

The Impact of Early Genes and Gene Editing Technology Associated with Clustered Repeats on the Development of Human Body Organs

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Abstract: Early growth response 1 (EGR-1) and homeobox (Hox) proteins play crucial roles in regulating genes within the body, promoting cell renewal, and expediting the wound healing process. Conversely, Clustered Regularly Interspaced Palindromic Repeats/Associated (CRISPR-Cas) technology is primarily involved in gene editing. However, significant gaps persist in understanding the mechanisms of key genes like EGR-1, CRISPR/Cas, and HOX genes in organ development. Unveiling their mechanisms is crucial for advancing organ development and discovering new therapeutic strategies. This study aims to investigate the roles of EGR-1, CRISPR/Cas, and HOX genes in organ development and growth. The study used CRISPR/Cas to investigate the impact of catalase mutations on organ regeneration. Early embryonic mutants were generated by injecting gRNAs and Cas9 protein into zygotes, followed by tail amputation in larvae. Additionally, the study explored the role of specific Hox genes in axon elongation and Wnt signaling regulation. EGR-1, induced by TGF- β 1, enhanced collagen production, underscoring its importance in wound healing. Integration of EGR-1, HOX proteins, and CRISPR-Cas revealed a regulatory complex influencing organ development. The integration of EGR-1, HOX proteins, and CRISPR-Cas revealed a regulatory complex. EGR-1 aids wound healing, HOX proteins influence fetal development and organ formation, and CRISPR-Cas enables precise genome modifications.

Keywords: Early growth response 1 (EGR-1), Homeobox (HOX) proteins, Bone morphogenetic protein, Crispr RNA, Retinoic acid, Fibroblast growth factor.

1. Introduction

This research aims to provide solutions for individuals who have suffered limb loss through amputation and focuses on the importance of understanding genetic factors in genetic regenerative medicine. By learning the roles of pivotal genes such as EGR-1 and Hox proteins, and harnessing the precise potential of CRISPR-Cas technology, this study seeks to uncover the genetic underpinnings that could enable regeneration of amputated limbs. EGR-1, with its important role in injury response and tissue regeneration, and Hox proteins, which are essential in embryonic development and organogenesis, represent key genetic factors that can be manipulated to promote new tissue growth. Combined with the precision of CRISPR-Cas, which allows for targeted genetic modifications, insights gained from this research could pave the way for groundbreaking treatments that restore function and improve the quality of life for amputees. EGR-1 and Hox proteins are classified genes in the body, as both of them are located in the body's chromosomes, and each of them plays a distinct role in gene regulation. (Myers, 2008), (Havis & Duprez, 2019), CRISPR-Cas is also known as a pioneering gene editing technology, but it cannot be classified as a gene in itself, (Redman, King, Watson, & King, 2016), EGR1 is a transcription factor (a regulatory proteins that have the ability to activate (or at least partially inhibit) DNA transcription by binding to specific DNA



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sequences), (Phillips, 2008) that plays a critical role in diverse biological functions and goes by many different names, including nerve growth factor-inducible protein A (NGF1-A) (Weaver, et al., 2007), tetradecanoyl phorbol acetate-inducible sequences 8 (TIS8) (Altin, et al., 1991), Krox24, Zif/268, and ZENK. It is regulated by many signals, through different elements in its promoter. EGR1 undergoes post-translational modifications affecting its transcriptional activity. Although it has numerous regulators and functions, the biological role of EGR1 transcriptional activity in connective tissue affects extracellular matrix-associated genes, such as in the central nervous system, cartilage, bone, and adipose tissue. (Havis & Duprez, 2020), EGR1 is recognized for its roles in scenarios involving injury and regeneration, neuronal, cardiac, liver, and immune cells in vertebrates have been identified as immediate early genes (IEGs). Many injuries and regeneration opportunities are associated with Egr family members. (Gehrke, et al., 2019). CRISPR-Cas, a system that targets and destroys foreign nucleic acids from viruses or plasmids, is one of the primary defenses used by bacteria and archaea, and is known to work with the CRISPR-Cas system. Six types (I-VI) are present in it, each with its own components and mechanisms. Type III also includes the Csm complex, which consists of five subunits (Cas10, Csm2-5) and a crRNA, which serves as a binding site for RNA and DNA sequences. (Park, An, & Woo, 2019).

The adaptive immune system CRISPR-Cas does not seek to eradicate foreign phages and viruses but rather meaningfully exists in the world as a part of an ongoing battle against evolving pathogens. And having these systems ready to go: including replication-period CRISPR arrays, a set of CRISPR derived cas genes that are transcribed into CRRNA and activated by the binding process between RNAs these systems do their best at speeding up transcription of those CRISPR infected strains. Including replication-period CRISPR arrays, a set of crRNAs derived from the nucleotides selected by type I cas genes and transcribing them into CRRN units to enzymatically activate CRISPR response RNAs which stimulate autoimmune defenses (Xu & Li, 2020). Dead human donors' availability for deceased human donors limits the possibility for clinical organ allotransplantation to be available. Human organs from other species can be transplanted, but this limit could be reached for any quantity of organs. The pig has been proven to be the optimal source of human organs for any size organ. Genome editing uses RNA-guided endonucleases to modify genome structure through genomic editing by RNA-guided endonucleases, resulting in protein synthesis in cells undergoing epigenetic changes. Impulsed pluripotent stem cells (iPSC) and clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeat (CRISPR/Cas9) are expected to one day account for the doubling of induced pluripotent stem cell (iPSC) activity and potentially allow the development of human organs derived from genetically-modified pigs. (Feng, et al., 2015). Finally, HOX proteins are highly conserved in evolutionary terms and contain many genes. The regulators are known as the HOX proteins the most important of which plays a master regulator role in embryonic development. They also continue to be expressed completely throughout postnatal life and interact with specific inflammatory cytokines. The interaction affects many stages of organogenesis, cell differentiation, and adhesion as well as migration, plus the cell cycle, and apoptosis. We can conclude from this research the complex processes of genetic elements and factors such as EGR1 and HOX proteins, in addition to exploiting CRISPR-Cas technology. The research provides a different, deep and purposeful role for studying the genes that work and control the development of the body's cells, and their organization and rebuilding, especially in the regeneration of amputated limbs, as different genetic factors are understood and modified. These results also reflect the importance of scientific and technical innovations in expanding the frontiers of knowledge. (Lappin, Grier, Thompson, & Halliday, 2005), (Barber & Rastegar, 2010), (What if our genes could help identify and treat cancer, 2022).

2. Methodology

2.1. CRISPR/Cas

In this study, we investigate the impact of genetic mutations on regeneration using cutting-edge CRISPR/Cas technology, specifically focusing on two genes, catalase and fetub, known to be involved in important cellular processes. The main focus of the CRISPR/Cas experiments is to

assess the impact of catalase and fetub mutants on regeneration dynamics. Early embryonic mutants for catalase, fetub, and tyrosinase were selectively obtained from injected zygotes at stage 44, followed by laser-driven precision amputation on the posterior two millimeters of each larva's tail to observe subsequent regenerative capacity, with DNA extraction conducted for further analysis. CRISPR/Cas driven methods provide valuable insights into the potential effects of gene mutations on regeneration dynamics, shedding light on organ development processes (Sanor, Flowers, & Crews, 2020). When presenting this study, multiple verification techniques were employed to ensure the best results, utilizing CRISPR/Cas9 technology for genetic sequence analysis to confirm the genetic modifications, alongside histological examination techniques to evaluate the morphological effects of mutations on organ function and regeneration. This methodology outlines a strategic approach to explore the potential effects of genetic mutations via CRISPR/Cas9 technology, focusing on their role in understanding organ regeneration. By linking specific experiments to research questions and hypotheses, the study emphasizes the importance of rigorous techniques to validate findings, thereby highlighting advances in understanding genetic processes and contributing to the field of regenerative medicine.

2.2. *HOX genes*

Homeobox (HOX) genes, notably *Hoxa13*, play pivotal roles in embryonic development and organogenesis, with this study employing advanced techniques to investigate their influence on organ development and regeneration, potentially impacting regenerative medicine. The objective is to unravel the functional implications of HOX gene expression patterns during early embryonic development, with a specific focus on discerning *Hoxa13*'s role in regulating key developmental pathways. Utilizing stage 5 HH embryos, the study involved a transient expression vector for either a reporter protein or control H2B-Venus, and after harvesting at the 9-somite stage, embryos underwent sorting for Venus+ cells in compact regions using Fluorescence Activated Cell Sorting (FACS). These sorted cells, derived from electroporated epiblast PM progenitors, served as seed cells for further analysis. The transcriptome of these cells was meticulously analyzed using Affymetrix microarrays, focusing on the differential expression patterns elicited by *Hoxa13* overexpression, which pinpointed a significant down-regulation of Wnt/ β -catenin pathway targets, including *Axin2*, *Fgf8*, and *Sp8*. This analysis provided insights into the mechanistic pathways influenced by HOX genes in embryonic development. To validate the findings, histological examination techniques evaluated the morphological consequences of *Hoxa13* overexpression on organ development and regeneration, alongside functional assays to assess the physiological implications of *Hoxa13* dysregulation (Denans, Imura, & Pourquié, 2015). This methodology not only highlights the nuanced roles of HOX genes in embryogenesis and organogenesis but also ensures the credibility of its findings through a rigorous validation process, contributing to our understanding of genetic processes and their implications for regenerative medicine, as outlined by Denans, Imura, & Pourquié (2015).

2.3. *EGR-1 genes*

The significance of EGR-1 genes in understanding the regulatory mechanisms responsible for gene expression and cellular responses is underscored by their role as zinc-finger transcription factors essential for a range of biological processes, including cell division, apoptosis, immune function, and tissue integrity. Their importance lies in regulating the expression of genes responsive to extracellular signals like growth factors and cytokines, positioning EGR-1 as a critical component in cellular response regulation to environmental stimuli (Chen, et al., 2006). The study aims to

investigate EGR-1 genes' expression and function in cellular processes through diverse experimental approaches. Techniques such as culturing human dermal fibroblasts, employing Egr-1-null murine embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs), using metabolic labeling with [^{14}C] proline and TGF- β for collagen synthesis studies, and inducible Smad3 expression in hTERT-derived fibroblasts were utilized. Further, gene expression was analyzed through RNA sequencing and Affymetrix microarrays, RT-PCR, Northern and Western blot analyses, confocal microscopy, transient transfection assays, Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assays (EMSA), DNA Affinity Precipitation Assays (DAPA), Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP) assays, and *in vivo* Egr-1 expression studies in TGF- β 1 injected mice. Statistical analyses were performed to determine the significance of experimental results (Chen, et al., 2006). The comprehensive methodology involving a variety of molecular and cellular assays not only validated the reliability of the results but also provided in-depth insights into EGR-1 genes' roles in cellular processes. This study contributes significantly to understanding EGR-1 genes in molecular biology and disease pathology, highlighting their potential impact on regenerative medicine and therapeutic strategies (Chen, et al., 2006).

3. Results

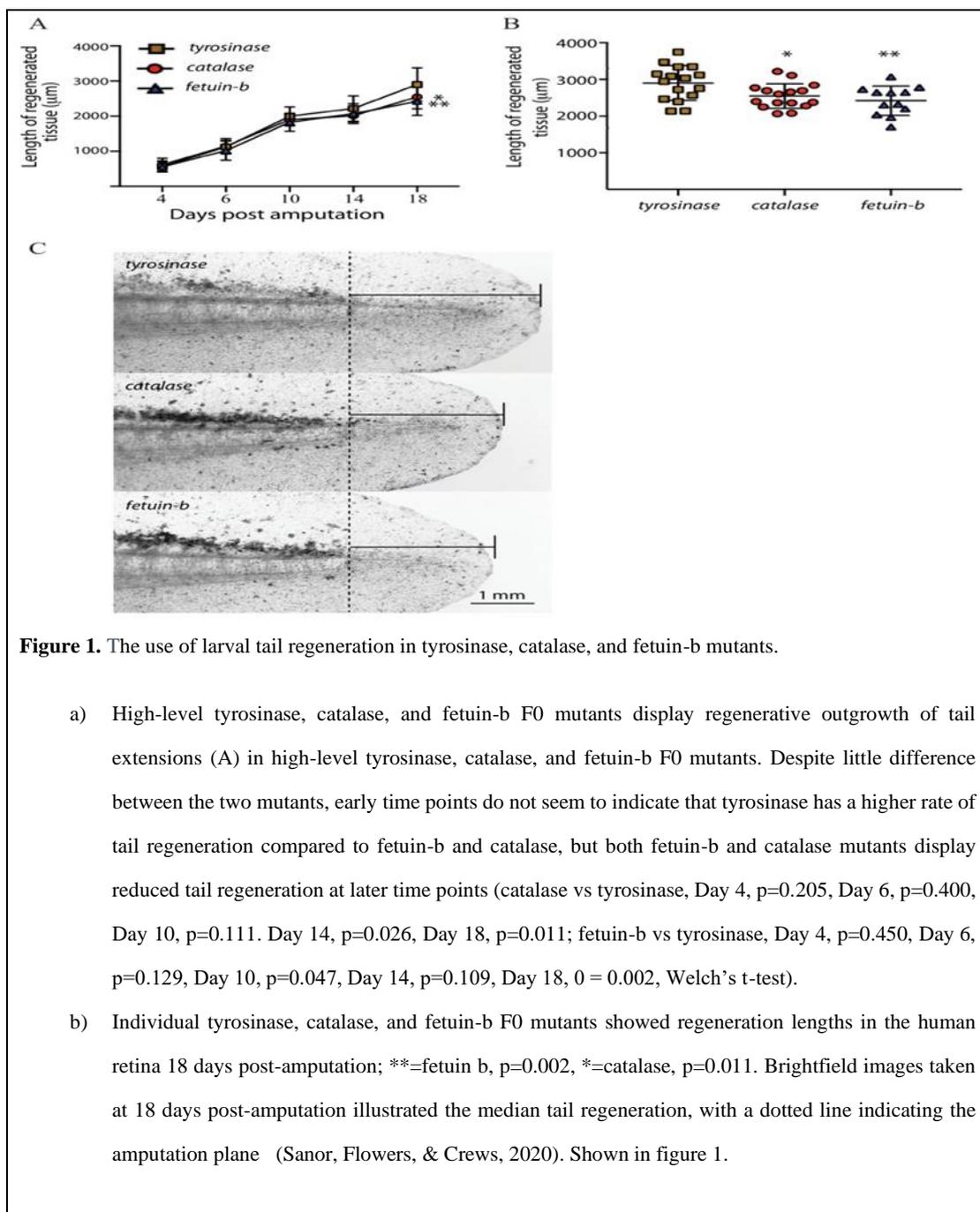
3.1. The effect of enzyme proteins on organ growth Multiplex CRISPR/Cas

The amputation time required a lot of time for the fetus and the catalase mutant tail to clot and resume the normal process, unlike tyrosinase mutants, which took fewer days. Fetub and catalase mutants show growth defects but not regeneration in their cells, unlike tyrosinase mutants. This loss of regeneration also occurs after 14 days, particularly persisting on day 14. After amputation, tails are shown. Tyrosinase mutants ($n = 16$, $p = 0.002$), fetub ($p = 0.012$), and catalase (Welch *t*-test, one-tailed). Same applies to the tail of the tail after amputation ($p = 0.025$, Welch's *t*-test, one-tailed).

Consistent with these findings, catalase and fetub mutant tails have a slower process, although there is no significant relationship between catalase and fetub. Results and discussion of the effects of enzymatic proteins on body growth are presented. Compared to the initial stage of tyrosinase mutants, Fetub, and catalase mutants did not show any developmental defects. However, the tails of fetuses and catalase mutants exhibited all significant growth by 18 days after transection; this was slower than that of tyrosinase mutants. (Sanor, Flowers, & Crews, 2020).

3.1.1 Larval tail regeneration

The figure 1 shows larval tail regeneration in tyrosinase, catalase, and fetuin-b mutants prompts a growth spurt, resulting in larval growth and development at the larval level. High-level tyrosinase, catalase, and fetuin-b F0 mutants exhibit regenerative outgrowth of their tails through regrowth of the tail. Both mutants did not exhibit a polar peak at early points compared with the tyrosinase mutant, and all showed reduced tail retraction at a later time point in content compared with the tyrosinase mutant, fetuin-b, and catalase mutants (catalase vs tyrosinase, 2, 4, 4, and 6), Day 4, $p=0.205$, Day 6, $p=0.400$, Day 10, $p=0.111$. Day 14, $p=0.026$, Day 18, $p=0.011$; fetuin-b vs tyrosinase, Day 4, $p=0.450$, Day 6, $p=0.129$, Day 10, $p=0.047$, Day 14, $p=0.109$, Day 18, $p=0.002$, Welch's *t*-test). The standard deviation measures the distance between bars, which are distinguished by standard deviation bars. Amino acid sequences of individual tyrosinase, catalase, and fetoglobin-b F0 mutants were detected in a long gene map generated 18 days after amputation, and analysis revealed several amine group acid coding sequences. At 18 days post-amputation (C), bright field images of individual tyrosinase, catalase, and fetuin-b F0 mutants showed median tail regeneration at 18 dpa, as determined by the cells themselves. A line, symbol, or symbol can be added by adding a line, symbol, or symbol, as indicated by a dot on the line. (Sanor, Flowers, & Crews, 2020).



3.2. HOX genes

Activation of Hox13 leads to down-regulation of Axin2, Fgf8, and T/Brachyury in the tail-bud. These genes show progressive down-regulation from the 10 to 20-somite stage, with a significant decrease at the 25-somite stage, correlating with axis elongation slowdown. Functional tests demonstrate that co-electroporation of certain Hox genes rescues axis elongation and induces collinear down-regulation of luciferase activity. Hoxa9 and Hoxa13 exhibit Wnt-repressive effects, suggesting a role in Wnt signaling regulation. Posterior Hox genes exhibit similar collinear patterns during axis elongation and Wnt signaling compared to genes regulating laterality. (Denans,

Imura, & Pourquié, 2015) The activation of posterior Hox genes causes a reduction in Wnt signaling, leading to the inhibition of current pathways that inhibit Wnt signaling, Shown in figure 2.

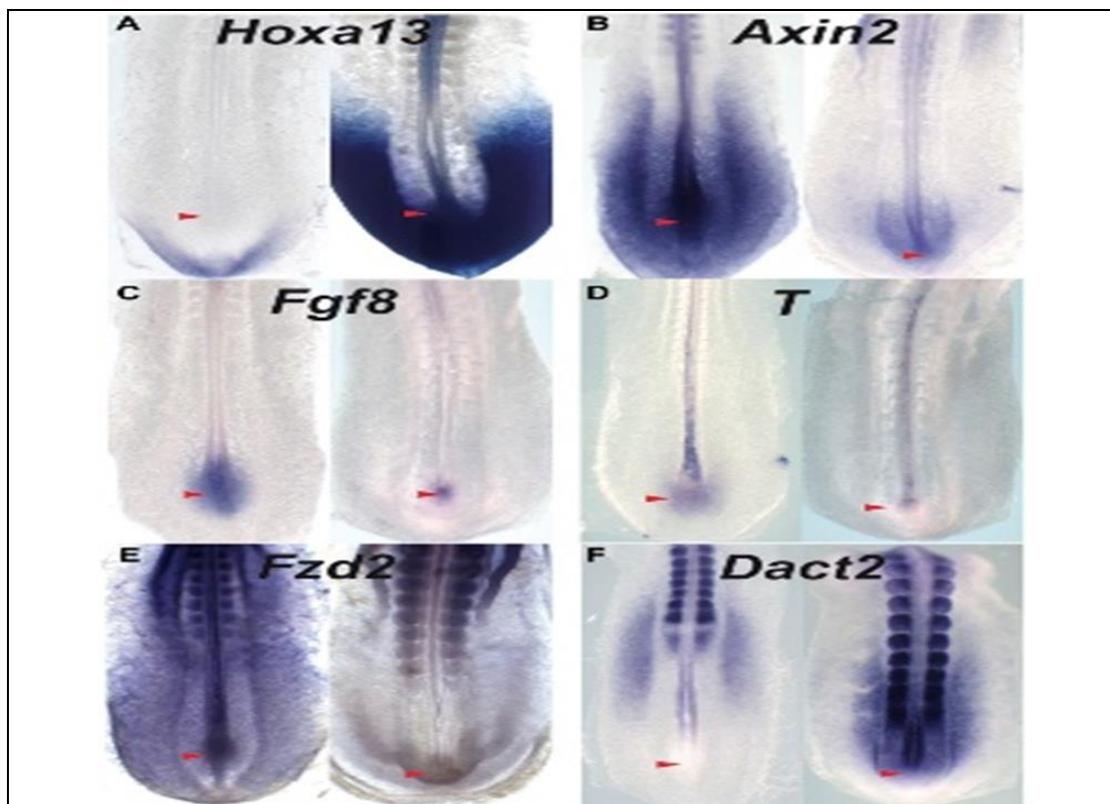


Figure 2. The Wnt signaling is suppressed by the activation of posterior Hox genes, which impairs the targeting of the underlying Wnt signaling.

In situ hybridization of the embryos with different frequencies of 15-somite and 25-somite stages (A–F), shown in the experiments, in situ hybridization of the embryos with Hoxa13 (A), Axin2(B), Fgf8 intronic (C), T intronic (D), Fzd2 (E), and Dact2 (D) (red arrowhead: tail-bud) showing a repression of the Wnt targets and components as well as an upregulation of the Wnt inhibitor Dact2 (Denans, Imura, & Pourquié, 2015).

3.3.EGR-1 genes

In the investigation of EGR-1 as a SMAD3 target gene, its expression was controlled using an IPTG-inducible retroviral vector to identify genes activated by SMAD3 in fibroblasts. SMAD3 induced an increase in mRNA and protein levels, leading to the activation of EGR-1, as revealed by global gene analysis. Furthermore, stimulation of foreskin fibroblasts with TGF- β 1 resulted in simultaneous increases in EGR-1 mRNA and protein levels, with TGF- β 1 activation facilitating the phosphorylation and nuclear accumulation of EGR-1. Subsequent experiments demonstrated that EGR-1 binding to the COL1A2 promoter increased in response to TGF- β 1 treatment, with two EGR-1 binding sites (EBS1 and EBS2) identified in the COL1A2 promoter. Additionally, EGR-1 overexpression induced a dose-dependent increase in COL1A2 promoter activity, leading to the synthesis of type I procollagen in fibroblasts. TGF- β 1 stimulation further upregulated COL1A2 promoter activity via EGR-1, an effect reversed in the presence of EBS2 and EGFR1 binding sites.

Deletion of EGR-1 binding sites or site-directed mutagenesis disrupted the TGF- β response. Notably, Egr-1-null fibroblasts exhibited no increase in COL1A1 and COL1A2 mRNA levels upon TGF- β stimulation, highlighting EGR-1's crucial role in collagen synthesis via TGF- β signaling. Overall, this study identifies EGR-1 as a novel target of SMAD3 and underscores its central role in TGF- β -mediated collagen production, emphasizing its significance in human collagen synthesis (Chen, et al., 2006).

4. Discussion

4.1. Integration of EGR-1, HOX Proteins, and CRISPR-Cas in Genetic Regulation and Editing

Genetic studies using EGR-1, HOX proteins, and CRISPR-Cas reveal a complex regulatory framework that guides the creation of genes, providing insight into developmental biology and regulation through intricate mechanisms. EGR-1, an early gene, operates in tissues and organelles and is important for wound healing across species, highlighting its role in injury response and regeneration (Kubosaki, et al., 2009). The highly conserved HOX proteins in evolution encode master regulators of embryonic development, which influence organogenesis, cell differentiation, adhesion, migration, and the cell cycle (Barber & Rastegar, 2010). CRISPR-Cas, a redefining gene-editing technique, is a driving force in the field of genetic material modification, making it possible to modify genetic material and genome sequences (What are genome editing and CRISPR-Cas9, 2022).

4.2. EGR-1: A Key Player in Cellular Dynamics

The significance of EGR-1 in genetic regulation is highlighted by its widespread expression in diverse tissues and its crucial roles in various cellular processes. (Chen, et al., 2006). The identification of EGR-1 as a SMAD3 target gene adds a layer to its regulatory capacity, establishing its link to the TGF- β signaling pathway (Chen, et al., 2006). This intersection between EGR-1 and TGF- β unveils a novel regulatory mechanism in collagen production.

4.3. HOX Proteins: Guardians of Developmental Processes

HOX genes comprising a vast network of genes and master regulatory functions, are pivotal in the regulation of embryonic development due to their extensive involvement in regulatory functions. (Barber & Rastegar, 2010). The collinear down-regulation of luciferase activity induced by various HOX genes further emphasizes their role in modulating Wnt signaling, cell differentiation, and axis elongation (Denans, Iimura, & Pourquié, 2015). The regulatory functions of HOX proteins are complex due to the complexity of the regulatory regime that HOX proteins undergo as a result of Wnt repression and back-propagation.

4.4. CRISPR-Cas: Shaping the Future of Genetic Editing

CRISPR-Cas a revolutionary genome-editing tool, takes center stage in the realm of genetic studies. (What are genome editing and CRISPR-Cas9, 2022). Bacteria and archaea which are used in traditional genetic editing and works as a natural defense mechanism against phages and foreign genetic agents. (Xu & Li, 2020)

4.5. Applications in Organ Development and Transplantation

The integration of CRISPR/Cas9 with iPSC technology resulting in the development of human organs derived from genetically-modified pigs (Feng, et al., 2015). This technique provides a new avenue for advancing transplantation technologies by addressing the challenges posed by the shortage of human donors.

4.6. CRISPR/Cas-Driven Insights into Organ Regeneration Dynamics

The experimental design involving CRISPR/Cas-driven methods to explore the impact of catalase and fetub mutants on organ regeneration provides valuable insights. (Sanor, Flowers, & Crews, 2020)

4.7 The Impact of Stimulation of EGR1, CRISPR/Cas, and HOX Genes on Cancer Development

The connection between cancer and Stimulating EGR1 (Early Growth Response) is still being researched. a transcription factor can regulate cell-mediated apoptosis, significance in cancer development remains unclear:

1. EGR1 activates the CCND1 promoter and reduces glioma proliferation by inhibiting the glioma promoter, EGR1 may be associated with the progression of glioma in response to EGR1, suggesting that this may be a regulated pathway (Chen, et al., 2017).
2. Depending on the context and specific cancer types, activation of EGR1 (Early Growth Response 1) can both promote tumor growth and suppress it. EGR1, which is a transcription factor, controls the expression of various genes that affect cell growth, differentiation, and apoptosis. (Wang, et al., 2023).

Whether or not EGR1 has a role in cancer development and progression is still uncertain, and further research is needed to determine whether EGR1 can be used to detect cancer development and progression through a range of cancer types. Some people argue that the staidization process did not require the activation of CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing, while others believe that it is still a potential cause of cancer. Despite the lack of a significant amount of research on the matter, evidence suggests that using CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing could increase the likelihood of cancer. as evidenced by the simple observation that everything is complex and dependent on various other factors, Nature Medicine has published two new studies that demonstrate CRISPR-edited cells can generate cancerous cells, as confirmed by two recent studies. The findings of these studies suggest that cell experiments that involved editing their genomes by CRISPR/Cas9 may have produced tumors inside a patient. (Begley & Stat, 2018). Ongoing research links Hox genes to cancer development, suggesting they could be targeted for therapy. (Feng, et al., 2021). HOX gene overexpression in cancerous tissues is linked to cancer development, potentially due to mutations affecting HOX gene control on chromosome 20. (Arunachalam, et al., 2022)

The independent validation of HOX genes as cancer-causing factors in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma has been conducted through integrated computational analysis that reveals their roles as oncogenic drivers in the disease, which occurs where HOX genes cluster in the tumor. The data suggests that a small subset of HOX genes may have a direct impact on the proliferation of cancer cells in this type of cancer, as a descendant of HOX. (Shenoy, Morgan, Hunter, Kabekkodu, & Radhakrishnan, 2022). Studies have shown that GBM displays dysregulation of HOX gene expression, which is more frequent than in normal brain tissues, due to a dysregulation of HOX gene expression in GBM compared to non-Hox gene expression in normal brain tissues. (Arunachalam, et al., 2022). The points underscore the complex role of EGR1 in cancer and raise concerns about the potential risks of CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing, supporting research by deepening understanding, emphasizing safety, and encouraging comprehensive approaches to cancer research.

4.8 Organs of the human body grow during pregnancy and stop growing after birth This cessation of growth postnatally is attributed to genetic regulation

Human body organs not continue to grow after embryonic development, while they grow during embryonic development, during embryonic development, the human body experiences rapid growth and organ formation. This process is regulated by:

1. Genetic Programming: Organ growth is genetically determined. Once the predetermined size is achieved, growth slows and stops (Clinic, 2023), example for these genes: IGF1 (Insulin-like Growth Factor 1) (Laron, 2001), PTEN (Phosphatase and Tensin Homolog) (Tanaka, Rosser, & Grossman, 2005), SOX9 (SRX-Box Transcription Factor 9) (Haseeb, et al., 2021),

FGF (Fibroblast Growth Factor) family (Yun, et al., 2010), Hox genes (Hubert & Wellik, 2023).

2. Hormonal Regulation: Growth hormones stimulate early development, but their levels decrease after birth, slowing down growth (UK, 2014).

The objective of these points is to elucidate how organ growth is regulated during embryonic development, through genetic programming and hormonal factors. These points provide a comprehensive understanding of the mechanisms governing organ growth during embryonic development, contributing to a deeper understanding of how organs and tissues form in the human body during the embryonic stage. These points support research by providing a scholarly reference for the mechanisms governing organ growth during embryonic development. By citing previous studies and scientific research that point to specific evidence, researchers can use this information to present a comprehensive and documented analysis of the topic. For example, using the mentioned references, researchers can delve into how specific genes like IGF1, PTEN, SOX9, FGF family, and Hox genes influence organ development during embryonic stages. Additionally, researchers can also utilize information about hormones such as IGF1 to explain how embryonic growth is regulated and its impact on physical development. In this way, these points contribute to providing a comprehensive and scientifically supported framework for research studies in the field of embryonic organ development.

5. Conclusion

Enhancing genetic understanding, EGR-1, HOX proteins, and CRISPR-Cas collaborate to reveal cellular dynamics. CRISPR-Cas serves as a next-generation sequencing tool, while drugs influence EGR-1 expression. Some compounds, like resveratrol and vincristine, exhibit DNA sparing properties (Dobberstein, Rainov, & Quiñones, 2003). Stress and injury can cause EGR-1 to increase in several ways, including oxidative stress and mechanical injury. Targeting EGR-1 signaling is possible by targeting EGR-1 gene expression with TNF- α and IL-1. EGR-1 expression may also be stimulated in the brain by neurotransmitters like glutamate and dopamine (Chen, et al., 2017). Drug interactions and genetic factors boost egr-1 transcription. Some cytotoxic compounds like resveratrol and vincristine, lacking DNA damage effects, indicate no direct harm to DNA (Woodson & Kehn-Hall, 2022). The human Egr-1 gene produces a transcription factor, "z," which activates growth factors and mitogens. Egr-1 also regulates the expression of other growth and differentiation-related genes (Dobberstein, Rainov, & Quiñones, 2003). Transcriptional activators can be targeted by scRNAs enriched with hairpin sequences to recruit RNA binding proteins (RBPs), then triggered by activators to activate specific genes (Kundert, et al., 2019). Small molecules activate CRISPR-Cas system, providing alternative chemical induction. Ligands regulate scRNAs, leading to system activation (Kundert, et al., 2019). Optogenetics allows cell interaction with light for self-regulation. CRISPR-Cas uses specific light wavelengths for activation, unlike other methods. It enables precise tracking through targeted activation. Synthetic biology enhances CRISPR-Cas activation, utilizing activator domains to engineer CRISPR-Cas gene activators. It reprograms gene expression in bacteria and other organisms (Dobberstein, Rainov, & Quiñones, 2003).

Retinoic acid (RA) activates Hox gene expression. It is a signaling molecule that influences gene expression (Seifert A. , 2015). Bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) signaling, with a preference for posterior 5' Hox genes, can be activated by these genes with the specificity of several targeting specificities of posterior 5' Hox regions, which encompass many growth factors, is responsible for shaping embryonic development (Seifert, Werheid, Knapp, & Tobiasch, 2015). Wnt is involved in the activation of posterior Hox genes, is a primary mode of facilitating the activation of these genes. The Wnt protein family consists of a variety of coding molecules that are linked to a range of developmental events, including Hox gene expression (Seifert, Werheid, Knapp, & Tobiasch, 2015). Transcription factors can stimulate the expression of Hox genes by binding to regu-

latory regions that regulate transcription factors, thereby activating the transcription factor in transcription factors (Myers, 2008). Epigenetic modifications can impact gene expression by a variety of ways. Epigenetic marks that express epigenetic marks can activate Hox genes by activating epigenetic marks that activate Hox genes. (Seifert A. , 2015)

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