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Zebrafish are capable of fully regenerating organs and tissue such as their caudal fin, which is similar to a human regrowing an arm or a leg. In contrast, most mammals including humans have a greatly reduced capacity for wound healing. The ability of zebrafish to undergo this regenerative process, called epimorphic regeneration, hinges on the capacity to form a blastema at the wound site. The blastema quickly recapitulates the developmental processes involved in complex tissue formation to restore lost or damaged tissue. One key mechanism for inducing blastema formation is global repression of genes involved in tissue differentiation and maintenance.

Induction of repressive factors, such as microRNAs (miRNAs), are involved in reprogramming cells during epimorphic regeneration. The upstream mechanism by which

zebrafish undergo epimorphic regeneration remains elusive. Furthermore, while focus is shifting toward regulatory RNAs such as miRNAs, the full complement of their repressive activities is unknown. We took a transcriptomics approach to investigating epimorphic regeneration and fin development. Parallel sequencing of total RNA and small RNA samples was performed on regenerating fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation (dpa). Most miRNAs had increased expression, consistent with global repression of genes involved in cell specialization during de-differentiation. We identified predicted interactions between miRNAs and genes involved in transcriptional regulation, chromatin modification, and developmental signaling. miR-146a and miR-146b are anti-inflammatory miRNAs that were predicted to target *eya4*, which is involved in chromatin remodeling and innate immunity. miR-132-3p and miR-21 were predicted to cooperate in repression Bone morphogenic protein (BMP) signaling antagonists. Depletion of miR-489 and miR-92b-3p were predicted to be involved in expression of cell cycle regulators *mycn* and *foxm1*, as well as other transcription factors associated with regeneration. We also identified Hedgehog and Scatter factor signaling as possibly targets of miRNAs regulation during regeneration.

Next, we performed microarray analysis on tissue exposed to the glucocorticoid beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP). We identified *cripto-1* as a highly upregulated gene following BDP exposure. Morpholino oligo knockdown of *cripto-1* permitted regeneration during BDP exposure. We were able to phenocopy the effects of BDP exposure by exposing zebrafish to an Activin signaling inhibitor, SB431542. Promoter analysis identified binding sites for genes that were differentially expressed in our data.

BDP exposure of murine embryonic stem cells confirmed that glucocorticoid-mediated induction of *cripto-1* is conserved in mammals.

Finally, we investigated a unique caudal fin duplication, called x-fin, resulting from embryonic exposure to an exogenous ligand of the aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AHR), benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkF). We determined that the phenotype is Ahr2-dependent. We also determined that it is independent of hepatic metabolism using a hepatocyte ablation model. RNA seq analysis of trunk tissue at four time points revealed that BMP and Fibroblast growth factor (FGF) ligands were robustly induced. Enrichment analysis revealed similarities to fin regeneration processes as well as inflammation. Altogether, we leveraged transcriptomics as a useful tool for identifying mechanisms associated with tissue regeneration and development.

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## CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION

The ability of certain vertebrates, such as fish, to fully regenerate lost tissue has been of great interest for centuries [1]. Only with recent technological advancements have we been able to start characterizing the molecular dynamics associated with tissue regeneration. In particular, high-throughput measuring of transcriptomic data have allowed a more unbiased look into the molecular underpinnings of tissue regeneration. This dissertation aims to advance our understanding of epimorphic tissue regeneration and limb induction through transcriptomic and computational approaches. This introduction will briefly discuss how vertebrate limbs are formed, our current understanding of how epimorphic regeneration takes place, and how advances in transcriptomic technologies have facilitated our knowledge of this process. Genes and their respective products will be referred to using zebrafish nomenclature except where otherwise noted.

### **Vertebrate limb development**

Complex tissue regeneration includes an ontological process that recapitulates development of the injured or lost tissue. Our focus is on limb development and regeneration. We note, however, that regeneration of other tissues proceeds similarly to limb regeneration.

A review by Capdevila and Belmonte (2001) provides an overview of the basic molecular mechanisms of limb induction [2]. Prior to embryonic limb bud formation, the positional identity of the limb field (*i.e.*, the location of the presumptive limb) is specified through a combination of interactions mediated by tissues derived from opposing germ layers (*i.e.*, ectoderm *vs* mesoderm). The limb field consists of cells occupying a particular space in the lateral plate mesoderm. Hox genes, which are expressed in response to retinoic acid signaling [3], control the signals specifying the limb bud precursor [4].

Growth and development of the limb bud relies on continued tissue-tissue interactions, particularly epithelial-mesenchymal interactions between the apical ectodermal ridge (AER) and the mesoderm [2]. Two of the most upstream pathways in limb development, Wnt/ $\beta$ -Catenin and Fibroblast growth factor (FGF) signaling, regulate each other through these interactions. Transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ) ligands, including Bone morphogenic proteins (BMPs), are among the other signaling factors secreted by neighboring tissues. During outgrowth, Hox genes control proximal-distal patterning while Hedgehog signaling (mediated by *sonic hedgehog*) defines the zone of polarizing activity (ZPA) involved in anterior-posterior patterning [2].

Ectodermal cells of the limb bud are induced to form the AER by *radical fringe*, a mediator of Notch signaling [5]. The AER is an important signaling structure that mediates dorsal-ventral patterning. Wnt10a and its transducer, LEF1, are involved in generating the AER [6], which itself secretes Wnts and FGFs. Interactions between the

mesenchyme, AER, and ZPA continue to facilitate distal outgrowth, with tissues differentiating into skin, muscle, bone, cartilage, vasculature, and other structures [2].

Notably, certain situations arise where an embryo can develop an ectopic limb or appendage. A classic example is the addition of exogenous retinoic acid (RA) to the lateral plate mesoderm of an embryo during development [7]. RA induces expression of *sonic hedgehog* (*shh*), leading to the induction of a new ZPA from which a limb bud forms [8]. In zebrafish, loss-of-function mutations in either Wnt or BMP antagonists (through *sfrp* and *chrdn*, respectively) result in caudal fin duplications during development [9]. In *sfrp* mutants, the caudal fin consists of three caudal fin folds equidistant to one another. In the *chrdn* mutants, there are four fin folds, with two ectopically positioned lateral to the normal fin folds. The outcomes from these mutations highlight the

### **Zebrafish and Epimorphic regeneration**

Zebrafish are an excellent model for studying both development and regeneration. They have the capacity to regenerate several tissue types including fin, heart, retina, optic nerve, spinal cord, liver, and sensory hairs [10]. Their ease of husbandry, small size, fecundity, transparent larvae, short generation time, and genetic tractability make them suitable for many different experimental approaches. In addition, larvae are suitable for fin fold regeneration experiments at 48 hours post-fertilization and fully restore their fins

by 72 hours post-amputation (hpa). This makes zebrafish larvae particularly useful for transient knockdown experiments (as opposed to complete knockout approaches).

Knockdown approaches, such as targeted morpholino oligos (MOs), may be required for interrogating the role of certain genes since those involved in development and regeneration are often required for embryonic and larval survival [10].

In addition to zebrafish, certain “lower” vertebrates are capable of fully regenerating lost appendages and organs as adults. The process by which these regenerating vertebrates restore tissue is called epimorphic regeneration [10]. The hallmark feature of this process is the de-differentiation of damaged mesenchymal tissue into a mass of pluripotent stem cells called a blastema. This structure can grow out and differentiate to restore lost tissues. Four stages of epimorphic regeneration include: 1) epithelialization; 2) blastema formation 3) regenerative outgrowth; and 4) termination of regeneration [10]. Similar to limb bud development, blastema formation relies on epithelial-mesenchymal interactions between the mesenchyme and ectoderm. Epithelialization is therefore a critical process for epimorphic regeneration. The wound epithelium develops into the apical epithelial cap (AEC) in a nerve-dependent fashion [11]. The AEC is analogous to the AER during limb bud development and serves a similar purpose in directing the underlying mesenchyme with secreted signals [12].

The most upstream signals known to initiate epimorphic regeneration include *wnt10a* and *fgf20a* [13, 14], which cooperate to induce the blastema. Signaling of *wnt10a*, which is expressed in the distal portion of the blastema, is transduced by *lef1*,

which is expressed in the basement membrane separating the blastema and AEC. FGF ligands are secreted from the AEC to the blastema, where FGF receptors are expressed [15]. As FGF and Wnt signaling take effect, induction of other signaling pathways involved in epithelial-mesenchymal interactions are activated. The most upstream pathways include TGF- $\beta$ /Activin [16], BMP[17], Insulin-like growth factor [18], and Notch [19]. Retinoic acid also has an early role in establishing the blastema [20].

Evidence suggests that *wnt10a* may be activated by prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> (PGE<sub>2</sub>) after injury [21]. At least in mammalian neural tissue, PGE<sub>2</sub> is produced by COX2 from arachidonic acid following stimulation by interleukin 1- $\beta$  (Il-1 $\beta$ ) [22]. Notably, transient inflammation mediated Il-1 $\beta$  is required for zebrafish larval fin fold regeneration [23], indicating that at least a mild inflammatory response must take place during blastema formation. It is unclear whether Il-1 $\beta$ -mediated induction of PGE<sub>2</sub> is the molecular initiating event leading to epimorphic regeneration. It is important to note that inflammation is also associated with reduced healing capacity and fibrotic scarring [24]. This further demonstrates the need for tightly coordinated and balanced signaling events during epimorphic regeneration.

By 30 hours post-amputation, the mesenchymal tissue expresses *Msx* genes, which are the classical biomarkers of the blastema [25]. Epithelial-mesenchymal interactions continue after the blastema forms, culminating in the restoration of skin, muscle, bone, cartilage, blood vessels, and other tissues, just as in limb development. The regenerative process in adult zebrafish takes approximately 2-3 weeks [10].

## Repression of gene expression by miRNAs

Cellular de-differentiation into a multipotent state involves widespread repression of gene expression. Maintenance of DNA methylation state as well as histone methylation/acetylation/phosphorylation state have been observed during epimorphic regeneration and involve genes associated with the Polycomb group (PcG) and Trithorax group (TrxG) [26, 27]. Another mechanism of quick repression involves the induction and depletion of microRNAs (miRNAs). These are short (approximately 22 nucleotides) RNAs that bind to the 3' untranslated regions (UTRs) of target genes, provided that a complementary sequence is present and available for binding [28].

Three mechanisms of miRNA-mediated post-transcriptional repression include: 1) cleavage of the target by RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC); 2) blocking translation of the target; and 3) deadenylation of the target's poly-A tail [28]. Typically cleavage happens when there is near-perfect complementarity of the binding site [28]. However, several factors can affect miRNA targeting efficiency besides the presence/absence of a complementary sequences. These include: octamer *versus* septamer binding sites [29]; presence and distance of other binding sites on the same 3'-UTR [30] [31]; AU content of the 3'-UTR [32]; distance from the 3'-UTR [33]; among others [29].

A high-throughput microarray study on the differential expression of miRNAs during zebrafish fin regeneration demonstrated robust fold changes [34]. It also demonstrated that *dicer*, which processes precursor miRNAs into mature miRNAs, is required for regeneration, indicating that transcriptional repression via miRNA biogenesis



is a key mechanism for blastema induction. Similarly, depletion of miRNAs in an FGF receptor-dependent manner was also required for regeneration [35].

In order to ascertain the role of a miRNA, target prediction tools have emerged that allow identification of potential miRNA targets. Three such databases include MicroCosm [36], MicroRNA [37], and TargetScan [29]. These account for sequence complementarity as well as some of the other predictive factors mentioned above. miRNA target analysis has been used to identify some key interactions during zebrafish regeneration. For example, predictive targeting software was able to predict that depletion of miR-203 is important for Wnt signaling via *lef1* [34], and depletion of miR-133 is necessary for expression of the FGF target, *mps1* [35].

### **Transcriptomics approaches for investigating regeneration**

Previous studies into the molecular mechanisms of epimorphic regeneration were based on *a priori* knowledge of genes involved in limb development. This approach led to the discovery of *Msx* genes as biomarkers for blastema induction [25]. Other approaches involved forward genetics approaches such as random mutagenesis screening for non-regenerating mutants. This approach was used to discover *fgf20a* as an essential upstream factor at the onset of epimorphic regeneration [14]. Additional approaches, such as chemical genetic screening, have been utilized. The reasoning behind this approach is that chemicals inhibiting regeneration do so by perturbing a specific critical pathway

[38]. Amphibians [39] and teleosts [40] have been employed for these types of experiments. Larval zebrafish are particularly useful this method due to their amenability to high-throughput screening [38].

The implementation of microarray technology permitted a more robust interrogation of transcriptional changes. Coupled with genome sequencing, this allowed researchers to investigate the expression of potentially thousands of genes rather than rely on forward or backward genetic approaches [41]. In microarray analyses, RNA samples could be hybridized to a chip containing an oligomer probe consisting of the complementary sequence of a given RNA [42]. Fluorescent labels allowed visualization of the RNA abundance changes in a treatment or condition relative to a control group [43]. However, quantification of these changes was not always accurate, and qPCR would be needed to validate the results [44].

Microarrays have been used in several experiments involving fin regeneration, either by comparing regenerate to non-regenerate tissue [17] or by involving a second factor, such as chemical treatment [45] or transgenic effect [35]. They also permitted the high-throughput analysis of microRNA (miRNA) [34]. However, a comprehensive anti-correlated expression analysis of miRNA-mRNA interactions would be difficult with a miRNA microarray, since predicted targets would need to be validated for presence in the tissue as well as for anti-correlated expression change.

RNA sequencing is a method that involves de novo synthesis of small (30-300 bases, depending on the platform) reads based on sample input. It has robust alignment

and quantification quality. Because of its excellent track record for generating (relatively) clean downstream data and its effectiveness at characterizing transcriptomes, qPCR validation is regarded as unnecessary [46]. Furthermore, with decreased cost of use, it is more feasible to conduct miRNA-mRNA sequencing for the purpose of anti-correlated expression analyses. Such studies on the regenerating appendages of various organisms have already been conducted [47], however, focus has remained on processes after blastema formation.

### **Dissertation objective**

The goal of this dissertation is to identify novel signaling and regulatory mechanisms involved in the induction of blastema formation. We focused on performing high-throughput transcriptomic analysis of presumptive blastema tissue (1 day post-amputation in zebrafish fins) as a discovery approach. In Chapter 2, we performed RNA sequencing for the purpose of generating a comprehensive and (relatively) unbiased sense of the transcriptomic landscape leading up to blastema formation. We also sought to identify anti-correlated miRNA-mRNA interactions using parallel sequencing. In Chapter 3, we sought to understand the mechanism of how induction of the glucocorticoid receptor with a particular class of glucocorticoid ligands (specifically, beclomethasone dipropionate) can impair fin regeneration. In Chapter 4, we used RNA sequencing to identify potential mechanisms by which a class of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs; specifically benzo[a]fluoranthenes) can induce fin duplication during development.

CHAPTER 2 – PARALLEL SEQUENCING PREDICTS NOVEL  
REGULATORY MIRNA-MRNA INTERACTIONS DURING  
BLASTEMA FORMATION IN ZEBRAFISH

## Abstract

During epimorphic regeneration, regulation of differential gene expression by microRNAs (miRNAs) is required for blastema induction. However, most miRNA-target interactions remain largely unknown. Here we performed parallel RNA and small RNA sequencing of regenerating adult zebrafish fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation (dpa). Small and total RNA samples were derived from the same bioreplicates, permitting miRNA-target predictions based on anti-correlated expression patterns. We presented a comprehensive survey of the mRNA transcriptome following by miRNA analysis, including Gene Ontology (GO) analysis and MetaCore enrichment analysis. We used the Bioinformatics Resource Manager to generate a list of high confidence predictions of zebrafish miRNA-target interactions in MicroCosm and TargetScan. We identified predicted regulation of Hox genes by miR-132-3p, miR-21, and miR-223. miR-21 was predicted to facilitate Wnt signaling through repressing *wif1*. Anti-inflammatory miR-146a and miR-146b were predicted to cooperate in repression of *eya4*, which regulates chromatin remodeling and immune response. miR-489 and miR-92-3p, which decreased expression, were predicted to regulate the expression of key transcription factors induced during blastema formation such as *foxm1*, *mycn*, *sox11b*, *sall1* paralogs, and AP-1 subunits. BMP signaling via *bmp7a* and hedgehog signaling via *ihhb* may be promoted by miRNA-mediated repression of their signaling antagonists *nog* and *hhp*, respectively. We identified fish-specific miRs (miR-724 and miR-727-3p) that also had decreased expression and were predicted to target the upstream regeneration factor *fgf20a*. This computational analysis predicts several key molecular interactions that will guide future

studies on the mechanism(s) of blastema induction, including new epithelial-mesenchymal interactions mediated by hedgehog and scatter factor signaling.

## Introduction

A grand challenge facing the life sciences is advancing regenerative medicine. The promise of stem cell-related therapies has generated much interest in recent decades for understanding how certain vertebrates are capable of regenerating complex structures and organs throughout adulthood [48]. Model vertebrates capable of fully regenerating lost or damaged structures as adults include different species of fish [49], amphibians [50], lizards [51], and to a much lesser extent, rodents [52]. Most mammals lose this ability almost entirely during development or shortly after birth [53], and general wound healing capacity continues to decrease through aging [54].

There are two major modes of regeneration: proliferative *versus* epimorphic regeneration. In the former process, cells enter the cell cycle and rapidly proliferate to heal or restore tissue. Adult mammals rely almost exclusively on this mode of wound healing in organs such as the skin and liver [55]. On the other hand, epimorphic regeneration involves the dedifferentiation of damaged mesenchymal tissue into a mass of multipotent stem cells called a blastema, and is the process utilized by capable species when complex tissue is damaged [10]. Four major stages of epimorphic regeneration include: 1) epithelialization; 2) blastema formation; 3) outgrowth and differentiation; and 4) termination. The blastema is highly proliferative, and during outgrowth it recapitulates

developmental processes as it differentiates into the tissue that was previously lost. The formation and development of the blastema relies on signaling from an apical epithelial cap (AEC) derived from wound epidermis as well as signals derived from nerve tissue [10].

While fundamentally different, these two modes of wound healing share common characteristics at their onset including epithelialization, proliferation, and inflammation [10, 56]. A key distinguishing factor between epimorphic regenerators *versus* non-regenerators is the degree of inflammation—in mammals including humans, damaged tissue becomes highly inflamed which results in fibrotic scarring. In contrast, inflammation is attenuated during epimorphic regeneration. This is thought to prevent fibrosis and allow cells to generate an extracellular matrix (ECM) enriched in fibronectin and hyaluronan that supports regenerative signaling and migration [57, 58].

Epimorphic regeneration is understood to involve epithelial-mesenchymal interactions that lead to blastema formation. Some of the major upstream signaling pathways that facilitate these interactions include Wnt, Fibroblast growth factor (FGF), Epidermal growth factor (EGF), Transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ), Insulin-like growth factor (IGF), and chemokine signaling. Several of these pathways are involved in the epithelial-mesenchymal interactions required for blastema formation [10]. To enter a developmental state, cells rely on repressive mechanisms that prevent expression of genes that define the differentiated state. One such mechanism, commonly referred to as epigenetic modification, involves DNA methyltransferases that can add methyl groups directly to DNA bases (typically cytosine) in the promoter regions of genes and prevent

transcription [59]. Another mechanism is through post-translationally modifying histone proteins through the addition or removal of acetyl, methyl, or phosphoryl groups. One such complex, Polycomb Repressive Complex 2 (PRC2), plays a major role in repression by silencing transcription factors involved in differentiation such as those in the Hox family [60]. Finally, another method of repression is through microRNAs (miRNAs), which have a 17-23 base pair sequence complementing the 3' untranslated region (UTR) of target transcripts [34]. miRNAs guide the RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC) to the target mRNA and represses gene expression by cleaving mRNA, deadenylating the poly-A tail, and blocking translation. Both induction and depletion of miRNAs are required for appropriate epithelial-mesenchymal signaling and fin regeneration in general [34].

Emerging biotechnologies have allowed researches to better characterize molecular dynamics during complex processes. In particular, high-throughput sequencing technologies have provided the means for de novo sequencing of entire transcriptomes, including small RNAs [61]. The underlying assumption of miRNA-mediated regulation of gene expression is that miRNA-target expression changes are anti-correlated [62]. Previous microarray studies have successfully utilized anti-correlation analyses involving miRNAs to identify miRNA-target interactions that are critical for regeneration [35].

Here, we present a parallel RNA-small RNA sequencing approach to identify the expression patterns of both mRNAs and small RNAs specifically to identify processes leading to blastema formation in adult zebrafish. While similar work has been performed in regenerate fins at 4 days post-amputation (dpa) [47], our approach investigated



regeneration at 1 dpa in order to characterize the molecular dynamics preceding blastema formation. We simultaneously performed parallel sequencing on juvenile (4 week old) and geriatric (2+ year old) zebrafish, which can also undergo epimorphic regeneration. These samples represented similar but different epimorphic regeneration systems and were used only as a biological validation measure. We surveyed thousands of genes encoding both the classical regenerative signaling pathways as well as genes that are novel to blastema formation. We then performed high-throughput target prediction analysis using anti-correlated miRNA-target expression patterns to identify novel regulatory functions of miRNAs.

## Methods

### *Zebrafish husbandry and fin amputations*

Wild-type zebrafish (AB strain) were raised and maintained on a recirculating water system ( $28 \pm 1$  °C) in water supplemented with Instant Ocean salts at the Sinnhuber Aquatic Research Laboratory (SARL), Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR, USA). Animals were kept on a 14:10 h light:dark photoperiod and maintained at a density of 10 animals/gallon in 50-gallon tanks. All rearing, husbandry, and experiments were performed in accordance with Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) protocols (Animal Care and Use Protocol 4095).

Zebrafish from 4 month old (adult), 4 week old (juvenile), and 2+ year old (geriatric) age cohorts were used for regeneration experiments. Surgical amputations

were performed on fish anesthetized in tricaine (MS-222) by resecting fin tissue immediately anterior to the lepidotrichial bifurcation. Amputated tissue was stored in RNAlater® (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). This tissue was used as the control condition, 0 days post-amputation (dpa). There were three biological replicates, each consisting of fins from  $n = 10$  animals, with the exception of the juvenile cohort which had replicates consisting of  $n = 100$  animals due to their smaller size. Fish recovered in tricaine-free water, and 24 h later were subject to amputation of regenerate tissue at the amputation plane.

#### *RNA isolation and sequencing*

Total RNA was isolated using miRNEasy Kits (Qiagen, Basel, Switzerland). Six  $\mu\text{g}$  of total RNA ( $100 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{L}$ ) for each of the 18 samples were provided to the Genomics Core of Lerner Research Institute (Cleveland, Ohio) for Illumina® RNA-Sequencing library preparation and processing. Three  $\mu\text{g}$  Total RNA from each sample was prepared for 78-bp single-end RNA-Sequencing using the Illumina® (San Diego, CA) TruSeq RNA sample preparation kit. Samples were bar-coded to multiplex 3 samples per lane, with each lane including one juvenile, adult and geriatric sample and run on an Illumina® (San Diego, CA) Genome Analyzer IIX.

#### *Bioinformatics*

Sequencing FASTQ data were filtered according to Illumina quality scores using htseq-qa [63]. Total RNA read alignment to the Ensembl GRCz10 (build 90) zebrafish genome was performed using HISAT2 [64]. Preprocessing and estimated gene counts

was performed using htseq-count [63]. Gene expression analysis was performed in RStudio [65] using the edgeR quasi-likelihood pipeline [66] with Bioconductor [67]. Only genes with an average of 15 counts per million in three samples were considered for further analysis. Regular log normalization was used to correct for heteroscedasticity.

Ensembl biomaRt [68] was used to for gene annotation and the Bioinformatics Resource Manager [69] was used to identify human orthologs for those not detected with biomaRt. Principal components analysis was performed using the base R package *stat* and was visualized using the *ggplot* [70], *ggthemes* [71], and *ggrepel* [72]. Genes with the greatest magnitude of differential expression across samples were identified using MatrixStats [73]. The transformed count values of these genes were scaled by their Z-score. Unsupervised hierarchical clustering was performed using *ComplexHeatmap* [74].

Small RNA was quality processed as described above and aligned to the zebrafish miRbase (v22) database [36]. Read alignment and quantification was performed using miRDeep2 [75]. Annotated miRNAs were analyzed for differential expression as described above.

Gene Ontology (GO) term enrichment analysis was performed using the Gene Ontology Consortium website (<http://geneontology.org/>) [76, 77]. MetaCore (Clarivate Analytics) analysis was performed using human gene orthologs and a background consisting of all annotated genes that were mapped to the genome.

## Results

### *Differential expression of total RNA*

We performed differential expression using the edgeR quasi-likelihood pipeline. Adult gene expression data were filtered by finding the genes that commonly increased or decreased expression in all three cohorts (Adult, Juvenile, and Geriatric). Of these common changes, only differentially expressed genes (DEGs) having  $\log_2FC$  (FC) of  $> 1.0$  were considered for further analysis.

We identified a total of 4288 DEGs of which 1982 increased and 2306 decreased expression. DEGs consisted of 12 biotypes (Table 1). Most of belonged to *protein\_coding* (mRNA), which consisted of 1929 that increased and 2306 that decreased expression. *lincRNA* had the second most abundance of which 34 increased and 59 decreased expression. The rest of the biotypes each had fewer than 20 total genes and consisted of *processed\_transcript*, *unprocessed\_pseudogene*, *antisense\_RNA*, *snoRNA*, *miRNA*, *Mt\_tRNA*, *processed\_pseudogene*, *sense\_overlapping*, *TEC* (To be Experimentally Confirmed), and *transcribed\_unprocessed\_pseudogene*. All snoRNAs and miRNAs had increased abundance. The miRNAs belonged to mir-21 precursors.

The 500 DEGs with the greatest change in magnitude of expression in adults (that also had common differential expression in Juvenile and Geriatric cohorts) were used for heat map and principal component analysis (PCA) clustering. Unsupervised bi-hierarchical clustering demonstrated two general clusters of control *versus* regenerate conditions (Figure 1). Consistent with these observations, PCA demonstrated tight clustering between control and regenerate samples along both PC1 (x-axis, 50%) and PC2 (y-axis, 34%) with their respective conditions (Figure 2). Differential expression

analysis of total RNA from the Juvenile and Geriatric cohorts is beyond on the scope and purpose of this study and were not further considered.

#### *Differential mRNA abundance overview*

We first characterized the changes in the mRNA transcriptome at 1 dpa. Developmental and regulatory signaling pathways were analyzed by identifying known ligands, receptors, and associated genes based on their gene ontology (GO) terms. We then performed pathway and transcription factor target enrichment analysis using PANTHER classification and MetaCore software.

#### *Enrichment analysis - GO terms*

To identify the biological processes represented in our differential expression data, we performed gene ontology (GO) analysis on DEG sets with either increased or decreased expression. GO term enrichment based on PANTHER classification was queried using the Gene Ontology Consortium's GO Enrichment Analysis tool. We focused our analysis on GO terms related to biological processes. Term enrichment was considered significant if it had an FDR-adjusted p-value < 0.05, and rankings were determined based on fold enrichment.

There were 344 enriched GO terms among DEGs that had increased expression, most of which were related to cell proliferation. The top 10 enriched GO terms included six meiotic/mitotic-related terms, three related to transcription, and one related to isoprenoid metabolism (*polyprenol metabolic process*). (Table 2) GO terms relating to

other biological processes included, *proteasomal ubiquitin-independent protein catabolic process*; *proteasome assembly*; *ribosome biogenesis*; *protein refolding*; and *mitochondrial translation*.

Among DEGs with decreased expression there were 77 enriched GO terms. These were primarily associated with development and signaling. The top GO term was associated with collagen crosslinking (*peptidyl-lysine oxidation*) while the rest of the top 10 were associated with chondrocyte or cartilage development (e.g. *growth plate cartilage chondrocyte morphogenesis*) (Table 3). Other processes with significant enrichment included: *cell-matrix adhesion*; *organ growth*; *negative regulation of axon guidance*; *response to growth factor*; and *neurogenesis*.

#### *Enrichment analysis: MetaCore Process network*

MetaCore provides tools for biological systems analysis based on curated data available from the literature. To supplement our GO term enrichment analysis, we used MetaCore to identify enrichment in MetaCore Process Networks and transcription factor targets. Genes that were converted to human orthologs by biomaRt [68] and the Bioinformatics Resource Manager (BRM) [69] were uploaded to MetaCore for analysis.

We performed Process Network enrichment analysis separately on DEG sets with either increased or decreased expression as done previously with GO term enrichment. Enrichments were considered significant if they had an FDR-adjusted p-value < 0.05. We used the network building tool for each significantly enriched Process Network to attempt identification of DEGs that are upstream or central to the network.

DEGs with increased expression were enriched for 15 Process Networks (Table 3). We grouped these networks into five categories: cell cycle; transcription/translation; immunity; DNA repair; and proteostasis. We sought to determine some of the upstream regulators of these processes by building the respective network in MetaCore (not shown). *CDK1* and its activator *CDKN1C* were central to cell cycle networks, as were the cyclins *CCNA2* and *CCNB1*. *MET* was identified as an upstream regulator of *Cell cycle\_Mitosis*, while *IGF2* and *FOXO1* were regulators of *Cell cycle\_G2-M*. Key immunity regulators were *STAT1* and *RALA*, while regulators of DNA repair included *RAD51* and *BLM*. *Translation\_Translation in mitochondria* was modulated primarily by large (MRPL) and small (MRPS) ribosomal subunits. Transcription was primarily enriched with DEGs associated with ribonucleoproteins and RNA splicing factors such as *MAGOH*.

There were six enriched Process Networks among DEGs with decreased expression (Table 4). Four were associated with cell matrix (*Cell adhesion\_Cell-matrix interactions*, *Proteolysis\_ECM remodeling*, *Cell adhesion\_Platelet-endothelium-leucocyte interactions*, *Proteolysis\_Connective tissue degradation*) while two were associated with cartilage and bone remodeling (*Development\_Cartilage development*, *Development\_Ossification and bone remodeling*). DEGs within cell matrix-related networked included MMPs and their regulators such as *MMP2*, *MMP7*, *TIMP2*, and *TIMP4*. Networks associated with chondrogenesis and osteogenesis were regulated by several TGF- $\beta$  superfamily members, including BMPs and their receptors. *SMAD6*, *SOX5*, *SOX9*, *RUNX3*, among other DEGs were specific to cartilage development, while

*IGF1*, *FGF18*, *FGFR1*, *DLL1*, *DLL4*, and *SP7* were among those specific to bone development.

#### *Gene expression data overview*

We conducted a broad survey of the DEGs by categorizing them based on GO term associations and known roles in development. A list of DEGs with absolute fold change  $> 2$  is listed on Table A.1.

#### *Developmental signaling*

We classified DEGs involved in signaling by first identifying their association with 11 known major developmental pathways: Fibroblast growth factor (FGF), Wnt, Retinoic acid (RA), Transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ )/Activin, Bone morphogenic protein (BMP), Hedgehog (Hh), Insulin-like growth factor (IGF), Notch, Chemokine, Ephrin (Eph), and Scatter factor (SF). The SF category includes semaphorins and plexins because of their ability to crosstalk with and transactivate the SF receptor (*met*). We identified 151 DEGs associated with these pathways, of which 43 (28%) had increased and 109 (72%) had decreased expression. This included several ligands, receptors, and for certain pathways, downstream targets and signal modulators. The functions of DEGs lacking gene symbol descriptions were assessed using their GO terms.

We found a moderate to strong increase in the expression of certain ligands associated with developmental signaling: *fgf20a* (FGF signaling, 3.2-fold); *wnt10a* (Wnt signaling, 1.8-fold); *hbegfa* (EGF signaling, 2.0-fold); *inhbaa* and *inhaba* (TGF- $\beta$ /Activin



signaling, 3.0- and 2.3-fold); *bmp7a* (BMP signaling, 4.4-fold); *igf2b* (IGF signaling 2.7-fold); *jag1a* (Notch signaling, 4.5-fold); *cxc112b* (Chemokine signaling, 2.8-fold); and *efna3b* (Eph signaling, 2.1-fold). The rate-limiting enzyme for RA production, *aldh1a2*, increased by 3.3-fold. We identified additional ligands for FGF, TGF- $\beta$ /Activin, Chemokine, and Eph signaling that increased expression. *CU633855.1*, which encodes a probable secreted frizzled-related protein, had increased expression. Three Eph receptors, *epha2a*, *epha7*, and *epha4*, increased expression by 2.6-, 2.6-, and 2.1-fold, respectively. The SF receptor, *met*, increased expression by 2.8-fold. Of particular note was the robust increased expression of *ihhb* (Hh signaling, 3.5-fold), whose involvement in blastema induction is novel.

The most amount of DEGs that decreased expression were associated with FGF, Wnt, TGF- $\beta$ , BMP, and Chemokine signaling. Notably, the BMP antagonist *nog1* decreased expression by 5.6-fold, while its paralog *nog3* decreased by 1.5-fold. The FGF antagonist *spry2* decreased expression by 1.5-fold, while the Hh antagonist *hhp* decreased by 1.7-fold. *bmp7b*, *aldh1a3*, *jag1b* and *cxc112a*, whose paralogs had increased expression, each respectively decreased expression by 1.6-, 1.3-, 1.2-, and 2.3-fold.

### *Chromatin and DNA modifiers*

The chromatin and DNA modifier category include histones and enzymes that post-translationally modify or chaperone histones. It also includes DEGs that regulate DNA methylation. We identified 61 modifiers that were differentially expressed, and in contrast to previous DEG categories, there were several more modifiers that increased

(89 DEGs) rather than decreased (13 DEGs) expression. Chromatin modifiers included DEGs associated with the Polycomb group (PcG), Switch/sucrose non-fermentable (SWI/SNF) related, and High mobility group (HMG) remodeling factors. There were also several methyltransferases that were differentially expressed. The DEGs with the greatest increased *versus* decreased expression was *ruvbl2* (2.2-fold) and *tox2* (2.0-fold), respectively. Notably, two subunits (*pcgf6* and *phc2a*) of the Polycomb repressive complex 1 (PRC1) and two subunits (*ezh2* and *suz12a*) of the Polycomb repressive complex 2 (PRC2) had increased expression. One PRC1-related Chromobox (Cbx) gene, *cbx2*, had decreased expression. A non-PcG Cbx gene, *cbx3*, conversely had increased expression. Additionally, we identified five SWI/SNF related chromatin remodelers. Four (*smarcd1a*, *smarca5*, *smarca4a*, *smarcc1a*) had increased expression, in contrast to *smarca2* which decreased expression. Two histone deacetylase (HDAC) DEGs, *hdac1* and *hdac5*, respectively increased and decreased expression by 1.1-fold. We also identified two Chromobox (Cbx) genes, *cbx3* and *cbx2*, which increased by 1.1-fold and decreased 1.2-fold, respectively.

Given the role of PRC2 during tissue regeneration, we performed an interactions analysis by building a DEG network using MetaCore. To identify the repressive activities of PRC2, we extracted interactions between its differentially expressed subunits (*ezh2* and *suz12*) and DEGs that decreased expression. We identified several

### *Transcription factors*

We classified a total of 194 DEGs as transcription factors (TFs). There were 63 TFs that increased expression including several involved in development, wound healing, immune response, and cell cycle control. *bhlha9* (*fingerin*) had the greatest increased expression of over 5.7-fold. Other TFs were associated with an immune/inflammatory response including *si:dkey-23i12.7* (predicted to share homology with *batf2*), *runx1*, *CABZ01102124.1* (a possible *runx1* paralog), and *stat1*, all of which increased over 3-fold. Two neural-related TFs, *nkx6.2* and *sox11a*, increased by over 4.7- and 3.8-fold, respectively. Two paralogous transcriptional repressors, *sall1a* and *sall1b*, respectively increased expression by 1.1- and 3.9-fold. AP-1 subunits *fosl1b*, *junba*, *fosl2*, and *junbb* all had increased expression over 2-fold. *foxm1*, a master regulator of cell cycle induction, increased expression over 3.5-fold, while the Wnt-responsive *mycn* increased by 1.2-fold. Other notable TFs included *wt1b*, *homeza*, *vezf1*, *lhx2b*, *lef1*, *rb1*, *klf12a*, and *smad1*.

Similar to the developmental signaling DEGs, the majority of differentially expressed TFs (131 DEGs) had decreased expression. Several of these were developmental regulators representing Hox, Dlx, Sox, and Fox gene families. In total we identified seven Hox genes (*hoxb3a*, *hoxc13a*, *hoxc12b*, *hoxc3a*, *hoxc13b*, *hoxa4a*, *hoxa9b*), three Dlx genes (*dlx1a*, *dlx2b*, *dlx6a*), six Sox genes (*sox12*, *sox3*, *sox13*, *sox5*, *sox8b*, *sox9a*), and nine Fox genes (*foxn1*, *foxq1b*, *foxl1*, *foxp2*, *foxd2*, *foxo3*, *foxo4*, *foxd1*, *foxo3a*). Two paralogs that regulate endothelial development, *epas1a* and *epas1b*, had decreased expression, with *epas1a* decreased over 3.3-fold. *scxa*, a TF that maintains

tendon and ligament tissues, decreased by over 2.6-fold. *sall3*, a probable TF involved in DNA methylation, decreased by approximately 1.8-fold.

### *Transcription factor target enrichment*

To supplement TF gene expression data, we used MetaCore to identify TFs that had an enriched number of predicted or validated targets in our data (subsequently referred to as “enriched TFs”). We considered TFs to be enriched for targets if they had an enrichment p-value  $< 5.00\text{E-}03$ . Using this approach, we identified 18 enriched TFs of which nine each had increased and decreased expression (Table 6). Enriched TFs were ranked according to their z-scores. Five enriched TFs with increased expression were regulators of cell proliferation: SP3 ( $z = 7.0$ ), MYCN ( $z = 6.5$ ), FOXM1 ( $z = 5.8$ ), E2F3 ( $z = 4.6$ ), and E2F8 ( $z = 3.3$ ). CEBPZ ( $z = 4.3$ ) is a regulator of the cell stress response, and the interferon IRF8 ( $z = 3.0$ ) is an immune regulator. LHX2 ( $z = 3.8$ ) is a regulator of wound healing.

Enriched TFs with decreased expression were associated with various processes. The proto-oncogenic AP-1 subunit, JUN ( $z = 6.4$ ), had the greatest enrichment among TFs with decreased expression. The glucocorticoid receptor (GR) NR3C1 ( $z = 4.8$ ) is involved in immunity and the inflammatory response to injury. SOX9 ( $z = 3.8$ ) is a mesodermal TF involved in differentiation of cartilage and skeletal development. EPAS1 ( $z = 3.4$ ) regulates development of tubular systems such as blood vessels. SMAD3 ( $z = 3.5$ ) is a transducer of TGF- $\beta$ /Activin signaling. SOX3 ( $z = 2.8$ ) regulates neural differentiation.

*Other growth factors, cytokines, and hormones*

We identified the differential expression of other DEGs including 18 related to growth factor (GF) signaling, 24 related to cytokine signaling, and 69 related to hormone signaling. Of these, 31 had increased expression while 80 had decreased expression. GFs with increased expression included *pgfb*, *mdka*, and *gfer*. Several GFs associated with nervous system development, including *gdnfa*, *ntf3*, *ptn*, *mdkb* (paralog of *mdka*), *bdnf*, and *ngfa* had decreased expression. The connective tissue GF *ctgfa* also had decreased expression. Among cytokine-related DEGs, *il11a* and *il11b* had strongly increased expression of 7.4- and 5.9-fold, respectively. *lifrb* and *il6st*, which cooperate to regulate pluripotency, respectively increased expression by 2.4- and 2.0-fold. Two Tumor necrosis factor (TNF) receptors and one TNF ligand had increased expression, and three TNF ligands had decreased expression. Several endothelin-related DEGs were also differentially expressed. While one endothelin receptor (*ednrbb*) increased expression by over 6.3-fold, three other receptors (*ednraa*, *ednrba*, *ednrab*) and one ligand (*edn2*) had decreased expression. Two peptide hormones, *lepb* and *uts2a*, strongly increased expression by 9.6- and 9.0-fold, respectively. *uts2r*, the cognate receptor for *uts2a*, had decreased expression. *dio1*, which modulates thyroid hormone activation in peripheral tissues, also had decreased expression. We also identified differential expression of several cytochrome p450 (CYP) DEGs, many of which were associated with steroid metabolism. *cyp2aa7* and *cyp20a1* were the only CYPs with increased expression.

### *Other GPCR, PTK, and STK signaling proteins*

We identified several other signaling-related DEGs that were not directly associated with previously mentioned pathways or cell cycle/apoptosis. We chose to focus the rest of the signaling analysis on 238 DEGs related to other G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs), protein tyrosine kinases (RTKs), and serine/threonine kinases (STKs). We identified 171 GPCR-related, 16 RTK-related, and 51 serine/threonine kinase-related DEGs. Of these, 70 had increased expression while 117 had decreased expression. All five Ras superfamily members (Ras, Rho, Ran, Rab, and Arf) were represented among the GPCRs. *eras*, which is present in stem cells but not differentiated cells, increased expression by 1.3-fold. There were 14 differentially expressed adhesion GPCRs, all of which had decreased expression except for *adgrb1b*, which increased by over 4.6-fold. Among RTKs that increased expression were *ptk2aa* and *tec*. RTKs with decreased expression included *blk*, *ltk*, *alk*, and *fyna*.

STKs included dual-specificity phosphatases (DUSPs), MAP kinases (MAPKs), and various others. Three DUSPs each increased and decreased expression, with *dusp13a* having an increased expression of over 6.9-fold. *dusp3a* decreased expression by 2.5-fold. *sgk2*, which regulates ion channels and transporters, increased expression by 4.7-fold. Two MAPKs increased while three decreased expression, with *mapk4* increasing by 1.6-fold and *map2k6* decreased by 1.2-fold.

### *Extracellular matrix modulation*

We identified 231 DEGs involved in extracellular matrix (ECM) composition or remodeling, of which 60 had increased expression and 171 had decreased expression. DEGs associated with structural composition included jacalin, collagen, keratin, hyaluronan, fibronectin, integrin, matrix metalloproteinase (MMP), among others. The jacalins *jac2* and *jac4* increased expression by 11.9- and 7.0-fold, respectively, while *jac1* decreased by 2.1-fold. There was increased expression of the collagen gene *col8a1a* by 6.0-fold, while 15 different DEGs (*col2a1b*, *col4a1*, *col4a2*, *col4a6*, *col5a3b*, *col5a2b*, *col8a1b*, *col8a2*, *col9a3*, *col10a1a*, *col10a1b*, *col11a1a*, *col11a1b*, *col11a2*, *col18a1b*) had decreased expression. The fibronectin paralogs *fn1a* and *fn1b* both increased expression by at least 3.7-fold. *has1*, which synthesizes hyaluronan, increased expression by 4.3-fold. We identified eight integrins: *itga5*, *itgb8*, and *itgb1a* had increased expression, while *itgb1b.1*, *itga1*, *itgb3a*, *itga10*, *itga11a* had decreased expression.

MMPs that had increased expression included *mmp13a*, *mmp25b*, *mmp9*, and *mmp14b*, the former two of which increased expression over 3.2-fold. MMPs having decreased expression were *mmp30*, *mmp23bb*, *mmp2*, *mmp28*, *mmp17a*, and *mmp20a*, the latter of which had decreased expression over 4.3-fold. The metalloproteinase inhibitor *timp2b* increased expression over 5.5-fold, while its paralog *timp2a* along with *timp4.3* decreased expression. Four lysine oxidase (LOX) family members involved in collagen and elastin crosslinking, *lox11*, *lox13a*, *lox13b*, and *lox14*, each had decreased expression.

#### *Cell cycle and apoptosis*

We identified 164 DEGs that were associated with the cell cycle and apoptosis. Of these, 116 DEGs had increased and 48 had decreased expression. Cell cycle-related DEGs included cyclins and cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs). All five differentially expressed cyclins (*ccna2*, *ccnb1*, *ccne2*, *ccnjl*, *ccnk*) had increased expression, with the mitotic entry cyclin *ccnb1* having the highest (4.1-fold) and the transcription-regulating cyclin *ccnk* having the lowest (1.2-fold). Three CDKs (*ckd1*, *cdk2*, *cdk8*), the first two being promoters of mitotic entry, had increased expression. Three other CDKs (*cdk15*, *cdk19*, *cdkl1*) had decreased expression, as did the CDK inhibitor *cdkn1bb*. *aurka* and *aurkb*, which regulate mitotic spindle assembly, had increased expression.

DEGs involved in apoptotic signaling included both positive and negative regulators of apoptosis. *birc5a* (survivin), a negative regulator, increased expression by 3.0-fold. Three positive regulators involved in binding BCL-2, *bnip3*, *bbc3*, and *bada*, decreased expression by 3.1-, 2.7-, and 1.1-fold, respectively. *ppp1r13bb*, which regulates apoptosis via p53 and is a negative cell cycle regulator, also decreased expression. There were some DEGs that were negative regulators of apoptosis and had decreased expression, such as *uacaa*.

### *Proteostasis*

We identified several DEGs associated with proteostasis, which includes those involved in proteolysis, ribogenesis, and protein chaperoning. In total there were 185 DEGs associated with proteolysis, 110 involved in ribogenesis, and 59 molecular chaperones. In proteolysis, 100 DEGs had increased expression while 85 had decreased



expression. Proteolytic DEGs consisted of proteasome subunits, various proteases such as metallopeptidases and serine-type peptidases, and enzymes involved in ubiquitination. There were 37 proteasome subunits, all of which increased expression. Additionally, the proteasome maturation protein (*pomp*) and the proteasome lid unit, *split hand/foot malformation* (*shfm1*), both increased expression by 1.5- and 1.0-fold, respectively.

Not including proteasome subunits, 26 enzymes involved in ubiquitination had increased expression, while 30 had decreased expression. Four enzymes involved in sumoylation (*sae1*, *sumo3b*, *uba2*, *desi2*) had increased expression. DEGs that decreased expression included six calpains, various peptidases, and enzymes involved in ubiquitination. *si:ch211-202f3.4*, which encodes a calpain orthologous to human *CAPN4*, had the greatest decreased expression at 4.2-fold.

Consistent with the observed enrichment results, 108 out of 110 DEGs associated with ribogenesis had increased expression. Only two (*nsa2* and *rsl24d1*) had decreased expression. we identified 45 DEGs encoding proteins specific to mitoribosome assembly. Other SEGs that increased expression included *ppan*, *wdr75*, *surf6*, *noc2l*, *bms1*, and *wdr12*. Two polymerases, *polr1c* and *polr1d*, transcribe genes encoding ribosomal RNA precursors. Three components of the PeBoW complex (*pes*, *bop1*, *wdr12*), which coordinates ribogenesis with the cell cycle, were also present. We also identified three DEGs (*fam118b*, *nop10*, *coil*) involved in Cajal body organization. Chaperones that increased abundance included multiple endoplasmic reticulum (ER)-related DEGs such as *pdia6*, *calr3b*, and *uggt2*.

### *Analysis of miRNAs*

We focused our small RNA analysis on miRNAs using miRDeep2. Annotated miRNAs were subject to differential expression analysis using EdgeR and subsequently used to identify miRNA-mRNA interactions.

### *Differential expression of annotated miRNAs*

We performed differential expression of mature miRNA reads using EdgeR [66]. miRDeep2 maps annotated mature miRNA reads to their precursor genes. The differential expression was based on the mapping of mature miRNAs to respective precursors. As with the RNA seq data, we filtered our miRNA list by considering only those mature miRNAs that had significant differential expression in all three age cohorts.

We identified a total of 44 differentially expressed mature miRNAs that were processed from 47 unique precursors. There were 35 mature miRNAs that increased expression (Table 7) and 9 that decreased expression (Table 8). Cross-referencing data with miRbase revealed 30 human orthologs. miRNAs without human orthologs included piscine-specific miRNAs such as miR-738, miR-722, miR-724, and miR-727-3p. The majority of miRNAs were associated with only one precursor gene, although several were associated with two precursors. Two let-7 family members, let-7c and let-7d, were each derived from four precursors.

miRNAs with the greatest increased expression included those with previously described effects that promote wound healing. miR-132-5p, miR-132-3p, miR-21, miR-

212-5p, miR-212-3p, and miR-31 all increased expression over 2.0-fold. miR-146a, a regulator of skin inflammation [78], and miR-19d-5p similarly increased expression over 2.0-fold. Three miRNAs (miR-132-3p, miR-21, miR-212-3p) increased expression by over 4.0-fold from each precursor. The piscine miR-738 increased expression by over 3.6-fold. Each precursor from let-7c and let-7d (four let-7 precursors in total) increased expression by over 1.6-fold. Of the nine precursors that decreased expression, there were three precursors that changed by approximately 1.0-fold or greater. This included two piscine miRNAs (miR-727-3p and miR-724). The two miRNAs with human orthologs that had the greatest magnitudes of differential expression were miR-489 and miR-92b-3p, which changed expression by 1.2- and 0.9-fold, respectively.

#### *miRNA-mRNA interactome analysis*

To create an interactome of anti-correlated interactions between miRNAs and mRNAs that we found in our data, we used BRM's miRNA Targets tool to generate a ranked list of high-confidence miRNA targets [69]. We sought to identify predicted interactions between miRNAs that increased expression and mRNAs that decreased expression (termed repressive interactions) and interactions of the inverse expression pattern (termed derepressive interactions). Of the four databases that BRM uses to generate target lists, only two (MicroCosm and TargetScan) were compatible with zebrafish data. MicroCosm [36] uses a p-value system to rank interactions, while TargetScan [29] uses a percentile system with higher scores indicating higher rankings. We considered interactions to be high confidence if they met one of three criteria: 1)

prediction by both databases, 2) prediction by MicroCosm with a score of  $p < 0.01$ ; or 3) prediction by TargetScan with a weighted context++ score  $\geq 50$ .

Using these parameters, we identified a large degree of multiplicity with a total of 4982 interactions. Of these, 3597 interactions were repressive while 1385 were derepressive. Among repressive interactions, there were 145 identified by both databases, while MicroCosm reported 193 and TargetScan reported 3259 interactions that were not commonly identified. Among derepressive interactions, there were 62 common to both databases, while MicroCosm and TargetScan identified 114 and 1209 that were not common, respectively. MicroCosm predicted interactions involving the same miRNAs as TargetScan, plus seven others. The data indicate strong multiplicity (number of targets per miRNA) and cooperativity (number of common targets). Given the vast number of interactions, we focused our analysis on those predicted by both databases (Tables 8-9) and some high-confidence interactions predicted by only one database.

*miRNAs are predicted to target chromatin remodelers and developmental regulators*

By generating miRNA-mRNA interactomes, we found several predicted interactions involving the developmental and regenerative signaling DEGs that were described above. Among repressive interactions (Figure 3), three Hox genes were predicted targets of highly upregulated miRNAs (*hoxd3a* by miR-132-p, *hoxa4a* by miR-21, and *hox3ca* by miR-223). In addition to *hoxd3a*, miR-132-3p was predicted to interact with multiple other developmental DEGs including *bmper*, *tgfb3*, *dll4*, *sox5*. Additional targets included the PRC1 subunit *cbx2* and the chromatin remodeler *prbm1*. miR-21 was

predicted to repress a validated human target, the tumor suppressor *pdc4*, as well as an inhibitor of Wnt signaling, *wif1*. miR-223 was predicted to repress *sat1b*, a recruiter of chromatin remodelers, as well as repress *sox3* cooperatively with miR-722. miR-146a and miR-146b were predicted to cooperatively repress *eya4*, a putatively oncogenic phosphatase involved in regulating phosphorylation of the DNA repair histone H2ax [79]. miR-31 was predicted to target *fgfr*, *itgb1b.1*, *runx3*, as well as *arid6* in cooperation with miR-21.

There were fewer predicted derepressive interactions in our data and we observed little cooperativity between miRNAs (Figure 4). miR-489 was predicted to target the proteasome subunit *psmc2*, a key regulator of proteostasis affecting the cell cycle [80], as well as other enzymatic DEGs. miR-92b-3p was predicted to target the mitochondrial chaperone *hspa9*, which is required for fin regeneration [81]. Other predicted targets were the ribogenesis factor *bms1*, cathepsin L (*ctsla*), and twist neighbor (*twistnb*). Among the predicted targets of miR-727-3p were a subunit of a chaperone complex involved in telomere maintenance (*cct7*) [82], a Nodal signaling antagonist (*ncll*), and a chemokine receptor involved in regulating angiogenesis (*cmklr1*) [83].

### *Single database predictions*

We identified thousands of potential miRNA-mRNA interactions that passed our high confidence threshold in addition to those described above. Many of the target DEGs with the highest predicted interaction scores are involved in the upstream regenerative processes that we previously outlined. Here we briefly summarize these select, high-

ranked interactions (Table A.2) with a primary focus on miRNAs with the greatest magnitude of differential expression.

**Wnt signaling.** miR-21, in addition to targeting *wif1*, was also predicted to target other Wnt antagonists including the neurodevelopmental gene *ndrg2* as well as *dkk2*. miR-132-3p was predicted to target *rspo1*, a positive regulator of Wnt. miR-146a and miR-146b were predicted to cooperate in repression of positive Wnt regulators *dvllb* and *dixdc1*. Decreased expression of miR-92b-3p may be involved permitting expression of *csrpl1a*, which promotes cell motility in cooperation with noncanonical Wnt signaling [84].

**FGF signaling.** miR-21 and miR-31 were predicted to cooperate in the repression of *fgfr1b*, while miR-21 alone was predicted to target *fgfr1a*. Although we only considered MicroCosm and TargetScan results, MiRTarBase (a database of validated interactions) returned a single result of miR-21 interacting with *spry2* (not shown). miR-132-3p was predicted to target the *fgf10b*. Notably, miR-724 was predicted to interact with the upstream regenerative factor *fgf20a* with a TargetScan score of 100.

**EGF signaling.** miR-21 and miR-132-3p were predicted to cooperate in targeting the tyrosine kinase *ptk2bb*, which is associated with Alzheimer's disease [85]. miR-21 was also predicted to target *cd248a*, while miR-132-3p was also predicted to target *efemp1*, *tob1a*, and *scubel*.

**TGF- $\beta$  signaling.** miR-132-5p and miR-132-3p were predicted to target *tgfb3* and *smad3a*, respectively. miR-92b-3p was predicted to target *activin- $\beta$ a* (*inhbaa*), and miR-489 was predicted to target *tgfb2*.

**BMP signaling.** miR-21 and miR-132-3p were respectively predicted to interact with the BMP signaling antagonists *bmp6* and *nog1*. miR-489 was predicted to target *lemd3*, another negative regulator of BMP.

**Hh signaling.** Both miR-146a and miR-146b were predicted to cooperate in repressing the hedgehog signaling antagonist *hhp1*.

**IGF signaling.** miR-21 was predicted to target *htra4*, while miR-132-3p was predicted to target *kazald3* and *igfbp2a*. miR-92b-3p was predicted to interact with the upstream ligand *igf2b*.

**Chemokine signaling.** *cxcl12a* was predicted to be cooperatively targeted by miR-31 and miR-132-3p.

**Eph signaling.** *eph3a* was predicted to be cooperatively targeted by miR-21 and miR-132-3p, while *eph4b* was predicted to be targeted by miR-31 and miR-132-3p.

***SF signaling.*** Six semaphorins were predicted to be regulated by miR-132-3p, miR-146a, miR-146b, miR-21, miR-31, and miR-92b-3p.

***Histone and DNA modifiers.*** miR-21 and miR-31 were predicted to cooperatively repress *smarca2*, while miR-31 was also predicted to target *tox2*. miR-146a and miR-146b were predicted to cooperatively target *hdac5*. miR-489 was predicted to interact with *gata1*, *prmt3*, and *top1*, while miR-92b-3p was predicted to target *prmt1*.

***Transcription factors.*** There were hundreds of notable predicted miRNA interactions with transcription factor transcripts. Some of these included: cooperative targeting of *dlx1a* by miR-21 and miR-31; cooperative targeting of *e2f3* by miR-489 and miR-92b-3p; targeting of *epas1* paralogs by miR-132-3p and miR-21; targeting of *foxm1*, *sall1b*, and *vezf1a* by miR-92b-3p; and targeting of *mycn*, *sall1a*, and *sp3a* by *miR-489*.

***Miscellaneous signaling.*** This category includes DEGs related to GPCR and PTK signaling DEGs that did not fit into the above signaling categories. Some miRNA-GPCR transcript interactions included cooperative targeting of *adgrg1* by miR-21 and miR-31, as well as *eras* and *rara* by miR-489. PTK-related interactions included targeting of *aatkb* by miR-132-3p and *tie1* by miR-21.

***Other growth factors, hormones, and cytokines.*** Some of the various predicted interactions of miRNAs with DEGs in this category included targeting of *dio1*, *il2rb*,



*stat4*, and *utsr2* by miR-132-3p; *ntf3* by miR-31; *ptn* by miR-21; and *m17 (il6st)* by miR-489. The prostaglandin E2 receptor, *ptger1*, was predicted to be targeted by miR-132-3p.

**Cell cycle and apoptosis.** miR-21 was predicted to target *bnip3la*, while miR-132-3p was predicted to target *bnip3*. miR-31 was a predicted repressor of *cdc14ab*. miR-92b-3p was predicted to target *bub1bb*, *ccnjl*, and *cdk1*. miR-489 was predicted to target *cdk2*.

**Proteostasis.** The proteasome maturation protein (*pomp*) gene was predicted to be targeted by miR-92b-3p. The ribogenesis factor *bop1* and the mitochondrial chaperone *hspa9* were predicted to be targeted by miR-489.

**Extracellular matrix.** miR-489 and miR-92b-3p were predicted to cooperatively target *adam15* and respectively target *fn1a* and *fn1b*. miR-92b-3p was also predicted to target *frem2a*, *itga5*, and *itgb8*, while miR-489 was predicted to additionally target with the hyaluronan-interacting gene, *hapln1a*. Other hyaluronan-related genes, *bcan* and *itih5*, were predicted targets of miR-132-3p, as were *col8a2* and *tgfb1*. miR-31 was predicted to interact with *coll1a1a*, *dpt*, *glipr2*, *itgb1a*, and *itgb1b.1*.

## Discussion

Epimorphic regeneration involves a rapid shift from differentiated tissue to the multipotent blastema [10]. This involves quickly repressing transcriptional programs

involved in the maintenance of differentiated tissue. One way that cells achieve this is through globally repressing gene expression using chromatin modifiers such as the Polycomb repressive complex 2 (PCR2) [60]. Another way is through the rapid induction and depletion of microRNAs (miRNAs), which is required for epimorphic regeneration [86]. Here we performed parallel total RNA and small RNA sequencing using RNA on regenerate tissue from the same samples at 24 hours post-amputation (hpa), just prior to blastema formation. Our approach allowed for robust anti-correlation expression analysis and miRNA target prediction using the Bioinformatics Resource Manager (BRM) [69], which allows high-throughput miRNA target prediction using for miRNA databases (only MicroCosm and TargetScan were compatible with zebrafish data). Using this method, we were able to broadly characterize the transcriptional landscape to predict some of the most salient targets involved in blastema induction. Similar anti-correlated expression analyses have been highly successful in identifying miRNA-mRNA interactions [35, 47]. Filtering the differentially expression gene (DEG) list through two other age-based fin regeneration models increased the confidence in our results. We note that, for technical reasons, sample sizes differed between juvenile ( $n = 100$ ) versus adult and geriatric ( $n = 10$ ) cohorts. While analysis of the juvenile cohort may have more statistical power, our cohort comparisons were focused on DEGs that had false discovery rate-adjusted significance regardless of the magnitude of fold change. Other studies have utilized this comparative approach with smaller sample sizes even between different species [47].

Several of the miRNAs with the greatest changes in expression were those that have been previously identified during regeneration, such as miR-21 [87], miR-31[35],

miR-92b-3p [35], and miR-489 [88]. The full complement of their mRNA targets remains to be elucidated and are worth further investigation. Among the miRNAs with the greatest increase was miR-21, which is ubiquitous in regenerating tissue. Regarded as an oncomiR [89], it is believed to promote cellular stemness through targeting *tgfbr2* [47] and preventing apoptosis by targeting *pdcd4* [90]. It likely serves a similar function in zebrafish. Another known target predicted target of miR-21 is *sprouty 2 (spry2)* [91], an FGF signaling involved in regulating the epithelial-mesenchymal interactions during tooth [92] and lung [93] development. We identified *spry2* as having decreased expression in our data, and was the only interaction predicted by miRTarBase. Furthermore, we identified *wif1*, a Wnt signaling antagonist, as a high-confidence target of miR-21. These results indicate that miR-21 likely facilitate blastema induction by promoting signaling mediated by both *fgf20a* and *wnt10a*, which are two of the most upstream processes that initiate epimorphic regeneration.

While Wnt and FGF signaling ligands are highly expressed, we also observed decreased expression of genes that positively regulate their transduction. *rspl*, which, promotes Wnt signaling, was predicted to be repressed by miR-132-3p. We previously reported that increased expression of *rspl* mediated through the Aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AHR) caused inappropriate Wnt signaling and prevented blastema formation in zebrafish larvae [45]. It follows that these upstream signaling pathways must be tightly controlled for regeneration to proceed normally. miRNAs seem excellent candidates to fill this regulatory role. Additionally, miR-21 was predicted to cooperate with miR-31 in

repressing *fgfr1b*, suggesting that miR-21 may also contribute to balanced signaling to prevent inappropriate FGF signaling.

Both complementary mature miR-132s are newly described for blastema formation but have previously described roles in mammalian skin injury through its effect on inflammation [94] as well as epithelial-stromal interactions during mammary gland development [95]. Of these complementary miRNAs, miR-132-3p was predicted to target chromatin-modifying DEGs such as *cbx2* and *prbm1*, indicating an important role in defining the chromatin state of regenerate cells. It was also predicted to modulate ligands and antagonists of Notch, Transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ), Bone morphogenic protein (BMP), and Ephrin (Eph) signaling, suggesting it also is involved in tissue patterning during blastema formation. Another notable target of miR-132-3p was *nog1*, a BMP antagonist that decreased expression by over 5.6-fold. The induction of *bmp7a* along with evidence of mesenchymal Smad1/5/8 phosphorylation [17] suggests a key role for BMP signaling that miR-132-3p may facilitate.

miR-146a and miR-146b are also novel blastema miRNAs but have received much attention for their ability to promote healing by negatively regulating inflammation [78]. We predicted they cooperate to repress *eya4*, which itself is involved in chromatin remodeling to mediate innate immunity [79]. This could represent an avenue through which inflammation is modulated to promote blastema induction. Furthermore, their anti-inflammatory regulation is thought to prevent inflammation in endothelial cells through regulating Il-1 $\beta$  signaling [96]. Strong decreased expression of endothelin receptors, in addition to decreased expression of the endothelial transcription factors (TFs) *epas1a* and

*epas1b* which MetaCore identified in target enrichment analysis, underscores the rapid vascular dedifferentiation in blastema induction. This is further supported by induction of *vezfla*, which is restricted to endothelial precursor cells [97]. miR-146a and miR-146b may contribute to vascular dedifferentiation through their cooperative effects on *eya4*.

Although there were fewer miRNAs that decreased expression and the fold changes were less robust, miRNA depletion is vital for epimorphic regeneration. Depletion of miRNAs at the onset of regeneration, including miR-92b-3p, was previously demonstrated to be an FGF receptor-dependent process [35]. miR-489 and miR-92b-3p were among those having the greatest decreased expression in our data. They were predicted to target key transcription factors including the oncogenic factors *mycn* and *foxm1* (respectively), which MetaCore identified as having target enrichment. *mycn* promotes cell cycle entry [98] as well as ribogenesis and protein synthesis [99], and its decreased expression is associated with cellular differentiation [100]. *foxm1* is highly expressed in embryonic tissue and promotes cell proliferation as well as fidelity of genetic replication [101]. FoxM1 can also “reprogram” cells through transcription of *hells*, which alters DNA methylation state into one that mimics head and neck squamous cell carcinoma [102]. We observed increased expression of *hells*, suggesting a similar mechanism during regeneration. FoxM1 also transcribes and forms a positive feedback loop with the Scatter factor (SF) receptor *met* [103], which also increased expression. During mouse embryogenesis, *met* facilitates movement of myogenic precursor cells to the limb bud [104]. *met* is typically expressed in epithelia [105], and consistent with its expression is the scattered, disorganized characteristic of the wound epidermis [106].

Regulation of semaphorins by miRNAs might also regulate the migration activity mediated by *met* [107]. Its expression during regeneration likely represents another mode of epithelial-mesenchymal signaling during blastema induction that requires further characterization [108]. Thus, FoxM1 may facilitate patterning of the blastema through multiple mechanisms, and its robust expression may depend on FGF-dependent depletion of miR-92b-3p.

miR-92-3p depletion may also facilitate induction of *sall1b*, another TF that is highly induced in blastemas [17]. miR-489 depletion may also facilitate increased expression of *sp3a*, a osteogenic TF [109] that MetaCore analysis indicated as having the greatest target enrichment. miR-489 was additionally predicted to target *coil*, indicating that it may be involved in the formation of Cajal bodies associated with telomere maintenance and self-renewal [110, 111]. Both miR-489 and miR-92b-3p may also promote extracellular matrix dynamics conducive to regeneration by derepression of fibronectin paralogs *fn1a* and *fn1b* [112]. miR-489 may promote dedifferentiation through its targeting of *eras*, a G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) associated with growth in embryonic stem cells [113].

Notable among our findings was increased expression of the Hedgehog (Hh) ligand, *indian hedgehog b* (*ihhb*). While the role of Hh signaling (via *sonic hedgehog*) has been described for regenerative outgrowth, to our knowledge it has never been associated with blastema induction to our knowledge. During vertebrate development, *ihh* is expressed in epithelial tissues [114]. It activates Gli transcription factors post-translationally in mesenchyme through interactions with Patched/Smoothed receptors

[115]. Its role in epithelial-mesenchymal interactions during development suggests a similarly important function in blastema induction. A downstream target of Hh signaling is *foxm1* [116], suggesting that Hh signaling drives the FoxM1/Met positive feedback loop leading to robust proliferation of cells. miR-146a and miR-146b were predicted to cooperate in repressing the Hh antagonist, *hedgehog interacting protein (hhp)*, adding yet another layer of complexity to miRNA control over epimorphic regeneration.

## Conclusion

Using a parallel total RNA-small RNA sequencing approach, we identified novel miRNA-mRNA interactions as well as novel miRNAs involved in regeneration during blastema formation. In addition to discovering predicted interactions of miRNAs with transcripts involved in cellular differentiation, we also identified a predicted role for miRNAs in regulating the innate immune response. Thus, the role of miRNAs during regeneration is likely to control several facets of the regenerative response to injury, including attenuation of the inflammatory response. Our results provide several clear paths toward advancing our understanding of blastema induction. Some of these include demonstrating the necessity of the differential expression of particular miRNAs during regeneration; demonstrating *bona fide* interactions between miRNAs and their target mRNAs; and co-localization of transcripts involved in anti-correlated miRNA-mRNA expression patterns.

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**Table 2.1** Summary list RNA biotypes that commonly changed expression in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation in Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old), and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts with a minimum absolute log<sub>2</sub>-fold change of 1.

<b>Biotype</b>	<b>Increased expression</b>	<b>Decreased expression</b>	<b>Total</b>
protein_coding	1929	2204	4133
lincRNA	34	59	93
processed_transcript	10	19	29
unprocessed_pseudogene	1	13	14
antisense_RNA	1	7	8
snoRNA	4	0	4
miRNA	2	0	2
Mt_tRNA	0	1	1
processed_pseudogene	0	1	1
sense_overlapping	0	1	1
TEC	1	0	1
transcribed_unprocessed_pseudogene	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>2306</b>	<b>4288</b>

**Table 2.2** Top 10 significantly enriched Gene Ontology (GO) terms in genes that commonly increased expression in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation in Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old, and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts with a minimum absolute log<sub>2</sub>-fold change of 1. Terms are ranked according to their fold enrichment.

<b>PANTHER GO Biological Process</b>	<b>Fold enrichment</b>	<b>FDR p-values</b>
meiotic sister chromatid cohesion, centromeric (GO:0051754)	4	4
positive regulation of RNA polymerase II transcriptional preinitiation complex assembly (GO:0045899)	5	5
centromeric sister chromatid cohesion (GO:0070601)	6	5
regulation of RNA polymerase II transcriptional preinitiation complex assembly (GO:0045898)	6	5
meiotic sister chromatid segregation (GO:0045144)	5	4
polyprenol metabolic process (GO:0016093)	5	4
meiotic sister chromatid cohesion (GO:0051177)	5	4
regulation of helicase activity (GO:0051095)	5	4
positive regulation of transcription initiation from RNA polymerase II promoter (GO:0060261)	7	5
anaphase-promoting complex-dependent catabolic process (GO:0031145)	7	5

**Table 2.3** Top 10 significantly enriched Gene Ontology (GO) terms in genes that commonly decreased expression in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation in Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old), and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts with a minimum absolute log<sub>2</sub>-fold change of 1. Terms are ranked according to their fold enrichment.

<b>PANTHER GO Biological Process</b>	<b>Fold enrichment</b>	<b>FDR p-values</b>
peptidyl-lysine oxidation (GO:0018057)	10	6
chondrocyte development involved in endochondral bone morphogenesis (GO:0003433)	20	10
growth plate cartilage chondrocyte morphogenesis (GO:0003429)	20	10
chondrocyte morphogenesis involved in endochondral bone morphogenesis (GO:0003414)	20	10
growth plate cartilage chondrocyte differentiation (GO:0003418)	21	10
chondrocyte differentiation involved in endochondral bone morphogenesis (GO:0003413)	21	10
chondrocyte morphogenesis (GO:0090171)	22	10
growth plate cartilage morphogenesis (GO:0003422)	24	10
growth plate cartilage development (GO:0003417)	26	10
endochondral bone growth (GO:0003416)	26	10

**Table 2.4** All significantly enriched MetaCore process networks in genes that commonly increased expression in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation in Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old, and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts with a minimum absolute log<sub>2</sub>-fold change of 1.

MetaCore Process networks	FDR p-value
Translation_Translation in mitochondria	1.144E-18
Cell cycle_Core	3.764E-13
Cell cycle_Mitosis	2.368E-09
Cell cycle_S phase	1.473E-08
Transcription_mRNA processing	2.174E-07
Cytoskeleton_Spindle microtubules	1.229E-06
Immune response_Antigen presentation	2.546E-06
Immune response_Phagosome in antigen presentation	2.223E-05
DNA damage_DBS repair	3.699E-04
Cell cycle_G2-M	7.136E-04
Proteolysis_Ubiquitin-proteasomal proteolysis	8.719E-04
Cell cycle_G1-S	8.103E-03
Protein folding_Folding in normal condition	1.085E-02
DNA damage_MMR repair	3.615E-02
Cell cycle_Meiosis	4.519E-02

**Table 2.5.** All significantly enriched MetaCore process networks in genes that commonly decreased expression in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation in Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old), and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts with a minimum absolute log2-fold change of 1.

<b>MetaCore Process networks</b>	<b>FDR p-value</b>
Cell adhesion_Cell-matrix interactions	6.717E-12
Proteolysis_ECM remodeling	9.612E-05
Development_Cartilag development	2.124E-04
Development_Ossification and bone remodeling	2.178E-03
Cell adhesion_Platelet-endothelium-leucocyte interactions	7.971E-03
Proteolysis_Connective tissue degradation	1.973E-02

**Table 2.6.** Transcription factors identified by MetaCore as having target enrichment among genes that commonly changed expression in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation in Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old), and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts with a minimum absolute log<sub>2</sub>-fold change of 1.

TF	Z-score	p-value
SP3	7.021	1.51E-11
MYCN	6.462	1.20E-10
JUN	6.393	4.40E-10
FOXM1	5.804	1.88E-08
NR3C1	4.829	1.57E-06
E2F3	4.631	7.54E-06
CEBPZ	4.343	3.49E-05
SOX9	3.836	8.93E-05
LHX2	3.827	1.51E-04
SMAD3	3.505	4.33E-04
EPAS1	3.382	7.27E-04
E2F8	3.319	1.66E-03
TCF7L2	3.301	6.13E-04
IRF8	3.057	1.80E-03
SP7	2.878	6.53E-03
SOX3	2.813	4.88E-03
ATF3	2.659	6.12E-03
DBP	2.619	6.22E-03

**Table 2.7** Differentially expressed miRNAs that had increased expression in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation in Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old), and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts.

miRNA (zebrafish)	miRNA (human)	precursor	log <sub>2</sub> FC	FDR
dre-miR-132-5p	hsa-miR-132-5p	dre-mir-132-1	4.079857	9.56E-13
dre-miR-212-3p	hsa-miR-212-3p	dre-mir-212	4.078762	7.28E-10
		dre-mir-212-2	4.078762	7.28E-10
dre-miR-21	hsa-miR-21	dre-mir-21-1	4.011847	1.78E-08
		dre-mir-21-2	4.010892	1.78E-08
dre-miR-212-5p	hsa-miR-212-5p	dre-mir-212-2	3.777476	8.89E-10
		dre-mir-212	3.777476	8.89E-10
dre-miR-738		dre-mir-738	3.612288	1.75E-07
dre-miR-132-3p	hsa-miR-132-3p	dre-mir-132-2	3.386618	4.41E-10
		dre-mir-132-1	3.380934	4.29E-10
dre-miR-19d-5p		dre-mir-19d	2.782201	0.000175
dre-miR-31	hsa-miR-31	dre-mir-31	2.627882	8.13E-06
dre-miR-146a	hsa-miR-146a-5p	dre-mir-146a	2.224112	3.58E-06
dre-miR-125b-2-3p	hsa-miR-125b-2-3p	dre-mir-125b-2	1.965866	3.32E-05
dre-miR-223	hsa-miR-223-5p	dre-mir-223	1.91777	3.58E-06
dre-miR-25-5p	hsa-25-5p	dre-mir-25	1.877833	6.82E-08
dre-miR-146b	hsa-miR-146b-5p	dre-mir-146b	1.832812	3.58E-06
dre-miR-15a-3p	hsa-miR-15a-3p	dre-mir-15a-1	1.822516	8.54E-07
		dre-let-7d-1	1.669845	3.58E-06
dre-let-7c-3p	hsa-let-7c-3p	dre-let-7d-2	1.669845	3.58E-06
		dre-let-7c-1	1.649774	3.58E-06
		dre-let-7c-2	1.649774	3.58E-06
		dre-let-7d-1	1.669845	3.58E-06
dre-let-7d-3p	hsa-let-7d-3p	dre-let-7d-2	1.669845	3.58E-06
		dre-let-7c-1	1.649774	3.58E-06
		dre-let-7c-2	1.649774	3.58E-06
dre-miR-92a-2-5p	hsa-miR-92a-2-5p	dre-mir-92a-2	1.616941	1.46E-05
dre-miR-181a-3p	hsa-miR-181a-3p	dre-mir-181a-1	1.584647	1.23E-05
dre-miR-92a-5p		dre-mir-92a-1	1.57723	1.62E-06
dre-miR-18b-3p	hsa-miR-18b-3p	dre-mir-18b	1.283873	0.001407
dre-miR-200b-5p	hsa-miR-200b-5p	dre-mir-200b	1.170947	0.000365
dre-miR-1788-3p		dre-mir-1788	1.126458	0.00025
dre-miR-125b-3-3p		dre-mir-125b-3	1.103805	5.31E-05
dre-miR-221-5p	hsa-miR-221-5p	dre-mir-221	0.991074	0.000141
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		dre-mir-17a-1	0.276689	0.020176

**Table 2.8.** Differentially expressed miRNAs that had decreased expression in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation in Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old), and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts.

miRNA (zebrafish)	miRNA (human)	precursor	log <sub>2</sub> FC	FDR
dre-miR-727-3p		dre-mir-727	-2.46078	0.000287
dre-miR-489	hsa-miR-489	dre-mir-489	-1.16533	0.000398
dre-miR-724		dre-mir-724	-0.9544	0.008517
dre-miR-92b-3p	hsa-miR-92b-3p	dre-mir-92b	-0.87067	3.30E-06
dre-miR-190a	hsa-miR-190a-5p	dre-mir-190a	-0.64161	0.001845
		dre-mir-130c-1	-0.46982	0.003336
dre-miR-130c-5p		dre-mir-130c-2	-0.47412	0.003657
dre-miR-145-5p	hsa-miR-145-5p	dre-mir-145	-0.41907	0.003657
dre-miR-203b-5p	hsa-miR-203b-5p	dre-mir-203b	-0.38751	0.00737
dre-miR-203a-5p	hsa-miR-203a-5p	dre-mir-203a	-0.37474	0.010173



**Table 2.9.** Anti-correlated miRNA-mRNA interactions between miRNAs that increased expression and mRNAs that decreased expression in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation in Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old), and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts. MC: MicroCosm p-value score. TS: TargetScan percentile score.

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miR-221-3p	npl	1.76E-04	83
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miR-146b	atp1a1b	2.95E-04	100
miR-132-3p	dll4	3.01E-04	72
miR-31	uros	3.72E-04	99
miR-146a	arhgap27l	4.17E-04	90
miR-146b	arhgap27l	4.17E-04	89
miR-222a-3p	ypel1	4.28E-04	85
miR-146a	scarb1	4.70E-04	66
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miR-20b-5p	mmp2	7.60E-04	89
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miR-146b	tspan12	7.60E-04	72
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miR-17a-5p	sar1ab	8.56E-04	80
miR-17a-5p	pthlha	9.03E-04	99
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miR-146b	lamb4	9.35E-04	66
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miR-17a-5p	sgcb	2.11E-03	97
miR-193a-3p	ache	2.79E-03	78
miR-31	arid6	2.92E-03	90
miR-223	hoxc3a	2.96E-03	63
miR-722	lrm2a	3.17E-03	66
miR-20b-5p	sgcb	3.23E-03	97
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miR-132-3p	adamts6	3.42E-03	72
miR-21	prss35	3.51E-03	83
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miR-222a-3p	rnf11a	3.68E-03	81
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miR-17a-5p	ache	3.94E-03	87
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miR-722	rgn	4.32E-03	99
miR-146a	pel12	4.56E-03	61
miR-146b	pel12	4.56E-03	56
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miR-722	cpamd8	4.92E-03	46
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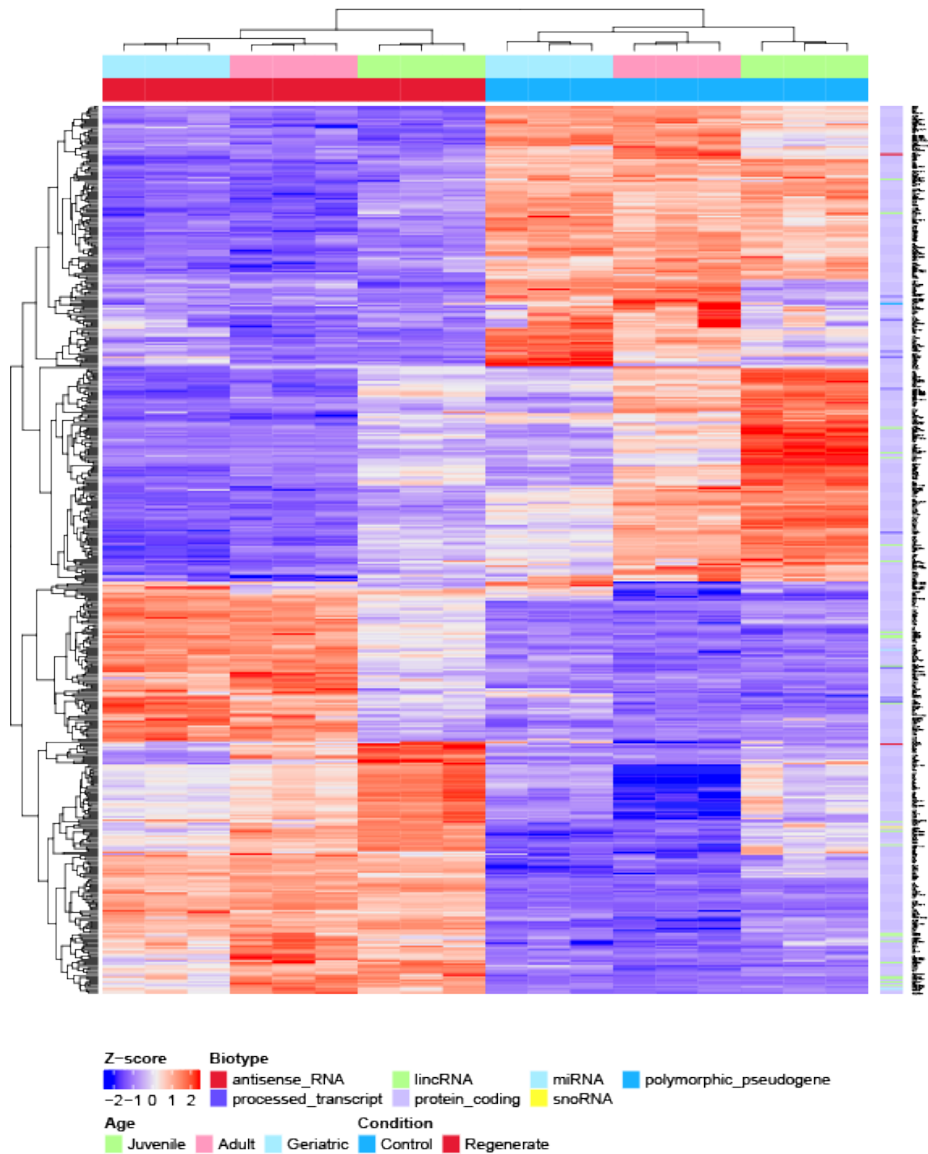
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miR-31	slc51a	8.96E-03	88
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miR-146b	eya4	9.29E-03	89
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miR-222a-3p	pmaip1	1.99E-02	88
miR-146a	slco1c1	2.02E-02	87
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miR-146b	heca	2.17E-02	91
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miR-132-3p	ampd2b	2.39E-02	58
miR-221-3p	gng7	2.40E-02	55
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miR-21	il15	2.49E-02	93
miR-221-3p	cdkn1bb	2.57E-02	99
miR-21	sesn1	2.57E-02	97
miR-722	slco1c1	2.59E-02	76
miR-20b-5p	ache	2.71E-02	87
miR-222a-3p	zfp36l2	2.75E-02	85
miR-132-3p	thy1	2.84E-02	90
miR-222a-3p	myom3	2.92E-02	89
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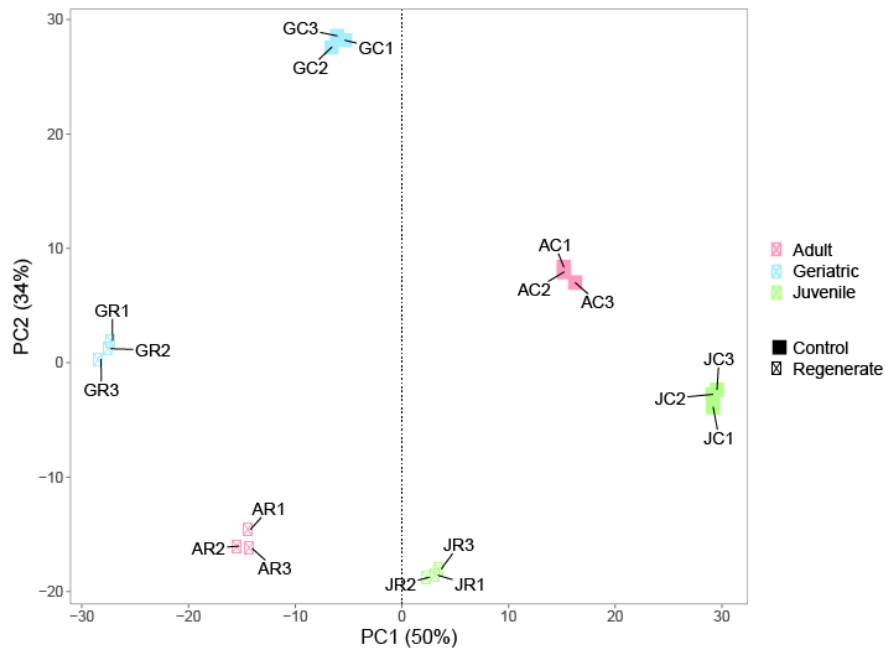
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miR-722	cpa6	3.97E-02	92
miR-17a-5p	elnb	4.09E-02	90
miR-31	fgfr4	4.20E-02	93
miR-132-3p	slc7a1	4.21E-02	28
miR-21	rgs4	4.22E-02	81
miR-222a-3p	gng7	4.25E-02	60
miR-21	hoxa4a	4.25E-02	91
miR-722	enpp5	4.29E-02	54
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miR-31	runx3	4.30E-02	70
miR-193a-3p	zgc:158868	4.38E-02	65
miR-132-3p	hoxd3a	4.40E-02	85
miR-193a-3p	alpl	4.55E-02	86
miR-20b-5p	sec14l1	4.67E-02	100
miR-20b-5p	CABZ01074398.1	4.67E-02	100
miR-20b-5p	zgc:153952	4.72E-02	83
miR-20b-5p	apol1	4.78E-02	77
miR-221-3p	nhsb	4.79E-02	87
miR-738	elnb	4.80E-02	87
miR-722	sox3	4.84E-02	98
miR-722	zgc:114045	4.84E-02	86
miR-20b-5p	elnb	4.98E-02	91

**Table 2.10.** Anti-correlated miRNA-mRNA interactions between miRNAs that decreased expression and mRNAs that increased expression in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation in Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old), and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts. . MC: MicroCosm p-value score. TS: TargetScan percentile score.

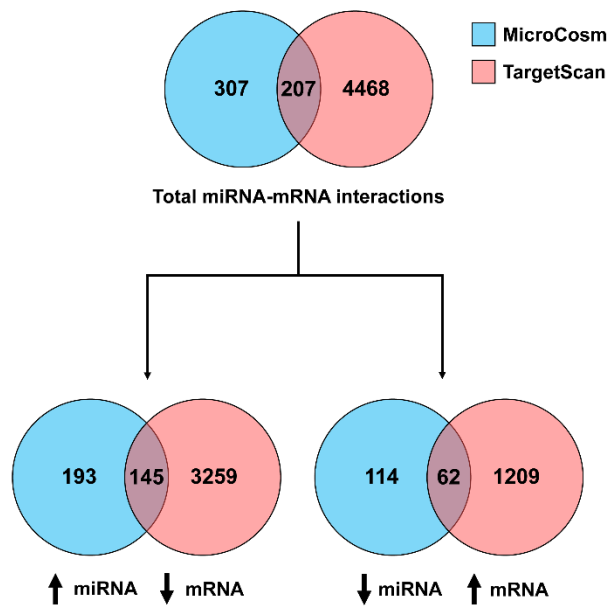
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miR-190a	mad2l1	4.80E-04	88
miR-724	cdc20	2.12E-03	69
miR-727-3p	cmklr1	4.85E-02	67
miR-727-3p	qars	1.73E-02	91
miR-145-5p	bcs1l	5.84E-03	84
miR-489	nol6	1.65E-03	99
miR-724	nol6	1.88E-03	92
miR-724	ppih	4.27E-03	98
miR-145-5p	wnt10a	8.36E-03	64
miR-724	anxa2a	2.96E-02	94
miR-145-5p	anxa2a	3.32E-04	64
miR-489	rtca	5.79E-03	72
miR-145-5p	utp15	5.37E-03	96
miR-92b-3p	smpd2b	3.52E-03	95
miR-145-5p	calr	1.24E-03	67
miR-92b-3p	mcf2	2.27E-03	79
miR-92b-3p	cdt1	6.44E-05	99
miR-145-5p	ergic3	8.73E-03	88
miR-724	lap3	4.62E-02	51
miR-145-5p	apex1	4.35E-03	83
miR-92b-3p	dcclre1a	8.03E-03	89
miR-92b-3p	g3bp1	1.59E-03	58
miR-92b-3p	bms1	4.18E-04	72
miR-92b-3p	hsa9	5.66E-03	93
miR-489	psmc2	2.93E-03	77
miR-92b-3p	mcm7	5.39E-03	69
miR-727-3p	ctsz	1.33E-03	92
miR-92b-3p	lrp1	5.26E-04	84
miR-724	adrm1	3.41E-02	54
miR-145-5p	cd63	3.50E-02	88
miR-145-5p	cpaf3	4.80E-02	67
miR-727-3p	ctsla	6.33E-03	93
miR-92b-3p	ctsla	3.36E-02	84
miR-92b-3p	st6galnac	4.21E-02	98
miR-92b-3p	acat2	5.85E-04	93
miR-145-5p	pgd	2.76E-03	46
miR-489	alg3	8.15E-03	32
miR-727-3p	cct7	2.96E-02	88
miR-724	carm1	4.38E-02	57
miR-145-5p	ptp4a1	6.36E-03	82
miR-92b-3p	twistnb	7.09E-04	58
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miR-727-3p	kdelr2b	1.33E-03	86
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miR-145-5p	slc30a7	5.76E-04	84
miR-92b-3p	bet1	2.32E-02	97
miR-489	ndufab1b	1.50E-02	92
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miR-727-3p	copb1	3.34E-03	30
miR-92b-3p	sec23ip	1.33E-02	81
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miR-727-3p	wdr3	2.09E-03	89
miR-145-5p	clptm1	7.46E-05	72
miR-145-5p	aars	2.50E-02	79
miR-727-3p	ncl1	3.87E-02	87
miR-145-5p	hnrpl	2.83E-03	85
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miR-92b-3p	kifap3b	1.13E-03	96



**Figure 2.1.** Unsupervised hierarchical clustering of the 500 genes with the greatest experimental magnitude change relative to the control group in regenerate fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation. Includes Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old) and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts. Color within the heat map indicates distance from average gene counts across all samples, with blue indicating lower than average expression and red indicating higher than average expression. Color above the heat map indicates age (Juvenile, Adult, or Geriatric) and condition (Control or Regenerate).



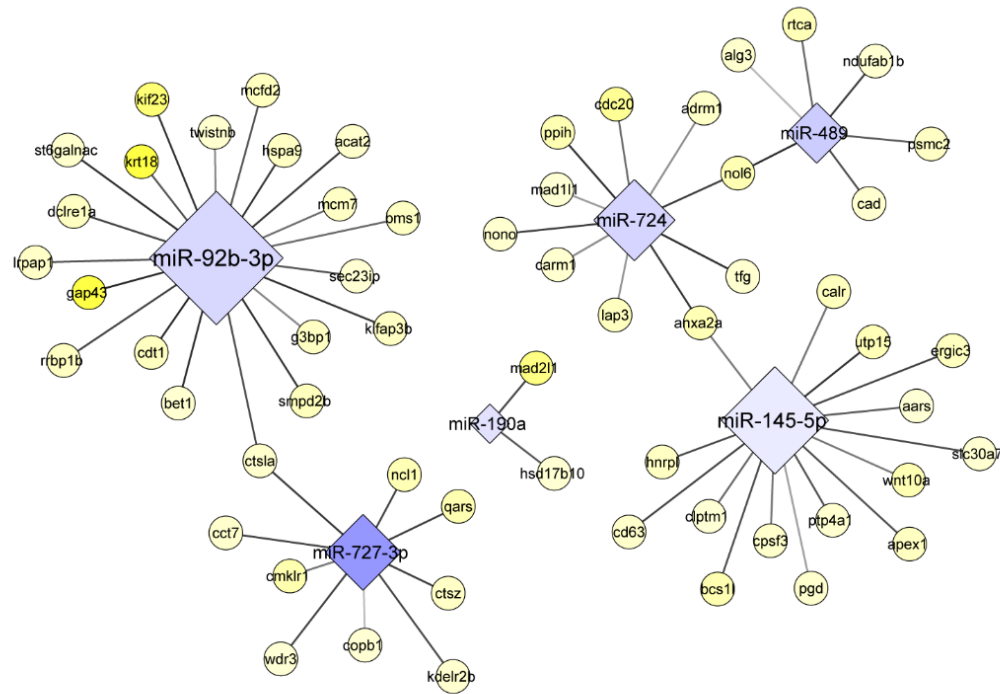
**Figure 2.2.** Principal components analysis of samples from Regenerate and Control fin tissue at 1 day post-amputation. Samples include Juvenile (4-week old), Adult (4-month old) and Geriatric (2+ year-old) zebrafish cohorts. Color represents age cohort while full vs. empty squares indicate Control vs. Regenerate conditions.



**Figure 2.3.** Venn diagram of the predicted miRNA-mRNA interactions. All interactions met one of three criteria: 1) prediction by both databases, 2) prediction by MicroCosm with a score of  $p < 0.01$ ; or 3) prediction by TargetScan with a weighted context++ score  $\geq 50$ .

**Figure 2.4.** Network of predicted miRNA-mRNA interactions between miRNAs that increased expression and mRNAs that decreased expression in regenerate fin tissue (1 day post-amputation). Only interactions that were predicted by both MicroCosm and TargetScan were included. Yellow indicates increased expression; blue indicated decreased expression.





**Figure 2.5.** Network of predicted miRNA-mRNA interactions between miRNAs that decreased expression and mRNAs that increased expression in regenerate fin tissue (1 day post-amputation). Only interactions that were predicted by MicroCosm and TargetScan were included. Yellow indicates increased expression; blue indicated decreased expression.

### CHAPTER 3 – GLUCOCORTICOID RECEPTOR-DEPENDENT INDUCTION OF CRIPTO-1 (ONE-EYED PINHEAD) INHIBITS ZEBRAFISH CAUDAL FIN REGENERATION

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## Abstract

We previously used a chemical genetics approach with the larval zebrafish to identify small molecule inhibitors of tissue regeneration. This led to the discovery that glucocorticoids (GC) block early stages of tissue regeneration by the inappropriate activation of the glucocorticoid receptor (GR). We performed a microarray analysis to identify the changes in gene expression associated with beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP) exposure during epimorphic fin regeneration. Oncofetal *cripto-1* showed > eight-fold increased expression in BDP-treated regenerates. We hypothesized that the mis-expression of *cripto-1* was essential for BDP to block regeneration. Expression of *cripto-1* was not elevated in GR morphants in the presence of BDP indicating that *cripto-1* induction was GR-dependent. Partial translational suppression of Cripto-1 in the presence of BDP restored tissue regeneration. Retinoic acid exposure prevented increased *cripto-1* expression and permitted regeneration in the presence of BDP. We demonstrated that BDP exposure increased *cripto-1* expression in mouse embryonic stem cells and that regulation of *cripto-1* by GCs is conserved in mammals.

## Introduction

Some vertebrates, such as zebrafish (*Danio rerio*), have the capacity to fully restore complex tissues such as limbs, appendages, and organs in a process called epimorphic regeneration. Zebrafish caudal fin regeneration is a useful model of this

process for several reasons including the fast restoration of resected fin tissue (2-3 weeks), tractability of the zebrafish genome, high survival rate, and ease of husbandry, observation, and data acquisition [1, 2]. The deterministic mechanism(s) leading to epimorphic regeneration versus scarring is unknown, but it is understood that regeneration is divided into four major phases: wound healing, blastema formation, regenerative outgrowth, and termination. Each phase requires a tightly coordinated sequence of molecular events involving several signaling pathways. Fibroblast growth factor, Wnt, Activin, and others are among the first activated pathways following injury [1, 3]. During wound healing, epithelial cells migrate to form a wound epidermis from which the apical epithelial cap (AEC) is derived. Epithelial-mesenchymal interactions involving the AEC cause the underlying mesenchyme to dedifferentiate into a multipotent mass of cells called a blastema. Once established, the blastema undergoes rapid proliferation and differentiation to restore all damaged or lost structures. This process terminates once the damaged tissue is fully regenerated to its original structure [1].

Like adults, larval zebrafish also undergo epimorphic regeneration following fin amputation, and the molecular and structural processes are fundamentally similar [2, 4, 5]. Larval fin regeneration offers several advantages over adults, the most notable being rapid rate of regeneration (3 days), amenability to transient knockdown of gene expression using antisense repression, and small size of the organism. These characteristics make the larval regeneration model amenable to high-throughput screening of chemicals that can modulate epimorphic regeneration [6]. This chemical

genetics approach is guided by the hypothesis that compounds inhibiting regeneration do so by perturbing specific signaling events required for the regenerative process. This makes chemical genetics a useful tool for providing mechanistic insight into regeneration. Likewise, such a screen could also identify novel effects of chemicals within the regenerative framework [6]. For example, we previously used this larval regeneration approach to identify a novel link between Wnt and Aryl hydrocarbon receptor signaling via R-spondin 1 [7].

We previously performed a blinded screen of a 2000-member library of FDA-approved chemicals to identify compounds that modulate larval zebrafish fin regeneration [6]. Among the chemical classes inhibiting regeneration was glucocorticoids (GCs). GCs modulate several biological processes including energy metabolism, immunity, development, and wound healing [8-12]. Endogenous GCs such as cortisol and exogenous GCs such as dexamethasone act primarily through the glucocorticoid receptor (GR), a nuclear receptor that can potentially transactivate or transrepress thousands of genes [8].

Beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP) had the greatest potency to inhibit regeneration and this inhibition was GR-dependent. This BDP regenerative inhibition, however, was independent of anti-inflammatory effects on neutrophil and macrophage recruitment to the wound site. Finally, the inhibitory effects of BDP occurred within a narrow 4 h critical window following amputation indicating that the upstream GR target was present during the early stages of regeneration [6]. We performed microarray

analysis (unpublished until now) on regenerating caudal fins exposed to BDP and discovered that BDP increased the expression of the oncofetal gene *cripto-1*, also known as *one-eyed pinhead (oep)* in zebrafish and *teratoma-derived growth factor 1 (tdgfl)* in humans. Using qRT-PCR, we found that GR activity (based on *anxa1b* repression) was similar between GCs that inhibited or permitted regeneration [13]. Those that inhibited regeneration had increased *cripto-1* expression similar to BDP, whereas those that permitted regeneration did not increase *cripto-1* expression.

In vertebrates, *cripto-1* is a required co-factor in Nodal signaling as well as an antagonist of Activin signaling [14-16]. The importance of functional *cripto-1* in zebrafish development was demonstrated in *oep* loss-of-function mutants, which developed cyclopia and died as larvae due to impaired Nodal signaling [17]. Antisense knockdown of *cripto-1* expression using translation-blocking MOs produced identical effects [18]. As an oncogene controlling cellular stemness, *cripto-1* is expressed in various cancer types [19] and modulation of its expression could be a desirable therapeutic strategy. In human and murine teratocarcinoma cells, *cripto-1* expression is downregulated in response to compounds that induce cellular differentiation such as retinoic acid [20], indicating that its expression can be influenced by chemical exposure.

Increased abundance of *Cripto-1* in regenerating tissue could potentially interfere with critical regenerative pathways such as Activin [15]. We therefore hypothesized that BDP inhibited regeneration by modulating the expression of a gene (*cripto-1*) that other GCs do not. In the current study, we present the original microarray data demonstrating

that BDP increased the expression of *cripto-1*. We then conclusively demonstrate that a GR-dependent increase in *cripto-1* expression following BDP exposure was responsible for inhibited zebrafish fin regeneration, and that the effect of BDP on *cripto-1* expression is conserved in murine stem cells.

## Materials and Methods

### *Ethics statement*

All experiments were performed according to the recommendations in the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals of the National Institutes of Health. The Oregon State University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee reviewed and approved the animal care and use protocols (internal approval number 3903). Tricaine mesylate (MS-222) was used to anesthetize animals during the amputation procedures, and every effort was implemented to curtail pain and suffering.

### *Chemical exposures*

All chemical exposures started at 2 days post-fertilization (dpf) immediately following fin amputation. Static exposure to beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP) (Sigma;  $\geq 99\%$  pure) was performed at a final concentration of 1  $\mu\text{M}$  using 0.1% DMSO (vehicle). Static exposure to SB431542 (Sigma;  $\geq 98\%$  pure) was performed at a final concentration of 100  $\mu\text{M}$ . Others have reported the use of  $< 100 \mu\text{M}$  SB431542 [3] in adult zebrafish and our most recent data (not shown) indicate that 50  $\mu\text{M}$  is sufficient to

inhibit fin regeneration in the larval model. Exposure to all-trans retinoic acid (RA) (Sigma;  $\geq 98\%$ ) was performed at a concentration of  $0.1\ \mu\text{M}$  for 8 h followed by static co-exposure to a lower RA concentration of  $0.01\ \mu\text{M}$  as well as BDP at a final concentration of  $1\ \mu\text{M}$ . Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) was used to prepare all chemical stocks.

#### *Zebrafish embryos and larvae*

Standard husbandry procedures were used for all embryos [21]. Microarray experiments were performed using AB strain embryos, while Tropical 5D strain embryos were used to validate the response to beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP) in subsequent experiments. Excluding microarray and qRT-PCR procedures (described below), a sample size of  $n = 12$  was used for all experiments. Caudal fin amputations were performed according to previously described procedures [6, 22, 23].

#### *Fin RNA isolation*

Larvae were subject to caudal fin amputation at 2 dpf and were immediately exposed to either  $1\ \mu\text{M}$  BDP or vehicle control (0.1% DMSO) as described above. The regenerating fin tissues were amputated a second time at 24 hours post-amputation (hpa) and collected for total RNA extraction using the RNAqueous Micro kit (Ambion). Each biological replicate consisted of pooled fin tissue from 150 larvae, and each treatment consisted of three replicates. The quality and quantity of isolated total RNA was determined using UV absorbance analysis. Electropherogram patterns were analyzed for



degradation and ribosomal RNA abundance using the 2100 Bioanalyzer and RNA 6000 Nano chips (Agilent Technologies).

#### *Affymetrix microarray processing*

Microarray preparation and processing were performed for the Affymetrix platform at the Center for Genome Research and Biocomputing (CGRB), Oregon State University. Single-stranded cDNA was synthesized using 100 ng total RNA from larval regenerating fin tissue (AB strain) with Superscript II reverse transcriptase and T7-(dT)<sub>24</sub> primer (Invitrogen). A second round of cDNA synthesis was performed to generate double-stranded cDNA. This cDNA template was used for generating biotinylated cRNA using biotin-conjugated pseudouridine and T7 polymerase (Affymetrix). Following quantification, 10 µg of the purified and fragmented biotinylated cRNA was hybridized to zebrafish genome arrays (Zebrafish430\_2) as specified in the Affymetrix GeneChip Expression Analysis Technical Manual (7010201 Rev.5). Affymetrix Scanner 3000 was used to scan arrays. Each array was visualized to screen for non-specific signals from debris, scratches, or other artefacts. Microarray experiments were certified under Minimum Information About a Microarray Experiment (MIAME) standards.

Genespring software (Agilent Technologies) was used to analyze Affymetrix CEL files generated from the microarray. Background signal was removed using gene chip-robust multiarray processing. Each transcript was normalized based on median signal thus allowing comparisons to be made between arrays on a relative scale for each gene.

To identify significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) differential expression of genes following BDP exposure, one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) assuming equal variance was performed comparing BDP- and DMSO-treated experimental groups. Further analysis focused primarily on genes that had differential expression of at least 2-fold. These genes were annotated by comparing sequence similarity of the respective Affymetrix probe set with known mammalian proteins based on the Sanger database ([http://www.sanger.ac.uk/Projects/D\\_rerio/](http://www.sanger.ac.uk/Projects/D_rerio/)). Annotation was confirmed using the Genbank and Ensembl ([http://uswest.ensembl.org/Danio\\_rerio/Info/Index](http://uswest.ensembl.org/Danio_rerio/Info/Index)) databases. Raw data were uploaded to the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) under the accession number GSE10766. A heatmap of bi-hierarchical clusters were generated using MultiExperiment Viewer (MEV) from which a gene list was created. Human orthologs of these genes were identified using ZFIN (<https://zfin.org/>) and Ensembl databases.

*Quantitative real time reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (qRT PCR)*

As previously described, total RNA was isolated from larval regenerating fin tissue exposed to either 1  $\mu$ M BDP or 0.1% DMSO. Biological replicates consisted of pooled fin samples of  $n = 60$  with three replicates per experimental group. cDNA was generated from 1  $\mu$ g total RNA using Superscript II (Life Technologies) and oligo(dT) primers. qRT-PCR was performed using gene-specific primers (Table B.6) in the Opticon 2 real time PCR detection system (MJ Research) with the SYBR green qPCR kit (Finnzymes). Samples were normalized to endogenous  $\beta$ -actin quantity. Formation of the anticipated PCR products was verified using agarose gel electrophoresis and melt curve

analysis. Sigmastat software (Systat Software) was used to identify statistically significant differences in mRNA abundance by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc test ( $p < 0.05$ ) on log10-transformed data.

### *Oligonucleotides*

Primers were designed according to Affymetrix probe target sequences and are listed in Table B.6. Forward and antisense reverse primers are prefixed with F and R, respectively.

### *In situ hybridization*

Localization of transcripts within larvae at 24 hpa was performed using in situ hybridization according to published methods. Probes for *dlx5a*, *mvp*, *smarca4*, and *ilf2* were generously gifted by Atsushi Kawakami (Tokyo Institute of Technology, Yokohama, Japan).

### *Morpholinos*

Knockdown of *Cripto-1* and the glucocorticoid receptor (GR) was performed using morpholino oligos (MOs) (Gene Tools) that blocked the translation start site of *cripto-1* and the splice junction of exons 7 and 8 of the GR. Both the *cripto-1* MO (5' GCCAATAAACTCCAAAACAACTCGA 3') [18] and the GR MO (5' - CGGAACCCTAAAATACATGAAGCAG - 3') [6] were fluorescein tagged and targeted zebrafish-specific transcript sequences. MO controls consisted of a standard MO control sequence (5' CTCTTACCTCAGTTACAATTTATA 3'). MOs were reconstituted to a stock concentration of 3 mM in 1x Danieau's solution (58 mM NaCl, 0.7 mM KCl, 0.4

mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0.6 mM Ca(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 5 mM HEPES, pH 7.6). 1-4 cell stage embryos were injected with either 1.2 mM cripto-1 MO or 3 mM GR MO, and controls were injected with a matching concentration of standard control MO. Uniform distribution of morpholino was evaluated at 1 dpf by screening for fluorescence using a GFP filter. Morphant larvae underwent caudal fin amputation as previously described and then were statically exposed to 1  $\mu$ M BDP or 0.1% DMSO. Larvae were grown out to 3 days post-amputation (dpa) as previously described in standard regeneration protocols [6].

#### *Embryonic stem cell (eSC) treatment*

Murine D3 embryonic stem cells (eSCs) (ATCC, Rockville, MD) were sustained in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (Invitrogen, Breda, The Netherlands) at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Cells were routinely subcultured every 2-3 days. Medium was supplemented with 20% heat inactivated fetal calf serum (Hyclone, Thermo-Fisher Scientific, Etten-Leur, The Netherlands), 2 mM glutamine (Invitrogen), 50 U/ml penicillin (Invitrogen), 50  $\mu$ g/ml streptomycin (Invitrogen), 1% non-essential amino acids (Invitrogen), and 0.1 mM  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol (Sigma-Aldrich, Zwijndrecht, The Netherlands). Pluripotency was maintained by addition of murine leukemia inhibitory factor (mLIF) (Chemicon, Amsterdam, The Netherlands) to cell cultures at a final concentration of 1000 U/mL [24]. D3 eSCs were induced to differentiate into cardiac cells using routine culture medium (without mLIF) as previously described. On culture day 0, 20  $\mu$ L of eSC suspension ( $3.75 \times 10^4$  cells/mL) was translocated to the inner side of the lid of a 10 cm Petri dish (Greiner) containing 5 mL of PBS. eSCs were incubated in a humidified atmosphere at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. The resultant embryoid bodies (EBs)

were transferred to bacteriological Petri dishes (Greiner). The differentiation cultures were exposed from culture day 3 onward to BDP and retinoic acid (Fluka, Buchs, Switzerland). Two parallel cultures were performed for each of the compounds. After 24 hours of exposure (culture day 4), EBs from one culture were collected and directly stored in RNA Protect at -20°C to stabilize RNA (Qiagen, Venlo, The Netherlands).

### *Promoter analysis*

The promoters of zebrafish, mouse, and human *cripto-1* were analyzed for transcription factor binding sites using MatInspector release professional 8.4.1 (Genomatix Software Suite v3.10) [25]. The genomic region 3000 bp upstream of the zebrafish (GRCz11), mouse (GRCm38.p6), and human (GRCh38.p12) *cripto-1* transcriptional start sites were retrieved using Ensembl (release 95). These sequences were input into MatInspector and analyzed for general core promoter element and vertebrate element matrices from Matrix Library 11.0. The core/matrix similarity thresholds were set at 0.75/optimized.

## **Results**

### *Gene expression analysis identified *cripto-1* as a potential GR target in regenerating tissue.*

To identify the early gene expression changes associated with the inhibition, we performed global gene expression analysis in the regenerating fin tissue exposed to

vehicle (0.1% DMSO) or 1  $\mu$ M BDP. Only genes that were at least 2-fold differentially expressed in comparison to the control were considered (Fig. 3.1).

The heat map illustrated two major clusters of differentially expressed mRNAs. Statistical significance determined by one-way ANOVA revealed 169 transcripts with greater than a 2-fold change ( $p < 0.05$ ) (Table B.1). These transcripts were analyzed based on sequence homology and further grouped by function (Table B1). Most of the transcripts were involved in wound healing, extracellular matrix (ECM) remodeling and metabolism. Other known GR target genes such as *gilz* [26] and *fkbp506* [27] were also significantly affected (Fig. 3.2). Notably, *cripto-1* was expressed 8.5-fold higher in the regenerating fin tissue upon BDP exposure (Table B.1). qRT-PCR analysis confirmed this induction in the regenerating fin tissue as well as in the whole embryo (Fig. 3.2).

*Activin signaling is important for larval caudal fin regeneration.*

As a first step to understand the downstream effectors of activated GR, we explored the role of Activin signaling specifically for larval tissue regeneration. SB431542 is a specific inhibitor of endogenous Activin and Transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ) signaling [117-119]. Exposure of amputated larvae to 100  $\mu$ M SB431542 from 0 to 72 hours post-amputation (hpa) completely impaired regeneration producing the characteristic “V” shape observed in BDP-exposed larvae (Fig. 3.3a). Regeneration was characterized by the expression of specific transcripts in the wound epithelium and blastema. Comparative *in situ* analysis between BDP- and SB431542-exposed fish revealed loss of *dlx5a* expression in the wound epithelium, signifying absence of apical

epithelial cap [17, 120]. Moreover, the expression of *raldh2*, *mvp*, *junbl*, *smarca4*, *wnt10a*, and *ilf2* in the blastemal cells were similarly misexpressed in BDP- and SB431542-exposed larvae compared to control animals. Exposure to SB431542 did not change *cripto-1* expression (Fig. 3c).

*GR-mediated misregulation of cripto-1 is required for inhibition of regeneration.*

An initial goal was to determine if *cripto-1* induction is GR dependent. Quantitative analysis of *cripto-1* transcript in GR-MO injected larvae (morphants) exposed to BDP showed significantly reduced *cripto-1* expression compared to control morphants exposed to BDP (Fig. 3.4a). When BDP exposure was initiated immediately after amputation (0 hpa), *cripto-1* expression was significantly induced by 1 dpa. When BDP exposure was initiated after the 4-hour window (4 hpa), *cripto-1* expression was not induced by 1 dpa (Fig 3.4b).

*Cripto-1 is required for the BDP-inhibition of fin regeneration.*

To determine the role of *cripto-1* in regeneration, we utilized a *cripto-1* translation blocking morpholino. When Cripto-1 expression was completely repressed, larvae exhibited the one eyed pinhead phenotype (Fig. 3.5a), and lethality by 5 dpf (days post fertilization) [121]. To avoid lethality, we injected 2-4 cell-staged embryos with reduced volumes of fluorescein tagged morpholino. The morphants were screened for uniform fluorescence at 24 hpf, and both control and *cripto-1* morphants were exposed to vehicle and BDP following amputation at 2 dpf. The transient antisense repression allowed us to avoid lethality and show that the regenerative response was completely

abrogated in control morphants exposed to BDP. *cripto-1* morphants exposed only to vehicle were able to regenerate except for the presence of a characteristic notch on the fin (Fig. 3.5b). In nearly 80% of the *cripto-1* morphants exposed to BDP, regeneration progressed similar to the untreated control larvae (Fig. 3.5b). BDP exposure did not block regeneration when Cripto-1 levels were repressed.

*Suppression of cripto-1 by retinoic acid rescues BDP-inhibited regeneration.*

We used RA treatment to transiently suppress *cripto-1* expression. Analysis of *cripto-1* expression in whole embryos exposed to 0.1 and 0.01  $\mu\text{M}$  RA at 1 dpa, revealed concentration-dependent suppression of *cripto-1* expression (Fig. 3.6a). Co-exposure to BDP and 0.01  $\mu\text{M}$  RA did not rescue regeneration. An extended exposure to RA > 0.01  $\mu\text{M}$  inhibited regeneration (data not shown). Pre-exposure of 2 dpf larvae to 0.1  $\mu\text{M}$  RA for 8 hours prior to amputation, then co-exposure to BDP and 0.01  $\mu\text{M}$  RA post-amputation was tested. RA pre-exposure alone did not affect regeneration, but RA pre-exposure followed by co-exposure to 0.01  $\mu\text{M}$  RA during the BDP treatment rescued regeneration in approximately 75% of amputated larvae. RA exposure reduced BDP-induced *cripto-1* expression down to the baseline level of vehicle control larvae (Fig. 3.6b). The presence of *dlx5a* and *junbl* in co-exposed larvae suggested normal regenerative signaling (Fig. 3.6c), and the animals completed fin regeneration similar to the controls (Fig. 3.6d).

*BDP induces cripto-1 expression in mouse embryonic stem cells.*



To understand whether the regulatory role of GR activation is conserved in other biological systems, we analyzed the expression of *cripto-1* in mouse embryonic stem cells (eSCs). BDP exposure at 1  $\mu$ M for 24 h induced *cripto-1* expression in differentiating mouse eSCs, indicating that activated GR can modulate *cripto-1* expression across species (Fig. 3.7). We also observed RA suppression of *cripto-1* expression in mouse eSCs.

To identify possible conserved transcriptional mechanisms of *cripto-1* induction, we performed promoter analysis of the zebrafish, mouse, and human *cripto-1* promoters 3000 bp upstream of the transcriptional start site. Using a list (Table B.2) of differentially expressed transcription factors (TFs) from the microarray data plus the GR, we searched a database of predicted response elements in the zebrafish, mouse, and human promoter regions. Only the TFs having predicted response elements in all three species were considered for further analysis (Tables S3-S5). We found predicted repressive glucocorticoid response elements (GREs) in the *cripto-1* promoter. We also identified potential binding sites for ISL1, HMX3, POU3F3, MYT1, MAFK, EN1, and MYBL2.

## Discussion

Understanding tissue regeneration requires having the critical signaling targets in hand to experimentally manipulate and assemble a mechanism. In a microarray analysis, we found that exposure to beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP) severely inhibited

zebrafish's natural capacity for regeneration of amputated caudal fin tissue, and that the inhibition was closely accompanied by strong induction of the *cripto-1* transcript. This induction following BDP exposure was also observed in a separate study [122]. Cripto-1 is an evolutionarily conserved regulator of cell function and proliferation [123].

Preventing *cripto-1* induction with either retinoic acid (RA) exposure or antisense knockdown rescued fin regeneration in the presence of BDP. This demonstrated that induction of *cripto-1* was required for BDP to block fin regeneration. The regenerative block and increased expression of *cripto-1* were glucocorticoid receptor (GR)-dependent, indicating that modulation of *cripto-1* expression occurred downstream of the GR. *cripto-1* was induced when BDP exposure occurred within 4 h of fin amputation, correlating with the 4 h critical window previously established for BDP-mediated disruption of regeneration [40]. These results, along with previous work, demonstrate a novel link between the GR and *cripto-1* induction, and that inappropriate activation of the GR blocks fin regeneration in a *cripto-1*-dependent manner. Importantly, we further demonstrated that glucocorticoid (GC)-mediated expression of *cripto-1* is conserved in mammals.

During vertebrate development, Cripto-1 functions primarily as a required co-factor for Transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ) signaling, specifically for Nodal signaling [124]. During gastrulation, Cripto-1-dependent Nodal signaling at the primitive streak facilitates epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT) and regulates cell migration, allowing the embryo to form multiple tissue layers [125, 126]. As an oncofetal gene, *cripto-1* is expressed during development but largely absent in adult tissues except

during tumorigenesis or carcinogenesis [123]. It is overexpressed in triple negative breast cancer, colon carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, lung adenocarcinoma among several others [127-130]. Cripto-1 promotes tumor cell survival, proliferation, and migration by interacting with proteins that affect signaling pathways beyond TGF- $\beta$  [131]. There is no evidence to our knowledge that *cripto-1* expression is endogenously modulated by the GR during development or carcinogenesis.

We showed that *cripto-1* expression increased in larval fin tissue if zebrafish were exposed to BDP within four hours of amputation. After 4 hpf, the fin tissue may undergo a change that no longer supports GR-dependent induction of *cripto-1*. Notably, the lack of increased *dlx5a* expression demonstrated that BDP exposure prevented formation of the apical epithelial cap (AEC), despite formation of the wound epithelium [40]. Several signaling pathways are active prior to and after AEC formation including Fibroblast growth factor (FGF), Wnt, RA, and Activin/Transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ) [15, 16, 132]. Previous work in adult zebrafish has shown that epimorphic fin regeneration requires TGF- $\beta$ /Activin signaling within the first day of regeneration [16]. By inhibiting type I receptors using SB431541, we demonstrated that TGF- $\beta$ /Activin signaling is also required during the early stages of larval fin regeneration.

Given our results and Cripto-1's known role of antagonizing Activin, we conjectured that increased expression of *cripto-1* following BDP exposure prevents fin regeneration by a similar mechanism. The identical expression patterns of AEC and blastema markers in the fin tissue exposed to BDP and SB431542 suggested disrupted

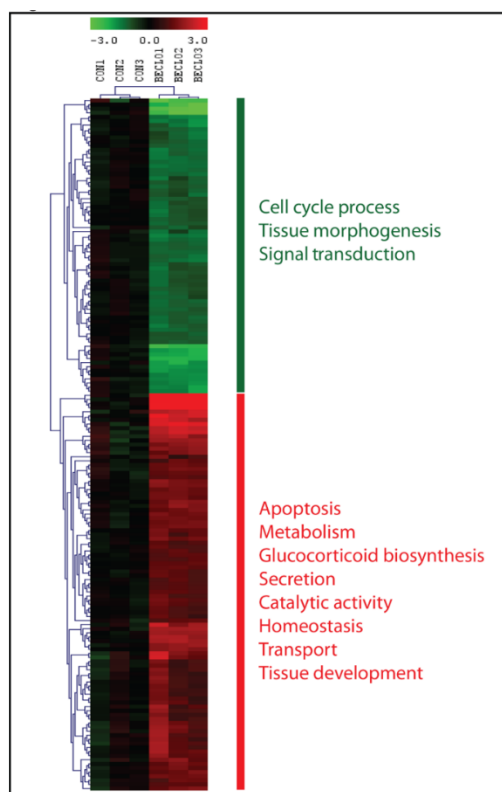
Activin signaling in BDP-exposed larvae. Since Cripto-1 suppressed Activin signaling in multiple cell types by binding Activin ligands at the protein level [133-137], we expect that inhibition of Activin signaling has no effect on *cripto-1* transcription. This was demonstrated to be the case in our model, indicating that *cripto-1* is upstream of Activin signaling.

Cripto-1 is a pleiotropic protein that could also interfere with other signaling pathways including Wnt (canonical and planar cell polarity pathways) [138, 139], c-Src [140], and Notch [141]. Graphical summaries of these interactions can be found in reviews such as Strizzi et al. (2005) [139], Nagaoka et al. (2012) [142], and Klauzinska et al. (2014) [131]. Additionally, a recent proteomic analysis of the Cripto-1 interactome identified 51 Cripto-1 binding proteins from human epithelial cells including regulators of extracellular exosomes, myosin II complexes, and the cytoskeleton. The myosin II activity was shown to regulate subcellular localization of Cripto-1 in epithelial and mesenchymal stem cell populations and to function cooperatively with zebrafish Cripto-1 to promote caudal fin regeneration [143]. Although we were unable to localize *cripto-1* expression in the fin, these new data suggest that Cripto-1 may be expressed in both epithelial and mesenchymal cells following BDP exposure. Furthermore, their study identified an intrinsic role for increased *cripto-1* expression during the outgrowth phase of regeneration, which may explain why *oep* morphants had notched fins following regeneration. The impacts of increased *cripto-1* expression during the initiation of fin regeneration appear quite complex.

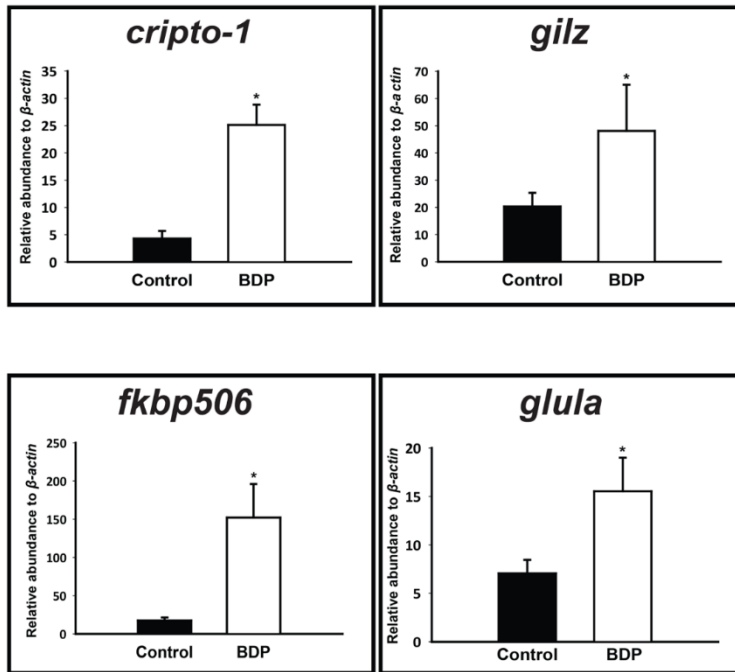
Since RA co-exposure rescues fin regeneration, and *raldh2* is not detectable by ISH at 1 dpa following BDP exposure, Cripto-1 likely acts upstream of *raldh2* induction and normal RA signaling [20]. We did not observe any chemical precipitation during BDP and RA co-exposures. Since RA concentrations greater than 0.01  $\mu$ M during the pre-exposure did not result in a higher incidence of regeneration, the uptake of BDP by the animals was likely not affected by the presence of RA in the media. In human teratocarcinoma cells, the addition of exogenous RA to cell culture induces germ cell nuclear factor which directly represses *cripto-1* expression [144]. It is possible that this mechanism occurs in the regenerating zebrafish fin during BDP and RA co-exposure. However, RA co-exposure also rescues regeneration when fish are exposed to FGF and ERK1/2 signaling inhibitors [20]. Its rescuing effect on regeneration might therefore not be specific for its effect on *cripto-1* induction. Another possibility is that RA co-exposure could be “overriding” Cripto-1’s effect on upstream pathways by stimulating downstream signaling events mediated by RA.

We show conclusively for the first time that activation of the GR by BDP (and other specific GCs) is sufficient to increase *cripto-1* expression to levels that exert physiological consequence *in vivo*. *cripto-1* induction would seem an important conserved signaling step between taxa. We note that differences have been observed in xenobiotic responses between murine and non-human primate eSCs [145], indicating that further work is needed to demonstrate a link between *cripto-1* induction and the GR in humans. If this response is conserved in humans, it would have implications for therapeutic GC treatment whether for immunosuppression or cancer treatment.

Modulation of Cripto-1 expression via the GR could be useful in the laboratory setting. For example, *cripto-1* induction promotes cardiomyogenesis whereas suppression promotes neural differentiation [146, 147]. Certain GCs may be useful for directing cell fate commitment *in vitro*. Considering the importance of Cripto-1 in ES cells, development, cancer, and regenerative medicine, GCs have the potential to offer novel modes of manipulating Cripto-1 for therapeutic benefit.

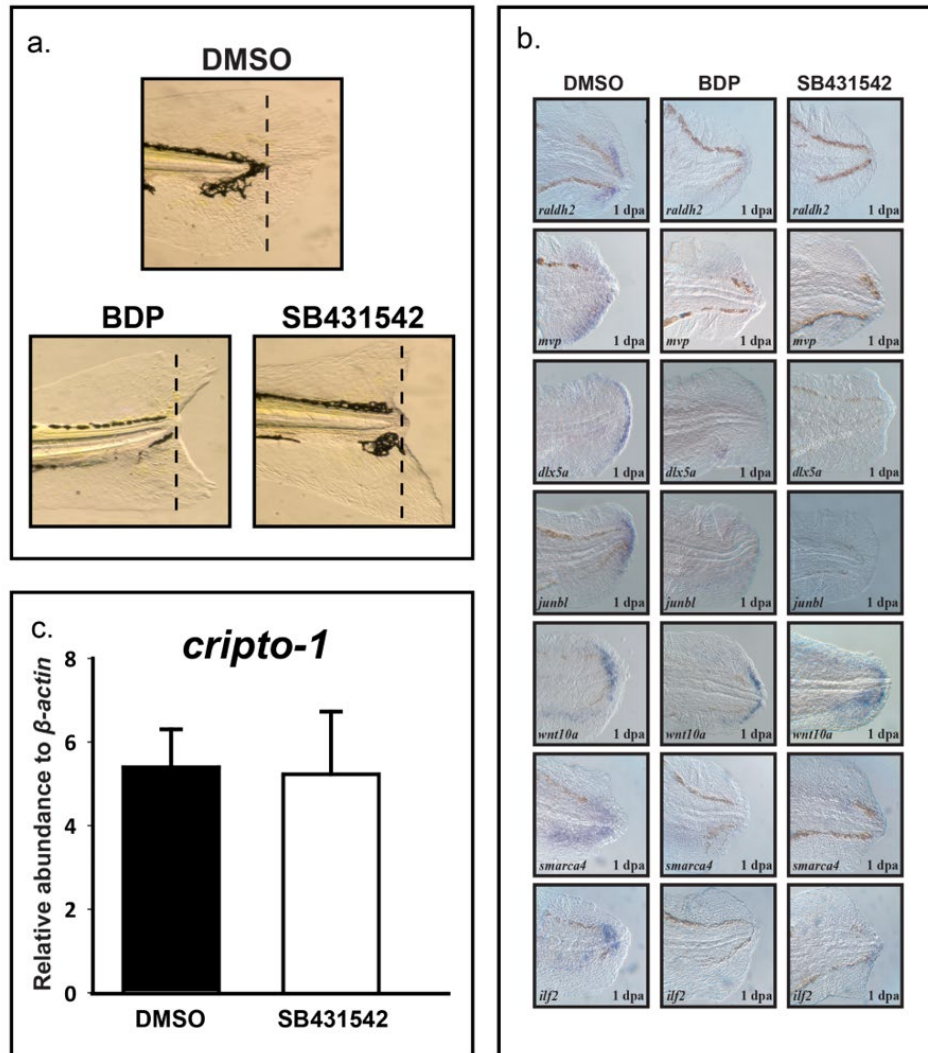


**Figure 3.1** Gene expression changes in larval regenerating fin tissue after exposure to BDP. Heat map demonstrates bi-hierarchical clustering of 169 statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) transcripts that are at least two-fold differentially expressed.

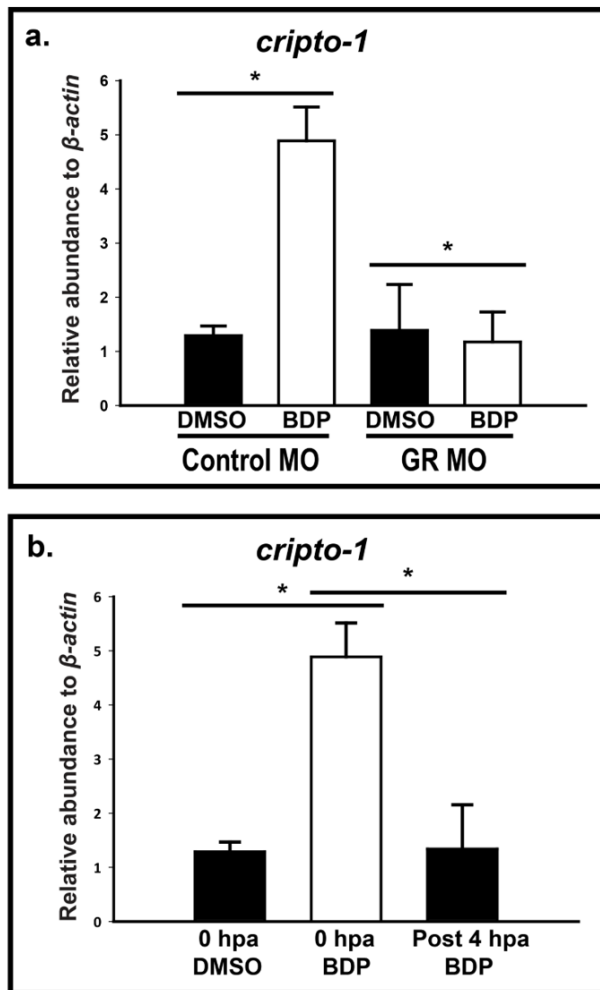


**Figure 3.2** qRT-PCR analysis of BDP-enhanced transcripts in DMSO or BDP treated larval fin tissue at 1 dpa. The expression of *cripto-1*, *gilz*, *fkbp506*, and *glula* following beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP) exposure at one day post-amputation (dpa) are illustrated as relative abundance to  $\beta$ -actin mRNA levels. Gene specific primers were used to quantify mRNAs using real time qRT-PCR. Data presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM (n = 3). One-way ANOVA was conducted to determine differences in expression. Asterisks indicate significant difference between vehicle and treatment ( $p < 0.05$ ).

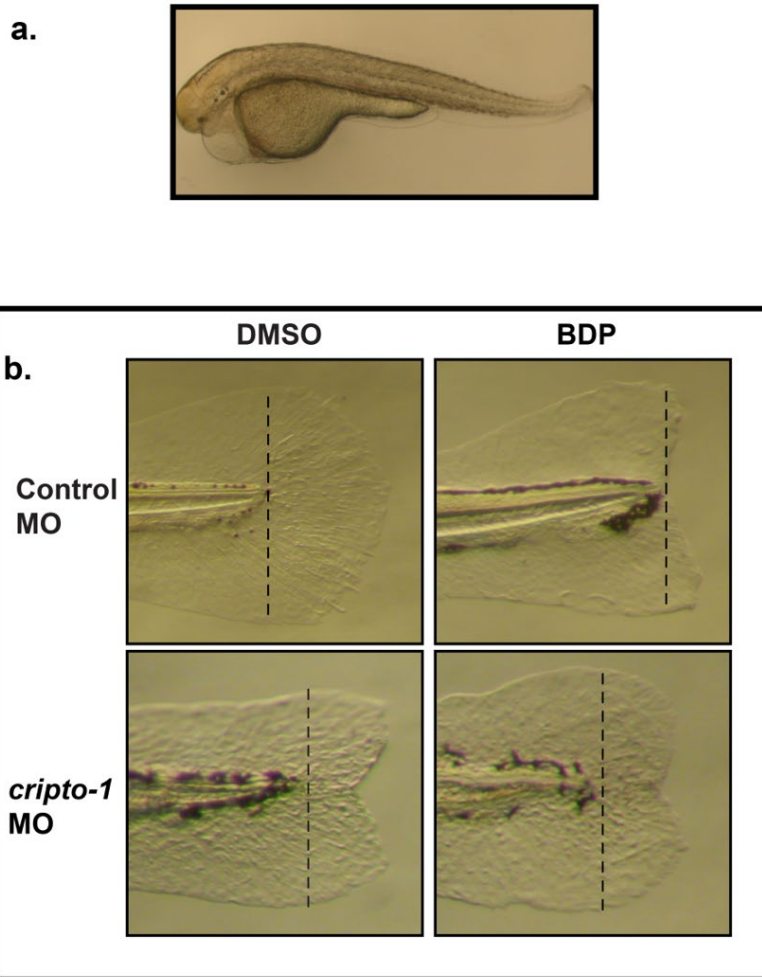




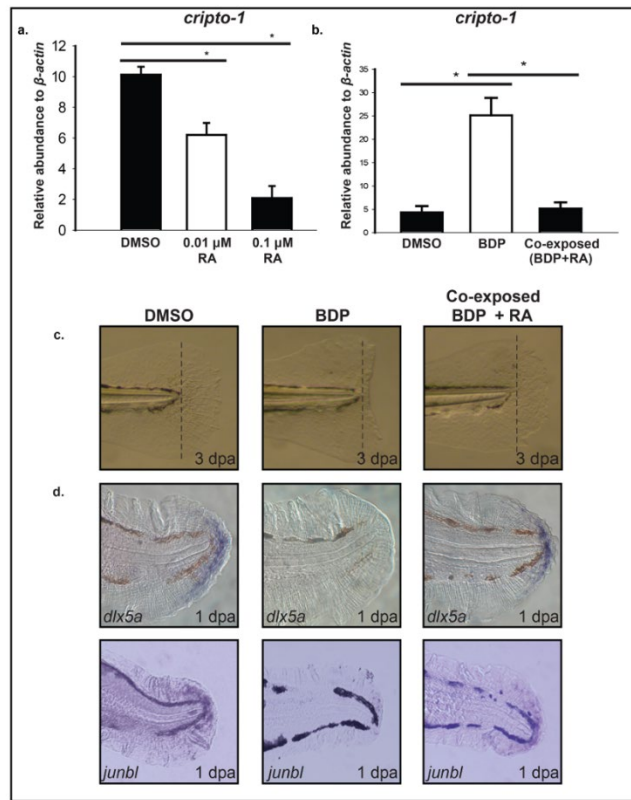
**Figure 3.3** BDP and SB431542 impact larval regeneration. a) Caudal fins of 2 dpf (days post-fertilization) larvae were amputated and exposed to vehicle (0.1% DMSO), 1  $\mu$ M beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP), or 100  $\mu$ M SB431542. Regenerative progression was evaluated and pictures were taken at 3 dpa (days post-amputation). b) *In situ* localization of *dlx5a*, *junbl*, *wnt10a*, *ilf2*, *smarca4*, *raldh2* and *mvp* in larvae exposed to BDP and SB431542 demonstrated a similar expression pattern. c) Exposure to SB431542 did not significantly alter expression of *cripto-1*.



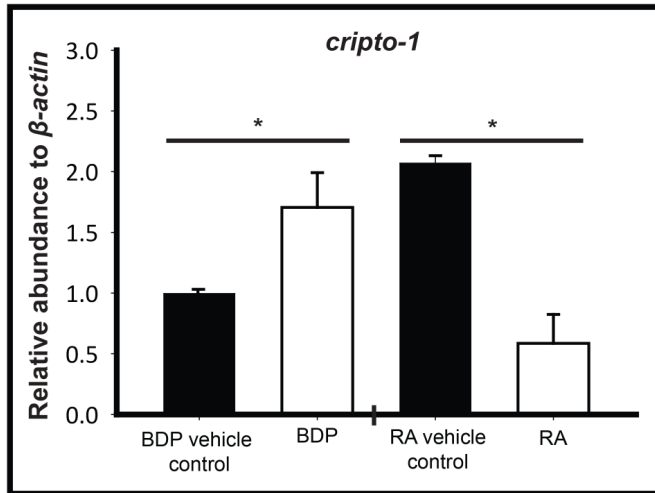
**Figure 3.2** Inappropriate GR activation during early stages of regeneration leads to induced *cripto-1* expression. a) Glucocorticoid receptor (GR) splice variant morpholino oligo (MO) transiently knocked down GR compared to standard control MO-injected embryos. The amputated control and GR morphants were exposed to DMSO or beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP). The abundance of *cripto-1* transcript estimated by qRT-PCR at 1 day post-amputation (dpa) in the whole embryo indicate significantly reduced expression in the BDP exposed morphants. The respective values represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM and the asterisks indicate statistical significance (One-way ANOVA,  $n = 3$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ). b) 2 days post-fertilization (dpf) embryos were amputated and exposed to three different groups; DMSO at 0 hours post-amputation (hpa), BDP at 0 hpa and BDP post 4 hpa. The expression of *cripto-1* was evaluated in whole embryos at 1 dpa. *cripto-1* expression was significantly up-regulated when exposed at 0 hpa, but BDP exposure didn't induce *cripto-1* when exposed after 4 hpa. The respective values represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM and the asterisks indicate statistical significance (One-way ANOVA,  $n = 3$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ).



**Figure 3.3** Partial antisense repression of Cripto-1 rescues inhibition of regeneration by BDP. a) Translation-blocking *cripto-1* morpholino oligo (MO) transiently knocked down Cripto-1. The morphants developed the characteristic one-eyed pinhead phenotype by 2 days post-fertilization (dpf). b) The control and *cripto-1* morphants were exposed to DMSO or beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP) at 2 dpf following amputation. The dotted lines mark the plane of amputation. Regenerative progression was evaluated and pictures were taken at 3 days post-amputation (dpa). In each replicated experiment approximately 80% of the *cripto-1* morphants were resistant to inhibition of regeneration by BDP exposure.



**Figure 3.4** Retinoic acid exposure suppress *cripto-1* expression in the fin tissue and rescues BDP impaired regeneration. a) Caudal fin of 2 days post-fertilization (dpf) embryos were amputated and exposed to DMSO or either 0.01  $\mu$ M or 0.1  $\mu$ M retinoic acid (RA). The abundance of *cripto-1* was estimated in the regenerating fin tissues. The expression of *cripto-1* was significantly reduced in a concentration-dependent manner compared to the control. The respective values represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM and the asterisks indicate statistical significance (One-way ANOVA,  $n = 3$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ). b.) 2 dpf larvae were exposed to 0.1  $\mu$ M RA for 8 hours followed by amputation and co-exposure with 0.01  $\mu$ M RA and DMSO or beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP). The abundance of *cripto-1* was evaluated at 1 day post-amputation (dpa) in the regenerating fin tissue by qRT-PCR. Co-exposure with RA significantly suppressed *cripto-1* expression compared to BDP exposure. The respective values represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM and the asterisks indicate statistical significance (One-way ANOVA,  $n = 3$ ). c). Amputated 2 dpf larvae pre-exposed with 0.1  $\mu$ M RA were exposed to DMSO, BDP or co exposed with BDP and 0.01  $\mu$ M RA. Regenerative progression was monitored and pictures were taken at 3 dpa. In each replicated experiment regeneration was restored in approximately 75% embryos co exposed to BDP and RA compared to BDP alone. d) In situ localization of *dlx5a* and *junbl* in the regenerating fin tissue at 1 dpa demonstrated restoration of regeneration markers in the caudal fin of larvae co-exposed with BDP and RA.



**Figure 3.5** BDP induces *cripto-1* expression in the mouse embryonic stem cells. Embryoid bodies cultured from mouse D3 embryonic stem cells were exposed to beclomethasone dipropionate (BDP). The relative abundance of *cripto-1* was quantified by qRT-PCR. Exposure to 1  $\mu$ M BDP significantly induced while retinoic acid (RA) exposure suppressed *cripto-1* expression. The respective values represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM and the asterisks indicate statistical significance compared to the respective vehicle controls (One-way ANOVA on ranks,  $n = 3$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ).

CHAPTER 4 – BENZOFLUORANTHENES PRODUCE ECTOPIC FIN  
DEVELOPMENT IN LARVAL ZEBRAFISH REVEALING  
COMPLEXITY OF AHR-DEPENDENT PAH ACTIVITY

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## Abstract

The aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AHR) mediates developmental toxicity of several xenobiotic classes including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Using embryonic zebrafish, we previously identified four PAHs that caused a novel phenotype among AHR ligands – growth of a lateral, duplicate caudal fin. The window of sensitivity to the most potent inducer of this phenotype, benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkF), was prior to 36 hours post-fertilization (hpf), although the phenotype was not manifest until 60 hpf. Ahr2-dependency was demonstrated using morpholino knockdown. Hepatocyte ablation demonstrated that metabolism of BkF in the liver is not required for the phenotype. RNA sequencing was performed on distal trunk tissue from BkF-exposed animals collected at 48, 60, 72, and 96 hpf. Across all time points, genes associated with AHR activation, limb development, and tissue patterning had increased expression. Genes encoding fibroblast growth factor and bone morphogenic protein ligands, along with retinaldehyde dehydrogenase, were prominently upregulated. GO term analysis revealed that genes with increased expression were enriched for mesoderm development and fin regeneration pathways, while genes with decreased expression were enriched for Wnt signaling and neuronal development. MetaCore (Clarivate Analytics) systems analysis revealed enrichment of pro-inflammatory Th17-derived cytokines in response to BkF exposure. R-SMADs, AP-1, and LEF1 were predicted to regulate expression of an enriched number of gene targets across all time points. Our results demonstrate a novel aspect of AHR biology that advances our understanding of AHR-mediated developmental toxicity.

## Introduction

The aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AHR) is a basic helix-loop-helix ligand-activated transcription factor that is highly conserved among vertebrates and known to be activated by many xenobiotics from natural and anthropogenic sources [1]. A wide range of environmental chemicals interact with the AHR, including dioxins, furans, dioxin-like PCBs, PAHs, flavonoids, and organochlorines [2-4]. Once bound to a ligand, chaperone proteins dissociate and the ligand-bound AHR translocates to the nucleus and dimerizes with the AHR nuclear translocator (ARNT). In the nucleus, the ligand-AHR–ARNT complex binds to xenobiotic response elements, which leads to both the upregulation and downregulation of a variety of gene targets (e.g. cytochrome P450 1A), and interactions with downstream pathways [5]. This includes genes in pathways that play important roles in cardiovascular systems, reproduction, immune regulation, oxidative stress responses, and development [6-10]. The repertoire of known biological effects downstream of AHR activation is diverse. Our understanding of how diverse xenobiotic ligands can seem to similarly activate the same AHR but lead to such diverse outcomes is not well understood.

AHR mediated developmental toxicity has been mainly characterized for the prototypical ligand 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD), and includes phenotypic craniofacial malformations and cardiovascular dysfunction [11, 12]. Many effects and resulting phenotypes are often similar for other AHR ligands, including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which elicit developmental toxicity [13-18]. PAHs are



common environmental pollutants, comprised of two or more fused aromatic rings, and can be petrogenic (formed in petroleum) and/or pyrogenic (formed through incomplete combustion of organic material). Exposure to PAHs during development has been correlated with an increase in neurobehavioral disorders [19-21], obesity [22, 23], decreased intelligence [19, 24], reproductive effects [25], and decreased birth weight and size [26-28]. Similar to other AHR ligands, developmental PAH exposure can result in a variety of effects, though toxicity is similar to the developmental effects of TCDD including cardiovascular toxicity and oxidative stress [17, 29-31]. Thus, PAHs provide an environmentally salient opportunity to explore a large range of ligand-AHR bioactivities and identify the transcriptional and proteomic patterns that underlie them.

The zebrafish is an ideal model for rapidly evaluating developmental toxicity of environmental toxicants, and useful for linking adverse outcomes and unique phenotypes with initiating molecular events to define chemical bioactivity and mechanisms of effect [32]. Zebrafish have been used extensively to study AHR related mechanisms for developmental effects of TCDD [12, 33], and the ability of adult and larval zebrafish to regenerate removed caudal fin tissue has been useful for interrogating downstream pathways mediated by AHR [34, 35]. Higher vertebrates have a single AHR gene, while a genome-wide duplication event in zebrafish resulted in 3 co-orthologs: Ahr1a, Ahr1b, and Ahr2. Ahr2 is primarily associated with TCDD induced developmental toxicity and demonstrated to mediate toxicity of several PAHs similar to the mammalian AHR [16, 36, 37]. The developmental toxicity of some PAHs is Ahr1a dependent [38], while the function of Ahr1b is still unknown although it has similar binding affinities as Ahr2 [39].

AHR-dependent developmental toxicity in zebrafish is canonically characterized by pericardial and yolk sac edema, and craniofacial malformations.

Previously, we performed a large comparative study of developmental toxicity associated with 123 PAHs and derivatives [40]. Unexpectedly, exposure to four different PAHs resulted in development of an ectopic caudal fin perpendicular to the normal caudal fin. These four PAHs were, in order of most to least potent nominal EC20 values: benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkF), dibenzo[b,k]fluoranthene, dibenzo[a,h]anthracene, and benzo[j]fluoranthene (Table 1). Caudal fin duplication has been previously reported in zebrafish mutants that have increased Wnt and bone morphogenic protein (BMP) [41], while exogenous addition of retinoic acid (RA) is sufficient to induce ectopic limb formation in other vertebrates [42]. In the present study, we investigated the etiology of the ectopic fin phenotype through the critical window of sensitivity to (BkF), dependence on AHR orthologue by antisense knockdown, and transcriptional changes and molecular pathways involved. Here we demonstrate that: 1) BkF-induced caudal fin duplication is Ahr2-dependent; 2) the development of the liver is not required for the phenotype; and 3) BkF alters the expression of several genes involved in limb bud formation.

## **Methods**

### *Chemicals*

PAH chemical structures are shown in Table 1. Analytical grade standards of benzo[j]fluoranthene (98.1%, CAS: 205-82-3), benzo[k]fluoranthene (100%, CAS: 207-08-9), and dibenzo[a,h]anthracene (99%, CAS: 53-70-3) were obtained from AccuStandard (New Haven, CT, USA), and dibenzo[b,k]fluoranthene (unknown purity, CAS: 205-97-0) was obtained from Chiron AS(Trondheim, Norway). Stock solutions of benzo[j]fluoranthene and benzo[k]fluoranthene were prepared in 100% DMSO at 10 mM, while solubility limits required dibenzo[b,k]fluoranthene and dibenzo[a,h]anthracene to be prepared at 1 mM. Tricaine mesylate (MS-222, 95%, CAS: 886-86-2) was obtained from Tocris Biosciences (Minneapolis, MN). DMSO (99.9%, CAS: 67-68-5) was obtained from Avantor Performance Materials (Center Valley, PA).

#### *Zebrafish Husbandry and Developmental Exposures*

Tropical 5D zebrafish were maintained at the Sinnhuber Aquatic Research Laboratory (SARL) at Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR, USA) according to Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) protocols. Adult zebrafish were raised in densities of ~500 animals/50-gallon tank at  $28 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  under a 14:10 hour light/dark cycle in recirculating filtered water supplemented with Instant Ocean salts. Spawning funnels were placed in tanks the night prior, and the following morning embryos were collected, staged, and maintained in an incubator at  $28 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  [43]. Embryonic and larval zebrafish to be euthanized were overdosed with tricaine at concentrations exceeding 300-400 mg/L.

Chorions were enzymatically removed with pronase at 4 hours post-fertilization (hpf) using a custom automated dechorionator as previously described, and at 6 hpf embryos were placed one per well in round bottom 96-well plates prefilled with 100  $\mu$ L embryo medium using an automated embryo placement system [44]. A Hewlett Packard D300e chemical dispenser was used to dispense 100% DMSO dissolved stocks into 2 replicate exposure plates. Final DMSO concentrations were normalized to 1% (vol/vol), and gently shaken by the chemical dispenser during dispensing. Plates were sealed with Parafilm to minimize evaporation, wrapped in foil to minimize light exposure, and shaken overnight at 235 rpm on an orbital shaker at  $28 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  to enhance solution uniformity [45]. Embryos were kept in a  $28 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  incubator for the duration of the 5 day study.

Aqueous exposures were either static throughout development or staggered to determine the developmental window of susceptibility (Figure 1A). For static exposures, embryos were exposed from 6 hpf until 120 hpf. For window of susceptibility and morpholino studies, a single concentration of 3  $\mu\text{M}$  benzo[k]fluoranthene was used which corresponded to an EC100 value. For RNAseq studies, the exposure concentration was 12  $\mu\text{M}$ , which ensured robust induction of the phenotype in 100% of the animals.

#### *Morpholino Microinjections*

Embryos were injected at the single cell stage with a fluorescein-tagged translation-blocking morpholino targeting Ahr2, splice-blocking morpholinos targeting Ahr1a or Ahr1b, or a standard nonsense control purchased from Gene Tools (Philomath,

Oregon) (Table 2). Injection volume was ~2 nL. Fertilized, normally developing embryos were screened for morpholino incorporation at 4 hpf by fluorescence microscopy, and dechorionated by hand. Embryos with evenly incorporated morpholino were exposed to benzo[k]fluoranthene as described above.

### *Immunohistochemistry*

Immunohistochemistry (IHC) of cytochrome P450, family 1, subfamily A (Cyp1A) protein localization was performed as previously described [35]. Two replicates of eight larvae at 5 dpf each were euthanized with tricaine and fixed overnight in 4% paraformaldehyde at 4°C. Fixed embryos were permeablized 10 minutes on ice in 0.005% trypsin, rinsed with PBS+Tween 20 (PBST) and post-fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for 10 minutes. Larvae were blocked with 10% normal goat serum (NGS) in PBS+0.5% Triton X-100 (PBSTx) for 1 hour at RT and incubated overnight in the mouse anti-fish Cyp1A monoclonal primary antibody (Biosense Laboratories, Bergen, Norway) (1:500) in 1% NGS. Larvae were washed in PBST and incubated for 2 hours in secondary antibody (Fluor 594 goat anti-mouse, IgG). Eight embryos per treatment group were assessed by epi-fluorescence microscopy using a Zeiss Axiovert 200 M or Keyence BZ-X700 microscope with 10× and 20× objectives for the presence or absence of fluorescence in specific tissues.

### *Hepatic ablation*

Hepatocyte ablation studies were conducted using Tg(1-fabp:CFP-NTR)s891 (background strain TL) [46]. Transgenic embryos from in-crossed homozygous adults

were collected from small group spawns. At 6 hpf, dechorionated embryos were hand-loaded into 96-well plates containing either 2 mM MTZ or vehicle (0.2% DMSO). Immediately after loading, half of all MTZ- and vehicle-exposed animals were exposed to 12  $\mu$ M BkF, and all wells were normalized to a final concentration of 1% DMSO, using a Hewlett-Packard Digital Dispenser. At 5 dpf, animals were screened for hepatic ablation by presence/absence of hepatic tissue fluorescence using a Zeiss ASDF fluorescence microscope with a green fluorescent protein (GFP) filter. Animals were then evaluated for mortality and ectopic caudal fin phenotype. Hepatic fluorescence imaging was performed using a Keyence BZ-X700 fluorescence microscope with a GFP filter.

#### *Tissue Isolation*

To collect caudal fin tissue, larval zebrafish were anesthetized in tricaine and the trunk was removed at the proximal end of the ventral pigment gap using a glass microdissection blade. Trunk tissue was collected at 48, 60, 72, and 96 hpf, pooling 50 animals per replicate at each time point. Collected tissue was immediately placed into RNazol® RT (Molecular Research Center, Inc., Cincinnati, OH) and frozen at -80°C until isolation.

#### *RNA Isolation and Sequencing*

Four biological replicates per treatment of total RNA were isolated from fin tissue samples using the Zymo Direct-zol RNA MiniPrep kit (Irvine, CA). Embryos were homogenized in 500  $\mu$ l RNazol RT with 0.5 mm zirconium oxide beads using a bullet blender (Next Advance, Averill Park, NY) for 3 min at speed 8. Samples were stored at

–80°C until RNA isolation. Total RNA was extracted according to the manufacturer's protocols. The optional in-column DNase I digestion step was performed for the RNAseq samples. Total RNA concentration and was determined on a SynergyMX spectrophotometer using a Gen5 Take3 sample holder (BioTek Instruments, Inc., Winooski, VT).

RNA samples were placed in a 96-well RT-PCR plate and shipped overnight on dry ice to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Biotechnology Center (Madison, WI) for library preparation and sequencing. RNA integrity was determined using the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer. Samples were prepared using the Illumina TruSeq Stranded mRNA Library Prep Kit. Libraries were randomized across 4 lanes and sequenced with 100bp single-end reads using the Illumina HiSeq 2500. Sequence files were transferred to the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for analysis.

#### *RNAseq Analysis*

Sequences were filtered based on Illumina quality scores and analyzed for quality using FastQC analytical software (Babraham Bioinformatics). Read ends were trimmed using Trimmomatic [47] to exclude low-quality sequences. Salmon's quasi-mapping alignment method [48] was used to map reads to *Danio rerio* Zv9 ENSEMBL transcripts. Transcript abundances were aggregated to gene level counts using tximport [49]. Normalization and differential expression across statistical contrasts was performed using DESeq2 [50] on genes with at least 10 counts in at least 3 samples.

Ensembl BioMart [51] was used to create the transcript-to-gene mapping key required for tximport to estimate gene expression levels (<http://mar2015.archive.ensembl.org/biomart/martview>, Ensembl Genes 79, Zv9 via Bioconductor [52] package biomaRt [53]). For clustering analyses, regular-log transformation was applied to the relative gene counts in order to correct for the heteroscedasticity inherent in RNAseq data [54]. Principle components analysis was performed in RStudio [55] using the base R [56] package, stat, and visualized with ggplot2 [57], ggthemes [58], and ggrepel [59]. MatrixStats [60] was used to identify genes that varied most in their expression across samples. Transformed count values of selected genes were scaled by Z-score, and heat maps with bidirectional, hierarchical clustering were produced using ComplexHeatmap [61]. For images of the top 50 significant differentially expressed genes (DEGs), a DEG list for each comparison ( $p < 0.05$ ) was sorted based on either the Benjamini-Hochberg method of false discovery rate (FDR) at 5% or absolute log2FC (fold change), and the top 50 genes (or all DEGs in cases with fewer than 50) from each ordered gene list were combined to create a master list of top combined DEGs.

All statistical analysis was performed using custom code developed in R [55]. GO term enrichment analysis was performed on separate upregulated and downregulated differentially expressed gene sets using topGO [62]. Excluding terms with fewer than 30 significantly differentially expressed transcripts (FDR-adjusted  $p\text{-value} \leq 0.05$ ), the 15 terms with the lowest p-value were selected from each time point and cross referenced to identify other time points for which that term was significant. The GO term heat map was



generated using the Broad Institute's online tool Morpheus (<https://software.broadinstitute.org/morpheus>). Venn diagrams were created using Venny 2.1.0 [63].

For the MetaCore enrichment analysis, *D. rerio* Ensembl gene IDs were converted to their orthologous human Ensembl IDs and gene symbols using the Bioinformatics Resource Manager v2.3 (BRM) with Ensembl release 91 [64]. Transcription factor target enrichment analysis was performed for each time point using genes that having a log<sub>2</sub>-fold change  $\geq 1$ . Gene targets were identified using MetaCore's network building tool based on direct interactions. Interactome figures were generated by importing the direct interactions data into Cytoscape v3.7.1.

## Results and Discussion

We previously identified a duplicate caudal fin-like phenotype, nicknamed "x-fin," in a developmental toxicity screen of 123 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and PAH derivatives using embryonic zebrafish exposed at 6 hours post-fertilization (hpf) [148]. The x-fin phenotype is characterized by a secondary fin perpendicular to the normal caudal fin, along each lateral face of the distal trunk, and accompanied by hyperpigmentation at the caudal peduncle (Figure 1). Four PAHs elicited x-fin: benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkF), benzo[j]fluorathene, dibenzo[b,k]fluoranthene, and dibenzo[a,h]anthracene (Table 1). These are relatively high molecular weight, 5-6 ringed

parent PAHs. BkF was the most potent inducer of x-fin with an EC<sub>20</sub> of 0.5  $\mu$ M. We selected BkF as the representative compound in all subsequent experiments due to its potency and ability to produce 100% prevalence of the phenotype. Aside from the caudal fin duplication and, in some cases, protruding pectoral fins, zebrafish embryos exposed to  $\leq 50$   $\mu$ M BkF were morphologically normal.

During developmental exposure to BkF, caudal fins appeared morphologically normal until between 60 and 72 hpf, during which a fold emerged laterally from the center of the caudal fin that extended in both directions along the proximo-distal axis over time. By 96 hpf, all animals exhibited the x-fin phenotype, which then continued to grow in proportion to the growth of the normal caudal fin.

#### *X-fin phenotype is dependent on early stage exposure*

BkF caused the x-fin phenotype within discrete developmental windows (Figure 2). The window of exposure that maximally elicited the x-fin phenotype was 12-36 hpf. Exposures started after 48 hpf did not elicit the phenotype, and shorter exposure durations did not fully recapitulate the percent effect observed in our static 6 – 120 hpf screening protocol.

#### *X-fin phenotype is AHR-dependent*

As previously reported [148], exposure to BkF induced unusual skin and neuromast expression of Cyp1A at 120 hpf, which indicated elevated AHR signaling. Transient antisense knockdown of each zebrafish AHR isoform (Ahr1a, Ahr1b, and Ahr2) using morpholino oligos (MOs) was used to test AHR dependency. Control

morphants exposed to 3  $\mu$ M BkF exhibited 100% prevalence of the x-fin phenotype, knockdown of Ahr1a resulted in 91.7% prevalence (Figure 3), knockdown of Ahr1b resulted in 66.7% of morphants displaying a qualitatively less severe version of the phenotype, and knockdown of Ahr2 completely prevented development of the x-fin phenotype (0% prevalence). Concordant with these results, knockdown of Ahr1a and Ahr1b did not alter the pattern of Cyp1a expression in response to BkF, but knockdown of Ahr2 eliminated expression of Cyp1A in skin, but not the neuromasts (Figure 4).

#### *X-fin phenotype is independent of hepatogenesis*

AHR activation induces transcription of phase I metabolic enzymes, and for PAHs in particular this often leads to bioactivation [149]. The differentiation of hepatic tissue approximates the window of sensitivity to BkF [150]. Given the AHR dependency of the x-fin phenotype, we sought to determine whether hepatic function was necessary to produce the x-fin phenotype. One method involves knocking in a bacterial nitroreductase gene with a tissue-specific promoter [151]. Embryos from these animals would be exposed to the pro-drug metronidazole (MTZ), which nitroreductase metabolizes into a bioactive cytotoxin. Using homozygous *Tg(l-fabp:CFP-NTR)<sup>s891</sup>* embryos, we conditionally ablated hepatocytes by static exposure to 2 mM MTZ from 6 – 120 hpf in two separate experiments. No adverse effects were detected as a result of MTZ treatment. Hepatic ablation of MTZ-treated animals was confirmed at 5 dpf using fluorescence microscopy.

Animals that were not treated with BkF did not have the x-fin phenotype regardless of MTZ treatment (Figure 5). Conversely, all animals treated with BkF had the x-fin phenotype, except for one MTZ-treated animal in the Plate 1 experiment (Table 3). This information allowed us to conclude that hepatic metabolism of BkF is not required for x-fin induction during BkF treatment.

### *Global gene expression*

To investigate global changes in the transcriptome that corresponded to development of the x-fin phenotype, we collected tissue samples of the distal trunk region just below the pigment gap in animals exposed to BkF (12  $\mu$ M to ensure 100% prevalence) or vehicle (1% DMSO). To capture the changes in gene expression prior to and during emergence of the phenotype, we collected tissue at four time points: 48, 60, 72, and 96 hpf. Principal components analysis (PCA) indicated strong separation of chemical treatment along PC1 (x-axis, 37%), while separation between time points occurred along PC2 (y-axis, 26%) with a clearer separation in BkF-treated animals compared to vehicle-treated animals (Figure C1).

A total of 11,215 unique differentially expressed genes (DEGs; FDR-adjusted p-value < 0.05) were identified across all time points. The number of DEGs increased relative to each time point: at 48 hpf, 3753 DEGs; at 60 hpf, 5558 DEGs; at 72 hpf, 7052 DEGs; and at 96 hpf, 7991 DEGs. Of all the identified DEGs, 20.3% were shared across all time points (Figure 6). The 60 and 72 hpf time points shared the greatest number of DEGs and 48 and 96 hpf shared the fewest. Each pairwise comparison had at least 30%

of their DEGs in common. A table for each respective of all DEGs age that had a fold change  $> 2.0$  is available in Tables C1-4.

Hierarchical clustering of the top 50 DEGs with the greatest change in magnitude of expression indicated clear separation between BkF- and vehicle-treated animals (Figure 7). Across all time points, the most upregulated DEGs in response to BkF were cytochrome P450s associated with canonical AHR activation (*cyp1a*, *cyp1b1*, *cyp1b2*, *cyp1c2*, *cyb5a*), with log<sub>2</sub>-fold changes  $> 7$  at each time point. These results are consistent with other PAHs with AHR dependent effects [152]. The most downregulated genes were related to keratin filament construction (*zgc:158846*, *krt1c19e*), with fold changes  $> 2$  at each time point. Other canonical AHR activation responses included upregulation of phase I and II metabolic genes and AHR repressors (e.g. *ugt1b1*, *cyb5a*, *foxq1a*, *gstp2*, and *ahrrb*), and downregulation of *sox9b*.

#### *Cell fate, differentiation and limb development*

At 48 hpf, before the x-fin was manifest, significant increases in cell fate and differentiation related genes were observed in BkF treated samples. Transcripts of cell fate regulators *sox14* and *prdm14* each showed 2.4-fold upregulation [153, 154], and differentiation regulator *fosl2* showed a 2-fold upregulation. Mesodermal differentiation gene *msgn1* [155] and epithelium development gene *pkhd11l* [156] showed significantly increased expression, consistent with the additional skin structures needed for formation of the x-fin. At 60 hpf these gene changes were still maintained with the addition of a 2.3-fold increase in *hand2* transcript, a gene involved in limb development [157].

Changes in expression of several genes related to dorsal-ventral patterning and limb development were observed. At 60 hpf, when the phenotype visibly began, expression of homeobox gene *dlx4b*, known to control dorsoventral patterning of zebrafish pharyngeal arches [158], increased 2-fold in the caudal region. At 72 hpf, when the phenotype was still developing, *dlx4b* expression was still > 2-fold higher in BkF exposed animals than in controls. The functionally redundant homeobox genes *vox* and *vent*, previously shown to control dorsoventral patterning in zebrafish, were upregulated >2-fold and 0.75-fold, respectively by 72 hpf [159]. At 72 hpf *osr1* and *osr2*, genes involved in limb bud formation [160], were downregulated 2.6- and 1.4-fold, respectively. By 96 hpf, when x-fin had fully developed, these up and down regulations were no longer observed.

#### *Tissue remodeling and growth*

Growth processes were largely stimulated at 48 hpf. *aldh1a3*, which synthesizes retinoic acid (RA) [161], showed > 3-fold increase in expression, respectively. Cell growth inhibitor *osgn1* [162] transcript showed a 2-fold downregulation. Transcription of fibroblast growth factors *fgf7*, *fgf20a*, and *fgf22*, and bone morphogenetic proteins *bmp8a* and *bmp16* was significantly upregulated. Though some previously mentioned upregulated transcripts are associated with increased *fgf8* expression (*vox* and *aldh1a2*) [163, 164], the *fgf8* transcript was not affected at 48 hpf and downregulated at 60, 72, and 96 hpf. This was accompanied by upregulation of bone morphogenetic protein antagonist *gremlin2*, implicated in tissue patterning [165]. Matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) are involved in wound healing and organogenesis and act by enabling cell migration [166]. MMP inducer *nuak1* [167] had a 2.8-fold increase in expression at 48 hpf following

exposure to BkF, suggesting that extracellular matrix breakdown and cell migration were part of x-fin formation. R-spondin transcript *rspo1*, a positive regulator of canonical Wnt signaling, [168], was significantly upregulated by BkF at 48 hpf. These genes were similarly differentially expressed at 60 hpf.

*chordin* (*dino*) and *sizzled* (*mes*) are antagonists of BMP and Wnt signaling, respectively. Loss-of-function mutations in these genes has been reported to result in fin duplication, with *dino* mutants having four caudal fin folds and *mes* mutants having three fin folds [9]. This would suggest that inappropriate propagation of BMP or Wnt signaling is sufficient to induce fin duplication. We did not identify differential expression of these genes in our data, however, the presence of four caudal fin folds in BkF-treated fish suggests that inappropriate BMP signaling is involved. The strong induction of *bmp8a*, which can induce downstream activation of both Smad2/3 (TGF- $\beta$ /Activin) and Smad1/5/8 (BMP) transcription factors [169], is consistent with this observation.

#### *GO Term Pathway Analysis*

Gene ontology (GO) enrichment analysis was used to identify the 15 most upregulated and downregulated processes in each time point, which were then cross-referenced for significance across each of the other time points (Figure 8). The most significantly enriched upregulated GO term across all time points was *cellular response to xenobiotic stimulus*, which mostly contains cytochrome P450s and other phase I metabolism enzymes. This response is consistent both with a typical AHR activation response, and the Cyp1A expression pattern observed in the IHC images. Several other

GO terms related to xenobiotic response were also significantly altered across all four time points, including upregulation of response to stress and response to external stimulus, and downregulation of oxidation-reduction processes. Processes related to cell redox homeostasis were upregulated in all but the 48 hpf time point. This is consistent with an increase in oxidative stress following the initiation of PAH phase I metabolism at 48 hpf [170, 171],

Several GO terms related to DNA and RNA functional processes were downregulated in the caudal fin with exposure to BkF, primarily at 72 and 96 hpf. Translation was downregulated at 72 hpf, including elongation and formation of the translation preinitiation complex. As might be expected with BkF, a long-known mutagen [172], the mitotic DNA damage checkpoint, which helps ensure DNA damage has been adequately repaired before cell division, was downregulated. Additionally, DNA biosynthesis was downregulated in all time points except 48 hpf.

Several other processes that have previously been identified as downstream effects of AHR were differentially expressed. As previously reported for other PAHs that activate AHR [152], ion transport was differentially regulated when exposed to BkF. ATP hydrolysis coupled proton transport and zinc II ion transmembrane transport were significantly upregulated processes in all four time points, while cellular calcium ion homeostasis was significantly downregulated at 96 hpf. As would be expected due to the observed increased pigmentation at the caudal peduncle at 120 hpf, the cellular pigmentation GO term was significantly upregulated at 60 and 72 hpf. This response may



be similar to previous work demonstrating AHR ligands stimulate human melanocytes [173].

Multiple signaling pathways were significantly downregulated in response to BkF exposure, all with known roles in axis formation, cell differentiation, apoptosis, or cell growth regulation. Wnt signaling, which has documented roles in vertebrate anterior-posterior and dorsoventral axes formation, was downregulated in all four time points [174] [175]. The integrin-mediated signaling pathway, which regulates cell survival, apoptosis, proliferation and differentiation [176], was also downregulated across all 4 time points. At 48 hpf, the adenylate cyclase-modulating G-protein coupled receptor signaling pathway was downregulated. The JNK cascade, which is modulated by G-protein coupled receptors [177], was also downregulated at 48, 60 and 96 hpf. These pathways together control apoptosis and cell growth pathways that could contribute to the development of the x-wing phenotype. Finally, Notch signaling, which controls anterior-posterior polarity during somitogenesis [178], embryo polarity, and mesoderm, cell fate, and left-right asymmetry determination [179] was significantly downregulated at 96 hpf. Notably, the Wnt and Notch signaling pathways are known to be involved in fin regeneration in a spatiotemporal dependent manner [180]. Despite these pathways being downregulated, fin regeneration processes overall were observed to be significantly upregulated in all 4 time points.

As might be expected with differential expression of the Notch, Wnt, G-protein coupled receptor, and integrin-regulated signaling pathways, processes involving cell

fate, adhesion and migration were similarly differentially regulated. Regulation of cell fate specification and cell-cell adhesion were upregulated across all four time points, suggesting an overall decrease in these processes. However, cell fate commitment involved in formation of primary germ layer was also upregulated at all time points. This, combined with the observed upregulation of mesodermal cell differentiation and mesoderm and mesenchyme development, also observed during regenerative fin growth, suggested that an increase in cell proliferation, migration and differentiation is integral to fin regeneration-like tissue growth.

Several processes related to neuronal development in general, and lateral line development specifically, were enriched in the GO term analysis. Hair cell differentiation was downregulated across all four time points along with the sensory hair cell development involved in the formation of posterior lateral line neuromasts. This is in agreement with the observed downregulation in all but the 48 hpf time point of processes related to the differentiation of the inner ear receptor cell, which is another sensory hair cell structure. Notably, cilium assembly, which is required for development of the cilium of hair cells, was upregulated at 60 and 72 hpf. Embryonic camera-type eye morphogenesis was downregulated across all four time points, while retina morphogenesis was upregulated across all four time points. Other, more general neuronal processes were differentially regulated with exposure to BkF, including the downregulation of axonogenesis, brain development, and neuron fate specification. Wnt and notch signaling pathways have been implicated in nervous system effects [181, 182], and could be partially responsible for these effects.

The GO term enrichment analysis suggests that Wnt, FGF, and Notch signaling mediate an increase in proliferation and tissue remodeling in the caudal fin similar but not identical to that observed in epimorphic fin regeneration. It is plausible that modulation of these processes leads to the structural duplication of the caudal fin.

#### *MetaCore Systems Analysis*

MetaCore software (Clarivate Analytics) provides analytical tools for biological systems data using manually curated information from the literature. We used MetaCore to identify enriched process networks, predict transcription factor activity, and build a network of direct gene interactions. To make the data compatible with MetaCore, zebrafish Ensembl gene IDs were converted to their orthologous human Ensembl IDs and gene symbols using the Bioinformatics Resource Manager (BRM) [183]. Of all 21,604 unique DEGs, BRM converted 12,765 (59%) to human orthologs to generate the background gene list. At each time point, BRM converted the following numbers of DEGs to their human orthologs: at 48 hpf, 2939/3753 (78%) genes; at 60 hpf, 4434/5663 (80%); at 72 hpf, 5663/7052 (80%); and at 96 hpf, 6339/7991 (79%).

#### *Process network analysis predicts inflammation and decreased neurodevelopment*

MetaCore can identify significantly enriched (FDR-adjusted p-value  $\leq 0.05$ ) processes in systems data using proprietary gene annotations similar to GO enrichment analysis. We performed process network analysis separately on up- and down-regulated DEGs (Table 4). Across all four time points, inflammatory processes were enriched among DEGs with increased expression. At 48 hpf there was enrichment of

*Inflammation\_Complement system* and *Inflammation\_Innate inflammatory response*. By 60 hpf, enrichment of inflammatory processes was expanded to include *Inflammation\_Kallikrein-kinin system* and *Immune response\_Th17-derived cytokines*. Most of these processes had sustained enrichment through 96 hpf.

AHR can modulate inflammation as well as direct the priming of T cells into either anti-inflammatory T<sub>reg</sub>s or pro-inflammatory Th17 cells [184]. Enrichment of the *Immune response\_Th17-derived cytokines* pathway suggests the latter process where inflammation might occur directly as a result of AHR activation. Whether inflammation is related to the x-fin phenotype remains unknown. Since inflammation is an important first step in fin regeneration [185], it is possible that AHR-mediated inflammation induced an aberrant wound healing response that resulted in the growth of a duplicate caudal fin. The GO term enrichment of fin regeneration-related pathway suggests this may a possibility.

The other enriched process networks were consistent with wound healing. Cell adhesion and proteolytic processes were enriched at most time points (similar results were observed in the GO term enrichment), while blood coagulation was enriched starting at 60 hpf. By 96 hpf, *Signal transduction\_Leptin signaling*, which regulates wound healing [186], and *Development\_EMT\_Regulation of epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition*, were both enriched. At the same time point, DEGs with decreased expression were enriched for *Development\_Neurogenesis in general*, *Development\_Skeletal muscle development*, and *Development\_Cartilage development*. This suggests BkF-exposed

animals are unable to appropriately develop lateral line and mesoderm-derived tissues in the trunk. Notably, these processes are Wnt-dependent and may be explained by decreased expression of Wnt ligands [187, 188].

*Transcription factors with enriched target genes control wound healing and development*

We used MetaCore's transcription factor (TF) enrichment tool to identify TFs whose number of target genes are enriched in our differential expression data (hereafter referred to as enriched TFs). Across all time points, MetaCore identified 52 unique TFs that were significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) enriched, including 23 that increased expression and 29 that decreased expression (Table 5).

Overall, enriched TFs with increased expression were primarily associated with developmental processes and inflammation. Consistent with AHR activation, the negative-feedback regulator AHRR was enriched at all time points. Similarly, the developmental TFs FOSL1, LEF1, JUNB, and FOSL2 had early and sustained target enrichment. These TFs are part of the AP-1 complex, which is involved in and fin regeneration [189]. By 96 hpf, several developmental TFs had target enrichment including those involved in limb morphogenesis (HAND2, TBX2, SHOX2, and DLX3) [157, 190-192]. BCL6, which controls T follicular helper cell development [193], along with the pro-inflammatory NFATC2, were both enriched at 60 and 72 hpf. These two enrichments are consistent with the process network enrichment of inflammation mediated by Th17 cells. A marker of neuronal injury, ATF3, was enriched at 72 and 96 hpf [194].

Enriched TFs that decreased expression were similarly associated with development and inflammation, but there were several others having roles in neuronal development or axis specification. The metabolic regulator PPARA had an enrichment of targets at 48 and 60 hpf. Starting at 60 hpf, enriched TFs involved in neuronal development were identified among those having decreased expression. TCF4, which initiates neuronal differentiation [195], was enriched at 60 and 72 hpf. By 96 hpf, several TFs involved in neuronal development were enriched including POU3F3, ASCL1, ZIC1, PAX6, PROX1, TLX3, IRX3, ISL1, OLIG2, MYT1, ATOH1, and FOXP2. There were also enriched TFs involved in antero-posterior (A-P) axis specification (HOXA2, HOXB8, and HOXA1), mesoderm development (MEOX1 and MYOD1), and limb patterning (LMX1 and SIX2).

#### Network analysis predicts possible paths to fin duplication

We sought to integrate the above data into a visual network and identify possible pathways leading to fin duplication. Our focus was on the 48 hpf interactome. MetaCore's "Build Network" tool was used to identify direct interactions between enriched TFs and DEGs. These predicted interactions are based on manual curation of the literature. Because *bmp8a* was prominently upregulated and can activate both TGF- $\beta$  and BMP receptors, we included Smad2/3 and Smad1/5/8 in our analysis. Data were imported into Cytoscape [196] to visualize the network.

MetaCore identified a direct interaction between AHR and *aldh1a3*. Previous work has shown a direct link between AHR activation and *aldh1a3* induction [197], and

the same induction might be present in our model. AHR was also predicted to interact with the prostaglandin synthesizing gene, *ptgs2* (*cox2*), which may lead to inflammation and the downstream synthesis of the pro-regeneration prostanoid, prostaglandin E2 [198]. Smad2/3 and Smad1/5/8 were predicted to interact with several notable genes in our data including TFs involved in limb development (*lef1*, *dlx3*, and *prdm12*). AP-1 subunits were predicted to be involved in *prdm1* induction, also involved in limb formation [199]. *fgf7* was predicted to be regulated by Junb and Smad1/5/8. We identified one degree of separation between AHR, Smad 2/3, Smad1/5/8, and Lef1 through the chemokine receptor *cxcr4*.

Based on our network analysis, we conjecture the involvement of multiple pathways that lead to fin duplication (Figure 10). One possibility is that BkF requires bioactivation via metabolic genes induced by AHR (e.g., Cyp genes). This mechanism of involving secondary metabolite formation has been well established for AHR-mediated toxicity. Although we ruled out metabolism in hepatocytes as being necessary for fin duplication, the observed induction of metabolic enzymes (e.g. Cyp1a) in the skin and neuromasts could play a role. Second, AHR is predicted to directly increase expression of *retinaldehyde dehydrogenase 3* (*aldh1a3*), thereby increasing the local concentration of RA. Exogenous RA is highly teratogenic and sufficient to induce ectopic appendage development. Another possibility is the induction of metabolic enzymes that bioactivate BkF into an active metabolite. Next, induction of *bmp8a* through an unknown pathway could activate TGF- $\beta$  and BMP receptors, leading to phosphorylation of their respective R-Smad targets, Smad2/3 and Smad1/5/8. Our interactome analysis predicts that

Smad1/5/8, presumably phosphorylated due to increased *bmp8a* expression, could cooperate with Lef1 to induce expression of *dlx3*, which is expressed in the distal tip of limbs during zebrafish and mouse development. Given that Wnt signaling is overall decreased in our samples, it is more likely that Lef1 serves to transduce TGF- $\beta$  or BMP signaling. Downstream induction of AP-1 subunit were also predicted to regulate expression of *prdm1*, which has been observed during fin regeneration.

## Conclusions

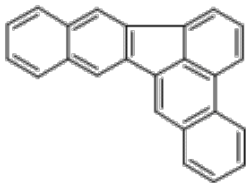
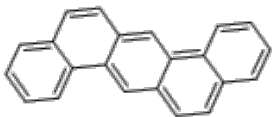
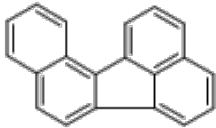
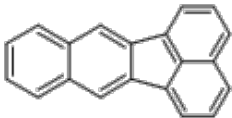
We identified four PAHs that elicited a unique AHR-dependent ectopic caudal fin during limb development accompanied by skin hyperpigmentation. For BkF we demonstrated that the phenotype was Ahr2-dependent. Other than Cyp1A induction, the morphology responses the 4 PAHs were dissimilar to phenotypes typical of developmental exposure to other xenobiotic Ahr2 ligands (i.e. pericardial edema and craniofacial malformations) aside from induction of. Transcriptome responses suggested that signaling via several pathways was required for the x-fin phenotype, chief among them FGF, BMP, Notch, and fin regeneration. The structural similarity of our phenotype to the fin duplication in *chordin* mutants suggests a role for BMP signaling. A predicted direct interaction of the AHR with *aldh1a3* also indicates a role for RA signaling. Thus, our data suggest the possibility of crosstalk between AHR and BMP/RA signaling. We also note that MetaCore identified an inflammatory signature in our gene expression data, including inflammation mediated by Th17 cells. Combined with enrichment of fin



regeneration genes, this also suggests the possibility of an aberrant wound healing response.

We compared our 48 hpf sequencing data to that of sequencing data from 48 hpf whole embryos exposed to different PAHs [200]. In that study, embryos exposed to BkF and benzo[j]fluoranthene had significantly increased expression of *dlx3* compared to embryos exposed to six other PAHs. As *dlx3* is a target of Smad1/5/8 *via* BMP signaling (and of Lef1, through which BMP cooperates with Wnt [201]), this adds further evidence that BkF facilitates AHR-BMP crosstalk. Future work should seek a complete mechanism of how benzofluoranthenes and structurally related PAHs appear to interact with the AHR differently than most xenobiotics, including potential binding and spatiotemporal activation differences. This unusual signaling in response to common PAHs suggests that our canonical models of xenobiotic AHR signaling still only describe a small part of the complex signaling that can occur.

**Table 4.1** Structures and EC<sub>20</sub> values of four PAHs identified with x-fin phenotype.

PAH	Structure	EC <sub>20</sub> (μM)
Dibenzo[b,k]fluoranthene		3.5
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene		3.6
Benzo[j]fluoranthene		7.3
Benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkF)		0.5

**Table 4.2** Morpholino oligo (MO) sequences and injection concentrations for the standard control MO as well as *ahr2*, *ahr1a*, and *ahr1b* MOs.

Morpholino	Sequence	Concentration
Control	5'CCTCTTACCTCAGTTACAATTTATA3'	1 mM
<i>ahr2</i>	5'CTTTTGAAGTGACTTTTGGCCCGCA3'	1 mM
<i>ahr1a</i>	5'ACACAGTCGTCCATGATTACTTTGC3'	1.5 mM
<i>ahr1b</i>	5'ACACAGTCGTCCATGATTACTTTGC3'	0.75 mM

**Table 4.3** Mortality and X-fin prevalence observed in *Tg(l-fabp:CFP-NTR)<sup>s891</sup>* larvae at 120 hpf following a static embryonic exposure to either 12  $\mu$ M BkF, 2 mM metronidazole, both, or neither (1% DMSO). Hepatic ablation (+MTZ treatments) had no discernable effect on the induction of X-fin following BkF exposure, nor on overall mortality.

Treatment	Plate 1		Plate 2	
	Mortality	X-fin	Mortality	X-fin
(-) MTZ (-) BkF	0/24	0/24	1/24	0/24
(-) MTZ (+) BkF	2/24	22/24	2/24	22/24
(+) MTZ (-) BkF	1/24	0/24	1/24	0/24
(+) MTZ (+) BkF	0/24	23/24	1/24	23/24

**Table 4.4** MetaCore Process network analysis of differentially expressed genes with  $\log_2FC > 1.0$  in larvae exposed to 12  $\mu$ M BkF vs 1% DMSO at various time points: (a) 48 hpf; (b). 60 hpf; (c) 72 hpf; (d) 96 hpf.

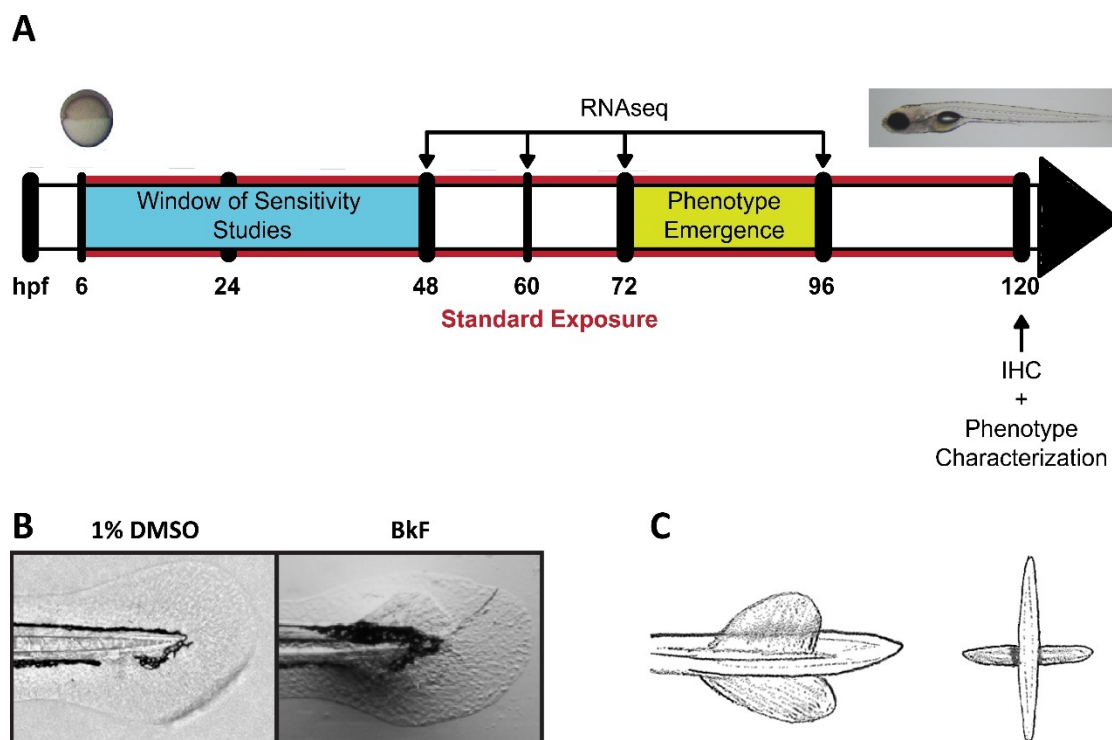
Upregulated genes			Downregulated genes		
(a) 48 hpf					
Process network	FDR	Ratio	Process network	FDR	Ratio
Inflammation_Complement system	4.06e-07	9/26	Cell adhesion_Cell-matrix interactions	6.75e-04	13/132
Inflammation_Innate inflammatory response	7.28E-04	10/79	Cell adhesion_Integrin priming	8.82e-03	7/53
			Neurophysiological process_Transmission of nerve impulse	4.54e-02	9/118
(b) 60 hpf					
Process network	FDR	Ratio	Process network	FDR	Ratio
Inflammation_Complement system	5.56e-07	10/26	Cell adhesion_Cell-matrix interactions	6.75E-04	13/132
Cell adhesion_Platelet-endothelium-leucocyte interactions	3.359E-05	15/97	Cell adhesion_Integrin priming	8.82E-03	7/53
Blood coagulation	1.147-3	9/49	Neurophysiological process_Transmission of nerve impulse	4.54E-02	9/118
Inflammation_Innate inflammatory response	1.648e-3	11/79			
Proteolysis_ECM remodeling	2.115e-3	8/44			
Inflammation_Kallikrein-kinin system	3.153e-3	10/74			
Cell adhesion_Cell-matrix interactions	2.352e-2	12/132			
Proteolysis_Connective tissue degradation	2.352e-2	8/67			
Immune response_Th17-derived cytokines	2.352e-2	6/39			
(c) 72 hpf					
Process network	FDR	Ratio	Process network	FDR	Ratio
Proteolysis_ECM remodeling	2.44E-06	13/44	Cell adhesion_Cell-matrix interactions	9.76E-04	19/132
Inflammation_Complement system	3.343e-6	10/26	Cell adhesion_Amyloid proteins	9.119e-3	17/137
Cell adhesion_Platelet-endothelium-leucocyte interactions	1.178e-4	16/97	Proteolysis_Connective tissue degradation	9.119e-3	11/67
Proteolysis_Connective tissue degradation	7.087e-4	12/67	Transport_Potassium transport	2.002e-2	13/100
Cell adhesion_Cell-matrix interactions	1.043e-3	17/132			
Blood coagulation	4.329e-3	9/49			
Inflammation_Kallikrein-kinin system	2.145e-2	10/74			
Inflammation_Innate inflammatory response	3.126e-2	10/79			

**Table 4.4** (continued)

Upregulated genes			Downregulated genes		
(d) 96 hpf					
Process network	FDR	Ratio	Process network	FDR	Ratio
Inflammation_Complement system	1.83E-03	8/26	Development_Neurogenesis in general	3.55E-11	36/140
Proteolysis_ECM remodeling	1.826e-3	10/44	Cell adhesion_Cell-matrix interactions	6.175e-3	21/132
Inflammation_Kallikrein-kinin system	6.612e-3	12/74	Muscle contraction	6.175e-3	16/87
Proteolysis_Connective tissue degradation	7.527e-3	11/67	Cell adhesion_Amyloid proteins	6.731e-3	21/137
Inflammation_Innate inflammatory response	7.527e-3	12/79	Development_Skeletal muscle development	1.678e-2	17/110
Immune response_Th17-derived cytokines	7.840e-3	8/39	Transport_Calcium transport	1.678e-2	18/120
Cell adhesion_Cell-matrix interactions	7.840e-3	16/132	Development_Cartilage development	3.398e-2	10/52
Signal transduction_Leptin signaling	1.008e-2	9/52			
Reproduction_Gonadotropin regulation	1.008e-2	13/99			
Development_EMT_Regulation of epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition	1.090e-2	17/154			

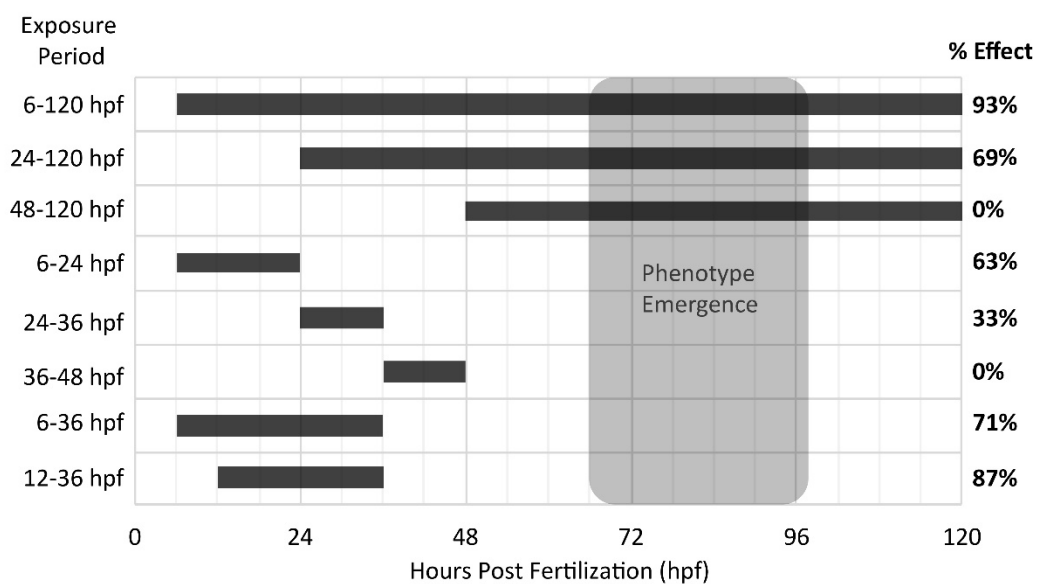
**Table 4.5** MetaCore transcription factor target enrichment analysis of differentially expressed genes with  $\log_2FC > 1.0$  in larvae exposed to 12  $\mu M$  BkF vs 1% DMSO at various time points: (a) 48 hpf; (b). 60 hpf; (c) 72 hpf; (d) 96 hpf. The p-values generated by the enrichment analysis are calculated using a hypergeometric distribution and represent the probability that the observed ratio of connections with a particular transcription factor would occur in our data by chance. The z-score is a measure of how saturated the number of connections is for a particular transcription factor based on our data set.

Enriched	z-score	p-value	Enriched	z-score	p-value
<b>(a) 48 hpf</b>			<b>(d) 96 hpf</b>		
AHRR	8.0	1.39E-04	FOSL2	9.3	3.27E-12
FOSL2	3.6	3.44E-03	LEF1	8.3	1.54E-11
FOSL1	4.3	4.44E-04	FOSL1	8.1	7.80E-11
JUNB	3.7	1.94E-03	CEBPPB	7.6	1.21E-11
LEF1	4.1	5.14E-04	FOS	7.0	1.13E-09
PPARA	3.5	2.32E-03	AHRR	6.6	5.05E-05
<b>(b) 60 hpf</b>			JUNB	6.2	2.22E-07
AHRR	8.9	5.32E-06	ASCL1	5.9	4.85E-07
JUNB	7.0	6.76E-08	PPARG	5.5	8.76E-07
TCF4	3.3	8.50E-03	JUND	5.4	1.23E-06
FOSL2	4.9	1.17E-04	GATA4	5.1	4.29E-06
NFATC2	5.3	1.87E-05	FOXQ1	5.1	1.74E-04
FOSL1	5.2	2.13E-05	HOXB8	4.8	2.25E-03
LEF1	5.5	6.90E-06	SIX2	4.7	9.57E-05
PPARA	2.7	9.76E-03	OLIG2	4.6	4.47E-05
BCL6	3.3	2.05E-03	ISL1	4.5	6.12E-05
TCF4	2.6	8.63E-03	LMX1B	4.4	1.27E-03
<b>(c) 72 hpf</b>			KLF2	4.4	3.53E-04
AHRR	7.4	2.09E-05	FOXF1	4.3	4.57E-04
FOSL2	6.1	1.52E-06	ZIC1	4.2	2.68E-03
NFAT5	3.4	7.37E-03	PAX6	4.2	1.25E-04
TCF4	4.0	1.71E-03	FOXA1	4.1	1.33E-04
JUNB	7.2	1.20E-08	MAL	3.9	1.65E-03
FOSL1	5.7	2.69E-06	IRX3	3.9	3.07E-03
FOXF1	3.1	8.07E-03	FOSB	3.7	1.51E-03
NFATC2	4.9	3.07E-05	MYOD1	3.7	7.15E-04
LEF1	5.5	3.57E-06	BCL11B	3.7	1.21E-03
ZBTB16	3.4	3.47E-03	KLF13	3.7	9.88E-03
PBX1	3.3	2.10E-03	SHOX2	3.7	9.88E-03
BCL6	4.6	2.62E-05	MEOX1	3.6	2.02E-02
PPARA	2.9	5.37E-03	HOXA1	3.6	2.02E-02
ATF3	3.0	3.90E-03	ATOH1	3.6	1.39E-03
TCF4	2.9	3.27E-03	MAFB	3.5	1.88E-03
			MYT1	3.3	1.03E-02
			NR4A1	3.3	3.55E-03
			TLX3	3.3	1.62E-02
			TBX2	3.2	8.19E-03
			MYB	3.2	2.81E-03
			ATF3	3.0	3.51E-03
			HOXA2	3.0	2.91E-03
			POU3F3	2.9	1.28E-02
			FOXP2	2.8	5.42E-03
			HAND2	2.7	1.34E-02
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			PROX1	2.5	1.67E-02
			VIT	2.4	1.71E-02

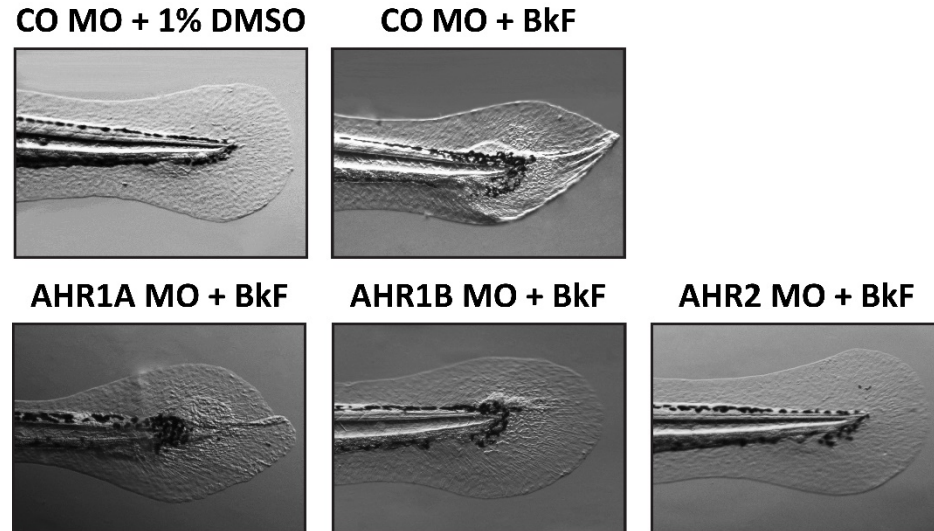


**Figure 4.1** Exposure study paradigm and representative images of x-fin caudal fin phenotype. A) Study paradigm. B) Example of x-fin phenotype following exposure to 12  $\mu$ M BkF. C) Artist's rendering of dorsal and posterior views of x-fin phenotype.

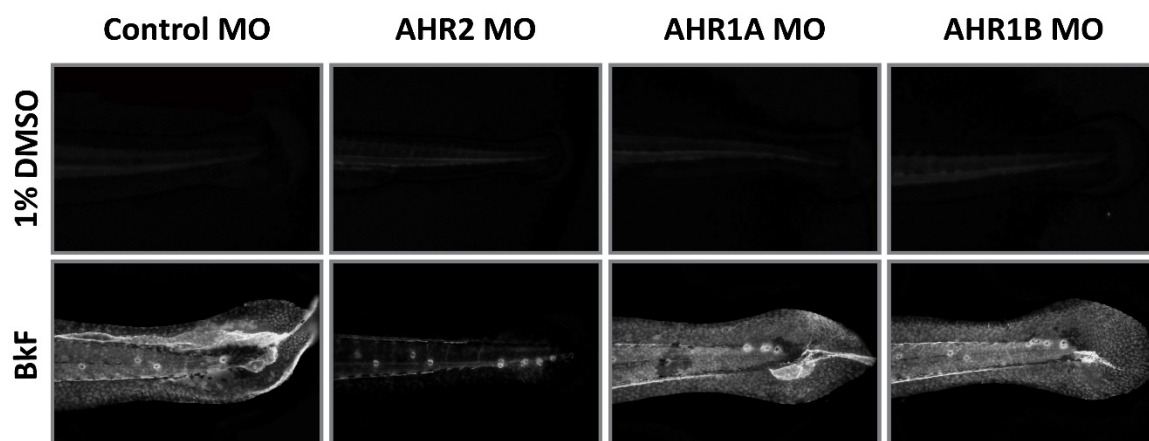




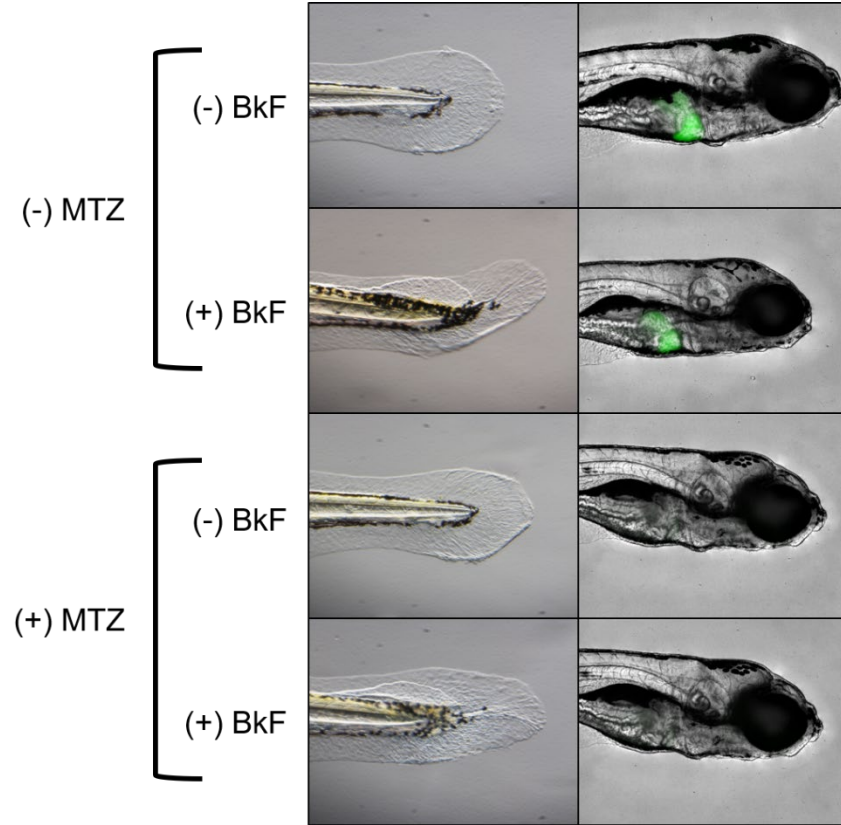
**Figure 4.2** Critical window of sensitivity studies. Percent effect (out of  $n = 16$ ) indicates the prevalence of the x-wing phenotype for the windowed exposure period indicated by the black bars. Grey phenotype emergence box indicates when the visible phenotype emerges.



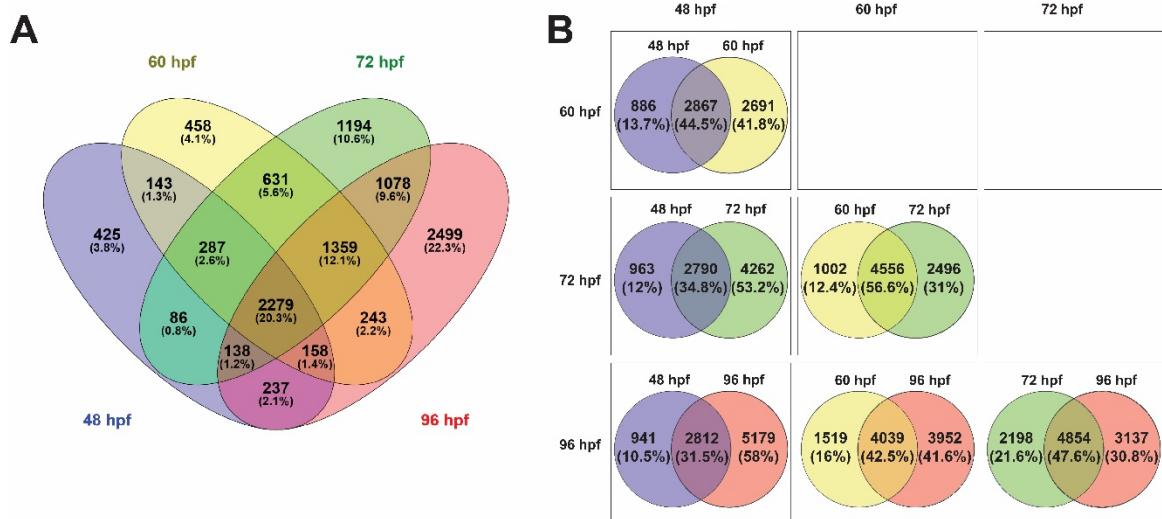
**Figure 4.3** Brightfield representative images of caudal fins of BkF- or DMSO-treated animals at 5 days post-fertilization (dpf). Pictured are control, *ahr1a*, *ahr1b*, or *ahr2* morphants (n = 16 per treatment.)



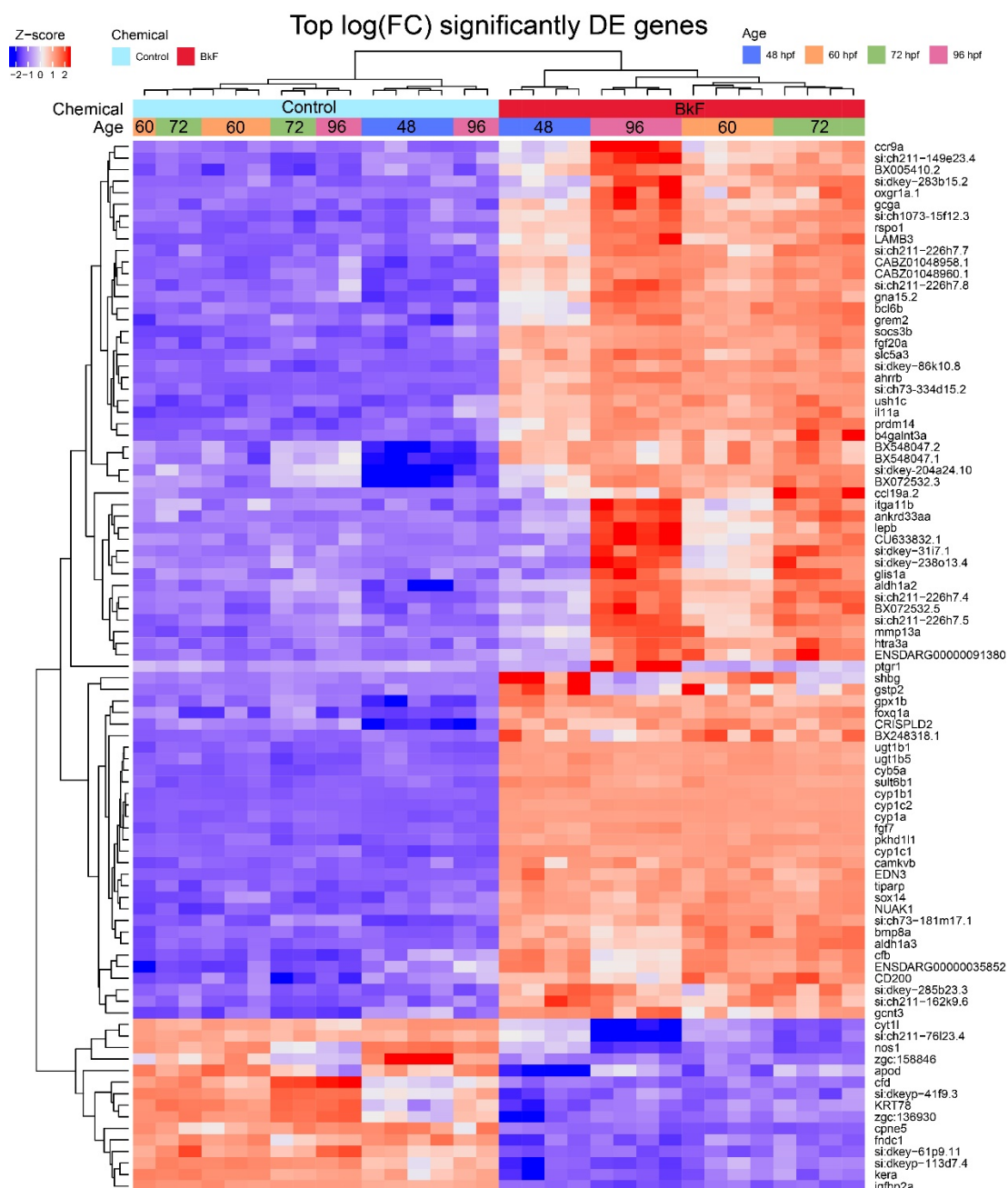
**Figure 4.4** Cyp1a expression patterns related to 3  $\mu$ m BkF or 1% DMSO exposure (n = 16 per treatment). Skin expression is Ahr2 dependent but expression in neuromasts was not dependent for any AHR isoform.



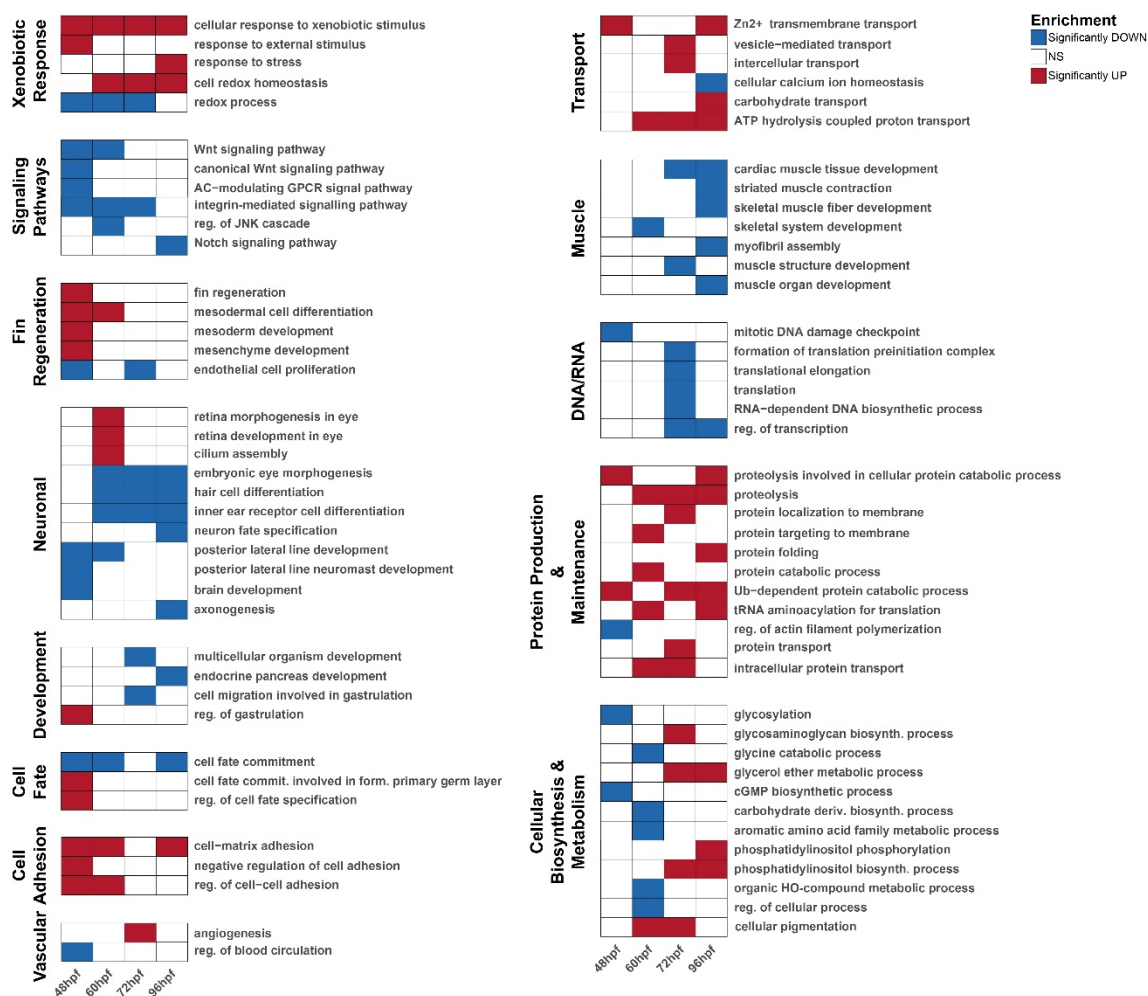
**Figure 4.5** Hepatic ablation of  $Tg(l-fabp:CFP-NTR)^{s891}$  larvae at 120 hpf follow static embryonic exposure to 12  $\mu$ M BkF, 2 mM MTZ, both, or neither (1% DMSO). The trunk and head belong to the same individual for each respective treatment. The X-fin phenotype is visible in 12  $\mu$ M



**Figure 4.6** Venn diagrams of differentially expressed genes (adjusted p-value < 0.05) in animals exposed to benzo[k]fluoranthene or DMSO. A) Across all four time points. B) Pairwise comparisons.

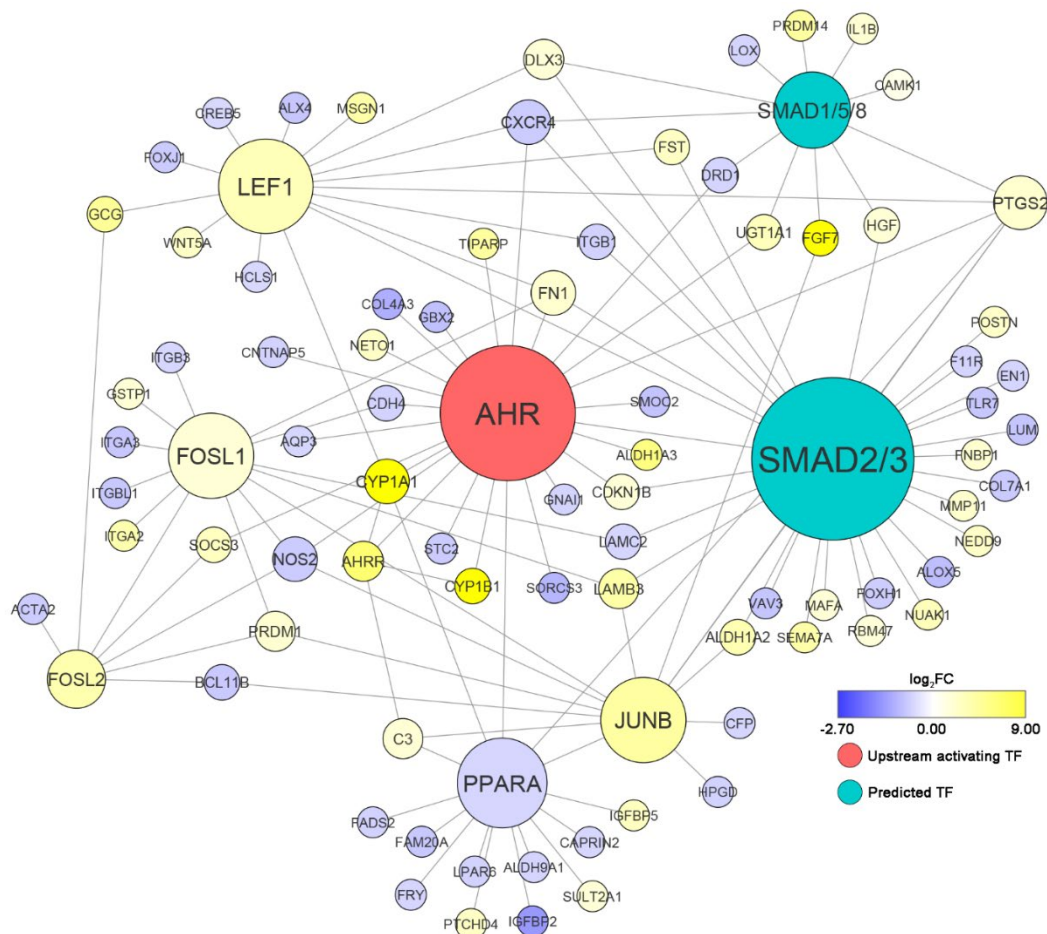


**Figure 4.7** Heat map of 50 transcripts with highest fold changes of expression in distal trunk tissue following exposure to benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkF) across four time points, hierarchically clustered based on treatment, age, and gene. Color indicates distance from average gene counts across all samples, with blue indicating lower than average expression and red indicating higher than average expression.



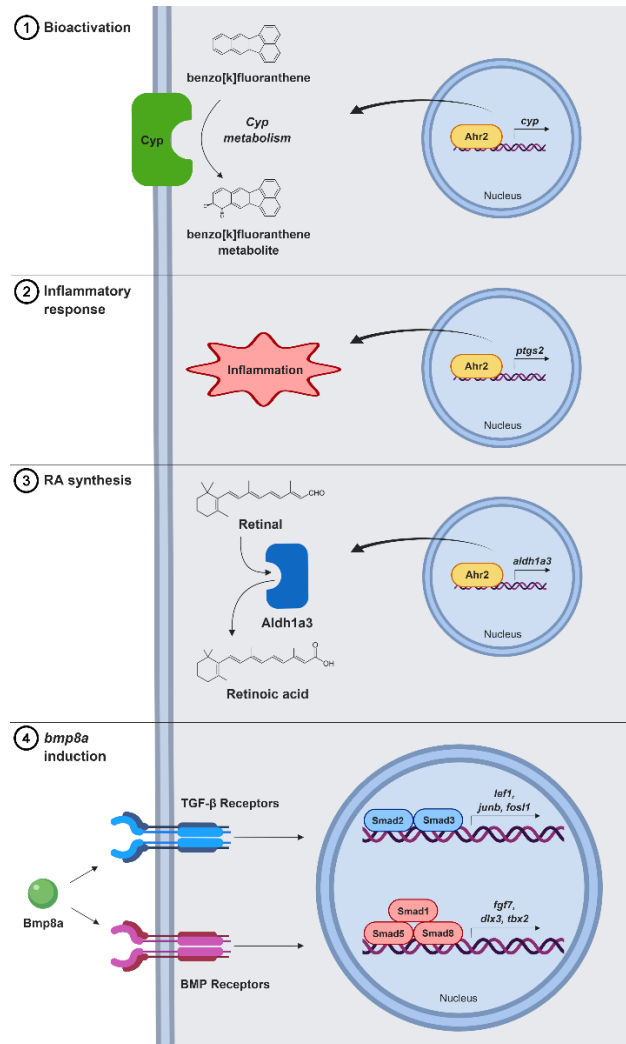
**Figure 4.8** Heat map of significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) Gene Ontology (GO) term enrichments across four time points in distal trunk tissue following exposure to benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkF). Red indicates significantly enriched processes among upregulated genes, blue indicates significantly enriched processes among downregulated genes, and white indicates processes that were not significantly enriched at the given time point.





**Figure 4.9.** Interactome of enriched and predicted active transcription factors (TFs) and their target interactions at 48 hours post-fertilization following BkF exposure, as indicated by MetaCore. Log<sub>2</sub>FC is displayed as a gradient increased from blue to yellow. The upstream activated TF (AHR) is red and the TFs that are hypothesized to be activated are teal. Size reflects the number of interactions.





**Figure 4.10.** Illustration of four hypothesized mechanisms that could potentially induce the X-fin phenotype following AHR activation based on RNA sequencing data. (1) BkF could be bioactivated into a metabolite following Cyp induction. (2) BkF-bound Ahr2 may induce inflammation, possibly through induction of *ptgs2* (*cox2*), and cause an aberrant regenerative response. (3) BkF-bound Ahr2 could direct induce expression of *aldh1a3*, resulting in retinoic acid synthesis. (4) Through an unknown pathway, BkF-bound Ahr2 could activate BMP signaling via induction of *bmp8a*, resulting in X-fin. (Made in ©BioRender - biorender.com)

## CHAPTER 5 – DISCUSSION

Epimorphic regeneration is a complex process involving a tightly coordinated sequence of events that starts with wounded tissue and ends with a near-perfect replacement of lost tissue [10]. In this process, damaged tissue undergoes limited dedifferentiation into a mass of multipotent stem cells called a blastema. Induction of the blastema involves epithelial-mesenchymal signaling between the wound epidermis and stump tissue, which rapidly transform into the apical epithelial cap (AEC) and blastema [10]. Compared to other vertebrates such as certain fish, amphibians, and lizards, the ability of mammals to regenerate tissue is severely impaired. Interestingly, mammals including humans do have a very limited capacity for epimorphic regeneration. This ability is strongest during fetal development and is retained very briefly after birth, but it quickly diminishes [202]. In some cases, adult humans are capable of regenerating finger tips, but only if the injury is distal to the nail matrix. This demonstrates that adult mammals have the innate capacity to undergo epimorphic regeneration similar to “lower” vertebrates, but for unknown reasons, this ability is locked away.

The primary aim of this dissertation was to advance our understanding of how zebrafish are capable of undergoing epimorphic fin regeneration by analyzing the regenerate transcriptome. In Chapter 2, we took a computational approach to interrogating epimorphic regeneration. Our goal was to identify miRNAs that are differentially expressed during the induction of the fin blastema. We performed parallel sequencing of total and small RNA derived from presumptive blastema tissue at 1 day post-amputation (dpa). At this point, the blastema has yet to form as indicated by the

absence of increased expression of *Msx* gene family members, which are the classical blastema biomarkers. We started our analysis by broadly characterizing the transcriptomic landscape by identifying enriched processes, key transcription factors, and general changes in gene expression. This analysis was comprehensive because few studies have fully explored the regenerate transcriptome, especially prior to blastema formation. Since we used a *de novo* sequencing approach, we could potentially identify new signaling pathways that have been overlooked. We then identified differentially expressed microRNAs and performed an anti-correlated miRNA-mRNA expression analysis. Using predictive databases, we discovered thousands of potential interactions that were stringently filtered based on prediction scores. Among these predictions were the miRNA targeting of novel transcription factors, chromatin remodelers, and signaling genes. We identified a fish-specific miRNA, miR-724, that was predicted to target *fgf20a* with a score of 100 from TargetScan, indicating extremely high confidence. We also discovered evidence that Scatter factor signaling (through *met* and semaphorins) and Hedgehog signaling (through *ihhb*) are upstream of blastema induction, and their activities may also be regulated by miRNAs. These may represent a novel paradigm in epithelial-mesenchymal signaling that has previously been overlooked. *foxm1* and *mycn*, which control the cell cycle and proliferation, were also predicted to be miRNA targets. Finally, we demonstrated that miRNAs such as miR-146a and miR-146b could mediate inflammation and promote regeneration by targeting *eya4*.

In Chapter 3, we used a microarray to discover the mechanism behind impaired larval fin regeneration following exposure to glucocorticoids (GCs). Notably, this was

independent of inflammation as previously demonstrated [40]. We discovered that activation of the glucocorticoid receptor (GR) by beclomethasone dipropionate (BFP) induced expression of an oncofetal gene, *cripto-1* (*one-eyed pinhead*). Outside of our lab, induction of *cripto-1* by the GR has never been demonstrated. We used a transient knockdown approach by injecting embryos with a morpholino oligo (MO) targeting *cripto-1*. We found that this was sufficient to permit regeneration in the presence of BDP. We performed an analysis of the *cripto-1* promoter, and while we did not identify a transactivation binding site for the GR, we did find binding sites for several transcription factors that increased expression in the microarray. This study demonstrated that the GR is capable of inducing expression of an oncofetal gene. We also showed that *cripto-1* may play an important role during the early stages of regeneration and that perturbing its expression can have adverse effects.

This dissertation also sought to understand how chemical exposure to an environmental pollutant could induce appendage duplication during development. Chapter 4 involved characterizing the role of the aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AHR) in duplicate caudal fin phenotype we nicknamed x-fin. As its name suggests, zebrafish exposed to benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkF) develop an ectopic caudal fin lateral to the normally developing fin. Given the role of AHR in activating metabolism of xenobiotics, we sought to determine whether hepatic metabolism of BkF was involved. Ablation of hepatocytes using a transgenic line demonstrated that the phenotype was independent of liver metabolism. We performed RNA sequencing on trunk tissue at four different time points and discovered that BMP and FGF signaling ligands had strongly increased

expression. Enrichment analysis identified an inflammatory response, possibly mediated by Th17 cells. It also found that the fin regeneration process was enriched. We also found using MetaCore network analysis that AHR could directly increase transcription of *aldh1a3*, which synthesizes retinoic acid. While we did not find out the exact mechanism leading to x-fin, we generated several hypotheses as to how AHR could mediate this process.

In summary, we used transcriptomics as the primary tool for interrogating zebrafish fin regeneration and aberrant development. This allowed us to identify novel regulatory signaling mechanisms involved in the early stages of blastema induction. We also characterized how xenobiotic-sensing ligands can modulate regeneration and development. The results of this dissertation provide several new directions for regenerative medicine and developmental research.

## CHAPTER 6 – FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The results of this dissertation offer several different paths that subsequent research could take. The RNA sequencing data generating by Chapters 2 and 4 provide literally thousands of testable hypotheses. The chapters also outline what are likely to be the more salient hypotheses to test.

In Chapter 2, we identified several regulatory processes that have a high probability of being crucial to blastema formation. In general, ideal follow up studies would use in situ hybridization to characterize the spatiotemporal expression patterns of miRNAs and their predicted targets. CRISPR-Cas9 could be used to target miRNAs for generating loss-of-function mutants or complete removal of a miRNA gene. One caveat to such a study would be that the target miRNA may be developmentally critical or that the indel mutation would cause an unintended effect on an associated miRNA cluster. Also, presence of more than one precursor for certain miRNAs may be helpful or harmful. For example, if a miRNA is required for life, deletion of one paralog might allow the animal to survive while also impairing regeneration. Conversely, if both miRNA genes need to be knocked out, then creation of another mutant could be cumbersome especially if the target lacks ideal PAM sites.

Discovery of the Indian hedgehog (*ihhb*) prior to blastema formation suggests a novel mechanism of epithelial-mesenchymal interactions. Chemical and genetic approaches could be taken to test the hypothesis that Hedgehog signaling is required for blastema formation. Such studies could utilize cyclopamine as an inhibitor of Hedgehog

signaling and demonstrate its effect on blastema formation by using in situ hybridization of blastema and apical epithelial cap (AEC) biomarkers. Transient knockdown of *ihhb* using an MO would be a more specific approach. An even more precise approach would be to use CRISPR-Cas9 to induce an indel causing a loss-of-function mutation. Although hedgehog is a vital development pathway, functional compartmentalization of *indian* *hedgehog* paralogs may allow the zebrafish to survive the mutation. A mutant capable of induced overexpression of the Hedgehog antagonist *hhp* would be another way to test the importance of Hedgehog signaling during regeneration. Another knockdown or knockout experiment involving miR-146a and miR-146b would be useful to determine their role in mediating Hedgehog signaling via repression of *hhp*.

In Chapter 3, we identified several transcription factors that are known to be involved in neural development. Since appropriate neural function is required for regeneration at its earliest stages, and given that embryos must be exposed to BDP within 4 hours of amputation, it is possible that the GR may mediate this neural process. One follow up study might include staining acetylated  $\beta$ -tubulin to characterize regeneration of the caudal fin nerves following BDP exposure. Another study could utilize laser capture microscopy to specifically target nerve-enriched tissue and measure *cripto-1* abundance relative to tissue with low nerve density.

In Chapter 4, we were unable to determine the exact aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AHR)-dependent mechanism leading to ectopic caudal fin formation, but we generated multiple hypotheses. As in Chapter 2, *in situ* hybridization would be a good first step for

characterizing the spatiotemporal expression patterns of key genes such as Bone morphogen protein (BMP) and Fibroblast growth factor (FGF) ligands following BkF exposure. Next, use of antibodies targeting phosphorylated Smad2/3 or Smad1/5/8 could be used to respectively determine whether Transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ) or BMP signaling have increased signaling following BkF exposure. If phosphorylation is detected, necessity could be tested by using chemical inhibitors, such as SB431542 to specifically target TGF- $\beta$  and K02288 to specifically target BMP.



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## Appendix A – Supplemental Data for Chapter 2

**Table A.1** Differentially expressed genes with > 2-fold change in adult fin regenerates at 1 dpa.

genes	Symbol	logFC	FDR
ENSDARG00000105358	si:dkeyp-32g11.8	11.98	4.59E-09
ENSDARG00000092352	jac4	11.93	9.97E-11
ENSDARG00000045548	lepb	9.58	3.03E-11
ENSDARG00000073918	rnf41l	9.49	2.46E-10
ENSDARG00000023526	ggt1a	9.03	1.04E-09
ENSDARG00000053854	uts2a	8.99	4.86E-08
ENSDARG00000055705	f5	7.53	1.75E-09
ENSDARG00000037859	il11a	7.37	4.52E-11
ENSDARG00000036082	tph1b	7.06	3.02E-14
ENSDARG00000056166	jac2	6.99	3.16E-08
ENSDARG00000041382	si:dkey-283b15.2	6.94	1.58E-08
ENSDARG00000061498	dusp13a	6.93	4.71E-05
ENSDARG00000103515	vcana	6.91	3.43E-13
ENSDARG00000001452	adam8a	6.79	2.93E-15
ENSDARG00000036505	syt4	6.79	9.17E-08
ENSDARG00000055439	adamtsl7	6.70	7.45E-12
ENSDARG00000099819	sb:cb1058	6.49	7.51E-09
ENSDARG00000096664	cxl34c	6.43	3.79E-11
ENSDARG00000053498	ednrbb	6.34	7.69E-10
ENSDARG00000055527	cmn	6.34	1.98E-11
ENSDARG00000073900	fam212b	6.16	3.81E-11
ENSDARG00000077403	col8a1a	5.96	2.65E-06
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ENSDARG00000024189	pnocb	5.68	3.62E-09
ENSDARG00000102277	lama1	5.52	2.53E-10
ENSDARG00000075261	timp2b	5.52	5.27E-12
ENSDARG00000000551	slc1a4	5.49	6.41E-08
ENSDARG00000099438	CABZ01073736.1	5.44	7.84E-08
ENSDARG00000014248	pdlim3b	5.32	8.25E-12
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ENSDARG000000056633	fgf13b	-3.93	4.08E-07
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ENSDARG00000079302	and2	-7.57	2.38E-11
ENSDARG00000077275	crispld1a	-8.63	4.59E-08

**Table A.2.** Select predicted miRNA-mRNA interactions predicted by only one database. MicroCosm threshold cutoff for significance was  $p < 0.01$ . TargetScan threshold for significance was  $\geq 50$  percentile. MicroCosm and TargetScan based significance off p-value and percentile, respectively.

miRNA	Target	MicroCosm	TargetScan
miR-132-3p	c1qtnf12	-	54
miR-132-3p	dvl1b	-	77
miR-132-3p	fzd7a	-	85
miR-132-3p	rspo1	-	68
miR-132-3p	fgf10b	-	91
miR-132-3p	fgfr1b	-	62
miR-132-3p	ptk2bb	-	84
miR-132-3p	EFEMP1 (1 of many)	-	82
miR-132-3p	tob1a	-	88
miR-132-3p	scube1	-	77
miR-132-3p	smad3a	-	72
miR-132-3p	nog1	-	69
miR-132-3p	kazald3	-	99
miR-132-3p	igfbp2a	-	66
miR-132-3p	cxcl12a	-	77
miR-132-3p	epha4b	-	93
miR-132-3p	ephb3a	-	84
miR-132-3p	hdac5	-	65
miR-132-3p	sema3c	-	88
miR-132-3p	sema6e	-	78
miR-132-3p	bnip3	-	95
miR-132-3p	aatkb	-	81
miR-132-3p	arhgap25	-	100
miR-132-3p	arl4d	-	95
miR-132-3p	celsr1b	-	76
miR-132-3p	rab33a	-	87
miR-132-3p	rgs4	-	97
miR-132-3p	anos1a	-	73
miR-132-3p	bcan	-	99
miR-132-3p	col8a2	-	70
miR-132-3p	itgb3a	-	67
miR-132-3p	itih5	-	92
miR-132-3p	serpi-10a	-	71
miR-132-3p	tgfb1	-	89
miR-132-3p	zgc:172271	-	99
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miR-132-3p	stat4	-	95
miR-132-3p	chad	-	94
miR-132-3p	UTS2R	-	81
miR-132-3p	apln	-	80
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miR-132-3p	ptger1a	-	69
miR-132-3p	edn2	-	53
miR-132-3p	bcorl1	-	79
miR-132-3p	dmrt1	-	68
miR-132-3p	ebf1a	-	64
miR-132-3p	elk1	-	79
miR-132-3p	epas1a	-	65
miR-132-3p	epas1b	-	71
miR-132-3p	foxo3b	-	63
miR-132-3p	foxp2	-	85
miR-132-3p	hey1	-	74
miR-132-3p	hlfa	-	88
miR-132-3p	irf4a	-	84
miR-132-3p	klf2b	-	94
miR-132-3p	maml3	-	84
miR-132-3p	meox2a	-	70
miR-132-3p	pbx1a	-	78
miR-132-3p	satb1b	-	90
miR-132-3p	smad3a	-	72
miR-132-3p	tefb	-	95
miR-132-3p	thraa	-	81
miR-132-3p	zbtb16a	-	73
miR-132-3p	zbtb47a	-	93
miR-132-5p	tgfb3	6.92E-03	-
miR-145-5p	hsd17b12b	-	96
miR-146a	dixdc1b	-	91
miR-146a	dvl1b	-	96
miR-146a	wnt7bb	-	93
miR-146a	fgfr1a	-	66
miR-146a	hhip	-	68
miR-146a	hdac5	-	88
miR-146a	kat7a	-	94
miR-146a	sema4e	-	61
miR-146a	zgc:114045	-	67
miR-146a	cib2	-	75

miR-146a	crisp1d1a	-	98
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miR-146a	ednrba	-	69
miR-146a	alx4a	-	75
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miR-146b	dixdc1b	-	91
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miR-146b	wnt7bb	-	91
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miR-146b	hdac5	-	86
miR-146b	kat7a	-	94
miR-146b	sema4e	-	63
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miR-146b	cib2	-	75
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miR-146b	atf7b	-	51
miR-146b	maml3	-	86
miR-146b	runx3	-	97
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miR-21	dkk2	-	84
miR-21	ndrg2	-	93
miR-21	fgfr1b	-	98
miR-21	fgfr1a	-	73
miR-21	ptk2bb	-	92
miR-21	cd248a	-	85
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miR-21	htra4	-	97
miR-21	ephb3a	-	91
miR-21	smarca2	-	97
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miR-21	sema3bl	-	82
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miR-21	adgrg1	-	75
miR-21	arl4ab	-	83
miR-21	arl4d	-	77
miR-21	dgkaa	-	85
miR-21	rac3b	-	66
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miR-21	tie1	-	96
miR-21	zgc:92360	-	71
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miR-21	mxra5a	-	70
miR-21	wfikkn2b	-	75
miR-21	lhcgr	5.63E-03	-
miR-21	apln	-	85
miR-21	ptn	-	53
miR-21	alx4a	-	53
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miR-21	bhlhe40	-	53
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miR-21	cipca	-	82
miR-21	dlx1a	-	83
miR-21	epas1b	-	67
miR-21	foxd2	-	70
miR-21	foxn1	-	97
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miR-21	foxo3b	-	97
miR-21	foxp2	-	66
miR-21	hey1	-	67
miR-21	hlfa	-	74
miR-21	irf4a	-	66
miR-21	nr1i2	-	87
miR-21	per3	-	77
miR-21	plag1	-	86
miR-21	pparaa	-	61
miR-21	rfx7	-	75
miR-21	satb1b	-	84
miR-21	sox3	-	75
miR-21	sox5	-	51
miR-21	tbx18	-	78
miR-21	tp53inp1	-	67
miR-21	zbtb4	-	99



miR-21	zic3	-	57
miR-21	dpep2	-	94
miR-21	GGT5 (1 of many)	-	80
miR-31	nkd1	-	82
miR-31	fgfr1b	-	73
miR-31	cxcl12a	-	96
miR-31	epha4b	-	89
miR-31	smarca2	-	62
miR-31	tox2	-	63
miR-31	sema3bl	-	79
miR-31	cdc14ab	-	89
miR-31	adgrg1	-	66
miR-31	prex2	-	80
miR-31	rasef	-	91
miR-31	zgc:92360	-	88
miR-31	col11a1a	-	83
miR-31	crisp1d1a	-	88
miR-31	dpt	-	99
miR-31	frem1b	-	73
miR-31	glipr2	-	88
miR-31	itgb1a	-	92
miR-31	itgb1b.1	7.61E-03	74
miR-31	thy1	7.00E-03	97
miR-31	zgc:113307	4.22E-03	-
miR-31	ntf3	3.25E-03	-
miR-31	calcr1a	-	77
miR-31	cyp2u1	-	57
miR-31	bhlhe40	-	50
miR-31	cbfa2t3	-	66
miR-31	crtc3	-	79
miR-31	dlx1a	-	91
miR-31	ebf1a	-	91
miR-31	hbp1	-	70
miR-31	hoxa4a	-	55
miR-31	klf15	-	70
miR-31	klf3	-	63
miR-31	klf6b	-	80
miR-31	nr1i2	-	73
miR-31	plag1	-	62
miR-31	rorca	-	94
miR-31	runx3	4.30E-02	70
miR-31	zbtb4	-	65

miR-489	tgfb2	-	75
miR-489	lemd3	-	62
miR-489	gatad1	-	87
miR-489	prmt3	-	86
miR-489	top1l	-	65
miR-489	cdk2	5.13E-03	-
miR-489	asap2a	-	81
miR-489	ERAS	-	90
miR-489	hcar1-4	-	97
miR-489	ipo13	2.86E-03	-
miR-489	ralaa	-	92
miR-489	ERAS	0.00E+00	1
miR-489	ctsz	-	66
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miR-489	m17	-	79
miR-489	arntl2	-	54
miR-489	atf3	-	94
miR-489	e2f3	-	57
miR-489	junbb	-	98
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miR-489	coil	-	67
miR-489	d-jb1a	-	80
miR-489	d-jc21	-	80
miR-489	d-jc25	-	92
miR-489	grpel1	-	99
miR-489	hspa4b	3.71E-03	-
miR-489	gar1	-	78
miR-722	sytl2b	-	97
miR-724	fgf20a	-	57
miR-92b-3p	inhbaa	-	75
miR-92b-3p	igf2b	-	86
miR-92b-3p	prmt1	-	92

miR-92b-3p	sema6dl	-	61
miR-92b-3p	bub1bb	-	91
miR-92b-3p	ccnjl	-	94
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miR-92b-3p	atf3	-	83
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miR-92b-3p	pprc1	-	75
miR-92b-3p	prmt1	-	92
miR-92b-3p	sall1b	-	86
miR-92b-3p	sox11a	-	99
miR-92b-3p	tgif1	-	80
miR-92b-3p	vezf1a	-	64
miR-92b-3p	ankzf1	-	99
miR-92b-3p	d-jc10	-	88
miR-92b-3p	fkbp1ab	-	76
miR-92b-3p	hspa14	-	52
miR-92b-3p	tsr1	7.20E-03	-
miR-92b-3p	pomp	3.65E-03	-

## Appendix B – Supplemental Data for Chapter 3

**Table B.1** Classification of transcripts altered by BDP exposure according to function. Human orthologs of transcripts altered greater than 2-fold by BDP exposure were analyzed by Ingenuity software and grouped according to their respective biological function(s).

<u>Genes</u>	<u>Fold change</u>		<u>Genes</u>	<u>Fold change</u>	
<u>Cell Death</u>			<u>Cell-To-Cell Signaling and Interaction</u>		
SOCS3	2.03	UP	TYMS	2.05	DOWN
CA2	2.57	DOWN	DLL1	2.00	UP
ANGPT2	2.46	UP	ANGPT2	2.46	UP
CDC20	2.12	DOWN	SLC4A2	2.04	DOWN
DLX4b	2.06	DOWN	UCP2	2.57	UP
BCL2L13	2.26	UP	DKK3	4.33	DOWN
ATP1A1	2.50	UP	ANXA1	6.44	DOWN
DKK3	4.33	DOWN	GFAP	2.04	UP
ANXA1	6.44	DOWN	GPM6A	2.13	UP
HSD11B2	14.36	UP	DCT	2.05	UP
GFAP	2.04	UP	ADCYAP1	2.03	UP
FKBP5	6.33	UP			
SNCB	2.18	UP	<u>Inflammatory Response</u>		
TYMS	2.05	DOWN	SOCS3	2.03	UP
DLL1	2.00	UP	ANGPT2	2.46	UP
UCP2	2.57	UP	UCP2	2.57	UP
RRM2	2.09	DOWN	DUSP1	3.87	UP
TDGF1	8.53	UP	ANXA1	6.44	DOWN
ANXA4	3.13	UP	ADCYAP1	2.03	UP
PLK1	2.08	DOWN	GSN	2.25	DOWN
GSN	2.25	DOWN			
XIAP	2.41	UP	<u>Cell Cycle</u>		
PFKM	2.43	UP	TYMS	2.05	DOWN
DUSP1	3.87	UP	KIF23	2.29	DOWN
DCT	2.05	UP	NUSAP1	2.01	DOWN
ADCYAP1	2.03	UP	CDC20	2.01	UP
HMGB2	2.18	DOWN	ORC6L	2.33	DOWN
			PLK1	2.08	DOWN
<u>Connective Tissue Development and Function</u>			PTGES3 (includes EG:10728)	2.04	UP
SOCS3	2.03	UP	SMC2	2.49	DOWN

ANGPT2	2.46	UP
SLC4A2	2.04	DOWN
ANXA1	6.44	DOWN
HMX3	2.04	UP
HSD11B2	14.36	UP
ADCYAP1	2.03	UP
GSN	2.25	DOWN

#### Cellular Growth and Proliferation

KIF23	2.29	DOWN
TYMS	2.05	DOWN
SOCS3	2.03	UP
ANGPT2	2.46	UP
DLL1	2.00	UP
SLC4A2	2.04	DOWN
TDGF1	8.53	UP
PLK1	2.08	DOWN
XIAP	2.41	UP
DUSP1	3.87	UP
DKK3	4.33	DOWN
ANXA1	6.44	DOWN
HSD11B2	14.36	UP
FKBP5	6.33	UP
ADCYAP1	2.03	UP

#### Cell Signaling

SOCS3	2.03	UP
SYT4	2.52	UP
ANGPT2	2.46	UP
UCP2	2.57	UP
DUSP1	3.87	UP
CPLX2	3.44	UP
ANXA1	6.44	DOWN
GSN	2.25	DOWN
ADCYAP1	2.03	UP
XIAP	2.41	UP

#### Connective Tissue Disorders

SOCS3	2.03	UP
SLC4A2	2.04	DOWN

#### Gene Expression

DUSP1	3.87	UP
ASPM	2.09	DOWN
ANXA1	6.44	DOWN
ADCYAP1	2.03	UP
KIF11	2.25	DOWN

#### Cellular Movement

KIF23	2.29	DOWN
SOCS3	2.03	UP
SYT4	2.52	UP
NUSAP1	2.01	DOWN
ANGPT2	2.46	UP
DLL1	2.00	UP
UCP2	2.57	UP
CDC20	2.12	DOWN
TDGF1	8.53	UP
PLK1	2.08	DOWN
GSN	2.25	DOWN
DKK3	4.33	DOWN
DUSP1	3.87	UP
CPLX2	3.44	UP
ANXA1	6.44	DOWN
GFAP	2.04	UP
HMGB2	2.18	DOWN

#### Tissue Morphology

TYMS	2.05	DOWN
SOCS3	2.03	UP
CA2	2.57	DOWN
ANGPT2	2.46	UP
SLC4A2	2.04	DOWN
TDGF1	8.53	UP
GSN	2.25	DOWN
XIAP	2.41	UP
DKK3	4.33	DOWN
ANXA1	6.44	DOWN
HSD11B2	14.36	UP
GFAP	2.04	UP
ADCYAP1	2.03	UP

#### Tissue Development

SOCS3	2.03	UP
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SOCS3	2.03	UP	CA2	2.57	DOWN
PTGES3					
(includes					
EG:10728)	2.04	UP	ANGPT2	2.46	UP
SMC2	2.49	DOWN	DLL1	2.00	UP
DLX4	2.06	DOWN	DKK3	4.33	DOWN
ADCYAP1	2.03	UP	TDGF1	8.53	UP
HMGB2	2.18	DOWN	HMX3	2.04	UP
			PLK1	2.08	DOWN
			GSN	2.25	DOWN
			ADCYAP1	2.03	UP

**Table B.2.** Transcription factors (TFs) that increased or decreased expression in the microarray data and were used for downstream promoter analysis of zebrafish *cripto-1*.

TFs with increased expression (Affymetrix ID)		TFs with decreased expression (Affymetrix ID)	
KLF9	(Dr.16174.1.A1_at)	RUNX3	(Dr.10668.1.S2_at)
ISL1	(Dr.12208.1.S1_s_at)	DLX4B	(Dr.153.1.S1_at)
POU3F1	(Dr.57.1.S1_at)	WHSC1	(Dr.2130.1.A1_at)
HMX3	(Dr.10448.1.S1_at)	MYBL2	(Dr.17421.1.A1_at)
POU3F3	(Dr.21068.1.S1_s_at)	FOXM1	(Dr.17623.1.S1_at)
CEBPD	(Dr.1280.1.A1_at)	EPAS1	(Dr.12182.1.A1_at)
MAF	(Dr.10168.2.S1_at)	VOX	(Dr.10458.1.S1_at)
FOSA	(Dr.12986.1.A1_at)		
MYT1	(Dr.25176.2.A1_at)		
EN1	(Dr.2794.1.A1_at)		
HIF1AL	(Dr.11978.1.A1_at)		
FOXD3	(Dr.590.1.S1_at)		
KLF2	(Dr.3448.1.S1_at)		
HOXD11	(Dr.5759.1.A1_at)		

**Table B.3** Results from promoter analysis of zebrafish *cripto-1* using MatInspector v8.4.1. Weight matrices of the glucocorticoid receptor and TFs from Table B.2 were searched against the genomic sequence 3000 base pairs upstream of the transcriptional start site. In the Sequence column, capital letters indicate core sequence used by MatInspector. Red letters indicate where the matrix has a high conservation profile.

Matrix	Detailed Matrix Information	from	to	anchor	Strand	Matrix sim.	Sequence
V\$IR2_NGRE.01	Repressive binding sites for glucocorticoid receptor (IR2)	230	244	237	(+)	0.886	ctCTCCcggacagc
V\$ISL1.01	Pancreatic and intestinal lim-homeodomain factor	1383	1405	1394	(-)	0.866	atgttatagTAATgaaccaaata
V\$ISL1.01	Pancreatic and intestinal lim-homeodomain factor	1464	1486	1475	(+)	0.836	acaatagacTAATgttttaaaag
V\$ISL1.01	Pancreatic and intestinal lim-homeodomain factor	2549	2571	2560	(+)	0.82	tattttgcaTAATgttggaat
V\$HMX3.02	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	347	365	356	(-)	0.982	ttcacagcacTTAAatgac
V\$HMX3.02	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	342	360	351	(+)	0.977	ctgtggtcatTTAAgtgct
V\$HMX3.02	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	2679	2697	2688	(-)	0.968	ttactcaccTTAAgtgat
V\$HMX3.02	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	2674	2692	2683	(+)	0.967	ttggaatcacTTAAgggtg
V\$HMX3.02	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	1402	1420	1411	(-)	0.932	tagaattcacTTAAaatgt
V\$HMX3.02	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	2792	2810	2801	(-)	0.924	aatgatttcaTTAAttgat
V\$HMX3.02	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	1397	1415	1406	(+)	0.922	ctataacattTTAAgtgaa



V\$HMX3.01	H6 homeodomain HMX3/Nkx5.1 transcription factor	270	288	279	(+)	0.921	acatatctAAGTgggaact
V\$HMX3.01	H6 homeodomain HMX3/Nkx5.1 transcription factor	1747	1765	1756	(+)	0.898	gaaattctAAGTgggtgat
V\$HMX3.03	H6 homeodomain HMX3/Nkx5.1 transcription factor	346	364	355	(+)	0.878	ggtcattTAAGtctgtga
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	2550	2564	2557	(+)	0.932	attttGCATaatgtt
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	2955	2969	2962	(+)	0.875	tgatGAATAaatga
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	1445	1459	1452	(+)	0.872	tgatGAATAacttt
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	2000	2014	2007	(-)	0.872	aatatGTATAagttg
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	2827	2841	2834	(+)	0.859	cacttGCATAaatgc
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	2003	2017	2010	(+)	0.836	cttatACATattaga
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	2161	2175	2168	(+)	0.83	tatatGTATactcaa
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	170	184	177	(-)	0.829	aataaGCATataagg
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	2158	2172	2165	(-)	0.825	agtatACATataaat
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	2816	2830	2823	(+)	0.817	taaatGCATgacact
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	1442	1456	1449	(-)	0.812	gttatTCATacaata
V\$MAFK.01	V-maf musculoaponeurotic fibrosarcoma oncogene homolog K (half site)	543	567	555	(+)	0.829	aatactttttattAGCAtttttt
V\$MYT1.02	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	2667	2679	2673	(+)	0.987	aaaAAGTttggaa
V\$MYT1L.01	Myelin transcription factor 1-like, neuronal	760	772	766	(+)	0.958	tgagAGTTcctca

		C2HC zinc finger factor 1					
V\$MYT1L.01	1	Myelin transcription factor 1-like, neuronal C2HC zinc finger factor 1	2721 2733 2727	(-)	0.945	ggatAGTTcacac	
V\$MYT1L.01	1	Myelin transcription factor 1-like, neuronal C2HC zinc finger factor 1	2569 2581 2575	(-)	0.925	cgatAGTTacatt	
V\$MYT1.02		MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	1481 1493 1487	(+)	0.901	taaAAGTtcttga	
V\$MYT1.02		MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	1567 1579 1573	(-)	0.895	cagAAGTttaaaa	
V\$MYT1.02		MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	621 633 627	(+)	0.889	aggAAGTttaaat	
V\$MYT1.02		MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	1279 1291 1285	(-)	0.889	aggAAGTttaaga	
V\$MYT1.02		MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	2046 2058 2052	(+)	0.887	ctcAAGTtttta	
V\$MYT1.02		MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	1449 1461 1455	(-)	0.886	ttaAAGTtattca	
V\$MYT1.02		MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	571 583 577	(-)	0.883	aaaAAGTtaggat	
V\$MYT1.02		MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	395 407 401	(-)	0.88	ctaAAGTtgaac	
V\$MYT1.01		MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	696 708 702	(+)	0.799	caaAAGCgtactt	

V\$MYT1.01	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	2058	2070	2064	(-)	0.799	gtaATGTatactt
V\$MYT1.01	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	699	711	705	(-)	0.758	tcaAAGTAcgctt
V\$MYT1.01	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	598	610	604	(-)	0.756	ataAAGCtgattt
V\$MYT1.01	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	1414	1426	1420	(-)	0.756	aaaAAGTagaatt
V\$EN1.02	Engrailed homeobox 1	2788	2806	2797	(+)	0.904	tgcaatcAATTaatgaaat
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	1398	1416	1407	(+)	0.893	tataacatTTTAagtgaat
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	1346	1364	1355	(+)	0.867	ttatacagTTTAagtgcaa
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	343	361	352	(+)	0.834	tgtggtcaTTTAagtctg
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	395	413	404	(+)	0.827	gttccaacTTTAgttgaaa
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	1348	1366	1357	(-)	0.809	ccttgcacTTAAactgtat
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	1259	1277	1268	(+)	0.795	atgtcgaTTTAaatcaaa
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	372	390	381	(+)	0.794	tggcaacaTTAAaatgctt
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	1400	1418	1409	(-)	0.792	gaattcacTTAAaatgtta
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	602	620	611	(+)	0.787	cagctttaTTTAatttcac
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	1449	1467	1458	(+)	0.775	tgaataacTTTAagtacaa
V\$MYBL2.01	v-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2 (BMYB), dimeric binding site	912	932	922	(-)	0.816	taaccgccgAAACcctaaagt
V\$MYBL2.01	v-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene	1469	1489	1479	(-)	0.789	gaacttttaAAACattagtct

	homolog (avian)-like 2 (BMYB), dimeric binding site						
	v-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2 (BMYB), dimeric binding site					ttactgttcCAACtttagtg	
V\$MYBL2.01		390	410	400	(+)	0.78	
	v-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2 (BMYB), dimeric binding site					aatccgggcTAACagtggtgga	
V\$MYBL2.01		1315	1335	1325	(-)	0.769	
	v-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2 (BMYB), dimeric binding site					ttactatccTAACttttttgg	
V\$MYBL2.01		566	586	576	(+)	0.757	
	v-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2 (BMYB), dimeric binding site					caactatatTCACTgtaaaaa	
V\$MYBL2.01		1080	1100	1090	(+)	0.755	

**Table B.4** Results from promoter analysis of mouse *cripto-1* using MatInspector v8.4.1. Weight matrices of the glucocorticoid receptor and TFs from Table B.2 were searched against the genomic sequence 3000 base pairs upstream of the transcriptional start site. In the Sequence column, capital letters indicate core sequence used by MatInspector. Red letters indicate where the matrix has a high conservation profile.

Matrix	Detailed Matrix Information	from	to	anchor	Strand	Matrix sim.	Sequence
V\$IR2_NGRE.01	Repressive binding sites for glucocorticoid receptor (IR2)	252	266	259	(-)	0.887	gaCTCCcaggagtta
	Repressive binding sites for glucocorticoid receptor (IR2)	253	267	260	(+)	0.883	aaCTCCTggaggtct
V\$IR2_NGRE.01	Repressive binding sites for glucocorticoid receptor (IR2)	407	421	414	(-)	0.862	ccCTCCcccagagata
	Pancreatic and intestinal lim-homeodomain factor	2871	2893	2882	(+)	0.863	ttgggtggaTAATgcttcgcag
V\$IR2_NGRE.01	Pancreatic and intestinal lim-homeodomain factor	2551	2573	2562	(+)	0.861	ttgataaaaTAATgtatactatg
	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	505	523	514	(-)	0.938	ttttttcaaTTAAattca
V\$ISL1.01	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	2829	2847	2838	(+)	0.92	cagaaagccaTTAActtgt
	H6 homeodomain HMX3/Nkx5.1 transcription factor	2353	2371	2362	(+)	0.891	accaactcAAGGgggaggg
V\$ISL1.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	2039	2053	2046	(-)	0.82	tcactGCATatatat
	V-maf musculoaponeurotic fibrosarcoma oncogene homolog K (half site)	2716	2740	2728	(-)	0.826	tgcattcaaaaatcTGCAatttcag
V\$HMX3.02	Myelin transcription factor 1-like, neuronal C2HC zinc finger factor 1	2338	2350	2344	(-)	0.922	tgagAGCTtatct
	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	922	934	928	(+)	0.777	tcaAAATtatctt
V\$HMX3.02	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	1327	1339	1333	(+)	0.758	tcaAATTgtctt
	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	2155	2167	2161	(-)	0.758	ccaAATTtcattt
V\$HMX3.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	501	519	510	(+)	1	ttgttgaaTTTAattgaaa
	Engrailed homeobox 1	515	533	524	(+)	0.873	tgaaaaaAATTaagatttt
V\$POU3F3.01	v-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2 (BMYB), dimeric binding site	868	888	878	(-)	0.767	aatctgattTAACctttttt

**Table B.5** Results from promoter analysis of human *cripto-1* using MatInspector v8.4.1. Weight matrices of the glucocorticoid receptor and TFs from Table B.2 were searched against the genomic sequence 3000 base pairs upstream of the transcriptional start site. In the Sequence column, capital letters indicate core sequence used by MatInspector. Red letters indicate where the matrix has a high conservation profile.

Matrix	Detailed Matrix Information	from	to	anchor	Strand	Matrix sim.	Sequence
V\$IR2_NGRE.01	Repressive binding sites for glucocorticoid receptor (IR2)	252	266	259	(-)	0.887	gaCTCCaaggagttta
V\$IR2_NGRE.01	Repressive binding sites for glucocorticoid receptor (IR2)	253	267	260	(+)	0.883	aaCTCCtgggagtct
V\$IR2_NGRE.01	Repressive binding sites for glucocorticoid receptor (IR2)	407	421	414	(-)	0.862	ccCTCCcccagagata
V\$ISL1.01	Pancreatic and intestinal lim-homeodomain factor	2871	2893	2882	(+)	0.863	ttgggtggaTAATgcttcgcag
V\$ISL1.01	Pancreatic and intestinal lim-homeodomain factor	2551	2573	2562	(+)	0.861	ttgataaaaTAATgtatactatg
V\$HMX3.02	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	505	523	514	(-)	0.938	tttttttcaaTTAAattca
V\$HMX3.02	Hmx3/Nkx5-1 homeodomain transcription factor	2829	2847	2838	(+)	0.92	cagaaagccaTTAActtgt
V\$HMX3.01	H6 homeodomain HMX3/Nkx5.1 transcription factor	2353	2371	2362	(+)	0.891	accaactcAAGGgggaggg
V\$POU3F3.01	POU class 3 homeobox 3 (POU3F3), OTF8	2039	2053	2046	(-)	0.82	tcactGCATatatat
V\$MAFK.01	V-maf musculoaponeurotic fibrosarcoma oncogene homolog K (half site)	2716	2740	2728	(-)	0.826	tgcattcaaaaatcTGCAatttcag
V\$MYT1L.01	Myelin transcription factor 1-like, neuronal C2HC zinc finger factor 1	2338	2350	2344	(-)	0.922	tgagAGCTtatct
V\$MYT1.01	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	922	934	928	(+)	0.777	tcaAAATtatctt
V\$MYT1.01	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	1327	1339	1333	(+)	0.758	tcaAATTgttctt
V\$MYT1.01	MyT1 zinc finger transcription factor involved in primary neurogenesis	2155	2167	2161	(-)	0.758	ccaAATTtcattt
V\$EN1.01	Homeobox protein engrailed (en-1)	501	519	510	(+)	1	ttgttgaaTTTAattgaaa
V\$EN1.02	Engrailed homeobox 1	515	533	524	(+)	0.873	tgaaaaaAATTaagatttt
V\$MYBL2.01	v-myb myeloblastosis viral oncogene homolog (avian)-like 2 (BMVYB), dimeric binding site	868	888	878	(-)	0.767	aatctgattTAACctttttt

**Table B.6.** Primer sequences (and their associated Affymetrix probe identifiers) used for qRT-PCR validation of differentially expressed genes from the microarray. Forward and reverse primers are designated F and R, respectively.

Target gene	Sequence 5' to 3'	Affymetrix probe set number
F <i>β-actin</i>	AAGCAGGAGTACGATGAGTC	Dr.1109.1.S1_at
R <i>β-actin</i>	TGGAGTCCTCAGATGCATTG	Dr.1109.1.S1_at
F <i>cripto-1</i>	CACAACTTTCATTTGCCGTG	Dr.581.1.S1_at
R <i>cripto-1</i>	CTGGGTTTTTGTATGCGAGTT	Dr.581.1.S1_at
F <i>gilz</i>	CGACTTGTTTATATGGGCTG	Dr.12437.1.A1_at
R <i>gilz</i>	TCTTCAGACACCAACATGCC	Dr.12437.1.A1_at
F <i>fkbp506</i>	CACGTTCAAAACACACTGC	Dr.2675.1.A1_at
R <i>fkbp506</i>	ATCAAACGAACAAGCGGGTC	Dr.2675.1.A1_at
F <i>glula</i>	AAGGGTGGTTCTAACATGGC	Dr.4147.1.S1_at
R <i>glula</i>	TGGACTGCGACTTTGTACCG	Dr.4147.1.S1_at

## Appendix C – Supplemental Data for Chapter 4

**Table C.1** 48 hpf significantly differentially expressed transcripts following exposure to BkF ( $q \leq 0.05$ ,  $FC > 2$ )

ENSEMBLE ID	Symbol	log2FoldChange	padj
ENSDARG00000018298	cyp1c2	9.05	0
ENSDARG00000026039	cyp1a	8.99	1.76E-229
ENSDARG00000068934	cyp1b1	8.75	0
ENSDARG00000058980	cyp1c1	7.14	5.27E-241
ENSDARG00000059387	fgf7	5.29	2.44E-165
ENSDARG00000070925	EDN3 (1 of 2)	4.81	2.18E-53
ENSDARG00000097080	si:ch73-181m17.1	4.39	3.09E-46
ENSDARG00000091116	pkhd1l1	4.35	7.61E-176
ENSDARG00000097491	ugt1b1	4.11	5.16E-149
ENSDARG00000055643	cyb5a	3.83	0
ENSDARG00000078617	CABZ01048958.1	3.78	1.62E-33
ENSDARG00000089507	ugt1b5	3.72	9.88E-101
ENSDARG00000052618	ahrrb	3.68	1.07E-41
ENSDARG00000005141	camkvb	3.55	1.23E-33
ENSDARG00000010376	SLC5A3 (1 of 2)	3.54	8.21E-28
ENSDARG00000007356	fgf20a	3.47	1.60E-45
ENSDARG00000097716	si:dkey-86k10.8	3.42	3.04E-68
ENSDARG00000074683	CABZ01048960.1	3.40	1.44E-29
ENSDARG00000035677	bmp8a	3.36	2.66E-36
ENSDARG00000076933	aldh1a3	3.29	1.86E-33
ENSDARG00000092704	BX072532.3	3.24	9.73E-28
ENSDARG00000095409	si:ch211-226h7.8	3.11	1.34E-20
ENSDARG00000030896	foxq1a	3.07	1.44E-29
ENSDARG00000019492	shbg	2.94	8.06E-14
ENSDARG00000094120	BX548047.2	2.86	7.69E-15
ENSDARG00000020086	NUAK1 (1 of 2)	2.86	1.77E-60
ENSDARG00000056057	GREM2 (2 of 2)	2.85	7.47E-23
ENSDARG00000079221	si:ch211-162k9.6	2.82	4.96E-15
ENSDARG00000055081	si:dkey-285b23.3	2.80	1.99E-14
ENSDARG00000052949	BX548047.1	2.77	9.95E-13
ENSDARG00000079296	gcga	2.70	2.36E-16
ENSDARG00000036767		2.68	5.08E-18
ENSDARG00000087020		2.67	2.60E-118
ENSDARG00000051876	ush1c	2.64	1.16E-31
ENSDARG00000057338	gstp2	2.64	1.02E-10



ENSDARG00000052626	si:ch211-226h7.7	2.62	6.49E-13
ENSDARG00000056654	gna15.2	2.59	1.16E-20
ENSDARG00000006207	gpx1b	2.59	2.96E-51
ENSDARG00000022570	BX248318.1	2.57	1.37E-11
ENSDARG00000086826	sult6b1	2.55	6.15E-290
ENSDARG00000088595	CRISPLD2	2.50	9.07E-30
ENSDARG00000061841	tiparp	2.50	3.30E-57
ENSDARG00000070929	sox14	2.49	2.32E-32
ENSDARG00000093365	si:ch211-226h7.3	2.49	2.25E-16
ENSDARG00000045371	prdm14	2.47	1.59E-19
ENSDARG00000026611	socs3b	2.47	1.47E-42
ENSDARG00000079199	megf6a	2.46	1.22E-27
ENSDARG00000075891	sall1b	2.46	9.15E-47
ENSDARG00000061896	slco2a1	2.45	3.49E-15
ENSDARG00000035852		2.43	3.80E-15
ENSDARG00000088371	junbb	2.43	5.54E-19
ENSDARG00000039957	rspo1	2.41	3.37E-56
ENSDARG00000006427	fabp2	2.34	6.33E-17
ENSDARG00000068180	bmp16	2.34	3.61E-13
ENSDARG00000078749	b4galnt3a	2.33	1.50E-10
ENSDARG00000077151	cbln2b	2.32	4.05E-23
ENSDARG00000097991	si:dkey-86k10.14	2.30	7.26E-10
ENSDARG00000074642	BX072532.1	2.29	9.12E-12
ENSDARG00000070546	msgn1	2.29	1.14E-10
ENSDARG00000090530	LAMB3	2.28	4.52E-11
ENSDARG00000094158	si:dkey-285b23.4	2.28	3.17E-09
ENSDARG00000058570	cc11	2.28	8.75E-11
ENSDARG00000070710	si:dkeyp-41g9.6	2.27	1.01E-10
ENSDARG00000091572	BX005234.1	2.26	2.68E-08
ENSDARG00000090776	SEMA7A (2 of 2)	2.26	1.90E-10
ENSDARG00000037859	il11a	2.24	6.87E-14
ENSDARG00000094815	si:ch73-49p17.1	2.24	7.65E-18
ENSDARG00000038634	CCK (1 of 2)	2.23	4.52E-18
ENSDARG00000042470	s1pr3a	2.20	1.37E-46
ENSDARG00000059369		2.17	3.40E-21
ENSDARG00000055278	cfb	2.15	3.40E-11
ENSDARG00000059340	dlgap2a	2.14	1.97E-12
ENSDARG00000089205	BX927064.1	2.12	2.88E-24
ENSDARG00000016479	ugt5a1	2.12	1.28E-08
ENSDARG00000096156		2.11	4.88E-07
ENSDARG00000040623	fosl2	2.10	2.46E-19

ENSDARG00000043448	itm2ca	2.09	8.94E-32
ENSDARG00000093101	BX005305.7	2.09	2.75E-08
ENSDARG00000017860	rgs5b	2.09	7.88E-12
ENSDARG00000079227	plekhs1	2.08	5.23E-07
ENSDARG00000079290	si:ch211-162k9.5	2.06	2.16E-10
ENSDARG00000022303	hig1	2.06	8.24E-36
ENSDARG00000092719	si:ch211-226h7.4	2.05	1.38E-08
ENSDARG00000056074	fgf22	2.05	1.76E-09
ENSDARG00000089131	il17rel	2.05	3.06E-07
ENSDARG00000003902	ctsl.1	2.02	1.31E-07
ENSDARG00000036569	bach2a	2.01	6.45E-38
ENSDARG00000091792	akap12a	-2.00	3.02E-11
ENSDARG00000077505	rbp4	-2.03	2.04E-14
ENSDARG00000070331	muc5ac	-2.04	3.17E-12
ENSDARG00000055192	zgc:136930	-2.08	1.25E-07
ENSDARG00000003395	col4a3	-2.09	4.02E-62
ENSDARG00000055172	si:ch211-256m1.8	-2.14	4.01E-09
ENSDARG00000030632	zgc:110191	-2.19	7.70E-20
ENSDARG00000062477	kiaa1549la	-2.21	1.76E-14
ENSDARG00000087375	zgc:66473	-2.24	1.48E-09
ENSDARG00000007490	adrb1	-2.25	6.29E-14
ENSDARG00000075600	si:dkeyp-41f9.3	-2.25	4.47E-14
ENSDARG00000052279	osgn1	-2.26	5.21E-17
ENSDARG00000078962	DUOXA1	-2.27	2.99E-08
ENSDARG00000086805	ccdc129	-2.27	4.64E-15
ENSDARG00000088116	gstm3	-2.33	2.93E-50
ENSDARG00000062688	gpnmb	-2.34	4.35E-15
ENSDARG00000068910	nos1	-2.36	2.31E-09
ENSDARG00000090268	si:dkeyp-113d7.4	-2.43	7.50E-26
ENSDARG00000060345	apod	-2.58	4.95E-16
ENSDARG00000070919	cpne5	-2.65	5.95E-17
ENSDARG00000002847	fncl	-2.66	1.16E-26
ENSDARG00000052470	igfbp2a	-2.68	3.13E-119
ENSDARG00000056938	kera	-2.70	6.97E-26
ENSDARG00000096762	si:dkey-61p9.11	-2.79	1.21E-15
ENSDARG00000058462	zgc:158846	-2.94	2.10E-14

**Table C.2** 60 hpf significantly differentially expressed transcripts following exposure to BkF ( $q \leq 0.05$ ,  $FC > 2$ )

ENSEMBLE ID	Symbol	log2FoldChange	padj
ENSDARG00000068934	cyp1b1	8.90	0
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ENSDARG00000026039	cyp1a	8.45	7.33E-204
ENSDARG00000058980	cyp1c1	6.01	5.79E-179
ENSDARG00000059387	fgf7	5.39	5.56E-181
ENSDARG00000070925	EDN3 (1 of 2)	4.74	2.19E-52
ENSDARG00000052618	ahrrb	4.43	9.95E-61
ENSDARG00000091116	pkhd1l1	4.42	1.04E-182
ENSDARG00000097491	ugt1b1	4.24	1.14E-159
ENSDARG00000097080	si:ch73-181m17.1	4.20	6.11E-45
ENSDARG00000055643	cyb5a	4.19	0
ENSDARG00000056057	GREM2 (2 of 2)	4.00	3.68E-48
ENSDARG00000089507	ugt1b5	3.96	2.74E-113
ENSDARG00000005141	camkvb	3.78	2.44E-40
ENSDARG00000078617	CABZ01048958.1	3.76	8.07E-35
ENSDARG00000007356	fgf20a	3.70	9.09E-56
ENSDARG00000074683	CABZ01048960.1	3.69	6.01E-38
ENSDARG00000035677	bmp8a	3.67	3.70E-49
ENSDARG00000097716	si:dkey-86k10.8	3.61	3.06E-80
ENSDARG00000076933	aldh1a3	3.51	2.56E-41
ENSDARG00000020086	NUAK1 (1 of 2)	3.47	1.46E-88
ENSDARG00000090530	LAMB3	3.46	8.79E-24
ENSDARG00000010376	SLC5A3 (1 of 2)	3.43	2.27E-27
ENSDARG00000052626	si:ch211-226h7.7	3.18	1.78E-19
ENSDARG00000012395	mmp13a	3.16	9.13E-25
ENSDARG00000078749	b4galnt3a	3.15	5.68E-19
ENSDARG00000039957	rspo1	3.08	6.52E-96
ENSDARG00000055278	cfb	3.06	1.83E-21
ENSDARG00000035852		3.04	1.72E-23
ENSDARG00000022570	BX248318.1	3.02	3.53E-16
ENSDARG00000045371	prdm14	3.02	4.02E-31
ENSDARG00000052895	htra3a	3.01	1.48E-22
ENSDARG00000091380		3.01	2.44E-18
ENSDARG00000087020		3.00	2.58E-150
ENSDARG00000051876	ush1c	2.95	2.34E-41
ENSDARG00000095409	si:ch211-226h7.8	2.95	6.10E-19
ENSDARG00000059369		2.94	2.06E-39
ENSDARG00000037859	il11a	2.84	5.86E-22

ENSDARG00000079296	gcga	2.82	7.27E-17
ENSDARG00000045548	lepb	2.80	1.11E-15
ENSDARG00000094951	BX072532.5	2.79	4.31E-20
ENSDARG00000057338	gstp2	2.75	7.63E-12
ENSDARG00000026611	socs3b	2.75	8.65E-53
ENSDARG00000070710	si:dkeyp-41g9.6	2.71	1.60E-15
ENSDARG00000089706	BX005410.2	2.71	2.32E-27
ENSDARG00000040623	fosl2	2.66	3.96E-31
ENSDARG00000052329	CD200 (2 of 3)	2.65	9.25E-20
ENSDARG00000056654	gna15.2	2.64	1.69E-25
ENSDARG00000077580	tspeara	2.62	3.47E-24
ENSDARG00000019492	shbg	2.60	5.33E-11
ENSDARG00000069335	BCL6B	2.60	2.89E-60
ENSDARG00000017860	rgs5b	2.59	1.31E-25
ENSDARG00000092719	si:ch211-226h7.4	2.58	6.83E-16
ENSDARG00000003902	ctsl.1	2.57	2.18E-12
ENSDARG00000074150	si:ch211-226h7.5	2.56	2.64E-11
ENSDARG00000056077	dctl	2.56	1.73E-12
ENSDARG00000094815	si:ch73-49p17.1	2.53	1.04E-21
ENSDARG00000022303	higl	2.53	3.38E-54
ENSDARG00000086826	sult6b1	2.50	1.25E-279
ENSDARG00000088371	junbb	2.50	2.79E-20
ENSDARG00000030896	foxq1a	2.50	4.62E-20
ENSDARG00000075829	kiss1	2.47	1.68E-10
ENSDARG00000033684	oxgr1a.1	2.47	1.39E-10
ENSDARG00000076797		2.47	5.20E-11
ENSDARG00000097435	si:dkey-31i7.1	2.46	1.51E-10
ENSDARG00000054324	rerglb	2.45	1.49E-54
ENSDARG00000061841	tiparp	2.44	2.76E-55
ENSDARG00000079221	si:ch211-162k9.6	2.44	9.17E-12
ENSDARG00000014031	abcc2	2.42	4.29E-25
ENSDARG00000087359	c3b	2.41	9.96E-12
ENSDARG00000097539	si:ch211-39f2.3	2.41	9.60E-13
ENSDARG00000079199	megf6a	2.39	3.14E-28
ENSDARG00000074642	BX072532.1	2.38	7.53E-15
ENSDARG00000053493	aldh1a2	2.37	1.43E-21
ENSDARG00000008305	hand2	2.36	2.53E-10
ENSDARG00000056324	zgc:123295	2.34	1.22E-53
ENSDARG00000016750	abcc6a	2.33	3.67E-70
ENSDARG00000079765	AL929022.2	2.29	7.02E-26
ENSDARG00000097991	si:dkey-86k10.14	2.29	2.56E-10

ENSDARG00000035632		2.29	6.91E-09
ENSDARG00000070929	sox14	2.27	1.20E-29
ENSDARG00000036767		2.26	3.16E-13
ENSDARG00000031588	si:dkey-239b22.1	2.25	6.55E-09
ENSDARG00000079227	plekhs1	2.24	2.59E-08
ENSDARG00000093101	BX005305.7	2.23	1.74E-10
ENSDARG00000055705	f5	2.23	2.06E-08
ENSDARG00000092704	BX072532.3	2.22	1.73E-14
ENSDARG00000038025	cbx7a	2.19	1.13E-23
ENSDARG00000093365	si:ch211-226h7.3	2.19	1.08E-13
ENSDARG00000060471	gcnt3	2.17	5.18E-12
ENSDARG00000041382	si:dkey-283b15.2	2.16	9.36E-13
ENSDARG00000079191	CD200 (3 of 3)	2.16	7.81E-16
ENSDARG00000055081	si:dkey-285b23.3	2.16	3.58E-09
ENSDARG00000043448	itm2ca	2.15	6.45E-37
ENSDARG00000003303	stc1	2.09	7.52E-08
ENSDARG00000058730	rdh10a	2.08	1.20E-15
ENSDARG00000070546	msgn1	2.08	3.58E-08
ENSDARG00000071560	dlx4b	2.08	3.89E-35
ENSDARG00000092778	BX072532.4	2.08	1.47E-07
ENSDARG00000092170	apoc11	2.07	1.22E-16
ENSDARG00000088283	si:ch73-248e21.5	2.06	3.13E-14
ENSDARG00000089131	il17rel	2.04	1.91E-07
ENSDARG00000006220	ugt1a7	2.03	3.69E-25
ENSDARG00000036900	CFI	2.03	1.74E-12
ENSDARG00000075891	sall1b	2.01	6.82E-40
ENSDARG00000069559	muc13a	2.01	3.60E-15
ENSDARG00000055186	ccr9a	2.01	1.42E-10
ENSDARG00000038634	CCK (1 of 2)	2.01	1.77E-15
ENSDARG00000077151	cbln2b	2.00	1.43E-19
ENSDARG00000095002	TNNC2 (2 of 2)	-2.02	3.08E-10
ENSDARG00000087318	zgc:174688	-2.02	1.24E-13
ENSDARG00000097032	si:ch211-256a21.4	-2.03	6.11E-20
ENSDARG00000090292	CABZ01071757.1	-2.03	2.19E-21
ENSDARG00000074772	ccl-c11b	-2.05	2.91E-18
ENSDARG00000002847	fndc1	-2.06	2.21E-16
ENSDARG00000043923	sox9b	-2.08	4.32E-59
ENSDARG00000088116	gstm3	-2.09	1.29E-41
ENSDARG00000036832	cyt11	-2.09	2.83E-30
ENSDARG00000077216	wu:fc51h05	-2.10	5.96E-11
ENSDARG00000031952	mb	-2.11	1.05E-12

ENSDARG00000077505	rbp4	-2.11	6.65E-16
ENSDARG00000075038	CABZ01058371.1	-2.12	1.03E-25
ENSDARG00000023768	mfsd4a	-2.15	2.97E-24
ENSDARG00000077084	col28a1	-2.16	1.35E-10
ENSDARG00000030632	zgc:110191	-2.20	2.93E-22
ENSDARG00000060345	apod	-2.21	1.57E-12
ENSDARG00000039579	cfb	-2.21	1.08E-08
ENSDARG00000091792	akap12a	-2.24	1.28E-14
ENSDARG00000097513	si:ch211-84k18.3	-2.24	2.37E-08
ENSDARG00000003395	col4a3	-2.25	2.94E-71
ENSDARG00000028878	vipr1a	-2.26	1.31E-11
ENSDARG00000005943	htra4	-2.32	6.36E-23
ENSDARG00000062632	duox	-2.38	2.32E-10
ENSDARG00000035791	si:busm1-71b9.3	-2.38	7.13E-15
ENSDARG00000036830	KRT23 (1 of 2)	-2.45	7.04E-50
ENSDARG00000086805	ccdc129	-2.48	6.01E-19
ENSDARG00000062688	gpnmb	-2.49	2.73E-17
ENSDARG00000075865	CABZ01076351.1	-2.51	1.17E-11
ENSDARG00000097804	si:ch73-156o22.2	-2.52	1.94E-13
ENSDARG00000007490	adrb1	-2.55	7.16E-17
ENSDARG00000090268	si:dkeyp-113d7.4	-2.55	1.08E-28
ENSDARG00000096381	neu3.4	-2.56	1.16E-10
ENSDARG00000078962	DUOXA1	-2.58	1.13E-10
ENSDARG00000087375	zgc:66473	-2.63	1.52E-13
ENSDARG00000056938	kera	-2.68	1.10E-25
ENSDARG00000052279	osgn1	-2.71	3.24E-24
ENSDARG00000068910	nos1	-2.73	1.36E-12
ENSDARG00000070919	cpne5	-2.74	3.56E-17
ENSDARG00000096762	si:dkeyp-61p9.11	-2.84	1.04E-16
ENSDARG00000075600	si:dkeyp-41f9.3	-2.96	2.97E-25
ENSDARG00000056248	KRT78	-3.02	1.14E-14
ENSDARG00000052470	igfbp2a	-3.07	1.18E-155
ENSDARG00000055192	zgc:136930	-3.16	2.67E-17

**Table C.3** 72 hpf significantly differentially expressed transcripts following exposure to BkF ( $q \leq 0.05$ ,  $FC > 2$ )

ENSEMBLE ID	Symbol	log2FoldChange	padj
ENSDARG00000068934	cyp1b1	8.68	0
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ENSDARG00000018298	cyp1c2	8.40	0
ENSDARG00000058980	cyp1c1	5.65	1.31E-157
ENSDARG00000059387	fgf7	5.61	4.66E-177
ENSDARG00000091116	pkhd1l1	4.82	3.94E-216
ENSDARG00000070925	EDN3 (1 of 2)	4.44	3.99E-46
ENSDARG00000055643	cyb5a	4.40	0
ENSDARG00000052618	ahrrb	4.34	5.26E-61
ENSDARG00000045371	prdm14	4.25	7.80E-57
ENSDARG00000097491	ugt1b1	4.19	1.61E-153
ENSDARG00000045548	lepb	4.16	1.96E-34
ENSDARG00000090530	LAMB3	4.14	2.53E-34
ENSDARG00000097716	si:dkey-86k10.8	3.94	5.98E-93
ENSDARG00000010376	SLC5A3 (1 of 2)	3.79	3.33E-33
ENSDARG00000076933	aldh1a3	3.73	2.30E-45
ENSDARG00000089507	ugt1b5	3.72	2.05E-99
ENSDARG00000056057	GREM2 (2 of 2)	3.68	2.70E-43
ENSDARG00000078617	CABZ01048958.1	3.61	5.77E-33
ENSDARG00000078749	b4galnt3a	3.58	1.85E-25
ENSDARG00000097080	si:ch73-181m17.1	3.51	6.62E-32
ENSDARG00000059369	si:ch1073-15f12.3	3.48	3.07E-55
ENSDARG00000035677	bmp8a	3.46	1.35E-43
ENSDARG00000005141	camkvb	3.43	1.69E-34
ENSDARG00000052895	htra3a	3.42	2.92E-29
ENSDARG00000020086	NUAK1 (1 of 2)	3.41	1.30E-85
ENSDARG00000007356	fgf20a	3.39	1.14E-51
ENSDARG00000037859	il11a	3.38	6.48E-31
ENSDARG00000055278	cfb	3.37	1.85E-25
ENSDARG00000097435	si:dkey-31i7.1	3.37	1.63E-20
ENSDARG00000035632		3.34	4.16E-19
ENSDARG00000074683	CABZ01048960.1	3.34	1.58E-33
ENSDARG00000074150	si:ch211-226h7.5	3.34	4.10E-19
ENSDARG00000052626	si:ch211-226h7.7	3.30	1.03E-21
ENSDARG00000079296	gcga	3.30	3.40E-24
ENSDARG00000094951	BX072532.5	3.26	6.69E-29
ENSDARG00000051876	ush1c	3.25	1.98E-50
ENSDARG00000095409	si:ch211-226h7.8	3.23	1.45E-23

ENSDARG00000069335	BCL6B	3.22	5.05E-90
ENSDARG00000039957	rspo1	3.16	2.64E-105
ENSDARG00000091380		3.15	2.71E-21
ENSDARG00000012395	mmp13a	3.12	2.02E-24
ENSDARG00000079191	CD200 (3 of 3)	3.08	9.15E-28
ENSDARG00000041382	si:dkey-283b15.2	3.08	2.35E-24
ENSDARG00000092719	si:ch211-226h7.4	3.08	3.34E-24
ENSDARG00000092170	apoc11	3.02	1.26E-34
ENSDARG00000033684	oxgr1a.1	3.00	1.03E-15
ENSDARG00000035852		2.99	7.44E-23
ENSDARG00000079199	megf6a	2.99	1.21E-43
ENSDARG00000087020		2.98	1.29E-148
ENSDARG00000060471	gcnt3	2.98	1.56E-21
ENSDARG00000040623	fosl2	2.96	1.27E-38
ENSDARG00000026611	socs3b	2.93	4.78E-60
ENSDARG00000089706	BX005410.2	2.93	7.14E-32
ENSDARG00000068580	glis1a	2.90	4.65E-20
ENSDARG00000075829	kiss1	2.89	1.90E-14
ENSDARG00000070929	sox14	2.87	1.66E-41
ENSDARG00000088283	si:ch73-248e21.5	2.82	3.48E-26
ENSDARG00000016750	abcc6a	2.80	2.05E-104
ENSDARG00000053493	aldh1a2	2.79	3.07E-30
ENSDARG00000052329	CD200 (2 of 3)	2.78	1.31E-21
ENSDARG00000097991	si:dkey-86k10.14	2.78	2.70E-16
ENSDARG00000054324	rerglb	2.78	3.08E-73
ENSDARG00000055638	ankrd33aa	2.76	5.63E-21
ENSDARG00000097726	si:ch211-149e23.4	2.72	1.15E-27
ENSDARG00000087832	bcl3	2.69	4.92E-27
ENSDARG00000022570	BX248318.1	2.68	8.53E-13
ENSDARG00000078847	si:dkey-238o13.4	2.66	5.29E-15
ENSDARG00000015273	alpi.1	2.63	1.94E-53
ENSDARG00000091085	lepa	2.63	1.27E-11
ENSDARG00000061419	zmat4b	2.62	1.91E-26
ENSDARG00000093101	BX005305.7	2.59	1.62E-14
ENSDARG00000055081	si:dkey-285b23.3	2.59	5.60E-13
ENSDARG00000003303	stc1	2.57	9.40E-12
ENSDARG00000006220	ugt1a7	2.57	3.15E-39
ENSDARG00000059891		2.55	3.48E-14
ENSDARG00000006526	fn1b	2.55	8.81E-26
ENSDARG00000094158	si:dkey-285b23.4	2.55	1.15E-11
ENSDARG00000056654	gna15.2	2.54	2.22E-24



ENSDARG00000077580	tspeara	2.53	4.44E-21
ENSDARG00000086826	sult6b1	2.49	4.37E-276
ENSDARG00000092521	CR382283.2	2.49	4.01E-25
ENSDARG00000087359	c3b	2.47	1.71E-12
ENSDARG00000094815	si:ch73-49p17.1	2.45	1.16E-20
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**Table C.4** 96 hpf significantly differentially expressed transcripts following exposure to BkF ( $q \leq 0.05$ ,  $FC > 2$ )

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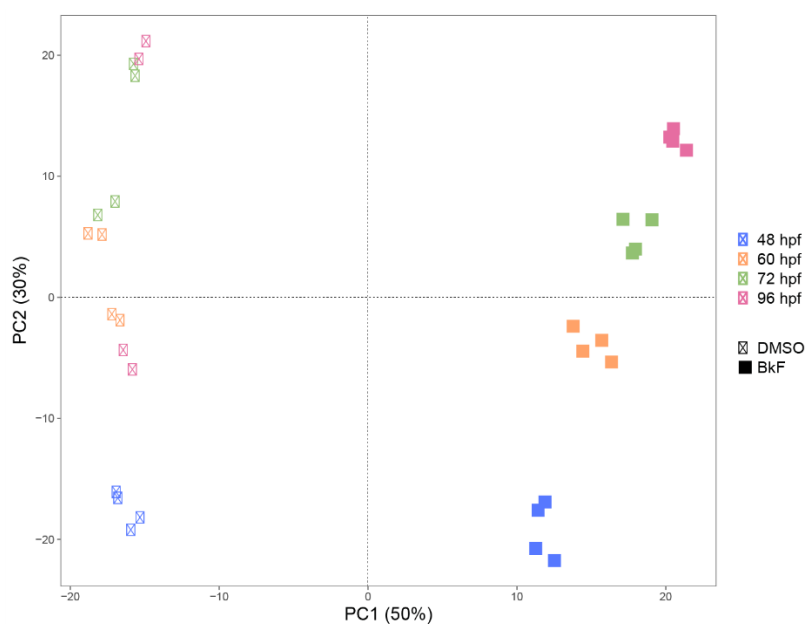
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**Figure C.1** Principal components analysis (PCA) of the 500 genes with the greatest differential expression in larvae exposed to 12  $\mu$ M. benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkF). BkF vs vehicle (1% DMSO) is indicated by filled vs. non-filled squares. Age condition is indicated by color: blue = 48 hpf; orange = 60 hpf; green = 72 hpf; red = 96 hpf.