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**Mad linker phosphorylations control the intensity
and range of the BMP-activity gradient in
developing *Drosophila* tissues**

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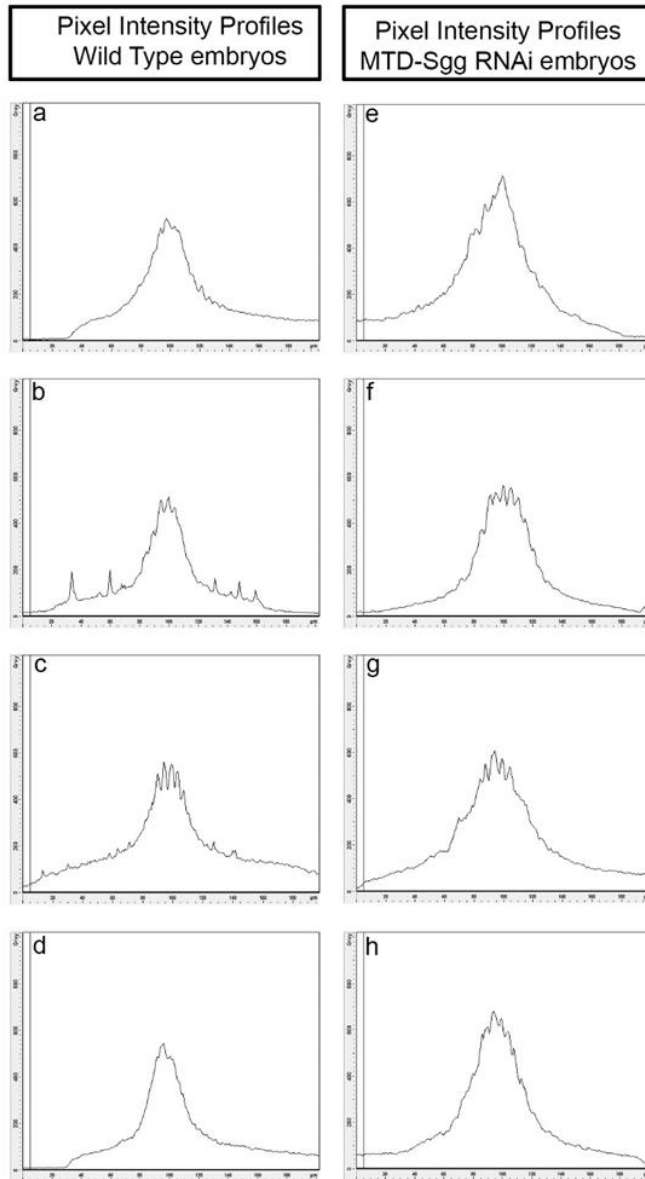
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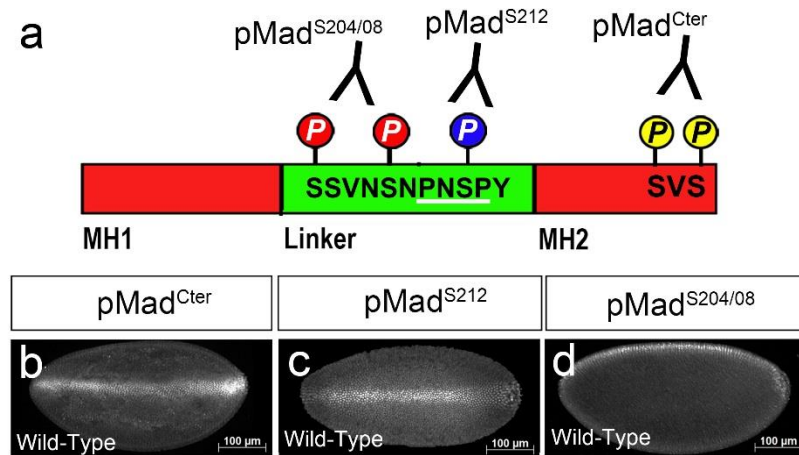
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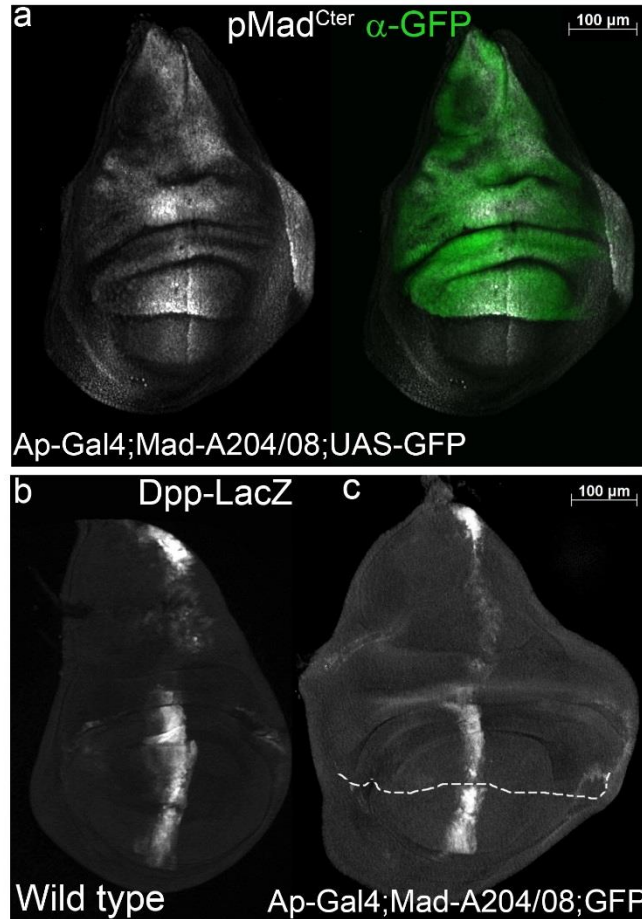
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Supplementary Information Fig. S3. Mad linker mutant stabilizes the BMP activity gradient in the dorsal wing compartment. (a) Mad-A204/08 overexpression in the dorsal wing compartment (marked using GFP) using Apterous-Gal4 results in increased C-terminally phosphorylated Mad levels compared to wild type ventral wing compartment, n = 23. (b) Wild type Dpp-LacZ expression is expressed in a narrow stripe along the A/P compartment boundary, n = 10. (c) Mad-A204/08 driven in the dorsal compartment (using Apterous-Gal4) results in a mild reduction in Dpp-LacZ expression, n = 15.