



Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) & ACVR1

By: Cassie Heilingoetter

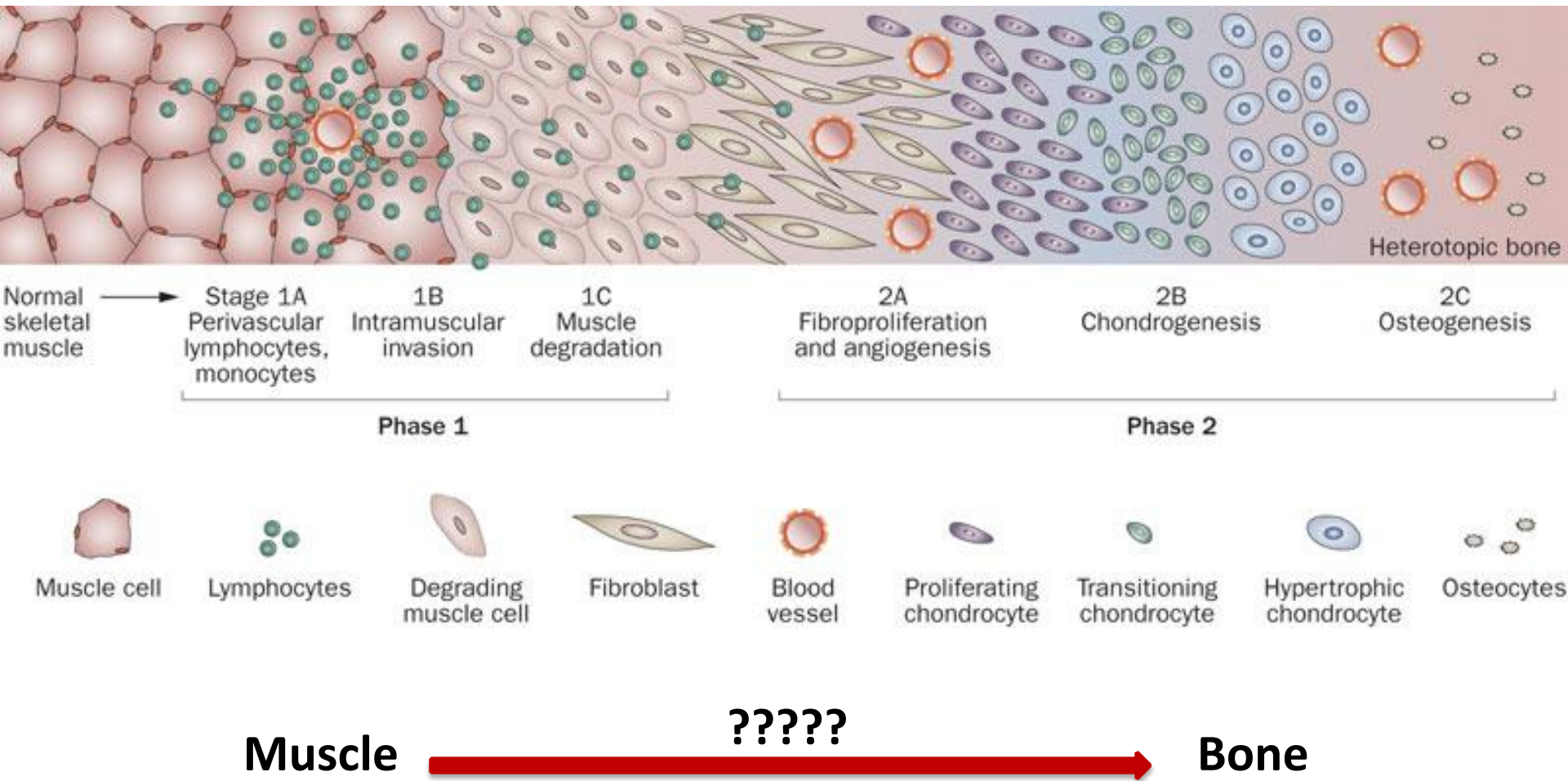
What is FOP?



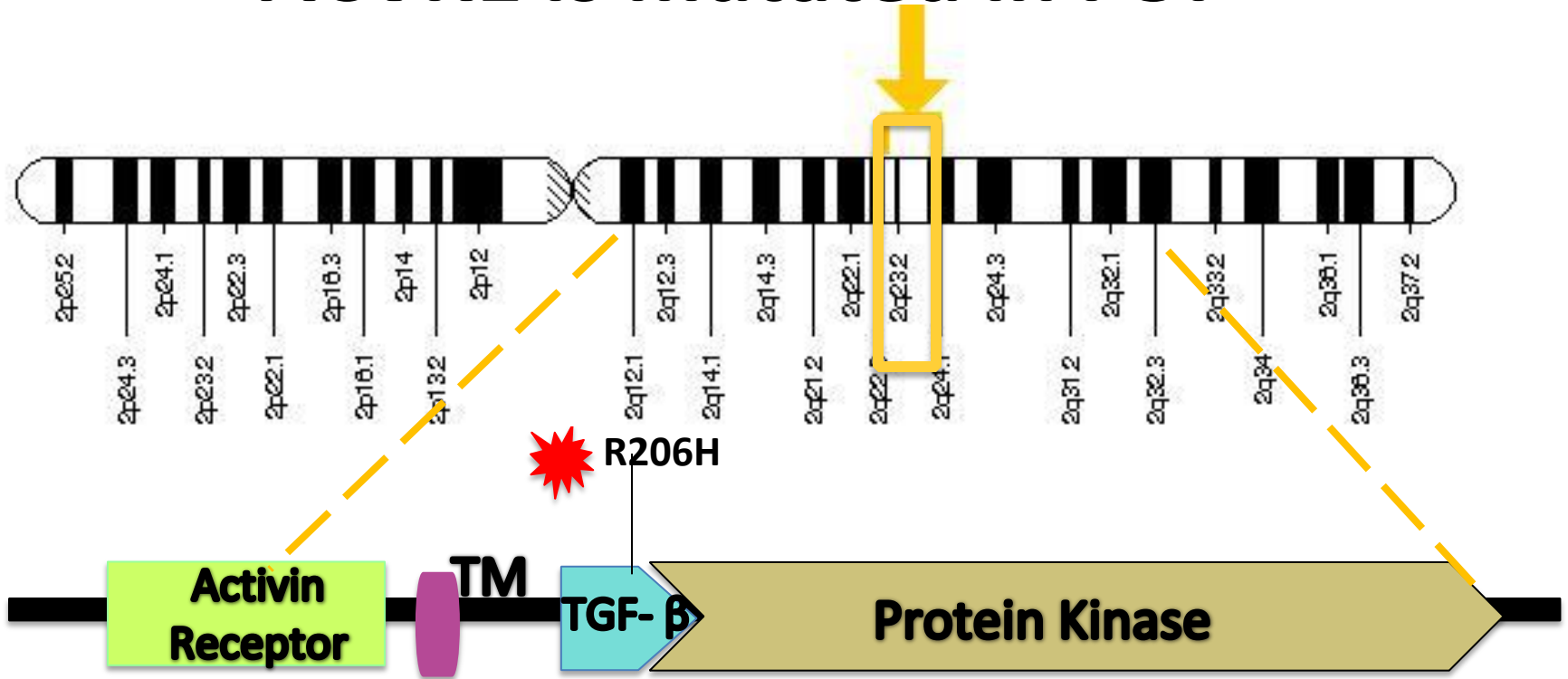
Abnormal bone growth

Malformations in first metatarsal

Muscle cells turn into bone cells in FOP patients



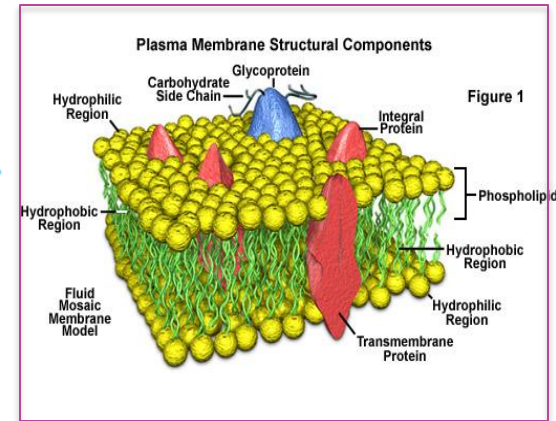
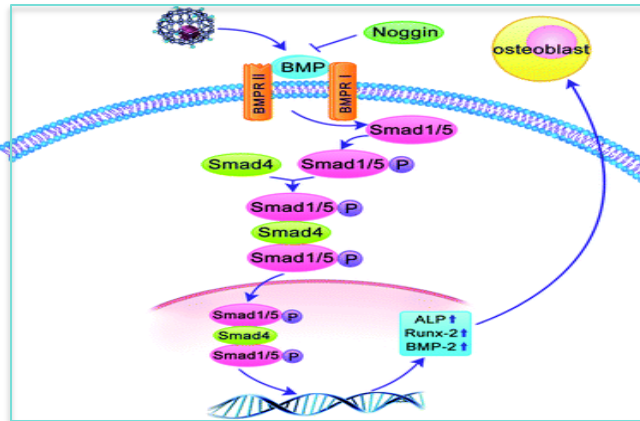
ACVR1 is mutated in FOP



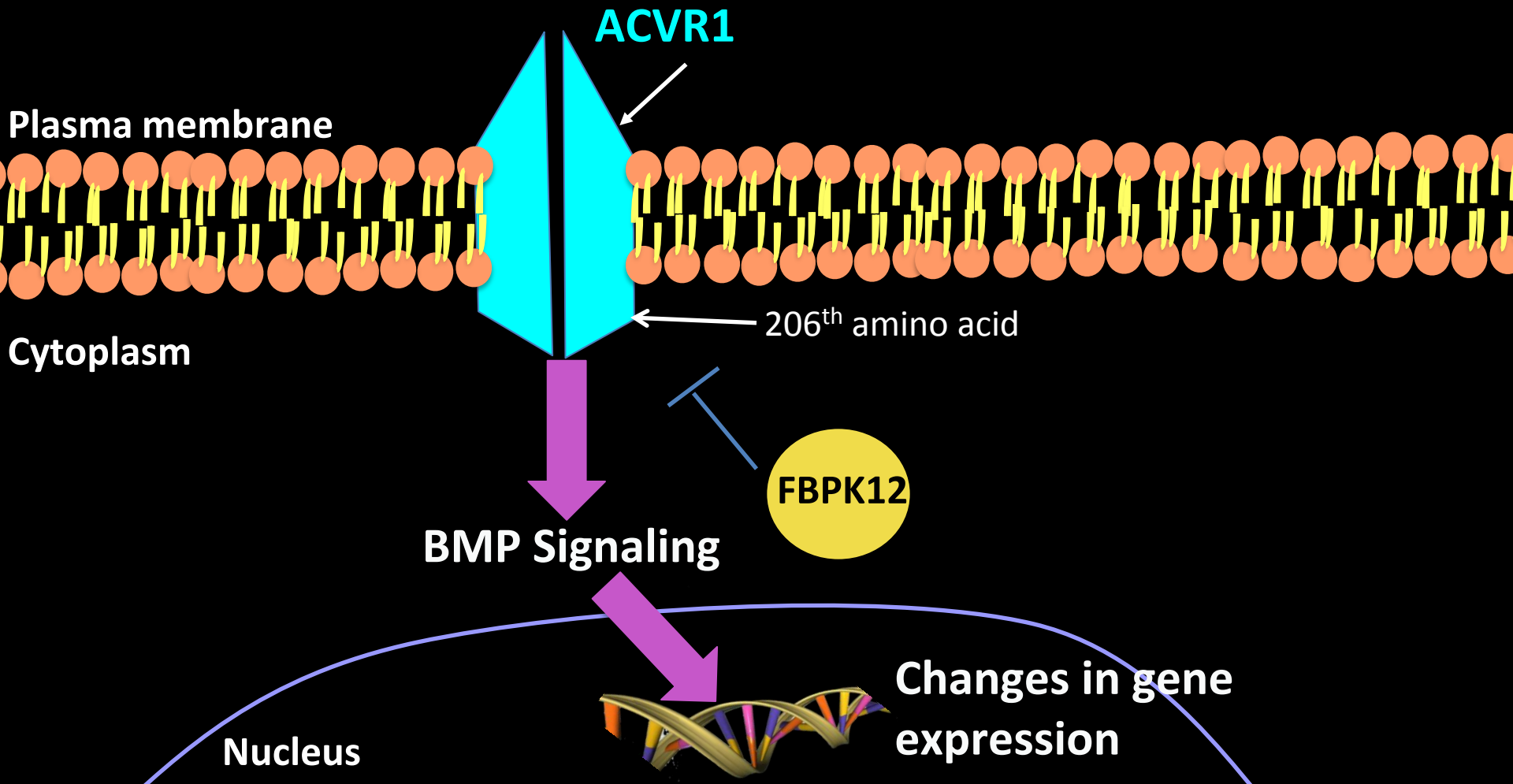
Biological Process

Molecular Function

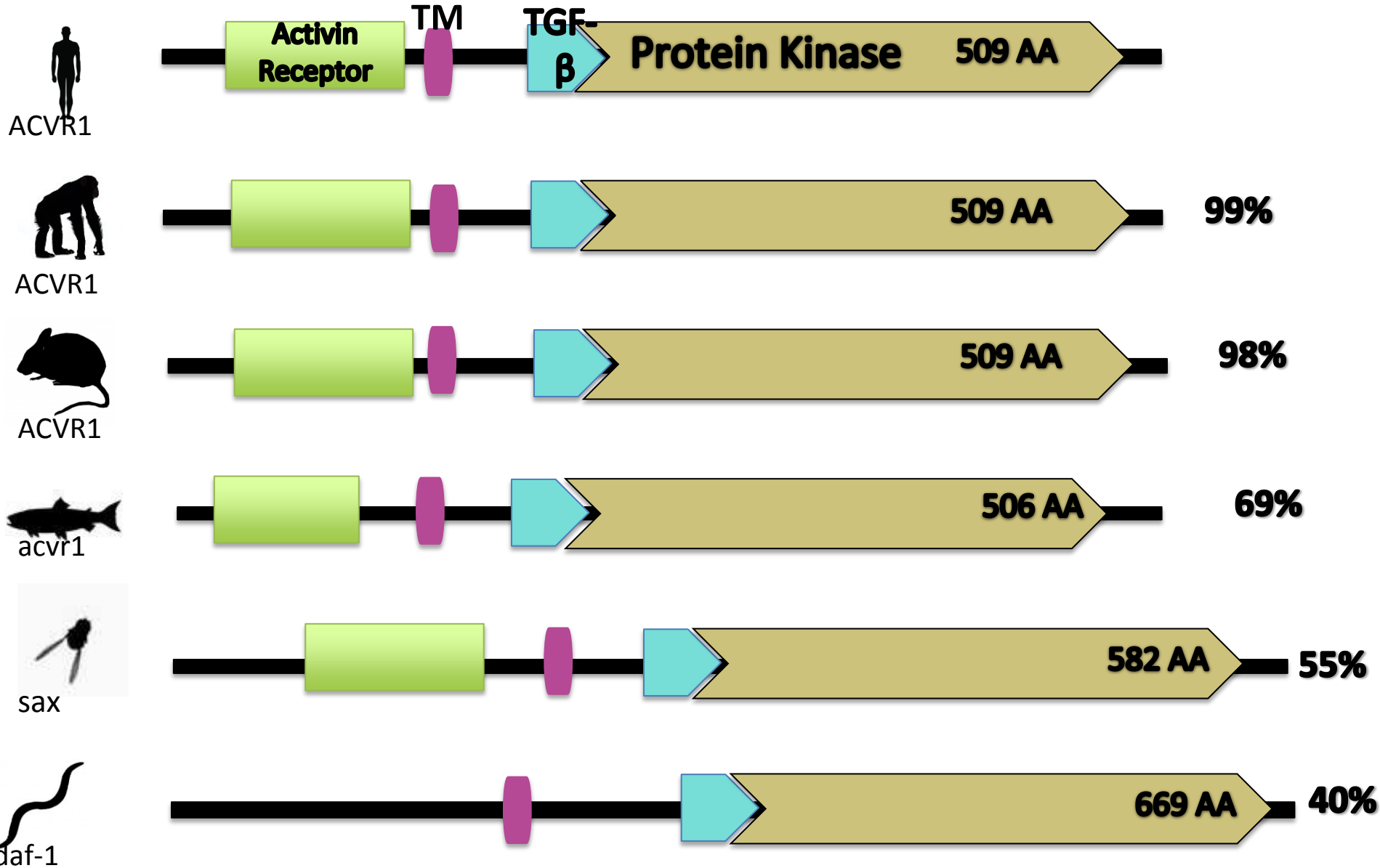
Cellular Component



How does ACVR1 function in the cell?

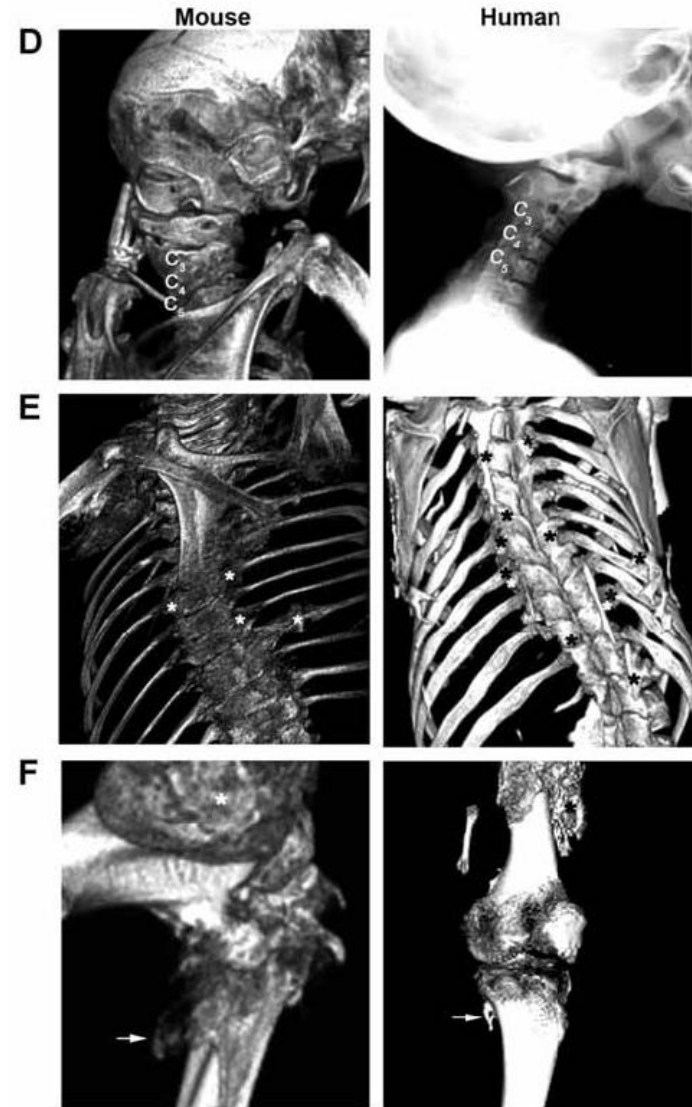
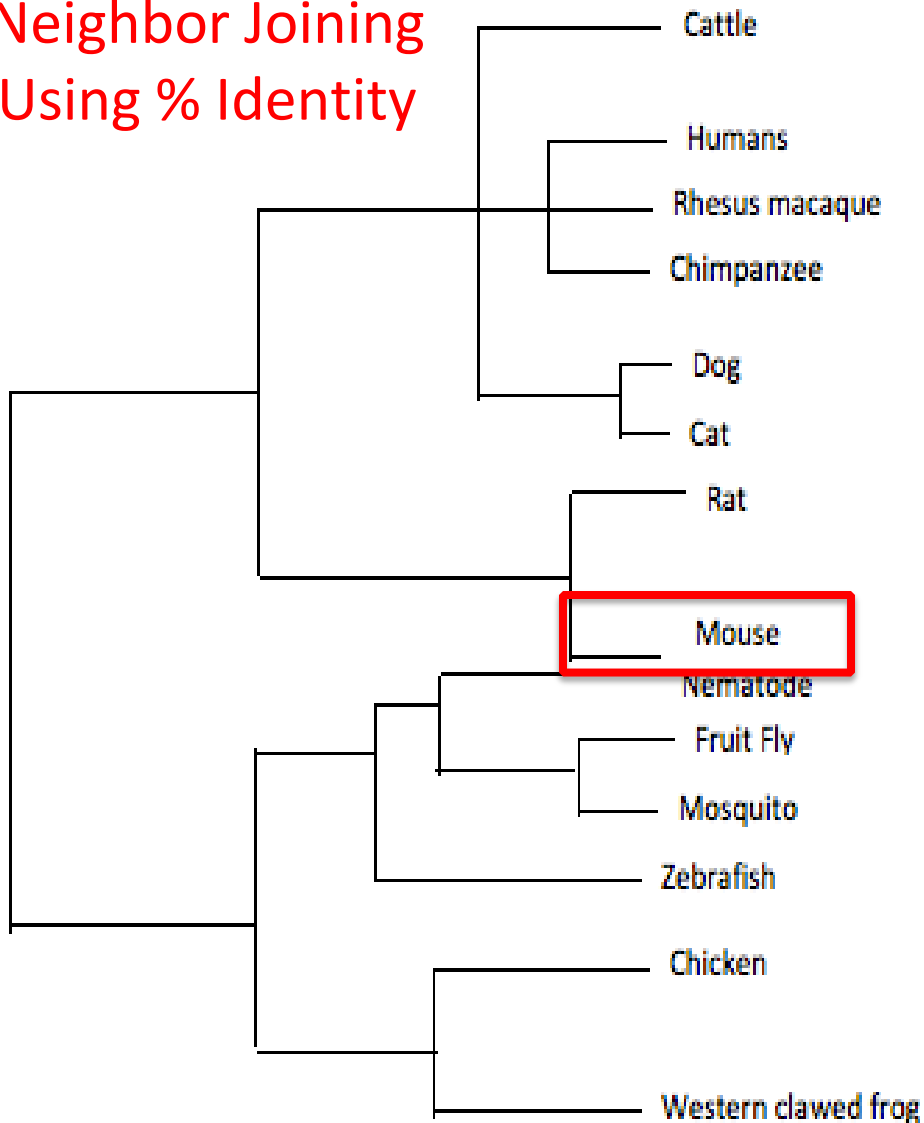


How well conserved is ACVR1 in vertebrates and invertebrates?



Phylogeny: What is the relationship of ACVR1 between species

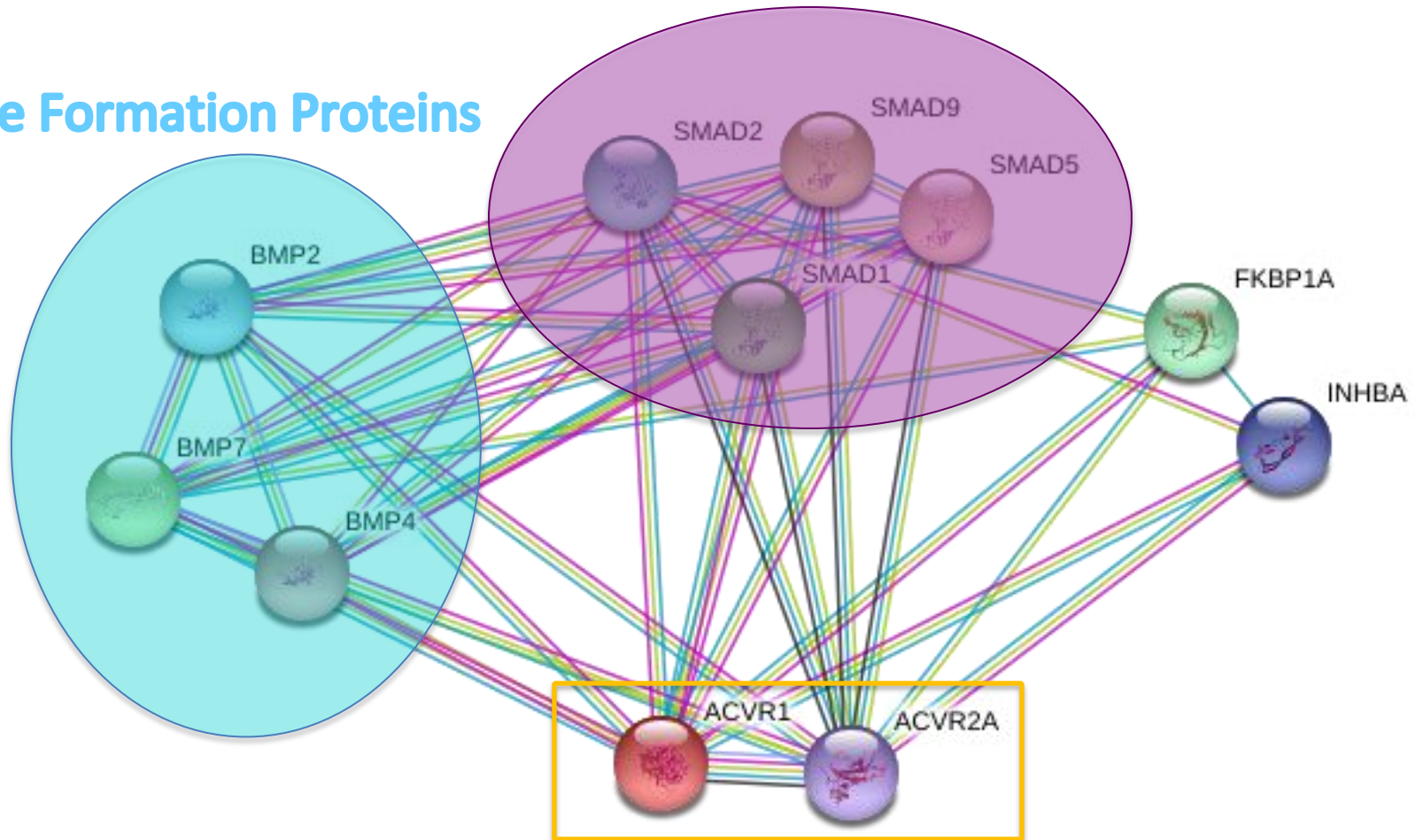
Neighbor Joining
Using % Identity



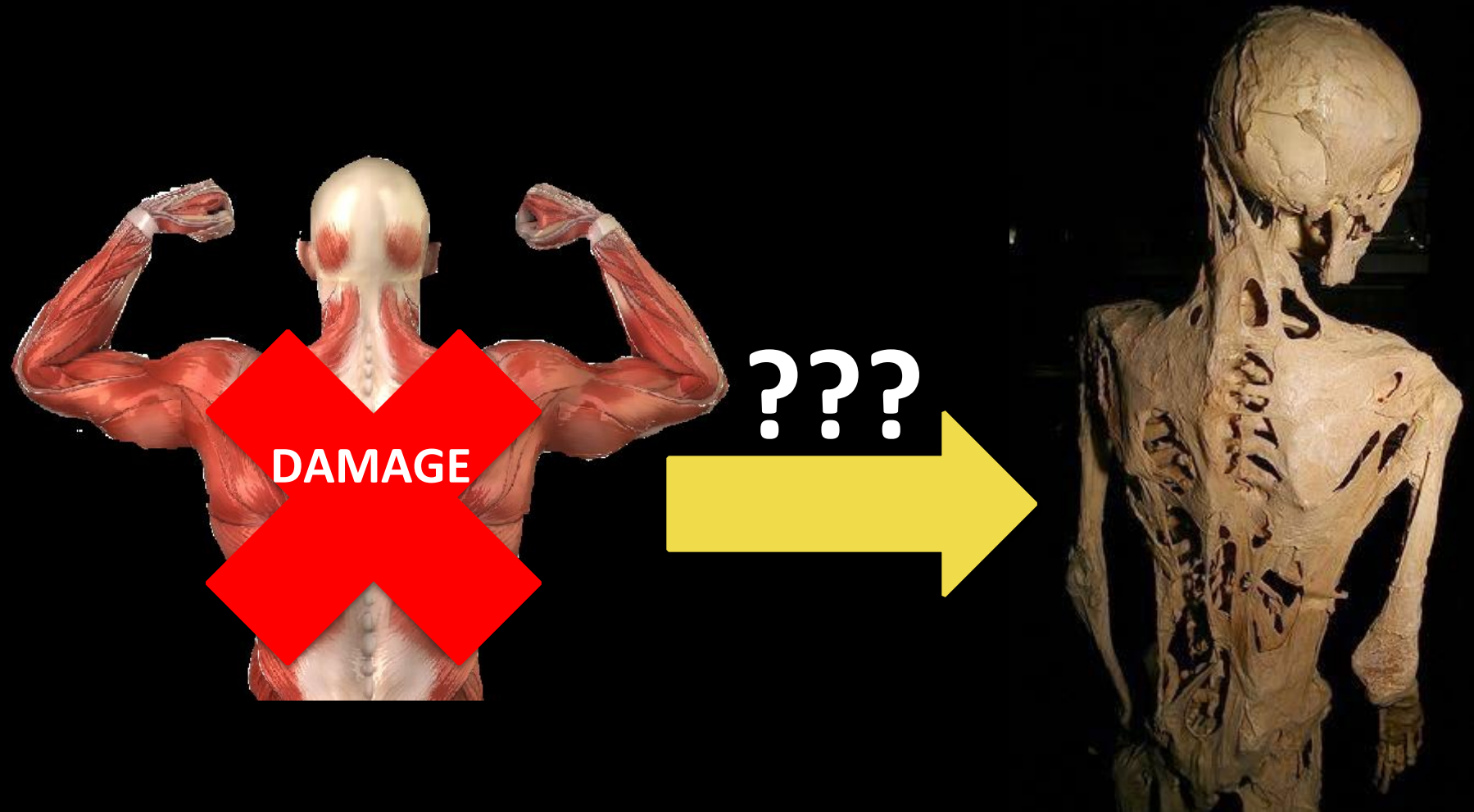
Protein Interactions: What types of proteins does ACVR1 interact with?

Transcriptional Modulators

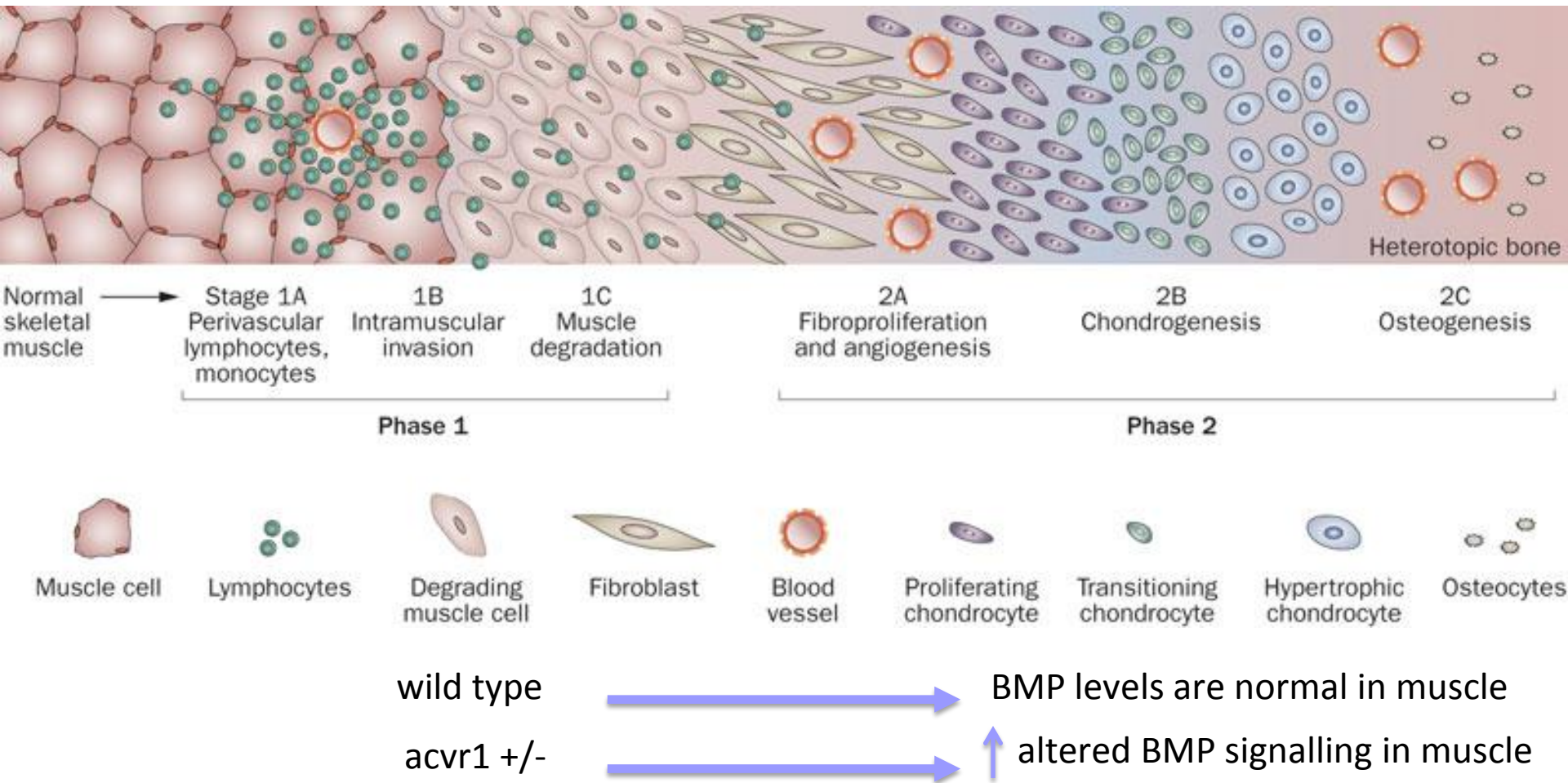
Bone Formation Proteins



Gap in knowledge: What are the molecular mechanism that cause muscle damage to transform into bone?



Hypothesis: Mutations in *acvr1* lead to the conversion of muscle to bone because of altered BMP signaling pathways



Goals

Long-term goal: is to understand the molecular mechanisms involved in muscle turning into bone

Aim 1
Compare gene expression in the normal and pathological state

Aim 2 use chemical genetics to see if any drugs rescue the abberant signaling and phenotype

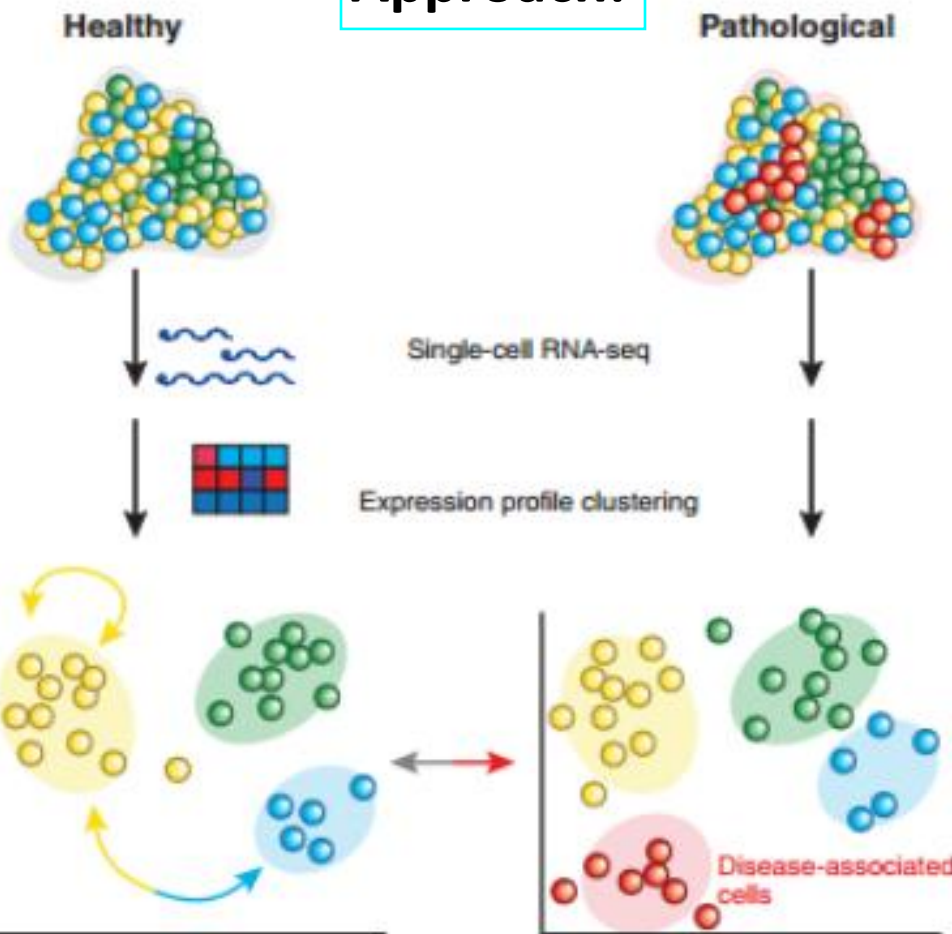
Aim 3 Determine if a new phosphorylation site is responsible for decreased FKBP12 affinity

Specific Aim 1: Identify genes that are differentially expressed in wild type and ACVR1 mutant mouse muscle using RNA Seq



WT

Approach:



+/-

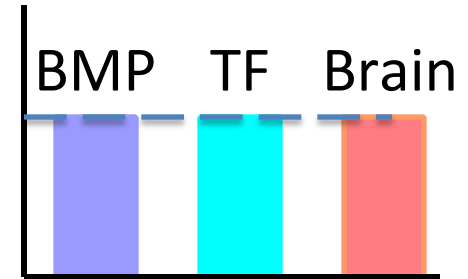
Specific Aims 1: Identify the types of genes differentially expressed

ACVR1 WT

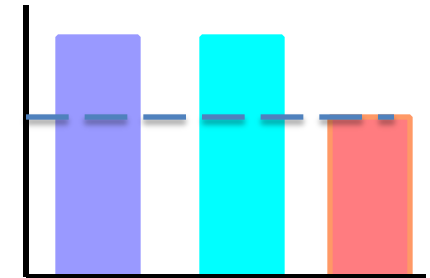


Hypothesis

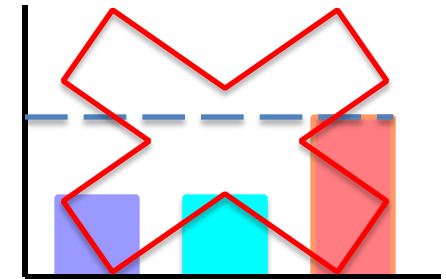
Protein expression level



ACVR1 +/-

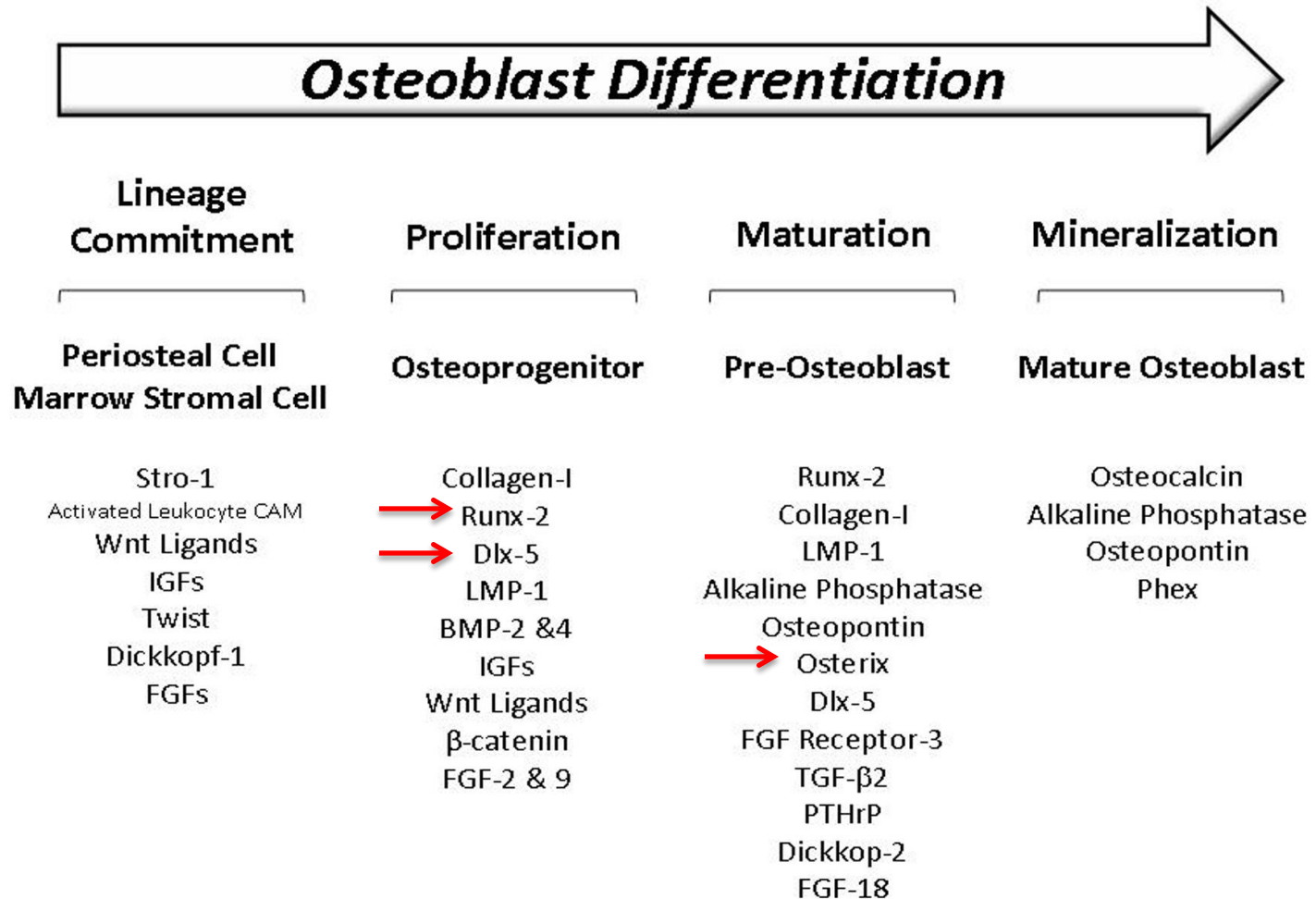


ACVR1 -/-



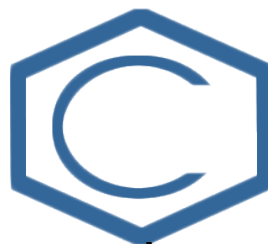
Rationale: Find differentially expressed gene and proteins to better understand the molecular mechanisms of FOP

Specific Aims 1: Additional proteins that may have increased expression in RNA seq

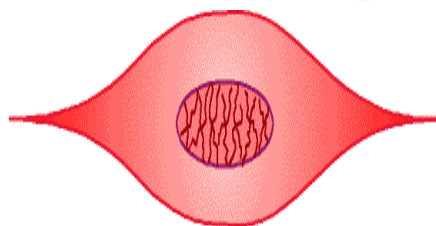


Specific Aim 2: Identify compounds using PubChem that interact with ACVR1

Approach

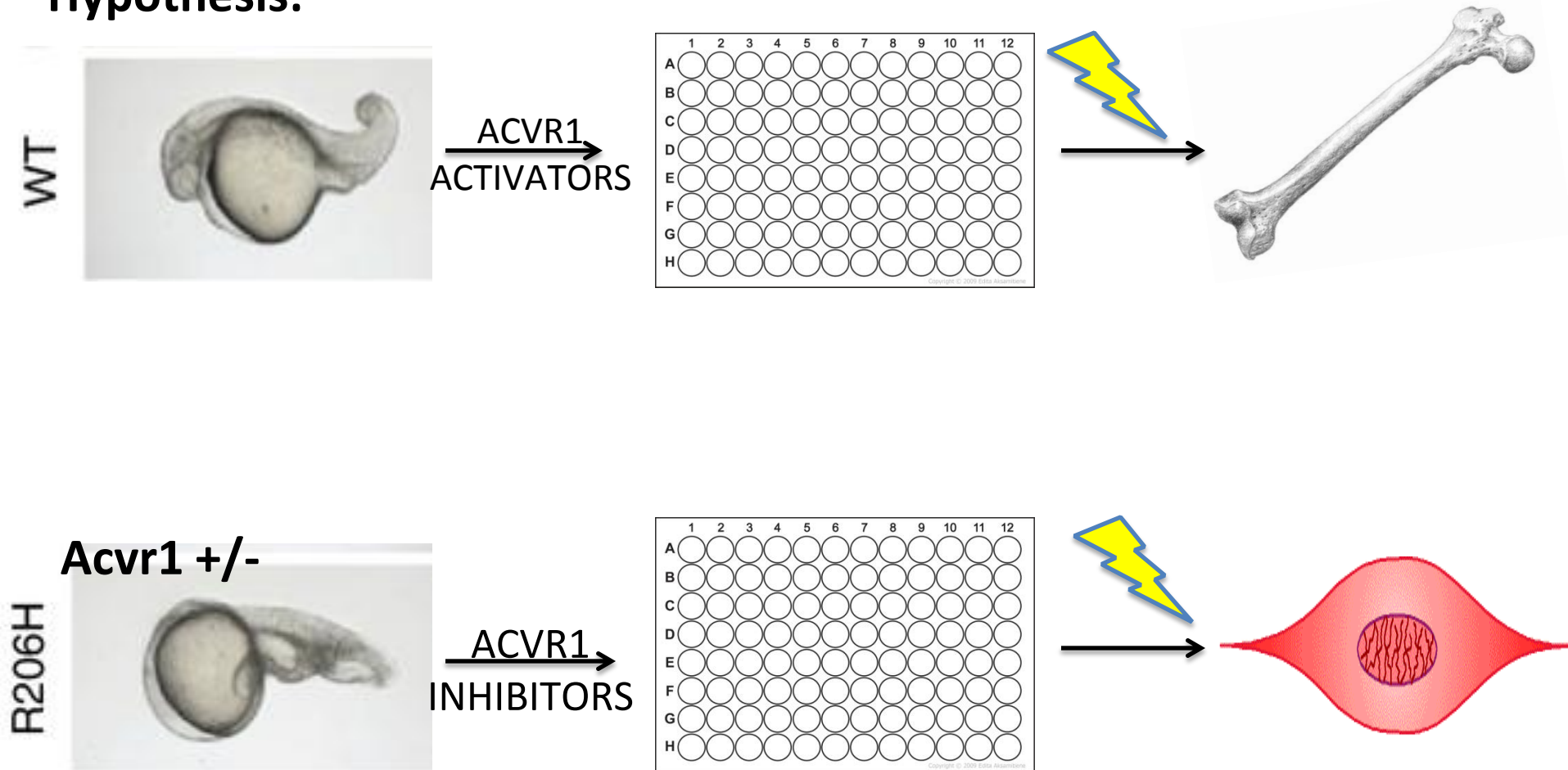


R206H
Mutant



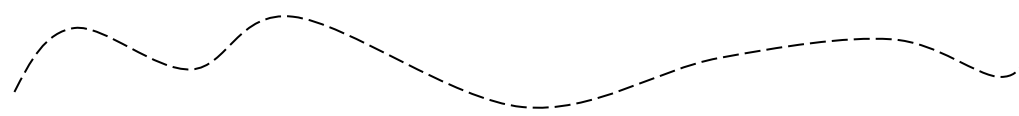
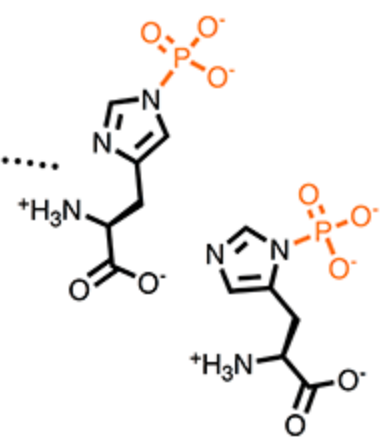
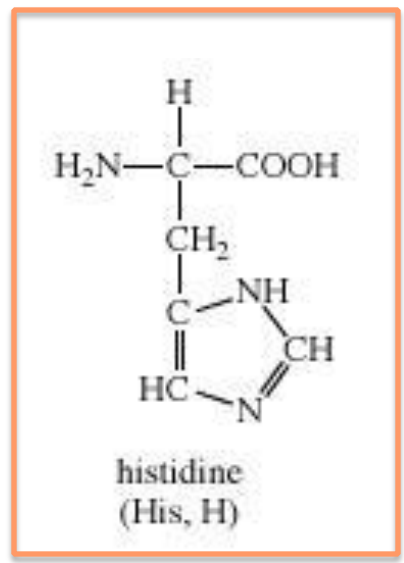
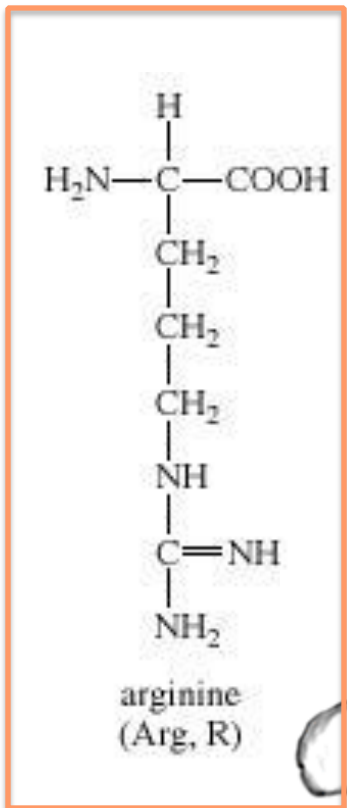
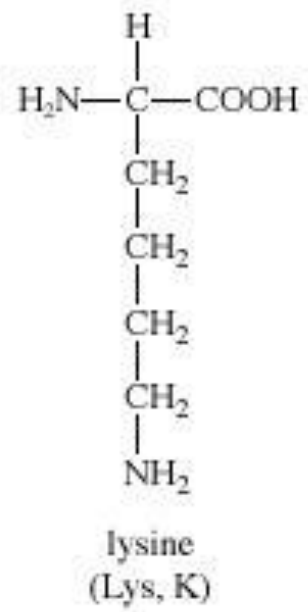
Specific Aim 2: Identify compounds using PubChem that interact with ACVR1

Hypothesis:



Rationale: Try to find drugs that will rescue aberrant ACVR1 signaling

Specific Aim 3: Determine if the mutation in ACVR1 creates a new phosphorylation site and if it is responsible for the decreased FKBP12 affinity for ACVR1

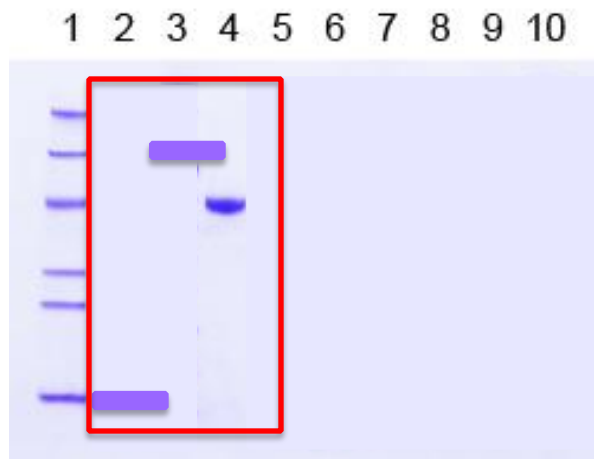


Specific Aims 3 Approach & Hypothesis

WT Column 2



+ Shift



Mutant ACVR1 +/-
Column 3



- Shift



Rationale: To understand why the inhibitor has decreased binding affinity to ACVR1



Future Directions



Block activity of mutant FOP receptor

Inhibit inflammatory trigger

Diverting mesenchymal stem cells to soft tissue fate

Reference

http://th08.deviantart.net/fs70/PRE/i/2014/033/7/5/fibrodysplasia_ossificans_progressiva_by_atirum-d74wcd4.png

<http://i.imgur.com/QujYXfL.jpg>

<http://jpma.org.pk/images/April2011/FibrodysplasiaOssificansProgressivafigure2.jpg>

Rigueur, Diana ; Brugger, Sean ; Anbarchian, Teni ; Kim, Jong Kil ; Lee, Yoojin ; Lyons, Karen M The Type I BMP Receptor ACVR1/ALK2 is Required for Chondrogenesis During Development

Journal of Bone and Mineral Research, 2015, Vol.30(4), pp.733-741

<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/gene/ACVR1>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16795049>

http://posterng.netkey.at/ranzcr/viewing/index.php?module=viewimage&task=&mediafile_id=590601&201407160703.gif

[http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-zW4fosG1V3A/U-fuwaW7HjI/AAAAAAAAABbE/guMRjfcZwk/s1600/FOP+\(1\).jpg](http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-zW4fosG1V3A/U-fuwaW7HjI/AAAAAAAAABbE/guMRjfcZwk/s1600/FOP+(1).jpg)

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/images/needlehand.jpg>

https://kinasepro.files.wordpress.com/2009/05/sgc_2.gif?w=500&h=659

<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/c/c8/Microarray-schema.jpg/220px-Microarray-schema.jpg>

<http://www.extremetech.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/dnahead.jpg>

<data:image/jpeg;base64,/9j/4AAQSkZJRgABAQAAQABAAD/2wCEAAkGBxQSEhUUehQWFhUUGRcYGBgXGBUYHBgXFxcXFxgYFxcaHCggGRolHxUWlJehJSsrLi4uFx8zODMsNygtLisBCgoKDg0OGxAQGiwmICtLCwsNCwsLCwsLC8sLCw0LCwsLCwsLC>

http://www.skullsunlimited.com/userfiles/image/variants_7281.jpg

Gene Therapy Applications for Fracture Repair

Cassandra A. Strohbach¹, Donna D. Strong² and Charles H. Rundle³

http://posterng.netkey.at/ranzcr/viewing/index.php?module=viewimage&task=&mediafile_id=590601&201407160703.gif

https://edc2.healthtap.com/ht-staging/user_answer/reference_image/4155/large/Bones.jpeg?1386670622

data:image/jpeg;base64,/

http://posterng.netkey.at/ranzcr/viewing/index.php?module=viewimage&task=&mediafile_id=590601&201407160703.gif

https://edc2.healthtap.com/ht-staging/user_answer/reference_image/4155/large/Bones.jpeg?1386670622

<http://i.imgur.com/QujYXfL.jpg>

<http://jpma.org.pk/images/April2011/FibrodysplasiaOssificansProgressivafigure2.jpg>

http://www.niams.nih.gov/health_info/kids/images/arm.jpg

http://www.skullsunlimited.com/userfiles/image/variants_7281.jpg