

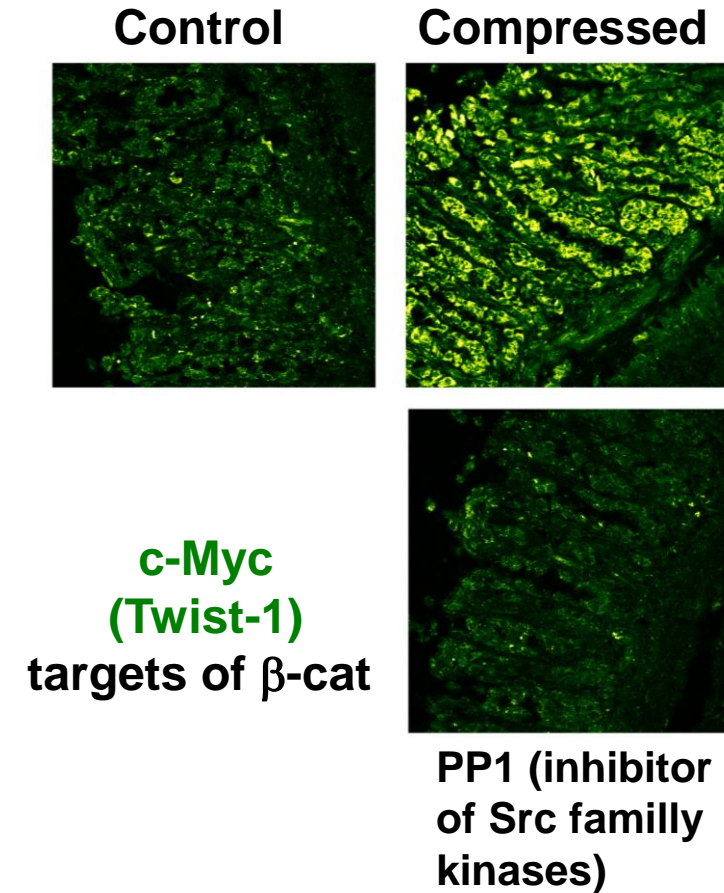
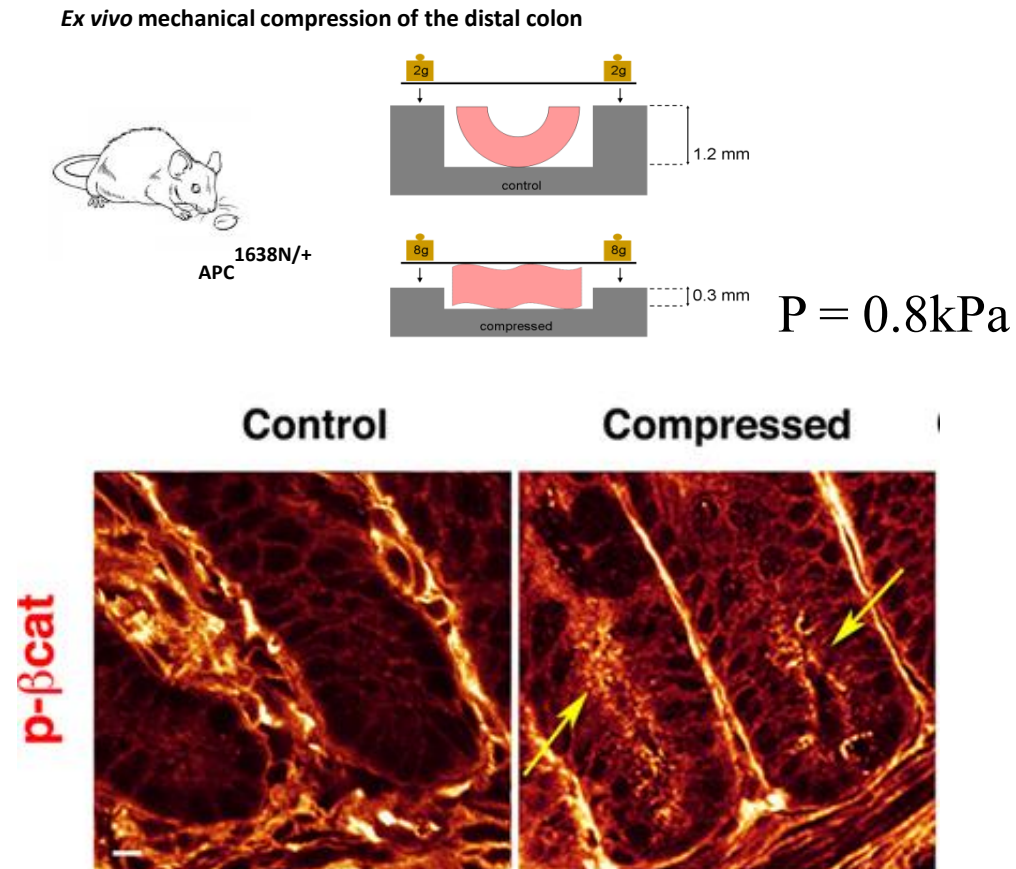
## Mechanotransductive Activation of the Tumorigenic $\beta$ -catenin Pathway in Colon Cancer progression

**Mechanosensitivity of the  $\beta$ -cat pathway in the mechanical induction of mesoendoderm specification of gastrulating bilaterian embryos**

(for a review: *Fernandez-Sanchez et al, Ann Rev Cell Dev Biol* 2015)

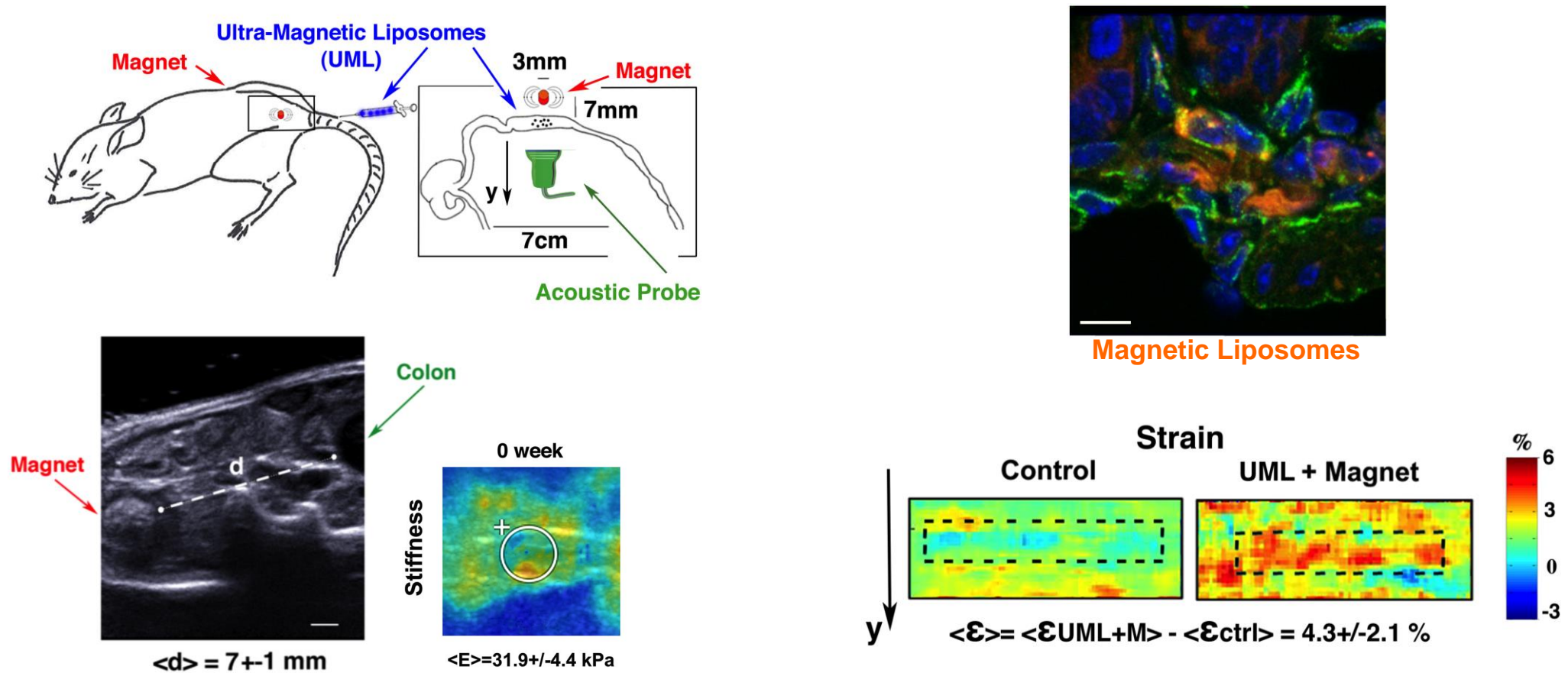
**Tumour growth pressure: mechanical activation of the tumorigenic pathway in healthy neighbouring cells?**

# $\beta$ -cat dependent mechanical induction of oncogenes expression ex-vivo



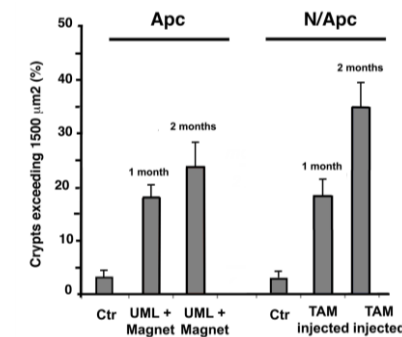
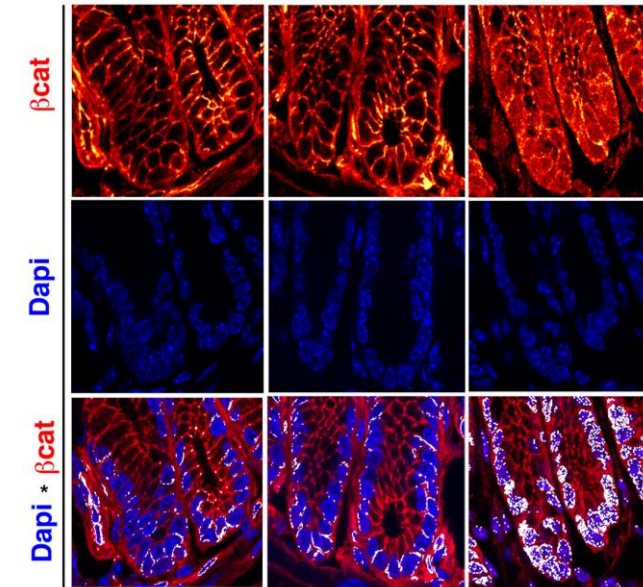
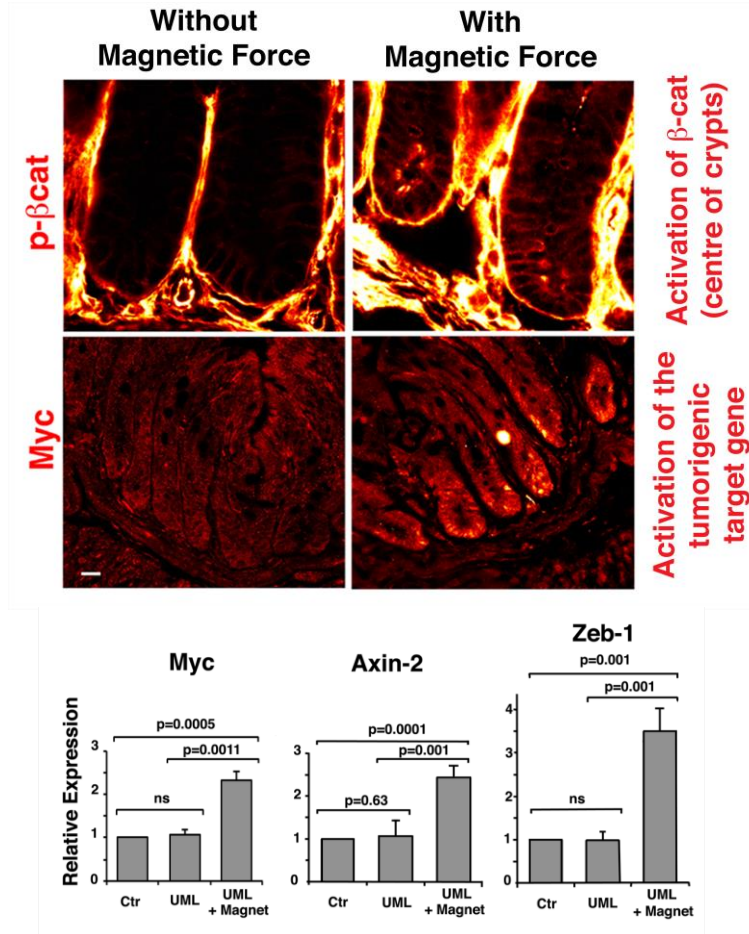
*In situ ex-vivo: Joanne Whitehead et al, HFSPJ 2008*

# Magnetic loading to mimic tumour growth pressure *in vivo*



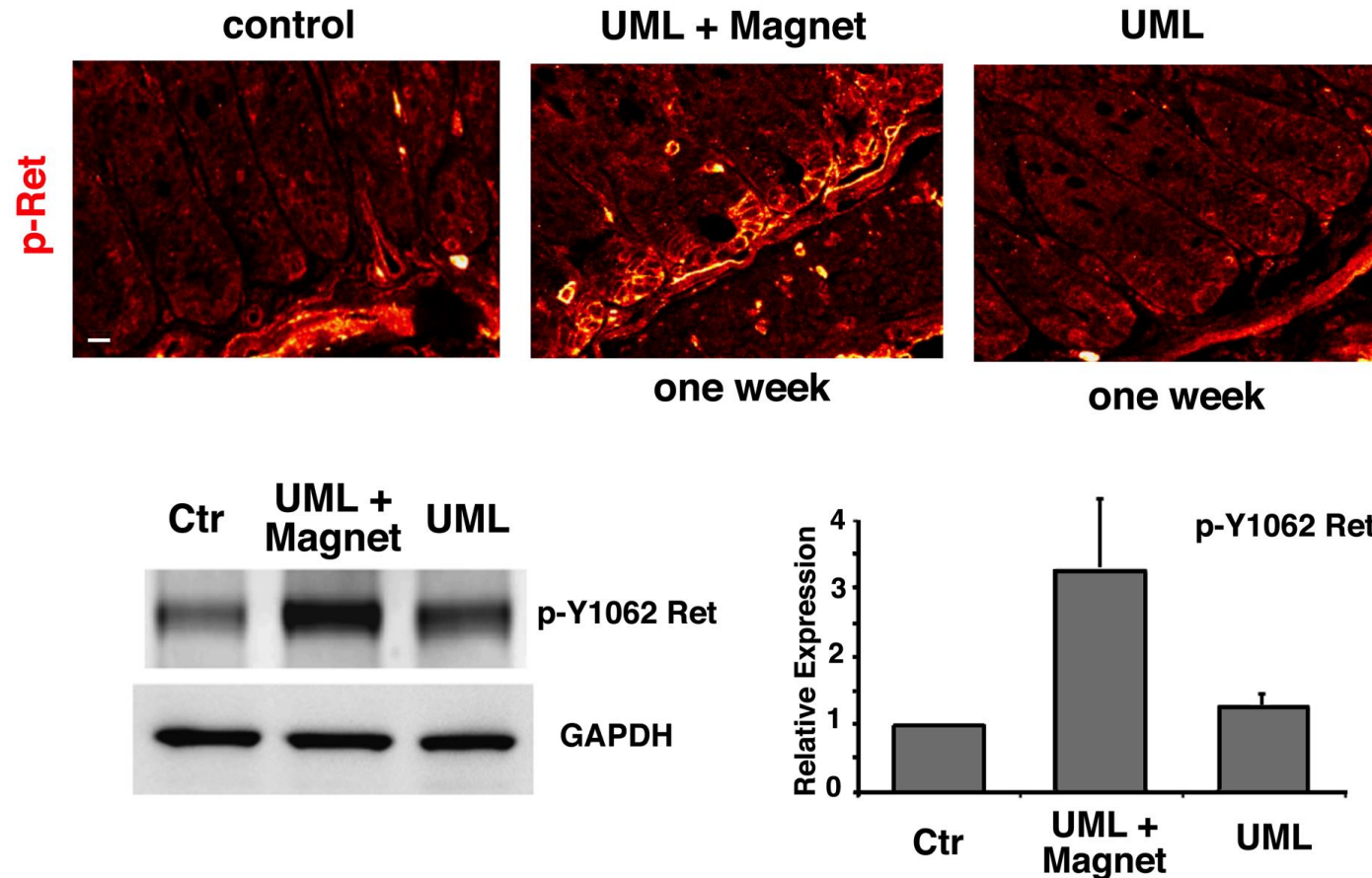
P= 1.2kPa mean value  
(tumour growth pressure: 1kPa)

# Mechanical induction of oncogenesis by tumour growth pressure *in vivo*

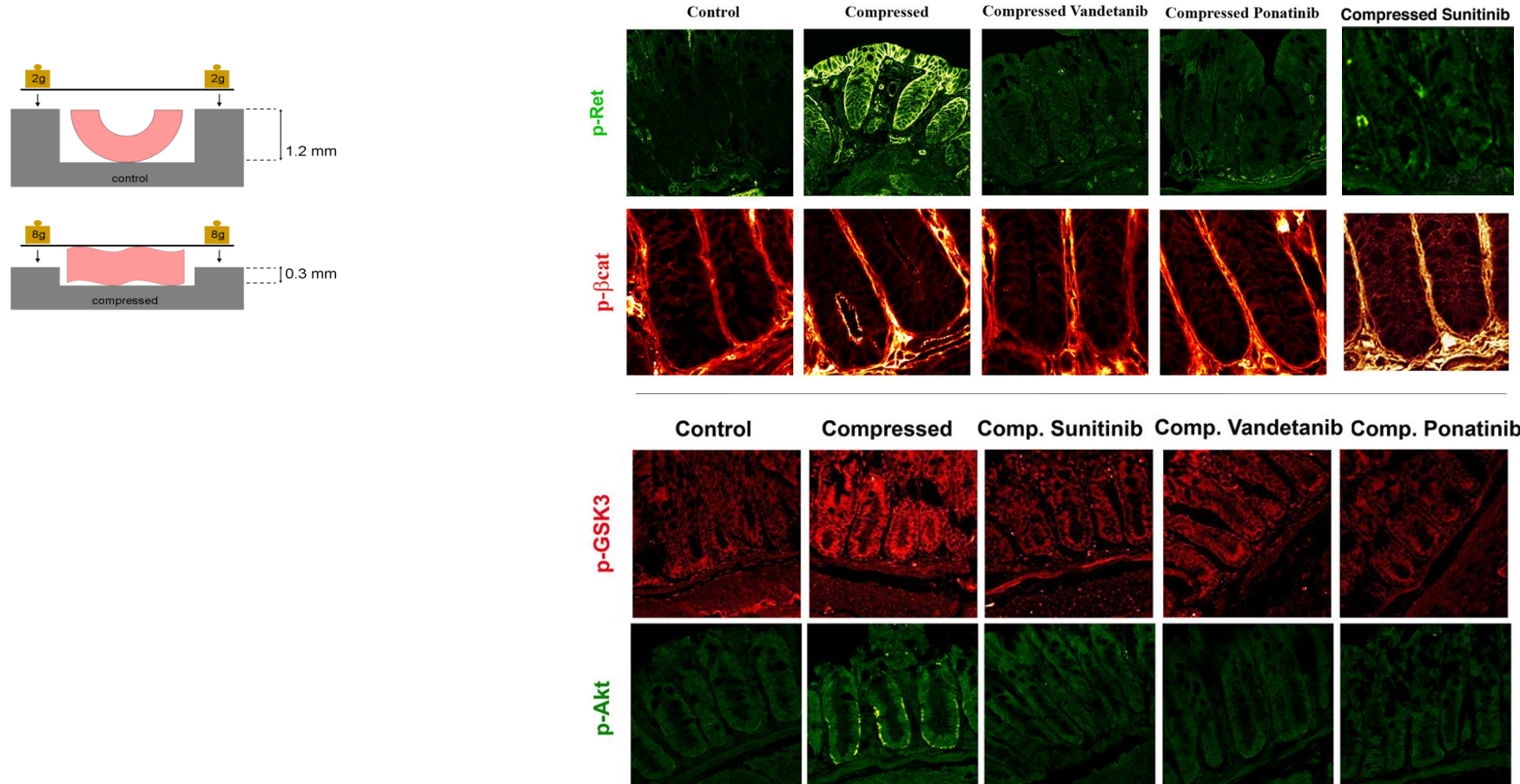




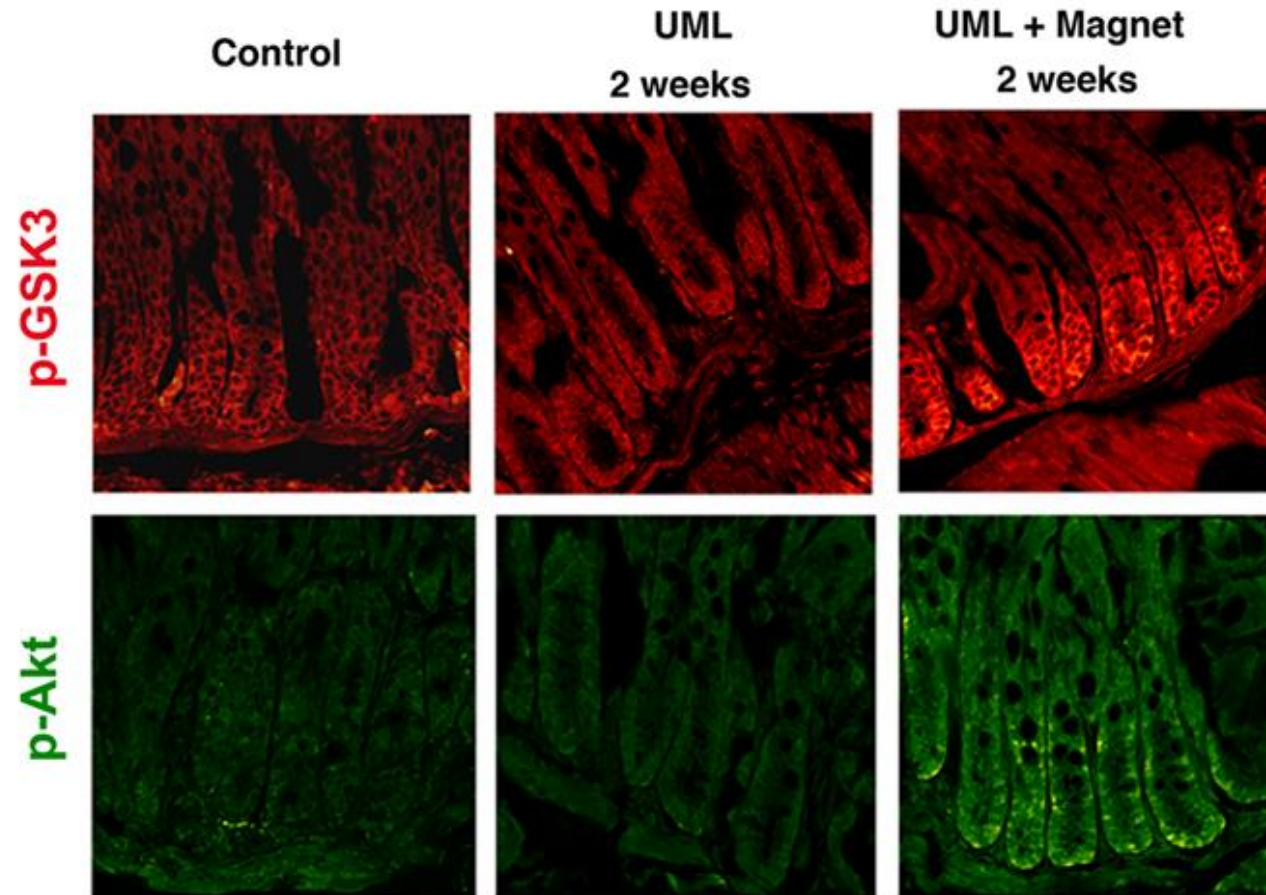
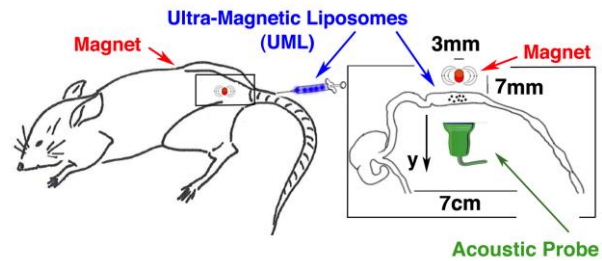
# Mechanical activation of the src-family kinase Ret Y1062 phosphorylation by tumour growth pressure



# Mechanical induction of p-Y654- $\beta$ cat and p-Ser9-GSK3 are p-Y1062-Ret dependent *ex-vivo*

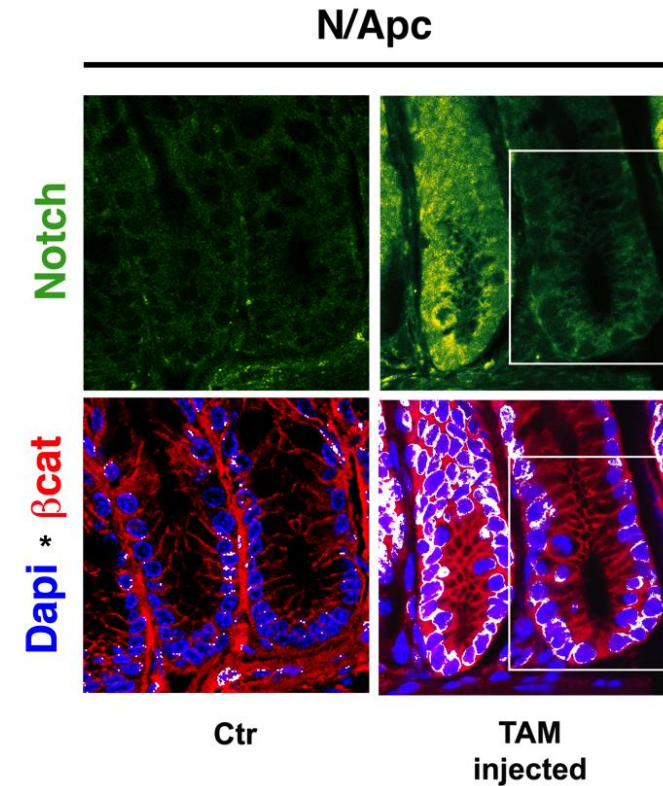
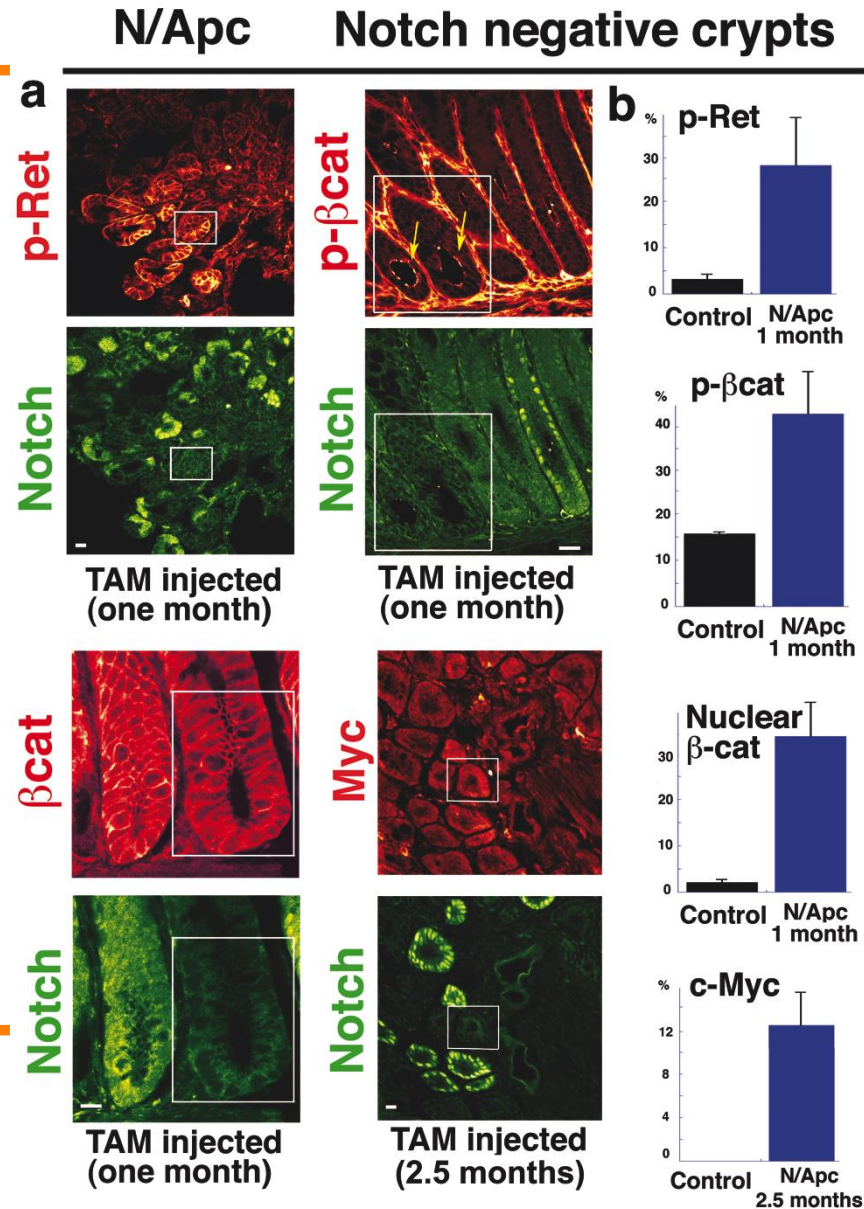


## Mechanical induction by tumour growth pressure of p-Ser9-GSK3 *in vivo*



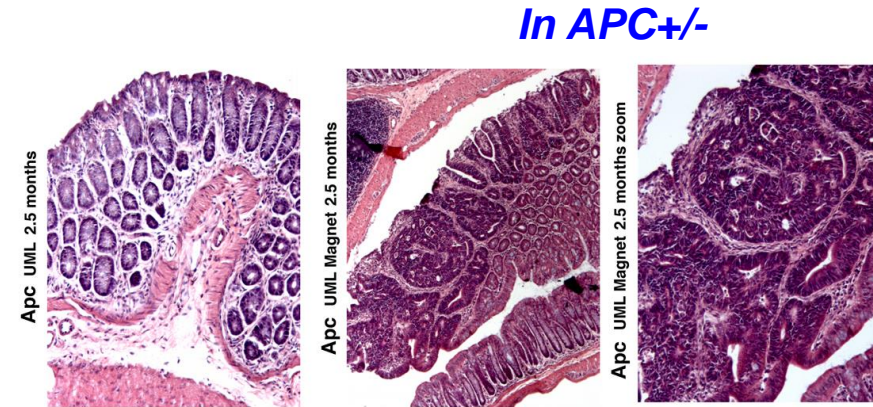
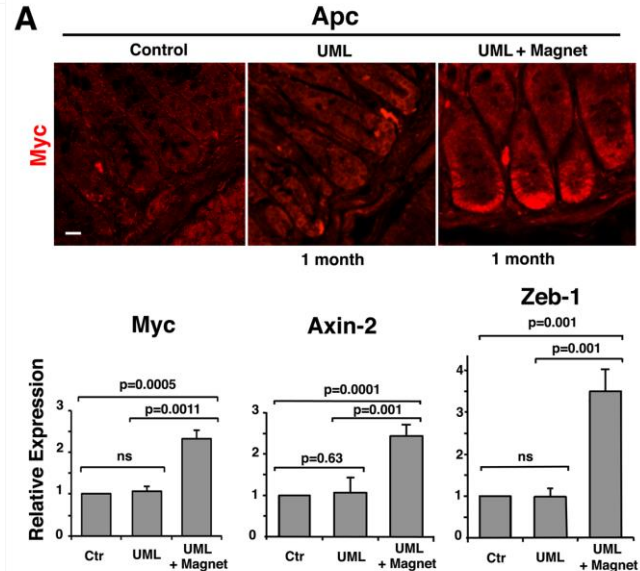
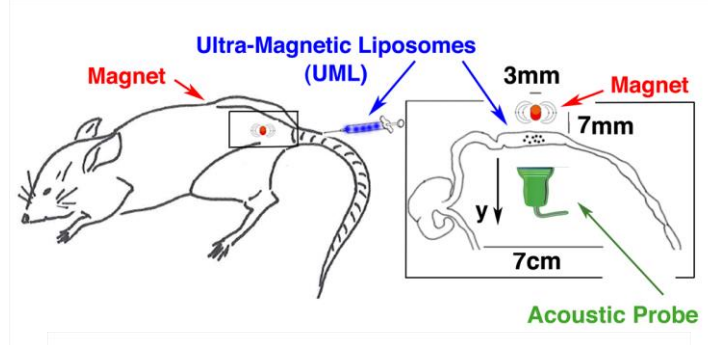


# Endogenous hyperproliferative Notch tumour growth pressure activates the $\beta$ -cat tumorigenic pathway in neighbouring non tumour Notch negative crypts

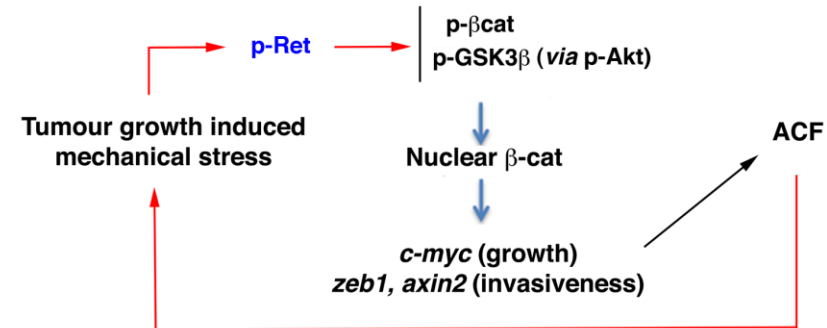




# Conclusion - Beta-cat dependent mechanical Induction of Oncogenes Expression in healthy tissues by tumour growth pressure *in vivo*



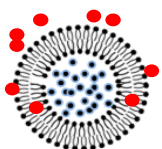
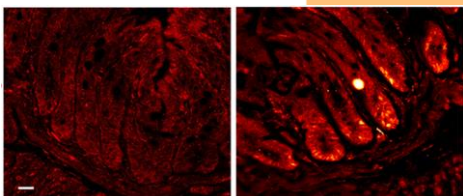
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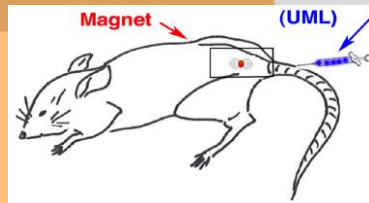
*In vivo: Elena Fernandez-Sanchez, Sandrine Barbier et al., Nature, 2015*

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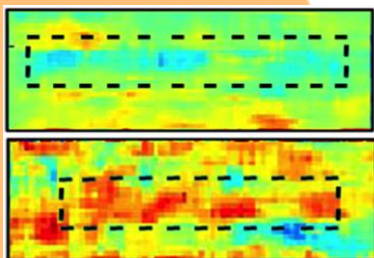
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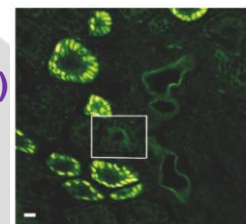


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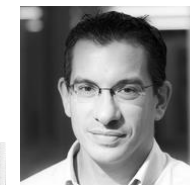
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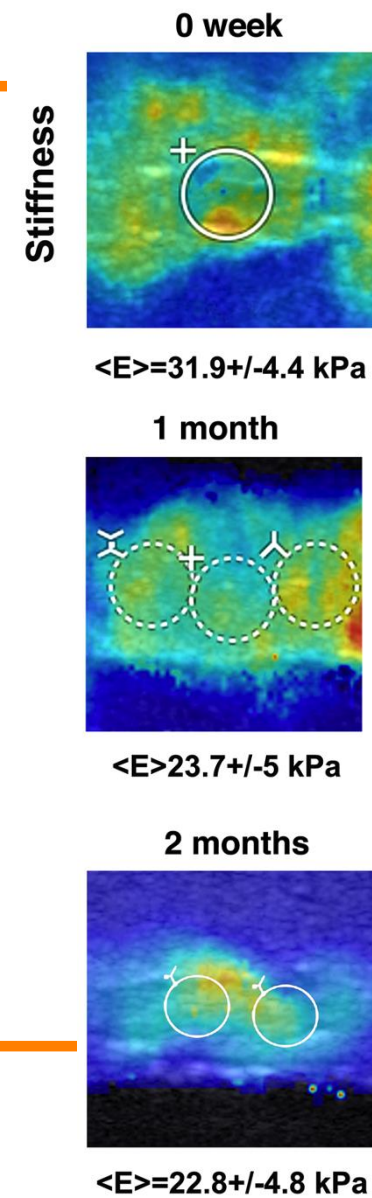
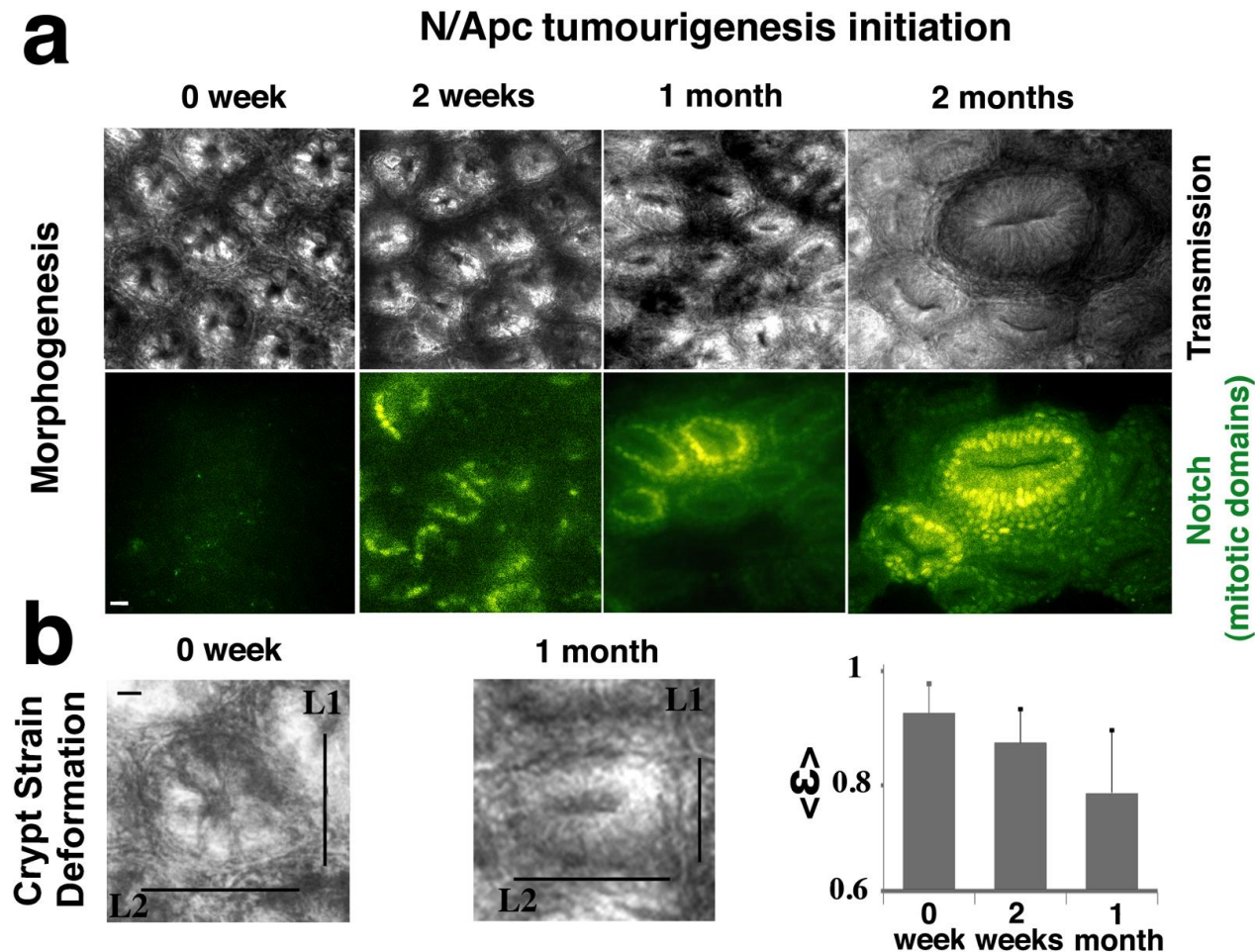


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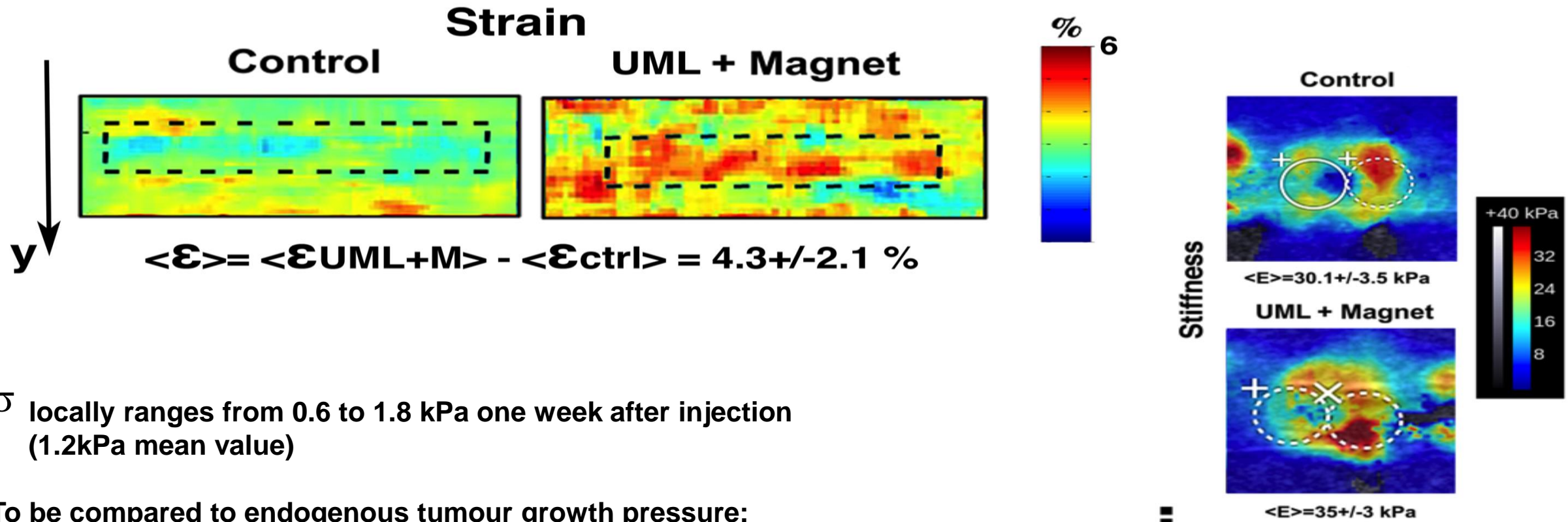
# Notch hyper-proliferative domains induce crypt strain deformation without change of stiffness



$\sigma$  locally ranges from 0.4 to 5.6 kPa at one month  
(3kPa mean value, 13% mean strain deformation)

1.2kPa  $p=0.03$  3kPa  $P<0.0001$

Magnetic forces induce a mean mechanical pressure on the order of 1kPa, equivalent to tumour growth pressure

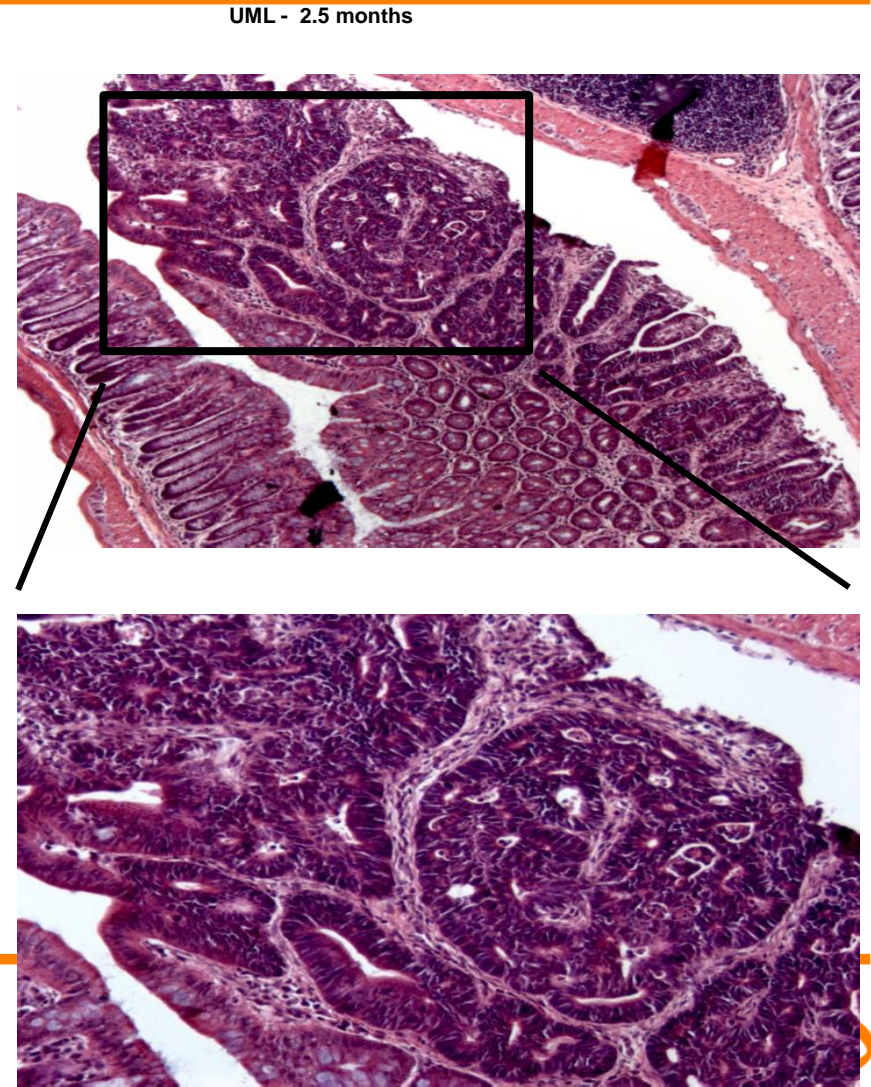
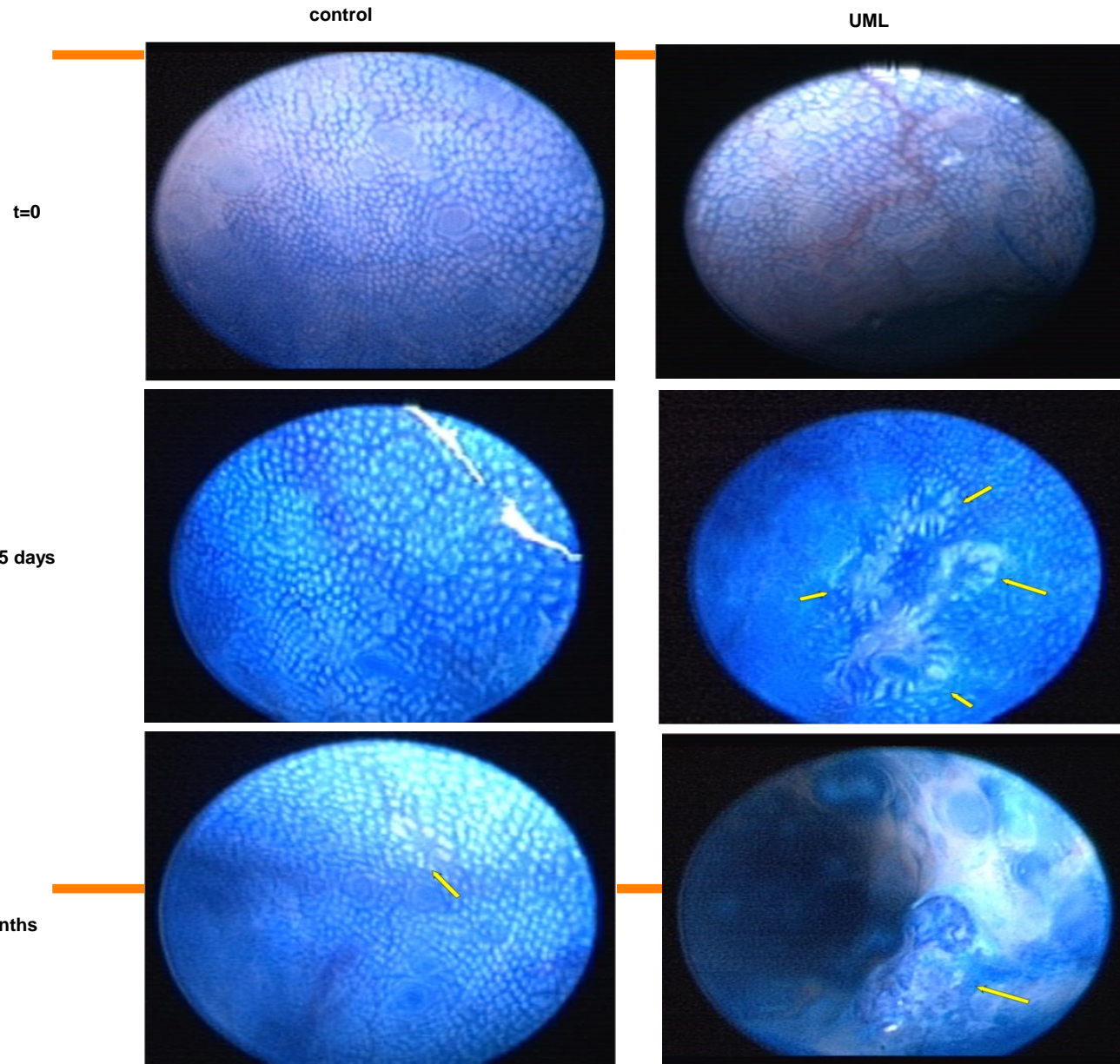


$\sigma$  locally ranges from 0.6 to 1.8 kPa one week after injection  
(1.2kPa mean value)

To be compared to endogenous tumour growth pressure:  
1.2kPa (2 weeks of Notch activation)

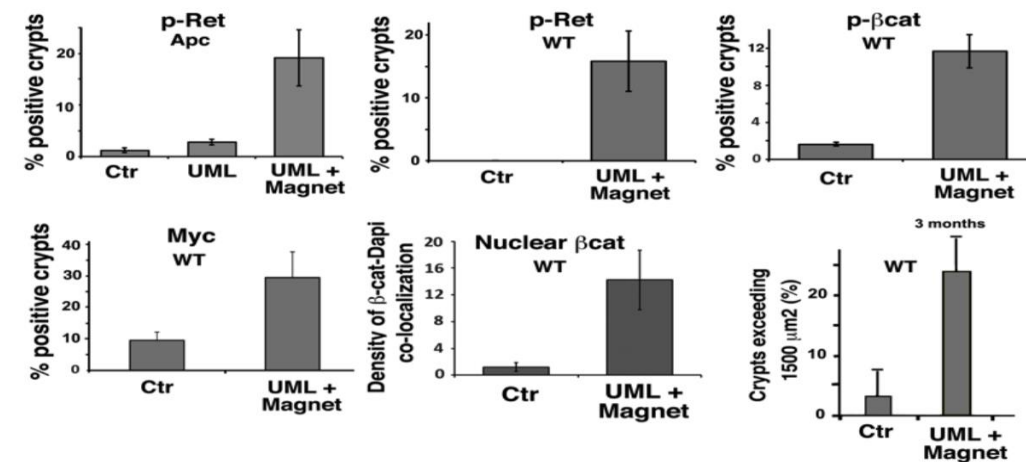
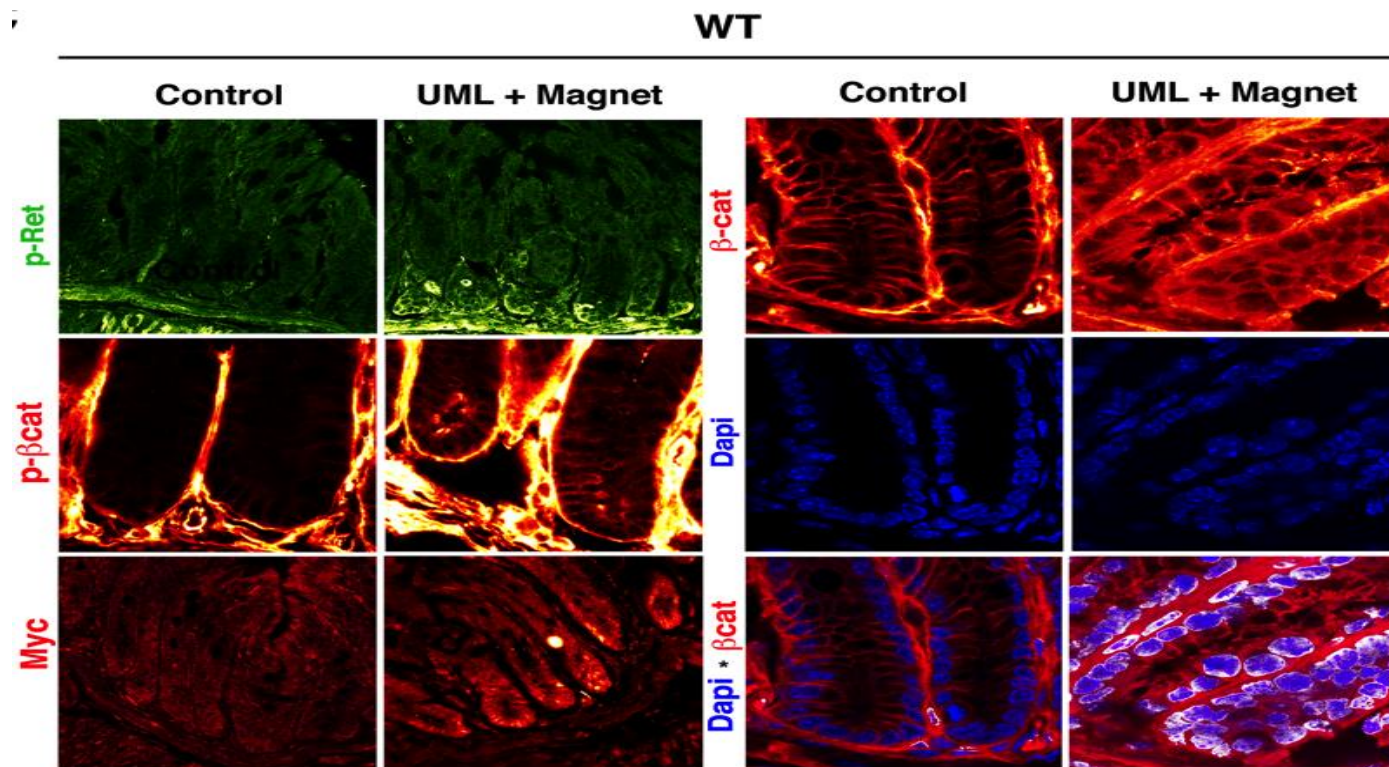


# Magnetic forces mimicking tumour growth pressure can induce adenoma-carcinoma, in Apc heterozygous mice colon

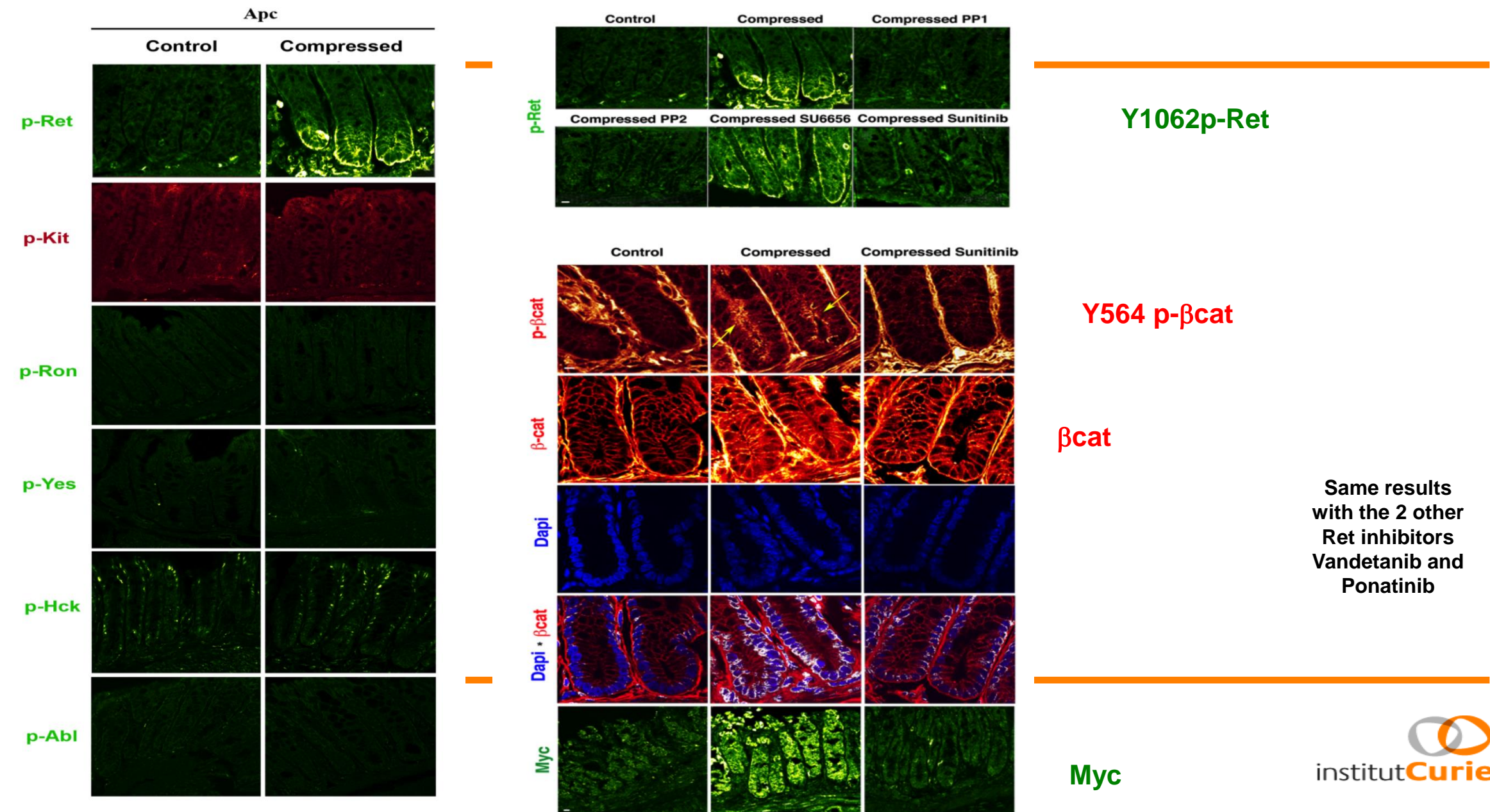




# Magnetic forces mimicking tumour growth pressure activates the $\beta$ -cat tumorogenic pathway, in WT mice colon too



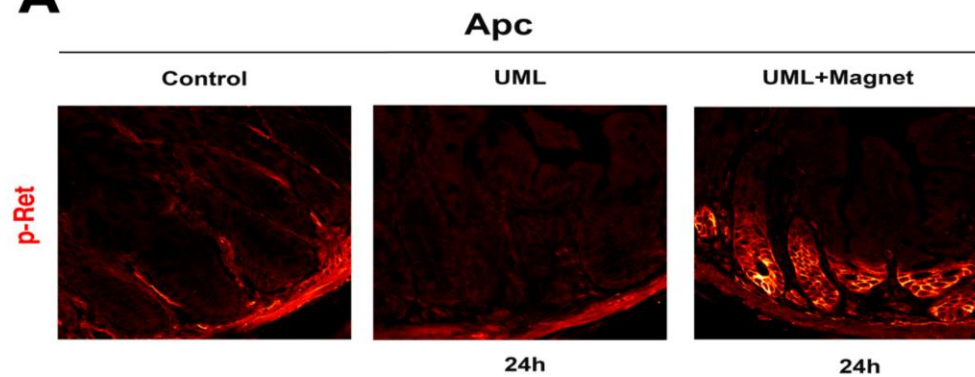
Mechanotransductive pathway: Ret phosphorylation is upstream of  $\beta$ -cat tumorogenic pathway mechanical activation



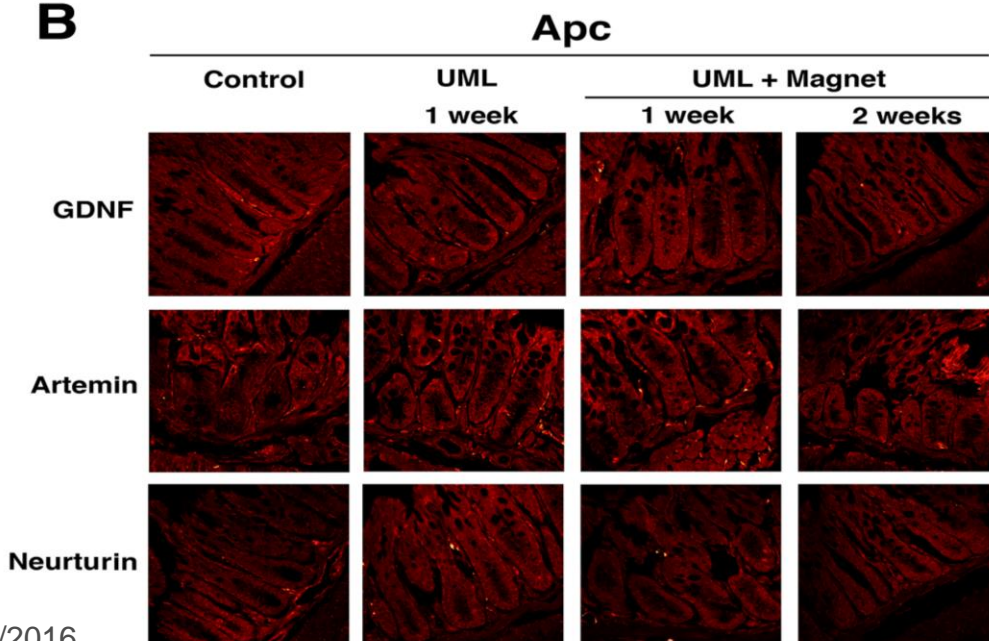


# Controls: Ret ligands and UMLs by themselves, do not activate Ret

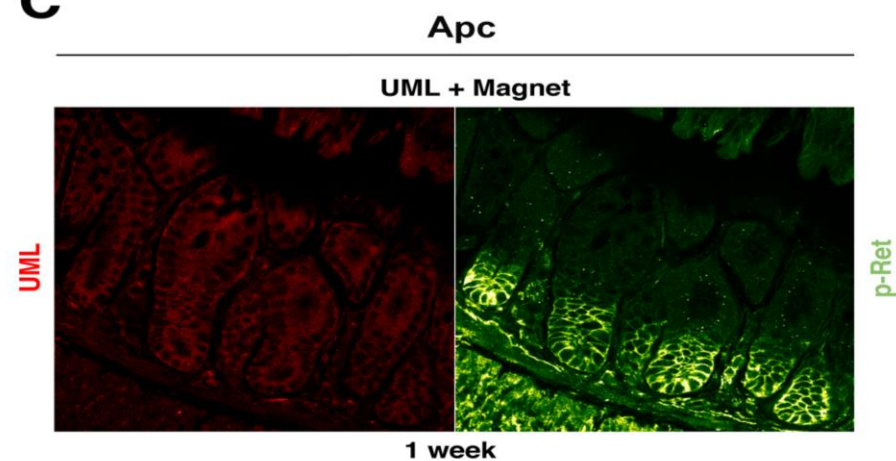
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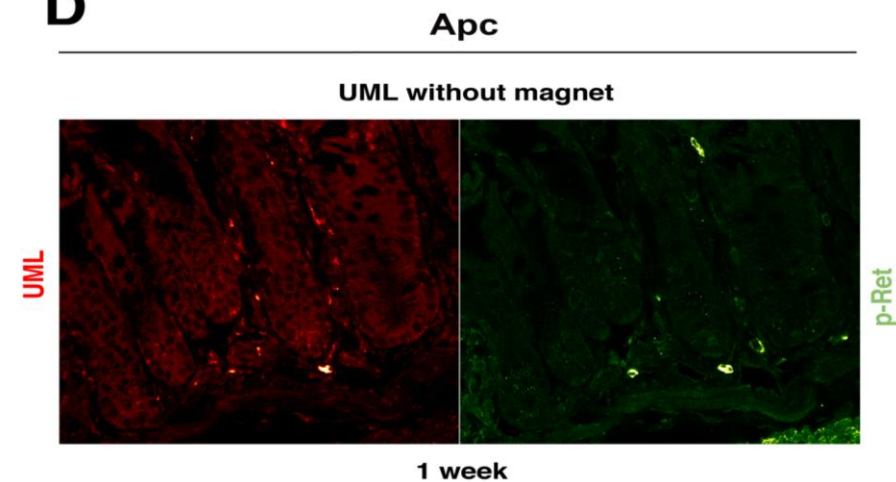
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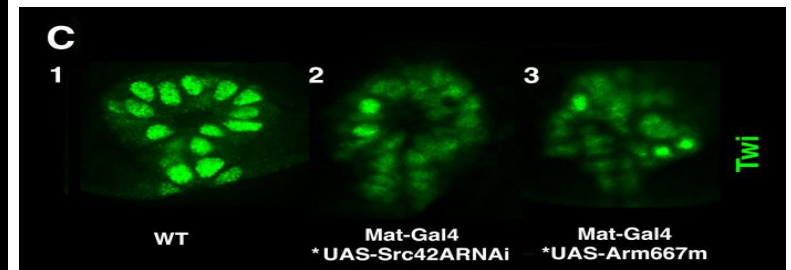
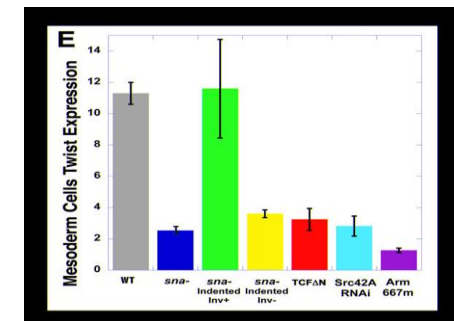
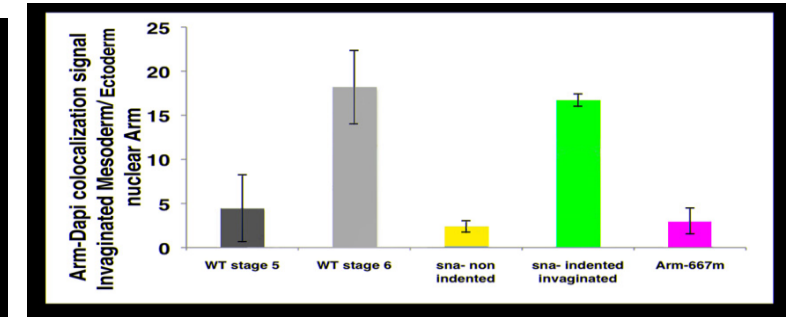
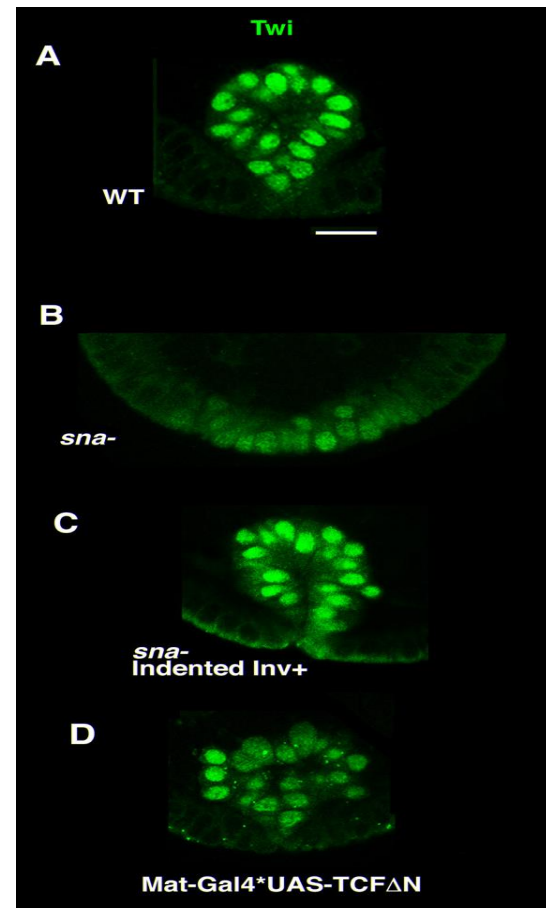
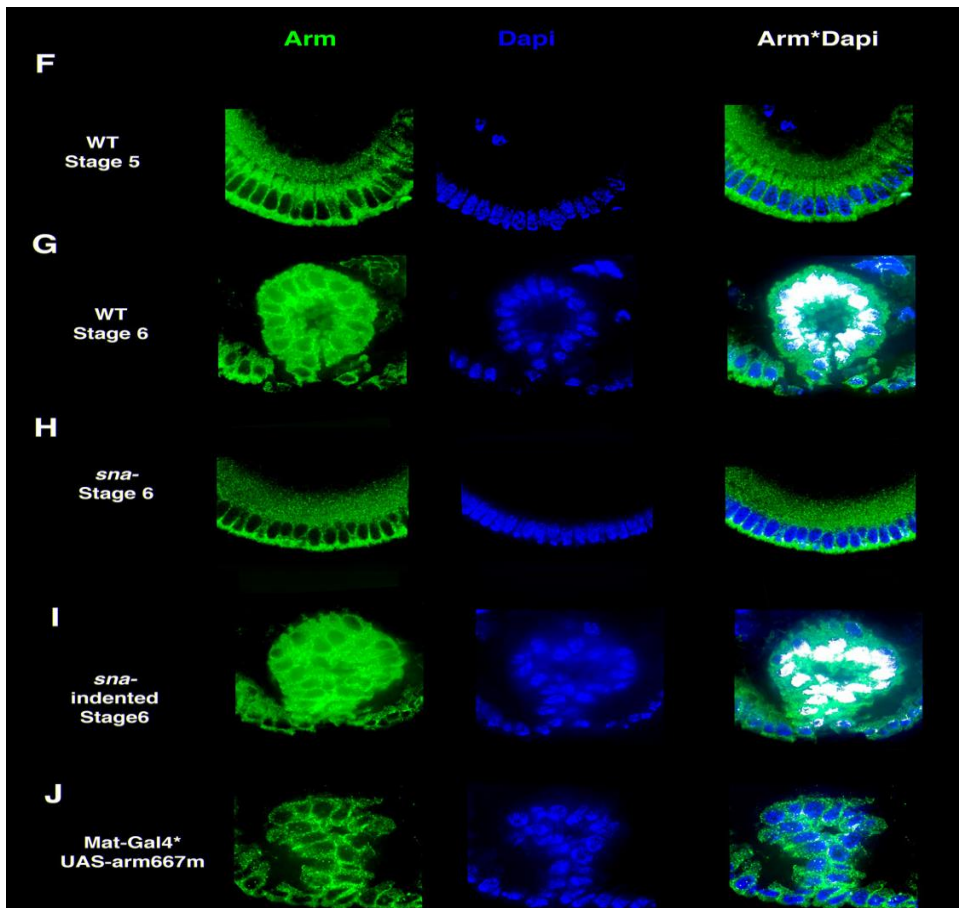


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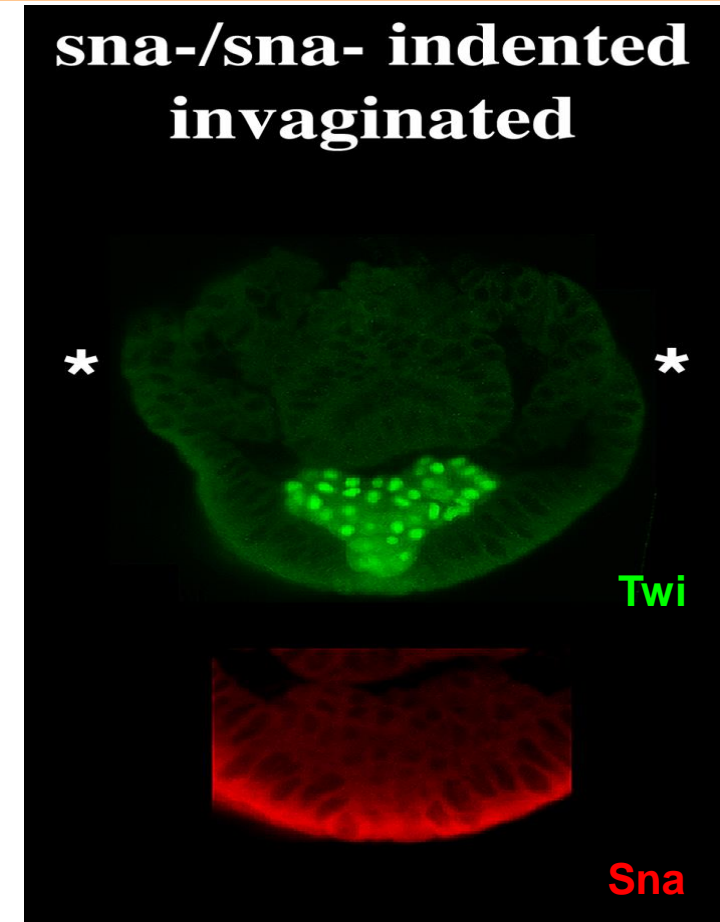
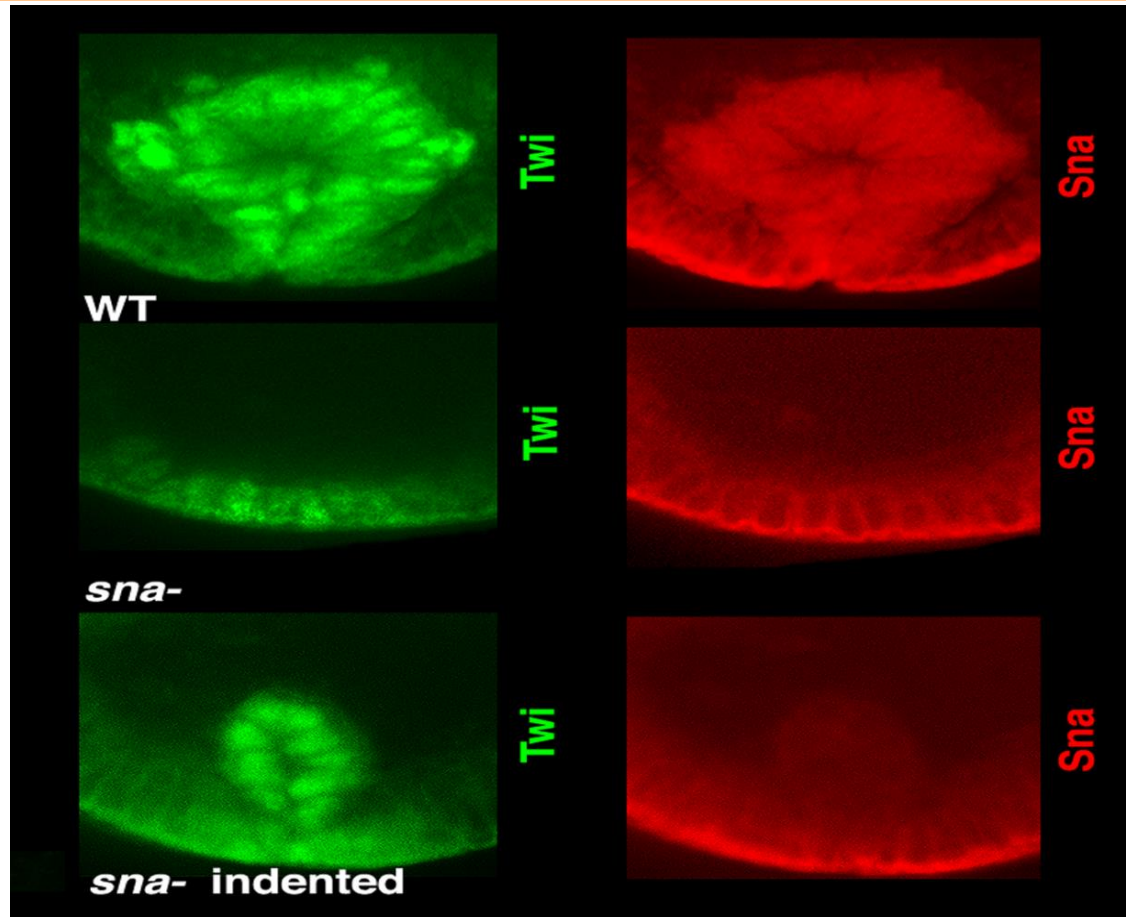


# $\beta$ -catenin cytoplasmic and nuclear translocation are mechanically induced by Y667 $\beta$ -catenin mechanical phosphorylation and lead to Twist expression maintenance in the mesoderm

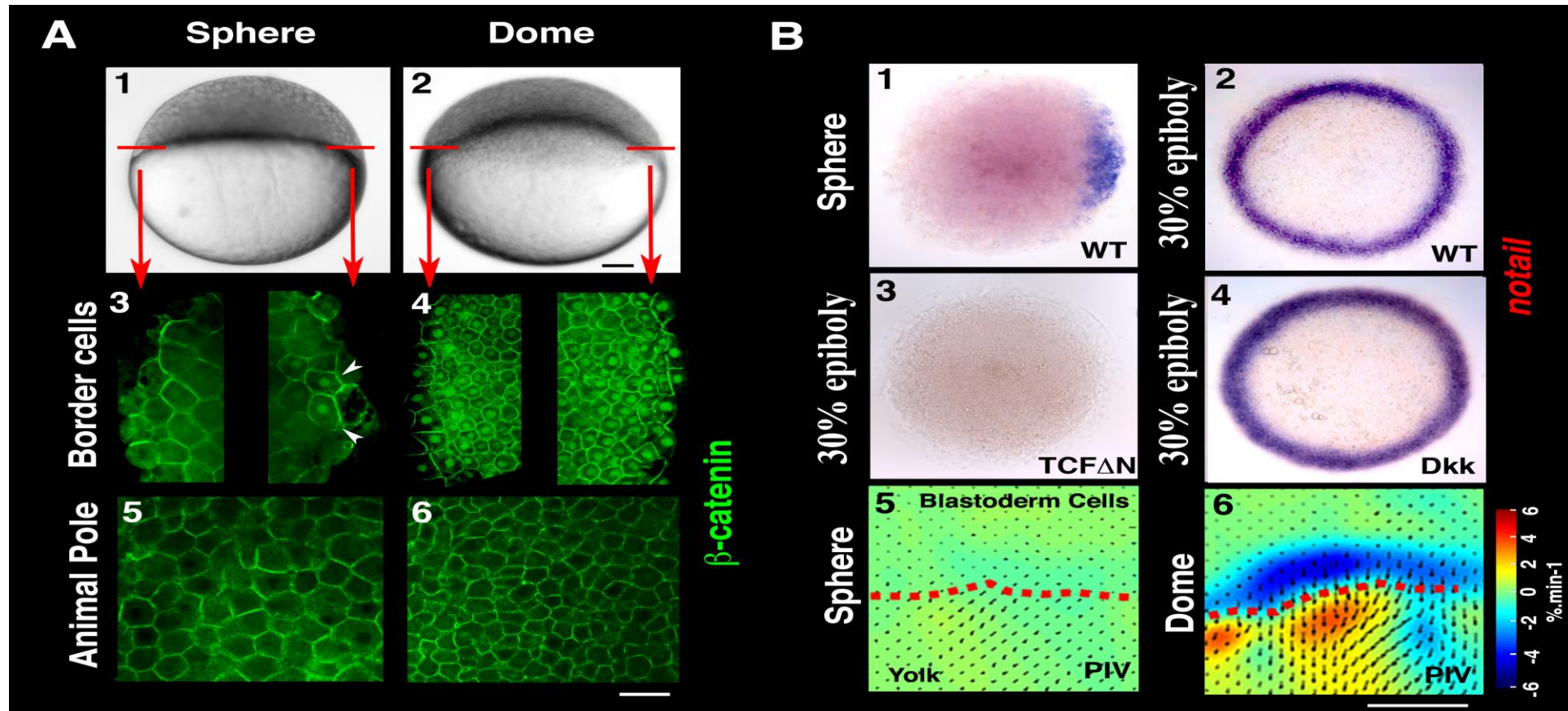


Note: 1%FA Fix procedure for Arm nuclei detection (poor junctional resolution)

## Twist Sna double labelling: indented sna- invaginating and expressing strongly Twist



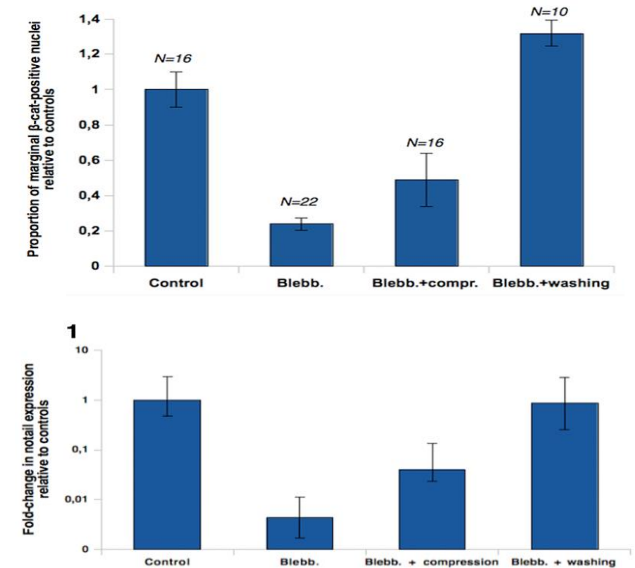
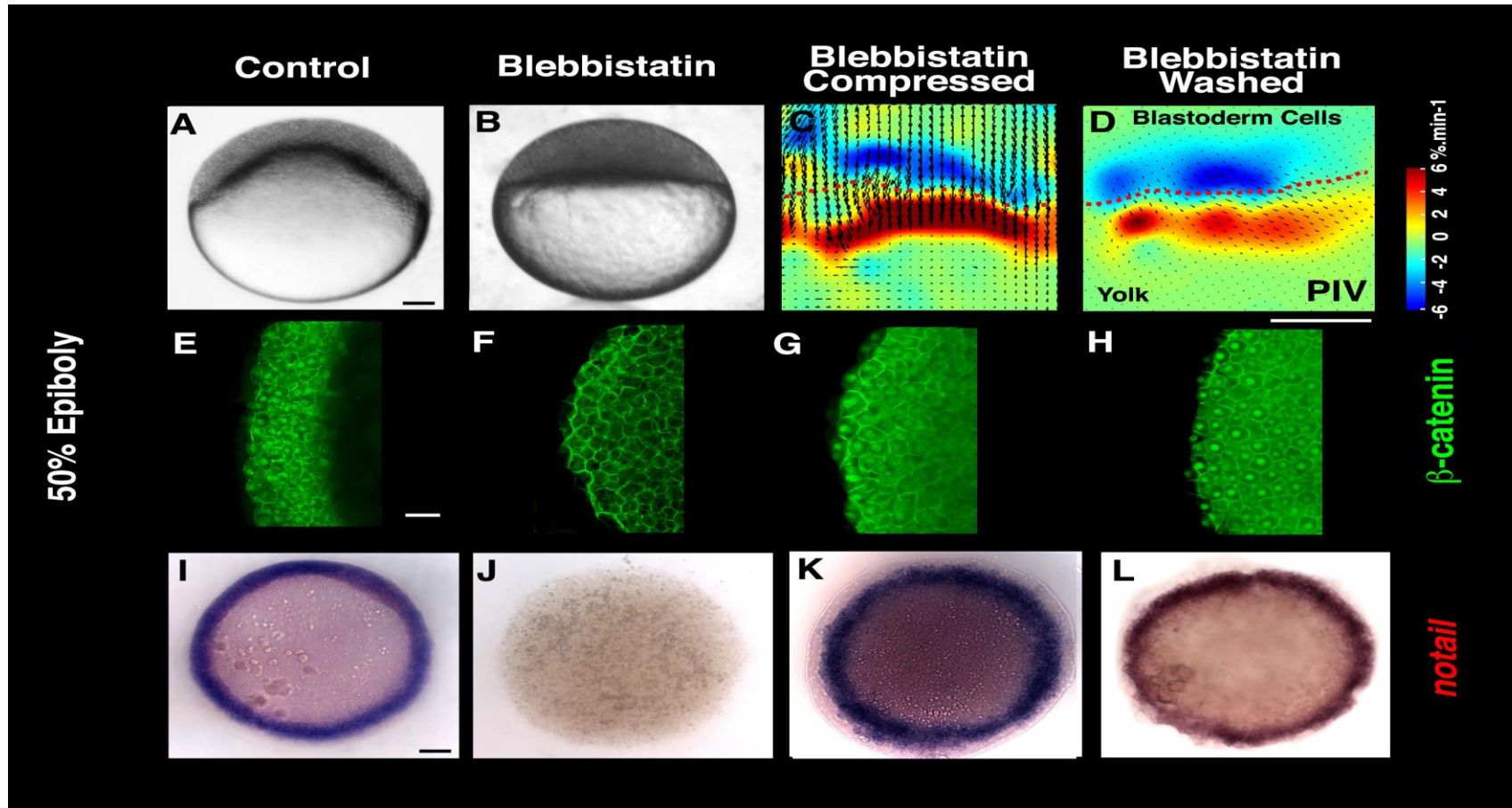
**Zebrafish: the mesoderm patterning gene *notail* is expressed at the onset of epiboly in specifically deformed margin cells in a  $\beta$ -catenin dependent but Wnt independent process**



Dkk: inhibitor of Wnts through Lrp6



# The $\beta$ -catenin dependent expression of *notail* in margin cells is induced by the morphogenetic movement of epiboly onset



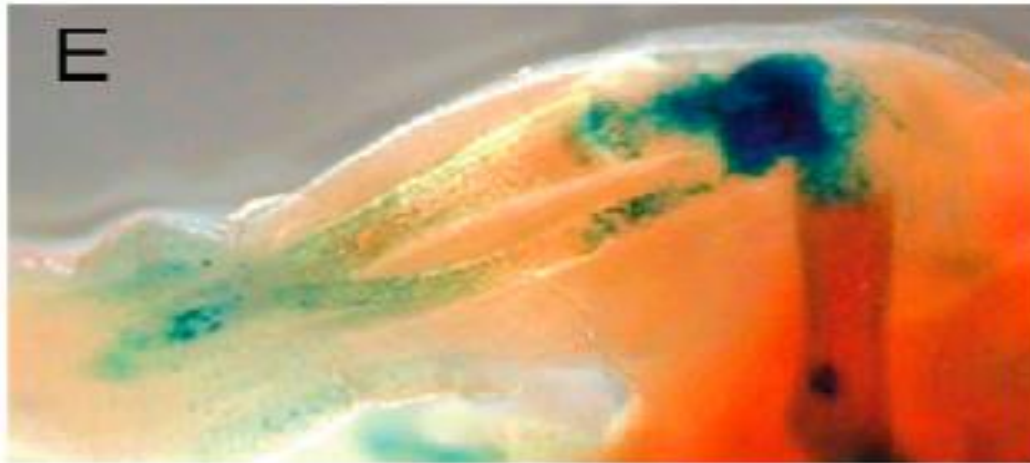
Uniaxial deformation:  
35 $\mu$ m during 20min

# $\beta$ -catenin/Armadillo is also involved as a Mechano-Transcriptional Pathway in Bone Development

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## Muscle Contraction Is Necessary to Maintain Joint Progenitor Cell Fate

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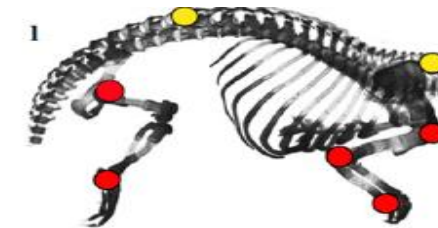


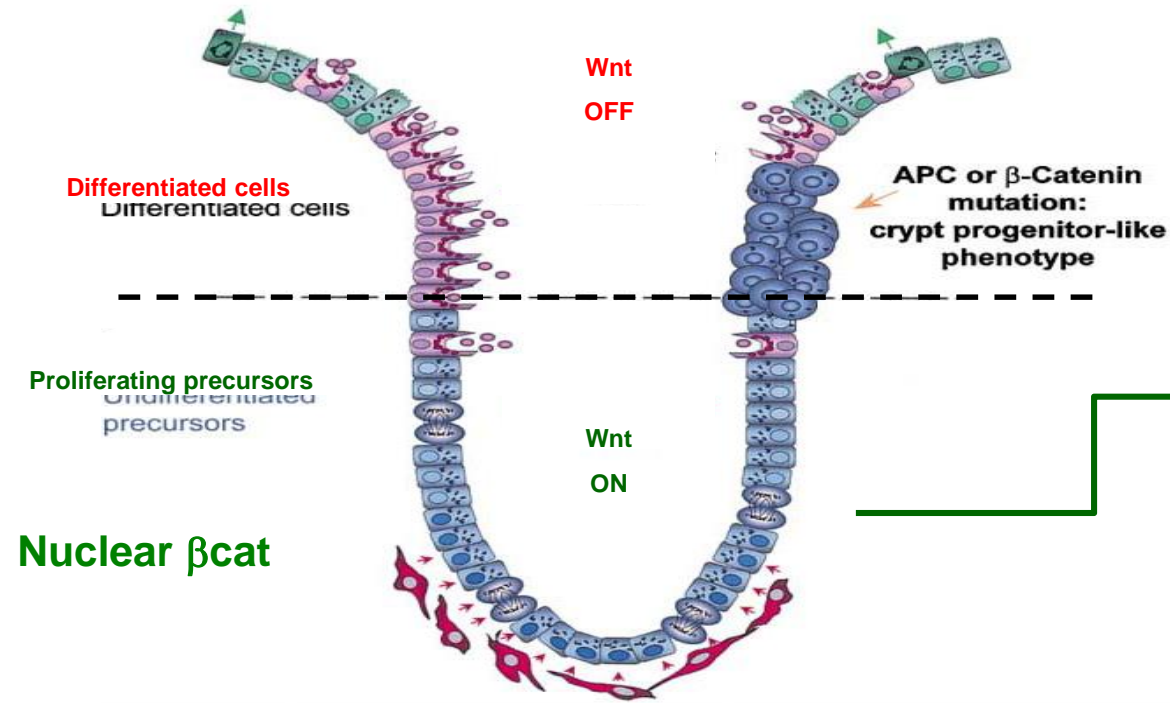
Figure 1. Joint Loss in the Absence of Muscle Contraction

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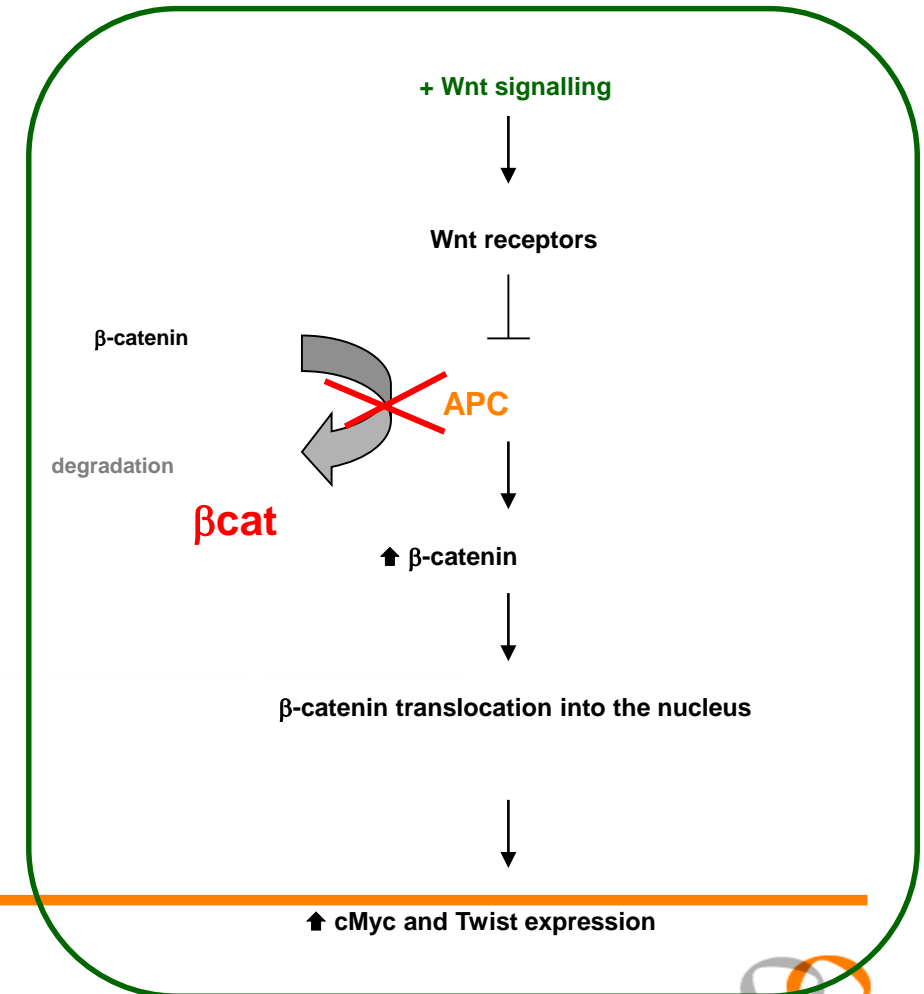
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# Introduction : mice colon carcinogenesis

Model for the role of  $\beta$ -Catenin in the early stages of intestinal tumorigenesis

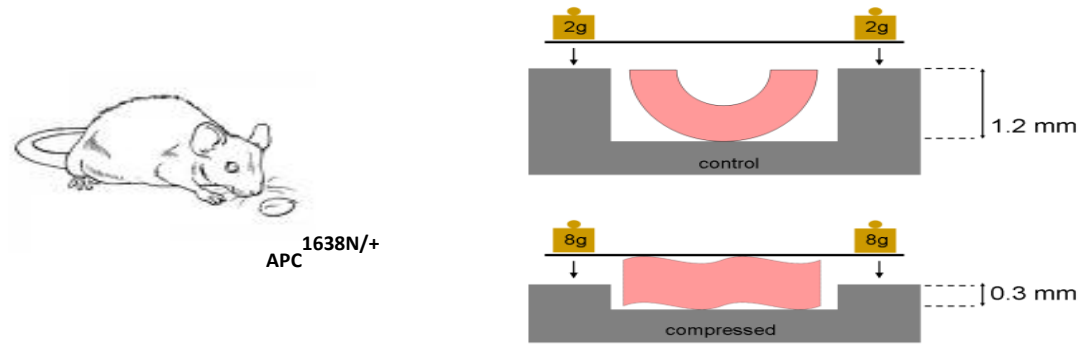


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Ex vivo mechanical compression of the distal colon, 0.8 kPa

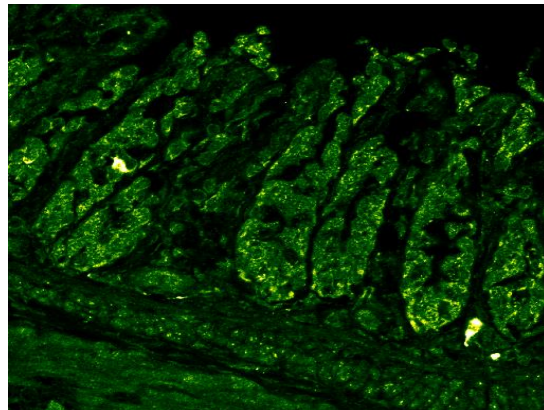


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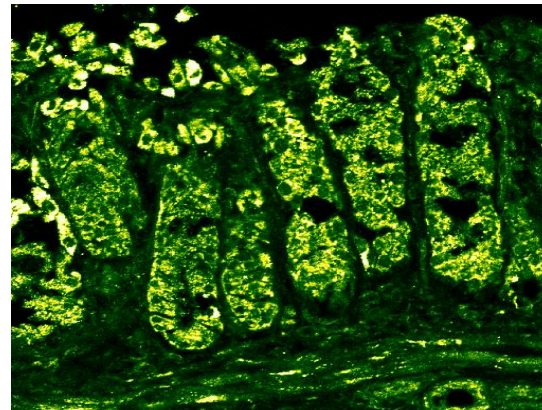
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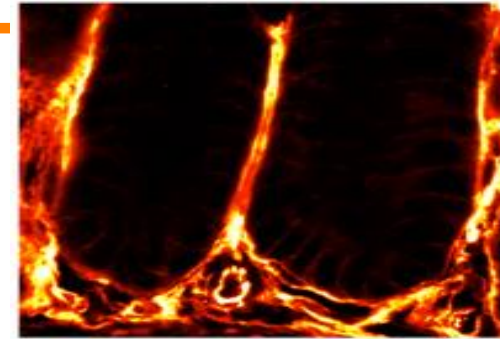
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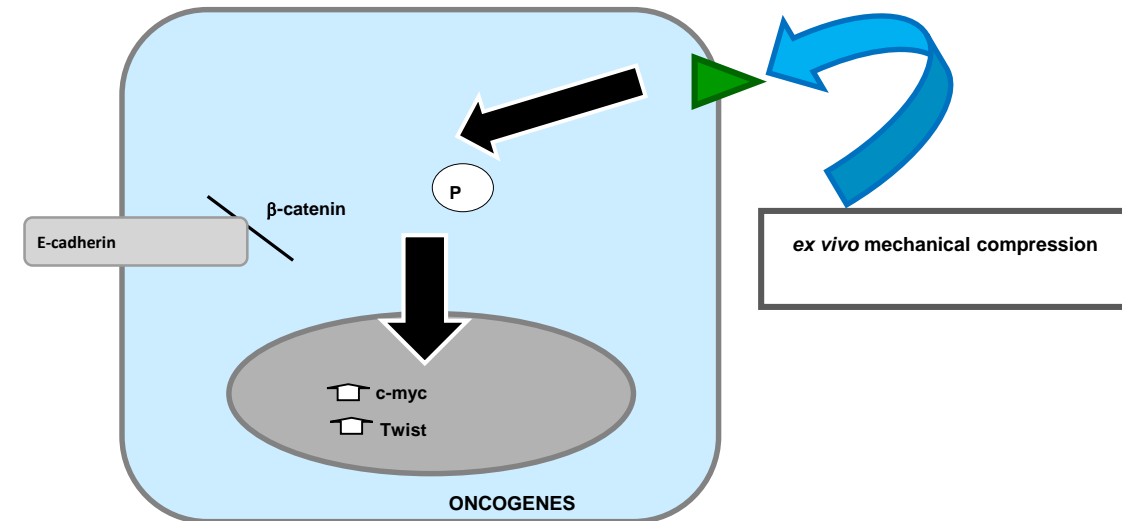
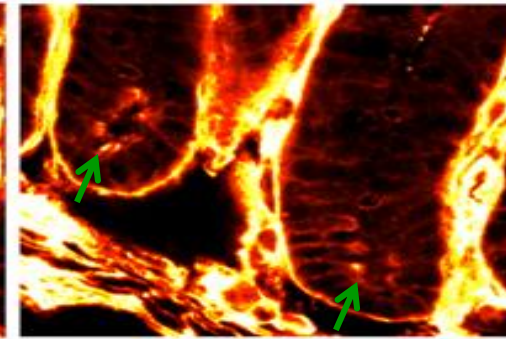
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pY654  $\beta$ -catenin

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Whitehead *et al.*, HFSPJ, 2008 ( $\beta$ -cat pathway activated by external pressure)

Samuel *et al.*, Cancer Cell 2011 ( $\beta$ -cat pathway activated by stiffness increase)