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Abstract

Wnt signaling is a crucial component of the cell machinery orchestrating a series of physiological processes such as cell survival, proliferation and migration. Amongst the plethora of roles that Wnt signaling plays, its canonical branch regulates eye organogenesis and angiogenesis. Mutations in the genes encoding the low density lipoprotein receptor protein 5 (LRP5) and frizzled 4 (FZD4), acting as co-receptors for Wnt ligands, cause familial exudative vitreoretinopathy (FEVR). Moreover, mutations in the gene encoding NDP, a ligand for these Wnt receptors, cause Norrie disease and FEVR. Both FEVR and Norrie disease share similar phenotypic characteristics including abnormal vascularisation of the peripheral retina and formation of fibrovascular masses in the eye that can lead to blindness. In this mutation update, we report 21 novel variants for FZD4, LRP5 and NDP, and discuss the putative functional consequences of missense mutations. In addition, we provide a comprehensive overview of all previously published variants in the aforementioned genes and summarise the phenotypic characteristics in mouse models carrying mutations in the orthologous genes. The increasing molecular understanding of Wnt signaling, related to ocular development and blood supply, offers more tools for accurate disease diagnosis which may be important in the development of therapeutic interventions.

KEY WORDS: *FZD4*; *LRP5*; *NDP*; familial exudative vitreoretinopathy; FEVR; Norrie disease, ND

Introduction

Familial exudative vitreoretinopathy (FEVR; MIM# 133780) and Norrie disease (ND; MIM# 310600) are two inherited retinal disorders with highly overlapping ocular manifestations that are caused by alterations in the Wnt signaling network. FEVR and ND share an abnormal vascularisation of the peripheral retina with the formation of retinal folds, retinal detachment and in many cases the creation of a fibrovascular membrane located behind the lens [Lagua, 1980; van Nouhuys, 1982; Miyakubo et al., 1984; Shukla et al., 2003]. Genetic analyses have thus far identified three causative genes for the two disorders i.e. frizzled 4 (FZD4, located on 11q14.2; MIM# 604579), low density lipoprotein 5 (LRP5, located on 11g13.2; MIM# 603506), and Norrin (NDP, located on Xp11.3; MIM# 300658). Those genes encode proteins involved in the evolutionary highly conserved Wnt signaling network which plays an important role in eye development and angiogenesis. FEVR is a genetically heterogeneous disease and is inherited in an autosomal dominant (adFEVR; MIM# 133780) [Criswick and Schepens, 1969; Gow and Oliver, 1971; van Nouhuys, 1982; Feldman et al., 1983; van Nouhuys, 1985], autosomal recessive (arFEVR; MIM# 601813) or an X-linked recessive mode (MIM# 305390) [Laqua, 1980; Chen et al., 1993a; de Crecchio et al., 1998], with autosomal dominant being the most prominent mode of inheritance. Mutations in FZD4 and LRP5, which are located on 11g14.2 and 11q13.2 respectively, are associated with autosomal dominant FEVR [Robitaille et al., 2002; Toomes et al., 2004a]. In addition, one family has been found to link to the EVR3 locus on chromosome 11p12-p13 [Downey et al., 2001]. Mutations in LRP5 have also been associated with arFEVR [Jiao et al., 2004] whereas X-linked recessive FEVR is caused by mutations in the

Norrie disease gene (*NDP*) located on Xp11.3 [Berger et al., 1992b; Chen et al., 1993a]. The pathologic features of the disease initiate from the abnormal retinal development due to the incomplete vascularisation of the peripheral retina and/or retinal blood vessel differentiation [Canny and Oliver, 1976]. The resulting avascular peripheral retinal zone [Miyakubo et al., 1982; van Nouhuys, 1982; Miyakubo et al., 1984; Shukla et al., 2003] is the hallmark of the disease and in many mildly affected patients may be FEVR's only manifestation. In more severe cases, retinal complications such as the formation of holes and tears, neovascularisation, exudation, vitreous haemorrhage, macular ectopia, falciform folds and retinal detachment, can result in blindness.

Norrie disease (ND; MIM# 310600) is a severe X-linked recessive form of congenital blindness which in about one third of the cases is accompanied by mental retardation and deafness [Warburg, 1966; Bleeker-Wagemakers et al., 1985]. A characteristic intra-ocular mass in the retina (pseudoglioma) can lead to microphthalmia [Townes and Roca, 1973; Johnston et al., 1982]. Other ocular findings include the development of cataract, alterations in the composition of the vitreous body [Warburg, 1975], vitreoretinal haemorrhages, creation and deposition of retrolental fibrovascular tissue, retinal folding and detachment accompanied by subretinal exudates [Polomeno et al., 1987; Enyedi et al., 1991] which are signs bearing high phenotypic overlap with FEVR [van Nouhuys, 1982]. ND is genetically homogeneous and is caused by mutations in *NDP* [Berger et al., 1992b; Chen et al., 1993b].

In addition to causing FEVR, defects in *LRP5* have also been associated with two groups of bone abnormalities. The first group includes osteoporosis–pseudoglioma syndrome (OPPG; MIM# 259770), a rare autosomal recessive condition which initiates during early childhood. The major symptoms of OPPG include visual loss due to several vitreoretinal dysplasias and bone weakness

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which results in multiple fractures and deformities as the bone mass reduces. Carriers of OPPGassociated *LRP5* mutations are often found to have reduced bone mass density. The second group of diseases comprises endosteal hyperostosis (MIM# 144750), osteosclerosis (MIM# 144750), osteopetrosis (MIM# 607634), van Buchem disease type 2 (VBCH2; MIM# 607636), and high-bone-mass trait (HBM; MIM# 601884). The aforementioned conditions are all characterised by a high-bone-mass phenotype and are inherited in autosomal dominant mode.

FZD4, LRP5 and NDP are components of the Norrin-induced FZD4/LRP5/β-catenin signaling pathway. It has been demonstrated that Wnt signaling pathways are one of the main drivers for vascular development in the mammalian eye. Consequently, mutations in these three genes cause FEVR and ND that have an almost identical pathologic impact on intraretinal vasculature.

Recently a series of dedicated experiments revealed that a new gene, *TSPAN12* (located on 7q31.31; MIM# 613138) plays a key-role in Norrin-induced β -catenin signaling transduction and regulation (Fig. 1). TSPAN12 is a member of the tetraspanin family that share certain specific structural features that distinguishes them from other proteins that pass the membrane four times. The protein was postulated to act via a mechanism that enhances FZD4 multimerisation and clustering by binding to Norrin multimers, a crucial step for induction of physiological levels of signaling [Junge et al., 2009].

Wnt signaling and eye vasculature: brief overview

The Wnt signaling transduction network influences cell survival, differentiation, proliferation and migration by a highly orchestrated transcriptional regulation of target genes. The network can be roughly categorised in two broad branches; the canonical or Wnt/ β -catenin pathway and the non-canonical pathway which includes the Wnt/calcium signaling and planar cell polarity

pathways. Wnt genes encode a family of soluble, secreted cysteine-rich proteins which are often glycosylated and/or palmitoylated. Wnts can act as ligands for Frizzled receptors which in concert with LRP5/6 co-receptors form a ternary complex [Tamai et al., 2000] and subsequently initiate Wnt canonical signaling. Canonical Wnt signaling regulates the amount of β -catenin that reaches the nucleus via the action of Disheveled proteins that block its phosphorylation by GSK-3 [Li et al., 1999] and proteolytic degradation in the proteosome [Polakis, 2000]. Presence of β -catenin inside the nucleus promotes transcription of several genes implicated in different processes. Wnts are expressed in a wide variety of tissues and the specific type of Wnt-Frizzled induced signaling is determined mostly by the nature of the different interactions and the locations in which these occur. FZD4 has been shown to act also in the non-canonical Wnt signaling pathway [Robitaille et al., 2002] by regulating components belonging to the Wnt/calcium signaling network.

Wnt signaling plays also an important role in eye organogenesis and angiogenesis. Beta-catenin regulation is present in critical steps of ophthalmogenesis such as anterior neural tissue definition from the remaining brain compartments, eye field formation, and fine definition of the neural retina [Fuhrmann, 2008]. In addition, ocular blood vessel formation during development initiates with the formation of a provisional blood vessel system in the extraretinal hyaloid region called the hyaloid vascular system (HVS). This system is responsible for the supply of nutrients to the early vitreal structure and the retina. When the intraretinal vasculature develops, the HVS recedes in the maturing eye.

Retinal angiogenesis is dependent on TSPAN12, FZD4 and LRP5 to initiate the β -catenin signaling cascade upon NDP binding (Fig. 1).

Mutations in FZD4

FZD4 is a member of the Frizzled gene family and encodes a protein of 537 amino acids. Similar to the other members of the Frizzled family it is composed of a seven pass transmembrane helix and an extracellular Frizzled (FZ) domain (Supp. Figure S1).

To date, a total of 32 different mutations have been reported for *FZD4* (Supp. Table S1). Ten mutations result in a premature stop codon, 21 are missense changes and one is an in-frame deletion of two amino acids (p.M493_W494del). No splice mutations have been reported for *FZD4* and mutations are not clustering in a specific "hotspot". All patients with *FZD4* mutations are heterozygous carriers, except for a 5-month-old baby carrying a homozygous change (p.R417Q) for which both parents harbouring the same mutation heterozygously exhibited mild phenotypes [Kondo et al., 2003] suggesting an autosomal dominant mode of inheritance. The effect of a few *FZD4* nucleotide variants has been assayed functionally. Robitaille et al. [2002] measured the FZD4 dependent induction of β -catenin signaling upon activation of the receptor. They found that p.M493_494del and p.L501SfsX533 mutant proteins did not exert any detectable activity. Two additional studies, using Norrin dependent signaling reporter assays, showed the reduced activity of FZD4 mutants (p.M105V, p.M157V, p.W319X and p.R417Q) ranging from ~30% to 95% of the wild-type levels [Xu et al., 2004; Qin et al., 2008].

In this study we report five novel variants in *FZD4*, one of which is located in exon 1 (p.E40Q) and the other four in exon 2 (p.C204Y, p.E286X, p.D428SfsX2 and p.L501SfsX33). Because *FZD4* contains only two exons, protein truncating mutations in exon 2 likely do not result in complete nonsense mediated decay (NMD) but rather in a non-functional protein.

The FZD4 proteins containing the two protein-truncating mutations p.E286X, p.D428SfsX2 (Table 1, Supp. Table S5) are predicted to lack the conserved KTXXXW domain and PDZ

binding motif (Supp. Figure S1). The absence of these elements probably abolishes the ability of FZD4 to induce the downstream β -catenin signaling pathway. The KTXXXW domain is located directly after the seventh transmembrane (TM) helix at the C terminus and is essential for generation of FZD4-mediated signal transduction [Umbhauer et al., 2000]. Moreover, a truncated protein (p.L501SfsX33) that contained the KTXXXW domain but lacked the PDZ binding motif was shown to be defective. The mutated protein was absent from the plasma membrane probably due to impaired oligomerisation of the wild-type protein with the mutant form which lead to the retention of FZD4 in the endoplasmic reticulum [Kaykas et al., 2004].

In addition to the two protein-truncating mutations we also identified three novel missense changes. Variant p.E40Q was found in one sporadic patient (Table 1). The wild-type glutamic acid residue is located at the N-terminus directly following the putative signal peptide at the FZ domain (Supp. Figure S1). According to the secondary structure prediction [Bryson et al., 2005], this residue is located at a coiled domain on the surface of the protein where interactions might occur. The function of the FZ domain is not fully elucidated, although mutagenesis and crystal structure studies suggest that it may be important for interaction with other proteins such as Wnts or NDP [Dann et al., 2001]. Glutamic acid is a negatively charged amino acid and is often involved in ionic interactions. The mutant glutamine has the same molecular structure except for the negatively charged oxygen. The pathogenic effect of this change is therefore likely due to the loss of ionic interactions of the FZ domain with other proteins or by itself. In addition, the same patient carries a second nucleotide variant in LRP5, the splice site mutation c.4489-1G>A. In order to better assess the disease causing potential of the two aforementioned changes, the affected mother was also included in the study. She was found to carry both variants i.e. FZD4 p.E40Q and *LRP5* splice site mutation c.4489-1G>A, which does not exclude a digenic mode of

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inheritance. Notably, previous studies have also provided some evidence that FEVR may not exclusively rely on a monogenic model of inheritance. Shastry and Trese [2004] reported that a factor V change co-segregated with the *FZD4* mutation in a patient with autosomal dominant FEVR.

The p.C204Y variant (Table 1, Supp. Table S5) is located in a stretch of residues that connects the FZ domain with the first TM domain of FZD4. Using the PHDacc-server ([Rost, 1996]; accessible via "Project HOPE", http://www.cmbi.ru.nl/hope/), secondary structure prediction indicates that the mutated cysteine is placed in a large coiled region, buried in the core of the protein preceding the first TM helix. Mutation of a cysteine residue, possibly employed to form a disulfide bond, into a tyrosine, a hydrophilic amino acid with a large bulky side chain, is expected to lead to destabilisation or even unfolding of the domain. In family W06-237 we identified the p.G525R variant in FZD4 (Table 1, Supp. Figure S5). This missense change affects an amino acid located in the intracellular C-terminal tail of FZD4, in a stretch of residues predicted to form a coil. This residue is partly exposed to the solvent and partly buried. The two following residues (tryptophan and valine) are predicted to be completely buried in the core of the protein and by being hydrophobic, they are probably important forming the core of the Cterminal domain. Glycine residues are known for their flexibility as no other residue can make the same backbone angles. It seems possible that the residues preceding tryptophan and valine form a typical structure that is needed to locate the hydrophobic tryptophan and valine in their correct position. This is underlined by the fact that the glycine residue at position 525 is preceded by an asparagine (a residue often present in structural turns) and by another flexible glycine. The p.G525R variant changes the flexible glycine into a less flexible arginine, thereby disturbing the putative backbone structure that is needed for the positions of tryptophan and valine. This

potentially could affect the normal function of KTXXXW and PDZ binding in the Wnt/ β catenin pathway, thereby impeding the action of FZD4 receptor complex. All the changed residues are highly conserved among several FZD4 orthologues (Supp. Figure S2). We have summarized the clinical data of five FEVR patients with *FZD4* variants in Supp. Table S5. Their visual acuity ranges from normal to complete blindness. Macular ectopia is frequently observed.

Mutations in LRP5

LRP5 is a composite cell surface receptor protein that consists of 1615 amino acids and belongs to the low density lipoprotein receptor (LDLR) superfamily. Its function is associated with the process of receptor-mediated endocytosis of a wide spectrum of ligands. Upon ligand binding, LRP5 can act synergistically with FZD4 or other members of the Frizzled family by activating the canonical Wnt and/or Norrin/ β -catenin pathway and induce the transcription of target genes [Pinson et al., 2000; Wehrli et al., 2000; He et al., 2004].

LRP5 consists of four extracellular domains, each of which is composed of six segments. Those segments form a β -propeller structure that is followed by an EGF-like domain (Fig. 2A). Five of those segments are YWTD LDL-class B repeats, while the sixth does not contain the required YWTD motif to be recognized as a LDL-class B repeat. The first two propeller domains were suggested to be important for interaction with the Wnt/Frizzled complex [Mao et al., 2001]. The four propeller domains are followed by three LDL-class A repeats (also known as LDL-receptor like ligand binding domains), one TM domain and a cytoplasmic region with one or multiple short signals for receptor internalisation through coated pits. LRP5 is highly expressed in many tissues including bone, liver, heart, retina, skin, pancreas during various stages of development.

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Moreover, whilst part of a very potent and diverse signaling network such as the β -catenin pathway, LRP5 is a major player in morphological development sugar and lipid metabolism. Thus far, 86 different mutations have been reported for LRP5 of which 26 introduce premature stop codons, 56 mutations are missense changes and four changes affect splicing (Supp. Table S2). Whereas *LRP5* mutations that are associated with FEVR are scattered throughout the gene, other mutations in *LRP5* that seem to be clustered locally cause different phenotypes. Individuals suffering from a group of disorders demonstrating high-bone-mass and sclerosing bone dysplasias, show autosomal dominant missense variants clustered in exons 2-5 which encode the first " β -propeller" domain of LRP5. These changes are hypothesised to act in a dominant negative way. The mutant LRP5 proteins are impaired from binding to Wnt pathway antagonists, e.g. SOST or DKK-1, because of defective receptor action or cell trafficking, thereby promoting abnormal growth in bone forming cells [Boyden et al., 2002; Zhang et al., 2004; Semenov and He, 2006].

LRP5 variants have also been associated with OPPG, a rare autosomal recessive condition for which the vast majority of loss-of-function mutations identified are located in the second and third " β -propeller" domain and the following LDL repeats of LRP5. Of the FEVR-causing mutations, four mutations result in premature stop codons, whereas at least six missense changes have been associated with the autosomal dominant form of the disease. In addition, eleven missense variants (three homozygous and two compound heterozygous) have been associated with autosomal recessive or sporadic FEVR cases. All these changes seem to result in a reduced or lost interaction with FZD4 and NDP and thus disturbing the normal Wnt signaling cascade that regulates retinal vessel formation.

Functional characterisation of nucleotide changes in LRP5 has been performed by various groups. Gong et al. [2001] studied the effect of p.Q853X and p.E1270RfsX169 by transiently transfecting COS-7 cells with mammalian expression constructs containing either the wild-type or mutant LRP5 sequences. They demonstrated that even if the mutant proteins were synthesised they were not able to be secreted, due to impaired cell trafficking, adding evidence to the assumption that OPPG results from loss-of-function mutations. Boyden et al. [2002] studied the effects of p.G171V by performing *in vitro* and *in vivo* experiments measuring Wnt signaling output. They used a luciferase activity assay, which was responsive to LRP5 by co-transfection experiments in NIH3T3 cells and by measuring fibronectin levels in affected individuals with the high-bone-mass phenotype. The p.G171V variant did not influence normal Wnt signaling in the absence of Wnt antagonists. However, when such an antagonist (e.g. Dkk-1) was present, the mutant *LRP5* construct was able to reduce its inhibitory action. Zhang et al. [2004] showed that the p.G171V mutation seemed to disrupt the Mesd-mediated recruitment of LRP5 to the surface of osteoblasts which occurs via the first β -propeller domain. They proposed that paracrine Dkk-1, which is produced by osteoclasts and binds to the third " β -propeller" domain of LRP5, has limited target availability i.e. minimal antagonising potential, boosting autocrine Wnt action in the osteoblasts. Adding to the complexity of events that act synergistically for high-bone-mass phenotype, it was also postulated that p.G171V was able to directly reduce binding ability of a bone specific LRP5 antagonist, SOST, to the first β -propeller structure, potentially affecting bone mass regulation [Semenov and He, 2006]. Ai et al. [2005] designed a series of expression constructs containing OPPG-associated mutations (p.S356L, p.T390K, p.G404R, p.D434N, p.G520V and p.G610R) and FEVR-associated mutations (p.T173M, p.R570Q, p.Y1168H, p.C1361G and p.E1367K) along with wild-type LRP5 and transiently transfected HEK293T cells

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in an *ex vivo* reporter assay for Wnt and Norrin signal transduction. With the exception of p.S356L and p.G520V, OPPG-associated *LRP5* mutations, which affected the first or second β-propeller domain, resulted in impaired subcellular trafficking of mutant LRP5. However, there was no clear-cut correlation between assay activity and phenotypes. When FEVR-associated mutations were tested in the same assay they showed variable results. The p.Y1168H missense variant, that causes autosomal dominant FEVR, almost completely abolished Wnt and Norrin signal transduction whereas p.T173M had no significant impact. A similar effect was shown for two other mutations associated with autosomal recessive FEVR (p.R570Q and p.E1367K). Finally, it was demonstrated in concordance with all the previous experiments, that LRP5 mutants p.R444C and p.A522T exhibited a variable reduction in the Norrin dependent Wnt signaling (45% and 26% respectively) that correlated with the mild phenotype observed in the patients who carry these changes [Qin et al., 2008].

In this study, we report two new missense (p.E441K, p.C1253F), one new nonsense variant (p.W993X), and one novel splice site (c.4489-1G>A) change. The p.E441K variant has been identified in one sporadic FEVR patient (Table 2, Supp. Table S5). It is located in the second " β -propeller" domain of the protein, at an evolutionary highly conserved position (Supp. Figure S3). As our structure prediction model (Fig. 2B) points out, the negatively charged and hydrophilic glutamic acid, creates ionic interactions with two positively charged arginine residues in its close proximity (residues indicated in blue), thereby stabilising and formulating the local structure of the whole domain. Introduction of an additional positive residue such as lysine is likely to disturb the ionic interactions, potentially destabilising the whole domain structure and therefore impeding its normal function. This could have an effect on its potential interaction with NDP, which is also supported by the aforementioned functional analysis of p.R444C. More

interestingly a different mutation, p.D434N, which was also characterised by decreased Wnt signaling potential, was associated with OPPG. The second variant, p.C1253F, is located in the EGF-like domain following the third "β-propeller" module of LRP5 (Fig. 2C) and also affects a well conserved residue (Supp. Figure S3). The role of this domain is unclear. The third " β propeller" structure and the three LDL-class A repeats play a role in binding of ligands such as Dkk-1. The EGF-like domains in general are stabilised by three disulfide bridges (Fig. 2C). The introduction of a phenylalanine at the position of cysteine residue is predicted to disturb one of the existing disulfide bridges. Moreover, phenylalanine has a much bulkier side chain when compared with cysteine and might exert steric hindrance effects. Interestingly, the same person carrying the p.C1253F variant was found to carry a second LRP5 missense variant, p.G610R, previously reported to be associated with FEVR (in a compound heterozygous mode) and with OPPG (Supp. Table S2). The p.G610R variant, when present heterozygously, was shown in at least one case to result in low bone mass density. The father of the proband was found to carry the p.C1253F variant while the mother was carrying the p.G610R. Based on the clinical picture of this family (Supp. Table S5) and mutation segregation data an autosomal recessive mode of inheritance can be suggested, although autosomal dominant inheritance cannot be totally excluded.

Furthermore, a nonsense change (p.W993X) was found in one sporadic patient with FEVR which results in a premature stop codon in exon 13 likely causing NMD and thus leading to LRP5 haploinsufficiency (Table 2, Supp. Table S5). Finally, we identified a splice-acceptor mutation, c.4489-1G>A, in the same person that harbours the FZD4 p.E40Q variant. The effect of this mutation is predicted to be skipping of exon 22 and the subsequent in frame deletion of 20

amino acids. No RNA was available to test the effect of the splice site change. We summarised the clinical data for three patients with *LRP5* variants in Supp. Table S5.

LRP5 polymorphisms

Many groups have tried to find associations between *LRP5* polymorphisms and osteoporosis, low bone mass index, hypercholesterolemia, obesity and increased body mass index. The nonsynonymous p.A1330V (rs3736228:C>T) SNP in exon 18 has been in the center of attention in a large number of studies. This polymorphism was linked with low bone mass determination at the lumbar spine, femoral neck and total hip [Koay et al., 2004]. Subsequently, at least six more groups reported putative association of p.A1330V alone or synergistically with other polymorphisms in *LRP5* or other genes, with bone mass determination and hypercholesterolemia [Ferrari et al., 2005; van Meurs et al., 2006; Suwazono et al., 2006; Giroux et al., 2007; Saarinen et al., 2007; Suwazono et al., 2007].

Qin et al. [2008] utilising a Norrin dependent reporter demonstrated an unexpected decrease in Wnt signaling activity in the case of SNPs p.Q89R (rs41494349:A>G) and p.A1330V. These variants may play a role in the wide phenotypic heterogeneity observed in people that harbour the same pathogenic nucleotide variants in *LRP5*.

NDP mutations

The Norrie disease protein gene (*NDP*) encodes Norrin, a small secreted and cysteine rich protein that consists of 133 amino acids with weak homology to the transforming growth factor (TGF)- β family of ligands [Berger et al., 1992a; Chen et al., 1992; Meindl et al., 1992; Meitinger et al., 1993]. Norrin consists of two major parts: a signal peptide at the amino-terminus of the

protein that directs its localisation and a region containing a typical motif of six cysteines forming a cysteine-knot that provides the structural conformation required for receptor binding and subsequent signal transduction [Meitinger et al., 1993]. Our 3D model of NDP agrees with structures previously described [Vitt et al., 2001] and contains two antiparallel β -sheets and one α -helical structure (Fig. 3A).

Although Norrin is not structurally related to the Wnt family of proteins, it resembles their function by binding with high affinity to the receptor Frizzled-4, requiring LDL receptor-related protein (LRP) as a co-receptor and by activating the FZD4/LRP5/β-catenin signaling pathway Wnt signaling pathway [Xu et al., 2004]. One of the multiple routes that this pathway is involved in, is the transcriptional control and regulation of genes that are under the influence of TCF/Lef binding sites. NDP, together with FZD4 and LRP5, effectively plays a role in the development of the cells in the retinal neural epithelium by setting off the retreat of the HVS and in parallel by patterning the external and deep retinal vasculature which is necessary for retinal function [Luhmann et al., 2005].

Ninety-five nucleotide variants have been reported for NDP (Supp. Table S4). Twenty-four mutations result in the introduction of a premature stop codon, 58 are missense changes, six changes affect splice sites and for seven variants their effect is different or unknown. Most of the mutations result in Norrie disease and a smaller percentage in X-linked FEVR. Five NDP changes (p.R41S, p.Y44X, p.C96W, p.L108P and p.R121W) have been suggested to be associated with persistent fetal vasculature syndrome, Coats disease, and retinopathy of prematurity (ROP). These distinct clinical entities share some common pathological features such as abnormal retinal blood vessel growth which may result in scarring and retinal detachment.

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Two groups have performed functional assays for *NDP* variants. Xu et al. [2004] using a cotransfection signaling assay in STF cells in parallel with immunoblotting, assessed total protein production, secretion efficiency to the extracellular matrix and potency for signaling transduction. They analysed 18 NDP mutations associated with FEVR or ROP. All missense mutants but one (p.L13R), showed no production or secretion efficiency aberrations; all but one (p.K58N) resulted in 20-80% decreased Wnt signaling potential. Moreover, Qin et al. [2008] after testing two groups of NDP missense variants associated with either FEVR (p.R41K, p.K54N, p.R115L, p.R121W) or Norrie disease (p.K58N, p.A63D, p.R97P and p.R121W), in a similar way showed 17-96% reduced signaling potential. Only p.K58N, in agreement with the previous study, resulted in increased signaling ability. Interestingly, the authors suggested that mutants p.K54N, p.K58N and p.R115L disturb binding of Norrin with other factors possibly related to Norrin's physiological function. Finally, no mutant was observed to have any impact on the integrity of the protein.

Here, we report 12 novel nucleotide variants in NDP associated with Norrie disease or X-linked FEVR. These include six missense variants (p.C55R, p.G67E, p.G67R, p.F89L, p.S92P, p.P98L), one nonsense (p.S111X), three frameshift (p.H4RfsX21, p.S9PfsX4, p.Y44MfsX60) and two splice site mutations (c.-208+2T>G, c.-208+5G>A). The missense change p.C55R influences a cysteine residue located on the "top" of one of the antiparallel β -sheets forming a disulphide bridge with a cysteine on the top of the other β -sheet (Fig. 3B). The exact function of this bond is unclear, but it could be speculated that it might be necessary to stabilise the conformation of the two β -sheet domains which contain hydrophobic residues that can interact with another NDP monomer. Without the disulphide bridges the two sheets will have more freedom to move, thereby making it difficult to form the correct structure for dimerisation. Moreover, this

disulphide bridge and amino acid location was shown to be evolutionary conserved (Supp. Figure S4) [Meitinger et al., 1993]. The glycine residue at position 67 is highly conserved amongst many NDP orthologues (Supp. Table S4) and the p.G67E and p.G67R variants change a small and flexible glycine into either a glutamic acid (negatively charged) or into an arginine (positively charged). Glycine is "required" at this position for the protein to adopt a typical backbone conformation crucial for formation of the cysteine-knot (Fig. 3C). No other residue can make the correct backbone angles and

protein.

The missense change p.F89L is located in a highly conserved domain (Supp. Table S4) that adopts an α -helical structure. This amino acid is predicted to be one of the residues that participate in the dimerisation of NDP [Meitinger et al., 1993]. The hydrophobic phenylalanine interacts with other hydrophobic residues on the other monomer. Leucine is also hydrophobic, but has a smaller sidechain (Fig. 3D). It seems possible that this leucine could make the same type of interactions but because of altered stereo-specificity the dimer formation could be less strong and stable.

therefore, mutation of the glycine will disturb cysteine-knot formation and the structure of the

The missense change p.S92P affects a serine which precedes a cysteine in the cysteine-knot motif and was identified in a simplex Norrie disease patient (Table 3, Supp. Table S5). As a "consensus" it is very critical that the cysteines are placed correctly in NDP as they are crucial for its structure. The missense change introduces proline (Fig. 3E) which is known to be a very rigid residue that often forces the backbone to bend and thereby might disturb the formation of the disulphide bridge and thus the conformation of NDP. Finally, p.P98L is located close to the last cysteine in the knot motif and to the unbound cysteine that is needed to form dimers (Fig.

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3F). The local backbone structure that is created by proline, might be necessary for the correct positioning of cysteines. A leucine will cause more flexibility in the backbone which might result in difficulties during dimerisation and/or formation of the cysteine-knot. Another possibility is that the hydrophobic side chain of proline might be needed for interactions with another monomer.

The four novel protein truncating mutations likely result in NMD of the RNA or a truncated protein and thereby in a reduction or absence of NDP activity. Moreover, the two novel splice mutations, c.-208+2T>G and c.-208+5G>A, affect the highly conserved splice donor site of exon 1. The two most likely effects are that either intron 1 is retained in the mature mRNA or that exon 2 is not spliced into the mRNA. In the latter case, the mRNA would lack the ATG residing in exon 2, as well as the 58 most N-terminal amino acids. Inclusion of intron 1 may have an effect on the stability of the mRNA. The c.-208+5G>A variant segregates with the disease phenotype in the family as it is present in two affected males. The clinical information of one ND patient is presented in Supp. Table S5.

Animal models

Several mouse models have been made that either have no or partially functional Fzd4, Lrp5 and Ndph (Norrie disease pseudoglioma mouse homologue), in order to shed more light into the biochemical properties of these proteins and understand the pathology of the associated diseases. Gene disruption in murine *Fzd4* using a *Fzd4-lacZ* knock-in reporter allele assessed by X-gal staining provided in depth analysis of its expression. During littermate development, *Fzd4* seemed to be transiently present in a wide variety of tissues. In mature *Fzd4*^{+/-} mice, expression was observed in the Purkinje cells of the cerebellum, in the retina, in the inner hair cells in the

organ of Corti, and in the sensory epithelium of the otolith organs [Wang et al., 2001]. Moreover, a prominent *Fzd4* expression throughout development was also demonstrated in the ovary with high prevalence in the corpus luteum [Hsieh et al., 2002]. *Fzd4^{-/-}* mice are viable although they are subject to high mortality rates (~50%) and impaired growth, beginning in the second postnatal week [Wang et al., 2001]. The *Fzd4^{-/-}* mice also displayed progressive hearing loss and an inoperative swollen esophagus around P8 [Wang et al., 2001]. Xu et al. [2004] demonstrated that young adult mice show compromised intraretinal vasculature. Problematic blood supply of the retina especially in the nerve fiber layer (NFL) and outer plexiform layer (OPL) was noted. No significant differences in anatomic and/or phenotypic characteristics were noticed between *Fzd4^{+/-}* mice.

Similar to *Fzd4, Lrp5* was found to be expressed in many tissues in the mouse. However, its expression was most abundant in CNS neurons, the islets of Langerhans, liver, osteoblasts and ocular macrophages [Figueroa et al., 2000; Kato et al., 2002]. In an effort to replicate the phenotypic manifestation of OPPG, *LRP5*^{-/-} mice were generated by disrupting exon 6 of the gene with the insertion of an IRES-LacZ-Neomycin cassette and thus resulting to a prematurely truncated protein [Kato et al., 2002]. These *Lrp5*^{-/-} mice were viable and fertile; however a fraction of them died prematurely because of bone fractures. The mice displayed low bone mass phenotype from 2 weeks and decreased bone volume and mineral content of the ECM surrounding osteoblasts. In 70% of *Lrp5*^{-/-} mice hyaloid vessels regression was delayed at 6 months of age. This was postulated to result from failed macrophage-mediated apoptosis. *Lrp5*^{+/-} mice displayed the same bone phenotype to a lesser extent and had no eye-related abnormalities. Moreover, Fujino et al. [2003], generated *Lrp5*^{-/-} mice by disrupting a ligand binding repeat in exon 18. All mice appeared normal until the sixth month of their life when parietal bone

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weakness was noted in 70% of $Lrp5^{-/-}$ of the female population. The $Lrp5^{-/-}$ mice also displayed impaired chylomicron clearance, hepatic uptake and glucose-induced insulin secretion. The authors did not report on eye-related abnormalities. Two other studies, [Babij et al., 2003; Akhter et al., 2004] described transgenic mice with the p.G171V mutation, which is associated with the human high-bone-mass phenotype. The LRP5_{G171V} mice showed greater bone mass, density, structure and strength. Finally, Xia et al. [2008] identified a ENU-induced recessive mouse mutant line that bears many similarities with the eye pathology that FEVR shows in humans. The mutant *r18* mouse carries a frameshift mutation which causes a premature stop at codon 1596 and the replacement of the 39 most C-terminal amino acids by 20 different ones. In $Lrp5^{r18/r18}$ mice, the retina appeared hypopigmented and the retinal arteries weak. Moreover, early in their growth, the mice developed retinal haemorrhage. The retinal vasculature was disorganized, immature, and leaky, with less and smaller blood vessels. Meagre retinal blood supply was postulated to be a consequence of defective capillary lumen formation.

Ndph mutant mice replicate most of the symptoms associated with Norrie disease and partially that of FEVR, both in terms of eye/retinal symptomatology and auditorial defects. The mutant mice display retrolental structures in the vitreous body and a perturbed ganglion cell layer along with the formation of pseudogliomas in the posterior vitreal chamber [Berger et al., 1996; Richter et al., 1998]. All the different cell layers of the retina were reduced along with the photoreceptors, but specific segments of the retina such as the OPL could completely disappear [Berger et al., 1996; Lenzner et al., 2002]. Moreover, the *Ndph* knockout mice developed severe structural irregularities of the retinal vascular system formation. The hyaloid blood vessels delayed to regress [Richter et al., 1998; Luhmann et al., 2005; Ohlmann et al., 2005] and both superficial and intraretinal vasculature was severely impaired because a large number of blood

vessels or capillaries was defective or even absent. The lack of normal blood supply that nourishes the different retinal cell layers results in local hypoxic conditions, especially in the inner retina. This was associated with increased expression of vasodilatation indicators such as eNOS and VEGF, and increased permeability of retinal blood vessels [Luhmann et al., 2005; Kaur et al., 2006]. Defects in the cochlear stria vascularis of Ndph^{y/-} animals resulted in progressive hearing loss, leading to deafness, similar to the human phenotype [Rehm et al., 2002]. Adding to that, more light was shed on the biochemical role of NDP by overexpressing it transgenically in the eves of $Ndph^{y/-}$ mice under the control of lens specific promoter [Ohlmann] et al., 2005]. Ectopically expressed Norrin surprisingly restored the normal retinal vasculature, while respecting the normal local architecture of the blood vessels. Recently, the fact that vascular changes occur in the cerebellum of hemizygous $Ndph^{\nu}$ animals was noted as the first evidence of a brain phenotype in mice that could be correlated with the mental retardation seen in one third of human Norrie disease patients [Luhmann et al., 2008]. Finally, Schafer et al. [2009] provided further evidence about the multi-dimensional role of NDP during retinal angiogenesis. They postulated that the function of NDP may not only be limited to transcriptional regulation of β -catenin target genes that for example regulate blood vessel formation and integrity, but also play a role in the transcription of other targets like *Plvap* [Stan et al., 1999; Carson-Walter et al., 2005]. The latter would expand Norrin's functional spectrum, which might provide us with an insight into the phenotypic heterogeneity observed even in individuals of the same family suffering from FEVR or ND. The parallel contribution of other genetic determinants could affect the severity of disease symptoms by putatively altering target gene expression, something that potentially could be explored as a diagnostic or prognostic tool regarding the phenotypic severity of patients.

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Clinical, diagnostic, biological relevance and future prospects

With the present study on FZD4, LRP5, and NDP, we have attempted to provide a comprehensive summary of mutations that have been reported to affect these genes, with a focus on FEVR and Norrie disease. The three proteins co-operate in the Wnt/ β -catenin and/or Norrin/ β -catenin signaling pathway, by regulating angiogenesis and maintaining blood vessel integrity in the retina. Patients suffering from FEVR and to a lesser degree, Norrie disease, are often difficult to diagnose. Non-penetrance in FEVR can be observed in up to 25% of mutation carriers [Riveiro-Alvarez et al., 2005; Boonstra et al., 2009] and genotype-phenotype correlations are often not accurate enough. Wu et al. [2007] have suggested that NDP mutations affecting cysteine residues that play a firm role in the formation of the cysteine knot motif resulted in severe retinal dysgenesis and were diagnosed as Norrie disease. Nucleotide variants that affected non-cysteine residues were associated with FEVR-like phenotypes. Furthermore, it was also postulated that mutations in LRP5 found in patients with FEVR or OPPG can result both in ocular and bone abnormalities, classifying both diseases under the same phenotypic spectrum [Qin et al., 2005]. The relatively small number of 28 exons and 32 amplicons that need to be analysed for theses three genes renders Sanger sequence analysis cost effective. Molecular testing is important for diagnostic and prognostic purposes in individuals suspected to suffer from FEVR or ND, especially when coupled with a detailed family history. At least 40% of patients with FEVR do not carry mutations in FZD4 or LRP5 [Toomes et al., 2004a; Qin et al., 2005; Boonstra et al., 2009] so we are pursuing the identification of additional FEVR genes. Recently, in a cohort of eleven Dutch families that were tested negative for mutations in the ORF of FZD4, LRP5 and NDP respectively; we identified TSPAN12 as a gene causative for autosomal

dominant FEVR [Nikopoulos et al., 2010]. The gene was mutated in five out of the eleven Dutch families tested rendering it a relative frequent cause of FEVR. In parallel, Poulter et al. [2010] identified the involvement of *TSPAN12* in FEVR by identifying seven novel mutations in this gene in a cohort of 70 FEVR patients in whom known FEVR had already been excluded.. Our emerging understanding of Wnt signaling offers hope that pharmaceutical agents that selectively target this pathway will be developed to treat some phenotypic characteristics of these diseases in the future.

Patients and Methods

The tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki were followed and informed consent was obtained from all patients who participated in this study prior to donation of a blood sample. These studies were approved by the local medical ethical commission.

For mutation analysis of the probands, DNA was isolated from blood leukocytes by an automated procedure with the magnetic bead platform from Chemagen AG (Baeswider, Germany). The *FZD4* (2 exons, 6 amplicons), *LRP5* (23 exons, 23 amplicons), and *NDP* (3 exons, 3 amplicons) genes were scanned for mutations by using standard sequencing methodologies on a genetic analyzer (model 3730; ABI) with primers flanking the coding exons and the adjacent splice sites. Primers and PCR conditions are available on request.

In this study we analysed probands from 16 different FEVR families. From those families, 11 were sporadic cases and five had two or more affected individuals. In total those families comprise 20 affected and six not-affected individuals. In the 16 families we identified four probands harboring aberrant nucleotide changes in *FZD4*, three in *LRP5*, and one harboring

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changes in both *FZD4* and *LRP5*. In seven families we did not identify any variants in those genes. We also analysed 29 sporadic cases and 17 families with two or more affected individuals with ND or ND-like features. Our screening identified 27 probands harboring aberrant nucleotide changes in the *NDP* ORF and four female index-patients being carriers of such changes. Probands of 15 families were tested negative for *NDP* changes and seven of those did not contain changes in the ORF of *FZD4* and *LRP5*.

In families in which a genetic variant in one of the genes was identified, DNA of all available affected and non affected family members was analyzed for segregation of the specific variant by analysis of the relevant exons using the same conditions when this applicable. All novel variants in FZD4 and LRP5 were absent among 100 control alleles tested, or 100 X chromosomes in case of novel variants in NDP.

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Figure 1. Schematic representation of the activation of the Norrin/β-catenin canonical signaling pathway from TSPAN12/FZD4/LRP5 co-receptors upon activation by NDP. Mutations in the corresponding genes have been associated with impaired activation of the pathway and result in FEVR and Norrie disease, two conditions that not only share common molecular aetiologies but to a high extent show phenotypic overlap.

Figure 2. Schematic representation of LRP5 and 3D modelling of LRP5 missense changes. A) Schematic overview of LRP5 and its different domains. B) Overview of the second β -propeller domain. The domain of LRP5 and a close-up of the p.E441K change in the second β -propeller domain. The side chain of the wild-type residue (glutamic acid) in position 441 is shown in green, whereas the mutant lysine is shown in red. Two neighbouring arginines are coloured blue. C) Overview of one of the EGF-like domains and the p.C1253F change. Pair of cysteines forming disulfide bridges are shown in yellow. One of these cysteines is mutated into a phenylalanine, depicted in red.

Figure 3. 3D modelling of NDP missense changes: A) Ribbon model of NDP. The protein is coloured in grey, the cysteine side chains that participate in forming disulfide bonds and creating the critical knot-motif are shown in yellow. The wild-type and mutant residues are depicted in green and red respectively. B) Close-up of the p.C55R missense change. The wild-type cysteine creates a bond with the neighboring cysteine. The arginine residue at position 55 disrupts the disulfide bond. C) Close-up of the cysteine knot in NDP and missense change p.G67R. The cysteines forming the typical knot-motif are indicated. NDP contains an additional cysteine-bond

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which is shown in grey. Additionaly, assumptions on the effect of p.G67E on the cysteine knot motif can be drawn from the same figure as the stereochemical structure of glutamic acid is very similar to arginine. D) Close-up of the p.F89L missense change. The side chains of phenylalanine and leucine are shown in green and red respectively. E) Close-up of the p.S92P missense change. The mutation precedes one of the important bonding cysteines in the protein disturbing the creation of the disulfide bond and possibly affecting the local structure of NDP. F) Close-up of the missense change p.P98L. The change is located close to the last cysteine in the cysteine knot motif and to the unbound cysteine that is needed to form dimers. Conversion of ibly hav proline to leucine will probably have an impact on the local structure of the protein averting its normal function.

Nucleotide variant	Effect	Exon	Occurrence in patients (probands)	Occurrence in control alleles	Segregation
Truncating changes					
c.856G>T c.1282_1285del	p.E286X p.D428SfsX2	2 2	1/16 1/16	0/100 0/100	Yes Yes
Missense changes					
c.118G>C ^A c.611G>A c 1573G>C	p.E40Q p.C204Y p.G525R	1 2 2	1/16 1/16 1/16	0/100 0/100 0/100	Simplex Simplex Yes

Table 1. Novel FZD4 sequence variants that are likely to cause familial exudative vitreoretinopathy

Nucleotide numbering reflects cDNA numbering with +1 corresponding to the A of the ATG translation initiation codon in the reference sequence (GenBank NM_012193.2), according to journal guidelines (www.hgvs.org/mutnomen). The translation initiation codon is codon 1 (GenBank NP_036325.2).

^AThis patient also carries a splice site mutation in *LRP5* (c.4489-1G>A), see Table 2.

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Table 2. Novel LRP5 sequence variants that are likely to cause familial exudative vitreoretinopathy

Nucleotide variant	Effect	Exon	Occurrence in patients (probands)	Occurrence in control alleles	Segregation
Truncating changes					
c.2978G>A	p.W993X	13	1/16	0/100	Simplex
Missense changes					
c.1321G>A c.3758G>T ^B c.4489-1G>A ^A	p.E441K p.C1253F Splice defect	6 17 22	1/16 1/16 1/16	0/100 0/100 0/100	Yes Simplex Simplex

Nucleotide numbering reflects cDNA numbering with +1 corresponding to the A of the ATG translation initiation codon in the reference sequence (GenBank NM_002335.2), according to journal guidelines (www.hgvs.org/mutnomen). The translation initiation codon is codon 1 (GenBank NP_002326.2).

^AThis patient also carries a second missense variant in *FZD4* p.E40Q (c.118G>C), see Table 1.

^BThis patient also carries a second missense variant in *LRP5* p.G610R (c.1828G>A).

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Table 3. Novel NDP sequence variants that are likely to cause Norrie Disease

Nucleotido verient	Trees of	Ever	Occurrence in patients	Occurrence in control	Samaatian
Nucleotide variant	Effect	Exon	(probands)	alleles	Segregation
Truncating changes					
c.11_12del	p.H4RfsX21	2	1/46	0/100	Simplex
c.25_40del	p.S9PfsX4	2	1/46	0/100	Simplex
c.129delC	p.Y44MfsX60	2	1/46	0/100	Simplex
c.332C>A	p.S111X	3	1/46	0/100	Simplex
Missense changes					
c.163T>C	p.C55R	2	1/46	0/100	Simplex
c.199G>A	p.G67R	3	1/46	0/100	Simplex
c.200G>A	p.G67E	3	1/46	0/100	Simplex
c.267C>A	p.F89L	3	1/46	0/100	Simplex
c.274T>C	p.S92P	3	1/46	0/100	Simplex
c.293C>T	p.P98L	3	1/46	0/100	Simplex
Splice-site changes					
c208+2T>G	Splice defect	1	1/46	0/100	Simplex
c208+5G>A	Splice defect	1	1/46	0/100	Yes

Nucleotide numbering reflects cDNA numbering with +1 corresponding to the A of the ATG translation initiation codon in the reference sequence (GenBank NM_000266.3), according to journal guidelines (www.hgvs.org/mutnomen). The translation initiation codon is codon 1 (GenBank NP_000257.1).



Schematic representation of the activation of the Norrin/β-catenin canonical signaling pathway from TSPAN12/FZD4/LRP5 co-receptors upon activation by NDP. Mutations in the corresponding genes have been associated with impaired activation of the pathway and result in FEVR and Norrie disease, two conditions that not only share common molecular aetiologies but to a high extent show phenotypic overlap. 283x298mm (200 x 200 DPI)



Schematic representation of LRP5 and 3D modelling of LRP5 missense changes. A) Schematic overview of LRP5 and its different domains. B) Overview of the second β -propeller domain of LRP5 and a close-up of the p.E441K change in the second β -propeller domain. The side chain of the wild-type residue (glutamic acid) in position 441 is shown in green, whereas the mutant lysine is shown in red. Two neighbouring arginines are coloured blue. C) Overview of one of the EGF-like domains and the p.C1253F change. Pair of cysteines forming disulfide bridges are shown in yellow. One of these cysteines is mutated into a phenylalanine, depicted in red. 135x156mm (200 x 200 DPI)



3D modelling of NDP missense changes: A) Ribbon model of NDP. The protein is coloured in grey, the cysteine side chains that participate in forming disulfide bonds and creating the critical knotmotif are shown in yellow. The wild-type and mutant residues are depicted in green and red respectively. B) Close-up of the p.C55R missense change. The wild-type cysteine creates a bond with the neighboring cysteine. The arginine residue at position 55 disrupts the disulfide bond. C) Close-up of the cysteine knot in NDP and missense change p.G67R. The cysteines forming the typical knot-motif are indicated. NDP contains an additional cysteine-bond which is shown in grey.

Additionaly, assumptions on the effect of p.G67E on the cysteine knot motif can be drawn from the same figure as the stereochemical structure of glutamic acid is very similar to arginine. D) Close-up of the p.E89L missense change. The side chains of phenylalapine and leucine are shown in green

of the p.F89L missense change. The side chains of phenylalanine and leucine are shown in green and red respectively. E) Close-up of the p.S92P missense change. The mutation precedes one of the important bonding cysteines in the protein disturbing the creation of the disulfide bond and possibly **Human Mutation**

affecting the local structure of NDP. F) Close-up of the missense change p.P98L. The change is located close to the last cysteine in the cysteine knot motif and to the unbound cysteine that is needed to form dimers. Conversion of proline to leucine will probably have an impact on the local structure of the protein averting its normal function. 91x109mm (200 x 200 DPI)



Supp. Figure S1. Topology of the Frizzled 4 receptor and the position of novel missense variants. The 7 transmembrane domains are shown as purple cylindrical columns numbered 1 through 7. The FZ-domain was modelled using the mouse Fzd8 homolog, which is 40% identical with human FZD4. Amino acids connecting the transmembrane domains are shown as purple lines; no structure could be predicted for these residues. The putative signal peptide is shown as a dashed line. The KTXXXW and PDZ binding motifs located in the C-terminal tail are indicated with arrows.

A. Missense variant	p.E40Q	
Homo sapiens	30 LLGPARGFGDE-EERRCDPIR	49
Macaca mulatta	30 LLGPARGFGDE-EERRCDPIR	49
Mus musculus	30 LLRPTLGFGDE-EERRCDPIR	49
Bos taurus	30 LVEPVRGFGDE-EERRCDPIR	49
Monodelphis domestica	219 LLGQTRAFGDE-EEMTCDPIR 2	38
Gallus gallus	18 LLG <mark>C</mark> ARGFGDE-EERRCDAIR	37
Xenopus laevis	16 VV <mark>GLIA</mark> GFGEE-EERSCDPIR	35
Gastrosteus aculeatus	22 A <mark>lrevea</mark> fgd evee<mark>mt</mark>cdpir	42
B. Missense variant	p.C204Y	
Homo sapiens	194 VKRSLNCVLKCGYDAGLYSRS 2	14
Macaca mulatta	194 VKRSLNCVLKCGYDAGLYSRS 2	14
Mus musculus	194 VKRSLNCVLKCGYDAGLYSRS 2	14
Bos taurus	194 VKRSLNCVLKCGYDAGLYSRS 2	14
Monodelphis domestica	383 VKRSLNCVLKCGYDAGLYNRS 4	03
Gallus gallus	182 VKRNLDCVLKCGYDAGLYSRS 2	02
Xenopus laevis	180 VKRSMNCVLKCGYDSGLYNRL 2	00
Gastrosteus aculeatus	187 LKOSESCALOCGYDSGLYRGA 2	07
C. Missense variant	p.G525R	
Homo sapiens	518 KREKRGNGWVKPGKGSET 5	35
Macaca mulatta	518 KREKRGNGWVKPGKGNET 5	35
Mus musculus	518 KREKRGNGWVKPGKGNET 5	33
Bos taurus	518 KREKRGNGWVKPGRGNET 5	33
Monodelphis domestica	707 KREKRGDGWIKPGKGNET 7	24
Gallus gallus	506 KREKRADGWVKPGKGNET 5	23
Xenopus laevis	504 KRKKRVDGWVKPGKGNET 5	21
Gastrosteus aculeatus	511 SR <mark>GG</mark> KPARGEGWIKPGKGNET 5	21

Supp. Figure S2. Amino acid sequence alignment of human FZD4 with orthologous proteins from, rhesus monkey, mouse, cow, opossum, chicken, frog, and stickleback. Ten upstream and 10 downstream amino acids of the missense variants p.E40Q (panel A), p.C204Y (panel B) and p.G525R (panel C) are depicted. Residues identical across all sequences are black on a white background whereas similar amino acids are indicated in white on a gray background. Non similar and weakly similar amino acids are indicated in white on a black background. The amino acid residue at the position of the missense change is indicated in bold. GenBank and/or Ensembl protein ID numbers for FZD4 amino acid alignment: Homo sapiens NP_036325.2; Macaca mulatta XP_001103927.1; Mus musculus NP_032081.3; Bos taurus XP_ 874584.2; Monodelphis domestica XP_001376661.1; Gallus gallus NP_989430.1; Xenopus laevis NP_001083922.1; Gastrosteus aculeatus ENSGACP00000010666.

A. Missense vari	ant	p.E441K	
Homo sapi	ens 431	YWTDTGTDRIEVTRLNGTSRK	451
Pan troglody	tes 517	YWTDTGTDRIEVTRLNGTSRK	537
Mus muscu	lus 430	YWTDTGTDRIEVTRLNGTSRK	450
Bos tau	rus 618	YWTDTGTDRIEVTRLNGTSRK	638
Gallus gal	lus 430	YWTDTGTDRIEVTRLNGTSRK	450
Anolis carolinen	sis 405	YWTDTGTDRIEVTRLNGTSKI	425
Xenopus lae	vis 421	YWTDTGTDRIEVTLLNGTSRK	441
Danio re	rio 408	YWTDTGTDRIEVTRLNGTSRR	428
Drosophila melanogas	ter 492	YWTDT <mark>V</mark> TDRI E VCRLDGTARK	512
B. Missense vari	ant	p.C1253F	
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Pan troglody Mus muscu Bos tau	ens 1243 tes 1329 lus 1242 rus 1430	HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ	1263 1349 1262 1450
Pan troglody Mus muscu Bos tau Gallus gal	ens 1243 tes 1329 lus 1242 rus 1430 lus 1244	HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQDLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ	1263 1349 1262 1450 1264
Pan troglody Mus muscu Bos tau Gallus gal Anolis carolinen	ens 1243 tes 1329 lus 1242 rus 1430 lus 1244 sis 1217	HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCSPDQ HLVLLQDLLTCGEPPTCSPEQ HLVLLQNLLTCGEPPTCGEPP	1263 1349 1262 1450 1264 1237
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Supp. Figure S3. Amino acid sequence alignment of human LRP5 with orthologous proteins from chimpanzee, mouse, cow, chicken, lizard, frog, zebra fish and fruit fly. Ten amino acids in the vicinity of missense changes p.E441K (panel A) and p.C1253F (panel B) are depicted. Residues identical across all sequences are black on a white background whereas similar amino acids are indicated in white on a gray background. Non similar and weakly similar amino acids are indicated in white on a black background. The amino acid residue at the position of the missense change is bolded. GenBank and/or Ensembl protein ID numbers for LRP5 amino acid alignment: Homo sapiens NP_002326.2; Pan troglodytes XP_508605.2; Mus musculus NP_032539.1; Bos taurus XP_ 614220.3; Gallus gallus NP_001012915.1; Anolis carolinensis ENSACAP0000014430; **Xenopus** laevis NP_001079163.1; Danio rerio XP_696943.3; **Drosophila** arrow NP 524737.2.



Supp. Figure S4. Protein sequence alignment of human NDP with orthologues from chimpanzee, mouse, pig, cow, dog, tenrec, chicken, lizard, frog and zebrafish. Residues identical across all sequences are black on a white background whereas similar amino acids are indicated in white on a gray background. Non similar and weakly similar amino acids are indicated in white on a black background. The amino acid residue at the position of the missense change is bolded. GenBank and/or Ensembl protein ID numbers for NDP amino acid alignment: *Homo sapiens* NP_000257.1; *Pan troglodytes* XP_528948.1; *Mus musculus* NP_035013.1; *Sus scrofa* NP_001106528; *Bos taurus* NP_001039555.1; *Canis familiaris* XP_855261.1; *Echinops telfairi* ENSP00000367301; *Gallus gallus* XP_416765.1; *Anolis carolinensis* ENSACAP00000017627; *Xenopus laevis* NP_000257.1; *Danio rerio* XP_001338820.1.



Nucleotide variant	Effect	Exon	Occurrence in patients (probands)	Occurrence in control alleles	Segregation	Disease	Reference
Truncating changes							
							[Nallathambi et al.,
c.244_251delins27	p.F82AfsX53	1	1/53	0/200	Yes	FEVR	2006]
c.856G>T	p.E286X	2	1/8	0/100	Yes	FEVR	This study
c.957delG	p.W319CfsX5	2	1/40	0/200	Simplex	FEVR	[Toomes et al., 2004b]
c.957G>A	p.W319X	2	5/20,	0/80,	Yes,	FEVR,	[Kondo et al., 2003;
			1/24	0/300	De novo	FEVR	Boonstra et al., 2009]
c.1282_1285del	p.D428SfsX2	2	1/8	0/100	Yes	FEVR	This study
c.1286_1290del	p.K429RfsX28	2	1/21	N/A	Yes	FEVR	[Muller et al., 2008]
c.1488G>A	p.W496X	2	1/20	0/80	Yes	FEVR	[Boonstra et al., 2009]
c.1498delA	p.T500LfsX13	2	1/40	0/200	Simplex	FEVR	[Toomes et al., 2004b]
c.1501_1502del	p.L501SfsX33	2	1/2,	0/306,	Yes,	FEVR,	[Robitaille et al., 2002;
			1/40	0/200	Yes	FEVR	Toomes et al., 2004b]
c.1513C>T	p.Q505X	2	1/40	0/200	Yes	FEVR	[Toomes et al., 2004b]
Missense changes							
c.107G>A	p.G36D	1	1/40	0/400	Simplex	FEVR	[Toomes et al., 2004b]
c.118G>C	p.E40Q	1	1/8	0/100	Simplex	FEVR	This study ^A
c.313A>G	p.M105V	2	1/24	0/300	Yes	FEVR	[Kondo et al., 2003]
c.314T>C	p.M105T	2	1/40	0/400	Simplex	FEVR	[Toomes et al., 2004b]
c.341T>C	p.I114T	2	1/2	N/A	Yes	FEVR	[Robitaille et al., 2009]
c.469A>G	p.M157V	2	1/40	0/400	Yes	FEVR	[Toomes et al., 2004b]
c.541T>C	p.C181R	2	1/2	0/240	Yes	FEVR	[Omoto et al., 2004]
c.609G>C	p.K203N	2	1/104	0/346	Yes	ROP	[Ells et al., 2010]
c.611G>A	p.C204Y	2	1/8	0/100	Simplex	FEVR	This study
							[Nallathambi et al.,
c.612T>C	p.C204R	2	1/53	0/200	Yes	FEVR	2006]
c.668T>A	p.M223K	2	1/20	0/80	Yes	FEVR	[Boonstra et al., 2009]

							[MacDonald et al
c.766A>G	p.I256V	2	1/20	0/200	Simplex	FEVR	2005]
c.1005G>C	p.W335C	2	1/56	0/300	Yes	FEVR	[Qin et al., 2005]
c.1024A>G	p.M342V	2	1/1,	0/120,	Yes,	FEVR,	[Yoshida et al., 2004;
	1		1/56	0/300	Simplex	FEVR	Qin et al., 2005]
c.1109C>G	p.A370G	2	1/104	0/346	Simplex	ROP	[Ells et al., 2010]
c.1250G>A	p.R417Q	2	2/24	0/300	Yes	FEVR	[Kondo et al., 2003]
c.1333A>C	p.T445P	2	1/20	0/80	Yes	FEVR	[Boonstra et al., 2009]
c.1463G>A	p.G488D	2	1/24	0/300	Yes	FEVR	[Kondo et al., 2003]
c.1474G>C	p.G492R	2	1/2	N/A	Yes	FEVR	[Muller et al., 2008]
c.1490C>T	p.S497F	2	1/40	0/400	Simplex	FEVR	[Toomes et al., 2004b]
c.1573G>C	p.G525R	2	1/8	0/100	Yes	FEVR	This study
Miscellaneous							
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c.1479_1484del	p.M493_W494	Idel 2	1/2	0/306	Yes	FEVR	[Robitaille et al., 2002

Nucleotide numbering reflects cDNA numbering with +1 corresponding to the A of the ATG translation initiation codon in the reference sequence (GenBank NM_012193.2), according to journal guidelines (www.hgvs.org/mutnomen). The translation initiation codon is codon 1 (GenBank NP_036325.2).

^AThis patient also carries a splice site mutation in *LRP5* (c.4489-1G>A), see Supp. Table S2.

FEVR, familial exudative vitreoretinopathy (autosomal dominant); ROP, retinopathy of prematurity; N/A, information not available or screening was not performed.

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Nucleotide variant	Effect	Exon	Occurrence in patients (probands)	Occurrence in control alleles	Segregation	Disease	Reference
Truncating changes							
c.29G>A	p.W10X	1	1/28,	0/50,	Yes,	OPPG,	[Gong et al.,
			1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	2001; Ai et al., 2005]
c.209_210TC>AA	p.F70X	2	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]
c.765G>A	p.W255X	4	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]
c.789C>A	p.C263X	4	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005] [Qin et al.,
c.803_812del	p.G269RfsX4	4	1/56	0/362	Simplex	arFEVR	2005]
c.1000_1004dup	p.C336GfsX50	5	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005] [Streeten et al.,
c.1275G>A	p.R425X		3/3	N/A	Yes	OPPG	2008]
c.1282C>T	p.R428X	6	1/28,	0/50,	Yes,	OPPG,	[Gong et al.,
			1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	2001; Ai et al., 2005]
c.1453G>T	p.E485X	7	1/28,	0/50,	Yes,	OPPG,	[Gong et al.,
			1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	2001; Ai et al., 2005]
c.1468delG	p.D490MfsX40	7	1/28,	0/50,	Yes,	OPPG,	[Gong et al.,
			1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	2001; Ai et al., 2005]
c.1750C>T	p.Q584X	8	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]
c.2151dupT	p.D718X	10	1/28,	0/50,	Yes	OPPG,	[Gong et al.,
			1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	2001; Ai et al., 2005]
c.2202G>A	p.W734X	10	1/28,	0/50,	Yes,	OPPG,	[Gong et al.,
	-		1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	2001; Ai et al.,

Supp. Table S2. *LRP5* sequence variants that are likely to be pathogenic

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0047110	075006 3740	10	2/27		37	ODDC	2005]
c.2247delG	p.Q/50StsX48	10	2/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[A1 et al., 200
c.2305delG	p.D/69IfsX29	10	1/27	0/50	Yes	OPPG	[Gong et al., 2001]
c.2409_2503+79del174	p.G804_G835delfs49X	11	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 200
c.2557C>T	p.Q853X	12	1/28,	0/50,	Yes,	OPPG,	[Gong et al.,
			1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	2001; Ai et a 2005]
c.2718_2721del	p.M907TfsX52	12	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 20
c.2737dupT	p.C913LfsX73	12	1/37,	N/A,	Yes,	Primary	[Ai et al., 20
-			1/20	0/246	Yes	osteoporosis, OPPG	Hartikka et a 2005]
c.2978G>A	p.W993X	13	1/8	0/100	Simplex	FEVR	This study
c.3232C>T	p.R1078X	14	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 20
c.3804delA	p.E1270RfsX169	18	1/28,	0/50,	Yes,	OPPG,	[Gong et al.,
	•		1/32,	0/400,	Simplex,	FEVR,	2001; Toom
			2/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	et al., 2004a Ai et al., 200
c.4105_4106del	p.M1369VfsX2	19	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 20 [Toomes et a
c.4119dupC	p.L1374OfsX176	20	1/32	0/400	Yes	FEVR	2004a]
c.4512_4517delinsTGT ACAACAT	p.A1505VfsX46	22	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 20
c.4600C>T	p.R1534X	23	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 20
Missense changes							
c.85G>A	p.A29T	1	1/20	0/246	Yes	Primary osteoporosis	[Hartikka et 2005]
c.331G>T	p.D111Y	2	1/10	0/100	Yes	НВМ	[van Wesenbeeck al., 2003] [Oin et al.,
c.433C>T	p.L145F	2	1/56	0/362	Yes	FEVR	20051
c 461G>T	n R154M	2	1/1	1/544	Ves	HBM	[Rickels et a

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• 511C> C	r C171D	2	1/10	0/100	Vaa	UDM	2005]
c.511G>C	p.G1/1K	3	1/10	0/100	res	HBM	[van Wasanbaa
c 511G>T	n G171V	3	1/1	0/420	Yes	HBM	[Boyden e
0.511071	p.01/1/	5	1/1	0/2000	Yes	HBM,	2002: Litt
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c.518C>T	p.T173M	3	1/32	0/400	Simplex	FEVR	2004a]
c.607G>A	p.D203N	3	1/32	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al.,
c.640G>A	p.A214T	-3	1/10	0/100	Yes	HBM	[van
							Wesenbee
							al., 2003]
c.641C>T	p.A214V	3	1/10	0/100	Simplex	HBM	[van
							Wesenbee
							al., 2003]
c.724G>A	p.A242T	4	4/10	0/100	Yes	HBM	[van
							Wesenbee
	TO (() (1.10 -			0000	al., 2003]
c.731C>T	p.1244M	4	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[A1 et al., 2
c./58C>1	p.12531	4	2/10	0/100	Yes	HBM	[van
							wesenbee
							al., 2003]
0 844 A>G	n M282V	4	1/1	0/100	Simpley	ЦРМ	
c.044A>0	p.1v12o2 v p.S307E	4 5	1/1 1/37	0/100 N/A	Ves		al., 2007] [Ai et al
c 1042C>T	p.33071*	5	1/37	N/A	Ves	OPPG	[Ai et al.,
c 1058G>A	p.R340 W	6	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2
c.1067C>T	p.R555Q	6	1/66	0/390	Yes	Idiopathic	[Crabbe e
	pieceon	0	1,00	0,070		osteoporosis	20051
c.1169C>A	p.T390K	6	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al.,
c.1199C>A	p.A400E	6	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 1
	r C 404 P	6	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et a]

c 1225A>G	n T/09A	6	1/3	N/A	Ves	OPPG	[Streeten et al., 2008]
c 1300G>A	p.1407A p.D/3/N	6	1/37	N/A	Ves	OPPG	[Aieta] 2005]
c.1301G>A	p.D+J+I	6	1/8	0/100	Ves	FEVD	This study
C.13210>A	p.12441K	0	170	0/100	105	T'L' V K	[Qin et al.,
c.1330C>T	p.R444C	6	1/56	0/362	Yes	FEVR	2005]
c.1364C>T	p.S455L	6	1/66	0/390	Yes	Idiopathic osteoporosis	[Crabbe et al., 2005]
c.1378G>A	p.E460K	6	1/32	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005] [Cheung et al.,
c.1432T>A	p.W478R	7	1/1	0/200	Yes	OPPG	2006]
c.1481G>A	p.R494Q	7	1/28,	0/50,	Yes,		[Gong et al.,
	1 1		1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG,	2001; Ai et al.,
						OPPG	2005]
							[Cheung et al.,
c.1513G>T	p.W504C	7	1/1	0/200	Yes	OPPG	2006]
	-						[Boonstra et al.,
c.1532A>C	p.D511A	7	1/20	0/80	Yes	FEVR	2009]
c.1559G>T	p.G520V	7	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]
							[Qin et al.,
c.1564G>A	p.A522T	7	1/56	0/362	Yes	FEVR	2005]
							[Barros et al.,
c.1592A>T	p.N531I	8	1/1	N/A	Yes	OPPG	2007]
							[Qin et al.,
c.1604C>T	p.T535M	8	1/56	0/362	Simplex	arFEVR	2005]
							[Downey et al.,
c.1648G>A	p.G550R	8	1/1	0/120	Yes	arFEVR	2006]
c.1708C>T	p.R570W	8	1/28,	0/50,	Yes,	OPPG,	[Gong et al.,
			2/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	2001; Ai et al.,
							2005]
							[Jiao et al.,
c.1709G>A	p.R570Q	8	1/3	0/200	Yes	arFEVR	2004]
c.1828G>A	p.G610R	9	1/37,	N/A,	Yes,	OPPG,	[Ai et al., 2005;

			1/56	0/362	Simplex	arFEVR	Qin et al., 20051
							[Oin et al.,
c.1850T>G	p.F617C	9	1/56	0/362	Simplex	arFEVR	2005]
	-				-		[Gong et al.,
c.1999G>A	p.V667M	9	1/28	0/50	Yes	OPPG	2001]
c.2047G>A	p.D683N	9	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]
c.2197T>C	р.Ү733Н	10	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]
							[Jiao et al.,
c.2302C>G	p.R752G	19	1/3	0/200	Yes	arFEVR	2004]
							[Qin et al.,
c.2392A>G	p.T798A	11	1/56	0/362	Yes	FEVR	2005]
							[Boonstra et al.
c.2413C>T	p.R805W	11	1/20	0/80	Yes	FEVR	2009]
c.3107G>A	p.R1036Q	14	1/20	0/246	Yes	Primary	[Hartikka et al.,
						osteoporosis	2005]
c.3295G>T	p.D1099Y	15	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]
c.3337C>T	p.R1113C	15	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]
							[Qin et al.,
c.3361A>G	p.N1121D	15	1/56	0/362	Yes	FEVR	2005]
							[Toomes et al.,
c.3502T>C	p.Y1168H	16	1/32	0/400	Yes	FEVR	2004a]
c.3758G>T	p.C1253F	17	1/8	0/100	Simplex	FEVR	This study ^D
							[Toomes et al.,
c.4081T>G	p.C1361G	19	1/32	0/400	Simplex	FEVR	2004a]
							[Jiao et al.,
c.4147G>A	p.E1367K	20	1/3	0/200	Yes	arFEVR	2004]
c.4202G>A	p.G1401D	20	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]
c.4609G>A	p.A1537T	23	1/66	0/390	Yes	Idiopathic	[Crabbe et al.,
						osteoporosis	2005]
Splice-site changes							
c.3763+2T>C	Splice defect	17	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]

							[Toomes et al.,
c.4488+2T>G	Splice defect	21	1/32	0/400	Yes	FEVR	2004a]
c.4489-1G>A	Splice defect	22	1/8	0/100	Simplex	FEVR	This study ^A
c.4588+2T>C	Splice defect	22	1/37	N/A	Yes	OPPG	[Ai et al., 2005]

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^AThis patient also carries a second missense variant in *FZD4* p.E40Q (c.118G>C), see Supp. Table S1. ^BThis patient also carries a second missense variant in *LRP5* p.G610R (c.1828G>A).

arFEVR, autosomal recessive familial exudative vitreoretinopathy; HBM, high-bone-mass; OPPG, osteoporosis-pseudoglioma syndrome; N/A, information not available or screening was not performed.

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Supp.	Table S3.	LRP5	sequence	variants	in	patients	with	osteoporosis-j	pseudoglioma	syndrome	and	ar	familial	exudative
vitreo	retinopath	y												

Disease	Alle	ele 1	Allele 2		Reference
OPPG	c.29G>A	p.W10X	c.29G>A	p.W10X	[Gong et al.,
					2001; Ai et al.,
					2005]
OPPG	c.209_210TC>AA	p.F70X	c.1378G>A	p.E460K	[Ai et al., 2005]
OPPG	c.607G>A	p.D203N	c.1199C>A	p.A400E	[Ai et al., 2005]
OPPG	c.731C>T	p.T244M	c.3763+2T>C	Splice defect	[Ai et al., 2005]
OPPG	c.765G>A	p.W255X	c.1067C>T	p.S356L	[Ai et al., 2005]
OPPG	c.789C>A	p.C263X	c.2202G>A	p.W734X	[Ai et al., 2005]
OPPG	c.920C>T	p.S307F	c.920C>T	p.S307F	[Ai et al., 2005]
OPPG	c.1000_1004dup	p.C336Gfsx50	c.1000_1004dup	p.C336GfsX50	[Ai et al., 2005]
OPPG	c.[1042C>T; 2047G>A;	p.[R348W; D683N;	+	+	[Ai et al., 2005]
	3337C>T]	R1113C]			
OPPG	c.1058G>A	p.R353Q	c.1058G>A	p.R353Q	[Ai et al., 2005]
OPPG	c.1169C>A	p.T390K	+	+	[Ai et al., 2005]
OPPG	c.1210G>A	p.G404E	c.2718_2721del	p.M907TfsX52	[Ai et al., 2005]
					[Streeten et al.,
OPPG	c.1225A>G	p.T409A	c.1275G>A	p.W425X	2008]
					[Streeten et al.,
OPPG	c.1275G>A	p.W425X	c.1275G>A	p.W425X	2008]
OPPG	c.1282C>T	p.R428X	c.1282C>T	p.R428X	[Gong et al.,
					2001; Ai et al.,
					2005]
OPPG	c.1300G>A	p.D434N	c.1559G>T	p.G520V	[Ai et al., 2005]
					[Cheung et al.,
OPPG	c.1432T>A	p.W478R	c.1513G>T	p.W504C	2006]
OPPG	c.1453G>T	p.E485X	c.4600C>T	p.R1534X	[Gong et al.,
					2001; Ai et al.,
					2005]
OPPG	c.1468delG	p.D490MfsX40	c.1468delG	p.D490MfsX40	[Gong et al.,
					2001; Ai et al.,

Disease	All	ele 1	Allele 2	Reference				
					2005]			
OPPG	c.1481G>A	p.R494Q	c.1481G>A	p.R494Q	[Gong et al.,			
					2001; Ai et al.,			
					2005]			
					[Barros et al.,			
OPPG	c.1592A>T	p.N531I	c.1592A>T	p.N531I	2007]			
OPPG	c.1708C>T	p.R570W	c.1708C>T	p.R570W	[Gong et al.,			
				•	2001; Ai et al.,			
					2005]			
					[Jiao et al.,			
arFEVR	c.1709G>A	p.R570Q	c.1709G>A	p.R570Q	2004]			
OPPG	c.1750C>T	p.Q584X	c.4512_4517delinsTGTACAACAT	p.A1505VfsX46	[Ai et al., 2005			
OPPG	c.1828G>C	p.G610R	+	+	[Ai et al., 2005			
arFEVR	c.1828G>C	p.G610R	c.3758G>T	p.C1253F	This study			
				1	[Gong et al.,			
OPPG	c.1999G>A	p.V667M	c.1999G>A	p.V667M	2001]			
OPPG	c.2151dupT	p.D718X	c.2151dupT	p.D718X	[Gong et al.,			
	-	-		-	2001; Ai et al.,			
					2005]			
OPPG	c.2197T>C	р.Ү733Н	c.2247delG	p.Q749fsX797	[Ai et al., 2005			
		-		-	[Gong et al.,			
OPPG	c.2202G>A	p.W734X	+	+	2001]			
OPPG	c.2247delG	p.Q750SfsX48	c.2738dupT	p.C913LfsX73	[Ai et al., 2005			
			-	-	[Jiao et al.,			
arFEVR	c.2302C>G	p.R752G	c.2302C>G	p.R752G	2004]			
		-		-	[Gong et al.,			
OPPG	c.2305del	p.D769IfsX29	+	+	2001]			
OPPG	c.2409_2503+79del174	p.G804_G835delfsX49	c.3232C>T	p.R1078X	[Ai et al., 2005			
OPPG	c.2557C>T	p.Q853X	c.2557C>T	p.Q853X	[Ai et al., 2005			
OPPG	c.3295G>T	p.D1099Y	+	+	[Gong et al.,			
		-			2001; Ai et al.,			
					20051			
Disease		Allele 1		Allele 2				
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OPPG	c.3804delA	p.E1270RfsX169	c.3804delA	p.E1270RfsX169	[Gong et al., 2001; Ai et al., 2005]			
OPPG	c.4105_4106del	p.M1369VfsX2	+	+	[Ai et al., 2005] [Jiao et al.,			
arFEVR OPPG	c.4147G>A c.4202G>A	p.E1367K p.G1401D	c.4147G>A c.4588+2T	p.E1367K Splice defect	2004] [Ai et al., 2005]			

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Supp. Table S4. NDP sequence variants that are	likely to be pathogenic
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Nucleotide variant	T	F	Occurrence in patients	Occurrence in control	S	D:	Deferrer
Truncating changes	Effect	Exon	(probands)	chromosomes	Segregation	Disease	Reference
Truncating changes							
c.11_12del	p.H4RfsX21	2	1/13	0/100	Simplex	ND	This study
c.24_27dup	p.F10IfsX17	2	1/17	0/22 ^A	Simplex	ND	[Berger et al., 1992b]
c.25_40del	p.S9PfsX4	2	1/13	0/100	Simplex	ND	This study
c.50dupT	p.I18DfsX8	2	1/3	N/A	Yes	ND	[Gal et al., 1996]
c.65delC	p.T22KfsX10	2	1/26	0/100	Yes	ND	[Schuback et al., 1995]
c.86C>G	p.S29X	2	1/6	0/20	Simplex	ND	[Meindl et al., 1992]
c.109C>T	p.R37X	2	1/1	N/A	Yes	ND	[Ott et al., 2000]
c.128dupA	p.H43QfsX14	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	ND	[Caballero et al., 1996]
c.129delC	p.Y44MfsX60	2	1/13	0/100	Simplex	ND	This study
c.131dupA	p.Y44X	2	1/1	0/150	Yes	ROP	[Hatsukawa et al., 2002]
c.136delG	p.D46IfsX58	2	1/26	0/100	Yes	ND	[Schuback et al., 1995]
c.170C>G	p.S57X		1/17	0/22 ^A	Simplex	ND	[Berger et al., 1992b]
c.205delT	p.C69AfsX35	3	1/26	0/100	Yes	ND	[Schuback et al., 1995]
c.218C>A	p.S73X	3	1/2	0/60	Yes	ND	[Walker et al., 1997]
c.236_240del	p.S80QfsX67	3	1/5	0/75	De novo	ND	[Riveiro-Alvarez et al., 2005]
c.285C>A	p.C95X	3	2/5	0/81 ^A	Yes	ND	[Wu et al., 2007]
c.291delG	p.Q99RfsX5	3	1/17	0/22 ^A	Simplex	ND	[Berger et al., 1992b]
c.325C>T	p.R109X	3	1/2,	0/200,	Yes,	ND,	[Schuback et al., 1995
	£		2/26	0/100	Yes	ND	Mintz-Hittner et al., 1996]

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c.330C>A	p.C110X	3	2/17	0/22 ^A	Simplex	ND	[Berger et al., 1992b]
c.332C>A	p.S111X	3	1/13	0/100	Simplex	ND	This study
c.360C>A	p.Y120X	3	1/5	0/75	Yes	ND	[Riveiro-Alvarez et al., 2005]
c.378T>A	p.C126X	3	1/5,	0/60,	Simplex,	ND,	[Fuchs et al., 1996;
			1/2	N/A	Yes	Ocular phenotypes	Kellner et al., 1996]
c.383_384delinsAA	p.C128X	3	1/1	0/4	Yes	ND	[Wong et al., 1993] [Schuback et al.,
c.384C>A	p.C128X	3	1/26	0/100	Yes	ND	1995]
Missense changes							
c.38T>G	p.L13R	2	1/1	0/78	Yes	ND	[Fuchs et al., 1996]
c.47T>C	p.L16P	2	1/2	0/50	Yes	ND	[Yamada et al., 2001]
c.53T>A	p.I18K	2	1/65	0/360	Simplex	xlFEVR	[Kondo et al., 2007]
c.112C>T	p.R38C	2	1/21,	0/75,	Simplex,	xlFEVR, ND	[Royer et al., 2003;
			2/5	0/75	Yes		Riveiro-Alvarez et al., 2005]
c.115T>C	p.C39R	2	1/1,	0/100,	Yes,	ND,	[Joos et al., 1994; Wu
			1/52	0/81 ^A	Simplex	ND	et al., 2007]
c.122G>A	p.R41K	2	1/5	0/54 ^A	Simplex	xlFEVR	[Shastry et al., 1997a]
c.123G>C	p.R41S	2	1/15	0/81 ^A	Simplex	PFVS	[Wu et al., 2007]
c.125A>G	p.H42R	2	2/5,	0/54 ^A	Yes,	xlFEVR,	[Shastry et al., 1997a;
			1/13,	0/130,	Simplex,	ND, xlFEVR	Dickinson et al., 2006;
			1/52	0/81 ^A	Simplex		Wu et al., 2007]
c.129C>G	p.H43Q	2	1/21	0/75	Yes	ND	[Royer et al., 2003]
c.131A>G	p.Y44C	2	1/6,	0/20,	Simplex,	ND,	[Meindl et al., 1992;
			1/21	0/75	Simplex	ND	Royer et al., 2003]
c.133G>A	p.V45M	2	1/21	0/75	Simplex	ND	[Royer et al., 2003]
c.134T>A	p.V45E	2	1/1	N/A	Simplex	ND	[Lev et al., 2007]
c.162G>C	p.K54N	2	2/65,	0/360,	Yes,	xlFEVR,	[Kondo et al., 2007;
			1/20	0/60 ^A	Simplex	ND	Boonstra et al., 2009]
c.163T>C	p.C55R	2	1/13	0/100	Simplex	ND	This study
c.174G>T	p.K58N	2	1/2,	0/45 ^A ,	Yes,	ND, xlFEVR	"Fuentes et al., 1993;

			1/5	0/54 ^A	Simplex		Shastry et al., 1997a]
c.179T>A	p.V60E	3	1/6	0/20	Simplex	ND	[Meindl et al., 1992]
c.181C>A	p.L61I	3	1/52	$0/81^{A}$	Simplex	xIFEVR	[Wu et al., 2007]
c.181C>T	p.L61F	3	1/17.	$0/22^{A}$.	Simplex.	ND.	[Berger et al., 1992b:
	p.2011	C .	1/1	0/115	Yes	ND	Rehm et al., 1997]
c 182T>C	n.L.61P	3	1/26	0/100	Yes	ND	[Schuback et al.
	p.2011	5	1/20	0,100	105		[995]
c.188C>A	p.A63D	3	1/26,	0/100,	Yes,	ND,	[Schuback et al., 1995;
		3	1/1	N/A	Yes	ND	Zaremba et al., 1998]
c.194C>G	p.C65W	3	1/26	0/100	Yes	ND	[Schuback et al.,
							1995]
c.194G>A	p.C65Y	3	1/1,	0/45,	Yes,	ND,	[Strasberg et al., 1995;
			1/5	0/81 ^A	Simplex	ND	Wu et al., 2007]
c.199G>A	p.G67R	3	1/13	0/100	Simplex	ND	This study
c.200G>A	p.G67E	3	1/13	0/100	Simplex	ND	This study
c.206G>C	p.C69S	3	1/1	0/60	Yes	ND	[Chen et al., 1993b]
c.220C>T	p.R74C	3	1/17,	0/22 ^A ,	Simplex,	ND	[Berger et al., 1992b;
	-		1/2,	0/60,	De novo,	ND	Fuchs et al., 1996;
			1/5	0/144 ^A	Yes	ND	Allen et al., 2006]
c.223T>C	p.S75P	3	1/2	0/50	Yes	ND	[Yamada et al., 2001]
c.224C>G	p.S75C	3	1/17	0/22 ^A	Simplex	ND	[Berger et al., 1992b]
c.267C>A	p.F89L	3	1/13	0/100	Simplex	ND	This study
c.268C>T	p.R90C	3	2/21	0/75	Yes, De novo	ND	[Royer et al., 2003]
c.269G>C	p.R90P	3	1/17	0/22 ^A	Simplex	ND	[Berger et al., 1992b]
c.274T>C	p.S92P	3	1/13	0/100	Simplex	ND	This study
c.283T>C	p.C95R	3	1/1	0/60	Yes	ND	[Isashiki et al., 1995]
c.284G>T	p.C95F	3	1/1	N/A	Yes	ND	[Khan et al., 2004]
c.287G>A	p.C96Y	3	1/17,	0/22 ^A ,	Simplex,	ND,	[Berger et al., 1992b;
			1/6,	0/20,	Simplex,	ND, xlFEVR	Meindl et al., 1992;
			1/2	0/174	De novo		Shastry et al., 1999]
c.288C>G	p.C96W	3	1/1	0/60	Yes	Coats'	[Black et al., 1999]
						disease	
c.289C>G	p.R97P	3	1/2	0/98	Yes	ND	[Rivera-Vega et al.,

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4	c 200G>C	n P07P	3	1/65	0/360	Simpley	ND	2003] [Kondo et al. 2007]
5	C.29002C	p.K971 p.D081	3	1/03	0/300	Simplex	ND	This study
6	0.293C>T	p.1 96L	2	1/15	0/100	Vac	ND	[Wolker et al 1007]
/ 8	0.302C>1	p.5101F	2	1/2	0/00	i es Simular		[Walker et al., 1997]
9	c.50/C>G	p.L103V	3	1/13	0/130	Simplex	XIFEVK	[Dickinson et al.,
10	210 4 - 0	V1040	2	1 / 4	0/75	NZ	ND	2006]
11	c.310A>C	p.K104Q	3	1/4	0/75	Yes	ND	[Meindl et al., 1995]
12	c.312G>1	p.K104N	3	1/1	0/100	Yes	ND	[Riveiro-Alvarez et
13					o (7 o A			al., 2006]
14	c.313G>A	p.A105T	3	1/2	0/52*	Yes	ND	[Torrente et al., 1997]
10 16	c.323T>C	p.L108P	3	1/13	0/75	Simplex	ROP	[Shastry et al., 1997b]
17	c.328T>G	p.C110G	3	1/2	0/45	Yes	xlFEVR	[Torrente et al., 1997]
18	c.328T>C	p.C110R	3	1/5	0/60	De novo	ND	[Fuchs et al., 1996]
19	c.335G>A	p.G112E	3	1/2	0/144 ^A	Yes	ND	[Allen et al., 2006]
20	c.344G>T	p.R115L	3	1/65	0/360	Simplex	xlFEVR	[Kondo et al., 2007]
21	c.353C>A	p.A118D	3	1/2	0/174	Yes	ND	[Shastry et al., 1999]
22	c.359A>G	p.Y120C	3	1/5	0/54 ^A	Simplex	xlFEVR	[Shastry et al., 1997a]
23 24	c.361C>T	p.R121W	3	1/4,	0/75,	Yes,	ND,	[Meindl et al., 1995;
24 25				1/2,	N/A,	Yes,	ND,	Kellner et al., 1996;
26				2/13,	0/75 ^A ,	Yes,	ROP,	Shastry et al., 1997b;
27				1/52	0/81 ^A	Simplex	xlFEVR	Wu et al., 2007]
28	c.362G>T	p.R121L	3	1/2	0/100	Yes	xlFEVR	[Mintz-Hittner et al.,
29		1						19961
30	c.362G>A	p.R1210	3	1/2.	0/75 ^A	Yes.	ND.	[Fuentes et al., 1993:
31		P	-	1/4.	0/75.	Yes.	xIFEVR. N	D.Meindl et al., 1995:
33				1/15	0/75	Yes.	ND	Riveiro-Alvarez et al
34				1/20	0/60	Simplex	112	2005: Boonstra et al
35				1720	0/00	Shiplex		2009, Boonstra et al., 20091
36	c 368T>A	n I123N	3	2/26	0/100	Ves	ND	[Schuback et al 1995.
37	0.5001211	p.11251	5	1/1	0/100, N/Δ	Ves	ND,	Sime et al. 10071
38	c 370C>T	n I 124F	3	1/1	0/60	Vec		$\begin{bmatrix} Chan et al & 1003a \end{bmatrix}$
39 40	0.370C>1	p.L124P	3	1/1	0/00 N/A	Vac		$\begin{bmatrix} Cnen \text{ ct al.}, 1995a \end{bmatrix}$
40	0.377G>C	p.C1205	2	1/2	N/A 0/75	1 es Simplex		[Garet al., 1990]
42	0.302170	p.C120K	5	1/21	0/75	Simplex	ND	[K0yel et al., 2005]
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Splice-site changes							
c208+1G>A	Splice mutation		1/5	0/60	Simplex	ND	[Fuchs et al., 1996]
c208+2T>G	Splice mutation		1/13	0/100	Simplex	ND	This study
c208+5G>A	Splice mutation		2/13	0/100	Simplex,	ND	This study
c.62+1G>C	Splice mutation		1/5	0/60	Simplex	ND	[Fuchs et al., 1996]
c.62+1G>A	Splice mutation		1/65	0/360	Simplex	ND	[Kondo et al., 2007]
c.62-1G>C	Splice mutation		1/21	0/75	Yes	ND	[Royer et al., 2003]
Miscellaneous changes							
c.1A>G	p.M1?	2	2/2,	$0/60^{A}$	Yes,	ND,	[Isashiki et al., 1995;
			1/3,	N/A,	Yes,	ND,	Gal et al., 1996; Royer
			1/21	0/75	Simplex	ND	et al., 2003]
c.2T>G	p.M1?	2	1/26	0/100	Yes	ND	[Schuback et al., 1995]
c.2_3del	p.M1?	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	ND	[Caballero et al., 1996]
[c.282C>A; ins285CTC; 286T>G]	p.H94delinsQC	3	1/26	0/100	Yes	ND	[Schuback et al., 1995]
c.360_368del	p.R121_I123del	3	1/26	0/100	Yes	ND	[Schuback et al., 1995]
c.397delT	p.S133PfsX129	3	1/17	0/22 ^A	Simplex	ND	[Berger et al., 1992b]
c.399delC	p.X134EextX127	3	1/1	N/A	Simplex	ND	[Riveiro-Alvarez et al., 2008]

Nucleotide numbering reflects cDNA numbering with +1 corresponding to the A of the ATG translation initiation codon in the reference sequence (GenBank NM_000266.3), according to journal guidelines (www.hgvs.org/mutnomen). The initiation is codon 1 (GenBank NP_000257.1)

^ANumber of alleles is estimated on the basis of equal distribution of control individuals between males and females as this is not specified in the original paper.

ND, Norrie disease; xlFEVR, X-linked familial exudative vitreoretinopathy; ROP, retinopathy of prematurity; N/A, information not available or screening was not performed.

Human Mutation

Supp. Table S5. Summary of clinical data of several FEVR or Norrie disease patients harboring novel mutations in *FZD4*, *LRP5* or *NDP*

					Age at	Visual	acuity		
Family	Patient	Gene	Mutation	Gender	investigation	LE	RE	Miscellaneous ocular features	Non-ocular features
W05-214	II:1	FZD4	p.E286X	М	6 years	?	6/6	Equatorial zone with avascular peripheral fundus. LE: RD surgery (8 years), no vision.	Not present
	I:1	FZD4	p.E286X	F	53 years	6/6	6/6	RE: Few abnormal temporal retinal branches.	Not present
W06-241	II:1	FZD4	p.D428SfsX2	F	5 years	N/A	N/A	Macular ectopia. Haemorrhagic and exudative areas present in the retina.	Premature delivery
W05-213	IV:2	FZD4	p.C204Y	М	3 years	6/60	No LP	RE: Vitreous haemorrhage and formation of fibrovascular membrane. Total RD LE: Deformation of posterior retina, ectopia of the macula, stretched retinal vessels, preretinal membranes	Juvenile osteochondrosis
					15 years	20/200	No LP	LE: Scleral buckling procedure with cryocoagulation.	
					17 years	2/60	No LP	LE: Lensectomy and vitrectomy.	
					19 years	1/300	No LP	LE: Vitreous haemorrhage, vitreoretinal traction and secondary uveitis.	
W06-237	II:2	FZD4	p.G525R	Μ	At birth	N/A	N/A	Congenital falciform retinal fold from ciliary body to posterior papilla.	Not present
					26 years	LP	20/100	Macular ectopia and peripheral RD.	
W05-204	II:1	LRP5	p.W993X	М	6 months	N/A	N/A	LE/RE: Leucocoria. Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous.	Severe development delay and learning difficulties; plagiocephaly; autistic features and

seizures (8 years).

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W06-920	II:2	LRP5	p.E441K	F	6 years	0	6/12	RE: Falciform retinal fold.LE:RD	Not present
					18 years	0	CF	RE: Cataract, lens aspiration,	
								secondary glaucoma.	
					26 years	0	CF	LE: pupillary block, glaucoma,	
								iridectomy	
					53 years	0	0	Enucleation of both eyes because of	
								recurrent pain	
W05-205	II:2	LRP5	p.G610R/	М	1 year	N/A	N/A	LE: RD.	Reduced BMI
			p.C1253F					LE/RE: Ectopic macula and	$(0.62 \text{gr/cm}^2),$
								fibrovascular ridge in the temporal	
								periphery.	
					8 years	0	N/A	LE: Total RD.	
03-2645		NDP	p.S92P	Μ	3 weeks	N/A	N/A	Conjunctival inflammation. Irregular	Moderate bilateral
								pupils due to presence of synechiae in	hearing loss (2 years);
								the anterior chamber.	skeletal abnormality
					7 months	N/A	N/A	Inflammatory bilateral pseudoglioma.	affecting cervical
									spine and forearms (24
									years).
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For FZD4 the translation initiation codon is codon 1 (GenBank NP_036325.2). For LRP5 the translation initiation codon is codon 1 (GenBank NP_002326.2). For NDP, the translation initiation codon is codon 1 (GenBank NP_000257.1). BMI: Bone mass index, LE: Left eye, LP: light perception, N/A: Not available, RD: Retinal detachment, RE: Right eye.

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