

Versican is crucial for the initiation of cardiovascular lumen development in medaka (*Oryzias latipes*)

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Supplementary figures

Fig. S1: Wild-type and *lht* mutant embryos are phenotypically indistinguishable. Phase contrast microscopic image showing representative WT and *lht* mutant embryos at 40 hpf (n = 10). Wild-type and mutant embryos were phenotypically similar at this stage. Scale bar: 0.2 mm (A–D). Heartbeat rate of WT and *lht* mutant medaka embryo, at 2 dpf and 3 dpf (n = 13). The WT and *lht* mutant medaka exhibited a similar heartbeat rate (E,F). Each bar represents the mean \pm SEM from 13 individual samples. Student's *t*-test, ****P* < 0.0001, N.S., not significant.

Fig. S2: Amino acid sequence alignment of medaka, human, and mouse versican. Amino acid sequence of medaka, human, and mouse versican aligned by the ClustalW program shown with their UniProt accession codes. The black box indicates the region of high homology and corresponds to the G1 and G3 domains. The rest of the amino acid sequence belongs to the G2 domain.

Fig. S3: Analysis of versican mRNA expression in medaka. RT-PCR and qPCR data for versican expression in various organs of adult medaka (A, B). Versican expression was prominent in the heart, eyes, gills, muscle, ovary, and testis. Whole-mount *in situ* hybridization for versican at multiple stages of embryonic development (C). Versican expression was prominent in the eye, heart tube, and ICM until 48 hpf (C; left and middle panels). At 72 hpf, the embryo shows strong versican expression in the gill region (C; right panel). Versican expression in the heart at various stages of cardiac development (D). (n > 10) (B). ICM, intermediate cell mass. Scale bar: 500 μ m (C), 100 μ m (D). Each error bar represents the SEM from 3 individual samples. β -Actin was used as endogenous reference gene to calculate Δ CT value. To calculate $\Delta\Delta$ CT, testis was selected randomly as reference sample.

Fig. S4: The 3' UTR sequence of the versican region of interest is conserved in all medaka strains. We used the same set of primers we designed for genotyping, and analysed the sequence for QURT1, HN1, Hd-rR, Kaga, and Ok-cab. The region of interest did not show any polymorphism (A). Western blot results for the versican expression in WT embryo, *lht* embryo, WT cell line transfected with either ctrl MO or versican MO (B). This result was obtained when a new lot of MC-955 (versican) antibody was used. Cell lines derived from WT medaka embryos were transfected with either ctrl or versican MO, and immunoassayed with versican G2 domain specific (MC-955) antibody (C). From three independent experiments, the total number of cells expressing versican around the cell boundary were counted using GFP

expression and nuclear staining by DAPI (D). Morpholino (MO) injection assays and quantification data (E–F). Versican-a MO was injected at the one-cell stage into embryos obtained from WT zebrafish. A morphant injected with versican-a MO (0.5 mM) phenocopies the *lht* mutant (C). Graphical representation of versican-a MO (0.5 mM) showing all the *lht* mutant phenotypes (D) ctrl: control. The results are represented as mean percentages of three independent experiment, mean \pm SD.

Fig. S5: Comparative study of mRNA and protein levels in WT and *lht* mutant medaka. Structural representation of the V0, V1, V2, and V3 versican isoforms (A). Versican mRNA expression data for WT and mutant embryos using qPCR (B). RT-PCR results show the comparison of mRNA expression levels at the exon-exon boundary of WT and the *lht* mutant (C). Primers were designed for exon boundaries. Coloured regions indicate the specific isoform exon-exon boundaries. RT-PCR results show the comparison of mRNA expression levels at the exon-exon boundaries of WT and the *lht* mutant (n = 3). Cell lines derived from WT and *lht* mutant embryos were immunoassayed with a versican G1 domain-specific antibody. In the WT-derived cell line, versican was expressed at the cell membrane (D; left panel). However, versican expression was absent at the cell membrane of the *lht* mutant-derived cell line (D; right panel). Each error bar represents the SEM from three individual samples. β -Actin was used as endogenous reference gene to calculate Δ CT value. To calculate $\Delta\Delta$ CT, WT was selected as reference sample. Student's *t*-test, *** $P < 0.0001$, N.S., not significant.

Fig. S6: The *lht* mutant displays constriction of the outflow tract. Stereomicroscope images of embryos injected with fluorescence beads into the sinus venosus at 4 dpf. Panels A and B show the bright field images and panels C and D show the fluorescent images. The fluorescent beads injected into the heart (C) flowed into the vascular network of WT embryos (D), but pooled in the heart tube of *lht* mutant embryos that lacked blood circulation. Scale bar: 200 μ m (A–D)

Fig. S7: Versican loss of function did not alter the chamber-specific differentiation of cardiomyocytes. *In situ* hybridization for the cardiac-specific genes *cmhc2* (A, B), *amhc* (C), and *vmhc* (D) (n > 10) in the heart at 3 dpf. Red circle marks the presence of *cmhc2*-positive cells localized near the outflow tract. Scale bar: 100 μ m (A–D).

Fig. S8: The heart of the *lht* mutant medaka embryo did not show any apoptosis at 50 hpf. Analysis of apoptosis in live embryos with acridine orange staining examined with a

KEYENCE fluorescence microscope. We did not find any apoptotic cells in the *lht* mutant heart. The white arrow indicates acridine orange positive apoptotic cells in the head region of WT and *lht* mutants.

Fig. S9: The heart of the *lht* mutant medaka embryo did not show any differences in cardiomyocyte proliferation compared to that of WT at 50 hpf. Analysis of cardiomyocyte proliferation by whole-mount immunohistochemistry at 50 hpf, using a phosphohistone H3 antibody. The z stack images were obtained by confocal microscopy (A, B). There was no significant difference in the rate of cardiomyocyte proliferation between WT and *lht* mutant embryos (C). White arrows indicate the phosphohistone H3 positive cells in the heart. Each bar represents the mean \pm SEM from nine individual samples. Student's *t*-test, ****P* < 0.0001, N.S., not significant.

Fig. S10: The *lht* mutant shows disrupted endothelial alignment. Time-lapse microscopic images of WT (*n* > 15) (A–D) and *lht* mutant embryos (*n* = 5) (E–H) at 38, 42, 46, and 50 hpf. Embryos obtained from a Tg(*fli1*:GFP):*lht* heterozygous cross were dechorionated and embedded in 1% low-melt agarose. These embryos were kept under the microscope for the duration of the time-lapse imaging from 32 to 50 hpf. Images were taken at 20 min intervals. The temperature was maintained at 28.5°C throughout the experiment. A, atrium; CCV, common cardinal vein; V, ventricle. Scale bar: 100 μ m.

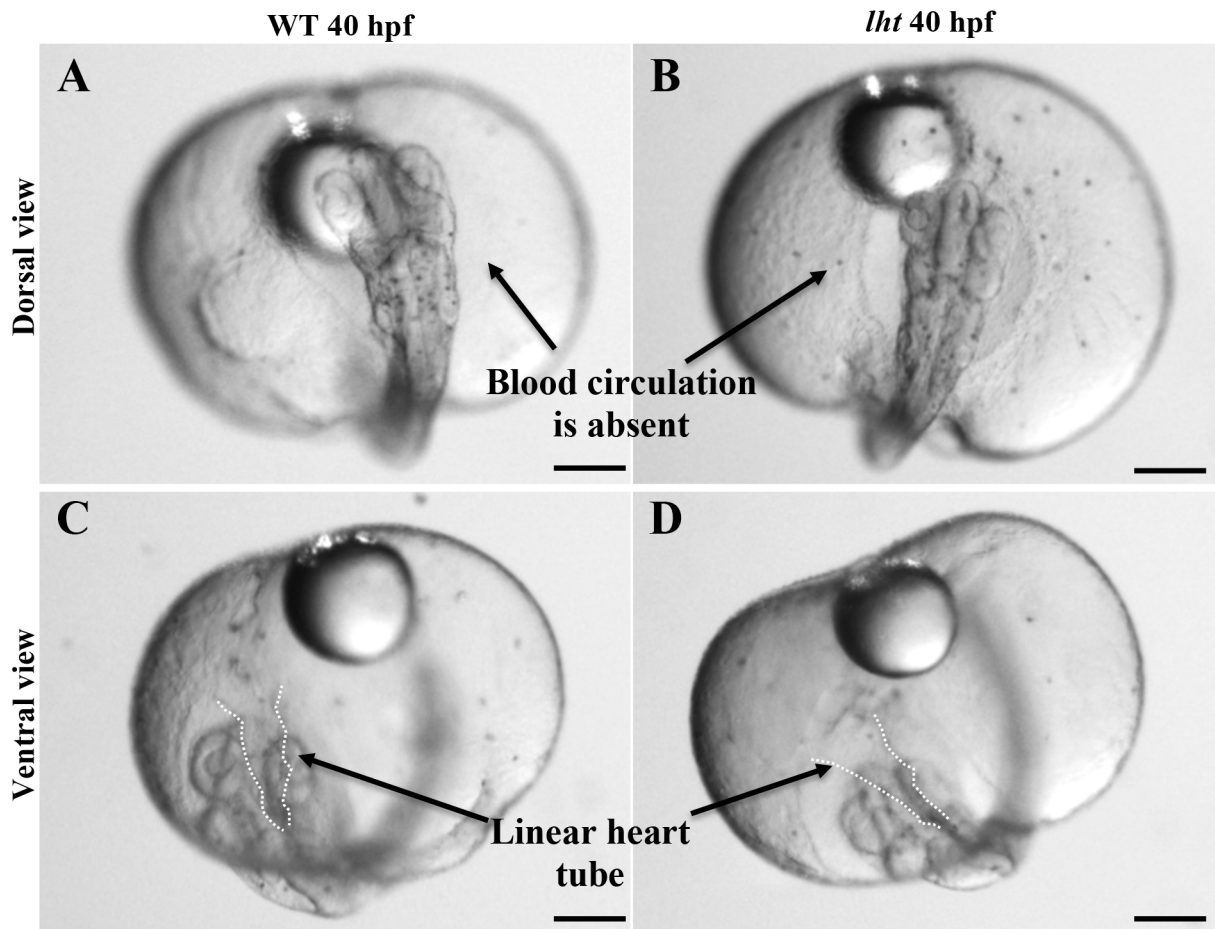
Fig. S11: The expression of *etgase* is specific to yolk sac blood vessels. Bright field image of *etgase* mRNA expression in WT embryos, after removal of the yolk, using *in-situ* hybridization. *etgase* was expressed exclusively in yolk sac blood vessels.

Fig. S12: Mutation in 3'UTR in the *lht* mutants creates putative binding sites for microRNA mmu-miR 871-3p.

Fig. S13: Full-length gels of Figure 2F. Note: WT: wild type, het: heterozygous, *lht*: *lht* homozygous mutant.

Fig. S14: Full-length gels of Figure S4B. Note: WT: wild type, *lht*: *lht* homozygous mutant, Ctrl MO: medaka fibroblasts nucleofected with control morpholino, versican MO: medaka fibroblasts nucleofected with versican morpholino.

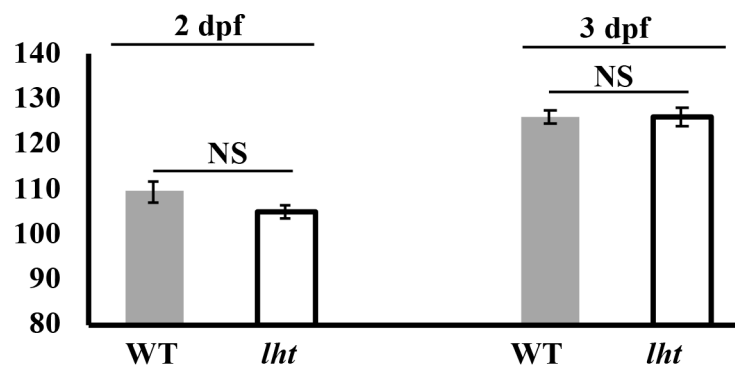
Fig. S1



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Embryo stage	WT embryo (Mean \pm SEM)	<i>lht</i> mutant embryo (Mean \pm SEM)	P value
2 dpf	109 \pm 2.14	105 \pm 1.66	0.145
3 dpf	125.92 \pm 1.51	125.77 \pm 1.87	0.956

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G1 domain

MEDAKA MILNIRHILWLYLSEAAAAATASHAISILKPITGSLSGKVNLP CYFSTIPT SAPLIGPNG 60
HUMAN MFINIKSILWMCSTLIVTHALHKVKVKGSPVVRGSLSGKVS L PCHFSTMP TLPPSYN--- 57
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HUMAN ELPVIPTEFPVGNIVSFEQKATVQQAITDSLATKLP TPTGSTK KP WDMDDYSPS---- 442
MOUSE ELPIFTTHFP PAGNIVNSEQKSVVYSQAITGRLAMESPTTTRNTINSWDLNDSLAS---- 446
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MEDAKA VPKRGDVRYPSIPTESSNDTVSDPDDPSVIKISTI QPDVLMPGSSVDTKT-MFAEGKTE 525
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MOUSE -----GSGPLGMPDISEIKEEELRSTTVISQHATGSQAVITE 483
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MEDAKA YLLQVFFK*SDILILT---ERR*V*NAAH*YSEIT*M*LFHSQPCSFLIIWGFKIVLEV 908
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MOUSE TPTESEKE----MANSTPVFRET-----IGVANVEAQPFEHSSSSH-PR 1786
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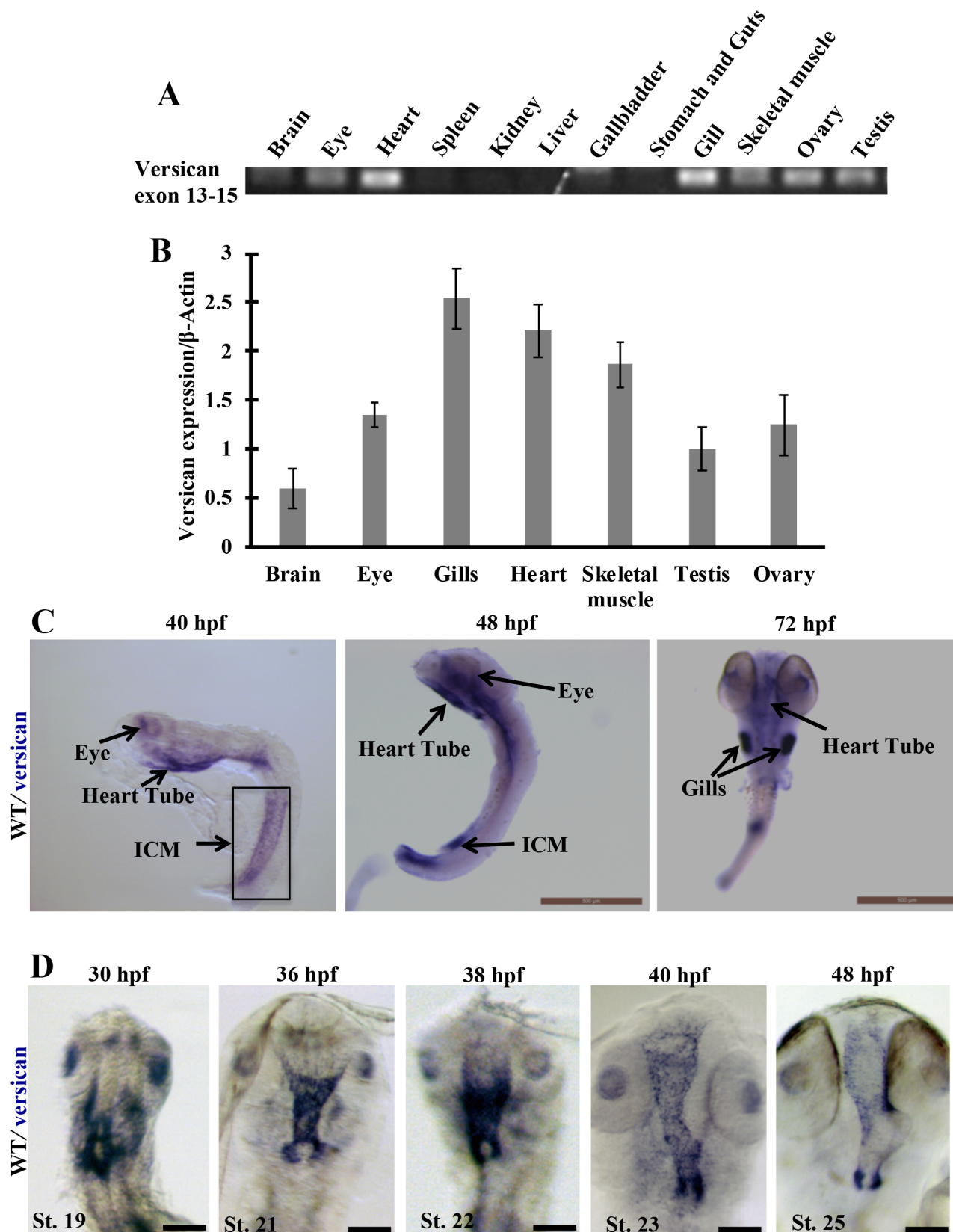
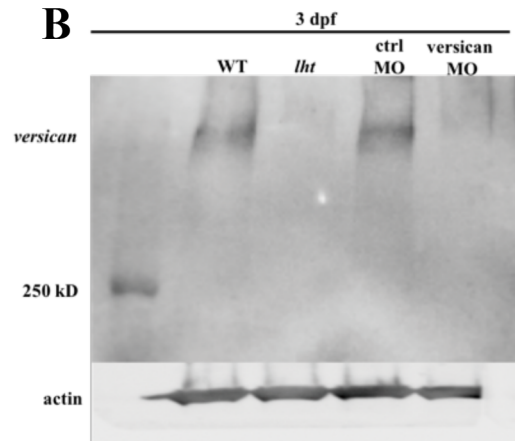


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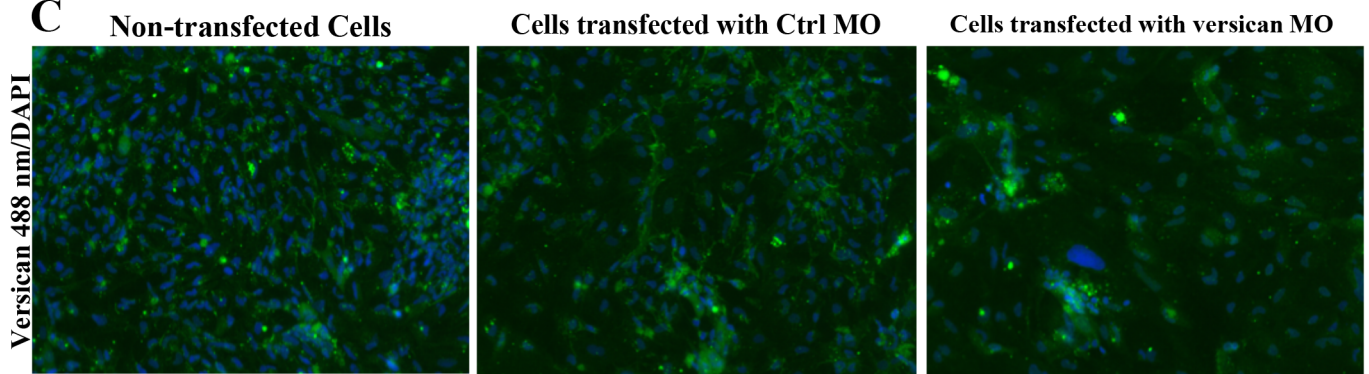
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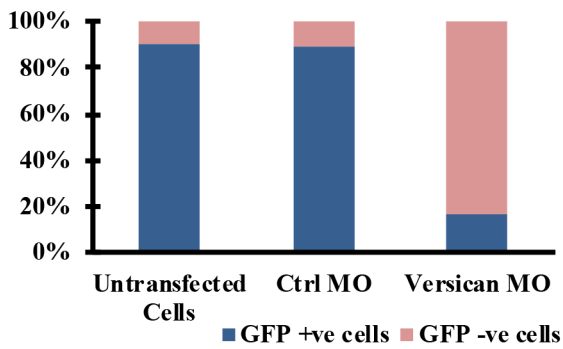
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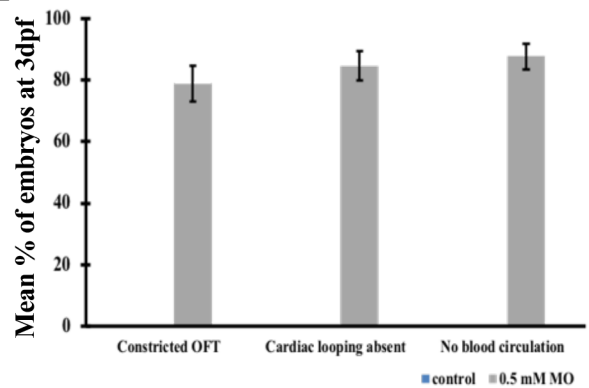
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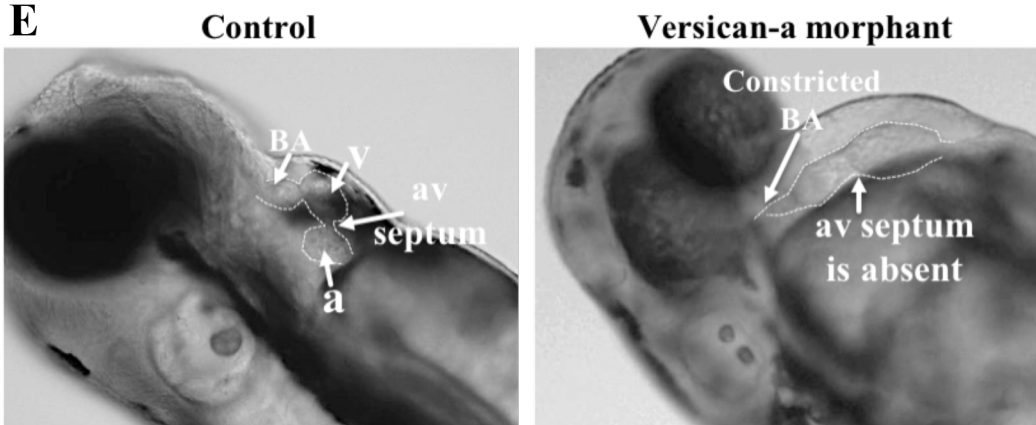


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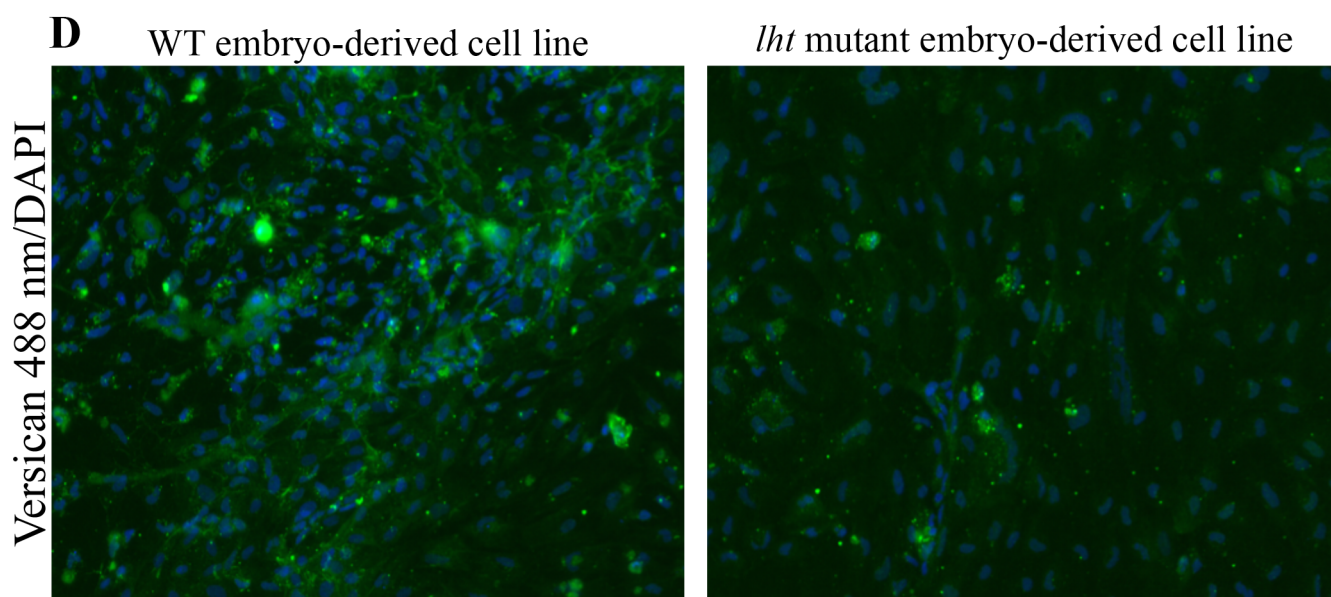
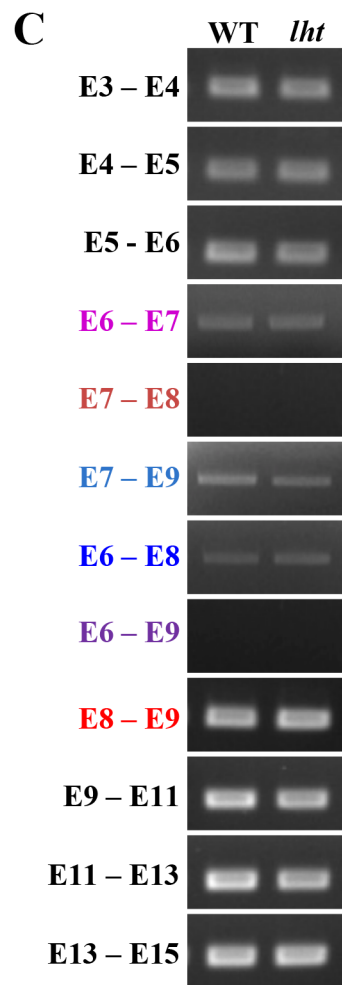
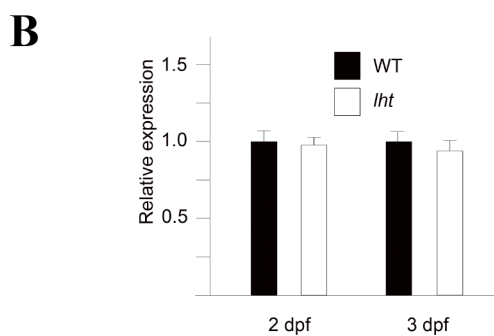
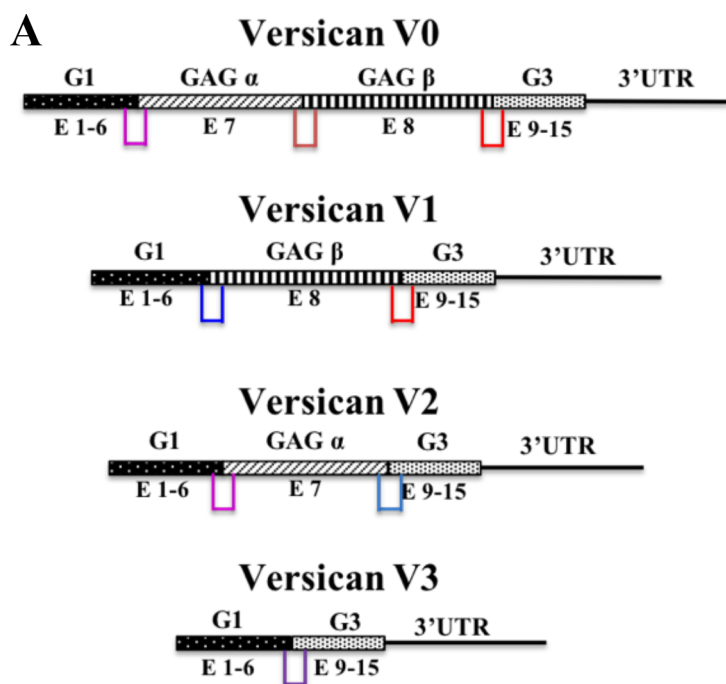


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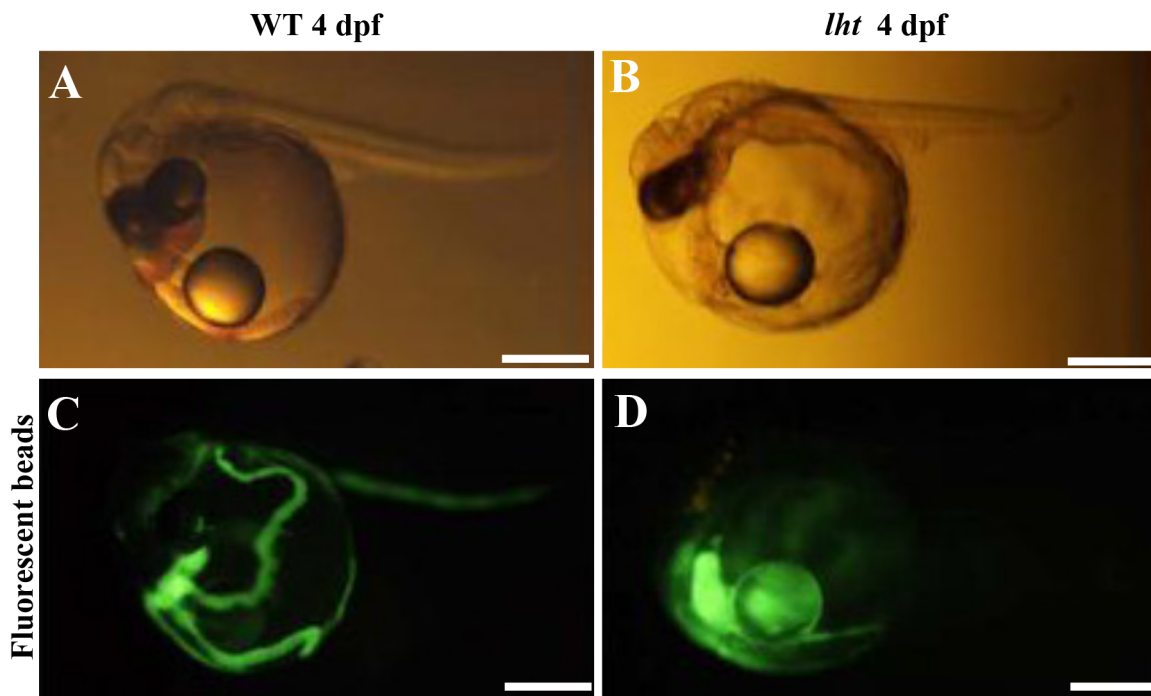


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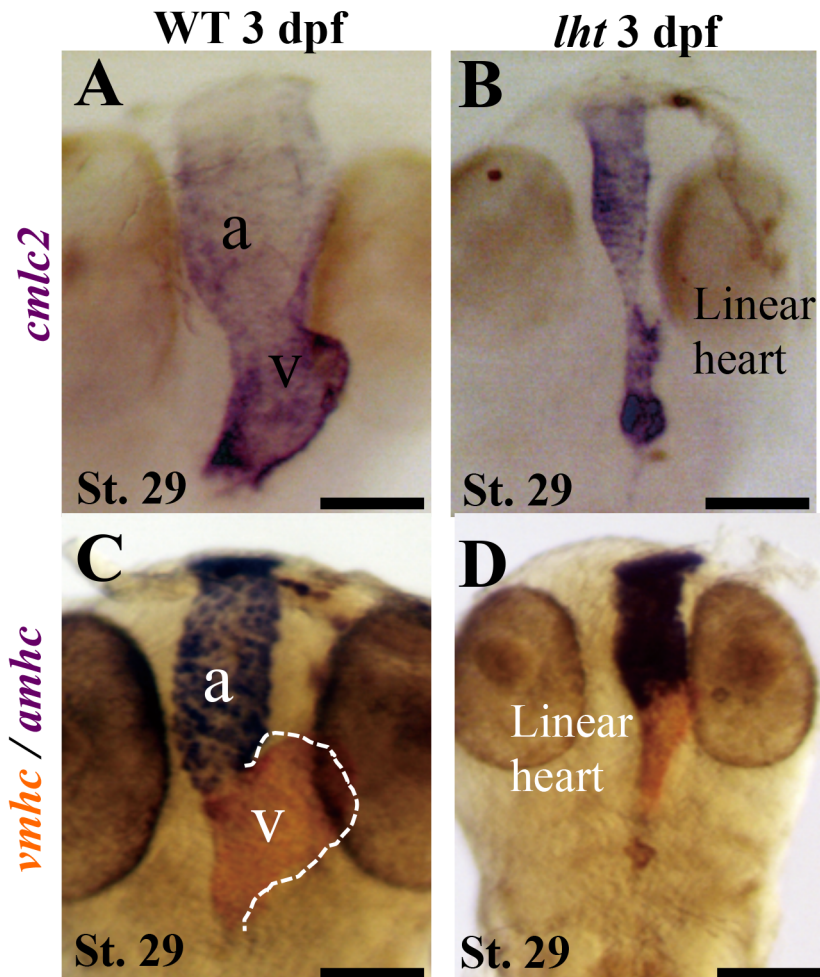


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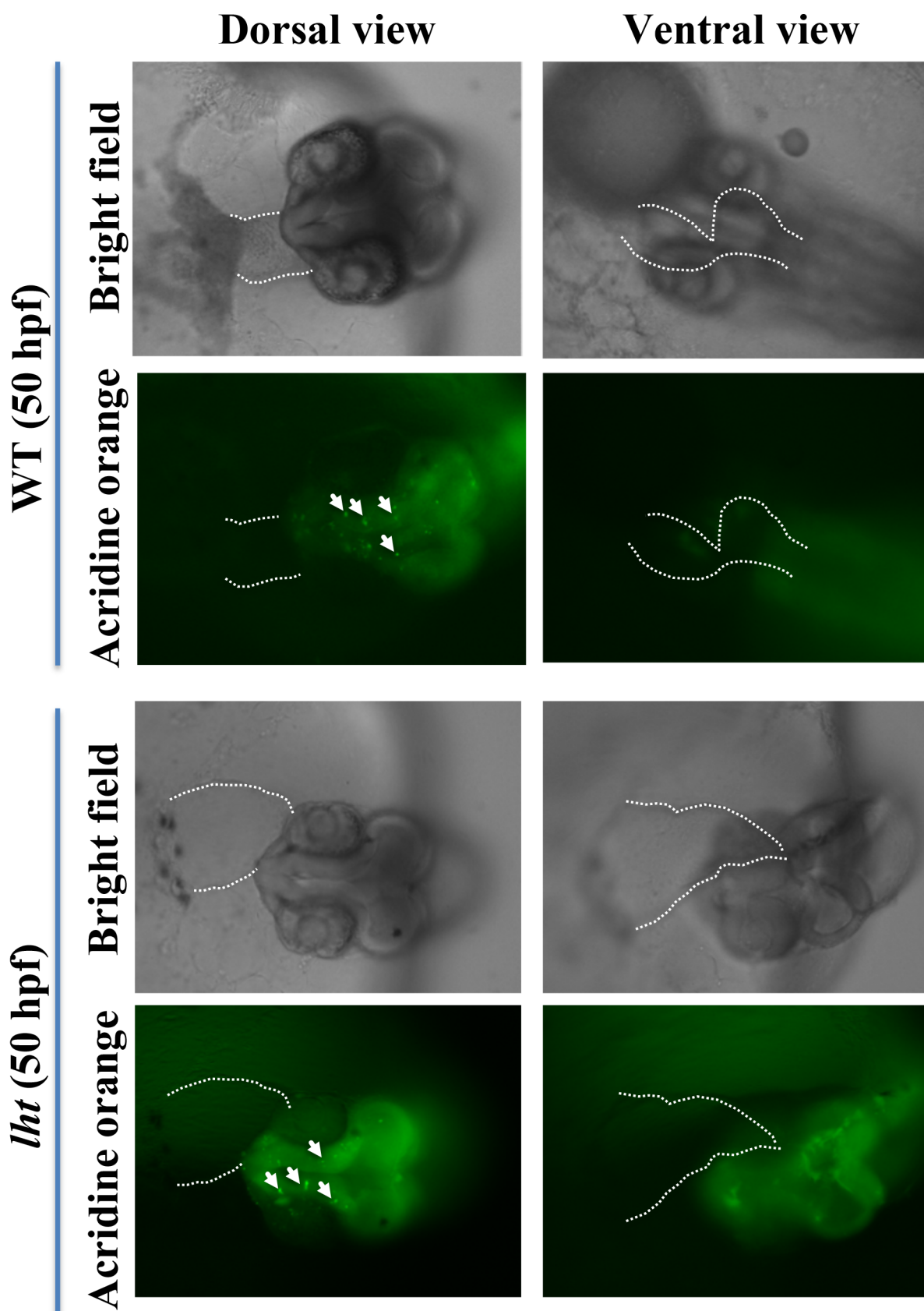


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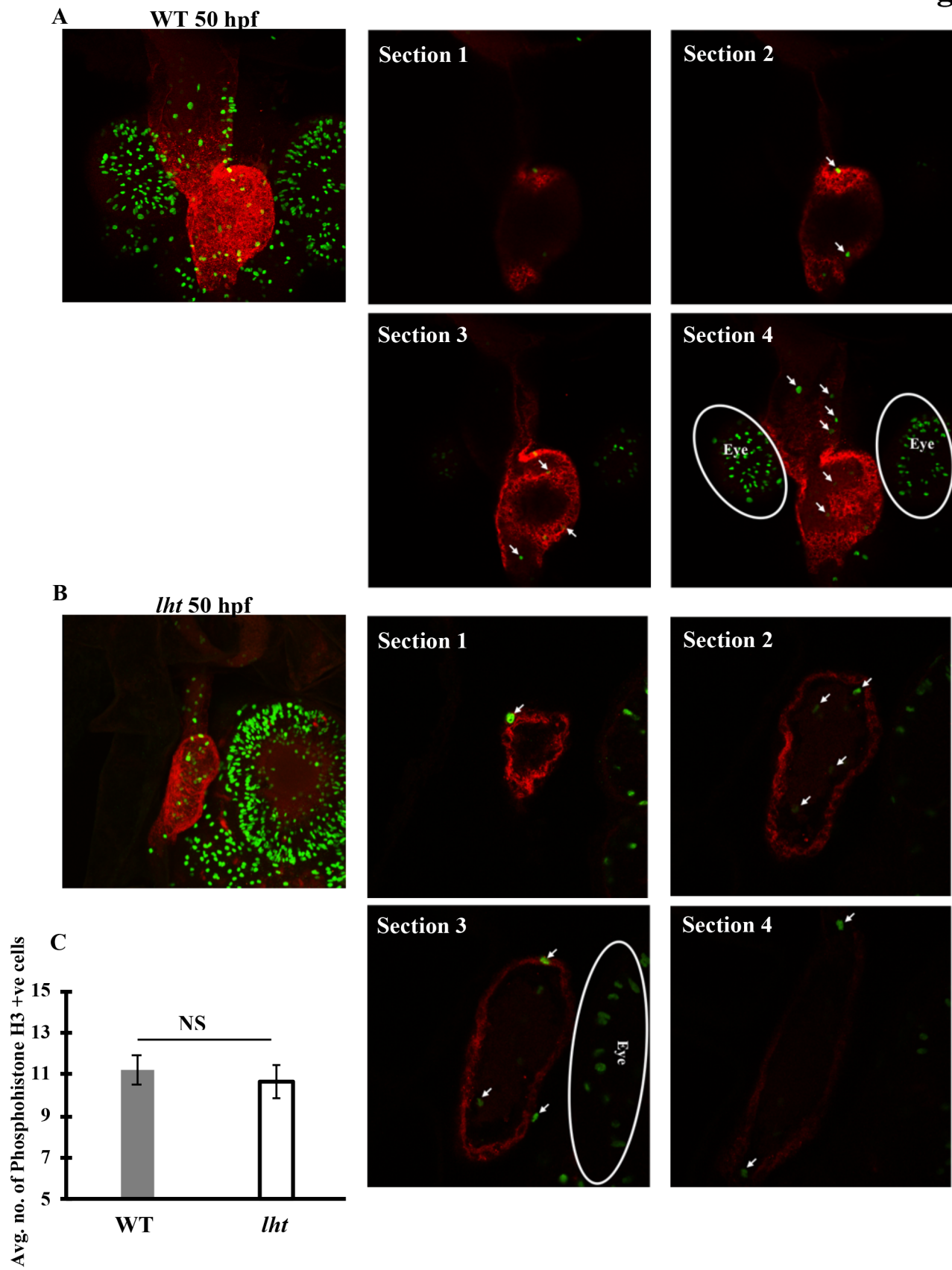


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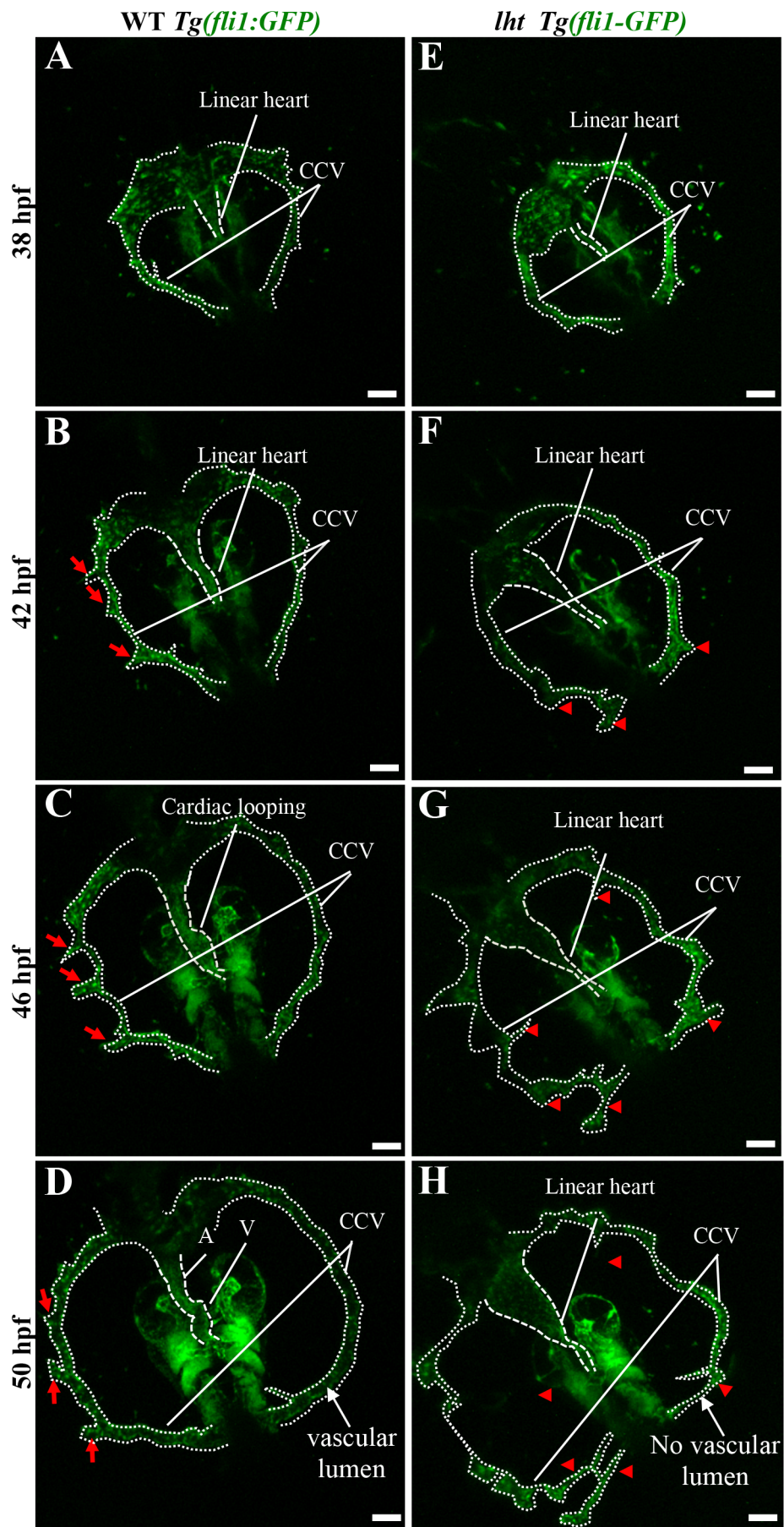


Fig. S11

WT 2.3 dpf (after yolk removal)

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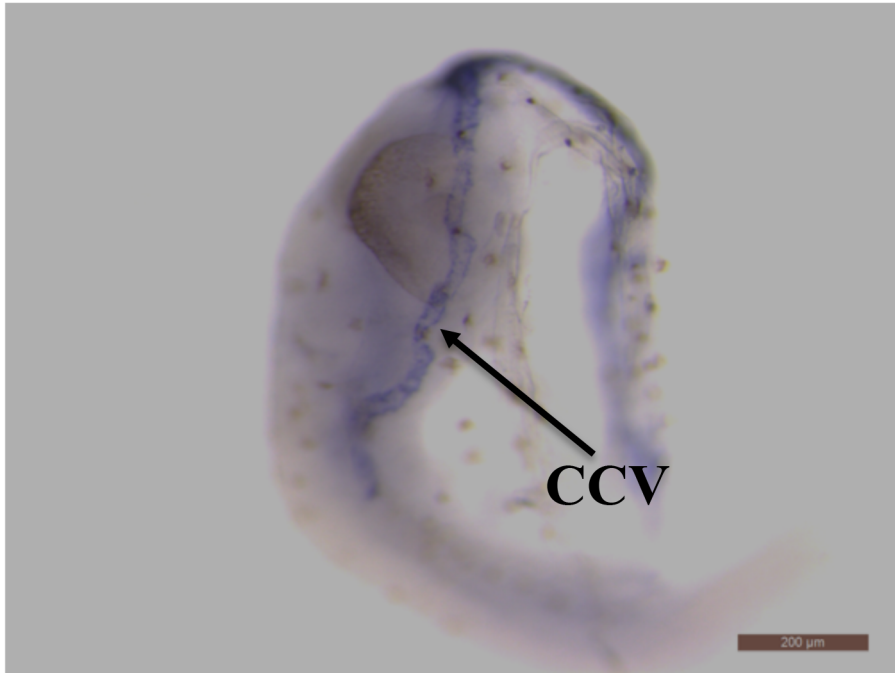


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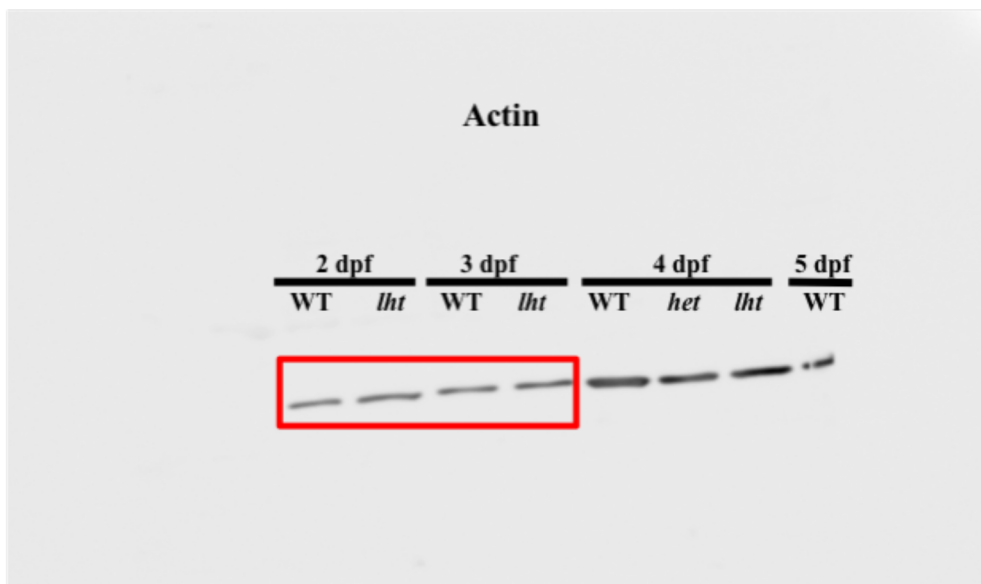
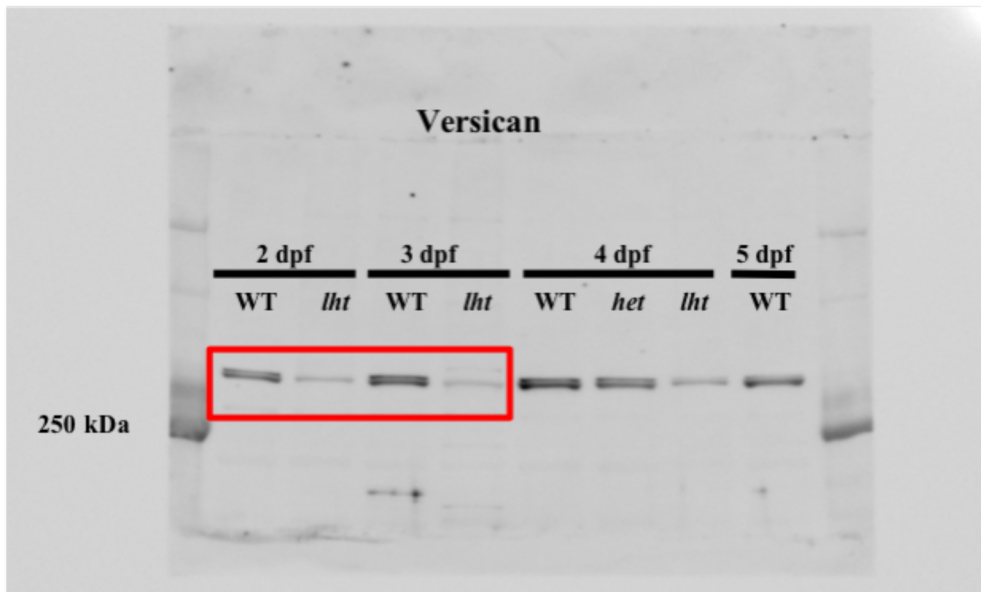


Fig. S14

Versican

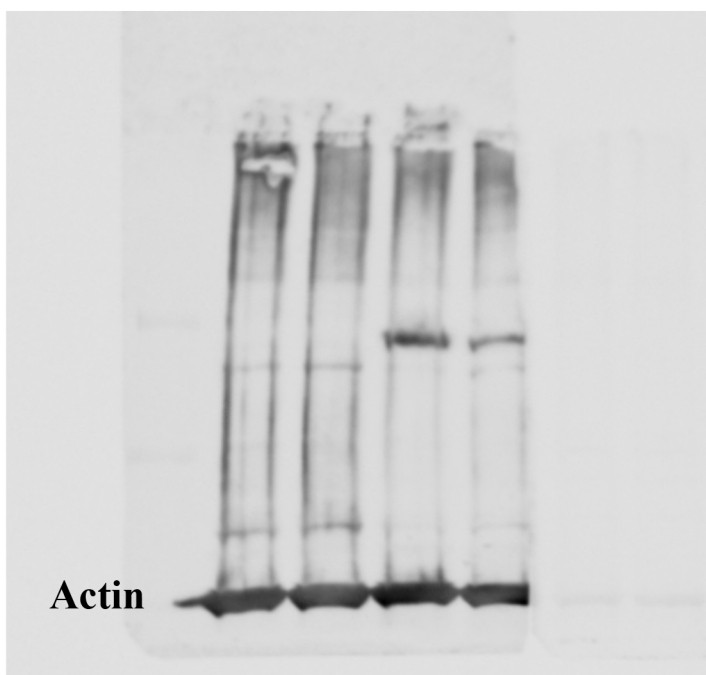
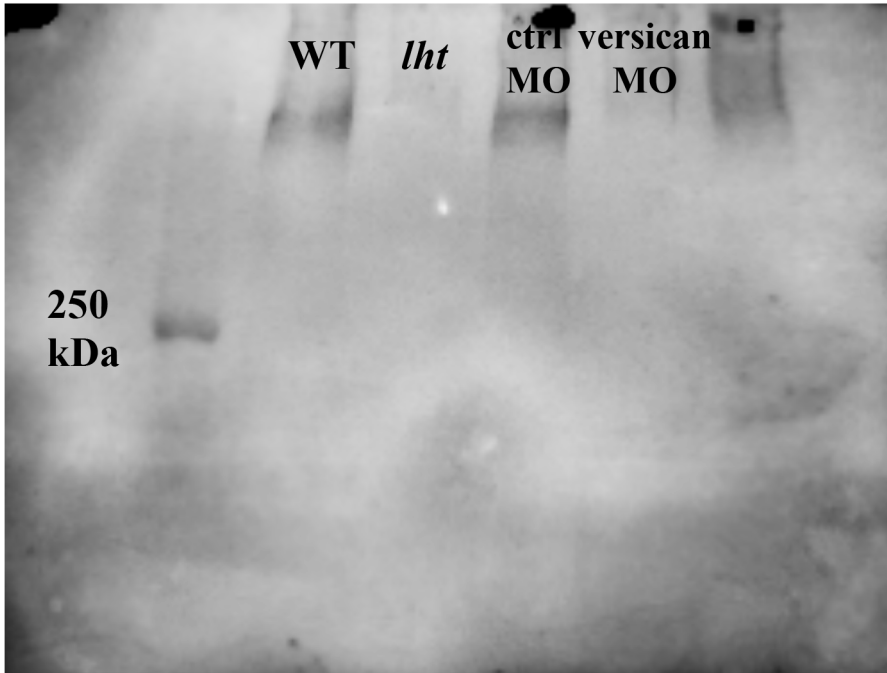


TABLE 1: Primers used for mapping

Contig. Name	Forward Primer (5'-----3')	Reverse Primer (5'-----3')	Restriction Enzyme
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MFOISSA038C07	CCTGTCGTTGCTGAGTCCTTC	AGGTGTAATGCTGTTCGACCTC	RSaI
O11523	ATTTAGTCCCCCAGGAGTGG	CGTTCTCGTTTCTCCTGCAA	RSaI
O112320	GCAGGTGGAAGTCGACAAA	CCAATGGACCATCACTTCC	RSaI
O112338i5	TCCTTCAAAGGGAGTGATGG	ACCCAGAGGTGAAGACATGC	Hinfl
O112419	AGTCAAGGGCAAGGATGATG	AGAGTTGGCTGATGGAGCAT	Hae3
O11262li4	TCTGCCATCTCTACTTCTTATGG	TGAGGACAGGTCTGCACTGTT	Hinfl
O1102119	CCAGCCAGAAGAACAAATGC	GCGAAAGCCCTGTTAAAAC	RSaI
TiT8j07	TGAGCATTGGGTTTACTGTG	ACTTGTTGCCGCTTGAGATG	RSaI

TABLE 2: Primers used to verify splicing of versican gene

Primer Name	Forward Primer (5'-----3')	Primer Name	Reverse Primer (5'-----3')
Vcan ex 3	CAGTGCCCAGTCATCCTGAA	Vcan ex 4	ATCTTGACAGGCCCGAACAG
Vcan ex 4	CTGTTTCGGGCCTGTCAAGA	Vcan ex 5	TGCCAGGGTTAGTCATGAGG
Vcan ex 5	CCTCATGACTAACCCTGGCA	Vcan ex 6	CCATAGTCGCATCTGTCTAGC
Vcan ex 6	CCAGAATTCAGTGTGGGGGA	Vcan ex 7	TGGATGGAGCCATGCTAGTG
Vcan ex 7	CTACCACAATAAGTTAGAGGAACAT	Vcan ex 8	AGACTTAGCAGGGATCCTCG
Vcan ex 7	CTACCACAATAAGTTAGAGGAACAT	VCan ex 9	AAGAGGACCAGTGTAACCGG
Vcan ex 6	ATGCCCTTGACAAGCACTGC	Vcan ex 8	AGACTTAGCAGGGATCCTCG
Vcan ex 6	ATGCCCTTGACAAGCACTGC	Vcan ex 9	AAGAGGACCAGTGTAACCGG
Vcan ex 8	GATGGCAAACAACCTGGCGA	Vcan ex 9	AAGAGGACCAGTGTAACCGG
Vcan ex 9	CCGGTTACACTGGTCCTCTT	Vcan ex 11	CATTCTCGCTCTGCTGAGTC
Vcan ex 11	GACTCAGCAGAGCGAGAATG	Vcan ex 13	CGTCATTCCACTGTCCATCC
Vcan ex 13	GGATGGACAGTGGAATGACG	Vcan ex 15	GCTCCTCTGGTAGCTTGAAG

TABLE 3: Primers for real-time PCR

Primer Name	Forward Primer (5'-----3')	Reverse Primer (5'-----3')
BNP	CTTCATCCCTTTTTGGGGGC	TTCTCGCTCCTCCTCTGTG
Versican	GGATGGACAGTGGAATGACG	GCTCCTCTGGTAGCTTGAAG

TABLE 4: Primers for in-situ Probe design

Primer Name	Forward Primer (5'-----3')	Reverse Primer (5'-----3')
Cmlc2	AATGTCTTTTCCATGTTGAGC	CTCCTCTTTCTCATCCCCATG
Amhc	TGCACTGATGGCTGAATTTG	ACTTGATCTACA CCTTGGCC
Vmhc	GCTGAGATGTCCGTGTATGGTGC	GCTCCTCACGAGGCCTCTGCTTG
Bnp	GATCCATCCATCCATCATCC	TGATACTTTAAAGACACAATGTCCAA
Versican	CACGACAATTCTCCCCATCT	TGCTCTTCCAGTCTCCTGGT
e-tgase	CCCACCCCTGACAGAGTTTC	GTCACAACACGAGACGGGAT
TMEM 205	GCTCTACGTCTGAACTTGCG	ATCTCATGCCAGCTTGTTCAAA
Egfl7	GCACCTACAAGACCACCTAC	GGGACGAGGAGAATCACGAA