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## Human-chimpanzee differences in a *FZD8* enhancer alter cell cycle dynamics in the developing neocortex

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### Summary

The human neocortex differs from that of other great apes in several notable regards including altered cell cycle, prolonged corticogenesis, and increased size [1–5]. While these evolutionary changes likely contributed to the origin of distinctively human cognitive faculties, their genetic basis remains almost entirely unknown. Highly conserved non-coding regions showing rapid sequence changes along the human lineage are candidate loci for the development and evolution of uniquely human traits. Several studies have identified human-accelerated enhancers [6–14], but none have linked an expression difference to a specific organismal trait. Here we report the discovery of a human-accelerated regulatory enhancer (*HARE5*) of *FZD8*, a receptor of the Wnt pathway implicated in brain development and size [15, 16]. Using transgenic mice, we demonstrate dramatic differences in human and chimpanzee *HARE5* activity, with human *HARE5* driving early and robust expression at the onset of corticogenesis. Similar to *HARE5* activity, *FZD8* is expressed in neural progenitors of the developing neocortex [17–19]. Chromosome conformation capture assays reveal *HARE5* physically and specifically contacts the core *Fzd8*

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promoter in the mouse embryonic neocortex. To assess the phenotypic consequences of *HARE5* activity, we generated transgenic mice in which *Fzd8* expression is under control of orthologous enhancers (*Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* and *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8*). In comparison to *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8*, *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* mice showed marked acceleration of neural progenitor cell cycle and increased brain size. Changes in *HARE5* function unique to humans thus alter cell cycle dynamics of a critical population of stem cells during corticogenesis, and may underlie some distinctive anatomical features of the human brain.

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## Results

### Identification of human-accelerated enhancer loci in the developing neocortex

The dramatic expansion of the neocortex during hominoid evolution is proposed to underlie the emergence of our uniquely human cognitive abilities [20–22], although strong genetic correlations between these traits have remained elusive [23]. The evolution of human cortical features, such as enlarged brain size, has been attributed to cellular changes including neuron number and neural progenitor cell cycle [1–5, 15]. However the genetic basis for these traits, which so markedly distinguish humans from other primates, remains poorly understood. Mutations within regulatory elements have been proposed to play a significant role in the evolution of human-specific traits [24, 25]. Recent genomic studies support this notion, and have collectively identified highly conserved non-coding regions that are rapidly evolving along the human lineage [6–10]. Of note, these human-accelerated noncoding loci are frequently located nearby genes implicated in brain development and function [11, 26, 27]. Together, these studies suggest the evolution of human neocortical traits may have occurred through modification of *cis*-regulatory enhancers involved in brain development. Yet to date just a handful of human-accelerated regions have been shown to function as forebrain enhancers [11–13] and none have been shown to impact neocortical expansion. Here we sought to discover human-accelerated regulatory loci important for corticogenesis, in order to gain insights into the genetic basis for the evolution of uniquely human brain features.

We identified *HARE5* from an *in silico* screen for rapidly evolving human noncoding regions predicted to function as developmental enhancers in the mammalian neocortex (Figure S1A, Table S1, Supplemental Experimental Procedures)[6–8, 28, 29]. Using a standard mouse transient transgenic assay [11, 14], *HARE5* reporter activity was robust in the lateral neocortex and dorso-lateral midbrain (15/15 embryos) (Figures 1A, S1C). *HARE5* was prioritized due to this enhancer activity and its chromosomal location adjacent to *FRIZZLED8* (*FZD8*), a receptor for the Wnt signaling pathway implicated in neocortical development (Figure 1B)[15–18, 30, 31]. The *Homo sapiens* (*Hs*) *HARE5* orthologue contains 16 changes compared to *Pan troglodytes* (*Pt*). Based on outgroup comparison, 10 mutations were fixed on the human branch and 6 on the chimpanzee branch since the latest common ancestor (Figure 1B). A phylogenetic analysis of the 1.2 Kb *HARE5* locus across several great ape species revealed a longer branch for the *Hs* orthologue compared to that of *Pt* (Figure 1C). This is consistent with the original signature of positive selection detected in the human relative to chimpanzee lineage [7]. Analysis of predicted transcription factor binding sites across the *HARE5* locus revealed differences, particularly at human-derived

mutations, for key transcription factors relevant to corticogenesis (see Table S2) [32]. Together these results support the prediction that *Hs-HARE5* acquired unique enhancer activity since diverging from the common chimpanzee lineage.

### Distinct enhancer activity of human and chimpanzee *HARE5* in the developing neocortex

We postulated that human and chimpanzee *HARE5* might differentially regulate gene expression during corticogenesis. To test this we generated independent stable mouse transgenic lines (*Pt-HARE5::LacZ* and *Hs-HARE5::LacZ*). Corticogenesis initiates at embryonic day (E) 9.5 and continues to E18.5 [2]. At E9.5, both *Pt-HARE5* and *Hs-HARE5* enhancer activity were undetectable (Figures 2A–C). However within a half day of development at E10.0, *Hs-HARE5* activity was rapidly and robustly upregulated in the lateral telencephalon (Figures 2E,F). In contrast, *Pt-HARE5* activity in the E10.0 telencephalon was markedly weaker and limited to more lateral regions (Figures 2D,F). This spatial difference in enhancer activity was sustained at E10.5, as evidenced by both whole mount embryos and coronal brain sections (Figures 2G–I, S2A–D). By E11.5, species-specific differences in *HARE5*-driven LacZ activity were still evident, although far less dramatic (Figures 2J–L). These results indicate that *HARE5* orthologues drive expression in the developing lateral telencephalon. However, relative to chimpanzee, the human enhancer has considerably earlier and robust activity during corticogenesis.

Having established spatial and temporal differences in chimpanzee and human *HARE5* enhancer activity, we next sought a more sensitive and dynamic readout of *HARE5* transcriptional activity. The LacZ protein is stable for at least 48 hours whereas destabilized fluorescent proteins with PEST motifs are only stable for 2 hours post-translation [33]. We generated new stable transgenic mouse lines, *Pt-HARE5::tdTomatoPEST* and *Hs-HARE5::EGFP-PEST*, and compared native fluorescence in embryos co-expressing the reporters (Figures 2M,N). Both orthologues drove enhancer activity in the E11.0 neocortex, however *Hs-HARE5::EGFP* was considerably brighter than *Pt-HARE5::tdTomato*, despite tdTomato having intrinsically brighter fluorescent emission than EGFP (Figures 2N–T) [33]. This reporter difference was sustained at E12.5, though the chimpanzee enhancer remained active (Figures 2U–AA, S2E–H). We quantified enhancer activity by RT-qPCR measurement of reporter transcript levels in E12.5 neocortices. *Hs-HARE5::EGFP* embryos showed 10–30 fold higher transcript levels than *Pt-HARE5::tdTomato* (Figure 2BB). Hence multiple independent reporter lines (LacZ and fluorescent) demonstrate that compared to chimpanzee *HARE5*, human *HARE5* drives dramatically higher enhancer activity in the telencephalon.

In the E10.5 telencephalon, the predominant neural progenitor populations are neuroepithelial cells, and by E12.5 these are replaced by radial glia (termed neural stem cells) [2]. At E10.5, both enhancers were active in the majority (about 75%) of Pax6-positive neuroepithelial cells and in some TuJ1-positive neurons (Figures S3I–U). At E12.5, reporter activity was highest in the ventricular zone (VZ) (Figure 2SE–H), where radial glial cells reside. Thus both human and chimpanzee *HARE5* enhancers are active in neural progenitors of the developing neocortex.

### Chromosome conformation capture (3C) detects *HARE5-Fzd8* interactions

Having established *HARE5* activity within the lateral telencephalon, we next sought to identify the likely target gene. The most proximal gene, *Hs-FZD8*, is located 307,758 bps downstream from *HARE5* and was an obvious candidate due to its expression in the developing human and mouse neocortex [17–19, 30, 31]. LacZ reporter activity and *Fzd8 in situ* hybridization showed similar expression patterns in E10.5 and E11.5 whole mount embryos and neocortical sections (Figure S3)([developingmouse.brain-map.org](http://developingmouse.brain-map.org) and [www.emouseatlas.org](http://www.emouseatlas.org)) [31]. We used chromosome conformation capture (3C) assays [34] to test for physical association between endogenous mouse (*Mm*) *HARE5* and the core *Fzd8* promoter within E12.5 mouse neocortices (Figure 3A). In neocortices we observed a strong peak of interaction between *Mm-HARE5* and the proximal *Fzd8* promoter, compared to flanking loci (Figure 3B). In contrast, no interactions were evident between *Mm-HARE5* and *Fzd8* in age-matched liver, which lacks detectable *HARE5* activity and *Fzd8* expression. These data indicate *HARE5* physically and specifically associates with the core *Fzd8* promoter in the developing mouse neocortex. Given the *cis*-regulatory activity of *HARE5* orthologues, we propose *HARE5* functions as a distal-acting enhancer of *FZD8* during early human neocortical development.

### Human *HARE5* accelerates neural progenitor cell cycle and impacts neocortical size

We next assessed the functional consequences of chimpanzee and human *HARE5* activities during corticogenesis. We generated new independent transgenic mouse lines in which *Hs-HARE5* or *Pt-HARE5* drove expression of a MYC-tagged mouse *Fzd8* coding sequence (*Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* and *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8*) (Figure 4A). Expression of MYC in embryonic neocortices was confirmed by western blot analysis (Figure S4A). We postulated that *Fzd8* expression driven by the *HARE5* enhancer would impact the cell cycle state of neural progenitors based upon the following rationale. First, both *Hs-HARE5* and *Pt-HARE5* drive expression in neural progenitors. Second, modulating *Fzd8* levels impacts neural progenitor cell cycle in the retina [18]. Third, overexpression of stabilized  $\beta$ -catenin, a Wnt signaling component downstream of Frizzled, induces an expanded and gyrencephalic brain and slows cell cycle exit of neural stem cells in mice [15]. Fourth, cell cycle length is critical for corticogenesis and is postulated as a likely mechanism for the evolutionary expansion of the primate neocortex [35, 36].

We measured the cell cycle state of progenitors at E12.5, predicting that species-specific differences in *HARE5* activity would be evident within two days of onset of enhancer activity. At this stage, radial glial progenitors primarily undergo symmetric divisions to expand laterally, but a subset divides asymmetrically to produce excitatory neurons [2]. Quantification of G2/M phases using phospho-histoneH3 (PH3) staining revealed a significant 1.3-fold increase in the proportion of total PH3+ cells in *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* brains relative to both *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* and non-transgenic wild-type (WT) littermates (Figures 4B–E). We also observed a trend towards more Pax6-positive radial glia in *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* brains, with a significant increase relative to WT (Figure S4B). These snapshot measurements indicate that at E12.5 *Hs-HARE5* driven expression of *Fzd8* alters the proliferating population. More G2/M positive progenitors may indicate a faster overall

cell cycle with similar G2/M phases, or alternatively an identical cell cycle with longer G2/M.

To help discriminate between these possibilities, we quantified cell cycle duration at E12.5. We used a paradigm of 2 hour BrdU exposure and 30 minute EdU exposure coupled with Ki67 staining, as previously described [37] (Figures 4F). Both WT and *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* progenitors cycled for about 12 hours, as previously reported for this age [37, 38]. In contrast *Hs-HARE5* driven *Fzd8* expression significantly accelerated both the total cell cycle (to approximately 9.2 hours) and S phase, by 25% (Figures 4G–J, Table S3). These cell cycle differences correspond to a 23% shorter G1/G2/M duration (Tc-Ts) of *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* progenitors compared to *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* ( $P=0.003$ ). Taken together, this functional analysis reveals that relative to both WT and *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8*, human *HARE5* directed expression of *Fzd8* accelerates neural progenitor cell cycle.

Increased proliferation of neural progenitors is frequently associated with changes in brain size. Therefore, we measured the cortical dimensions of transgenic E18.5 brains. Compared to *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* and WT, the dorsal area of *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* cortices was significantly larger by 12% (Figures 4K–O). Across 5 additional measurements, *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* cortices were consistently larger than both *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* and WT (Figures S4F–H). As larger cortical area could be due to increased cortical thickness or tangential length, we quantified these dimensions in sagittal and coronal sections (Figures 4P–S). *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* brains were thinner than *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* and WT, although differences were only significant in comparison to WT (Figure S4I). In contrast, compared to both *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* and WT, *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* brains showed significantly longer tangential distance along the cortical VZ (Figure 4S). As seen in other mutants with longer tangential growth, *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* brains also showed enlarged ventricles. The increased tangential length phenotype is often associated with greater progenitor proliferation and larger cortical size, as evidenced in mouse embryonic brains mis-expressing  $\beta$ -catenin or FGF2 [15, 39]. These data indicate that tangential expansion is a likely contributing factor for the increased cortical area.

We predicted faster progenitor proliferation would ultimately be associated with more neurons. To test this, we quantified the densities of FoxP1-positive neurons (mid-layers III–V), born between E13.5–E16.5, and FoxP2 neurons (deep-layer VI), born around E12.5 (Figures 4T–AA) within radial columns of E18.5 brains [40, 41]. Compared to chimpanzee, *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* brains showed a significant 14% increase in the density of FoxP1 neurons, but no difference in FoxP2 neurons, nor any notable apoptosis. Thus, *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* brains contain a higher density of neurons that are produced beginning around E13.5. Together these data indicate that, compared to *Pt-HARE5*, *Hs-HARE5* promotes faster progenitor cell cycle, which is ultimately associated with increased Foxp1 excitatory neuron density, and overall larger cortical size.

## Discussion

The neocortex expanded spectacularly during human evolution, giving rise to distinctively human anatomical and cognitive capabilities [1, 2, 20–22]. Yet to date, just a handful of

genetic loci have been associated with human-specific brain traits [3, 5, 25], and none have been shown to functionally impact corticogenesis in an evolutionarily divergent fashion. In this study we report the discovery of the first human-accelerated enhancer that functions in brain development. We demonstrate dramatic temporal and spatial differences in activity of human and chimpanzee enhancers of *FZD8* during early corticogenesis, and show these differences impact neural progenitor cell cycle and brain size. Our study suggests the intriguing hypothesis that evolutionary changes in *HARE5* sequence and activity contributed to the origin of unique features of the human brain.

The evolutionarily divergent activities of *HARE5* support a model proposed 16 years ago by Pasko Rakic, that species differences in progenitor proliferation may contribute to distinctions in brain size between humans and non-human primates. The proposed radial unit hypothesis predicts that the number and proliferative capacity of progenitor cells drives the evolution of brain cytoarchitecture and explains species differences in neocortical size and structure [36]. Indeed both empirical and predicted measurements of neural progenitor cell cycle reveal stark differences between humans, non-human primates, and mice [1, 36, 42]. In non-human primates, distinct G1 phase durations are associated with unique brain cytoarchitecture [35]. Moreover genetic evidence strongly supports a causal link between neural stem cell proliferation and human brain size [43].

How might a faster cell cycle impact human brain size? We speculate that in the context of extended human corticogenesis and gestation, *HARE5* increases progenitor proliferation, which expands the progenitor pool during early corticogenesis. Increased progenitor expansion would ultimately produce more neurons and a larger neocortex. This could involve either altering progenitor cell cycle exit and/or the division state of progenitors from neurogenic to proliferative. In E14.5 mice, proliferating and neurogenic neural progenitors have distinct S phase durations [44]. Experimentally shortening G1 phase in mice promotes proliferative divisions in lieu of neurogenic divisions, impacting neuron production [45, 46]. Our study implicates shorter G1 as a potential mechanism, as the Tc-Ts fraction was shorter in human transgenic brains. Follow-up studies of the *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* mouse will clarify the detailed relationship between altered cell cycle and brain size, and elucidate if modifications in structural and behavioral traits exist.

We have shown that a key target gene of *HARE5* activity in the neocortex is *FZD8*, which encodes a Wnt receptor. Given the neurogenesis roles of  $\beta$ -catenin and Lef/Tcf, it is likely that *FZD8* acts via canonical Wnt signaling [16]. *FZD8* expression in the neonatal human brain is highest in cortical areas at 9 pcw (post conception weeks) (brainspan.org)[19] when neural stem cells are rapidly expanding during early corticogenesis [2], but markedly lower in non-cortical areas. The *FZD8* expression pattern correlates strongly with neural stem cell markers *SOX2* and *PAX6* ( $r > 0.90$ )[19, 47]. Hence the pattern of *HARE5* activity and *FZD8* expression is consistent with a functional relationship in neural stem cell regulation in humans. Although chimpanzee expression data are not available, developing rhesus macaque (*Macaca mulatta*) neocortical data are ([www.blueprintnpatlas.org](http://www.blueprintnpatlas.org)). Relative to 10 common transcripts of human and macaque developing neocortices, *FZD8* was more abundant in humans. As RNA expression data becomes available [48], it may become possible to more directly compare *FZD8* levels in human and non-human primates.



In addition to its requirement for early mouse corticogenesis, Wnt signaling is implicated in human brain traits. In 2002 Chenn et al. showed that expression of stabilized  $\beta$ -catenin induced a larger, gyrencephalic phenotype reminiscent of the human brain [15]. However, evidence for the involvement of this pathway in human brain evolution has remained elusive until now. Our identification of *HARE5* highlights the transcriptional regulation of Wnt signaling components as a new avenue to explore for understanding the evolutionary origin of human specific anatomical and cognitive traits. With the ability to identify regulatory elements active during development [49], we are now poised for the discovery of additional loci and pathways whose modification provided the underpinnings for the evolution of the human brain.

## Supplementary Material

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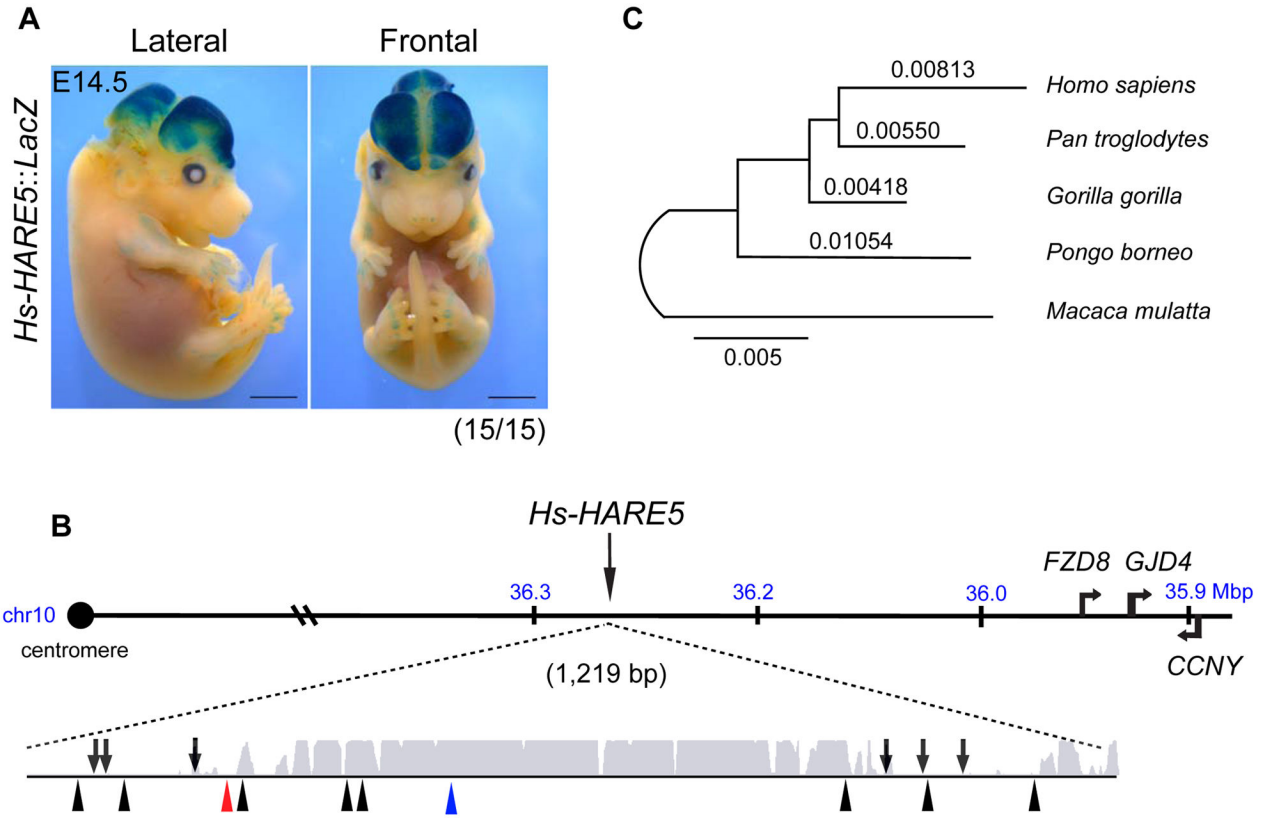
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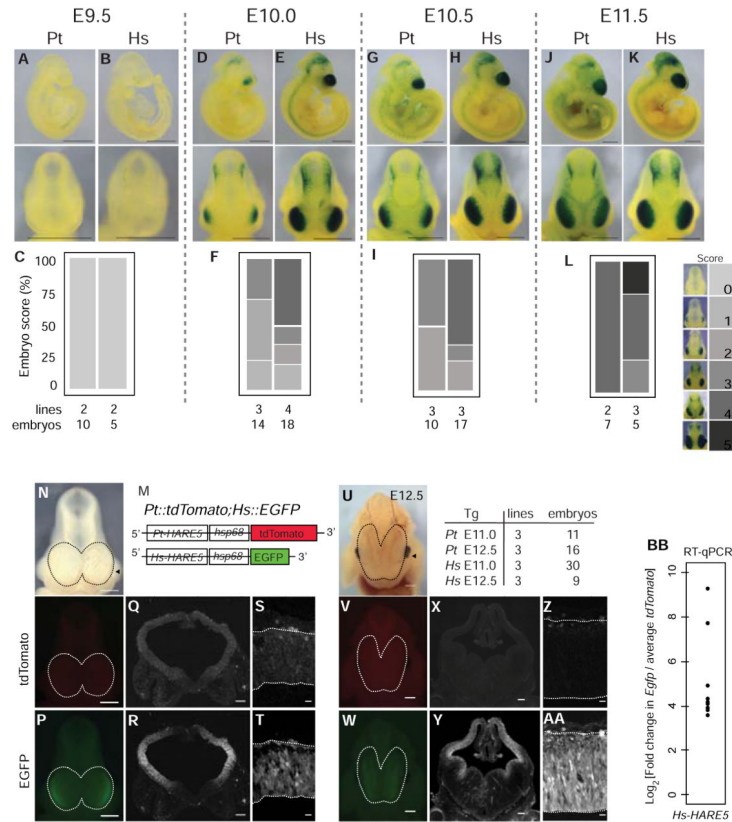
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### Highlights

- Discovery of a human-accelerated enhancer functioning in the developing neocortex
- Compared to chimpanzee, human *HARE5* drives earlier and more robust brain expression
- The *HARE5* locus physically contacts the core promoter of the WNT receptor, *Fzd8*
- *HARE5::Fzd8* mice have accelerated neural progenitor cell cycle and enlarged brains



**Figure 1. Identification of *Hs-HARE5* as a human-accelerated neocortical enhancer**  
 (A) Representative E14.5 *Hs-HARE5::LacZ* embryo stained for  $\beta$ -galactosidase (*LacZ*) activity. (B) Schematic of *Hs-HARE5* locus on human chromosome 10 (hg19). The 1,219 bp long *HARE5* genomic locus with enhancer activity includes the original 619 bp human-accelerated sequence and flanking 5' and 3' sequences. Represented below is a PhastCons conservation track for the *HARE5* locus, shown with the region of high conservation (grey). Also shown are lineage-specific mutations for chimpanzee (6, arrows, above line), and human (10, arrowheads, bottom), including 1 Denisovan (red) and 1 currently identified human polymorphism (blue). (C) Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree for the *HARE5* orthologous locus from five anthropoid primates. Scale bars, 2 mm (A). See also Figure S1 and Table S1.



**Figure 2. *Hs-HARE5* activity drives robust, early enhancer activity relative to *Pt-HARE5* during corticogenesis**

(A–L) Developmental time-series of *Pt-HARE5::LacZ* (A,D,G,J) and *Hs-HARE5::LacZ* (B,E,H,K) reporter activity from stable transgenic lines. Representative images of *LacZ* stained embryos from lateral (top) and anterior (bottom) views. (C,F,I,L) Enhancer activity was qualitatively scored in the telencephalon, using the indicated scoring schema shown on the right, on a scale from no reporter activity (score 0) to full telencephalic activity (score 5). Number of embryos and independent transgenic lines analyzed for each stage are listed below. Embryos were scored blindly and independently by at least three individuals. (M) Schematic of destabilized reporter constructs drawn to scale. (N–AA) Representative embryos from dual reporter transgenic *Pt-HARE5::tdTomato; Hs-HARE5::EGFP* E11.0 (N–T) and E12.5 (U–AA) embryos detected by brightfield (N,U), and endogenous fluorescence for *tdTomato* (O,Q,S,V,X,Z) and *EGFP* (P,R,T,W,Y,AA) channels. Dotted lines demarcate dorsal neocortices of whole mount embryos (N–P, U–W). (Q,R,X,Y) Coronal sections from mid-cortex (plane indicated by arrowhead in N,U) in *tdTomato* (Q,X) and *EGFP* (R,Y) channels. (S,T,Z,AA) High-magnification images of the lateral telencephalon for *tdTomato* (S,Z) and *EGFP* (T,AA). The number of embryos and lines for each analysis is listed beside U. Endogenous fluorescence images were captured using identical exposure conditions. (BB) Graph depicting log fold changes for RT-qPCR from E12.5 neocortices. Each data point is the average fold change for an individual *Hs-HARE5::EGFP* embryo relative to the aggregated average for all *Pt-HARE5::tdTomato* embryos. mRNA input levels were normalized to *Gapdh*. n=4 technical replicates per embryo; n=9 embryos from 3 transgenic

lines from each genotype. Scale bars, 1 mm (A–K), 500  $\mu\text{m}$  (N–P, U–W); 150  $\mu\text{m}$  (Q,R,X,Y); 25  $\mu\text{m}$  (S,T,Z,AA). See also Figure S2 and Table S2.

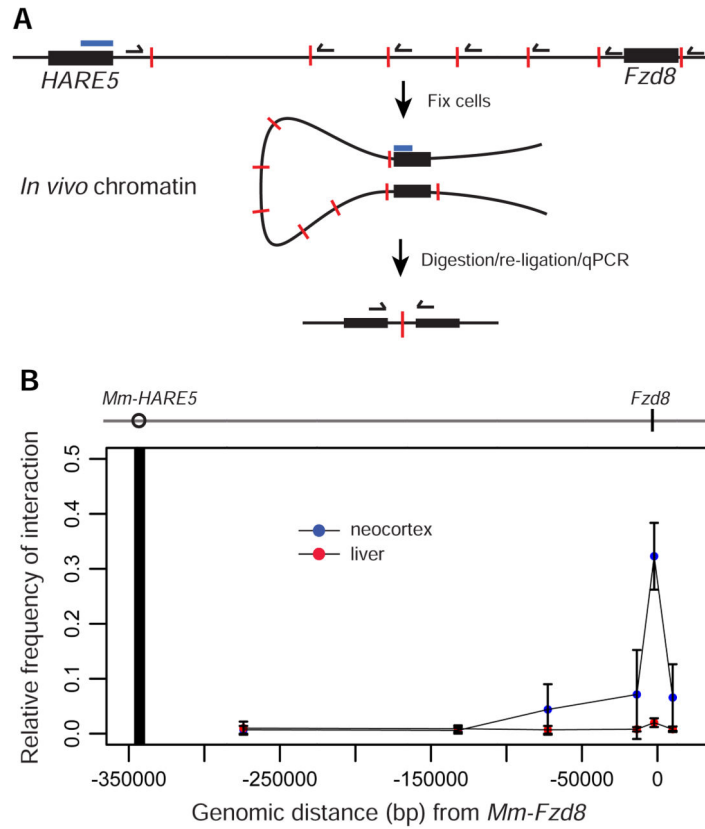
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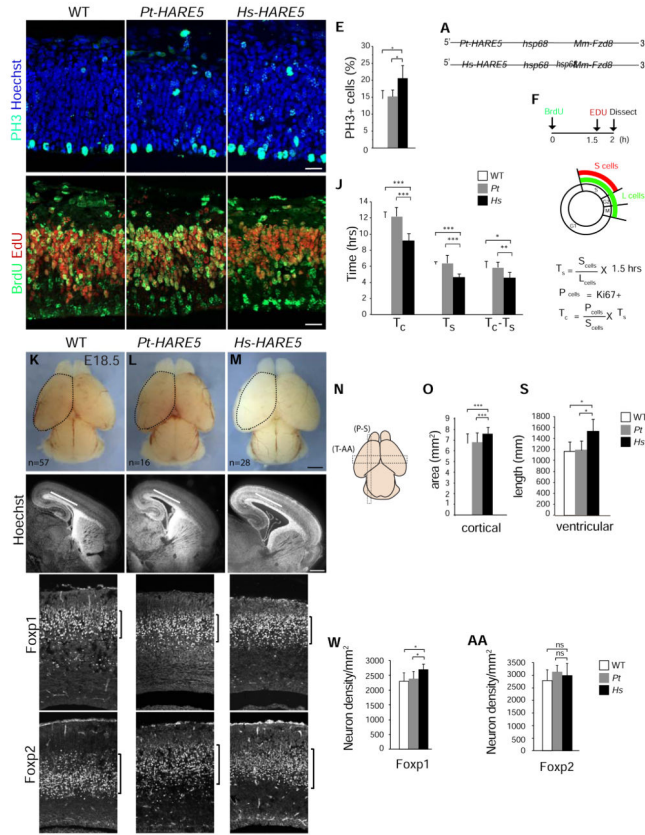
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**Figure 3. 3C analysis showing *HARE5* physically contacts the *Fzd8* promoter**

(A) Schematic of 3C protocol showing *HARE5* and *Fzd8* loci (black bars), with indicated TaqMan probe (blue bar), test primers (black half arrows), and *HindIII* restriction sites (red lines). (B) 3C assay of E12.5 mouse neocortex (blue dots) and liver control tissue (red dots). Dark vertical line indicates location of TaqMan probe and constant primer anchored within the *Mm-HARE5* locus. The 0 position indicates ATG of *Fzd8* coding sequence. The graph depicts the relative frequency of interactions between *Mm-HARE5* and 6 genomic locations. See also Figure S3.



**Figure 4. *Hs-HARE5* driven expression of *Fzd8* accelerates cell cycle of neural progenitors, and increases neuron number and neocortical size**

(A) Schematic of *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* and *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* constructs. (B–I) Images of coronal sections from E12.5 WT littermate (B,G), *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* (C,H), and *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* (D,I) transgenic cortices. Sections stained for (B–D) PH3 (green) and Hoechst (blue), (G–I) BrdU (green) and EdU (red). (E) Graph of WT (white), *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* (grey), and *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* (black) depicting percentage of all cells that are PH3-positive. (F) Paradigm for analysis of cell cycle length using double pulse of BrdU and EdU. Nucleotide analogs were injected at indicated time-points and overall cell cycle length (T<sub>c</sub>) and S phase length (T<sub>s</sub>) were calculated as shown. (J) Graph of WT (white), *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* (grey), and *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* (black) cell cycle lengths of cycling progenitors. (K–M) Whole mount E18.5 brains from indicated genotypes with n=number of brains examined. A dotted line was drawn on WT cortex in K to indicate dorsal cortical area, and then superimposed on transgenic cortices in L and M. (N) Schematic cartoon representation of E18.5 brain with indicated regions of analyses for sagittal sections (P–S) and coronal sections (T-AA). (O) Graph of WT (white), *Pt-HARE5::Fzd8* (grey), and *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* (black) dorsal cortical area measurements. Note a 12% increase was seen in *Hs-HARE5::Fzd8* cortical area. (P–R) Sagittal E18.5 sections from brains of indicated genotypes. A line drawn on WT cortex in P indicates ventricular length, and was superimposed on transgenic cortices in Q and R. Note no evidence of cortical gyrfication was seen. (S) Graph depicting ventricular length for indicated genotypes. (T–V, X–Z) Coronal E18.5 sections from neocortices of indicated genotypes and stained for Foxp1 (T–

V) and Foxp2 (X–Z). Note no significant apoptosis was observed. (W, AA) Graphs depicting densities of Foxp1 (W) and Foxp2 (AA) neurons in radial columns of neocortical sections. The following were analyzed for each genotype: for B–E, n=5 embryos each from 3 transgenic lines; for F–J, 5–7 embryos each from 2–3 transgenic lines; K–O, 16–57 embryos each from 2–3 transgenic lines; P–S, 4–5 embryos each (2–5 sections per embryo) from 2–3 transgenic lines; T-AA, 5–6 embryos each (2–4 sections per embryo) from 2–3 transgenic lines. All analyses were done blind to genotype. Error bars, s.d., \*,  $P < 0.05$ , \*\*,  $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\*,  $P < 0.001$ . Scale bars, 25  $\mu\text{m}$  (B–I), 1 mm (K–M), 500  $\mu\text{m}$  (P–R), and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  (T–Z). See also Figure S4 and Table S3.