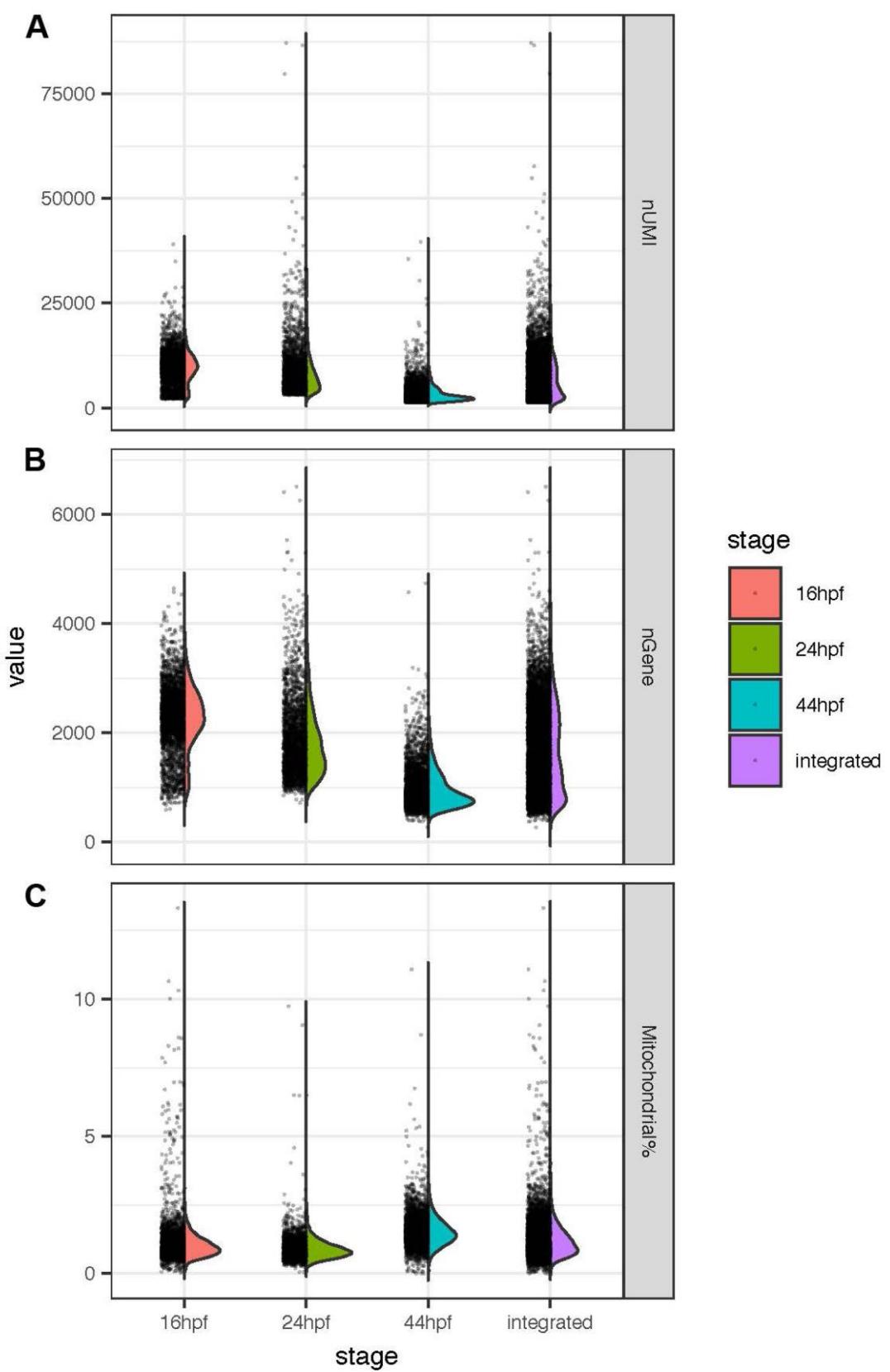


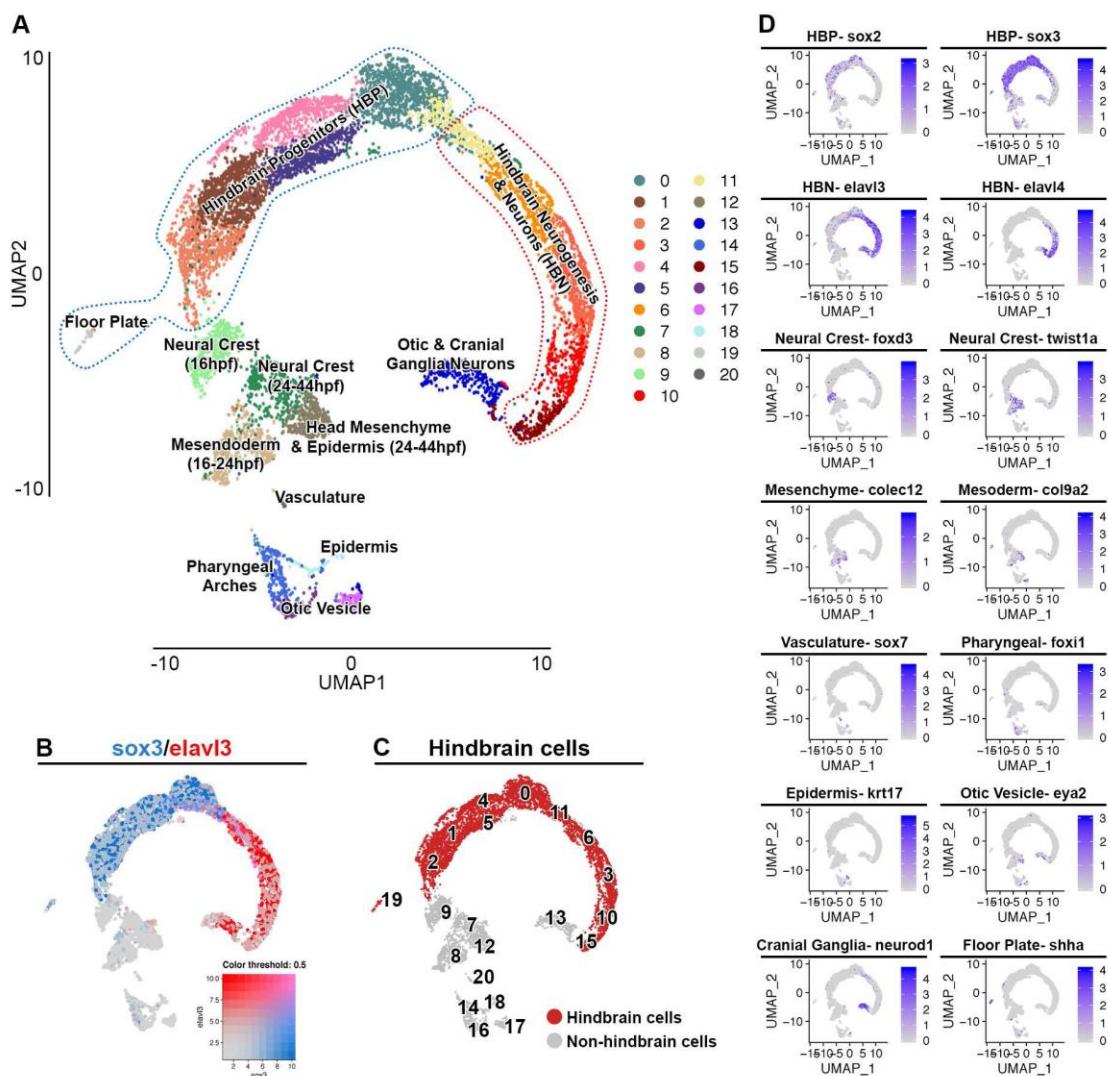
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**Figure S1. Quality Control matrix.**

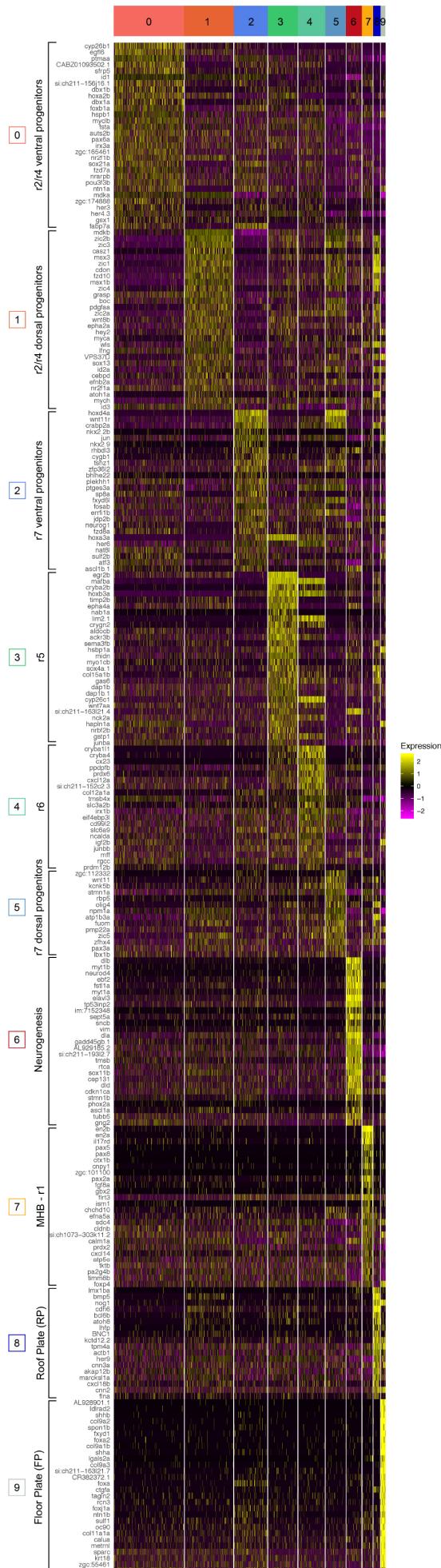
(A) Distribution of number of Unique Molecular Identifiers (UMIs), (B) number of genes per cell (nGene), and (C) percentage of mitochondrial reads are shown for 16 hpf (pink), 24 hpf (green), 44 hpf (blue) and the aggregated data set (violet).

**Fig.S2****Figure S2. Mapping of the hindbrain and surrounding tissues.**

(A) UMAP representation of the aggregated data (16 hpf, 24 hpf and 44 hpf), where the clustering of cells depicts their transcriptional similarity. (B) UMAP plot showing the expression distribution of *sox3* (blue) and *elavl3* (red). (C) High levels of *sox3* and/or *elavl3* expression demarcate the hindbrain territory. Cluster identity (A) was defined based on expression of known marker genes (*sox2*, *sox3* = hindbrain progenitors HBP; *elavl3*, *elavl4* = hindbrain neurons HBN; *foxd3*, *twis1* = neural crest; *colec12* = head mesenchyme; *col9a2* = mesoderm; *sox7* = vasculature; *foxi1* = pharyngeal arches; *krt17* = epidermis; *eya2* = otic vesicle; *neurod1* = cranial ganglia; *shha* = floor plate) (D). Colour intensity is proportional to the expression level of a given gene.

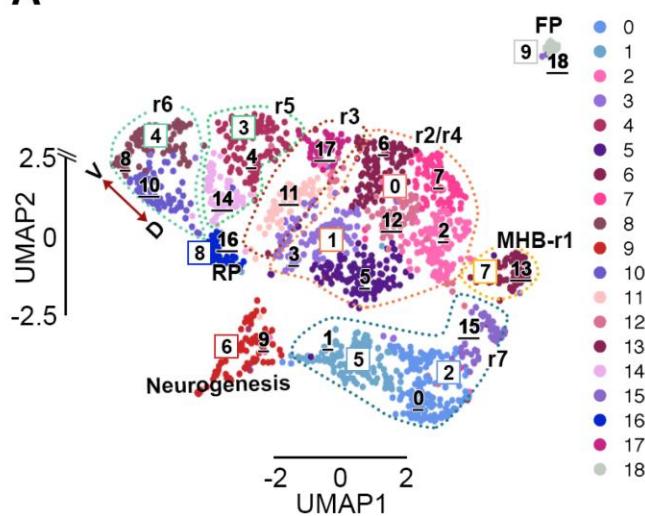
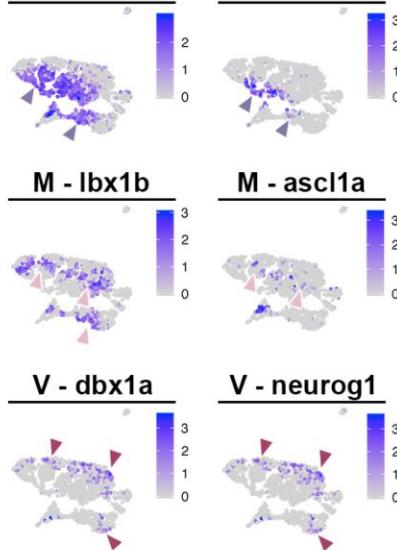
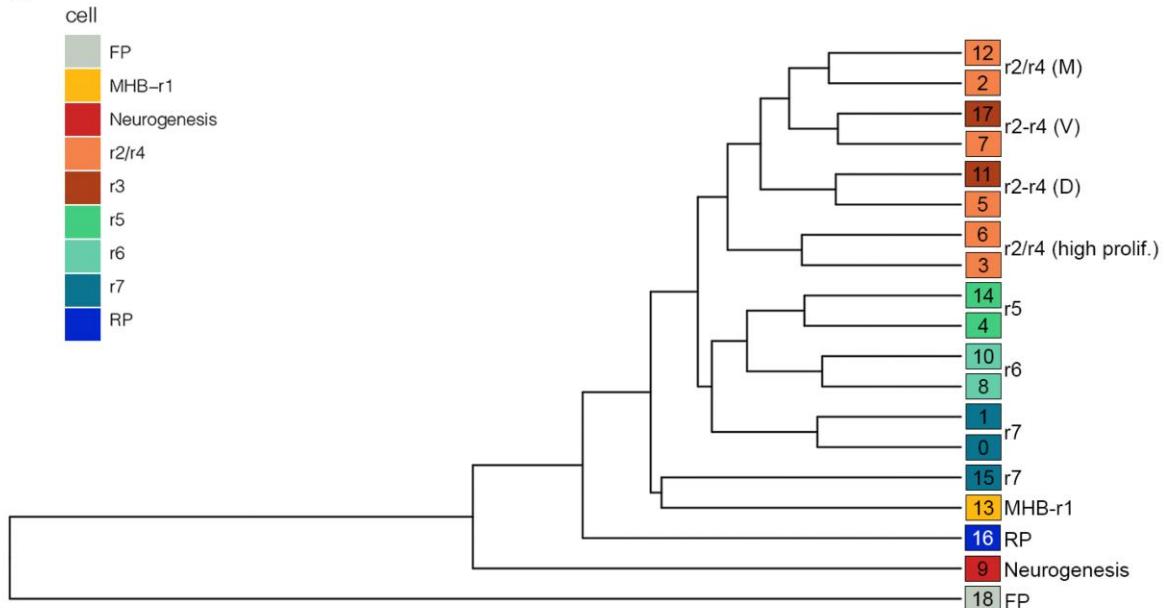
**Fig.S3**

### 16hpf Heatmap of top 30 enriched genes per cluster



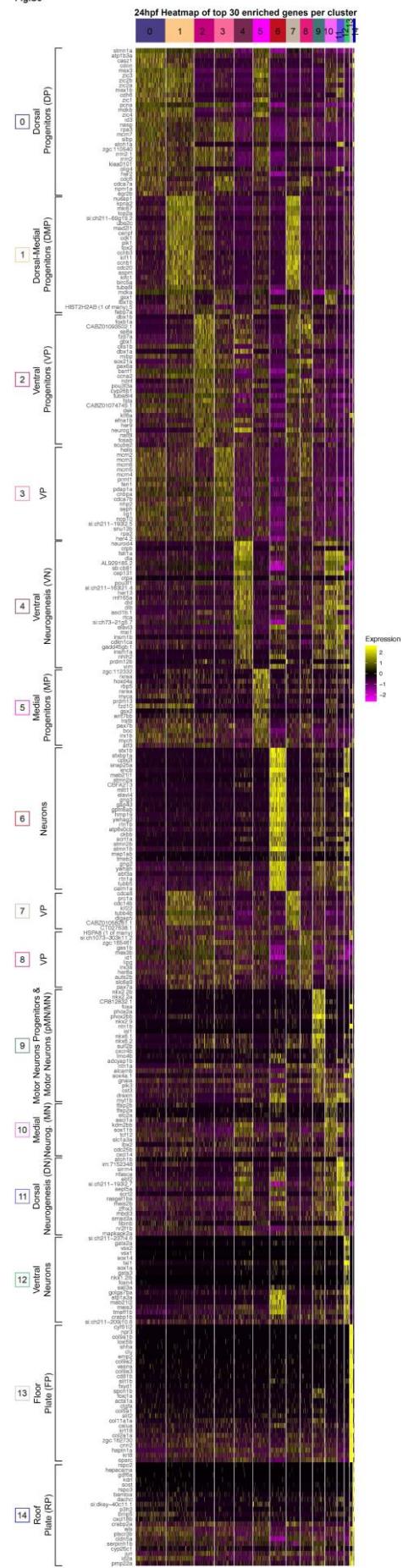
**Figure S3. Heatmap of the top 30 significant markers per cluster at 16 hpf.**

Full heatmap of the top 30 significant markers per cluster, if available, at 16 hpf.

**Fig.S4****A****B** D - *zic2b***C****Figure S4. Subclustering of 16 hpfs hindbrain.**

(A) Higher resolution analysis of the 16 hpfs hindbrain cells identifies 19 clusters. Dorsal, medial and ventral progenitors are separated in distinct clusters along the anterior-posterior axis. Clusters identified in Fig. 2A are overlaid to visualize rhombomere identity. r3 is now separated from r2/r4, and multiple clusters appear in the r2/r4 domain. UMAP2 (y-axis) is discontinuous. (B) Dorsal (*zic2b*, *atoh1a*), medial (*lhx1b*, *ascl1a*) and ventral (*dbx1a*, *neurog1*) gene expression domains are reported. Colour intensity is proportional to the expression level of a given gene. (C) Analysis with PlotClusterTree in Seurat to reveal the transcriptomic similarities between clusters. Cluster identity in (A) and (C) are colour coded as indicated.

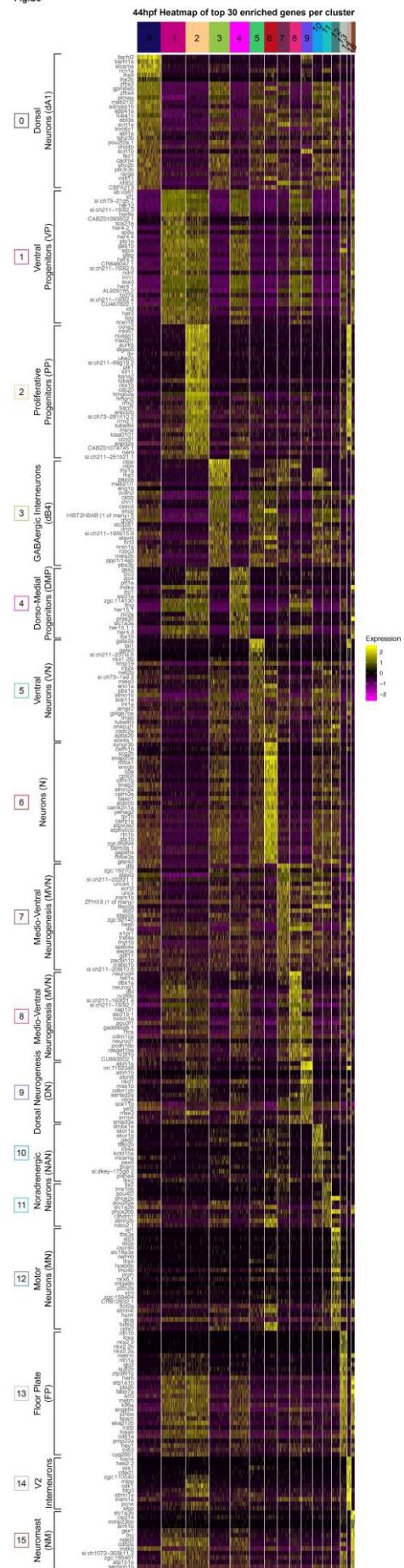
**Fig.S5**



**Figure S5. Heatmap of the top 30 significant markers per cluster at 24 hpf.**

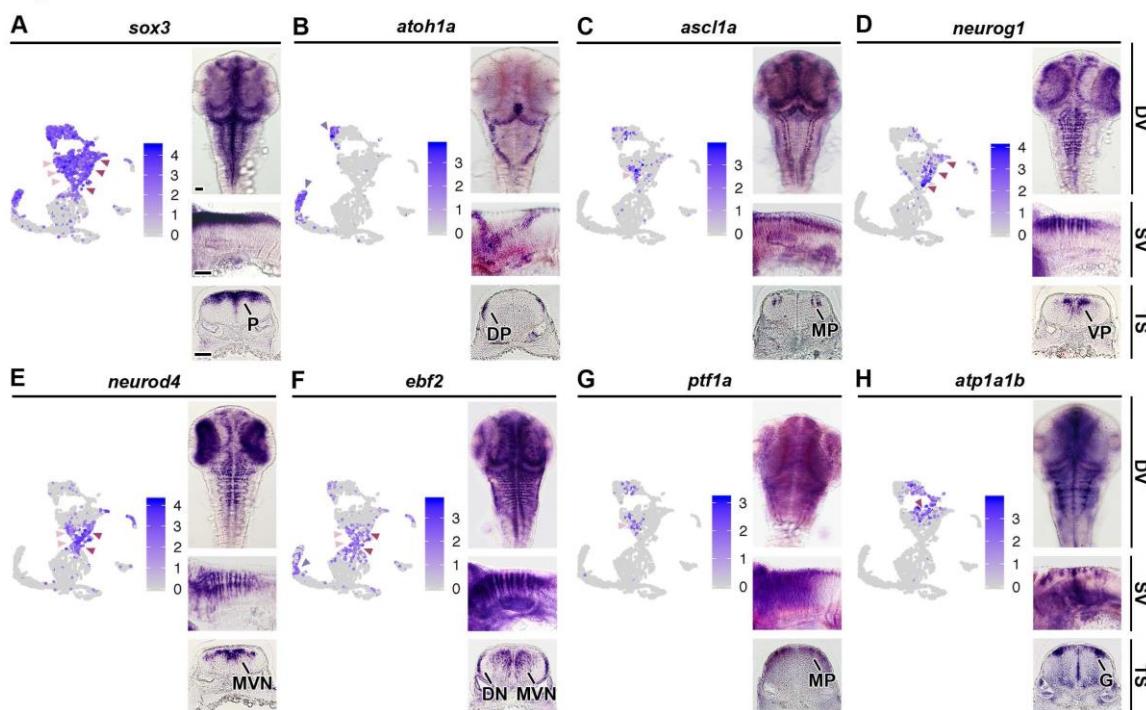
Full heatmap of the top 30 significant markers per cluster, if available, at 24 hpf.

Fig.S6



**Figure S6. Heatmap of the top 30 significant markers per cluster at 44 hpf.**

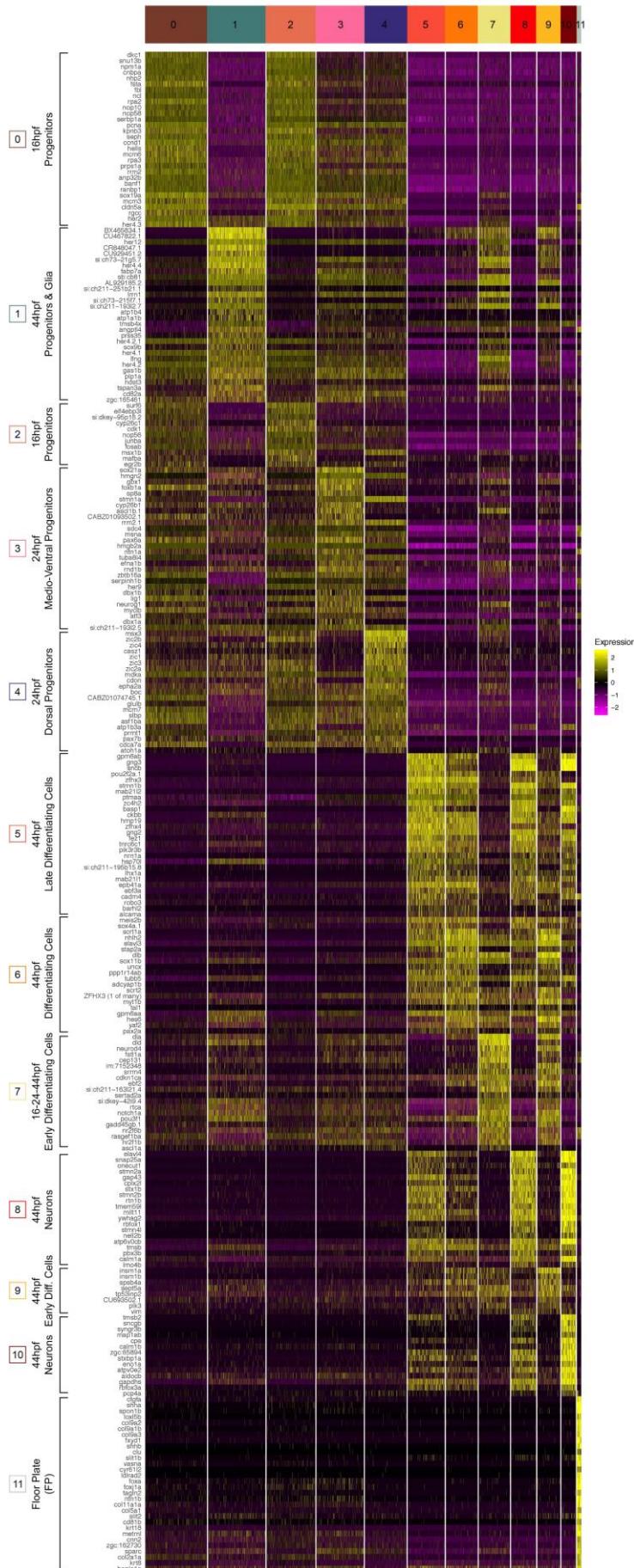
Full heatmap of the top 30 significant markers per cluster, if available, at 44 hpf.

**Fig.S7****Figure S7. Selected expression patterns of progenitors and differentiation factors at 44 hpf.**

Progenitor marker *sox3* (A) is widely expressed in the ventricular zone. Proneural genes *atoh1a* (B), *ascl1a* (C) and *neurog1* (D) are differentially expressed along the D-V axis at 44 hpf, similarly to their distribution at 24 hpf. *neurod4* (E) is found in medio-ventral differentiating progenitors, *ebf2* (F) has an expression domain resembling *neurod4*, and also expressed in some differentiated neurons, while *ptf1a* (G) is found medially in differentiating cells. *atp1a1b* is a newly identified marker of glial cells (H). For each gene the UMAP plot shows gene expression from the 44 hpf scRNA-seq data; colour intensity is proportional to the expression level of a given gene. In situ hybridization images are shown for dorsal view (DV), side view (SV) and transverse section (TS) at the level of r4-r5/r5-r6. scRNA-seq and in situ hybridization expression patterns strongly correlate. P = Progenitors, DP = Dorsal Progenitors, MP = Medial Progenitors, VP = Ventral Progenitors, MVN = Medio-Ventral Neurogenesis, DN = Dorsal Neurogenesis, G = Glia.

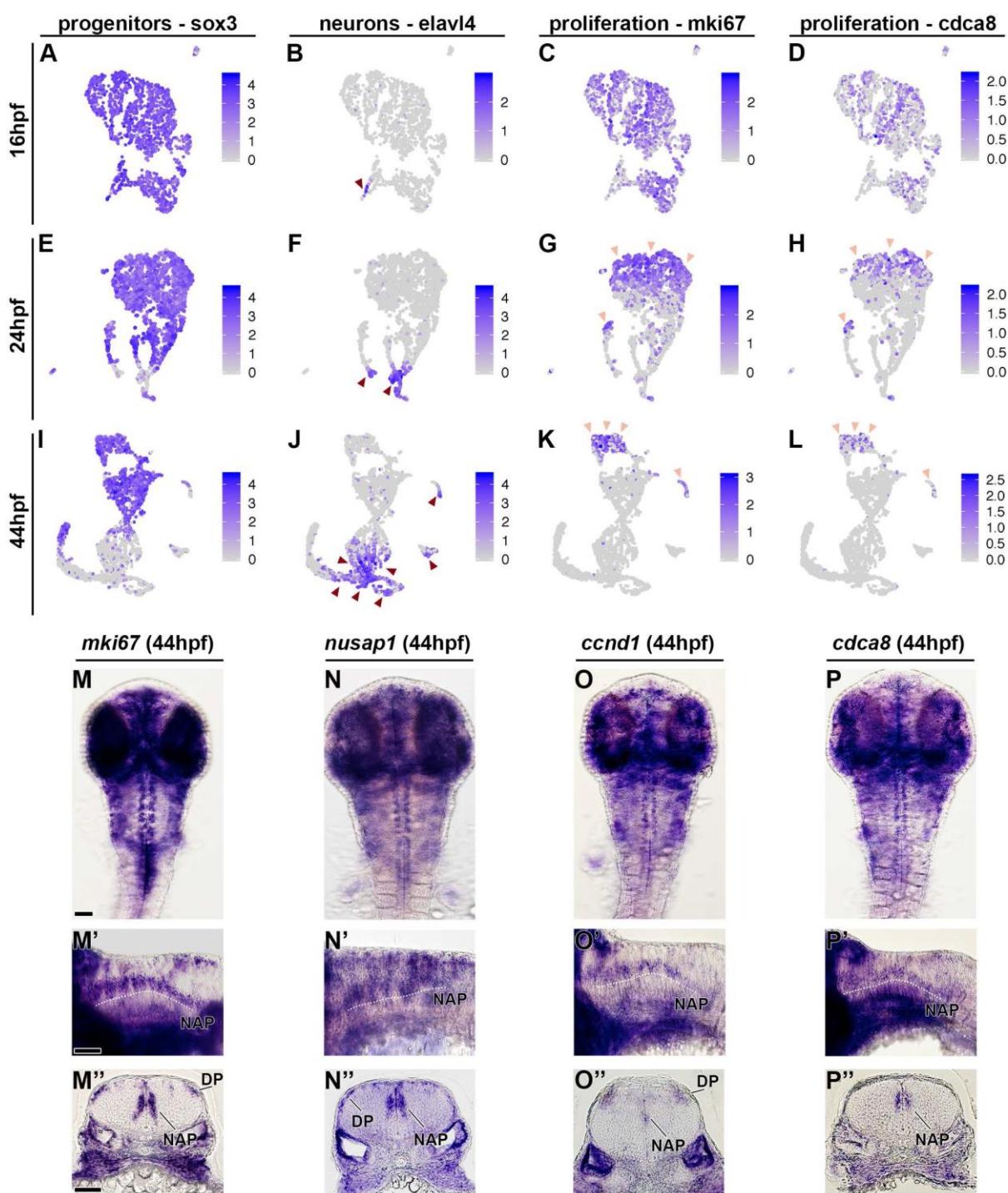
Fig.S8

### Aggregate Heatmap of top 30 enriched genes per cluster



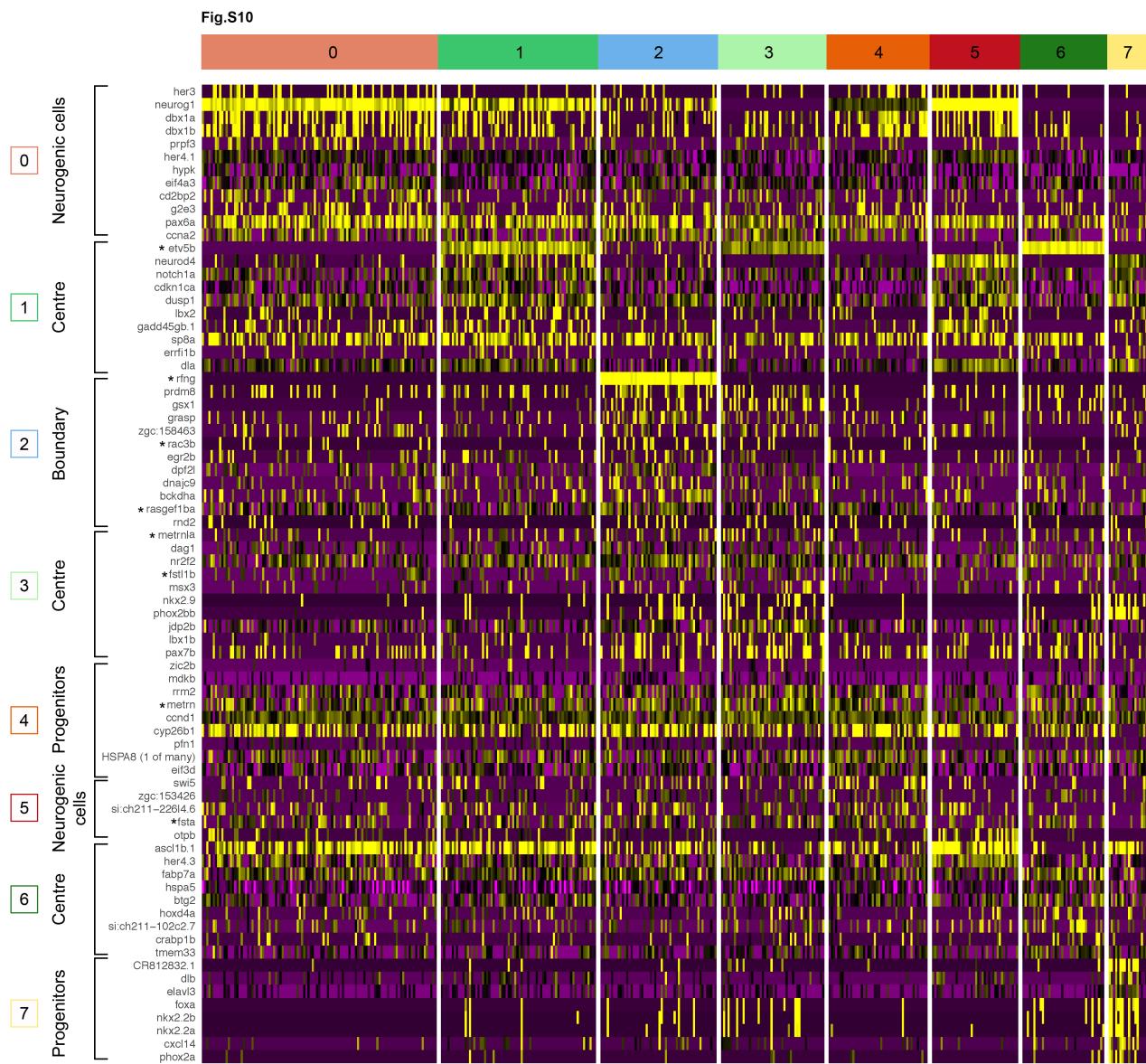
**Figure S8. Heatmap of the top 30 significant markers per cluster for the aggregate data set.**

Full heatmap of the top 30 significant markers per cluster, if available, for the aggregate data set.

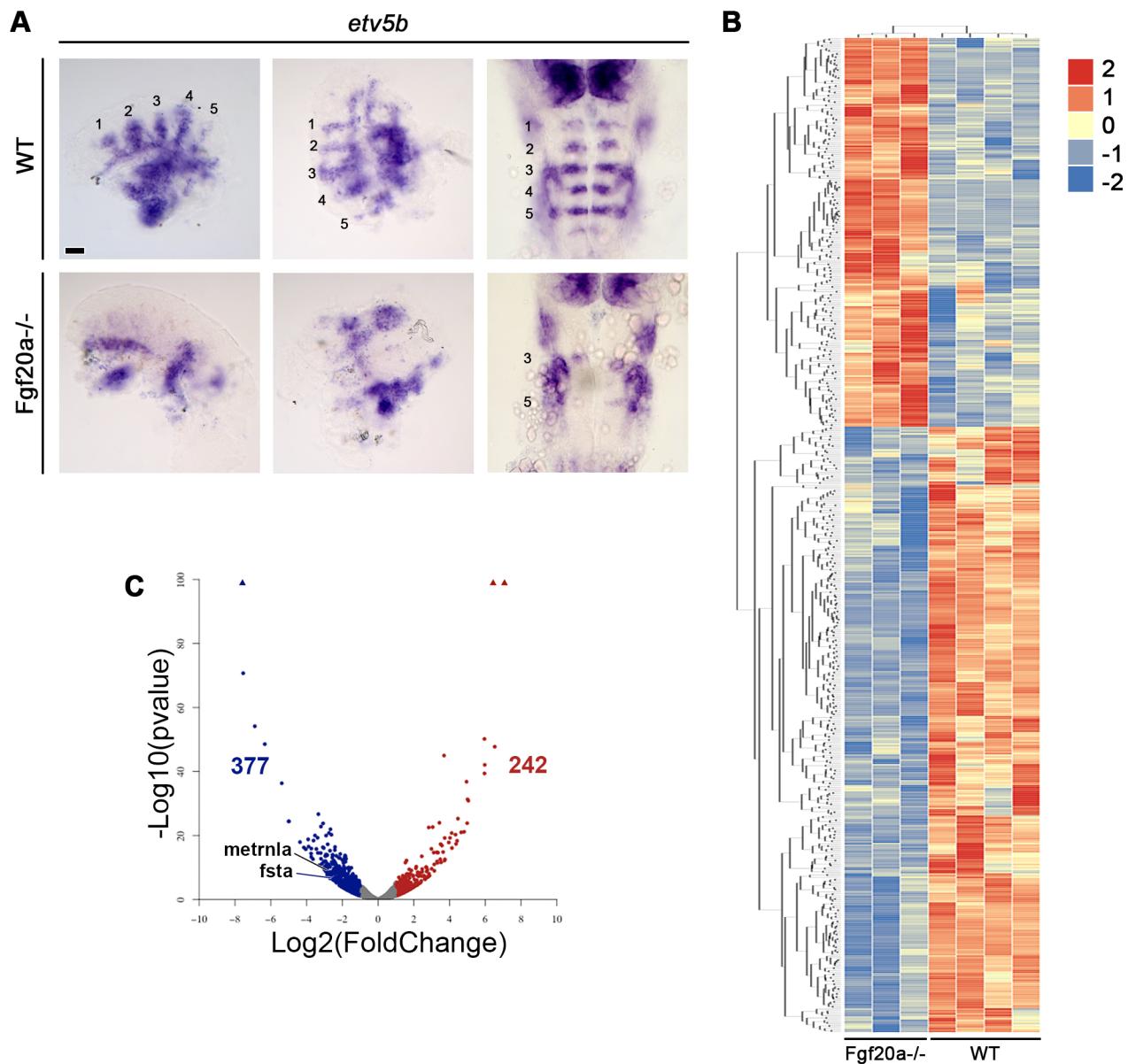
**Fig.S9****Figure S9. Progenitor, neurogenesis and proliferation gene expression at different stages.**

For each gene, the UMAP plot shows gene expression from 16 hpf (A-D), 24 hpf (E-H) and 44 hpf (I-L) scRNA-seq data. Progenitor cells are marked by *sox3* expression (A, E, I), neurogenesis by *elavl4* (B, F, J) and proliferation by *mki67* (C, G, K) and *cdca8* (D, H, L). Whole mount in situ hybridization at 44 hpf of *mki67* (M), *nusap1* (N), *ccnd1* (O) and *cdca8*

(P). Dorsal view (M-P), side view (M'-P') and 40 µm hindbrain transverse section at the level of r4-r5/r5-r6 (M''-P''). Scale bar: 50 µm.



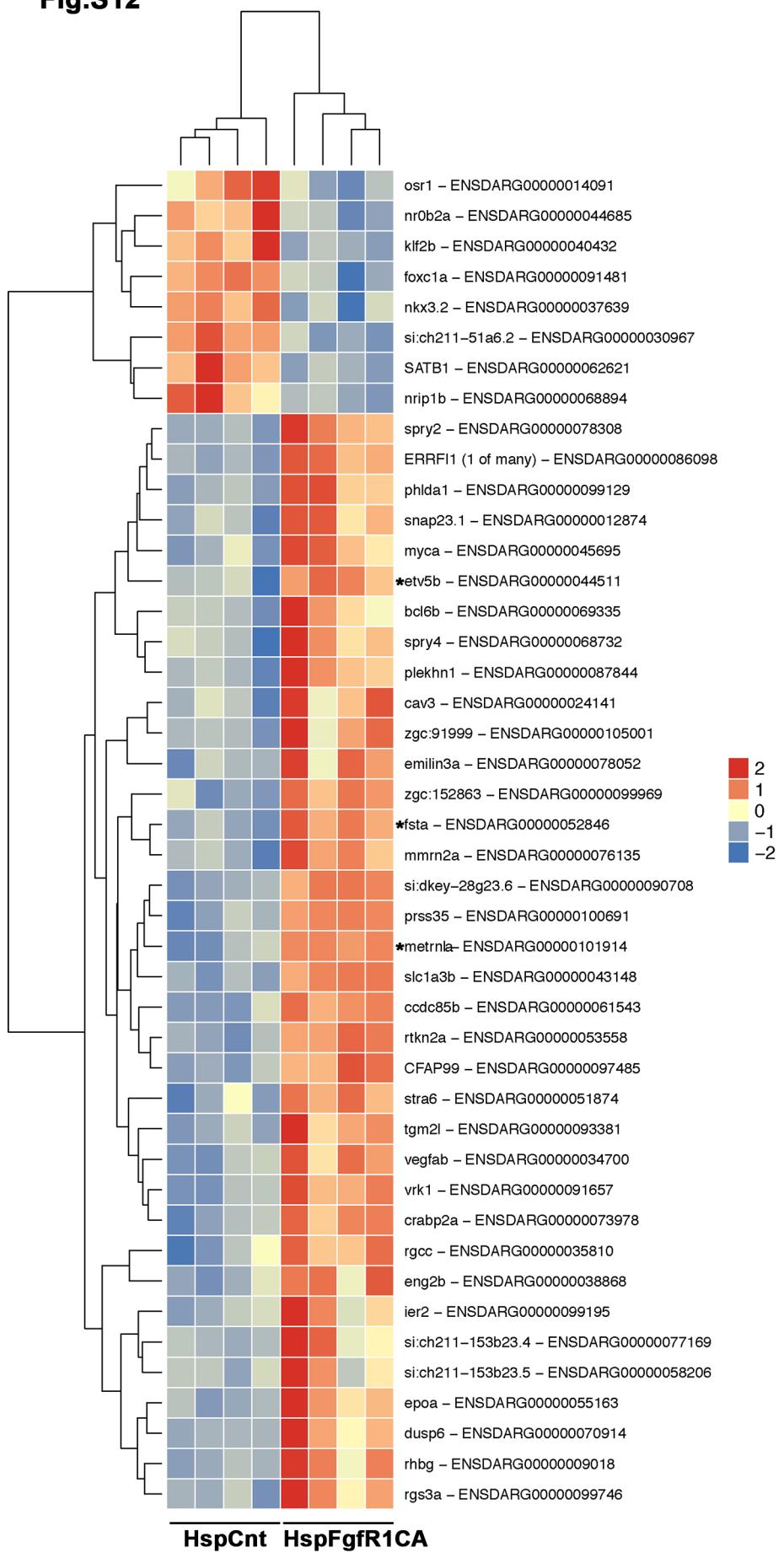
**Figure S10. Selected top markers for 24 hpf boundary and centre supervised analysis.**  
 Heatmap of selected markers ( $pval < 0.1$ ,  $\log_{10}fc > 0.1$ , detected at a minimum fraction of 20% of tested cells) of the supervised clustering analysis done on 24 hpf ventral progenitors (VP). Validated and known makers of boundary and rhombomere centre cells are highlighted with an asterisk.

**Fig.S11**

**Figure S11. *Fgf20a*<sup>-/-</sup> bulk RNA-seq identifies *metrnl* and *fsta* as new *Fgf20* targets in the hindbrain.**

(A) Examples of *etv5b* expression in dissected hindbrain for wild-type (WT) and *fgf20a*<sup>-/-</sup> 24 hpf embryos. Five stripes of segment centre expression occur in WT embryos, together with otic vesicle and cranial ganglia expression domains. In *fgf20a*<sup>-/-</sup> embryos only weak r3 and r5 stripes are present, while otic vesicle and cranial ganglia expression domains are unaffected. Representative whole embryos are also shown. Strong expression in domains outside the hindbrain probably masks changes in the hindbrain (e.g. *etv5b*). Scale bar: 50  $\mu$ m. (B) Heatmap showing RNA-seq expression levels of significantly differentially expressed genes between 4 WT and 3 *fgf20a*<sup>-/-</sup> dissected tissues. Hierarchical clustering groups the WT tissues and the mutants in separate clusters, suggesting genome wide

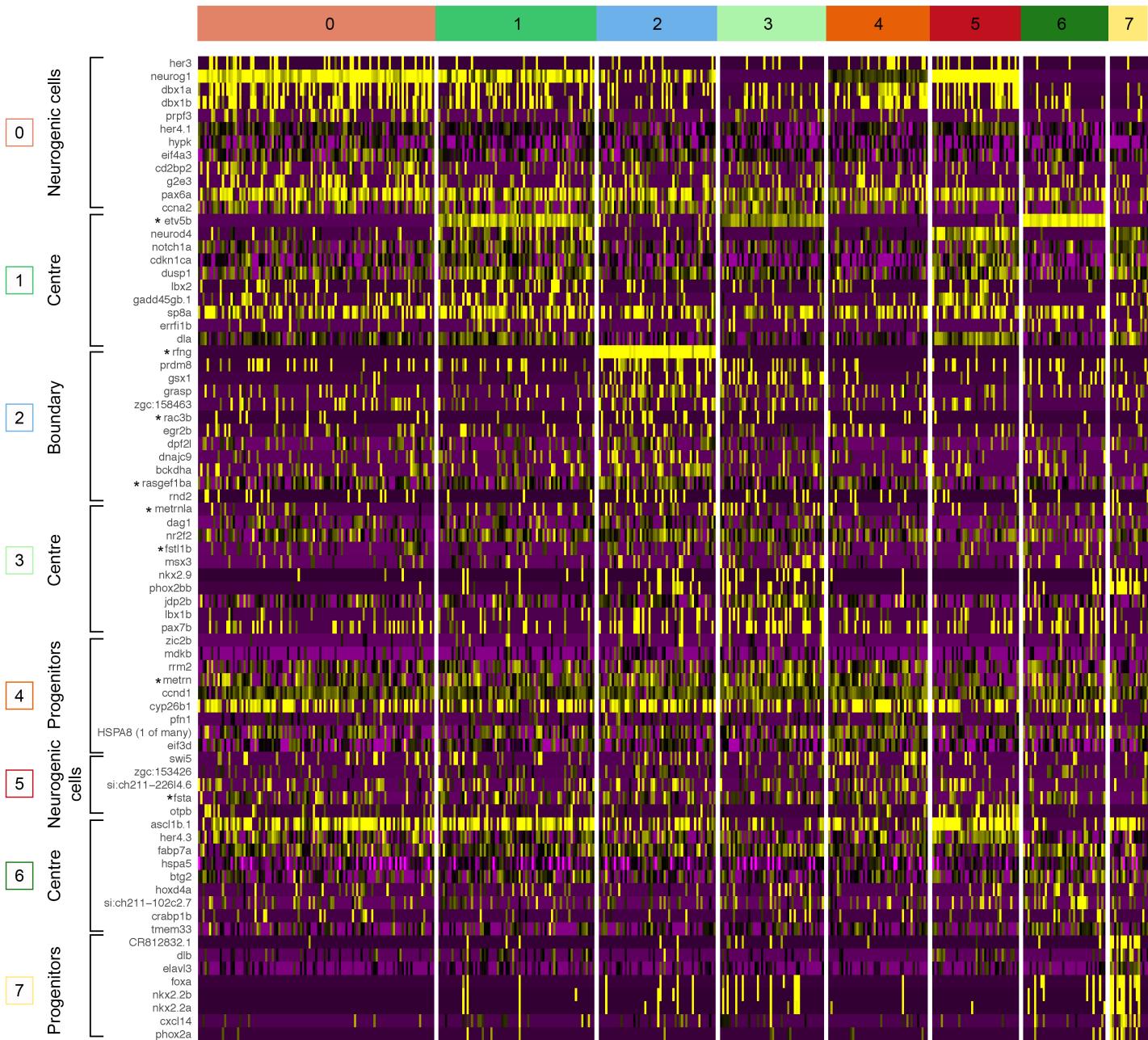
similarities in dissected samples of the same genotype. Colour scale depicts low to high expression in blue to red shades, respectively. (C) Volcano plot shows 377 significantly downregulated genes in blue and 242 upregulated in red. *metrnl* and *fstn* are among the downregulated factors. Grey dots are non-significant genes, x-axis Log2(Fold Change) and y-axis -Log10(pvalue).

**Fig.S12**

**Figure S12. Constitutive activation of FgfR1 ectopically induces *etv5b*, *metrnl* and *fsta* expression.**

Heatmap shows RNA-seq expression levels of significantly differentially expressed genes between 4 heat shocked controls (HspCnt) and 4 heat shocked constitutive active FgfR1 (HspFgfR1CA) dissected tissues. Hierarchical clustering groups the 4 HspCnt tissues and the 4 HspFgfR1CA in separate clusters, suggesting genome wide similarities in dissected samples of the same genotype. Colours scale depicts low to high expression in blue to red shades, respectively. 8 genes are significantly downregulated in HspFgfR1CA, while 36 are upregulated. Among the upregulated genes, known Fgf signaling targets are found (e.g. *spry2*, *spry4* and *etv5b*) and in addition *metrnl* and *fsta* are found that are expressed in hindbrain segment centres.

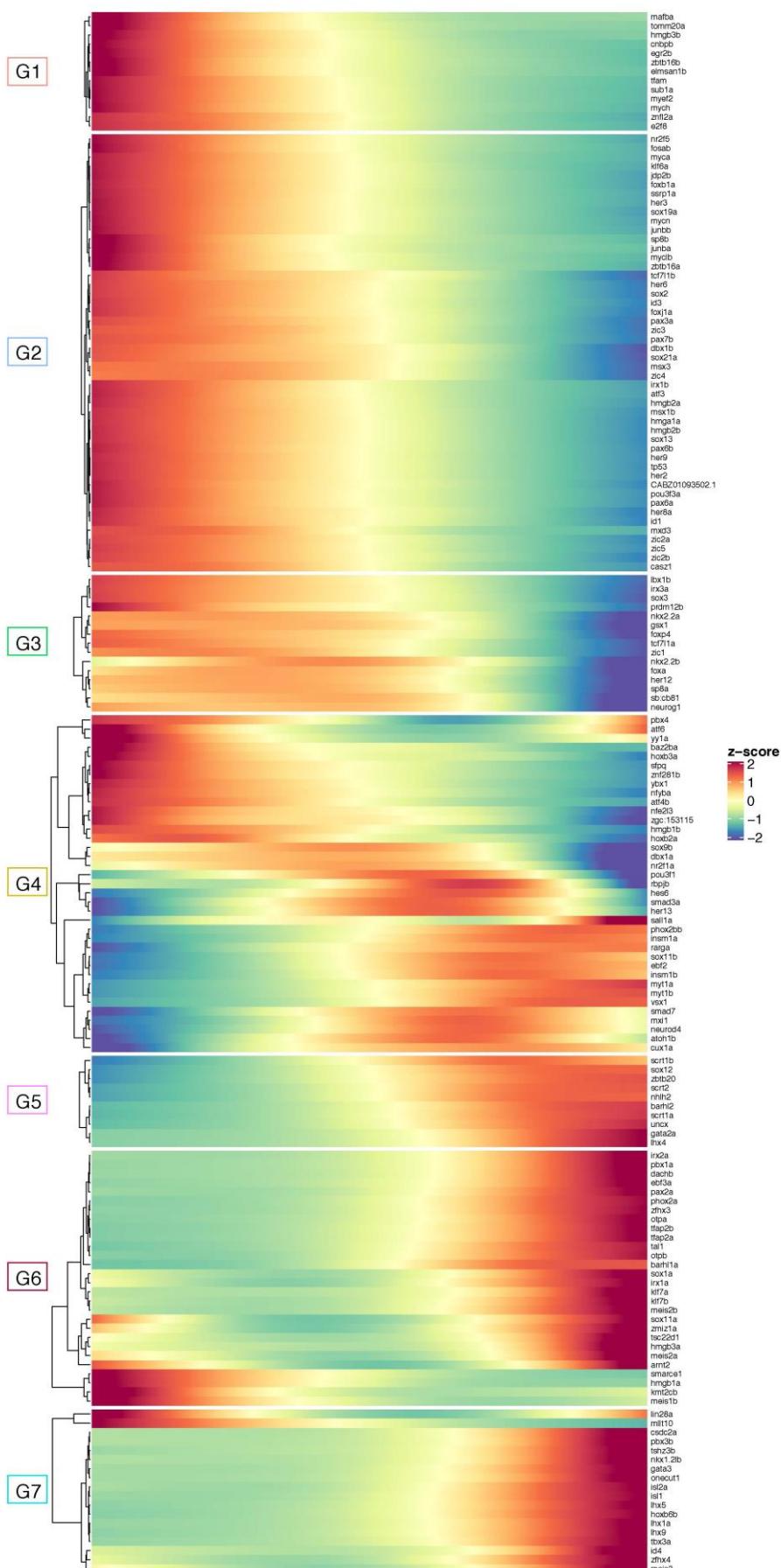
**Fig. S13**



**Figure S13. Heatmap of the top 15 significant markers per cluster for 44 hpf centre progenitors supervised analysis.**

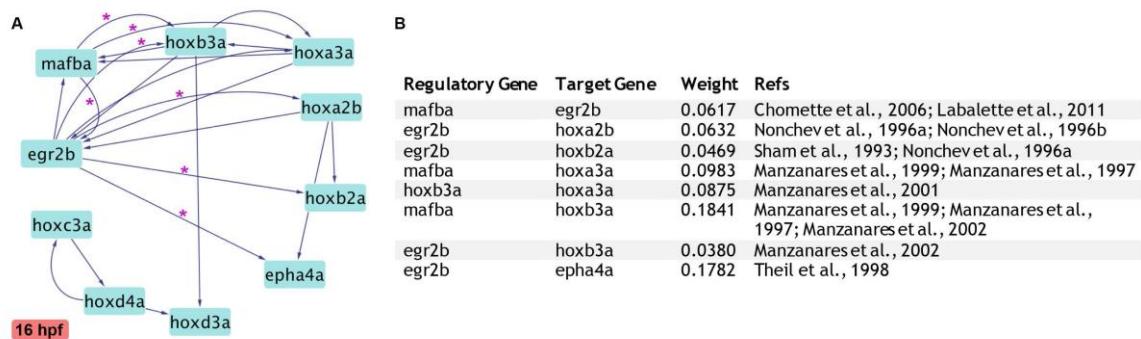
Full heatmap of the top 15 significant markers per cluster, if available, for 44 hpf centre progenitors supervised analysis.

Fig.S14



**Figure S14. Heatmap of selected transcription factors changing with pseudotime.**

Full heatmap of selected transcription factors changing along the pseudo-temporal axis.

**Fig.S15****Figure S15. Known interactions retrieved with Genie3 at 16 hpf.**

(A) Interaction among *egr2b* (*krox20*), *hox* genes (*hoxa2b*, *hoxb2a*, *hoxa3a*, *hoxb3a*, *hoxc3a*, *hoxd3a*, *hoxd4a*) and *mafba* from the predicted gene regulatory network. \* marks known interaction that have been validated in vivo. (B) Table summarizing the retrieved known interactions with relative weight predicted by Genie3 interaction and references of the correspondent in vivo validations.

## SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

### Table S1. Hindbrain cells.

Spreadsheet containing the names of cells considered to be hindbrain on the basis of marker gene expression.

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### Table S2. Expression pattern summary.

[Spreadsheet 1](#) - Table S2.1. Expression pattern summary of selected genes differentially expressed at 16 hpf.

[Spreadsheet 2](#) - Table S2.2. Expression pattern summary of selected genes differentially expressed at 24 hpf.

[Spreadsheet 3](#) - Table S2.3. Expression pattern summary of selected genes differentially expressed at 44 hpf.

[Spreadsheet 4](#) - Table S2.4. Expression pattern summary of selected genes differentially expressed in the Aggregate data set.

[Spreadsheet 5](#) - Table S2.5. Expression pattern summary of differentially expressed genes between boundary and centre progenitors at 24 hpf.

[Spreadsheet 6](#) - Table S2.6. Expression pattern summary of enriched genes in centre progenitors at 44 hpf.

References are listed below.

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### Table S3. Differential expression of significant genes between wild-type and Fgf20a-/-.

Bulk RNA-seq analysis of 4 wild-type (WT) and 3 Fgf20a-/- dissected hindbrain tissues.

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**Table 4. Differential expression of significant genes between heat shock controls and HspFgfR1CA.**

Bulk RNA-seq analysis of 4 heat shock control (HspCnt) and 4 heat shock constitutive active FgfR1 (HspCAFgfR1) dissected hindbrain tissues.

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**Table S5. GENIE3 predicted interactions (IM>0.025)**

Genie3 table of interactions presenting regulatoryGene, targetGene and weight of the interaction (IM>=0.025).

[Spreadsheet 1](#) - Table S5.1. Predicted interaction at 16hpf

[Spreadsheet 2](#) - Table S5.2. Predicted interaction at 24hpf

[Spreadsheet 3](#) - Table S5.3. Predicted interaction at 44hpf

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**Table S6. Primer sequences for antisense probe generation**

Gene	Primer sequences 5' to 3'
<i>atoh1a</i>	Fw CCAACGTCGTGCAGAAA Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgAACCCATTACAAAGCCCAGATA
<i>ascl1a</i>	Fw CAAAGAGCCAAGGGACTAAGAG Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgCCCAGCATTGTAAAGGCAAAG
<i>barhl2</i>	Fw GCCACCTCCTCCTTCTAATC Fw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgGCTGTCCACGGTTCTAATAA
<i>otp b</i>	Fw CTCACGGGCTCATACAACATT Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgGACGCAGGTGTCAACAATTAG
<i>tal1</i>	Fw GCGGAACAGTATGGGATGTAT Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgCTGGAATGGTAGTCCTCTTG
<i>cldn5a</i>	Fw AGCAGACAACCTGACCAAAG Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgTGGCACAAAGCACGAAGAT
<i>fsl1a</i>	Fw CCGCCGTACCATTGAGAAA Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgAGCAGTGTGGTCATCCTTAC
<i>mki67</i>	Fw AGCCAGAAGATGCCAAACTTA Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgGGACTACCTCACAGCACTAAAC
<i>fabp7a</i>	Fw GCAATGTTACCAAACCCACAAT Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgACAAAGGCAGGCCTCAATAA
<i>atp1b4</i>	Fw GCCATGTTGCTGGTTGTATG Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgGTGTCGTGTTGGACGTTAAGA
<i>CU929451.2</i>	Fw TGCCTCAGCAGTGTCTAAAG Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgTCAGACACATTGGTAGCTTCA
<i>rac3b</i>	Fw CAATGTGATGGTGGATGGTAAAC Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgACCAACCTGTGAGAGTAGTA
<i>fsl1b</i>	Fw CAGTCCAGTCGTGTGTTATGT Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgTGTGCTGGCTTCATCTTCTC
<i>fsta</i>	Fw CTGTGGCCTGGAAAGAGATG Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgGACTCATCTTGCATCCCATAAAC
<i>plp1a</i>	Fw ATGCTCTGCCTTCAGCTTATC Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgCATGGAAACCAACCCCTCTAC
<i>her4.4</i>	Fw CCGCCGTACCATTGAGAAA Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgAGCAGTGTGGTCATCCTTAC
<i>rtca</i>	Fw GCTGAAATGGCACCTCAAATAG Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgCCTGTTCGCATTCTGGATGTA
<i>dusp1</i>	Fw CTGAGGTGATCTGCCAGTATT Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgGACAATCCCTGAGCAACCTATAA
<i>zbtb18</i>	Fw ATCCACCTCAGCACACATT Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgCCCACCTTACCTCACCTTTC
<i>ebf2</i>	Fw GTCATGGGTCTCAGCTTTATC Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgTGGCAACCTCCTCACAATC
<i>atp1a1b</i>	Fw GACCATCCCCTCACTGCTAAA Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgCCTCGTACGCCAGAGAAATAG
<i>ptf1a</i>	Fw CACAGGCTTAGACTCTTCTCC Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgCCCGTAGTCTGGGTCTTTG
<i>prdm8</i>	Fw TCGCTCCTTGTGGACTAATG Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgCTGGCTCTGTTGGTTGATTG
<i>nusap1</i>	Fw AACTGTCCTCACCAACCAATAAA Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgGACAAACGAGACGAAAGCTAAAC
<i>ccnd1</i>	Fw CGAGCTCCAGCTTCTTACTT Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgGCCAGATCCCACCTCAGTTTAT
<i>Cdc8a</i>	Fw CACCGCTGAAGTCTACAATGA Rw gaaatTAATACGACTCACTATAAGgGACGGGTACAGCACAAGAATA

**Table S7. qPCR primers**

Gene	Primer sequences 5' to 3'	Species	Marker Region
$\beta$ -Actin	Fw CGAGCTGTCTCCCATCCA Rw TCACCAACGTAGCTGTCTTT	Zebrafish	Housekeeping gene
<i>otx2</i>	Fw CAAGCAACCACCTTACACGG Rw TCGTCTCTGCTTCGAGGAG	Zebrafish	Anterior head
<i>egr2b</i> ( <i>krox20</i> )	Fw GGACATTACGAGCAGATAAACG Rw CTGCTGGAGTAGGCTAAGTCG	Zebrafish	Hindbrain
<i>mafba</i>	Fw AGCGTTGATGGATACAGGG Rw TGGTGTTGATGGTGTGATGGTG	Zebrafish	Hindbrain
<i>hoxb2a</i>	Fw CAGAGATTCAAGGTGGACTCG Rw AGTAGCTGCGTGTGGTATAC	Zebrafish	Hindbrain
<i>etv5b</i>	Fw CTCTTCAAGACCTCAGCCAG Rw GCTCATCTCCCTCTTATTTCG	Zebrafish	Hindbrain, FGF readout
<i>hoxb6a</i>	Fw GGGAAAAGCATCTACCCCTGA Rw CGACCAGCGTTACCGAAG	Zebrafish	Spinal Cord
<i>xFgfR1</i>	Fw CTGCTCTATCAGTTGCCCG Rw CCCAGTTGATGCTCTGAACA	Xenopus	Heat Shock Tg(hsp70:ca-fgfr1)

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