

Pitt Hopkins Syndrome & TCF4 in Intellectual Disability

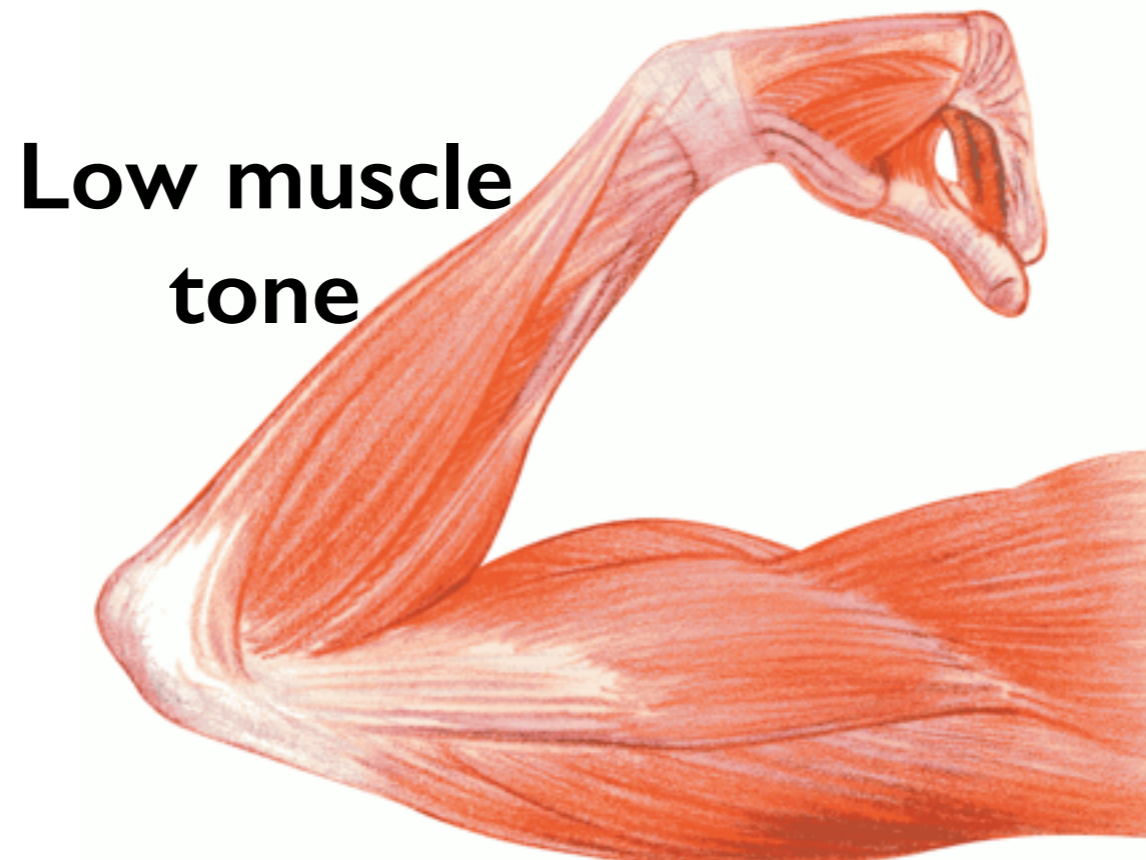
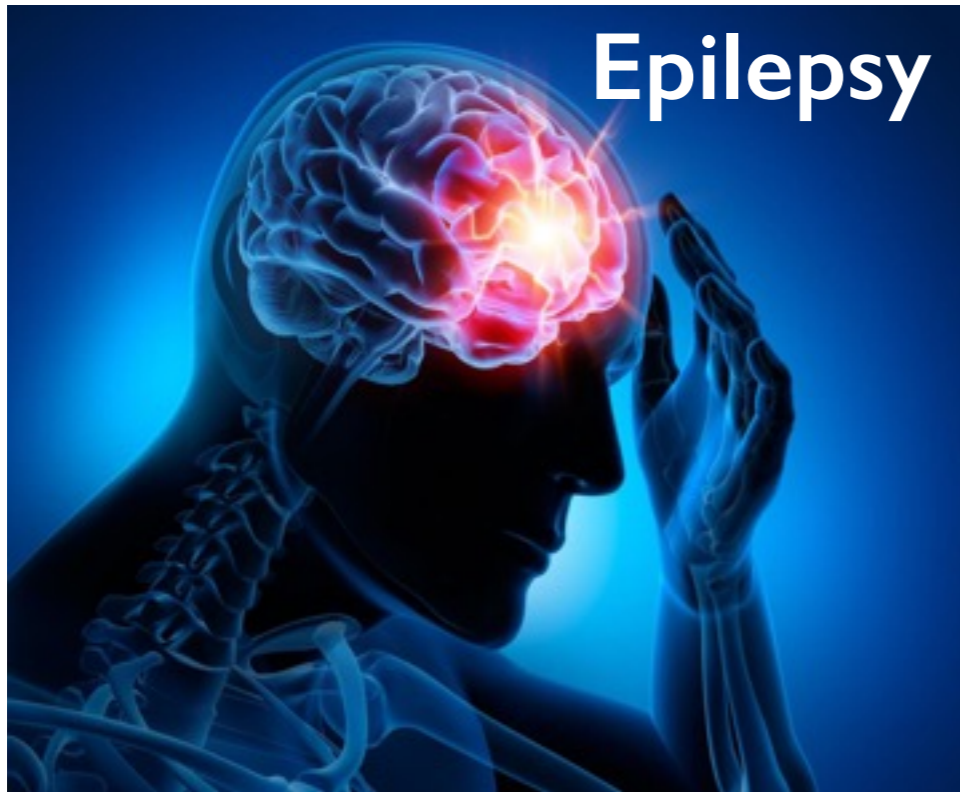


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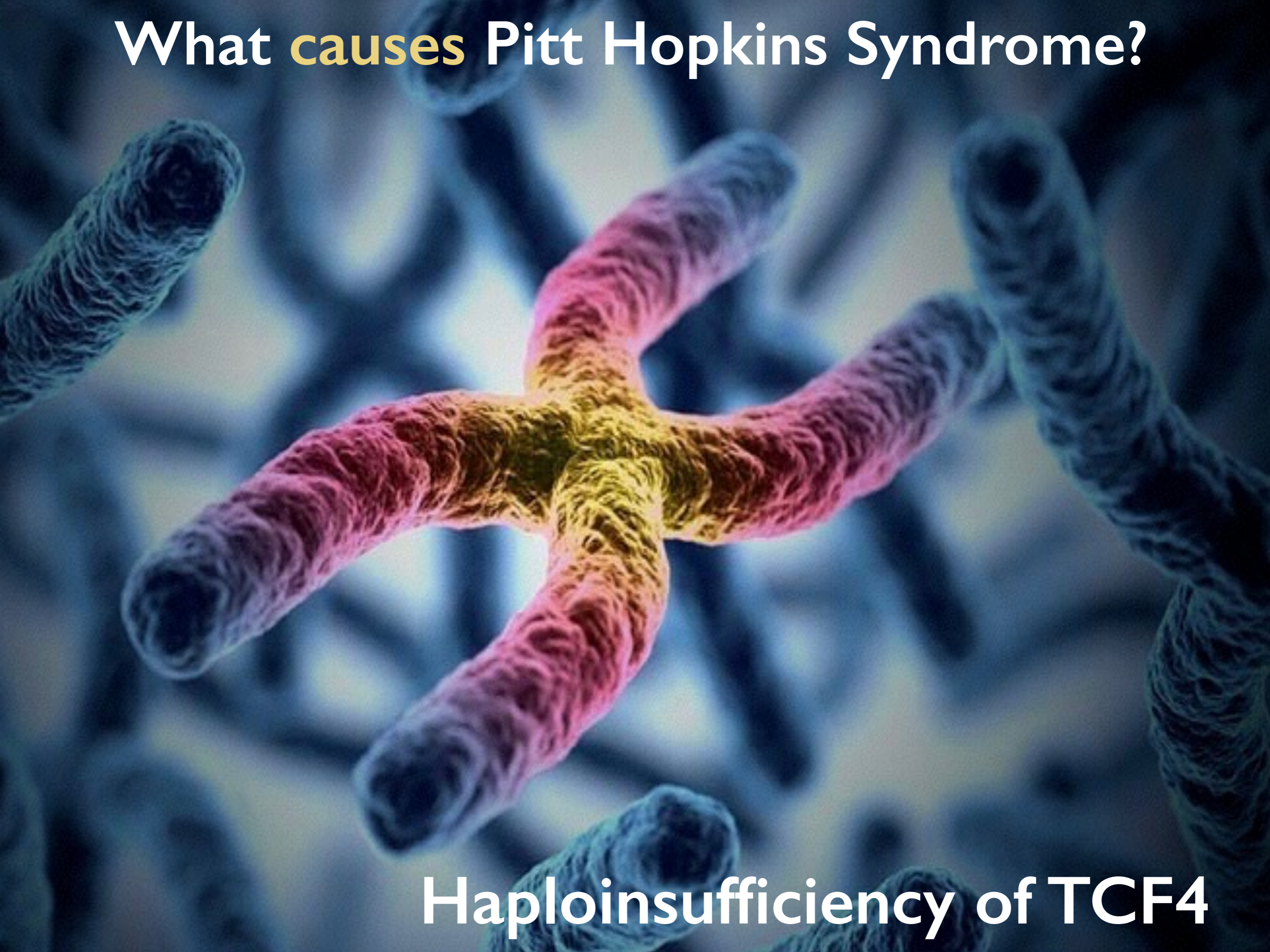
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What are the **symptoms** of Pitt Hopkins Syndrome?



What **causes** Pitt Hopkins Syndrome?

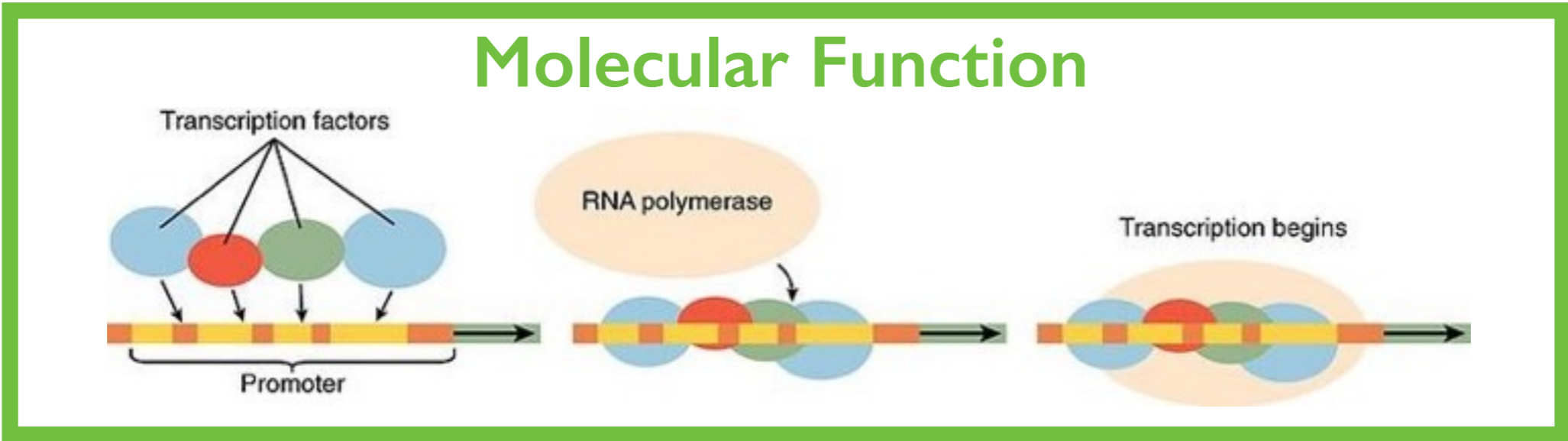
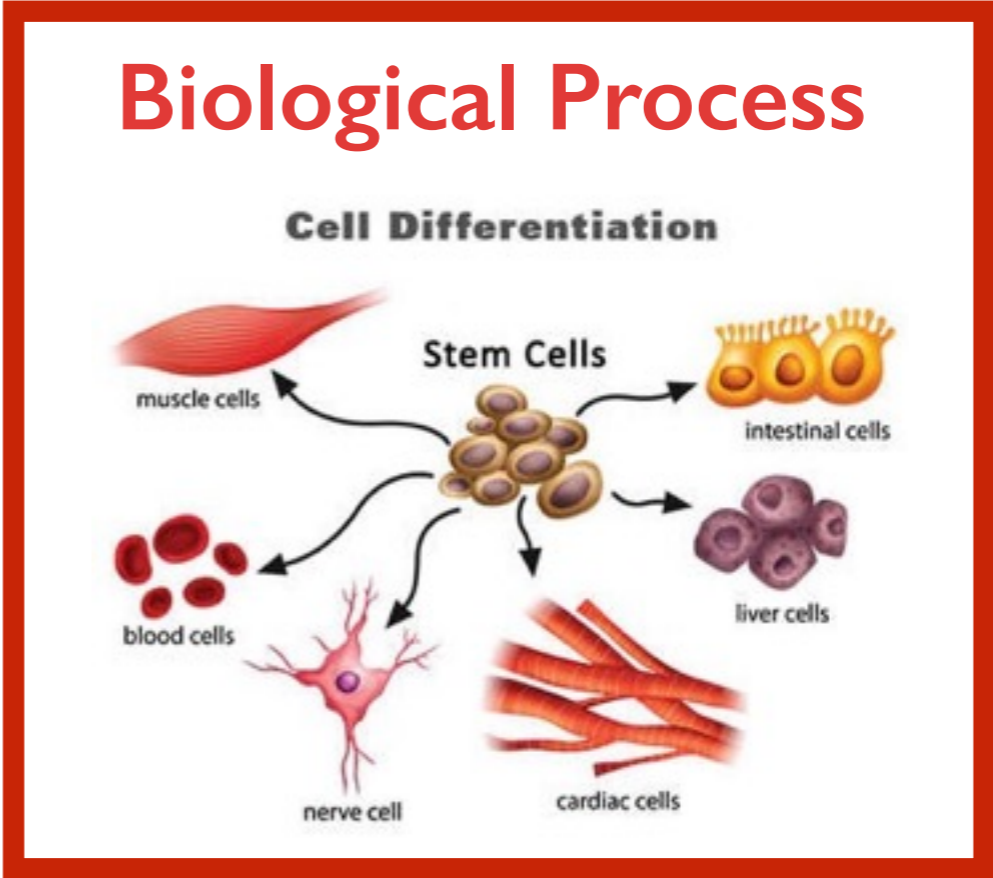
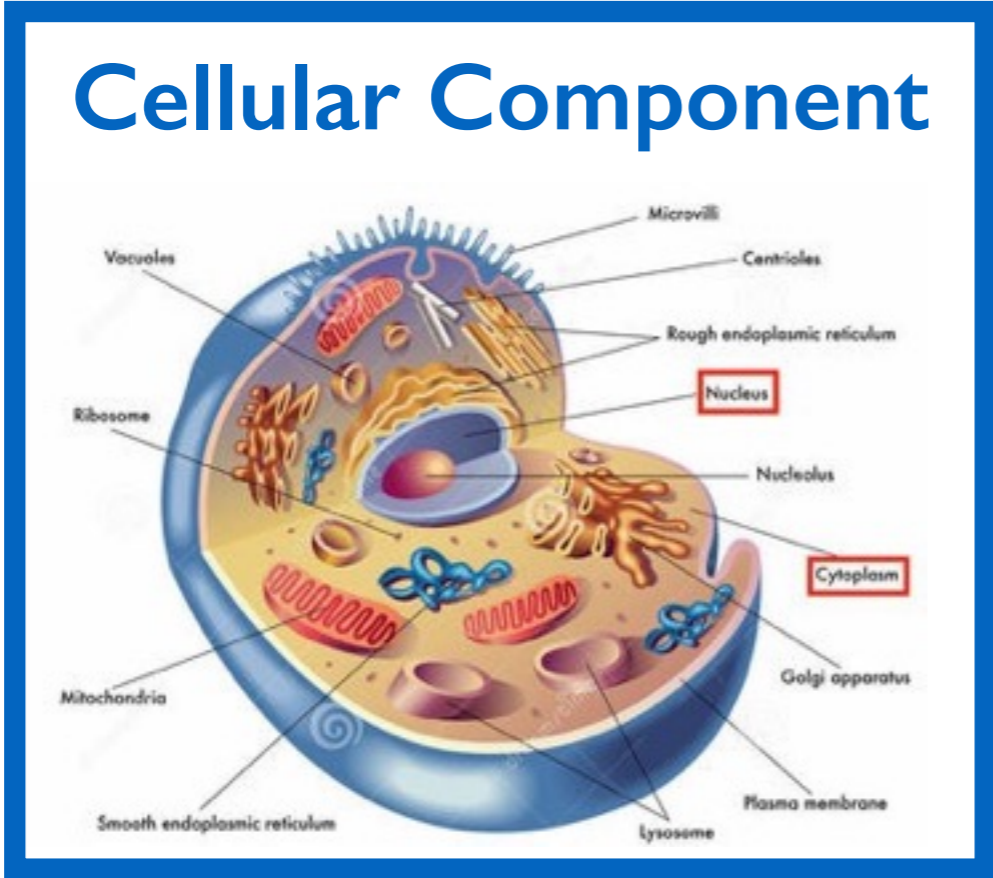
Haploinsufficiency of TCF4



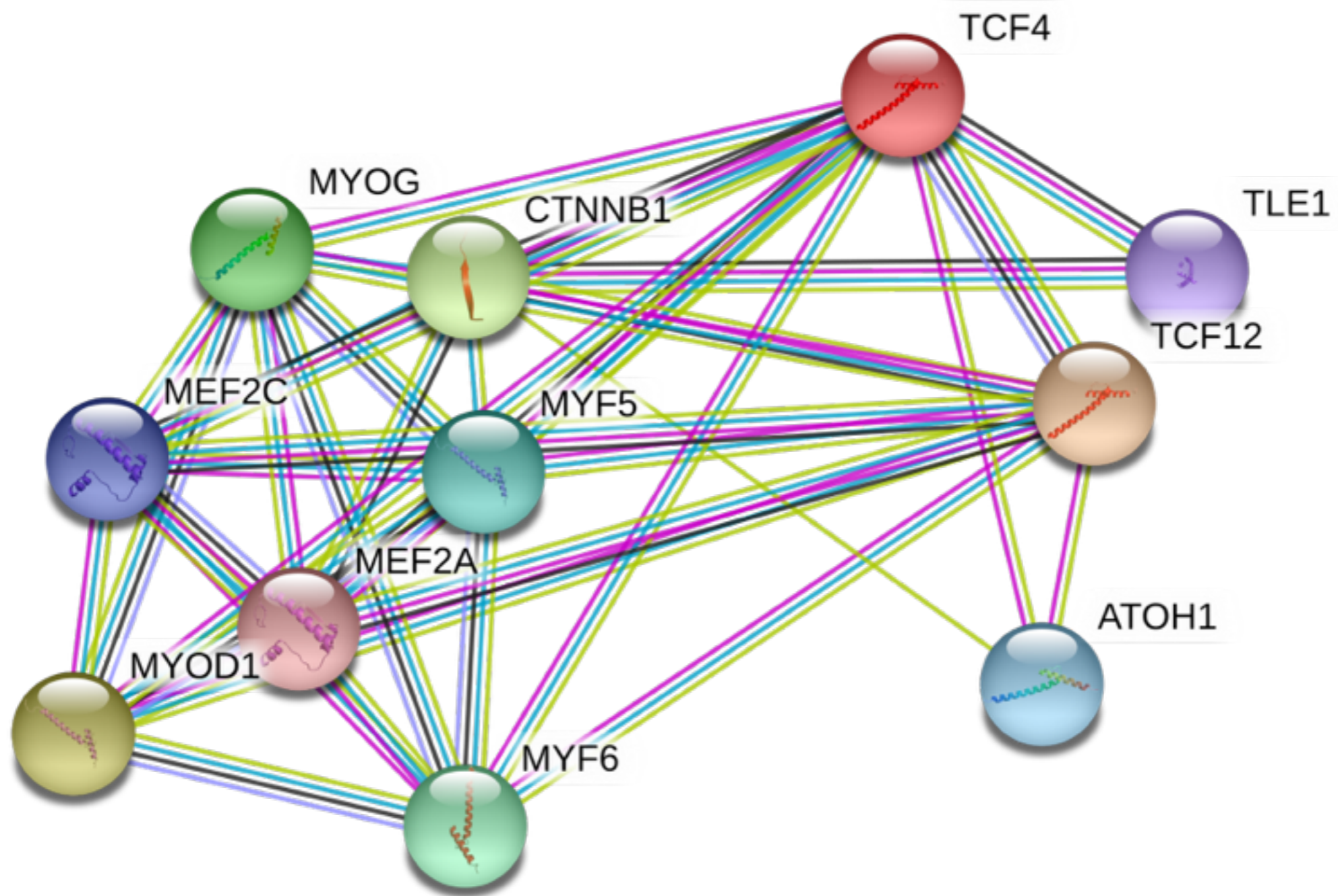
Where and how does **TCF4** work?



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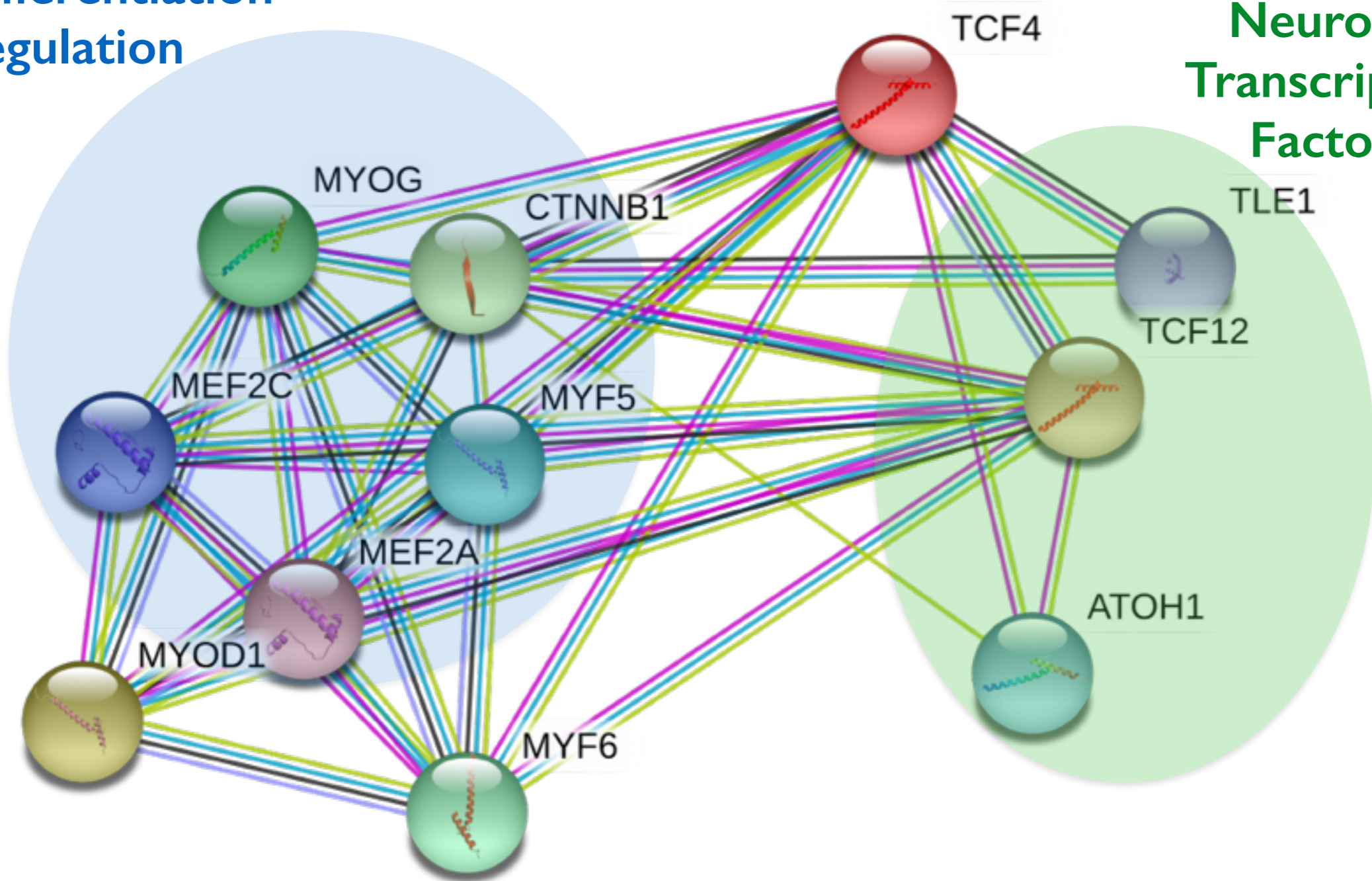
What **proteins** interact with TCF4?



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Cell Differentiation
Regulation

Neuronal
Transcription
Factors



What do we already know?



Nerve Cells

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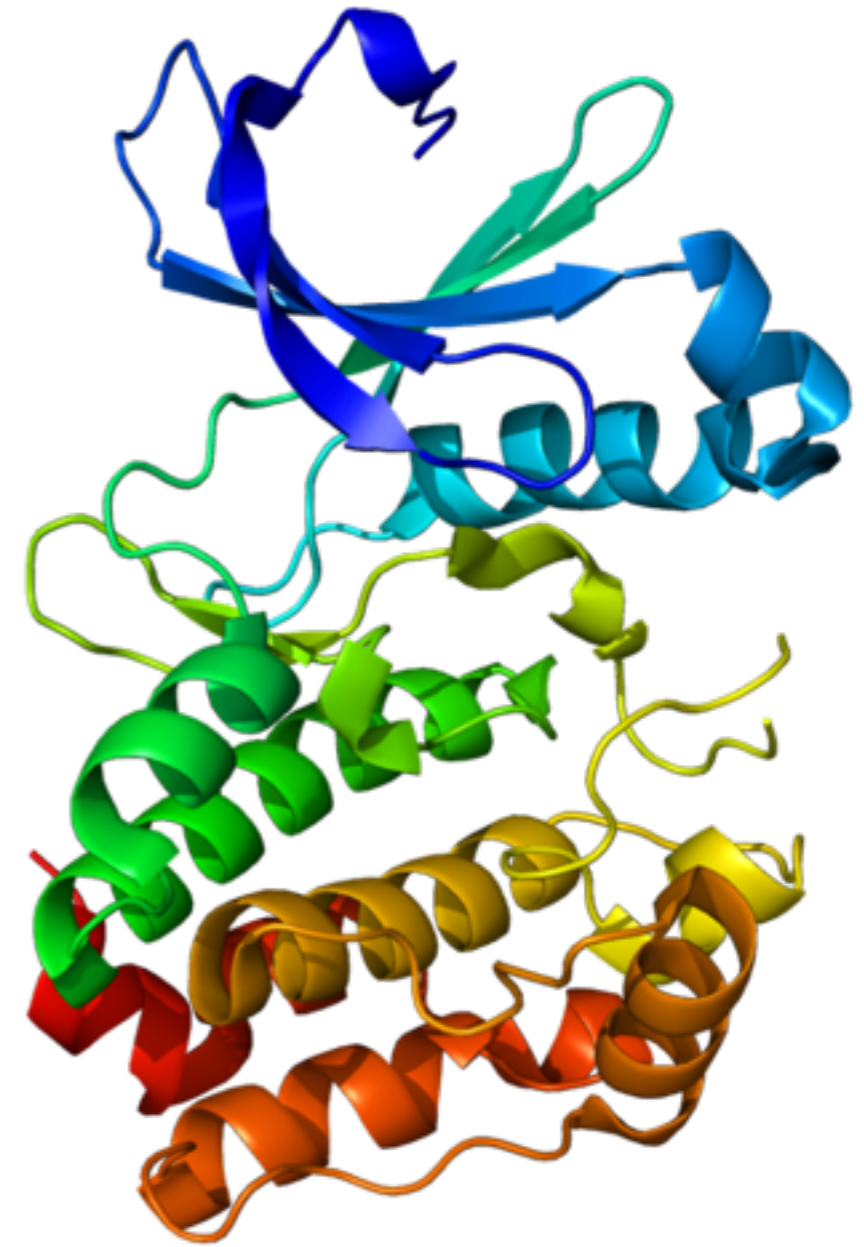
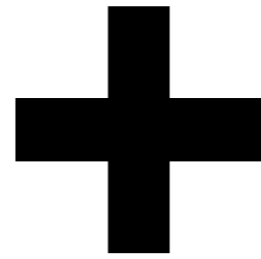


Haploinsufficiency

Gap In Knowledge

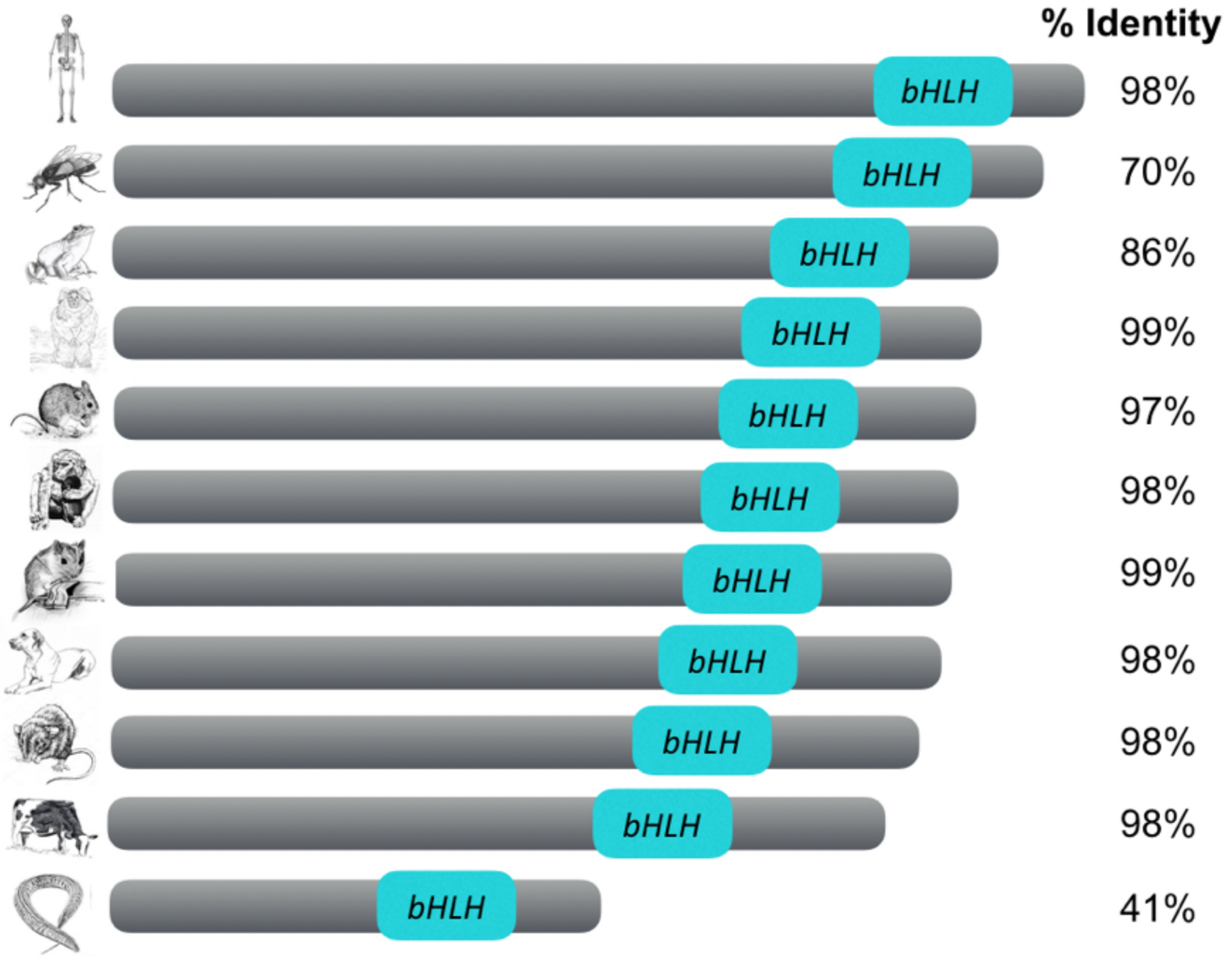


Muscle Tissue Cells

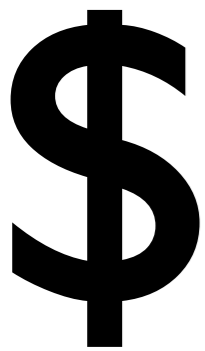


Haploinsufficiency

Is TCF4 conserved across species?



Why use **mice** to study TCF4?



What is the primary goal?

To determine if TCF4 is required for the differentiation of muscle tissue cells during embryonic development

Aim 1

Identify TCF4 mutations that affect cell differentiation processes in muscle tissue

Aim 2

Identify new genes important for muscle tissue development in TCF4 mutants

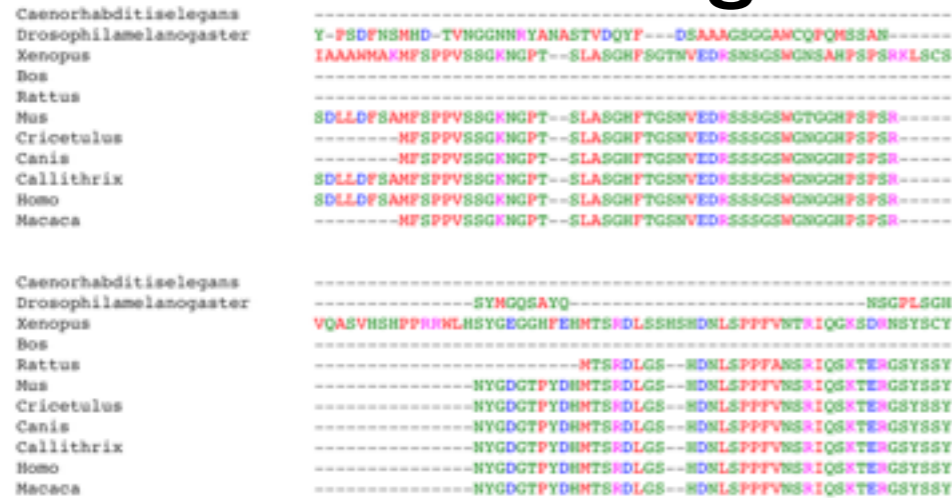
Aim 3

Identify new TCF4 interacting proteins involved in muscle tissue development

Hypothesis: Deletion of the TCF4 will inhibit the process of cell differentiation in cells found in muscle tissue

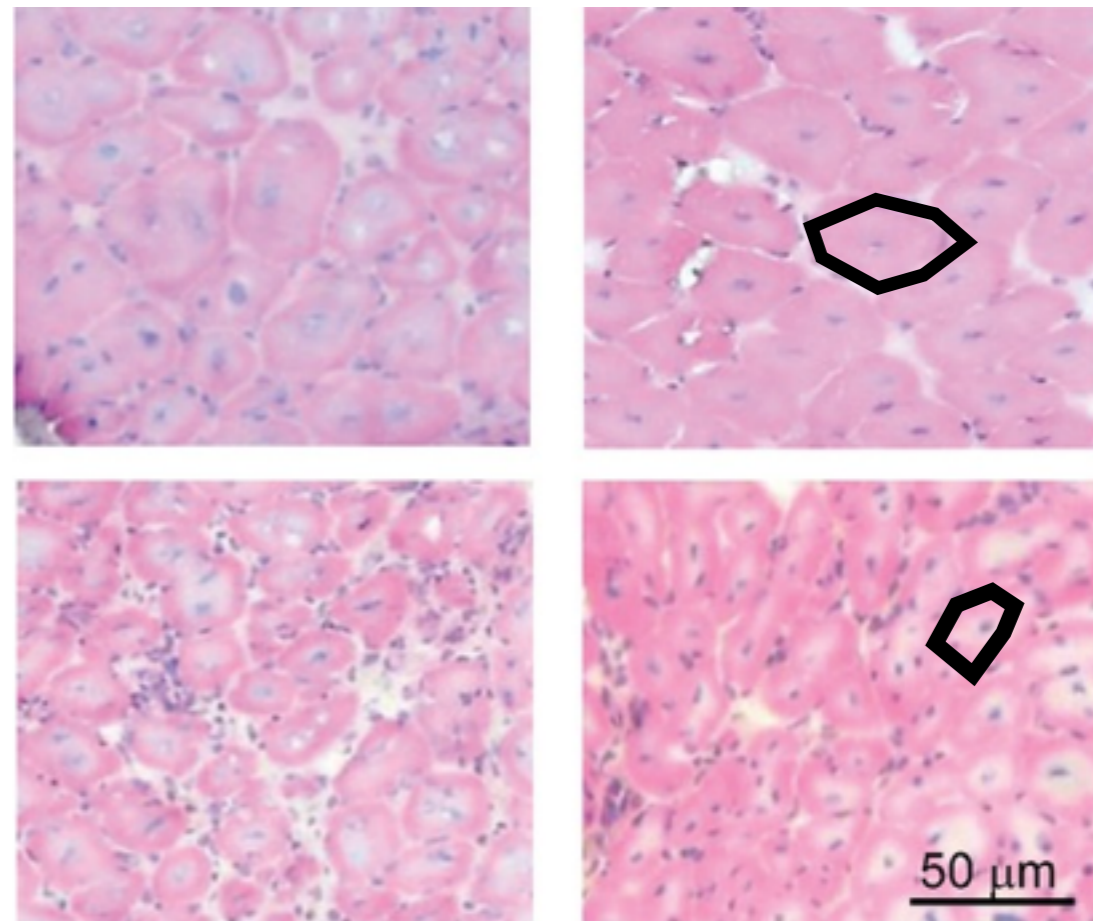
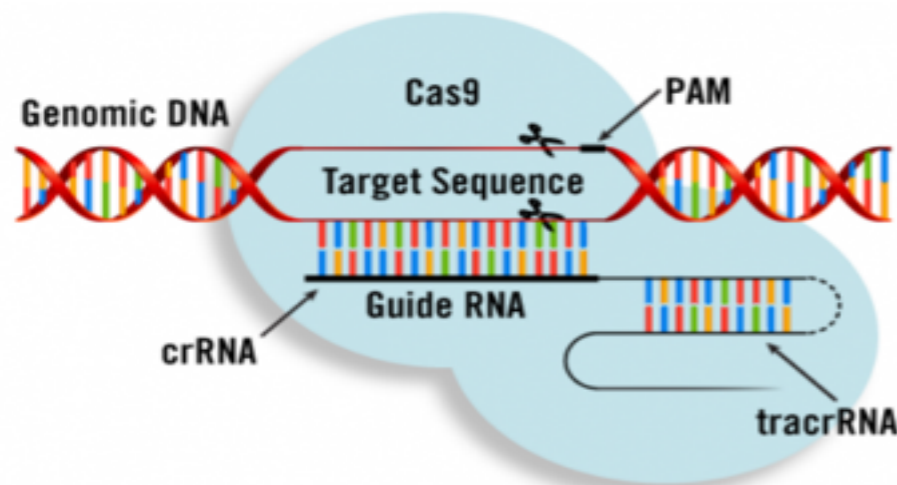
Aim 1: Identify TCF4 mutations that affect cell differentiation processes in muscle tissue

Clustal Omega



Cryosection & Immunohistochemistry in Muscle Tissue

CRISPR/Cas9

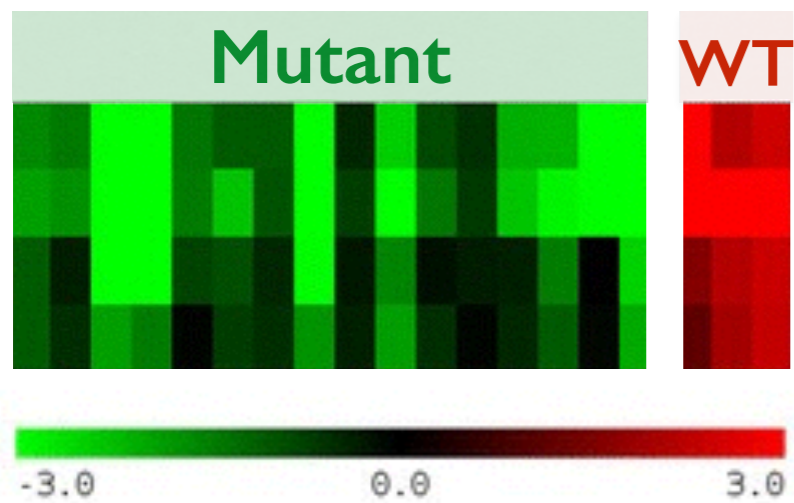


Control
Knockout

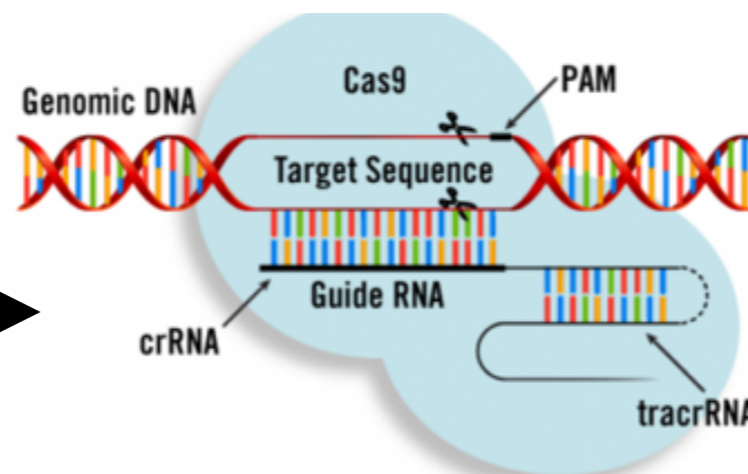
Hypothesis: Lower muscle tone will be observed in TCF4 knockout mutant mice

Aim 2: Identify new genes important for muscle tissue development in TCF4 mutants

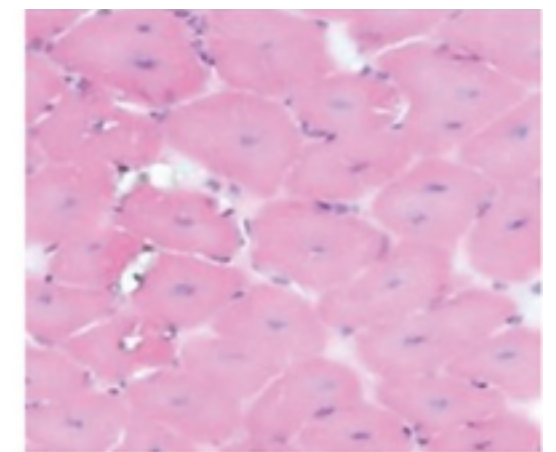
RNA-seq



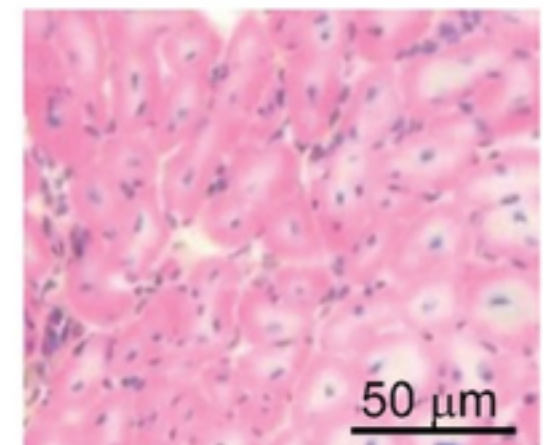
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Cryosection Muscle Tissue



Control

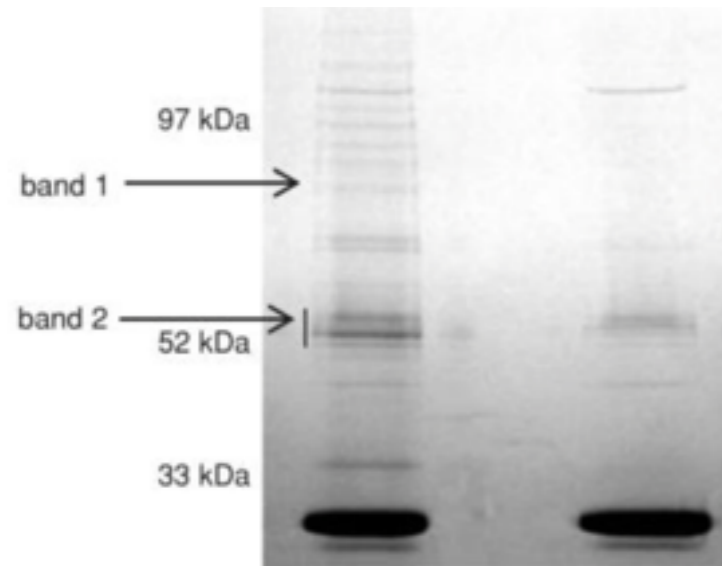


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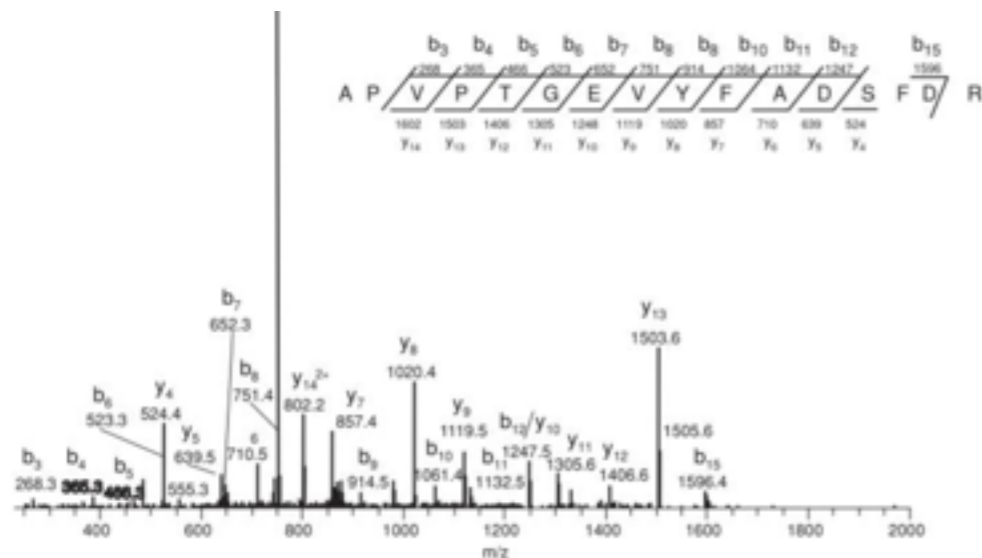
Hypothesis: Knockout will result in identifying genes associated with muscle cell differentiation and muscle function

Aim 3: Identify new TCF4 interacting proteins involved in muscle tissue development

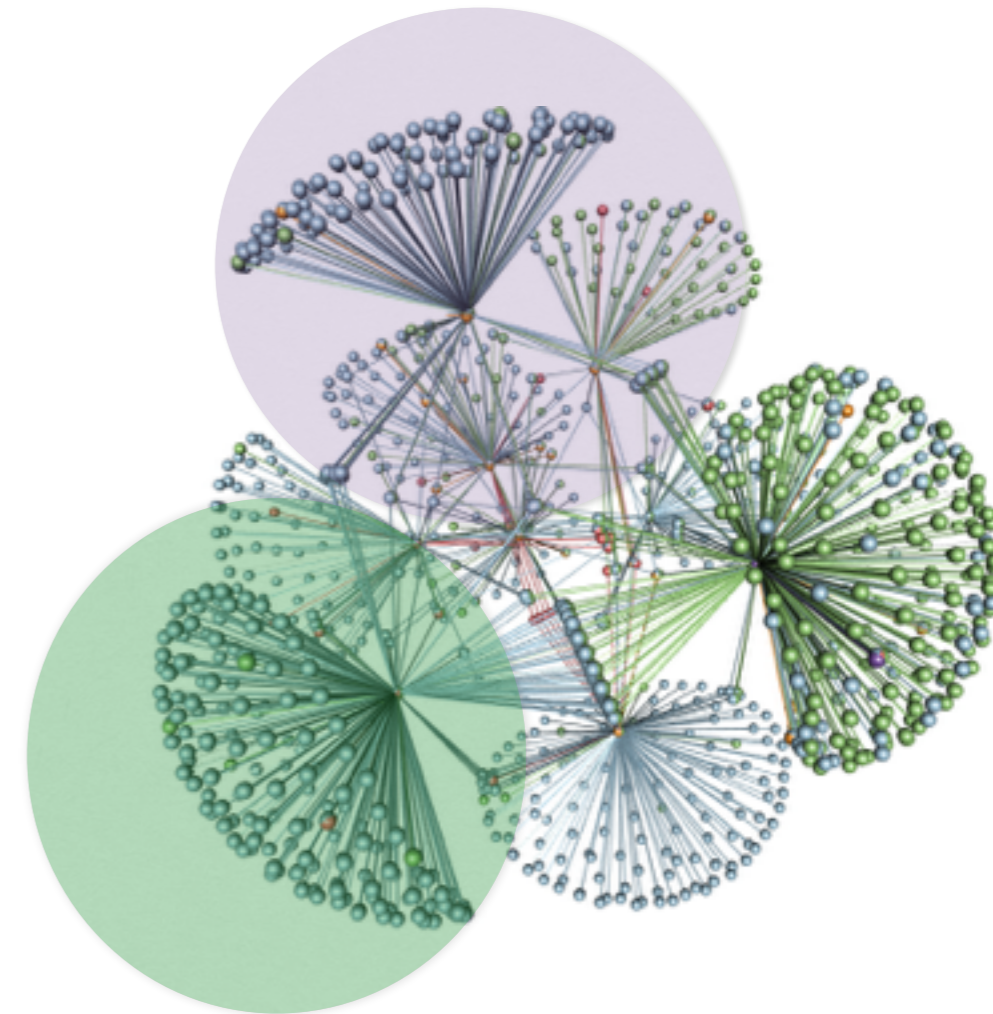
Tandem Affinity Purification



Mass Spectrometry



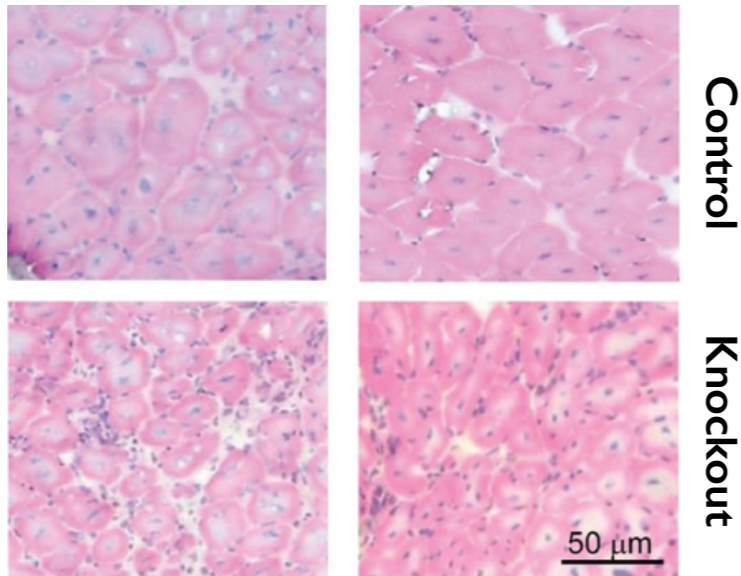
Muscle Cell Differentiation



Muscle Tissue Development

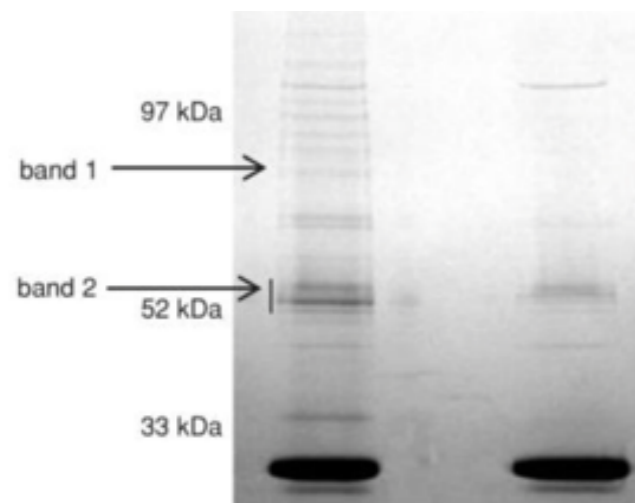
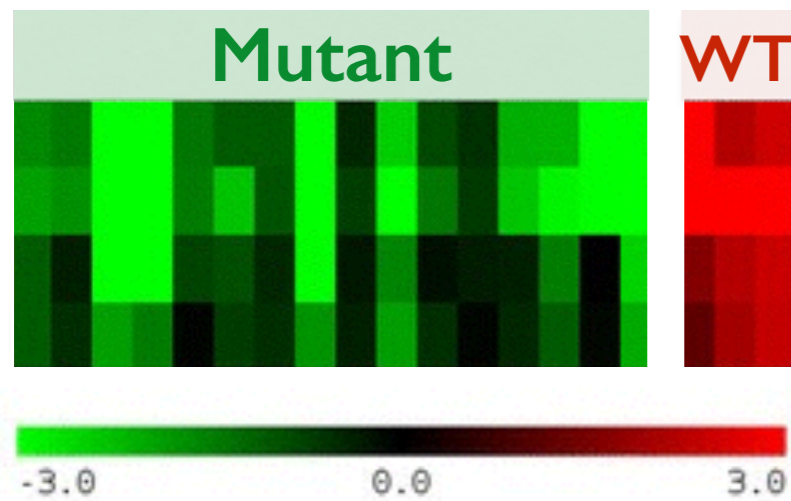
Hypothesis: TCF4 will be identified as an important transcription factor for muscle cell differentiation & muscle tissue development

Conclusion



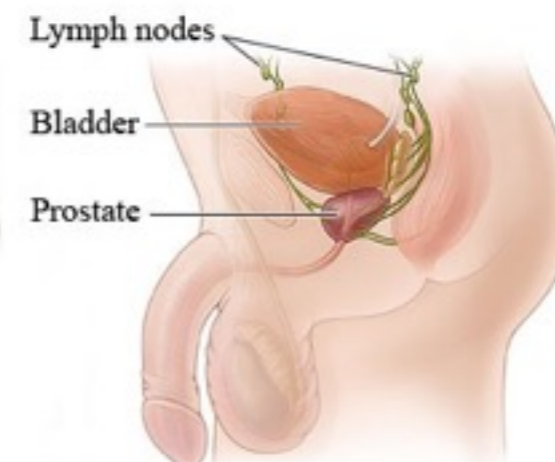
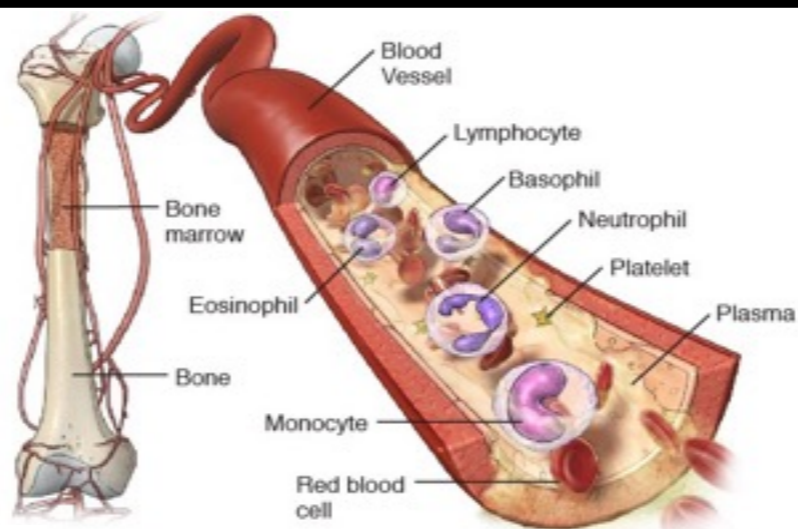
Lower muscle tone will be observed in mutant mice

RNA-Seq will reveal **lower expression** of cell differentiation-related genes in mutant mice

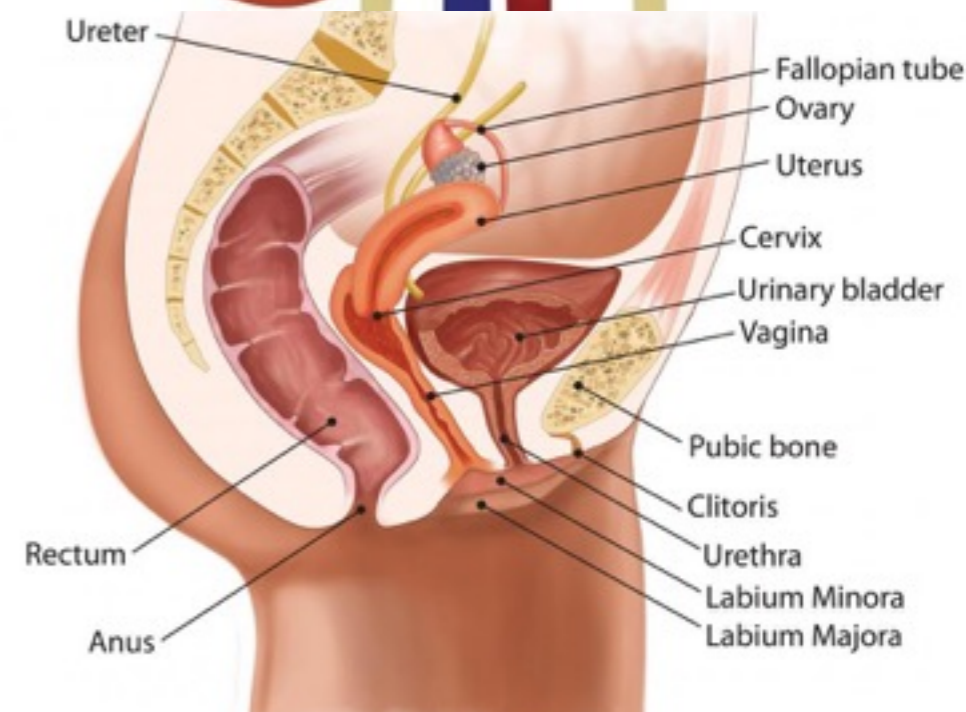
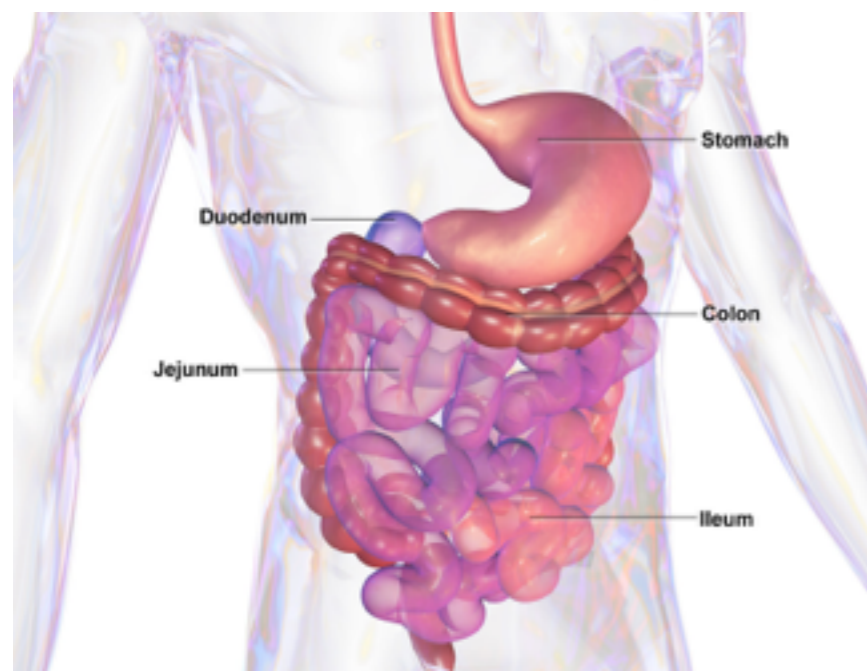
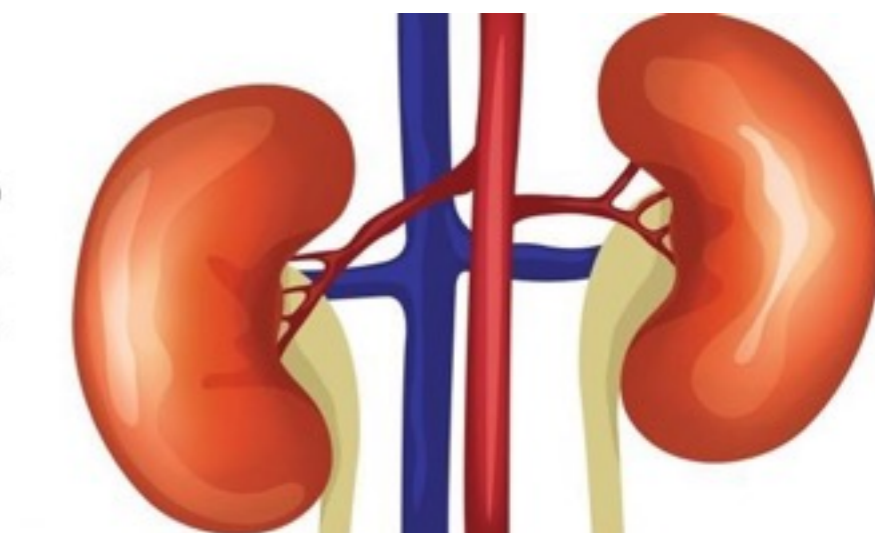
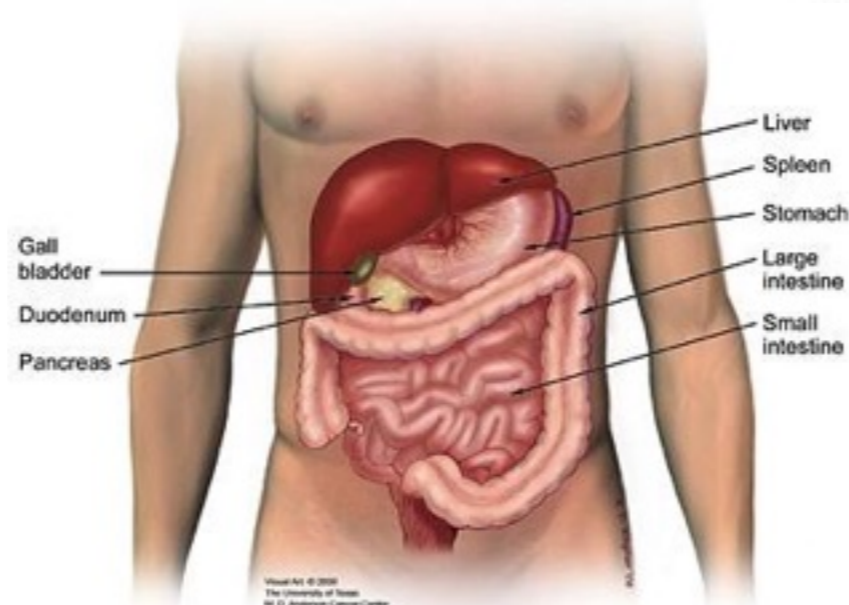
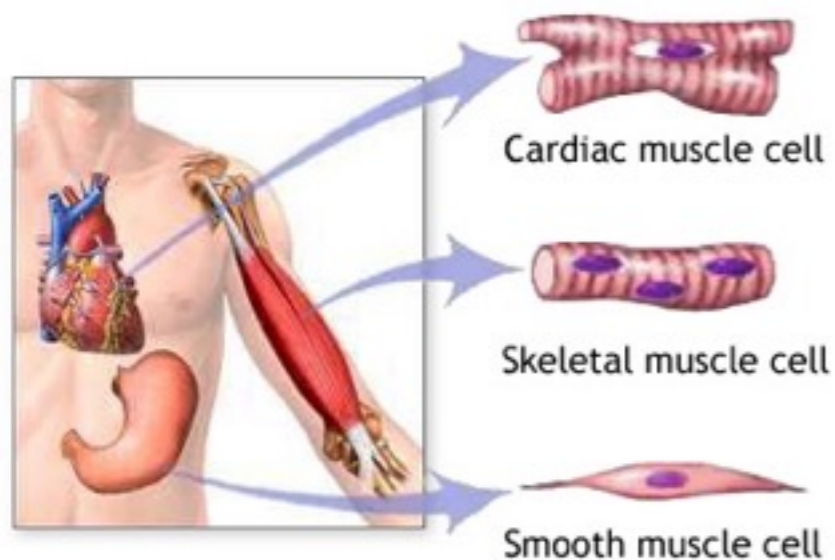


TAP & MS will identify **new proteins** important for cell differentiation in muscle tissue

Future Directions



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