#### 1 Modeling the Human Segmentation Clock with Pluripotent Stem Cells

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36 Pluripotent stem cells (PSCs) have increasingly been used to model different aspects 37 of embryogenesis and organ formation<sup>1</sup>. Despite recent advances in the *in vitro* induction of major mesodermal lineages and mesoderm-derived cell types<sup>2,3</sup>, 38 39 experimental model systems that can recapitulate more complex biological features 40 of human mesoderm development and patterning are largely missing. Here, we 41 utilized induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) for the stepwise in vitro induction of 42 presomitic mesoderm (PSM) and its derivatives to model distinct aspects of human 43 somitogenesis. We focused initially on modeling the human segmentation clock, a 44 major biological concept believed to underlie the rhythmic and controlled 45 emergence of somites, which give rise to the segmental pattern of the vertebrate 46 axial skeleton. We succeeded to observe oscillatory expression of core segmentation 47 clock genes, including HES7 and DKK1, and identified novel oscillatory genes in 48 human iPSC-derived PSM. We furthermore determined the period of the human 49 segmentation clock to be around five hours and showed the presence of dynamic 50 traveling wave-like gene expression within *in vitro* induced human PSM. Utilizing 51 CRISPR/Cas9-based genome editing technology, we then targeted genes, for which 52 mutations in patients with abnormal axial skeletal development such as 53 spondylocostal dysostosis (SCD) (HES7, LFNG and DLL3) or spondylothoracic 54 dysostosis (STD) (MESP2) have been reported. Subsequent analysis of patient-like 55 iPSC knock-out lines as well as patient-derived iPSCs together with their genetically 56 corrected isogenic controls revealed gene-specific alterations in oscillation, 57 synchronization or differentiation properties, validating the overall utility of our 58 model system, to recapitulate not only key features of human somitogenesis but also 59 to provide novel insights into diseases associated with the formation and patterning 60 of the human axial skeleton.

61 We initially aimed to mimic and recreate *in vitro* the signaling events responsible for the step-wise emergence of PSM and its derivatives during embryonic development, as also recently attempted by others<sup>2,4,5</sup>, via selective activation or inhibition of 62 63 64 appropriate signaling pathways, using human iPSCs as starting material (Fig. 1a). We 65 characterized the ability of our in vitro induced human PSM cells to differentiate into 66 somitic mesoderm and its two main derivatives, sclerotome and dermomyotome, which 67 give rise to bone and cartilage of the axial skeleton and skeletal muscle and dermis of the 68 emerging embryo respectively. RNA-sequencing (RNA-seq) analysis and subsequent 69 characterization of *in vitro* derived human PSM samples revealed, that at each step of our 70 induction and differentiation protocol, markers expected to be present based on either embryological studies in animal models or recent reports utilizing stem cells<sup>2,4-6</sup>, were 71 72 appropriately expressed at both transcript and protein levels (Fig. 1b-f, Extended Data 73 Fig. 1a-f, Extended Data Table 1), indicating that our step-wise approach is following the 74 developmental trajectory and recapitulating ontogeny seen during embryonic somitic 75 mesoderm development.

We detected in our *in vitro* derived human PSM samples expression of *TBX6* and *DLL1*, two well-established markers of presomitic mesoderm<sup>7</sup>, at transcript and protein levels (Fig. 1d-f, Extended Data Fig. 1d-f). We also detected high-level expression of *HES7*, a known regulator of the segmentation clock in murine PSM<sup>8</sup> (Fig. 1b, Extended Data Fig. 1c). Based on this observation we generated a luciferase-based iPSC reporter line for human *HES7* promoter activity (HES7-reporter). We observed clear oscillation of the HES7-reporter in our human PSM samples (Fig. 1g) and determined the period of the
human segmentation clock to be 5-6 hours, which is similar to the 4-6 hour period
reported for somite formation in primary human embryo samples<sup>9,10</sup>. To our knowledge,
this is the first real-time observation of oscillatory expression in the human segmentation
clock.

87 We then asked, whether we could also observe traveling wave-like expression, 88 another hallmark of the segmentation clock, which is caused by the synchronization 89 among oscillations in neighboring cells. Such traveling waves have been reported in the 90 context of explant studies utilizing reporter mice and mouse ESC-derived PSM<sup>11,12</sup>, but 91 have never been observed in human PSM. Using a sphere of human PSM induced in 3D 92 culture, we could see sustained oscillation and the clear presence of traveling waves 93 (Extended Data Movie 1), which is also indicated by the tilted slope in the kymograph 94 (Fig. 1h).

95 In order to ensure that our in vitro-derived PSM is indeed comparable to its in 96 vivo counterpart, we further characterized its differentiation capacity into somitic 97 mesoderm, sclerotome and dermomyotome. To induce somitic mesoderm we mimicked 98 the decrease in Fgf and Wnt activity along the posterior-anterior axis of the PSM reported in the embryonic context<sup>13</sup>, by simultaneous inhibition of both pathways, leading to the 99 100 rapid and robust induction of somitic mesoderm expressing TCF15, a well established marker of somite development<sup>14</sup>, at the transcript (Fig. 1b, Extended Data Fig. 1c) and the 101 protein level (Extended Data Fig. 1g). In addition, MESP2, a marker of segmentation 102 103 during somitogenesis, showed localized albeit weak expression in induced human somitic 104 mesoderm, similar to the remnant expression of TBX6 at this stage, indicating that, despite a strong signal for differentiation, patterning reminiscent of somite segmentation 105 might take place *in vitro*, as recently shown for mouse ESC-derived PSM<sup>12</sup> (Extended 106 107 Data Fig. 1g, right side of panel). Furthermore, dermomytome and sclerotome cells 108 derived from in vitro induced human somitic mesoderm expressed appropriate 109 developmental stage-specific markers at the transcript and protein level (Extended Data 110 Fig. 1c, 2a). To further demonstrate that our induced human somitic mesoderm and the 111 sclerotome derived thereof, is, indeed functional and can give rise to cartilage and bone. as seen during embryogenesis<sup>15</sup>, we performed *in vitro* and *in vivo* differentiation and 112 113 transplantation assays (Extended Data Fig. 2b-e). As also recently reported by others<sup>4</sup>, we 114 could see self-organization of bone and cartilage, including properly patterned 115 endochondral bone, from transplanted human sclerotome cells in vivo (Fig. 1i, Extended 116 Data Fig. 2b, 2c, 2e). We then examined our *in vitro* induced dermomyotome cells for 117 their ability to give rise to human skeletal muscle in vitro. We could observe robust 118 induction of skeletal muscle cells, showing expression of proper muscle markers at the 119 protein level (Fig. 1j, Extended Data Fig. 2f). Functional analysis of dermomyotome cells 120 derived from a calcium reporter iPSC line (Gen1C) revealed the reproducible presence of 121 beating skeletal muscle cells after three weeks of in vitro 2D differentiation culture (Fig. 122 1j, Extended Data Movie 2). We thus showed that our *in vitro* step-wise induction 123 protocol can give rise to human PSM cells and their proper derivatives that appear to 124 recapitulate key features of their corresponding developmental counterparts and 125 respective embryological stages.

126 Since the oscillation and synchronization in human PSM have never been 127 characterized before, we asked whether we could deepen our understanding of the human segmentation clock even further, using the experimental system at hand. To this end we
collected PSM samples during oscillation by monitoring the oscillatory activity of the
HES7-reporter (Extended Data Fig. 3a) and performed RNA-seq analysis of the isolated
RNA samples (16 samples each for two independent sets of experiments).

132 Our NGS-based analysis of the different PSM time-points revealed a core-set of 133 about two hundred oscillating genes (Fig. 2a, Extended Data Table 2). Pathway and gene 134 ontology (GO) analysis of the identified gene clusters revealed that in addition to 135 enrichment of pathway members previously associated with the segmentation clock, such as Notch, Wnt or Fgf signaling<sup>16,17</sup> novel pathways were also represented in our data set, 136 137 including members of the TGF<sup>β</sup> pathway or Hippo signaling (Fig. 2b, Extended Data Fig. 138 3b, Extended Data Table 3). Interestingly, the Hippo pathway component YAP was 139 recently reported to be an important regulator of oscillatory activity in mouse PSM<sup>18</sup>, 140 suggesting that this role might be conserved in human PSM, which showed oscillatory 141 activity of core Hippo pathway components (TEAD4, AMOTL2) (Fig. 2a, 2b, Extended 142 Data Fig. 3b). We also detected several HOX genes showing oscillatory expression in 143 human PSM (HOXA3, HOXA5, HOXD1) (Fig. 2a, 2b, Extended Data Fig. 3b). 144 Oscillatory expression of HOXD1 was previously shown during somitogenesis in 145 mouse<sup>19</sup> suggesting that its expression pattern and biological function might be conserved in human PSM. We could also identify oscillation of putative modulators of the 146 147 cytoskeleton (ARHGAP24, ARHGEF2, RHOU, PLEKHG2) as well as histone modifiers 148 (KDM6B, JADE1) as oscillating genes (Fig. 2a, 2c, Extended Data Fig. 3b). The 149 intriguing possibility that above-mentioned cytoskeleton associated oscillating genes 150 might represent a link between the segmentation clock and the actual process of 151 segmentation, characterized by mesenchymal to epithelial transition and associated with major cytoskeletal rearrangements, remains to be elucidated. Furthermore, identification 152 153 of oscillating histone modifiers in the PSM, suggests a possible role of epigenetic 154 modifications in the regulation or maintenance of the segmentation clock, and will be the 155 topic of future research efforts.

Among the identified oscillatory genes, two thirds were oscillating in phase with 156 157 HES7 (142) and about one third (77) showing an anti-phase oscillatory expression pattern (Fig. 2a, Extended Data Table 2). The phase cluster of human oscillating genes contained 158 Notch-pathway associated genes such as  $LFNG^{20}$ , while the anti-phase cluster contained 159 Wnt-pathway associated negative feedback regulators such as DKK1 and  $SP5^{21,22}$  (Fig. 160 2a, 2c), as previously reported for posterior PSM of mouse embryos<sup>23</sup>. Generating a dual 161 luciferase-activity based reporter line for DKK1 and HES7 promoter activities we 162 163 confirmed clear phase and anti-phase reporter oscillations in human iPSC-derived PSM 164 samples (Fig. 2d), suggesting that our induced PSM may represent posterior immature 165 PSM rather than anterior mature PSM.

166 In order to also show the utility of our system to model anomalies during human axial skeletogenesis such as SCD or STD, known to be caused by mutations in genes 167 associated with the segmentation clock (e.g. HES7, LFNG, DLL3 and MESP2)<sup>24</sup>, we 168 utilized CRISPR/Cas9-mediated genome editing technology to generate knock-out 169 170 reporter iPSC lines aiming to induce frameshifts or deletion mutations in these target 171 genes in the HES7 luciferase reporter line background (Extended Data Fig. 4) and 172 analyzed their putative loss-of-function effect on oscillatory HES7-reporter activity. 173 Knock-out of endogenous *HES7* itself led to complete loss of oscillatory activity of the

174 HES7-reporter, in a 2D-oscillation assay (Fig. 3a), similar to previous embryological studies utilizing knock-out mice<sup>25</sup>. Interestingly knock-out reporter lines for LFNG, DLL3 175 or MESP2 continued to show strong oscillatory HES7 activity (Fig. 3b) even though 176 177 knock-out mice for LFNG and DLL3 were reported to show defective oscillation patterns<sup>20,26</sup>. We reasoned that in this 2D-oscillation assay the phase (i.e. timing) of 178 179 oscillations is initially reset by medium change, showing collective oscillation even in the 180 absence of a strong synchronization mechanism. We then examined the synchronization 181 ability of knock-out reporter lines of aforementioned genes using 3D-spheres of PSM 182 (Fig. 3c). The control (healthy/wild-type) and the knock-out reporter line for MESP2 183 showed sustained oscillations and occasional traveling waves (Extended Data Movie 3), 184 indicating intact synchronization among neighboring cells. In the knock-out lines of 185 LFNG or DLL3, by contrast, oscillation damped quickly and clear traveling waves were 186 not observed (Extended Data Movie 3, Fig. 3c, 3d, Extended Data Fig. 5a). We 187 interpreted the observed quick loss of oscillatory activity as a sign of diminished 188 synchronization. Unlike the 2D-oscillation assay, spheres spread dynamically on the 189 culture dish in the 3D-synchronization assay, and cell movement desynchronizes the 190 oscillation phases. Without proper synchronization mechanism collective oscillation is 191 quickly lost even though oscillations in individual cells continue. Thus, our assay systems 192 using induced human PSM can detect defects in both oscillation and synchronization.

193 Flow cytometric evaluation as well as RNA-seq based transcriptome analysis showed no major differences between control cells and aforementioned reporter lines 194 195 (Extended Data Fig. 5b, 5c). PSM induction efficiency was high and comparable to wild-196 type (healthy donor) cells in DLL3, LFNG and MESP2 knock-out reporter lines, while 197 slightly reduced for HES7 knock-out iPSC lines (Extended Data Fig. 5b). Few differences 198 in gene expression at the iPSC and PSM stages were observed when comparing knock-199 out lines with the original healthy donor line, with HES7, MESP2 and LFNG showing 200 higher expression in *HES7* knock-out derived PSM, as previously also shown in mice<sup>27</sup> 201 (Extended Data Fig. 5c).

Taken together, these results underline the overall value of an higher order assay system that can assess not only gene or protein expression but also more complex features such as oscillation or synchronization in human PSM, thus opening up the path to work out functionally relevant and possibly disease-associated features specific to each loss- or gain-of-function mutation, otherwise not accessible.

207 To further evaluate the utility of our experimental model system to assess not only 208 key features of the human segmentation clock and somitogenesis but also address 209 causative molecular mechanisms associated with diseases affecting axial skeletogenesis, 210 we established iPSC lines from 12 individuals afflicted by SCD or STD (data not shown). 211 In one of the established STD patient-derived iPSC lines (Extended Data Fig. 6) we 212 identified via Exome sequencing compound heterozygous loss-of-function mutations in 213 MESP2 (rs1452984345: c.256delGCCA, p.fsTer118; rs71647808: c.307T, p.E103X) 214 (Fig. 4a). Induction of PSM from these patient iPSCs (STD-A and STD-F; two different 215 iPSC clones from the same patient) appeared to be not affected, as assessed by flow 216 cytometric analysis of DLL1 expression (Fig. 4b; Extended Data Fig. 7a). We observed 217 for the patient line (STD-A) harboring MESP2 loss-of-function mutations, clear 218 oscillatory activity of HES7 in 2D-oscillation assay (Fig. 4c), similar to what we saw for 219 our human MESP2 knock-out reporter lines (Fig. 3b). In the 3D-synchronization assay

220 this patient line also showed sustained collective oscillation and occasional traveling 221 waves, indicating an intact synchronization mechanism (Fig. 4d), again similar to results 222 seen for MESP2 knock-out lines (Fig. 3c). In order to facilitate the molecular and 223 functional analysis of our patient lines, we generated isogenic controls by correcting the underlying putative disease causing mutations via gene targeting with CRISPR/Cas9. 224 225 Allele-specific gene correction of MESP2 was achieved using sgRNAs targeting either 226 the c.256delGCCA or c.307T mutation and homologous recombination with donor 227 vectors bearing normal MESP2 gene sequence. Microhomology-assisted excision (MhAX) was used to remove the selection cassette<sup>28</sup> (Fig. 4e, 4f, Extended Data Fig. 8), 228 229 thus effectively rescuing the disease-causing loss of MESP2, albeit heterozygously. 230 Gene-edited iPSCs were confirmed to be karyotypically similar to the parental patient 231 iPSC line (Extended Data Fig. 9). As no clear oscillation or synchronization phenotype 232 could be observed for the analyzed patient line, we asked whether we could see possible 233 differences at the functional or molecular level by comparing patient (STD-A and STD-234 F) and corresponding rescued iPSC lines (STD-resA and STD-resF). To this end we 235 induced and compared all stages of our *in vitro* induction and differentiation protocol via 236 RNA-seq analysis using patient and rescue lines (Fig. 4g, Extended Data Fig. 7b).

237 Comparison of patient clones with wild-type (healthy) and heterozygously 238 corrected lines revealed the presence of an up-regulated gene cluster at the somitic 239 mesoderm stage in the analyzed patient lines, which could be reversed upon correction of 240 either mutated allele (Fig. 4g). Genes apparently up-regulated in patient somitic 241 mesoderm and reduced upon rescue of either MESP2 mutation, included FGF4, FGF18 242 and DUSP5 (Fig. 4g, 4h), indicating abnormal Fgf signaling as a possible novel disease 243 associated molecular feature in STD. MESP2 knock-out iPSC-derived somitic mesoderm 244 samples also showed higher levels of expression of *FGF4*, *FGF18* and *DUSP5* (Fig. 4h). 245 Interestingly human EPHA3, which was previously reported to have a dominant negative effect on somite formation and axial organization in fish<sup>29</sup>, was also found to be up-246 247 regulated in STD-patient and MESP2-knock-out derived somitic mesoderm (Fig. 4g, 4h). 248 Knock-out and patient-lines showed further higher levels of expression for MESP1 and 249 MESP2 as compared to the levels found in healthy or genetically corrected control 250 samples, indicating possible disrupted negative feed-back regulation by human MESP2. UNCX, a gene associated with rostro-caudal patterning of forming somites and found to 251 be up-regulated during abnormal somitogenesis in MESP2 knock-out mice<sup>30</sup> was also 252 253 found to be highly expressed in MESP2 patient iPSC-derived somitic mesoderm samples 254 as compared to genetically rescued controls. Interestingly, several other genes associated 255 with patterning during somitogenesis and for which genetic mutations in SCD patients were recently reported, including LFNG, RIPPLY2 and DMRT2<sup>24</sup> were also up-regulated 256 257 in somitic mesoderm samples derived from STD patient lines (STD-A and STD-F) 258 harboring MESP2 loss-of-function mutations (Fig. 4g, 4h, Extended Data Fig. 7c), 259 indicating reciprocal regulatory mechanisms, possibly connecting these disease 260 associated genes at the molecular and functional level during the pathogenesis of axial 261 skeletogenic abnormalities including SCD and STD.

In summary, we have shown for the first time phase- and anti-phase oscillation and traveling wave-like gene expression of key segmentation clock genes in human PSM, and identified a putative molecular network of known and novel members comprising the mammalian segmentation clock. We furthermore assessed the function of several diseaseassociated members of the human segmentation clock, applying our experimental model
system in combination with patient-like or patient-derived iPSCs, thus effectively
creating the first human PSC-based model for congenital scoliosis, which may contribute
to decipher the molecular mechanisms underlying normal and pathological human axial
skeletogenesis.

271 Furthermore, being able to induce iPSCs from non-human model systems 272 including evolutionary distant species, may, in combination with our proposed 273 experimental model system, also pave the way for interspecies comparisons of 274 segmentation clocks, and address as yet elusive molecular and evolutionary biological 275 questions, such as the presence or absence of an evolutionary conserved core network of 276 segmentation clock genes. Having access to a robust experimental model system that can 277 be easily manipulated without the need for transgenic animals or primary tissues, while 278 allowing assessment of not only genetic but also environmental or epigenetic factors, will 279 undoubtedly facilitate our molecular and functional understanding of proper as well as 280 abnormal human somitogenesis and axial skeletal development.

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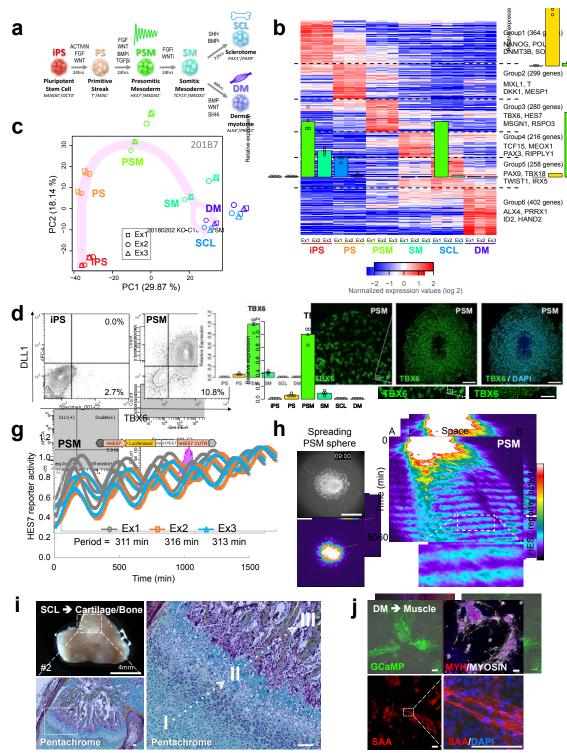
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step-wise induced PSM and derivatives. FPKM values of each gene were normalized to 411 412 mean of all samples. Results shown for samples derived from iPSC-line 201B7. See Extended Data Fig. 1 for data obtained for other iPSC-line (1231A3) and Extended Data 413 414 Table 1 for complete list of identified genes. c, PCA analysis of transcript levels at 415 different stages of applied protocol (for 201B7-derived samples). d, Protein expression of DLL1 and TBX6 in human iPSCs and iPSC-derived PSM (201B7). e, Expression of 416 417 TBX6 transcript during different stages of human PSM induction and differentiation 418 (qRT-PCR results for four independent experiments using 201B7 are shown). f, 419 Expression of TBX6 protein in human PSM. Left panel shows TBX6 staining of entire 420 well. Enlarged view of highlighted area is shown on right side of panel. Scale bar: 100 421 μm. g, Oscillation of HES7-reporter activity in induced PSM. The signal was normalized 422 to the maximum oscillation peak. The period was calculated as the average elapsed time between the peaks. Data of three independent experiments are shown. Schematic 423 depiction of utilized reporter construct shown on top. h, Synchronization of HES7-424 425 reporter activity in spreading PSM sphere. Left: A PSM sphere was induced in 3D culture, before attaching to dish. Right: A kymograph along the vellow line in the left 426 427 panel. Normalization (1500, 9000). Scale bar: 500 µm. Representative images of three 428 independent experiments are shown. See also Extended Data Movie 1. i, Representative 429 whole mount (upper panel) and histological staining of section (lower panel) of human 430 sclerotome (SCL)-derived in vivo cartilage and bone. Pentachrome staining of marked 431 area reminiscent of *in vivo* human endochondral bone formation. I: proliferative human 432 cartilage, II: hypertrophic cartilage, III: ossifying cartilage and forming human bone. 433 Scale bar: 100 µm. See also Extended Data Fig. 2e. j, Skeletal muscle derivation from 434 step-wise induced human dermomyotome (DM). Left upper side of panel: GCaMP positive beating colonies of induced skeletal muscle. Left lower and right side of panel: 435 436 Staining of *in vitro* induced human skeletal muscle with myosin heavy chain (MYH) and 437 myosin (upper panel) or sarcomeric alpha-actinin (SAA) (lower half of panel). Scale bar: 438 100 µm. See also Extended Data Fig. 2f and Extended Data Movie 2.

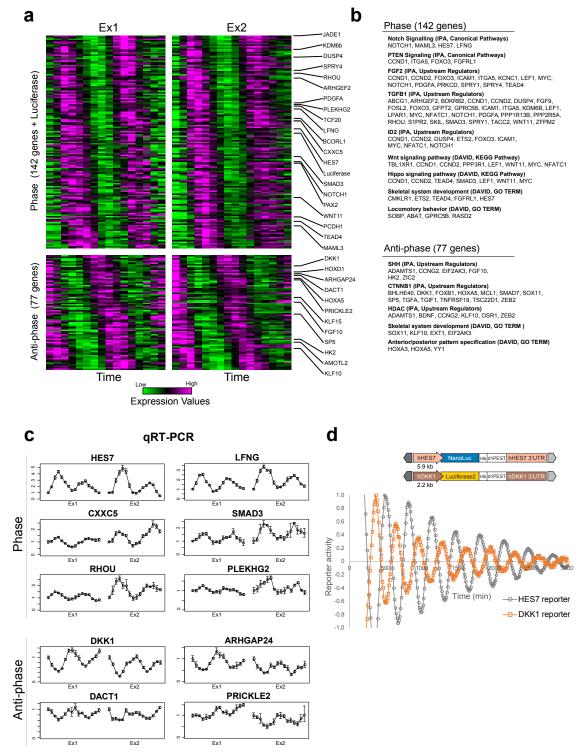
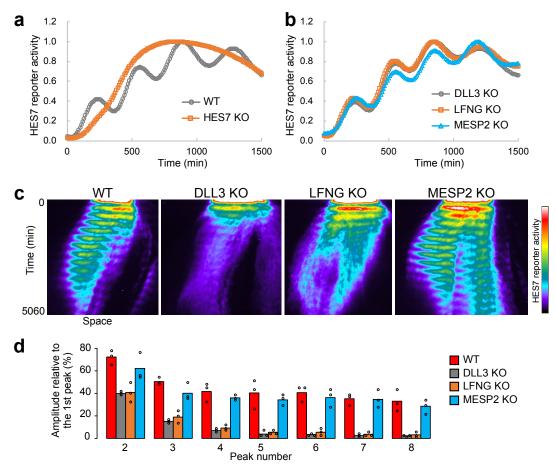




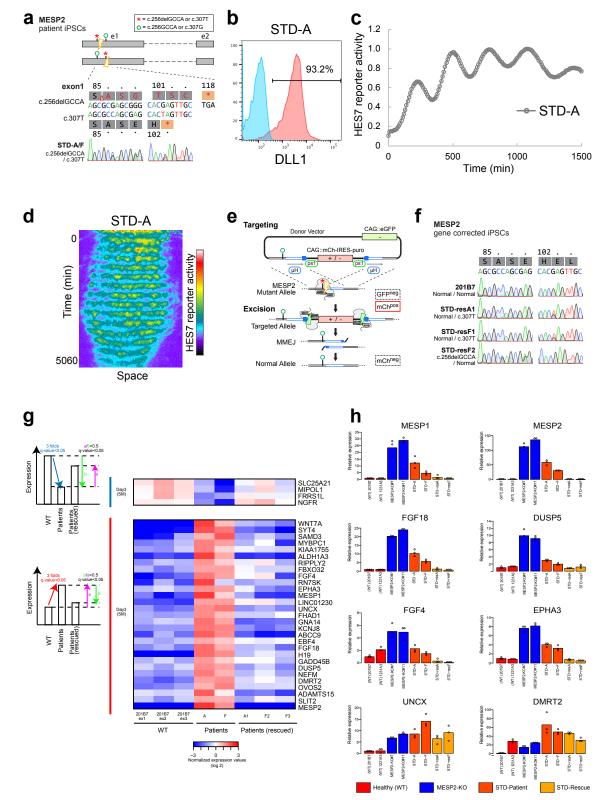
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genes in human PSM. RNA-sequencing results for two independent data sets, with 16
samples each. Examples of identified phase and anti-phase oscillating genes are
highlighted on right side of panel. See also Extended Data Table 2 for complete list of

446 identified oscillating genes. b, Pathway analysis result of phase and anti-phase oscillating 447 genes. See also Extended Data Table 3 for complete results of pathway and GO analyses. 448 c, Validation of RNA-sequencing results via qRT-PCR for selected phase and anti-phase oscillating genes. Error bars indicate S.D. of three technical replicas for each time point 449 and sample set. d, Results obtained for dual luciferase reporter assay of HES7-reporter 450 451 (NanoLuc) and DKK1-reporter (Luciferase2) shown in lower half of panel. The one-step 452 induction protocol was used. The signal was detrended ( $\pm 2$  hours) and normalized to the 453 maximum oscillation peak. Representative graph of three independent experiments is 454 shown. Schematic overview of used reporter constructs are shown on top.



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457 Fig. 3 | Molecular and functional evaluation of targeted disruption of selected 458 segmentation clock genes in human PSM. a, 2D-oscillation assay for wild-type (WT) 459 and *HES7*-knock-out PSMs. The signal was normalized to the maximum oscillation peak. b. 2D-oscillation assay for LFNG-, DLL3- and MESP2-knock-out PSMs. c, 3D-460 synchronization assay for knock-out PSMs. A kymograph along the yellow line in 461 Extended Data Movie 3 is shown. Normalization (1500, 35000). Representative graphs 462 463 and images of three independent experiments are shown. **d**, Damping rate of oscillation amplitude in knock-out PSMs. The signal value of each oscillation peak is shown. Data 464 of three independent experiments are shown. See also Extended Data Fig. 5a. 465



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467 Fig. 4 | In vitro recapitulation and molecular analysis of disease-phenotype using

468 spondylothoracic dysostosis (STD) patient iPSCs and genetically corrected controls.
469 a, Compound heterozygous genotype of STD-A/F patient iPSCs. b, Evaluation of DLL1

470 positive PSM induction efficiency of STD-A patient iPSCs. Representative results of

471 DLL1 protein expression in STD-A derived PSM, n=3. See also Extended Data Fig. 7a 472 for representative results of comparison (n=3) between patient (STD-A/F) and rescue clones (STD-resA/resF). c, 2D-oscillation assay for STD-A PSM. The signal was 473 474 normalized to the maximum oscillation peak. Representative graph of three independent 475 experiments is shown. d, 3D-synchronization assay for STD-A PSM. Normalization 476 (1500, 4000). Representative image of three independent experiments is shown. e, 477 Schematic of the gene targeting procedure for allele-specific correction of MESP2 478 mutations using MhAX. Details for the targeting and genotyping procedures are provided 479 in Extended Data Fig. 8. f, Genotype of heterozygously corrected iPSC subclones. 201B7 480 is included as a reference. g, Heatmap of gene expression levels for STD-related genes. 481 The genes were upregulated or downregulated in the STD-A and STD-F patient lines and 482 increases or decreases were inhibited in rescued cell lines. See also Extended Data Fig. 483 7b. h, gRT-PCR-based validation of RNA-sequencing results. Data of three independent 484 experiments are shown. See also Extended Data Fig. 7c for gRT-PCR-based validation of 485 additional candidates.

#### 486 METHODS

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#### 488 Pluripotent stem cell generation and culture

489 Experiments were performed using mainly two human induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cell lines derived from healthy donors, 1231A3<sup>31</sup> and 201B7<sup>32</sup>. Pluripotent stem cells of 490 491 patients suffering from spondylocostal dysostosis (SCD) or spondylothoracic dysostosis 492 (STD) were induced using patient-derived primary cell samples. The following cell line 493 of a STD patient was obtained from the NIGMS Human Genetic Cell Repository at the 494 Coriell Institute for Medical Research: GM13539. Reprogramming was performed with 495 episomes (pCE-hOCT3/4, pCE-hSK, pCE-hUL, pCE-mp53DD, pCXB-EBNA1) under feeder-free conditions using StemFit<sup>®</sup> medium and laminin-coated dishes (iMatrix511)<sup>31</sup>. 496 497 Human iPSCs were maintained without feeder cells and cultured on iMatrix-511 silk 498 (Nippi) coated dishes or plates with StemFit<sup>®</sup> AK02N (Ajinomoto) medium 499 supplemented with 50 U penicillin and 50 mg/ml streptomycin (Gibco).

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#### 501 Step-wise induction of human somitic mesoderm

502 Human iPSCs were seeded on iMatrix-511 silk-coated plates or dishes at appropriate densities as single cells (e.g.  $1.3 \times 10^4$  cells/well into 6 well plate;  $8.0 \times 10^4$  cells/dish 503 504 into 10 cm dish) 5 days before induction. All differentiation and induction steps were performed in chemically defined medium with insulin (CDMi)<sup>33</sup> if not otherwise 505 mentioned. Our step-wise protocol is similar to a recently published mesoderm induction 506 507 protocol<sup>4</sup>, albeit with some differences. Human primitive streak (PS) cells were induced 508 by treatment of iPSCs with bFGF (20 ng/ml), CHIR99021 (10 µM) and Activin A (50 509 ng/ml) for 24 hours. Presomitic mesoderm (PSM) cells were induced from PS cells by 510 exposure to SB431542 (10 µM), CHIR99021 (3 µM), LDN193189 (250 nM) and bFGF 511 (20 ng/ml) for 24 hours. Subsequently, somitic mesoderm (SM) cells were induced from PSM cells using PD173074 (100 nM) and XAV939 (1 µM) for 24 hours. For details of 512 513 used recombinant human proteins and small molecule agonists or inhibitors see Extended 514 Data Table 4.

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#### 516 Human sclerotome and dermomyotome induction

517 Following initial step-wise somitic mesoderm (SM) induction, human sclerotome (SCL) 518 cells were induced with combination of SAG (100 nM) and LDN193189 (600 nM)<sup>34</sup> for 519 72 hours. Dermomyotome (DM) cells were induced from human somitic mesoderm as 520 previously described<sup>4</sup>, using a combination of CHIR99021 (3  $\mu$ M), GDC0449 (150 nM) 521 and BMP4 (50 ng/ml) for 48 hours.

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#### 523 *In vitro* **3D-chondrogenic induction (3D-CI)**

524 Step-wise induced human sclerotome (SCL) cells were dissociated using Accutase (Life 525 Tech), centrifuged and resuspended in CDMi before being seeded  $(2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ cells/well})$ 526 into 96 well low attachment plates containing sclerotome induction medium with ROCK-527 inhibitor Y27632 (Wako), forming 3D aggregates overnight. Initial 3D-SCL spheres were 528 transferred into low attachment plates or dishes containing 3D-CI medium<sup>35</sup> and cultured 529 under standard conditions. Medium was changed every three days.

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#### 532 In vitro skeletal muscle induction

533 Dermomyotome (DM) cells were dissociated using Accutase (Life Tech), centrifuged, resuspended in CDMi and seeded  $(2.5 \times 10^5 \text{ cells/well})$  into Matrigel coated 12 well 534 535 plates in muscle induction medium containing ROCK-inhibitor Y27632 (Wako). In order 536 to induce human skeletal muscle cells, we applied the N2 medium established 537 previously<sup>36</sup> with some modifications (DMEM/F12 (Gibco), 1% ITS (Corning), 1% N2 538 Supplement (Gibco), 0.2% Penicillin/Streptomycin (Gibco), 1% L-Glutamine (Gibco), 539 2% Horse serum (Sigma-Aldrich)). Medium was changed every three days. Calcium 540 imaging of DM-derived skeletal muscle activity in GCaMP reporter line (Gen1C)<sup>37</sup> was 541 performed using Nikon A1R MP (Multiphoton+N-STORM).

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#### 543 In vivo xeno-transplantation of PSM derivatives

544 NOD/ShiJic-scidJcl mice were purchased from CLEA Japan. Human sclerotome cells 545 derived from healthy donor (WT) or homozygous/heterozygous luciferase reporter lines 546 (625-A4 and 625-D4) were dissociated using Accutase (Life Tech) and resuspended in 547 100 µl of CDMi before being mixed with the same volume of Matrigel as previously 548 described<sup>4</sup>. Numbers of transplanted cells ranged from ~  $5.0 \times 10^5 - 1.2 \times 10^6$ cells/injection. Cells were injected into mice subcutaneously with 26 G needle and 1 ml 549 550 syringe (Terumo). Forming cartilage and bone tissues were taken out at 2 months post 551 injection. Bioluminescence images were taken with IVIS Spectrum (PerkinElmer). 552 Whole mount photos were taken with LEICA M205FA (Leica). Animal experiments 553 were approved by the institutional animal committee of Kyoto University and performed 554 in strict accordance with the Regulation on Animal Experimentation at Kyoto University.

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#### 556 **Quantitative real-time PCR (qRT-PCR)**

RNA was extracted with the RNeasy mini kit (Qiagen) following the manufacturer's instructions. cDNA was synthesized using Superscript III Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen) from 1 μg total RNA. cDNA was diluted 1:10 in RNase-free water. qRT-PCR was performed using Thunderbird SYBR qPCR Mix (Toyobo) and QuantStudio<sup>TM</sup> 12K Flex Real-Time PCR System (Thermo Fisher). The expression values of target genes were normalized by b-actin expression from the same cDNA templates. Details of utilized qRT-PCR primers are listed in Extended Data Table 5.

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#### 565 **Immunocytochemistry**

566 Cells were fixed with 2% paraformaldehyde (PFA) for 30 minutes and washed twice with PBS. Samples were permeabilized with 0.2% Triton<sup>®</sup> X-100 (Sigma-Aldrich) in PBS for 567 10 minutes at room temperature and then washed with PBST (1% TWEEN<sup>®</sup> 20 (Sigma-568 569 Aldrich) in PBS). Subsequently, samples were blocked in 5% skim milk for 1 hour at 570 room temperature and then stained with primary antibodies for overnight at 4°C. Samples 571 were then washed with PBST three times and stained with secondary antibodies for 1 572 hour at room temperature. Antibodies were diluted in 10% blocking solution (5% skim 573 milk) in PBST, washed with PBST twice and stained with DAPI for nuclear 574 counterstaining for 5 minutes at room temperature. All images were taken using Nikon 575 A1R MP (Multiphoton+N-STORM). For details of used primary and secondary 576 antibodies see Extended Data Table 6.

#### 578 Histological analysis

579 Tissues were fixed with 4% PFA overnight at 4°C. Fixed samples were washed with PBS 580 twice and embedded in paraffin. Sections were sliced at 3 µm for immunostaining and 5 581 µm for other stainings. Sections were stained with Hematoxylin-Eosin (HE), Safranin O, 582 von Kossa, Pentachrome, anti-type I Collagen (COL1) antibody, anti-type II Collagen 583 (COL2) antibody, and anti-Human Nuclear Antigen (HNA) antibody. Sections stained 584 with antibodies were incubated for overnight at 4°C. Secondary antibodies were applied 585 with N-Histofine<sup>®</sup> Simple Stain<sup>™</sup> MAX PO (Nichirei Bioscience Inc.) for 30 minutes at 586 room temperature. Signals were detected by N-Histofine® DAB-3S kit (Nichirei 587 Bioscience Inc.). Details of used antibodies are listed in Extended Data Table 6.

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#### 589 Flow cytometric analysis

590 Cells were washed with PBS and dissociated using Accutase (Life Technologies) and centrifuged. Cells were resuspended  $(1.0 \times 10^7 \text{ cells/ml})$  in FACS buffer (0.1% BSA in 591 592 PBS) and stained with allophycocyanin (APC)-conjugated DLL1 antibody for 30 minutes 593 at 4°C. Then, cells were stained with DAPI to eliminate dead cells after washing with 594 FACS buffer once and finally strained through a filter mesh. As for the co-staining of 595 intracellular molecules TBX6 and BRACHYURY with DLL1, cells were fixed with 4% 596 paraformaldehyde (PFA) for 20 minutes at 4°C after initial staining with DLL1 antibody 597 and washed twice with staining medium, which contained PBS with 2% fetal bovine 598 serum (FBS). Samples were permeabilized with BD Perm/Wash buffer (BD Biosciences) 599 for 15 minutes at room temperature and stained with TBX6 primary antibody or 600 phycoerythrin (PE)-conjugated BRACHYURY antibody for 60 minutes at room temperature and washed with BD Perm/Wash buffer twice. The cells stained with TBX6 601 antibody were stained with Alexa Fluor<sup>®</sup> 488-conjugated secondary antibody for 60 602 603 minutes at room temperature. The samples were washed with BD Perm/Wash buffer 604 twice and suspended into staining medium. Flow cytometric analysis was performed 605 using LSR or BD FACSAria II cell sorter (BD Biosciences). FACS data was analyzed 606 and graphs were generated using FlowJo software (FlowJo LLC). For details of used 607 antibodies see Extended Data Table 6.

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#### 609 **Reporter constructs**

610 For the HES7-reporter, human *HES7* promoter (5937 bp) and 3'UTR were fused to 611 Luciferase2-NLS-d1PEST<sup>38</sup>. For the dual reporter assay, the *HES7* promoter and 3'UTR 612 were fused to NanoLuc-NLS-d1PEST, while human *DKK1* promoter (2218 bp) and 613 3'UTR were fused to Luciferase2-NLS-d1PEST. These reporters were integrated into the 614 genome using *piggyBac* transposition. See Fig. 1g and Fig. 2d for schematic overviews of 615 used reporter constructs.

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#### 617 **2D-oscillation assay**

618 Luminescence was measured in the presence of D-luciferin (200  $\mu$ M) with Kronos Dio 619 Luminometer (Atto). For the dual reporter assay, HES7- and DKK1-reporter constructs 620 were simultaneously introduced into the cells, and each luminescence was filtered and 621 measured in the presence of Furimazine (400 nM) and D-luciferin (1 mM). HES7-622 reporter cells were seeded on a 35 mm dish coated with iMatrix-511 at 3000 cells/dish.

623 After 4 days culture, medium was changed into CDMi containing SB431542 (10 μM),

624 DMH1 (2 μM), CHIR99021 (10 μM) and bFGF (20 ng/ml). After additional 3 days 625 culture, the medium was changed into CDMi without inhibitors for measurement with 626 Kronos Dio Luminometer (Atto). This (modified) one-step protocol<sup>39</sup> was used for Fig. 627 1g and 2d. All other oscillation measurements were performed using our standard step-628 wise PSM induction protocol.

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#### 630 **3D-synchronization assay**

631 To make 3D cell spheres, HES7-reporter iPSCs were seeded into non-adhesive round 632 bottom 96 well plates at 1000-3000 cells/well and cultured in CDMi containing BMP4 633 (50 ng/ml), CHIR99021 (10  $\mu$ M) and Y27632 (10  $\mu$ M). After one day of culture, Y27632 634 was removed. After 18 hours culture the medium was changed into CDMi containing 635 DMH1 (2 µM) and CHIR99021 (10 µM). After 6 hours culture, the cell sphere was 636 transferred to a fibronectin-coated glass bottom dish with CDMi containing DMH1 (2 637 µM) and D-luciferin (1 mM), and luminescence was imaged with a customized incubator 638 microscope LCV110 (Olympus). Obtained Image was analyzed with Metamorph 639 (Molecular Devices) and Excel (Microsoft), and kymograph was made by averaging 640 signals over 10 pixels with Metamorph.

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#### 642 Sampling for RNA-seq analysis of oscillating genes

643 Our standard step-wise PSM induction protocol was used with the following 644 modifications. HES7-reporter cells were seeded on a 35 mm dish coated with Matrigel. 645 At 12 hours during the 2nd-step (PSM induction), the cells were split into multiple 35 646 mm dishes at  $4.0 \times 10^5$  cells/dish and cultured in CDMi containing SB431542 (10  $\mu$ M). LDN193189 (250 nM) and CHIR99021 (3 µM). After 12 hours culture the medium was 647 648 changed into CDMi containing SB431542 (10 µM), LDN193189 (250 nM), CHIR99021 649 (3 µM) and bFGF (20 ng/ml). The luminescence was continuously monitored with 650 Kronos Dio Luminometer with one sample, and the other samples were frozen at each 651 time point.

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#### 653 Library preparation for RNA-sequencing

Total RNA was extracted using RNeasy mini kit (Qiagen) following the manufacturer's instructions. RNA-seq libraries were generated from 200-300 ng total RNA with the TruSeq Stranded mRNA LT Sample Prep Kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA) according to the manufacturer's protocol, with the exception of the libraries used for RNAseq analysis of oscillating genes, which were generated from 120 ng total RNA using NeoPrep system (Illumina) following the manufacturer's instructions. The obtained RNAseq libraries were sequenced on NextSeq 500 (75 bp – 86 bp single-end reads, Illumina).

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#### 662 **RNA-sequencing data analyses**

The sequenced reads were mapped to the hg38 human reference genome plus the luciferase reporter sequence using HISAT2 (version 2.1.0)<sup>40</sup> with the GENCODE v25 annotation gtf file after trimming adaptor sequences and low-quality bases by cutadapt-1.14<sup>41</sup>. The mapped reads with high mapping quality (MAPQ >= 20) were used for further analyses. For identification of the differentiation stage-related genes, the differentially expressed genes (>= 5-folds changes and q-values =< 0.05 between any pair of samples) were extracted using Cuffdiff<sup>42</sup> within Cufflinks version 2.2.1 package and

670 GENCODE v25 annotation file, and the extracted genes were grouped into six stages 671 based on the maximum expression levels (FPKM values determined by Cuffdiff) among 672 the differentiation stages. The low expressed genes (=< 10 FPKM) across all stages were 673 filtered out before grouping. For identification of the oscillation genes, the uniquely 674 mapped reads were counted and normalized to calculate the gene expression levels using HTSeq (version 0.6.1)<sup>43</sup> with GENCODE v25 annotation gtf file (protein-coding genes) 675 and edgeR (version 3.18.1)<sup>44</sup> after filtering low expressed genes (cpm =< 1) across all 676 677 conditions in each experiment, while rhythmic genes were identified by ARSER (version  $(2.0)^{45}$  with FDR BH =< 0.03 in both two independent experiments. The filtering genes 678 679 for noise judged by ARSER in both experiments were excluded from oscillation genes. For pathway and Gene Ontology analyses, DAVID web tools<sup>46</sup> and IPA (Qiagen Inc., 680 https://www.qiagenbioinformatics.com/products/ingenuitypathway-analysis) were used. 681 682 For identification of the patient (STD-A/F) related genes, fold changes with q-values were calculated with HTSeq (version 0.6.1)<sup>43</sup> with GENCODE v25 annotation gtf file 683 and edgeR (version 3.18.1)<sup>44</sup>. The genes whose expression values were upregulated or 684 685 downregulated ( $\geq$  3 folds changes, q<0.05, STD lines vs. WT), and increases or 686 decreases were inhibited ( $\geq 50\%$ , q<0.05) in the rescued lines, were defined as STD-687 related upregulated or downregulated genes, respectively. The genes whose expression 688 levels were low (average cpm = < 5) both in wild type and STD-lines were filtered out. 689 For comparisons of expression profiles between knock-out (KO) cell lines and their 690 parental cell lines (wild type), FPKM values, fold changes and q-values were calculated 691 using Cuffdiff<sup>42</sup> within Cufflinks version 2.2.1 package and GENCODE v25 annotation 692 file (protein-coding genes). The principal component analysis (PCA) and representation 693 of heatmaps and scatter plots were performed using R software.

#### 695 CRISPR/Cas9 gene knock-out

696 Gene knock-out was performed using transient transfection of pSpCas9(BB)-2A-Puro 697 (PX459) V2.0 (a gift from Feng Zhang, Addgene plasmid #62988). Oligonucleotides 698 encoding sgRNA protospacer sequences (Extended Data Table 5) were annealed and cloned as described previously<sup>47</sup>. sgRNAs were verified by sequencing. Plasmid DNA (1 699 700 ug) was transfected into iPS cells by electroporation followed by selection with 0.5 701 µg/mL puromycin for 48 hours. Surviving cells were allowed to recover and then 702 replated at low density before picking isolated colonies. For overview of knock-out 703 reporter line establishment and details of used sgRNAs see Extended Data Fig. 4 and 704 Extended Data Table 5.4.

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#### 706 Whole exome sequencing and variant calling

Whole exome sequencing was performed as previously described<sup>48,49</sup>. Briefly, DNA (3 707 708 ug) was sheared with S2 Focused-ultrasonicator (Covaris, Wobum, MA, USA) and 709 processed by SureSelectXT Human All Exon V5 (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, 710 CA, USA). Captured DNA was sequenced using HiSeq 2000 (Illumina, San Diego, CA, 711 USA) with 101 bp pair-end reads with seven indices. Image analysis and base calling 712 were performed using HCS, RTA and CASAVA software (Illumina). Reads were 713 mapped to the reference human genome (hg19) by Novoalign-3.02.04. Aligned reads 714 were processed by Picard to remove PCR duplicates. Variants were called by GATK v2.7-4 following GATK Best Practice Workflow v3<sup>50</sup> and annotated by ANNOVAR<sup>51</sup>. 715

All the variants of the candidate genes, which have been reported to cause SCD or CS,
were evaluated using five databases: gnomAD, Human Gene Mutation Database
(HGMD), SIFT, PolyPhen-2, MutationTaster.

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#### 720 Quality control of established iPSCs

Morphological images of iPSC colonies were captured using Olympus CKX41 721 722 microscope with a PlanApo  $10 \times /0.75$  objective lens (Olympus) and Nikon digital camera 723 DS-Fil. Chromosomal G-banding analyses were performed by Chromocenter Inc, Tottori, 724 Japan. Genomic DNA and total RNA were extracted with AllPrep DNA/RNA mini kit 725 (Qiagen) following the manufacturer's instructions. Genomic DNA was diluted into 25 726 ng/ml in distilled water. cDNA was synthesized using PrimeScript<sup>™</sup> RT Master Mix 727 (Takara) from 500 ng total RNA and diluted 1:10 in RNase-free water for OCT3/4 and 728 NANOG mRNA expression analysis, and 1 µg total RNA for TaqMan<sup>™</sup> hPSC 729 Scorecard<sup>™</sup> analysis. OCT3/4 and NANOG mRNA expression were confirmed by 730 quantitative real-time PCR (qRT-PCR) with TaqMan<sup>TM</sup> assay using StepOnePlus<sup>TM</sup> Real-Time PCR Systems (Thermo Fisher). Primers and probe sequences are provided in 731 732 Extended Data Table 5.2. The expression values of target genes were normalized by 733 GAPDH expression from the same cDNA templates and calculated relative to 201B7 iPS 734 cell line. Residual plasmids used for iPSC establishment were analyzed by TagMan<sup>™</sup> 735 quantitative PCR using StepOnePlus<sup>™</sup> Real-Time PCR Systems (Thermo Fisher). Primer 736 and probe sequences (cmCAG: common-CAG) are designed on CAG-promoter region 737 included in all of the episomal vectors for iPSC generation and listed in Extended Data 738 Table 5.2. The residual plasmid numbers were determined by a standard curve method 739 with pCE-OCT3/4 episomal plasmid of known quantity using 50 ng genomic DNA of 740 STD-iPSCs at passage 6.

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#### 742 Initial validation of established iPSCs

743 Established (patient) iPSCs together with control human PSCs were differentiated into using STEMdiff<sup>TM</sup> Trilineage 744 ectoderm. mesoderm and endoderm lineages 745 Differentiation Kit (STEMCELL Technologies). hPSCs reaching 70-80% confluency 746 were harvested with TrypLE<sup>™</sup> Select Enzyme (1X) (Thermo Fisher) and plated as a 747 single cell suspension in mTeSR1 medium (STEMCELL Technologies) containing 10 748 uM Y27632 (Wako) on 6-well plates coated with Matrigel (BD Biosciences). The cells were plated at  $4.0 \times 10^5$  cells,  $2.0 \times 10^5$  cells and  $4.0 \times 10^5$  cells per well for ectoderm, 749 750 mesoderm and endoderm differentiation culture respectively and differentiated following 751 the manufacturer's instructions. For FACS-based evaluation of undifferentiated PSCs and each of the three germ layers  $(1.0 \times 10^6 \text{ cells each})$  were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde 752 753 phosphate buffer solution (4% PFA/PBS) for 20 minutes at 4°C and washed twice with 754 staining medium, which contained PBS with 2% fetal bovine serum (FBS). Samples were 755 permeabilized with BD Perm/Wash buffer (BD Biosciences) for 15 minutes at room 756 temperature and stained with fluorescence-conjugated primary antibodies listed in 757 Extended Data Table 6.3. The samples were washed with BD Perm/Wash buffer twice 758 and suspended into staining medium. Flow cytometric analysis was performed using LSR 759 (BD Biosciences). FACS data was analyzed and graphs were generated using FlowJo 760 software (FlowJo LLC). For transcript level assessment of differentiation capacity, gPCR was performed with 384-well TaqMan<sup>™</sup> hPSC Scorecard<sup>™</sup> panel (Thermo Fisher) by 761

QuantStudio<sup>™</sup> 12K Flex Real-Time PCR System (Thermo Fisher) using undifferentiated
 PSC and each of the three germ layers cDNA samples. Pluripotency and differentiation
 property into ectoderm, mesoderm and endoderm lineages were scored by hPSC
 Scorecard Analysis software, which is available on the Thermo Fisher website
 (https://www.thermofisher.com/jp/en/home/life-science/stem-cell-research/taqman-hpsc scorecard-panel.html).

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#### 769 Gene correction of patient iPSCs

770 Correction of mutations in patient iPSCs was performed using the MhAX method as 771 previously described<sup>28</sup>. Briefly, donor plasmids for correction of each mutant allele were 772 created by PCR amplification of the right arm from the cloned genomic DNA of STD 773 patient cells corresponding to the matching mutant allele, and the left arm from normal 774 201B7 iPSC using the common primers listed in Extended Data Table 5. InFusion 775 cloning (Clontech) was used to assemble the arms with a restriction-digested 776 CAG::mCherry-IRES-puro selection cassette (Addgene plasmid #113876) and 777 CAG::GFP plasmid backbone (Addgene plasmid #107281). PCR-amplified regions and 778 InFusion junctions were verified by sequencing. Oligonucleotides encoding sgRNA 779 protospacer sequences (Extended Data Table 5) were annealed and cloned into pX330-780 U6-Chimeric BB-CBh-hSpCas9 (a gift from Feng Zhang, Addgene plasmid # 42230) as described previously<sup>47</sup>. sgRNAs were verified by sequencing. For gene targeting, allele-781 matched donor plasmids (3 µg) and Cas9 / sgRNA expression plasmids (1 µg) were co-782 783 transfected by electroporation into 1.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> STD-A/F patient iPSCs, which were then 784 divided and plated under feeder-free conditions for 48 hours in AK02N medium 785 (Ajinomoto) containing 10 µM ROCK inhibitor Y27632 (Wako) before initiating 786 antibiotic selection (0.5 µg/mL puromycin, Sigma-Aldrich). Nine days after plating, puromycin-resistant cells were pooled and passaged. GFP<sup>neg</sup> / mCh<sup>pos</sup> colonies were 787 isolated, cultured, stored, and processed for genomic DNA isolation under feeder-free 788 789 conditions in 96-well format. iPSC clones positive for PCR genotyping and sequencing 790 were defrosted and expanded for genomic DNA extraction and Southern blot verification. 791 For cassette excision, 3 µg of the pX-EGFP-g1 expression plasmid (Addgene plasmid #107273)<sup>28</sup> was transfected into 1.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> gene-targeted patient iPSCs, which were then 792 793 divided and plated under feeder-free conditions for 48 hours in AK02N medium 794 containing 10 µM Y27632, followed by growth without selection for a total of 6 days. 795 mCh<sup>neg</sup> cells were isolated by FACS on a BD FACSAria II cell sorter, and plated at low 796 density for clonal isolation after 8 days. Isolated clones were cultured, stored in 96-well 797 format, then genotyped for cassette excision by PCR and sequencing before final 798 verification by Southern blot.

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#### 800 Genomic DNA extraction

801 Genomic DNA for PCR amplification and sequencing was isolated from  $0.5 - 1.0 \times 10^6$ 802 iPS cells using a DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen). Genomic DNA for Southern 803 blotting was isolated from a single confluent well of a 6-well dish using lysis buffer (100 804 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.5, 5 mM EDTA, 0.2% SDS, 200 mM NaCl, and 1 mg/mL Proteinase 805 K) followed by phenol-chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation from the aqueous 806 phase. Genomic DNA was eluted from columns or resuspended from precipitate in TE 807 pH 8.0.

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#### 809 **iPSC genotyping**

810 PCR primers flanking annotated coding exons of DLL3 (Accession NG 008256.1), HES7 811 (Accession NG 015816.1), and LFNG (Accession NG 008109.2), MESP2 (Accession 812 NG 008608.1) were designed using NCBI Primer-BLAST with optional settings filtering 813 human repeats and SNPs, with primer pair specificity checking to H. sapiens 814 (taxid:9606). PCR primers for genotyping gene-edited cell lines were designed using 815 similar principles. All genotyping primers are listed in Extended Data Table 5. Genomic 816 PCR was carried out using KAPA HiFi HotStart (KAPA Biosystems) on a Veriti 96-well 817 Thermal Cycler (Applied Biosystems) according to the manufacturer's instructions. 818 Specific PCR conditions are available upon request. PCR products were treated with 819 ExoSAP-IT Express (Affymetrix) and sequenced with the primers indicated in Extended 820 Data Table 5 using BigDye Terminator v3.1 Cycle Sequencing Kit (Applied Biosystems) 821 on a 3130xl Genetic Analyzer (Applied Biosystems). Sequence analysis was performed 822 using variant calling in Sequencher (Genecodes) or alignment in Snapgene (GSL Biotech 823 LLC.). For MESP2 gene correction, patient and rescued iPS cells were analyzed by Southern blotting as described previously<sup>28</sup>. Probe regions were PCR amplified with Ex 824 Taq (Takara) directly from genomic DNA or cloned plasmid templates to incorporate 825 826 DIG-labeled dUTP (Roche) using the primers described in Extended Data Table 5. 827 Genomic DNA (5-10 µg) was digested with EcoRI. Genomic DNA from patient iPSCs 828 and iPSC clones rescued by gene editing were genotyped using an Infinium 829 OmniExpress-24 v1.2 (Illumina) SNP array according to the manufacturer's 830 recommendations. Data collection was performed on an iScan Bead Array Scanner 831 (Illumina). Data was compared to the reference human genome (hg19) using a 832 combination of PennCNV, cnvPartition, GWAS tools, and MAD. Karyograms were 833 prepared in R (version 3.2.5) using GWASTools (version 1.16.1)<sup>52</sup>.

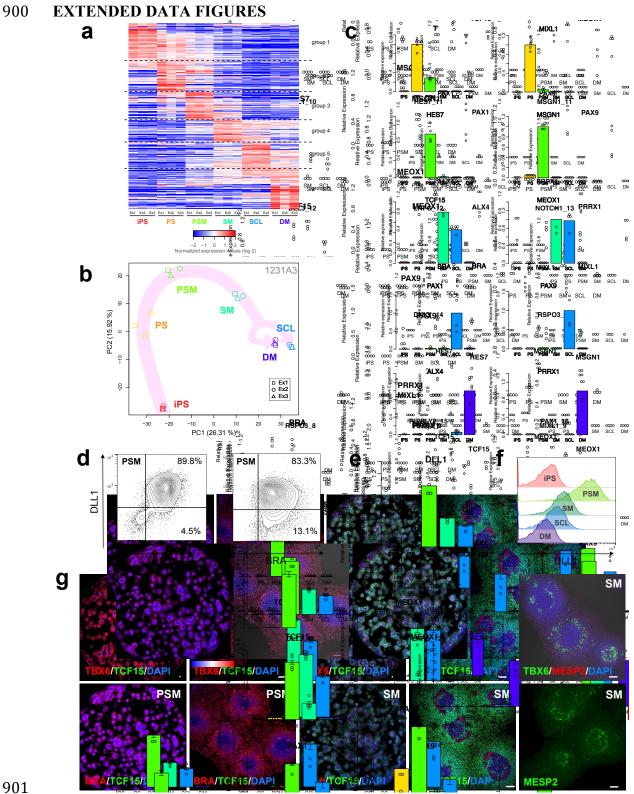
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#### 835 Data accessibility

All RNA sequencing data utilized for this study have been deposited in Gene Expression
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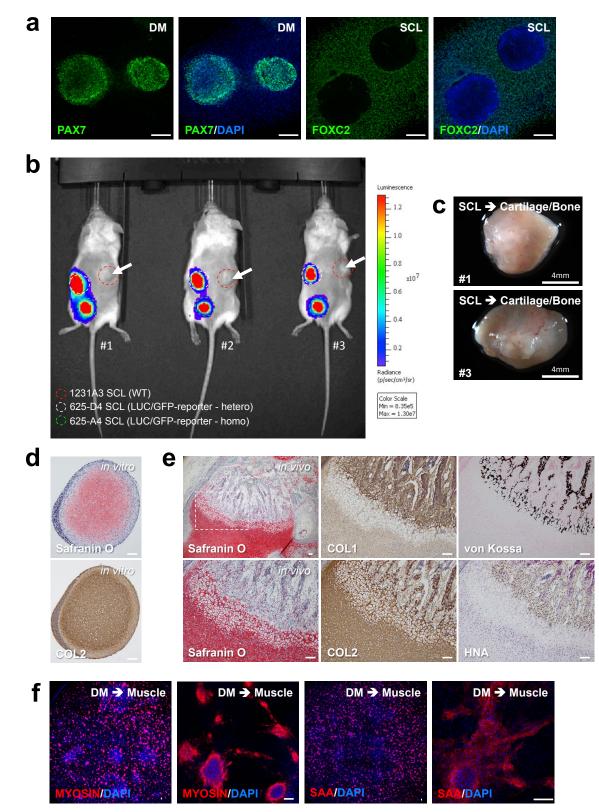
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Extended Data Fig. 1 | Characterization of step-wise induced human presomitic
(PSM) and somitic mesoderm (SM). a, Heatmap of gene expression levels in step-wise
induced human PSM and its derivatives (using iPSC-line 1231A3). FPKM values of each

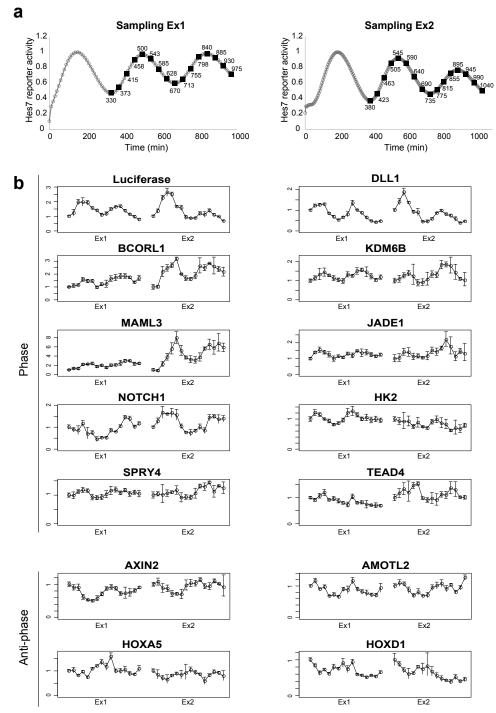
905 gene were normalized to mean of all samples. The gene order is the same as in Fig. 1b. b, 906 PCA analysis of transcript expression levels in human PSM and derivatives (1231A3). c, 907 aRT-PCR based validation of RNA-seq results; summary of four independent 908 experiments with three technical replicas each using 201B7. Similar results were obtained 909 for 1231A3 (data not shown). It should be noted that open circles in some conditions are 910 less than four because no Ct values in the samples were obtained after 45 cycles of PCR 911 to calculate expression values. d, Flow cytometry-based evaluation of DLL1 and TBX6 912 (left) as well as DLL1 and BRACHYURY (BRA) (right) expression at PSM stage 913 (1231A3). e, Expression of DLL1 on transcript level throughout the different stages of 914 induction (201B7). f, Expression of DLL1 on protein level. Correlation of FACS data 915 with qRT-PCR results (201B7) shown in (e). g, Immunofluorescence staining of PSM markers TBX6 and BRA as well as somitic mesoderm marker TCF15 at PSM (left half 916 917 panels) and SM (right half panels) stages; entire wells (left) and magnified views of 918 selected areas (right). Staining of segmentation marker MESP2 (alone or co-staining with TBX6) shown in far right side of panel. Scale bar: 100 µm. 919



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921 Extended Data Fig. 2 | Molecular and functional characterization of step-wise
922 induced human PSM-derivatives, sclerotome (SCL) and dermomyotome (DM). a,

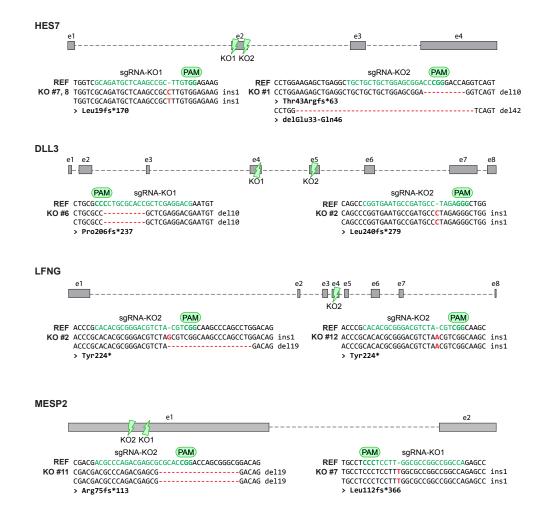
923 Developmental-stage specific expression of DM (PAX7) and SCL (FOXC2) markers on

924 protein level (201B7). Scale bar: 100 µm. b, Assessment of in vivo bone and cartilage 925 forming ability of human sclerotome (SCL). Subcutaneous transplantation of PSCderived SCL step-wise induced from WT (1231A3) and luciferase reporter lines (625-D4 926 927 and 625-A4). Evaluation of transplanted cells via IVIS at two months post-928 transplantation. Injection sides are marked by dashed/colored circles. Cartilage and bone 929 forming areas of WT iPSC line (1231A3) marked by white arrows. c, Whole-mount 930 images of WT SCL-derived in vivo cartilage/bone tissues isolated from transplanted mice 931 #1 and #3. Explant isolated from mice #2 is shown in Fig. 1i. d, Staining of in vitro human SCL derived cartilage (3D-CI) sections. Observed Safranin O and type II collagen 932 933 (COL2) signals are indicative of *in vitro* cartilage formation. e, Sections and staining of 934 area shown in Fig. 1i; Safranin O and COL2 staining in human in vivo SCL-derived 935 cartilage areas; von Kossa and COL1 staining in ossifying cartilage and forming bone 936 areas. Majority of cells contributing to cartilage/bone formation are HNA positive and of human origin (right lower panel). Scale bar: 100 µm. f, Evaluation of *in vitro* muscle 937 induction from human DM. Myosin and sarcomeric alpha-actinin (SAA) staining of in 938 939 vitro DM-derived skeletal muscle; representative images of entire well (left) and 940 magnified areas (right). Scale bar: 100 µm.



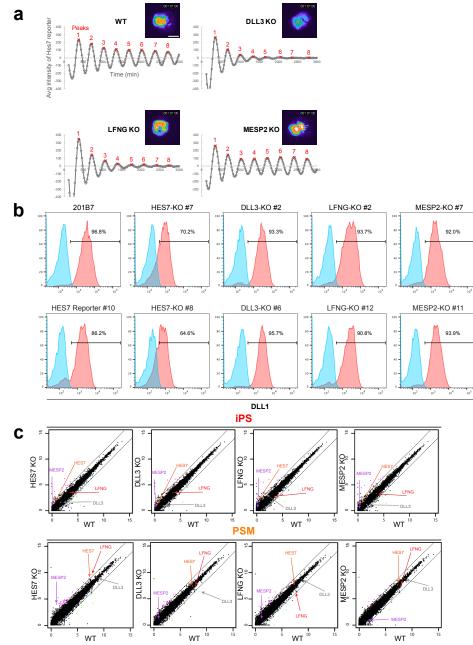


Extended Data Fig. 3 | Isolation and transcriptome analysis of timely coordinated
human PSM samples. a, Sampling for RNA-seq. HES7-reporter activity was
continuously monitored with one sample, and the other samples were frozen at each time
point indicated in the graph. b, qRT-PCR validation of identified novel phase and antiphase oscillating genes. *DLL1* and *AXIN2* show clear phase or anti-phase oscillation
despite not being included into high stringency cut-off RNA-seq candidate list. Error bars
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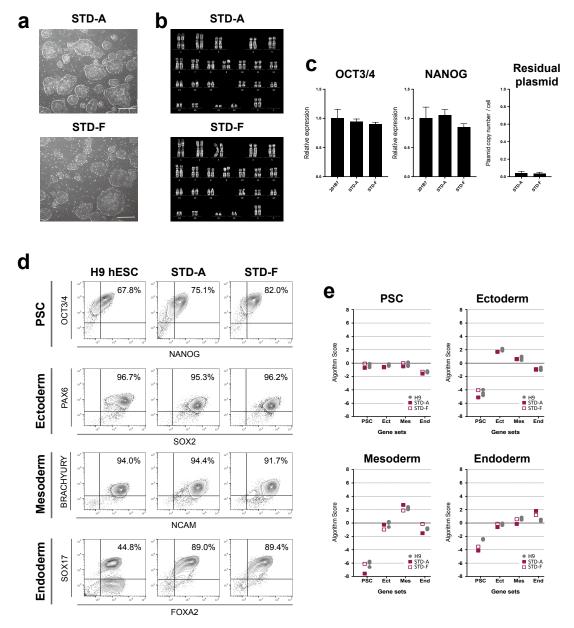


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950 Extended Data Fig. 4 | Overview of knock-out reporter line generation. Schematics 951 of the *HES7*, *DLL3*, *LFNG*, and *MESP2* genes. Positions of the sgRNAs used in this 952 study are shown. sgRNAs were designed to target at or near regions of known pathogenic 953 mutations, particularly those resulting in frameshifts and premature termination. 954 Sequence analysis of iPSC clones used in this study indicating indel mutations generated 955 by Cas9. Predicted effects on the protein sequence are listed below the sequence 956 alignments.

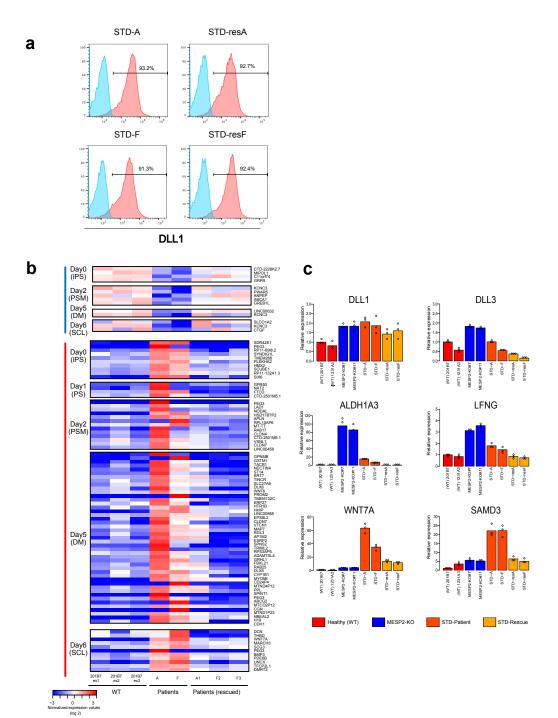


957 958 Extended Data Fig. 5 | Characterization of knock-out reporter lines. a, Oscillation damping rate of knock-out PSMs in 3D-synchronization assay. Average signal of the 959 960 entire image at each time point was measured using the sample shown in Extended Data 961 Movie 3. The signal was detrended ( $\pm 2$  hours), and each oscillation peak was detected to define the amplitude. Representative images and graphs of three independent experiments 962 963 are shown. Scale bar: 500 µm. b, Evaluation of DLL1 expression via FACS analysis at iPSC and PSM stages of healthy control and knock-out iPSC lines. PSM induction 964 965 efficiency is high in all analyzed samples; slight reduction of DLL1 induction efficiency 966 in HES7-KO lines. Representative results of two different knock-out lines each are 967 shown. c, Scatter plot of transcriptome analysis of wild type and KO lines at iPSC and 968 PSM stages. Positions of expression values for MESP2, DLL3, LFNG and HES7 are 969 highlighted with colored arrows.



971 Extended Data Fig. 6 | Initial characterization of STD patient iPSC line. a, Bright 972 field view of STD iPSC clones STD-A and STD-F. Scale bar: 500 µm. b, Normal 973 karyotype (46, XX) in both clones of STD patient iPSC line by chromosomal G-banding 974 analysis. c, Expression of pluripotency markers OCT3/4 and NANOG in STD-A and 975 STD-F cells compared to WT iPSC line (201B7). Quantification of residual plasmid 976 levels in STD clones (right side of panel). d, FACS-based evaluation of differentiation 977 capacity into three germlayers of healthy control (H9 hESC) and patient lines (STD-A 978 and STD-F). e, Quantification of differentiation capacity into ectoderm, mesoderm and 979 endoderm at transcript level.

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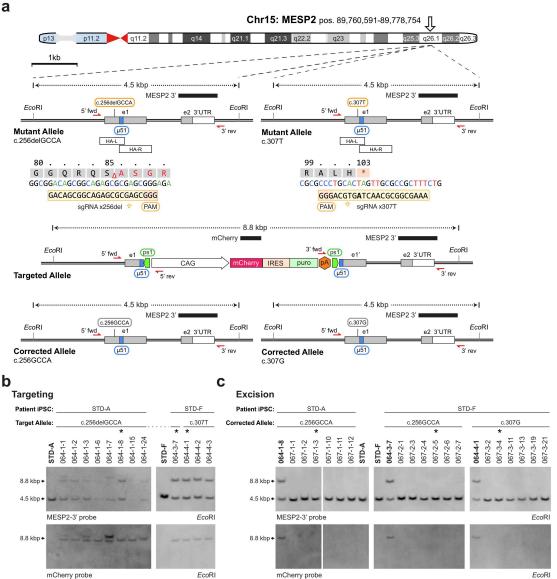




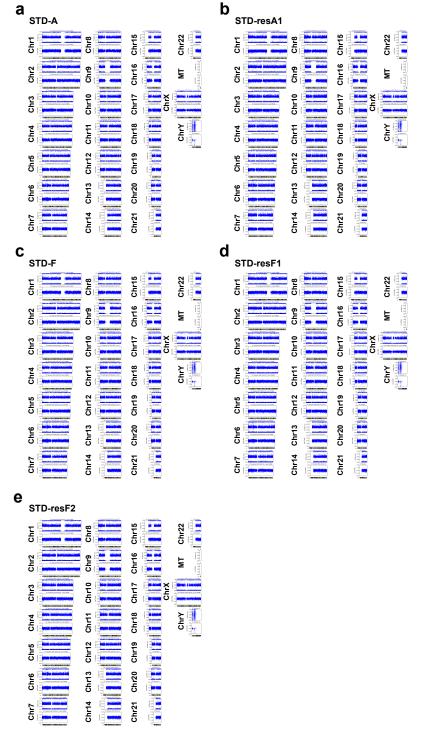
983 Extended Data Fig. 7 | Comparison of patient vs. rescue STD lines. a, Representative 984 DLL1 expression in PSM-derived from STD patient (STD-A and STD-F) and 985 corresponding rescue lines (STD-resA and STD-resF); n=3. b, Heatmap of gene 986 expression levels of transcripts differentially expressed in patient lines STD-A and STD-F, when compared to wild-type (201B7) and corrected rescue clones (STD-resA (A1) and 987 988 STD-resF (F2 and F3)). Analysis covers all stages of step-wise PSM induction and 989 differentiation. For SM stage data see Fig. 4e and Extended Fig. 7c. c, gRT-PCR-based 990 validation of additional candidates found via RNA-seq to be up-regulated in STD patient 991 lines at the SM stage. Data of three independent experiments are shown.







994 Extended Data Fig. 8 | Allele-specific gene correction of MESP2 in patient iPS cells. 995 996 a, Detailed schematic of the gene correction strategy described in Fig. 4e, 4f. Depicted 997 are the two mutant or corrected MESP2 alleles with coding and non-coding exons (grey 998 and white), overlapping donor vector homology arms (HA-L, HA-R), engineered 51 bp 999 microhomology (µ51, blue), inverted protospacers for cassette excision (ps1, green), 1000 genotyping primers (red arrows), and Southern blotting probes (black bars). The 1001 sequences of mutation-specific sgRNAs are shown below each mutant allele. The genetargeted intermediate shows details of the CAG::mCherry-IRES-puro cassette used for 1002 1003 enrichment. **b**, Southern blot analysis of the targeted iPSC clones. Samples marked with 1004 an asterisk were selected for cassette excision. c, Southern blot analysis of gene corrected 1005 iPSC clones following selection marker removal. Samples marked with an asterisk were selected for phenotyping (067-1-3, STD-resA1; 067-2-5, STD-resF2; 067-3-4, STD-1006 1007 resF3).



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1009 Extended Data Fig. 9 | Evaluation of patient and rescued iPSCs. a, b, Resulting 1010 karyograms from SNP array analysis of STD patient iPSC clone A (STD-A) and 1011 corresponding rescued iPSC line (STD-resA1). c-e, Karyograms from SNP array analysis 1012 of STD patient iPSC clone F (STD-F) and corresponding rescued iPSC lines (STD-1013 resF1/F2). No de novo CNVs were detected following gene editing and subcloning. 1014 These figures were created by Illumina Genome Viewer (IGV) (Version 1.9.0) on 1015 Illumina GenomeStudio V2011.1 with Human:Build 37 genome.

#### 1016 EXTENDED DATA FILES

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#### 1018 Extended Data Movie 1 | 3D-synchronization assay for wild-type PSM.

Bright field view (left) and *HES7* luciferase reporter images (right). Representative data
of three independent experiments are shown. Scale bar: 500 μm.

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#### 1022 Extended Data Movie 2 | Calcium imaging of contracting DM-derived muscle.

Representative movies of dermomyotome (DM) derived human skeletal muscle. GCaMP
reporter line activity (green fluorescence) indicating calcium influx into contracting
muscle cells. Magnified view of contracting muscle cells showing concomitant calcium
activity (right side of movie panel). Scale bar: 100 μm.

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#### 1028 Extended Data Movie 3 | 3D-synchronization assay for knock out PSMs.

HES7-reporter activity is shown for WT and *DLL3-*, *LFNG-*, *MESP2-*knock-out PSMs.
Representative data of three independent experiments are shown. Scale bar: 500 µm.

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#### 1032 Extended Data Table 1 | RNA-seq analysis of human PSM and derivatives.

1033 Expressed genes arranged into six major expression clusters/groups corresponding to the 1034 six distinct differentiation and developmental stages analyzed.

#### 1036 Extended Data Table 2 | List of oscillating human segmentation clock genes.

- 1037 Complete list of all phase and anti-phase oscillating genes (high stringency cut-off)1038 identified by ARSER algorithm (for details see Methods section).
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#### 1040 Extended Data Table 3 | Pathway-analysis of identified oscillating genes.

1041 Complete results of pathway and GO analyses for phase and anti-phase oscillating genes. 1042

#### 1043 Extended Data Table 4 | Recombinant proteins & small molecules used in this study.

1044 List of utilized recombinant human proteins (4.1) and small molecule agonists and 1045 inhibitors (4.2).

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#### 1047 Extended Data Table 5 | Primers used in this study.

List of utilized qRT-PCR primers for differentiation and oscillation assays (5.1), qRTPCR primers for iPSC quality control (5.2), exon-specific primers for genotyping (5.3),
oligos for sgRNA cloning (5.4), InFusion primers for MhAX targeting vectors (5.5), PCR
genotyping for MhAX targeting and excision (5.6).

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#### 1053 Extended Data Table 6 | Antibodies used in this study.

- 1054 List of utilized primary antibodies (6.1) and secondary antibodies (6.2) for 1055 immunostaining, and antibodies used for flow cytometric analysis (6.3).
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#### 1058 Extended Data Table 4 | Utilized recombinant proteins and small molecules

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#### **Extended Data Table 4.1 | Human recombinant proteins**

Recombinant Human Protein	Company	Catalog Number	
Activin A	R&D Systems	338-AC	
bFGF	Wako	068-04544	
BMP4	R&D Systems	314-BP-050	

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#### Extended Data Table 4.2 | Small molecule agonists/inhibitors

Small Molecule	Company	Catalog Number	Description
CHIR99021	Axon Medchem	1386	WNT agonist
LDN193189	Stemgent	04-0074	BMP inhibitor
PD173074	Tocris	3044	FGFR inhibitor
SAG	Calbiochem	566661	HH agonist
SB431542	Selleck Chemicals	S1067	TGFβ inhibitor
GDC0449	Cellagen Technology	C4044-5	HH inhibitor
XAV939	Tocris	3748	WNT inhibitor

#### Extended Data Table 5 | Primers used in this study

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# Extended Data Table 5.1 | qRT-PCR primers (differentiation and oscillation)

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GCGCTACCCCA	CTTGGTCACCGTCGTGTACT
ACCGGCTTGG	TGCTACTTGTCCGGTTTCCG
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TTCTGCGGGTC	CCTACACGCGCTACCAGAC
CAAGTCCGTCT	TTTCATCCACTCGAACGTGCT
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## 1072 Extended Data Table 5.2 | qRT-PCR primers (iPSC quality control)

Gene	TaqMan Assay ID	Probe label	
hOCT3/4	Hs00999634_gH	FAM/MGB	
hNANOG	Hs02387400_g1	FAM/MGB	

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Gene	Forward Primer Sequence	Reverse Primer Sequence	Probe Sequence	Probe label
GAPDH	TGCACCACCAACTGCTTAGC	TCTTCTGGGTGGCAGTGATG	ACTCATGACCACAGTCCA	VIC/MGB
cmCAG	GGCTCTGACTGACCGCGTTA	CAGAAAAGAAACAAGCCGTCATT	TGTAATTAGCGCTTGGTT	FAM/MGB

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## 1077 Extended Data Table 5.3 | Exon genotyping primers

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Gene	Exon no.	ID# /Name	Sequence
	1, 2	dna2235	CGACCACAGACGGAATCTC
		dna2236	CCCCAGTGTGTAGAGTTTAGAG
	3	dna2237	TGAACTCTGGCCTTCATTGAG
	5	dna2238	CTACATCCAGTACCAGGGACA
	4	dna2239	CTCCGTATGCATCCATGTTCG
	4	dna2240	GTACCCTGAAGAGGGTGAGTG
DLL3	5	dna2241	GTACCATCTAGTCCCGATGATT
DLL3	5	dna2242	TAATCCTACTTCAAGGCCCCA
	6	dna2243	AGTGTAGACAGAAGCGAGCA
	0	dna2244	ATGAGATAGGGAATGTCTCCTTG
	7	dna2245	GATGACAGAGCTGGGAAACAG
	1	dna2246	ATCACAAAGGGGAACCCAAAA
	0	dna2247	GGTTCCCCTTTGTGATGGGTA
	8	dna2248	ACATCAAATACAAAGCATTCAGCC
	1	dna2699	CAGAAAGCTGCAATTCTGGAG
	1	dna2700	ACAGCCAGAGTGGAGCAA
HES7	2, 3, 4	dna2227	GCGAGCTACAGAAACTGATCT
		dna2230	TGGCAGAACAGATAAACGAGA
MESP2	1, 2	dna2231	TCGCACCTTTGGTCAACATAA
WESF2		dna2234	GAGAAGGAAAGAGCAGCAGAA
	v3-1 v3-2	dna2960	TCTCTCTGCAAATCCTTCCCA
		dna2961	GGCTGGAGATAAAGAGAAGCC
		dna2962	AAGACTTTCCAGAAGTCCCCT
	VJ-2	dna2963	CATGTCAGTGGGATGGGATAC
	v4	dna2964	CATGGGAGACTTGTCACTTGG
	V4	dna2965	CCCCTCGGAGTTATGTTCACG
LFNG	1	dna2966	CCACCCCAGTTTGCAAGG
LENG	I	dna2967	ATCCAGGACTCTGGAGCTG
	2, 3, 4, 5	dna2968	CGAGTGGGGAAACCAAGGC
	2, 3, 4, 5	dna2969	CTCTGAAACCCAGAGGGAAGT
	6, 7	dna2253	CCTCTCCCTGAGGAGTGC
	0, 7	dna2254	TAGAGTCATGCCGCTTAGAGA
	<b>112 2</b>	dna2970	CGCTGAGCTACGGTATGTTTG
	v3-3	dna2971	CCTAACAGAATTGCCCTCGG

## 1080 Extended Data Table 5.4 | Oligos for sgRNA cloning

Gene	Target	Name	Sequence
	KO1	MESP2-S-KO1-sgRNA	caccgTGGCCGGCCGGCGCCAAGGA
		MESP2-AS-KO1-sgRNA	aaacTCCTTGGCGCCGGCCGGCCAc
	KO2	MESP2-S-KO2-sgRNA	caccgACGCCCAGACGAGCGCGCAC
MESP2	ROZ	MESP2-AS-KO2-sgRNA	aaacGTGCGCGCTCGTCTGGGCGTc
WESFZ	c.307T	MESP2-c307T-Xs	caccgAAAGCGGCGCAACTaGTGCA
	0.3071	MESP2-c307T-Xas2	aaacTGCACtAGTTGCGCCGCTTTc
	c.256delGCCA	MESP2-c256del4-Xs	caccgGACAGCGGCAGAGCGCGAGC
		MESP2-c256del4-Xas	aaacGCTCGCGCTCTGCCGCTGTCc
	KO1	HES7-S-KO1-sgRNA	caccGCAGATGCTCAAGCCGCTTG
HES7		HES7-AS-KO1-sgRNA	aaacCAAGCGGCTTGAGCATCTGCc
TIE 37	KO2	HES7-S-KO2-sgRNA	caccgTGCTGCTGCTGGAGCGGACC
		HES7-AS-KO2-sgRNA	aaacGGTCCGCTCCAGCAGCAGCAc
	KO1	DLL3-S-KO1-sgRNA	caccgCGTCCTCGAGCGGTGCGCAG
DLL3		DLL3-AS-KO1-sgRNA	aaacCTGCGCACCGCTCGAGGACGc
DLLS	KO2	DLL3-S-KO2-sgRNA	caccgCGGTGAATGCCGATGCCTAG
	ROZ	DLL3-AS-KO2-sgRNA	aaacCTAGGCATCGGCATTCACCGc
LFNG	KO2	LFNG-S-KO2-sgRNA	caccgCACACGCGGGACGTCTACGT
LFING	r\U2	LFNG-AS-KO2-sgRNA	aaacACGTAGACGTCCCGCGTGTGc

## 1084 Extended Data Table 5.5 | MhAX InFusion primers

Gene	Sequence	
MESP2	MESP2-u51-A	GCGAATTGGGTACctcgcacctttggtcaacataa
	MESP2-u51-B	CTGCTCGAGAATtaGGGCACGGGCAGCTTGCCGGTGGccaggcgcagcgtct
	MESP2-u51-C	TACGGTACCATCGGGGCACGGGCAGCTTGCCGGTGGcgccggccggccaga
	MESP2-u51-D	TCATGGCCGGTACctcctggagtagataagctggg

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Extended Data Table 5.6	Genotyping primers
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Gene	Target Site	Name	Sequence
	5' arm	MESP2-5'F	GTTTTGACACCTCTCTGCAAC
	5 ann	pDestPT35-R2	AGCTTGGCGTAATCATGGTC
	Spanning	MESP2-5'F	GTTTTGACACCTCTCTGCAAC
MESP2		MESP2-Exon2-R	GAGAAGGAAAGAGCAGCAGAA
WESFZ	3' arm	SV40-polyA-4	GGACAAACCACAACTAGAATGC
		MESP2-Exon2-R	GAGAAGGAAAGAGCAGCAGAA
	01	MESP2-Exon2-F	CATACCATGGCAACCAGCC
	3' external probe	MESP2-Exon2-R	GAGAAGGAAAGAGCAGCAGAA

#### 1097 Extended Data Table 6 | Antibodies used in this study

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#### 1099 Extended Data Table 6.1 | Primary antibodies used for immunostaining

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Primary Antibodies	Company	Catalog Number	Dilution
BRACHYURY	R&D Systems	AF2085	1:100
COL1	Sourthern Biotech	1310-01	1:200
COL2	Sourthern Biotech	1320-01	1:200
FOXC2	DSHB	1B6	1:10
HNA	Merck	MAB1281	1:50
MESP2	DSHB	1D4	1:10
МҮН	Abcam	ab91506	1:2000
MYOSIN	DSHB	MF20-s	1:20
PAX7	DSHB	PAX7-s	1:10
SAA	Abcam	ab9465	1:1000
TBX6	R&D Systems	AF4744	1:100
TCF15	Abcam	ab204045	1:50

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Secondary Antibodies	Company	Catalog Number	Dilution
Alexa Fluor <sup>®</sup> 488 Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L)	Invitrogen	A-21206	1:500
Alexa Fluor <sup>®</sup> 488 Goat Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L)	Invitrogen	A-10680	1:500
Alexa Fluor <sup>®</sup> 555 Donkey Anti-Goat IgG H&L	Abcam	ab150130	1:500
Alexa Fluor <sup>®</sup> 555 Goat Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L)	Invitrogen	A-21422	1:500
Alexa Fluor <sup>®</sup> 647 Donkey Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L)	Invitrogen	A-31571	1:500
Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG Cy3	Merck	AP182C	1:500

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#### Antibodies Dilution Application Company **Catalog Number** DLL1-APC R&D Systems FAB1818A 1:200 Primary antibody TBX6 R&D Systems AF4744 1:25 Primary antibody BRACHYURY-PE R&D Systems IC2085P Primary antibody 1:50

Extended Data Table 6.3 | Antibodies used for flow cytometric analysis

Extended Data Table 6.2 | Secondary antibodies used for immunostaining

OCT3/4-Alexa Fluor® 647	<b>BD Biosciences</b>	560329	1:25	Primary antibody
NANOG-FITC	BD Biosciences	560791	1:25	Primary antibody
PAX6-FITC	BD Biosciences	561664	1:25	Primary antibody
SOX2-BV421	BioLegend	656114	1:50	Primary antibody
BRACHYURY-PE	R&D Systems	IC2085P	1:50	Primary antibody
NCAM-BV421	BioLegend	318328	1:25	Primary antibody
SOX17-Alexa Fluor® 647	BD Biosciences	561589	1:25	Primary antibody
FOXA2-PE	BD Biosciences	562594	1:50	Primary antibody
Alexa Fluor <sup>®</sup> 488 Anti-Goat IgG	Abcam	Ab150129	1:50	Secondary antibody for TBX6

APC-conjugated Mouse $IgG2b,\kappa$	BD Biosciences	555745	1:200	Isotype control for DLL1-APC
Unconjugated Goat IgG	R&D Systems	AB108C	1:25	Isotype control for TBX6
PE-conjugated Goat IgG	R&D Systems	IC108P	1:50	Isotype control for BRACHYURY- PE