

# AXON GUIDANCE

**Monday**

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## **Reading:**

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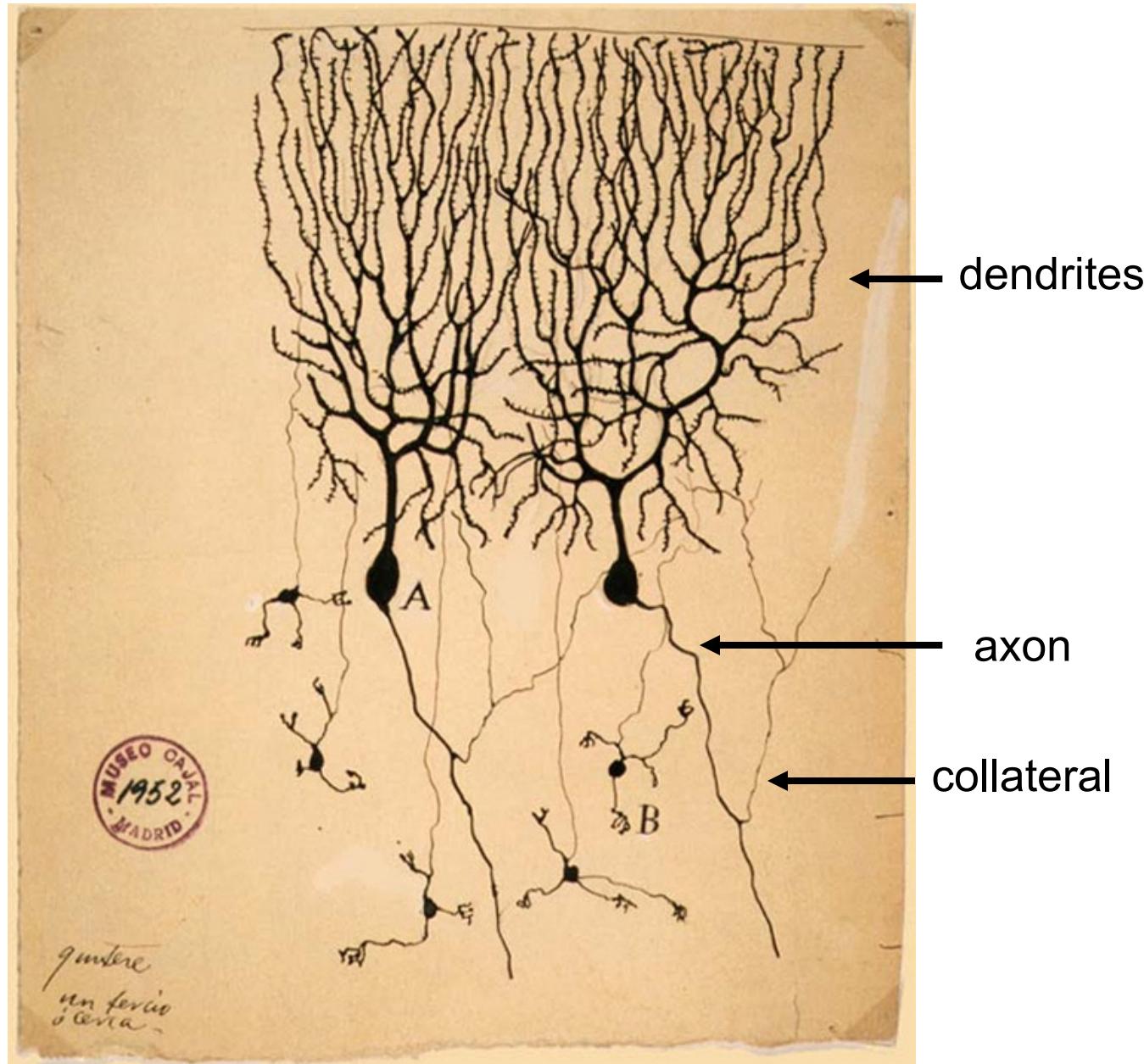
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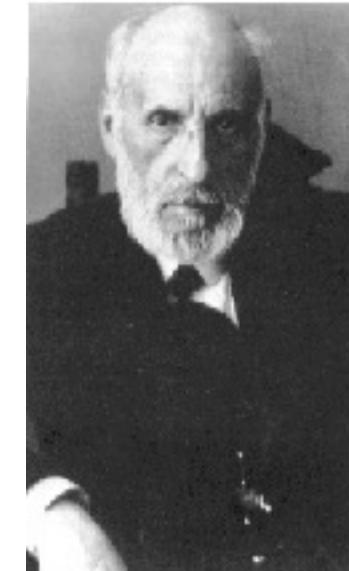
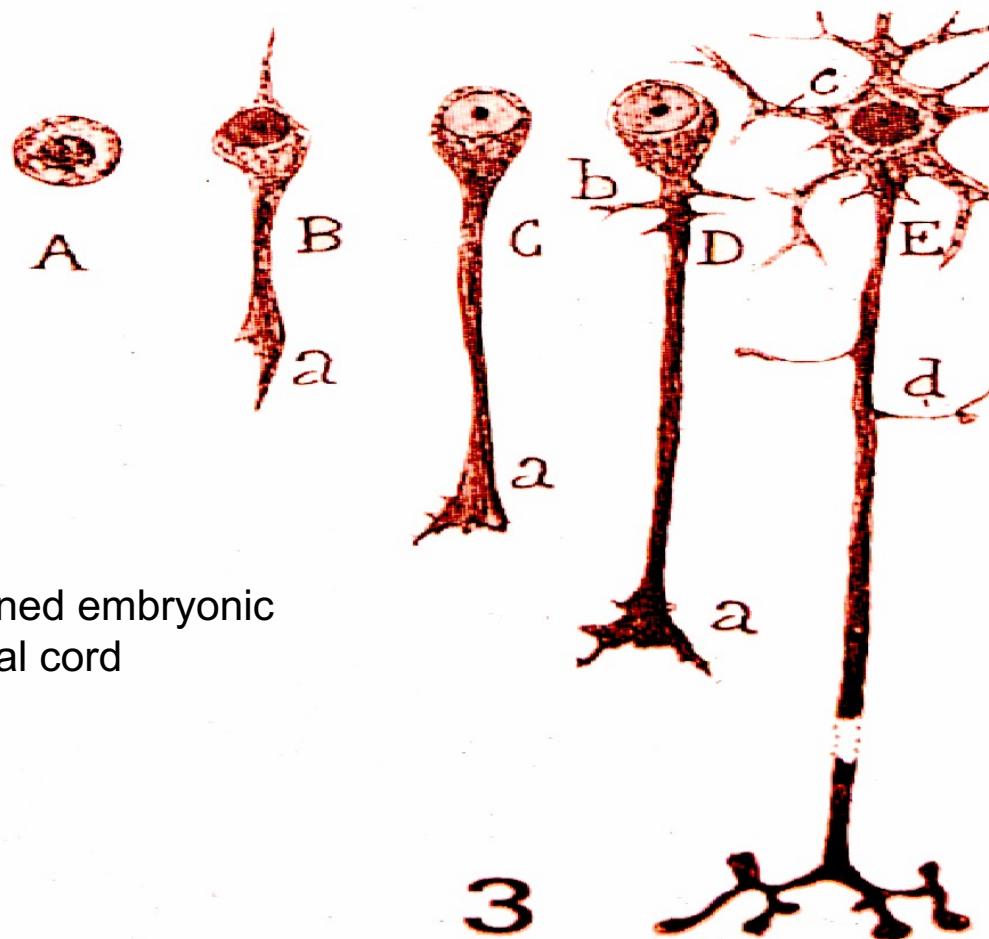
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# Camera Lucida of Purkinje neurons by S. Ramon y Cajal



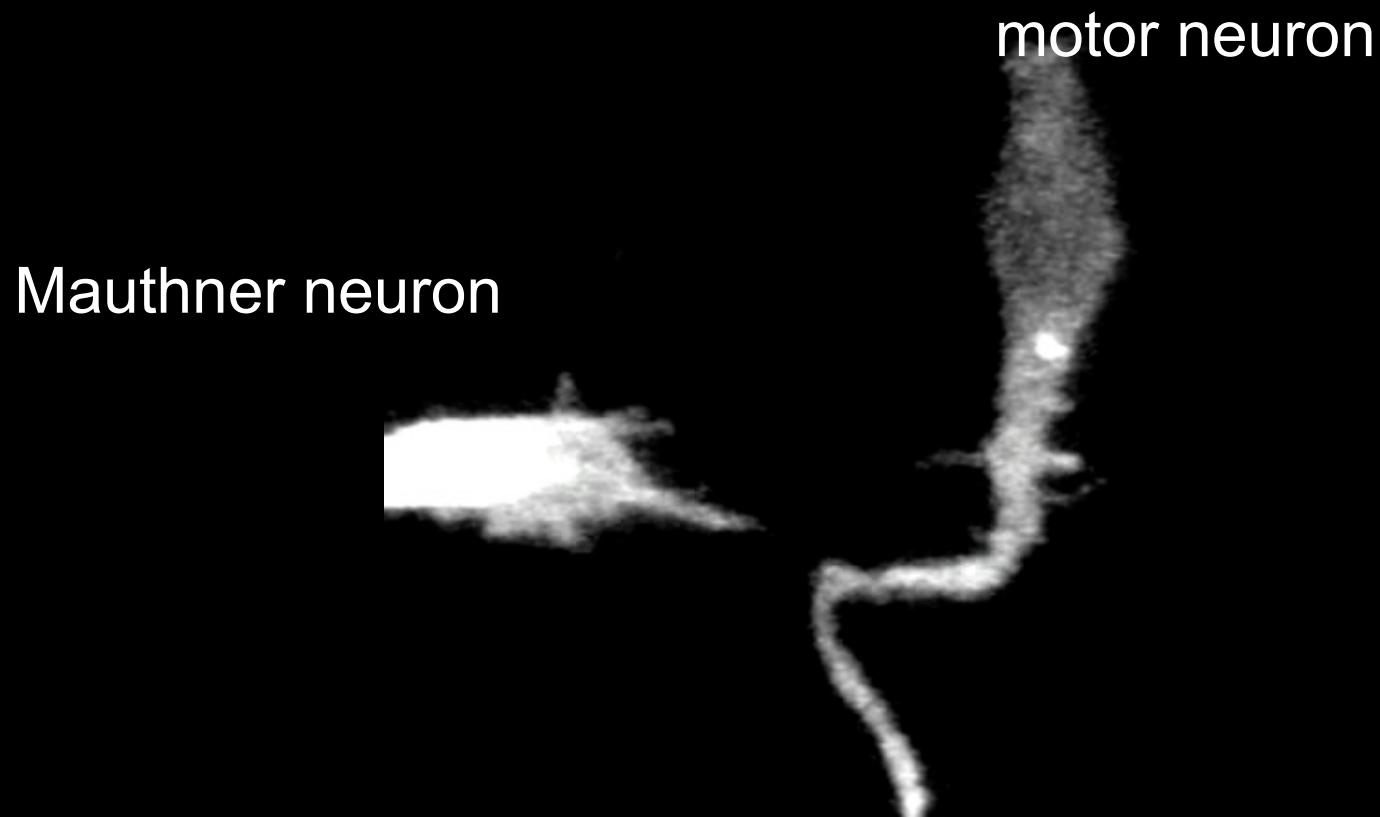
# S. Ramon y Cajal describes the growth cone

Silver-stained embryonic chick spinal cord

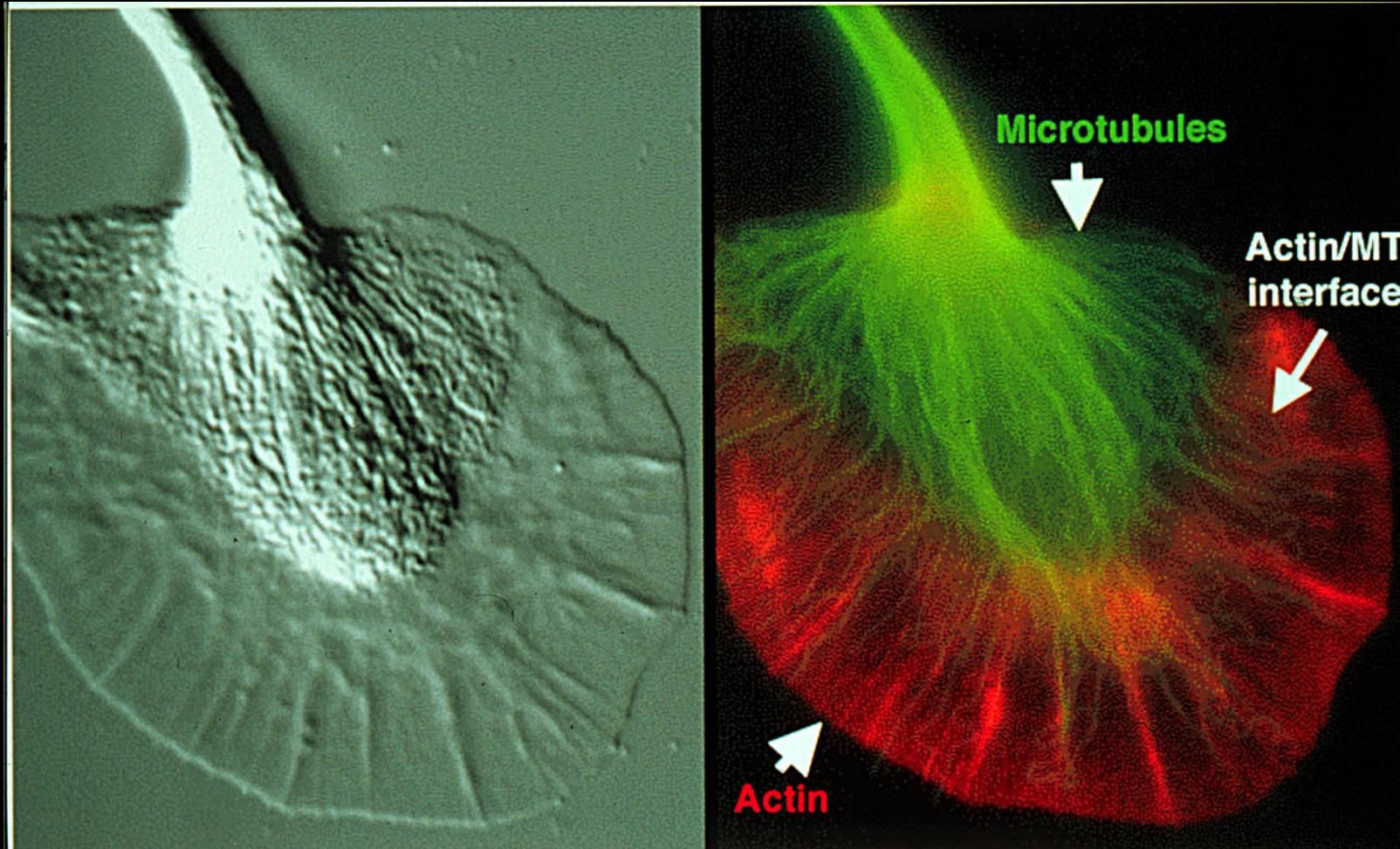


“...endowed with exquisite chemical sensitivity, with rapid ameoboid movements, and with certain impulsive force to...overcome obstacles..., forcing cellular interstices until it arrives at its destination”

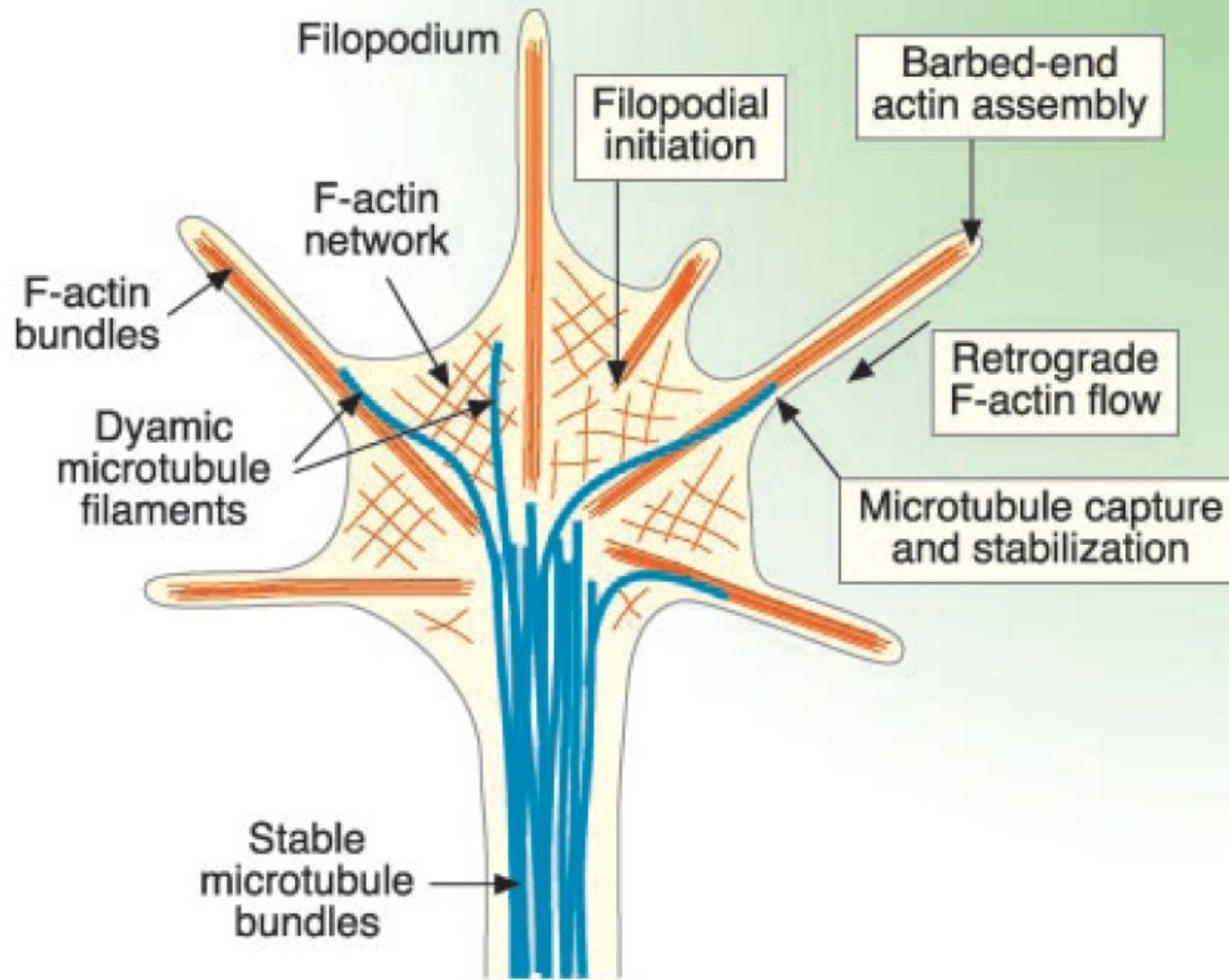
# Mauthner neuron axonal growth cone navigates the zebra fish spinal cord



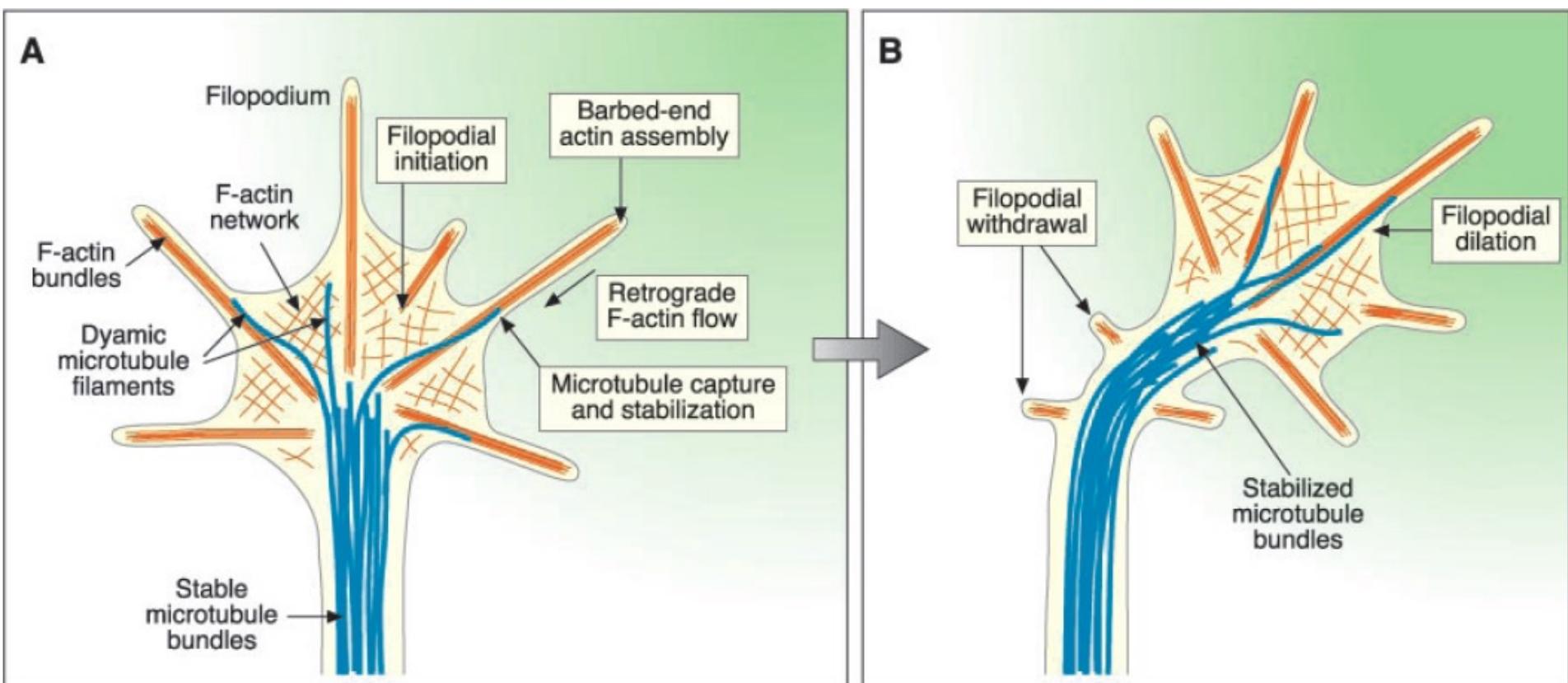
# The growth cone cytoskeleton directs axon guidance



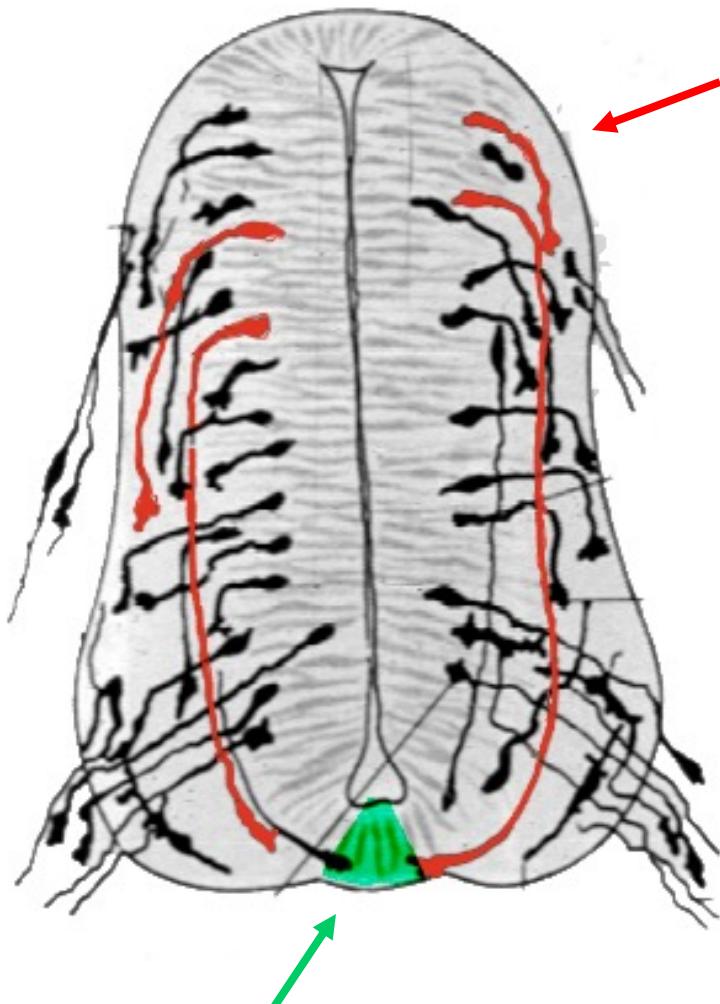
Aplysia neuron growth cone

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# Model of cytoskeletal rearrangement in turning Growth Cone



# Axon guidance along D/V axis of vertebrate spinal cord



## Commissural interneurons

Project ventrally around circumference then dive toward midline

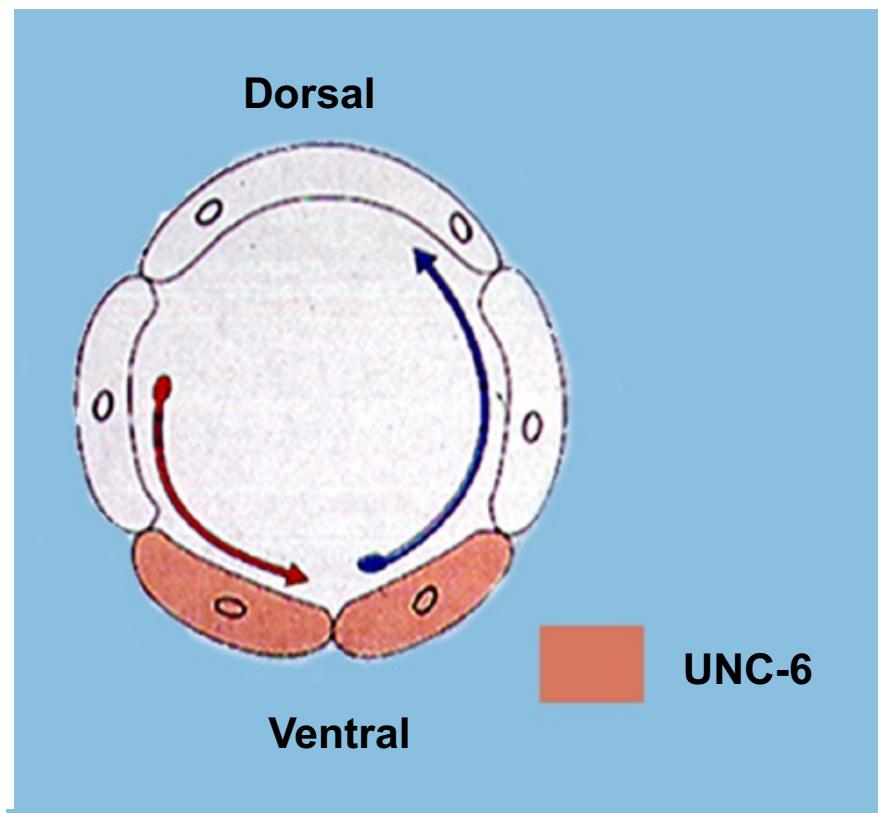
## Ramon y Cajal (1890s)

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Floorplate

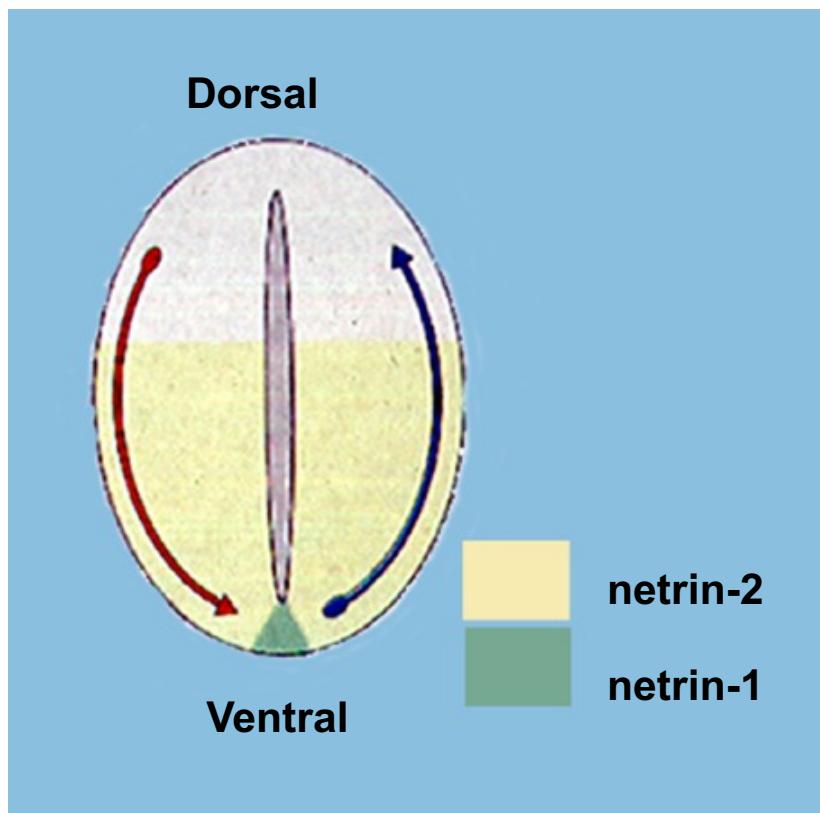
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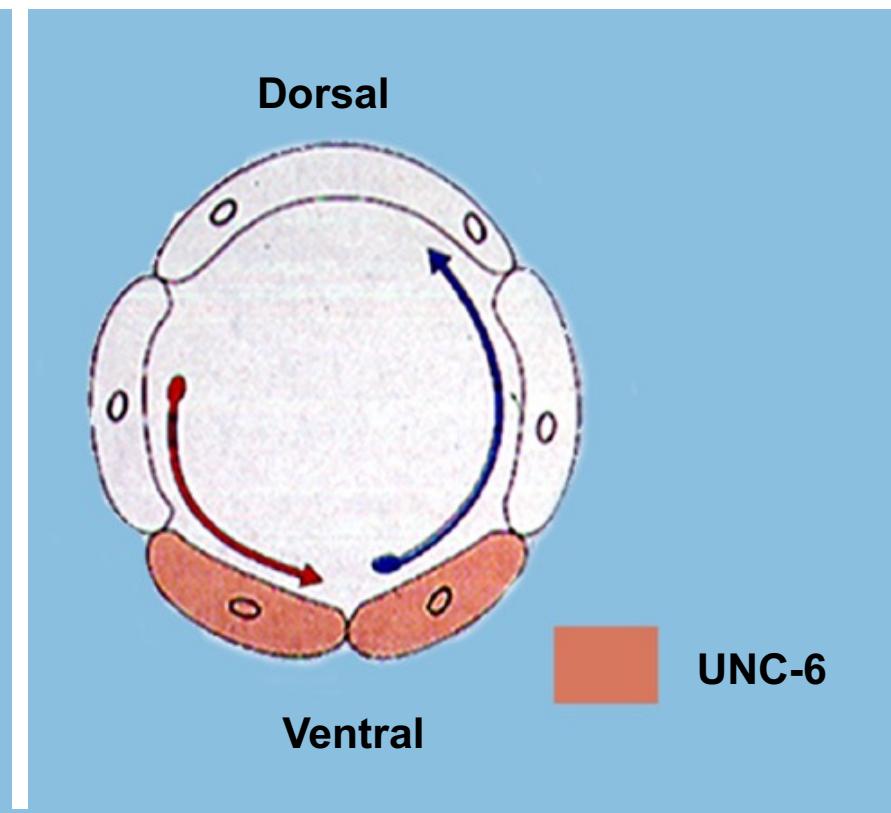
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Vertebrate spinal cord



Chick

*C. elegans* (round worm)



# Major Guidance Cue/Receptor Families

## Cue

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Netrin/UNC-6

Slit

Semaphorin

Ephrin

## Receptor

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DCC/UNC-40, UNC-5

Robo

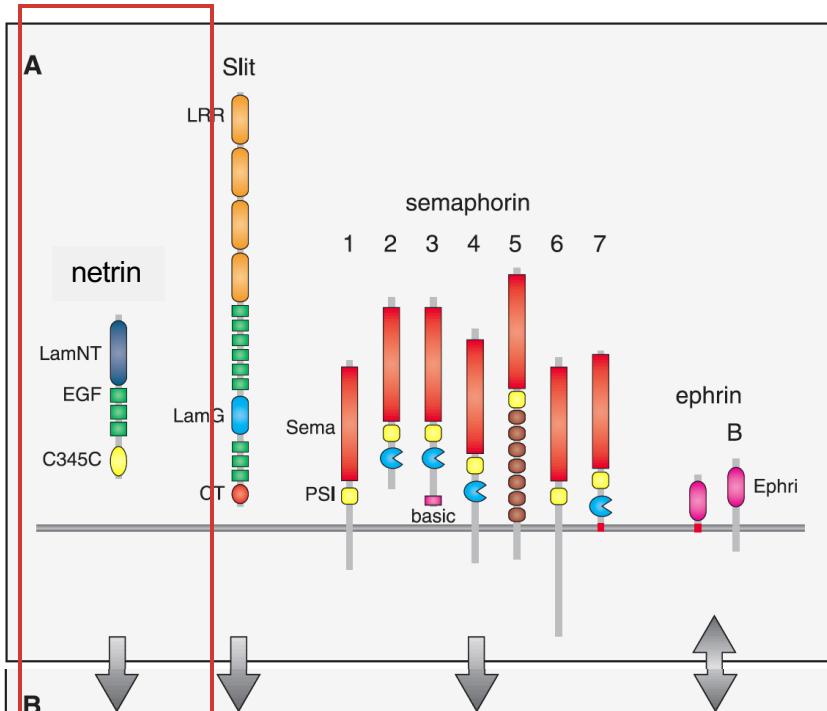
Plexin, Neuropilin

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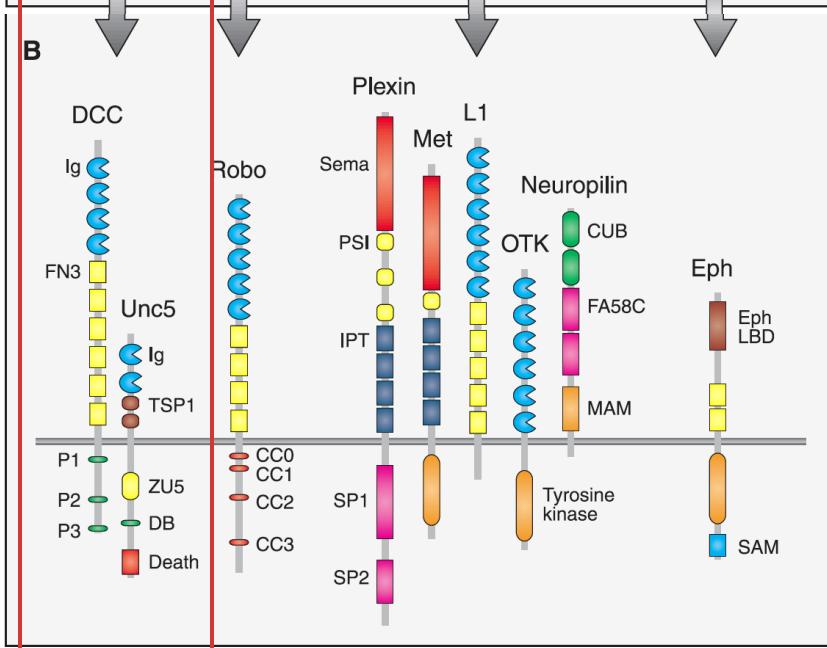


# Four Major Guidance Cue/Receptor Families

Cues



Receptors



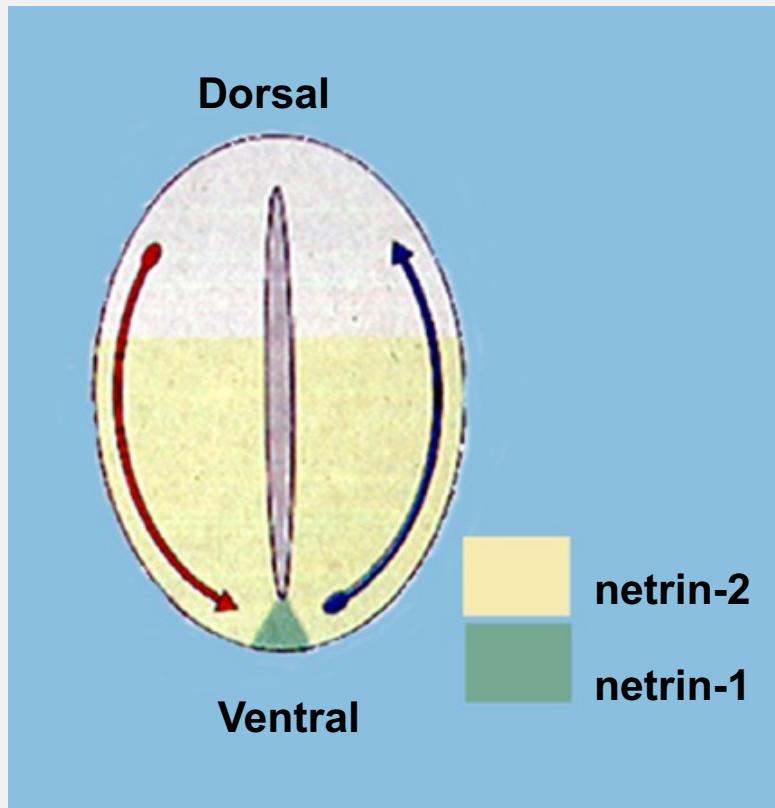
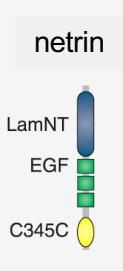
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Attraction

### Vertebrate spinal cord

Cue

Receptor

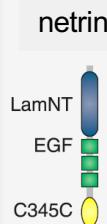


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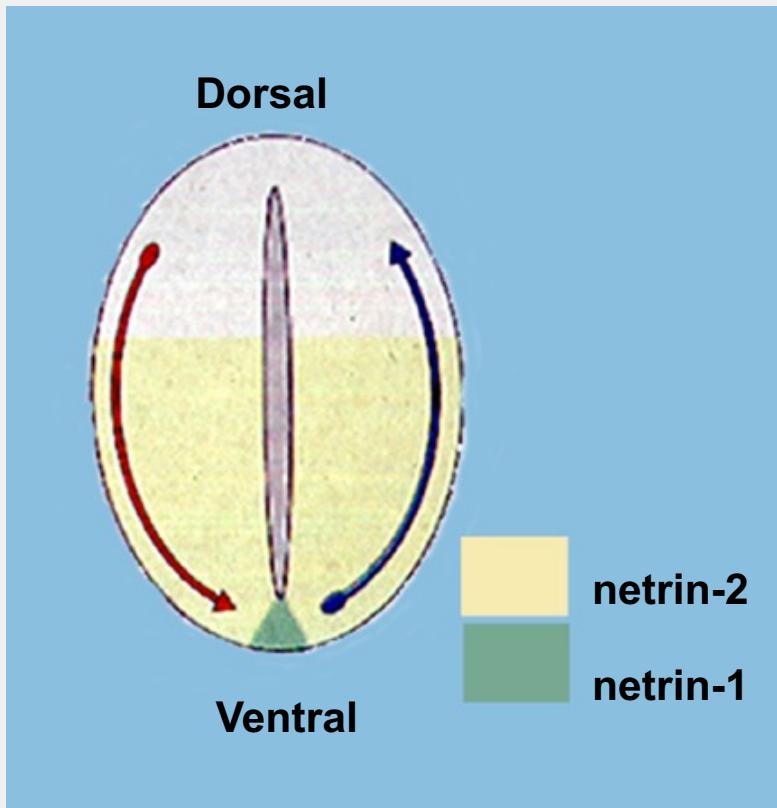
## Attraction

Cue

Receptor



## Vertebrate spinal cord



## Repulsion

Cue



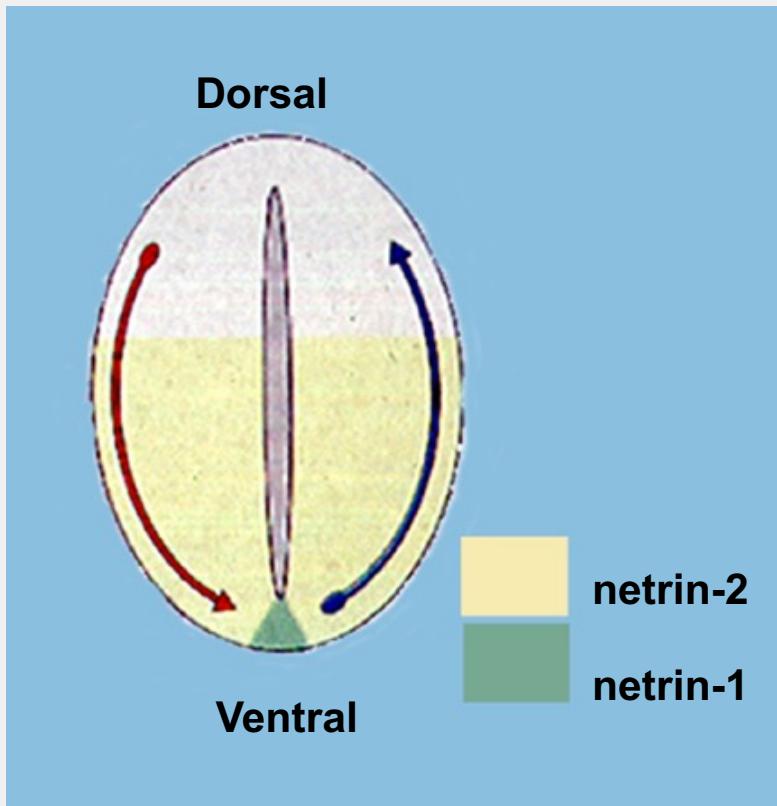
Receptor  
*Uncordinated gene five*



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## Attraction

### Vertebrate spinal cord



## Repulsion

### Cue

netrin

LamNT

EGF

C345C



### Receptor

Unc5

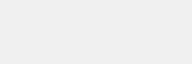
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TSP1

ZU5

DB

Death



DCC

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FN3

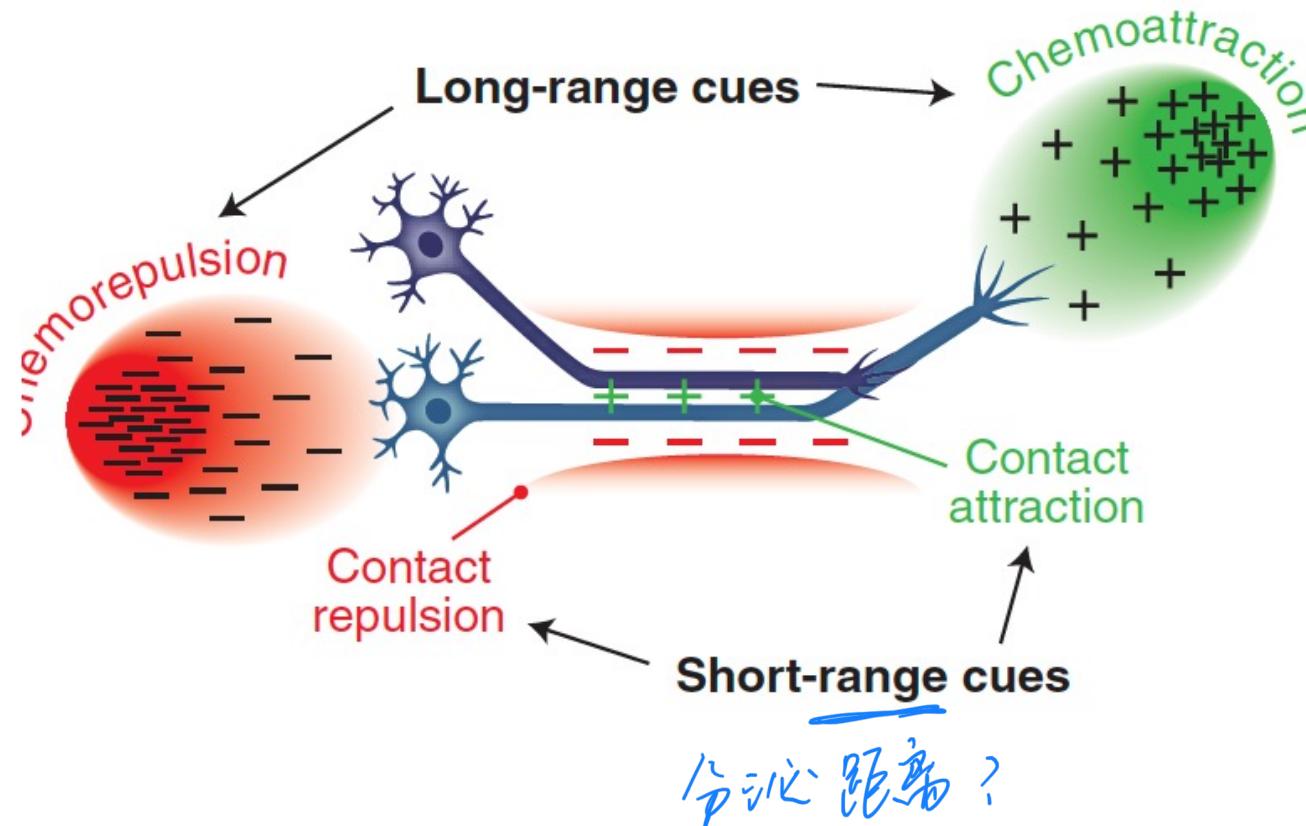
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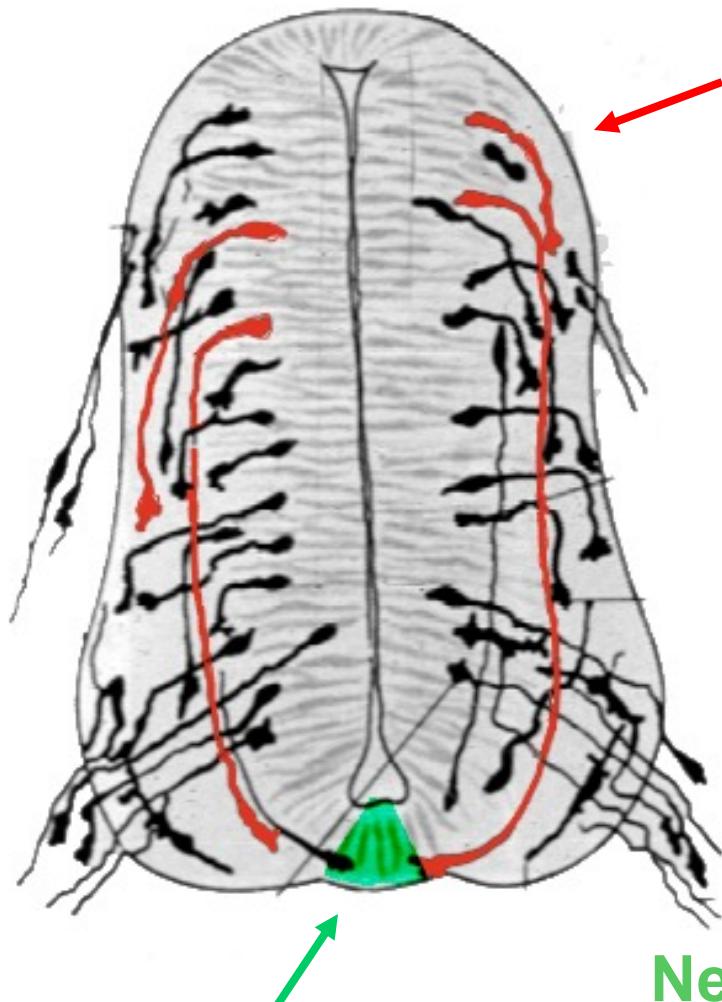
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Death

# Guidance cues regulate axon outgrowth



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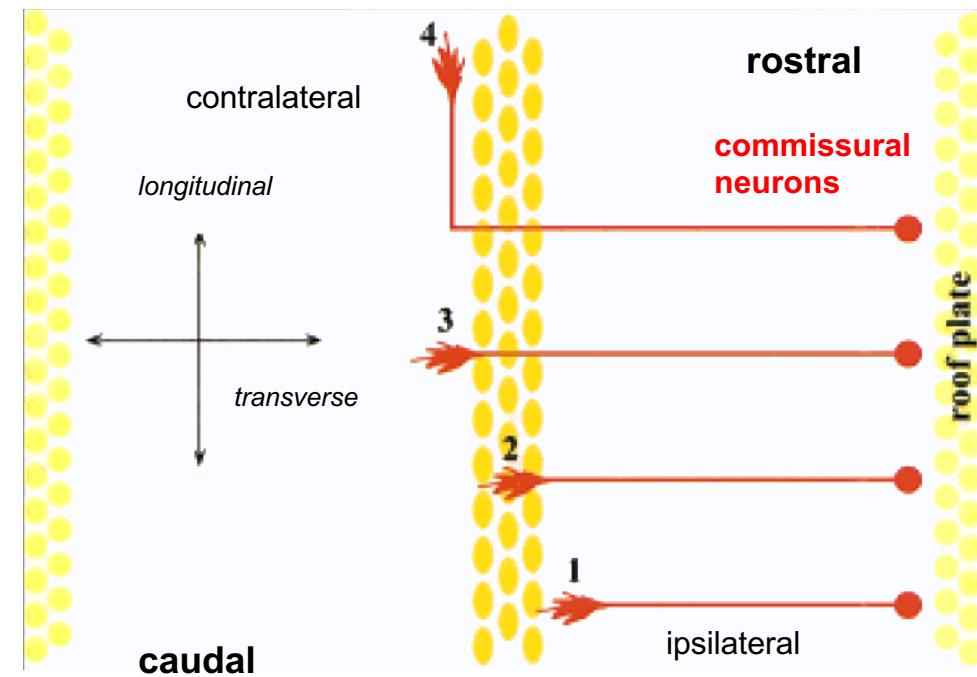
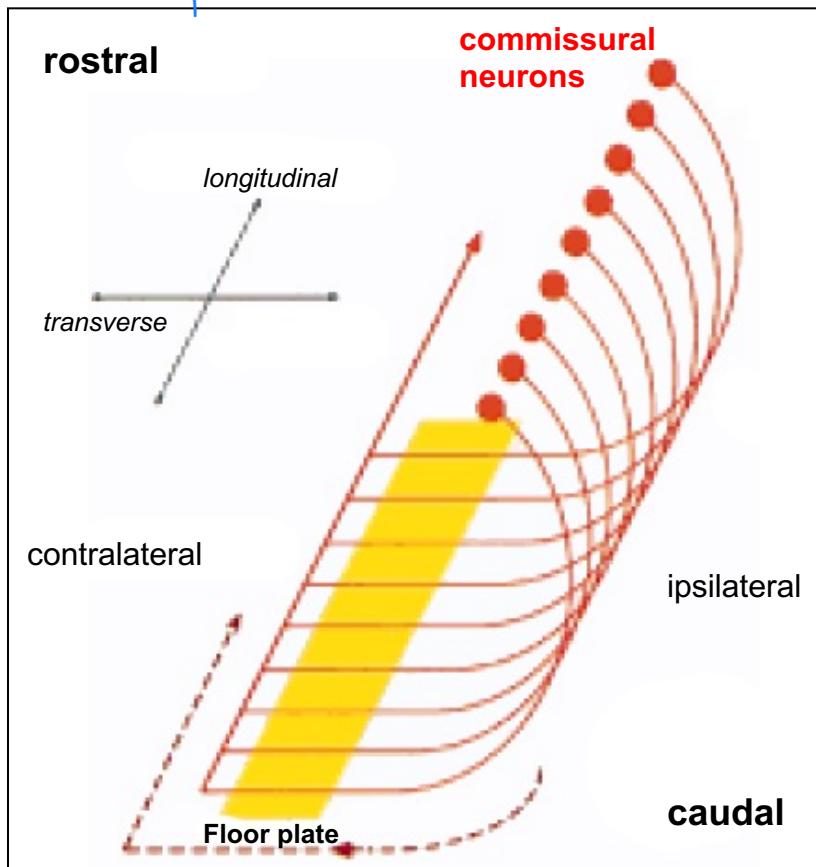
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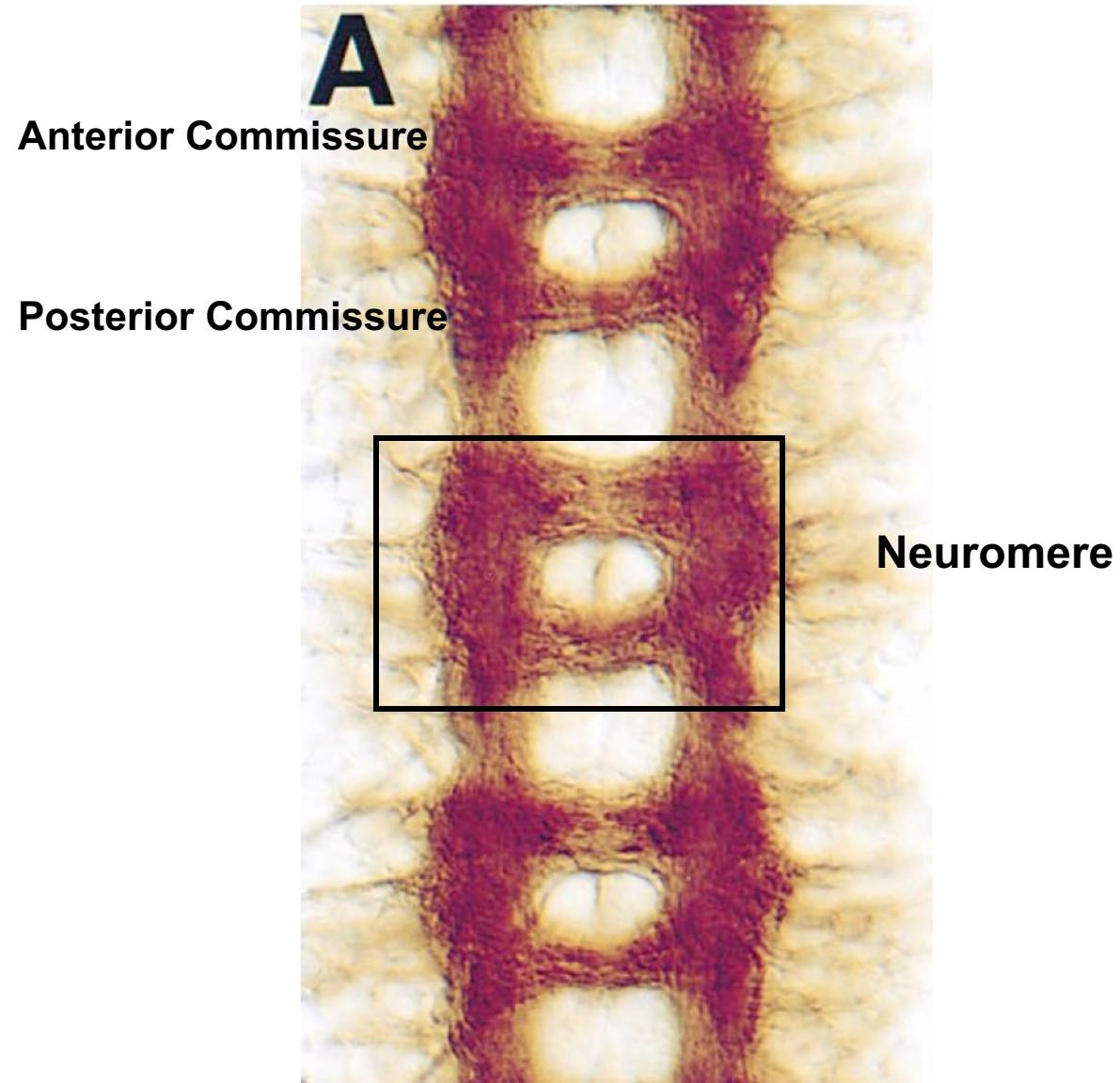
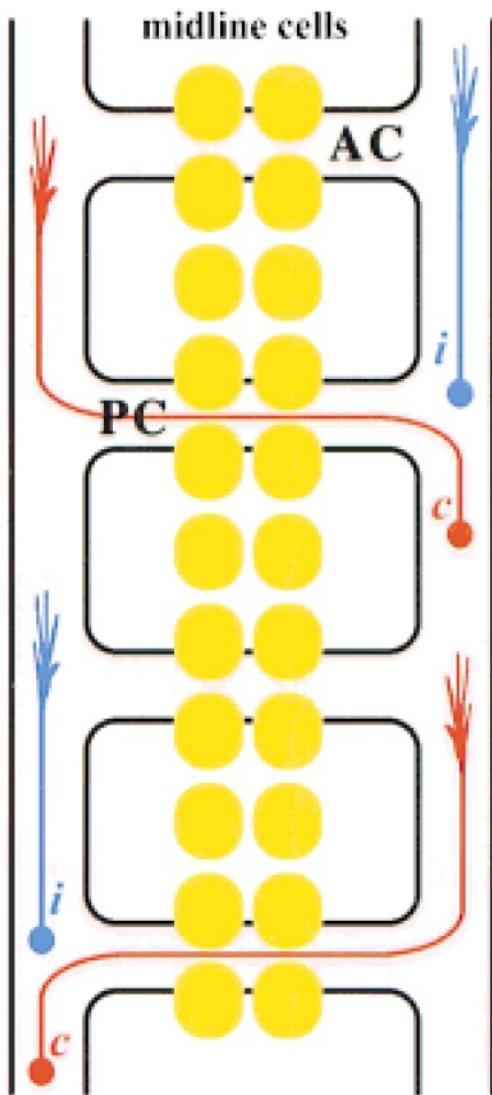
Commissural neurons cross the midline and turn along the body axis

"open book look"



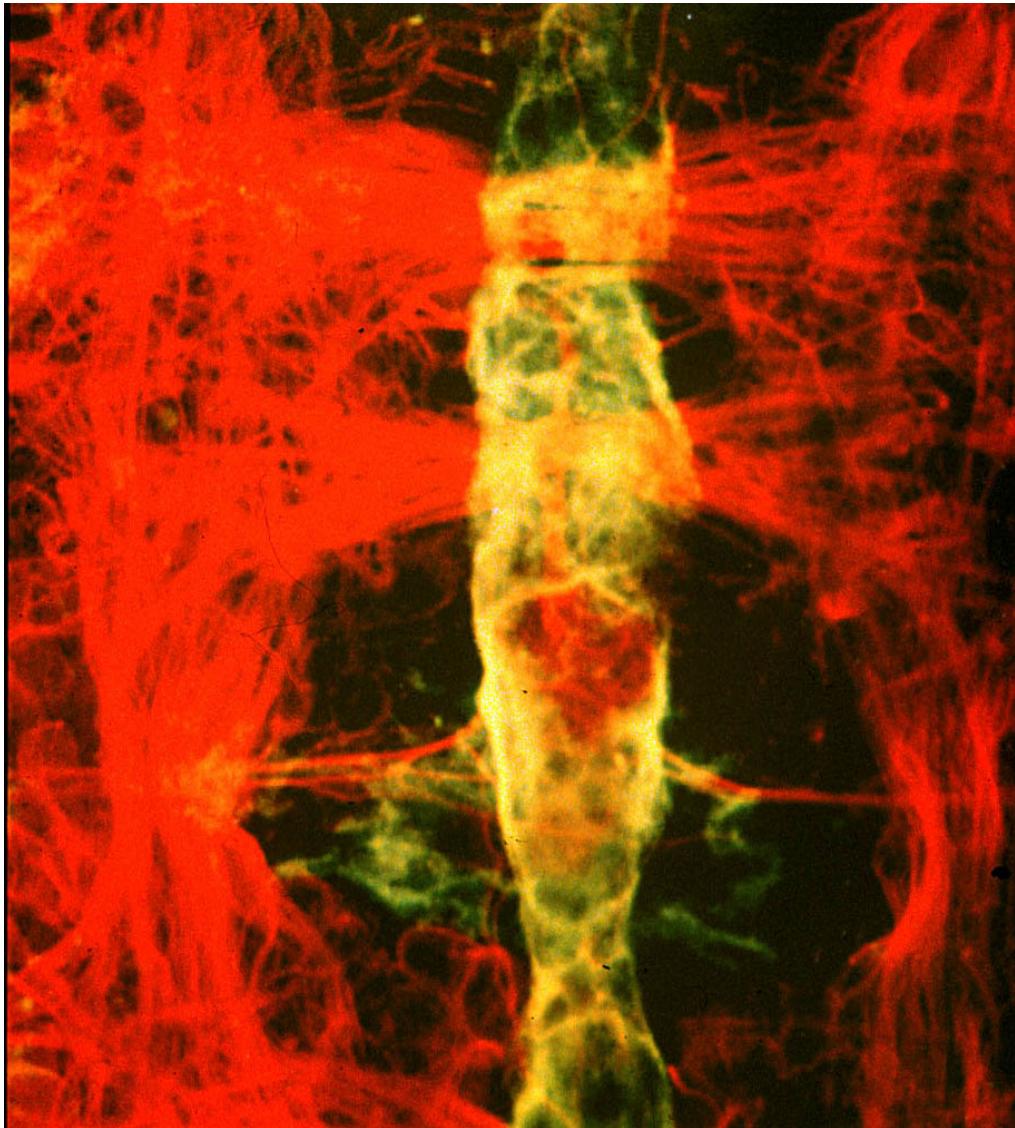
"open book" view

Commissures cross the midline from bilateral axon tracts



fly nerve cord

# Midline organizes CNS



insect nerve cord

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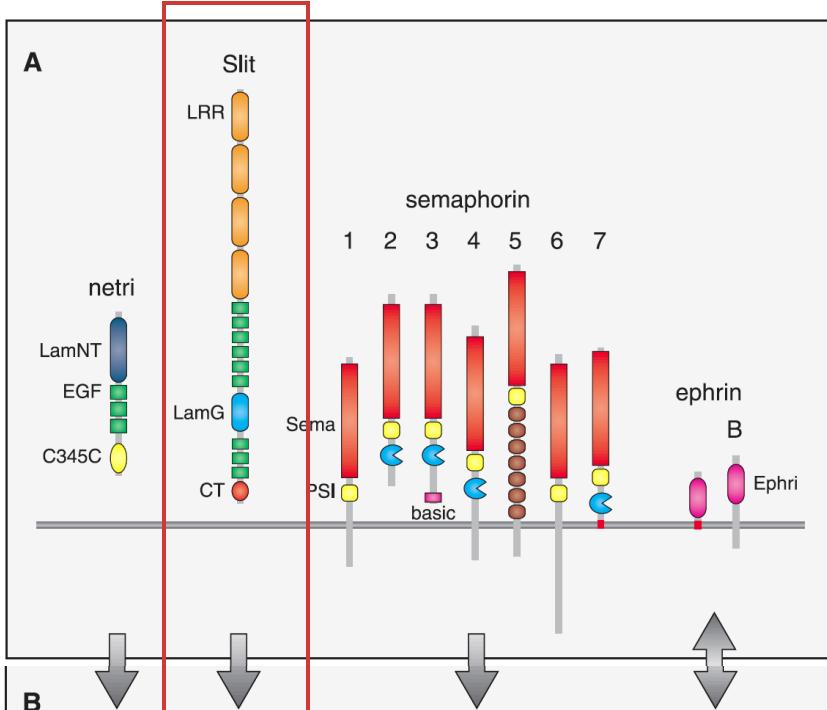
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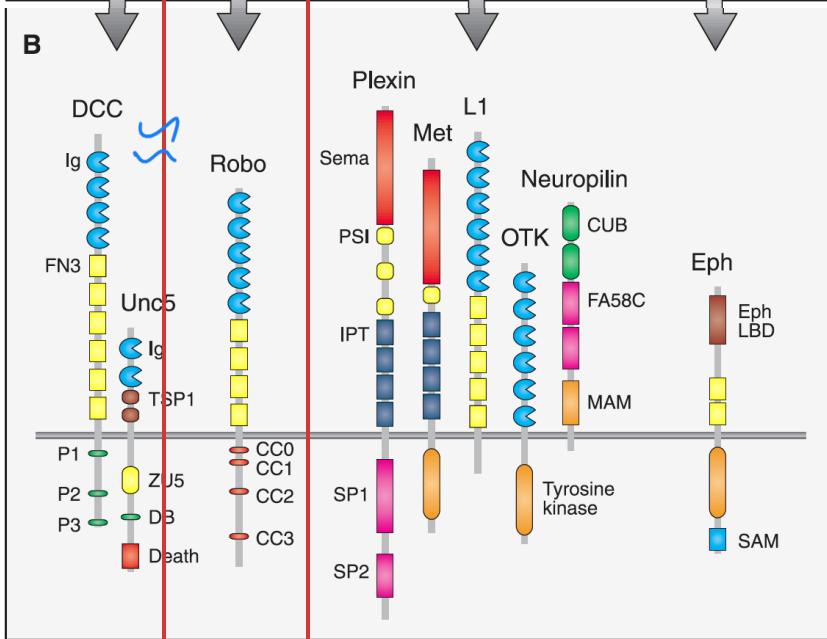


# Four Major Guidance Cue/Receptor Families

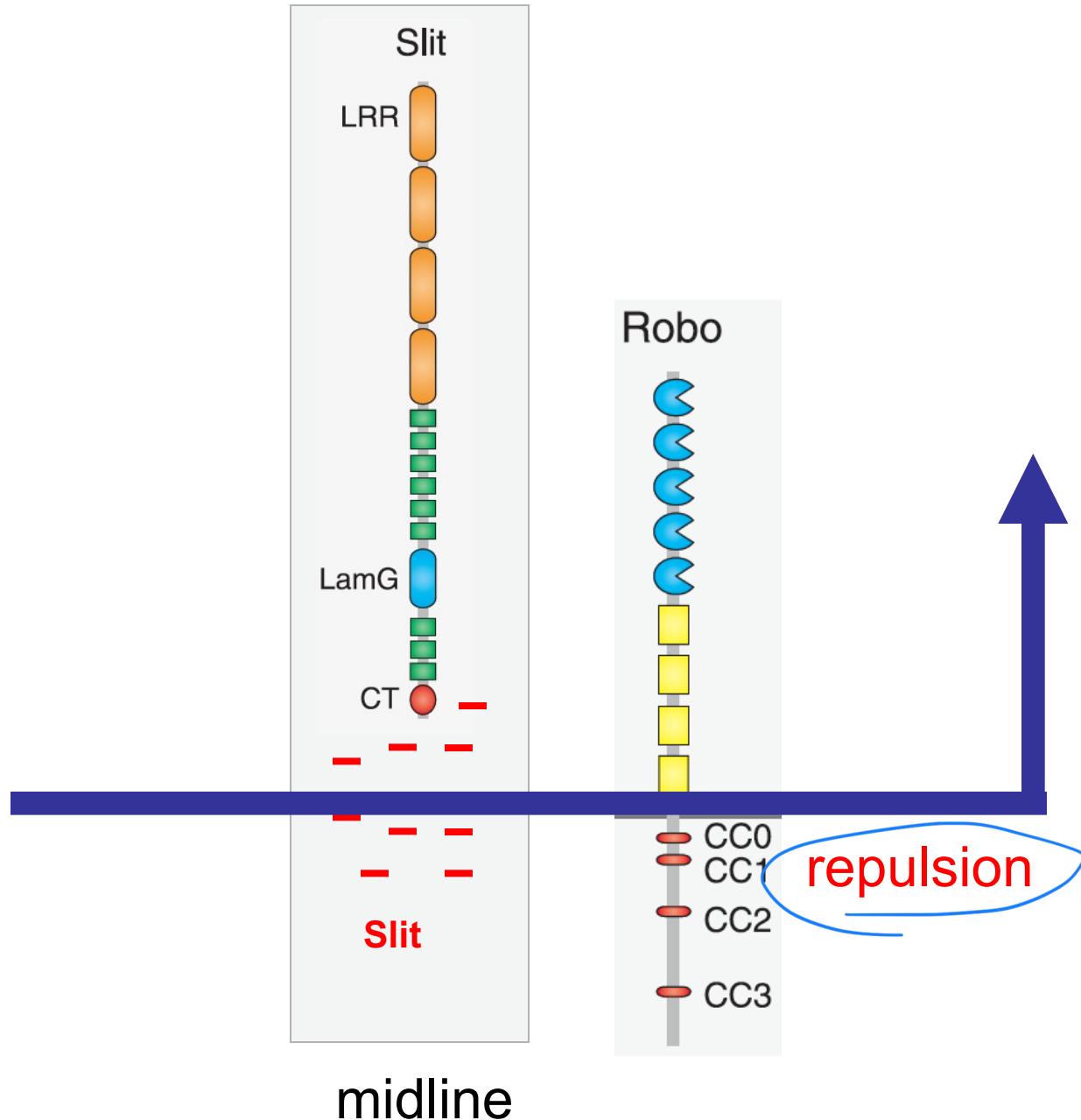
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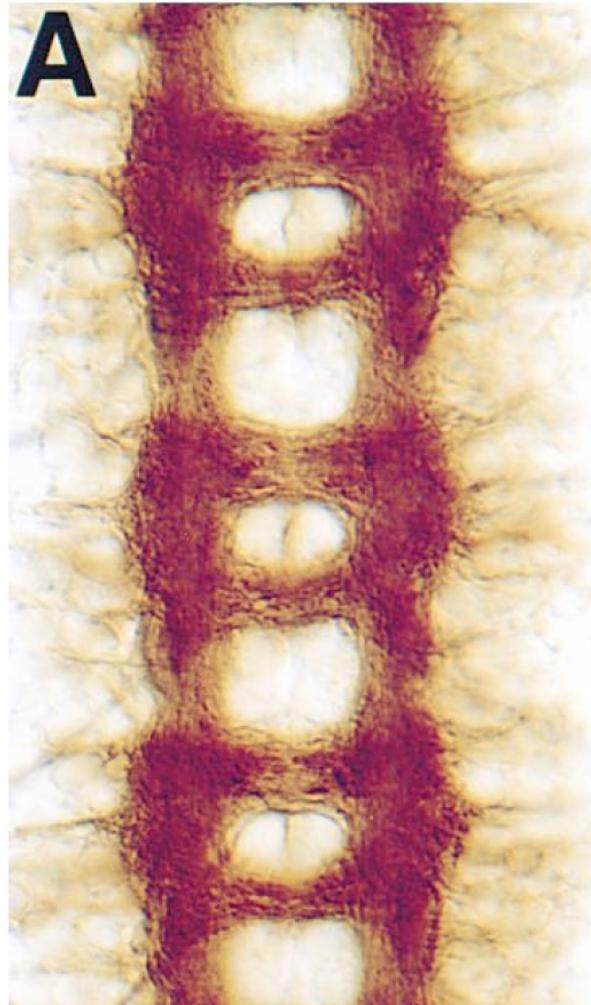


# Robo receptor responds to repulsive slit cue



# Excessive midline crossing in robo and slit mutants

Wild type



Robo, Robo2



slit



*Drosophila* embryos

midline -  
WT → repelle .

Robo  
muted

slit

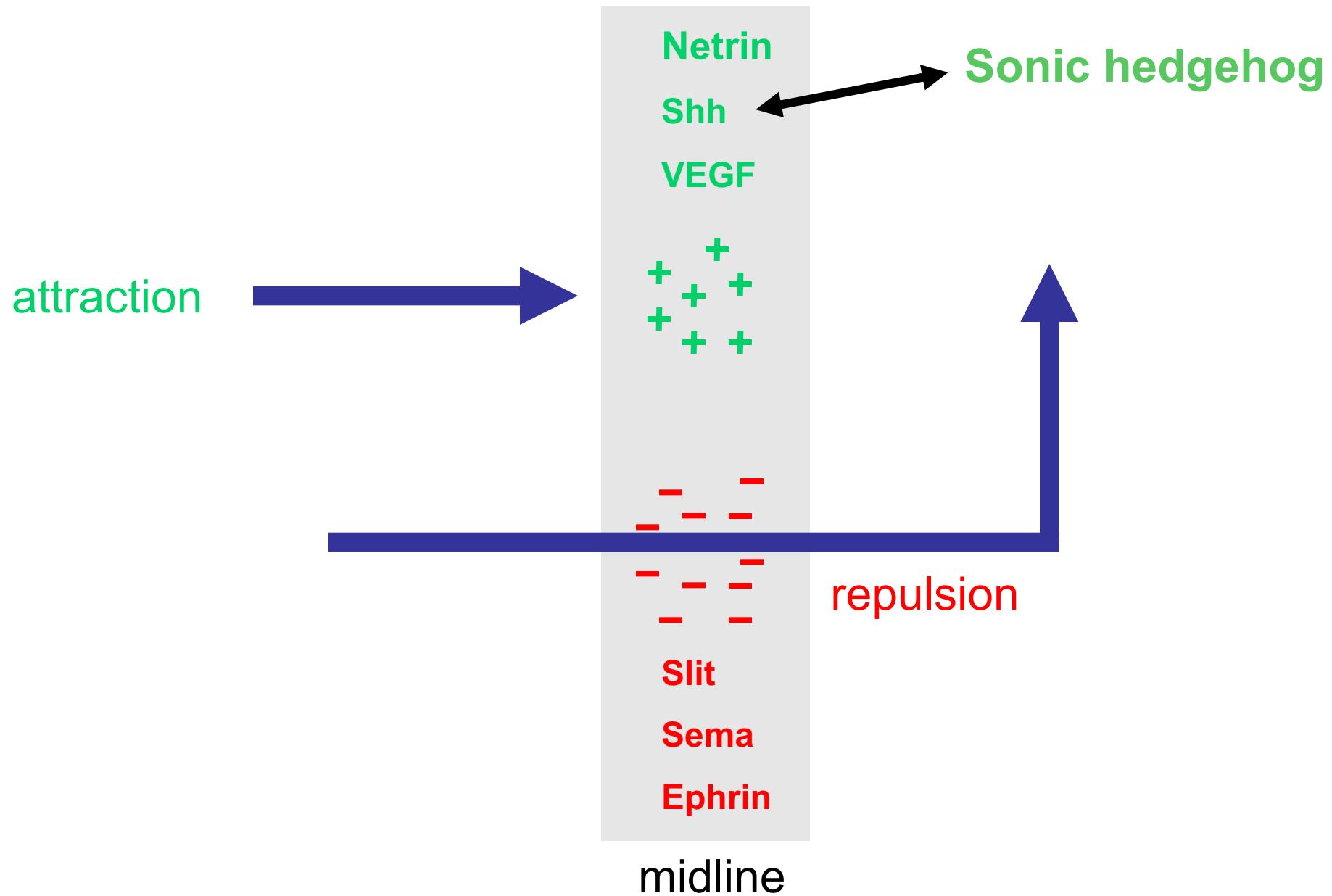
Robo : "Roundabout"

Midline :

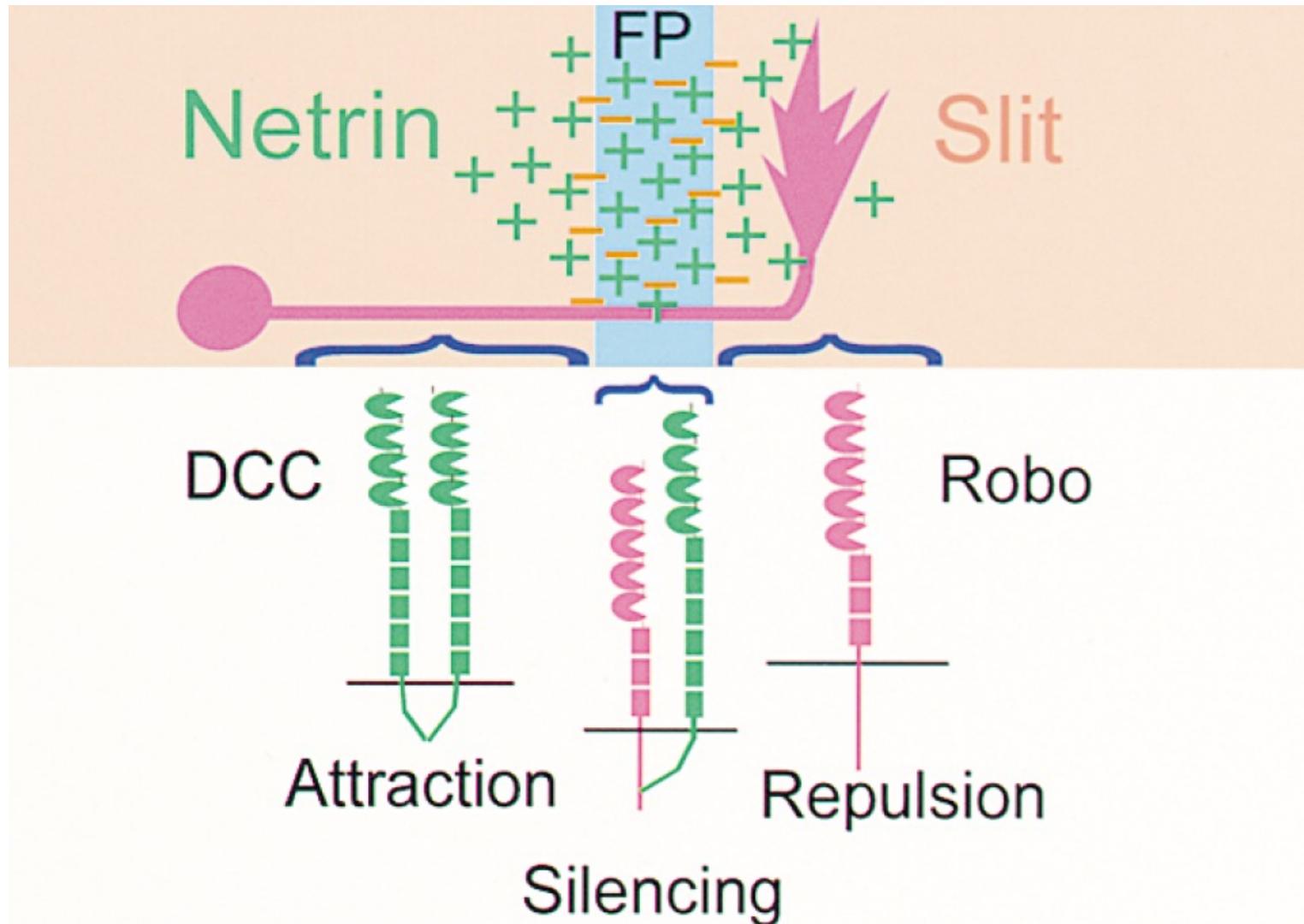


slit → Robo → Repulsion .  
ligand      receptor .

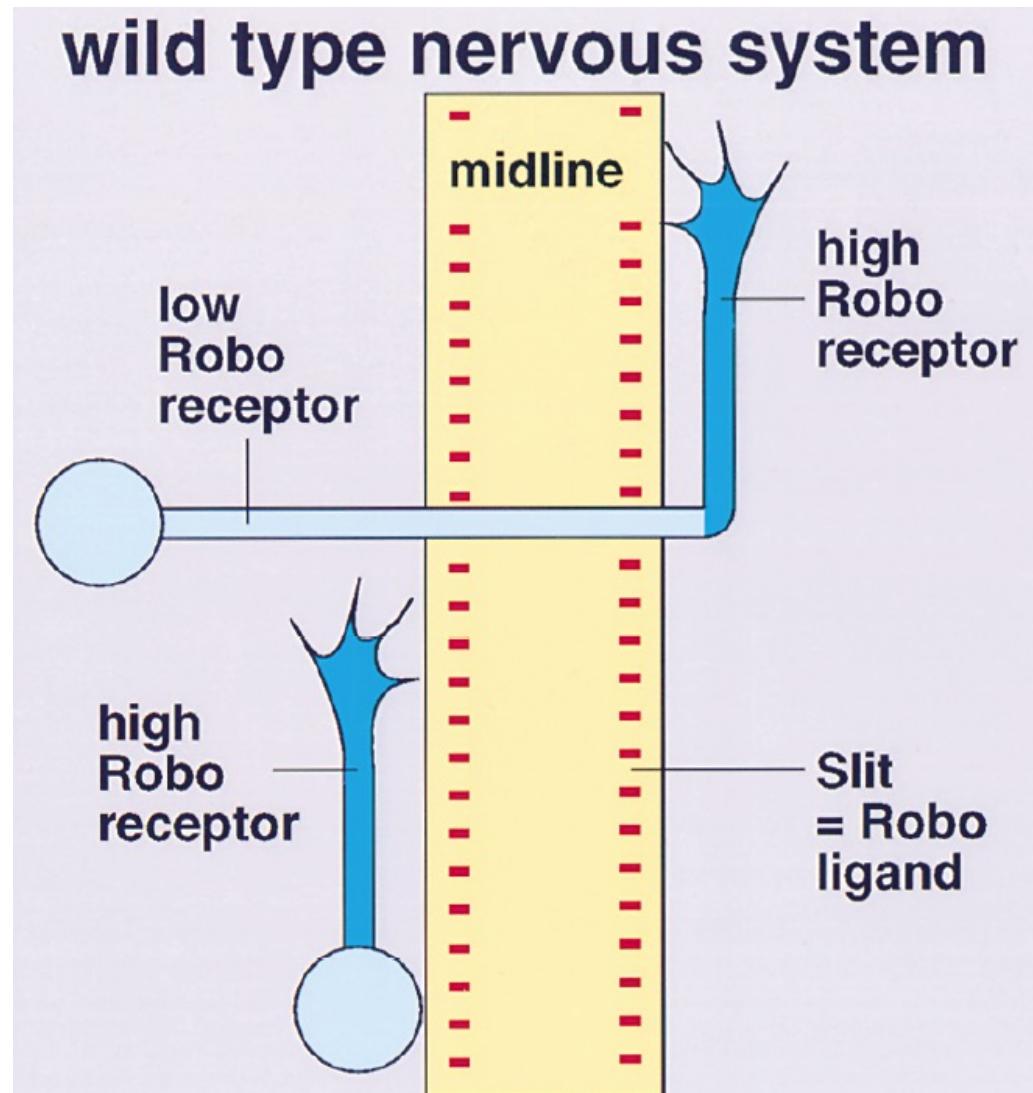
# Positive and negative signals regulate midline crossing



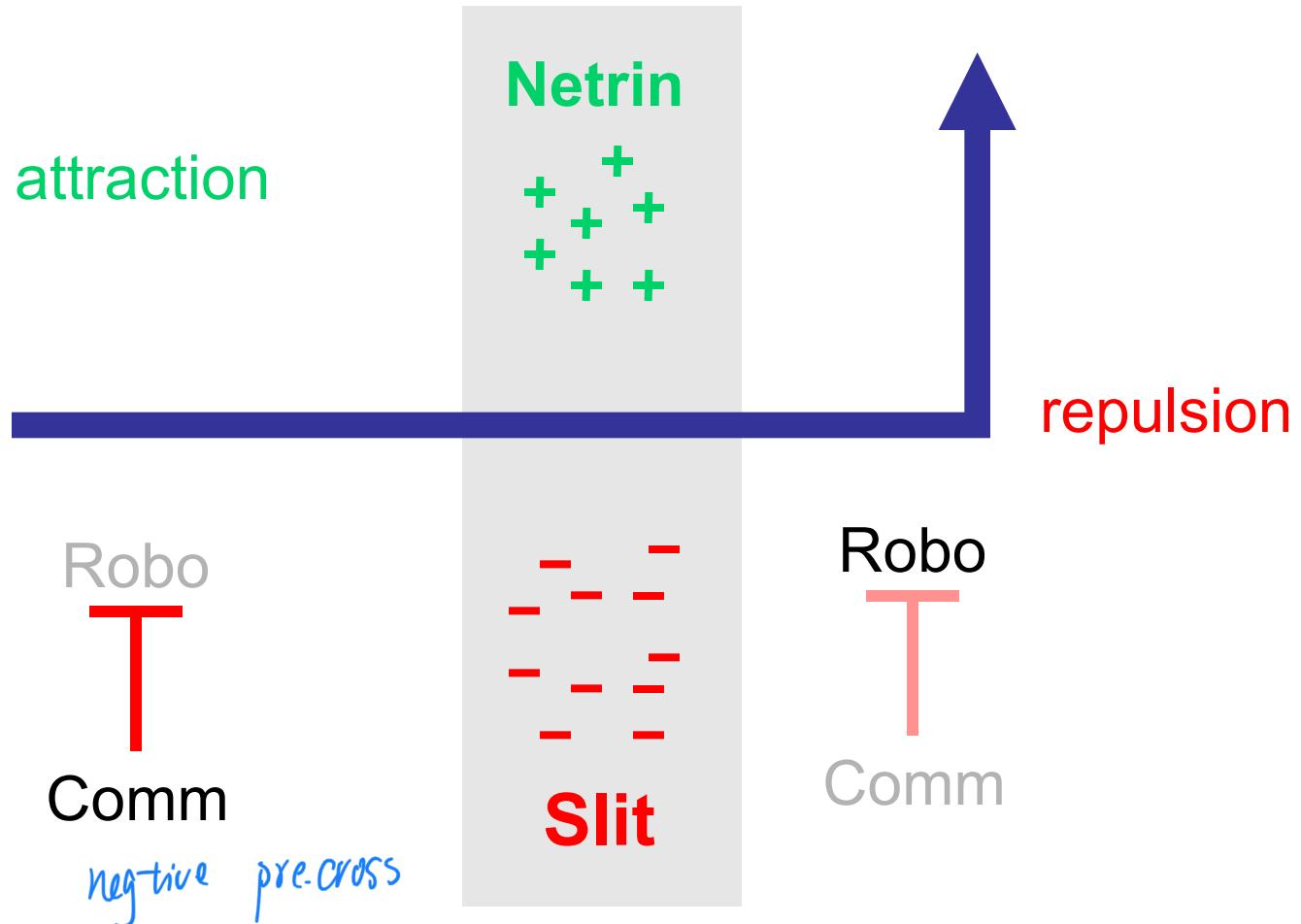
# Specific axonal receptors respond to midline signals



Repulsive response to slit is determined by Robo expression



# Choreographing the midline switch in flies



Commissureless (Comm) antagonizes Robo expression

Mid line .



Comm muted ↑

No crossing. (Robo works hard!).

comm → Robo (repulsion)

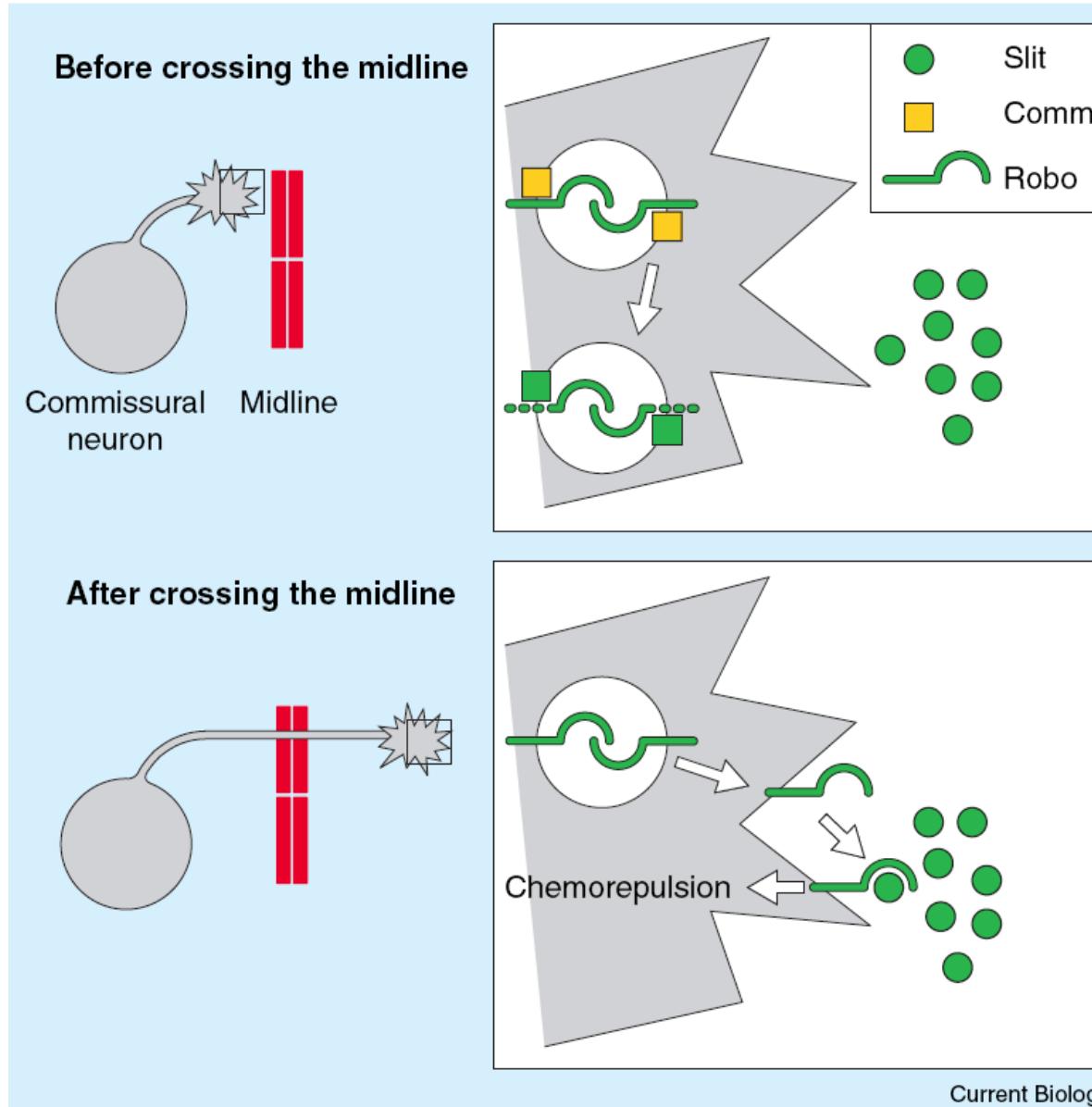
roboc(-)	ON	OFF	no repulsion
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comm(-)	OFF	ON (pre)	no crossing.
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bothc(-)	OFF	OFF	no repulsion
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Why this model ? change to Robo → comm  
not same result .

# Comm directs Robo to endosomes for degradation



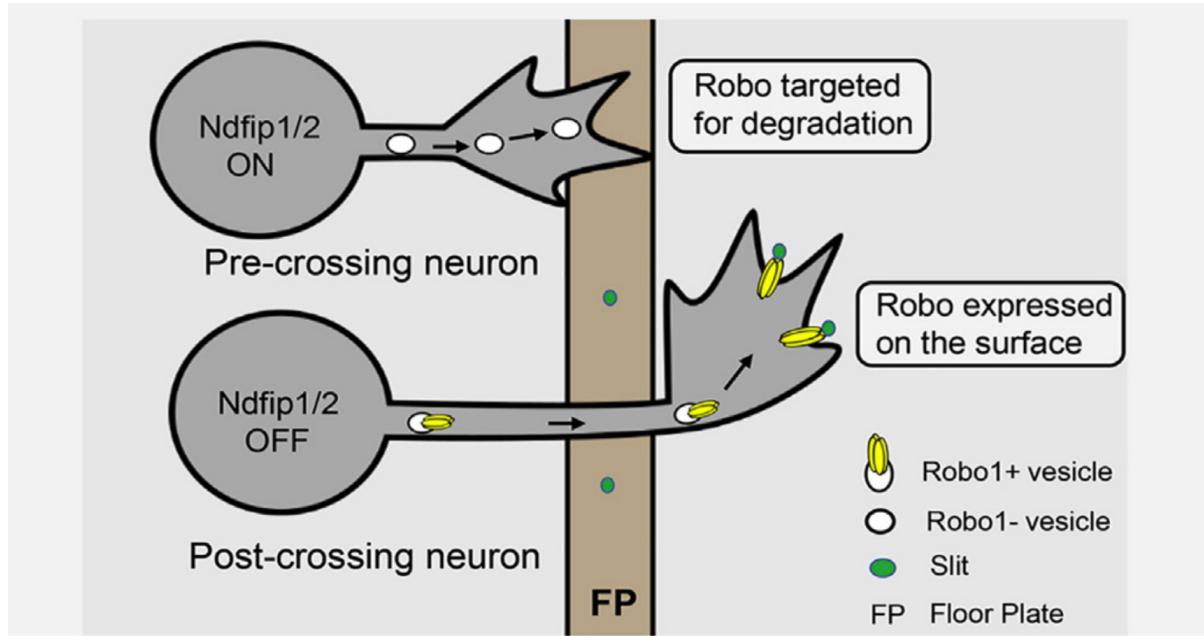
Current Biology

Couch & Condron, 2002

# Ndfip Proteins Target Robo Receptors for Degradation and Allow Commissural Axons to Cross the Midline in the Developing Spinal Cord

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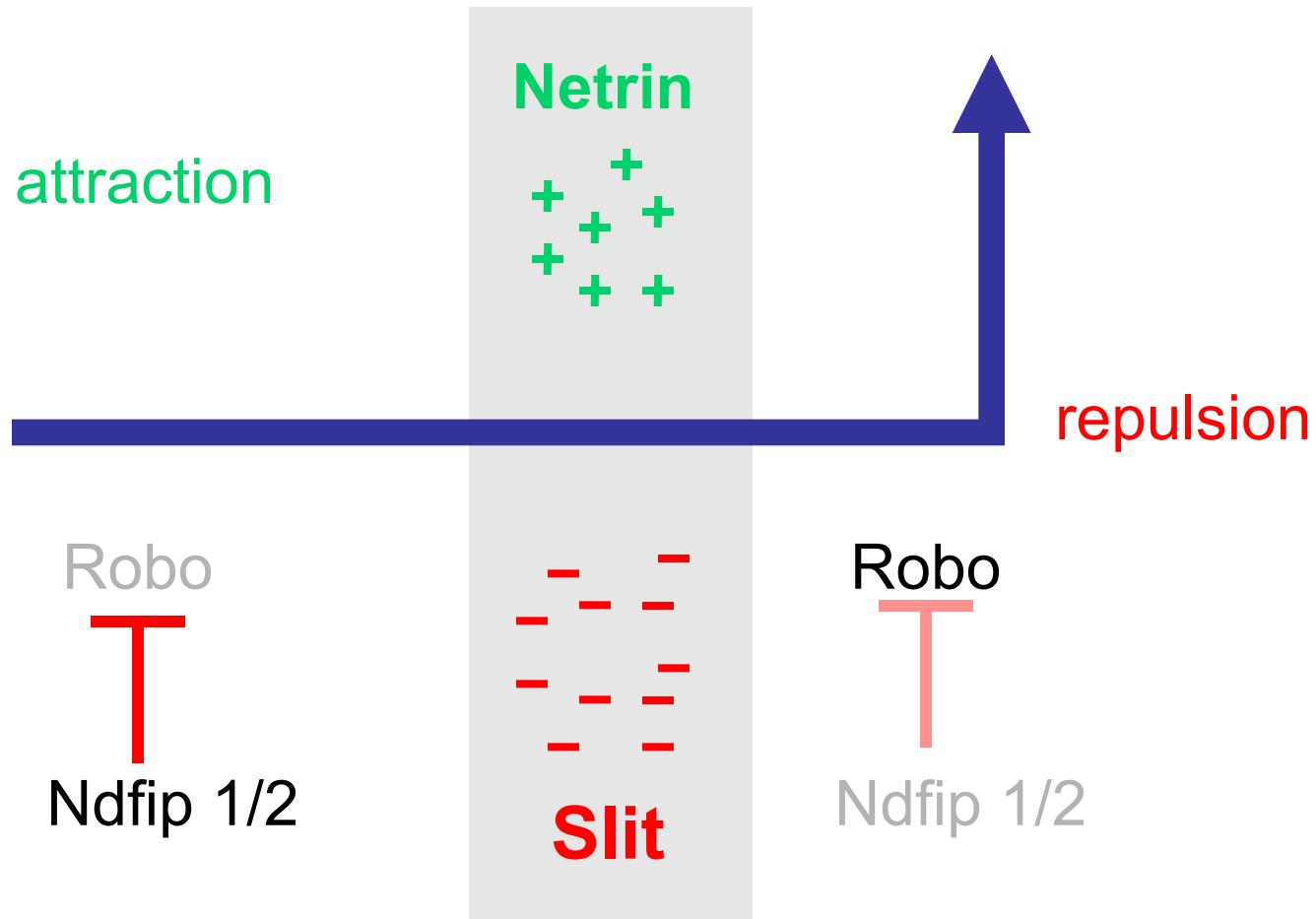
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Mammals

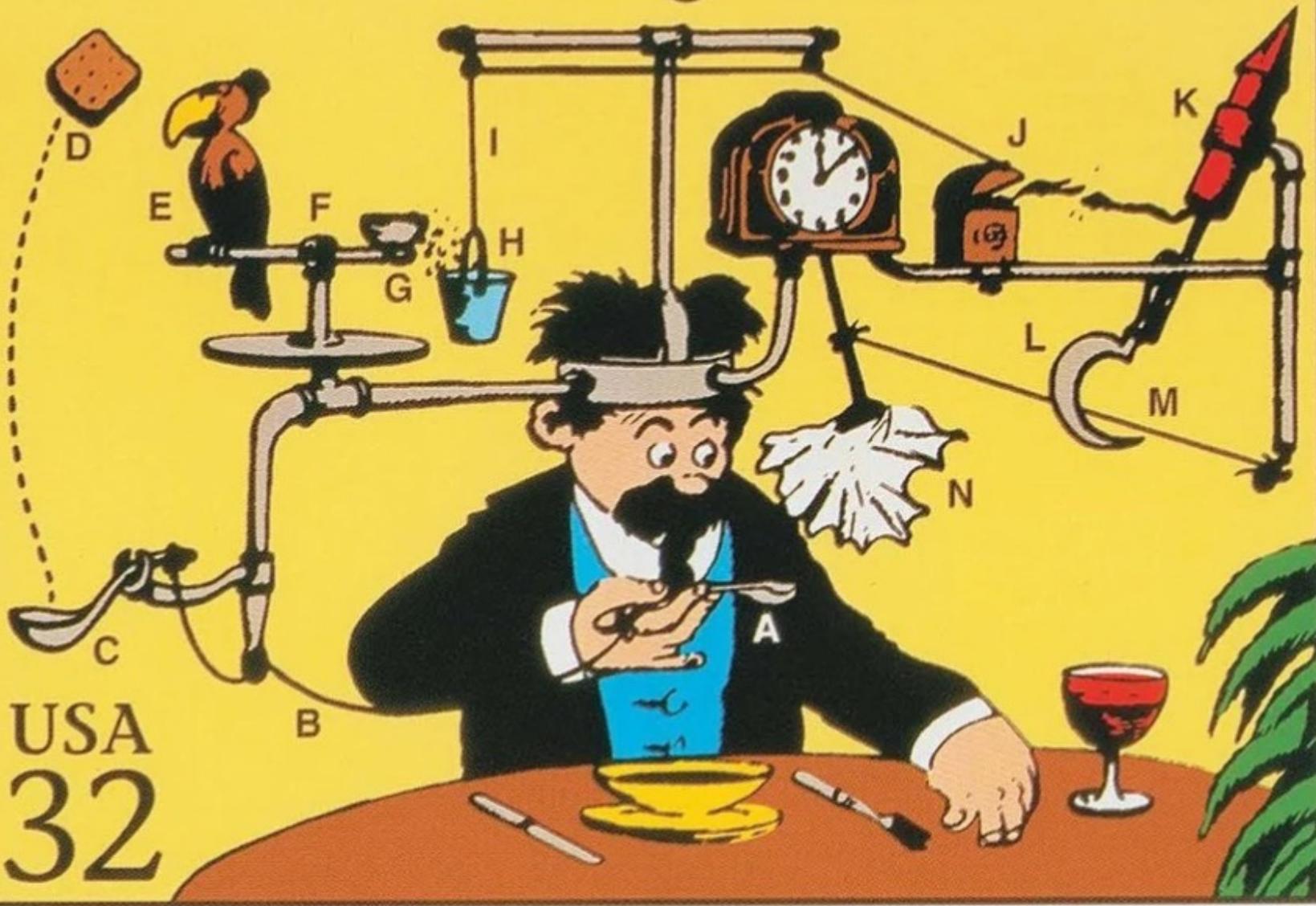
- Ndfip 1/2 (Nedd-4 interacting proteins)      *Comm in mammals.*
- Recruit Nedd4 E3 ubiquitin ligases → degradation
- Functional homologs of Comm in mammals

# Choreographing the midline switch in mice



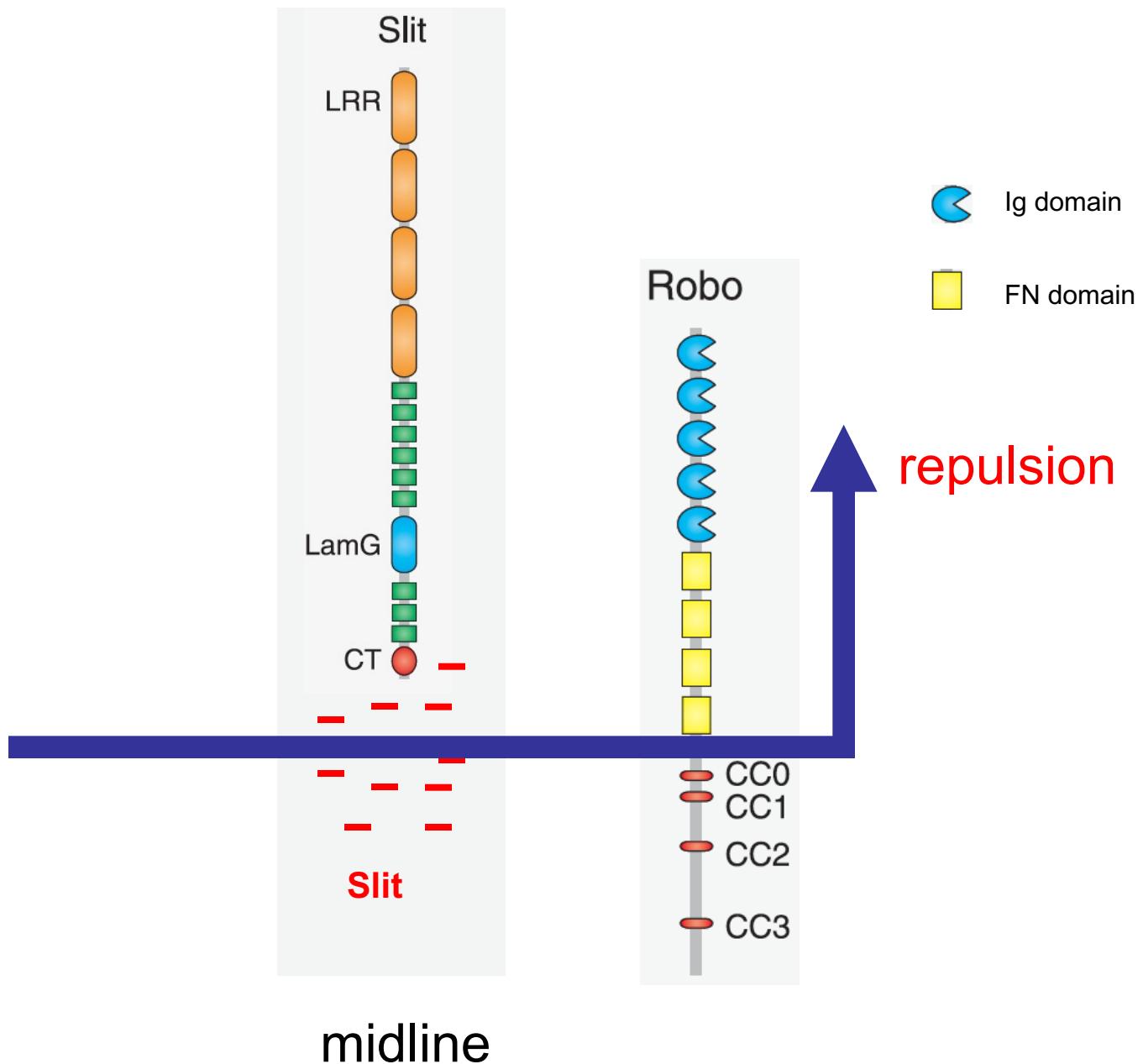
Ndfip 1/2 antagonizes Robo expression

# Rube Goldberg's Inventions





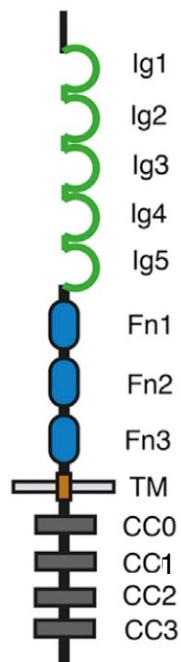
# Robo receptor responds to repulsive slit cue from midline cells



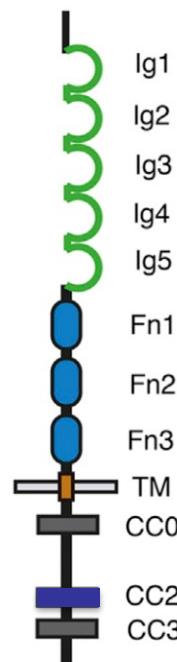
# Four Mammalian Robo genes



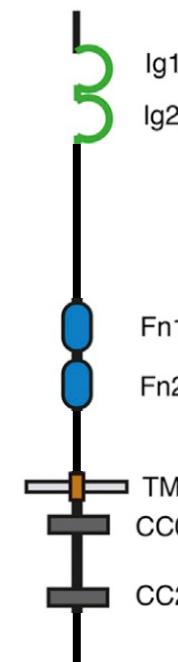
Robo1/2  
Repulsion



Robo3  
Attraction & Repulsion



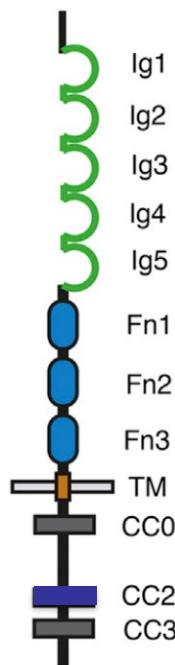
Robo 4  
Angiogenesis



# Robo3 mediates repulsion and attraction?



## Robo3 Attraction & Repulsion



# The Divergent Robo Family Protein Rig-1/Robo3 Is a Negative Regulator of Slit Responsiveness Required for Midline Crossing by Commissural Axons

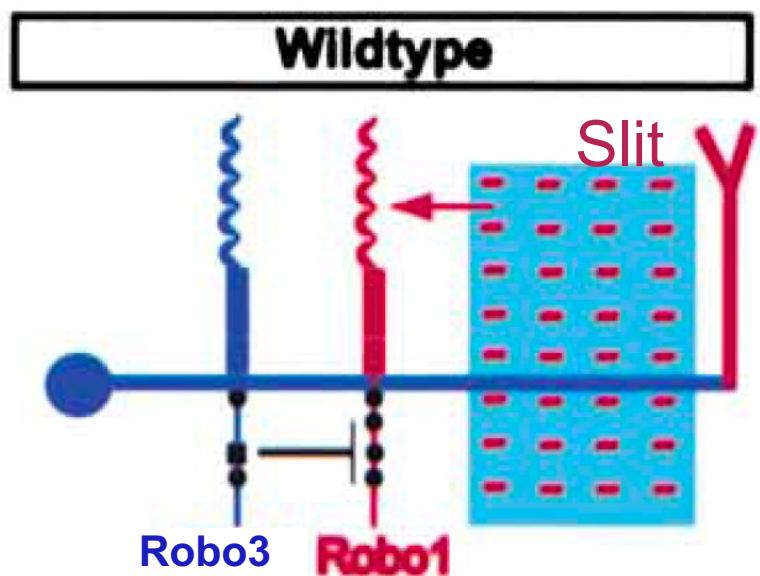
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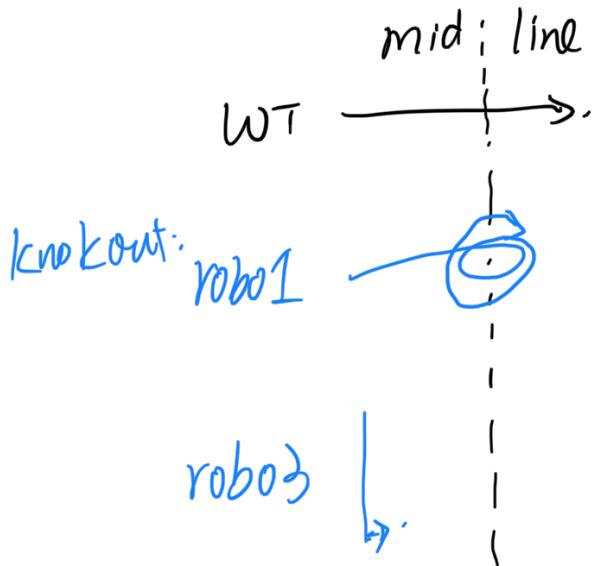
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How it regulate attraction.



Robo3 = Attraction (by blocking repulsive response to slit)



$\text{Robo3} \rightarrow \text{Robo1.} \rightarrow \text{repulsion.}$

$\text{Robo1}(-)$	+	-	stall
$\text{Robo3}(-)$	-	+	no crossing
$\text{Robo3}(-)$	-	-	stall

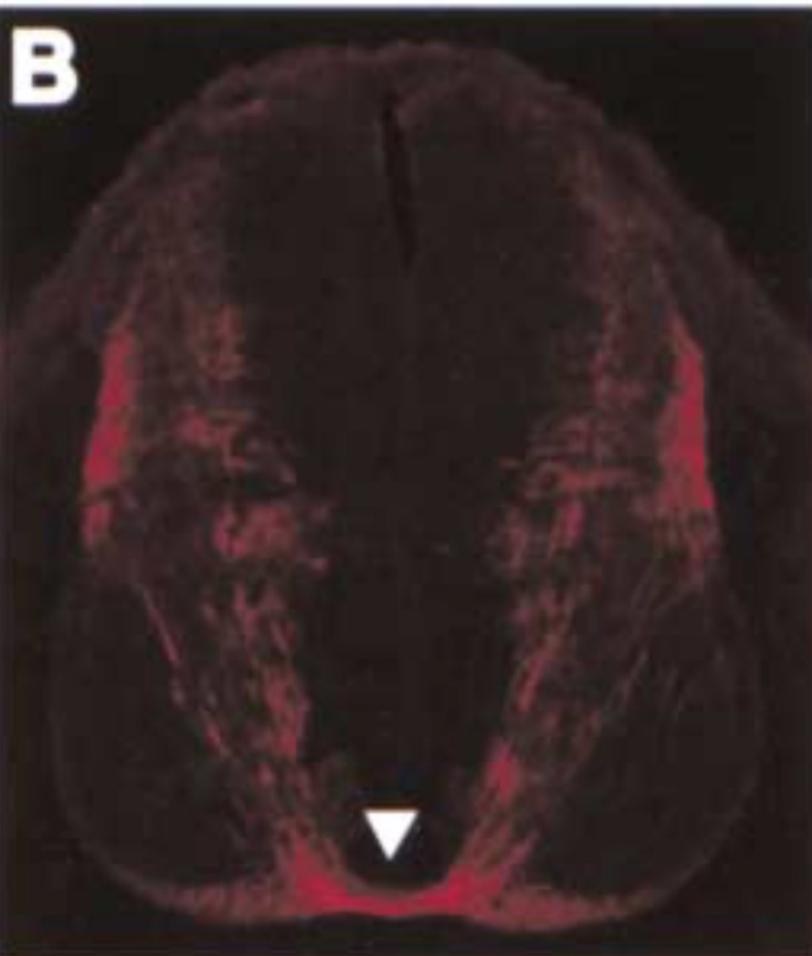
¶ robo1 is epistatic to robo3  
||

robo1 is required to robo3 muted  
phenotype

# Robo3 is required for midline crossing

mE11.5 SC (GFP)

wild type



*Robo3(-/-)*

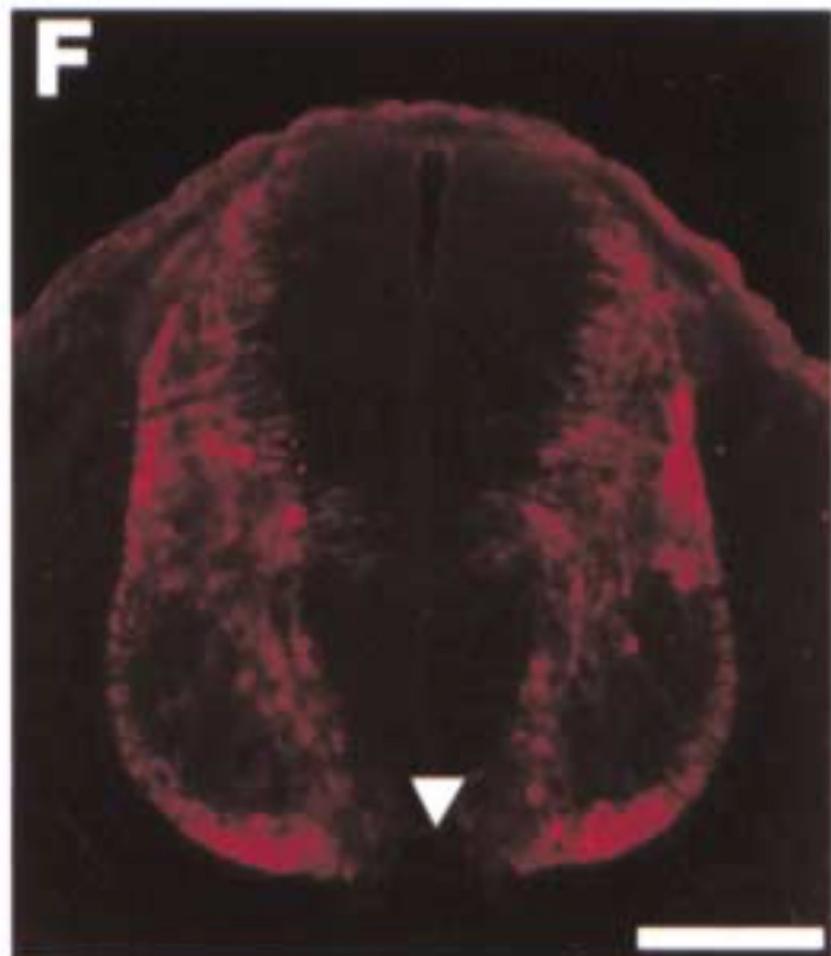


Figure 3

Sabatier et al., 2004

# Mutations in a Human *ROBO* Gene Disrupt Hindbrain Axon Pathway Crossing and Morphogenesis

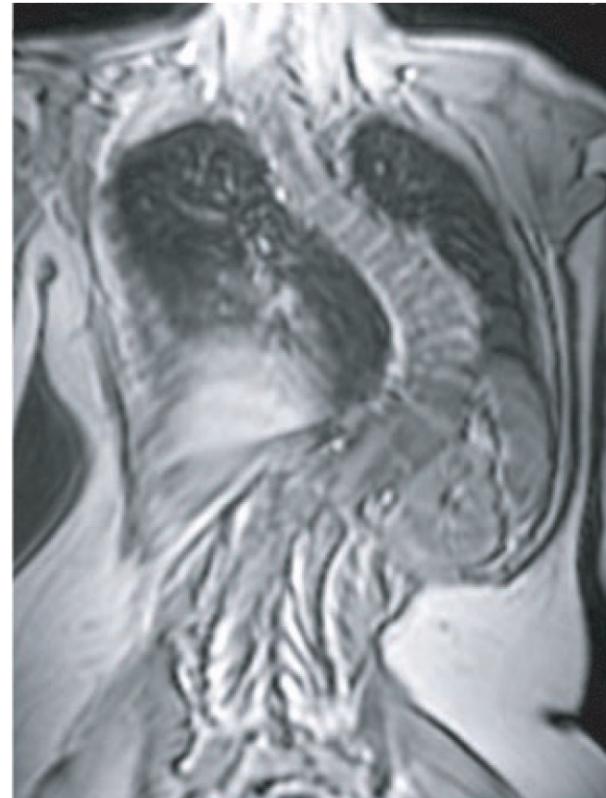
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The mechanisms controlling axon guidance are of fundamental importance in understanding brain development. Growing corticospinal and somatosensory axons cross the midline in the medulla to reach their targets and thus form the basis of contralateral motor control and sensory input. The motor and sensory projections appeared uncrossed in patients with horizontal gaze palsy with progressive scoliosis (HGPPS). In patients affected with HGPPS, we identified mutations in the *ROBO3* gene, which shares homology with *roundabout* genes important in axon guidance in developing *Drosophila*, zebrafish, and mouse. Like its murine homolog Rig1/Robo3, but unlike other Robo proteins, ROBO3 is required for hindbrain axon midline crossing.

# HGPPS (Horizontal Gaze Palsy with Progressive Scoliosis)



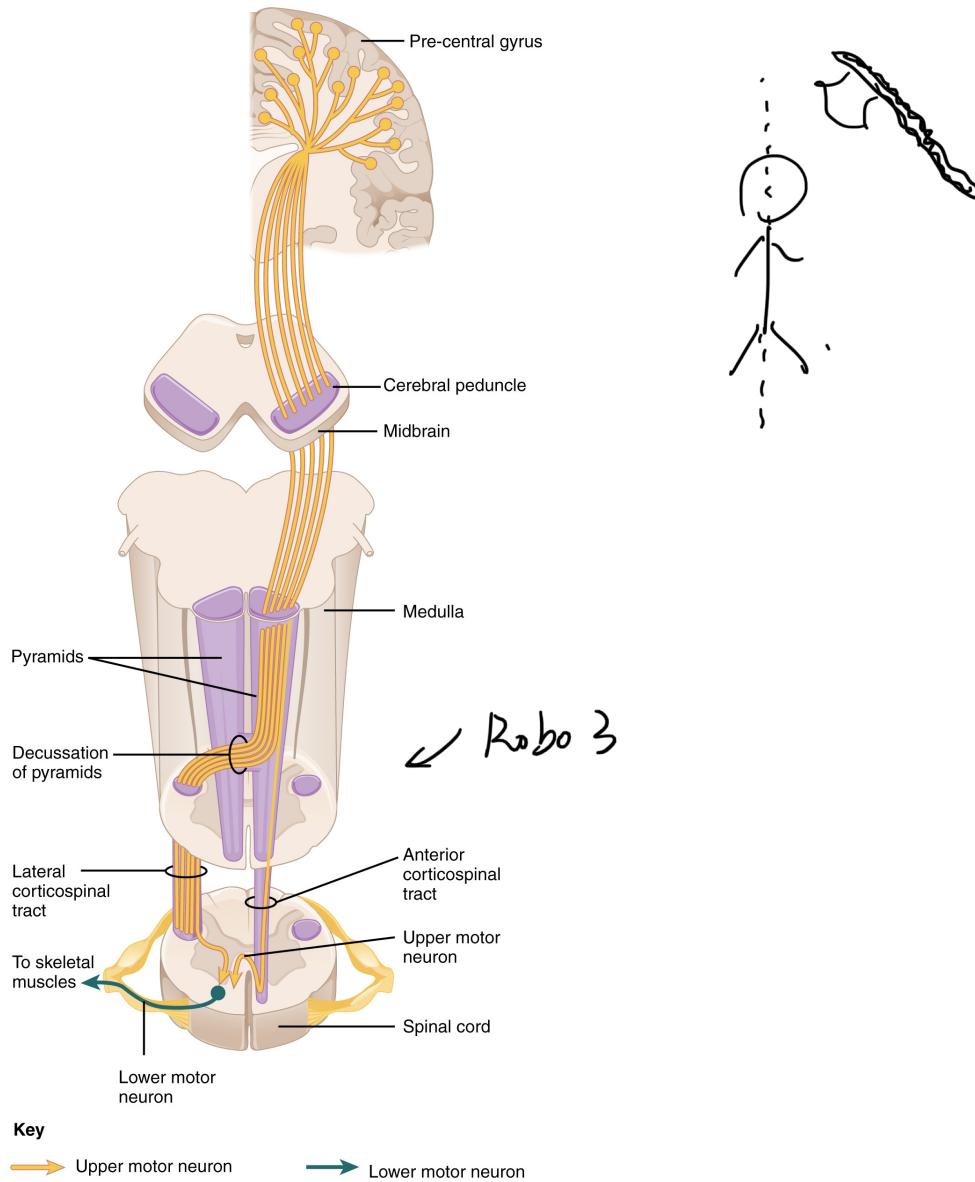
Absent horizontal eye movement



Scoliosis

Robo3 mutation disrupts midline crossing (decussation) of corticospinal axons

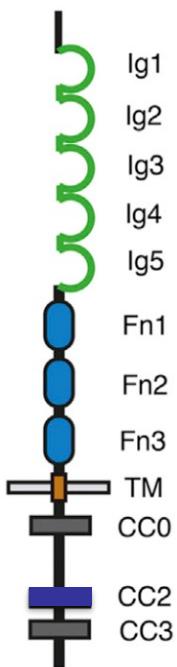
Corticospinal neurons from motor cortex normally decussate in medulla to innervate contralateral motor neurons in spinal cord.



# Robo3 mediates repulsion and attraction?

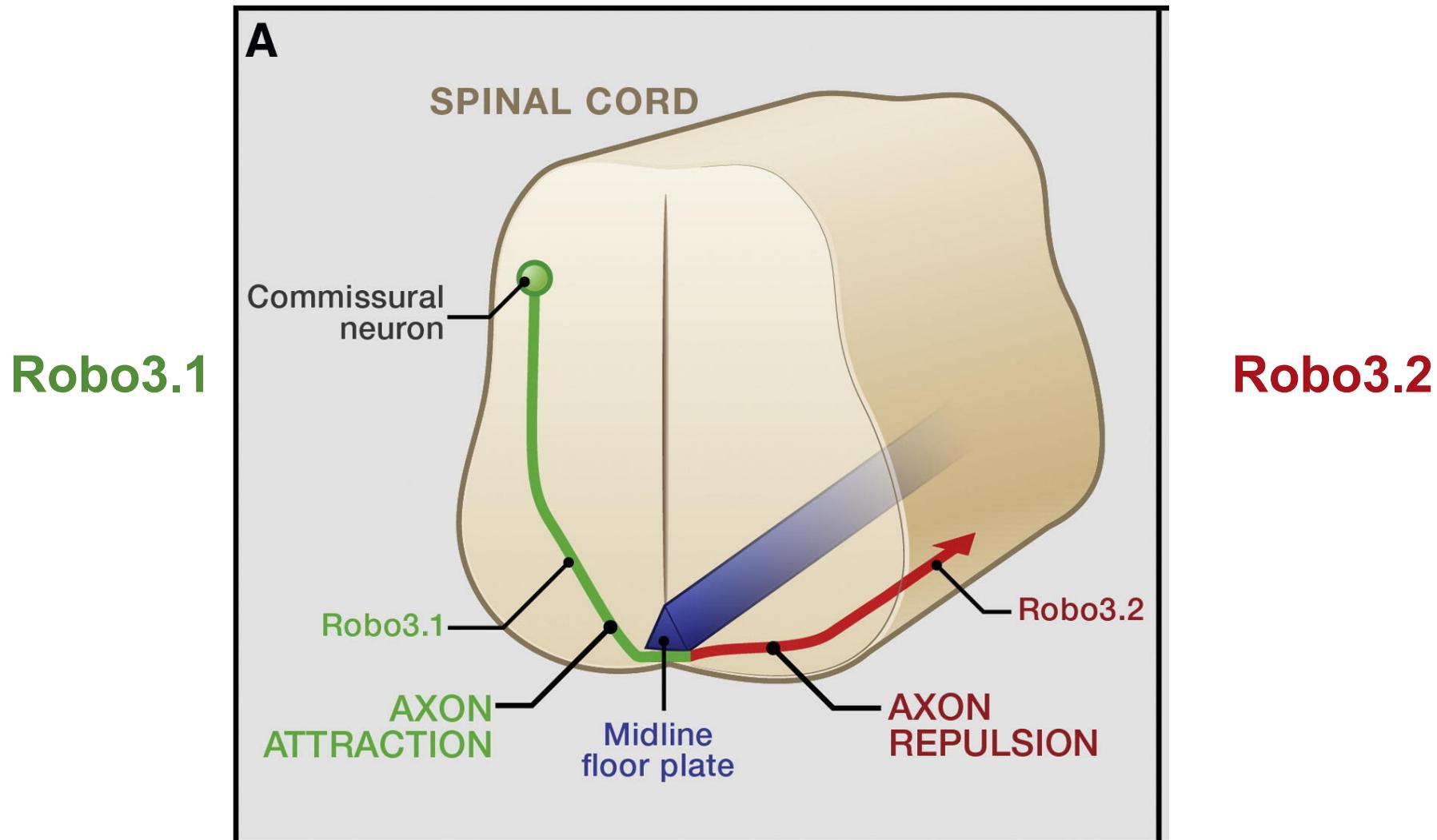
## Robo3 Repulsion & Attraction

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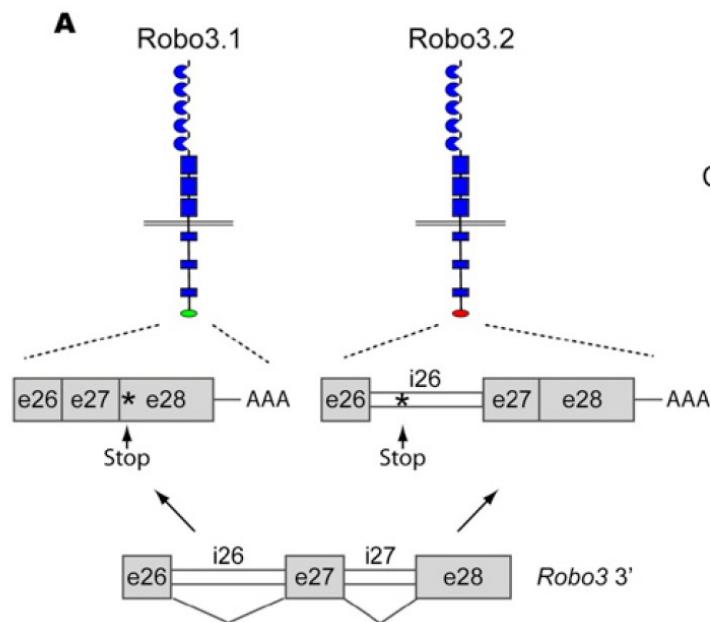


# Alternative Splicing of the Robo3 Axon Guidance Receptor Governs the Midline Switch from Attraction to Repulsion

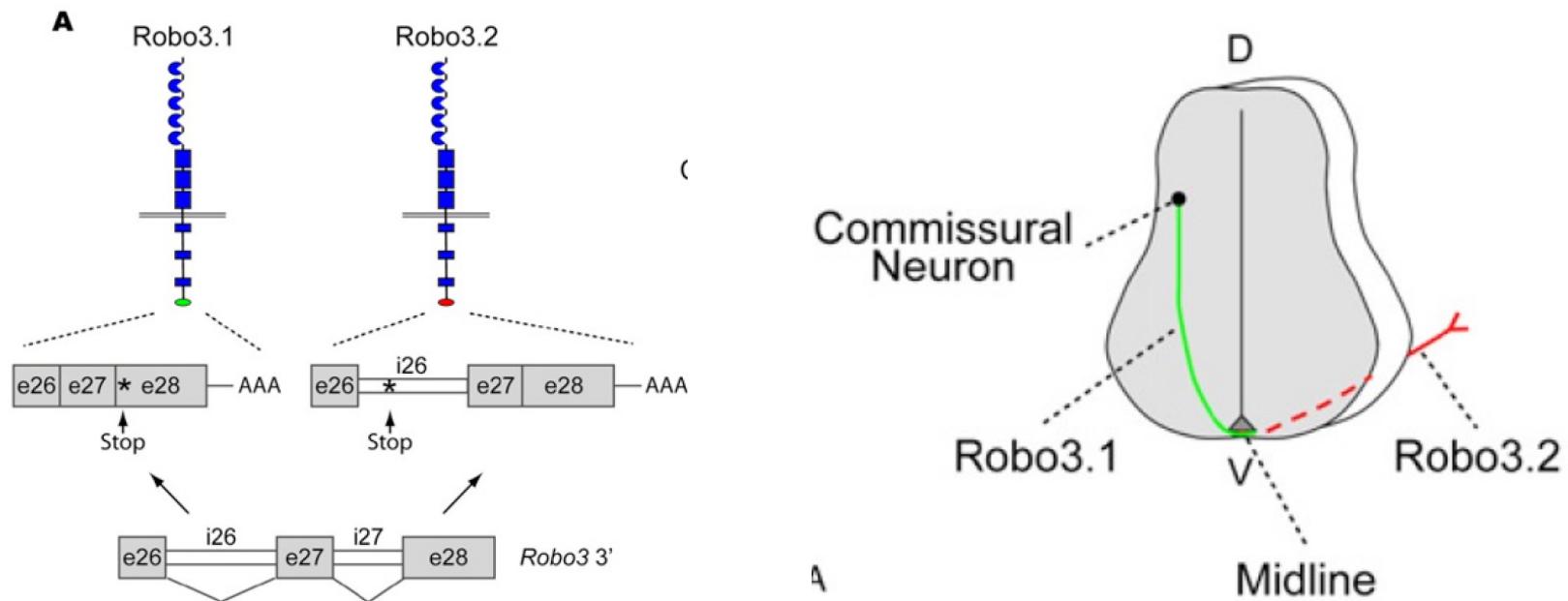
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## Models:

**Robo3.1**



Robo1/2 mediated repulsive response to slit

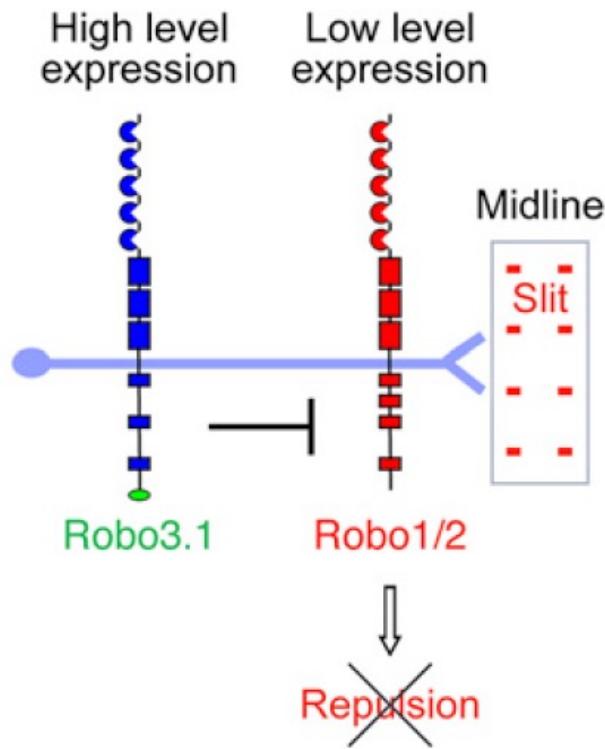
**Robo3.2**



Repulsive response to slit

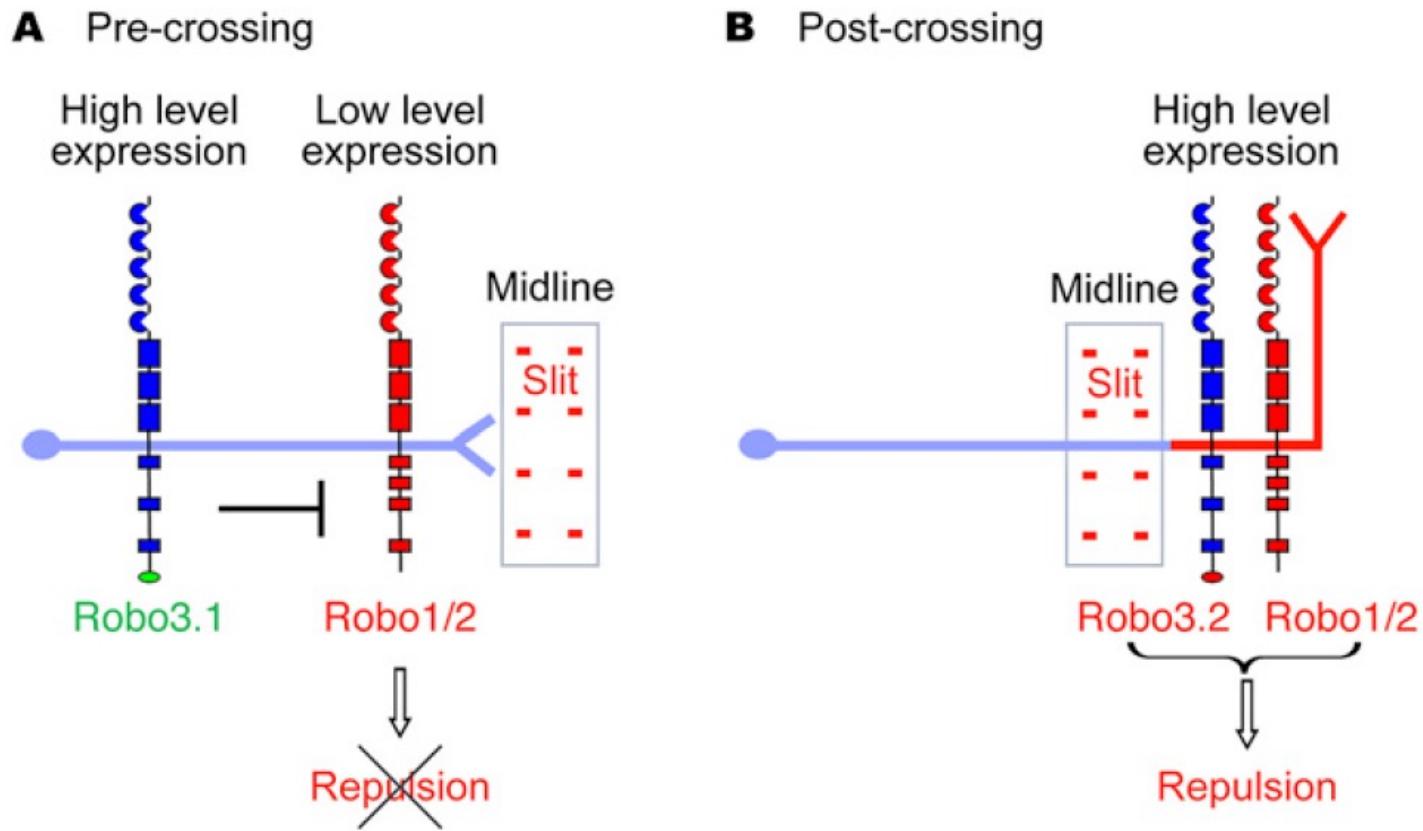
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## A Pre-crossing



**Figure 5. Model of Robo3 Activities in Commissural Axon Guidance at the Midline**

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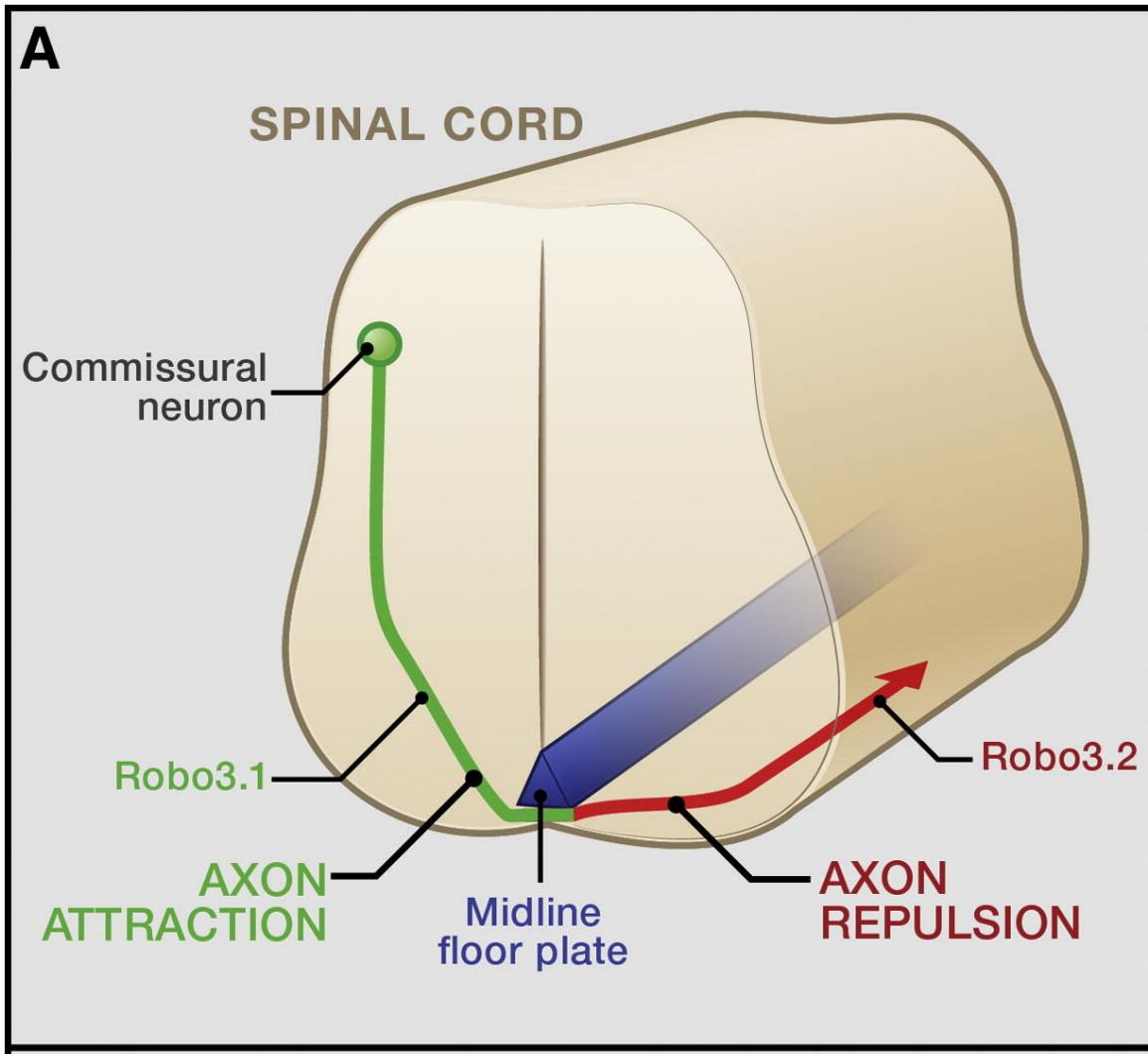


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# Regulation of Robo3.1 vs Robo3.2 expression?

Robo3.1

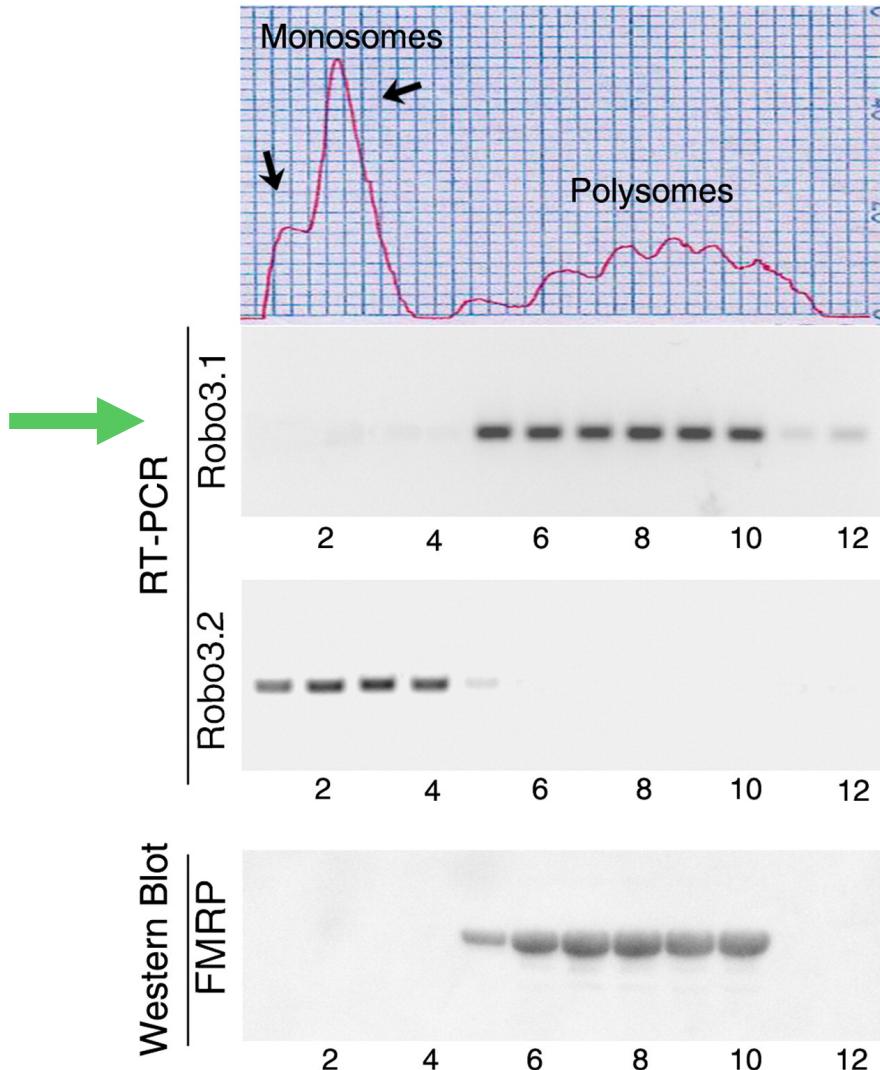
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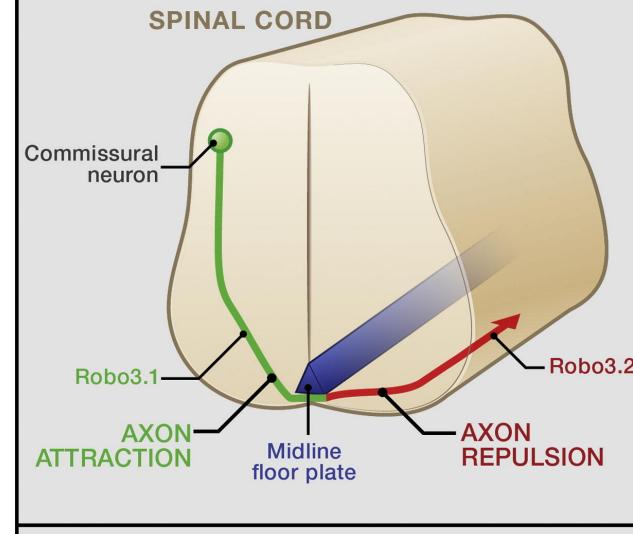
# Robo3.1 mRNA associated with polyribosomes in pre-crossing axons

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## Sucrose Gradient



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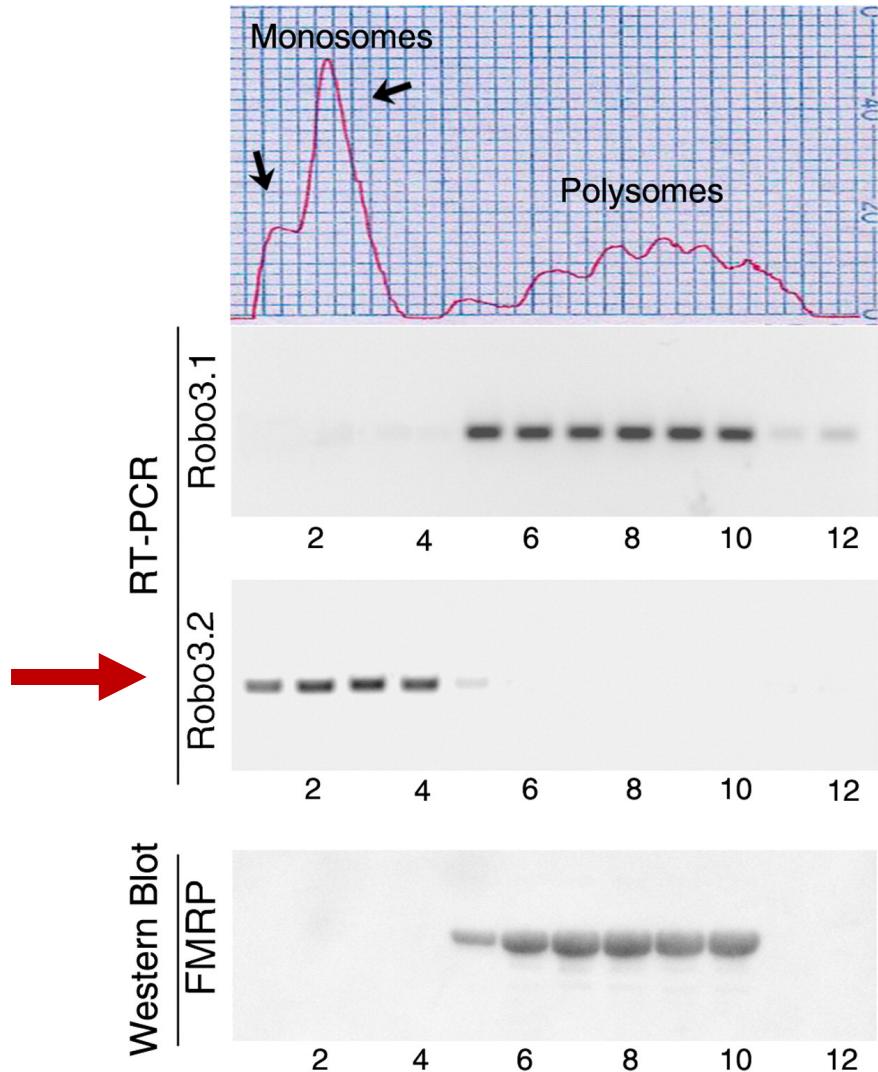


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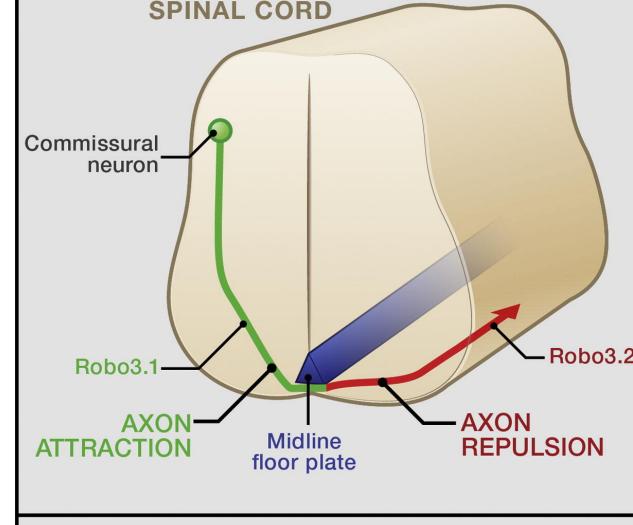
# Robo3.2 is not translated in pre-crossing axons

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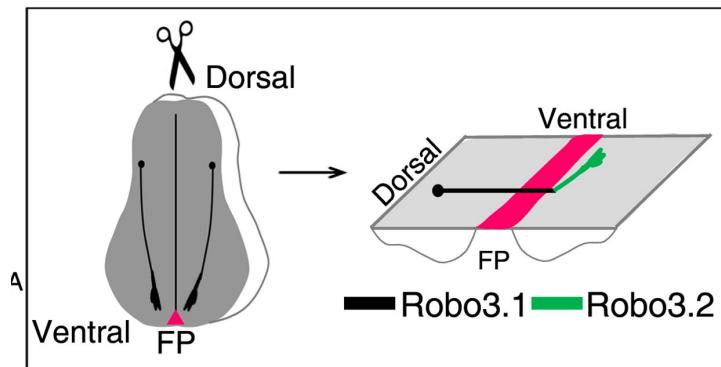


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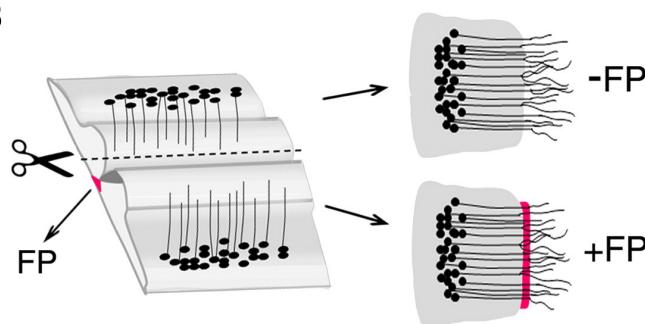


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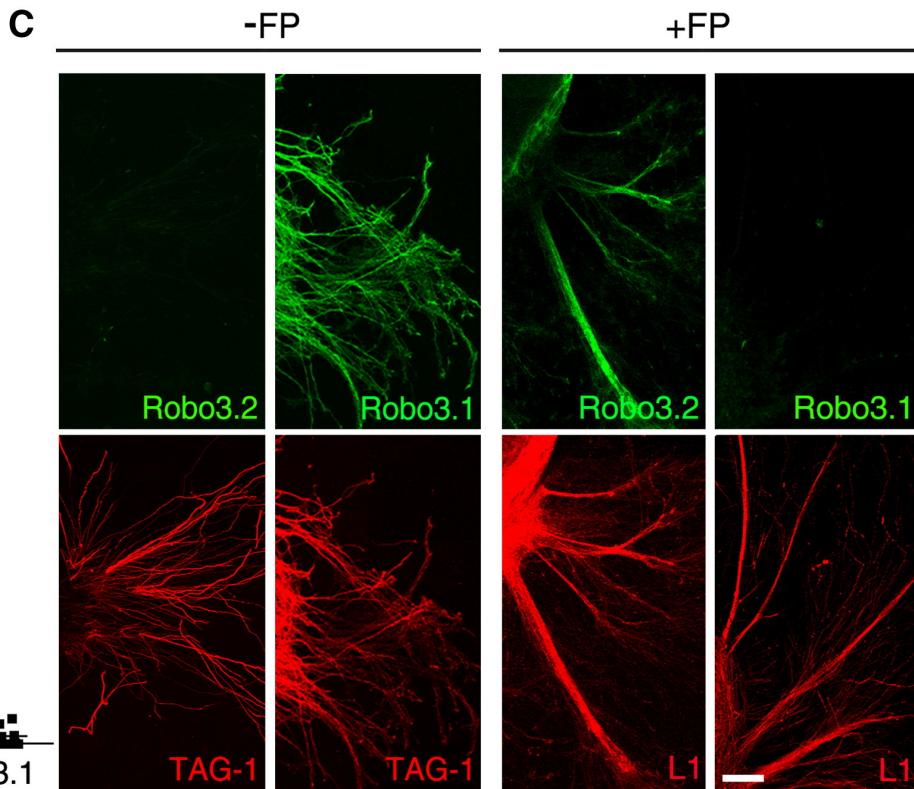
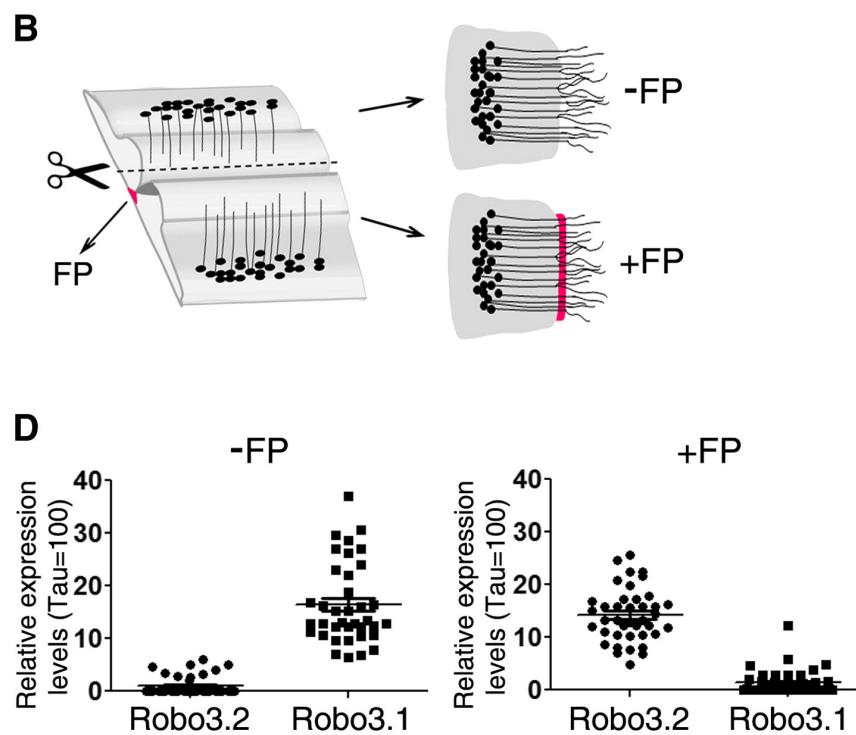
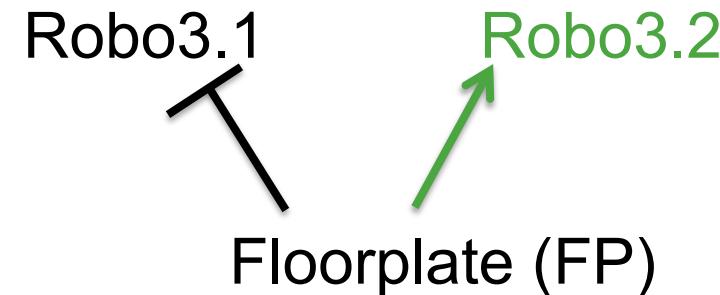
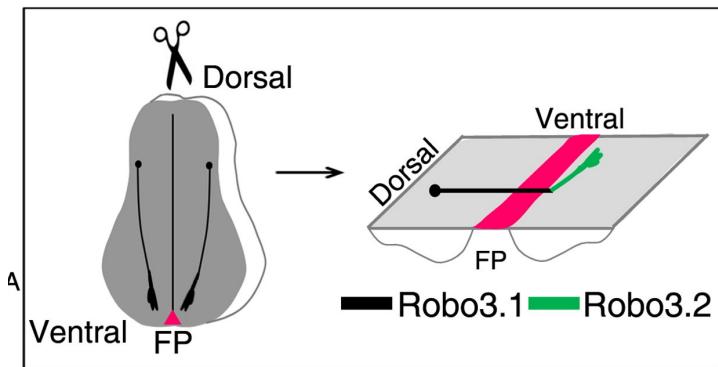
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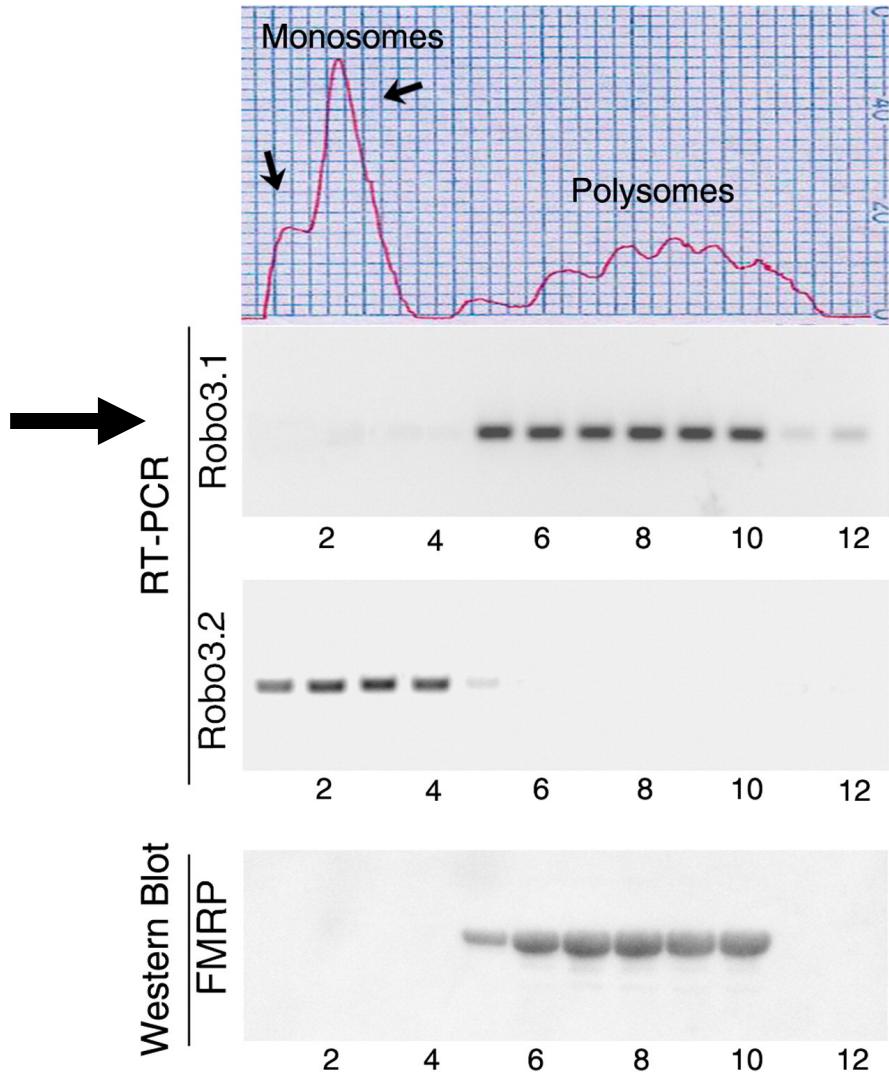
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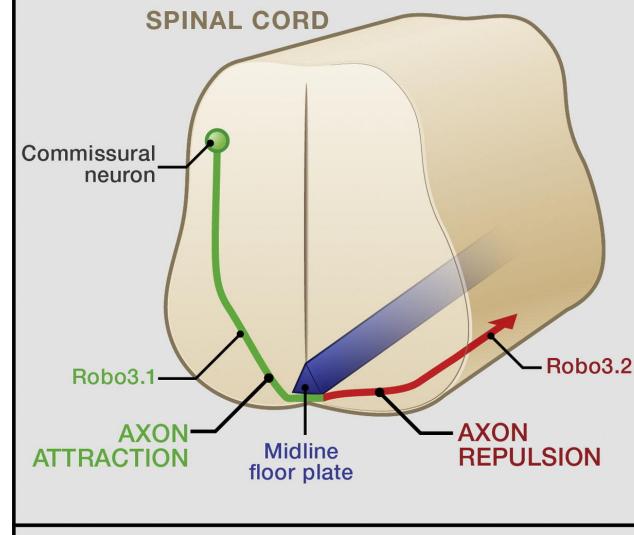
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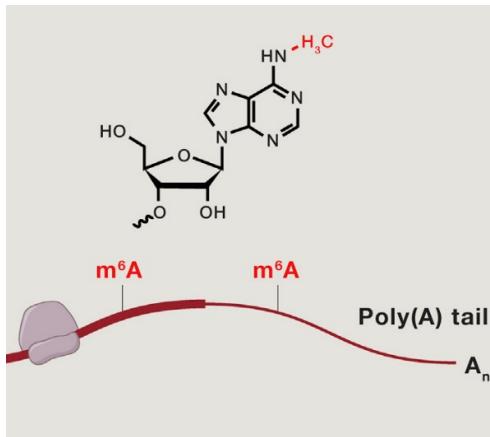


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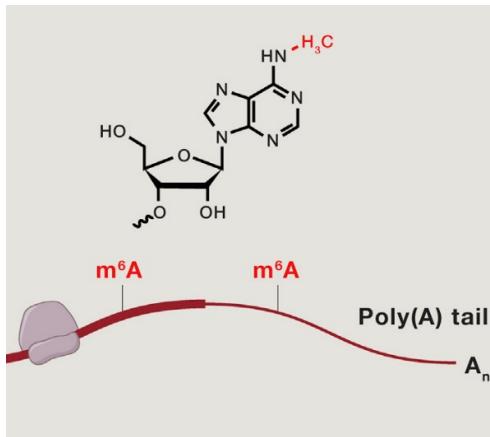
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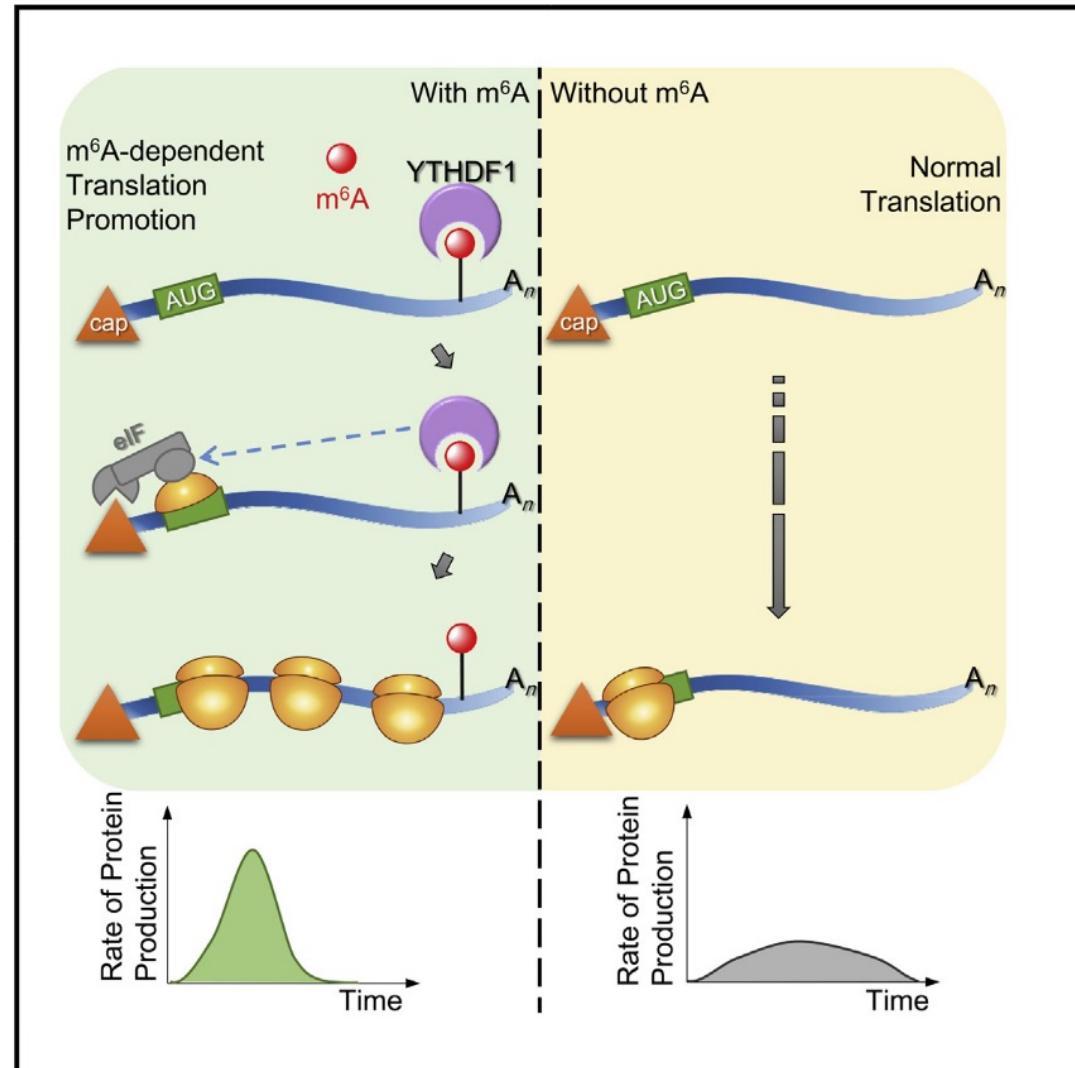


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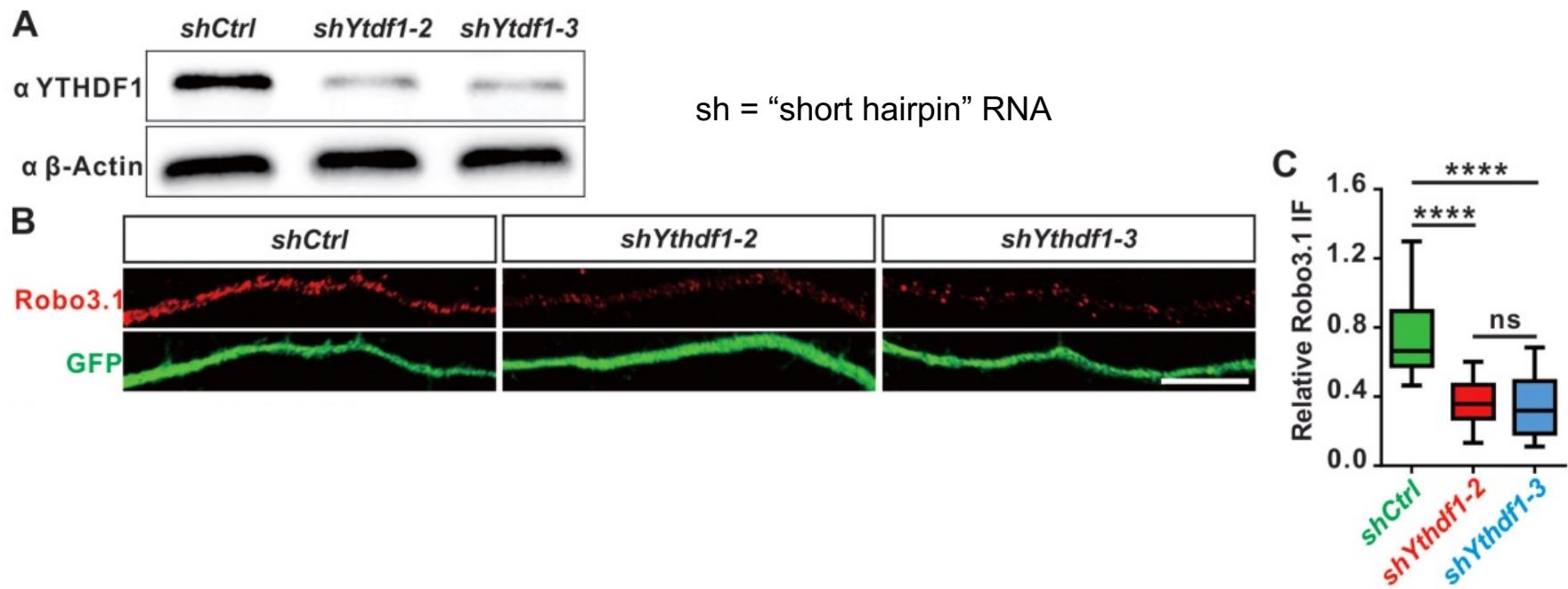


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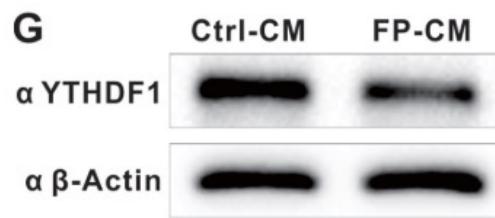
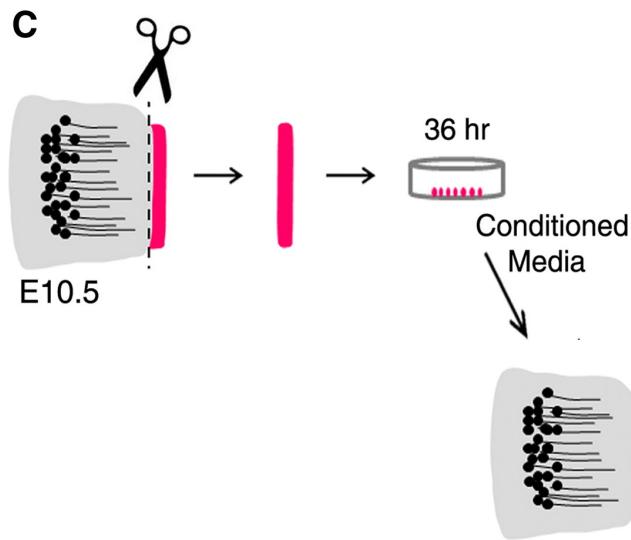


# YTHDF1 is required for Robo3.1 translation

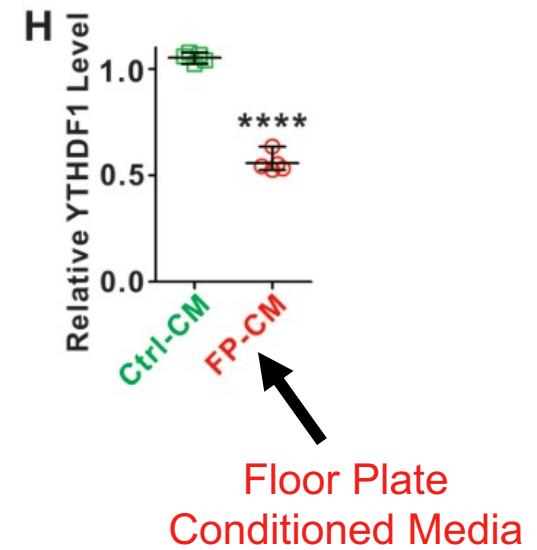
RNAi knockdown of Ytdf1 depletes Robo3.1



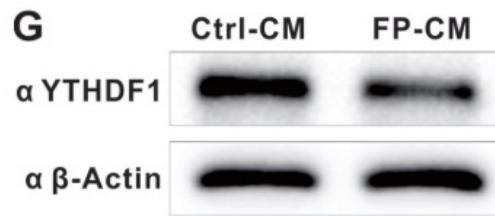
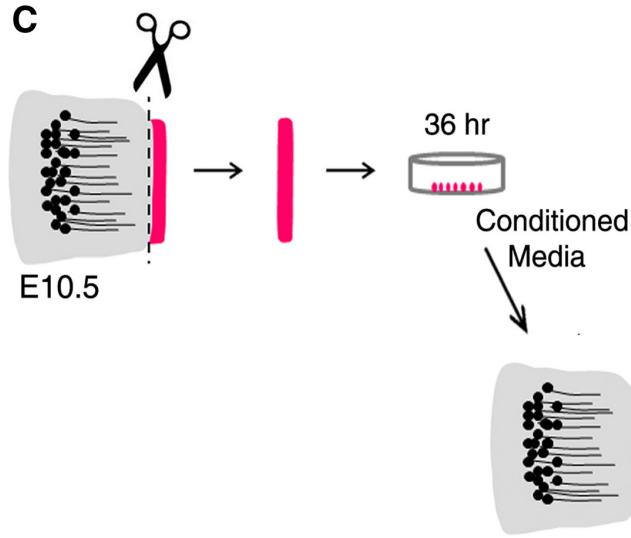
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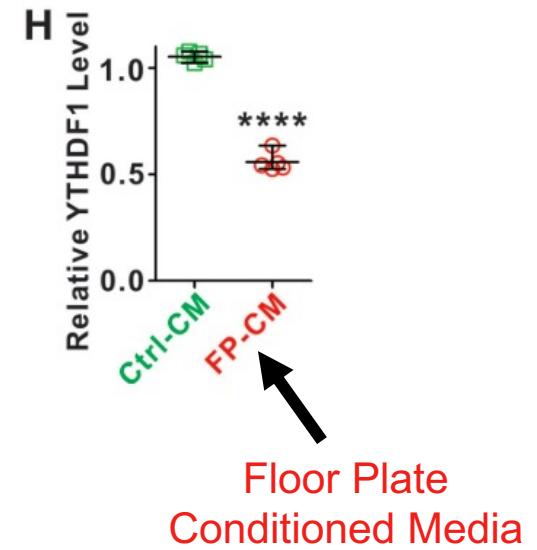
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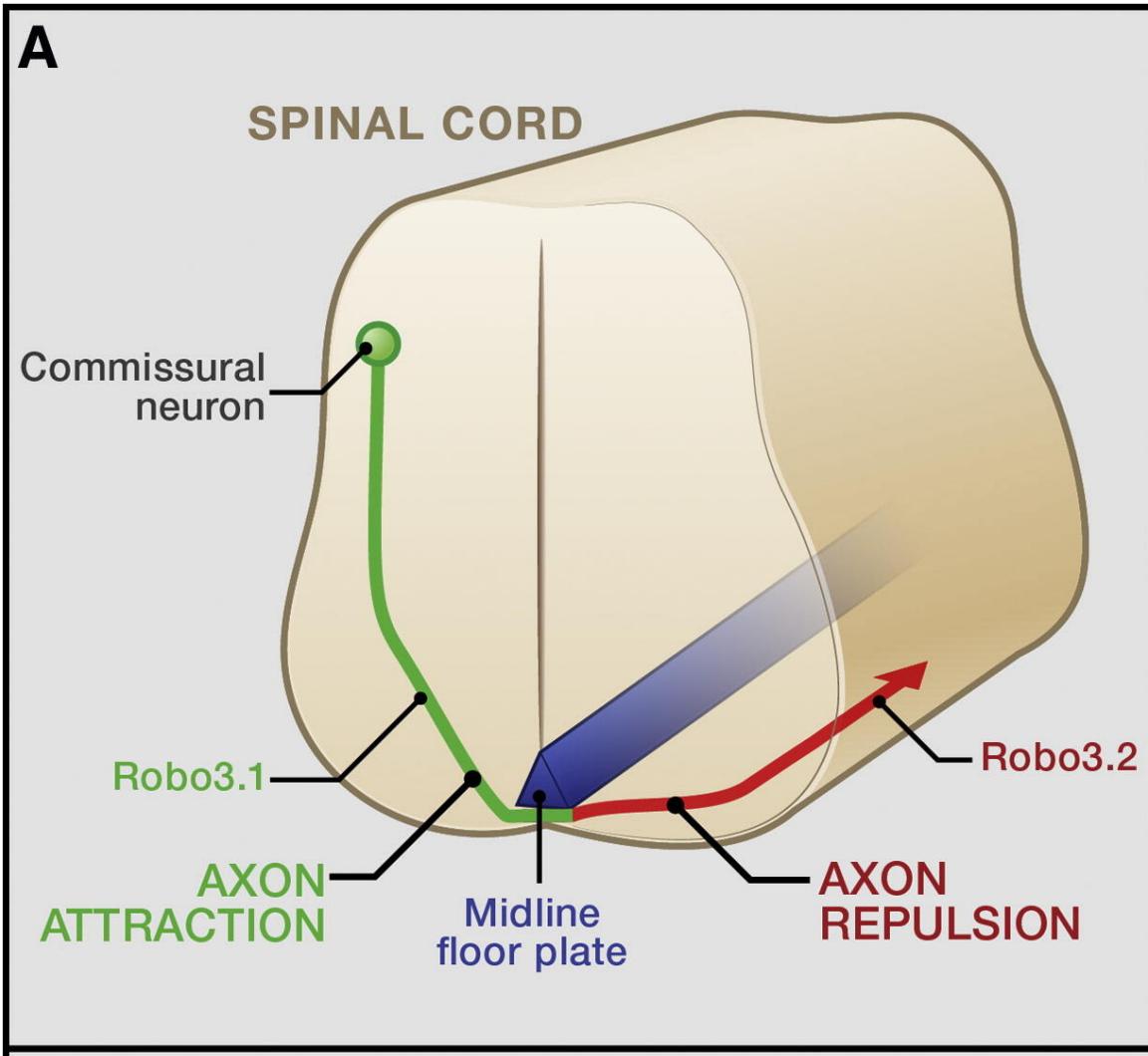
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Floor Plate (FP)

# Floor Plate antagonizes Robo3.1 expression

Robo3.1

Robo3.2



# Floorplate (FP) induces intra-axonal translation of Robo3.2

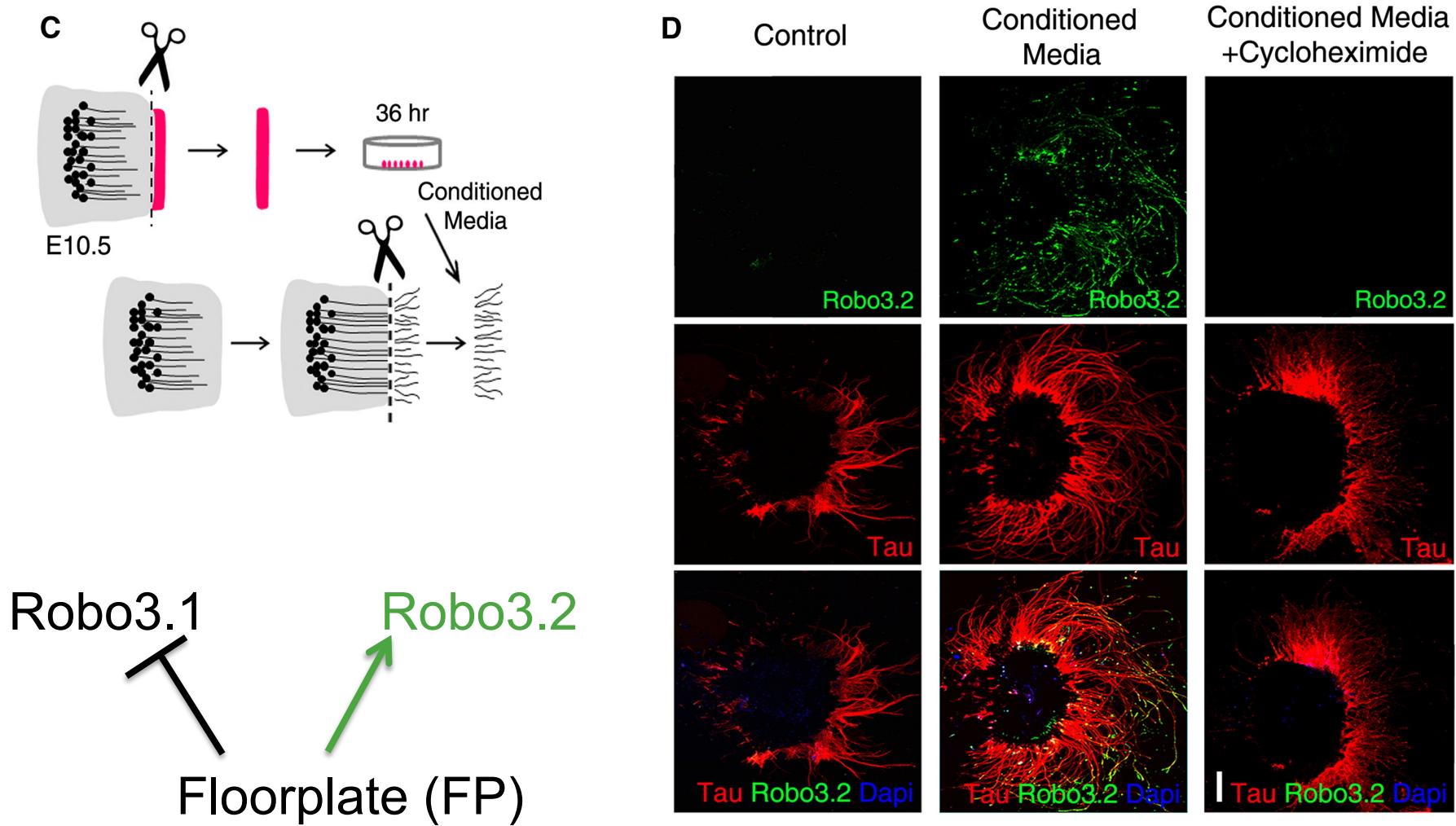
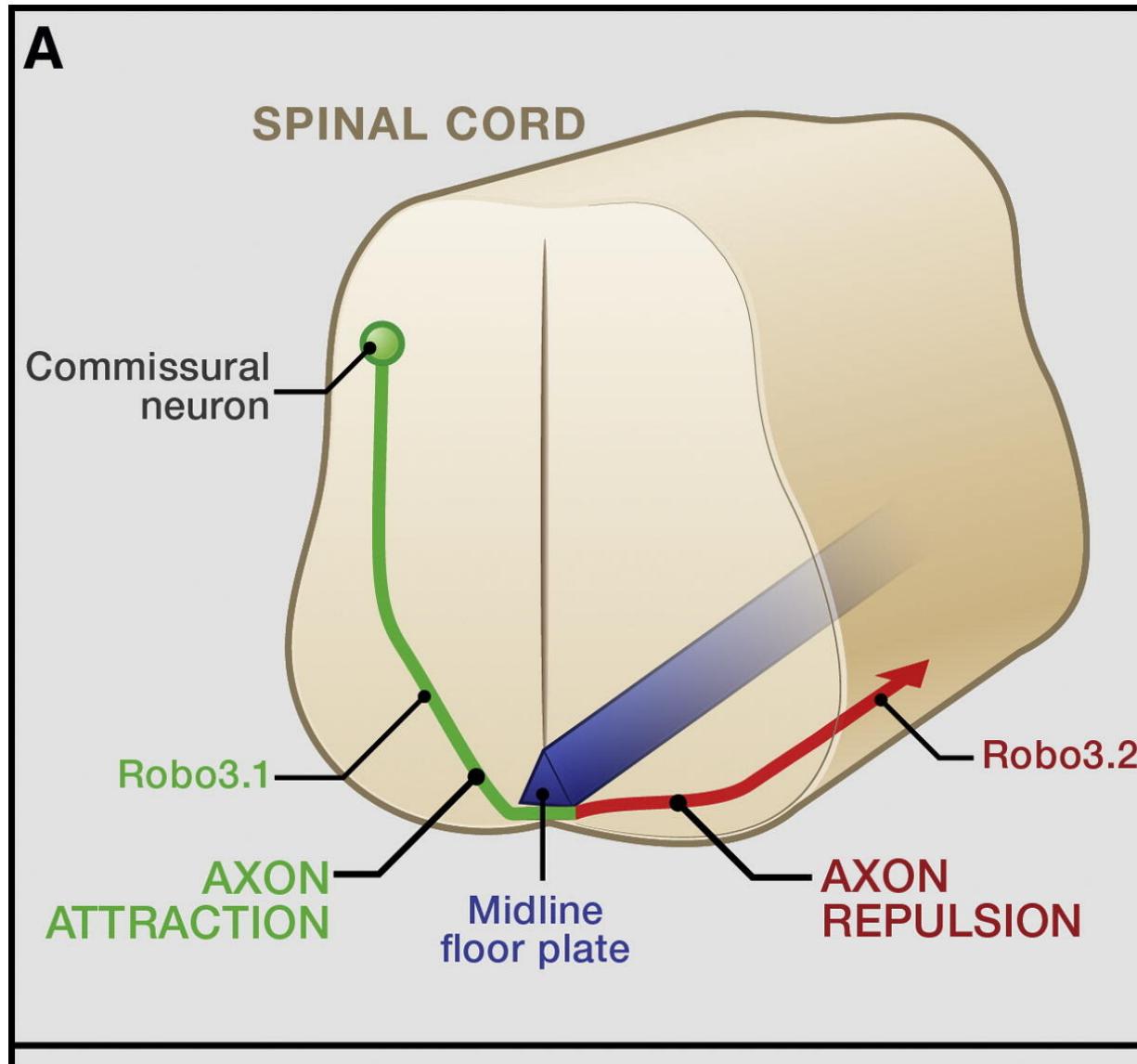


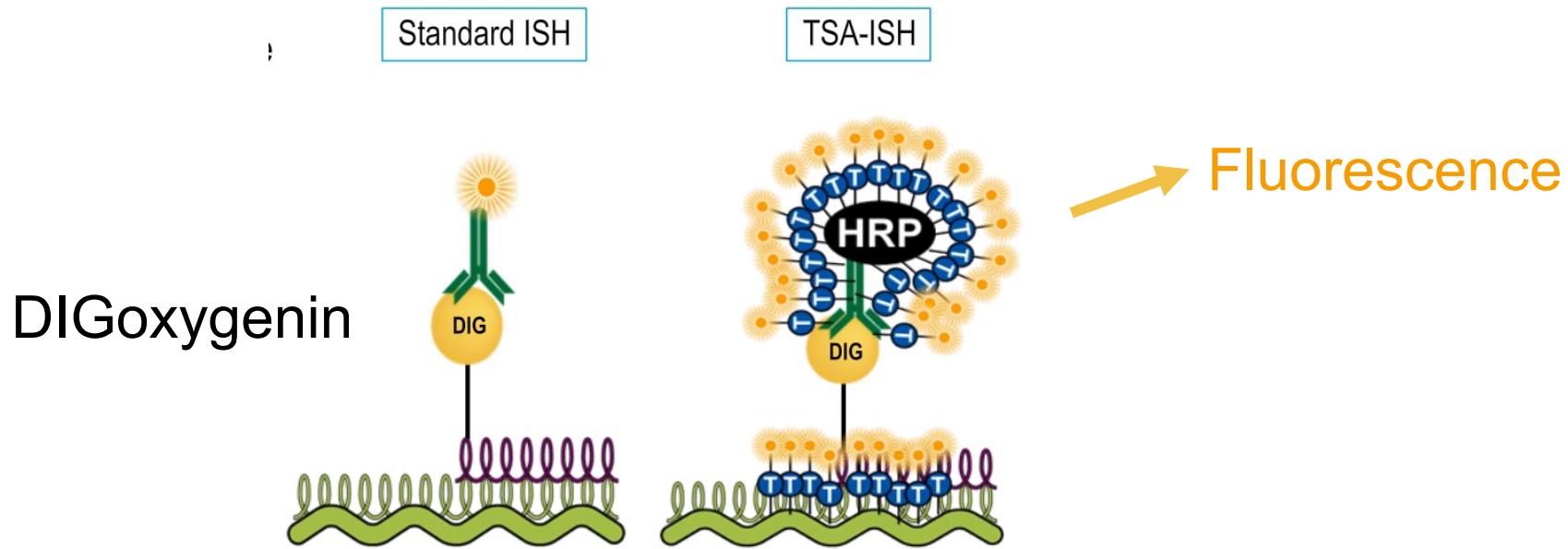
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# Robo3.2 is locally translated in post-crossing axons

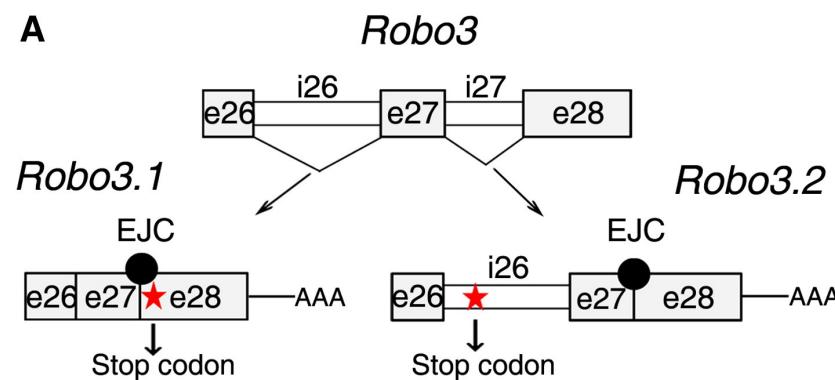
Prediction: Robo3.2 mRNA in commissural axons



# Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)



How did they design Robo3.2-specific FISH probes?



# Robo3.2 mRNA is transported into pre-crossing axons

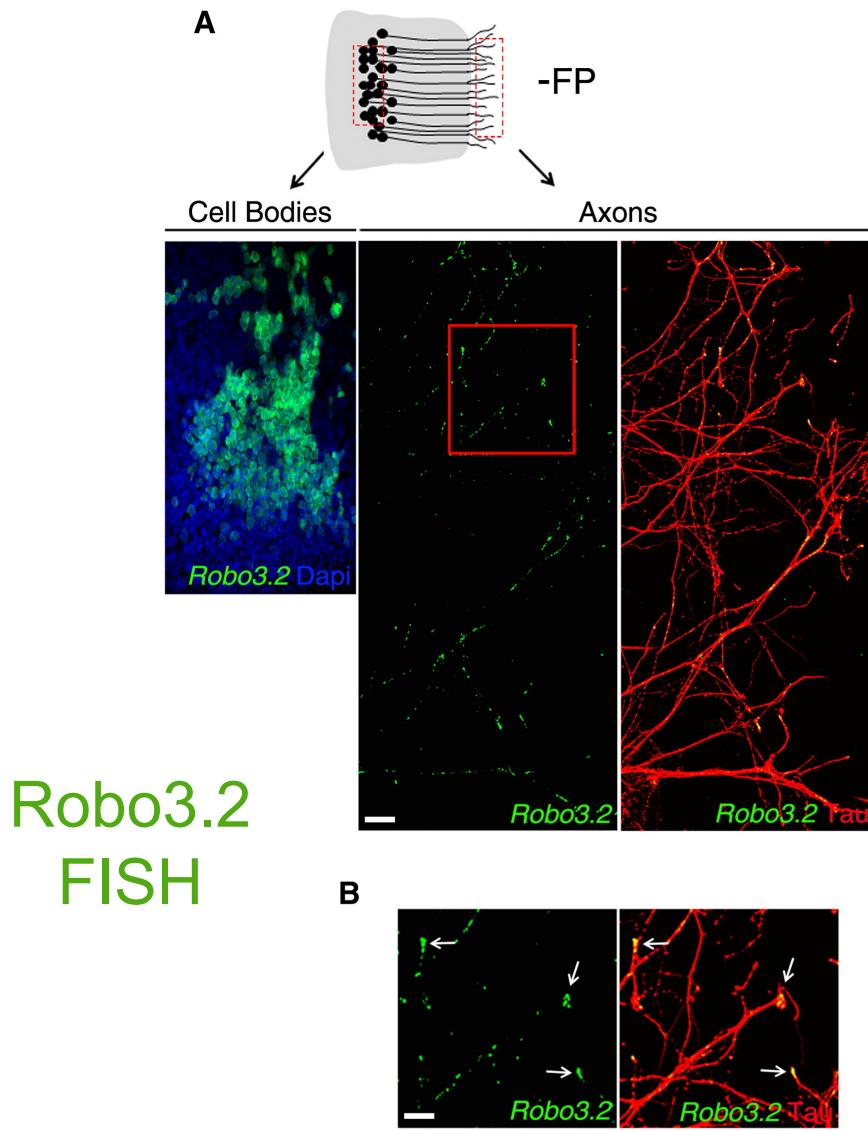


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# Robo3.2 mRNA is transported into pre-crossing & post-crossing axons

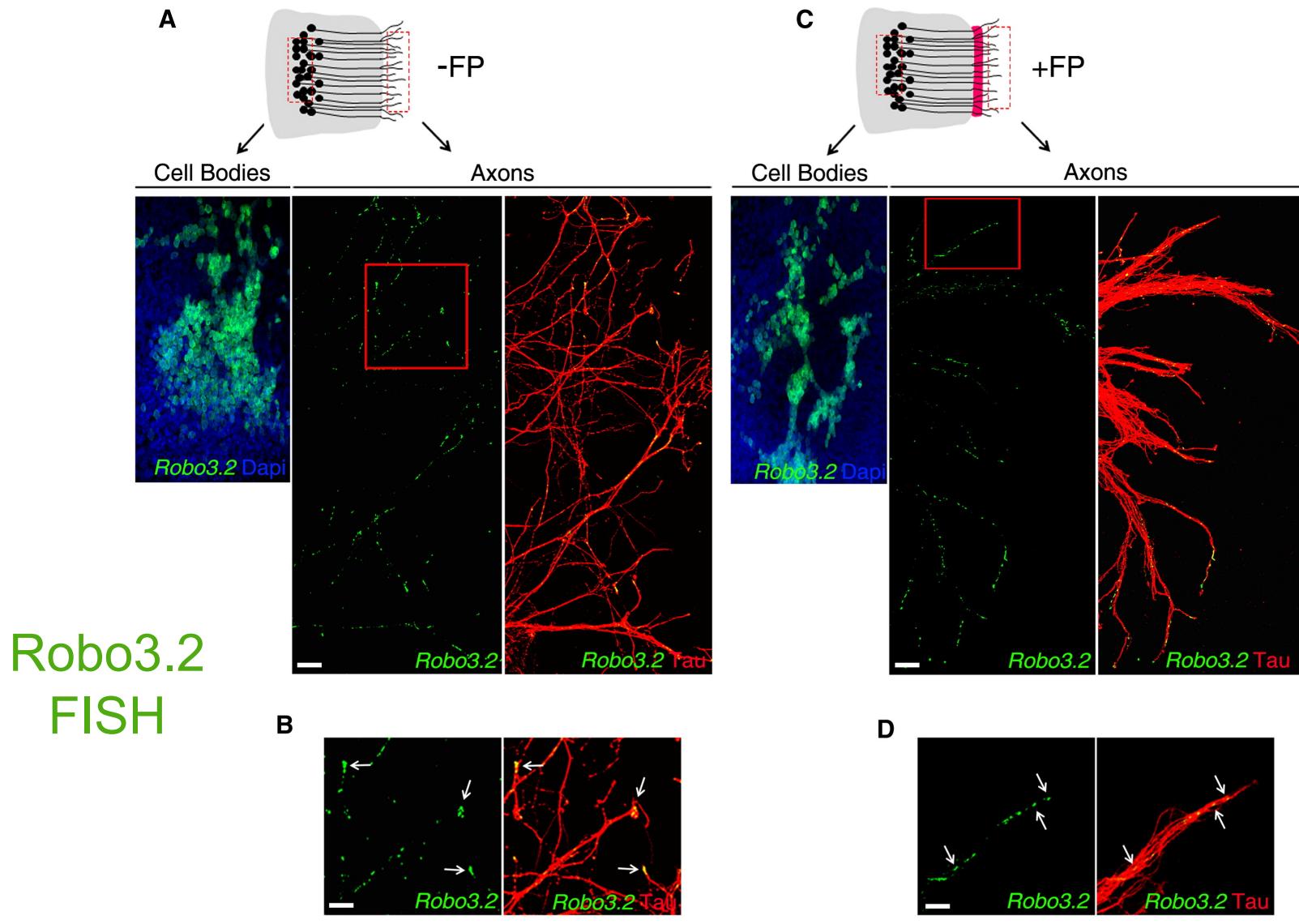


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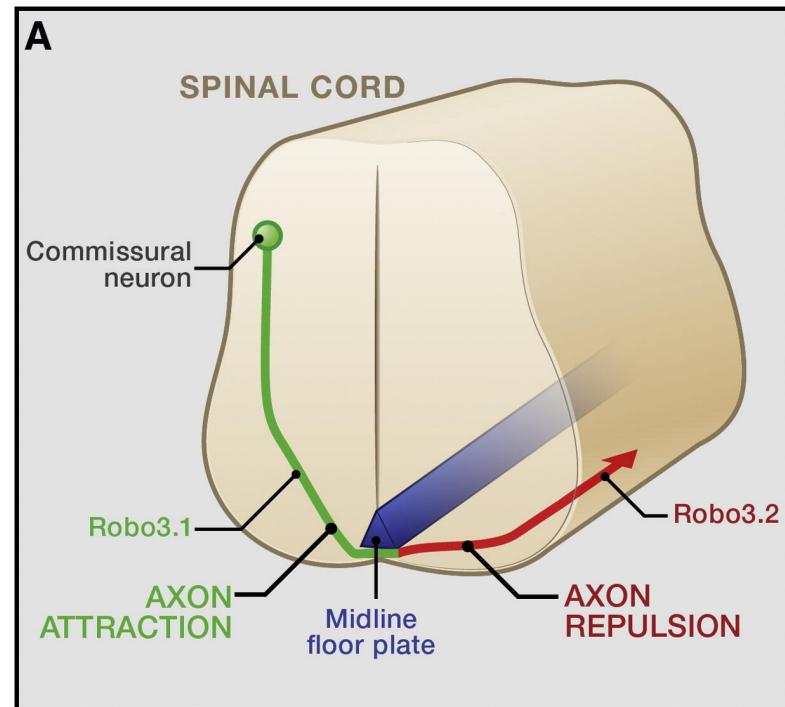
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## SUMMARY

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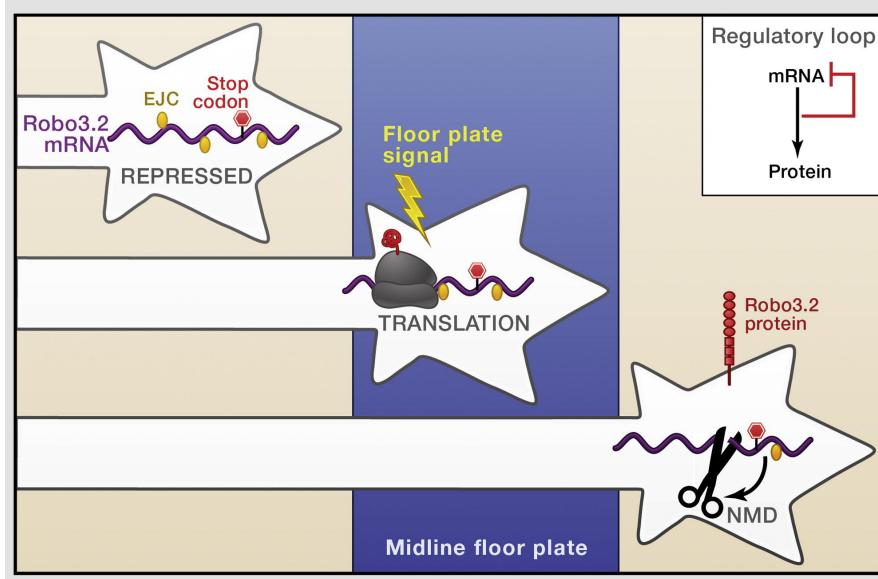
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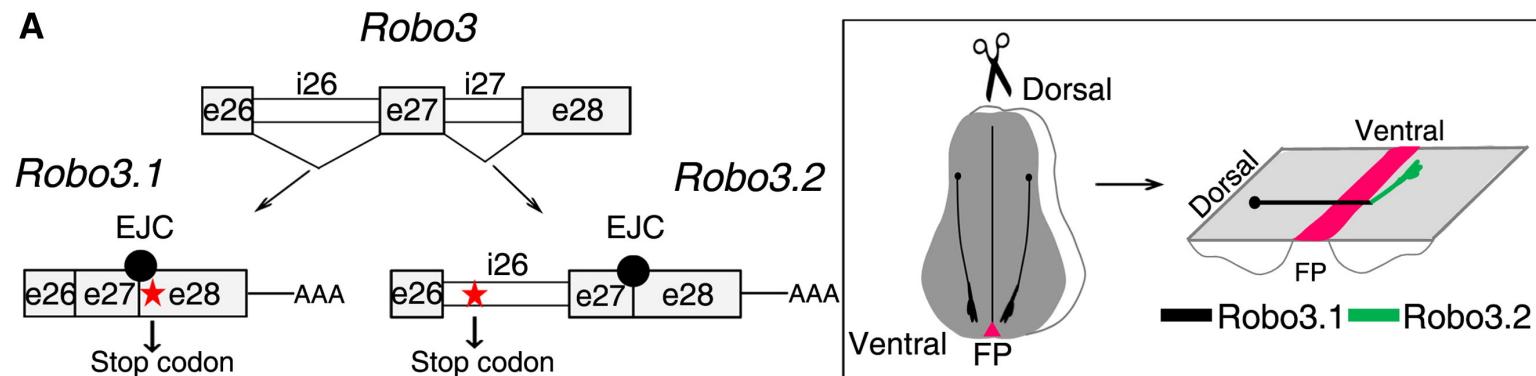
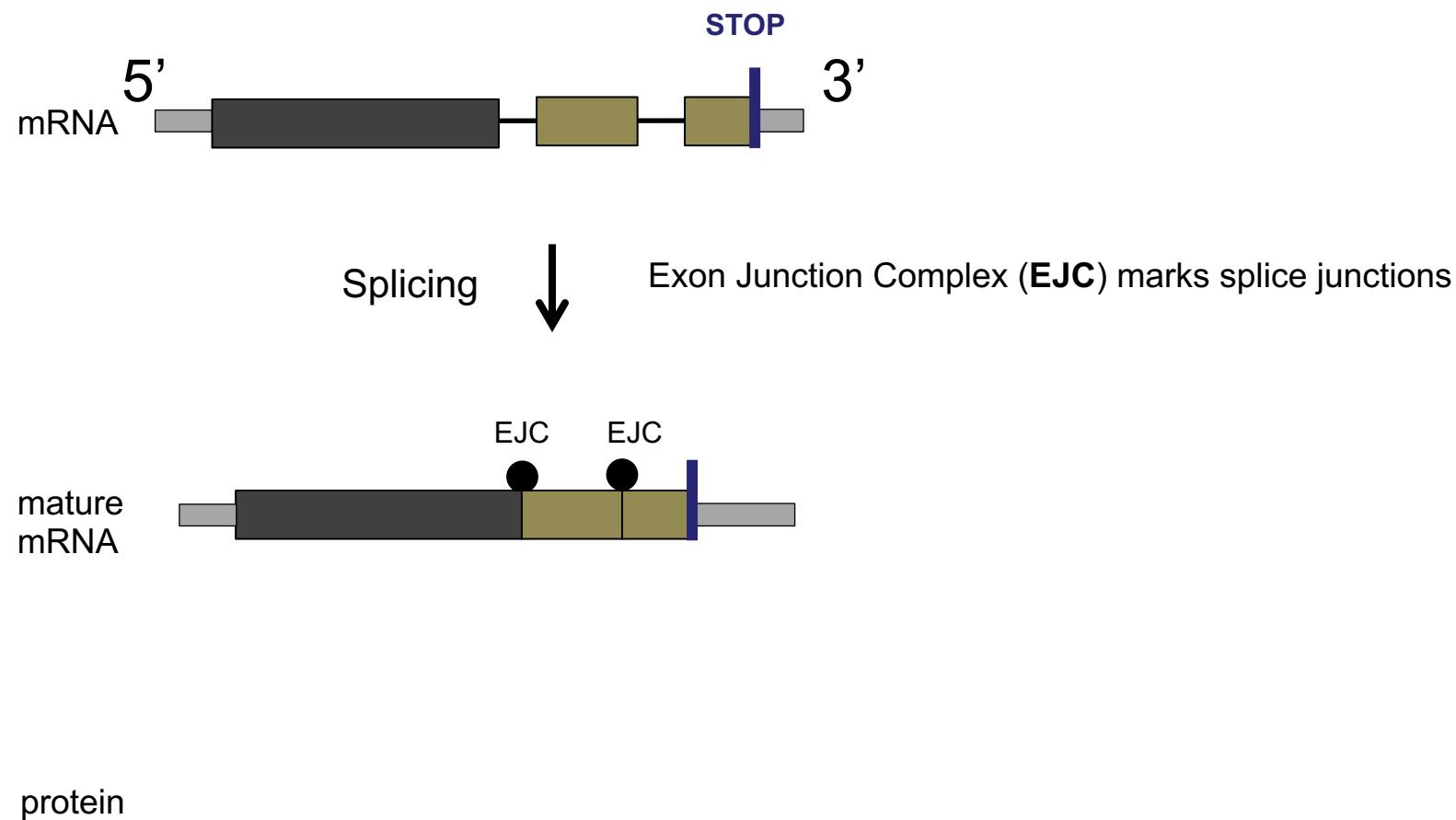
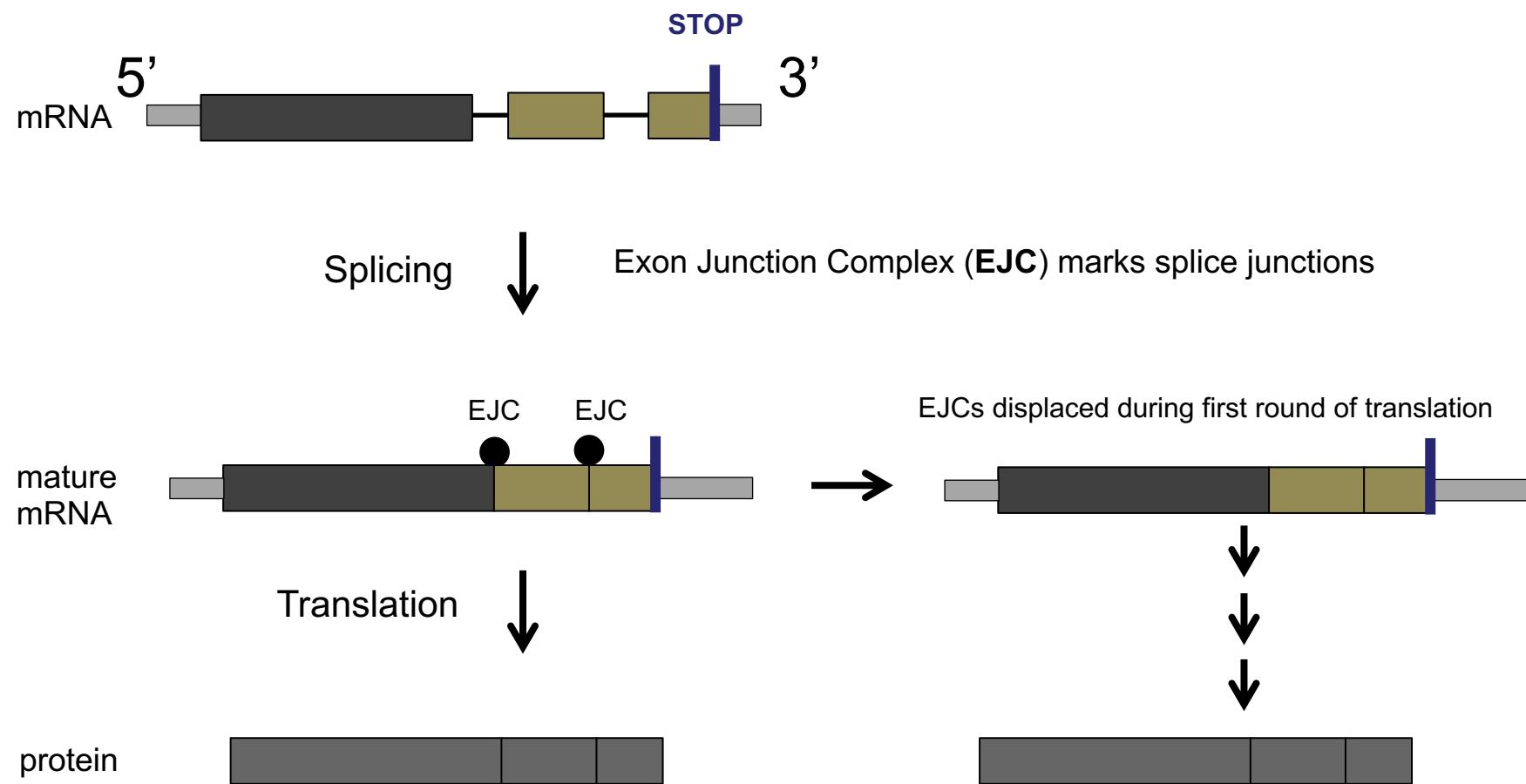


Figure 1

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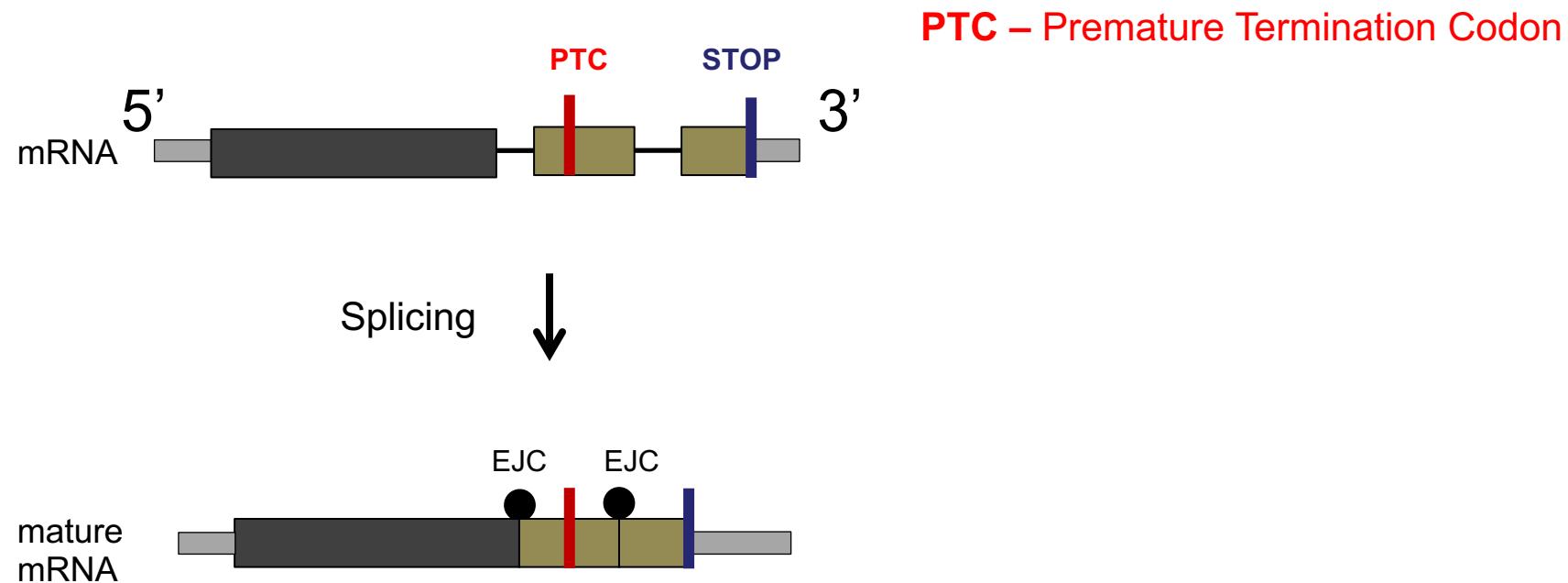


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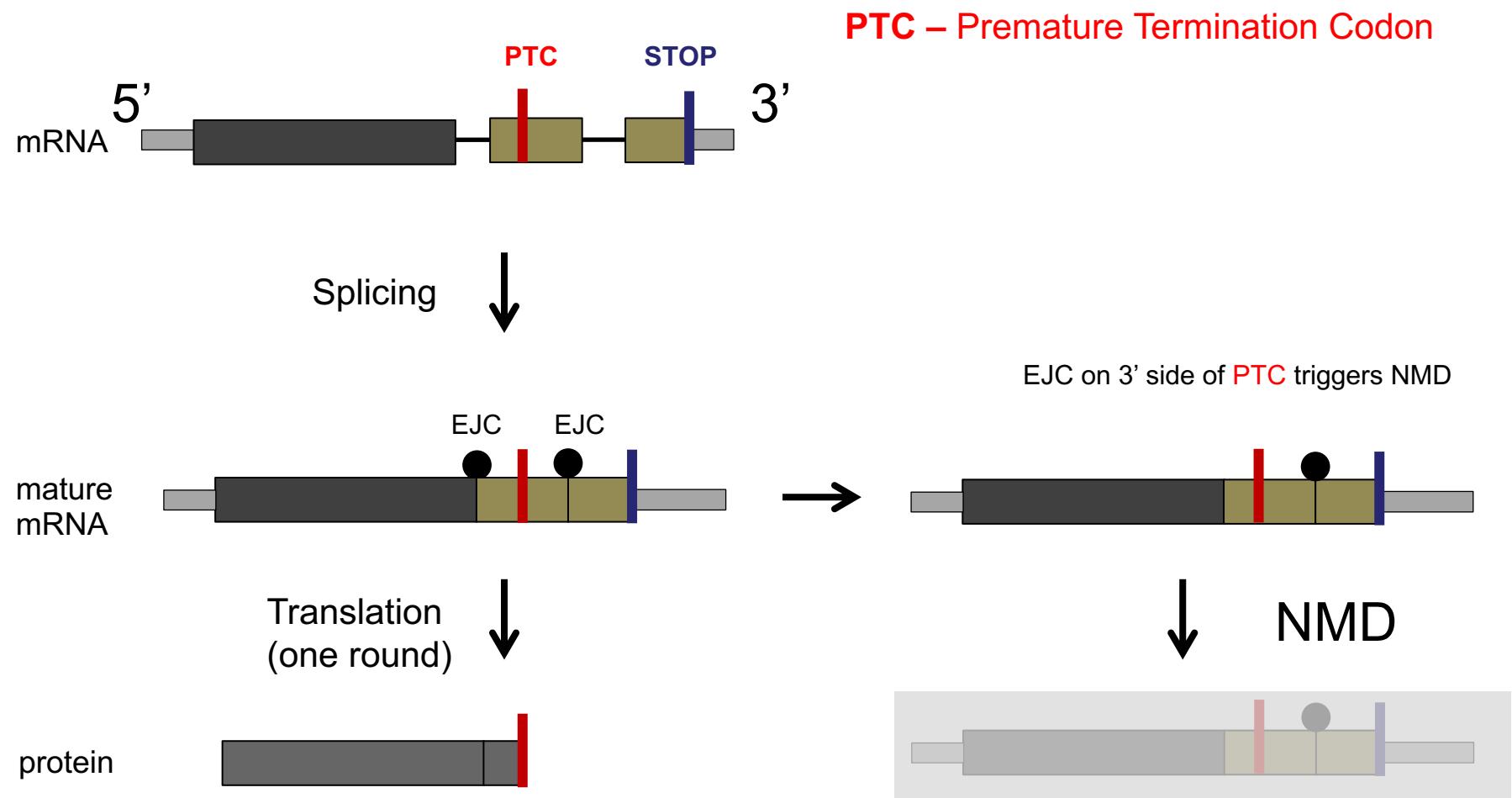
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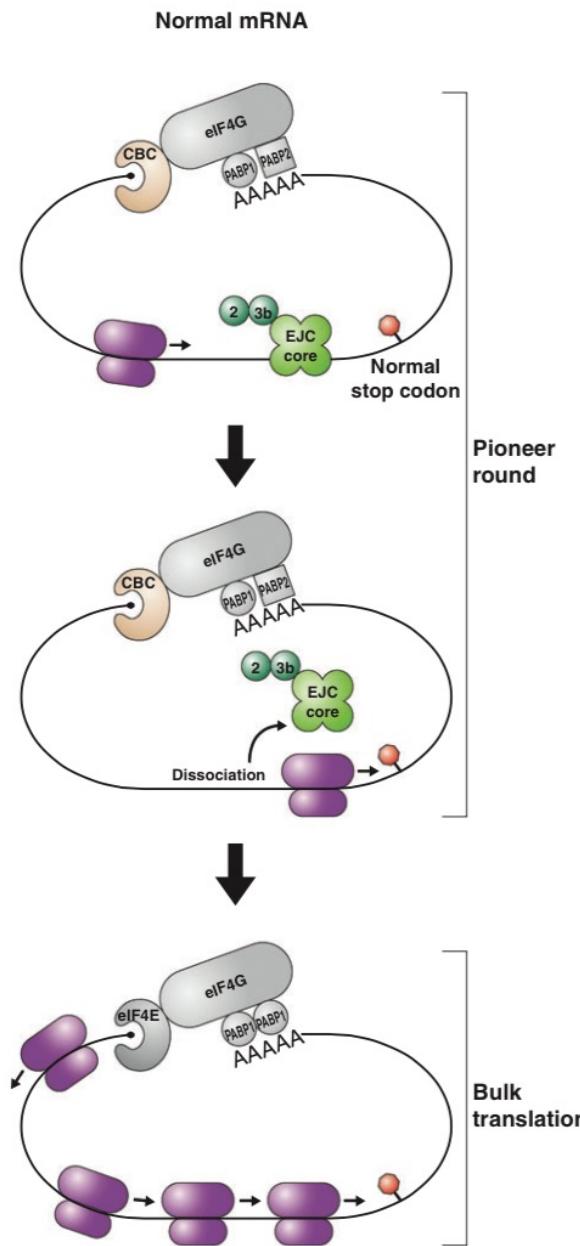
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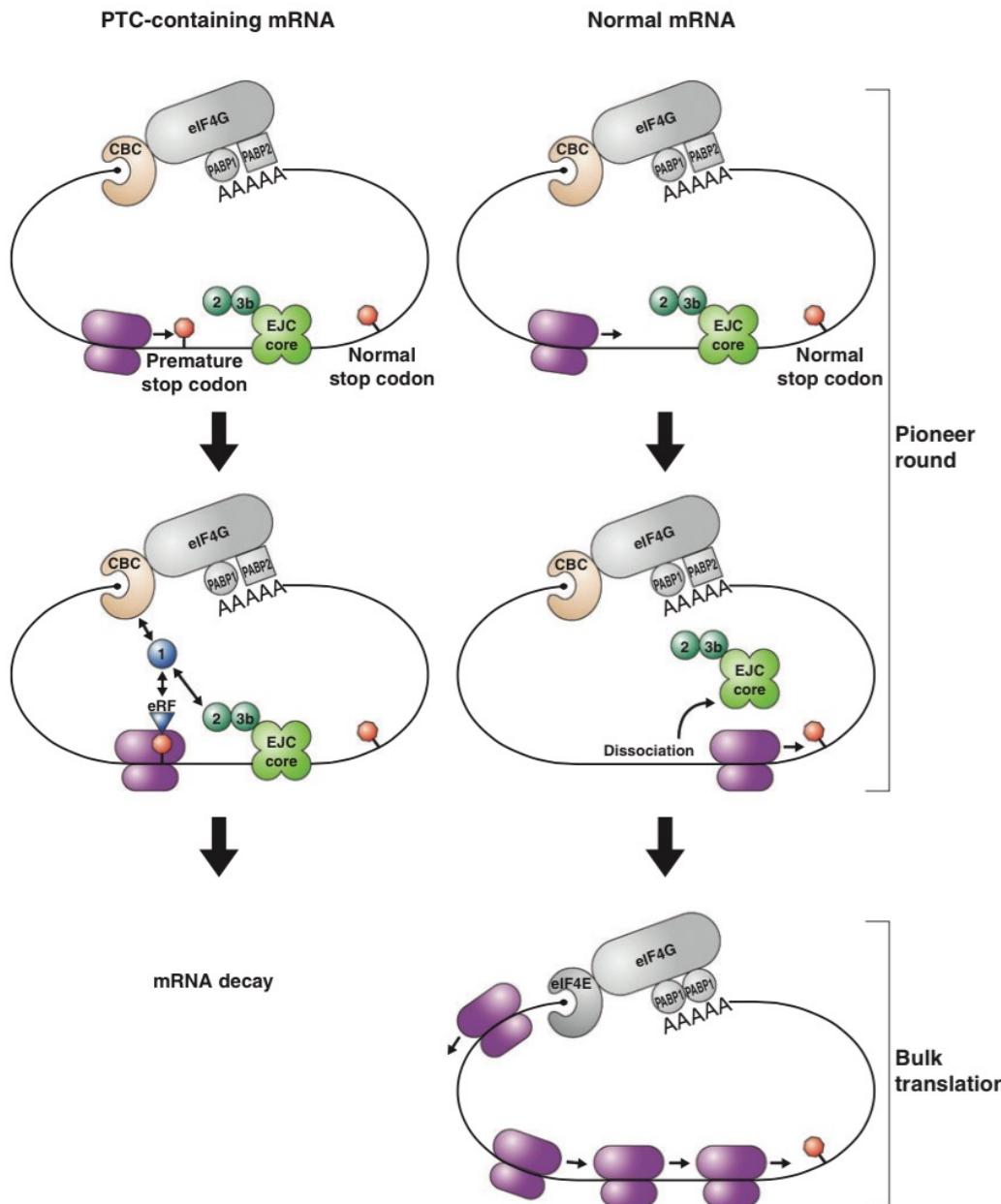
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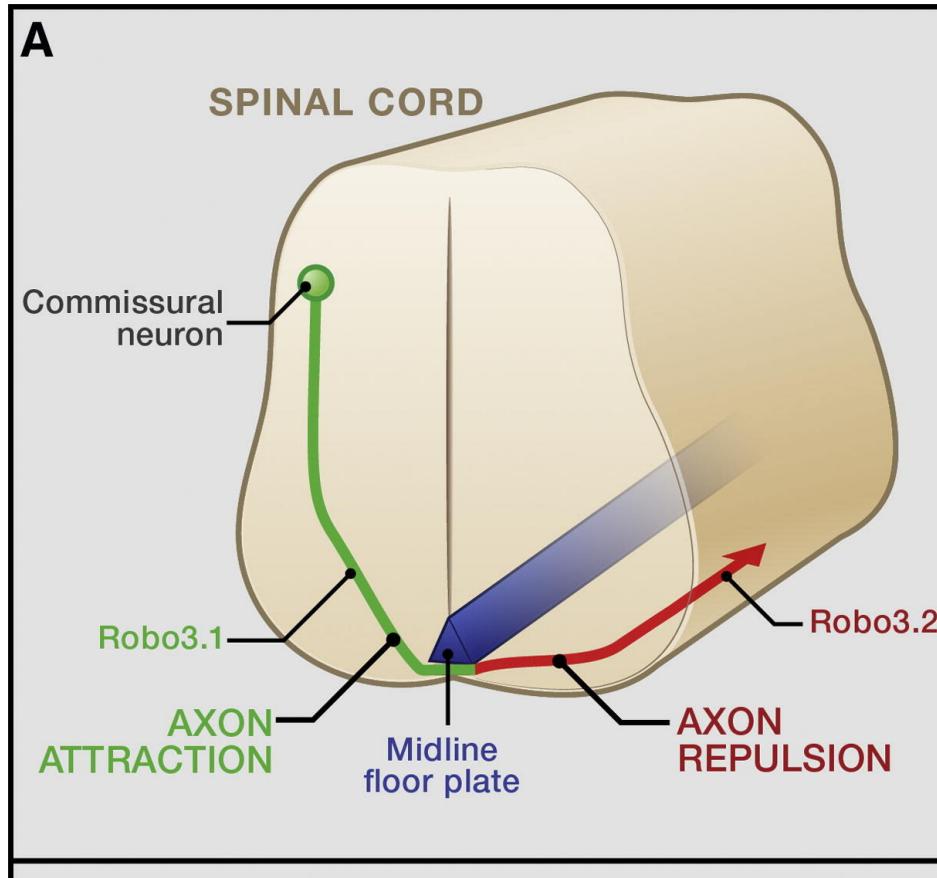
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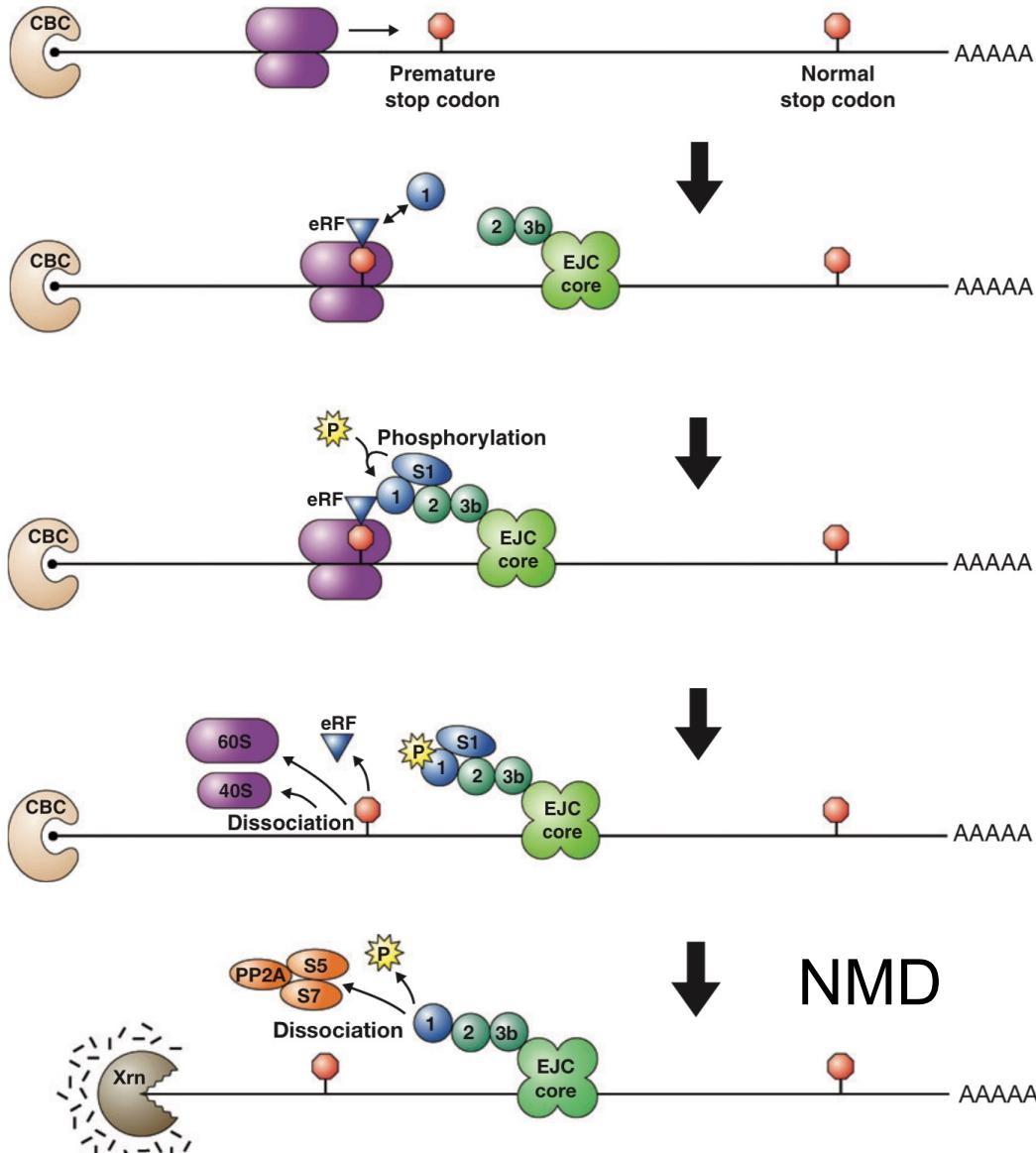
# Robo3.2 is degraded by NMD in post-crossing axons?

NMD  
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Robo3.2 mRNA



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# NMD components are localized to axon tips

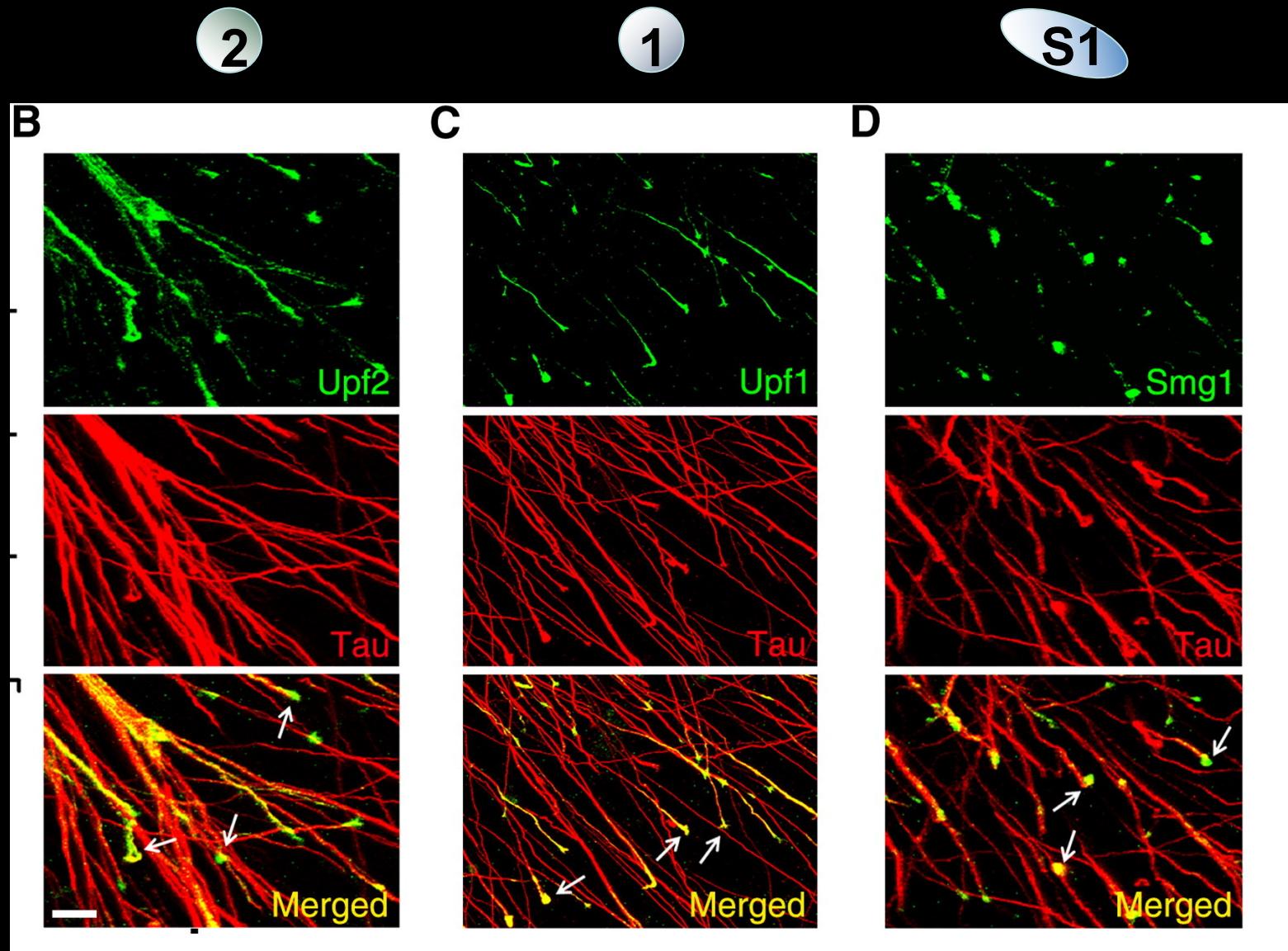
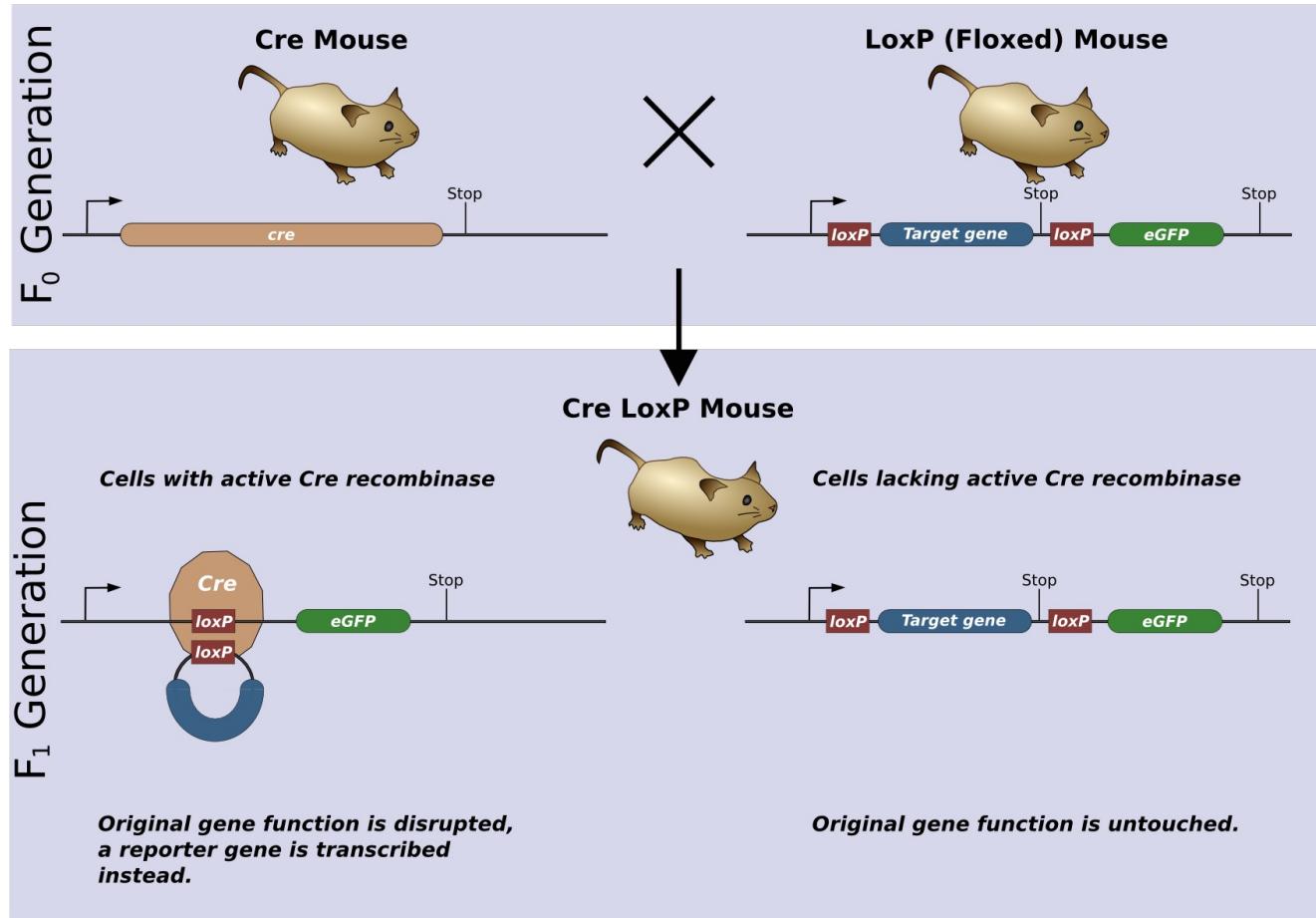


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# Upf2 conditional knockout



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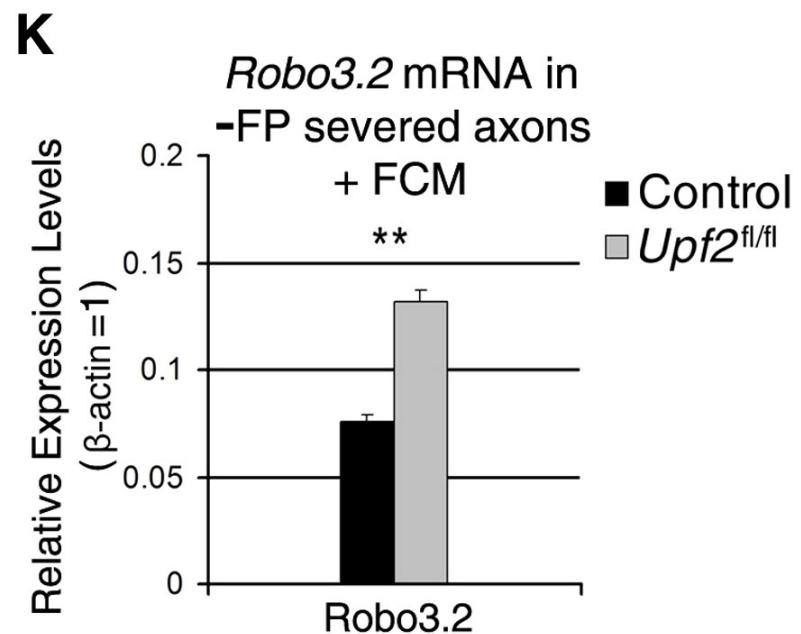
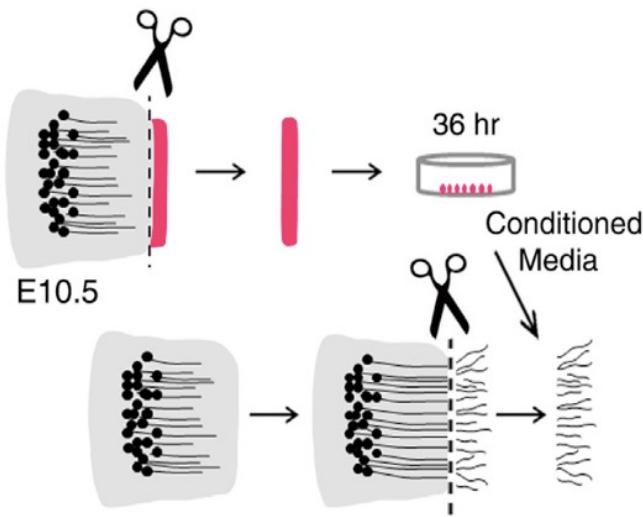


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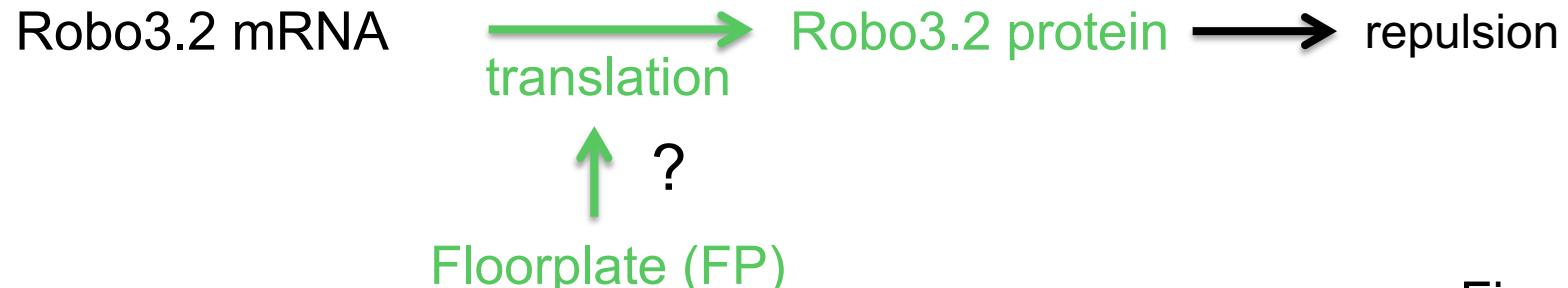
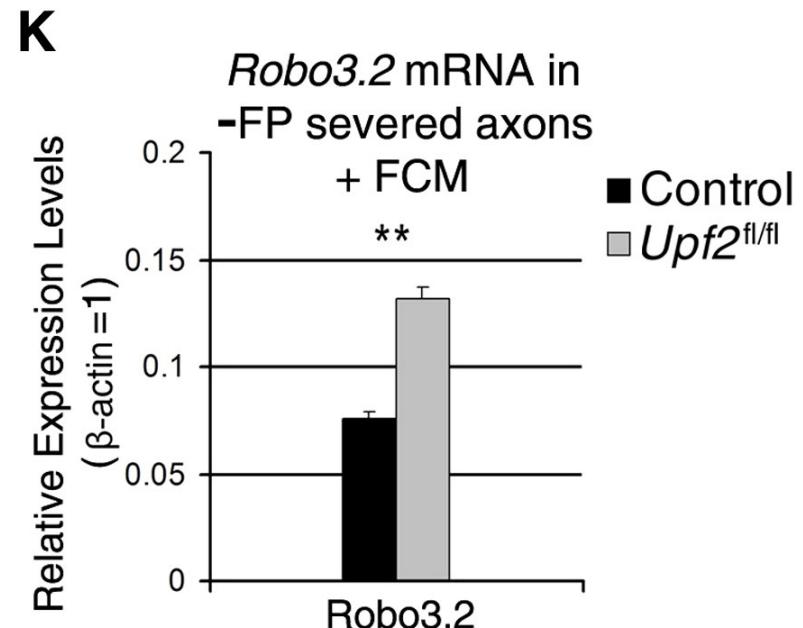
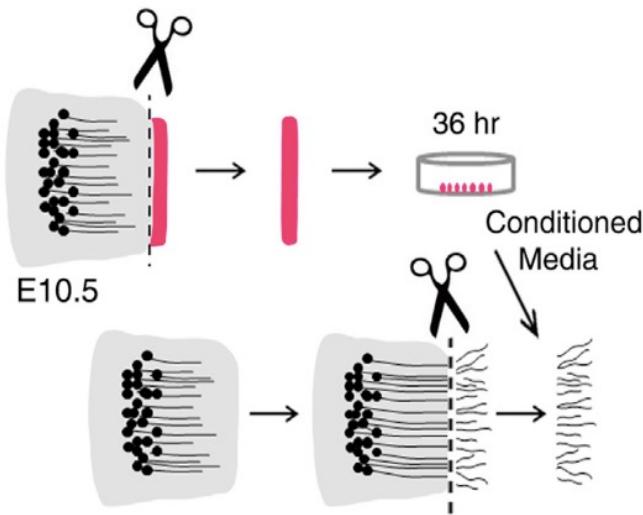


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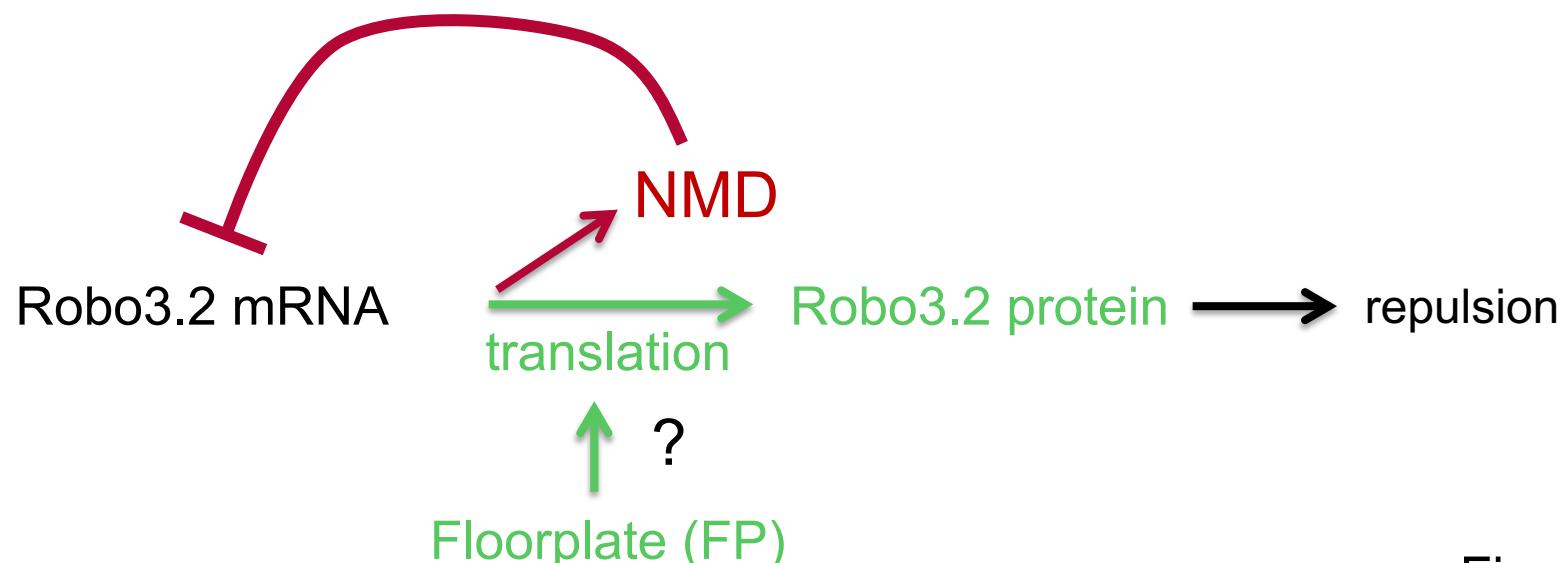
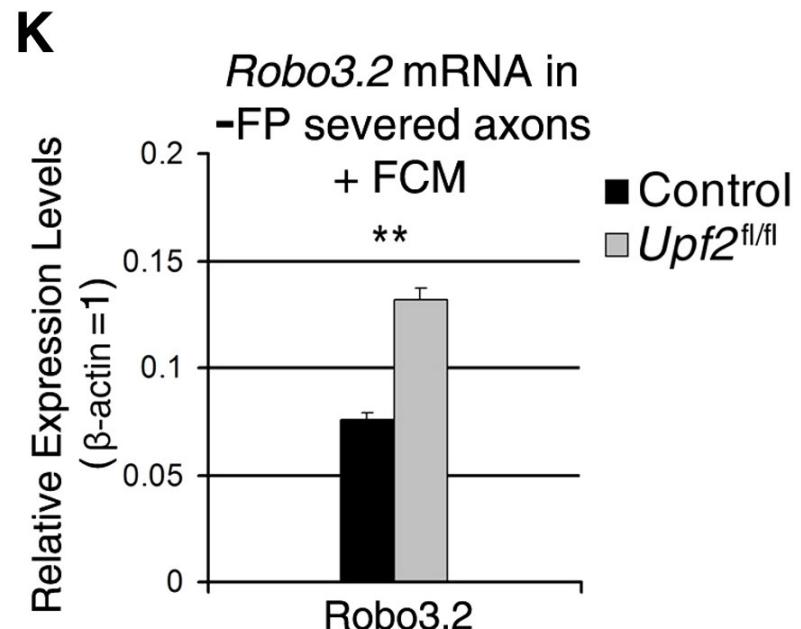
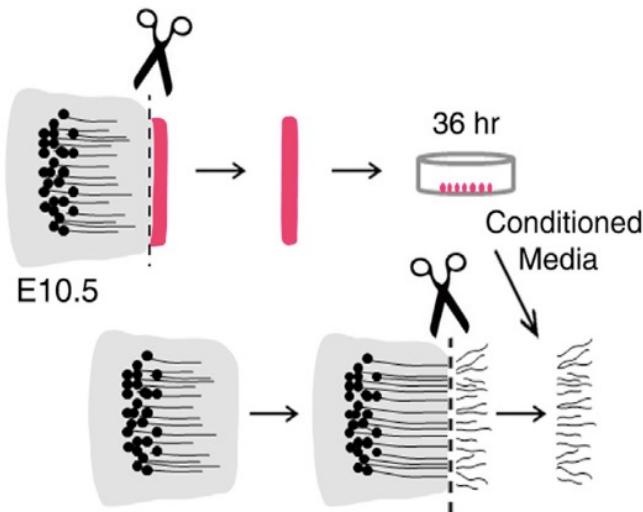


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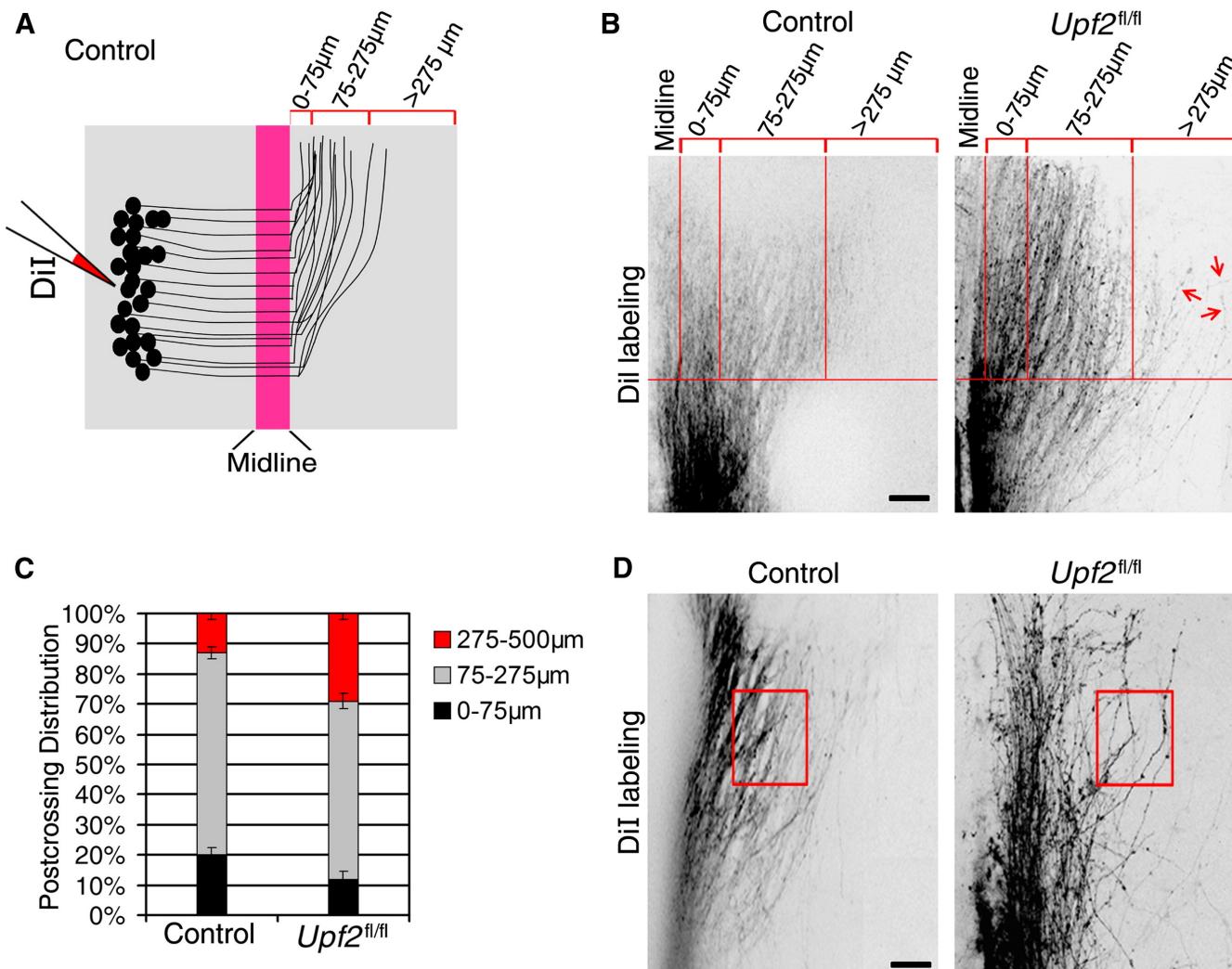
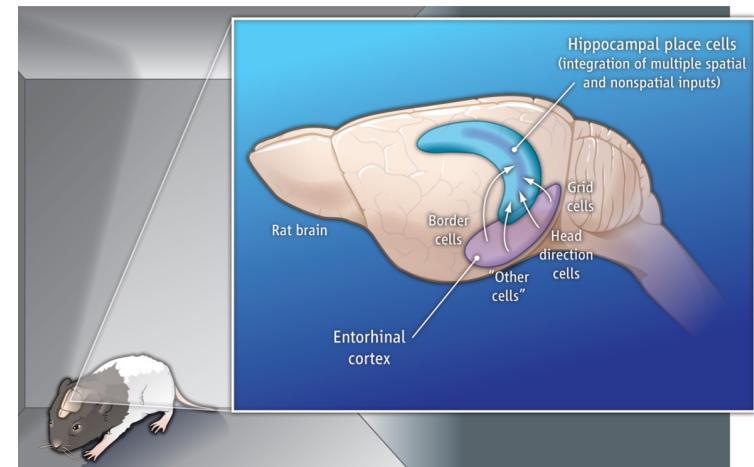
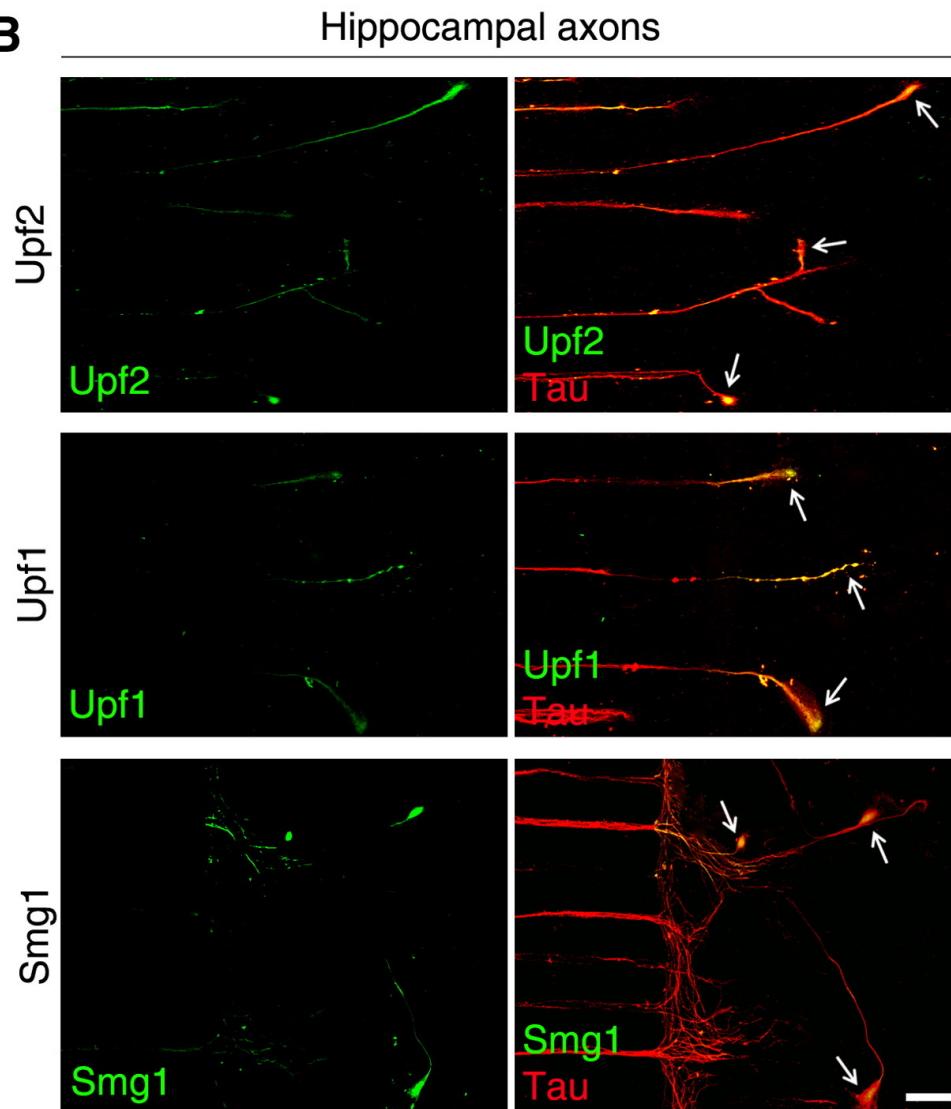


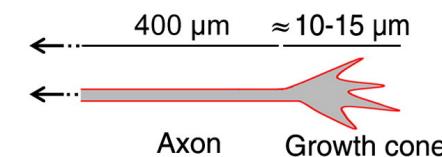
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# NMD machinery is localized to growth cones of several types of neurons

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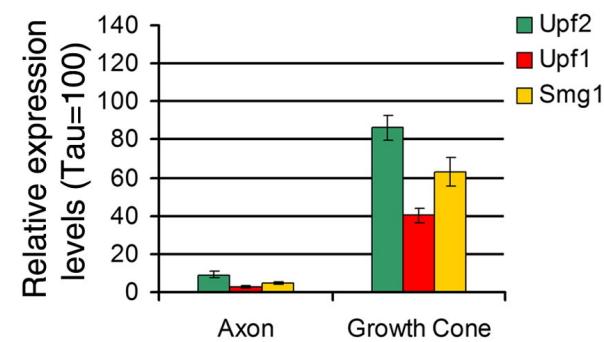
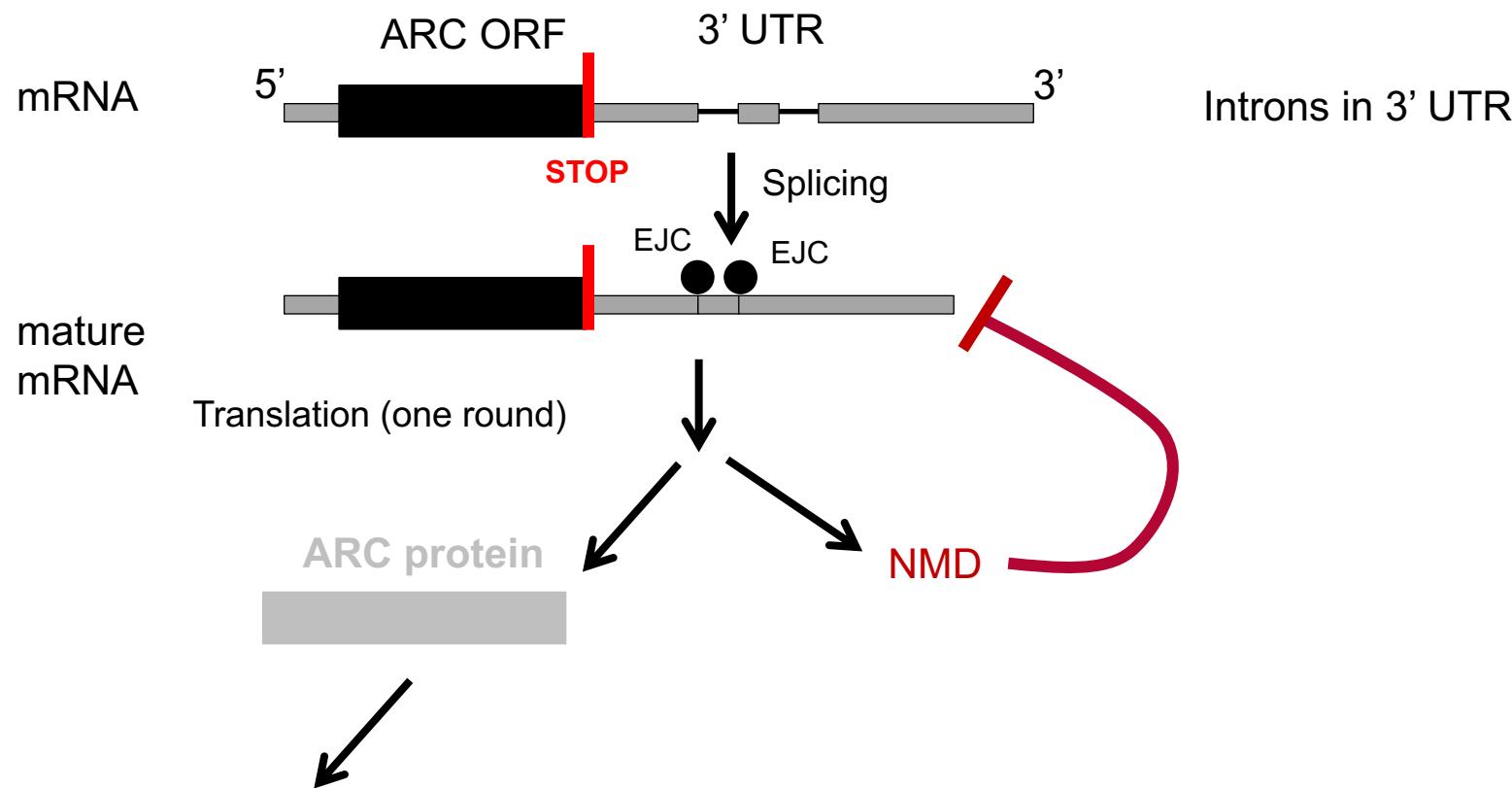


Figure 7

# NMD puts the brakes on protein synthesis in neurons



Activity-dependent synaptic  
plasticity (e.g., LTP)

~150 genes with 3' UTR introns

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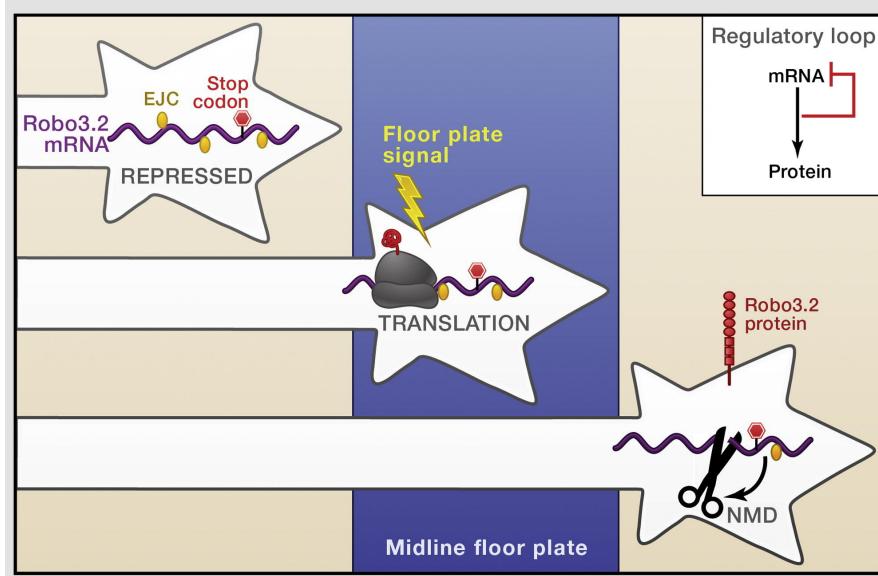
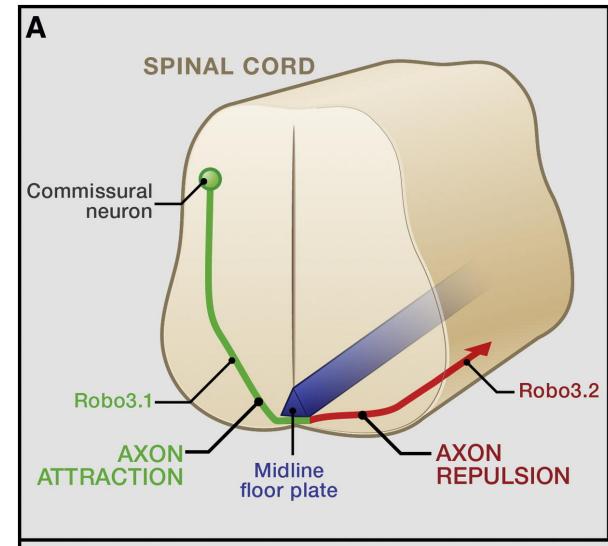
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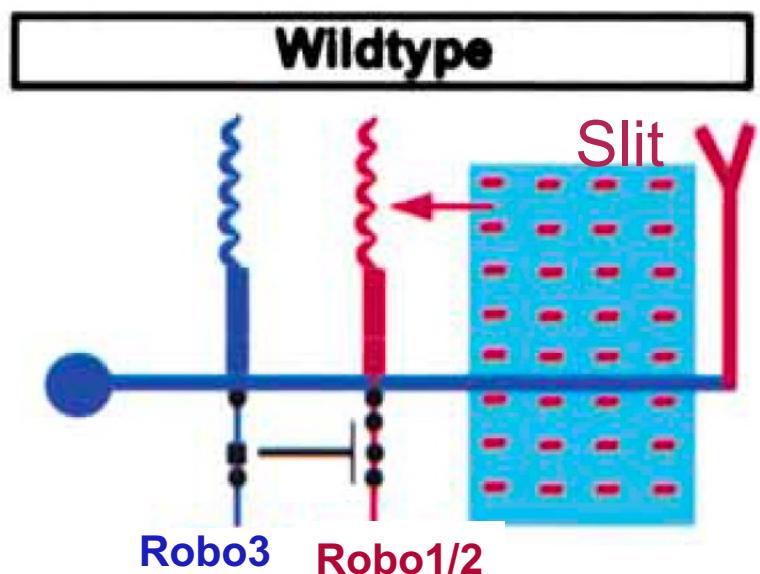
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Development/Plasticity/Repair

# Collaborative and Specialized Functions of Robo1 and Robo2 in Spinal Commissural Axon Guidance

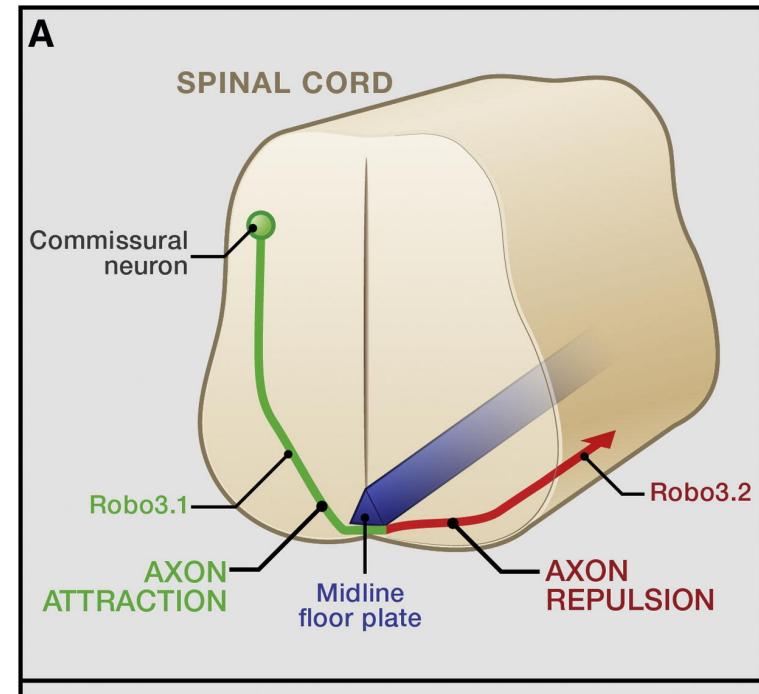
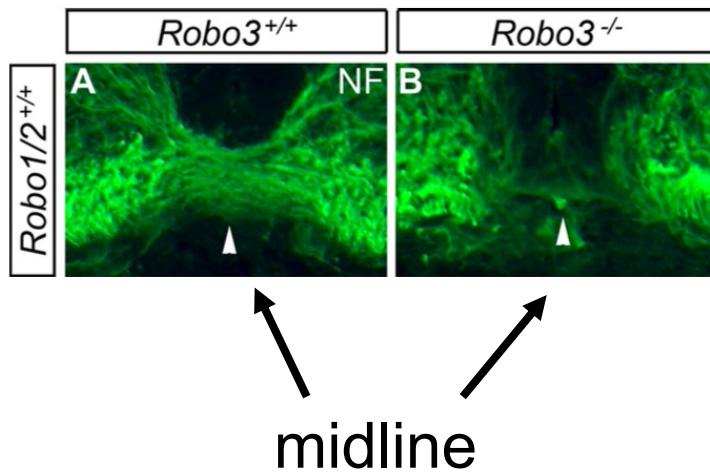
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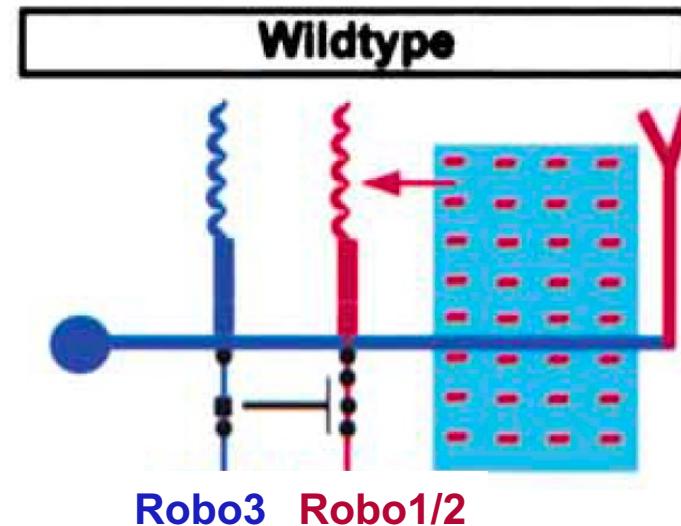
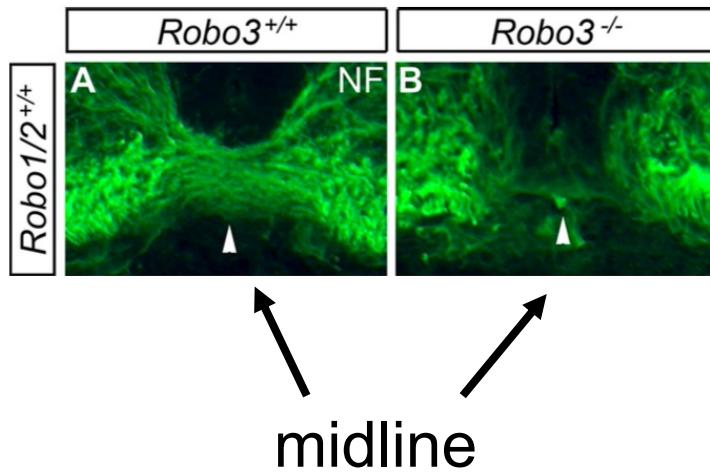


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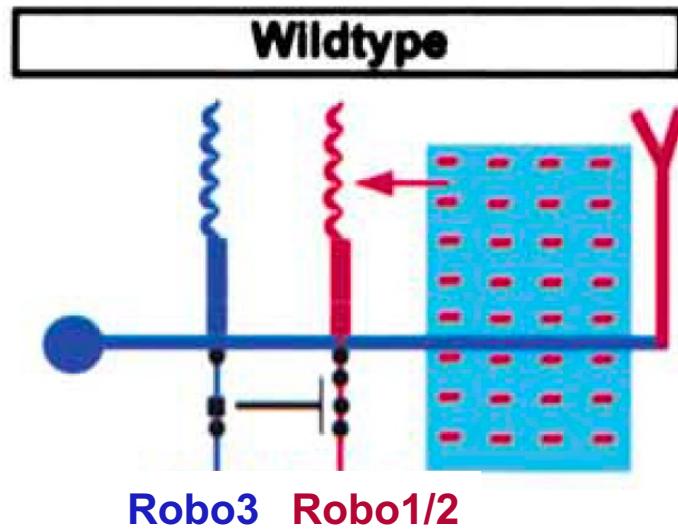
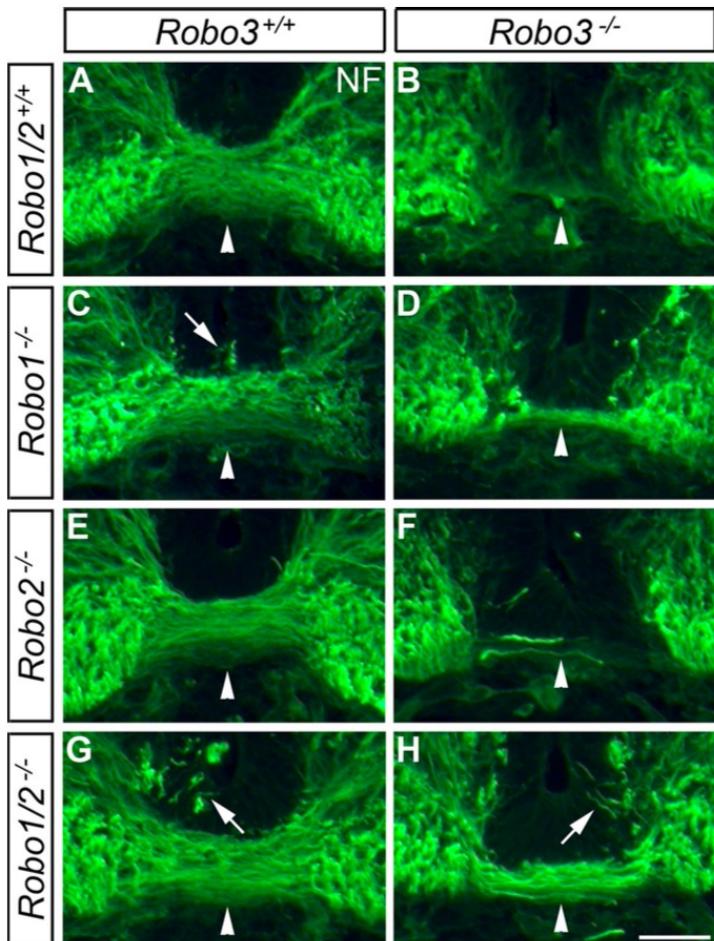
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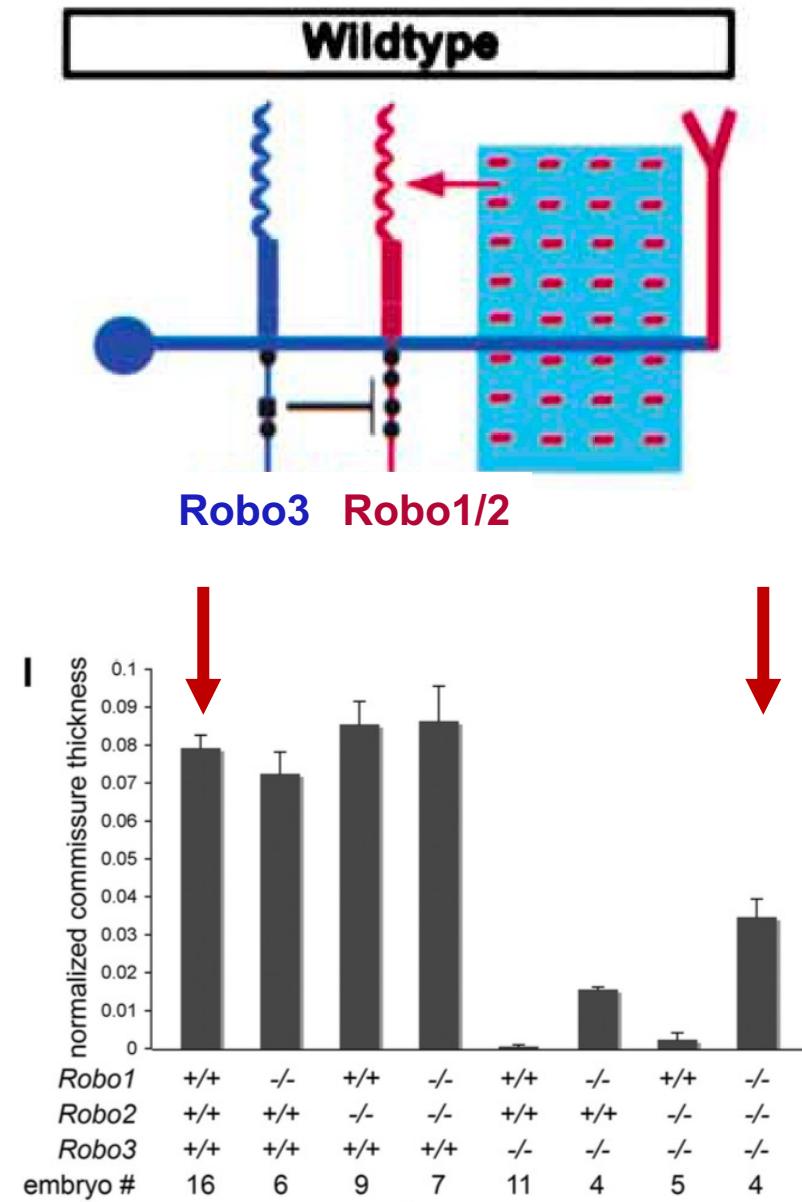
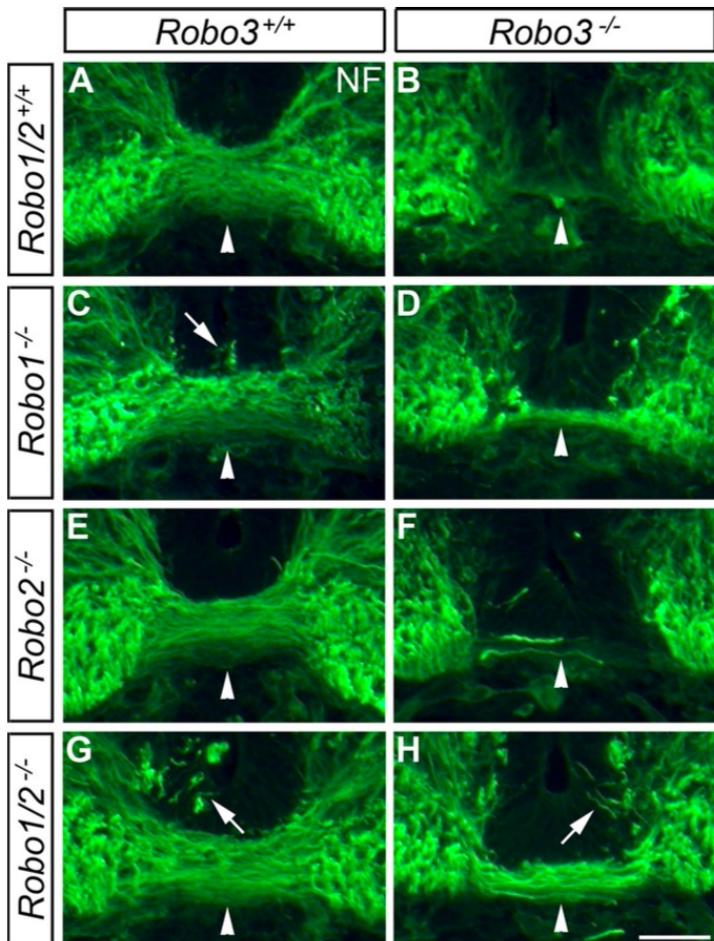
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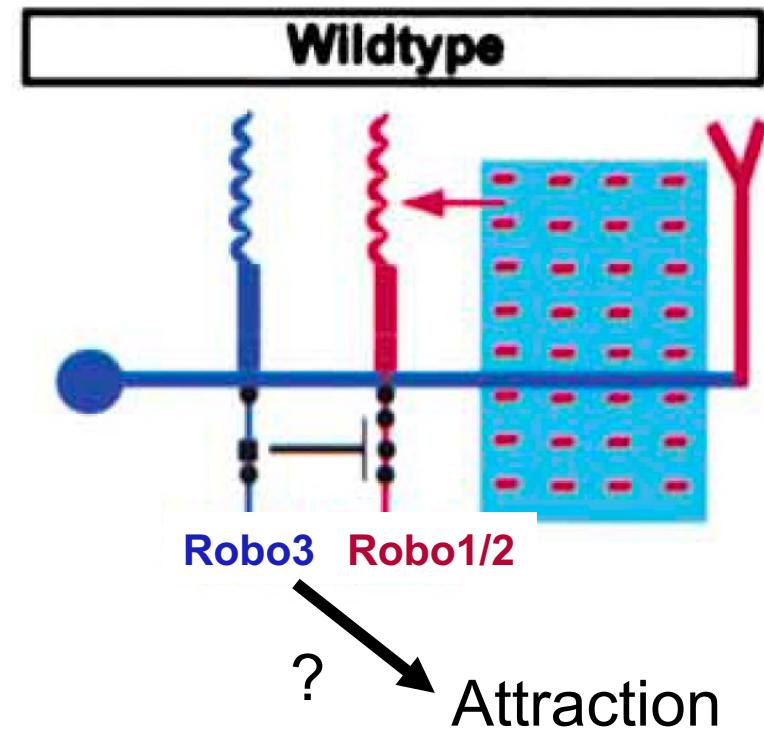
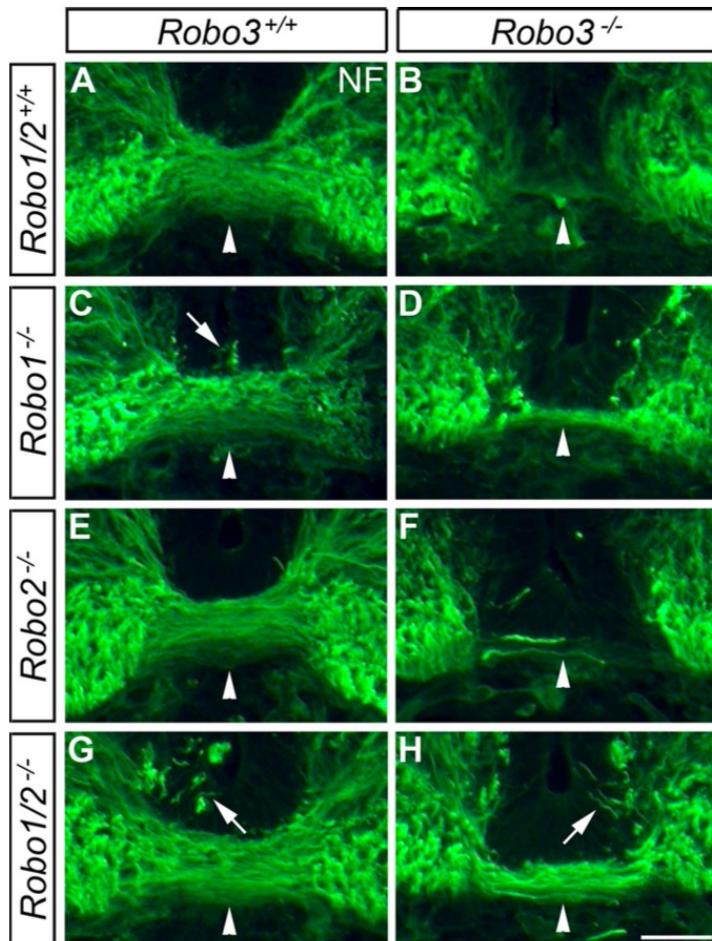
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## SUMMARY

Development of neuronal circuits is controlled by evolutionarily conserved axon guidance molecules, including Slits, the repulsive ligands for roundabout (Robo) receptors, and Netrin-1, which mediates attraction through the DCC receptor. We discovered that the Robo3 receptor fundamentally changed its mechanism of action during mammalian evolution. Unlike other Robo receptors, mammalian Robo3 is not a high-affinity receptor for Slits because of specific substitutions in the first immunoglobulin domain. Instead, Netrin-1 selectively triggers phosphorylation of mammalian Robo3 via Src kinases. Robo3 does not bind Netrin-1 directly but interacts with DCC. Netrin-1 fails to attract pontine neurons lacking Robo3, and attraction can be restored in *Robo3*<sup>-/-</sup> mice by expression of mammalian, but not nonmammalian, Robo3. We propose that Robo3 evolution was key to sculpting the mammalian brain by converting a receptor for Slit repulsion into one that both silences Slit repulsion and potentiates Netrin attraction.

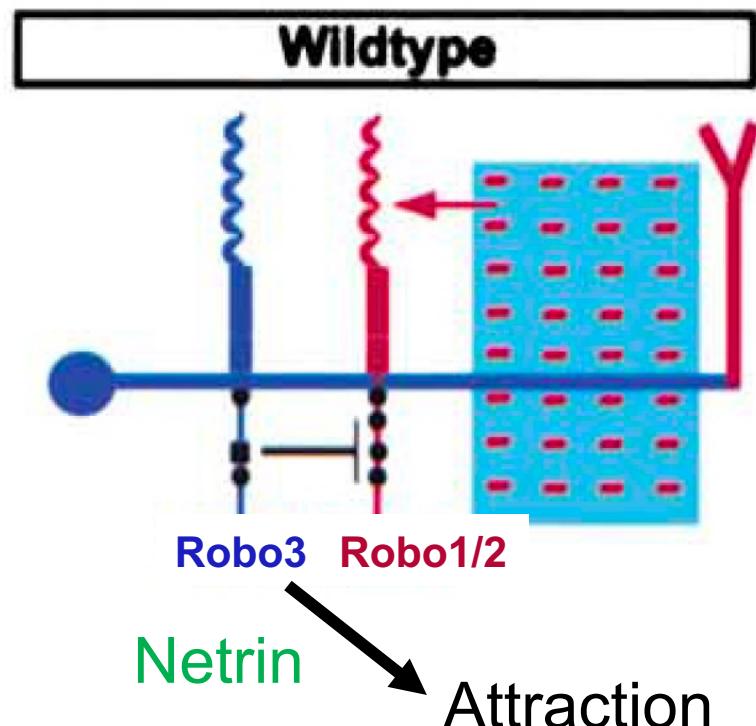
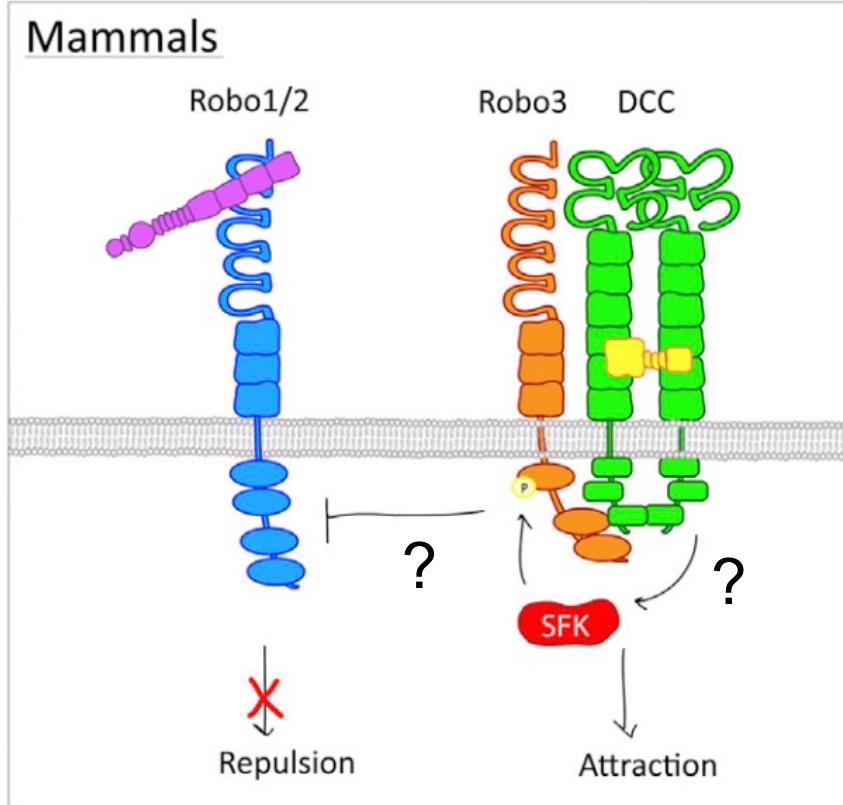


Figure 2

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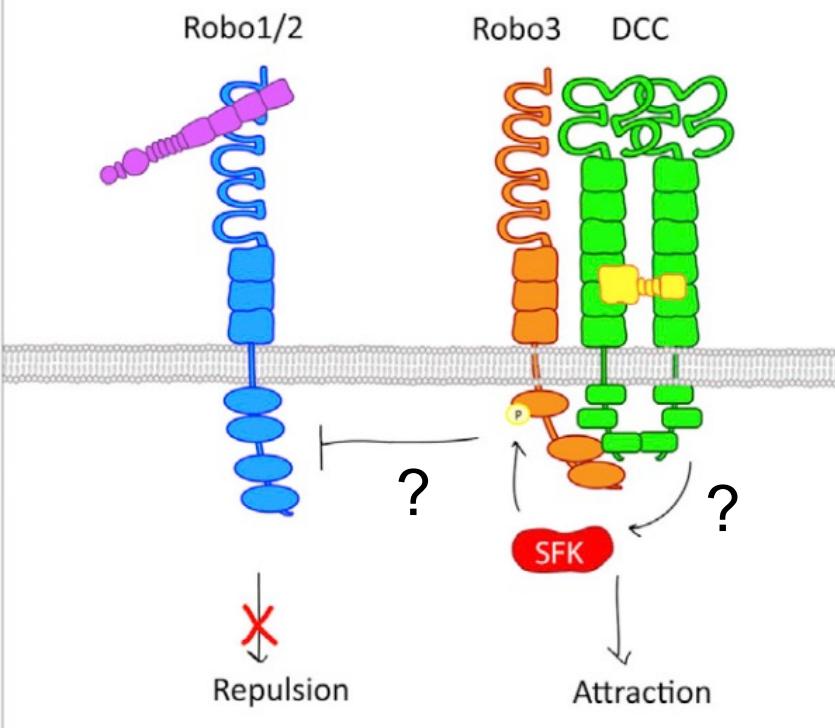
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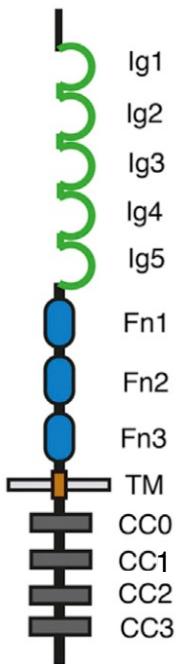


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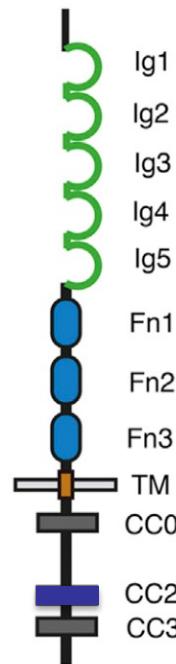
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- Mammalian Robo3 does not bind slit
- Evolution of mammalian brain

# Four Mammalian Robo genes

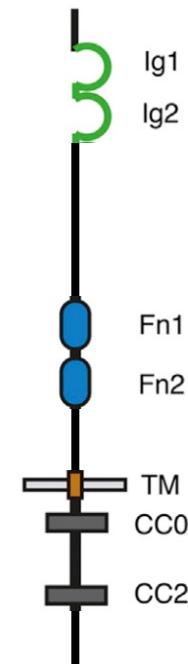
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Repulsion



Robo3  
Attraction & Repulsion

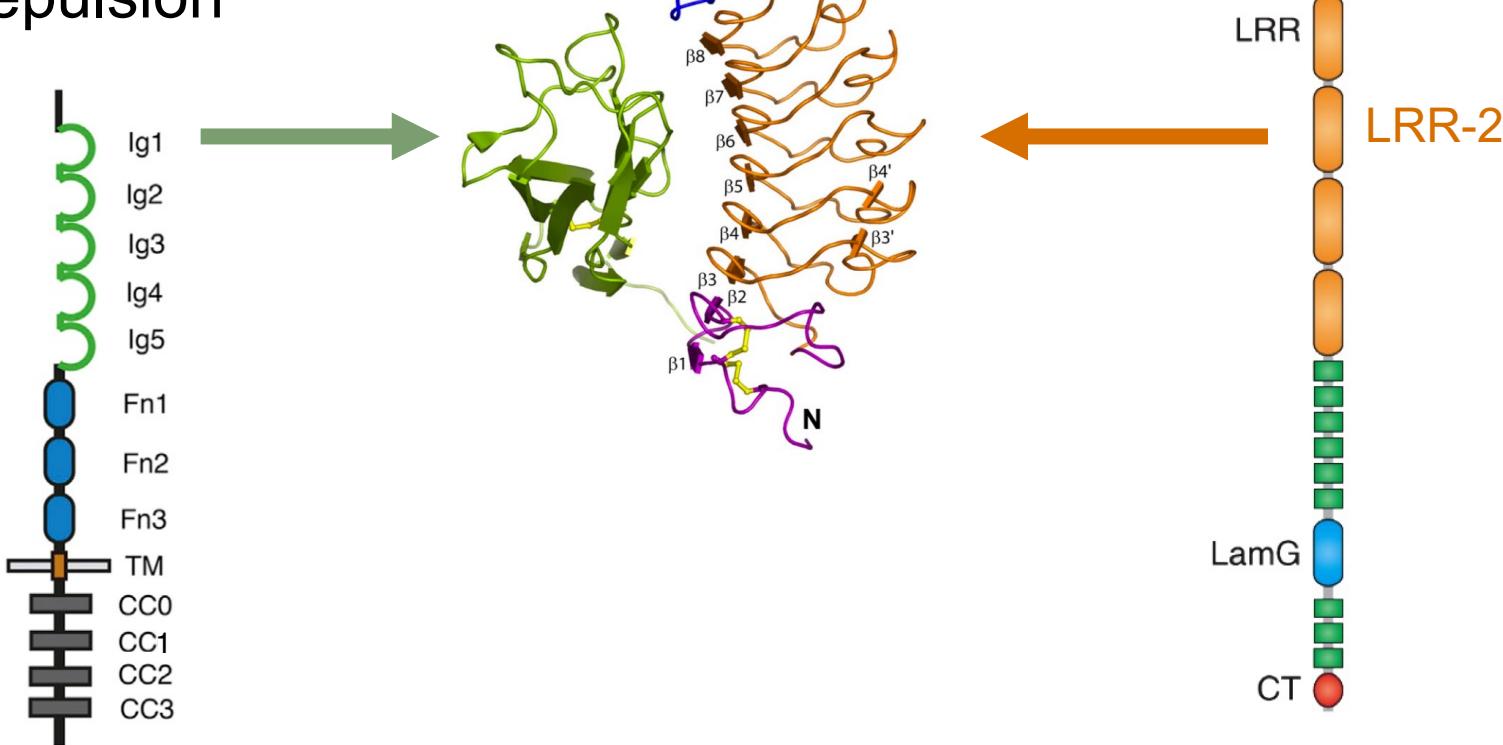


Robo 4  
Angiogenesis



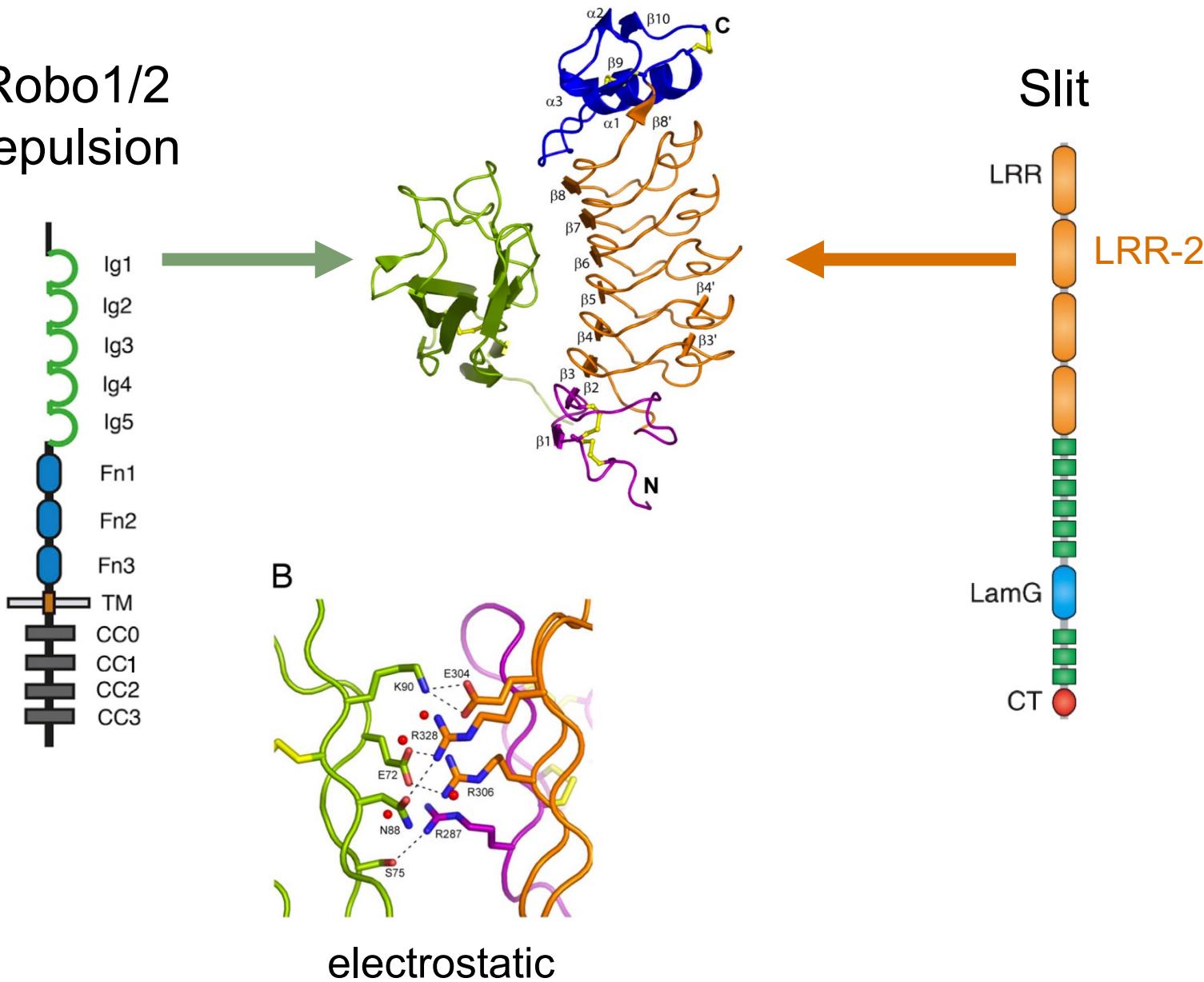
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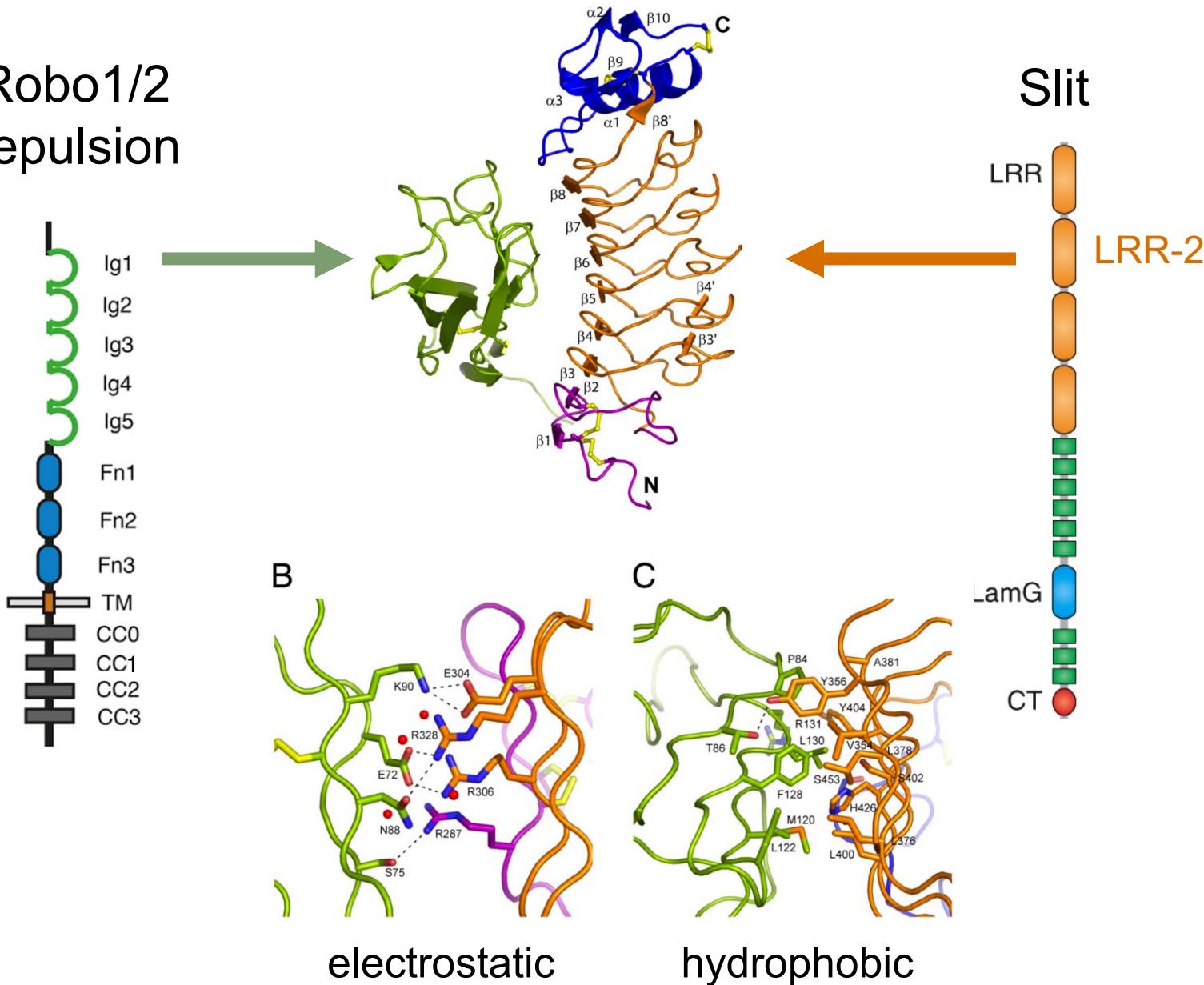
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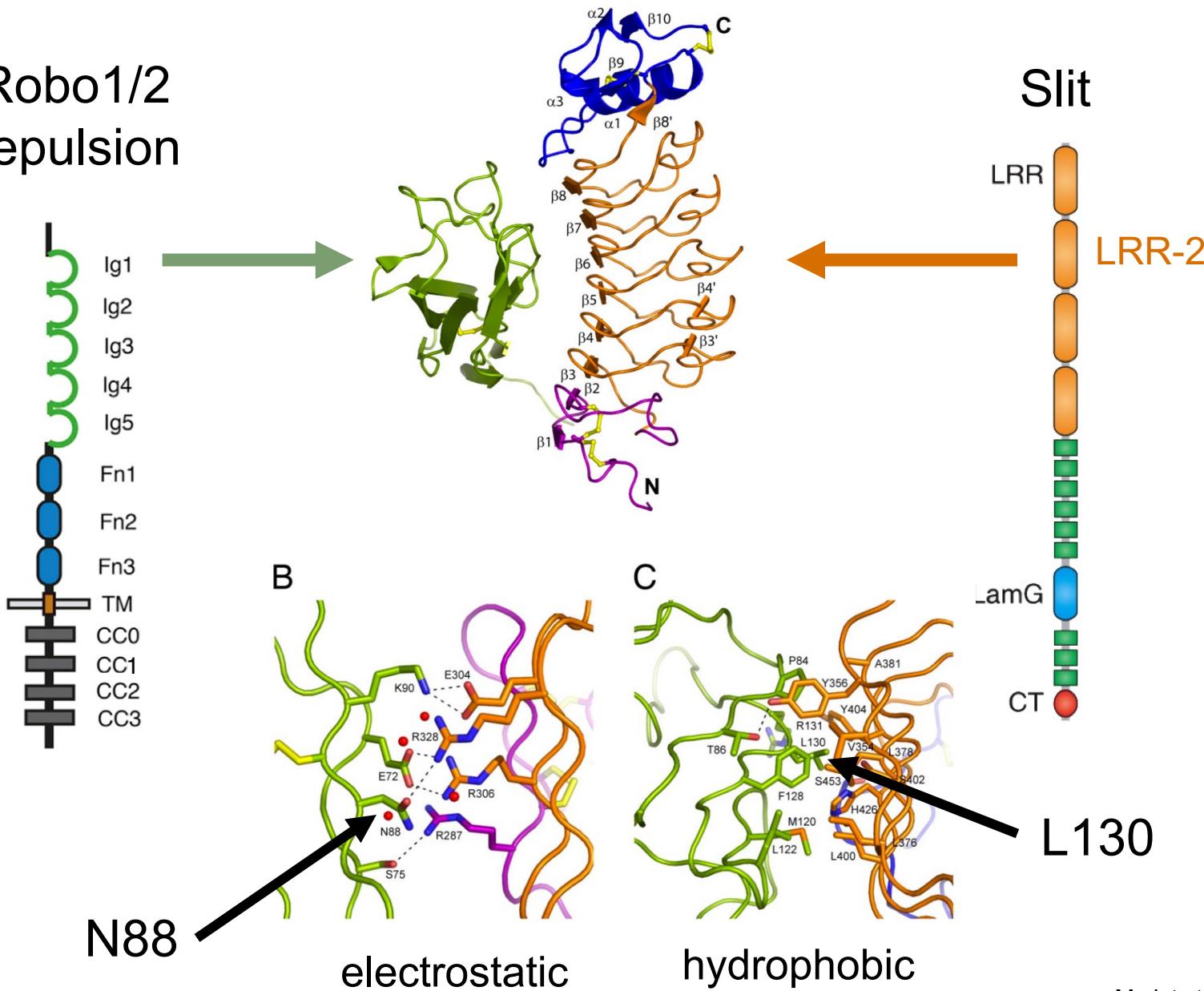
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Robo3

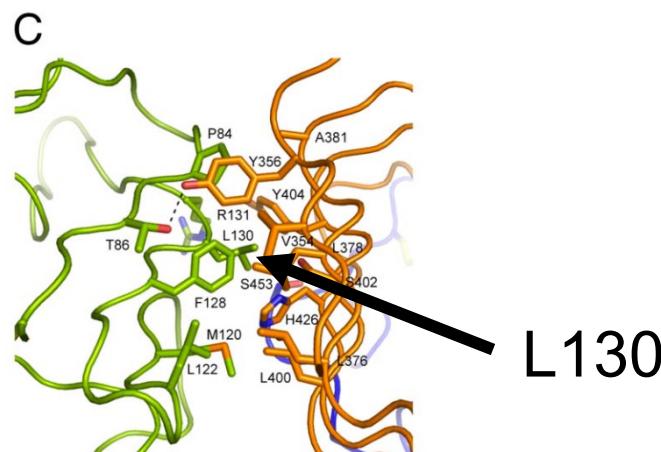
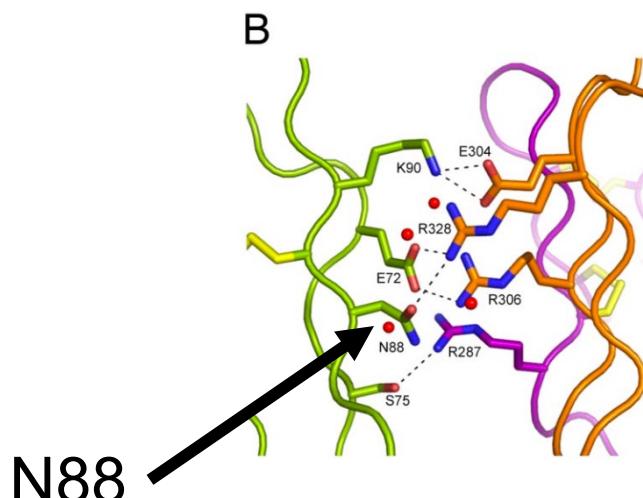
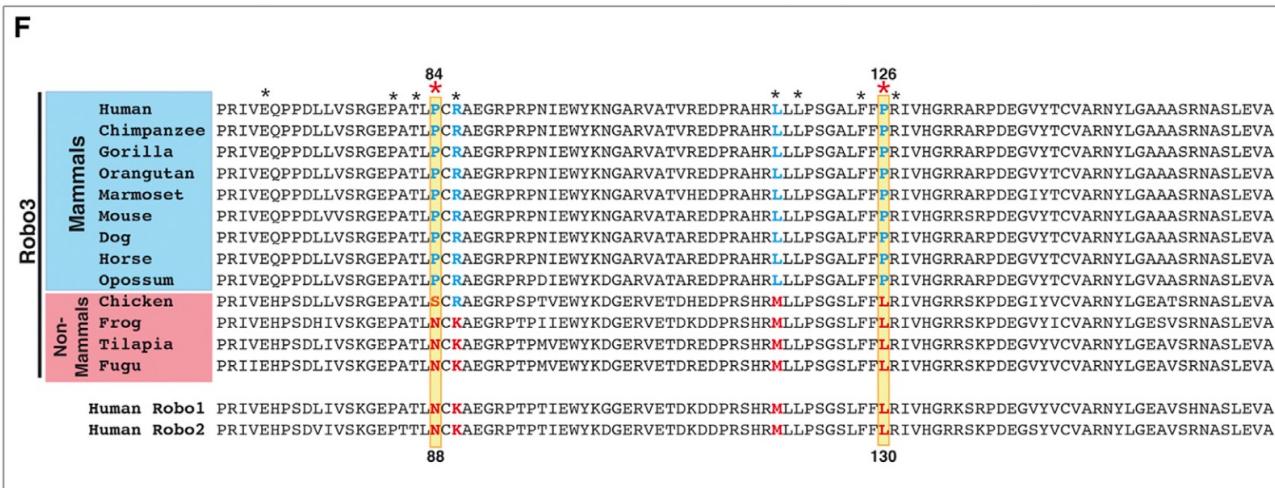
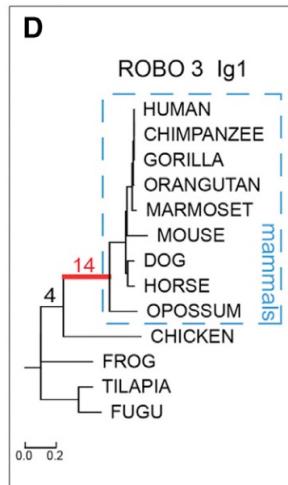
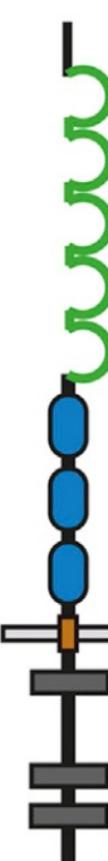


Figure 1

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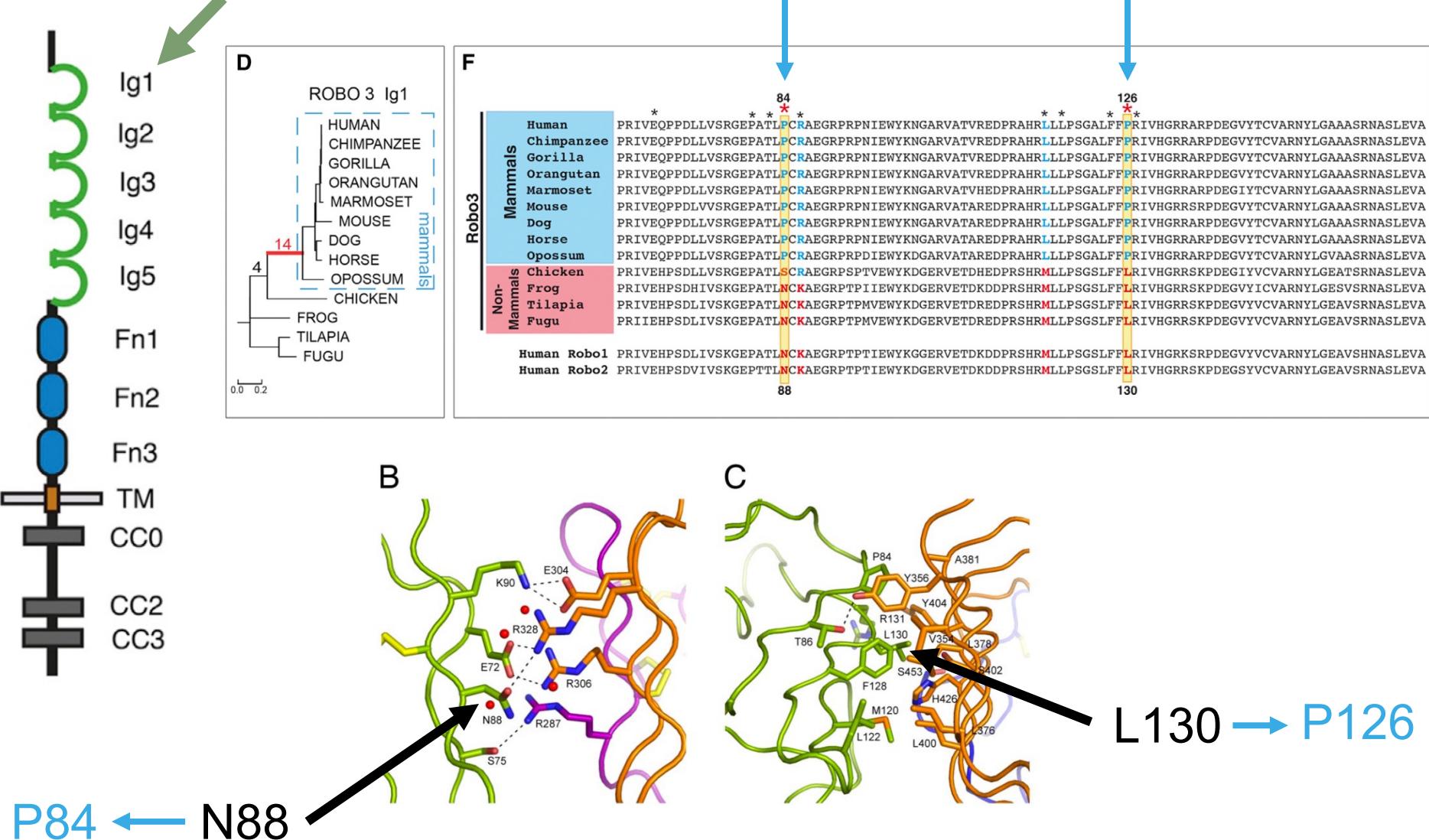
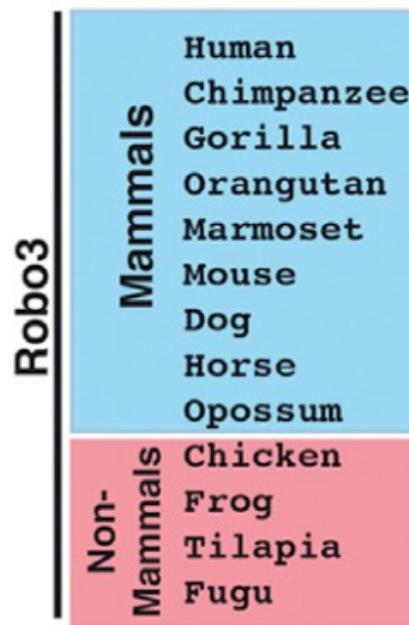
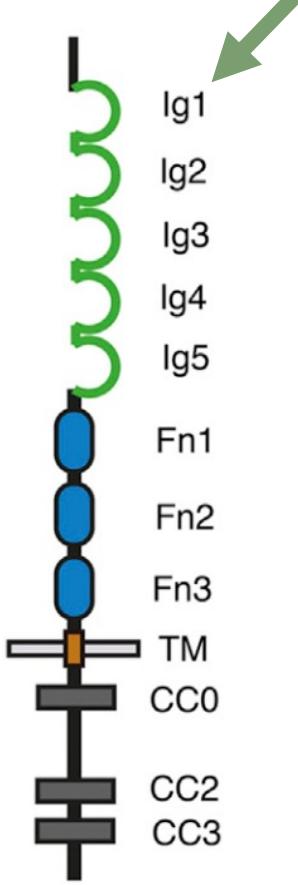


Figure 1

# Mammalian Robo3 does NOT bind Slit

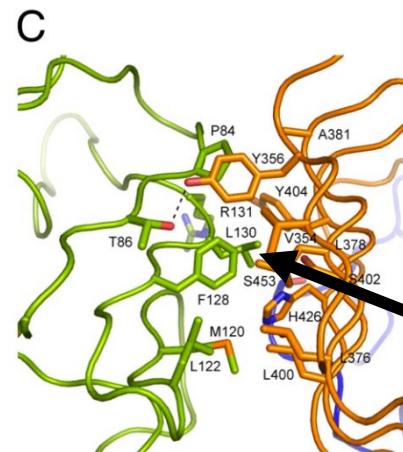
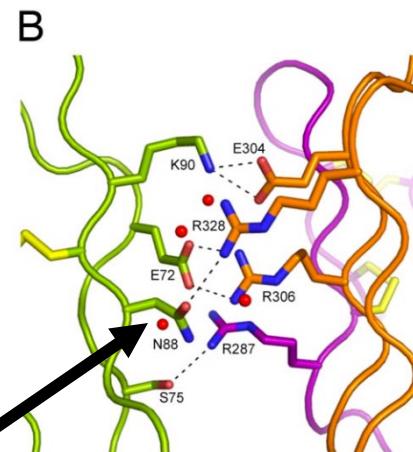
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Robo3



X Slit

Slit



P84 ← N88

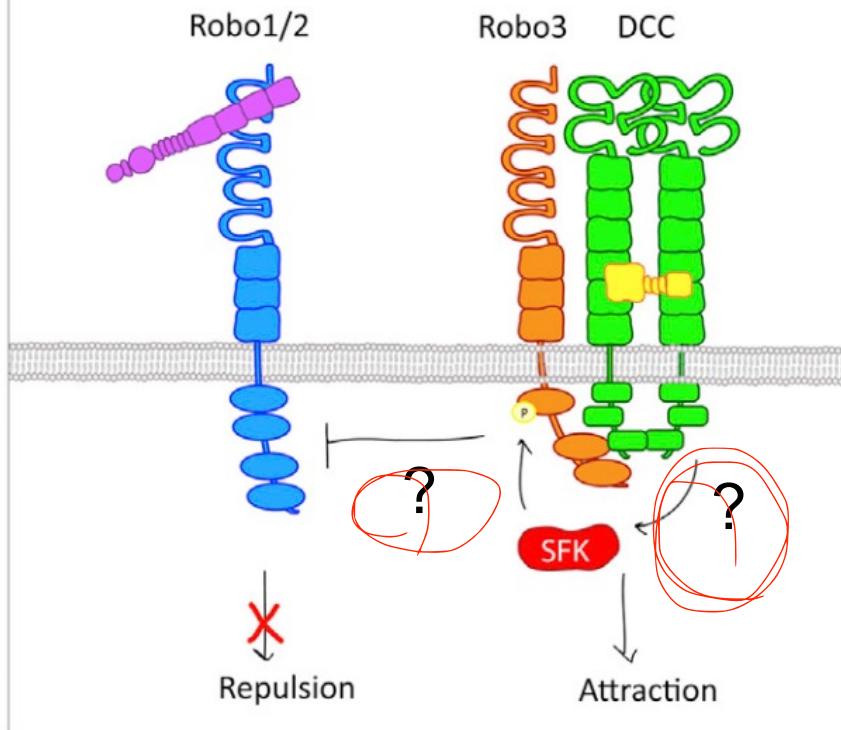
L130 → P126

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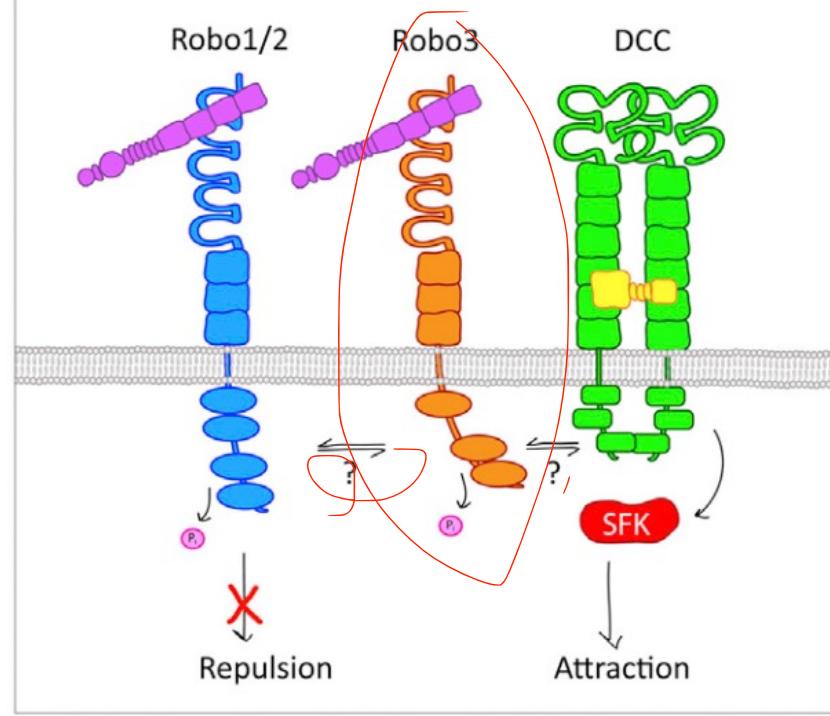
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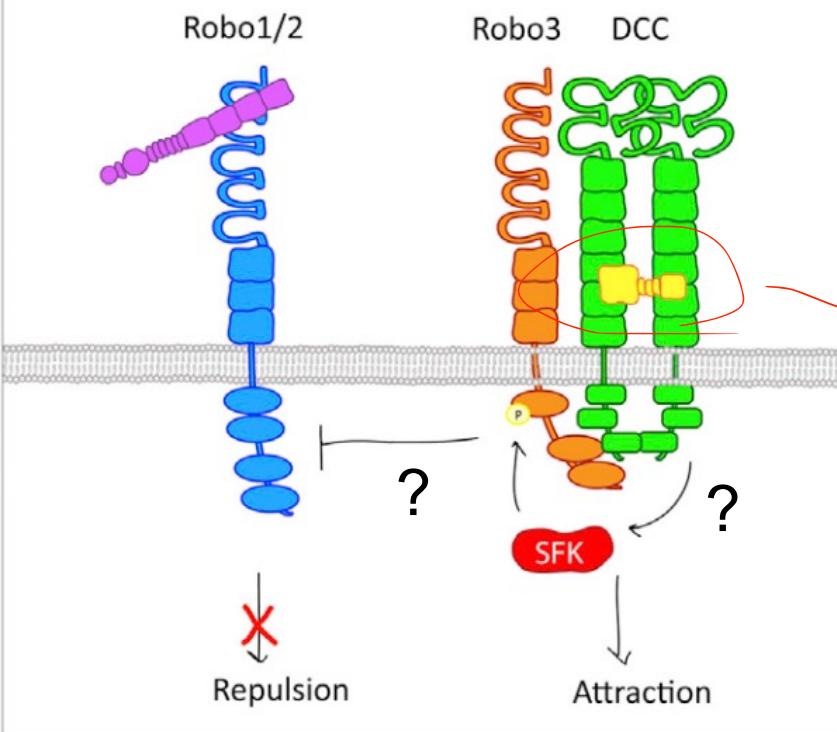
## Non-mammalian Vertebrates



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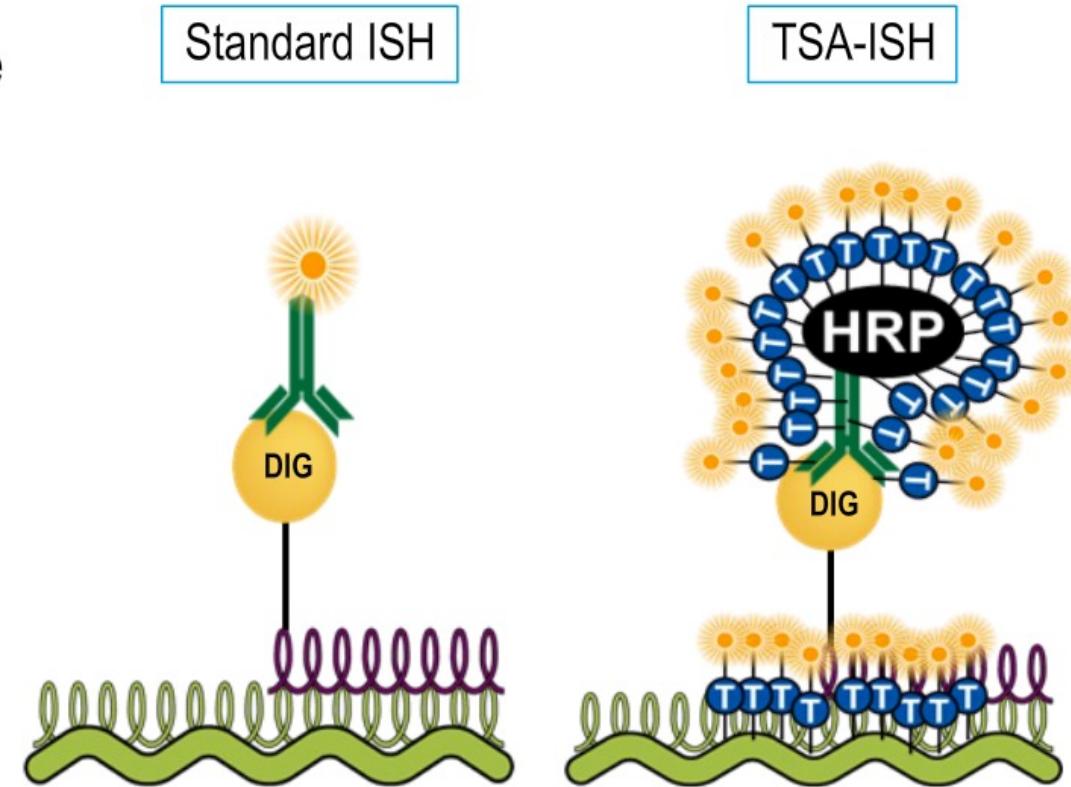
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## QUESTIONS

- How does Robo3 antagonize Robo1/2 response to slit?
- How does Robo3.2 enhance repulsion on contralateral side? (since Robo3.2 does not bind slit)
- Netrin/DCC →? Robo3

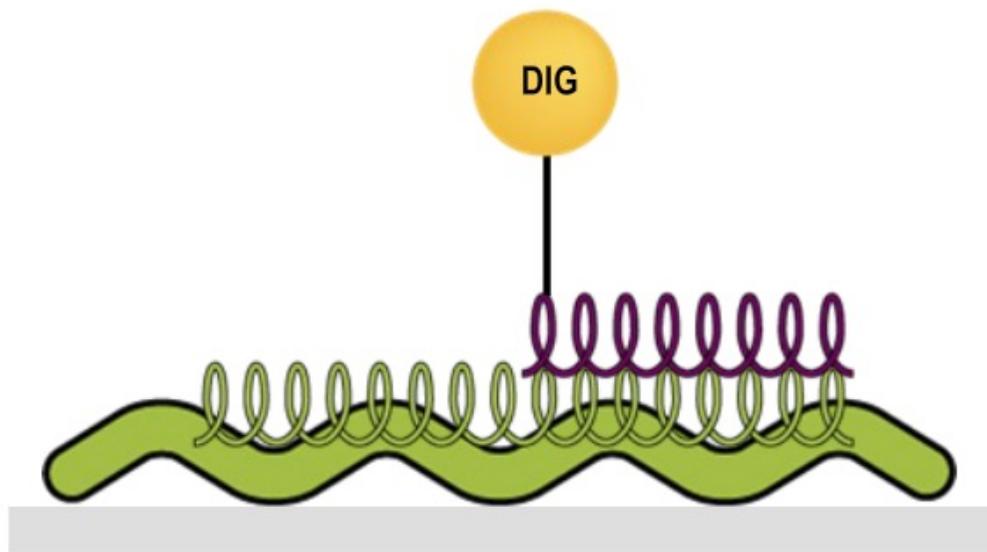


# TSA *in situ* hybridization assay



Incubate with probe for  
sequence of interest

Sample

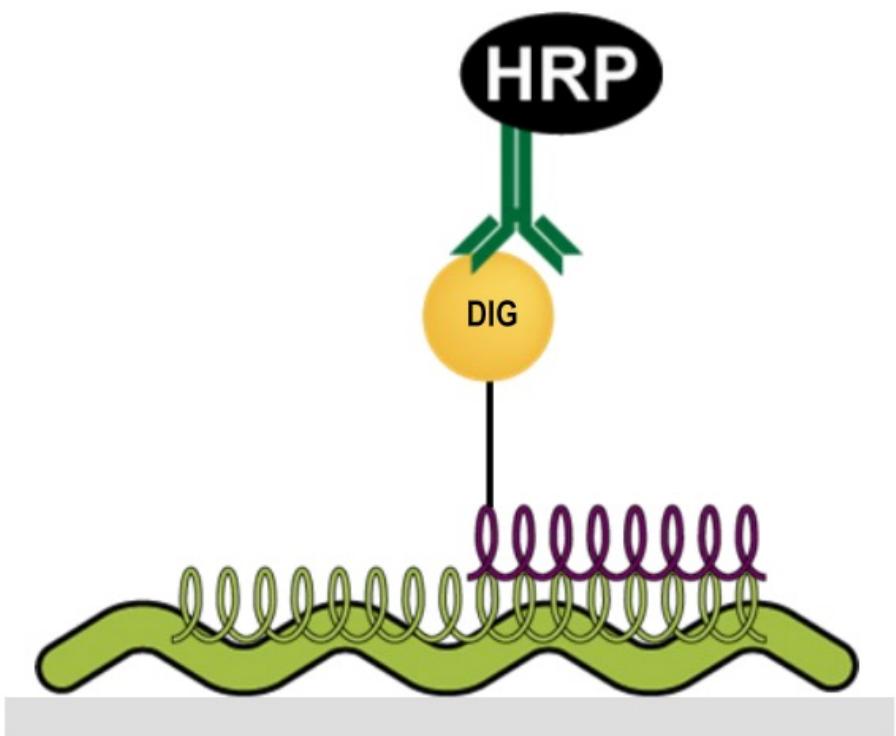


Horseradish peroxidase (HRP) is required for TSA.

Incubate with HRP - conjugate

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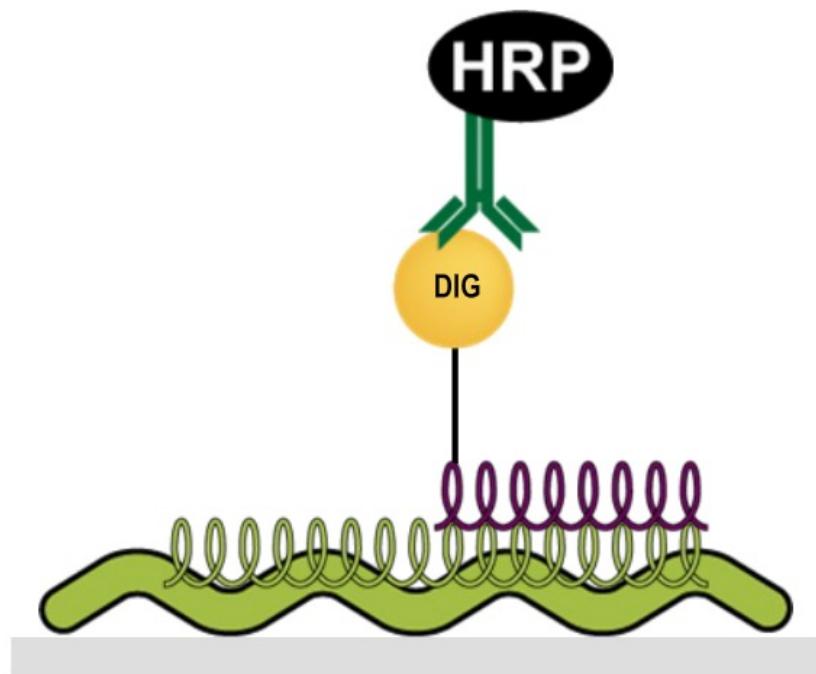
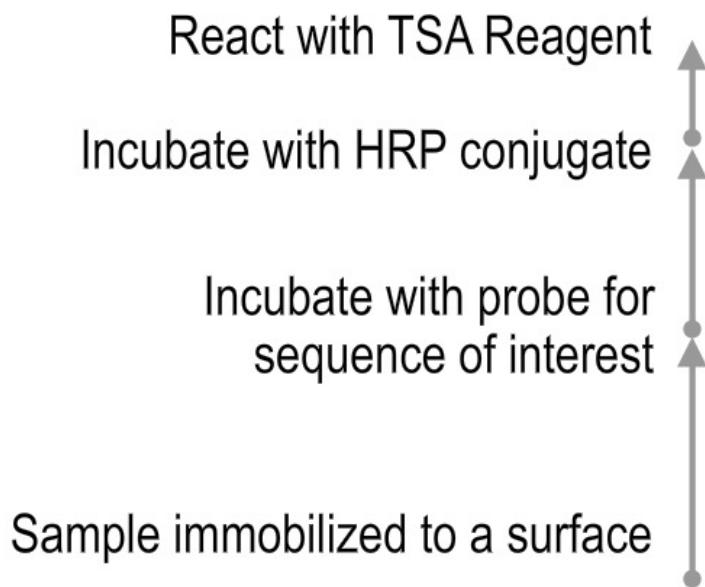
Sample immobilized to a surface



# Introduction of TSA reagent

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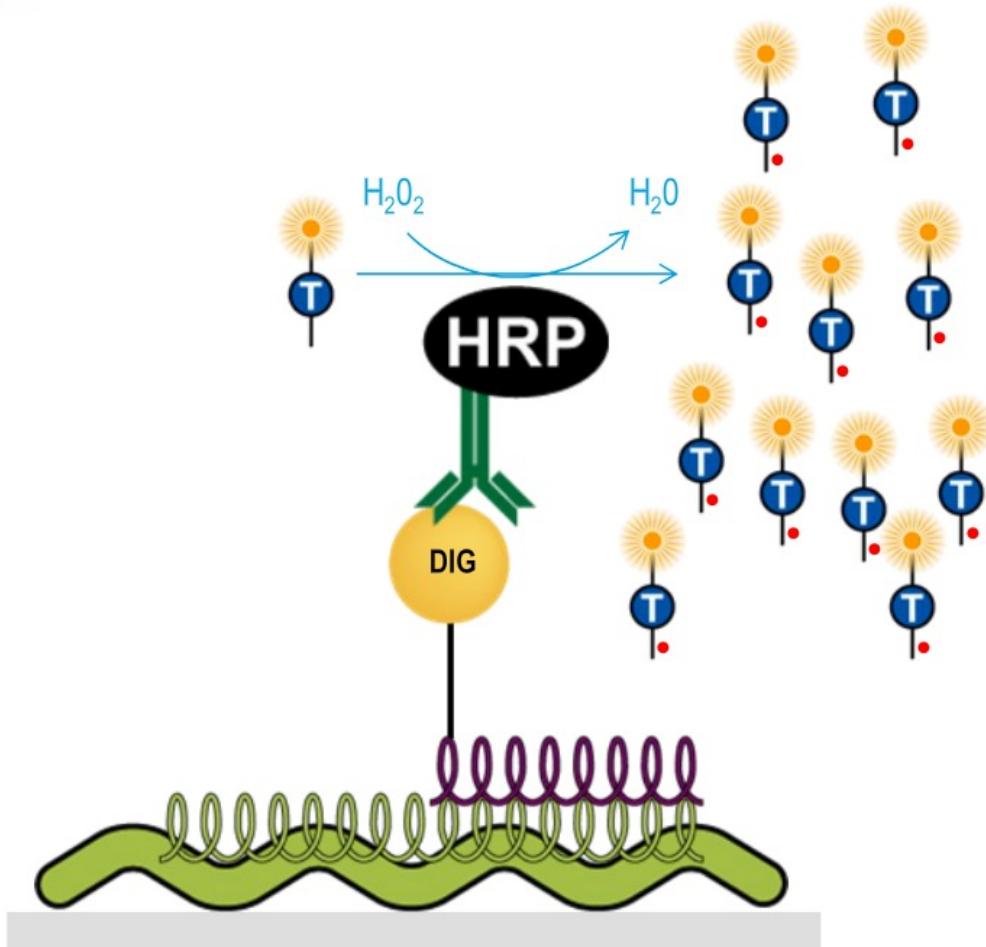
- ▶ Fluorophores for direct fluorescence detection
- ▶ Haptens for chromogenic or indirect fluorescence detection
- ▶ Use **TSA Plus** for maximum sensitivity



# Introduction of TSA reagent

HRP catalyzes conversion of tyramide molecules into highly reactive free radicals

- Sample immobilized to a surface
- Incubate with probe for sequence of interest
- Incubate with HRP conjugate
- React with TSA Reagent



# Increasing Signal...

Free radicals form covalent bonds with tyrosine in adjacent proteins

- Signal amplification
- React with TSA Reagent
- Incubate with HRP conjugate
- Incubate with probe for sequence of interest
- Sample immobilized to a surface

