

Electronic Supplementary Information 2

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(G) Mouse preimplantation embryo transcriptome profiles generated using MFuzz.

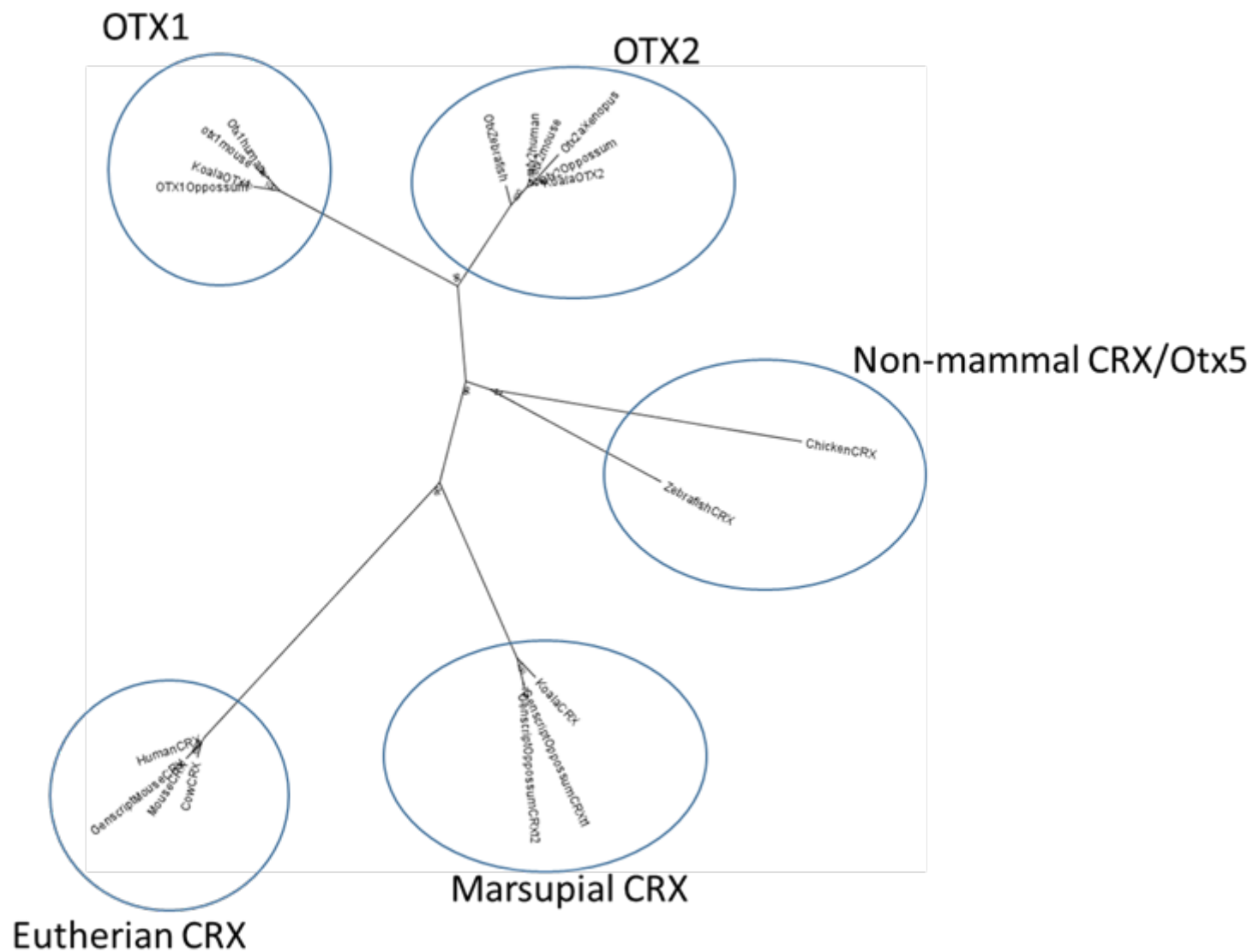
A

SRA identifiers for mouse preimplantation transcriptome datasets.

Species	Tissue	SRA study	Run ID
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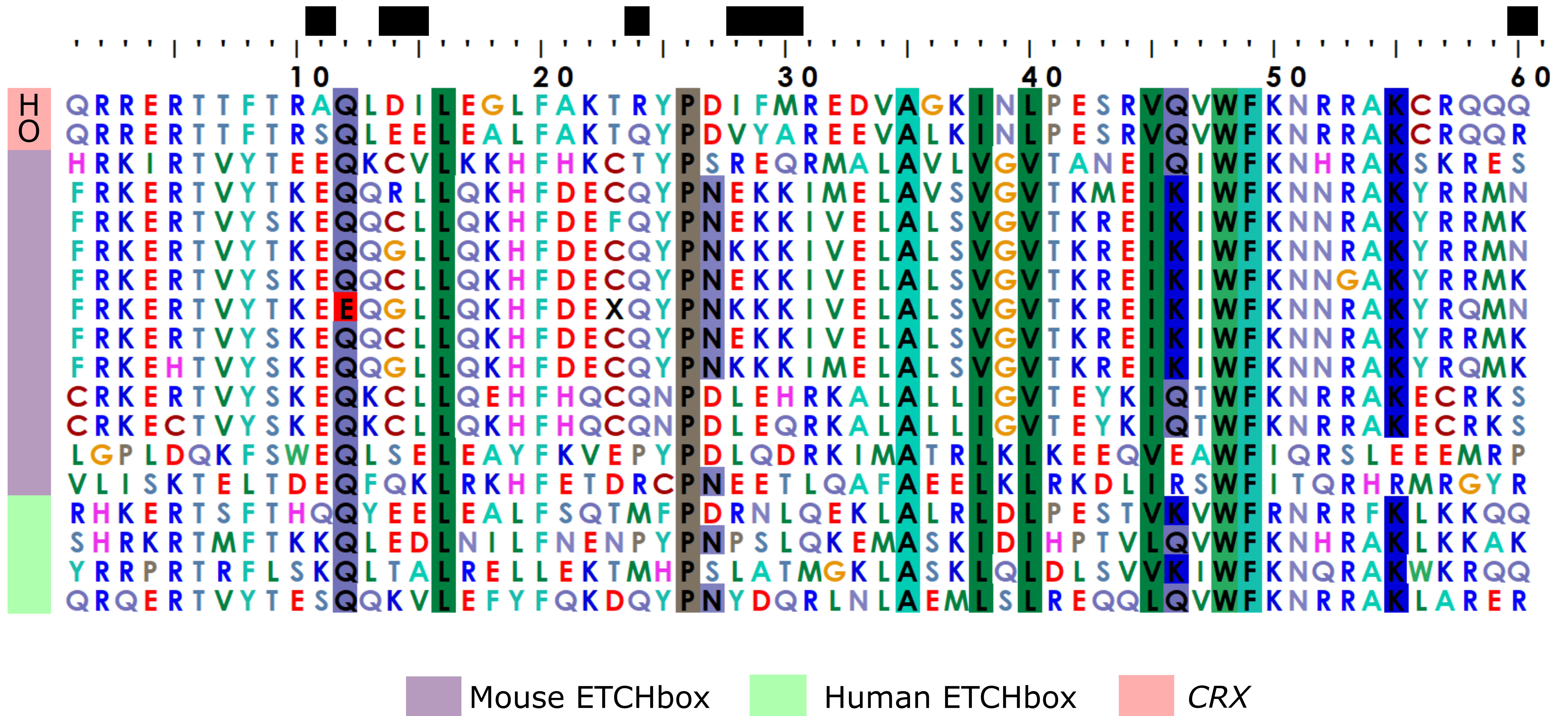
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Maximum-likelihood tree of CRX protein sequences from across metazoans shows divergence of sequence in eutherian mammals.



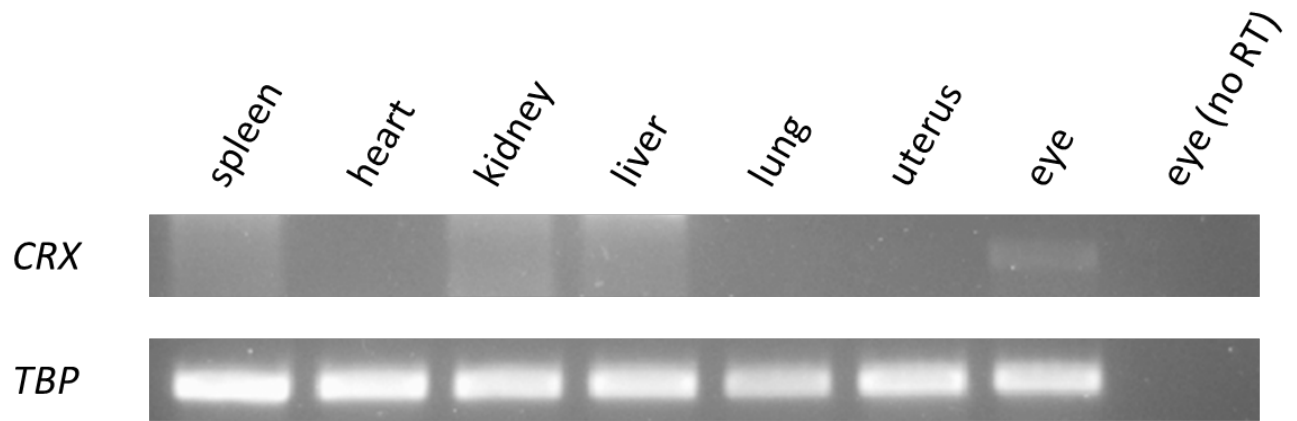
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Homeodomains of mouse ETCHbox genes do not show compensatory changes for the amino acids which are lost in eutherian *CRX* homeodomain (black boxes). H = Human *CRX*, O = Opossum *CRX*.



D

Reverse-Transcriptase PCR for *CRX* expression in fat-tailed dunnart adult tissues.

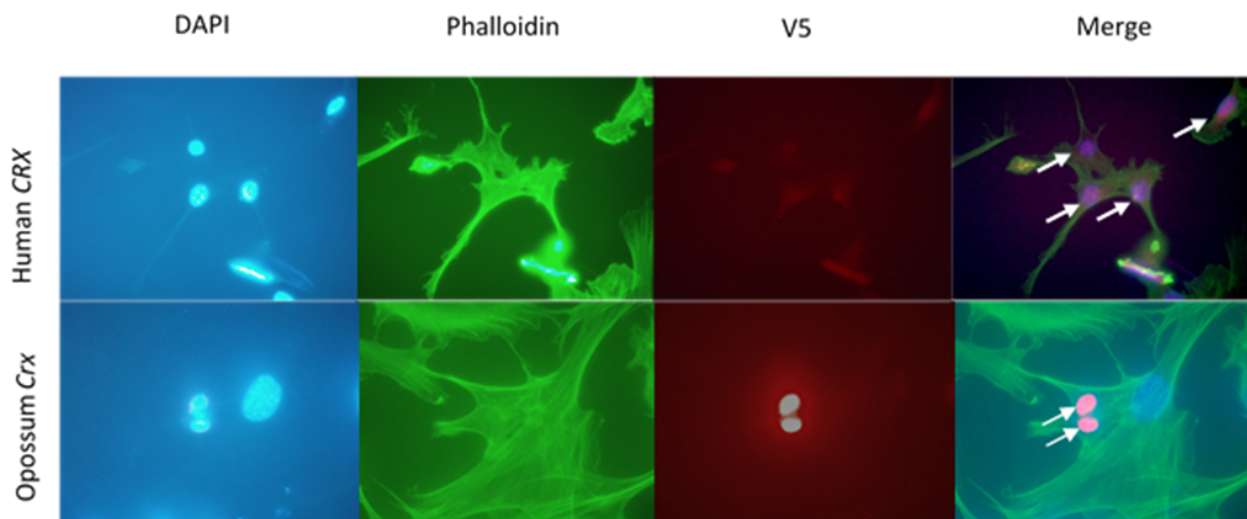


E

Metatherian and eutherian CRXectopic expression in MEFs is localised to the nucleus

The Opossum (*Monodelphis domestica*) is often used as a tool for investigating the evolution of mammals as it is thought to possess ancestral characteristics of the early metatherians. In order to study the role of *Crx* in regulating the transcriptome, and whether there is any distinction between the effect of metatherian and eutherian *Crx*, we ectopically expressed either *Monodelphis domestica* or human *Crx* genes in primary mouse cells and carried out Poly-A RNA-sequencing.

As homeodomain proteins such as *Crx* function as transcription factors, it is important to confirm that the ectopically expressed protein localises to the nucleus. To test this we ectopically expressed a both proteins of interest with a V5 tag in primary MEFs and visualised the cellular localisation of the fusion protein through immunostaining against the tag. It is particularly important in this case to confirm the sub-cellular protein localisation following over-expression as we are studying genes in the cells of a foreign species meaning it cannot necessarily be assumed that modifications and mechanisms that confer nuclear localisation are transferable between species. The evident nuclear localisation of both proteins in a heterologous system implies that the assumed *in vivo* function may be recapitulated in our experimental system.



F

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