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**Diverse functions and action modes of Smad-interacting proteins in vertebrate embryos.**

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Smad effector proteins mediate TGFbeta family signalling in various ways and the Smad pathway is regulated at multiple levels in ligand-stimulated cells, including by a large number of different Smad-interacting proteins (SIPs). We study the functions and action mechanisms of a number of nuclear SIPs during activin/nodal or BMP controlled processes in vertebrate embryogenesis and in mouse embryonic stem cells, and aim at taking these studies towards human disease. This will be illustrated briefly through our studies on Smic1 (in *Xenopus*) and Ttrap (in zebrafish) and discussed more in detail with our recent work on the zinc finger transcriptional repressor Sip1/Zfhx1b in the mouse.

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