

1 **Bioelectric-calcineurin signaling module regulates allometric growth and size**
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29 **Abstract**

30 The establishment of relative size of organs and structures is paramount for attaining final form
31 and function of an organism. Importantly, variation in the proportions of structures frequently
32 underlies adaptive change in morphology in evolution and maybe a common mechanism
33 underlying selection. However, the mechanism by which growth is integrated within tissues
34 during development to achieve proper proportionality is poorly understood. We have shown that
35 signaling by potassium channels mediates coordinated size regulation in zebrafish fins.
36 Recently, calcineurin inhibitors were shown to elicit changes in zebrafish fin allometry as well.
37 Here, we identify the potassium channel *kcnk5b* as a key player in integrating calcineurin's
38 growth effects, in part through regulation of the cytoplasmic C-terminus of the channel. We
39 propose that the interaction between Kcnk5b and calcineurin acts as a signaling node to regulate
40 allometric growth. Importantly, we find that this regulation is epistatic to inherent mechanisms
41 instructing overall size as inhibition of calcineurin is able to bypass genetic instruction of size as
42 seen in *sof* and wild-type fins, however, it is not sufficient to re-specify positional memory of
43 size of the fin. These findings integrate classic signaling mediators such as calcineurin with ion
44 channel function in the regulation of size and proportion during growth.

45 **Introduction**

46 The establishment of relative proportion of structures and organs is essential for the normal
47 physiology and function of an organism. The study of differential growth of structures in
48 development and in the evolution of form has a rich history (Gayon, 2000). A key advance in
49 our understanding differential growth stems from the work of D'Arcy Thompson and his efforts
50 to define the underlying rules of coordinated transformations in form (Thompson, 1917). This
51 foundational work was leveraged by Huxley and Teissier who formalized scaling relationships
52 between structures within organisms as a power law that details the relative proportion of
53 structures (Huxley and Teissier, 1936; Julian Huxley, 1932)). This law provides a scale-
54 independent means of comparing growth in development and among species.

55 A common mechanism for the establishment of organ size and the relative proportions of
56 structures is through differential sensitivity of organs to a systemic growth signal such as insulin-
57 like growth factors (IGF) or growth hormone (GH) (Bryant and Simpson, 1984; Conlon and
58 Raff, 1999). However, there is substantial evidence for an organ-intrinsic capacity to establish

59 relative size that is robust to such broad systemic signals. Transplanted organs will frequently
60 reach their target size even when cultured in ectopic locations (Dittmer et al., 1974; Felts, 1959;
61 Twitty et al., 1931). Intrinsic regulation of size in structures is also observed in cases in which
62 organs will accelerate growth back to a seemingly pre-ordained growth trajectory following
63 growth-limiting insults, such as nutrient deprivation or illness (Finkielstain et al., 2013; Prader et
64 al., 1963). This “catch-up growth” is also seen during epimorphic regeneration, wherein growth
65 rate is dependent on the amount of tissue lost such that recovery of the original form occurs
66 within the same time window; this suggests that relative growth rates are guided by *retained*
67 positional cues within tissues (Lee et al., 2005; Morgan, 1906; Spallanzani, 1769; Tassava and
68 Goss, 1966). How growth is integrated with positional information within the organ to achieve
69 proper proportion remains unclear.

70 An effective strategy to understand growth and regulation of size is to analyze mutants or
71 experimental conditions in which scaling properties have been altered. Through genetic screens
72 in the zebrafish, several mutants have been identified that have adult fins that are reduced in size
73 as well as mutants in which fins grow beyond their normal limit (Eeden et al., 1996; Fisher et al.,
74 2003; Goldsmith et al., 2003; Green et al., 2009; Huang et al., 2009; Iovine and Johnson, 2000;
75 Iovine et al., 2005; Perathoner et al., 2014). The *another longfin* mutant was identified as having
76 enlarged fins and barbels (Haffter et al., 1996). We have previously shown that *alf* is caused by a
77 specific gain-of-function point mutation in the potassium channel *kcnk5b*, a member of the
78 TWIK/TASK two pore family (K_{2P}) of potassium channels (Perathoner et al., 2014). Supporting
79 a role for ion regulation in establishing proportion, the *shortfin* (*sof*) mutant has been mapped
80 back to mutations in the gap junction *connexin43* (*cx43/gjal*) (Iovine et al., 2005; Sims et al.,
81 2009). Though both gap junctions and potassium channels have important roles in physiology
82 and cell biology, these initial findings in the zebrafish fin are surprising in that they uncover a
83 specific role for local bioelectric signaling in the regulation and coordination of growth.

84 Insight into the mechanisms regulating coordinated growth also comes from
85 pharmacological regulation of cell signaling during development. Inhibition of calcineurin in
86 developing and regenerating fins by FK506 and cyclosporin A specifically increases the size of
87 the resulting fin (Kujawski et al., 2014). Calcineurin is a protein phosphatase known to affect
88 transcription through direct binding and dephosphorylation of the NFAT family of transcription
89 factors (Hogan et al., 2003). Analysis of the patterning and gene expression profiles in

90 overgrown fins treated with FK506 led Kujawski and colleagues to suggest that positional
91 information of the fin was specifically altered by calcineurin inhibition. Under this hypothesis,
92 activation of calcineurin triggers a proximal-like growth program that leads to enhanced
93 proliferation to re-specify larger fin sizes (Kujawski et al., 2014).

94 Here, we extend analysis into mechanisms of size regulation by potassium channels and
95 calcineurin using the zebrafish fin as a model. We show that FK506 can mirror the growth
96 effects of activated *Kcnk5b*, and can override genetic determination of size. Importantly, we
97 demonstrate that *Kcnk5b* function is a key component to the ability of FK506 to regulate growth.
98 Through our genetic and experimental analyses, we demonstrate that the growth-mediating
99 properties of FK506 do not re-specify positional memory in the fin, but rather act to maintain
100 heightened rate of growth during regeneration of the fin. These data advance our understanding
101 of how size is regulated during growth and provide a regulatory link between bioelectric and
102 classical signaling pathways in the regulation of growth and proportion.

103 **Results**

104 **Skeletal phenotypes of fins treated with FK506 compared to mutants affecting fin**
105 **proportion.** Fins are composed of multiple segmented rays of dermal bone. Elongation of the
106 fin occurs through sequential addition of these bony segments to the distal fin tip. The zebrafish
107 fin-ray segments are regularly patterned such that each segment is of roughly same length along
108 the proximal-distal axis. While the segmentation pattern of the fin rays can be dissociated from
109 total fin length (Schulte et al., 2011), mutants with altered fin size are often accompanied by a
110 change in size of segments, consistent with alterations in the rate of growth (Goldsmith et al.,
111 2003; Perathoner et al., 2014; Sims et al., 2009). The fin segments in *kcnk5b/alf* mutant are
112 generally elongated, while those of the *shortfin* mutant are shorter (Iovine et al., 2005;
113 Perathoner et al., 2014)(**Figure S1**).

114 As segmentation patterns are influenced by mutations that alter fin size, we asked
115 whether FK506 treatment had an effect on segmentation patterning. We focused primarily on fin
116 regeneration, which recapitulates growth properties that occur during fin development. During
117 fin regeneration, both the missing fin tissue and segmentation patterns are precisely restored.
118 Thus, regeneration assays can serve as a foundation for exploring the genetic contributions of
119 positional identity and memory, growth rate, and patterning. Treatment of regenerating fins with

120 the calcineurin inhibitors FK506 and cyclosporin A led to dose-dependent coordinated
121 overgrowth of fin regenerates (Kujawski et al., 2014)(**Figure S1E**). FK506-treated fins also
122 exhibited elongated fin ray segments, similar to those observed in *kcnk5b/alf* mutants (**Figure**
123 **S1E F,G**). Surprisingly, FK506 treatment of *cx43/shortfin* regenerating fins also resulted in
124 elongated fin ray segments (**Figure S1H**).

125 **FK506 treatment regulates growth independently of memory of size.** As treatment of fins
126 with FK506 appears to bypass the genetic specification of normal fin length in wild-type fish
127 (Kujawski et al., 2014), we sought to define the growth characteristics of inhibiting calcineurin
128 in the background of different mutants with altered fin size. Similar to wildtype, when cut to
129 50% of their initial size, the fins of short-finned (*gjal/sof*) and long-finned (*kcnk5b/alf*) fish
130 regenerate back to their pre-amputation size over a similar time period despite their vastly
131 different starting lengths (**Figure 1**). However, FK506-treatment of regenerating fins from both
132 wild-type and *gjal* short-finned mutants leads to an increased rate of growth in each group,
133 resulting in the formation of similarly sized, larger fins in both genotypes (**Figure 1**). Oddly, the
134 shape and size of FK506-treated fins from *cx43/sof* mutants were indistinguishable from treated
135 wild-type fins (**Figure S1H**). Of note, FK506-treatment of fish with gain-of-function of *kcnk5b*
136 activity does not lead to an additional increase in the size of the regenerate or rate of its growth
137 over untreated mutants (**Figure 1**). All fins treated with FK506 regrow at comparably increased
138 rates, regardless of genotype or previous size. These data suggest that the effect of calcineurin on
139 fin growth is acting at, or downstream of, mechanisms specifying size. Further, the phenotypic
140 similarities between *alf* and those of FK506-treated fins raise the potential that these two
141 mechanisms may be integrated.

142 **Kcnk5b activity is critical for growth effects of FK506.** Fish deficient for *kcnk5b* have normal
143 fin proportions and growth (Perathoner et al., 2014). To assess the role of Kcnk5b in calcineurin
144 growth regulation, we resected the pectoral fins of *kcnk5b*^{-/-} fish and asked if the channel is
145 needed for the FK506 growth response. Unexpectedly, the growth effects driven by FK506
146 treatment are suppressed in *kcnk5b*^{-/-} fish (**Figure 2A-C**). This effect was seen in both pectoral
147 fin as well as caudal fin regeneration (**Figure 2D**). These data reveal that Kcnk5b is a critical
148 component of FK506-mediated regulation of growth and size. Some additional growth occurs
149 after FK506 treatment in *kcnk5b*^{-/-} fish, raising the possibility that residual function of the *kcnk5a*
150 paralogue or other targets of FK506 may contribute in part to the FK506 response

151 **Modification of *kcnk5b* function by calcineurin.** Kcnk5b could mediate FK506 growth effect
152 indirectly or through modification of calcineurin regulation. Increasing the levels of wild-type
153 *kcnk5b* locally in the fin is sufficient to induce fin overgrowth (Perathoner et al., 2014). As large
154 changes in transcription are observed in regenerating fins treated with FK506 (Kujawski et al.,
155 2014), we hypothesized that FK506 mediated overgrowth could be due to upregulation of *kcnk5b*
156 expression levels. However, we find that expression of *kcnk5b* is not significantly altered in
157 wild-type regenerating fins after FK506 treatment (**Figure 3A**). To test the potential for direct
158 modulation of channel activity by FK506/calcineurin, we assessed the change in conductance of
159 Kcnk5b channel variants in *Xenopus* oocytes. Oocytes expressing wild-type zebrafish Kcnk5b
160 show decreased conductance when treated with FK506 (**Figure 3D-E**; see Nam et al., 2011).
161 Similarly, treatment of oocytes expressing *kcnk5b* with VIVIT, an independent peptide inhibitor
162 of calcineurin, showed a comparable decrease in conductance, supporting a role of calcineurin in
163 regulation of channel activity (**Figure 3E inset**).

164 It has been shown that the activity of another KCNK two-pore potassium channel family
165 member, Kcnk18/TRESK, is regulated by direct binding of calcineurin to the intracellular loop
166 of the channel. This binding affects downstream dephosphorylation events on conserved serine
167 residues on the C-terminus of the channel (Czirják and Enyedi, 2006; Czirják et al., 2004).
168 Intriguingly, we identified a putative calcineurin binding site in the cytoplasmic C-terminus of
169 zebrafish Kcnk5b that is similar to that identified in KCNK18/TRESK (**Figure 3B**). Czirják et al
170 previously demonstrated that an isoleucine to alanine mutation in this domain in TRESK
171 attenuated the effect of calcineurin and its binding to the channel (Czirják and Enyedi, 2006). We
172 mutated the co-responding residue in the presumptive binding site in Kcnk5b (I290A; **Figure**
173 **3B**) and assessed the effect on conductance of the channel in oocytes. Oocytes expressing
174 Kcnk5b/I290A had lower conductance than wildtype, but were similar to wild-type channels
175 treated with FK506 (**Figure 3C-E**). Importantly, the Kcnk5b/I290A expressing oocytes were
176 also non-responsive to FK506 treatment. Thus, the effect of the altering the molecular
177 characteristics of this site on the Kcnk5b C-terminal intracellular domain is comparable in effect
178 to chemical inhibition of calcineurin by FK506. This result suggests that, similar to KCNK18,
179 the activity of Kcnk5b is modulated by calcineurin through interactions with the cytoplasmic C-
180 terminus.

181 The *alf* mutation affects the last transmembrane domain of the channel located just prior
182 to the predicted calcineurin binding site (Perathoner et al 2014, **Figure S3**). In an effort to
183 screen for further variants affecting growth within this region, we used CRISPR-targeted Cas9
184 genetic editing with guides targeted to the fifth exon of *kcnk5b*, which contains the
185 transmembrane and C-terminus, and screened adults for somatic clones sufficient to cause
186 overgrowth. We recovered fish having overgrowth caused by guides targeting the
187 transmembrane region of the channel. Analysis of *Kcnk5b* in these clones revealed formation of
188 frameshift mutations leading to early termination (**Figure S3**). Thus, loss of the last
189 transmembrane domain and the cytoplasmic tail of *Kcnk5b* is sufficient to lead to increased
190 proportion.

191 **Calcineurin signaling does not re-specify positional cues, rather overrides them.** We have
192 demonstrated an interaction between *Kcnk5b* and calcineurin-mediated signaling in regulating
193 growth. However, the ability of this module to specify growth or identity of the fin remains
194 unclear. Kujawski *et al.* (2014) provide evidence of perdurance of proximal markers in treated
195 fins and suggest that calcineurin inhibition leads to a re-specification of the regenerating tissue to
196 a proximal identity. However, these data are also consistent with the hypothesis that the
197 treatment leads to a sustained increase in the rate of growth that then is associated with broader
198 domains of regional markers in the enlarged regenerated tissue. To address the effect of
199 calcineurin on altering positional information of the fin, we mirrored classic experiments of
200 Maden (1982) in regulation of positional identity of limb regenerates in the salamander and
201 asked if limited alteration of calcineurin could re-specify identity of the fin regenerate and thus its
202 interpretation of fate.

203 We first approached this question by addressing how fins respond when FK506 is
204 removed. Pectoral fins regenerating under the influence of FK506 exhibited increased growth
205 (**Figure 2, S1**). However, after removal of the drug, either prior to achieving their original size,
206 or in fins that had surpassed their original size, regenerative growth quickly stopped regardless of
207 the extent of the fin regenerate (**Figure 4A**). Thus, FK506 induces an acceleration of growth that
208 requires continual presence of the drug for sustained overgrowth. We extended these studies to
209 address if the identity of the regenerated tissue was altered by treatment with FK506. As
210 amputated fins will regenerate back to a size similar to that originally specified during

211 development, the fin tissue remaining after amputation retains information concerning size and
212 proportion that is then integrated in the regenerate. However, if overgrown fins caused by
213 FK506 inhibition of calcineurin are resected, either into the original fin tissue or within a
214 regenerated portion of the fin, these resulting regenerates grew only to the original size of the fin
215 prior to treatment with FK506 (**Figure 4B,C**). Similarly, FK506-treated overgrown fins cut
216 beyond the original wild-type fin length failed to grow further upon amputation without the
217 presence of the drug (**Figure 4C**). Similar effects were seen in when tested in both pectoral as
218 well as caudal fin regenerates (**Figure S2**). Thus, *Kcnk5b*/calcineurin signaling does not lead to
219 lasting alterations in positional identity, but rather regulates rate of growth leading to enhanced
220 fin proportions.

221 **Discussion**

222 Bioelectric integration of growth and form

223 Bioelectric potential is manifest as a resting voltage state of cells (*V_{mem}*). While it is clear that
224 specialized cells such as nerves and cardiomyocytes have honed the regulation of electrical
225 potential for specific functions, a broader role of this signaling in development and homeostasis
226 is becoming apparent as it is necessary for normal pattern and growth of diverse organ systems
227 (Bates, 2015; Beane et al., 2013; Dahal et al., 2012; Levin, 2014a; Levin, 2014b). Natural and
228 experimental changes of resting potential can have broad effects in morphogenesis. A key
229 property of bioelectric signaling is the capacity to coordinate responses across cells and tissues.
230 Many tissues are electrically coupled through the action of gap junctions, and localized signals
231 can expand via paracrine signaling by local fluctuations in electrical fields (Levin, 2012). Thus,
232 the integration of cellular- and tissue-level responses to inductive signals as well as integration of
233 patterning cues within developing organs can be orchestrated through electrical coupling of cells
234 such that a unified structure is formed and maintained. Perturbations of such electrically coupled-
235 developmental systems could be a factor for the coordinated transformations observed in
236 evolution (Gould, 1966; Thompson, 1917) and broad patterning phenotype observed in some
237 diseases (Bates, 2013; Dahal 2017). The role of *kcnk5b* in regulation of proportion was
238 identified in genetic screens through its actions in causing altered scaling properties of adult fins
239 (Perathoner et al 2014). We show that *Kcnk5b* is a key component to increased fin growth
240 caused by calcineurin inhibition. Importantly, our work here demonstrates that

241 Kcnk5b/calcineurin signaling is sufficient to increase growth regardless of innate size and
242 genotype and thus override, but not re-specify, positional identity of the fin.

243 We demonstrate that Kcnk5b, like Kcnk18, can signal through calcineurin via a region in
244 its C-terminus. Altering the presumptive binding site on the C-terminus of Kcnk5b (I290A) is
245 sufficient to mirror the effect of calcineurin inhibition and to remove sensitivity to FK506
246 treatment for conductance. FK506 treatment of Kcnk5b in oocytes leads to decreased current.
247 Similarly, the I290A mutation also mirrors this response. In contrast, *alf* mutants (Perathoner et
248 al., 2014) show increased conductance in oocytes. This difference of the direction of
249 conductance with similar growth outcomes may also point to the importance of signaling events
250 downstream of changes in conductance that drive fin growth. The C-terminus of mouse
251 Kcnk5/TASK-2 interacts directly with G β γ subunit of heterotrimeric G-proteins (Añazco et al.,
252 2013), and work on other two pore potassium channels, such as TREK-1 and TREK-2, has
253 revealed dynamic regulation by cAMP/PKA, DAG/PIP/PKC and nitric oxide/cGMP/PKG
254 pathways (Enyedi and Czirják, 2010). Modulation of Kcnk5b activity by conductance, or
255 through interactions with its C-terminus, may act to adjust and/or respond to changes in voltage
256 to regulate growth rate. Interestingly, we have found that premature truncation mutations
257 leading to channels that lack the last transmembrane domain and the C-terminus of Kcnk5b
258 result in fin overgrowth comparable to that seen in the *alf* mutant, which affects the identical
259 region (F241Y, **Figure S3**). As null alleles of *kcnk5b* do not cause an overgrowth phenotype, the
260 truncation mutation appears to cause an increase in function of the channel. Alteration of the
261 pore structure or conformation/presence of the C-terminus may cause dysregulated channel
262 activity leading to overgrowth. The regulation of calcineurin may reflect downstream response to
263 changes in conductance or conformation and thus, link calcium signaling to changes in pore
264 conductance and/or conformation.

265 Coordination of growth and proportion

266 Regulation of overgrowth by Kcnk5b/calcineurin signaling is coordinated among diverse tissues
267 of the developing and regenerating fin to establish a larger, functional structure. This
268 coordination may be attained through a re-interpretation of positional information within the fin
269 such that regenerating tissues replace the missing components with tissue in register with the
270 distal edge of the remaining fin stump. Positional information within the fin may be set up and
271 driven by differential gene expression patterns in development (Rabinowitz et al., 2017; Tornini

272 and Poss, 2014). Rabinowitz *et al.* (2017) detail expression profiles of wild-type fins that
273 support dynamic regulation of gene expression across the proximal-distal aspect of the fin.
274 Interestingly, a significant class of genes differentially isolated in these studies was ion channels,
275 suggesting that bioelectric signaling may be a key factor of this asymmetry and establishment of
276 positional cues. The work on calcineurin by Kujawski *et al.* (2014) also would point to
277 calcineurin signaling as mediating position and being able to re-specify identity when altered.
278 This mechanism was founded on extended gene expression domains in the proximal component
279 of the fin and delayed distal bifurcation of the rays after calcineurin inhibition. However, an
280 alternate explanation for the observed changes in pattern is that the expanded proximal molecular
281 and anatomical identities observed in FK506-treated fins are a consequence of increased growth
282 rate, such that larger regional domains, interpreted as position, are generated rather than specific
283 changes in identity *per se*. This hypothesis would explain observed overgrowth as well as
284 extended branching of the fin, but would be independent of changes in positional memory.
285 Alternatively, positional information is independent of size instructive signals suggesting that
286 modification of identity markers stemming from *Kcnk5b*/calcineurin signaling is coincident, but
287 independent from, mechanisms of size determination and relative proportion.

288 Our data link the growth regulation of *Kcnk5b* and calcineurin and demonstrate that their
289 function is not sufficient to re-specify identity, rather to override it. Establishing, or re-
290 establishing, identity in the fin may require signals present only during development and may not
291 be malleable during regeneration. Long-term treatment of fish during development with FK506
292 leads to global alterations in growth of the body that make comparison of proportion difficult
293 (**Figure S4**). Thus, identification of these developmental cues to regulate proportion and size will
294 require dissociation by other means. Our findings suggest that the regulation of growth by
295 *Kcnk5b*/calcineurin fulfills the general requirements of a scaling property previously defined by
296 relative growth comparisons and represented by the rate constant of Huxley and Teissier (1939).
297 The encoding and specification of absolute size, however remains undefined.

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439 **Figure Legends**

440 **Figure 1. Calcineurin inhibition is sufficient to override genetic encoding of size. A)**

441 Regenerative growth of zebrafish pectoral fins after resection to ~50% of pre-cut fin length at 0

442 days post amputation in different genetic backgrounds with short- (*cx43^{sof/sof}*) or long- (*kcnk5b^{alf}*)
443 fin size relative to wild-type fish. Dashed lines indicate pre-cut pectoral fin length. Data
444 normalized to standard length (STL) of each fish. B) Representative ventral view of pectoral fins
445 after regeneration. Black line indicates unoperated pectoral fin length. Red line indicates pectoral
446 fin length after treatment with FK506 during regeneration. Black dashed line highlights site of
447 amputation. Growth rate of FK506-treated regenerating caudal fins. D). Caudal fins were
448 resected to 50% of their original size and treated with FK506. Growth rate is analyzed through 9
449 days post amputation, when regenerative growth rate for DMSO treated fins begins to slow.
450 Two-tailed t-test $p < 0.0007$ for suppression of growth in the absence of *kcnk5b*. Error bars
451 represent \pm SEM.

452 **Figure 2. Kcnk5b mediates the effect of calcineurin in regulating proportion.** A) Example
453 of growth of pectoral fins of wildtype or *kcnk5b* deletion mutants regenerating after treatment
454 with FK506. Dashed line indicates plane of section; black bar extent of growth of untreated fin;
455 red, resected fin. B) Growth rates of wildtype and *kcnk5b* deficient zebrafish. Dashed line, size
456 of original pre-cut fin; Error bars represent \pm SEM. C) Growth rate of regenerating fins of
457 different *kcnk5b* genotypes treated with FK506. Gray dots represent individual fish. Two-tailed
458 t-test $p < 0.0002$ for suppression of growth in the absence of *kcnk5b*. Data is from four
459 independent experiments. (C) Representative ventral view of pectoral fins after regeneration.

460 **Figure 3. FK506 effect on Kcnk5b activity is modulated by the cytoplasmic domain of the**
461 **channel.** (A) qRT-PCR comparing relative levels of *kcnk5b* in FK506-treated, 5-day post-
462 amputation pectoral fin blastemas to values of DMSO-treated controls ($n=5$, \pm SEM). (B)
463 Multiple sequence alignment of Kcnk5b protein highlighting putative calcineurin binding
464 domain with resemblance to calcineurin binding in TRESK (red bar, PQIVID (Czirják and
465 Enyedi, 2006) and a nearby suite of highly conserved serine residues (green bars). Asterisk
466 indicates site of mutagenesis in (C-E) (I290A). Alignment generated by MUSCLE (Edgar,
467 2004). Diagram adapted from (Perathoner, 2013). (C) Representative electrophysiology current
468 traces from voltage clamp recordings in *Xenopus* oocyte injected with wild-type or mutant I290A
469 Kcnk5b cRNA and treated with FK506 or DMSO. The membrane potential was clamped at a
470 reference potential of -80 mV and then varied by incremental 20mV steps to a range of -100 mV
471 to $+60$ mV. (D) Current is suppressed in wild-type Kcnk5b homodimers through treatment with
472 FK506 or by mutation of the calcineurin binding site (I290A). (E) Recorded currents were

473 normalized to the value recorded for oocytes injected with the wild-type channel at +60 mV.
474 *Inset*, *Xenopus* oocytes expressing wild-type zebrafish *Kcnk5b* were injected with VIVIT
475 peptide or carrier. Patch clamp experiments registered the resulting conductance. ** $p < 0.001$, n,
476 number of oocytes assessed.

477 **Figure 4. Calcineurin inhibition establishes regenerative growth rate independently of**
478 **positional identity.** A) Pulse of FK506 treatment for 6 or 14 days post-amputation to assess
479 effects of transient inhibition of calcineurin by FK506 on growth and patterning of the fin. Fins
480 were cut to 50% original length and allowed to regenerate in the presence of FK506. Arrows
481 indicate end of drug treatment (n=5 fish per treatment group). (B) Subsequent regeneration of the
482 pectoral fins from (A) in the absence of FK506 after resection at original cut site to determine if
483 fin allometry was re-set to a larger size through previous FK506 treatment. (C) Second
484 regeneration of FK506-treated fins cut at a site within the regenerated tissue demonstrating
485 memory of original positional information and recovery of wild-type size within the pectoral fin.
486 Gray dashed line indicates pre-cut fin length. Red dashed lines indicate second resection. Error
487 bars represent \pm SEM.

488 **Supplemental Figure 1. Proportion and patterning of zebrafish fins is enhanced by**
489 **calcineurin inhibition.** Fin growth occurs through sequential addition of a regular pattern of
490 lepidotrichia hemi-ray dermal bone segments at growing end of the fin. Patterning of fin
491 segmentation in A) wildtype, B) *alf* and C) *sof* pectoral fins; stacked blue rectangles model
492 sequential addition and segmentation of individual rays. D) Schematic of regenerating pectoral
493 fin assay to assess relative scaling. One pectoral fin is cut to approximately 50% of original size
494 and allowed to regenerate. Comparisons to the contralateral side enables analysis of previous
495 size and effect of treatment on non-regenerating fins. E) Dose response of FK506 treatment of
496 pectoral fin growth. F-H) Pattern of segmentation of the lepidotrichia in F) regenerating wild-
497 type, or regenerating FK506 treated wild-type or *sof* fins; solid line, plane of resection. While
498 segments are normally restored during regeneration, regenerating fins treated with FK506 show
499 elongated segmentation after regeneration similar to the *alf* phenotype (B). Error bars represent
500 \pm SEM. * p-value < 0.05. *** p-value < 0.001.

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502 **Supplementary Figure 2. Calcineurin inhibition does not re-specify positional information**
503 **of the caudal fin.** Caudal fins were amputated and grown in FK506 for 15 days. The drug was

504 removed (green arrow indicates stoppage of treatment) at which point the FK506 treated fins
505 ceased further growth. These fins were then re-cut at either the original amputation plane (A) or
506 at the site of the original fin length prior to FK506 treatment (B). Gray dashed line indicates pre-
507 cut fin length. Red dashed lines indicate second resection. Blue dashed lines indicate extent of
508 FK506 overgrowth. Error bars represent \pm SEM.

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510 **Supplementary Figure 3. Deletion screen of *kcnk5b* reveals essential role of C-terminus.**

511 Using specific guide RNAs against the last exon of *knck5b* encoding the last transmembrane and
512 cytoplasmic tail of the channel, we screened injected founders for evidence of overgrowth. We
513 identified localized clones having specific overgrowth of the fins. B) Analysis of the changes in
514 the overgrown tissues demonstrated presence of local deletions in *kcnk5b* predicted to cause
515 truncation of the channel in a comparable location as to the *alf* mutation (C).

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517 **Supplementary Figure 4. Growth deficit during FK506 treatment of juveniles.**

518 Wild-type juvenile zebrafish treated with FK506 did not grow when treated starting at ages of 30 days (A)
519 or 55 days (B). C) Representative image of stunted growth in FK506 treated fish relative to
520 DMSO treated siblings. n=10 fish per group. Error bars represent \pm SEM.

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522 **Supplemental Document 1. Experimental Procedures**

523 Fish Husbandry

524 The zebrafish AB strains and Tübingen (Tü) strains carrying *albino* mutation were used as
525 background for all experiments. Fish were bred and maintained as previously described
526 (Nüsslein-Volhard and Dahm, 2002). All experimental procedures involving fish conform to
527 AAALAC standards and were approved by institutional IACUC committees. A complete
528 description of the husbandry and environmental conditions in housing for the fish used in these
529 experiments is available as a collection in [protocols.io dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.mrjc54n](https://doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.mrjc54n)
530 For all experiments, adult stages defined by reproductively mature fish >3 months old were used
531 for analysis. Mutant alleles used in this work are *alf*^{dt30mh}, *sof*^{aj7e2}, and *kcnk5b*^{j131x8}.

532 Fin Regeneration and Measurements

533 Fish were anesthetized by treatment with tricaine for measurements and pectoral fin amputation.
534 Unless otherwise indicated, pectoral fins of wildtype and mutants were resected to roughly 50%

535 their pre-cut length using standard surgical scissors. Fin length was measured before, during and
536 after regeneration using handheld calipers and measurements were normalized to the fish
537 standard length, determined as the length from the tip of the snout to the posterior end of the
538 caudal peduncle.

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541 FK506 Treatment

542 Stock FK506 (Sigma) was dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO; Sigma). Fish water was
543 treated with 100nM FK506 unless otherwise indicated. Up to five individual zebrafish were
544 housed in 1L of FK506- or DMSO-treated fish water and were fed daily with live artemia.
545 Water and drug were refreshed every other day throughout the duration of the experiment.

546 qRT-PCR

547 Five days post amputation, pectoral fin regenerates were collected from five individuals of each
548 treatment group. For RNA extraction, tissue was homogenized in TRIzol Reagent (Invitrogen).
549 cDNA synthesis was performed with oligo dT primers using SuperScript III Reverse
550 Transcription Kit (Invitrogen). qRT-PCR was performed with Power SYBR Green Master Mix
551 (Applied Biosystems) on Applied Biosystems ViiA 7 Real Time PCR System. Cycling
552 conditions: 10 minutes at 95°C; 40 cycles of 15 seconds at 95°C followed by 1 minute at 60°C;
553 melting curve analysis with 15 seconds at 95°C, 1 minute at 60°C and 15 seconds at 95°C.
554 Temperature was varied at 1.6°C/s. Expression levels were normalized relative to β -actin. ddCt
555 was used to calculate fold change in FK506-treated relative to the average of DMSO-treated fish.
556 *Kcnk5b* primers: 5'-TTGTAGCCGTCTGTGACCAA-3', 5'-AGTACCGCACCCAAACTGTC-
557 3'. *β -actin* primers: 5'-CAACAACCTGCTGGGCAAA-3', 5'-GCGTCGATGTCTGAAGGTCA-
558 3'.

559 Electrophysiology

560 The cDNA of *Kcnk5b* was subcloned into pSGEM for cRNA expression. The plasmid was
561 linearized using *NheI* and cRNA was *in vitro* synthesized using the T7 mMessage mMachine kit
562 (Ambion). *Xenopus laevis* oocytes were provided by Ecocyte Bioscience. Oocyte handling,
563 injection and electrophysiological recordings were as previously described(Seebohm et al.,
564 2005). Briefly, stage V oocytes were injected with 4 ng of cRNA encoding wildtype or mutant

565 I290A *kcnk5b* and stored for 3 days at 18°C in Barth's solution containing (in mmol/L):
566 88 NaCl, 1.0 KCl, 2.4 NaHCO₃, 0.33 Ca(NO₃)₂, 0.4 CaCl₂, 0.8 MgSO₄, 5 Tris-HCl, penicillin-G
567 (63 mg/L), gentamicin (100 mg/L), streptomycin sulfate (40 mg/L), theophylline (80 mg/L); pH
568 7.6. Two-electrode-voltage--clamp recordings were performed at 22°C using a Turbo Tec-10CD
569 amplifier (NPI electronics), Digidata 1322A AD/DA-interface and pCLAMP 9.0 software (Axon
570 Instruments Inc. / Molecular Devices). Before measurement oocytes were pre-incubated in 0.5 %
571 DMSO (control) or in 50 µM FK506 (InvivoGen) for 1 h at 18°C in ND96 recording solution
572 containing (in mM): 96 NaCl, 4 KCl, 1.8 MgCl₂, 1.0 CaCl₂, 5 HEPES; pH 7.6. FK506 was
573 dissolved in DMSO and FK506 dilution in ND96 was prepared freshly before every experiment.
574 Recording pipettes were filled with 3 M KCl and had resistances of 0.5-1.5 MΩ. Data were
575 analyzed with Clampfit 9.0 (Molecular Devices Corporation), Excel (Microsoft) and Prism6
576 (GraphPad Software). The *Kcnk5b* I290A variant was generated by QuikChange II (Agilent).
577 Mutagenesis primers : 5'-CTCGCTCTGGAGTCGCTGACATCTTTGAG-3', 5'-
578 CTCAAAGATGTCAGCGACTCCAGAGCGAG-3'.

§79 CRISPR generation of *kcnk5b* somatic clones

580 The fifth and terminal exon of zebrafish *kcnk5b* encodes the last transmembrane domain and
581 cytoplasmic C-terminus. We designed guide RNAs (gRNA) tiling this exon to screen for
582 sufficiency of deletions in this region to affect fin growth in mosaic injected animals. The
583 ChopChop online was used to design gRNAs to limit predicted off-target gRNA cutting (Labun
584 et al., 2016; Montague et al., 2014). The pool of 5 distinct gRNAs were simultaneously injected
585 to blanket the start of the exon. These gRNAs were assembled according to Gangon et al.
586 (Gagnon et al., 2014). Briefly, oligos containing the gRNA target were annealing to a universal
587 oligo containing the tracrRNA and SP6 promoter. The annealed oligo ends were then filled in
588 with T4 polymerase for 20 minutes at 12°C. gRNA was synthesized from this oligo template
589 using Ambion MEGAscript SP6 Kit. For transcription efficiency, the first two bases of each
590 gRNA were changed to 'GG' as there is evidence that these bases have less effect on Cas9
591 cutting efficiency or off-target binding than mutations closer to the PAM site (Fu et al., 2013;
592 Hwang et al., 2013a; Hwang et al., 2013b). gRNAs were injected into single cell zebrafish
593 embryos at a concentration of 50ng/µl blanket and 300ng/µl Cas9. To screen for deletion
594 efficiency, the target exon was amplified from pools of three 24 hour embryos and the resulting
595 amplicons were heated to 95°C and cooled at -0.1°C per second to form heteroduplexes.

596 Following heteroduplex PCR, a T7 endonuclease digestion for 30 minutes at 37°C in NEB
597 Buffer 2 was used to generate deletions in the presence of Cas9-induced indels. Primers for
598 colony PCR cloning of the exon 5 screen: 5'-GGCAAATCAAACCTGGTTAGTCC-3', 5'-
599 CGCTGTAGTCCTCGACCTTC-3'. gRNA sequences: 5'-ATCACTTTGTTTCCATACAG-3',
600 5'-GACAAAGAATCTGTAGAGAG-3', 5'-GGATCTACCTGGGCCTTGCT-3', 5'-
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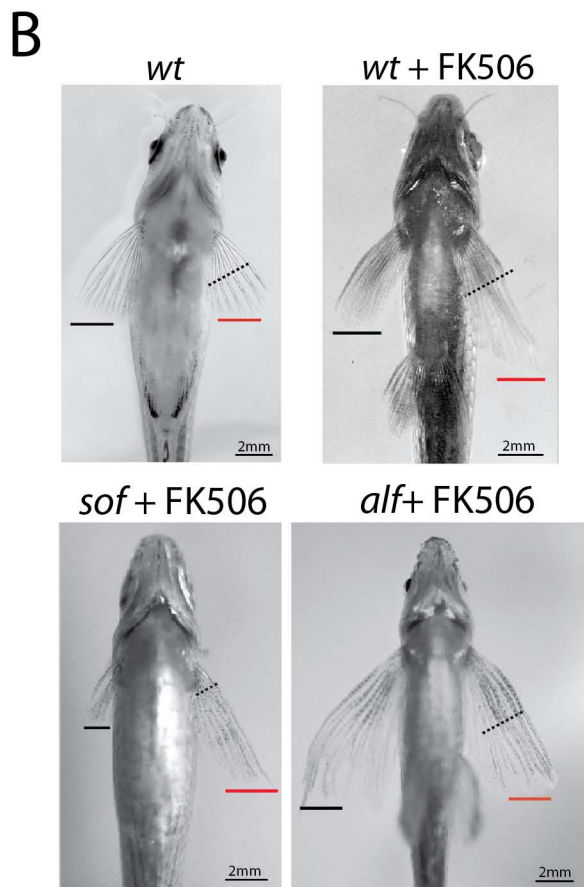
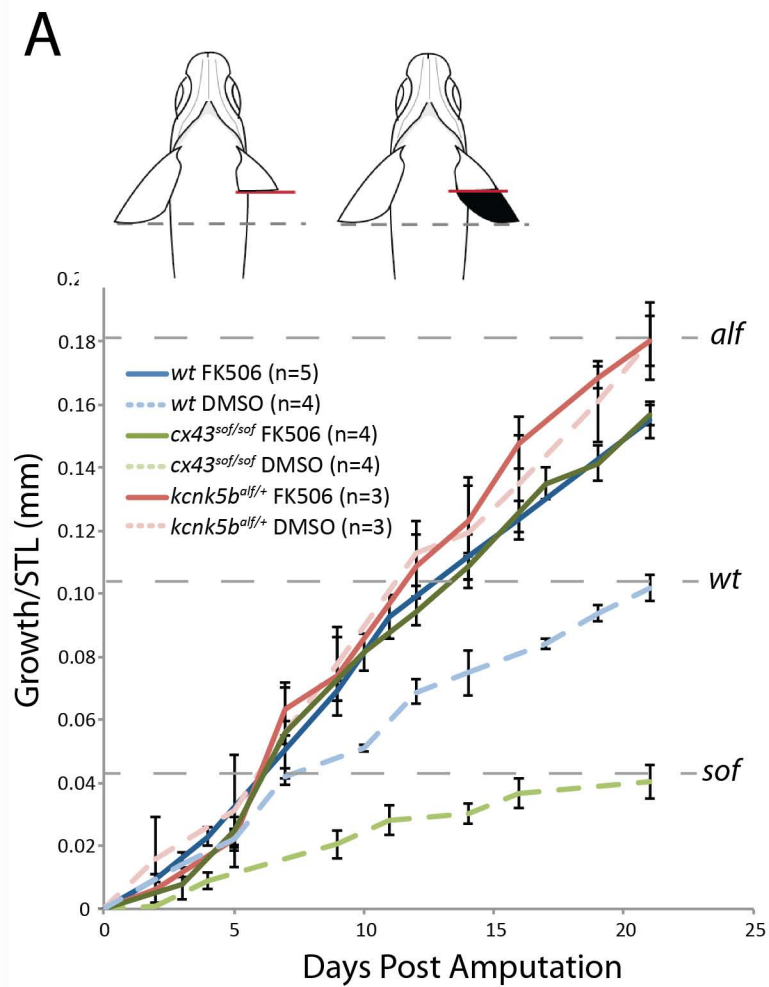
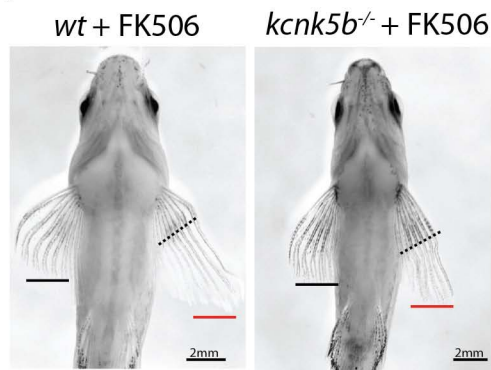
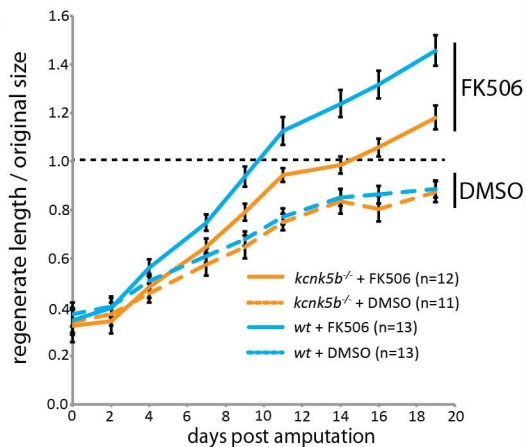


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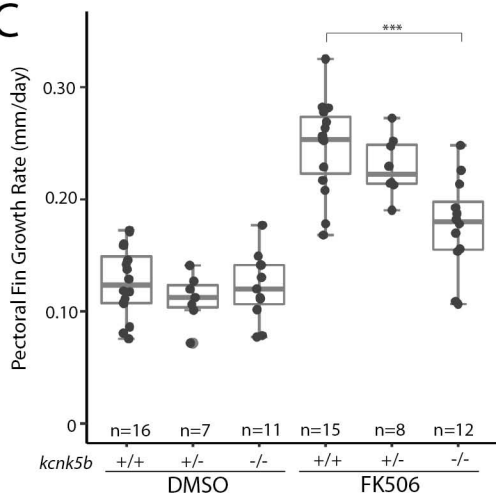
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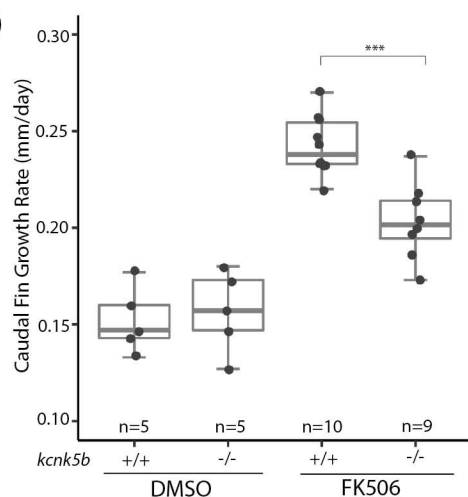


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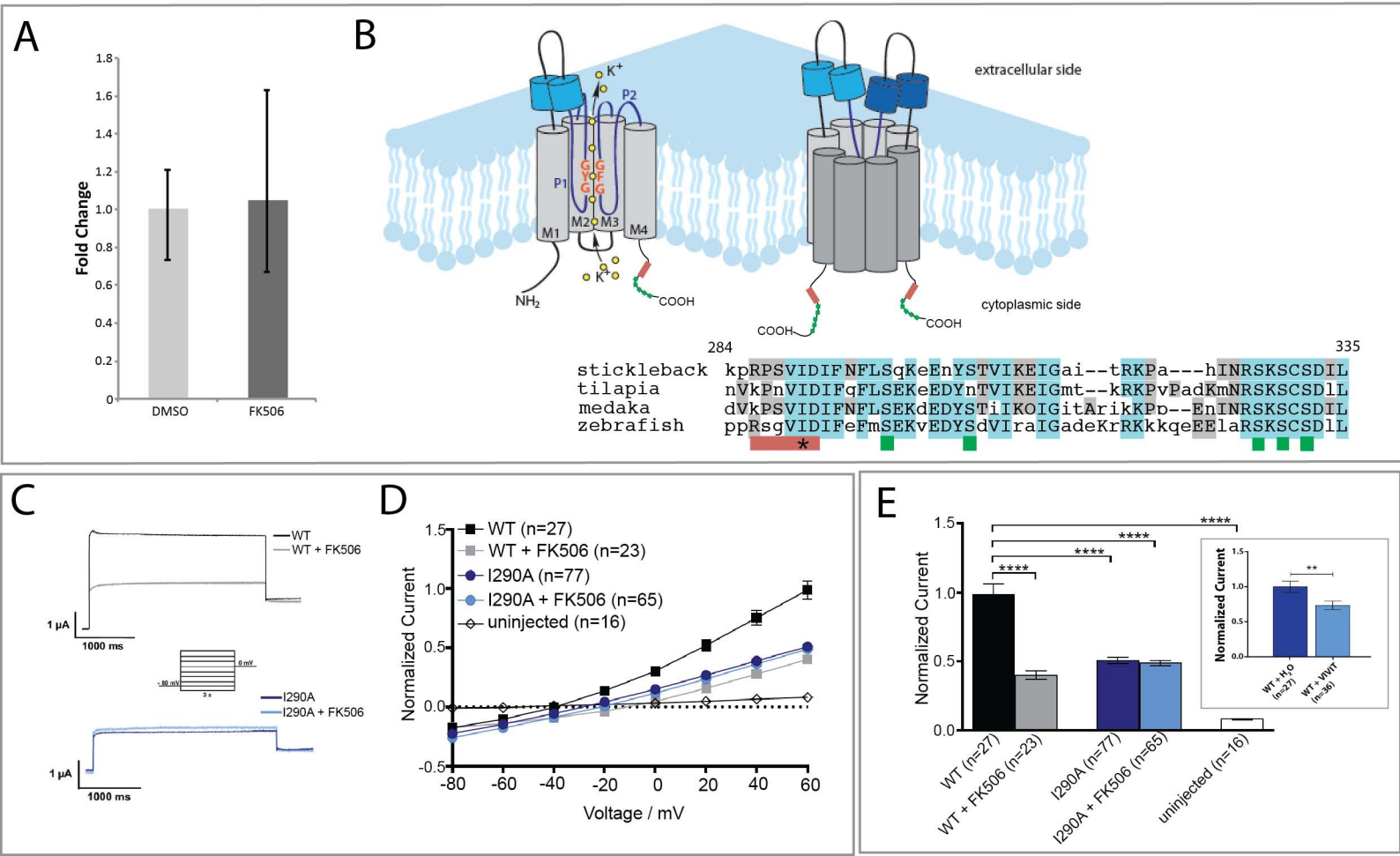


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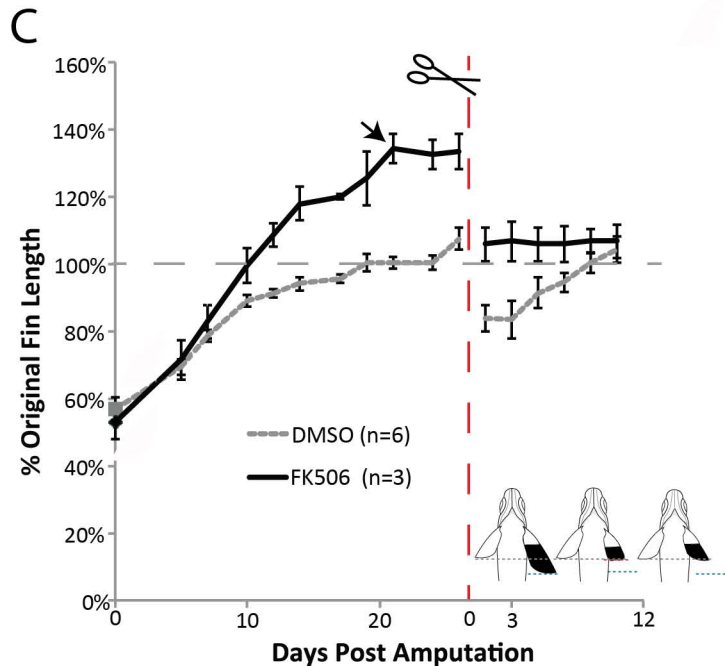
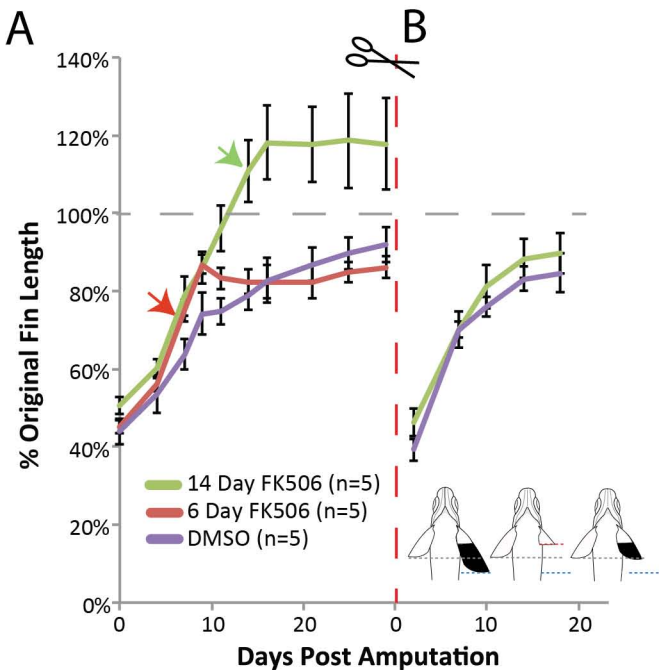


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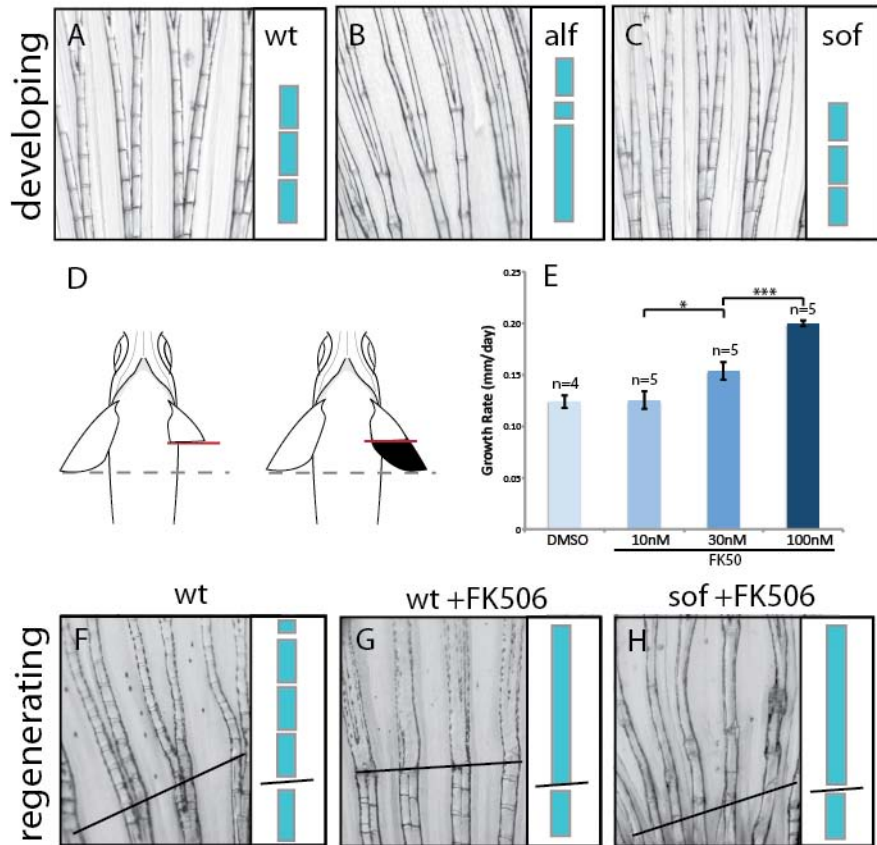


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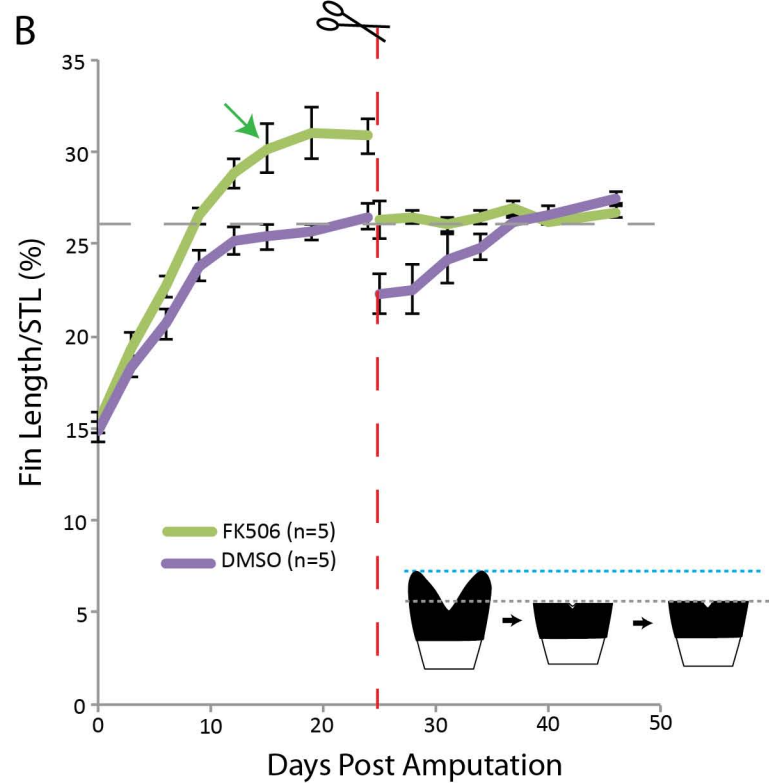
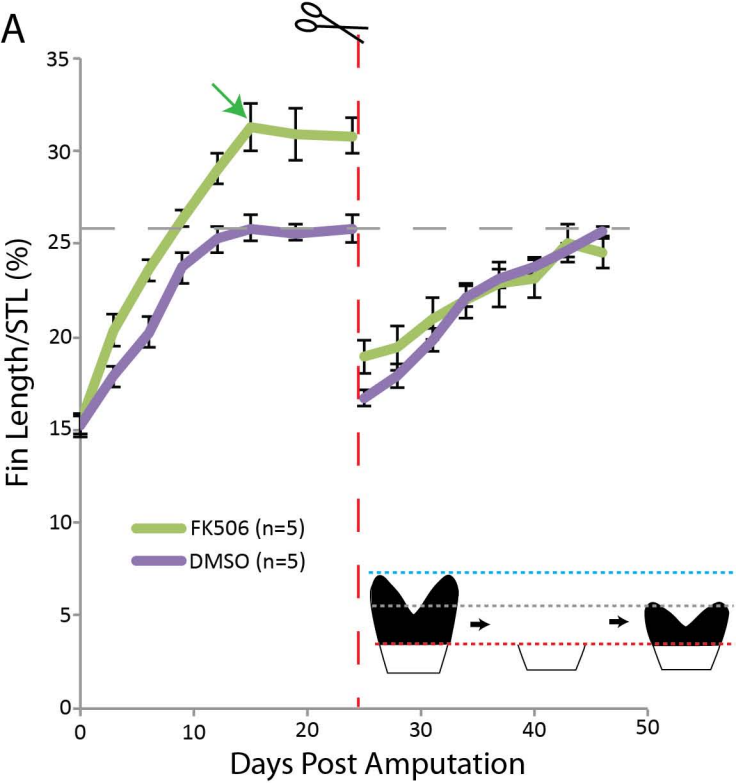


Figure S3

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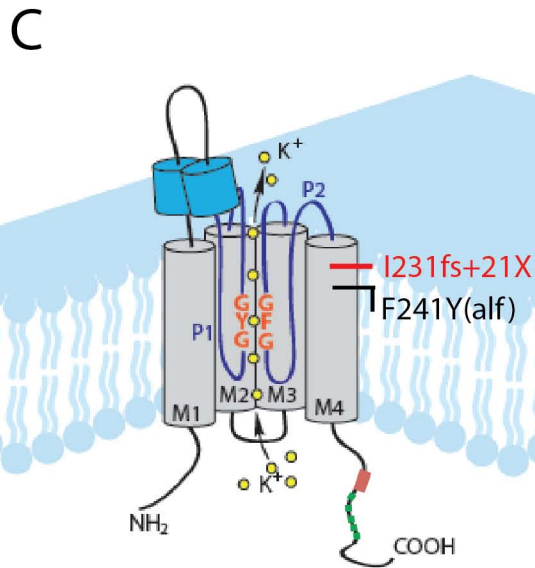


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