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Novel roles for WNT-5A in airway smooth muscle

1. Increased WNT-5A expression in airway smooth muscle cells of asthma subjects and its involvement in regulating features of airway remodelling highlights an important role for this noncanonical WNT ligand in asthma pathophysiology (this thesis).
2. Preferential expression of noncanonical WNT ligands is a key effect of TGF- β in airway smooth muscle cells (this thesis).
3. Regulation of WNT-5A expression is a shared cellular response of otherwise exclusive TGF- β - and WNT-activated β -catenin signaling (this thesis).
4. Receptor utilization by WNT-5A is ambiguous. Mere high expression levels of FZD₂ can't guarantee its utilization by WNT-5A (this thesis).
5. Noncanonical WNTs link actin remodeling to airway remodeling (this thesis).
6. Downregulation of WIF1 underlines an important event in asthma pathophysiology where low WIF1 levels may augment WNT-5A signaling (this thesis).
7. TGF- β signaling carefully orchestrates WNT-5A functioning in airway smooth muscle cells providing multiple therapeutic targets in the process (this thesis).
8. A key difference between health and disease is the concentration of WNT-5A, in time and space.
9. Everything we call real is made of things that cannot be regarded as real (Niels Bohr).
10. You will spend more of your waking hours at work than anything else. If that time doesn't make you happy it's a huge waste of life (Alexander Kjerulf).

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