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RNA interference screening in *Drosophila* primary cells for genes involved in muscle assembly and maintenance

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To facilitate the genetic analysis of muscle assembly and maintenance, we have developed a method for efficient RNA interference (RNAi) in Drosophila primary cells using double-stranded RNAs (dsRNAs). First, using molecular markers, we confirm and extend the observation that myogenesis in primary cultures derived from *Drosophila* embryonic cells follows the same developmental course as that seen in vivo. Second, we apply this approach to analyze 28 Drosophila homologs of human muscle disease genes and find that 19 of them, when disrupted, lead to abnormal muscle phenotypes in primary culture. Third, from an RNAi screen of 1140 genes chosen at random, we identify 49 involved in late muscle differentiation. We validate our approach with the in vivo analyses of three genes. We find that Fermitin 1 and Fermitin 2, which are involved in integrin-containing adhesion structures, act in a partially redundant manner to maintain muscle integrity. In addition, we characterize CG2165, which encodes a plasma membrane Ca²⁺-ATPase, and show that it plays an important role in maintaining muscle integrity. Finally, we discuss how Drosophila primary cells can be manipulated to develop cell-based assays to model human diseases for RNAi and small-molecule screens.

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INTRODUCTION

Drosophila is an excellent model system in which to study muscle development. As in vertebrates, myogenesis occurs in two distinct phases (Nongthomba et al., 2004): (1) acquisition of myoblast cell fate and cell fusion that results in the formation of syncytial myotubes (Bate, 1990); and (2) assembly and maturation of myofibrils (Vigoreaux, 2001). Genetic analysis of naturally occurring and experimentally induced mutants has proven to be an excellent approach to study muscle development. In particular, studies in the *Drosophila* embryo have provided many insights into both the differentiation program of the myogenic pathway and myoblast fusion, illustrating the remarkable conservation of many aspects of myogenesis between flies and vertebrates (Baylies et al., 1998; Chen and Olson, 2004). However, genetic analyses of myofibril assembly have been limited because the functional disruption of genes involved in this process may not allow development to proceed to late larval stages, at which phenotypes are readily discernible (Bernstein et al., 1993). Furthermore, because muscles are multinucleate, screens based on the generation of mutant clones in late larval stages cannot be easily performed. Thus, genetic screens in *Drosophila* have been limited mostly to the identification of a few viable mutations in some major myofibrillar components, such as Indirect flight muscle (IFM) actin (Actin 88F) and Tropomyosin (Vigoreaux, 2001).

Owing to limitations in the use of traditional genetic screens to study muscle biology, we set out to establish a cell-based approach to identify genes involved in the regulation of myofibril assembly using RNA interference (RNAi). In principle, the use of an RNAi-

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based method could overcome the limitations discussed above, and would allow the examination of myofibril organization at a cellular level. As none of the existing *Drosophila* cell lines we examined is, or could be, transformed into myogenic cells capable of differentiating into mature muscles with organized myofibril structures (J.B., unpublished), we investigated whether muscle cells prepared from primary cells could replace cell lines.

Myogenesis in primary cultures has been used to study muscle biology in both normal and mutant animals (Donady and Seecof, 1972; Volk et al., 1990), and has contributed significantly to our understanding of muscle assembly and maintenance. As earlier studies were largely based on muscle-specific morphological features, such as multiple nuclei in primary myotubes, as well as on myofibril structures observed using light and/or electron microscopy (Bernstein et al., 1978; Echalier, 1997), we set out to confirm and extend previous analyses by following myogenesis in primary culture using muscle-specific molecular markers. We developed conditions for RNAi by culturing cells in the presence of doublestranded RNAs (dsRNAs), and used it to identify genes involved in muscle maintenance and integrity. We validated our approach with in vivo analyses of three genes. We find that Fermitin 1 and Fermitin 2, which are involved in integrin-containing adhesion structures, act in a partially redundant manner to maintain muscle integrity. In addition, we characterized CG2165, which encodes a plasma membrane Ca²⁺-ATPase (PMCA), and showed that it plays an important role in maintaining muscle integrity. Finally, we discuss how *Drosophila* primary cells can be manipulated to develop cellbased assays to model human diseases for RNAi and small-molecule screens.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Drosophila genetics

Drosophila strains used in this study are Dmef2-Gal4 (Ranganavakulu et al., 1996), D42-Gal4 (Gustafson and Boulianne, 1996), Hand-Gal4 (Arbrecht et al., 2006), rp298-lacZ (Ruiz-Gomez et al., 2000), UAS-mitoGFP (Cox and Spradling, 2003), UAS-2EGFP (Halfon et al., 2002), G053 (SLS-GFP) (Morin et al., 2001), MHC-TGFP (Chen and Olson, 2001) and 5053A (Mandal et al., 2004). w¹¹¹⁸ was used as a wild-type strain.

Embryonic primary cell cultures

Embryonic primary cell cultures were established as described previously (Bernstein et al., 1978). Briefly, eggs were collected on molasses plates streaked with killed yeast paste for 2 hours and incubated for an additional 4 hours at 25°C. Embryos were dechorionated in 50% bleach for 3 minutes, rinsed thoroughly with 70% ethanol and sterilized water, and dissociated into a cell suspension using Dounce homogenizers (VWR Scientific, Seattle, WA) (7 ml for smaller scale, 40 ml or 100 ml for larger scale preparations) in Shields and Sang M3 medium (Sigma). Cell suspensions were spun once at 40 g for 10 minutes to pellet tissue debris, large cell clumps and vitelline membranes. The supernatant was then transferred to a fresh tube and spun at 360 g for 10 minutes to pellet the cells. Cells were washed once and resuspended in primary cell medium [10% heatinactivated fetal bovine serum (JRH Biosciences), 10 mU/ml bovine insulin (Sigma) in M3 medium]. Cells were seeded and grown in 384-well optically clear plastic plates (Costar) at 1.7-2.5×10⁵ cells/cm² (no extra coating steps required).

Immunofluorescence microscopy and western blotting

Protocols for dissection of late embryos or first instar larvae, and for the staining of dissected tissues and primary cells, are described in detail elsewhere (Bai et al., 2007). Primary antibodies used were: rabbit anti-Dmef2 (Bour et al., 1995), rabbit anti-Lmd (Duan et al., 2001), mouse anti-Mhc and anti-α-Actinin (Actn) (from Dr J. Saide, Boston University, Boston, MA), and rat anti-Tropomyosin (The Babraham Institute, Cambridge, UK). Secondary antibodies were from Jackson Laboratories.

For western blotting, early first instar larvae (30 hours AEL at 25°C) were homogenized in sampling buffer, and whole-body protein extracts (equivalent to five larvae) were subjected to western blotting and probed with anti-*Drosophila* PMCA (Lnenicka et al., 2006) and mouse anti- α -tubulin (Sigma).

Primary cell RNAi and staining

Our protocol for a primary cell RNAi screen for muscle genes is outlined in Fig. 4A. Briefly, primary cells were isolated from post-gastrula embryos (4-6 hours AEL at 25°C), and seeded in 384-well plates containing different individual dsRNAs in each well using a MultiDrop (Thermo Scientific) liquid dispenser at ~3-4×10⁴ cells (in 10 µl) per well. After 22 hours in serum-free M3 medium at 18°C, the MultiDrop was used to add to each well 30 µl of serum-containing medium to bring the final concentration of fetal calf serum to 10%. Primary cells were then cultured for an additional 10-11 days at 18°C before fixation with 4% formaldehyde. Cells were stained overnight at 4°C with phalloidin Alexa Fluor 568 (Molecular Probes; 1:2000) and DAPI (Sigma, 1:5000) in PBTB (PBS, 0.1% Triton X-100, 1% BSA), washed once in PBS and left in PBS containing 0.02% NaN₃.

RNAi screen and image annotation

dsRNAs were obtained from the *Drosophila* RNAi Screening Center (DRSC) at Harvard Medical School; details of dsRNA synthesis and the amplicons used in this study can be found at http://flyrnai.org/. Because primary myocytes were relatively large and were in general distributed sparsely and randomly in the well, rather than capturing the images using an automated microscope, we visually inspected the wells using an inverted microscope and then imaged those wells containing cells with abnormal muscle phenotypes. Phenotypes were classified into one of four categories (see Results), and the severity of the phenotypes was defined by the percentage of mutant muscles in the well: 'severe' describes cases in which over 80% of muscles showed a certain phenotype, whereas 'medium' describes cases in which ~50% showed a mutant phenotype.

To address the issue of off-targets associated with dsRNAs (Kulkarni et al., 2006; Ma et al., 2006), independent dsRNAs were used. For a list of those genes whose RNAi phenotypes were reproducibly observed with an independent second set of amplicons, see Table S2 in the supplementary material; for the IDs of the amplicons used for generating dsRNAs targeting these genes, see Table S3 in the supplementary material. For a list of all the genes screened in this study, see Table S4 in the supplementary material.

Embryo RNAi injection, in situ hybridization and confocal microscopy

Embryonic in situ hybridizations were performed as described (Hauptmann and Gerster, 2000). dsRNAs (prepared as described at http://flyrnai.org/) were injected at $2 \mu g/\mu l$ into $MHC-\tau GFP$ embryos through their mid-ventral side according to a standard embryo injection protocol (Kennerdell and Carthew, 1998). Injected embryos were aged at 25°C for 20 hours and then analyzed with a Leica LSM NT confocal microscope.

Establishment of transgenic RNAi lines targeting CG2165

The snap-back hairpin construct targeting *CG2165* was made in the VALIUM (Vermilion-AttB-Loxp-Intron-UAS-MCS) vector (forward primer, 5'-GTCTAGAGACATGAGGGCACTTTGGAG-3'; reverse primer, 5'-AGAATTCCATTGCTATCACGAATACGCC-3'), and *UAS-CG2165 hp* transgenic flies were generated as described by Ni et al. (Ni et al., 2008).

Single-cell [Ca²⁺]_i imaging

Primary muscles used for single-cell [Ca²⁺]_i imaging were derived from cells dissociated from wild-type control embryos and those carrying UAS-drc2/+; Dmef2-Gal4/UAS-CG2165 hp, and were cultured in complete media in 8well cover-glass chamber slides coated with human vitronectin (Chemicon) at 25°C for 3 days. Primary cells were washed twice with low-calcium Ringer solution (150 mM NaCl, 4 mM MgCl₂, 5 mM KCl, 0.5 mM CaCl₂, 10 mM HEPES, pH 7.2), loaded with Fura PE 3 [5 µM Fura PE 3-AM (Sigma F0918), 0.02% pluronic acid (Molecular Probes) in low-calcium Ringer solution at room temperature]. After a 90 minute incubation, cells were washed twice with Ringer solution, followed by a 30 minute incubation for further dye cleavage. The loaded cells were examined using a Nikon inverted epifluorescence microscope and a 100× oil-immersion lens. Only primary muscles with well-spread morphology were subjected to calcium ratio imaging analysis, with the excitation beams at 340 and 380 nm and the emission wavelength at greater than 510 nm. Images were acquired with Ratiotool software (Inovision, Raleigh, NC). [Ca²⁺]_i was calculated as described by Grynkiewicz et al. (Grynkiewicz et al., 1985): [Ca²⁺]_{i=} $Kd \times [R-R\min]/[R\max-R]$, where Kd is the Fura PE 3 dissociation constant for calcium (251 nM) (Kermode et al., 1990), R is the ratio of intensities at 340 and 380 nm, and Rmin and Rmax are the R values at 0 and saturating levels of calcium (10 mM), respectively.

RESULTS

Myogenesis in primary cell cultures derived from *Drosophila* embryos

To characterize *Drosophila* myogenesis in vivo, primary cells were dissociated from gastrulating embryos following a mass homogenization (see Materials and methods). Embryos were collected at stage 10 or 11 [4-6 hours after egg laying (AEL) at 25°C] when myoblast cell fate is already specified but before fusion is initiated (Bate, 1993). To characterize the freshly dissociated cells, we fixed and stained them for a number of myoblast-specific markers (Fig. 1A-F). In these cultures, based on the number of cells expressing the myogenic transcription factor Dmef2 (Drosophila Mef2) (Bour et al., 1995), myoblasts represented 15±2% (±s.e.m., from five independent preparations) of the cell population. In addition, both founder cells and fusion-competent cells could be easily distinguished by the expression of specific markers, such as rp298-lacZ for founder cells (Ruiz-Gomez et al., 2000) (Fig. 1D-F), and Lame duck (Lmd) for fusion-competent cells (Duan et al., 2001) (Fig. 1F). Consistent with the observation that the expression of muscle Myosin begins at stage 13 when myoblast fusion has already occurred (Bate, 1993), we failed to detect any expression of muscle Myosin heavy chain (Mhc) in the newly isolated cells (data not shown).

Since fusion is a significant event in myogenic cell differentiation, we confirmed the observation that fusion occurs in culture. When cells originating from *Dmef2-Gal4* and *UAS-2EGFP* embryos,

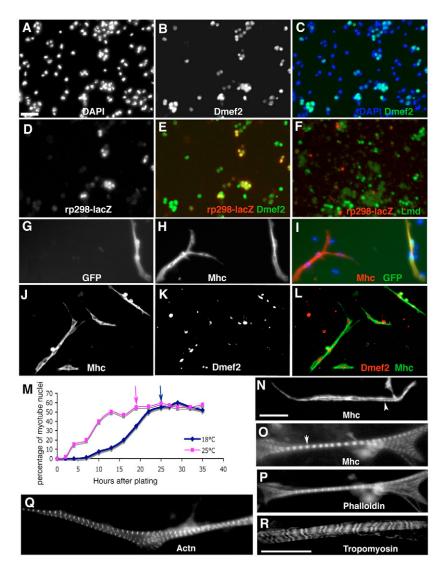


Fig. 1. Myogenesis in primary cultures derived from Drosophila embryos. (A-F) Fluorescence micrographs of freshly dissociated cells obtained from Drosophila gastrulating embryos carrying rp298-lacZ immediately following plating. Cells are stained using DAPI for nuclei (A, and blue in C), and antibodies targeting Dmef2 (B, and green in C,E), β-galactosidase (D, and red in E,F) and Lmd (green in F). (G-I) Primary cells derived from Dmef2-Gal4 embryos were mixed with those from UAS-2EGFP and allowed to develop for 48 hours at 18°C in culture. The GFP-positive myotube (G, and green in I) resulted from fusion of cells supplied by two genetically different embryos, and the GFP-negative one is most likely derived from the fusion of cells from two genetically identical embryos. Both myotubes expressed Mhc (H, and red in I). (J-L) Multinucleated myotubes are identified by staining for Mhc (J, and green in L) and for Dmef2 (K, and red in L). Note that not all Dmef2-positive nuclei are found in myotubes. The percentage of myotube nuclei among the total number of Dmef2-positive nuclei was used as an indication of the amount of fusion. (M) Time-course of myoblast fusion at 18°C and 25°C. Primary cell cultures were fixed and stained for Dmef2, Mhc or Actin at the times indicated. The number of Dmef2-positive nuclei was counted using Autoscope and Metamorph software. The number of nuclei in the myotubes was determined manually. The percentage of myotube nuclei was estimated by the number of myotube nuclei among the total Dmef2-positive nuclei, and used as an indication of the extent of myoblast fusion. Each point represents the average results of two or three trials. Arrows point to the time when fusion is nearly complete (pink for 25°C and blue for 18°C). (N) Fluorescence micrograph of a primary myotube from a 2-day culture at 18°C stained for Mhc. The white arrowhead points to the immature myofibril that formed along the side of the myotube. (O-R) Primary myotubes from 11-day cultures at 18°C, stained for Mhc (O), Actin (as detected using phalloidin) (P), Actn (Q) and Tropomyosin (R). The short arrow in O indicates the bundled myofibrils. Scale bars: 20 μ m, in A for A-L and in N for N-Q.

respectively, were mixed, we detected GFP expression in a fraction of multinucleated myotubes (Fig. 1G-I and see Movie 1 in the supplementary material). These GFP-expressing cells indicated the fusion of myoblasts supplied by two different classes of embryos, one expressing *Gal4* and one carrying *UAS-GFP*. We next followed the time-course of myoblast fusion in cultures at 25°C and 18°C (Fig. 1J-M). We found that fusion began ~2 hours after plating, and became rare after 16 hours at 25°C. However, fusion takes place at

a much slower pace at 18°C (J.B., N.P., J. Lu and A. Michelson, unpublished), as it initiated at ~7 hours after plating and could last for another 18 hours. Cell density had no significant effect on the fusion rate, although it did affect subsequent muscle differentiation, which probably required myotubes to spread well in culture (data not shown). We further determined the number of nuclei in myotubes in 2-day-old cultures following plating, when fusion is essentially complete at both temperatures. In contrast to myotubes

in vivo that have an average of 10-11 nuclei by the completion of fusion (Bate, 1993), the number of nuclei per myotube in culture was 3.48±0.5 (range from 2 to 15), with 2-5 nuclei seen most commonly (scored in ~100 myotubes in three independent cultures); for representative examples, see Fig. 1L. As visceral muscles have fewer fusions in vivo than somatic muscles, we investigated whether the primary myotubes in our cultures might be primarily of visceral muscle origin by examining the cultures for several visceral muscle markers, including Hand-Gal4, UAS-2EGFP (circular visceral and cardiac muscles) (Arbrecht et al., 2006), and 5053A, UAS-2EGFP (longitudinal visceral muscles) (Mandal et al., 2004). Only very few myotubes (\sim 2%) were found to co-express GFP in primary cultures derived from embryos carrying 5053A, UAS-2EGFP (data not shown) and ~20% were labeled with the Hand-Gal4, UAS-2EGFP combination (see Fig. S1 in the supplementary material), indicating that most primary myotubes in culture are derived from somatic muscle cells. Thus, we speculate that the fewer fusions observed in the primary culture might result from the dispersed distribution of myoblasts among other cell types. Relatively pure myoblast preparations may give rise to myotubes having more nuclei (Storti et al., 1978).

Next, we followed the assembly and maturation of myofibrils by staining cells in culture for Actin and Mhc at different time points. Thin and thick filaments were detected as regular patterns at 13 hours after plating at 25°C or when grown for 22 hours at 18°C (data not shown). Later, they aligned and began to organize into parallel bundles and striation became clearly visible at around 19 hours at 25°C or 29 hours at 18°C. These newly formed myofibrils were thin and often found along the lateral sides of myotubes (Fig. 1N). Within ~5-7 days at 25°C (or 10-13 days at 18°C), these striplike myotubes became mature and stable, with much thicker and more bundled myofibrils (Fig. 1O-R), indicating that the maturation process is achieved by adding more myofibrils laterally. Approximately 52% (52±0.8%) of the myoblasts initially plated in the culture were able to survive to the later stage and developed a fiber-like morphology. About 75% of those with a fiber-like morphology had well-defined striated thick and thin filaments, as revealed by staining for muscle markers, such as Mhc, Actin, Tropomyosin and Actn (Fig. 1O-R). We estimated that ~48% of myoblasts initially plated died after being cultured for an extended period of time. The maximum length of sarcomeres in mature myofibrils was ~8 µm, comparable to that in late L3 body-wall muscles. The average length (6±0.73 µm) of the recognizable sarcomeres remained unchanged during in vivo maturation of the primary muscles. Importantly, some of these primary muscle cells were actively contracting in culture, indicating that they were fully functional (see Movies 1, 2 in the supplementary material). In addition, we found that primary muscles could be detected on the basis of their phalloidin staining alone, as other cell types such as neurons did not display strong phalloidin staining (Fig. 2A-D). Thus, by simply monitoring the strong Actin staining of muscle cells with phalloidin, we can follow myotube differentiation into organized branch-like shapes with a striated structure, and distinguish them from other cell types, including those known for their roles in regulating muscle function in vivo, such as neurons (Fig. 2E-H) and tendon cells (data not shown) (Tucker et al., 2004).

RNAi is an effective method to perturb gene activity in primary cells

Because the use of RNAi in *Drosophila* primary cells had not been previously reported when we started this work, we conducted experiments to establish whether the addition of dsRNAs to

primary cells could elicit a robust gene interference response. As serum starvation can significantly facilitate effective cellular uptake of dsRNAs from the medium (Clemens et al., 2000), we

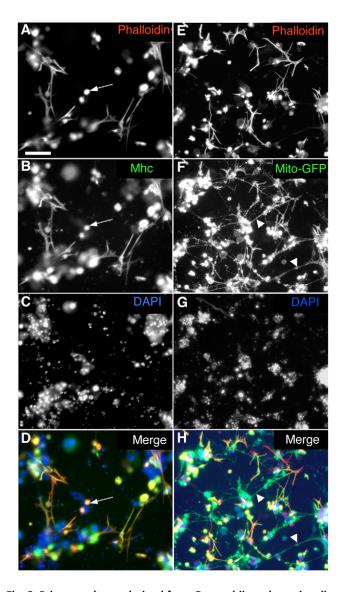


Fig. 2. Primary cultures derived from Drosophila embryonic cells contain a mixture of different cell populations that include muscles and neurons. (A-D) Primary myotubes strongly stained by phalloidin (A, red in the merged image in D) are all stained for Mhc (B, green in the merged image in D). Note that other cell types whose nuclei are revealed by DAPI (C) are faintly visible by phalloidin staining. As myotubes mature they become more contractile, some detach from the tissue culture surface, and are seen as round muscles (arrows in A,B,D). (E-H) Primary cells were isolated from Dmef2-Gal4, D42-Gal4, UAS-mito-GFP embryos in which Dmef2-Gal4 and D42-Gal4 drive expression of mito-GFP, a mitochondrial marker transgene that fuses the mitochondrial targeting signal to the N-terminus of EGFP, in muscles and motoneurons, respectively. Muscle structure is visualized by phalloidin staining of Actin (E, red in the merged image in H), and neurons can be seen in F (green in the merged image in H) as they stain strongly with mito-GFP but not phalloidin (triangles in F,H). In addition to neurons and muscles, other cells are present in the culture, as revealed by the staining with DAPI (G, blue in the merged image in H). In H, muscles are shown in red and yellow, neurons and their extensions in green only. Scale bar: 50 μm.

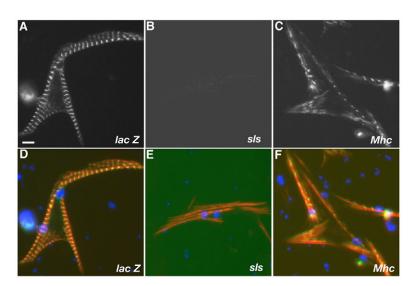


Fig. 3. Gene-specific RNAi effects in primary cells. Primary cells were isolated from *G053 Drosophila* embryos expressing the SLS-GFP fusion protein and were treated with dsRNAs targeting *lacZ* (**A,D**), *sls* (**B,E**) and *Mhc* (**C,F**). SLS-GFP expression was detected by GFP (A-C, green in D-F). Muscle structure was revealed by SLS-GFP in green, phalloidin staining of Actin in red, and DAPI staining of nuclei in blue (D,E,F). Scale bar: 20 μm.

first determined how it would affect myogenesis in culture. Although myoblast fusion did not require a serum supplement and could proceed to completion in its absence (see Fig. S2 in the supplementary material), myofibrils rarely formed myotubes without serum, probably owing to a lack of stimulatory factors required for their efficient assembly (Volk et al., 1990) (data not shown). Thus, we chose to starve cells for 22 hours at 18°C, when myofibril assembly initiates, and then added serum back to the cultures. This treatment did not perturb the time-course of myogenesis (see Fig. S2 in the supplementary material). Furthermore, we found that simple bathing of *Drosophila* primary cells in serum-free medium containing dsRNAs for 22 hours, followed by incubation in serum-containing medium at 18°C, was sufficient to elicit a robust and specific RNAi response. Primary cells were prepared from embyos of line G053, a homozygous viable enhancer-trap line carrying an in-frame insertion of GFP in the gene sallimus (sls), which encodes a sarcomeric protein related to vertebrate titin (Morin et al., 2001). Treatment of primary cells using control dsRNA targeting lacZ does not affect myofibril structure or change SLS-GFP expression (Fig. 3A,D). However, sls dsRNA abrogated the expression of the SLS-GFP and disrupted myofibril structure (Fig. 3B,E), whereas treatment with a dsRNA against Mhc interfered with its striated pattern (Fig. 3F) but did not affect SLS-GFP expression (Fig. 3C). In both cases, the RNAi knock-down was observed in 90% of existing muscle cells. In addition, we did not observe any difference in the RNAi effects within myotubes containing different numbers of nuclei, indicating that myotubes derived from more fusion events are as sensitive to RNAi treatment as those derived from fewer fusion events. Importantly, both the sls and Mhc RNAi phenotypes (Fig. 3E,F) faithfully mimicked those found in vivo in sls and Mhc mutant muscles, respectively (O'Donnell and Bernstein, 1988; Zhang et al., 2000). Furthermore, the use of SLS-GFP allowed us to follow the RNAi effect in live myotubes, which we could detect as early as 2 days after serum addition. At this time, the expression of SLS-GFP was hardly detectable in live myotubes in wells containing dsRNAs targeting sls, whereas live myotubes in control wells started to show organized SLS-GFP expression and myofibril structure (data not shown). The RNAi effect was more robust after 8-11 days (Fig. 3), when the expression of muscle proteins such as Actin, Myosin and SLS-GFP became stronger, and the myotubes more differentiated.

RNAi phenotypes of *Drosophila* genes that are homologous to human genes associated with muscle diseases

Using the approach outlined in Fig. 4A, we analyzed the RNAi phenotypes in primary muscle cells of Drosophila genes that are homologous to human genes associated with muscle diseases (see Table S1 in the supplementary material). We attempted to analyze the functional role of these *Drosophila* homologs of human disease genes in myofibril assembly and maintenance of muscle integrity. Among the 28 genes that we analyzed, 19 of them, when disrupted by RNAi, led to various muscle phenotypes (see Table S1 in the supplementary material) that fell into four distinct categories. In Class I, over 70% of myotubes failed to extend and usually rounded up, whereas neurons differentiated well in the same culture (Fig. 4C and see Fig. S3 in the supplementary material). Rounded-up muscles might indicate that the muscles failed to spread or maintain spreading on the surface of plates. Both multiple edematous wings (mew) and myospheroid (mys), which are the orthologs of the human integrin alpha- and beta-subunit genes, respectively, belong to this class (Fig. 4C and data not shown), indicating that muscle spreading on the plate requires integrin-mediated adhesion (Estrada et al., 2007; Volk et al., 1990). Phenotypes in Classes II and III consisted of disrupted sarcomeric structures with severely compromised or no striation, as detected by phalloidin staining (Fig. 4D,E). Actin filaments of Class II muscles usually had no discernible striations, whereas Myosin filaments still showed a striated pattern. Moreover, the myofibril length of Class II muscles was in general shorter than that of wild-type muscles. A representative example of this class is the sls gene (Fig. 3E, Fig. 4D). The ratio between the length and width of the myofibrils in sls RNAi muscles was ~7.5 per nucleus, which was much less than that of wild-type muscles (~21 per nucleus). In Class III muscles, both Actin and Myosin filaments lacked striation, and Actin filaments appeared more spread out (Fig. 4E). Genes in this class have been implicated in the regulation of Myosin function [Mhc and Myosin light chain 2 (Mlc2)], or serve to mediate interactions between thin and thick filaments [wings up A (wup A), upheld (up) and bent (bt) (Vigoreaux, 2001)]. Their RNAi phenotypes demonstrate that both thick filaments and the interactions between thin and thick filaments are essential for sarcomeric order and periodicity (Clark et al., 2002). Finally, in Class IV, muscles had normal myofibril structures, but were thinner or shorter than in the wild type (Fig.

4F). dsRNAs simultaneously targeting all Actin isoforms led to this phenotype (Fig. 4F), probably reflecting the temporal effect of knocking-down Actin by RNAi after myoblast fusion. Since Actin is essential for building myofibrils, this phenotype might result from an arrest in myofibril assembly owing to a lack of available Actin monomers.

Strikingly, dsRNAs targeting *Drosophila* homologs of human dystrophin complex genes did not cause any obvious muscle phenotypes (see Table S1 in the supplementary material, and data not shown). A potential explanation is that these genes, mutations in which are associated with various types of human muscular dystrophies, are required for maintaining muscle strength and integrity (Dalkilic and Kunkel, 2003) (see Table S1 in the supplementary material). This is in contrast to congenital myopathies and cardiomyopathies, which are usually caused by the disruption of genes encoding sarcomeric components (Bornemann and Goebel, 2001; Clarkson et al., 2004; Seidman and Seidman, 2001) (see Table S1 in the supplementary material). Therefore, it is possible that muscles in culture do not experience the same mechanical stress as they do in vivo. In summary, our study of Drosophila genes homologous to known human muscle disease genes demonstrates the potential of RNAi in *Drosophila* primary muscles to analyze the loss-of-function of these genes, which might provide clues to the further understanding of the mechanism underlying human muscle diseases.

A screen for new genes involved in muscle assembly and maintenance

To estimate the number of genes in the *Drosophila* genome that are involved in muscle assembly, we analyzed a random set of dsRNAs targeting 1140 genes. Among these, 49 genes were confirmed to be associated with distinctive and reproducible phenotypes (four belong to Class I, 28 to Class II, 5 to Class III and 12 to Class IV) (see Table S2 in the supplementary material). Interestingly, 22 of the 49 genes (45%) have not been previously reported to be involved in late muscle differentiation, and 27 out of 49 (55%) are either expressed or putatively enriched in the mesoderm (either myoblasts and/or muscle tissues) (see Table S2 in the supplementary material). Finally, as these 1140 genes represent ~8% of the Drosophila genome (~14,000 genes covered with dsRNAs available in DRSC), we estimate that the total number of candidate genes implicated in muscle differentiation and maintenance (as defined by the morphological criteria used in this study) in a genome-wide screen would be around 580 (\sim 4% of the genome).

In vivo validation by injection of dsRNAs into embryos or transgenic RNAi

We selected three Class I genes for in vivo validation, as the rounded-up muscle phenotype can be easily detected. We chose *Fermitin 1 (Fit1)* and *Fermitin 2 (Fit2)* because their function in *Drosophila* muscles had not been previously recognized, and in *C*.

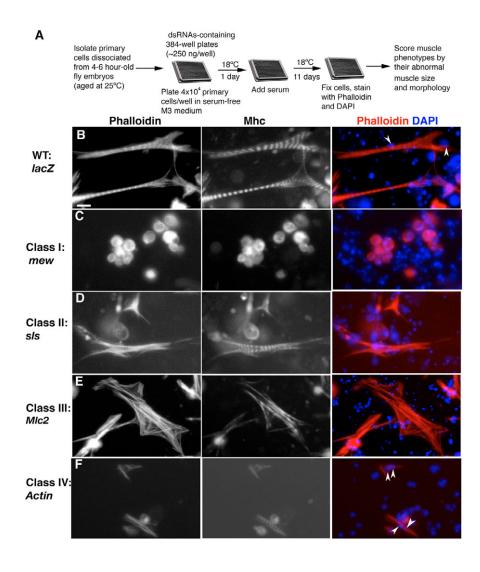


Fig. 4. Phenotypic classes identified from the RNAi screen. (A) Protocol for RNAi screening in primary cultures. (B-F) Four distinct classes of muscle phenotype were distinguished based on the staining of Actin using phalloidin (left panels, and red in right panels), Mhc (middle panels) and of nuclei with DAPI (blue in right panels). (B) Wild-type control myotubes treated with dsRNAs targeting lacZ. (C) Class I (treated with mew dsRNAs). (D) Class II (treated with sls dsRNAs). (E) Class III (treated with MIc2 dsRNAs). (F) Class IV (treated with Actin dsRNAs simultaneously targeting all Actin isoforms, including Act42A, Act57B, Act5C, Act79B, Act87E and Act88F). Note that the four phenotypic classes did not result from fewer fusions, as muscles contained the same number of nuclei as controls. Arrowheads point to the nuclei. Scale bar: 15 μm.

elegans the orthologous protein, UNC-112, had been shown to be involved in the assembly of integrin-containing adhesion structures (Rogalski et al., 2000). In our screen, knock-down of Fit1 and Fit2 individually by their corresponding dsRNAs only caused partial rounded-up muscle phenotypes, i.e. some muscles rounded up but some with branch-like morphology were still present (see Fig. S3A-C in the supplementary material). However, knock-down of these two genes together led to a complete rounded-up muscle phenotype (see Fig. S3D-F in the supplementary material, compared with wild type in Fig. 2), suggesting that their functions are partially redundant.

To validate this observation in vivo, we first examined Fit1 and Fit2 expression during embryogenesis by in situ hybridization. Strikingly, both genes are expressed in the musculature (Fig. 5A-E), in a pattern reminiscent of mys (MacKrell et al., 1988). Next, we interfered with the function of these genes by directly injecting dsRNAs against *Fit1* and *Fit2* into embryos. To ensure specificity, we used both negative (lacZ) and positive (mys) control dsRNAs in our injection. Embryos injected with lacZ dsRNAs did not show any discernible phenotype (Fig. 5F), whereas embryos injected with mys dsRNAs displayed the expected germ band retraction and round muscle phenotypes (Fig. 5G) (MacKrell et al., 1988). When Fit1 or Fit2 dsRNAs were injected alone, we observed that some muscles consistently rounded up (Fig. 5H,I, short arrows), although some did not seem to be affected (Fig. 5H,I, long arrows). However, the vast majority of muscles showed a rounded-up phenotype when embryos were co-injected with both Fit1 and Fit2 dsRNAs (Fig. 5J). These results suggest that Fit1 and Fit2 have overlapping roles in vivo, a conclusion that has been independently confirmed by a genetic analysis of Fit1 and Fit2 mutations (D. Devenport and N. Brown, personal communication).

We also validated *CG2165*, another Class I gene, using a transgenic line carrying a snap-back hairpin construct targeting this gene (see Materials and methods). Although dsRNAs targeting *CG2165* (referred to as *CG2165* RNAi) caused complete rounded-up muscle phenotypes after primary cells were cultured for 11 days at 18°C (Fig. 6D), time-course examination of 4-day and 8-day cultures showed that the majority of *CG2165* RNAi primary muscles were well spread on day 4 of culture (Fig. 6C), but few were found to have elongated morphology on day 8 of culture (Fig. 6E). These results indicated that *CG2165* may not be required for the initial spreading of primary muscles in culture, but is required for maintaining muscle morphology.

CG2165 is located at 102B5-102B5 on the fourth chromosome, and currently there are no available mutations in this gene. CG2165 is the only gene in the Drosophila genome that encodes a plasma membrane Ca²⁺-ATPase (PMCA), the putative function of which is to extrude calcium from cells, thereby maintaining a low cytosolic calcium concentration ([Ca²⁺]_i) (Gwack et al., 2006). The gene is expressed ubiquitously in all tissues, including muscle (Lnenicka et al., 2006; Roos et al., 2005) (data not shown). The function of PMCA in muscle cells has not been described previously in *Drosophila* or vertebrates. To investigate the function of Drosophila PMCA in muscle cells in vivo, we used the Gal4-UAS binary system (Brand and Perrimon, 1993) to drive expression of the hairpin construct in muscles using Dmef2-Gal4 along with the overexpression of Dicer-2 (Dcr-2) [UAS-Dcr-2/+; Dmef2-Gal4/UAS-CG2165 hp (referred to as muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi)]. Dcr-2 was used to increase the RNAi effect (Dietzl et al., 2007), as we have observed the same muscle phenotype with and without Dcr-2 (Dmef2-Gal4/UAS-CG2165 hp), although the phenotype is less penetrant without Dcr-2 (data

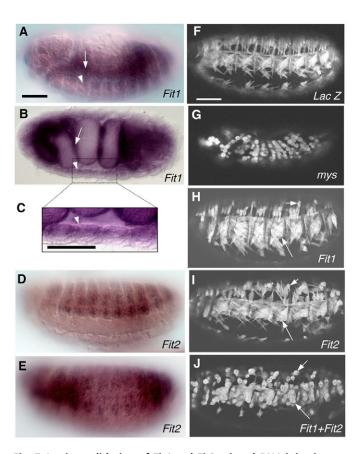


Fig. 5. In vivo validation of Fit1 and Fit2 using dsRNA injection. (A-E) Micrographs of whole-mount in situ hybridizations of Drosophila embryos with Dig-labeled antisense probes specifically targeting Fit1 (A-C) and Fit2 (D,E), oriented anterior to the left. (A,D) Lateral view of stage 14 embryos. (B) Dorsal view of a stage 16 embryo focusing on visceral muscle and somatic body wall muscles. (C) High-magnification image showing Fit1 somatic body wall muscle expression. Arrowhead, somatic body wall muscles; arrow, visceral gut muscles. (E) Lateral view of a stage 16 embryo. (F-J) Fluorescence micrographs of stage 17 embryos carrying MHC-τGFP. dsRNAs targeting (F) lacZ (2 μg/μl), (G) mys (2 μ g/ μ l), (H) Fit1 (2 μ g/ μ l), (I) Fit2 (2 μ g/ μ l) and (J) Fit1 (1 μ g/ μ l) + Fit2 (1 μ g/ μ l) were injected into MHC- τ GFP embryos. MHC- τ GFP allows visualization of all somatic muscles, as shown in F, where the embryos were injected with a negative control dsRNA targeting lacZ (n=67, none showed muscle phenotypes). Note that severely rounded muscles are present in the embryos injected with dsRNAs targeting mys (G) (100% penetrance, n=87, where n is the number of embryos injected) and Fit1 + Fit2 (J) (96% penetrance, n=150), whereas dsRNAs targeting either Fit1 (H) or Fit2 (I) alone only caused some muscles to round up (short arrows in H,I). Long arrows in H-J point to the ventral acute muscles that are still present as fibers in H and I, but round up in J. Scale bars: 50 µm in A for A-E, in F for F-J.

not shown). Moreover, larvae with overexpression of Dcr-2 alone (*UAS-Dcr-2; Dmef2-Gal4*) showed wild-type muscle morphology (Fig. 6H and data not shown). Muscle-specific *CG2165* RNAi significantly reduced the expression of its corresponding protein PMCA (Fig. 6F). Disruption of *CG2165* function did not appear to affect muscle development, as the majority of larvae expressing muscle-specific *CG2165* RNAi hatched (141/200 versus 130/161 observed in *UAS-Dcr-2; Dmef2-Gal4* controls), although all larvae died during early first instar. While still alive, these larvae were sluggish and generally were shorter and appeared hypercontracted

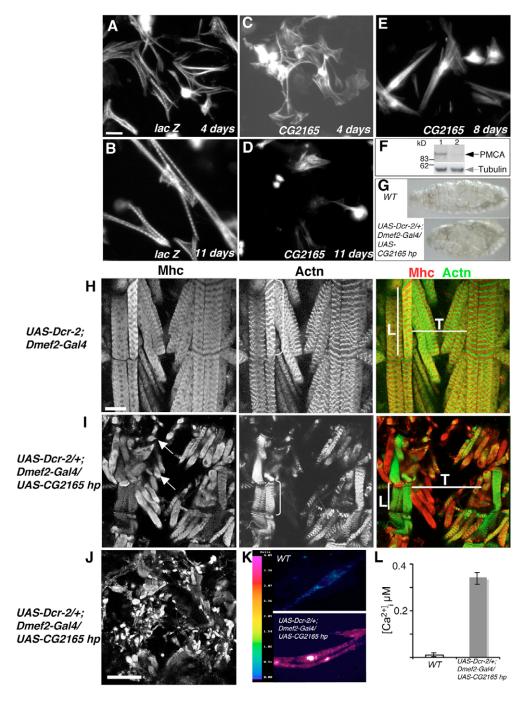


Fig. 6. In vivo validation of CG2165 using transgenic RNAi. (A-E) Wild-type (A,B) and CG2165 RNAi (C-E) primary muscle phenotypes at 18°C cultured for 4 days (A,C), 8 days (E) and 11 days (B,D), revealed by phalloidin staining for Actin. (F) Western blots probed with rabbit anti-Drosophila PMCA (top) and mouse anti-tubulin (bottom, as loading controls). Note that the expression of PMCA was significantly reduced in muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi larvae (lane 2) compared with wild type (lane 1). (G) Comparison of the body size in wild-type (top) and musclespecific CG2165 RNAi (bottom) first instar larvae of the same age (30 hours AEL at 25°C). Note the short size and hypercontracted appearance of muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi larvae. (H,I) Confocal fluorescent micrographs showing the ventral internal muscles of first instar larvae of UAS-Dcr-2; Dmef2-Gal4 (H) and muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi (I) stained for Mhc and Actn. Arrows in I point to the rounded-up muscles. Note that although both control and muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi VL4 muscles (brackets) contained a comparable number of sarcomeres longitudinally, the length of CG2165 RNAi VL4 muscles is only half that of the wild type (lines labeled L), and thus the sarcomere size was only ~50% of that in wild type. Also note that the transverse distance (T) between two VL4 muscles in the same segment in muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi larvae is much greater than that in the wild type (lines labeled T). (J) Fluorescent micrograph showing a larva with almost complete rounded-up muscles as revealed by staining for Mhc. (K) Fura PE 3 ratiometric calcium imaging micrographs of primary muscles derived from embryos of wild type (top) and UAS-Dcr-2/+; Dmef2-Gal4/UAS-CG2165 hp (bottom) and cultured at 25°C for 3 days. The color indicates the ratio between the emission intensities excited at 340 nm and 380 nm, and reflects a measurement of calcium concentration. (L) Bar chart showing [Ca²⁺]_i as average±s.e.m. for wild-type control cells (0.344±0.0162 μM; n=35 muscle cells in two representative experiments, white bar), and for muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi (0.0105±0.0012 μΜ; n=71 in three representative experiments, gray bar). Scale bars: 50 μm in A for A-E; 20 μm in H for H,I; 75 μm in J.

compared with control larvae of the same age (Fig. 6G). These phenotypes indicated that muscle contraction was not affected because defects in contraction would have been expected to lead to an elongated body. We further examined the muscle morphology of muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi larvae by fluorescent confocal microscopy (Fig. 6H-J). The stainings for Mhc and Actn revealed that some larvae showed almost completely rounded-up muscles (Fig. 6J), whereas others still contained muscles with recognizable striated morphology (Fig. 6I). This is in contrast to control larvae of the same age, which always had nicely patterned muscles (Fig. 6H). Moreover, those muscles that still had the striated myofibril structure also exhibited a hypercontracted morphology, as indicated by their dramatically shortened sarcomere sizes and muscle lengths (Fig. 6I). We further investigated whether disruption of CG2165 would lead to increased $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ in muscles. We conducted single-cell calcium imaging using Fura PE 3 on primary muscle cells derived from muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi embryos (Fig. 6K,L) and found that the [Ca²⁺]_i in these primary muscles was over 30 times higher than that in wild-type control muscles (Fig. 6L). This confirmed that the phenotypes observed in the muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi larvae were associated with an abnormal increase in [Ca²⁺]_i in muscle cells. Altogether, our findings suggest that Drosophila PMCA plays an important role in maintaining muscle integrity.

DISCUSSION

Drosophila primary cultures have been used to study muscle biology in normal and mutant animals (Donady and Seecof, 1972; Volk et al., 1990). A significant advantage of this approach is that it obviates the difficulty associated with the dissection of early first instar larvae and allows visualization of myofibril organization at a cellular level using conventional microscopy. Here, we have established a robust method for RNAi screening in Drosophila primary cells and found that simple bathing of these cells in dsRNA-containing medium is sufficient for an effective and specific RNAi effect. This technology allows the analysis of late-stage differentiation processes such as muscle assembly and maturation, which is difficult to tackle with classical Drosophila genetics.

Drosophila primary cultures have distinct advantages over vertebrate culture systems for systematically analyzing gene functions involved in muscle assembly and maintenance. Myotube cultures derived from primary myoblasts in vertebrates can have a high degree of sarcomeric maturity, and thus are often used for studies on myofibril assembly. However, preparations of primary myoblasts from freshly harvested tissues can be technically demanding, time consuming and costly (Cooper et al., 2004), in contrast to the ease with which large numbers of *Drosophila* primary cells can be isolated from embryos. Established vertebrate clonal muscle cell lines such as C2C12 have overcome the requirement for repeated myoblast isolation from fresh tissue (Cooper et al., 2004). Despite extensive fusion and myotube formation during early stages of differentiation, it has been difficult to derive C2C12 myotubes with a mature sarcomeric structure using traditional culture methods, although co-culturing cells on a primary fibroblast substratum has been reported to be more successful (Cooper et al., 2004). Drosophila primary cultures, however, consist of mixed cell populations, whereby non-muscle cells may facilitate muscle differentiation (J.B., unpublished). The method described in this study, however, might not be very useful for identifying genes involved in myoblast fusion, as newly isolated myoblasts have already adopted their cell-intrinsic developmental programs and have expressed those proteins required for fusion (Fig. 1) (Estrada

et al., 2006). In addition, fusion takes place 2 hours after plating at 25°C and 7 hours at 18°C, too short a time to allow efficient RNAi (J.B., J. Lu, A. Michelson and N.P., unpublished).

In this study, we have described four distinct muscle phenotypes associated with knock-down of *Drosophila* homologs of human genes involved in muscle diseases. Both congenital myopathies and cardiomyopathies are also called 'sarcomere diseases' (Bornemann and Goebel, 2001; Clarkson et al., 2004; Seidman and Seidman, 2001). Indeed, the primary muscle phenotypes caused by RNAi on the *Drosophila* homologs of these human disease genes indicate that they are involved in different aspects of sarcomeric organization and muscle maintenance. Furthermore, we used this approach to conduct a screen to identify genes involved in muscle assembly and maintenance. In addition to the genes already discussed, we found that several of the proteins encoded by Class II genes are components of various cellular machineries. For example, four proteins are related to the ubiquitin/proteosome system (UPS), whereas four others function in metabolic pathways, and five are involved in basic transcription or translation. This indicates that development and maintenance of striated muscles rely on the turnover of regulatory and structural components as well as the maintenance of metabolic homeostasis in muscles (Hass et al., 2007; Lecker et al., 2006). In addition, three genes encoding ribosomal protein components were identified as Class IV genes that regulate muscle myofibril size. Of note, 22 genes identified from the screen have not been previously reported to be involved in late muscle differentiation (see Table S2 in the supplementary material).

Furthermore, we have demonstrated that the in vivo functions in muscle of genes identified from this approach can be validated and further characterized by injecting dsRNAs into embryos (Kennerdell and Carthew, 1998), by expressing snap-back hairpin constructs (Dietzl et al., 2007; Ni et al., 2008), or by using genetic mutations that disrupt gene function (Bai et al., 2007). Here, we have confirmed in vivo the primary muscle RNAi phenotypes of *Fit1*, Fit2 and CG2165. In particular, we have analyzed the effects of CG2165, a previously uncharacterized gene identified from this screen, on the maintenance of muscle cell integrity in primary cell culture as well as in vivo. Our results demonstrate that disruption of Drosophila PMCA does not affect muscle development or contraction, but rather the excitation-contraction coupling process. Importantly, single-cell calcium imaging in primary muscles derived from muscle-specific CG2165 RNAi embryos reveals that the increased [Ca²⁺]_i could be the primary cause of the rounded-up muscle phenotypes. Although we expect that the majority of the genes identified from this screen act autonomously in muscles, some genes expressed in tendons or neurons, such as mew (Estrada et al., 2007) and Mgat2 (Tsitilou and Grammenoudi, 2003), may affect muscle morphology in a non-cell-autonomous manner. Further in vivo verification will be needed to address the tissue specificity of these genes by knocking down their function in a tissue-specific manner.

Our demonstration that RNAi works effectively in primary cells broadens considerably the types of studies that can be undertaken with *Drosophila* primary cultures. The major advantage of using primary cells for functional genomics is that they better model their in vivo counterparts than do immortalized mammalian cells. As the different cell types can be tracked in primary cultures using a tissue-specific GFP, antibodies or other markers, primary-cell-based RNAi screens may be used to identify genes required in other differentiated cells as well [e.g. primary neurons (K. Sepp and N.P., unpublished) (Sharma and Nirenberg, 2007)]. Importantly, RNAi screens in *Drosophila* primary cultures can be carried out by a simple bathing

method for dsRNA uptake. This is in contrast to the difficulties that have been reported with RNAi in mammalian cell lines and primary cells, which requires delivery of siRNAs into cells by chemical transfection or electroporation (Ovcharenko et al., 2005; Sharma and Nirenberg, 2007).

We anticipate that RNAi in primary cells will contribute to the understanding of human muscle biology in a number of ways. First, further deciphering the molecular relationships among genes whose RNAi phenotypes belong to the same phenotypic class will help frame the molecular mechanisms underlying muscle assembly, both in normal development and in pathological conditions. This approach might reveal candidate molecules for myopathies whose genetic lesions have not yet been identified. Second, using the Gal4/UAS system (Brand and Perrimon, 1993), expression of wildtype or mutant proteins relevant to human diseases in primary cells will lead to the development of cell-based assays to model human diseases that can then be used for RNAi and small-molecule screens. For example, RNAi in primary cells from *Drosophila* embryos overexpressing Actins with dominant mutations that cause human nemaline myopathy can be used to dissect the molecular mechanisms underlying the formation of nemaline rods under pathological conditions. Our study provides a paradigm for the use of *Drosophila* primary cells in designing cell-based assays for functional genomics using such screens.

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Table S1. Muscle disease genes, their Drosophila homologs and their primary RNAi muscle phenotypes

Disease genes	Gene product	E-value	Fly homolog	Fbgn#	RNAi phenotypes
Congenital myopathies					
NEB	Nebulin	6.30E-12	Lasp	FBgn0063485	Class I
ACTA1	Alpha-actin, skeletal	0	Act57B	FBgn0000044	Class IV
		0	Act42A	FBgn0000043	Class IV
		0	Act87E	FBgn0000046	Class IV
		0	Act5C	FBgn0000042	Class IV
TPM1; TPM2	Alpha, beta-tropomyosin	7.60E-45	Tm1	FBgn0003721	N
TNNT1	Slow troponin T	6.30E-06	up	FBgn0004169	Class III
MTM1	Myotubularin	0	mtm	FBgn0025742	Class II
RYR1	Ryanodin receptor	0	Rya-r44F	FBgn0011286	Class III
ITGA7	Integrin alpha7	6.00E-88	mew	FBgn0004456	Class I
Cardiomyopathies					
FHC1 (MYH6, MYH7)	Cardiac myosin heavy chain	0	Mhc	FBgn0002741	Class III
FHC2 (=TTNT2)	Cardiac troponin T		up	FBgn0004169	Class III
FHC3 (MyBP-C)	Cardiac myosin binding protein-C	1.30E-69	sls	FBgn0003432	Class II
MYL2	Regulatory myosin light chain	2.00E-41	cab	FBgn0003514	Class II
IVITLZ	Chain	8.00E-41	sqh mlc2	FBgn0003314 FBgn0002773	Class III
MYL3	Farantial acceptable balance			3	Ciass III N
	Essential myosin light chain		mlc-c	FBgn0004687	
TNNI3 (=TNNCI)	Cardiac troponin l Titin: myosin light chain	3.00E-06	wupA	FBgn0004028	Class III
FHC9	kinase	0	bt		Class III
CMD1G (=TTN)	Titin	0	bt	FBgn0005666	Class III
VCL	Vinculin	1.00E-92	Vinc	FBgn0004397	Class IV
ARVD2 (=RYR2)	Ryanodin receptor	0	Rya-r44F	FBgn0011286	Class III
G4.5	Tafazzin	2.00E-58	tafazzin	FBgn0026619	Class II
Muscular dystrophies					
DMD	Dystrophin	0	Dys	FBgn0024242	N
LMNA	LaminA/C	4.90E-79	Lam	FBgn0002525	N
DYSF	Dysferlin	2.20E-93	mfr	FBgn0035935	N
SGCG	Sarcoglycan, gamma	1.00E-43	Scgdelta	FBgn0025391	N
CAPN3	Calpain-3	1.00E-178	CalpB	FBgn0025866	Class III
SGCA	Sarcoglycan, alpha	3.00E-13	Scgalpha	FBgn0032013	N
SGCD	Sarcoglycan, delta	6.00E-48	Scgdelta	FBgn0025391	N
TRIM32	TRIM32	7.00E-15	CG15105	FBgn0034412	Class II
LAMA2	Laminin alpha 2	0	wb	FBgn0004002	N

Human muscle disease genes were selected based on the gene lists from Bornemann and Goebel (Bornemann and Goebel, 2001), Clarkson et al. (Clarkson et al., 2004) for congenital myopathies; Seidman and Seidman (Seidman and Seidman, 2001) for cardiomyopathies; the MDA website (http://www.mdausa.org/disease/) and Dalkilic and Kunkel (Dalkilic and Kunkel, 2003) for muscular dystrophies. *Drosophila* genes that are homologous to human disease genes were chosen based on their protein homology with the lowest E value (and at least ≤−5) for a match to human protein (BLASTP) in Homophila (http://superfly.ucsd.edu/homophila/) (Chien et al., 2002), as well as their expression in muscle tissues (http://www.fruitfly.org/cgi-bin/ex/insitu.pl). Information on the dsRNAs targeting the *Drosophila* genes is available in Table S2 and from http://flyrnai.org/. The various phenotypic classes are indicated (see text). N, no muscle phenotypes.

Table S2. List of hits identified from the RNAi screen as potential regulators of muscle assembly

						Express	sion in myoblasts	and/or muscles
						<u> </u>	Microarray data (increased expressior
Comment	Gene name	FBgn#	Human homolog	Protein domains	Molecular function	BDGP in situ	Furlong lab.	Michelson lab.
Class I. Mu	scles are round	led up						
Severe	CG2165	FBgn0025704	ATP2B3	Calcium-translocating P-type ATPase, PMCA-type	Calcium-transporting ATPase activity	N/A	Yes	No
Medium	Fit1	FBgn0035498	PLEKHC1	FERM, Pleckstrin-like, Band 4.1, PH	Cell adhesion molecule binding	N/A	Yes	N/A
Medium	Idh	FBgn0001248	IDH1	Isocitrate dehydrogenase NADP-dependent	Isocitrate dehydrogenase (NADP+) activity	N/A	No	No
Medium	Fit2	FBgn0036688	PLEKHC1	FERM, Pleckstrin homology-type, Band 4.1	Cell adhesion molecule binding	N/A	Yes	No
Class II. M	uscles are sprea	ad, myosin filame	nts still show a str	iated pattern, but actin filaments show no discernible striati	ons			
Severe	CG6640	FBgn0036068		Sugar transporter superfamily	Transporter activity	N/A	No	No
Severe	eIF-4E	FBgn0015218	EIF4E	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4E (eIF-4E)	Translation	N/A	No	N/A
Severe	Pros26	FBgn0002284	PSMB1	20S proteasome, A and B subunits	Endopeptidase activity	Yes	Yes	N/A
Severe	CG8789	FBgn0036896	MAP3K12	Protein kinase	Protein kinase activity	N/A	No	N/A
Severe	Prosbeta2	FBgn0023174	PSMB7	20S proteasome, A and B subunits,	Mitosis and meiosis	N/A	Yes	Yes
Severe	abs	FBgn0015331	DDX41	DEAD/DEAH box helicase	ATP-dependent RNA helicase activity	N/A	Yes	No
Severe	CG9779	FBgn0037231	VPS24	Snf7	Vacuolar protein sorting 24	N/A	No	N/A
Severe	CG9776	FBgn0027866		Zn-finger, C2H2 type	Nucleic acid binding, zinc ion binding	N/A	N/A	N/A
Severe	Taf4	FBgn0010280	TAF4B	Transcription initiation factor TFIID component TAF	Transcription initiation factor activity	Yes	No	No
Severe	CG14648	FBgn0037245		5-formyltetrahydrofolate cyclo-ligase	Catalytic activity	N/A	N/A	No
Severe	CG5027	FBgn0036579		Thioredoxin domain 2, Thioredoxin-related, Calsequestrin	Electron transporter activity	No	N/A	N/A
Severe	CG31523	FBgn0051523		Multicopper oxidase, copper-binding site	Acyltransferase activity; copper ion binding	Yes	Yes	No
Severe	pygo	FBgn0043900	PYGO2	Zn-finger-like, PHD finger, Aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase	DNA binding; ATP binding; tRNA ligase activity; protein binding	N/A	Yes	No
Severe	deltaCOP	FBgn0028969	ARCN1	Longin-like, Mu2 adaptin subunit (AP50) of AP2	-	N/A	No	No
Severe	CG1890	FBgn0039869	TBCA	Tubulin binding cofactor A	Unfolded protein binding	N/A	Yes	No
Severe	CG3457	FBgn0024984		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Severe	PH4alphaNE	1 FBgn0039780		Tetratricopeptide-like helical, Hpt, Prolyl 4- hydroxylase,	Procollagen-proline 4- dioxygenase activity	N/A	N/A	N/A
Severe	lva	FBgn0029688		Microfilament/microtubule-associated proteins (MMAPs)	Actin binding; microtubule binding; spectrin binding	N/A	N/A	N/A

Medium								
	CG6020	FBgn0037001	NDUFA9	N/A	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) activity	Yes	N/A	N/A
Medium	CG6014	FBgn0027542		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medium	atms	FBgn0010750	PD2	RNA polymerase II associated, Paf1	Kinesin activity	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medium	CG1544	FBgn0039827	DHTKD1	Transketolase, central region, 2-oxoglutarate dyhydrogenase E1 component	•	N/A	Yes	No
Medium	Nf1	FBgn0015269	NF1	Rho GTPase activation protein, Ras GTPase-activating protein, Cellular retinaldehyde-binding)/triple function, C-, HEAT	Ras GTPase activator activity; receptor binding	N/A	Yes	N/A
Medium	Mgat2	FBgn0039738	MGAT2	N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase II		No	Yes	No
Severe	RhoGAP100	F FBgn0039883		PDZ/DHR/GLGF, RhoGAP, C2	GTPase activator activity; receptor binding	N/A	Yes	No
Severe	Actn	FBgn0000667	ACTN1	EF-Hand type, Actin-binding, actinin-type	Actin filament binding	N/A	Yes	No
Severe	Rpn1	FBgn0028695	PSMD2	Proteasome/cyclosome, regulatory subunit	Endopeptidase activity,enzyme regulatory activity	N/A	No	N/A
Severe	Rpn2	FBgn0028692	PSMD1	Proteasome/cyclosome, regulatory subunit	Endopeptidase activity,enzyme regulatory activity	N/A	Yes	No
Class III. M	uscles are spre	ad, and both actin	and myosin fil	aments lack striation				
Severe	Prm	FBgn0003149		Myosin tail	Striated muscle thick filament	N/A	Yes	No
Severe	bt	FBqn0005666		Protein kinase-like, Fibronectin, type III-like fold	Myosin-light-Chain kinase	N/A	Yes	No
20,010	~ .	. 29			activity			
Severe	Mlc2	FBgn0002773	MYL2	EF-Hand type, Calcium-binding EF-hand	•	N/A	Yes	No
Severe		3	MYL2 TMOD1	EF-Hand type, Calcium-binding EF-hand Tropomodulin	activity	N/A N/A	Yes Yes	No No
	Mlc2	FBgn0002773			activity Microfilament motor activity Tropomyosin binding; actin			
Severe Severe Medium	Mlc2 Tmod polo	FBgn0002773 FBgn0082582	TMOD1 PLK1	Tropomodulin	activity Microfilament motor activity Tropomyosin binding; actin binding; Receptor signaling protein serine/threonine kinase	N/A	Yes	No
Severe Severe Medium Class IV. M	Mlc2 Tmod polo	FBgn0002773 FBgn0082582 FBgn0003124	TMOD1 PLK1	Tropomodulin	activity Microfilament motor activity Tropomyosin binding; actin binding; Receptor signaling protein serine/threonine kinase	N/A	Yes	No
Severe Severe Medium	MIc2 Tmod polo uscles with sho	FBgn0002773 FBgn0082582 FBgn0003124 ort and/or thin myd	TMOD1 PLK1	Tropomodulin POLO box duplicated region, Protein kinase	activity Microfilament motor activity Tropomyosin binding; actin binding; Receptor signaling protein serine/threonine kinase activity Guanylate cyclase activity, G protein coupled receptor	N/A N/A	Yes Yes	No Yes
Severe Severe Medium Class IV. M Severe	MIc2 Tmod polo uscles with she	FBgn0002773 FBgn0082582 FBgn0003124 ort and/or thin myo FBgn0004852	TMOD1 PLK1 ofibrils	POLO box duplicated region, Protein kinase Guanylate cyclase	activity Microfilament motor activity Tropomyosin binding; actin binding; Receptor signaling protein serine/threonine kinase activity Guanylate cyclase activity, G protein coupled receptor pathway ATP-dependent RNA helicase	N/A N/A N/A	Yes Yes Yes	No Yes No
Severe Severe Medium Class IV. M Severe	MIc2 Tmod polo uscles with she Ac76E CG5931	FBgn0002773 FBgn0082582 FBgn0003124 ort and/or thin myo FBgn0004852 FBgn0036548	TMOD1 PLK1 ofibrils	Tropomodulin POLO box duplicated region, Protein kinase Guanylate cyclase DEAD/DEAH box helicase, Sec63	activity Microfilament motor activity Tropomyosin binding; actin binding; Receptor signaling protein serine/threonine kinase activity Guanylate cyclase activity, G protein coupled receptor pathway ATP-dependent RNA helicase activity	N/A N/A N/A	Yes Yes Yes Yes	No Yes No
Severe Severe Medium Class IV. M Severe Severe Severe	Mlc2 Tmod polo uscles with shi Ac76E CG5931 CG31374	FBgn0002773 FBgn0002773 FBgn0003124 ort and/or thin myo FBgn0004852 FBgn0036548 FBgn0051374	TMOD1 PLK1 ofibrils ASCC3L1	Tropomodulin POLO box duplicated region, Protein kinase Guanylate cyclase DEAD/DEAH box helicase, Sec63 Actin binding WH2 domains	activity Microfilament motor activity Tropomyosin binding; actin binding; Receptor signaling protein serine/threonine kinase activity Guanylate cyclase activity, G protein coupled receptor pathway ATP-dependent RNA helicase activity Actin binding, actin assembly Translation initiation factor	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A	Yes Yes Yes Yes No	No Yes No No
Severe Severe Medium Class IV. M Severe Severe Severe Severe	Mlc2 Tmod polo uscles with she Ac76E CG5931 CG31374 CG8636	FBgn0002773 FBgn0002773 FBgn0003124 ort and/or thin myo FBgn0004852 FBgn0036548 FBgn0051374 FBgn0029629	TMOD1 PLK1 ofibrils ASCC3L1 EIF3S4	Tropomodulin POLO box duplicated region, Protein kinase Guanylate cyclase DEAD/DEAH box helicase, Sec63 Actin binding WH2 domains Zn-finger, CCHC type, RNA-binding region RNP-1	activity Microfilament motor activity Tropomyosin binding; actin binding; Receptor signaling protein serine/threonine kinase activity Guanylate cyclase activity, G protein coupled receptor pathway ATP-dependent RNA helicase activity Actin binding, actin assembly Translation initiation factor activity; Calcium channel activity Pre-mRNA splicing factor activity; transporter activity	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A Yes	Yes Yes Yes No	No Yes No No No
Severe Severe Medium Class IV. M Severe Severe Severe Severe Severe	MIc2 Tmod polo uscles with she Ac76E CG5931 CG31374 CG8636 CG8743	FBgn0002773 FBgn0002773 FBgn0003124 ort and/or thin myo FBgn0004852 FBgn0036548 FBgn0051374 FBgn0029629 FBgn0036904	TMOD1 PLK1 ofibrils ASCC3L1 EIF3S4 MCOLN3	Tropomodulin POLO box duplicated region, Protein kinase Guanylate cyclase DEAD/DEAH box helicase, Sec63 Actin binding WH2 domains Zn-finger, CCHC type, RNA-binding region RNP-1 Cation (not K+) channel, Ca2+/Na+ channel	activity Microfilament motor activity Tropomyosin binding; actin binding; Receptor signaling protein serine/threonine kinase activity Guanylate cyclase activity, G protein coupled receptor pathway ATP-dependent RNA helicase activity Actin binding, actin assembly Translation initiation factor activity; Calcium channel activity Pre-mRNA splicing factor	N/A N/A N/A N/A Yes N/A	Yes Yes Yes No No	No Yes No No No No

Severe	Vinc	FBgn0004397	VCL	Vinculin/alpha-catenin, Vinculin	Actin binding; structural constituent of cytoskeleton	N/A	N/A	No
Severe	RpL4	FBgn0003279	RPL4	Ribosomal protein L4/L1e	Nucleic acid binding;structural constituent of ribosome	N/A	No	No
Severe	RpS12	FBgn0014027	RPS12	Ribosomal protein L7Ae/L30e/S12e/Gadd45	Nucleic acid binding;structural constituent of ribosome	Yes	No	No
Severe	RpS9	FBgn0010408	RPS9	RNA-binding S4, Ribosomal protein S4/9,	Nucleic acid binding;structural constituent of ribosome	N/A	Yes	No

RNAi phenotypes could be observed with an independent second set of amplicons. The hits are grouped into four distinct phenotypic classes (see Results) and are listed by the severity of their RNAi muscle phenotypes in primary culture. Human orthologs were determined by reciprocal BLASTP. The putative expression of *Drosophila* genes in the mesoderm (either myoblasts and/or muscles) were based on the Berkeley *Drosophila* Genome Project (BDGP) in situ expression database (http://www.fruitfly.org/cgi-bin/ex/insitu.pl), Dmef2 loss-of-function microarray database [the fold enrichment log2 (mutant/wild type) is at least 0.5 or lower] (Sandmann et al., 2006) and Dmef2 chip-on-chip database (Sandmann et al., 2006) (http://furlonglab.embl.de/data), and myoblast gene expression database [the fold enrichment log2 (mutant/wild type) is at least 0.7 or lower] (Estrada et al., 2006).

Table S3. List of amplicons for generating dsRNAs targeting the genes that are listed in Table S2

Gene name	FBgn#	Amplicons DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION DE CONTROL DE CONTRO
CG2165	FBgn0025704	DRSC17113, DRSC17114, DRSC17154, DRSC34373
Fit1	FBgn0035498	DRSC08450, DRSC34432
Idh	FBgn0001248	DRSC10779, DRSC34441
Fit2	FBgn0036688	DRSC10908, DRSC32125
CG6640	FBgn0036068	DRSC10681, DRSC34404
elF-4E	FBgn0015218	DRSC11342, DRSC32113
Pros26	FBgn0002284	DRSC11256, DRSC32168
CG8789	FBgn0036896	DRSC11046, DRSC34410
Prosbeta2	FBgn0023174	DRSC11257, DRSC32178
abs	FBgn0015331	DRSC12372, DRSC31883
CG9779	FBgn0037231	DRSC12332, DRSC34417
CG9776	FBgn0027866	DRSC12127, DRSC34415
Taf4	FBgn0010280	DRSC11297, DRSC31762
CG14648	FBgn0037245	DRSC12002, DRSC34034
CG5027	FBgn0036579	DRSC10471, DRSC34391
CG31523	FBgn0051523	DRSC12009, DRSC34377, DRSC34378
pygo	FBgn0043900	DRSC14322, DRSC33088
deltaCOP	FBgn0028969	DRSC18760, DRSC31062, DRSC31063
CG1890	FBgn0039869	DRSC15395, DRSC29064
CG3457	FBgn0024984	DRSC18509, DRSC34386
PH4alphaNE1	FBgn0039780	DRSC16546, DRSC34461, DRSC34462
lva	FBgn0029688	DRSC18403, DRSC31278, DRSC31279
CG6020	FBgn0037001	DRSC11791, DRSC34398, DRSC34399
CG6014	FBgn0027542	DRSC11609, DRSC34396, DRSC34397
atms	FBgn0010750	DRSC12310, DRSC34353, DRSC34354
CG1544	FBgn0039827	DRSC15036, DRSC34369, DRSC34370
Nf1	FBgn0015269	DRSC16758, DRSC34456, DRSC34457
Mgat2	FBgn0039738	DRSC16347, DRSC34446, DRSC34447
RhoGAP100F	FBgn0039883	DRSC15409, DRSC34466, DRSC34467
Actn	FBgn0000667	DRSC17724, DRSC34351, DRSC34352
Rpn1	FBgn0028695	DRSC11274, DRSC32192, DRSC32193
Rpn2	FBgn0028692	DRSC16839, DRSC32198, DRSC32199
Prm	FBgn0003149	DRSC11255, DRSC36327, DRSC36328
bt	FBgn0005666	DRSC17129, DRSC17171, DRSC34355, DRSC34356
Mlc2	FBgn0002773	DRSC16741, DRSC32500, DRSC32501
Tmod	FBgn0082582	DRSC17062, DRSC34480, DRSC34481
polo	FBgn0003124	DRSC11384, DRSC34463, DRSC34464
Ac76E	FBgn0004852	DRSC09642, DRSC32652, DRSC32653
CG5931	FBgn0036548	DRSC10559, DRSC32419, DRSC32420
CG31374	FBgn0051374	DRSC14925, DRSC16113, DRSC32900, DRSC32901
CG8636	FBgn0029629	DRSC18427, DRSC32088
CG8743	FBgn0036904	DRSC11032, DRSC31589, DRSC31590
crn	FBgn0000377	DRSC18184, DRSC31852, DRSC31853
Taf2	FBgn0011836	DRSC11298, DRSC33206, DRSC33207
Trn	FBgn0024921	DRSC11309, DRSC32777, DRSC32778
Vinc	FBgn0004397	DRSC11309, DRSC31287, DRSC31287
RpL4	FBgn0003279	DRSC16833, DRSC32560, DRSC32561
RpS12	FBgn0014027	DRSC11270, DRSC34294
RpS9	FBgn0010408	DRSC11270, DRSC34294 DRSC11273, DRSC32598, DRSC32599
	FBgn0063485	DRSC11273, DRSC32598, DRSC32599 DRSC10379, DRSC34926, DRSC34927
Lasp Ac+57R	•	
Act57B	FBgn0000044	DRSC04042, DRSC31414
Act42A	FBgn0000043	DRSC04835, DRSC25061
Act87E	FBgn0000046	DRSC22578, DRSC23961
Act5C	FBgn0000042	DRSC17723, DRSC31415, DRSC31416
Tm1	FBgn0003721	DRSC13082, DRSC13083, DRSC16886, DRSC25249
up	FBgn0004169	DRSC20382, DRSC28798
mtm	FBgn0025742	DRSC03576, DRSC36585, DRSC36764, DRSC36765

Rya-r44F	FBgn0011286	DRSC07543
mew	FBgn0004456	DRSC18971, DRSC20352, DRSC35847
Mhc	FBgn0002741	DRSC03367, DRSC25959, DRSC34448, DRSC34449
up	FBgn0004169	DRSC20382, DRSC28798
sls	FBgn0003432	DRSC08528, DRSC08540, DRSC08670, DRSC32611, DRSC32612, DRSC36617, DRSC36618
sqh	FBgn0003514	DRSC18837, DRSC23800, DRSC34474, DRSC34475
mlc-c	FBgn0004687	DRSC18683, DRSC26543
wupA	FBgn0004028	DRSC20385, DRSC22547, DRSC29330, DRSC31986
bt	FBgn0005666	DRSC17129, DRSC17171, DRSC34355, DRSC34356, DRSC36656, DRSC36657
Vinc	FBgn0004397	DRSC18728, DRSC31286, DRSC31287
Rya-r44F	FBgn0011286	DRSC07543
tafazzin	FBgn0026619	DRSC07704, DRSC27100, DRSC36045
Dys	FBgn0024242	DRSC13360, DRSC13364, DRSC15260, DRSC16218, DRSC16219, DRSC16220, DRSC16232, DRSC16935
Lam	FBgn0002525	DRSC03359, DRSC33323, DRSC33324
mfr	FBgn0035935	DRSC10543
Scgdelta	FBgn0025391	DRSC18544
CalpB	FBgn0025866	DRSC11109, DRSC25885
Scgalpha	FBgn0032013	DRSC03076, DRSC29625
Scgdelta	FBgn0025391	DRSC18544
CG15105	FBgn0034412	DRSC05768, DRSC06532, DRSC27711
wb	FBgn0004002	DRSC03634, DRSC36402

Table S4. List of 1140 dsRNA amplicons screened in this study and their targeting genes

Amplicon	Gene
DRSC08557	CG2162
DRSC11227	Msr-110
DRSC08556	Sk2
DRSC10484	CG5146
DRSC08290	CG1271
DRSC10486	CG5150
DRSC08489	CG16753
DRSC09748	CG10591
DRSC08413	CG32486
DRSC09746	Sse
DRSC08190	CG11486
DRSC11145	DnaJ-1
DRSC08538	CG1869
DRSC11313	Ubp64E
DRSC08733	prominin-like
DRSC09745	CG10576
DRSC08200	CG11537
DRSC10509	CG5505
DRSC08298	CG1291
DRSC10512	CG32912
DRSC08415	CG14956
DRSC09742	CG10542
DRSC10949	CG8006
DRSC10683	CG32053
DRSC10952	CG8023
DRSC10681, DRSC34404	CG6640
DRSC09674	CG7207
DRSC10666	CG32055
DRSC10785	CG7197
DRSC10956	CG32063
DRSC10030	CG13671
DRSC11354	hay
DRSC10766	CG7066
DRSC11147	E(z)
DRSC10782	CG7188
DRSC10950	CG8009
DRSC10781	CG7185
DRSC10652	CG32066
DRSC10770	CG7081
DRSC10946	CG8003
DRSC10780	CG7182
DRSC10942	simj
DRSC10262	CG17352
DRSC10633	CG6418
DRSC08243	CG12079
DRSC10515	CG5537
DRSC08236	CG32281
DRSC10518	CG5568
DRSC08424	CG14965
DRSC09737	Pole2
DRSC08518	gry

DRSC09736	CG32412
DRSC08426	CG14967
DRSC09734	CG10483
DRSC08237	CG12034
DRSC09684	Bj1
DRSC08521	CG17746
DRSC09733	CG10479
DRSC08217	CG12009
DRSC10649	Jon65Aiii
DRSC08519	CG17723
DRSC09730	CG10472
DRSC08224	CG12016
DRSC09791	loj
DRSC08194	CG11526
DRSC10738	Ets65A
DRSC08221	PHGPx
DRSC11164	Ets65A
DRSC10779, DRSC34442, DRSC34441	Idh
DRSC10630	CG6409
DRSC10630	CG6409 CG33057, mkg-p
DRSC09672	CG6404
DRSC10028	CG6404 CG13667
DRSC10028	
DRSC10625	CG6327
DRSC10776	Oseg1
	CG7888
DRSC10322 DRSC10623	mtrm CG6321
DRSC10023	CG32354
DRSC10763	CG32069
DRSC10621	CG32069 CG7015
DRSC10761	CG7013 CG7839
DRSC10921	CG7839 CG6983
DRSC11200	JIL-1
DRSC10694	CG6683
DRSC09859	Mnf
DRSC10691 DRSC10607	CG6673 Ufd1-like
DRSC10292	CG32352
DRSC10693	CG7628
DRSC10608 DRSC10605	CG32352 MRP
	CG14969
DRSC008428	
DRSC09717 DRSC08719	CG10289
	kst
DRSC10829	CG7376
DRSC00716	YT521-B
DRSC09716	CG10274
DRSC08653	CycJ
DRSC11133	D19A
DRSC08430	CG14971
DRSC11309, DRSC32777	Trn
DRSC08665	ImpE2
DRSC11207	LanA
DRSC008658	Eip63E
DRSC09715	CG10226

DRSC08156	CG10359
DRSC11277	SP1173
DRSC08169	CG32264
DRSC09699	CG32394
DRSC08166	CG10855
DRSC09698	CG10107
DRSC08165	CG32262
DRSC10992	CG8549
DRSC08216	CG12006
DRSC09697	CG10103
DRSC10565	CG5989
DRSC10603	GlcAT-P
DRSC10616	CG6282
DRSC10601	CG6199
DRSC10627	CG6372
DRSC10600	CG6190
DRSC10564	CG5978
DRSC09681	CG7600
DRSC10631	CG6416
DRSC10878	CG7557
DRSC10563	CG5971
DRSC11335	chrb
DRSC11353	h
DRSC09857	CG33047
DRSC11255, DRSC26929	Prm
DRSC09856	Mob1
DRSC10546	CG32030
DRSC10587	CG33490
DRSC10545	CG32030
DRSC10582	CG6091
DRSC11338	dally
DRSC10581	CG6084
DRSC11219	Mcm7
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