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1 **BMP and FGF signaling interact to pattern mesoderm by controlling basic helix-**
2 **loop-helix transcription factor activity**

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33 **Abstract**

34 The mesodermal germ layer is patterned into mediolateral subtypes by signaling
35 factors including BMP and FGF. How these pathways are integrated to induce specific
36 mediolateral cell fates is not well understood. We used mesoderm derived from post-
37 gastrulation neuromesodermal progenitors (NMPs), which undergo a binary mediolateral
38 patterning decision, as a simplified model to understand how FGF acts together with
39 BMP to impart mediolateral fate. Using zebrafish and mouse NMPs, we identify an
40 evolutionarily conserved mechanism of BMP and FGF mediated mediolateral
41 mesodermal patterning that occurs through modulation of basic helix-loop-helix (bHLH)
42 transcription factor activity. BMP imparts lateral fate through induction of Id helix loop
43 helix (HLH) proteins, which antagonize bHLH transcription factors, induced by FGF
44 signaling, that specify medial fate. We extend our analysis of zebrafish development to
45 show that bHLH activity is responsible for the mediolateral patterning of the entire
46 mesodermal germ layer.

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48 **Introduction**

49 The mesodermal germ layer gives rise to a host of adult tissues and organs that
50 constitute the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, and genitourinary systems, among others.
51 Immediately after mesoderm induction begins during vertebrate gastrulation, the germ
52 layer is patterned by secreted morphogenetic signals that promote different mediolateral
53 fates. BMP acts as the major lateralizing signal to induce fates such as blood, vasculature,
54 and pronephros (kidney), while FGF and canonical Wnt signaling induce more medial
55 fates such as the notochord and somites (Dorey and Amaya, 2010; Hikasa and Sokol,
56 2013; Tuazon and Mullins, 2015). Despite advances in determining how the BMP and
57 FGF signaling gradients are established, the molecular mechanisms directing
58 mediolateral pattern formation in the mesoderm remain unknown.

59 Understanding patterning during gastrulation downstream of FGF and BMP
60 signaling is complicated, since these pathways also affect the patterning of the anterior-
61 posterior (AP) axis (De Robertis, 2008; Kimelman, 2006). The pleiotropic patterning
62 roles during gastrulation make it difficult to interpret their effects on specific mesodermal
63 fate decisions at later stages of development. Interaction between the pathways further
64 confounds a simple readout of their effects. For example, FGF signaling represses
65 transcriptional activation of BMP ligands, thereby inhibiting BMP signaling (Furthauer et
66 al., 2004). FGF can also inhibit BMP signaling through MAPK activation, which
67 phosphorylates the linker region of the BMP transducer SMAD, causing it to be targeted
68 for proteasome and degraded (Pera et al., 2003).

69 We used a simplified model of mesodermal patterning to understand how FGF
70 and BMP signaling induce mediolateral mesodermal fate. After gastrulation ends in
71 vertebrate embryos, a structure called the tailbud forms at the posterior-most end of the
72 embryo (Beck, 2015). The tailbud contains neuromesodermal progenitors (NMPs) that
73 continue to make a germ layer decision between neural ectoderm and mesoderm during
74 axis elongation ((Martin and Kimelman, 2012; Tzouanacou et al., 2009) and see
75 (Henrique et al., 2015; Kimelman, 2016; Martin, 2016) for reviews). In zebrafish, NMP-
76 derived mesoderm in the tailbud makes a further binary decision between lateral and
77 paraxial fates, which is determined by canonical Wnt signaling levels (Martin and
78 Kimelman, 2012). High Wnt signaling promotes the formation of paraxial mesoderm,
79 which later gives rise to somites, while low Wnt signaling is required for adoption of
80 lateral mesoderm fate, specifically endothelia (Martin and Kimelman, 2012). This binary
81 decision, made when the AP axis is already established, allows us to focus specifically on
82 mediolateral mesoderm patterning.

83 In this study, we show that that FGF and BMP signaling function in both
84 zebrafish and mouse NMP-derived mesoderm to specify mediolateral pattern, with BMP
85 promoting lateralization and FGF inducing medial fate. Using NMPs, we also found that
86 FGF induces medial fate through transcriptional activation of the bHLH transcription
87 factors *myf5*, *myod*, and *msh1*, and BMP counters this and promotes lateral fate through
88 transcriptional activation of *Id* genes. *Id* genes encode HLH proteins that bind to and
89 inhibit the function of bHLH transcription factors (Ling et al., 2014). We present a model
90 based on our data of a conserved vertebrate mesodermal mediolateral patterning
91 mechanism downstream of FGF and BMP that is based on the regulation of bHLH
92 transcription factor activity.

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94 Results

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96 **BMP signaling is necessary and sufficient for endothelial specification from NMP** 97 **derived mesoderm in zebrafish**

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100 We first examined the activity of BMP signaling, which induces lateral mesoderm
101 during gastrulation (Tuazon and Mullins, 2015). To determine whether BMP signaling
102 acts similarly in post-gastrula stage embryos, we examined mesodermal fate in embryos
103 where BMP signaling was manipulated post-gastrulation using either a heat-shock
104 inducible dominant negative BMP receptor transgenic line (*HS:dnbmpr*) or a small
105 molecule inhibitor of BMP receptors (DMH1) (Hao et al., 2010; Pyati et al., 2005).
106 Inhibition of BMP signaling in whole embryos using the heat-shock inducible transgenic
107 line at the 12-somite stage resulted in a loss of endothelial tissue (including dorsal aorta
108 and caudal vein), and in its place ectopic somite tissue formed (Fig. 1A-B). The loss of
109 blood vessels prevented the normal circulation of blood in the posterior body (Fig. 1 –
110 video 2 compared to Fig. 1 - video 1). Inhibition of BMP signaling using the small
111 molecule inhibitor DMH1 phenocopied the dominant negative BMP receptor (Fig. 1C-L).
112 The DMH1 treated embryos contained transgenes to label skeletal muscle and
113 endothelium, and revealed that ectopic somite tissue differentiates into skeletal muscle at
114 the midline, where endothelium normally forms (Fig. 1J-L, compared to E-G). The
115 ectopic somite tissue is the same length along the AP axis as the bilateral somites that
116 normally form, and the muscle reporter shows that the ectopic muscle tissue connects
117 pairs of bilateral somites at the midline below the notochord. Loss of BMP signaling
118 using either the *HS:dnbmpr* line or DMH1 at the end of gastrulation (bud stage) in
119 embryos with an endothelial reporter transgenic background produced a more severe
120 effect than the 12-somite stage heat-shock, with the gain of somite tissue and loss of
121 endothelium occurring more anteriorly and across a broader domain of the AP axis (Fig.
122 1 – figure supplement 1A-D).

123 To provide further evidence that BMP signaling influences an NMP derived
124 mesodermal fate decision, we determined whether activation of BMP signaling is
125 sufficient to specify vascular endothelium in NMP derived mesoderm. We created a new
126 heat-shock inducible transgenic line (*hsp70:caAlk6-p2a-NLSkikume*), based on a previous
127 transgenic line (Row and Kimelman, 2009), that can cell-autonomously activate BMP
128 signaling. Heat-shock induction at the 12-somite stage caused a broad expansion of the
129 early endothelial marker *etv2* six hours after induction, specifically in the region of the
130 pre-somitic mesoderm but not in already formed somites (Fig. 1M, N). Performing the
131 same 12-somite heat-shock in a *fli1:GFP* background revealed that at 36 hours post
132 fertilization (hpf), the paraxial mesoderm is converted to vascular endothelium in regions
133 posterior to the 12th somite (Fig. 1O, P). The expanded vascular endothelium forms a
134 massive network of functional blood vessels, as observed by imaging blood flow in live
135 embryos (Fig. 1 - videos 4 and 6 compared to Fig. 1 - videos 3 and 5).

136 To determine whether BMP signaling acts cell-autonomously during endothelial
137 specification of NMP derived mesoderm, we transplanted cells from sphere stage donor
138 embryos to the ventral margin of shield stage host embryos. This manipulation targets
139 cells to the future tailbud NMP population (Martin and Kimelman, 2012). A homozygous

139 *fli1:GFP* line was crossed to a hemizygous *HS:dnBMPR* or hemizygous *HS:caalk6* line
140 and embryos from these crosses were injected with rhodamine dextran. The injected
141 embryos were used as donors and transplanted into unlabeled wild-type host embryos.
142 This method allows us to visualize all of the transplanted cells (red fluorescence) as well
143 as any transplanted cells that adopt an endothelial fate (green fluorescence). Host
144 embryos were heat-shocked at the 12-somite stage and imaged at 36 hpf. Loss of BMP
145 signaling significantly reduced the number of host embryos that contained donor derived
146 endothelial tissue (Fig. 1Q-S). Conversely, activation of BMP signaling at the 12-somite
147 stage caused a large number of transplanted cells to become endothelium, and prevented
148 donor cells from integrating into somites and forming skeletal muscle (Fig. 1T-U'). These
149 results show that BMP signaling plays a cell-autonomous role (without ruling out
150 additional non-autonomous roles) in endothelial induction.

151 To quantify the extent of fate change, we used a previously reported one-cell
152 transplant method to create small clones of cells that could be accurately counted after
153 BMP signaling activation (Martin and Kimelman, 2012). Single cells from *fli1:GFP*
154 embryos or *fli1:GFP* crossed to *HS:caalk6* embryos were transplanted into the ventral
155 margin of shield stage wild-type host embryos, which were heat-shocked at the 12-somite
156 stage. Cells were analyzed for muscle cell morphology or *fli1:GFP* labeling at 36 hpf
157 (Fig. 1V, W). Control cells gave rise to 81% muscle and 0% endothelial fate, whereas
158 cells with activated BMP signaling were 8% muscle and 39% endothelium (Fig. 1X, Y).
159 The remaining cells in each condition were of mixed non-muscle, non-endothelial fates,
160 which based on their position and morphology appear to be primarily fin mesenchyme.
161 Together, the results from loss and gain of function experiments indicate that BMP
162 signaling is necessary and sufficient to induce endothelium from NMP derived
163 mesoderm, and that paraxial mesoderm maintains plasticity to become endothelium in
164 response to BMP signaling at least until somite formation occurs.

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166 **Mouse NMP derived mesoderm exhibits plasticity and is lateralized by BMP** 167 **signaling**

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169 As in zebrafish, mesoderm generated from mouse NMPs is almost exclusively
170 paraxial in character (Cambray and Wilson, 2007; Tzouanacou et al., 2009). To test
171 whether mouse NMPs can differentiate to lateral fates, we microdissected NMPs from
172 embryos carrying a ubiquitous GFP marker and grafted them in posterior primitive streak
173 regions fated to become lateral mesoderm (Gilchrist et al., 2003). The grafted cells
174 incorporated readily into lateral mesoderm, showing that these cells, like zebrafish
175 NMPs, can adopt lateral as well as more medial fates (Fig. 2A). To determine whether
176 FGF and BMP signaling can influence mouse NMP derived mesodermal patterning, we
177 made use of NMPs derived in vitro from pluripotent cells (Gouti et al., 2014). In vitro-
178 derived NMPs were treated with FGF2 alone, or FGF2 and BMP4. BMP4 promoted
179 expression of nascent mesoderm markers at the expense of neural markers. This suggests
180 that BMP4 blocks neural differentiation in NMPs, as it does in the gastrulation stage
181 epiblast (Di-Gregorio et al., 2007).

182 We then examined markers of mesoderm subtypes. Compared to FGF treatment
183 alone, FGF plus BMP treated NMPs showed higher expression of lateral mesodermal
184 markers *Flkl* (expressed in endothelia) and *Hand1* (expressed widely in the lateral

185 mesoderm). This treatment also resulted in lower levels of the paraxial mesoderm
186 markers *Meox1* and *Tcf15* (Fig. 2B). In NMPs, as expected, SOX2 was co-expressed with
187 BRACHYURY (T) but after differentiation in FGF, these markers segregated into
188 distinct populations of neural (SOX2) and nascent mesodermal (T) cells. FGF-treated
189 cells predominantly expressed the paraxial mesoderm marker MEOX1, with few cells
190 expressing FLK1 (Fig. 2E). In contrast, cells exposed to BMP lost both SOX2 and T
191 during differentiation (Fig. 2C) and did not upregulate MEOX1 (Fig. 2E), but instead
192 expressed FLK1. Using a *Flk1-GFP* reporter ES cell line (Jakobsson et al., 2010) we
193 confirmed that the majority of the BMP-treated cells differentiated into *Flk1+* lateral
194 mesoderm (Fig. 2D, E). Together, these results imply that BMP mediated lateralization of
195 NMP derived mesoderm is a conserved vertebrate phenomenon.

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197 **FGF signaling prevents zebrafish presomitic mesoderm from adopting an** 198 **endothelial fate**

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200 The induction of paraxial mesoderm fate from NMPs in vitro by FGF signaling
201 alone suggested that this factor may be important for paraxial mesoderm patterning.
202 Indeed, during gastrulation, FGF signaling promotes paraxial mesoderm fates (Furthauer
203 et al., 1997; Furthauer et al., 2004; Lee et al., 2011), and is active in the post-gastrulation
204 paraxial presomitic mesoderm (Dubrulle et al., 2001; Sawada et al., 2001). Interestingly,
205 during posterior axial extension, BMP ligands are expressed in ventral posterior tissues
206 juxtaposed to the presomitic mesoderm (Martinez-Barbera et al., 1997). The activation of
207 BMP signaling in the presomitic mesoderm indicated that this tissue can be induced to
208 form endothelium when subjected to high levels of BMP signaling. This suggested that
209 the presomitic mesoderm may require protection from the adjacent lateralizing signal by
210 another molecular factor. To determine whether FGF acts in this way, we inhibited FGF
211 signaling during zebrafish axial extension using a heat-shock inducible dominant
212 negative FGF receptor transgenic line (Lee et al., 2005). Transgene expression was
213 induced at the 12-somite stage and embryos were fixed 6 hours later and examined for
214 *etv2* expression. The loss of FGF signaling phenocopied the gain of BMP signaling with
215 a strong expansion of the endothelial marker *etv2* into the PSM (Fig. 3A, B). The same
216 result is achieved with a small molecule FGF receptor inhibitor (not shown) or MEK
217 inhibitor (Fig. 3C, D), indicating that specification of tailbud derived mesoderm to
218 paraxial identity by FGF occurs through the MAPK pathway.

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220 To determine whether FGF signaling plays a cell-autonomous role in the
221 medialization of tailbud derived mesoderm, we performed transplants as with the BMP
222 transgenic lines. Embryos from a *HS:dnfgfr* to *fli1:GFP* cross or *HS:dnfgfr* to *kdrl:gfp*
223 cross were used as donors for transplantation into the ventral margin of unlabeled wild-
224 type host embryos. Heat-shock induction of the *dnfgfr* transgene at the 12-somite stage
225 caused a significant cell-autonomous shift from somite to endothelial fate (Fig. 3E-I).
226 Together these results indicate that FGF signaling plays a cell autonomous role (without
227 ruling out additional non-autonomous roles) in maintaining paraxial fate through MAPK
228 signaling in plastic presomitic cells.

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229 **Lateral mesoderm is the default state of zebrafish tailbud derived mesoderm**

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231 As previously mentioned, FGF signaling can inhibit BMP signaling during
232 gastrulation (Furthauer et al., 2004; Pera et al., 2003). To test whether FGF signaling
233 maintains paraxial fate through BMP signaling inhibition, we first examined phospho-
234 SMAD (pSMAD) 1,5,8 staining in MEK inhibitor treated embryos. Unexpectedly, there
235 is no expansion of pSMAD 1,5,8 staining after loss of MEK activity, and it appears
236 down-regulated in the posterior-most regions of the embryo (Fig. 3J, K). Consistent with
237 a lack of expansion of BMP signaling, expression of *idl*, a member of the inhibitor of
238 DNA binding (*id*)1-4 family of BMP target genes, appears down-regulated within the
239 posterior mesoderm, although interestingly *idl* expression appears expanded in the
240 prospective neural forming region of the tailbud (Fig. 3 – figure supplement 1).

241 To confirm that expansion of *etv2* expression after the loss of FGF signaling is not
242 due to an increase or expansion of BMP signaling, we simultaneously inhibited both FGF
243 and BMP signaling. Embryos at the 12-somite stage were treated with either the MEK
244 inhibitor, DMH1, or both and assayed 6 hours later for *etv2* expression. The expansion of
245 *etv2* into the PSM after MEK inhibition was not blocked by the BMP inhibitor DMH1
246 (Fig. 3O compared to N). We also tested the combination of MEK inhibitor and the BMP
247 and VEGF inhibitor dorsomorphin. To ensure that dorsomorphin was inhibiting BMP
248 signaling (as it inhibits both BMP and VEGF signaling), embryos were pretreated with
249 dorsomorphin starting at bud stage. The loss of pSMAD 1/5/8 in the tailbud was
250 confirmed at the 12-somite stage (Fig. 3 – figure supplement 2A, B, arrow). At the 12-
251 somite stage, a MEK inhibitor was added to the embryos with dorsomorphin and they
252 were grown for an additional 6 hours before fixation and examination of *etv2* expression.
253 Again, inhibition of BMP signaling failed to block MEK inhibitor mediated *etv2*
254 expansion into the PSM (Fig. 3 – figure supplement 2F compared to E). These results
255 suggest that the expansion of vasculature after the loss of FGF signaling is not due to a
256 secondary increase in BMP signaling, and that in the absence of FGF signaling, BMP
257 signaling is dispensable for endothelial induction. Thus, with respect to BMP and FGF
258 signaling, lateral mesoderm is the default fate of tailbud derived mesoderm.

259 260 **BMP signaling lateralizes mesoderm through activation of *id* gene transcription in** 261 **both mouse and zebrafish**

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263 Our result that endothelium is the default state of tailbud derived mesoderm
264 suggests that BMP is not directly activating an endothelial specific program, but rather
265 acting as an inhibitor of FGF induced medial (presomitic) mesoderm. We considered
266 known direct BMP target genes that could have a negative effect on both the Wnt and
267 FGF pathways, or their downstream target genes. Amongst these, *idl*, 2, 3 and 4 are
268 candidates. ID genes encode helix-loop-helix (HLH) proteins that act as endogenous
269 dominant negative inhibitors of basic helix-loop-helix (bHLH) transcription factors (Ling
270 et al., 2014; Wang and Baker, 2015). ID proteins bind to and inhibit E proteins, which are
271 ubiquitously expressed bHLH transcription factors that are essential dimerization partners
272 for tissue specific bHLH transcription factors (Norton, 2000). FGF and Wnt signaling
273 activate many paraxial specific bHLH transcription factors such as *msgn1*, *myoD*, and
274 *myf5*, among others (Dietrich et al., 1998; Fior et al., 2012; Geetha-Loganathan et al.,
275 2005; Hoppler et al., 1996; Marcelle et al., 1997; Marics et al., 2002; Mok et al., 2014;
276 Munsterberg et al., 1995; Pan et al., 2015; Steinbach et al., 1998; Tajbakhsh et al., 1998;

277 Wittler et al., 2007). The most prominently expressed ID genes in the zebrafish tailbud
278 are *id1* and *id3* (Thisse et al., 2001; Thisse and Thisse, 2004). Using heat-shock inducible
279 transgenic lines, we showed that BMP signaling is necessary and sufficient for both *id1*
280 and *id3* expression in the tailbud (Fig. 4 – figure supplement 1).

281 To directly test whether *id* activation downstream of BMP signaling mediates the
282 paraxial / endothelial fate decision, we designed an assay based on transient transgenic
283 embryos and cell transplantation. We made heat-shock inducible plasmids using the
284 *hsp70l* promoter to drive an *id1-p2a-NLS-kikume* or *id3-p2a-NLS-kikume* construct
285 flanked by *tol2* transposable element arms. The single *id1-p2a-NLS-kikume* transcript
286 produces two independent proteins, Id1 and NLS-Kikume, based on the cleavable viral
287 peptide p2a (the same is true for the *id3* construct). We injected each plasmid and *tol2*
288 transposase mRNA into *fli1:GFP* embryos to create transiently transgenic embryos and
289 transplanted cells from these embryos into the ventral margin of wild-type host embryos.
290 Host embryos were heat-shocked at the 12-somite stage and analyzed at 36 hpf. The
291 NLS-Kikume was photoconverted from green to red. The nuclear localization of the
292 photoconverted Kikume was used to quantify the number of transplanted transiently
293 transgenic cells. Cells with red nuclei that also contained cytoplasmic GFP indicated
294 those transplanted cells that adopted an endothelial fate. Empty *hsp70l:p2a-NLS-kikume*
295 plasmid was injected and transient transgenic cells were transplanted as a control.
296 Tailbud derived mesoderm normally gives rise mostly to paraxial mesoderm and only a
297 small percentage of endothelium (Fig. 4A, A', G) (Martin and Kimelman, 2012).
298 Activation of either Id1 or Id3 at the 12-somite stage resulted in a drastic increase in the
299 percentage of cells becoming endothelium (Fig. 4C, C', E, E', G). When BMP signaling
300 is simultaneously inhibited using the *HS:dnBMPR* transgenic line at the same time as Id1
301 or Id3 is activated, Id activation is still able to induce a similar percentage of cells to
302 contribute to endothelium (Fig. 4D, D', F, F', G). These results indicate that Id proteins
303 are the critical cell-autonomous factors inducing endothelium downstream of BMP
304 signaling. To further examine the role of Id proteins during mesodermal patterning, we
305 generated a stable *hsp70l:id3-p2a-NLS-kikume* transgenic line. Heat-shock induction at
306 the 12-somite stage resulted in a dramatic expansion of *etv2* expression 6 hours after the
307 heat-shock in both the presomitic and somitic domains (Fig. 4H-I').

308 Since mouse NMP-derived mesoderm is also lateralized by BMP signaling (Fig.
309 2), we wanted to decipher whether the same downstream BMP target genes mediate
310 lateralization. Similar to zebrafish, mouse *Id1* and *Id3* are expressed in the most posterior
311 (lateral mesoderm fated) region of the primitive streak. They were not detected in anterior
312 primitive streak in regions fated to become paraxial mesoderm (Fig. 5A). We then made
313 use of in vitro derived NMPs to determine whether BMP activates expression of *Id1* in
314 mouse NMPs (Fig. 5B) (Gouti et al., 2014). *Id1* transcript levels (Fig. 5C) and activity of
315 an *Id1-Venus* reporter (Malaguti et al., 2013) (Fig. 5D) were both increased in response to
316 BMP. The *Id1-Venus* reporter revealed, however, that *Id1* could be detected in a subset of
317 cells even in the absence of exogenous BMP (Fig. 5D, E), at least partly due to low levels
318 of endogenous BMP in the culture (data not shown). We made use of this heterogeneity
319 in *Id1* expression to ask whether suppression of paraxial mesoderm differentiation occurs
320 only in *Id1*-expressing cells. Indeed, we observed that the paraxial mesoderm marker
321 MEOX1 was restricted to the *Id1*-negative cells within FGF-treated cultures. (Fig. 5E).
322 These results show that BMP signaling induces *Id1* expression in mouse NMPs, and that

323 induction of *Id1* correlates with suppression of paraxial mesoderm markers in individual
324 cells.

325 To directly assess whether ID1 mediates the effect of BMP to lateralize mouse
326 NMP derived mesoderm, we used cells lines engineered for doxycycline inducible over-
327 expression of a flag-tagged *Id1* transgene (Malaguti et al., 2013). We first confirmed that
328 addition of dox was able to induce *Id1* to levels comparable to those induced by BMP
329 during differentiation of NMPs in the presence of FGF (Fig. 6A-C: compare with Fig
330 5D). Activation of *Id1* expression was able to recapitulate the effect of exogenous BMP
331 on differentiation: cells expressing the *Id1* transgene in the absence of exogenous BMP
332 robustly increased expression of endothelial marker *Flk1* and largely lacked the paraxial
333 mesoderm marker *Meox1* (Fig. 6D, E). The mouse and zebrafish data show that BMP
334 mediates lateralization of NMP derived mesoderm via activation of Id expression and
335 suggests that this mechanism acts across vertebrates.

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337 **Zebrafish FGF signaling medializes mesoderm through transcriptional activation of** 338 **bHLH transcription factors**

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340 Although Id proteins are best known for their ability to bind to and inhibit bHLH
341 transcription factors, they can also bind to other proteins including Retinoblastoma
342 (Ruzinova and Benezra, 2003). To determine whether BMP regulated *id* expression
343 lateralizes mesoderm through bHLH transcription factor inhibition and not an alternative
344 mechanism, we wanted to identify bHLH transcription factors regulated by FGF
345 signaling required for its medializing activity. We examined the expression of bHLH
346 transcription factors *msh1*, *myf5*, and *myod* 6 hours after a 12-somite stage treatment
347 with a MEK inhibitor. *msh1* expression is completely abolished, and there is a near
348 complete loss of *myf5* expression in MEK inhibited embryos (Fig. 7A, B, D, E). The
349 expression of *myod* is only moderately reduced in MEK inhibited embryos (Fig. 7F
350 compared to C). In both mouse and zebrafish, loss of function of either *myf5* or *myod* has
351 relatively mild skeletal muscle phenotypes, whereas loss of both genes results in a
352 complete absence of skeletal muscle (Braun et al., 1992; Hinits et al., 2011; Maves et al.,
353 2007; Rudnicki et al., 1992; Rudnicki et al., 1993). We examined an endothelial marker
354 (*kdr1*) in *myf5/myod* double homozygous mutants and found a significant expansion of
355 endothelium into normal skeletal muscle territories (Fig. 7G-J), although the expansion
356 was not as prominent as that induced by activation of BMP signaling or Id3 expression
357 (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 4).

358 To determine whether *msh1* functions in a partially redundant manner with *myf5*
359 and *myod* to medialize NMP derived mesoderm, we used previously characterized
360 translation blocking antisense morpholinos (MOs) to disrupt combinations of these three
361 gene products (Maves et al., 2007; Yabe and Takada, 2012). As previously reported in
362 both morphants and mutants, loss of either *myod* or *myf5* alone did not cause a significant
363 loss of muscle (Hinits et al., 2011; Maves et al., 2007). Similarly, loss of *msh1* alone
364 produced only a mild enlarged tailbud phenotype, as previously reported (Fior et al.,
365 2012; Yabe and Takada, 2012). The expression of *etv2* was examined at the 22-somite
366 stage. Loss of *msh1/myod* resulted in a mild expansion of *etv2* (Fig. 7L, L'). The
367 expansion was broader in *myf5/myod* loss of function embryos (Fig. 7M, M'). In embryos
368 lacking *msh1/myf5*, which were the two most affected genes after MEK loss of function

369 (Fig. 7A-E), there is broad expansion of *etv2* throughout the normal PSM and somite
370 region (Fig. 7N, N'). Loss of all three bHLH genes enhanced the expansion of *etv2* and
371 resulted in a phenocopy of heat-shock induction of *id3* (Fig. 7O, O'). To determine
372 whether there is a corresponding loss of muscle in these embryos, we stained them for
373 *ttna* expression, which labels skeletal muscle, and observed a reduction in expression that
374 was strongest in the triple knockdown (Fig. 7 – figure supplement 1). The same
375 combinations of MOs were injected in *kdrl:GFP* transgenic fish and stained for skeletal
376 muscle (MF20 antibody) at 36 hpf. These embryos revealed that there is a large
377 expansion of differentiated endothelium at the expense of differentiated skeletal muscle
378 (Fig. 7P-U). Additionally, the lateralized phenotype of *HS:id3* embryos can be rescued by
379 co-activation of *msgn1* (Fig. 7 – figure supplement 2).

380 To determine whether *myf5/msgn1/myod* function cell-autonomously in the
381 medialization of mesoderm, we performed transplants with morpholino injected donor
382 cells. Either *myod* MO alone or all three MOs were co-injected along with rhodamine
383 dextran into *kdrl:gfp* embryos, and cells from these embryos were transplanted into the
384 prospective mesoderm of wild-type host embryos. Cells lacking *myod* function behave
385 normally and primarily join somites and form skeletal muscle, with a small number of
386 cells contributing to endothelium (Fig. 7V, endothelium is green). On the other hand,
387 cells lacking all three gene products are completely excluded from the somites and
388 populate the majority of the vasculature throughout the length of the embryo (Fig. 7W),
389 and these blood vessels appear to be functional (Fig. 7 – video 1). These results indicate
390 that *msgn1*, *myf5*, and *myod* play a partially redundant, cell-autonomous role in the
391 specification of somitic mesoderm and inhibition of lateral endothelial mesoderm.

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393 **bHLH transcription factor activity functions broadly within the zebrafish** 394 **mesodermal germ-layer to pattern the mediolateral axis**

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396 In order to determine whether bHLH activity acts broadly within the mesodermal
397 germ layer, we examined the expression of the red blood cell marker *gata1a*. Post-
398 gastrula NMP derived mesoderm never gives rise to primitive red blood cells (Martin and
399 Kimelman, 2012). Double *myod;myf5* mutants stained for skeletal muscle (*actc1b*) and
400 red blood cells (*gata1a*) at 24 hpf show a complete loss of muscle and a gain of red blood
401 cell staining, whereas single mutants and wild-type embryos have normal muscle and red
402 blood cells (Fig. 8A-D). Analysis of *myod/myf5/msgn* triple-MO injected embryos at the
403 22-somite stage show expanded *gata1a* in the vicinity of the normal expression domain,
404 as in *myod;myf5* double mutants, as well as ectopic expression in the normal muscle
405 forming domains (Fig. 8F, F' compared to E, E'). Finally, *myod/myf5/msgn* triple MOs
406 were injected into *gata1a:DsRed;kdrl:gfp* double transgenic embryos along with cascade
407 blue dextran and used as donors in a chimeric analysis. Cascade blue injected control
408 donor cells targeted to the mesodermal territory contribute primarily to skeletal muscle,
409 with minor contributions to endothelium and red blood cells (Fig. 8G, endothelium in
410 green (green arrow) and red blood cells in red (red arrow)). On the other hand,
411 *myod/myf5/msgn* triple-MO donor cells are excluded from skeletal muscle and contribute
412 extensively to endothelium and red blood cells of host embryos (Fig. 8H). These results
413 indicate that the bHLH transcription factors Myod, Myf5, and Msgn1 are normally

414 required to promote medial (somitic) fate and inhibit lateral fates such as endothelium
415 and primitive blood.

416 Based on loss of bHLH transcription factor analysis, we expected activation of
417 *id3* expression during gastrulation to also lateralize mesoderm in a manner consistent
418 with activation of BMP signaling during gastrulation, where BMP activation inhibits
419 notochord and somite formation and expands pronephros, endothelial, and hematopoietic
420 tissues (Dosch et al., 1997; Neave et al., 1997). Activation of *id3* expression at shield
421 stage in cells transplanted into wild-type host embryos resulted in an absence of cells in
422 the trunk musculature and extensive contribution to the vasculature (Fig. 8J compared to
423 I). We next examined a panel of markers at 24 hpf representing a spectrum of
424 mediolateral mesoderm types in whole *HS:id3* transgenic embryos that were heat-
425 shocked at the start of gastrulation (shield stage). There is a loss of the medial mesoderm
426 tissues of notochord (*ntla*) and muscle (*myod*), and a gain in lateral mesoderm tissues of
427 pronephros (*pax2a*), endothelium (*kdrl*), and red blood cells (*gata1a*) (Fig. 8K-T'). The
428 expansion of the red blood cell marker was most significant, encompassing the majority
429 of the somitic territory in the trunk of the embryo (Fig. 8T' compared to S'). These
430 results indicate that bHLH transcription factor activity is involved in mediolateral
431 patterning throughout the entire mesodermal germ layer, and that there are likely other
432 bHLH transcription factors in addition to *myf5*, *myod*, and *msgn1* that are involved in
433 mesoderm patterning.

434 Previous work demonstrated that BMP signaling patterns the mediolateral axis in
435 tight coordination with anterior-posterior axis development, such that BMP provides
436 mediolateral pattern progressively from the head to the tail over time as the body
437 develops (Hashiguchi and Mullins, 2013; Tucker et al., 2008). Our data indicate that *id*
438 genes are the critical BMP targets that mediate its role in mediolateral pattern, and thus
439 activation of *id3* should also lateralize mesoderm progressively from the head to the tail.
440 We ubiquitously activated *id3* expression using the *HS:id3* transgenic line at
441 progressively later stages of development (Fig. 8 – figure supplement 1). Activation
442 during gastrulation, when the anterior-most mesoderm is being specified, caused a loss of
443 muscle and expansion of vasculature anteriorly, but patterning was relatively normal in
444 posterior domains. At the end of gastrulation, activation of *id3* resulted in loss of muscle
445 and gain of endothelium throughout the axis except for the most anterior and posterior
446 regions. Finally, activation of *id3* during post-gastrula stages, when the posterior
447 mesoderm is being specified, resulted in posterior loss of muscle and expansion of
448 endothelium, but normal patterning anteriorly. To demonstrate that the recovery of
449 posterior patterning after gastrula stage *id3* activation was due to the turnover of the
450 transgene, we performed two heat-shock inductions (during and after gastrulation), which
451 prevented recovery of patterning in posterior mesoderm. These results, combined with
452 our epistasis analysis in Figure 4, indicate that *id* genes are the critical BMP targets that
453 account for the activity of the BMP pathway in mediating mediolateral mesodermal
454 patterning. The BMP induced Id proteins promote lateral fate by antagonizing the FGF
455 induced bHLH transcription factors, which promote medial fate (Fig. 8U).

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457 Discussion

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460 ***Id* genes are the essential targets mediating BMP induced lateralization of**
461 **mesoderm**

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463 ID proteins, as inhibitors of bHLH transcription factors, are best known for
464 prolonging the progenitor state of lineage committed cells. For example, ID1 inhibits
465 myogenesis in myoblasts by inhibiting the activity of MYOD (Benezra et al., 1990a;
466 Benezra et al., 1990b). ID proteins also inhibit neurogenesis and prolong the neuroblast
467 state through the inactivation of several different neurogenic bHLH factors (Bai et al.,
468 2007; Jung et al., 2010; Liu and Harland, 2003). Additionally, ID1 maintains the
469 undifferentiated state of ES cells through antagonism of FGF induced TCF15 (Davies et
470 al., 2013). These activities prevent precocious differentiation of stem cells or lineage
471 specified progenitors and allow expansion of progenitor populations prior to
472 differentiation. However, there are few examples of *Id* genes affecting cell fate decisions.
473 The primary example is during the white blood cell lineage decision between NK and B
474 cell fate, where mouse ID2 promotes NK-cell fate over B-cell fate through inhibition of
475 E2A (Boos et al., 2007; Ikawa et al., 2001; Yokota et al., 1999), which itself promotes B-
476 cell fate (Zhuang et al., 1994). The role of ID proteins in fate determination has likely
477 been obscured by the fact that the four vertebrate *Id* genes play partially redundant roles,
478 such that any single mouse mutant lacks a severe phenotype. Significant embryonic
479 phenotypes can only be observed in multiple knockouts. The *Id1/Id3* double knockout
480 mouse has angiogenesis defects in the brain (Lyden et al., 1999). The redundancy of ID
481 proteins was also recently substantiated by transient CRISPR/Cas9 mediated loss of ID1-
482 4 function during mouse embryogenesis, which causes defects in cardiac mesoderm
483 specification (Cunningham et al., 2017).

484 The patterning role that *Id* proteins play in mesoderm lateralization is due at least
485 in part to the inhibition of *Myod*, *Myf5*, and *Msgn1* function. Based on mediolateral
486 patterning phenotypes, our data suggest that *Id* inhibition of *Myf5* is more important
487 during lateralization than inhibition of *Myod*. Although *Myod* and *Myf5* are redundantly
488 required for skeletal myogenesis, recent work using mouse cells showed that they have
489 distinct functions in regulating the muscle specific transcriptional program. During
490 muscle differentiation, MYF5 initially modifies chromatin through histone acetylation,
491 but does not act as a strong transcriptional activator. MYOD binds to the same genomic
492 sites as MYF5 and can modify chromatin, but in the presence of MYF5 its primary role is
493 to recruit POLII to strongly activate muscle specific transcription (Conerly et al., 2016;
494 Gerber et al., 1997). Thus, *Id* mediated lateralization is likely achieved by preventing a
495 paraxial mesoderm competent chromatin state through *Myf5* inhibition. Since MSGN1
496 plays an essential role in mouse to promote a paraxial mesoderm specific transcriptional
497 program essential for somite development (Chalamalasetty et al., 2014; Yoon et al., 2000;
498 Yoon and Wold, 2000), *Myf5* and *Msgn1* likely function together to modify chromatin
499 and create the paraxial competent state.

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501 **Do ID proteins mediate the morphogen activity of BMP signaling?**
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503 BMP functions as a morphogen during mediolateral mesodermal patterning.
504 Different levels of signaling have distinct outputs on cell fate (Dale et al., 1992; Dale and
505 Wardle, 1999; Dosch et al., 1997; James and Schultheiss, 2005; Neave et al., 1997). For

506 example, cells receiving the highest level of BMP signaling adopt a blood or endothelial
507 fate, intermediate levels specify pronephros and paraxial tissues, and the absence of BMP
508 signaling is required for notochord fate. Here we show that *Id* genes are critical
509 downstream targets of BMP that mediate its role in mediolateral patterning of the
510 mesoderm. A key unresolved question is whether Id protein levels produce the
511 morphogenetic output of BMP signaling during mediolateral mesodermal patterning.
512 Based on the ability of BMP signaling to act as a morphogen, we envision two plausible
513 scenarios. Id proteins mediate the morphogenetic activity of BMP signaling within the
514 mesoderm, with different levels of Id protein specifying distinct mesodermal cell fates.
515 An alternative scenario is that Id proteins levels do not act alone as the mediators of
516 morphogenetic output, but rather impact a series of binary fate decisions that are dictated
517 by the position of the cell in the mesodermal territory. In this case, the morphogenetic
518 activity of BMP signaling integrates both its role in cell fate and cell migration, where the
519 level of BMP signaling dictates the position of a cell in the embryo and mediates the
520 binary decision that is possible in that precise location / signaling environment. BMP
521 signaling has been previously shown to be capable of controlling cell migration during
522 zebrafish gastrulation independent of cell fate (von der Hardt et al., 2007). This important
523 question can be resolved in the future through the controlled modulation of Id protein
524 levels and the examination of cell fate output.

525 If Id proteins levels modulate the morphogenetic activity of BMP within the
526 mesoderm, the mechanism will not be as simple as Id antagonism of the same set of
527 bHLH transcription factor function throughout the entire mesodermal germ layer. We
528 show that *Msgn1*, *Myf5*, and *Myod* act as medializing factors in the mesoderm, but these
529 transcription factors are not expressed in axial mesoderm. Given that *Id3* activation
530 inhibits notochord formation, there must be other bHLH transcription factor(s) in the
531 axial mesoderm that promote the medial-most fate. Additionally, the lateralization caused
532 by *Id3* activation during gastrulation in non-axial mesoderm is more severe than loss of
533 *Msgn1*, *Myf5*, and *Myod* function, indicating that additional bHLH gene(s) likely
534 functions in a partially redundant fashion with *Msgn1*, *Myf5*, and *Myod* to impart
535 paraxial/myogenic fate. On the other hand, loss of *Msgn1*, *Myf5*, and *Myod* fully
536 phenocopies *Id3* activation during postgastrulation development, indicating that these
537 three genes are the primary determinants of somite fate within NMP derived mesoderm.

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539 **Evolutionarily conserved mediolateral patterning of NMP derived mesoderm**

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541 Vertebrate NMP derived mesoderm gives rise primarily to paraxial mesoderm,
542 which forms the somites. We previously showed in zebrafish that a small percentage of
543 NMP derived mesoderm becomes endothelium, indicating a patterning event that occurs
544 to generate medial paraxial and lateral endothelial mesoderm (Martin and Kimelman,
545 2012). Similarly, in mouse, a minority of mesodermal cells in NMP-derived clones
546 contribute to lateral mesoderm (Tzouanacou et al 2009). Here we show, using embryonic
547 tissue transplantation and NMP cell culture, that mouse NMP derived mesoderm is also
548 plastic and can robustly differentiate to both medial and lateral mesodermal types,
549 supporting previous grafting studies showing that lateral fated tailbud mesoderm can be
550 re-specified to paraxial fate (Wymeersch et al., 2016). Furthermore, we show using in
551 vitro mouse assays and in vivo zebrafish assays, that FGF signaling acts as a medializing

552 factor, and BMP signaling as the lateralizing factor during mediolateral patterning. In
553 both zebrafish and mouse, the lateralizing activity of BMP signaling can be phenocopied
554 by over-expression of the BMP target gene *Id1*, indicating that bHLH transcription factor
555 activity is a key conserved mechanism by which NMP derived mesoderm is patterned
556 along the mediolateral axis. Since NMPs have been observed in several other vertebrate
557 species and are likely present in all vertebrates, we expect that the mediolateral fate
558 decision in NMP derived mesoderm to become paraxial mesoderm or posterior
559 endothelium is common feature of vertebrate body formation.

560 We showed that in zebrafish, FGF signaling medializes and promotes somitic fate
561 in NMP derived mesoderm through transcriptional activation of the bHLH transcription
562 factors *myf5*, *msgn1*, and *myod*. This indicates that in addition to its fundamental role in
563 promoting cell motility and orchestrating segment formation during somitogenesis
564 (Benazeraf et al., 2010; Dubrulle et al., 2001; Hubaud and Pourquie, 2014), FGF
565 signaling also maintains paraxial fate in unsegmented presomitic mesoderm. This
566 function is solely dependent on regulation of bHLH transcription factor expression and
567 not on inhibition of BMP signaling, which FGF signaling normally inhibits during
568 gastrulation (Furthauer et al., 2004; Pera et al., 2003). Loss of both FGF and BMP
569 signaling lateralizes the NMP derived mesoderm to the same extent as loss of FGF
570 signaling alone. This suggests that with respect to FGF and BMP signaling, lateral
571 mesoderm is the default fate. Why then is BMP signaling necessary in the tailbud to
572 promote an endothelial fate? Both FGF and Wnt signaling, which are medializing factors,
573 are also required for the induction of mesoderm from NMPs (Goto et al., 2017; Martin
574 and Kimelman, 2012), and therefore BMP signaling is required to counter the action of
575 these signals after mesoderm induction. Indeed, loss of BMP signaling causes cells that
576 would normally become endothelium to adopt a medial, somite fate.

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578 **Methods**

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580 **Animal Care**

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582 All zebrafish procedures were performed with prior approval from the Stony
583 Brook University and Seattle Children's Research Institute Institutional Animal Care and
584 Use Committee.

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586 **Generation of zebrafish heat-shock inducible constructs and transgenic lines**

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588 We generated heat-shock inducible constructs as previously described (Row et al.,
589 2016). Briefly, the coding sequence of zebrafish *id1*, *id3*, or a mutant constitutively active
590 human *ALK6* (*caalk6*) without their stop codons were inserted into a heat-shock vector to
591 create *hsp70l:id1-p2a-NLS-kikume*, *hsp70l:id3-p2a-NLS-kikume*, and *hsp70l:caalk6-p2a-*
592 *NLS-kikume* (abbreviated as *HS:id1*, *HS:id3*, and *HS:caalk6*, respectively) flanked by
593 *tol2* transposable element arms. Stable transgenic lines of *HS:id3* and *HS:caalk6* were
594 generated by injecting the plasmid DNA along with in vitro transcribed *tol2* transposase
595 mRNA (25 pg of each per embryo) into 1-cell stage embryos and screening injected
596 animals when they became adults for germ-line transmission (Kawakami, 2004).

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598 **Zebrafish cell transplantation and statistics**

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600 In order to target cells to the future tailbud, cells from fluorescent dextran labeled
601 (either Rhodamine, Fluorescein, or Cascade Blue dextran, MW 10,000, Molecular
602 Probes) sphere stage donor embryos were transplanted into the ventral margin of
603 unlabeled shield stage host embryos, as previously described (Martin and Kimelman,
604 2012). Transplantations were performed under a Leica S6E dissecting microscope using a
605 Cell Tram Vario (Eppendorf). Statistical analysis of quantified cell transplants was
606 performed with the Fisher's exact test.

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608 **Zebrafish drug treatments**

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610 BMP signaling was inhibited using DMH1 (EMD Millipore) or dorsomorphin
611 (Chemdea LLC). A 1 mM stock solution of DMH1 was made in DMSO and diluted to a
612 10uM working solution. A 5mM stock solution of dorsomorphin was made in DMSO
613 and diluted to a 10uM working solution. FGF signaling was inhibited using PD173704
614 (LC Laboratories). A 10mM stock in DMSO was diluted to a 100uM working solution.
615 The MAP Kinase cascade was inhibited using the MEK inhibitor PD325901 (LC
616 Laboratories). A 10mM stock solution in DMSO was diluted to a 25uM working
617 solution. For each drug treatment, controls were performed by treating embryos with an
618 equivalent volume of DMSO in embryo media.

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620 **Zebrafish lines, heat-shock conditions, and morpholinos**

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622 All wild-type embryos used in this study were from hybrid adults generated from
623 an inbred strain of locally acquired pet store fish (which we call Brian) crossed to the TL
624 line (TLB). Transgenic heat-shock inducible lines include *HS:dnfgfr*, *HS:dnbmpr*,
625 *HS:TCFΔC*, *HS:caalk6*, and *HS:id3*. All heat shock inductions were performed at 40
626 degrees C for 30 minutes, except for the *HS:dnfgfr* line which was heat-shocked at 38
627 degrees C. To observe cell fate in live embryos, we used the *fli:GFP*, *kdrl:GFP* and
628 *kdrl:RFP* transgenic reporter lines to monitor for endothelial fate, the *gata1a:dsRed* line
629 to observe red blood cells, and the *actc1b:GFP* to visualize skeletal muscle.

630 The *myod*^{h261} and *myf5*^{hu2022} mutant strains were maintained on the AB
631 background and were previously described (Hinits et al., 2009; Hinits et al., 2011).
632 *myod*^{h261} genotyping was performed using forward primer
633 5'AACCAGAGGCTGCCCAAAGTGGAGATTCGG' and reverse primer
634 5'CCATGCCATCAGAGCAGTTGGATCTCG3'. The genotyping PCR product is 166
635 base pairs, and digesting with HphI yields a 136 base pair product from the mutant allele.
636 *myf5*^{hu2002} genotyping was performed using forward primer
637 5'GCACTTGCGCTTCGTCTCC3' and reverse primer
638 5'CATCGGCAGGCTGTAGTAGTTCTC3'. When digested with BstAPI, the mutant
639 allele PCR product is 365 base pairs and the wild-type allele products are 229 and 136
640 base pairs.

641 The *myod*, *myf5*, and *msgn1* morpholinos were validated and used as previously
642 described (Hinits et al., 2009; Maves et al., 2007; Yabe and Takada, 2012).

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644 **Zebrafish in situ hybridization and immunohistochemistry**

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646 Colorimetric in situ hybridization was performed as previously described (Griffin
647 et al., 1995). Fluorescent whole-mount *in situ* hybridization was performed as previously
648 described (Talbot et al., 2010). Following staining of *myod;myf5* mutant embryos, tissue
649 from embryos was lysed and genotyped for *myod* and *myf5* as above. The following
650 cDNA probes were used: *actc1b*; *kdrl* (Thompson et al., 1998); and *gata1a* (PCR probe
651 provided by Scott Houghtaling).

652 Embryos for immunohistochemistry were fixed overnight in 4%
653 paraformaldehyde at 4° C and stored in 100% methanol at -20° C. Embryos were
654 rehydrated stepwise in PBS-tween and blocked for 1 hour at room temperature. Embryos
655 were incubated in a 1:50 dilution of MF20 (Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank – a
656 myosin heavy chain antibody labeling skeletal and cardiac muscle) or anti-phospho
657 SMAD 1/5/8 (Cell Signaling Technology, Inc.) at a 1:200 dilution overnight at 4° C.
658 Primary antibodies were detected with Alexa-fluor conjugated secondary antibodies
659 (Molecular Probes) used at a 1:500 dilution and incubated overnight at 4° C.

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661 **Mouse cell lines.**

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663 Id1 inducible cells are described in (Malaguti et al., 2013). Doxycycline was used
664 at 1µg/ml in order to induce expression of a flag tagged Id1 transgene during
665 differentiation. Flk1-GFP cells were a gift from Alexander Medvinsky (Jakobsson et al.,
666 2010), and Id1-Venus cells were generated as described in (Malaguti et al., 2013) using a
667 targeting construct described in (Nam and Benezra, 2009).

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669 **Mouse epiblast stem cell culture**

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671 Plates were coated with bovine fibronectin (Sigma) in PBS (7.5µg/ml) at 37°C for
672 at least 10 minutes prior to use. Epiblast stem cells were maintained in pre-prepared 6
673 well plates in serum-free media containing 20µg/ml Activin A (Peprotech) and 10µg/ml
674 Fgf2 (R&D) (Gouti et al., 2014). EpiSC were passaged using Accutase (Sigma). Where
675 counting of EpiSCs was required, a small aliquot of the fragmented re-suspension was
676 transferred into fresh N2B27 and dissociated to single cells. Cell counting was performed
677 using a haemocytometer (Neubauer).

678 **Mouse neuromesodermal progenitor differentiation**

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680 Differentiation of EpiSCs into neuromesodermal progenitors (NMPs) was carried
681 as described in (Gouti et al., 2014). Briefly, EpiSC were plated on fibronectin in N2B27
682 medium supplemented with 20ng/ml Fgf2 (R&D) and 3µM Chiron (CHIR99021) (Axon
683 Medchem). Cells were dissociated, pelleted and resuspended into fragmented clumps
684 before plating at 1500 cells/cm². Cells were then cultured for 48 hours, at which point co-
685 expression of Sox2 and T indicate successful differentiation into NMPs. After 48 hours of
686 differentiation of EpiSCs into NMPs media was switched to N2B27 supplemented with
687 20ng/ml Fgf2 to generate prospective paraxial mesoderm or 20ng/ml Fgf2 + 20ng/ml
688 BMP4 to generate prospective lateral mesoderm.

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690 **Mouse in situ hybridisation riboprobes**

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692 Dioxigenin labelled riboprobes were used for all in situ hybridisation
693 experiments. The probe for Id3 is described in (Jen et al., 1997) and the probe for Id1 is
694 described in (Gray et al., 2004).

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696 **Mouse grafting and embryo culture**

697 Grafting and embryo culture was carried out as described previously (Wymeersch et al.,
698 2016).

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700 **Antibodies**

- 701 • Rabbit α -Sox2 from Abcam (ab97959)
- 702 • Goat α -T from R and D systems (AF2085)
- 703 • Goat α -Meox1 (M-15) from Santa Cruz (sc-10185)
- 704 • Rabbit α -Sox1 from Cell Signalling (#4194)
- 705 • Mouse α -flag from BioM2
- 706 • Rabbit anti-Id1 clone 37-2 from Biocheck Inc

707 **qPCR**

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709 Primers used in qPCR experiments are listed below. All qPCR data represents data from
710 three independent experiments other than Fig 6D which represents data from two
711 independent clonal lines.

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Gene name	F primer	R primer
T	ACTGGTCTAGCCTCGGAGTG	TTGCTCACAGACCAGAGACTG
Wnt3a	AATGGTCTCTCGGGAGTTTG	CTTGAGGTGCATGTGACTGG
Hand1	CAAGCGGAAAAGGGAGTTG	GTGCGCCCTTTAATCCTCTT
Meox1	AGACGGAGAAGAAATCATCCAG	CTGCTGCCTTCTGGCTTC
Kdr (Flk1)	CCCCAAATTCCATTATGACAA	CGGCTCTTTCGCTTACTGTT
Id1	TCCTGCAGCATGTAATCGAC	GGTCCCGACTTCAGACTCC
Tcf15	GTGTAAGGACCGGAGGACAA	GATGGCTAGATGGGTCCTTG
Oct4	GTTGGAGAAGGTGGAACCAA	CTCCTTCTGCAGGGCTTTC
Sox2	GTGTTTGCAAAAAGGGAAAAGT	TCTTTCTCCCAGCCCTAGTCT

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714 **Grafting of cultured mouse cells**

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716 r04-GFP EpiSCs were used for all grafts of cultured cells described here (Huang
717 et al., 2012). This cell line was derived directly from post-implantation mouse embryo
718 epiblast. The line contains constitutively expressed GFP. Prior to *in vitro* differentiation
719 into NMPs r04-GFP EpiSCs were subject to fluorescent activated cell sorting to eliminate
720 any cells that had silenced the fluorescent label. GFP positive cells were plated into

721 EpiSC culture conditions for 48 or 72 hours prior to differentiation into NMPs. NMP
722 differentiation was performed as described in (Gouti et al., 2014), and cells grafted
723 following 48 hours of NMP differentiation. Gentle scraping using a 20-200µl pipette tip
724 was used to detach clumps of cells from adherent culture. These clumps were sucked into
725 hand drawn glass pipettes, which were used to graft the cells into host embryos. Host
726 embryos were held in place gently with forceps and the graft-containing pipette inserted
727 into the embryo at the desired graft site. The graft was expelled as the pipette was gently
728 drawn out of the embryo. Embryos were then imaged as a record of the graft site and
729 transferred into culture.

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 1010 **Figure Legends**

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 1012 **Figure 1. BMP signaling is necessary and sufficient for endothelial fate specification**
 1013 **in tailbud-derived mesoderm.** (A) Wild-type sibling embryos heat-shocked at the 12-
 1014 somite stage exhibit normal formation of the dorsal aorta (black arrows, 20/20 normal).
 1015 (B) *HS:dnbmpr* embryos heat-shocked at the 12-somite stage have ectopic segmented
 1016 somite tissue where the dorsal aorta normally forms (white arrows, 72/72 with ectopic
 1017 somite tissue). (C-L) Loss of BMP signaling using the small molecule DMH1
 1018 phenocopies *HS:dnbmpr* embryos. Embryos transgenic for both the *actc1b:GFP* (muscle,
 1019 magenta) and *kdrl:rfp* (endothelium, green) transgenes were treated with DMSO (C-G) or
 1020 DMH1 (H-L). A confocal Z-projection of the boxed region in C shows the presence of
 1021 both muscle and endothelium in control DMSO treatment. A single z-slice at the midline
 1022 shows the presence of endothelium and absence of muscle, which can also be observed in
 1023 a digital cross section at the level of the white arrowhead in panel D. A confocal z-
 1024 projection of the boxed region in H shows the presence of muscle and large reduction in
 1025 endothelium (I). A single z-section at the midline shows the reduction of endothelium is
 1026 accompanied by ectopic midline muscle formation, also observed in the digital cross-
 1027 section at the level of the white arrowhead in panel I. (M, N) Transgenic *HS:caalk6*
 1028 embryos heat-shocked at the 12-somite stage exhibit expansion of the endothelial marker
 1029 *etv2* into the pre-somitic mesoderm 5 hours after the heat-shock (control N=12,
 1030 *HS:caalk6* N=13). (O, P) At 36 hpf, *HS:caalk6* embryos heat-shocked at 12-somite stage
 1031 have a dramatic expansion of *fli1:GFP* expression in posterior regions that would
 1032 normally form somites, whereas there is no effect on anterior somites that formed before
 1033 the heat-shock (Control N=18, *HS:caalk6* N=48). (Q-R') Rhodamine dextran (red)
 1034 labeled *fli1:GFP* donor cells were transplanted into unlabeled wild-type host embryos to
 1035 monitor for contribution of transplanted cells to endothelium. (Q, Q', S) Control cells
 1036 contribute to endothelium in 63% of host embryos (N=49). (R, R', S) Heat-shock
 1037 induction of *dnbmpr* at the 12-somite stage significantly (p=0.0107) reduces the

1038 percentage of host embryos (34%) that have donor-derived endothelium (N=41). (T-U')
1039 Induction of endothelium by BMP signaling is cell-autonomous, as exhibited in
1040 *HS:caalk6* x *fli1:GFP* cells transplanted wild-type host embryos. Host embryos were
1041 heat-shocked at the 12-somite stage and assayed for *fli1:GFP* expression at 36 hpf. (U,
1042 U') *HS:caalk6* transgenic cells do not contribute to somites and instead give rise to
1043 endothelium. One-cell transplants were done to quantify fate changes after BMP
1044 activation (W) compared to controls (V). 12-somite stage BMP activation resulted in
1045 39% *fli1:GFP* positive cells (4 embryos, 49 cells), compared to 0% in control transplants
1046 (3 embryos, 36 cells, p<0.0001) (X). The fate of control transplanted cells was 81%
1047 muscle, whereas only 8% of *HS:caalk6* cells adopted a muscle fate (p<0.0001) (Y). All
1048 embryos are pictured from a lateral view with the head to the left, except for F, G, K, and
1049 L which are digital transverse sections.

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1051 **Figure 1 – figure supplement 1. BMP signaling inhibition at bud stage medializes**
1052 **tail mesoderm.** Transgenic *fli1:gfp* embryos were heat-shocked at the bud stage.
1053 Embryos that also had the *HS:dnbmpr* transgene exhibited a loss of endothelium and gain
1054 of somite tissue compared to control embryos (B compared to A). Similarly, *kdrl:GFP*
1055 embryos treated with the BMP inhibitor DMH1 showed a loss of endothelium and
1056 expansion of ectopic somite tissue compared to DMSO treated control embryos (D
1057 compared to C).

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1059 **Figure 1 – video 1.** Blood flow in a 48 hpf control embryo that was heat-shocked at the
1060 12-somite stage.

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1062 **Figure 1 – video 2.** A movie illustrating the complete lack of posterior blood flow in a 48
1063 hpf *HS:dnBMPR* transgenic embryo that was heat-shocked at the 12-somite stage. The
1064 ectopic somite tissue is visible just ventral to the notochord.

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1066 **Figure 1 – video 3.** Blood flow in a 48 hpf wild-type embryos heat shocked at the 12-
1067 somite stage.

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1069 **Figure 1 – video 4.** Blood flow in a 48 hpf *HS:caalk6* transgenic embryo heat-shocked at
1070 the 12-somite stage. Posterior regions where somites should normally reside show
1071 extensive blood flowing through ectopic vasculature.

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1073 **Figure 1 – video 5.** High magnification view of blood flow in the tail of a 48 hpf wild-
1074 type embryo that was heat-shocked at the 12-somite stage.

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1076 **Figure 1 – video 6.** High magnification view of blood flow in the tail of a 48 hpf
1077 *HS:caalk6* transgenic embryo heat-shocked at the 12-somite stage, focusing on a position
1078 where the skeletal muscle of somites would normally exist in a wild-type embryo.

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1080 **Figure 2 - BMP redirects fate of mouse NMPs from paraxial to lateral mesoderm.**
1081 (A) Heterotopic grafting from ubiquitous GFP embryos (Gilchrist et al., 2003) of NMP
1082 region fated for paraxial mesoderm at 2-5 somite stage (E8.0) into the posterior primitive
1083 streak region fated for lateral and ventral mesoderm, followed by 48 hour culture. (i)

1084 Posterior view (ii) Lateral view (iii) Representative embryo immediately after grafting
1085 showing position of GFP+ grafted cells (iv) Representative embryo after 48 culture
1086 showing that descendants of grafted cells have adopted a ventral fate (arrowheads). (B)
1087 qPCR at indicated time points during the differentiation of EpiSCs into NMPs then
1088 treated with FGF2 or FGF2+BMP4. Data shown relative to the housekeeping gene TBP.
1089 (C) Immunofluorescence detection of indicated markers in *in vitro* derived NMPs and
1090 their differentiating derivatives. (D) Flow cytometry of *Flk1-GFP* in the differentiating
1091 derivatives of *in-vitro* derived NMPs. (E) Immunofluorescence detection of indicated
1092 markers in the differentiating derivatives of *in-vitro* derived NMPs.
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1094 **Figure 3 – FGF signaling is necessary to maintain paraxial mesoderm fate and**
1095 **inhibit a default endothelial fate.** Heat-shock induction of *dnfgr* (B) or treatment with a
1096 MEK inhibitor (D) at the 12-somite stage causes an expansion of the endothelial marker
1097 *etv2* into the pre-somitic mesoderm five hours later compared to controls (A, C). (F, F')
1098 Transplanted *HS:dnfgr x fli1:GFP* show a cell-autonomous shift from somite to
1099 endothelial fate when heat-shocked at the 12-somite stage, whereas *fli:GFP* transplants
1100 mostly contribute to muscle with minor endothelial contribution (E, E'). The same effect
1101 is seen with HS:dnfgr x *kdr1:GFP* transplanted cells when heat-shocked at the 12-somite
1102 stage (G, H). NLS-kikume was injected into donor embryos to quantify cell fate changes.
1103 12-somite stage FGF inhibition resulted in 31% *kdr1:GFP* positive cells (13 embryos, 308
1104 cells), compared to 0% in control transplants (7 embryos, 587 cells, $p < 0.0001$) (I).
1105 Expansion of endothelium 5 hours after MEK inhibitor treatment is not due to an
1106 expansion of BMP signaling, as revealed by pSMAD 1/5/8 staining (K compared to J,
1107 green staining, red color is DAPI staining). (L-O) Similarly, treatment with the BMP
1108 inhibitor DMH1 does not prevent MEK inhibitor induced expansion of endothelium.
1109 Embryos were treated at the 12-somite stage and fixed 6 hours later. The expansion of the
1110 endothelial marker *etv2* into the PSM after MEK inhibitor treatment (N) is not inhibited
1111 by the addition of DMH1 (O).
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1113 **Figure 3 – figure supplement 1. MEK inhibitor does not cause an expansion of *idl***
1114 **expression into the PSM.** Embryos were treated with a MEK inhibitor at the 12-somite
1115 stage and fixed and analyzed for *idl* expression six hours later. The expression of *idl*,
1116 which is a direct BMP target gene, does not expand into the PSM after MEK inhibition
1117 (B, arrow, compared to A).
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1119 **Figure 3 – figure supplement 2. Dorsomorphin does not rescue MEK inhibitor**
1120 **induced endothelial expansion.** Embryos were treated at bud stage with dorsomorphin
1121 and a subset of them were assayed at the 12-somite stage for the loss of pSMAD 1/5/8
1122 staining in the tailbud (A, B, arrow indicates loss of pSMAD staining, red color is DAPI
1123 staining). (C-F) A subset of the remaining embryos were treated at the 12-somite stage
1124 with the MEK inhibitor, fixed 6 hours later and stained for mRNA expression of the
1125 endothelial marker *etv2*. Dorsomorphin did not rescue MEK inhibitor induced expansion
1126 of endothelium (F compared to E).
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1128 **Figure 4 – *id* genes are the essential BMP targets mediating endothelial induction.**
1129 An assay was developed to quantify the percent of transplanted cells that adopt an

1130 endothelial fate (see text for details). Control cells transplanted to the ventral margin of
1131 host embryos and heat-shocked at the 12-somite stage exhibit a small percentage
1132 contribution to endothelium (green cells, A, A', G, empty vector $N^{\text{embryos}} = 19$, $N^{\text{cells}} =$
1133 500), which is significantly reduced when BMP signaling is inhibited in transplanted
1134 cells (B, B', G, empty vector + *dnbmp* $N^{\text{embryos}} = 19$, $N^{\text{cells}} = 1022$, $p=0.006$). Activation
1135 of *id1* or *id3* causes a significantly larger percentage of transplanted cells to adopt an
1136 endothelial fate (C, C', E, E', G, *id1* $N^{\text{embryos}} = 16$, $N^{\text{cells}} = 1159$, $p<0.0001$, *id3* $N^{\text{embryos}} =$
1137 18, $N^{\text{cells}} = 574$, $p<0.0001$), and this effect is unchanged in cells that also lack BMP
1138 signaling (D, D', F, F', G, *id1* + *dnbmp* $N^{\text{embryos}} = 16$, $N^{\text{cells}} = 614$, $p<0.0001$, *id3* +
1139 *dnbmp* $N^{\text{embryos}} = 12$, $N^{\text{cells}} = 531$, $p<0.0001$). Cell fate quantification from these
1140 experiments is represented in panel G. A stable *HS:id3* transgenic line heat-shocked at
1141 the 12-somite stage and fixed 5 hours later exhibits a large expansion of the endothelial
1142 marker *etv2* (I, I') compared to heat-shocked wild-type embryos (H, H').
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1144 **Figure 4 – figure supplement 1. BMP signaling is necessary and sufficient for *id1***
1145 **and *id3* expression.** *HS:dnbmp* and *HS:caalk6* transgenic lines were used to inhibit or
1146 activate BMP signaling, respectively, at the 12-somite stage and embryos were fixed
1147 three hours later. *id1* and *id3* are normally expressed in the tailbud and areas of
1148 vasculogenesis, as well as other regions of the body (A, A', D, D'). Loss of BMP
1149 signaling results in a near total loss of expression of both *id1* (B, B') and *id3* (E, E')
1150 throughout the body. Activation of BMP signaling has the opposite result, with a broad
1151 expansion of *id1* (C, C') and *id3* (F, F') throughout the body. The analysis was repeated
1152 to perform an unbiased blind assessment of expression changes in the different genetic
1153 backgrounds. Embryos from *HS:dnbmp* and *HS:caalk6* outcrosses were heat-shocked at
1154 the 12-somite stage and fixed three hours later. Embryos were mixed together and in situ
1155 hybridization was performed for *id1* or *id3*. Embryos were sorted based on expression
1156 patterns (strong, medium, or weak) and PCR genotyped using primers specific for the
1157 *HS:caalk6* or *HS:dnbmp* transgenes. Strong expression correlated with presence of the
1158 *HS:caalk6* transgene, weak expression with the presence of the *HS:dnbmp* transgene,
1159 and medium expression with the absence of both transgenes. The correlation held for
1160 14/15 genotyped *id1* stained embryos (5/5 strong, 5/5 medium, 4/5 weak) and 13/16 *id3*
1161 stained embryos (4/5 strong, 4/5 medium, 5/6 weak). Primers for the *HS:dnbmp*
1162 transgene amplified the *Xenopus laevis* BMP receptor within the transgene (forward
1163 primer: 5' ATTCATGCCCAAGGACAGGA 3', reverse primer: 5'
1164 CTCCATCTGCGATCTTTGGC 3', amplicon size is 382 bp), while primers for the
1165 *HS:caalk6* transgene amplified the *kikume* sequence within the transgene (forward
1166 primer: 5' GTAAACGGGCACAAGTTCGT 3', reverse primer: 5'
1167 CAGCCCGGAATGAGCTTTAG 3', amplicon size is 615 bp).
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1169 **Figure 5 - *Id1* and *Id3* are expressed in prospective lateral/ventral mesoderm at**
1170 **early somite stages in vivo, and are induced by BMP in NMPs in vitro.**

1171 A: In situ hybridisation for *Id1* and *Id3* in wholemount (i) and sections (ii) showing *Id1*
1172 and *Id3* expression restricted to the posterior (labelled 'Post.') and lateral (labelled 'Lat.')
1173 regions of the primitive streak. *Id1/3* are not detected in the anterior primitive streak
1174 (labelled 'Ant'). Lines in (i) indicate the plane of section. Arrows in (ii) indicate regions
1175 of expression in the posterior lateral regions of the primitive streak. B: In vitro

1176 differentiation protocol. C: *Id1* mRNA is expressed in response to BMP4 but not FGF2
1177 during differentiation of NMP in culture D: an *Id1-Venus* reporter is activated in response
1178 to BMP4 but not FGF2 during differentiation of NMP in culture E: Immunofluorescence
1179 for indicated markers during differentiation of NMP in culture: expression of MEOX1 is
1180 mutually exclusive from expression of ID1-Venus, and is suppressed by addition of
1181 BMP4.

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1183 **Figure 6 –*Id1* GOF drives differentiation of lateral mesoderm at the expense of**
1184 **paraxial mesoderm.** A: Differentiation protocol. B: Immunofluorescence detection for
1185 the Flag epitope in *Flag-Id1* inducible EpiSC indicates that addition of dox induces Flag-
1186 ID1 in a subset of cells. C: qPCR to detect *Id1* mRNA in the absence and presence of dox
1187 in *Flag-Id1* inducible EpiSC. D: qPCR to detect the indicated mesoderm markers in *Flag-*
1188 *Id1* inducible EpiSC the absence and presence of dox: data from two independent clonal
1189 lines is shown. D: Immunofluorescence detection of indicated markers: induction of *Id1*
1190 suppresses expression of MEOX1, recapitulating the effect of adding BMP4.

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1192 **Figure 7 – FGF signaling maintains paraxial mesoderm fate and inhibits endothelial**
1193 **fate through positive regulation of bHLH transcription factors.** Wild-type embryos
1194 were treated with the MEK inhibitor or DMSO at the 12-somite stage and fixed five
1195 hours later. Expression of *msgn1* (D) and *myf5* (E) were significantly downregulated
1196 compared to controls (A, B), whereas *myod* (F) exhibited only a minor reduction in
1197 expression compared to controls (C). Expression of *kdrl* (red) is expanded into somitic
1198 territories in *myod;myf5* double mutants compared to controls (G). n=44 controls (pooled
1199 +/+;+/+, +/+;+/-; +/-;+/+, and +/-;+/- genotyped embryos). 0/44 controls have expanded
1200 *kdrl*. n=4 mutants (-/-;-/- genotyped embryos). 4/4 show expanded *kdrl* (representative
1201 embryos shown). MO mediated loss of function of *msgn1/myod* (L, L') or *myf5/myod* (M,
1202 M') results in a moderate expansion of *etv2* expression at the 22 somite stage, whereas
1203 loss of *msgn1/myf5* causes a broad expansion of *etv2* (N, N'). Loss of function of all three
1204 genes further enhances *etv2* expansion (O, O'). MF20 (muscle, red) antibody staining in
1205 30 hpf *kdrl:GFP* embryos demonstrates the gain of differentiated vasculature at the
1206 expense of differentiated muscle (P-T). U-U'' are high magnification views of MF20
1207 staining and *kdrl:GFP* expression in a *msgn1/myf5* loss of function embryo. Transplanted
1208 *kdrl:GFP* cells lacking *myod/myf5/msgn1* fail to join host somites and instead contribute
1209 predominantly to endothelium (W), whereas cells lacking *myod* behave normally, with
1210 most transplanted cells joining the somites and forming muscle (V).

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1212 **Figure 7 – figure supplement 1. bHLH transcription factor knockdown inhibits**
1213 **skeletal muscle specification.** A probe for *titin-a* (*ttna*) was used to label differentiating
1214 cardiac and skeletal muscle at the 22-somite stage. Loss of *msgn1* and *myod* function
1215 produced only a minor loss of skeletal muscle. Loss of *myf5* and *myod*, *msgn1* and *myf5*,
1216 or *msgn1*, *myod*, and *myf5* caused a substantial loss of skeletal muscle, with the triple
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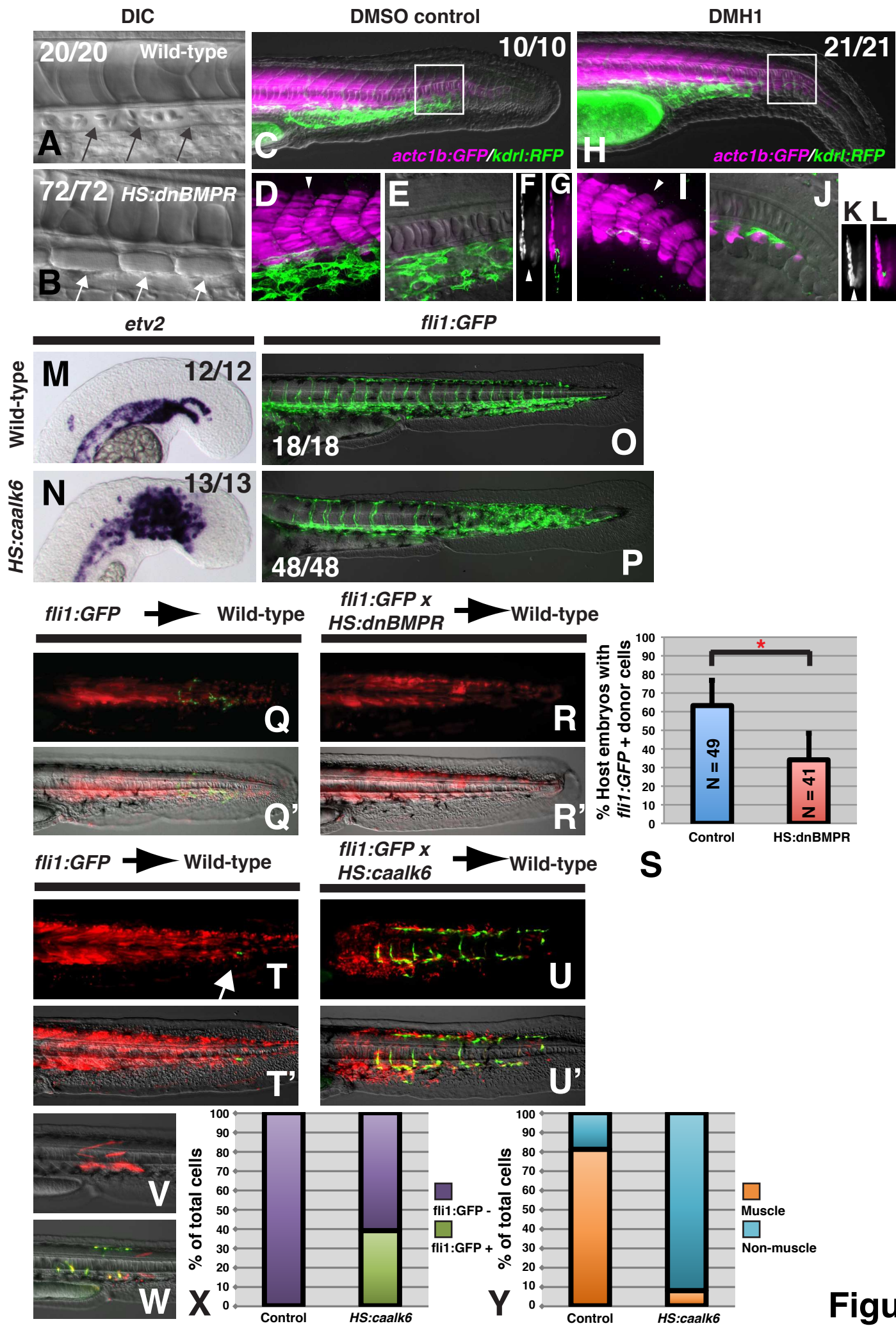
1219 **Figure 7 – figure supplement 2. Over-expression of *msgn1* rescues *id3* over-**
1220 **expression.** *HS:id3* and *HS:msgn1* lines were crossed to each other and heat-shocked at
1221 the 12-somite stage and fixed at 24 hpf for analysis of *myod* and *kdrl* expression. The

1222 activation of *msgn1* alone results in relatively normal *myod* expression and a posterior
1223 loss of *kdrl*. Activation of *id3* causes a strong loss of posterior *myod* expression and gain
1224 of *kdrl* expression throughout regions where somites normally form. Activation of *id3*
1225 and *msgn1* largely restores normal patterning of muscle and vasculature.

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1227 **Figure 8 – bHLH transcription factor activity provides mediolateral pattern to the**
1228 **entire mesodermal germ layer.** Homozygous *myod;myf5* mutant embryos exhibit
1229 slightly expanded *gata1a* expression (D, red staining, arrow) and a complete loss of
1230 skeletal muscle marker *actc1b* (green staining). n=49 controls (pooled +/+;+/+, +/-;+/-;
1231 +/-;+/+, and +/-;+/- genotyped embryos). 49/49 controls show normal *actc1b*, 0/49
1232 controls have expanded *gata1a*. n=9 mutants (-/-;-/- genotyped embryos). 9/9 show loss
1233 of *actc1b*, 7/9 show expanded *gata1a* (representative embryos shown).
1234 Loss of *msgn1/myod/myf5* function results in an expansion of *gata1a* expression into
1235 somitic domains at the 22s stage (E-F'). Cells from transgenic *gata1a:dsRed* x *kdrl:GFP*
1236 embryos injected with cascade blue dextran and *msgn1/myod/myf5* MOs transplanted into
1237 unlabeled host embryos are excluded from somites and contribute extensively to
1238 endothelium (H, green arrow) and red blood cell lineages (H, red arrow). Control cascade
1239 blue injected *gata1a:dsRed* x *kdrl:GFP* transplanted cells contribute primarily to somitic
1240 muscle with minor contributions to endothelium (G, green arrow) and red blood cells (G,
1241 red arrow). Heat-shock induction of *id3* at shield stage in mesodermally targeted
1242 transplanted cells that also contain the *kdrl:GFP* transgene causes a shift from
1243 predominantly somitic muscle fate to significant endothelial contribution in the trunk (J
1244 compared to I). Whole embryo induction of *id3* expression at shield stage and analyzed at
1245 24 hpf indicates a loss of medial mesoderm (notochord and muscle, K-N), and an
1246 expansion of lateral mesoderm (pronephros, vasculature, and blood, O-T'). Expression of
1247 *gata1a* in the trunk shows broad expansion into somite territories (S' compared to T').
1248 (U) A model for how FGF and BMP signaling control mediolateral patterning of the
1249 mesoderm through modulation of bHLH transcription factor activity.

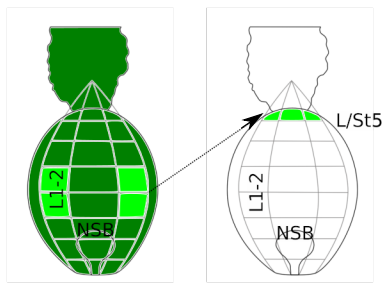
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1251 **Figure 8 – figure supplement 1. *id3* mediated patterning of the mediolateral**
1252 **mesodermal axis is coordinated with AP axis formation.** A stage series of heat-shock
1253 inductions using the *HS:id3* transgenic line indicates that Id3 patterns mesoderm in
1254 coordination with anterior posterior axis formation. Early stage heat-shock inductions
1255 inhibit *myod* and expand *kdrl* expression mostly in anterior regions but posterior tissues
1256 are normal (C-F). An intermediate stage induction at the end of gastrulation inhibits
1257 *myoD* and expands *kdrl* everywhere except the extreme anterior and posterior regions (G,
1258 H). At later stages during somitogenesis, *id3* induction inhibits *myod* and expands *kdrl*
1259 expression in posterior but not anterior regions (I-L). Two heat-shock inductions at early
1260 and late stages indicates that recovery of posterior patterning in single early heat-shock
1261 inductions is due to turnover of the induced Id3 protein (M, N).

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1263 **Figure 8 – video 1.** Blood flow in a 30 hpf host embryos that received donor *kdrl:GFP*
1264 cells that were injected with *msgn1*, *myod*, and *myf5* MOs. Donor cells that contributed to
1265 the host endothelium appear as green GFP fluorescing cells. The donor-derived
1266 endothelium appears to function completely normally.

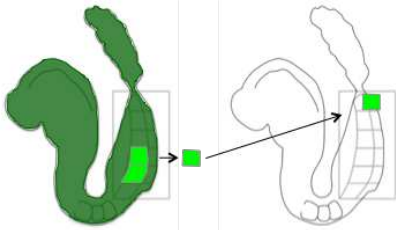


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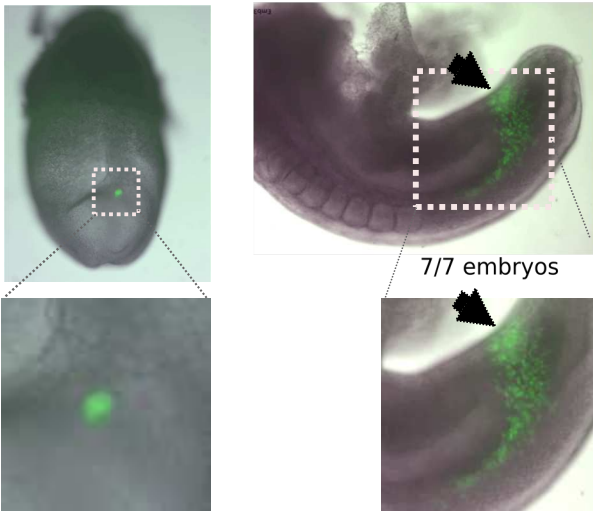
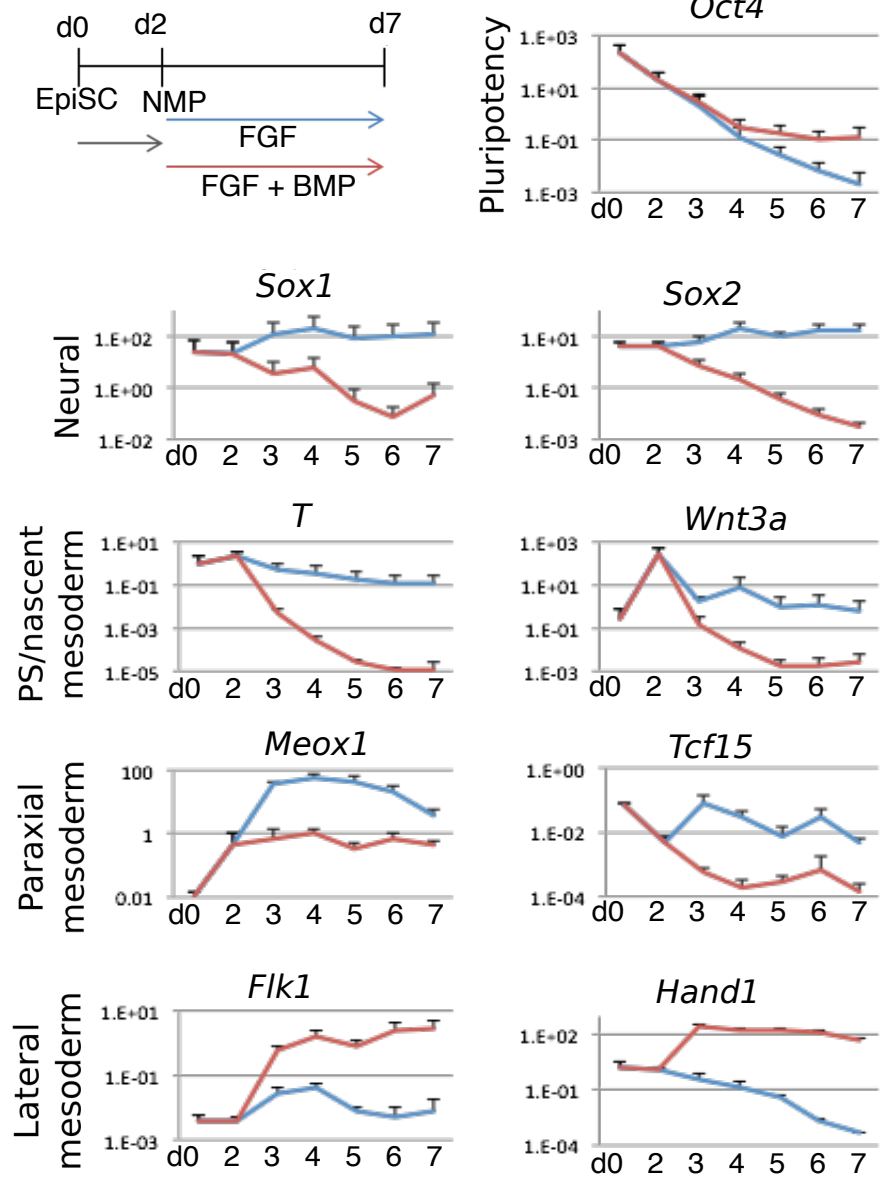
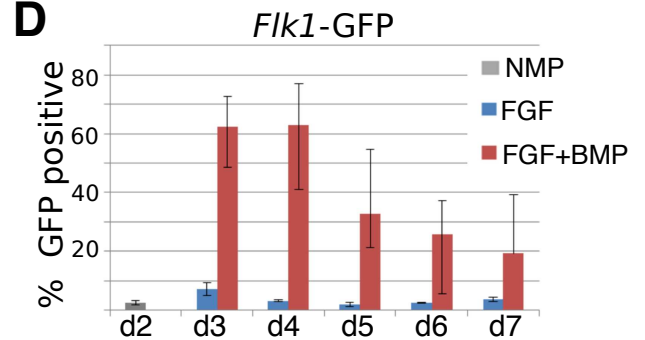
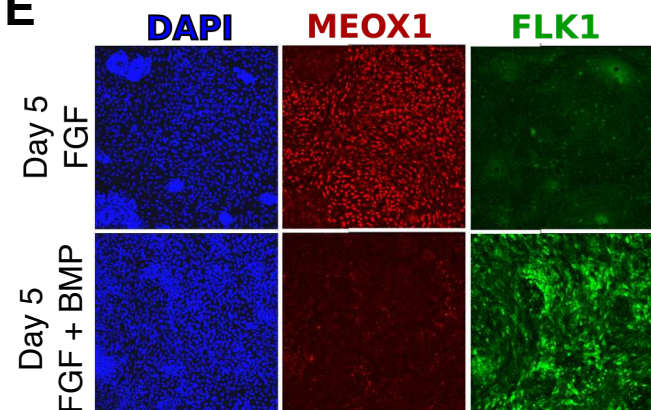
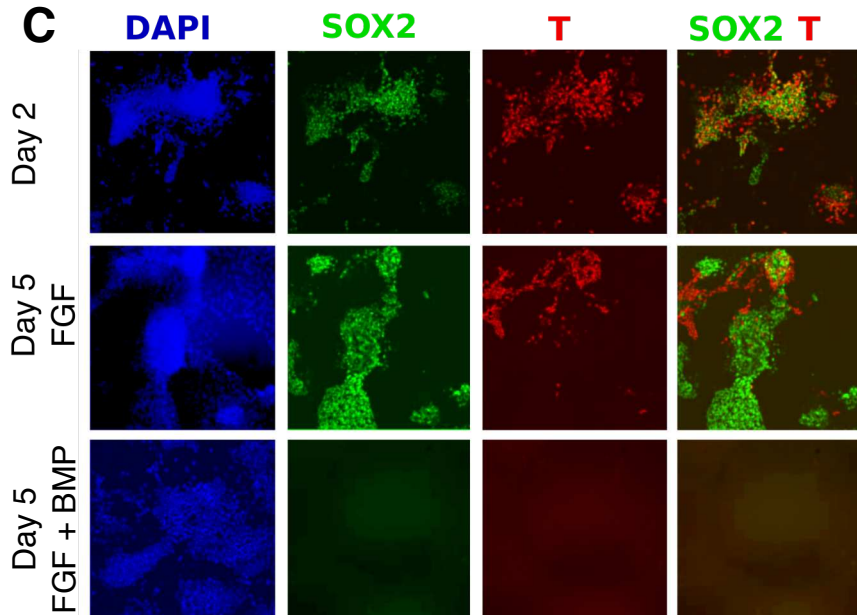
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**B****D****E****C****Figure 2**

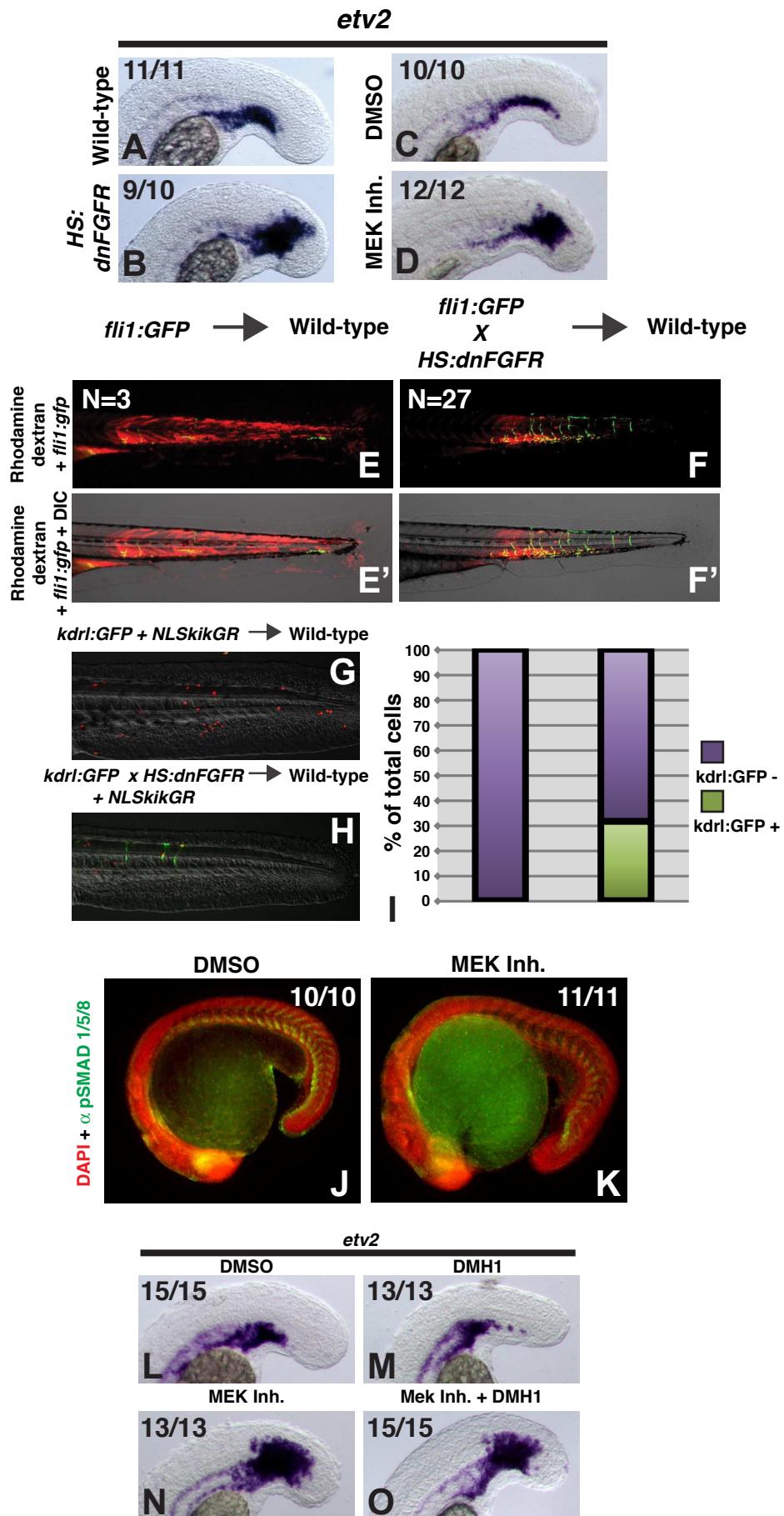


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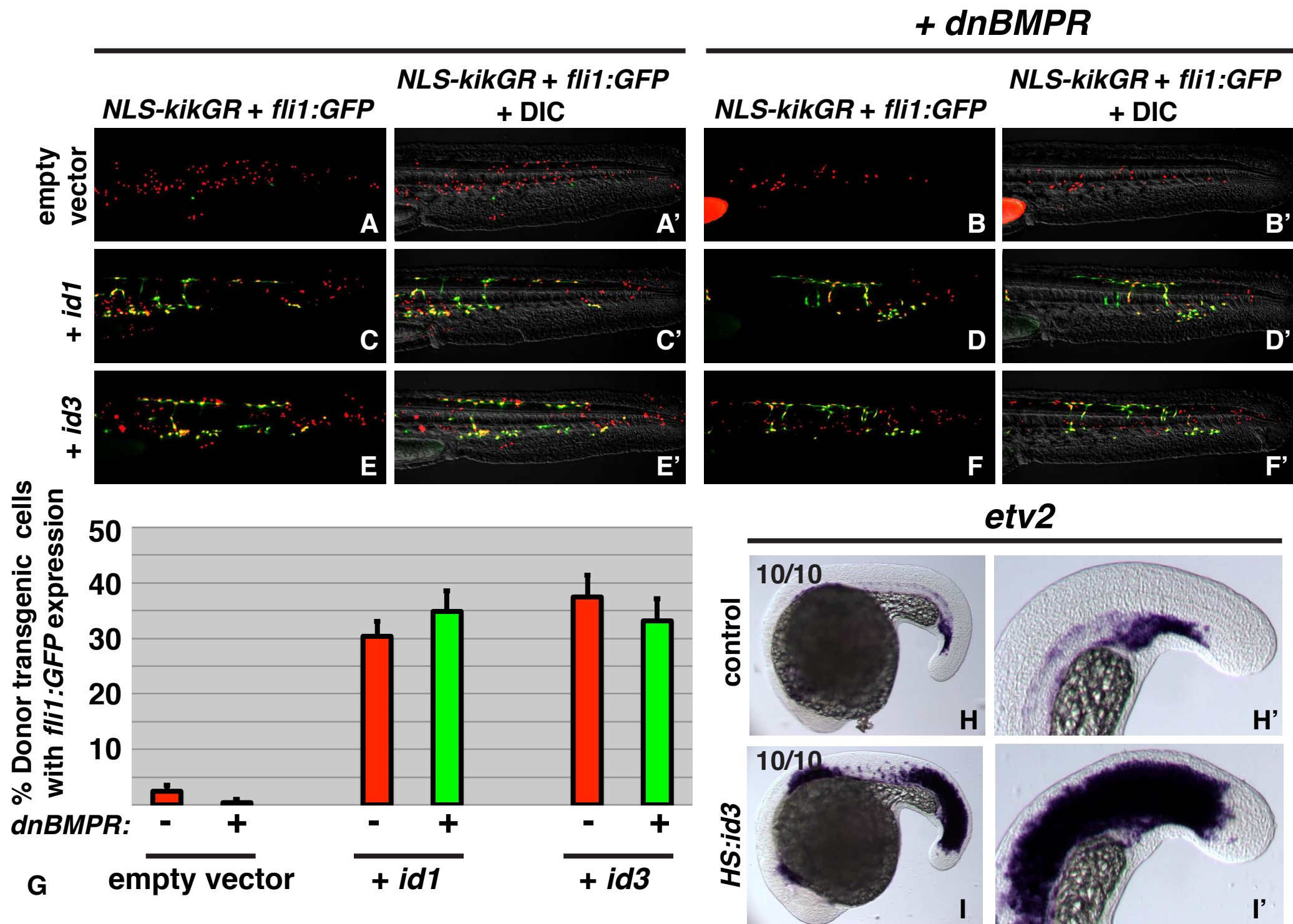


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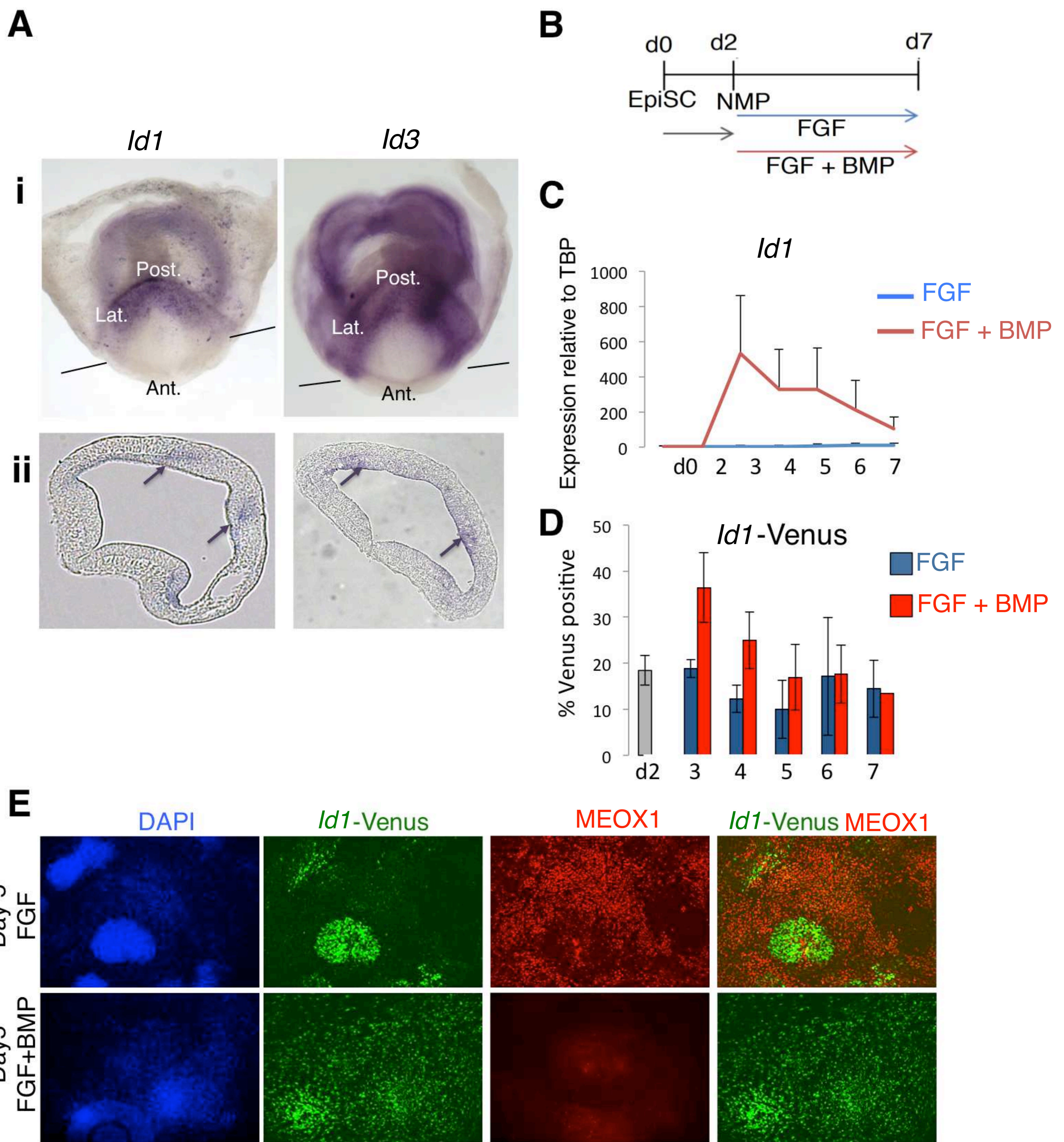


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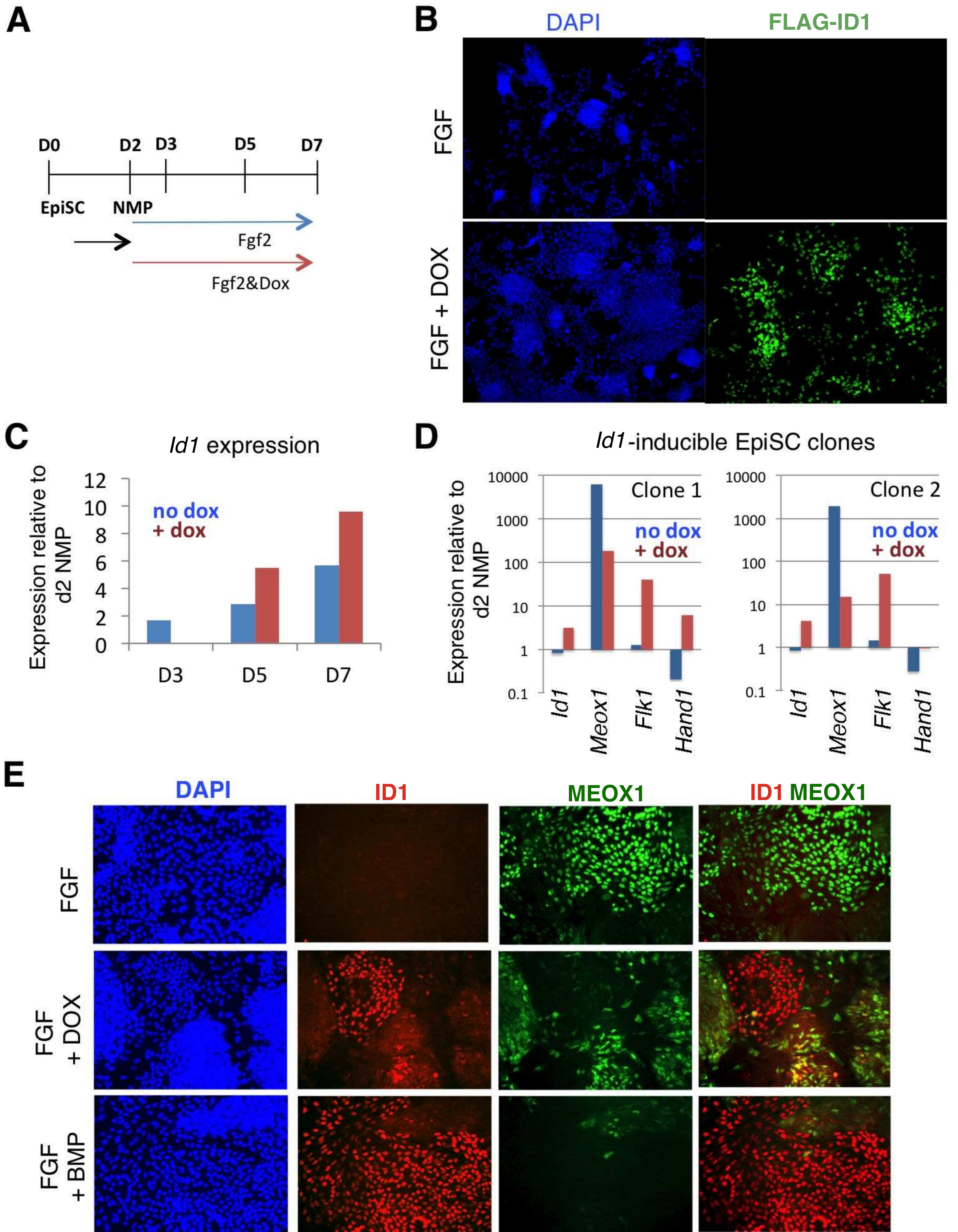


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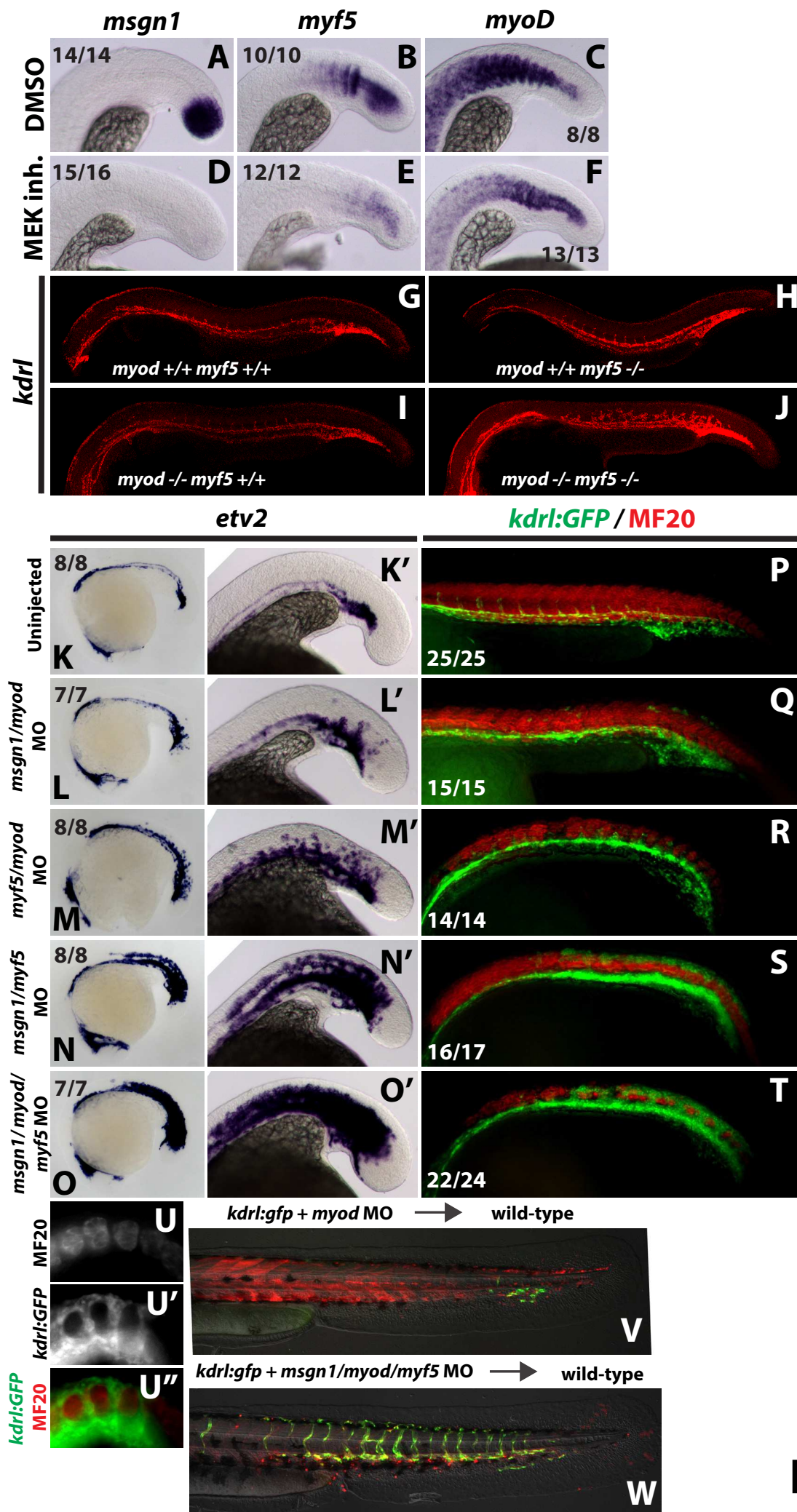
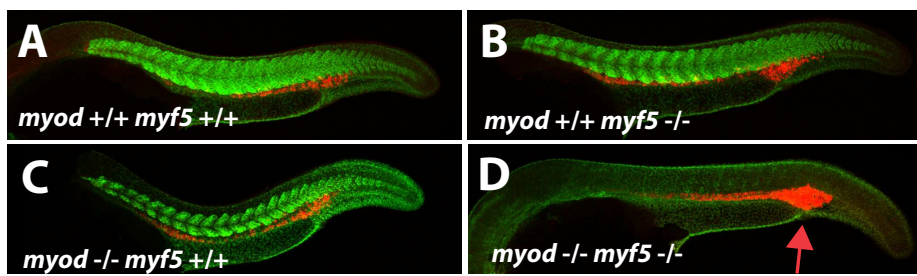
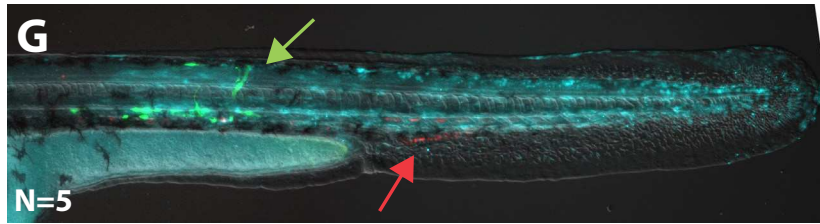


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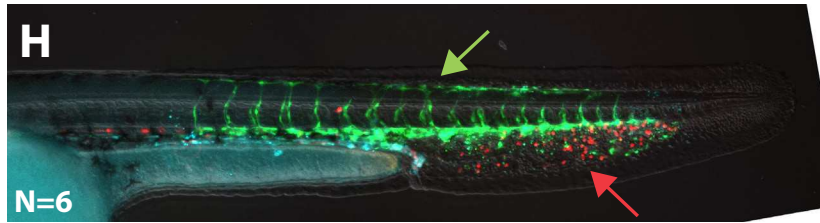
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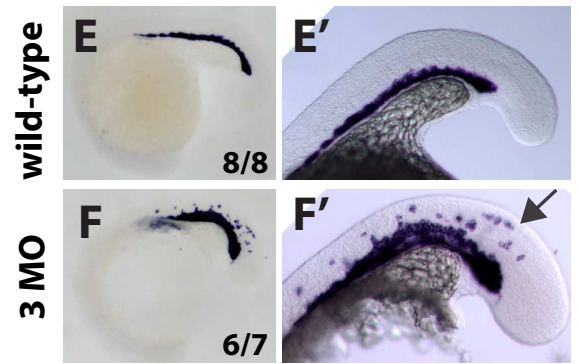
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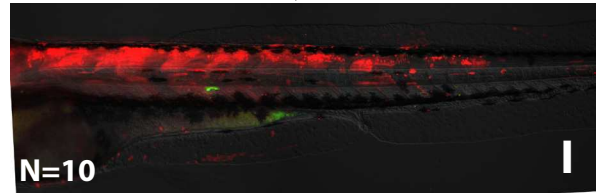
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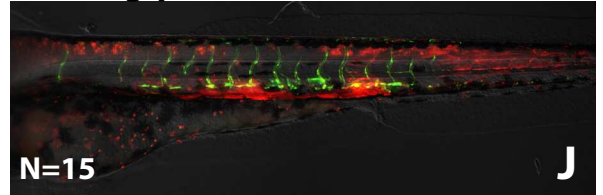
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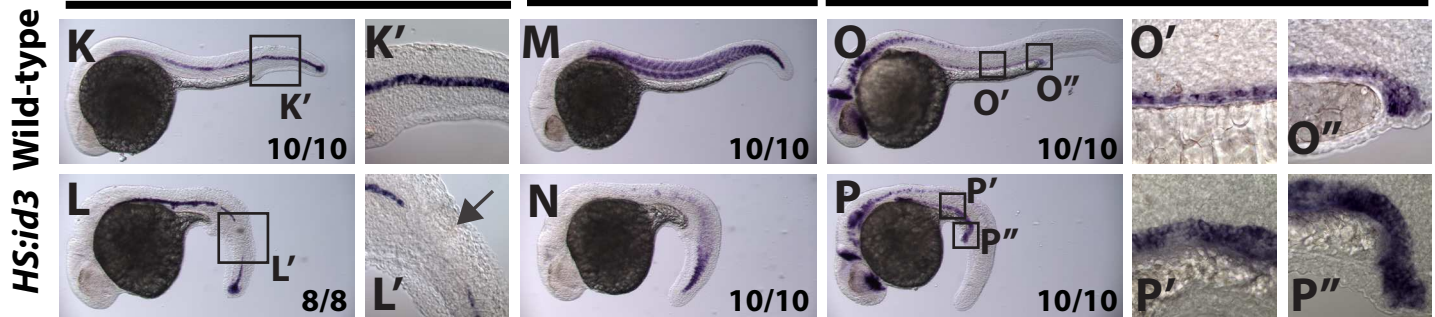
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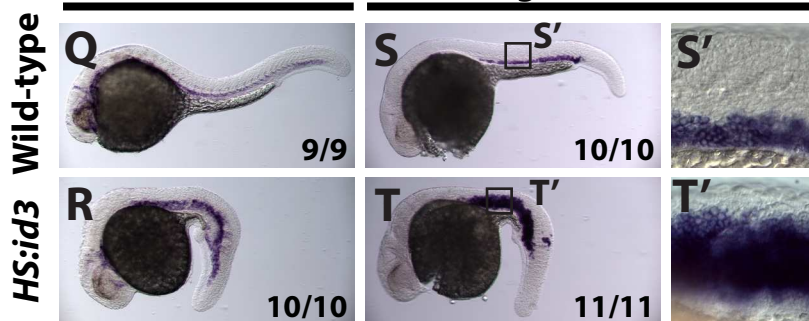
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Mesodermal progenitors

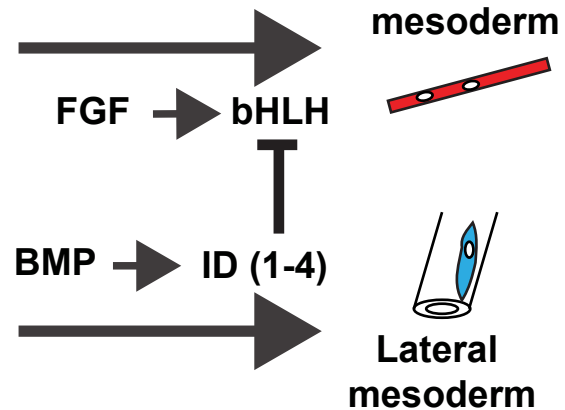
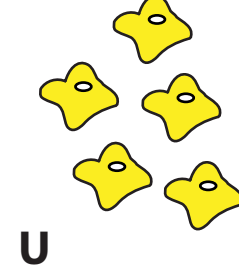
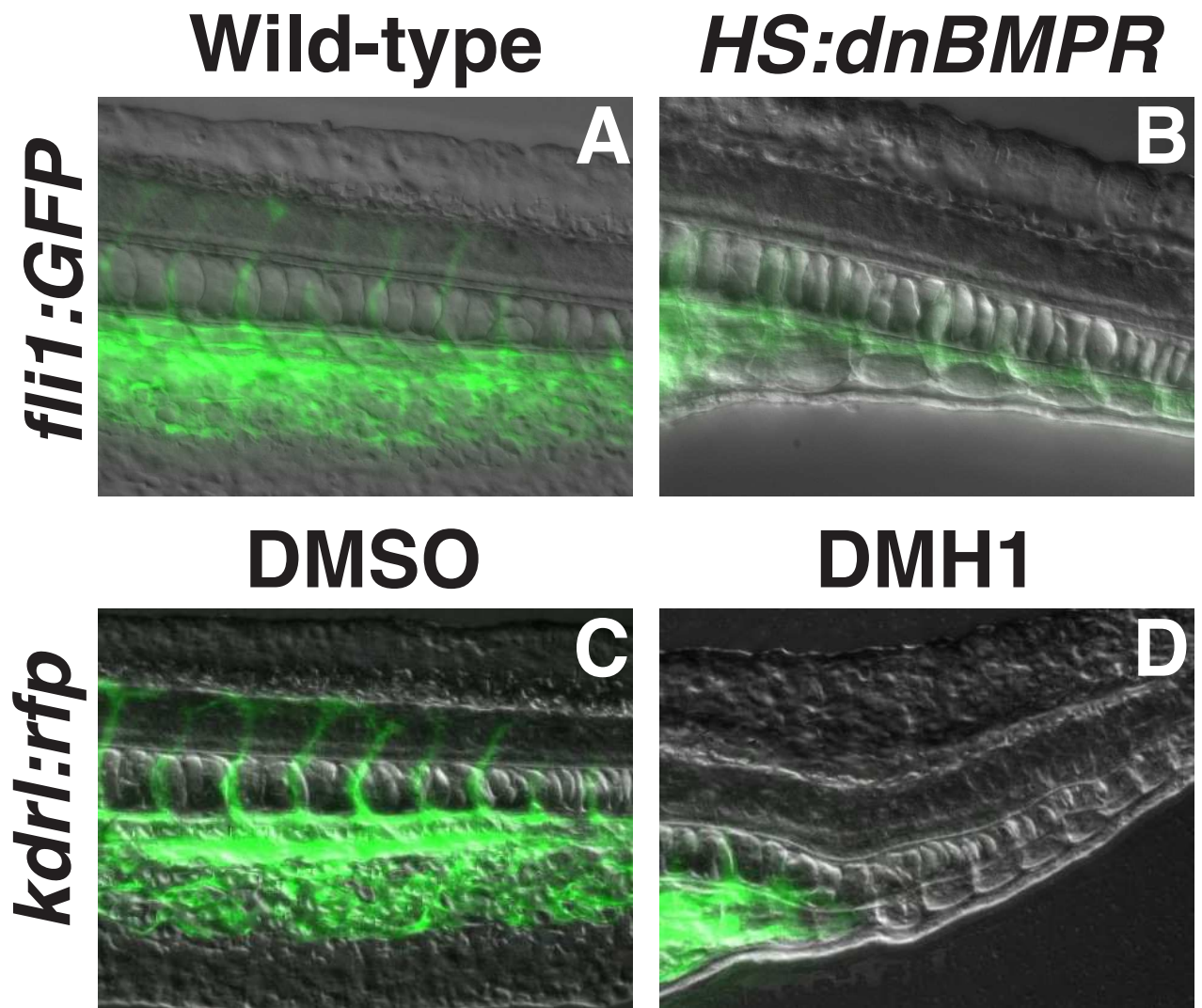
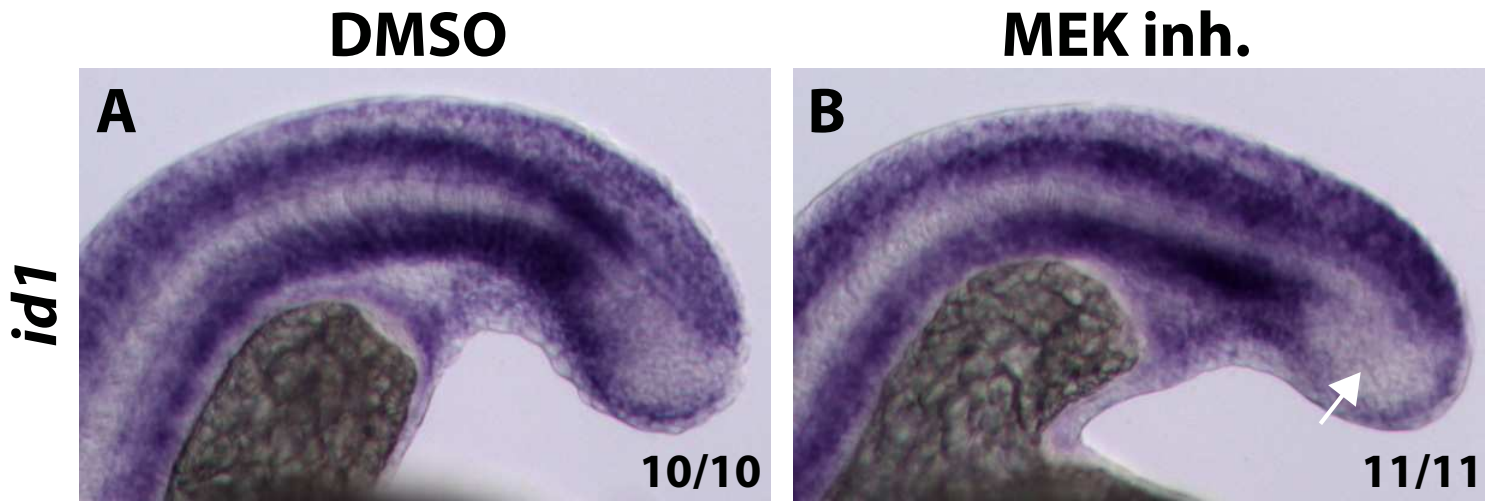


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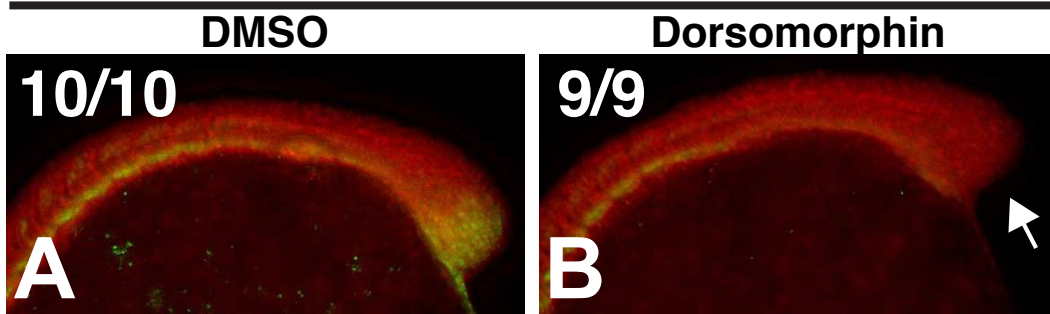


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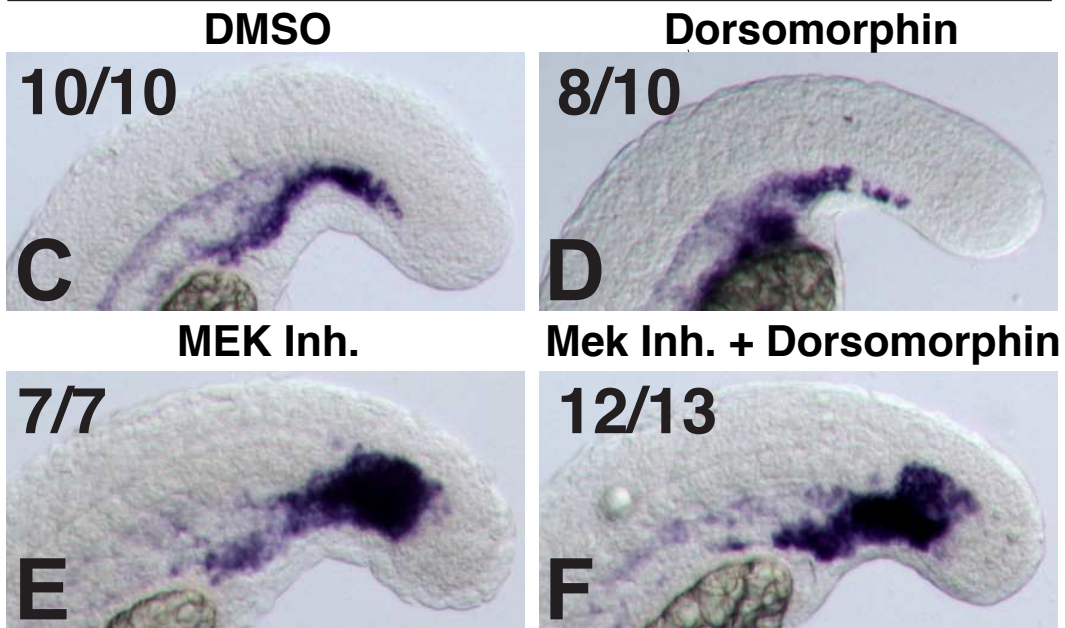


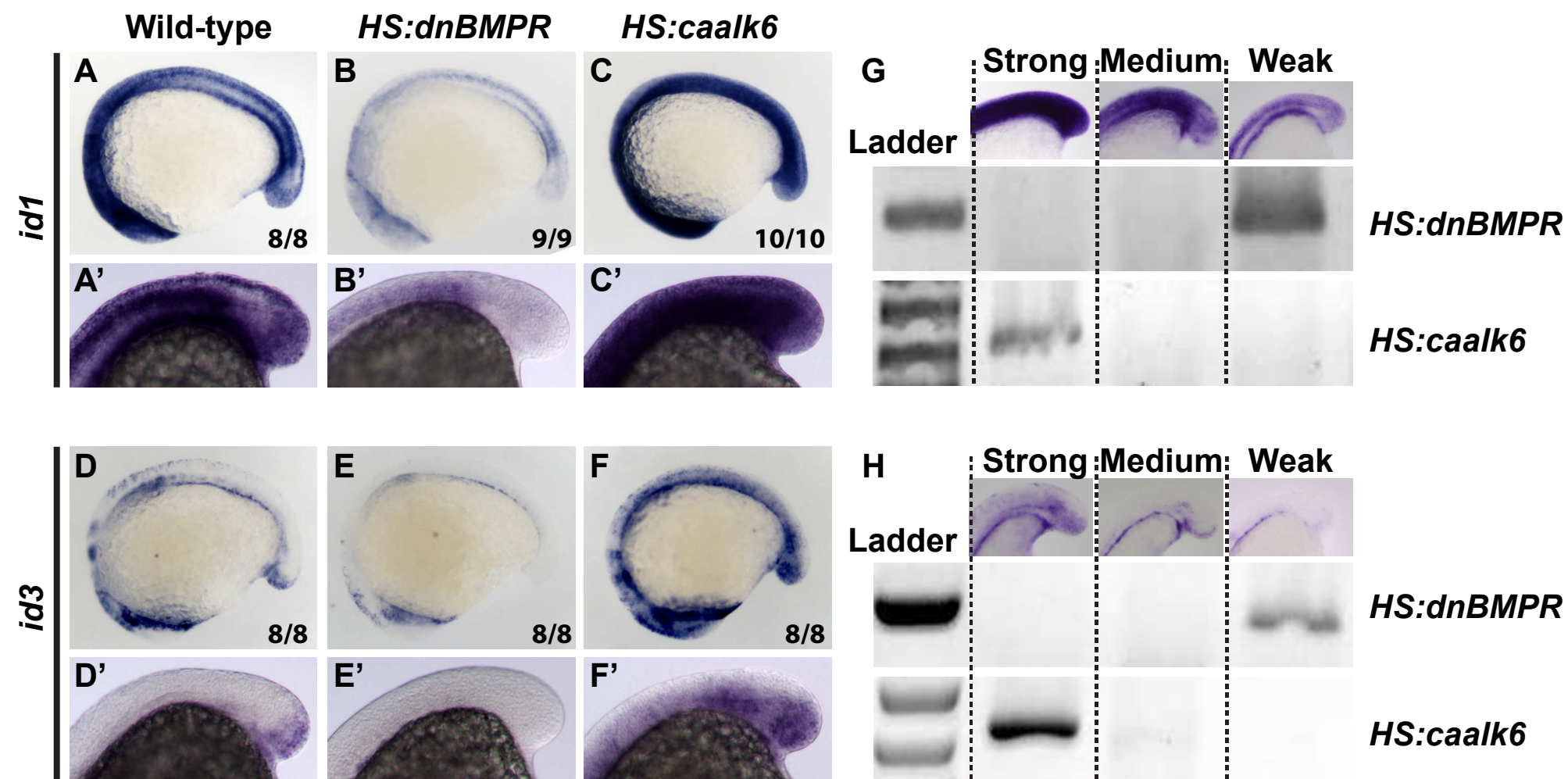
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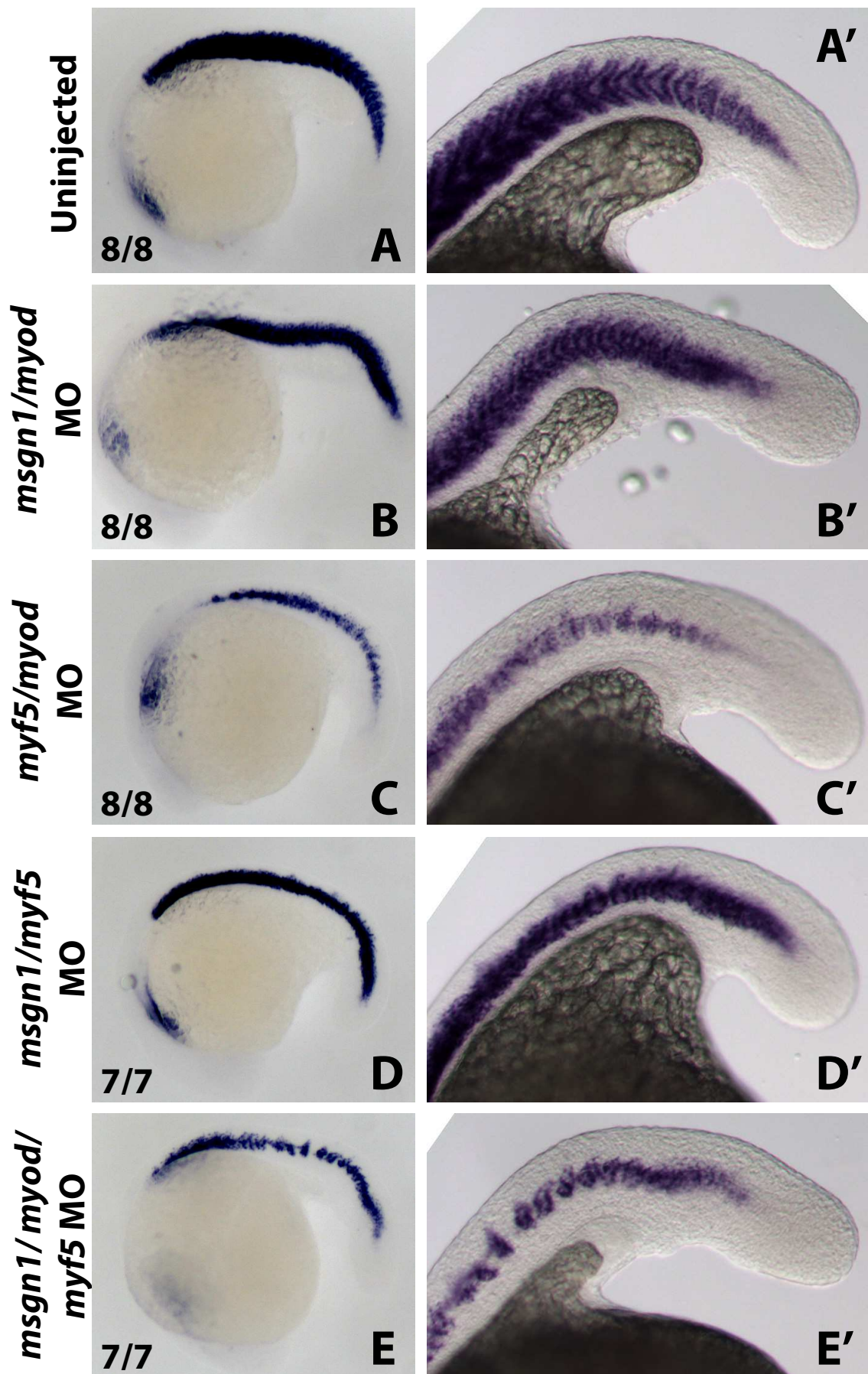


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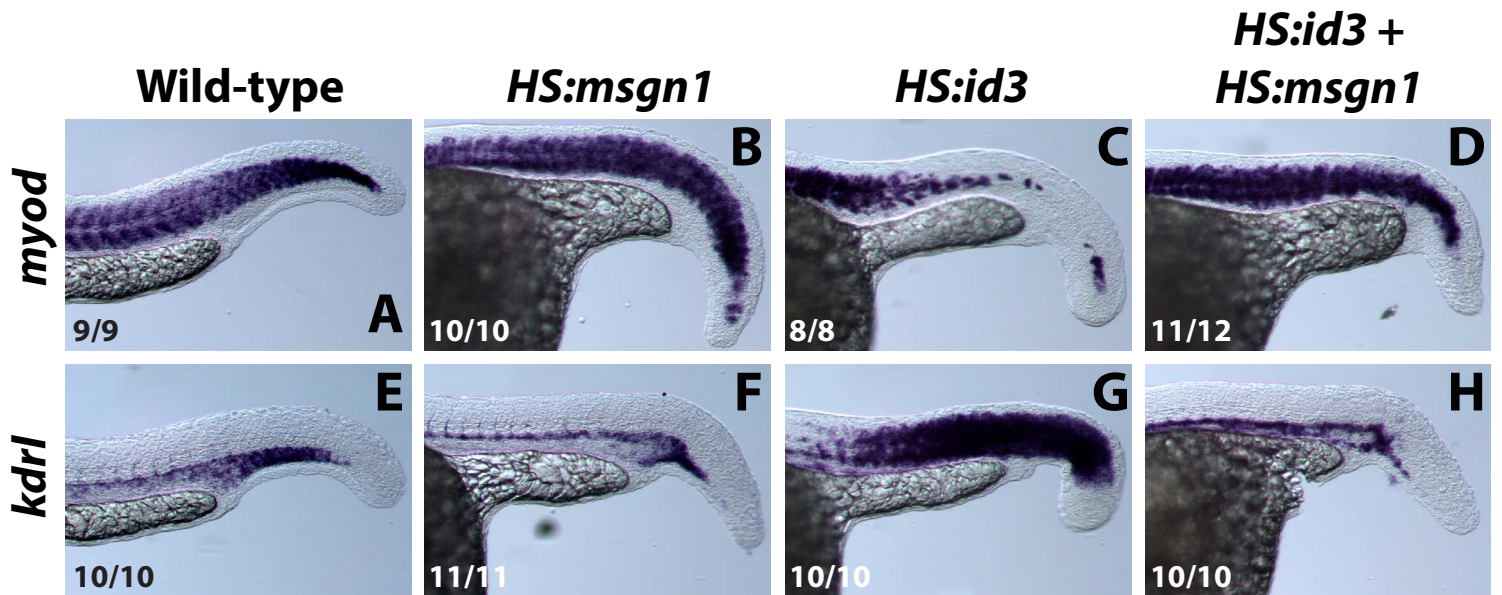




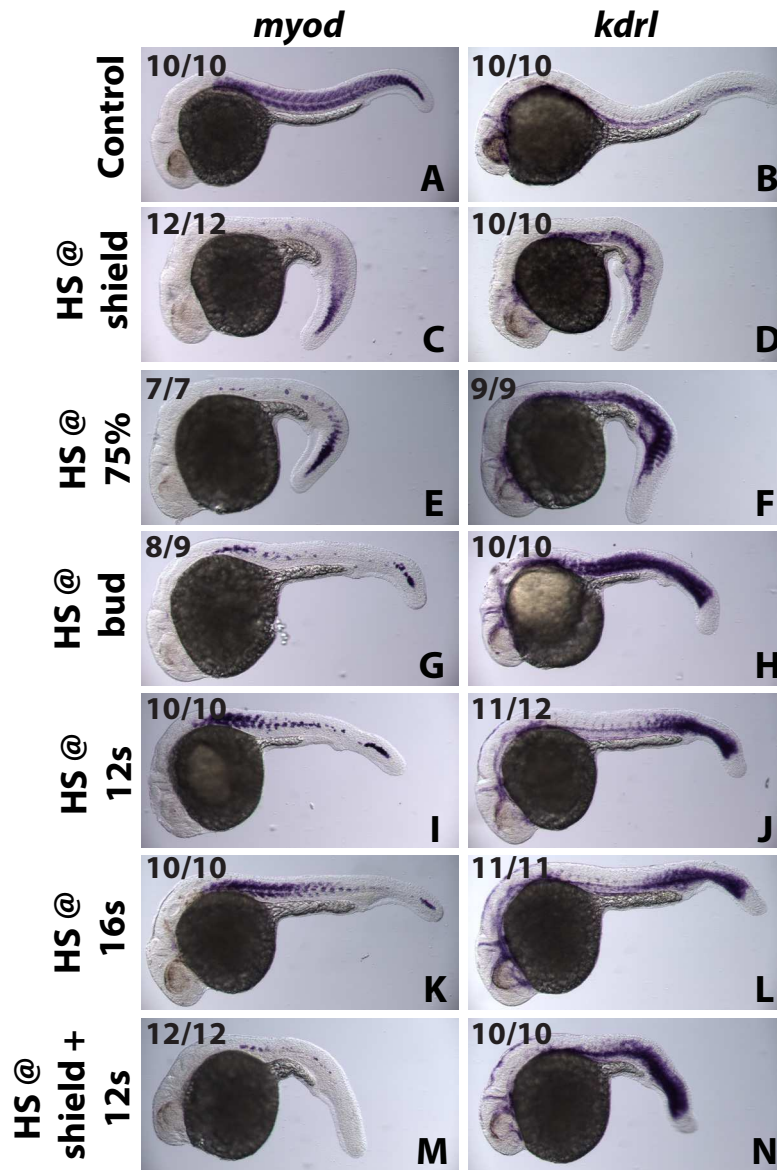
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