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

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# **Summary**

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

Here, we generated a transgenic mouse exhibiting a moderate severity BPD phenotype by blocking IGF1 signaling in secondary crest myofibroblasts (SCMF) at the onset of alveologenesis. Using approaches mirroring the construction of the model GRN in sea urchin's development, we constructed the IGF1 signaling network underlying alveologenesis using this mouse model that phenocopies BPD. The constructed GRN, consisting of 43 genes, provides a bird's-eye view of how the genes downstream of IGF1 are regulatorily connected. The GRN also reveals a mechanistic interpretation of how the effects of IGF1 signaling are transduced within SCMF from its specification genes to its effector genes and then from SCMF to its neighboring alveolar epithelial cells with WNT5A and FGF10 signaling as the bridge. Consistently, blocking of WNT5A signaling in mice phenocopies BPD as inferred by the network. A comparative study on human samples suggests that a GRN of similar components and wiring underlies human BPD.

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

## 1 Introduction

Development is precisely controlled by the genetic program encoded in the genome and is governed by genetic interactions (Davidson et al., 2002; Levine and Davidson, 2005). Elucidating the network of interactions among genes that govern morphogenesis through development is one of the core challenges in contemporary functional genomics research(Przybyla and Gilbert, 2021). These networks are known as developmental gene regulatory networks (GRN) which are key to understanding the developmental processes with integrative details and mechanistic perspective. Over the past few decades, great advances have been made in decoding these networks in classical model systems (i.e. Dequeant and Pourquie, 2008; Longabaugh et al., 2017; Olson, 2006; Satou et al., 2009; Sauka-Spengler and Bronner-Fraser, 2008), as well as the in-depth understanding of the general design principles of these networks in development and evolution (Carre et al., 2017; Davidson, 2010; Erwin and Davidson, 2009; Gao and Davidson, 2008; Lim et al., 2013; Peter and Davidson, 2009; Royo et al., 2011). Highlighted among them is the sea urchin developmental GRN, the most comprehensive and authenticated network constructed to date (Peter and Davidson, 2017).

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

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

Alveolar development is a highly complex process that is driven by multiple signaling pathways including TGFB, SHH, WNT, PDGF, VEGF, HGF, NOTCH, BMP and IGF1 (Juul et al., 2020; Nabhan et al., 2018; Tsao et al., 2016; Verheyden and Sun, 2020; Wu and Tang, 2021; Zepp and Morrisey, 2019). *IGF1* and *IGF1R* expression is found throughout fetal lung development and fluctuates at different stages. Both *IGF1* and *IGF1R* expression is significantly reduced in BPD lungs (Hellstrom et al., 2016; Lofqvist et al., 2012; Yilmaz et al., 2017), suggesting a potential role in pathogenesis of BPD. The function of IGF1 and IGF1R has been examined in their respective constitutive and conditional knockout mice, but their specific function during alveologenesis has not been examined (Epaud et al., 2012; Lopez et al., 2016; Lopez et al., 2015). A recent study found interruption in IGF1 signaling compromised mechanosignaling and interrupted alveologenesis (He et al., 2021).

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Results

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Three criteria were applied to identify IGF1 signaling targets within SCMF: (1) Functionally
active in SCMF with its deltaCT<= 9 (relative to *Gapdh* in Ctrl_GFP, Supplemental Table 1),
that is equivalent to >= 10 copies of transcripts per cell (copies of *Gapdh* transcripts per cell
based on Barber et al., 2005); (2) highly enriched in SCMF with FC >= 10, p<=0.05 (Ctrl_GFP
vs Ctrl_Tomato, Fig.3B left column, Supplemental Table 1); (3) significantly altered with
FC >=2, p<=0.05 (Mut_GFP vs Ctrl_GFP, Fig.3B right column, Supplemental Table 1).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mainly derived from our in vitro data, it was discovered WNT5a signaling on the current network is located immediately downstream of IGF1 and the signaling has connections with many IGF1 downstream genes (Fig.5B). This indicates WNT5A's feed-forward role on the transduction of IGF1 signaling and its biological effect. Indeed, when *Wnt5a* is inactivated in mice, the mutant lungs exhibit a BPD-like phenotype with arrested alveologenesis, similar to what is seen in the *Igf1r* mutant (Fig.6). Inversely, the in vivo perturbation data collected from this *Wnt5a* mutant mouse model can be used to further define the regulatory connections where WNT5A is involved on the current IGF1 GRN.

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

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

## Discussion

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

The application of the GRN approach in the lung field is novel as it hasn't been previously reported. Although not all the genes on the network have been examined by perturbation and the links haven't been determined as direct or indirect, the regulatory connections running along the constructed GRN are already able to provide potential mechanistic explanation as to how the effect of IGF1 signaling is transduced from one gene to a constellation of its downstream genes and from one cell type to another. Indeed, blocking WNT5A signaling is confirmed to produce a mouse BPD-like phenotype as inferred by the network. Signaling by IGF1, FGF10 and WNT5A have been long recognized to have roles in alveologenesis (i.e. Chao et al., 2016; He et al., 2021; Li et al., 2020a; Zhang et al., 2020). The present GRN reveals a full genetic program behind and the cross-talk among them. The fact that all these signaling pathways have connections on the specification and effector genes of both alveolar mesenchymal and epithelial cells provides a direct causal link between the signaling and alveolar development.

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

Clinically, etiology of BPD is presented as multifactorial and predominantly extrinsic factors, reflecting at the first place their interference on cell's extracellular activity including cell signaling and communication (Fig.8). From GRN perspective, BPD is a developmental disease when the signaling GRN for alveologenesis is derailed and disrupted by these extrinsic factors. This disruption may happen within different cell types, onto different signaling pathways, and upon different hierarchy of the network (Fig.8). From the network's structural view, the disruption at the higher hierarchy has greater manifestation thus leading to disease of higher severity. TGFB signaling, atop the whole hierarchy of the signaling GRN on Fig.8, exhibits in its mouse model mutant the most severe BPD-like phenotype when compared to mutants from the other signaling pathways under it (Chao et al., 2017; Gao et al., 2022; He et al., 2021; Li et al., 2020a; Li et al., 2019b). Also, different signaling sitting at different hierarchy has different coverage (sum of genes under the signaling's control) on the network. If disruption occurred beyond a signaling's coverage, the treatment by targeting this signaling would be off target. IGF1 signaling is discovered as in the middle hierarchy of the constructed network (Fig.8). By targeting one such signaling and hoping to treat BPD in general will surely not always work.

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

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

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

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**1. Mouse Breeding and Genotyping**

All animal studies were conducted strictly according to protocols approved by the USC
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) (Los Angeles, CA, USA). The mice
were housed and maintained in pathogen-free conditions at constant room temperature (20–
22 °C), with a 12 h light/dark cycle, and free access to water and food. *Dermo1-cre, Gli1-cre$^{ERT2}$,*
*Rosa26$^{mTmG}$, CAG$^{tdTomato}$, Igf1$^{(flox/flox)}$, Igf1r$^{(flox/flox)}$, CAG-cre$^{ER}$,* and *Wnt5a$^{(flox/flox)}$* mice were
purchased from the Jackson Laboratory. *Foxd1GCE* mouse were generated by McMahon lab at
USC. *SPC$^{GFP}$* mice were generated by Wright lab at Duke University.

*Dermo1-cre;Igf1$^{(flox/flox)}$ (Dcre;Igf1-f/f)* and *Dermo1-cre;Igf1r$^{(flox/flox)}$ (Dcre;Igf1r-f/f)* mice were
generated by breeding *Dermo1-cre with Igf1$^{(flox/flox)}$* and *Igf1r$^{(flox/flox)}$* respectively.

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

*Gli1-cre$^{ERT2}$;Igf1r$^{(fox/flox)}$ (Gcre;Igf1r-f/f)* mice were generated by breeding *Gli1-cre$^{ERT2}$* mice with
the *Igf1r$^{(fox/flox)}$* mice.

*Rosa26$^{mTmG}$;Igf1r$^{(fox/flox)}$ (mTmG;Igf1r-f/f)* mice were generated by breeding *Rosa26$^{mTmG}$* mice
with the *Igf1r$^{(fox/flox)}$* mice.

*Gli1-cre$^{ERT2}$;Rosa26$^{mTmG}$;Igf1r$^{(fox/flox)}$ (Gcre;mTmG;Igf1r-f/f)* mice were generated by breeding
*Gli1-cre$^{ERT2}$;Igf1r$^{(fox/flox)}$* mice with the *Rosa26$^{mTmG}$;Igf1r$^{(fox/flox)}$* mice.

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

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

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

**2. Tamoxifen Administration**

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

**3. Mouse lung tissue**

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

**4. Immunohistochemistry**

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

embedded lung sections (Li et al., 2019a). In brief, five micrometer ($\mu m$) tissue sections were
deparaffinized, rehydrated and subjected to antigen retrieval. After blocking with normal serum,
the sections were probed with primary antibodies at 4° C overnight. Combinations of Alexa
Fluor Plus secondary antibodies (Thermo Fisher Scientific) were applied for fluorescent
detection of above specific primary antibodies. Nuclei were counterstained with 4′,6-diamidino-
2-phenylindole (DAPI). Primary antibodies used and their sources are listed in the Key
Resources Table below. Images were made with Leica DMi8 fluorescence microscope and
processed with Leica LAS X and ImageJ.

**5. RNAScope**

Samples were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin, dehydrated with ethanol and embedded in
paraffin wax. $5\mu m$ Sections from paraffin blocks were processed using standard pretreatment
conditions per the RNAscope multiplex fluorescent reagent kit version 2 (Advanced Cell
Diagnostics) assay protocol. TSA-plus fluorescein, Cy3 and Cy5 fluorophores were used at
different dilution optimized for each probe. RNAScope probes used are listed in the Key
Resources Table below. Images were made with Leica DMi8 fluorescence microscope and
processed with Leica LAS X and ImageJ.

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

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

**7. Flow Cytometry and Cell Sorting**

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

**8. RNA-seq analyses**

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

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

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

FACS sorted GFP+ cells from PN5 neonatal lungs of *Gli1-cre*$^{ERT2}$;*Rosa26*$^{mTmG}$ mice were suspended in DMEM containing 10% FBS, plated in 24-well culture plates at 50,000 cells/well and incubated at 37°C with 5% $CO_2$ on day 1 after sorting. On day 2 after sorting, the attached myofibroblasts were washed with PBS and cultured in fresh medium with inhibitors or siRNAs as indicated in each experiment. The ON TARGETplus SMARTpool siRNAs from Dharmacon were used, and the transfection was done using DharmaFECT™ Transfection Reagents. On day 4, the cells were collected for RNA analyses. The cells were authenticated for absence of contaminations.

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

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

**11. Human neonatal lung samples**

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

**12. Bioinformatic Methods**

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

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

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

**13. Quantification and Statistical Analysis**

In gene expression quantification using RT-PCR, at least three biological replicates (in different cases including lungs/FACS sorted cells/cultured cells) for each experimental group (Ctrl vs Mut, FACS sorted cell lineage #1vs #2, treated vs untreated, BPD vs nonBPD) were used.

Measurement for each biological replicate was repeated three times. The Ct (cycle threshold) was normalized to *Gapdh*, and the final result was presented as deltaCt or fold change. In morphometric quantification and cell counting, four lungs for each experimental group (Ctrl vs Mut) were used. Left lobe and right inferior lobe from each lung were targeted. Five images from each lobe after staining were analyzed for morphometric quantification (at 10x magnification) and cell counting (at 40x magnification). A two-tailed Student's T-Test was used for the comparison between two experimental groups and a one-way ANOVA was used for multiple comparisons. Quantitative data are presented as mean values +/-SD. Data were considered significant if $p < 0.05$.

**KEY RESOURCES TABLE**

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

| TBX2 | Santa Cruz | Cat#: SC-514291 | 1:50 |
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| TPM1 | Sigma Aldrich | Cat#: T2780 | 1:500 |

**Chemicals and Inhibitors**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Tamoxifen | Sigma | Cat#: T5648 | 8mg/ml |
| Infigratinib | Selleckchem | Cat#: S2788 | 1uM |
| PPP | Selleckchem | Cat#: S7668 | 4uM |
| *siFoxd1* | Dharmacon | Cat#: L-046204-00-0005 | 20nM |
| *siWnt5a* | Dharmacon | Cat#: L-065584-01-0005 | 20nM |
| siRNA non-targeting | Dharmacon | Cat#: D-001810-01-05 | 20nM |

**Sequencing**

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

**Mouse**

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

**RNAScope**

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| RNAscope® Multiplex Fluorescent Reagent Kit V2 | Advanced Cell Diagnostics | Cat#: 323100 | |
| *Igf1* | Advanced Cell Diagnostics | Cat#: 443901-C1 | 1:750 |

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| *Igf1r* | Advanced Cell Diagnostics | Cat#: 417561-C3 | 1:500 |
| *Pdgfra* | Advanced Cell Diagnostics | Cat#: 480661-C2 | 1:750 |
| *Fgf10* | Advanced Cell Diagnostics | Cat#: 446371-C1 | 1:750 |
| *Wnt5a* | Advanced Cell Diagnostics | Cat#: 316791-C3 | 1:500 |
| RNAscope® 3-plex Positive Control Probe_Mm | Advanced Cell Diagnostics | Cat#: 320881 | 1:1500 |
| RNAscope® 3-plex Negative Control Probe | Advanced Cell Diagnostics | Cat#: 320871 | 1:1500 |
| **Software and Algorithms** | | | |
| Image J | NIH | https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/ | |
| STAR 2.5 | PMCID: PMC3530905 | https://github.com/alexdobin/STAR | |
| JMP pro 15 | Statistical Discovery | https://www.jmp.com/en_us/software/predictive-analytics-software.html | |
| Fantom5 Cell Connectome | FANTOM5 project | https://fantom.gsc.riken.jp/5/suppl/Ramilowski_et_al_2015/vis/#/hive | |
| Imaris | BitPlane | http://www.bitplane.com/imaris/imaris | |
| R 3.2 | R Project | https://www.r-project.org/ | |
| LAS X | Leica | https://www.leica-microsystems.com/products/microscope-software/p/leica-las-x-ls/ | |
| BioTapestry | Institute for Systems Biology | http://www.biotapestry.org/ | |

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

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

**Figure 3: Identification of SCMF genes altered in *Gli1-cre^{ERT2};Igf1r-f/f* mutant lung.** A: Schematic of the experimental protocol. B: RT-PCR data from the selected genes displaying their enrichment in SCMF and alterations in the mutant. Genes with orange line marked on their left: regulatory genes selected from LungMap database; Genes with green line: common SCMF markers; Genes with blue line: non-SCMF genes. Red circles: data points meeting the cutoff criteria described in the text, Empty circles: data points failing the cutoff criteria. This designation is used throughout the manuscript. C: Spatial expression of *Foxd1* (a-c), SOX8 (d-f), and TBX2 (g-i) in the alveolar compartment of PN14 lungs as detected by immunostaining. Specific antibodies were used for SOX8 and TBX2, and RFP antibody was used for *Foxd1* on lungs from *Foxd1GCE;CAG^{Tomato}* mice. Scale bar: 25um for all images. D: Spatial expression of *Wnt5a* (a-c) and *Fgf10* (d-f) in the alveolar compartment of PN14 lings as detected by RNAscope. Scale bar: 15um. E: Biotapestry network illustration of altered SCMF genes and their connections to IGF1 signaling. Genes (nodes) are shown in the territories (colored boxes) in which they are expressed. Edges show regulation by the originating upstream factor and are either positive (arrow) or repressive (bar). Signaling across cell membrane is indicated as double arrow heads.

**Figure 4: Cross regulation of the altered SCMF genes.** A: Schematic of the experimental protocol. B: Flow chart of the secretome-receptome analysis among SCMF, AT1 and AT2 cells. The ligands and receptors were identified from the following RNAseq dataset with *Gli1+* cells for SCMF (accession#: GSE126457 from Li et al., 2019), *Sftpc+* cells for AT2 (accession#: GSE182886) and *Pdpn+* cells for AT1 (accession#: GSE106960 from Wang et al., 2018). C: RT-PCR data from the altered SCMF genes demonstrating their response to the treatments by Infigratinib, *siWnt5a* and *siFoxd1*. D: Biotapestry network illustration of the cross regulation among the altered SCMF genes.

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

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

**Figure 7: Regulatory genes from IGF1 signaling GRN and their expression in human bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) lungs.**

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

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

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

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

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

| Gene | Ctrl_GFP deltaCT to Gapdh | | | Ctrl_Tomato deltaCT to Gapdh | | | Mut_GFP deltaCT to Gapdh | | | Level of expression in SCMF Ctrl_GFP | | Fold enrichment in SCMF Ctrl_GFP/Ctrl_Tomato | | | | | DE expression (fold change) in SCMF Mut_GFP/Ctrl_GFP | | | | | Cellular expression in Lung Lungmap scRNAseq data | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mouse#1 | Mouse#2 | Mouse#3 | Mouse#1 | Mouse#2 | Mouse#3 | Mouse#1 | Mouse#2 | Mouse#3 | Mean_deltaCT | SEM | #1/#1 | #2/#2 | #3/#3 | Mean | p value | #1/#1 | #2/#2 | #3/#3 | Mean | p value | SCMF | MatrixFB | LipoFB | Epi | Endo | Pericyte | Immune |
| Ankrd63 | -9.33 | -9.25 | -9.17 | -7.98 | -8.32 | -7.39 | -8.58 | -9.18 | -9.37 | -9.25 | 4.62E-02 | 0.39 | 0.52 | 0.29 | 0.40 | 3.13E-02 | 1.68 | 1.05 | -1.15 | 1.20 | 5.41E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Arnt2 | -6.55 | -5.89 | -7.24 | -10.77 | -11.27 | -10.59 | -8.00 | -5.61 | -7.41 | -6.56 | 3.90E-01 | 18.64 | 41.64 | 10.20 | 23.49 | 1.81E-02 | -2.73 | 1.21 | -1.13 | -1.22 | 4.80E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Atoh8 | -3.91 | -2.40 | -3.76 | -6.91 | -6.97 | -7.51 | -3.80 | -2.85 | -4.32 | -3.36 | 4.80E-01 | 8.00 | 23.75 | 13.45 | 15.07 | 1.41E-02 | 1.08 | -1.37 | -1.47 | -1.21 | 2.85E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Bmp2 | -8.70 | -7.41 | -9.58 | -10.39 | -9.64 | -12.51 | -8.43 | -7.13 | -10.33 | -8.56 | 6.30E-01 | 3.23 | 4.69 | 7.62 | 5.18 | 2.38E-02 | 1.21 | 1.21 | -1.68 | 1.00 | 8.63E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Bmp7 | -3.05 | -3.18 | -2.41 | -6.01 | -5.90 | -6.04 | -3.37 | -2.67 | -1.99 | -2.88 | 2.38E-01 | 7.78 | 6.59 | 12.38 | 8.92 | 7.61E-03 | 0.80 | 1.42 | 1.34 | 1.19 | 5.20E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Bmper | -2.36 | -2.47 | -2.56 | -7.58 | -6.22 | -8.79 | -0.74 | -1.28 | -1.15 | -2.46 | 5.78E-02 | 37.21 | 13.45 | 75.06 | 41.93 | 1.96E-02 | 3.07 | 2.29 | 2.66 | 2.67 | 7.55E-03 | | | | | | | |
| Cbx2 | -5.31 | -5.52 | -5.78 | -8.27 | -6.34 | -9.04 | -6.26 | -7.37 | -6.45 | -5.54 | 1.36E-01 | 7.78 | 1.77 | 9.55 | 6.37 | 9.24E-02 | -1.93 | -3.61 | -1.59 | -2.11 | 8.31E-02 | | | | | | | |
| CLEC2D | -10.12 | -8.02 | -8.99 | -12.75 | -12.09 | -12.78 | -10.98 | -9.88 | -10.81 | -9.04 | 6.07E-01 | 6.19 | 16.80 | 13.83 | 12.27 | 1.55E-02 | -1.82 | -3.63 | -3.53 | -2.71 | 4.31E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Cyr61 | 0.48 | 1.43 | 0.88 | -3.24 | -3.20 | -3.29 | -0.78 | -0.90 | -0.32 | 0.93 | 2.75E-01 | 13.18 | 24.76 | 18.00 | 18.65 | 3.94E-03 | -2.39 | -5.03 | -2.30 | -2.85 | 4.89E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Dach1 | -2.50 | -2.00 | -2.69 | -4.34 | -4.41 | -5.85 | -3.33 | -3.22 | -3.97 | -2.40 | 2.06E-01 | 3.58 | 5.31 | 8.94 | 5.94 | 2.31E-02 | -1.78 | -2.32 | -2.43 | -2.14 | 1.57E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Edn3 | -5.98 | -4.95 | -5.63 | -8.46 | -6.97 | -9.23 | -6.69 | -5.31 | -7.30 | -5.52 | 3.02E-01 | 5.58 | 4.06 | 12.13 | 7.25 | 2.89E-02 | -1.64 | -1.28 | -3.18 | -1.76 | 1.45E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Efnb2 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.53 | -1.54 | -0.49 | -2.68 | 0.23 | -0.25 | -0.43 | 0.84 | 1.53E-01 | 5.78 | 2.79 | 9.25 | 5.94 | 4.10E-02 | -1.69 | -2.37 | -1.94 | -1.96 | 1.95E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Elmo1 | -0.55 | 0.05 | -0.12 | -4.49 | -3.18 | -3.94 | -0.64 | -0.89 | -0.90 | -0.21 | 1.79E-01 | 15.31 | 9.38 | 14.12 | 12.94 | 3.54E-03 | -1.07 | -1.92 | -1.72 | -1.47 | 1.45E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Erg | -6.37 | -5.65 | -6.80 | -10.00 | -8.67 | -10.18 | -6.28 | -6.21 | -7.47 | -6.27 | 3.35E-01 | 12.38 | 8.11 | 10.41 | 10.30 | 2.79E-03 | 1.06 | -1.47 | -1.59 | -1.27 | 2.50E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Fgf10 | -2.98 | -1.46 | -2.81 | -7.82 | -6.95 | -9.10 | -6.06 | -3.78 | -5.38 | -2.42 | 4.81E-01 | 28.64 | 44.94 | 78.25 | 50.61 | 5.68E-03 | -8.46 | -4.99 | -5.94 | -6.16 | 7.01E-03 | | | | | | | |
| Fgf16 | -5.89 | -4.45 | -6.22 | -9.00 | -7.75 | -8.80 | -6.29 | -5.36 | -8.17 | -5.52 | 5.43E-01 | 8.63 | 9.85 | 5.98 | 8.15 | 5.13E-03 | -1.32 | -1.88 | -3.86 | -1.94 | 1.40E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Fgf18 | -3.69 | -2.69 | -2.94 | -8.02 | -8.09 | -7.70 | -4.48 | -3.01 | -3.53 | -3.11 | 3.00E-01 | 20.11 | 42.22 | 27.10 | 29.81 | 4.12E-03 | -1.73 | -1.25 | -1.51 | -1.47 | 5.32E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Fgl2 | -3.16 | -1.42 | -3.02 | -3.55 | -2.28 | -3.63 | -4.01 | -2.93 | -3.48 | -2.53 | 5.00E-01 | 1.31 | 1.82 | 1.53 | 1.55 | 4.48E-02 | -1.80 | -2.84 | -1.38 | -1.84 | 9.16E-02 | | | | | | | |
| FoxC2 | -4.60 | -4.80 | -3.93 | -3.71 | -4.15 | -3.88 | -5.51 | -4.88 | -3.25 | -4.44 | 2.63E-01 | 0.54 | 0.64 | 0.97 | 0.72 | 1.71E-01 | -1.88 | -1.06 | 1.60 | 1.03 | 8.43E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Foxd1 | -5.14 | -3.24 | -4.59 | -10.67 | -9.68 | -10.94 | -7.77 | -6.49 | -7.50 | -4.32 | 5.64E-01 | 46.20 | 86.82 | 81.57 | 71.53 | 2.24E-03 | -6.19 | -9.51 | -7.52 | -7.51 | 3.72E-03 | | | | | | | |
| FoxF1 | -1.96 | 0.05 | -1.73 | -3.10 | -2.26 | -3.34 | -2.52 | -0.17 | -1.27 | -1.21 | 6.35E-01 | 2.20 | 4.96 | 3.05 | 3.41 | 3.83E-02 | -1.47 | -1.16 | 1.38 | -1.03 | 7.56E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Foxl1 | -5.04 | -3.75 | -5.71 | -10.48 | -10.87 | -10.52 | -4.53 | -3.99 | -5.47 | -4.83 | 5.75E-01 | 43.41 | 139.10 | 28.05 | 70.19 | 1.39E-02 | 1.42 | -1.18 | 1.18 | 1.15 | 5.19E-01 | | | | | | | |
| FoxQ1 | -4.69 | -2.73 | -4.49 | -7.56 | -7.24 | -8.25 | -4.73 | -2.23 | -3.83 | -3.97 | 6.23E-01 | 7.31 | 22.78 | 13.55 | 14.55 | 1.59E-02 | -1.03 | 1.41 | 1.58 | 1.32 | 2.24E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Grem1 | -3.46 | -3.05 | -4.24 | -9.06 | -7.25 | -9.11 | -3.78 | -3.96 | -4.42 | -3.58 | 3.49E-01 | 48.50 | 18.38 | 29.24 | 32.04 | 6.77E-03 | -1.25 | -1.88 | -1.13 | -1.35 | 1.71E-01 | | | | | | | |
| H2-Eb1 | -8.86 | -7.36 | -8.92 | -9.56 | -9.92 | -11.67 | -8.43 | -6.82 | -8.92 | -8.38 | 5.10E-01 | 1.62 | 5.90 | 6.73 | 4.75 | 9.21E-02 | 1.35 | 1.45 | 1.00 | 1.27 | 1.89E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Hr | -4.12 | -2.76 | -4.98 | -7.68 | -7.56 | -7.44 | -4.75 | -2.73 | -4.69 | -3.95 | 6.46E-01 | 11.79 | 27.86 | 5.50 | 15.05 | 3.34E-02 | -1.55 | 1.02 | 1.22 | -1.04 | 7.42E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Igf1r | -2.09 | -0.25 | -2.28 | -4.39 | -3.26 | -4.09 | -4.74 | -1.94 | -5.22 | -1.54 | 6.47E-01 | 4.92 | 8.06 | 3.51 | 5.50 | 2.09E-02 | -6.28 | -3.23 | -7.67 | -5.00 | 2.34E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Lif | -6.18 | -6.07 | -5.39 | -8.12 | -8.35 | -8.87 | -6.21 | -7.21 | -6.36 | -5.88 | 2.47E-01 | 3.84 | 4.86 | 11.16 | 6.62 | 3.16E-02 | -1.02 | -2.21 | -1.95 | -1.54 | 1.74E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Lrrc4b | -0.92 | -0.33 | -1.17 | -7.93 | -8.16 | -9.45 | -1.38 | -0.56 | -1.16 | -0.81 | 2.49E-01 | 128.89 | 227.54 | 310.83 | 222.42 | 2.03E-02 | -1.38 | -1.17 | 1.01 | -1.16 | 2.37E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Meox1 | -8.92 | -8.29 | -7.92 | -9.46 | -9.95 | -10.81 | -8.91 | -8.36 | -8.46 | -8.38 | 2.92E-01 | 1.45 | 3.16 | 7.41 | 4.01 | 1.30E-01 | 1.01 | -1.05 | -1.45 | -1.13 | 3.64E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Nacc2 | -4.89 | -5.26 | -5.92 | -7.57 | -7.20 | -7.29 | -5.39 | -5.77 | -5.84 | -5.36 | 3.01E-01 | 6.41 | 3.84 | 2.58 | 4.28 | 3.42E-02 | -1.41 | -1.42 | 1.06 | -1.22 | 2.55E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Pdgfa | -4.96 | -4.21 | -4.84 | -5.59 | -4.11 | -6.50 | -4.92 | -4.71 | -5.38 | -4.67 | 2.33E-01 | 1.55 | 0.93 | 3.16 | 1.88 | 2.89E-01 | 1.03 | -1.41 | -1.45 | -1.24 | 2.16E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Pdgfd | -1.99 | -1.59 | -2.64 | -6.14 | -4.99 | -6.12 | -2.06 | -3.24 | -3.16 | -2.07 | 3.06E-01 | 17.71 | 10.56 | 11.16 | 13.14 | 4.12E-03 | -1.05 | -3.14 | -1.43 | -1.52 | 2.53E-01 | | | | | | | |
| PPARgc1a | -6.02 | -4.36 | -6.85 | -7.94 | -6.16 | -9.70 | -6.42 | -4.79 | -7.89 | -5.74 | 7.32E-01 | 3.78 | 3.48 | 7.21 | 4.83 | 2.22E-03 | -1.32 | -1.35 | -2.06 | -1.51 | 9.60E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Rfxank | -6.54 | -6.23 | -6.79 | -10.47 | -9.69 | -11.25 | -7.27 | -6.30 | -6.74 | -6.52 | 1.62E-01 | 15.28 | 11.00 | 21.97 | 16.08 | 5.28E-03 | -1.66 | -1.05 | 1.04 | -1.16 | 4.11E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Rxra | 0.64 | 1.13 | 1.26 | -3.07 | -2.17 | -4.42 | -2.62 | -2.30 | -1.44 | 1.01 | 1.89E-01 | 13.09 | 9.85 | 51.27 | 24.73 | 2.89E-02 | -9.55 | -10.78 | -6.50 | -8.54 | 4.92E-03 | | | | | | | |
| Smad6 | -3.99 | -3.67 | -4.61 | -3.34 | -2.96 | -3.40 | -3.73 | -3.11 | -4.12 | -4.09 | 2.76E-01 | 0.64 | 0.61 | 0.43 | 0.56 | 4.04E-02 | 1.20 | 1.47 | 1.40 | 1.36 | 4.05E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Sox11 | -7.17 | -5.34 | -7.18 | -8.24 | -7.04 | -7.94 | -8.31 | -5.30 | -7.63 | -6.56 | 6.12E-01 | 2.10 | 3.25 | 1.69 | 2.35 | 5.10E-02 | -2.20 | 1.03 | -1.37 | -1.36 | 2.70E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Sox13 | -5.74 | -5.55 | -6.16 | -5.04 | -4.74 | -5.21 | -5.85 | -5.34 | -6.68 | -5.82 | 1.40E-01 | 0.62 | 0.57 | 0.52 | 0.57 | 7.69E-03 | -1.08 | 1.16 | -1.43 | -1.08 | 5.76E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Sox7 | -4.26 | -2.42 | -5.40 | -3.91 | -2.41 | -4.10 | -3.98 | -4.42 | -5.45 | -4.03 | 8.68E-01 | 0.78 | 0.99 | 0.41 | 0.73 | 2.88E-01 | 1.21 | -4.00 | -1.04 | -1.23 | 4.94E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Sox8 | -3.25 | -2.58 | -3.87 | -8.81 | -7.14 | -9.01 | -5.45 | -4.54 | -6.68 | -3.23 | 3.72E-01 | 47.18 | 23.59 | 35.26 | 35.34 | 3.23E-03 | -4.59 | -3.89 | -7.01 | -4.86 | 1.17E-02 | | | | | | | |
| SP6 | -9.48 | -9.30 | -8.41 | -11.02 | -8.94 | -11.60 | -9.25 | -9.65 | -7.64 | -9.06 | 3.31E-01 | 2.91 | 0.78 | 9.13 | 4.27 | 2.91E-01 | 1.17 | -1.27 | 1.71 | 1.22 | 5.72E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Tbx2 | 3.39 | 4.50 | 3.32 | -2.08 | -1.71 | -3.83 | 0.54 | 1.46 | -0.11 | 3.74 | 3.82E-01 | 44.32 | 74.03 | 142.02 | 86.79 | 5.94E-03 | -7.21 | -8.20 | -10.78 | -8.49 | 3.02E-03 | | | | | | | |
| Tbx5 | -4.48 | -2.75 | -4.89 | -7.48 | -7.85 | -8.42 | -4.88 | -3.70 | -5.26 | -4.04 | 6.56E-01 | 8.00 | 34.30 | 11.55 | 17.95 | 2.54E-02 | -1.32 | -1.94 | -1.29 | -1.46 | 9.38E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Wnt5a | 2.91 | 4.21 | 2.64 | -2.22 | -1.29 | -2.56 | -0.25 | 1.19 | 0.03 | 3.25 | 4.85E-01 | 35.02 | 45.25 | 36.76 | 39.01 | 4.62E-04 | -8.94 | -8.11 | -6.11 | -7.52 | 3.16E-03 | | | | | | | |
| Wnt5b | -5.59 | -3.41 | -6.06 | -9.68 | -9.24 | -10.20 | -5.26 | -3.87 | -6.07 | -5.02 | 8.16E-01 | 17.03 | 56.89 | 17.63 | 30.52 | 1.46E-02 | 1.26 | -1.38 | -1.01 | -1.01 | 8.57E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Zfp217 | -5.46 | -4.17 | -6.90 | -5.64 | -3.90 | -6.97 | -6.41 | -4.56 | -7.94 | -5.51 | 7.88E-01 | 1.13 | 0.83 | 1.05 | 1.00 | 9.65E-01 | -1.93 | -1.31 | -2.06 | -1.70 | 5.99E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Acta2 | 1.64 | 1.95 | 1.10 | -2.49 | -1.73 | -3.41 | -0.29 | 0.94 | -1.31 | 1.56 | 2.48E-01 | 17.51 | 12.79 | 22.78 | 17.70 | 5.52E-03 | -3.81 | -2.01 | -5.31 | -3.17 | 4.92E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Actc1 | 1.40 | 2.65 | 1.93 | -7.13 | -4.88 | -7.82 | -0.67 | -0.21 | -1.22 | 1.99 | 3.62E-01 | 369.65 | 184.82 | 861.08 | 471.85 | 5.52E-03 | -4.20 | -7.26 | -8.88 | -6.14 | 1.41E-02 | | | | | | | |
| BGN | 3.29 | 5.03 | 2.63 | -0.83 | -0.40 | -1.18 | 1.71 | 3.18 | 0.73 | 3.65 | 7.16E-01 | 17.39 | 43.11 | 14.03 | 24.84 | 1.22E-02 | -2.99 | -3.61 | -3.73 | -3.41 | 3.11E-03 | | | | | | | |
| Cnn1 | -1.23 | 0.40 | -0.52 | -7.61 | -7.68 | -7.22 | -3.20 | -1.93 | -2.97 | -0.45 | 4.72E-02 | 83.29 | 270.60 | 103.97 | 152.62 | 5.42E-03 | -3.92 | -5.03 | -5.46 | -4.71 | 4.08E-03 | | | | | | | |
| Col10a1 | -3.28 | -1.92 | -4.26 | -7.89 | -5.95 | -7.95 | -3.06 | -1.95 | -3.84 | -3.15 | 1.62E-01 | 24.42 | 16.34 | 12.91 | 17.89 | 4.24E-03 | 1.16 | -1.02 | 1.34 | 1.16 | 2.59E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Col6a6 | -6.18 | -5.74 | -5.66 | -9.82 | -9.79 | -11.24 | -5.91 | -6.28 | -6.22 | -5.86 | 1.62E-01 | 12.47 | 16.56 | 47.84 | 25.62 | 1.73E-02 | 1.21 | -1.45 | -1.47 | -1.17 | 4.18E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Dermo1 | -1.61 | -0.05 | -1.99 | -8.38 | -7.82 | -9.80 | -4.52 | -3.36 | -5.05 | -1.22 | 5.94E-01 | 108.83 | 218.27 | 224.41 | 183.84 | 2.10E-03 | -7.52 | -9.92 | -8.34 | -8.48 | 1.42E-03 | | | | | | | |
| Des | -2.23 | -1.26 | -3.56 | -6.08 | -4.75 | -5.88 | -3.20 | -2.47 | -5.49 | -2.35 | 6.67E-01 | 14.42 | 11.24 | 4.99 | 10.22 | 2.00E-02 | -1.95 | -2.31 | -3.81 | -2.49 | 4.18E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Eln | 2.48 | 3.85 | 3.12 | -1.13 | -1.01 | -2.51 | 1.06 | 1.71 | 0.95 | 3.15 | 3.96E-01 | 12.21 | 29.04 | 49.52 | 30.26 | 1.53E-02 | -2.68 | -4.41 | -4.50 | -3.65 | 1.61E-02 | | | | | | | |
| FN1 | -4.13 | -4.35 | -3.35 | -8.40 | -7.98 | -7.77 | -2.89 | -2.57 | -1.74 | -3.94 | 3.03E-01 | 19.29 | 12.34 | 21.41 | 17.68 | 3.51E-02 | 2.36 | 3.44 | 3.05 | 2.95 | 1.05E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Gli1 | -4.54 | -3.87 | -4.65 | -9.11 | -7.60 | -9.50 | -5.64 | -6.27 | -6.21 | -4.35 | 2.44E-01 | 23.75 | 13.27 | 28.84 | 21.95 | 5.84E-03 | -2.15 | -5.28 | -2.95 | -3.02 | 4.71E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Pdgfra | 0.11 | 1.31 | -0.72 | -4.56 | -4.21 | -4.97 | -1.87 | -0.81 | -2.57 | 0.23 | 5.89E-01 | 25.46 | 45.89 | 19.03 | 30.12 | 5.97E-03 | -3.94 | -4.35 | -3.61 | -3.94 | 1.54E-03 | | | | | | | |
| SM22a | 0.31 | 0.80 | 0.75 | -4.45 | -3.43 | -4.45 | 0.12 | 0.02 | 0.48 | 0.62 | 1.56E-01 | 27.10 | 18.77 | 36.76 | 27.54 | 3.50E-03 | -1.14 | -1.72 | -1.21 | -1.31 | 1.55E-01 | | | | | | | |
| SMMHC | -1.68 | 0.19 | -1.82 | -5.62 | -5.85 | -6.58 | -2.15 | -0.74 | -2.48 | -1.10 | 6.48E-01 | 15.35 | 65.80 | 27.10 | 36.08 | 1.51E-02 | -1.39 | -1.91 | -1.58 | -1.60 | 3.59E-02 | | | | | | | |
| TNC | -3.98 | -4.00 | -4.74 | -7.97 | -6.63 | -9.31 | -5.40 | -5.53 | -5.68 | -4.24 | 2.50E-01 | 15.89 | 6.19 | 23.75 | 15.28 | 2.29E-02 | -2.67 | -2.89 | -1.92 | -2.42 | 1.88E-02 | | | | | | | |
| Adrp | -7.69 | -7.14 | -7.30 | -6.19 | -4.06 | -7.36 | -7.57 | -6.27 | -7.36 | -7.38 | 1.63E-01 | 0.35 | 0.12 | 0.37 | 0.28 | 6.42E-02 | 1.09 | 1.23 | -1.04 | 1.09 | 3.68E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Hcls1 | -6.92 | -5.87 | -8.05 | -2.37 | -0.90 | -3.10 | -6.70 | -6.25 | -7.82 | -6.95 | 6.29E-01 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 8.03E-04 | 1.16 | -1.30 | 1.17 | 1.04 | 9.20E-01 | | | | | | | |
| Hopx | -7.65 | -7.33 | -7.96 | -3.59 | -3.55 | -3.41 | -7.63 | -7.95 | -8.41 | -7.65 | 1.82E-01 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 2.96E-03 | 1.01 | -1.54 | -1.37 | -1.25 | 2.09E-01 | | | | | | | |

Supplemental Table 1: Table of genes with their RT-PCR data showing their level of expression in SCMF, enrichment in SCMF, and differential expression between control and mutant lungs, and annotation of their cellular expression in the lung based on LungMAP scRNAseq data. Cells in red: data points which meet the cutoff criteria designated in the paper or the cell type where the gene is annotated as expressing.

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

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

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

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

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|---|---|---|---|
| Col10a1-01 | CCCTGGTTCATGGGATGTTT | QPCR | Forward |
| Col10a1-02 | TGGCGTATGGGATGAAGTATTG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Col15a1-01 | TGCGTGTTTACCCAGTCATAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Col15a1-02 | AGGATTCTGTGCTGTTTCTCTC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Col1a1-01 | GCTTGAAGACCTATGTGGGTATAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Col1a1-02 | GGTGGAGAAAGGAGCAGAAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Col4a3-01 | CTGGCACTCTTAAGGTCATCTC | QPCR | Forward |
| Col4a3-02 | GTCCAGGGTCTCCTTTCATTC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Col6a6-01 | GCTGAACCACCTGAAGAAGAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Col6a6-02 | TTTGTGGGAGCAGAGAAATAGG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Cryab-01 | TCTTCTCAACAGCCACTTCC | QPCR | Forward |
| Cryab-02 | TCCTTCTCCAAACGCATCTC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Cyr61-01 | CCAGTGTACAGCAGCCTAAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Cyr61-02 | CTGGAGCATCCTGCATAAGTAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Cyr61-Hs-01 | GAAGCAGCGTTTCCCTTCTA | QPCR | Forward |
| Cyr61-Hs-02 | CTGACACTCTTCTCCCTTGTTT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Dach1-01 | TCTAACTGGGCATGGACAAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Dach1-02 | GGCCCTGTATGTTAGTGAGAAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Dermo1-01 | CCAAGGCTCTCAGAACAAGAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Dermo1-02 | GGAGACGTAAAGAACAGGAGTATG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Dermo1-cre-01 | TAAAGATATCTCACGTACTGACGGTG | Genotyping_Dermo1-cre | Forward |
| Dermo1-cre-02 | TCTCTGACCAGAGTCATCCTTAGC | Genotyping_Dermo1-cre | Reverse |
| Dermo1-Hs-01 | AGACTCTGGTGCTGACTCTATC | QPCR | Forward |
| Dermo1-Hs-02 | CTGTGTCCTCTTCCTCCTCTAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Des-01 | TGACTCAGGCAGCCAATAAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Des-02 | GCATCAATCTCGCAGGTGTA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Edn3-01 | CGCTTGCGTTGTACTTGTATG | QPCR | Forward |
| Edn3-02 | CTTTCTGCTCTCCCGGAATAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Efnb2-01 | AGAAGAGCAGAGAGCCAAATC | QPCR | Forward |
| Efnb2-02 | ATCTGACCTGCCTTTCCTAATG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Egfl6-01 | GCAAATGCAAGCAGGGATATAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Egfl6-02 | CCCAGGTGCTGTGAGTATTT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Elmo1-01 | CTAAGGCCAGGGTTGGATAAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Elmo1-02 | CACATAGAGCTGATGGTGTGAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Eln-01 | CTGCCAAAGCTGCCAAATAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Eln-02 | CCAACACCATAGCCAGGAAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| EMCN-01 | CCCTACACCTGGGCAATAAA | QPCR | Forward |
| EMCN-02 | GACTGGTGAGAAGACTGGAAAT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Emp2-01 | GATGAGTCTGAGTGGCTTTAGG | QPCR | Forward |
| Emp2-02 | GGAAGGAAGGAAAGGAGGATAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Erg-01 | CTGACCCAGCAGCTCATATT | QPCR | Forward |
| Erg-02 | GATGCGGTCATCTCTGTCTTAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Etv1-01 | AAAGGTGGCTGGAGAAAGATAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Etv1-02 | GTTATCCGGAAAGGCCATAGAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Fabp5-01 | GCCAAGCCAGACTGTATCATTA | QPCR | Forward |
| Fabp5-02 | CTCCCAGGTTACAAGAGAACAC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Fgf10-01 | ATGCTGCCCTCTGGTTTAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Fgf10-02 | AGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Fgf10-Hs-01 | ACTCTTCTTCCTCCTCCTTCTC | QPCR | Forward |
| Fgf10-Hs-02 | GACCTTCCCGTTCTTCTCAATC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Fgf16-01 | GCCTCACAATCTACCCAGATAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Fgf16-02 | ACACTTTCCCAGAGCTCTTTAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Fgf18-01 | GCGAGAACCAGCAAGATGTA | QPCR | Forward |
| Fgf18-02 | GCTTGGTGACTGTGGTGTAT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Fgl2-01 | GAGACGCTCCATCTGGTAAAT | QPCR | Forward |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Fgl2-02 | GGAACACTTGCCATCCAAAC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Flt1-01 | AGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA | QPCR | Forward |
| Flt1-02 | ACAGGGAAGGAATGGACTTTG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Flt4-01 | CTAACCTGTCTGTGGGATTGAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Flt4-02 | CGTAAGGGAGGGTTTGAGAAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| FN1-01 | TCCTGTCTACCTCACAGACTAC | QPCR | Forward |
| FN1-02 | GTCTACTCCACCGAACAACAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| FOS-01 | ATTGTCGAGGTGGTCTGAATG | QPCR | Forward |
| FOS-02 | TCGAAAGACCTCAGGGTAGAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| FoxC2-01 | TCTGTAAACGAGTGCGGATTT | QPCR | Forward |
| FoxC2-02 | TGGGCAAGACGAAACCTTATC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Foxd1-01 | TAGCTCAGAGGGTCCATCTATT | QPCR | Forward |
| Foxd1-02 | AATTCCTAGTGCCAAGACAGAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Foxd1GCE-01 | TCTGGTCCAAGAATCCGAAG | Genotyping_Foxd1GCE | Common Reverse |
| Foxd1GCE-02 | CTCCTCCGTGTCCTCGTC | Genotyping_Foxd1GCE | WT Forward |
| Foxd1GCE-03 | GGGAGGATTGGGAAGACAAT | Genotyping_Foxd1GCE | Mutant Forward |
| Foxd1-Hs-01 | CTGTCCAGTGTCGAGAACTTTA | QPCR | Forward |
| Foxd1-Hs-02 | CGAACCACCAAGACGAGAAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| FoxF1-01 | CATGTGTGACAGAAAGGAGTTTG | QPCR | Forward |
| FoxF1-02 | GTGACCTGCTGGTGATAGTAAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Foxl1-01 | TACTCCTGAGTGTGGGAGATAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Foxl1-02 | CTGGAGGGATATAAAGGGAACAC | QPCR | Reverse |
| FoxQ1-01 | GGCTTTCCTTTCCCTCCTATTT | QPCR | Forward |
| FoxQ1-02 | GGAGTGGTTCCCTGATGTATTT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Gapdh-01 | GTGGCAAAGTGGAGATTGTTG | QPCR | Forward |
| Gapdh-02 | CGTTGAATTTGCCGTGAGTG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Gapdh-Hs-01 | GGTGTGAACCATGAGAAGTATGA | QPCR | Forward |
| Gapdh-Hs-02 | GAGTCCTTCCACGATACCAAAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Gli1-01 | ACCACCCTACCTCTGTCTATTC | QPCR | Forward |
| Gli1-02 | TTCAGACCATTGCCCATCAC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Gli1-creERT2-01 | TAAAGATATCTCACGTACTGACGGTG | Genotyping_Gli1-creERT2 | Forward |
| Gli1-creERT2-02 | TCTCTGACCAGAGTCATCCTTAGC | Genotyping_Gli1-creERT2 | Reverse |
| Gli1-Hs-01 | AGCTAGAGTCCAGAGGTTCAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Gli1-Hs-02 | TAGACAGAGGTTGGGAGGTAAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Grem1-01 | GTAACTCTGAGGGCTGCATTAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Grem1-02 | GATGTCAGGGAGAGCAAAGAAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| H2-Eb1-01 | CAGATGTGGCAGGACAATAGA | QPCR | Forward |
| H2-Eb1-02 | CCTTGAGCAGGCTGATTTAGA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Hc-01 | GCTGACGCAGTCTGGATAAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Hc-02 | CACAGTTTGGCCTGGAGAATA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Hcls1-01 | CCGTAACCAGGAACCAGTAAAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Hcls1-02 | CACAAAGTCAGGGTCTGTATCC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Hopx-01 | GATGATGTGGGAACCGTCTT | QPCR | Forward |
| Hopx-02 | CCCTGCCTGTTCTGTTATCTT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Hr-01 | CTCTCCTTCCCGGTCTCTATTA | QPCR | Forward |
| Hr-02 | ATTTCTGCATTCGCCTTCTTTC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Igf1-01 | CGGCAGGAGACATTTGATTTG | QPCR | Forward |
| Igf1-02 | TCTTTCTCCTCTCTCCCTTCTT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Igf1-f/f-01 | CACTAAGGAGTCTGTATTTGGACC | Genotyping_Igf1-f/f | Common Reverse |
| Igf1-f/f-02 | AAACCACACTGCTCGACATTG | Genotyping_Igf1-f/f | Mutant Forward |
| Igf1-f/f-03 | GGCAAATGGAAATCCTATGTCT | Genotyping_Igf1-f/f | WT Forward |
| Igf1r-03 | GGAGGAGTTCGAGACAGAGTA | QPCR | Forward |
| Igf1r-04 | CGATGCGGTACAGAGTGAAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Igf1r-f/f-01 | CTTCCCAGCTTGCTACTCTAGG | Genotyping_Igf1r-f/f | Forward |
| Igf1r-f/f-02 | CAGGCTTGCAATGAGACATGGG | Genotyping_Igf1r-f/f | Reverse |

| Igf1r-Hs-01 | TTCTCCCTTTCTCTCTCCTCTC | QPCR | Forward |
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| Igf1r-Hs-02 | GACAGCCACTTCCTCAAACT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Il33-01 | CCTACTCCCTCAGCTTTCTTTC | QPCR | Forward |
| Il33-02 | GCAGGGTAAAGACAGTGGAATA | QPCR | Reverse |
| KDR-01 | GCGGAGACGCTCTTCATAATA | QPCR | Forward |
| KDR-02 | GACAAGAAGGAGCCAGAAGAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Klf2-01 | GGCTAGATGCCTTGTGAGAAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Klf2-02 | TGCCATCGTCTCCCTTATAGA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Lamp3-01 | CCTAGTTCCTAGGCCTACTCTT | QPCR | Forward |
| Lamp3-02 | CAATCAGTGCTAGTCCCATCTC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Lcn2-01 | TCCTCAGGTACAGAGCTACAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Lcn2-02 | GCTCCTTGGTTCTTCCATACA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Lif-01 | CTGCTCTCCCTCTTTCCTTTC | QPCR | Forward |
| Lif-02 | ACATTCCCACAGGGTACATTC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Lmo7-01 | CTCTCCCGTTCAATCGTTTCT | QPCR | Forward |
| Lmo7-02 | CTCCTGTTATCCTCGTGTTTGT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Lrrc4b-01 | ACAGGCAACTTCACCAGAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Lrrc4b-02 | GCAAACCTCCCTTCAGTATCA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Lyz1-01 | CAGCCCATTCTGTCTCTTTCT | QPCR | Forward |
| Lyz1-02 | TCTGCTGAAGTCCTGTTACTTG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Lyz2-01 | ATGGAATGGCTGGCTACTATG | QPCR | Forward |
| Lyz2-02 | GGTCTCCACGGTTGTAGTTT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Meox1-01 | AACTCCAAAGGACTGGGAAAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Meox1-02 | CAGAGGAGACCCTGATGTAAGA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Muc1-01 | TACCCTACCTACCACACTCAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Muc1-02 | GAGAGACTGCTACTGCCATTAC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Nacc2-01 | GTTAGGCCTCTACTGTGATGTG | QPCR | Forward |
| Nacc2-02 | CACTGAAGAGGTCTCGGAAATAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Pdgfa-01 | TCCAGCGACTCTTGGAGATA | QPCR | Forward |
| Pdgfa-02 | TCTCGGGCACATGGTTAATG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Pdgfd-01 | TAGAAATCCGCCGACTCAAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Pdgfd-02 | GCACAGGAGAATGGAGACTAAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Pdgfra-01 | GACTTCCTAAAGAGTGACCATCC | QPCR | Forward |
| Pdgfra-02 | CTTCCCAGTCCTTCAGCTTATC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Pdgfra-Hs-01 | GGAAACAGAAACCGAGGTATGA | QPCR | Forward |
| Pdgfra-Hs-02 | CTGCATCGGGTCCACATAAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Pdpn-01 | GTCACCCTGGTTGGAATCATAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Pdpn-02 | GGCGAGAACCTTCCAGAAAT | QPCR | Reverse |
| PPARgc1a-01 | GACAATCCCGAAGACACTACAG | QPCR | Forward |
| PPARgc1a-02 | AGAGAGGAGAGAGAGAGAGA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Rfxank-01 | TTACCACCACACCCAAAGAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Rfxank-02 | GACACCAATGCCCTTCAGATA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Rosa26-mTmG-01 | TAGAGCTTGCGGAACCCTTC | Genotypin_Rosa26mTmG | Mutant Forward |
| Rosa26-mTmG-02 | AGGGAGCTGCAGTGGAGTAG | Genotypin_Rosa26mTmG | WT Forward |
| Rosa26-mTmG-03 | CTTTAAGCCTGCCCAGAAGA | Genotypin_Rosa26mTmG | Common Reverse |
| Rtkn2-01 | TATAGGAAGCCGGGACTATGT | QPCR | Forward |
| Rtkn2-02 | CTGCTCTGGCCTTTACCTATAC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Rxra-01 | TCCGCAGGGAGTAAAGATAGA | QPCR | Forward |
| Rxra-02 | CCATCCAGTTTACATGAGGGATAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Rxra-Hs-01 | GGACCCTCCTTTGGTGAAAT | QPCR | Forward |
| Rxra-Hs-02 | AGGATTGGGAACGGCTAAAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| S100a14-01 | CGAGCAACTGTGGGTTAGAA | QPCR | Forward |
| S100a14-02 | CCTCTCCATCTTCACACTCTTG | QPCR | Reverse |
| S100a6-01 | GCCTTGGCTTTGATCTACAATG | QPCR | Forward |
| S100a6-02 | TAACTACCCACCACTGGATTTG | QPCR | Reverse |

| S100g-01 | AGAATGGCGATGGAGAAGTTAG | QPCR | Forward |
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| S100g-02 | CGTGCGTTCAATCAGTAGGT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Scd1-01 | AGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA | QPCR | Forward |
| Scd1-02 | GGTTCAGAGGATGGACAGAAAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Sdpr-01 | CGGTGCTGATGGTAAGCTAATA | QPCR | Forward |
| Sdpr-02 | TGGCATTCTTTGTTCTCCATTTC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Sftpa1-01 | GGTGTCTAAGAAGCCAGAGAAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Sftpa1-02 | CAAGATCCAGATCCAAGGAAGAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Sftpb-01 | TTGTCCACCTCCTCACAAAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Sftpb-02 | GCAGCTTCAAGGGAAGGATA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Sftpc-01 | CAGACACCATCGCTACCTTT | QPCR | Forward |
| Sftpc-02 | GTTCCTGGAGCTGGCTTATAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Sftpd-01 | ACAATGGTGGAGCAGAGAAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Sftpd-02 | GTGGCTCAGAACTCACAGATAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Slc34a2-01 | GAGTCAAGATGAAGCCAGTAGG | QPCR | Forward |
| Slc34a2-02 | GGTATTACACGTGGGCTCTAAA | QPCR | Reverse |
| SM22a-01 | CTAATGGCTTTGGGCAGTTTG | QPCR | Forward |
| SM22a-02 | CTGTCTGTGAAGTCCCTCTTATG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Smad6-01 | CGCACTTTGGCTTGTAATTCTT | QPCR | Forward |
| Smad6-02 | GGCTTTCCACCTAGTTCTACTG | QPCR | Reverse |
| SMMHC-01 | CTTCCTGGGCATTCTGGATATT | QPCR | Forward |
| SMMHC-02 | CAGCTTCTCGTTGGTGTAGTT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Soat1-01 | CTACAGCCATTTCACGTTGTATTT | QPCR | Forward |
| Soat1-02 | TTGCTCCCTCTCCCTCTTAT | QPCR | Reverse |
| SOCS3-01 | GGTTCTGCTTTGTCTCTCCTATG | QPCR | Forward |
| SOCS3-02 | TCCCTCAACTCTCTGCCTATT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Sox11-01 | CTACTGGCCAGGCTTCAATAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Sox11-02 | ACGCCCACGTTACCATTT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Sox13-01 | CCATGACCAACCAGGAGAAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Sox13-02 | AGGCCTTGGCTTGTACTTATAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Sox7-01 | CTCCTGGGTACTGGGATTAAAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Sox7-02 | CTGTAGTCGCCTGAGATGTATG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Sox8-01 | TTGCTCTCCGGTTTGGATAAG | QPCR | Forward |
| Sox8-02 | TGAAGCCCATTCTCTCCTTTG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Sox8-Hs-01 | TCGTTAGGGCCTCAGTTCTA | QPCR | Forward |
| Sox8-Hs-02 | AGGCGCTATTGTATGCTCTATG | QPCR | Reverse |
| SP6-01 | CTGTCTGGACACGTCTTTAGTT | QPCR | Forward |
| SP6-02 | CACCTCATCTCTGCTTTCTCTC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Spry2-01 | CTGCTGCTGCTGATGGAATA | QPCR | Forward |
| Spry2-02 | TAGGCATGCAGACCCAAATC | QPCR | Reverse |
| Tbx2-01 | AGCGTAGACTTGAGCTAGGA | QPCR | Forward |
| Tbx2-02 | GCTGATCCAGAAGTGGACATAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Tbx2-Hs-01 | ACATCCTGAAGCTGCCTTAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Tbx2-Hs-02 | AGCTGTGTGATCTTGTCATTCT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Tbx5-01 | AGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA | QPCR | Forward |
| Tbx5-02 | CTTGAGAGAGACTTGGGAATCAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Tgfb2-01 | GGAACCACTGACCATTCTCTATT | QPCR | Forward |
| Tgfb2-02 | CTGGCTTTCCCAAGGACTTTA | QPCR | Reverse |
| Tgfbr1-01 | GGGCTTAGTGTTCTGGGAAA | QPCR | Forward |
| Tgfbr1-02 | CCGATGGATCAGAAGGTACAAG | QPCR | Reverse |
| Tgfbr2-01 | CTGTGGGAGAAGTGAAGGATTAC | QPCR | Forward |
| Tgfbr2-02 | GTCTCTCAGCACACTGTCTTTC | QPCR | Reverse |
| TNC-01 | CCAGGGTTGCCACCTATTT | QPCR | Forward |
| TNC-02 | GTCTAGAGGATCCCACTCTACTT | QPCR | Reverse |
| Trf-01 | CCCTCTGTGACCTGTGTATTG | QPCR | Forward |

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