyz2-02	GGTCTCCACGGTTGTAGTTT	QPCR	Reverse
Meox1-01	AACTCCAAAGGACTGGGAAAC	QPCR	Forward
Meox1-02	CAGAGGAGACCCTGATGTAAGA	QPCR	Reverse
Muc1-01	TACCTACCTACCACACTCAC	QPCR	Forward
Muc1-02	GAGAGACTGCTACTGCCATTAC	QPCR	Reverse
Nacc2-01	GTTAGGCCTCTACTGTGATGTG	QPCR	Forward
Nacc2-02	CACTGAAGAGGTCTCGGAAATAG	QPCR	Reverse
Pdgfa-01	TCCAGCGACTCTTGGAGATA	QPCR	Forward
Pdgfa-02	TCTCGGGCACATGGTTAATG	QPCR	Reverse
Pdgfd-01	TAGAAATCCGCCGACTCAAC	QPCR	Forward
Pdgfd-02	GCACAGGAGAATGGAGACTAAA	QPCR	Reverse
Pdgfra-01	GACTTCTTAAAGAGTGACCATCC	QPCR	Forward
Pdgfra-02	CTTCCCAGTCTTTCAGCTTATC	QPCR	Reverse
Pdgfra-Hs-01	GGAAACAGAAACCGAGGTATGA	QPCR	Forward
Pdgfra-Hs-02	CTGCATCGGGTCCACATAAA	QPCR	Reverse
Pdpn-01	GTCACCCTGGTTGGAATCATAG	QPCR	Forward
Pdpn-02	GGCGAGAACCTTCCAGAAAT	QPCR	Reverse
PPARgc1a-01	GACAATCCCAGAACACTACAG	QPCR	Forward
PPARgc1a-02	AGAGAGGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA	QPCR	Reverse
Rfxank-01	TTACCACCACACCCAAAGAC	QPCR	Forward
Rfxank-02	GACACCAATGCCCTTCAGATA	QPCR	Reverse
Rosa26-mTmG-01	TAGAGCTTGCAGAACCTTC	Genotypin_Rosa26mTmG	Mutant Forward
Rosa26-mTmG-02	AGGGAGCTGCAGTGGAGTAG	Genotypin_Rosa26mTmG	WT Forward
Rosa26-mTmG-03	CTTTAAGCCTGCCAGAAAGA	Genotypin_Rosa26mTmG	Common Reverse
Rtkn2-01	TATAGGAAGCCGGGACTATGT	QPCR	Forward
Rtkn2-02	CTGCTCTGGCCTTTACCTATAC	QPCR	Reverse
Rxra-01	TCCGCAGGGAGTAAAGATAGA	QPCR	Forward
Rxra-02	CCATCCAGTTTACATGAGGGATAA	QPCR	Reverse
Rxra-Hs-01	GGACCCTCCTTTGGTGAAAT	QPCR	Forward
Rxra-Hs-02	AGGATTGGGAACGGCTAAAG	QPCR	Reverse
S100a14-01	CGAGCAACTGTGGGTTAGAA	QPCR	Forward
S100a14-02	CCTCTCCATCTTACACTCTTG	QPCR	Reverse
S100a6-01	GCCTTGGCTTTGATCTACAATG	QPCR	Forward
S100a6-02	TAACTACCCACCACTGGATTTG	QPCR	Reverse

S100g-01	AGAATGGCGATGGAGAAGTTAG	QPCR	Forward
S100g-02	CGTGCGTTCAATCAGTAGGT	QPCR	Reverse
Scd1-01	AGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA	QPCR	Forward
Scd1-02	GGTTCAGAGGATGGACAGAAAG	QPCR	Reverse
Sdpr-01	CGGTGCTGATGGTAAGCTAATA	QPCR	Forward
Sdpr-02	TGGCATTCTTTGTTCTCCATTTTC	QPCR	Reverse
Sftpa1-01	GGTGTCTAAGAAGCCAGAGAAC	QPCR	Forward
Sftpa1-02	CAAGATCCAGATCCAAGGAAGAG	QPCR	Reverse
Sftpb-01	TTGTCCACCTCCTCACAAAG	QPCR	Forward
Sftpb-02	GCAGCTTCAAGGAAGGATA	QPCR	Reverse
Sftpc-01	CAGACACCATCGCTACCTTT	QPCR	Forward
Sftpc-02	GTTCTTGAGCTGGCTTATAG	QPCR	Reverse
Sftpd-01	ACAATGGTGGAGCAGAGAAC	QPCR	Forward
Sftpd-02	GTGGCTCAGAACTCACAGATAA	QPCR	Reverse
Slc34a2-01	GAGTCAAGATGAAGCCAGTAGG	QPCR	Forward
Slc34a2-02	GGTATTACACGTGGGCTCTAAA	QPCR	Reverse
SM22a-01	CTAATGGCTTTGGGCAGTTTG	QPCR	Forward
SM22a-02	CTGTCTGTGAAGTCCCTCTTATG	QPCR	Reverse
Smad6-01	CGCACTTTGGCTTGTAATTCTT	QPCR	Forward
Smad6-02	GGCTTTCCACCTAGTTCTACTG	QPCR	Reverse
SMMHC-01	CTTCTGGGCATTCTGGATATT	QPCR	Forward
SMMHC-02	CAGCTTCTCGTTGGTGTAGTT	QPCR	Reverse
Soat1-01	CTACAGCCATTTACGTTGTATTT	QPCR	Forward
Soat1-02	TTGCTCCCTCTCCCTCTTAT	QPCR	Reverse
SOCS3-01	GGTCTGCTTTGTCTCTCTATG	QPCR	Forward
SOCS3-02	TCCCTCAACTCTCTGCCTATT	QPCR	Reverse
Sox11-01	CTACTGGCCAGGCTTCAATAA	QPCR	Forward
Sox11-02	ACGCCACGTTACCATTT	QPCR	Reverse
Sox13-01	CCATGACCAACCAGGAGAAA	QPCR	Forward
Sox13-02	AGGCCCTGGCTTGACTTATAG	QPCR	Reverse
Sox7-01	CTCCTGGGTACTGGGATTAAAG	QPCR	Forward
Sox7-02	CTGTAGTCGCCTGAGATGTATG	QPCR	Reverse
Sox8-01	TTGCTCTCCGGTTTGATAAG	QPCR	Forward
Sox8-02	TGAAGCCATTCTCTCCTTTG	QPCR	Reverse
Sox8-Hs-01	TCGTTAGGGCCTCAGTTCTA	QPCR	Forward
Sox8-Hs-02	AGGCGCTATTGTATGCTCTATG	QPCR	Reverse
SP6-01	CTGTCTGGACACGTCTTTAGTT	QPCR	Forward
SP6-02	CACCTCATCTCTGCTTTCTCTC	QPCR	Reverse
Spry2-01	CTGCTGCTGCTGATGGAATA	QPCR	Forward
Spry2-02	TAGGCATGCAGACCCAAATC	QPCR	Reverse
Tbx2-01	AGCGTAGACTTGAGCTAGGA	QPCR	Forward
Tbx2-02	GCTGATCCAGAAGTGGACATAG	QPCR	Reverse
Tbx2-Hs-01	ACATCCTGAAGCTGCCTTAC	QPCR	Forward
Tbx2-Hs-02	AGCTGTGTGATCTTGTCAATTCT	QPCR	Reverse
Tbx5-01	AGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA	QPCR	Forward
Tbx5-02	CTTGAGAGAGACTTGGGAATCAG	QPCR	Reverse
Tgfb2-01	GGAACCACTGACCATTCTCTATT	QPCR	Forward
Tgfb2-02	CTGGCTTTCCCAAGGACTTTA	QPCR	Reverse
Tgfbr1-01	GGGCTTAGTGTTCTGGGAAA	QPCR	Forward
Tgfbr1-02	CCGATGGATCAGAAGGTACAAG	QPCR	Reverse
Tgfbr2-01	CTGTGGGAGAAGTGAAGGATTAC	QPCR	Forward
Tgfbr2-02	GTCTCTCAGCACACTGTCTTTTC	QPCR	Reverse
TNC-01	CCAGGGTTGCCACCTATTT	QPCR	Forward
TNC-02	GTCTAGAGGATCCCACTCTACTT	QPCR	Reverse
Trf-01	CCCTCTGTGACCTGTGTATTG	QPCR	Forward

Trf-02	CTTTCTCAACGAGACACCTGAA	QPCR	Reverse
Vegfa-01	TGGTTCTTCACTCCCTCAAATC	QPCR	Forward
Vegfa-02	GGTCTCTCTCTCTCTTTCCTTGA	QPCR	Reverse
Wnt11-01	GGCTCACTTCAATCCCTCTTTA	QPCR	Forward
Wnt11-02	GGGCTTGCTCAGCATTTATTT	QPCR	Reverse
Wnt5a-01	GTCCTTTGAGATGGGTGGTATC	QPCR	Forward
Wnt5a-02	TACCAGAGCACCTGCAATTC	QPCR	Reverse
Wnt5a-f/f-01	TGAGGGACTGGAAGTTGCAGG	Genotyping_Wnt5a-f/f	Forward
Wnt5a-f/f-02	TTCCAATGGGCTTCTGGAGAG	Genotyping_Wnt5a-f/f	Reverse
Wnt5a-Hs-03	TAAGCCCGGGAGTGGCTTTGG	QPCR	Forward
Wnt5a-Hs-04	GGGCGAAGGAGAAAAACGTGG	QPCR	Reverse
Wnt5b-01	AGAGTGCCAACACCAGTTT	QPCR	Forward
Wnt5b-02	CTCGGCTACCTATCTGCATAAC	QPCR	Reverse
Zfp217-01	GCTGGTAGAGCTAGAGCTAATG	QPCR	Forward
Zfp217-02	AGGCAACACCCACTCAAA	QPCR	Reverse