

## Appendix: Genes Implicated by Expression Analysis to be Involved in Successful CNS Axon Regeneration:

### Cellular Functions, Time of Differential Expression, and Key References

#### 1. Inflammatory Response and Wound Healing – functions in regulating inflammation, cell death/survival, stress and innate immune responses, wound healing, and microglial/myeloid cell activity

**Summary:** This was largest DESR gene category, comprising functions related to regulating inflammation, innate immunity, wound healing, and cell survival responses, as well as tissue repair and regeneration. It totaled 50%, 22%, and 60% of all DESR genes at the early, middle, and late time points, respectively. Inflammation is crucial for initiating and maintaining pro-regenerative responses to injury [16], but because inflammation also damages tissues, distinguishing inflammation-related pro-regenerative genes from those detrimental to recovery has proved challenging in mammalian studies. These genes can provide insights into which are likely pro-regenerative vs. detrimental by comparing those that were up-regulated under the two regenerative conditions vs. those that were downregulated, respectively. At 3 days, DESR genes were dominated by increased expression of genes typically considered pro-inflammatory (*leptin*, *C9*, *ecm1*, *ddit3*), along with genes associated with increased activity and tissue penetrance of macrophages (*ceacam8*, *efemp1* *epx*), and activation of JAK/STAT signaling through cytokine receptors (*mmp2*, *mmp13*, *socs3*). The two down-regulated DESR genes at 3 days were a cytokeratin associated with wound sites in mammals (*krt6a*) and a pro-inflammatory, calcium-binding protein secreted by macrophages (*ocm2*). At the peak phase of regenerative axon outgrowth, there were nine up-regulated pro-inflammatory genes [two holdovers from 3 days (*leptin*, *C9*) and 7 new ones (*ubclp1*, *hbe1*, *gng7* *tmem2*, *fcr14*, *lgals8*, *mst1*)], plus 32 genes that have been previously associated with promoting cell survival, tissue repair and regeneration, with dampening inflammation, and with mediating a stress response. Eight additional up-regulated genes were associated with myeloid cell activities, including three that were known to promote the transition from pro-inflammatory M1 to repair-promoting M2 macrophages (*lta4h*, *hmox1*, *mmp28*). Conversely, the down-regulated DESR genes at this time included ten genes previously associated with exacerbation of inflammation, cell death, and scar formation (e.g., *enpp2*, *znf395*, *cal14a1*), along with six genes associated with oxidative stress (*scara3*, *higd1c*), myeloid cell activity (*ms4a4a*, *rasgrp3*) and maintaining the blood-brain barrier (*mxra8*), plus a heat-shock protein (*hspa8*). At the late time point (3 weeks), all nine DESR genes in this category were up-regulated genes previously implicated in protecting cells from detrimental aspects of inflammation and in promoting cellular repair and regeneration (*slc44a2*, *a2m*, *ifr8*, *syt11*, *cfh*, *plat*, *ifitm3*, *mst1*, and *ltf*).

#### **3 days**

##### Up-regulated<sup>1</sup>

##### *Pro-Inflammatory Molecules –*

|                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| C9* <sup>3</sup> | The final component of the complement cascade [172; 198; 257].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| CEACAM8          | Adhesion molecule that increases vascular permeability to promote tissue invasion by macrophages and other myeloid cells [318].                                                                                                                                                                             |
| DDIT3            | (See also Transcription Factors) A C/EBP-related transcription factor that functions primarily as a transcriptional repressor by forming inactive partners with other C/EBP transcription factors; it is regulated by stress factors and is important for the activation of pro-inflammatory signals [239]. |
| EFEMP1           | A membrane protein that promotes macrophage migration [67].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| ECM1             | An activator of the C3 alternative complement cascade [33].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| EPX              | An enzyme that stimulates production and release of hydrogen peroxide and hypohalous acid, which act as macrophage chemoattractants [127; 128].                                                                                                                                                             |
| LEP*             | Cytokine receptor ligand and activator of JAK/STAT signaling [11].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

##### *JAK/STAT-Activated Regulators of Inflammation and Wound Healing –*

|       |                                                                                                     |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MMP2  | A matrix metalloprotease that promotes CNS axon regeneration and axon guidance [204; 240; 256; 309] |
| MMP13 | A matrix metalloprotease that regulates scarring [66]                                               |

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SOCS3\* A negative modulator of JAK/STAT signaling, which also has pro-regenerative effects [[201; 202], and [15] for review].

Down-regulated<sup>2</sup>

*Cytokeratin Associated with Wound Healing –*

KRT6A (See also Cytoskeletal, below) A cytoke­ratin associated with wound sites; in rodents, *krt6a* knockout increases epithelial wound site fragility [320].

*Inflammatory Cell-secreted Factor –*

OCM2 In rodents, oncomodulin stimulates optic axon regeneration [147; 330; 331].

**1 wk/11 days**

Up-regulated

*Pro-Inflammatory Molecules –*

HBE1<sup>4</sup> A major component of embryonic hemoglobins in mammals, with pro-inflammatory properties [86].

LEP\* see LEP at 3 days.

C9\* see C9 at 3 days.

UBLCP1 A ubiquitin-like-domain-containing phosphatase [311].

GNG7 A G-protein that plays a role in CCR3 signaling in eosinophils in stroke [95].

TMEM2 An interferon family member that encodes a hyaluronidase and activates JAK/STAT signaling [348].

FCRL4 A marker for pro-inflammatory B cells [329].

LGALS9 A lectin that promotes tissue invasion by inflammatory myeloid cells [22; 208].

MST1 A Hippo-protein that stimulates macrophages [344; 345].

*Protein Ubiquitination and Turnover – linked to suppressing socs3's anti-regenerative effects [251; 290].*

UBE2D4 A ubiquitin conjugating enzyme E2, also see PSMA4.

UCHL1 A ubiquitin esterase [88]; also see PSMA4.

FBXO2 A component of the neuronal ubiquitinating SCF complex [10].

PSMA4 A component of the proteasome [170; 290].

PSMA3 see PSMA4.

DKFZP686D09174 A proteasomal *psma2* homolog implicated in axon regeneration [87].

PSMB5 see PSMA4.

PSMB7 see PSMA4.

PSMC1 see PSMA4.

PSMC6 see PSMA4.

PSMD12 see PSMA4.

*Chaperones –*

CCT2 A chaperone that promotes folding of actin and tubulin and also plays a role in autophagy [244].

CRYAB A generally neuroprotective, potent inhibitor of inflammation [103].

CRYGB A stimulator of JAK/STAT signaling, macrophage activity, and axon regeneration [68].

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AHSA1 A co-chaperone for HSP90AA1, involved in cellular stress response to MAP-tau aggregates [272].

*Protective Genes that Promote Cell Survival, Tissue Repair and Regeneration –*

FADS1 (See also Lipid Metabolism) A fatty acid desaturase that is directly implicated in down-regulating inflammation [92].

LTF\* A neuroprotective gene in Parkinson's disease [262]; see also 3 wk.

OTOP3 A member of a gene family that suppresses inflammation and promotes tissue repair [308].

ANXA5 Implicated in suppressing inflammation; it is upregulated in amphibian limb regeneration where it inhibits cell death and inflammation [53; 136; 327].

CASP9 Although typically thought of as an initiator of apoptosis, it also plays a role as an activator of axon guidance molecules [230; 233; 282].

CXCR4 A chemokine receptor associated with neuronal stem cell differentiation and axon guidance [258].

PLAT\* A neuroprotective modulator of inflammation [90; 90; 100], see also 3 weeks.

SOCS3\* Also at 3 days. In mammals, it is generally considered pro-inflammatory, but see [201; 251].

SLC25A1 (See also Intracellular Transport) Involved in transporting citrate across mitochondrial membranes. It regulates cellular metabolism and TP53 responses, and its expression is triggered by STAT. It is essential for NO and prostaglandin production in the inflammatory response [113].

TXN Involved in protecting neurons from oxidative stress [156].

*Stress Response Genes, Including Mitochondrial Response to Oxidative Stress –*

MAPK8 A stress response kinase required for regenerative and developmental axon outgrowth, regulating both the mRNA translation and axonal transport of key cytoskeletal structural proteins needed for building the axon [112; 231].

HBD Primarily known as a carrier of oxygen in red blood cells, but in other cells, it also plays a role in managing oxidative stress [50].

SH3BGRL3 A thioredoxin-like molecule that helps cells resist damage from free radicals [324].

TMEM14C Essential gene for mitochondrial heme metabolism, implicated in autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis [2].

AK2 A mitochondrial AKT kinase, generally considered protective for cells [206].

CASP3 Activates apoptosis, but is also neuroprotective in the presence of HSP70 and HSC70 [197].

PRDX1 Regulates cellular hydrogen peroxide levels in cells to protect them from oxidative stress, e.g., [114].

*Other Myeloid Cell-associated Genes –*

SSR3 Associated with protein translocation across the ER membrane; it is upregulated in T-cells upon exposure to IL-2 [60].

RTKN2 A Rho-GTPase target implicated in lymphopoiesis [42].

GCA An abundant calcium binding protein in macrophages [325].

LY9 A gene expressed in lymphocytes that is involved in a wide range of adaptive and innate immune responses, including suppressing inflammation [18].

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SSSCA1 A gene of unknown function, associated with autoimmune diseases; it may be part of the centromere of cells involved in the immune response [215].

### *Genes that Promote/Mark the M1/M2 Transition –*

LTA4H [49].  
HMOX1 [218].  
MMP28 A matrix metalloprotease implicated in peripheral nerve repair in *Xenopus* and in promoting the M1 to M2 transition [79; 317].

### Down-regulated

#### *Genes that Exacerbate Inflammation, Cell Death, and Scar Formation –*

ENPP2<sup>5</sup> A stimulator of inflammation in cancer [40; 137].  
SLC9A3R2 A suppressor of STAT3 [336].  
UGT8 (See also Lipid Metabolism) An important enzyme for sphingolipid metabolism, which is important for making myelin; elevated UGT8 promotes neuroinflammation in humans [339].  
ZNF395 (a.k.a Huntington Disease Regulatory Region Binding Protein 2; see also Transcription Factors): A zinc-finger transcription factor that activates pro-inflammatory cytokines [102].  
BCL6 (See also Transcription Factors) A transcriptional repressor of STAT3 [213].  
COL14A1 A collagen subtype, implicated in scar formation in liver disease [269].  
CYR61 An angiogenic inducer [122].  
PPT2 (See also Lipid Metabolism) A critical enzyme in the synthesis of sphingosine, which is especially important for the synthesis of sphingolipids in myelin. Elevated sphingolipid levels promote neuro-inflammation, and PPT2 knockdown in mice leads to neurodegeneration [89; 281; 339].  
PDZD2 A relative of IL-16, a pro-inflammatory cytokine [181].  
TXNIP A thioredoxin-interacting protein that promotes apoptosis in brain injury [222; 343].

#### *Genes Associated with Oxidative Stress –*

SCARA3 A macrophage scavenger receptor involved in oxidative stress [23].  
HIGD1C A mitochondrial protein induced by oxidative stress [5; 75].

#### *Chaperones –*

HSPA8 A constitutively expressed chaperone protein, related to HSP70 [349].

#### *Other Myeloid Cell-associated Genes –*

MS4A4A A membrane protein with multiple splice forms associated with a variety of myeloid cells, including macrophages [265].  
RASGRP3 A GEF that plays a role in limiting toll-like receptor-triggered inflammatory responses in macrophages [288].

#### *Gene Associated with Maintaining the Blood Brain Barrier –*

MXRA8 A cell adhesion molecule expressed in astrocytic endfeet lining the vasculature [8; 333].

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**3 wk**

Up-regulated

*Protective Genes that Promote Cellular Repair and Regeneration –*

|         |                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LTF     | See 1 wk/11 days [146].                                                                                                                                |
| SLC44A2 | A choline transporter associated with neutrophil activation and increased membrane synthesis for cell growth and repair [13; 294].                     |
| A2M     | An inhibitor of fibrinolysis and disruptor of cytokine-induced inflammation, with neuroprotective qualities [207].                                     |
| IRF8    | (See also Transcription Factors) A transcription factor that responds to interferons to suppress the hyper-inflammatory response in macrophages [115]. |
| SYT11   | An inhibitor of cytokine secretion and phagocytosis by macrophages [57; 306].                                                                          |
| CFH     | A complement factor that redirects the C3 pathway toward pathogens and away from tissue damage [259].                                                  |
| PLAT*   | See 1 wk/11 days [100].                                                                                                                                |
| IFITM3  | An anti-inflammatory modulator of interferon signaling [161].                                                                                          |
| MST1    | A hippo kinase that suppresses macrophage infiltration [160; 344].                                                                                     |

Down-regulated

–None–

**2. Cytoskeletal – structural and regulatory functions associated with the cytoskeleton**

**Summary:** Except for three intermediate filament genes, cytoskeletal-related DESR genes comprised tubulin and actin subtypes and genes associated with regulating microtubule and microfilament transport and dynamics (*e.g., mylk, dynl1, dynl2, kif20b, ttl*). This is understandable given the importance of these genes for axon outgrowth, intracellular transport, cell motility, and cellular proliferation (27 in total). Two of the intermediate filament genes were cytokeratins that were down-regulated at 3 days (*krt75* and *krt6a*). *Krt6a* has been associated previously with wound sites in mammals. Our data suggest its downregulation is important to promote regenerative healing. The remaining intermediate filament gene was differentially up-regulated at 3 weeks (*prph*). It has been previously reported to be upregulated at all stages of regeneration in optic axons and reactive astrocytes. Although its precise function remains unknown, its preferential up-regulation in successful vs. unsuccessful regeneration at the latest stage examined, suggests it retains this importance into these stages.

**3 days**

Up-regulated

–None–

Down-regulated

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| KRT75 | A cytokeratin normally associated in mammals with hair follicles; one of many KRT75 homo/paralogs in <i>Xenopus</i> [14; 84].                                                                   |
| ACTA1 | The predominant form of actin in skeletal muscle [151].                                                                                                                                         |
| ACTC1 | Cardiac actin, but in <i>Xenopus</i> it is associated with a wider range of tissue types [209; 261].                                                                                            |
| KRT6A | (See also Inflammatory Response and Wound Healing; 3 days, above) A cytokeratin associated with wound sites; in rodents, <i>krt6a</i> knockout increases epithelial wound site fragility [320]. |

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**1 wk/ 11 days**

Up-regulated

*Tubulin Subtypes–*

|        |                                                                                                        |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TUBB2B | A neuron-specific tubulin subtype in <i>Xenopus</i> , present in early developing axons [211].         |
| TUBA3D | see <i>TUBB3</i> , below.                                                                              |
| TUBA1A | Tubulin subtype essential for optic axon regeneration in zebrafish [301].                              |
| TUBA1B | Tubulin subtype involved in mitosis, but not essential for optic axon regeneration in zebrafish [301]. |
| TUBB3  | Principally a neuronal tubulin subtype, implicated in axonogenesis [205].                              |
| TUBB   | see <i>TUBB3</i> .                                                                                     |

*Motor Proteins–*

|        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DYNLT1 | A neuronal minus end-directed microtubule motor protein, involved in axonal retrograde transport [41].                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| KIF20B | A plus end-directed microtubule motor protein required for cortical neuron polarization and for morphogenesis [199].                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| DYNLL2 | A minus end-directed motor protein component required for the retrograde axonal transport of proteasomes [145].                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| KIF11  | A plus end microtubule motor protein required for mitosis, as well as for transport of proteins and vesicles from the Golgi to the cell surface. It also transports thyroid receptor bound to thyroid hormone to the nucleus. Inhibiting it in cultured DRG neurons promotes neurite outgrowth [168]. |

*Other Microtubule-Associated Proteins –*

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| TTL      | An enzyme that restores tyrosines on de-tyrosinated tubulins; required for increasing levels of tyrosinated tubulin at injury sites and for retrograde axonal transport of pro-regenerative signals, such as activators of c-Jun [278]. |
| TPX2     | A microtubule-associated mitotic spindle protein required for mitosis and neurite outgrowth; it also regulates TP53 activity [123].                                                                                                     |
| STMN2    | A microtubule associated protein important for growth cone motility and maintenance of axons after injury [274].                                                                                                                        |
| CKAP2    | A microtubule-associated microtubule-stabilizing protein [334].                                                                                                                                                                         |
| NCK2     | A SOCS3-regulated, SH2/3 domain-interacting adaptor protein involved in cytoskeletal reorganization [275].                                                                                                                              |
| TCTEX1D1 | A minus end-directed microtubule motor protein, potentially involved in retrograde axonal transport [55; 150].                                                                                                                          |
| KIFC1    | A minus end-directed microtubule motor protein, potentially involved in retrograde axonal transport, but also regulates mitotic chromosome dynamics and macrophage podosome dynamics [143].                                             |

*Actin Subtypes–*

|      |                                                                                                       |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACTB | A non-muscle beta actin thought to play a role in gene transcription during axon outgrowth [35; 283]. |
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*Microfilament-Associated Proteins–*

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|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TAGLN2 | An actin-associated protein that inhibits ARP2/3 nucleated branching of microfilaments [135]. |
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| MYL12B | A myosin light chain required for axon outgrowth [24; 237].                                                                                   |
| TMSB4X | An actin sequestering protein that plays a major role in tissue regeneration, perhaps by lowering levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines [285]. |
| ARPC5  | A subunit of the ARP2/3 complex, which is important for axon branching in <i>Xenopus</i> [173].                                               |

*Actin/Tubulin Chaperone Proteins–*

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CCT4  | Chaperone protein important for proper folding of actins and tubulins. CCT's may play a role in microtubule dynamics in growth cones, and misregulation is associated with neurodegeneration [244]. |
| CCT5  | see CCT4.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| CCT6A | see CCT4.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| CCT6A | see CCT4.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| TCP1  | A chaperone protein essential for actin dynamics in the healing of wounded imaginal discs in fly [3].                                                                                               |
| PFDN4 | A chaperone protein important for actin and tubulin synthesis with possible nuclear functions [203].                                                                                                |

Down-regulated

*Regulators of the Actin cytoskeleton–*

|         |                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MYLK    | Myosin Light Chain Kinase essential for growth cone motility and cytokinesis; increased MYLK activity inhibits axon retraction [73; 119].                                 |
| ANK1    | An ankyrin protein, which links plasma membrane proteins to the underlying actin cytoskeleton [307].                                                                      |
| ANKRD26 | A second ankyrin-related protein associated with obesity and with defects in primary cilia in regions of the brain that control appetite and energy homeostasis [1].      |
| SHANK2  | (Also, Cell Signaling) A third ankyrin-related protein implicated in a wide range of plasticity disorders, including synapse development through Wnt signaling [96; 273]. |

**3 wk**

Up-regulated

|      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| EBF3 | (See also Transcription Factors) A protein that binds microtubules to induce bundling, but also acts as a transcription factor to regulate cell survival, regulating genes involved in cell cycle arrest and apoptosis. For example, it inhibits glial cell proliferation and glioma-genesis [25; 164]. |
| PRPH | In <i>Xenopus</i> , a principal intermediate filament protein of regenerating optic and peripheral axons, as well as reactive astrocytes [78; 191].                                                                                                                                                     |
| MAPT | Tau, a major axonal microtubule-associated protein associated with stabilizing microtubules [174; 279].                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

Down-regulated

–None–

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**3. Cell Signaling – functions in cell signaling pathways and in synaptic transmission**

**Summary:** All the DESR genes in this category were differentially expressed at the peak phase of regenerative axon outgrowth. Up-regulated genes directly involved in receptor function included a cholinergic receptor (*chrng*), two ligands to Notch (*dll1*) and GABA receptors (*dbi*), and a range of modulators of cell signaling pathways, including Wnt, BMP, and G-protein coupled receptors. Several

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additional genes are involved in intracellular aspects of cell signaling, including three kinases that regulate cell division (*plk1*), *tp53*-related functions (*aurk8*), and the synthesis and transport of axonal cytoskeletal proteins (*mapk8*), as well as two phosphatases associated with regulating cell division and axonal microtubule dynamics (*ppp2t1a*, and *ppp2r2a*). Down-regulated genes included multiple additional kinases (e.g., *adck3*, *rock2*, *erbb4*, *insr*, and others), a receptor tyrosine phosphatase (*ptprb*), a dopamine receptor-interacting GEF (*dock10*) and seven modulators of various signaling pathways [*i.e.*, calcium-related, phosphatidylinositol-related, Wnt-related, and GPCR-related signaling]. In addition to these were five down-regulated ion channels (*kcnn3*, *kcnh5*, *grik2*, *clcn2*, and *kcnj2*), a sub-category not seen among the upregulated cell-signaling DESR genes.

**3 days**

Up-regulated

–None–

Down-regulated

–None–

**1 wk/ 11 days**

Up-regulated–

*Kinases*

- PLK1                    A polo-like kinase that regulates cell division [266].
- AURKB                An Aurora kinase that regulates TP53 activity, microtubules, and intermediate filaments (vimentin) dynamics, as well as histone H3 during mitosis [91; 129].
- MAPK8                (Also listed under Inflammatory Response and Wound Healing) A stress response kinase (also known as JNK) required for regenerative and developmental axon outgrowth, regulating both the mRNA translation and axonal transport of key cytoskeletal structural proteins needed for building the axon [112; 231].

*Phosphatases–*

- PPP2R1A            A subunit of one of the major cellular serine/threonine protein phosphatases; generally associated with negative control of mitosis and cell growth, and more specifically with the dephosphorylation of MAP-tau [346].
- PPP2R2A            A regulatory subunit of a major cellular phosphatase involved in negative control of cell growth and division and in regulating MAP-tau dynamics [287].

*Receptors–*

- CHRNA3            A subunit of the nicotinic cholinergic receptor, which in the CNS regulates communication between neurons and astrocytes in response to viral infection [169].

*Receptor Ligands–*

- DLL1                A canonical Notch ligand that is broadly involved in tissue differentiation, neural crest development, and activation of stromal macrophages [32; 221].
- DBI                 An endogenous benzodiazepam receptor ligand, implicated in successful peripheral axon regeneration in mammals through its effects on steroidogenesis [149].

*Intracellular/Transmembranous Cell Signaling Pathway Mediators and Modulators–*

- SDCBP              A membrane and nuclear protein that binds syndecan; associated with neuro and immunomodulation, and promotes spinal cord axon regeneration in zebrafish [338].
- MEMO1             A protein that links cell membrane signaling (e.g., ERBB2 and IGF1R) with microtubule dynamics [120].
- COMT              A major enzyme mediating catecholamine neurotransmitters degradation with functions in neuronal synaptic plasticity, e.g., see [99].



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*(Wnt-related)*

TMEM88 An inhibitor of the canonical Wnt/beta-catenin signaling pathway [234].

*(BMP-related)*

TMEM221 (a.k.a. Jiraiya) A transmembrane protein that attenuates BMP signaling in *Xenopus* development and interacts with multiple miRNAs [9].

*(G-protein-related)*

GNG3 A heterotrimeric G protein gamma subunit that regulates chemokine signaling in lymphocytes [132].

*(14-3-3 protein related)*

YWHAB A 14-3-3 protein that suppresses apoptosis and mediates signal transduction for kinases and phosphatases associated with mitosis [45].

YWHAQ A 14-3-3 protein, which mediates signal transduction by binding to phosphoserine-containing proteins; upregulated in ALS and peripheral nerve injury [185].

Down-regulated

*Kinases–*

**ADCK3** A mitochondrial kinase; inhibiting its expression inhibits p53-induced apoptosis [47].

MYLK (Myosin light chain kinase, also listed under Cytoskeletal DESR genes) An essential kinase for growth cone motility and cytokinesis; inhibiting MYLK inhibits axon retraction [73; 119].

CDK18 A cyclin-dependent kinase that also regulates cell migration and adhesion by negatively modulating FAK activity [194].

ROCK2 Kinase target of Rho-GTPase; it is involved in actin-mediated changes in the cytoskeleton. Inhibiting ROCK stimulates neurite outgrowth [139].

ERBB4 A member of the EGFR family of receptor tyrosine kinases, activated by neuregulins to induce a variety of cellular responses, including mitogenesis and differentiation, e.g., see for review [85].

INSR A receptor tyrosine kinase that regulates cellular functions in response to insulin; implicated in neuro-protection and synaptic plasticity [83].

MINK1 A MapKKK, STE family kinase-activator of MapK p38, JNK, and ERK [152].

CDK19 A cyclin dependent kinase belonging to a family required for transcriptional activation of specific genes, including the anti-inflammatory cytokine, IL-10 [121].

*Phosphatases–*

PTPRB A receptor protein tyrosine phosphatase with a range of functions in cell adhesion, neurite growth and neuronal differentiation, e.g., for review see [38].

*Receptors–*

DOCK10 A dopamine receptor interacting GEF essential for dendrite morphogenesis [118].

INSR See kinases, above.

PTPRB See phosphatases, above.

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*Ion Channels–*

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| KCNN3 | A small-conductance, calcium-activated potassium channel protein that contributes to neuronal after-hyperpolarization of the action potential; inhibiting its activity during diabetic ketoacidosis reduces brain inflammation [80]. |
| KCNH5 | (a.k.a., Ether-A-Go-Go-Related Gene Potassium Channel) An outward-rectifying, non-inactivating channel with a range of functions, including regulation of brain tumor growth, metastasis, and mitotic cell volume [111].             |
| GRIK2 | An ionotropic glutamate, Kainate type receptor linked with multiple neuropsychiatric and neurodevelopmental disorders [189].                                                                                                         |
| CLCN2 | A voltage-gated chloride channel associated with a range of disorders, including retinal degeneration, leukoencephalopathy, and epilepsy [310].                                                                                      |
| KCNJ2 | A voltage-gated potassium channel essential for PDGF BB-stimulated vascular smooth muscle cell proliferation and migration [252].                                                                                                    |

*Intracellular/Transmembranous Cell Signaling Pathway Mediators and Modulators–*

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PLCB4 | A subunit of phospholipase C, which catalyzes IP3 and DAG production from PIP2; implicated in multiple processes important for axon regeneration and inhibiting it attenuates scar formation [131; 347]. |
| TMTC1 | An ER protein involved in maintaining calcium homeostasis [286].                                                                                                                                         |
| MINK1 | See kinases, above.                                                                                                                                                                                      |

*(Wnt-related)*

|         |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CCDC136 | An negative-regulator of Wnt/Beta-catenin signaling during zebrafish dorsal-ventral patterning [315].                                                                  |
| DAAM2   | A regulator of canonical Wnt signaling involved in stimulating re-myelination [155].                                                                                   |
| SHANK2  | (See also, Cytoskeletal) An ankyrin-related protein implicated in a wide range of plasticity disorders, including synapse development through Wnt signaling [96; 273]. |

*(G protein-related)*

|       |                                                                                                           |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SYDE2 | A rho GTPase homolog involved in p75 NTR receptor-mediated signaling, which stimulates cell death [312].  |
| DOCK3 | (See also Axon Outgrowth) A CNS-specific GEF that regulates axon outgrowth through activating Rac1 [220]. |

**3 wk**

Up-regulated

–None–

Down-regulated

–None–

**4. Intracellular Transport – functions in the intracellular trafficking of proteins and organelles**

**Summary:** Like those in the previous category, these genes were only found at the peak phase of regenerative axon outgrowth. Upregulated genes included five Golgi/endosome-related genes (*fabp7*, *atp6v1f*, *nipa1*, *rtn2*, *snx10*), seven nuclear transport-related genes (*nutf2*, *ranbp1*, *ppid*, *kpna2*, *crabp2*, *npm1*, *nup43*), and four genes associated with transport across the plasma membrane (*abcb1*, *slc38a4*,

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*nkain1*, *sfxn2*). The six down-regulated DESR genes in this category included a regulator of ion transport (*fxyd1*), and two divalent metal cation transport mediators (*cnnm2*, *slc25a25*), among others.

### 3 days

#### Up-regulated

–None–

#### Down-regulated

–None–

### 1 wk/ 11 days

#### Up-regulated

#### *Golgi/Endosome-related transport–*

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| FABP7   | (a.k.a. Brain Lipid Binding Protein) A transporter of fatty acids from extracellular to intracellular membranes; it is significantly upregulated in ependymal and radial glial cell endfeet during reactive gliosis in mammalian CNS injury, is stimulated by Notch signaling, and is important for radial glial cell development [6]. |
| ATP6V1F | (See also Cellular Metabolism) A vesicular proton pump that acidifies vesicles for protein processing and sorting. It plays a functional role in eye development [227].                                                                                                                                                                |
| NIPA1   | A magnesium transporter that associates with the early endosome and with cell membranes; mutations associated with upper motor neuron disease, e.g., see for review [116].                                                                                                                                                             |
| RTN2    | Essential for making tubular ER for vesicular transport; mutations cause axon degeneration [210].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| SNX10   | Involved in endosomal protein sorting and plays a critical role in matrix metalloproteinase secretion activated by stress [345].                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

#### *Nuclear transport–*

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| NUTF2  | A transporter of proteins into the nucleus; it is upregulated in tail fin regeneration in zebrafish [267].                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| RANBP1 | A small G protein involved in transporting proteins into the nucleus; its expression increases during axon regeneration [241].                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| PPID   | A peptidylprolyl isomerase D activated by stress and essential for intracellular transport of activated glucocorticoid receptors into the nucleus [20].                                                                                                                                                                             |
| KPNA2  | Essential for nuclear import of key proteins; it is involved in regulation of TP53 activity [165].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| CRABP2 | Involved in nuclear uptake of RA-bound RAR; it is upregulated in limb regeneration in salamanders [195].                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| NPM1   | A shuttling protein between the nucleolus and the nucleoplasm; it plays multiple roles in cells, including regulating TP53 responses, functioning as a histone chaperone, playing a role in ribosome synthesis, regulating centrosome duplication during the cell cycle, and destabilizing RNA-helices, e.g., for review see [270]. |
| NUP43  | Regulates bidirectional transport across the nuclear membrane [323].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

#### *Mitochondrial transport–*

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| FABP3 | (a.k.a. Heart-type fatty acid binding protein) A protein that transports fatty acids from the cell membrane to mitochondria; it is released from cardiac myocytes after ischemic events and is a diagnostic marker for heart disease. Its increased |
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expression has been linked to partially successful spinal cord regeneration in the neonatal opossum [225].

- TOMM5 A mitochondrial transmembrane protein involved in transporting proteins into mitochondria [130].
- SLC25A1 (See also Inflammatory Response and Wound Healing) Involved in transporting citrate across mitochondrial membranes. It regulates cellular metabolism and TP53 responses, and its expression is triggered by STAT. It is essential for NO and prostaglandin production in the inflammatory response [113].

*Transmembrane transport–*

- ABCB1 An energy dependent efflux pump across intracellular membranes, implicated in a variety of age-related disorders [62].
- SLC38A4 (See also General Metabolism) It functions as a neutral transmembrane amino acid transporter with a role in regulating protein synthesis in liver development [140].
- NKAIN1 A regulator of sodium/potassium ATPase transporter; in Drosophila, mutants exhibit temperature-sensitive paralysis [82; 305].
- SFXN2 A transmembrane transporter of tricarboxylic acids; little is known about SFXN2, but SFXN3 is implicated in regulating synaptic morphology [4].

Down-regulated

- FXYP1 A regulator of ion transport; overexpression reduces neuronal dendritic arborization [26; 54].
- ABCA2 (See also Lipid Metabolism) A gene involved in transporting lipids across membranes; it is highly expressed in brain and may play a role in macrophage lipid metabolism [51].
- CNNM2 A divalent metal cation transport mediator thought to play a role in Mg<sup>++</sup> homeostasis; down-regulation may play a neuroprotective role [167].
- SLC25A25 A mitochondrial protein involved in ATP and divalent cation transport across mitochondrial membranes; it is important for maintaining metabolic efficiency [7].
- SLC5A3 (a.k.a. Sodium/myo-inositol transporter) Important for regulating inositol mediated intracellular cell signaling and in regulating blood pressure [280].
- SLC45A4 A sugar co-transporter [302].

**3 wk**

Up-regulated

–None–

Down-regulated

–None–

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**5. Post-Transcriptional Regulation – functions in regulating RNA splicing, trafficking, translation, and decay**

**Summary:** Post-transcriptional control of gene expression is increasingly being seen as crucial for regenerative and developmental CNS axon outgrowth, as well as other forms of wound healing and regeneration. For example, cells under stress utilize cap-independent mRNA translation to ensure proteins needed for survival are synthesized, while cap-dependent mRNA translation decreases during the early phase of the stress response [148], and axonal cytoskeletal-related genes needed to rebuild the axon, such as the neurofilaments and tau, are under strong post-transcriptional control [175; 293]. During

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neural development, selective translation of individual mRNAs requires specific ribosomal proteins [289]. Examples related to each of these three processes were: 1) *eif5b*, a translation initiation factor that promotes IRES-dependent mRNA translation [74], which was up-regulated at 3 days; 2) *aldoA*, an RNA-binding protein that stabilizes and increases translation of neurofilament mRNAs [28]), which was upregulated at 3 weeks; and 3) *rplp1*, a 60S ribosomal protein essential for brain development due to its effects on cyclin and p63 expression [248], which was down-regulated at 3 days in the two regenerative tissues and up-regulated in the non-regenerative one. Twenty-five additional DESR genes pointed to the importance of regulating RNA splicing (9 genes up-regulated at 7/11days), translation (five genes up-regulated at 7/11 days), mRNA trafficking and turnover (four genes up-regulated at 7/11 days and one up-regulated at 3 wk), and ribosomal composition (one genes down-regulated at 3 days; and four up-regulated at 7/11 days) for successful CNS axon regeneration. Particularly striking were examples from these 28 genes of ones that regulate specific transcripts and RNA-binding proteins already linked with regenerative axon outgrowth, neuronal survival, and other processes important for regeneration. They included the two up-regulated splicing factors *snrpd3* and *snrpn*, which have been implicated in Spinal Muscular Atrophy [69] and developmental axon outgrowth [337], respectively; *prmt1*, a methylase targeting hnRNP K [34], which is an RNA-binding protein essential for optic axon regeneration in *Xenopus* [175]; and *igf2bp3*, which binds and regulates trafficking of insulin-like growth factor mRNA in response to cytokine signaling [138] and *carhsp1*, which stabilizes TNF $\alpha$  [250].

### 3 days

#### Up-regulated

##### *Translation Initiation*

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EIF5B | A eukaryotic translation initiation factor that helps position the ribosome on the mRNA for IRES-mediated, as opposed to cap-dependent, translation [74]. IRES-mediated translation initiation is important for cell survival during stress, when cap-dependent translation is suppressed [148]. |
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#### Down-regulated

##### *Ribosomal Subunits*

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| RPLP1 | An acidic 60S ribosomal protein with an important role in protein elongation during mRNA translation; while not essential for global protein synthesis, it is essential for embryonic brain development and cell proliferation due to its effects on the synthesis of key cell cycle and apoptosis regulators, including cyclins and p63 [248]. |
| RPL37 | A 60S ribosomal protein [176].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

##### *RNA Splicing*

|       |                                                                              |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SRSF2 | A splicing factor required for nuclear export and translation of mRNAs [63]. |
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### 1 wk/ 11 days

#### Up-regulated

##### *Splicing Factors*

|        |                                                                                                                                           |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SNRPD3 | A core component of the spliceosome; it forms a complex with Spinal Muscular Atrophy genes and is implicated in neurodegeneration [69].   |
| SNRPN  | A splicing co-factor implicated in axon outgrowth in zebrafish [337].                                                                     |
| DDX39A | An ATP-dependent RNA helicase that associates with splicing speckles and with histone H2A.B [276].                                        |
| SNRPF  | A core component of the spliceosome, required for glioma cell migration [76].                                                             |
| LSM5   | An Sm-like protein involved in nuclear mRNA splicing and mRNA decay; it facilitates the formation of the spliceosomal U4/U6 duplex [235]. |

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| U2AF2 | Required for U2 binding to the branch site during pre-mRNA splicing; it is regulated by hnRNP A1 in alternative splicing [107].           |
| PPIH  | A peptidyl-prolyl Isomerase that is a component of the spliceosome; it may act as a chaperone for proteins joining the spliceosome [254]. |
| UTP18 | A gene involved in the processing of pre-18S ribosomal RNA and in RNA surveillance [292].                                                 |

#### *Ribosomal Subunits*

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RPL22L1 | A ribosomal protein needed for translation of specific mRNAs. It can substitute for RPL22, which normally suppresses translation of RPL22L1, suggesting that ribosomal composition may have an impact on translation of specific mRNAs [228]. It plays a critical role in embryogenesis by working together with hnRNP A1 and in opposition to Rpl22 to regulate alternative splicing of smad2 pre-mRNA [228; 341]. |
| RPL27A  | Ribosomal protein L27A; it undergoes changes in gene expression in obesity [303].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| RPS12   | A 40S ribosomal protein thought to be involved in translation initiation. In <i>Drosophila</i> embryogenesis, cells expressing higher levels of RPS12 than their neighbors are more effectively eliminated in competition, giving it a specialized role in embryonic patterning [124].                                                                                                                              |
| MRPS17  | A subunit of the mitochondrial 28S ribosome; in yeast, it promotes oxidative metabolism [94].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

#### *mRNA Translation Initiation and Elongation Factors*

|        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| EEF1G  | A translation elongation factor that participates in the delivery of aminoacylated tRNAs to the ribosome by anchoring it to other cell components. It binds specific mRNAs, such as vimentin, to escort them to their appropriate location in the cell for translation [46]. |
| THOC7  | Part of the TREX complex, involved in efficient translation and nuclear export of mRNAs with tandem polynucleotide repeats [64].                                                                                                                                             |
| EEF1B2 | A guanine nucleotide exchange factor needed to transfer aminoacylated tRNAs to the ribosome to promote peptide elongation; reduced expression is associated with cellular senescence [27].                                                                                   |
| DENR   | A translation initiation factor that supports tissue growth by promoting re-initiation of translation downstream of uORFs [268].                                                                                                                                             |
| EIF3I  | An essential component of the apparatus needed to initiate mRNA translation; its overexpression enhances both cap-dependent and IRES-dependent translation of specific transcripts over and above that associated with general increases in translation [260].               |

#### *Regulators of mRNA Trafficking and Turnover (mRNA binding proteins and their regulators)*

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| IGF2BP3 | An mRNA binding protein that regulates Insulin-like Growth Factor mRNA; it is required for cytokine signaling and is found in stress granules [138].                                                              |
| CARHSP1 | An mRNA-binding protein that stabilizes TNF- $\alpha$ mRNA [250].                                                                                                                                                 |
| PRMT1   | (See also Epigenetics) A protein arginine N-methyltransferase involved in methylation of certain hnRNP's and histones; <i>e.g.</i> , it methylates hnRNP K, an RNA-binding protein active in axon outgrowth [34]. |

#### Down-regulated

–None–

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### 3 wk

#### Up-regulated

*Regulators of mRNA Trafficking and Turnover (mRNA binding proteins and their regulators)*

- |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MEX3A | An RNA binding protein that regulates transcripts involved in tumorigenesis and aging in fish [12].                                                                                                                                                 |
| ALDOA | Although primarily known as a regulator of glycolysis, it is also an RNA-binding protein that binds to the 3'UTR of <i>nefl</i> mRNA. This binding stabilizes neurofilament mRNAs, enhancing their expression after axons reach their targets [28]. |

#### Down-regulated

–None–

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### **6. Epigenetic gene regulation – functions in DNA-chromatin interactions, post-translational modifications to histones, DNA methylation/hydroxymethylation**

**Summary:** Genes associated with epigenetic gene regulation are increasingly being recognized as crucial for regeneration in multiple contexts [e.g., [183]]. The 26 DESR genes in this category included specialized histone subclasses, chromatin proteins that associate with enzymatically modified histones and DNA, and the enzymes that make these modifications, as well as factors that regulate them. For example, at 3 days, two histone variants were down-regulated in the regenerative tissues: *hist2h2ab*, an H2 gene variant that interacts with the SWI/SNF complex to reposition nucleosomes for transcription [264]), and *hist1h4k*, an H4 gene variant whose induction is implicated in protecting cells from DNA damage by facilitating DNA double strand break repair [162]. At 7/11 days, there were sixteen up- and six down-regulated DESR genes. Two of the up-regulated genes were histone gene variants implicated in nucleosome repositioning: *h2afz*, an H2 gene variant [125; 253] and *hist2h2ab*, which was down-regulated at 3 days. Three additional DESR genes associate with the SWI/SNF nucleosome repositioning complex: *smarca5*, which also interacts with the DNA methylase DNMT3B [77]), *actl6a*, an actin-like protein that antagonizes chromatin mediated transcriptional repression [335], and *smarca1* [232]. The first two were up-regulated and the last was down-regulated. Yet another gene has also been implicated in nucleosome repositioning, *hmgn2* [190]. Three DESR genes exhibited changes in expression that would be expected to promote histone deacetylation, which is increasingly recognized as crucial for axon regeneration [39], as well as regeneration of other tissues, such as cardiac muscle [277] and liver [110]. Two were up-regulated: *anp32a*, a histone acetyltransferase inhibitor [326], and *rbbp4*, a component of the Mi-2/NuRD complex [340] and one of several NuRD components required for successful fin regeneration in zebrafish [249]). A third was down-regulated: *gpt2* (Glutamic-pyruvic transaminase 2), an enzyme involved in pyruvate synthesis, which is needed for histone acetylation [104]. Two additional up-regulated DESR genes regulate acetyl CoA levels, which in turn metabolically regulate histone acetylation [313]: *acsbg2* and *acat2*. The remaining DESR genes from 7/11 days were associated with functions related to methylated histones, DNA or both. Related up-regulated genes were: *wdr77* (WD repeat domain 77), a histone methylase [297]); *uhrf2*, a protein required for 5-hydroxymethyl cytosine (5hmC) production [36]; *ahcy*, which metabolically regulates methyl group availability for DNA methylation [133]; *idh1*, which metabolically activates TET enzymes, which convert 5mC to 5hmC [299]; *cyb5a*, implicated in inducing global changes in CpG DNA methylation at promoters of inflammatory genes [186]; and *ezh2* (Enhancer Of Zeste 2 Polycomb Repressive Complex 2 subunit), a enzyme that regulates histone methylation and serves as a platform to recruit DNA methyltransferases [247]). Related down-regulated genes were: *jhd1d* (KDM7A) a histone lysine demethylase [157]); *suz12*, involved in suppressing H3K9 and H3K27 methylation [271]; *apobec3a*, a cytidine deaminase that provides an alternative pathway for demethylating DNA [29]); and *jarid2*, a transcriptional repressor that recruits the Polycomb Repressive Complex 2 to chromatin to promote methylation of H3K9 and H3K27 [163; 245]. Notably, *jarid2* was the only one of these genes that persisted as a DESR gene at 3 weeks, when it continued to be down-regulated.

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### 3 days

#### Up-regulated

–None–

#### Down-regulated

- HIST2H2AB\*** A histone H2 variant that interacts with the SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling complex, which repositions histones to allow transcription [264] (Note, this gene was up-regulated at 1 wk/ 11 days).
- HIST1H4K** A subtype of histone H4 that has been implicated in protecting cells from DNA damage and in facilitating DNA double strand break repair [162].

### 1 wk/ 11 days

#### Up-regulated

#### *Genes Involved in Nucleosome Repositioning during Transcription*

##### *(Histone Variants)*

- HIST2H2AB\*** See 3 days, when this gene was down-regulated in successful regeneration; it was upregulated at this peak phase of regenerative axonal outgrowth.
- H2AFZ** A specialized Histone 2 variant (a.k.a., H2A.Z) required for embryonic development in mammals; it marks the 5' ends of genes and is involved in nucleosome repositioning during transcription, contributing to Pol II pausing behavior, which potentially allows for more interactions with transcription factors and epigenetic modifiers at specific sites [37; 65; 125; 253].

##### *(Other genes involved in nucleosome repositioning)*

- SMARCA5** A component of the SWI/SNF complex involved in repositioning histones to allow transcription; it is a helicase that promotes the open complex. It also interacts with DNMT3B and is therefore associated with changes in DNA methylation [77].
- ACTL6A** A component of the BAF nucleosome remodeling complex, which antagonizes chromatin mediated transcriptional repression; implicated in learning and long-term memory consolidation [335].
- HMGN2** (See also Transcription Factors) A transcription co-factor implicated in maintaining DNA in the open conformation for transcription by binding to and modulating histone H3 and removing H1 from promoters [190].

#### *Regulators of Histone Acetylation /De-acetylation*

- ANP32A** An enzyme involved in the inhibition of histone acetyltransferases (up-regulation de-acetylates histones) [31; 255; 326].
- RBBP4** A chromatin remodeling factor present in Mi-2/NuRD complexes involved in histone deacetylation, DNA methylation, and gene repression; it is required for successful fin regeneration in zebrafish [249; 340].
- ACSBG2** An acyl-CoA synthetase, which helps to metabolically regulate histone acetylation through the availability of acyl groups to histone acetyltransferases [246; 313].
- ACAT2** An enzyme (acetyl coA transferase) involved in pyruvate synthesis, which helps regulate levels of acyl-acetate in the cell. Such enzymes are metabolic regulators of the enzymes that acetylate histones by making the required substrates available [52; 313].



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### *Regulators of Histone and DNA Methylation (Hydroxy-methylation)/De-Methylation*

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| EZH2  | An enzyme that maintains and/or increases histone methylation levels, especially at H3K27. As a member of the Polycomb Repressive Complex; it also serves as a platform to recruit DNA methyltransferases to DNA and is functionally important for a range of developmental and physiological changes in gene expression, including responses to injury [247].                               |
| IDH1  | A cytosolic isocitrate dehydrogenase: that metabolically regulates TET enzymes, which convert 5mC to 5hmC (hydroxy-methylation), which is needed for subsequent steps in the pathway that converts 5 mC to de-methylated C [299].                                                                                                                                                            |
| UHRF2 | An E3 ubiquitin ligase that not only regulates nuclear protein ubiquitination but also binds methylated DNA and is required for the production of 5hmC [36].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| AHCY  | An enzyme that metabolically regulates the availability of methyl groups needed for DNA (and possibly histone) methylation [133].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| WDR77 | A chromatin remodeling enzyme that converts histone arginines to dimethylarginines [297].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| CYB5A | An enzyme that regulates stearyl-CoA-desaturase activity, which in turn induces global changes in CpG DNA methylation at promoters to, for example, regulate inflammatory gene expression 3T3 adipocytes [186; 200].                                                                                                                                                                         |
| PRMT1 | (See also Post-transcriptional Regulation) A protein arginine N-methyltransferase involved in methylation of histones and certain hnRNP's; e.g., it methylates hnRNP K, an RNA-binding protein active in axon outgrowth [34].                                                                                                                                                                |
| CMPK1 | (See also DNA Replication/Repair) A cytidine/uridine monophosphate kinase that is required for nucleic acid biosynthesis; it converts CMP, UMP and dCMP into the di-phosphate forms. It also plays a role in determining the efficiency of DNA repair involving cytidine/uridine, and therefore may play a role in Base Excision Repair pathways involved in altering DNA methylation [296]. |

### Down-regulated

#### *Genes Involved in Nucleosome Repositioning during Transcription*

|         |                                                                                                                        |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SMARCA1 | Part of the SWI/SNF nucleosome remodeling complex involved in repositioning histones for global gene regulation [232]. |
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### *Regulators of Histone Acetylation /De-acetylation*

|      |                                                                                                    |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GPT2 | An enzyme involved in pyruvate synthesis, which metabolically regulates histone acetylation [104]. |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### *Regulators of Histone and DNA Methylation (Hydroxymethylation)/De-Methylation*

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| JHDM1D  | A histone lysine demethylase that specifically demethylates H3K9me2, H3K27me2, and H4K20me1, and also binds H3K4me3 to demethylate H3K27me2; it plays an important role in neural differentiation [108].                                      |
| SUZ12   | A Polycomb Repressive Complex 2 subunit involved in suppressing the methylation of H3K9 and H3K27 and also serves as a recruitment platform for DNA methyltransferases; it is downregulated in successful wound healing of murine skin [271]. |
| JARID2* | A transcriptional repressor that recruits the Polycomb Repressive Complex to genes to promotes methylation of H3K9 and H3K27, e.g., see [163; 245].                                                                                           |
| GPT2    | An enzyme involved in pyruvate synthesis, which metabolically regulates histone acetylation [104].                                                                                                                                            |

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APOBEC3A A cytidine deaminase, which converts cytidines in DNA and RNA to uridines. In cell lines, it can de-methylate 5mC (5-methyl-cytosine) in DNA. Up-regulation of this enzyme also promotes DNA double strand breaks and cell death [29; 216].

**3 wk**

Up-regulated

–None–

Down-regulated

JARID2\* See 1 wk/11 days

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### **7. Axon Outgrowth – functions in supporting neurite/axon outgrowth and axon guidance**

**Summary:** This category included fifteen genes previously implicated in promoting and inhibiting axon outgrowth and in axon guidance, all of which were differentially expressed at the peak phase of regenerative axon outgrowth. The ten up-regulated genes included *lypla2*, which activates GAP-43 [141], *dpysl3*, *dbcld2*, and *crmp1*, which are associated with semaphorin/neuropilin mediated axon guidance [21; 196; 224], and *st8sia4*, the principal enzyme mediating polysialation of NCAM [236], among others. The down-regulated DESR genes included two oligodendrocytic myelin components (*plp1*, *mbp*), two protocadherins (*pcdh1*, *pcdh10*), and a GEF that regulates axon outgrowth through Rac1, *dock3* [219; 220].

**3 days**

Up-regulated

–None–

Down-regulated

–None–

**1 wk/ 11 days**

Up-regulated

*Genes that Regulate Molecules Involved in Axon Guidance and Outgrowth–*

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LYPLA2  | A Lysophospholipase that hydrolyzes fatty acids from S-acylated cysteine residues on GAP43 to activate it [141].                                                                              |
| FSCN1   | An actin bundling protein that interacts with MAPK and has functions in neurite outgrowth and cell migration [144; 342].                                                                      |
| DPYSL3  | A dihydropyrimidinase that plays a role in semaphorin 3-mediated axon guidance [196].                                                                                                         |
| GDAP1L1 | Plays a role in ganglioside-induced neuronal differentiation and neurite outgrowth. Mutations in this gene are associated with peripheral axonopathy, Charcot-Marie Tooth disease [171; 188]. |
| DCBLD2  | A neuropilin-like protein (neuropilins are axon guidance receptors for semaphorins); it is also involved in promoting angiogenesis in zebrafish [224].                                        |
| ODC1    | (see also Cellular Metabolism) An ornithine decarboxylase that is required for regenerative outgrowth of frog sciatic axons [61].                                                             |
| B3GNT2  | A transmembrane protein involved in regulating extracellular, poly-N-acetyl-lactosamine chains on guidance adhesion molecules [101].                                                          |
| CRMP1   | A nervous system-specific protein that is part of the semaphorin signal transduction pathways implicated in semaphorin-induced growth cone collapse active in axon guidance [21].             |
| PVRL1   | A cell adhesion molecule with roles in cell motility and axon guidance; for review see [187].                                                                                                 |

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ST8SIA4 The principal enzyme that adds polysialic acid (PSA) to cell adhesion molecules, such as N-CAM; increasing PSA-NCAM promotes functional recovery after SCI in mice [236].

### Down-regulated

#### *Myelin components –*

**PLP1** A major component of oligodendrocytic myelin; PLP1 knockout in mice leads to CNS axon degeneration [179].

**MBP** A major component of myelin both in the CNS and the PNS. MBP influences neurite outgrowth, neuronal cell migration and survival, and myelination [180].

#### *Cell Adhesion Molecules –*

**PCDH1** A protocadherin cell adhesion molecule involved in neural development and neurite outgrowth [98].

**PCDH10** A second protocadherin implicated in regulating neuronal connectivity; it also inhibits PI3K/akt signaling in liver cancer [284; 328].

#### *Small G-protein Regulators –*

**DOCK3** (See also Cell Signaling) A CNS-specific GEF that regulates axon outgrowth through activating Rac1 [220].

### **3 wk**

#### Up-regulated

–None–

#### Down-regulated

–None–

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### **8. DNA Replication/Repair – functions in mitosis, DNA repair and mitotic checkpoints**

**Summary:** Of the seventeen genes, five have been associated with regulating mitotic checkpoints: one down-regulated gene at 3 days (*hp1bp3*), and four up-regulated genes at 7/11 days (*spc25*, *ccnb3*, *mad2l1*, *rpm*). Such genes are increasingly understood to be important to allow cells time to rearrange their chromosomes in preparation for major changes in gene expression [217]. The remaining twelve were up-regulated genes at 7/11 days that are more directly involved in DNA replication and repair (*mcm6*, *pcna*, *top2a*, *erh*, *ncaph2*, *rfc5*, *sycp2*, *smc2*, *kiaa0101*, *mcm7*, *cmpk1* (see also Epigenetic), and *rrm2*).

### **3 days**

#### Up-regulated

–None–

#### Down-regulated

#### *Mitotic Checkpoint Protein–*

**HP1BP3** A heterochromatin protein with structural similarity to H1, suggesting it binds DNA in the linker region between nucleosomes. It principally acts as a mitotic checkpoint protein, maintaining heterochromatin integrity during the G1/S phase; it also influences gene transcription and increases cell viability during hypoxia [58; 59].

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**1 wk/ 11 days**

Up-regulated

*Mitotic Checkpoint Proteins–*

|        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPC25  | A component of the kinetochore complex, with mitotic checkpoint activity; it is upregulated when cancer stem cell proliferation is activated [17; 242].                                                                                                                             |
| CCNB3  | A cyclin-related positive regulator of cell division kinases and mitotic checkpoints; it is necessary for the progression of cells out of M phase. It plays a critical role in the expression of the survival signal survivin [30].                                                 |
| MAD2L1 | A mitotic checkpoint protein that prevents cells from passing from anaphase to telophase until all chromosomes are properly aligned; it is also potentially involved in DNA repair and ensuring genome stability by slowing down or halting mitosis until repair takes place [153]. |
| RPRM   | A TP53-dependent mitotic checkpoint protein that arrests the cell cycle at G2 [109; 291].                                                                                                                                                                                           |

*Genes Involved Directly in DNA Replication and Repair–*

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MCM6</b> | <b>An essential gene for the initiation of genome replication; is implicated in stimulating Müller glia cell division during limited retinal regeneration in mice [177; 223].</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| PCNA        | The sliding clamp protein of DNA polymerase; it is predominantly used as a marker for proliferating cells and is found in microglia and astrocytes after spinal cord injury in rat [316].                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| TOP2A       | A DNA topoisomerase essential for both DNA replication and DNA transcription; in zebrafish, it is required for both embryonic development and liver regeneration [56].                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| ERH         | It is essential for chromosome alignment at metaphase and plays a role both in regulating the cell cycle and in the DNA damage response [70].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| NCAPH2      | It plays an essential role in mitotic chromosome assembly and is involved in chromatin architectural rearrangements associated with cellular senescence [105; 332].                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| RFC5        | It is part of the PCNA sliding clamp loader and is required for DNA replication [182; 212].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| SYCP2       | An essential component for synapsis of sister homologous chromosomes in meiosis, with few known functions outside of meiosis; expression in cells not in meiosis may reflect changes in genome architecture [192].                                                                                                                                                                               |
| SMC2        | An essential component of the condensin complex, which condenses chromatin for mitosis; it also plays an important role in DNA repair [321].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| KIAA0101    | A PCNA-clamp associated factor, also involved in DNA repair (see PCNA for references).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| MCM7        | A DNA helicase that belongs to the same complex as MCM6; it is essential for the initiation of genome replication [158; 223].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| CMPK1       | (See also Epigenetic Gene Regulation) A cytidine/uridine monophosphate kinase that is required for nucleic acid biosynthesis; it converts CMP, UMP and dCMP into the di-phosphate forms. It also plays a role in determining the efficiency of DNA repair involving cytidine/uridine, and therefore may play a role in base excision repair pathways involved in altering DNA methylation [296]. |
| RRM2        | An enzyme that converts ribonucleotides to deoxyribonucleotides. It becomes more active during mitosis and is a rate limiting enzyme for both DNA replication and DNA repair; it is upregulated in liver regeneration [71; 178].                                                                                                                                                                 |

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Down-regulated

–None–

**3 wk**

Up-regulated

–None–

Down-regulated

–None–

**9. Lipid Metabolism – functions in fatty acid and lipid biosynthesis and degradation**

**Summary:** These fifteen DESR genes have been implicated in processes related to lipid metabolism; all were differentially expressed at 7/11 days. Up-regulated genes had functions in cholesterol biosynthesis (*cyb5r2*, *nsdhl*, *mvk*, *c14orf1*, *dhcr7*, *hmgcr*), as well as the synthesis and modification of other lipids (*fads1*, *fads2*, *ecl2*, *gla*, *lppr3*). One additional up-regulated gene in this category was *apoE*, which is the major lipoprotein carrier protein in the brain and has been linked to Alzheimer's disease, as well as mammalian peripheral axon regeneration [44; 298]. All three down-regulated genes had functions in the metabolism of lipids in glia, especially sphingolipid biosynthesis (*ugt8*, *ppt2*, *abca2*).

**3 days**

Up-regulated

–None–

Down-regulated

–None–

**1 wk/ 11 days**

Up-regulated

*Cholesterol Biosynthesis–*

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CYB5R2  | A cytochrome B5 reductase implicated in cholesterol biosynthesis, fatty acid desaturation and elongation; it is associated with respiratory bursts in neutrophils [19].                                                                                           |
| NSDHL   | An NAD(P)-dependent steroid dehydrogenase involved in cholesterol biosynthesis. In the developing CNS, NSDHL knockout in radial glia leads to loss of cortical, hippocampal, and cerebellar granule cells as a result of defective Sonic Hedgehog Signaling [48]. |
| MVK     | A key early enzyme in sterol and isoprenoid synthesis, thought to be a principal regulator of cholesterol biosynthesis. Deficiencies lead to severe auto-inflammation in the nervous system and other tissues [106; 295].                                         |
| C14orf1 | (a.k.a. Ergosterol Biosynthetic Protein 28 Homolog) An important enzyme in the biosynthesis of cholesterol and other sterols [72; 300].                                                                                                                           |
| DHCR7   | A required enzyme for cholesterol biosynthesis. Disrupting cholesterol biosynthesis leads to neurodegeneration [81].                                                                                                                                              |
| HMGCR   | A rate limiting enzyme in cholesterol synthesis and a therapeutic target of statins; inhibiting this enzyme inhibits neurodegeneration [263].                                                                                                                     |

*Metabolism of other Lipids–*

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| FADS1 | (See also Inflammatory Response and Wound Healing) A fatty acid desaturase that is directly implicated in down-regulating inflammation [92]. |
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| FADS2 | A second fatty acid desaturase; increased expression is a marker for the anti-inflammatory state [92].                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| ECI2  | An enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of cis- or trans- double bonds of fatty acids at gamma-carbon positions to trans double bonds at beta-carbon positions. It is important for the metabolism of certain fatty acids for energy in mitochondria [117].                                                                |
| GLA   | An important metabolic enzyme that hydrolyzes the terminal alpha-galactosyl moieties from glycolipids, and also glycoproteins. Mutations in GLA cause Fabry disease, a lysosomal storage disease involving dysfunctional metabolism of sphingolipids, which are abundant in the plasma membranes of neurons and glia [43]. |
| LPPR3 | A phospholipid phosphatase active during cell migration, neurite retraction, and mitogenesis [337].                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

*Lipid Carrier Lipoprotein–*

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|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| APOE | The principal lipoprotein carrier in the brain. Mutations in APOE are strongly linked to Alzheimer's disease in humans. Isoforms elicit varying effects on peripheral nerve regeneration in mammals [44; 298]. |
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Down-regulated

*Glial Lipid Metabolism –*

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| UGT8  | (See also Inflammatory Response and Wound Healing) An important enzyme for sphingolipid metabolism, which are important for making myelin; elevated UGT8 promotes neuroinflammation in humans [339].                                                                                                             |
| PPT2  | (See also Inflammatory Response and Wound Healing) A critical enzyme in the synthesis of sphingosine, which is especially important for the synthesis of sphingolipids in myelin. Elevated sphingolipid levels promote neuro-inflammation, and PPT2 knockdown in mice leads to neurodegeneration [89; 281; 339]. |
| ABCA2 | (See also Intracellular Transport) A gene involved in transporting lipids across membranes; it is highly expressed in brain and may play a role in macrophage lipid metabolism [51].                                                                                                                             |

**3 wk**

Up-regulated

–None–

Down-regulated

–None–

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**10. Transcription Factors – functions in regulating gene transcription by binding to DNA**

**Summary:** Transcription factors were found among DESR genes at all three time points. At the earliest time point, only a single transcription factor, *ddit3*, was up-regulated. *Ddit3* is a C/EBP-related transcriptional repressor involved in the activation of pro-inflammatory signals [239]. At 7/11 days, there were eight up-regulated and three down-regulated transcription factors and co-factors. Among the up-regulated DESR transcription factors at this time were two homeodomain-related genes [a LIM homeodomain protein (*fh13*) and a triple-homeobox factor (*tgif1*) previously shown to be required for retinal regeneration in zebrafish [159]], two bHLH transcription factors [*hes5*, which is activated by Notch signaling after spinal cord injury in mammals [126], and *myc11*, a proto-oncogene], a transcriptional co-factor involved in nucleosome repositioning (*hmgn2*), a transcription co-factor involved in activating STAT3 (*mlt11*), a Scratch/Snail transcriptional repressor (*scrt2*), and the SRY-box family member (*sox11*), which is already known to play a critical role in both spinal cord and optic nerve injury in mammal [226; 314]. The three down-regulated DESR transcription factor/co-factor genes were *znf395* (a zinc-

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finger transcription factor that activates pro-inflammatory cytokines [102]), *bcl6* (a transcriptional repressor of STAT3 [214]), and *ppr12*. Only two transcription factors were among DESR genes at 3 weeks (*ebf3* and *irf8*). Both were up-regulated and have roles in regulating genes involved in apoptosis and in suppressing a hyper-immune response in macrophages, respectively [115; 164].

**3 days**

Up-regulated

DDIT3 (See also Inflammatory Response and Wound Healing) A C/EBP-related transcription factor that functions primarily as a transcriptional repressor by forming inactive partners with other C/EBP transcription factors; it is regulated by stress factors and is important for the activation of pro-inflammatory signals [239].

Down-regulated

–None–

**1 wk/ 11 days**

Up-regulated

FHL3 A LIM domain, double-zinc-finger-motif transcriptional co-activator/co-repressor. It interacts with SMAD2, SMAD3, and SMAD4, MyoD, and the high-affinity IgE beta chain regulator MZF-1 [93].

HES5 (3) A HES family bHLH transcription repressor of bHLH genes; it is activated by notch/delta signaling, and stimulation of Hes5 has been shown to promote spinal cord injury repair [126].

HMGN2 (See also Epigenetic Gene Regulation) A transcription co-factor implicated in maintaining DNA in the open conformation for transcription by binding to and modulating histone H3 and removing H1 from promoters [190].

MYCL1 The L-Myc proto-oncogene; a bHLH transcription factor implicated in cellular trans-differentiation, e.g., fibroblasts into myoblasts [304].

MLLT11 A transcription co-factor that increases activation of STAT3, a transcription factor that is important for axon regeneration; exogenous expression in cell lines (HEK) also induces expression of TuJ1, a neuron-specific tubulin [166; 238].

SCRT2 A Scratch/Snail family transcriptional repressor that regulates neuronal differentiation and subsequent neuronal cellular migration in opposition to the bHLH transcription factors, Ngn/NeuroD1 [243].

SOX11 A member of the family of SRY-box family of transcription factors. SOX11 plays an important role in neural development, and overexpression in mouse SCI promotes corticospinal tract regeneration but interferes with functional recovery. In ONC, it promotes axon regeneration of a subset of RGCs, but kills others in mice [226; 314].

TGIF1 A transcription factor of the triple homeobox family; it inhibits RAREs and SMAD2. Its expression is required for regeneration of retina in zebrafish from Müller cells [159].

Down-regulated

ZNF395 (a.k.a Huntington Disease Regulatory Region Binding Protein 2; see also Inflammatory Response and Wound Healing): A zinc-finger transcription factor that activates pro-inflammatory cytokines [102].

BCL6 A transcriptional repressor of STAT3 [213].

PRR12 A DNA binding protein with a role in neurodevelopment [154].

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**3 wk**

Up-regulated

- EBF3 (See also Cytoskeletal) A transcription factor that regulates cell survival by regulating genes involved in cell cycle arrest and apoptosis. It inhibits glial cell proliferation and glioma-genesis and also binds directly to microtubules to induce bundling [25; 164].
- IRF8 (See also Inflammatory Response and Wound Healing) A transcription factor that responds to interferons to suppress the hyper-inflammatory response in macrophages [115].

Down-regulated

–None–

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**11. Cellular Metabolism – functions in regulating general aspects of cellular metabolism**

**Summary:** This group of DESR genes has known roles in regulating cellular metabolism. Eight were up-regulated, and one (*fnhc7*) was down-regulated, all at 7/11 days. Up-regulated genes included an ornithine decarboxylase (*odc1*) required for peripheral axon regeneration [61], and *c2orf47*, which is a mitochondrial protein implicated in protecting cells from mitochondrial dysregulation in spinocerebellar ataxia [142].

**3 days**

Up-regulated

–None–

Down-regulated

–None–

**1 wk/ 11 days**

Up-regulated

- SLC38A4 (See also Intracellular Transport) It functions as a neutral transmembrane amino acid transporter with a role in regulating protein synthesis in liver development [140].
- ATP5E An ATP synthase that is used as a mitochondrial marker for increased cellular metabolism; it co-localizes with galectin-3 and has been implicated in inflammation [97; 134; 229].
- ATP6V1F (see also Intracellular Transport) A vesicular proton pump that acidifies vesicles for protein processing and sorting. It plays a functional role in eye development [227].
- ODC1 (See also Axon Outgrowth) Ornithine decarboxylase, which catalyzes conversion of ornithine to putrescine; it is required for regeneration of frog sciatic axons [61].
- C2orf47 An uncharacterized mitochondrial protein; it protects cells from mitochondrial dysregulation in spinocerebellar ataxia [142].
- C21orf33 (a.k.a. mitochondrial ES1 homolog, KPNI, and HES1) A member of the multi-functional DJ-1/Pfpl gene family found in mitochondria, where it regulates energy metabolism [193].
- GPD1L A glycerol phosphate dehydrogenase, which is a family of enzymes that catalyze conversion of dihydroxyacetone phosphate to glycerol 3-phosphate, forming an important link between carbohydrate and lipid metabolism. It is a genetic cause of Brugada syndrome [184].
- GNPDA2 An enzyme that converts D-glucosamine-6-phosphate into D-fructose-6-phosphate and ammonium. It is a metabolic enzyme associated with regulating body weight and obesity [319].



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### Down-regulated

FNDC7 A fibronectin-domain-containing protein whose precise function is unknown, but a related gene (FNDC5) promotes energy expenditure by stimulating production of brown adipose tissue to attenuate inflammation [322]. It may therefore have some function in regulating cellular metabolism.

### 3 wk

#### Up-regulated

–None–

#### Down-regulated

–None–

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\*The same gene is listed at another time point in this functional category.

<sup>1</sup>These genes' expression increased significantly (FDR < 0.05) in both regenerative tissues after injury (tadpole SCI hindbrain & frog ONC eye), but not in the non-regenerative frog SCI hindbrain.

<sup>2</sup>These genes' expression decreased significantly (FDR < 0.05) in both regenerative tissues after injury (tadpole SCI hindbrain & frog ONC eye), but not in the non-regenerative frog SCI hindbrain.

<sup>3</sup>Genes in Black: In using an FDR (Q) < 0.05 as the criterion for statistical significance, these genes changed significantly in expression (either up or down as indicated) in successful CNS regeneration, but not in unsuccessful regeneration.

<sup>4</sup>Genes in Green: These genes were significantly up-regulated in successful CNS regeneration and down-regulated with unsuccessful CNS regeneration. They are therefore likely to be particularly pro-regenerative.

<sup>5</sup>Genes in Red: These genes were significantly down-regulated in successful CNS regeneration and up-regulated with unsuccessful CNS regeneration. They are therefore likely to be particularly anti-regenerative.

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