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Mutations in Subunits of the Activating Signal

Cointegrator 1 Complex Are Associated with Prenatal

Spinal Muscular Atrophy and Congenital Bone Fractures

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Figure S2. **Morphometric analysis of myelinated axon diameters of sural nerve biopsies.** Sural nerve biopsies were fixed in glutaraldehyde, embedded in Epon®. Semithin sections were stained with methylene blue or with paraphenylene diamine to visualize the myelin sheaths. From each nerve five full visual fields that were entirely filled with myelinated axons were photographed, together with an object micrometer scale using a 100x objective on a Leica DML3000 inverted microscope. The images were recorded in bright field with a cooled SPOT RT3 CCD-camera (1,600 x 1,200 px). Axon diameters were measured morphometrically using the free ImageJ v1.37a program. The axon diameters were depicted in a multiple dot/box blot. The boxes depict the median, 10^{th} , 25^{th} , 75^{th} , and 90^{th} percentiles; p-values were calculated with the non-parametric Man-Whitney U-test.

Results of the autozygosity mapping in three families

Figure S4. **Autozygosity mapping of Family B** Three affected and two unaffected individuals were used for the analysis. The red bars depict the regions that were only homozygous in the patients and not in the unaffected family members at Chr15:63,594,231-68 726 159 (rs12910654-rs12915814). A *shared autozygous region* between Families A and B comprised an interval on Chr15:63,594,231-66,260,894 (rs12910654-rs333556) that contained 38 protein-coding genes.

In-situ hybridization of whole E17.5 mouse embryos

Figure S6. **Comparison of in-situ intensities for** *Trip4* **antisense and sense probes.** In-situ hybridization of a parasagittal section of an E17.5 C57BL6/J embryo with a *Trip4* antisense probe (left) and the corresponding sense probe (right). Both DIG-labeled RNA-probes were generated from the same plasmid via transcription from the T3 promoter (antisense) or the T7 promoter (sense) of the pCR-Script plasmid. Due to the large size of the embryo single sub-images are stitched together to represent the entire embryo on a single image. Both images have been recorded with the identical illumination settings.

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MO (5 ng each) mediated knockdown on the ability of the 30 hpf zebrafish embryos for "full coil" or "partial coil". **(B)** *Left panel:* Location of the MOs at *trip4* and *ascc1* splice junctions and position of the oligonucleotide primers used for RT-PCR. *Right panels:* Agarose gel electrophoresis of *trip4* and *ascc1* RT-PCR products in differently injected zebrafish embryos verifying the specific knockdown of the intended targets. β-actin mRNA was taken as reference.

Figure S10. **Use of alternative MO2 constructs for** *trip4* **and** *ascc1* **knockdown. (A)** Effect of control, *trip4* and *ascc1* MO2 (5 ng each) mediated knockdown on the ability of the 30 hpf zebrafish embryos for "full coil" or "partial coil". **(B)** The alternative *trip4* and *ascc1* MO2s have the same specificity to generate the morphologic abnormalities of the α-motoneuron and the neuromuscular junction as the respective MOs (see Figure 3C for comparison), hence verifying the specificity of the effect. **(C)** *Left panel:* Location of the MO2s at *trip4* and *ascc1* splice junctions and position of the oligonucleotide primers used for RT-PCR. *Right panels:* Agarose gel electrophoresis of *trip4* and *ascc1* RT-PCR products in differently injected zebrafish embryos verifying the specific knockdown of the intended targets. β-actin mRNA was taken as reference.

morpholinos and rescue mRNA into zebrafish larvae rescues **(A)** the clinical phenotype ("coiling" behavior) and **(B)** the morphological abnormalities of the α-motoneuron projections only if wildtype mRNA is injected and not by injection of mRNA carrying the zebrafish equivalents of the patient mutations.

Expression of SRF responsive genes after serum challenge

broblasts were grown in DMEM + 15% FBS, then serum starved for 24 hours and re-challenged with 15% FBS for 30 and 60 minutes. The lines depict the fold change of gene expression from baseline (serum starvation). The red lines depict the patients, the black lines the controls. There was no significant and persistent difference in the response of the SRF downstream target genes.

Subcellular location of the ASC-1 complex and of the CSRP1 protein

Figure S13. **Subcellular localization of the ASC-1 complex and of the CSRP1 protein after serum starvation and challenge.** The members of the ASC-1 complex TRIP4, ASCC1, and ASCC2 as well as the CSRP1 protein remain in the nucleus independently of the status of serum depletion or challenge of fibroblasts. As control for the subcellular fractionation, transcription factor SP1, a nuclear maker protein, is enriched in the nuclear fraction and the Calreticulin protein (CALR), a marker protein for the endoplasmatic reticulum (ER) is depleted in the nuclear fraction.

Multiple species alignment of TRIP4 and ASCC1 amino acid sequences

Figure S14. **Multiple species alignment of TRIP4** Red boxes depict identical, yellow boxes similar amino acids. The zinc-finger motif (aa125-237) is depicted by a green line. The positions of the two nonsense mutations are depicted by a red triangle. The Ensembl accession number for the amino acid sequences are: Human [ENSP00000261884], Chimpanzee [ENSPTRP00000012241], Rat [ENSRNOP00000021863], Mouse [ENSMUSP00000112385], Clawfrog [ENSXETP00000023326], Zebrafish [\[ENSDARP00000107782\]](http://www.ensembl.org/Danio_rerio/Transcript/ProteinSummary?db=core;g=ENSDARG00000005033;r=7:55924877-56069928;t=ENSDART00000126674)

acids. The position of the frameshift mutation is depicted by a red triangle. The Ensembl/GenBank accession number for the amino acid sequences are: Human [ENSP00000320810], Chimpanzee [ENSPTRP00000004528], Rat [ENSRNOP00000000701], Mouse [ENSMUSP00000052351], Clawfrog [ENSXETP00000013525], Zebrafish [NP_001017610]. The multiple amino acid sequence alignment was performed with T-Coffee and the coloring /printout with ESPript.¹

Co-immunoprecipitation with antibodies against three subunits of the ASC-1 complex

Figure S17. **Immunoprecipitation with an anti-ASCC1 antibody.** Co-precipitation with ASCC1 can be seen for TRIP4 and ASCC2 only in the controls, not in the patients. SRF is not co-precipitated ASCC1 (or the ASC-1 complex) and can only be detected in the unbound flow-through.

Figure S18. **Immunoprecipitation with an anti-ASCC2 antibody. (A)** Co-precipitation with ASSC2 can be seen for TRIP4 and ASCC1 only in the controls, not in the patients. SRF is not co-precipitated ASCC2 (or the ASC-1 complex) and can only be detected in the unbound flow-through.

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Individual	Mean coverage	Coverage per base of captured exons			100 bp paired-end
	[fold]	$>3x$ [%]	$>10x$ [%]	$>20x$ [%]	fragments [n]
B.II_01	175.99	99.8	99.4	98.7	77.3 Mio
D.II_02	112.91	99.5	98.7	97.0	53.2 Mio
D.II_03	230.12	99.8	99.5	98.9	106.1 Mio

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Table S7. **Mass spectrometric analysis of peptides from immunoprecipitations (TableS7.xlsx)**

Immunoprecipitated samples were boiled at 95°C for 5 min, reduced in 50 mM DTT and alkylated with a final concentration of 5.5 mM chloroacetamide for 30 min. Proteins were digested by 250 ng of trypsin overnight at 37°C and desalted with C18 columns. Each sample fraction was dissolved in 2 μL of 5% ACN and 2% FA for subsequent MS analysis. LC–MS/MS was carried out by nanoflow reverse-phase liquid chromatography (Dionex Ultimate 3000, Thermo Scientific; Waltham, MA) coupled online to a Q-Exactive Plus Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific). Briefly, LC separation was performed using a PicoFrit analytical column (75 μm ID × 25 cm long, 15 μm Tip ID (New Objectives, Woburn, MA)) in -house packed with 3 μm C18 resin (Reprosil-AQ Pur, Dr. Maisch, Germany). Peptides were eluted using a gradient from 3.8 to 98% solvent B over 46 min at a flow rate of 300 nL/min (solvent A: 0.1% formic acid in water; solvent B: 80% acetonitrile and 0.08% formic acid). Three kilovolts were applied for nanoelectrospray generation. A cycle of one full FT scan mass spectrum (300–1700 m/z, resolution of 35 000 at m/z 200) was followed by 12 data-dependent MS/MS scans with a normalized collision energy of 25 eV. Raw MS data were processed with MaxQuant software (version 1.5.0.0) and searched against the human proteome database UniProtKB with 88,717 entries, released 2014-11. A false discovery rate (FDR) of 0.01 for proteins and peptides and a minimum peptide length of 7 amino acids were required. A maximum of two missed cleavages was allowed for the tryptic digest. Cysteine carbamidomethylation was set as fixed modification, whereas N-terminal protein acetylation and methionine oxidation were set as variable modifications.

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