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LABORATORY OF

TRANSCRIPTIONAL REGULATION

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We are interested in studies of development and evolution of development (evo-devo). We use a combination of gain-of-function (transgenic) and loss-of-function (conditional knock-outs) approaches using laboratory mouse as a model organism to study mammalian embryonic development. We utilize several model systems including fish, amphioxus, platynereis and cnidarians to study various aspects of evo-devo, especially the evolution of eyes and gene regulatory networks.

Selected recent papers:

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