

# Neurogenesis and the evolution of segmentation

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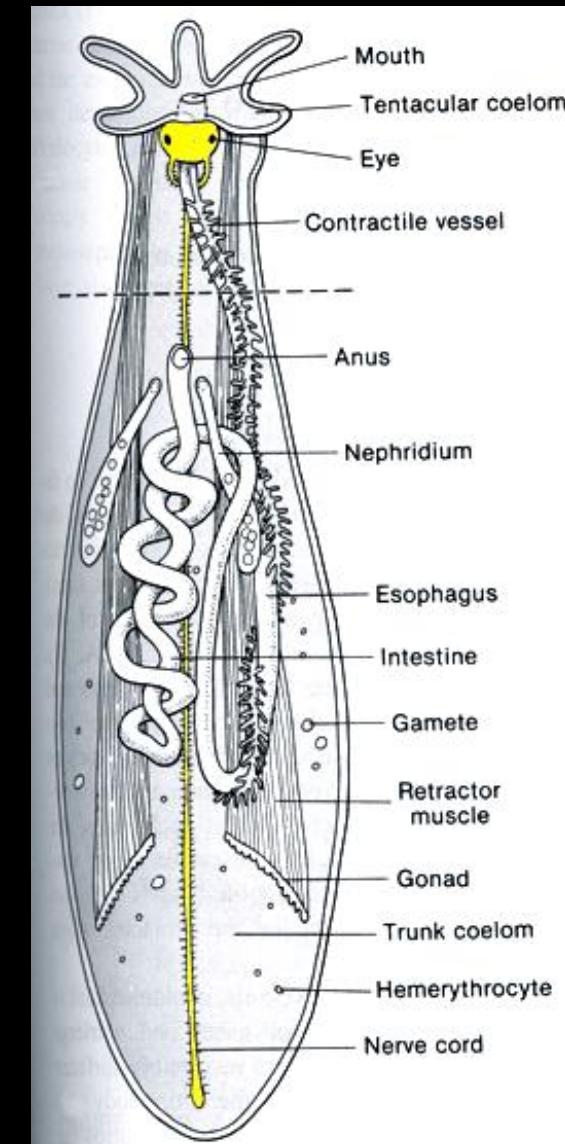
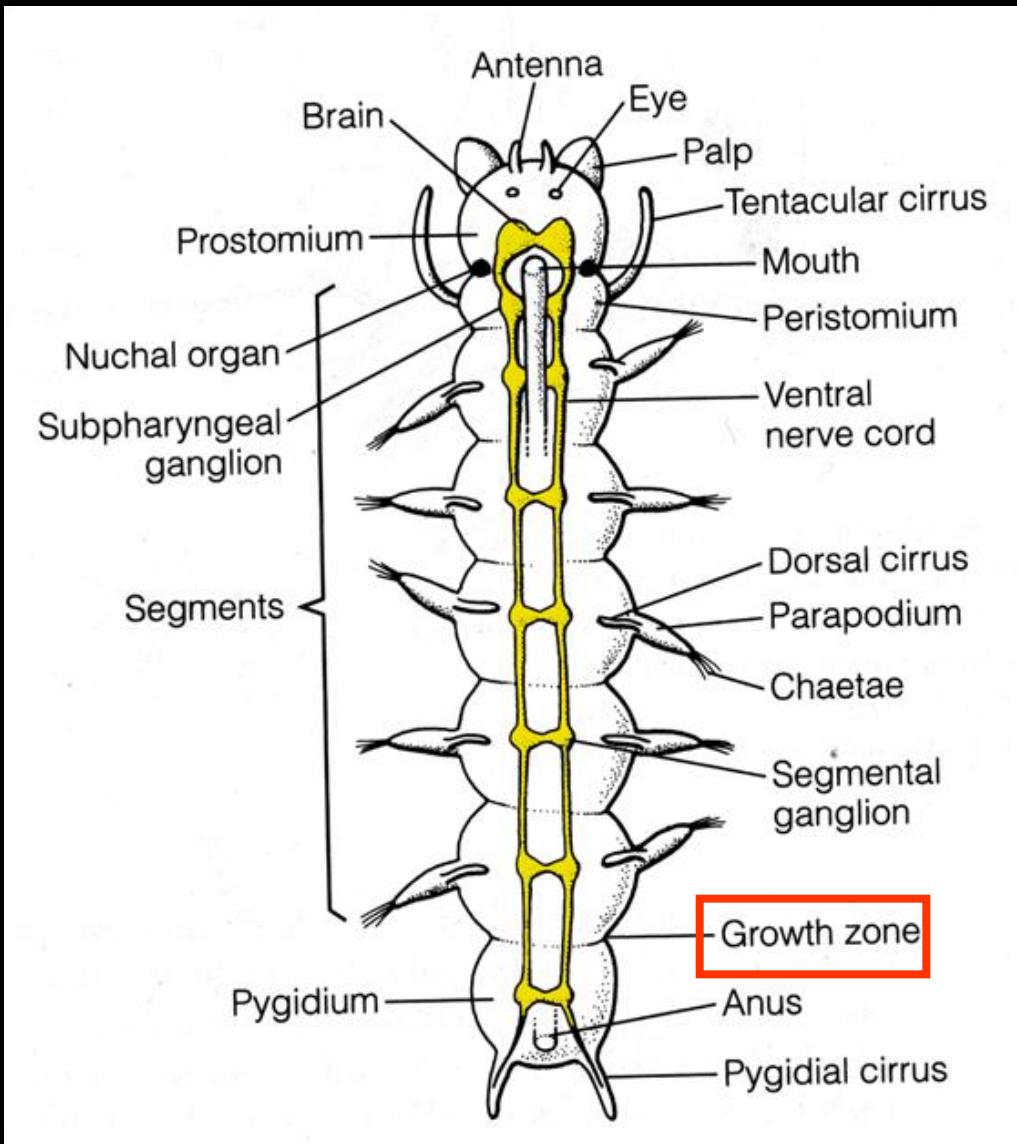
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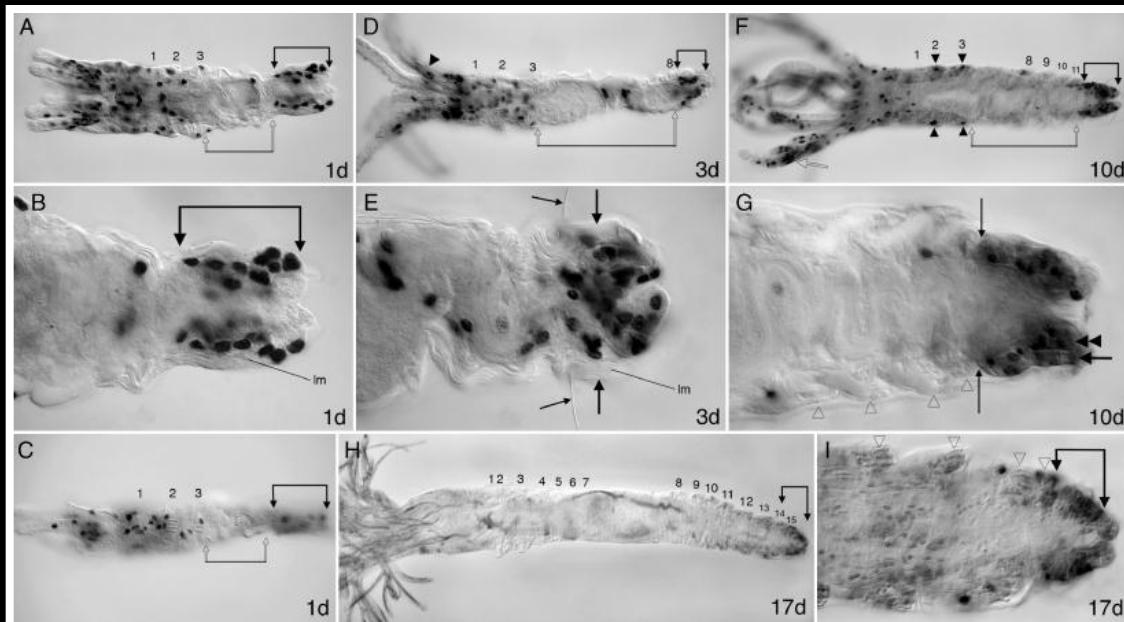
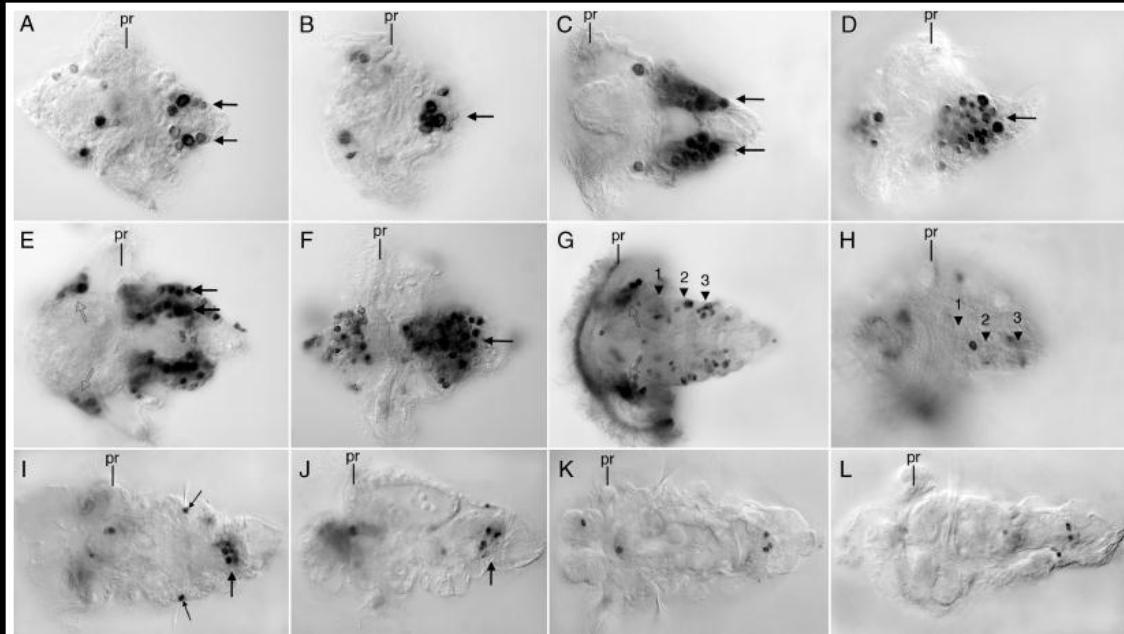
# Segmented versus non-segmented bodies



Ruppert, Fox & Barnes (2004)

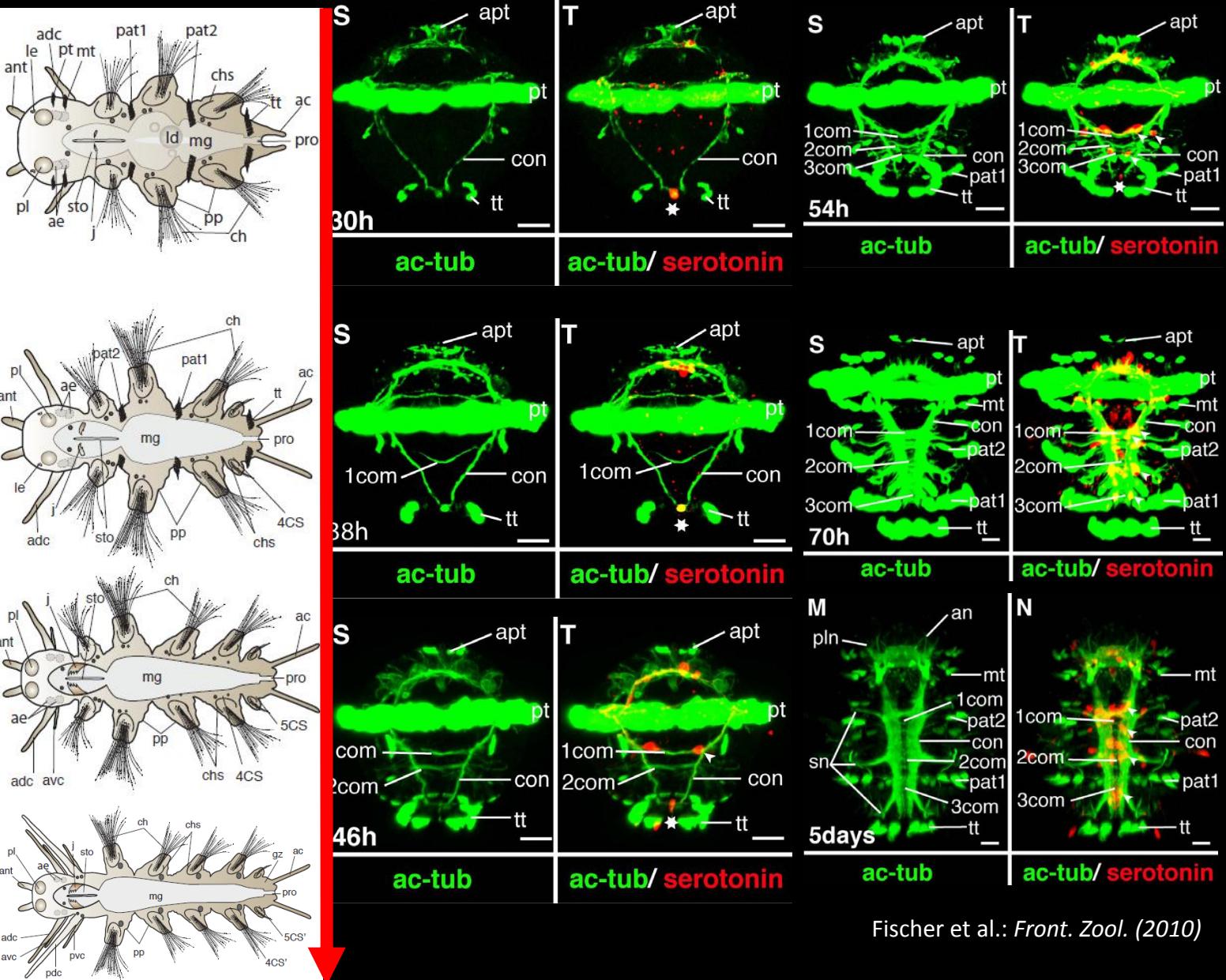
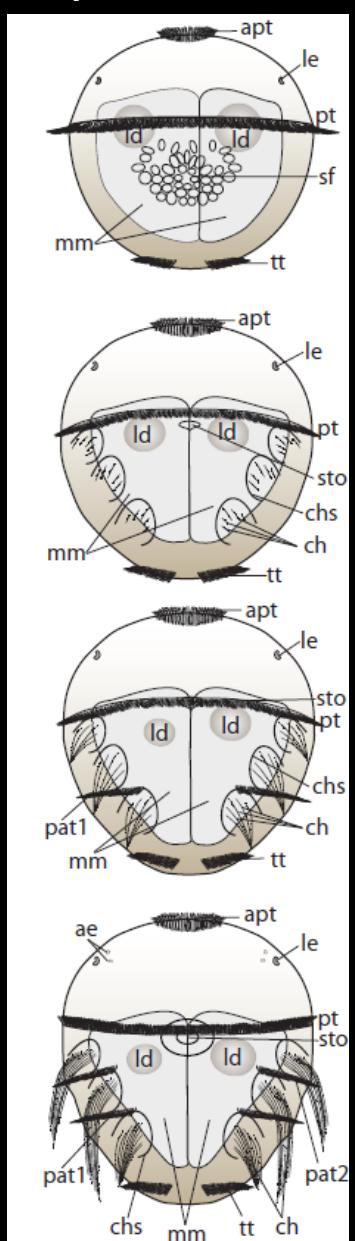
# Growth zone

*Hydroides*



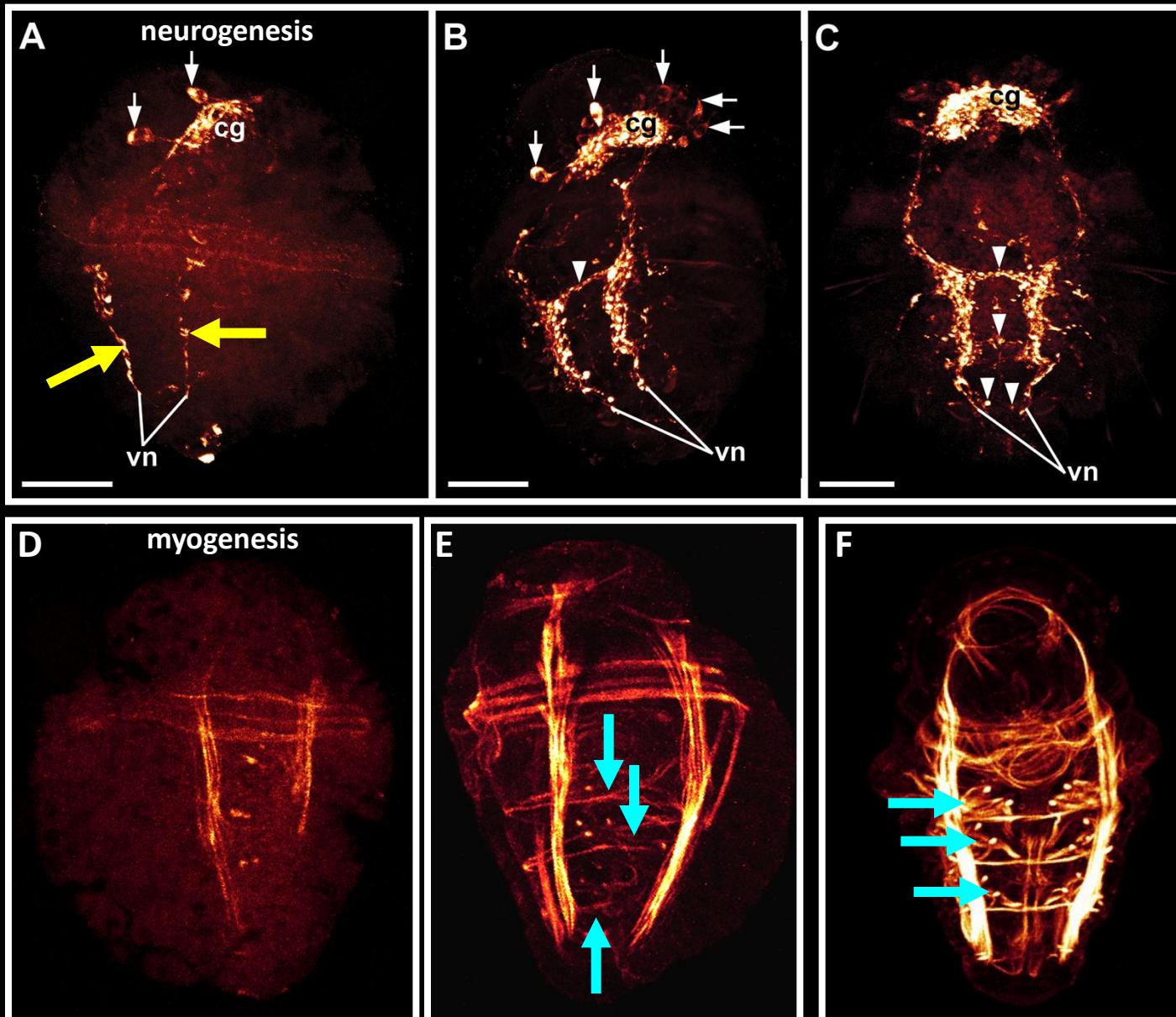
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*Platynereis*



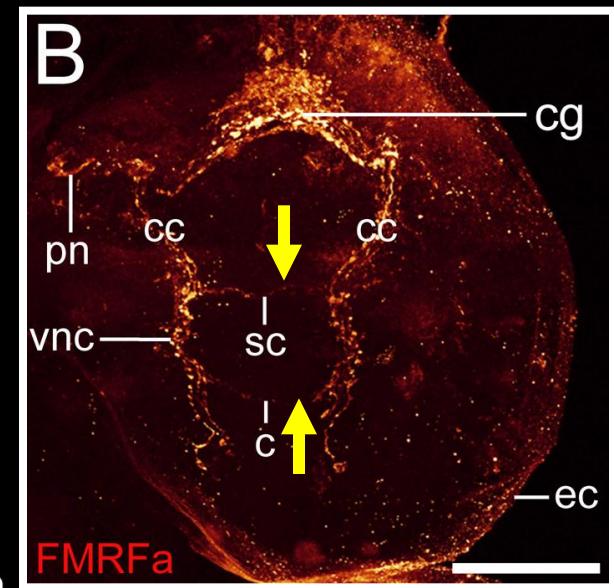
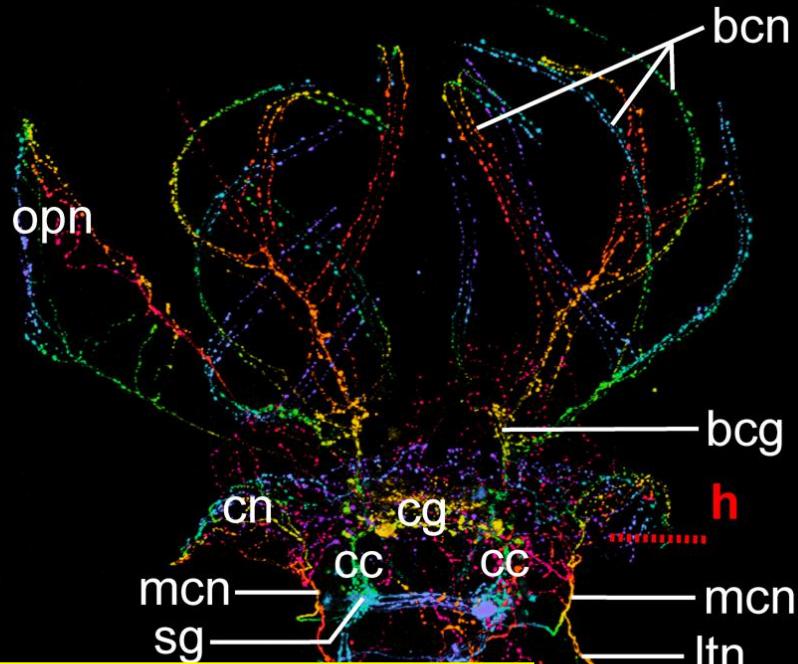
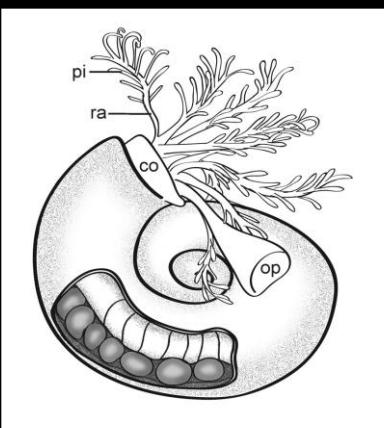
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*Filograna*

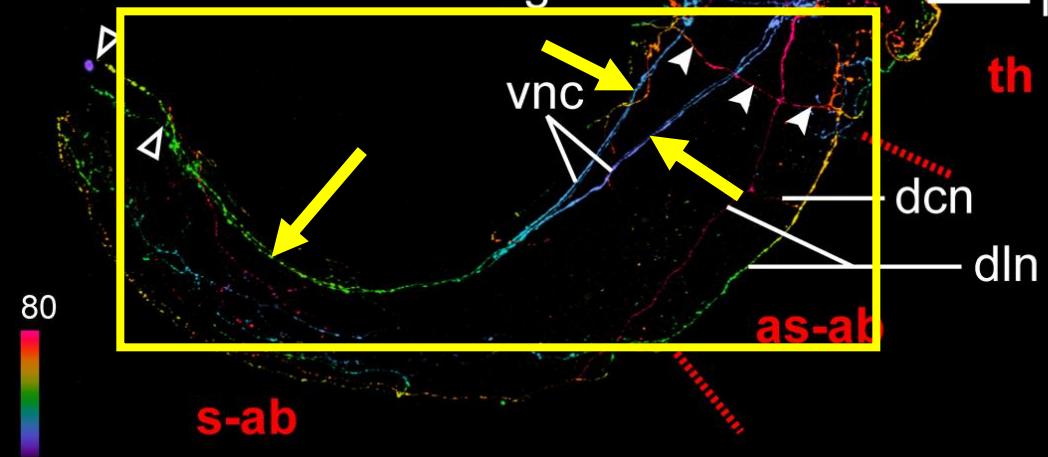


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*Spirorbis*

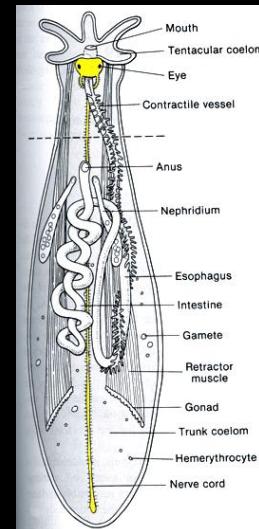
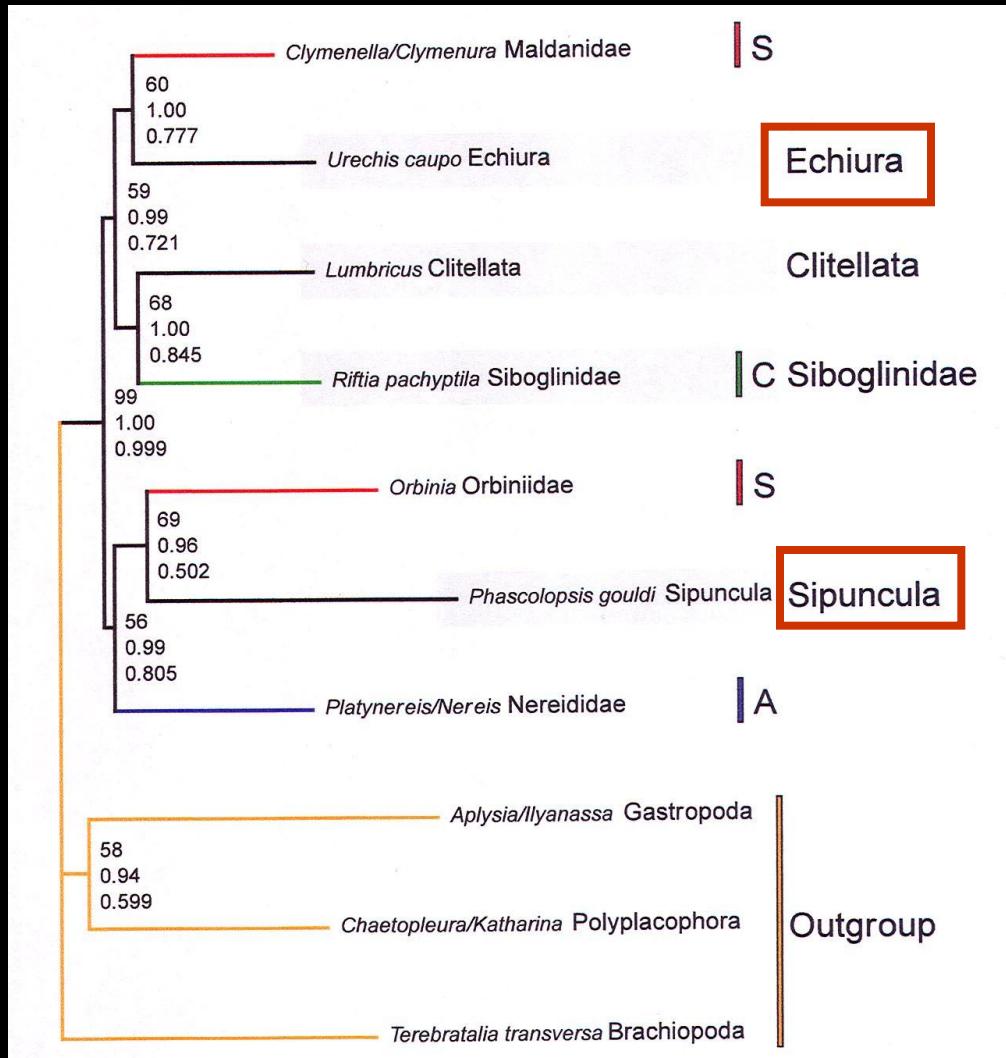


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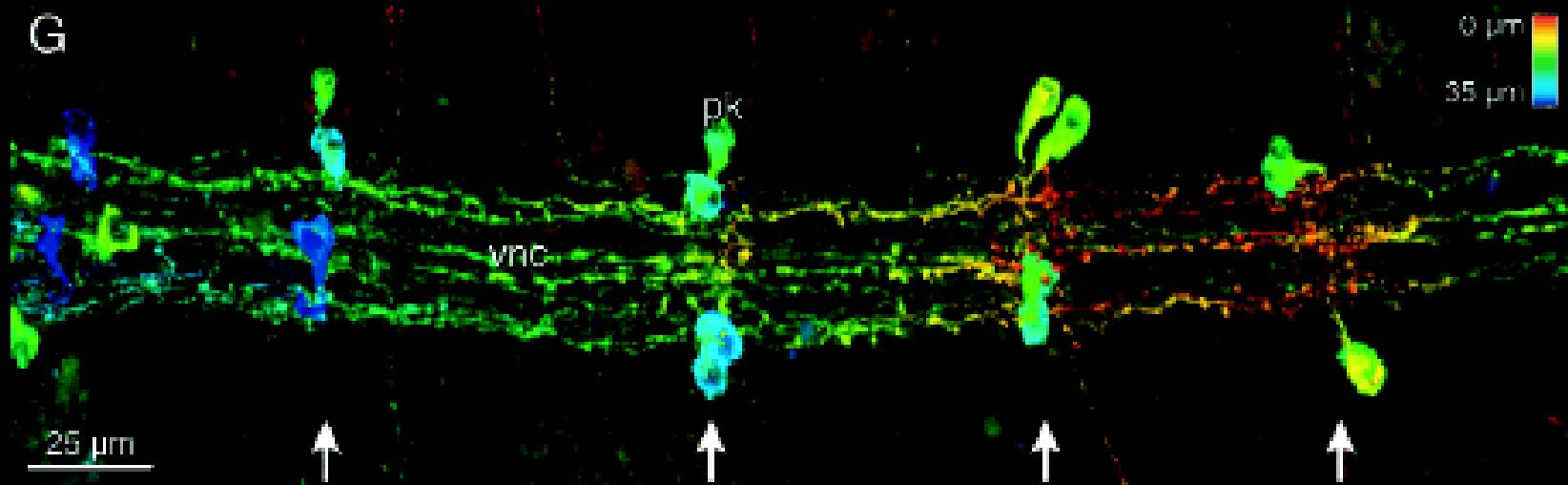


# "New" annelids?

## "New" annelid phylogeny

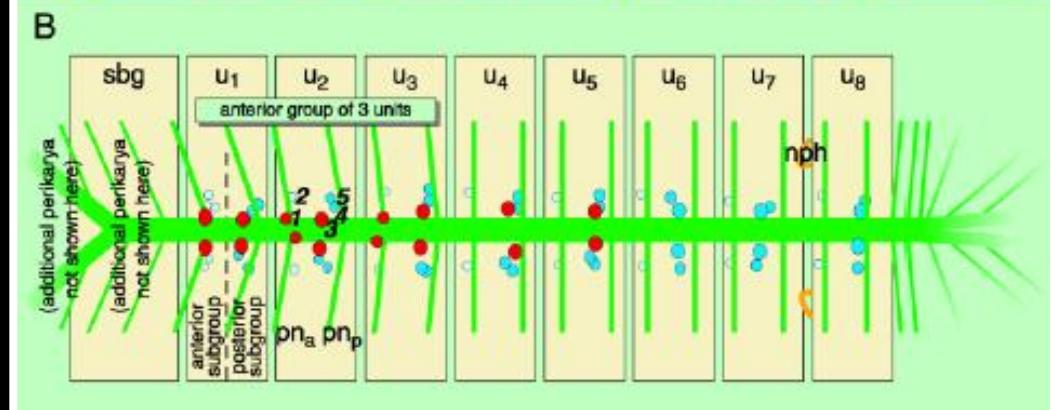
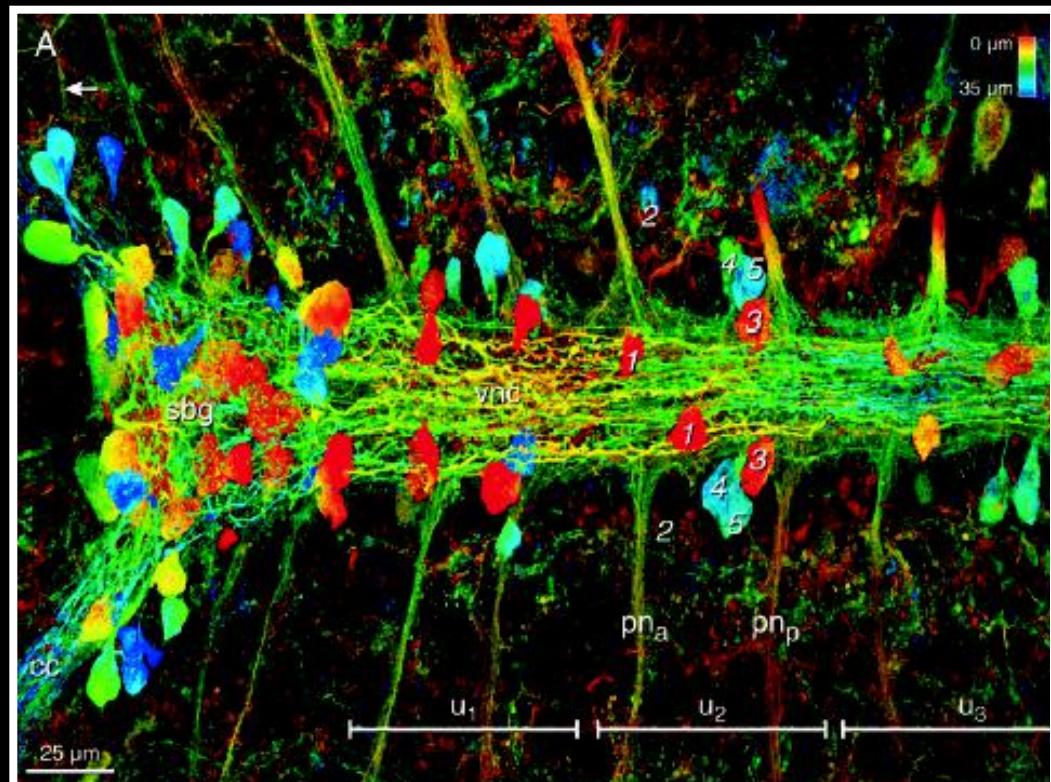


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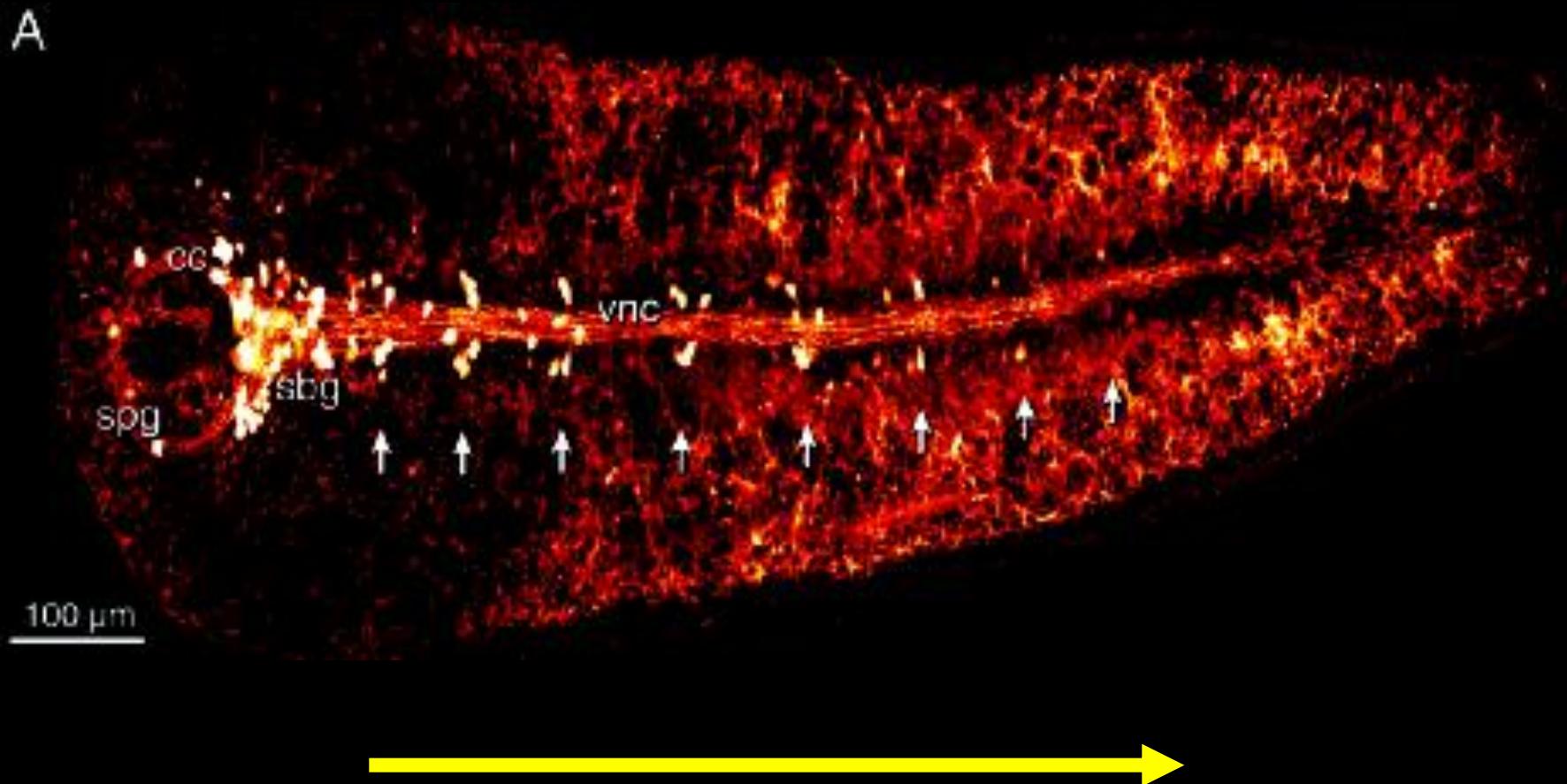
# Neurogenesis in Echiura

Echiura: *Bonellia*



# Neurogenesis in Echiura

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Hessling & Westheide: *J. Morphol.* (2002)

# Cell proliferation in Echiura

Echiura (*Bonellia*): terminal growth



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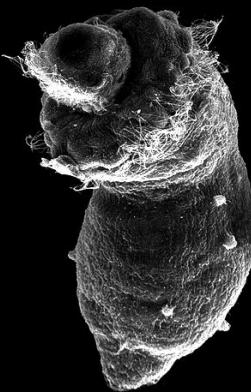
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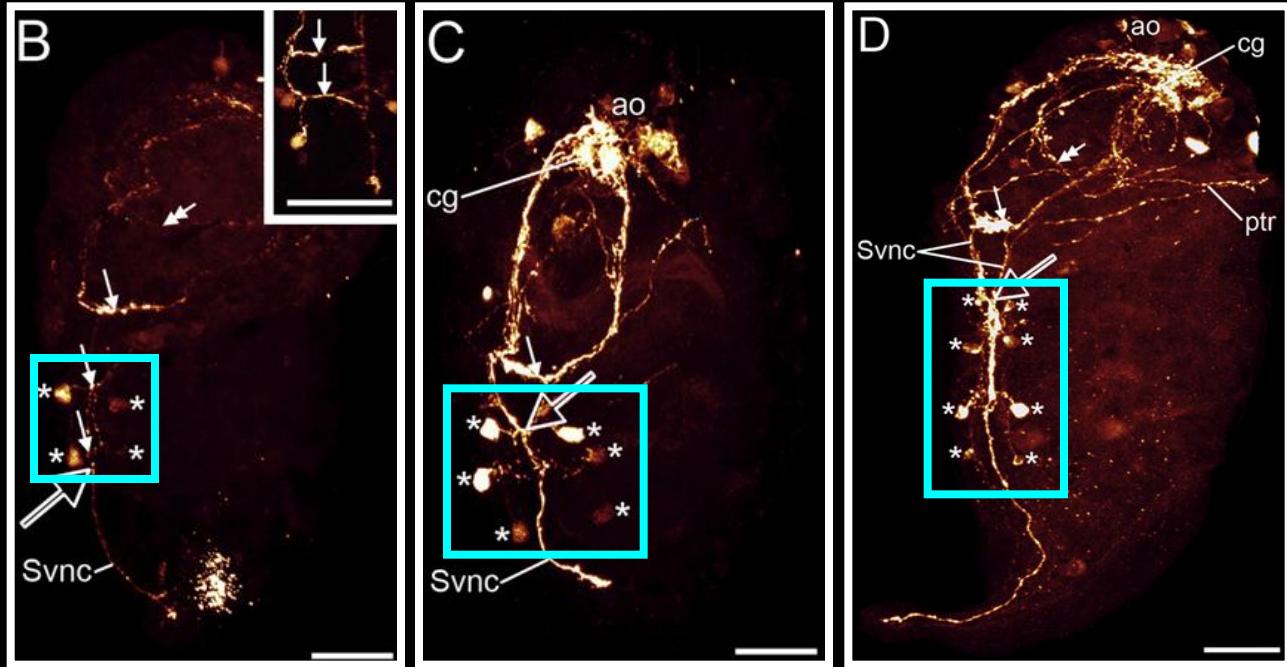
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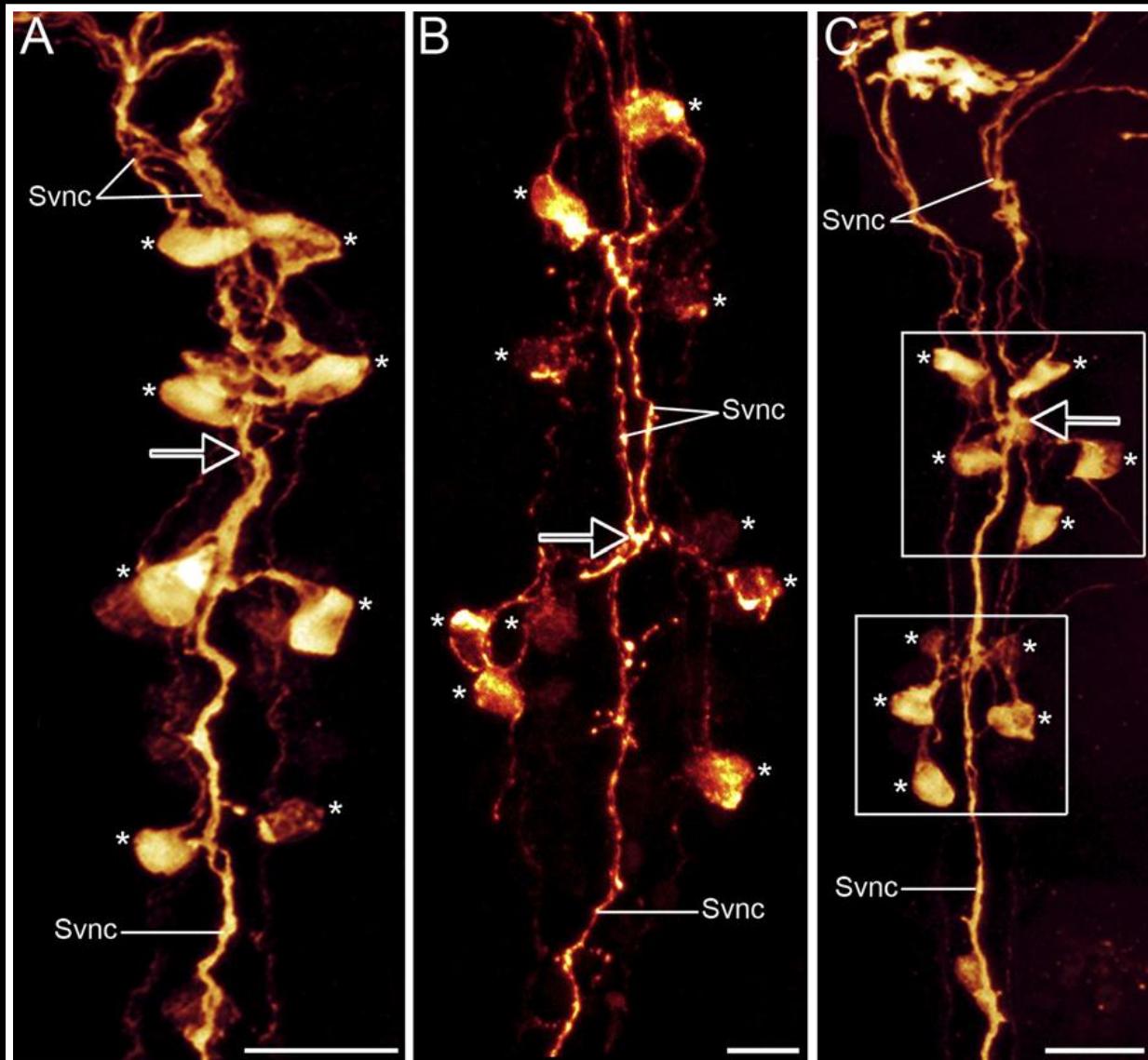
Segmentation Lost



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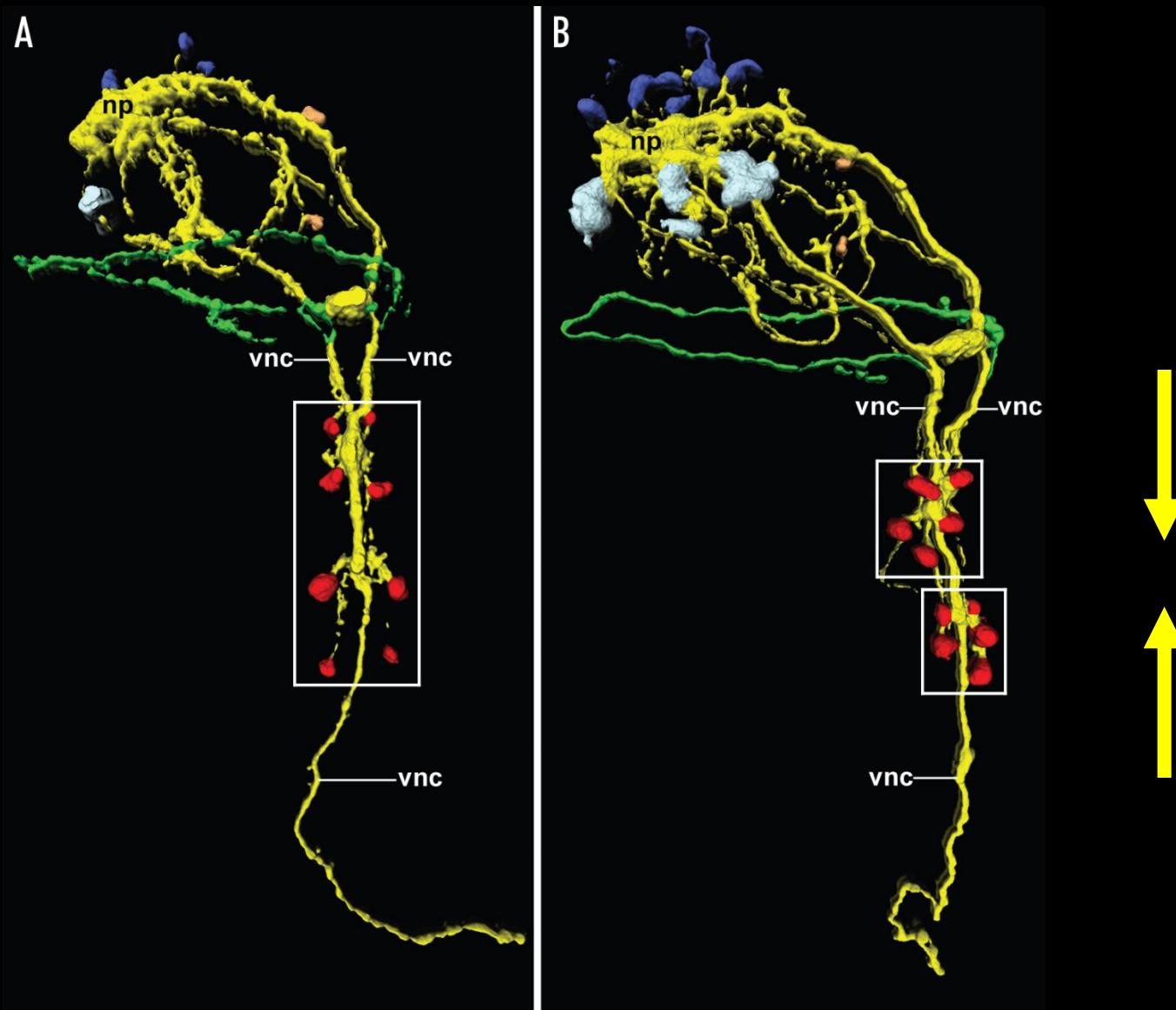
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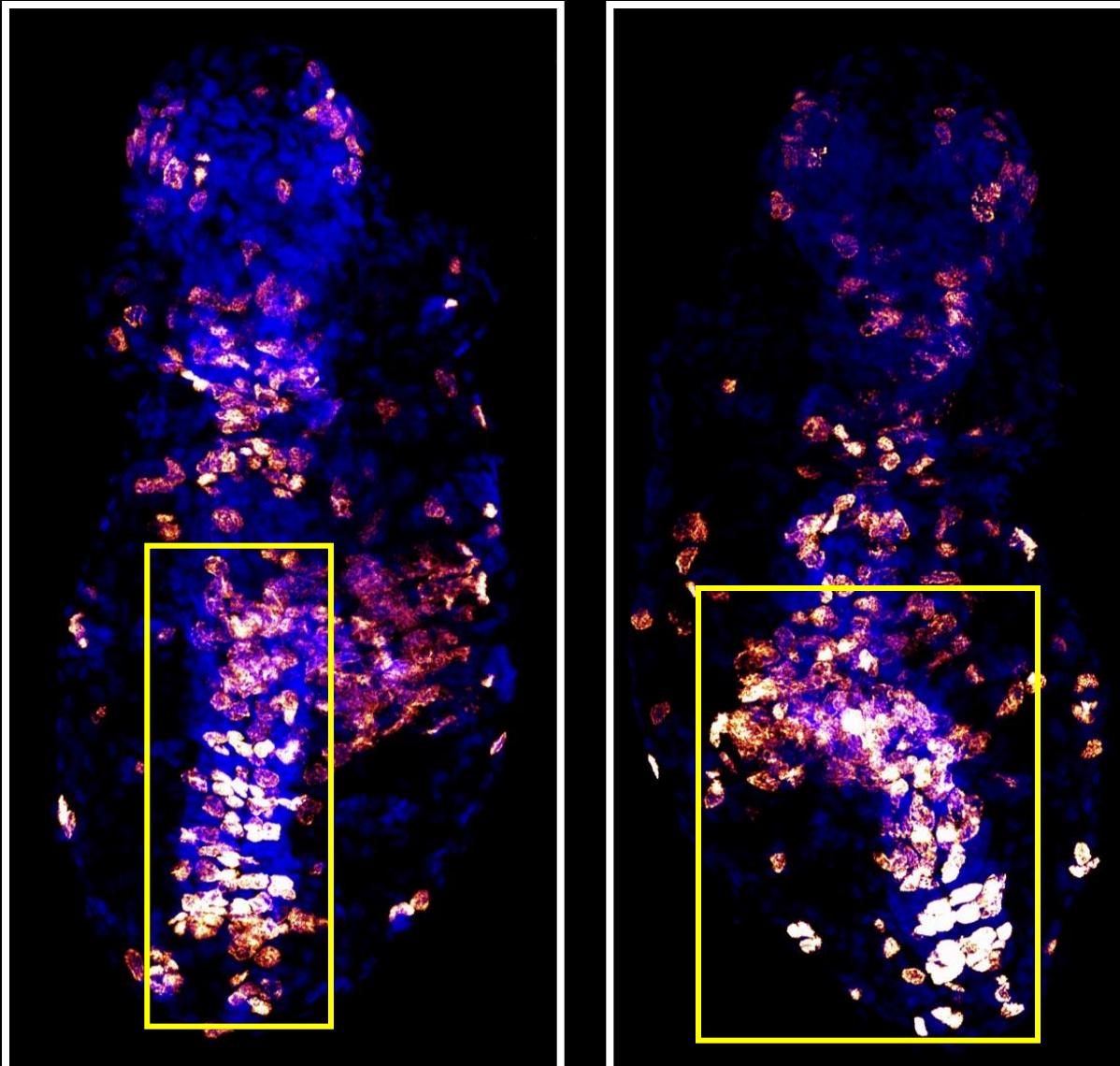
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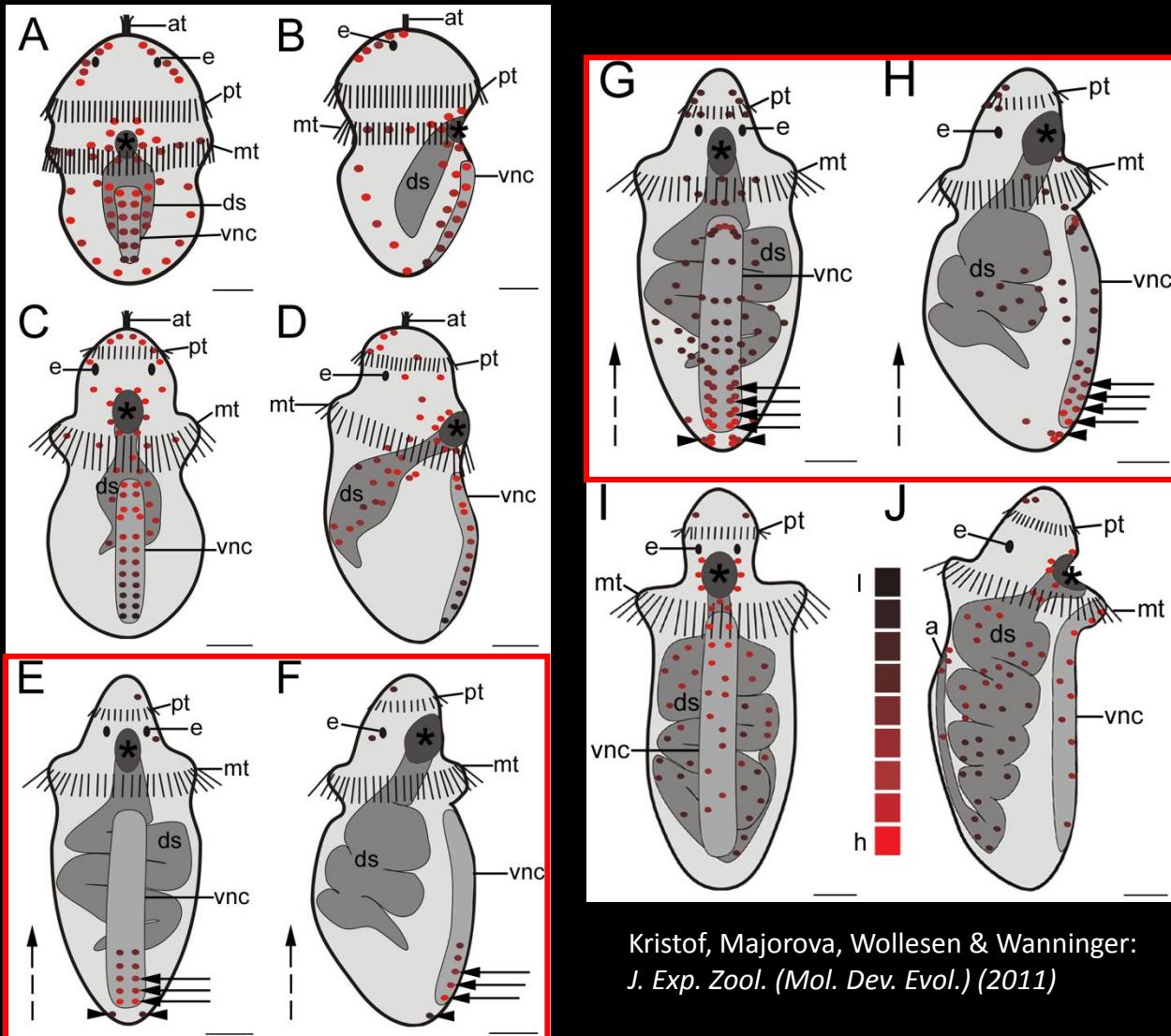
Sipuncula (*Themiste*): Terminal growth



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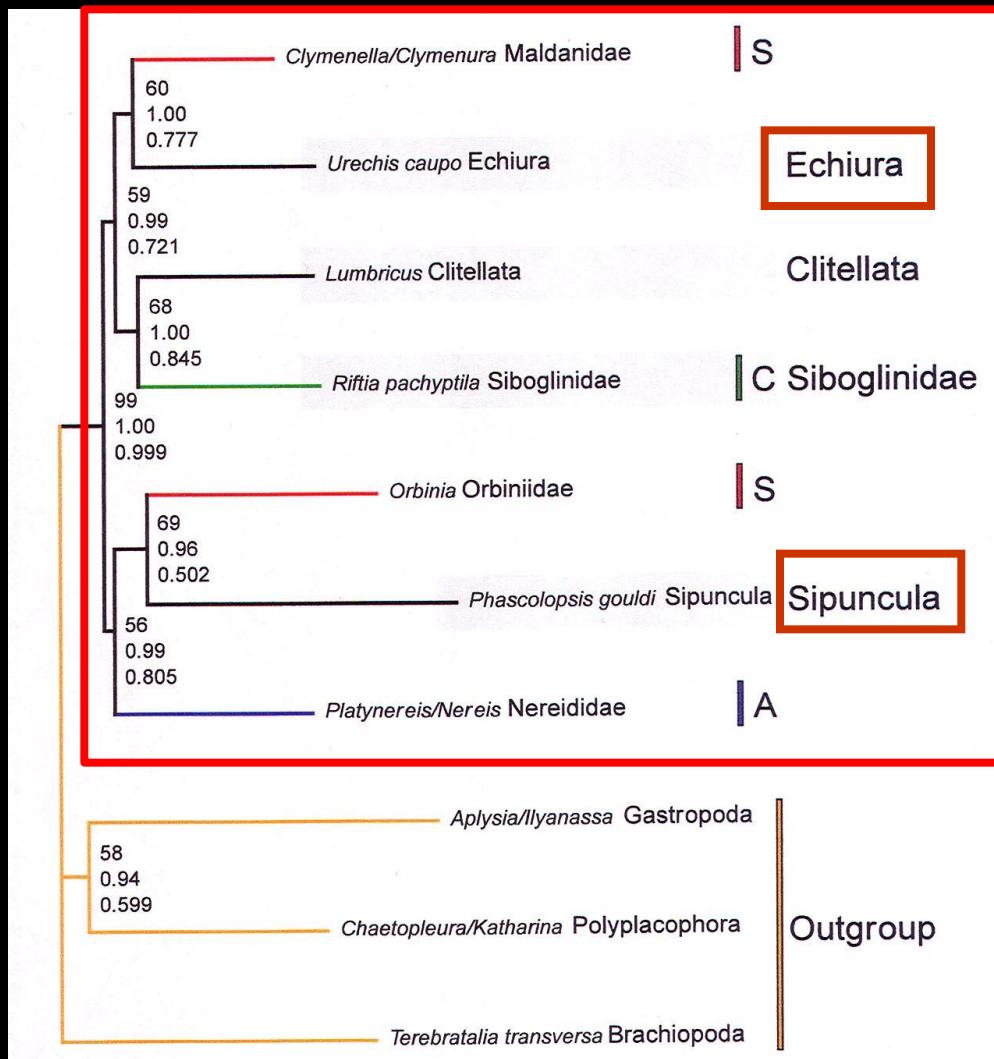
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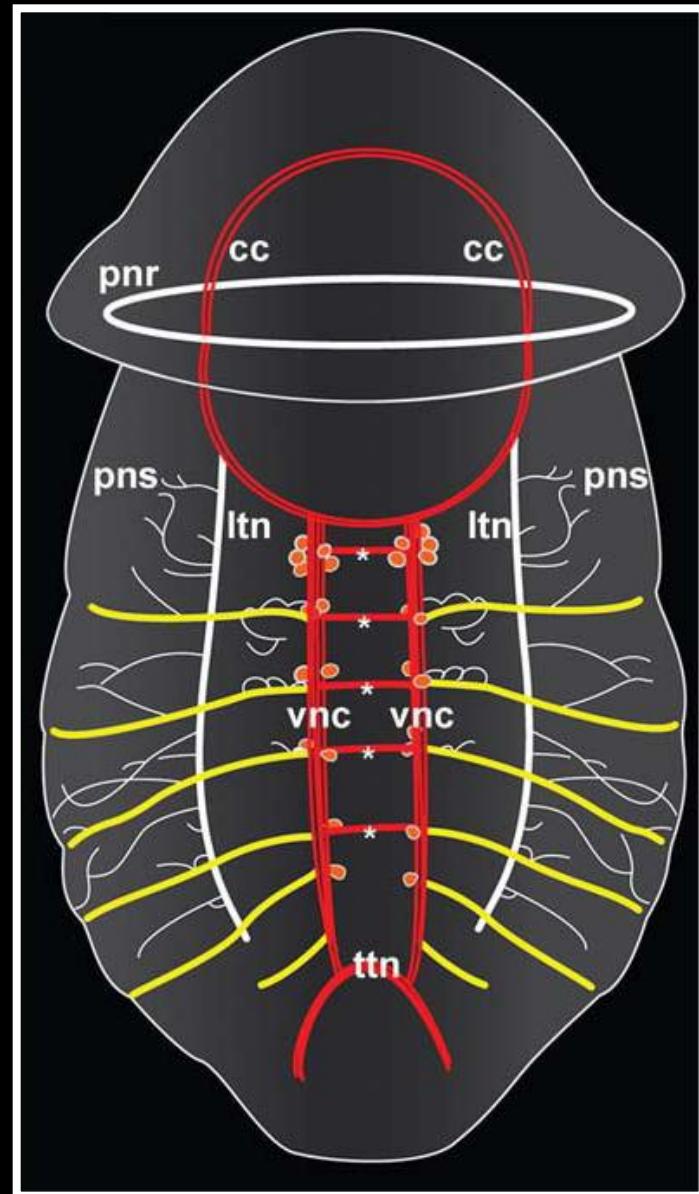
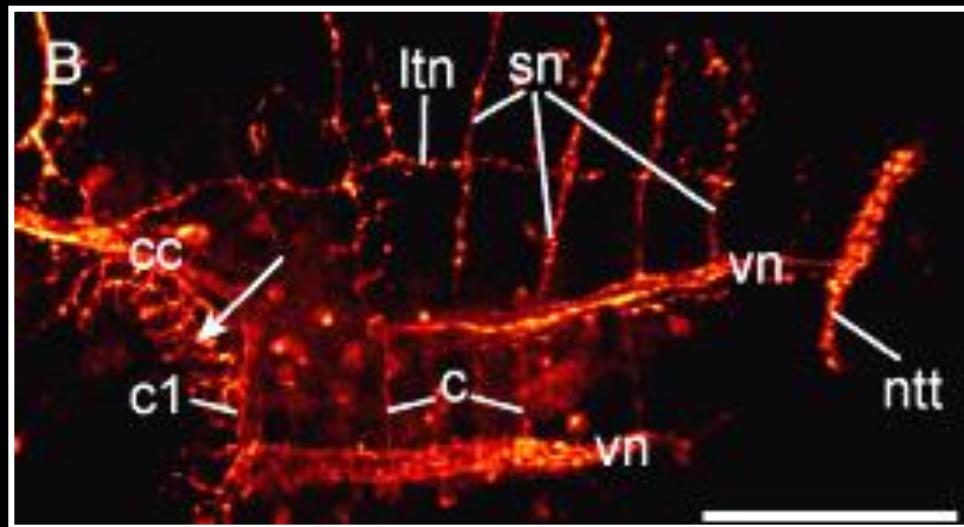
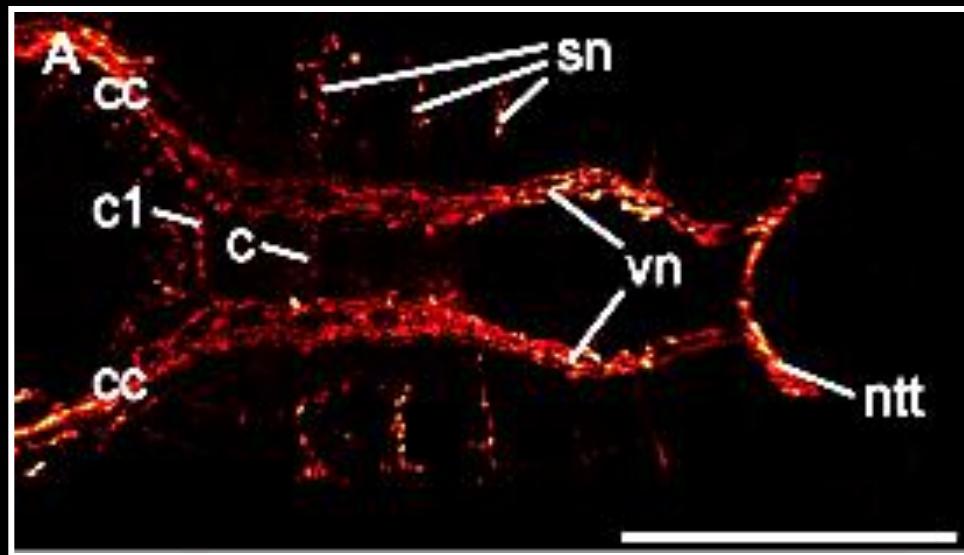
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# Echiurans and sipunculans are annelids?

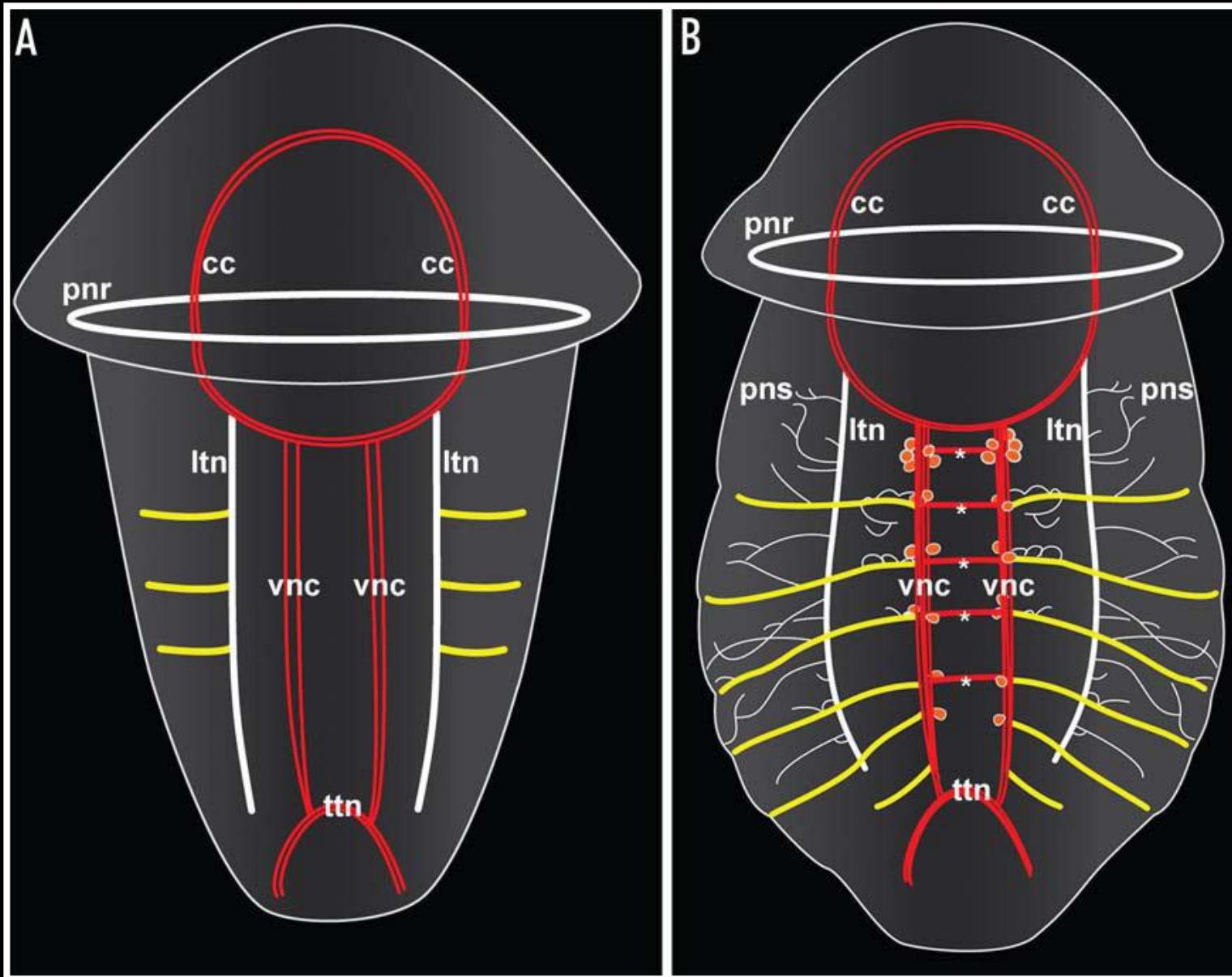
Morphogenesis confirms segmental origin of sipunculans and echiurans and thus their close relationship to/inclusion within the Annelida



# But: plasticity in annelid neurogenesis

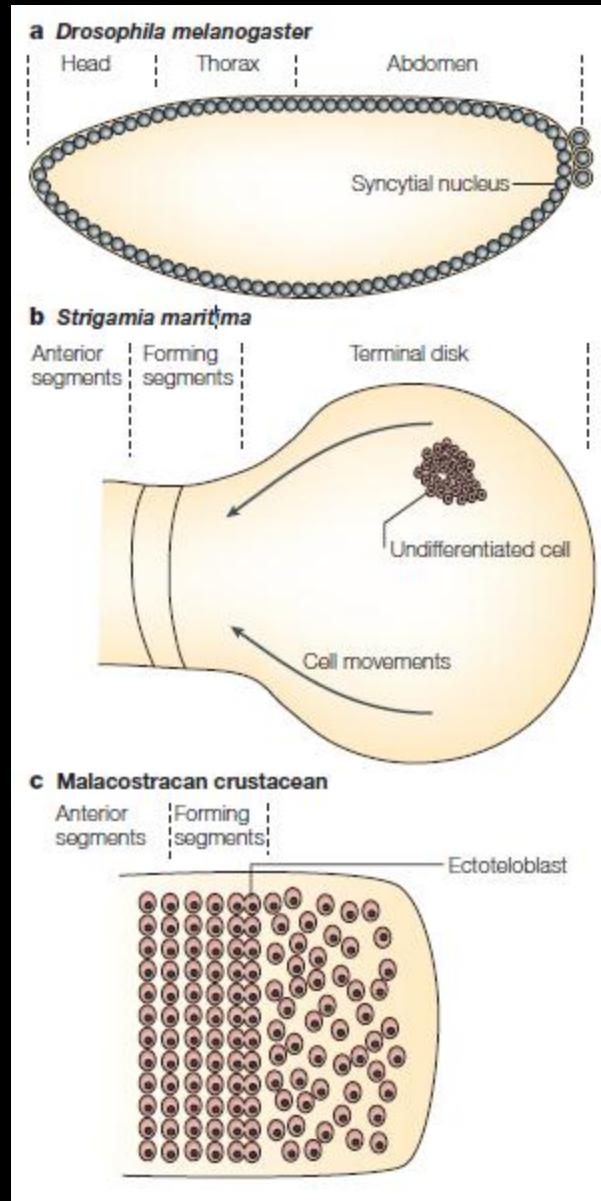


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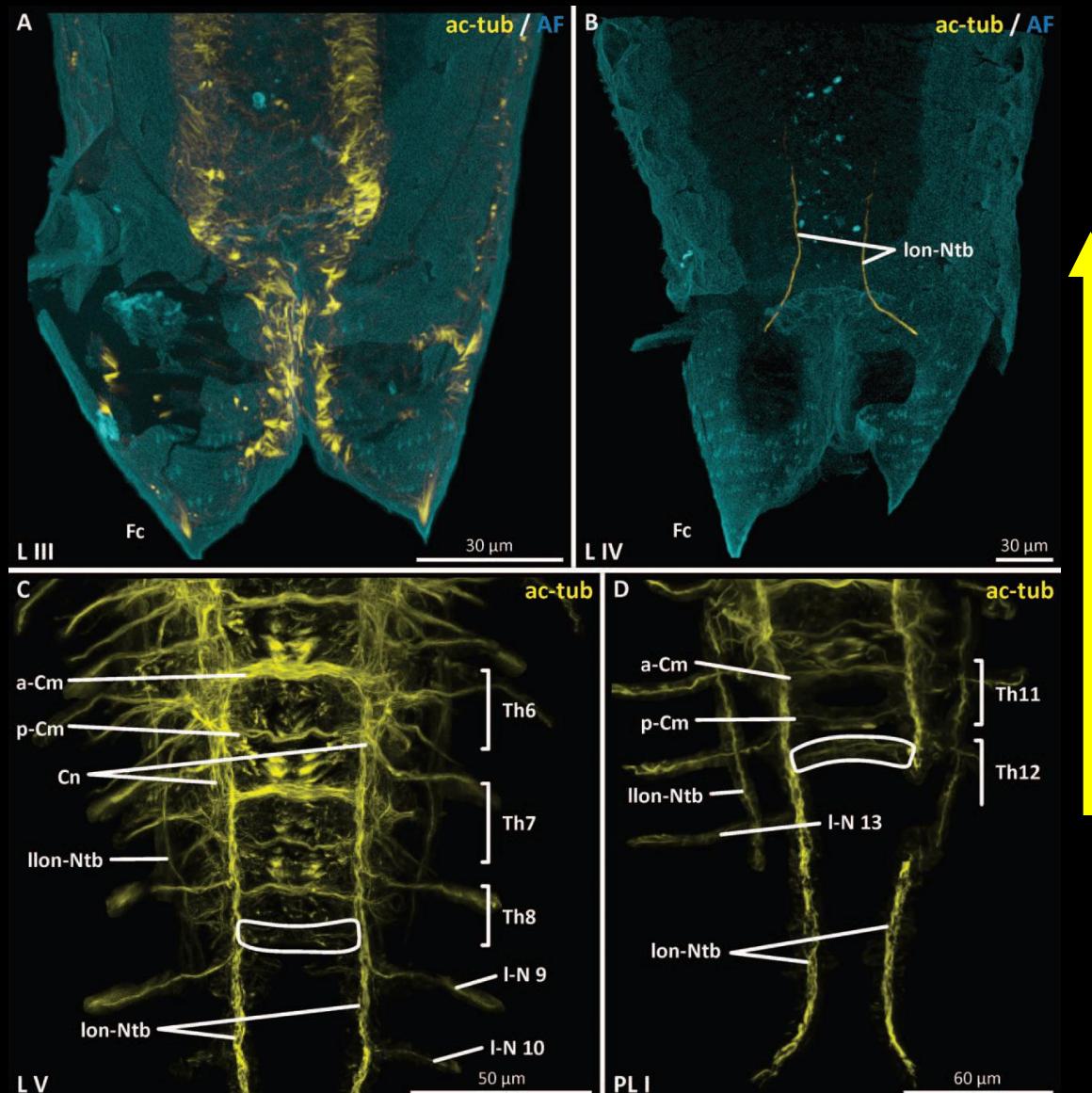
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# Segmentation in arthropods



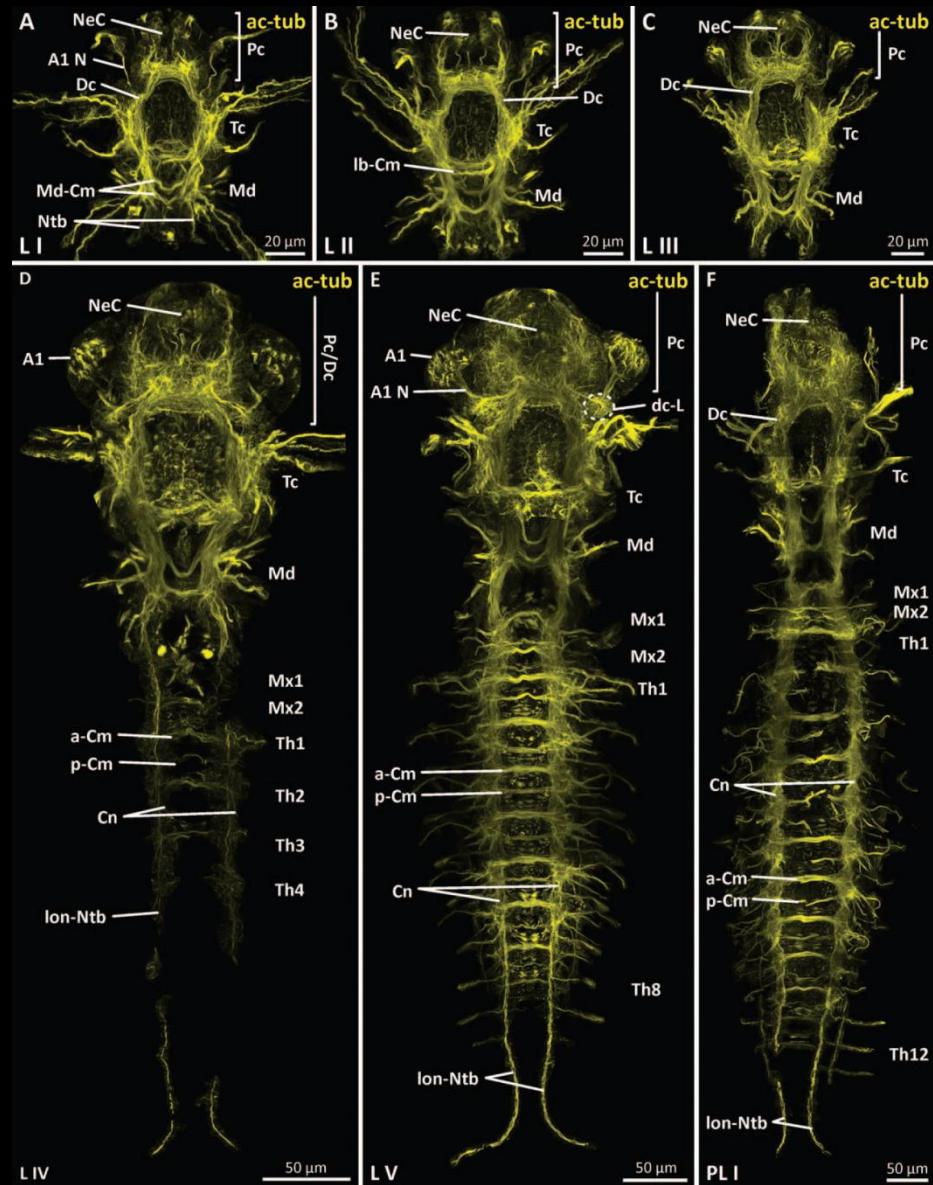
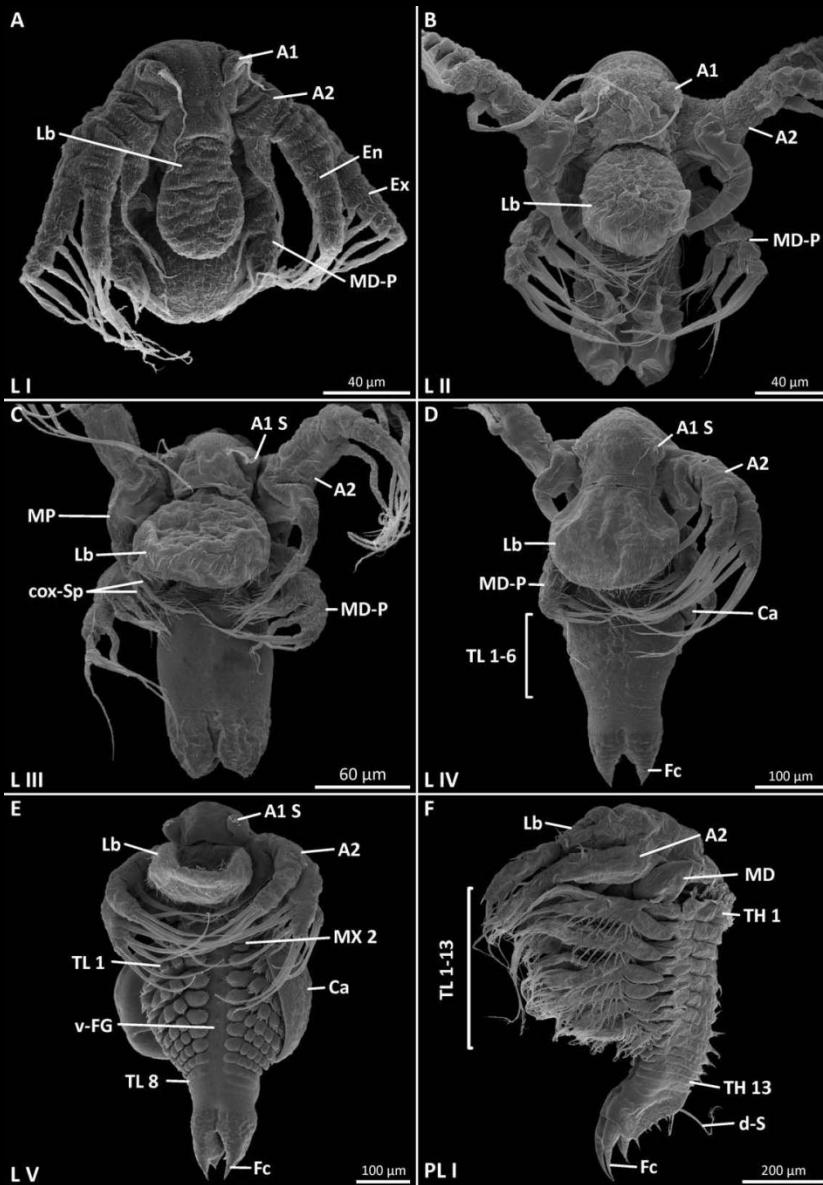
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*Leptestheria* (Crustacea, Branchiopoda)



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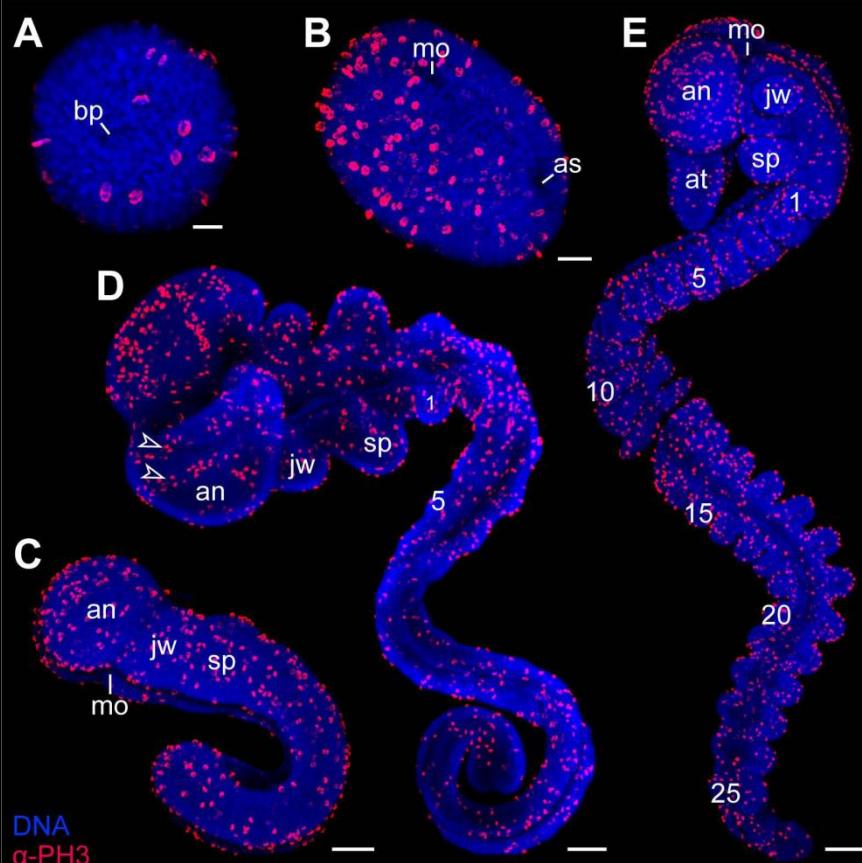
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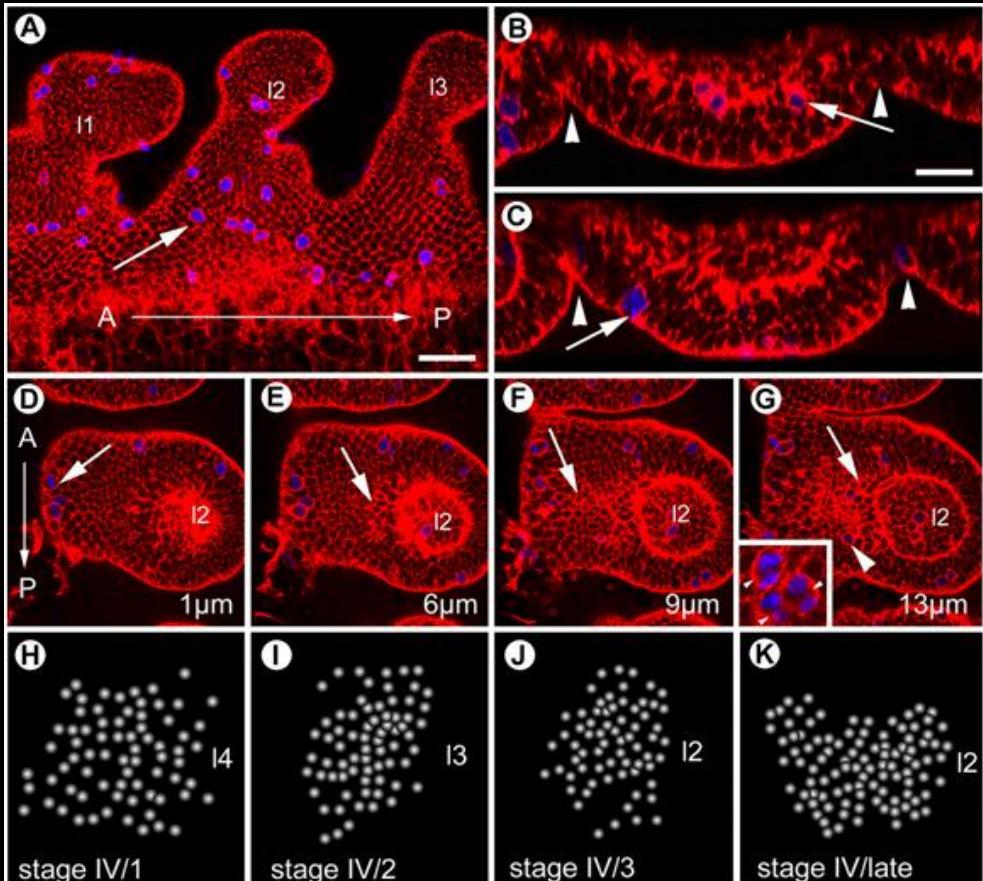
# Segmentation in Onychophora

- No posterior growth zone
- Neurogenesis by irregular proliferation of neural precursor cells

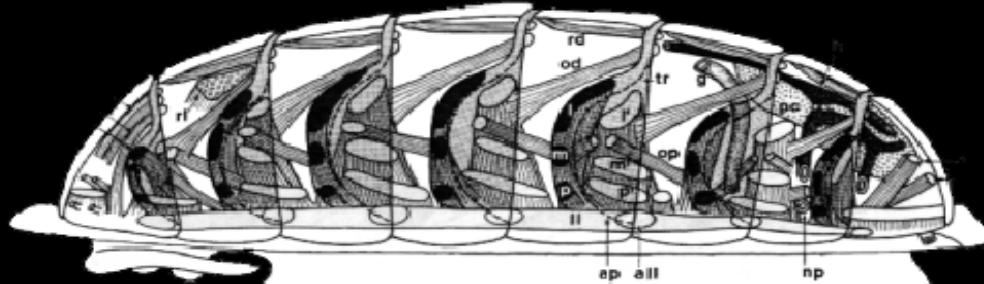
*Epiperipatus*



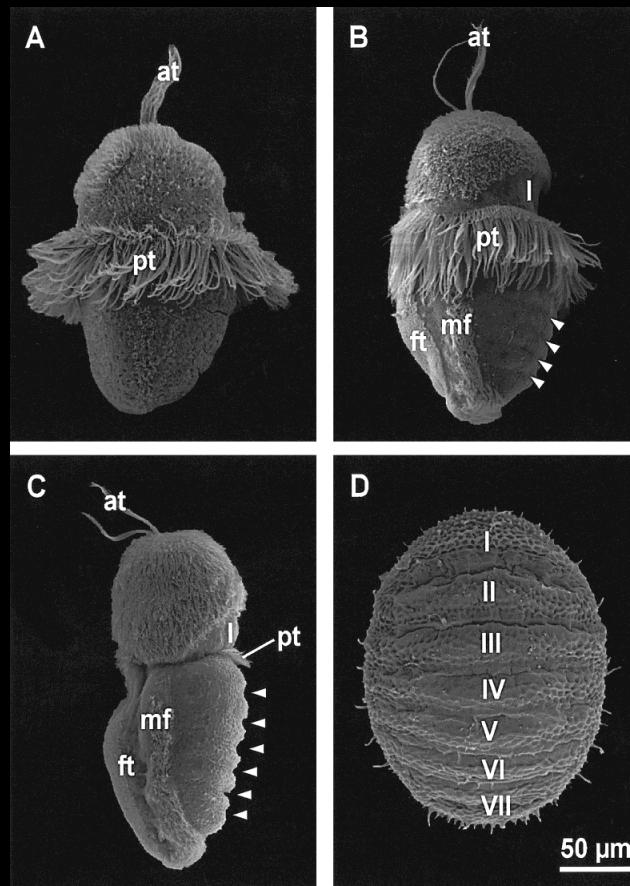
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# Organogenesis in basal Mollusca

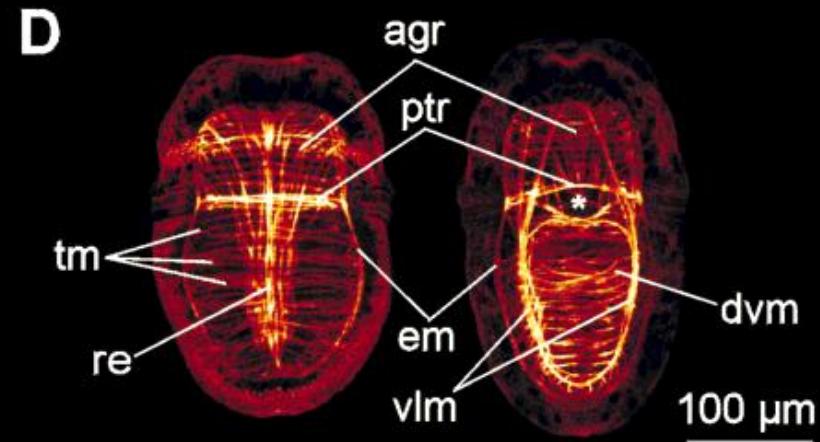
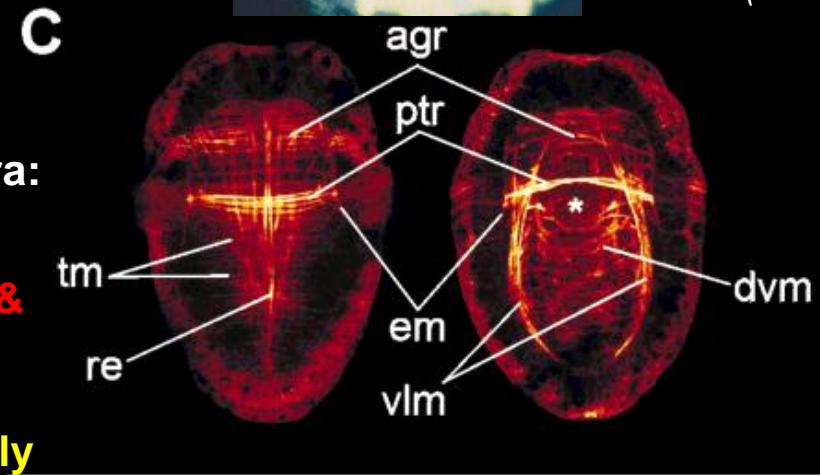


Wingstrand: *Galathea Report* (1985)

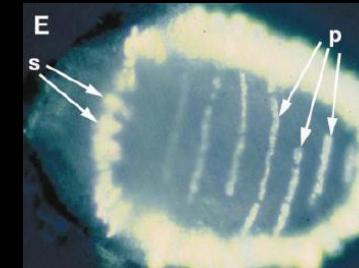


## Polyplacophora:

**Shell plates, dorso-ventral & transversal muscles arise synchronously**



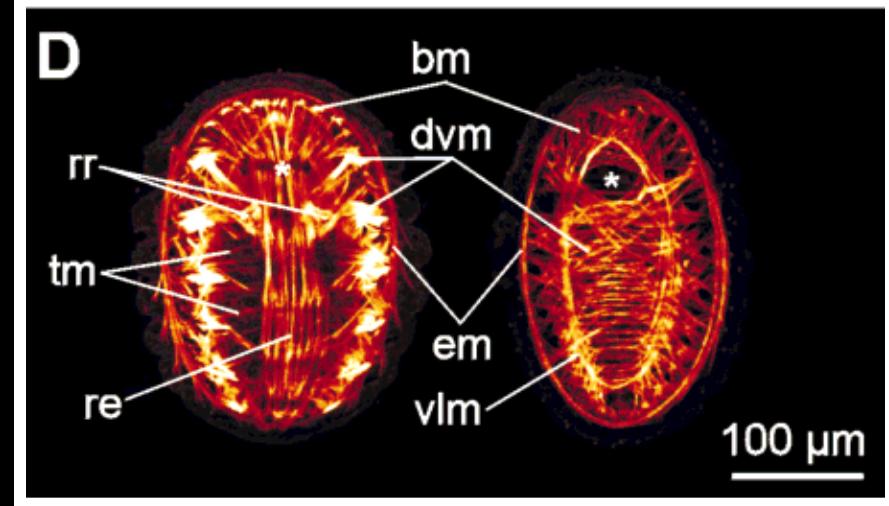
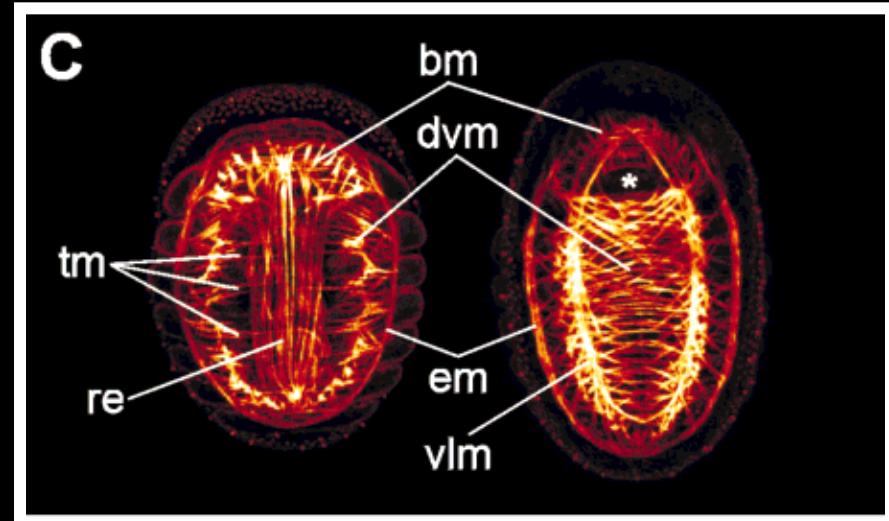
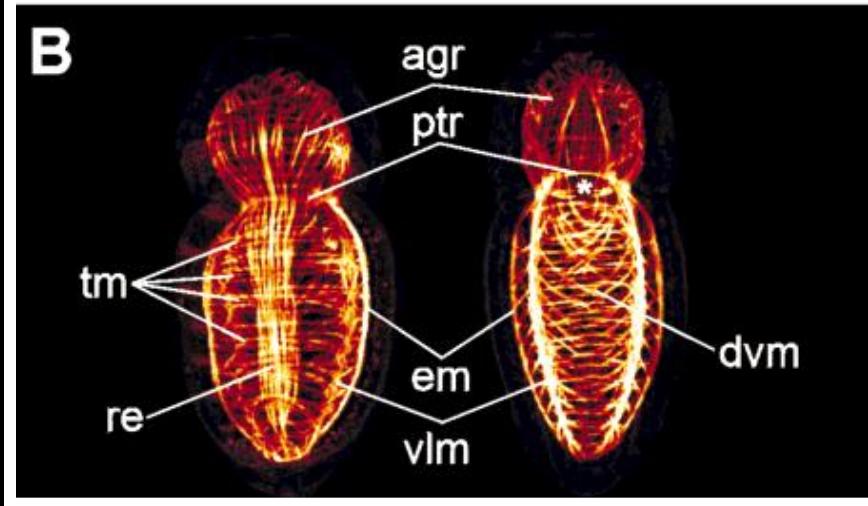
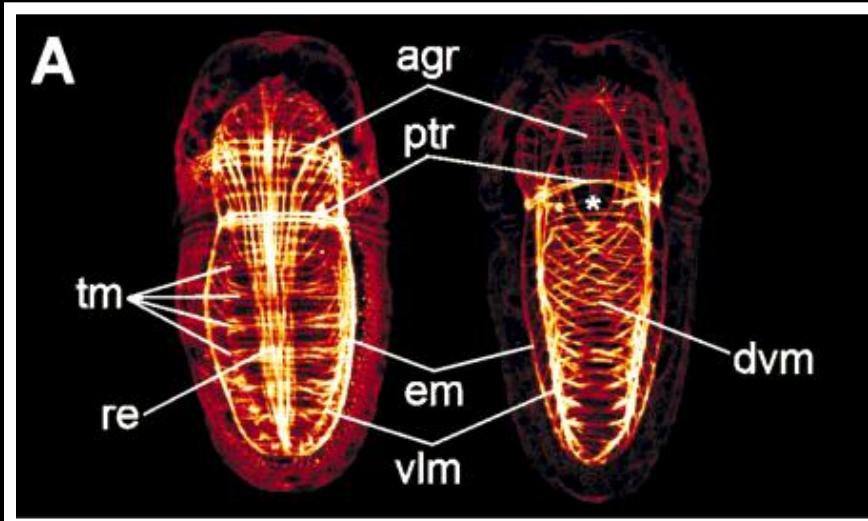
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Polyplacophora: formation of 8-seriality of dorso-ventral muscles after metamorphosis

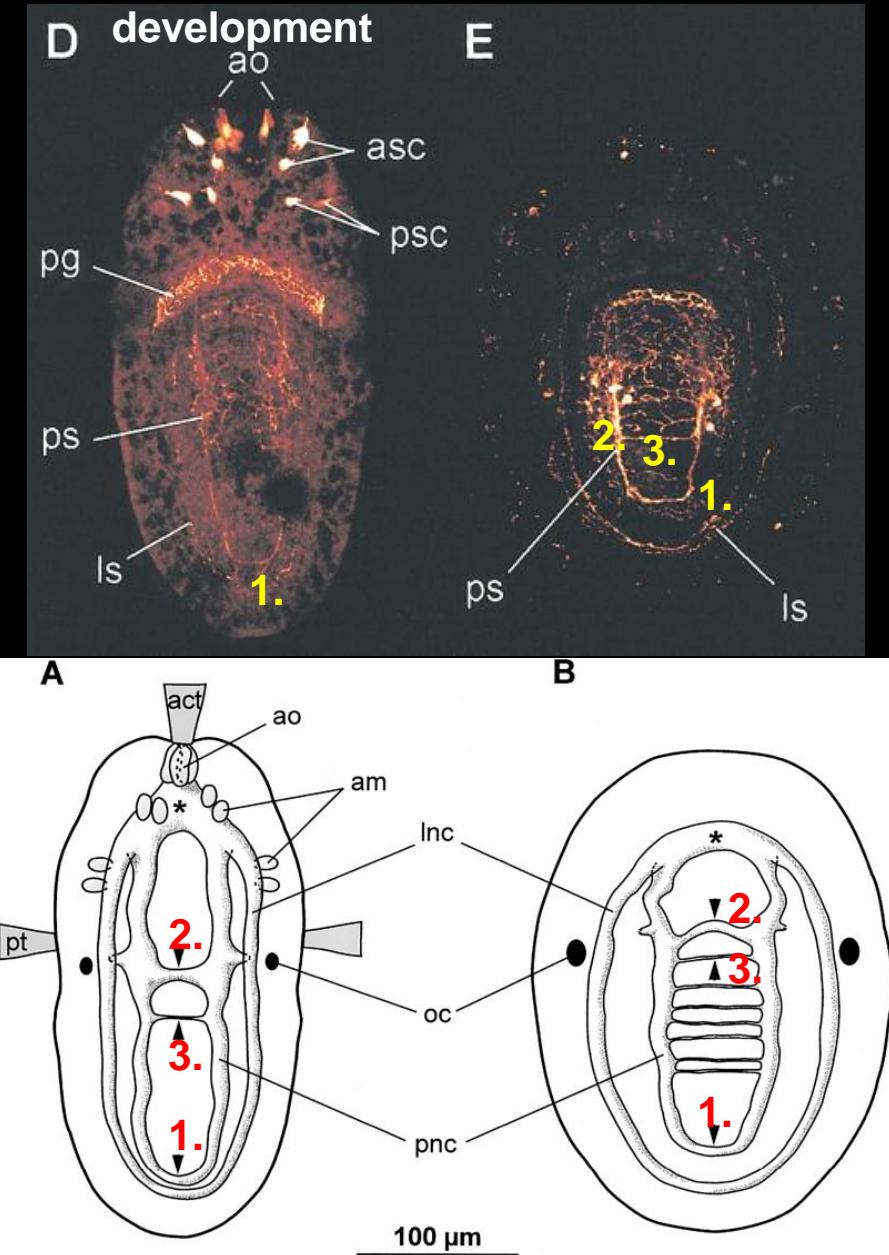
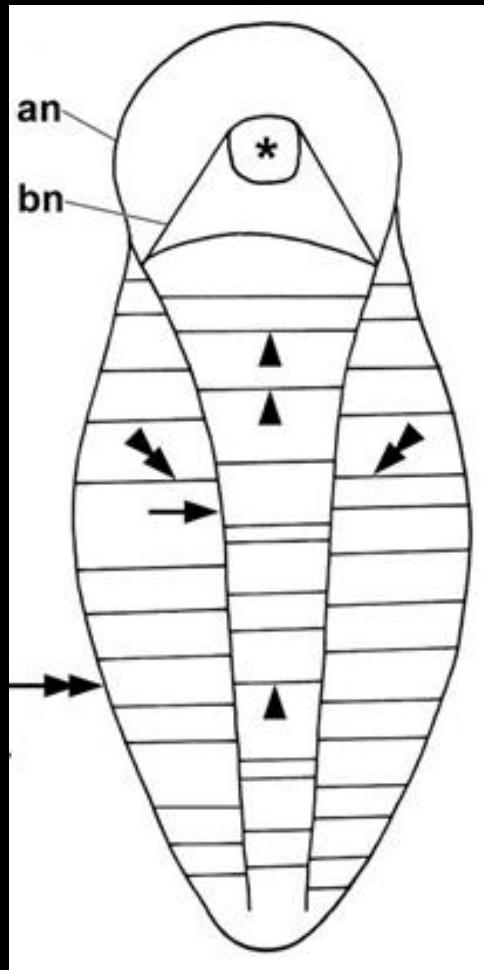


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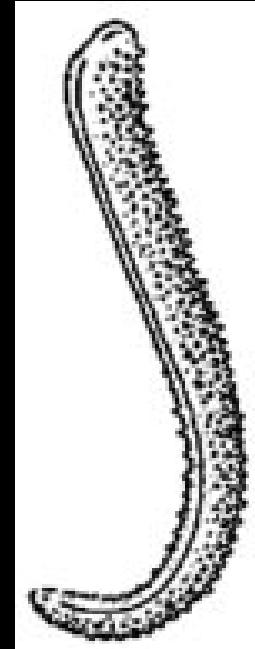
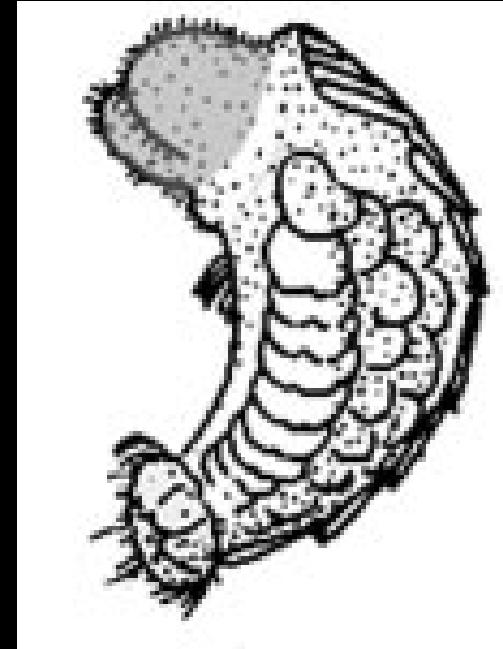
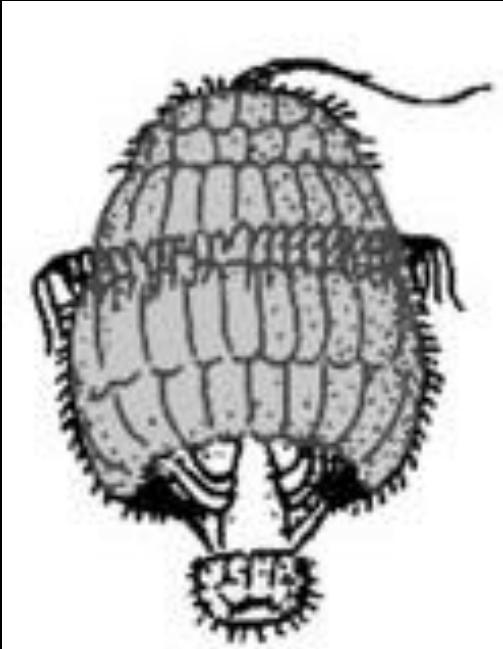
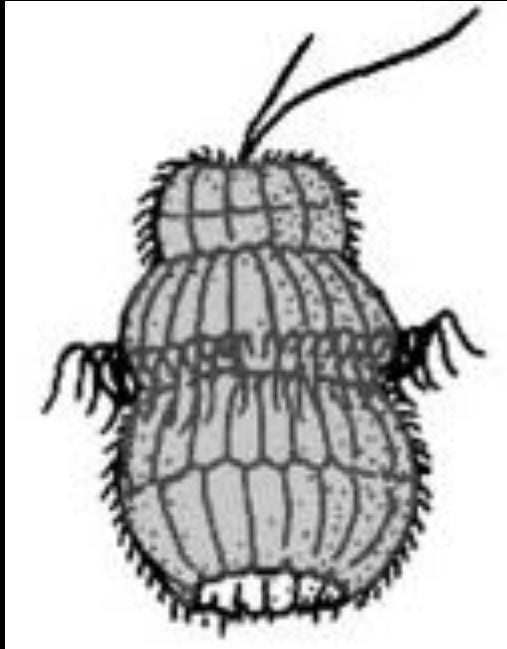
Polyplacophora (*Mopalia muscosa*):  
ventral commissures are not formed in  
anterior-posterior progression

adult: seriality of commissures



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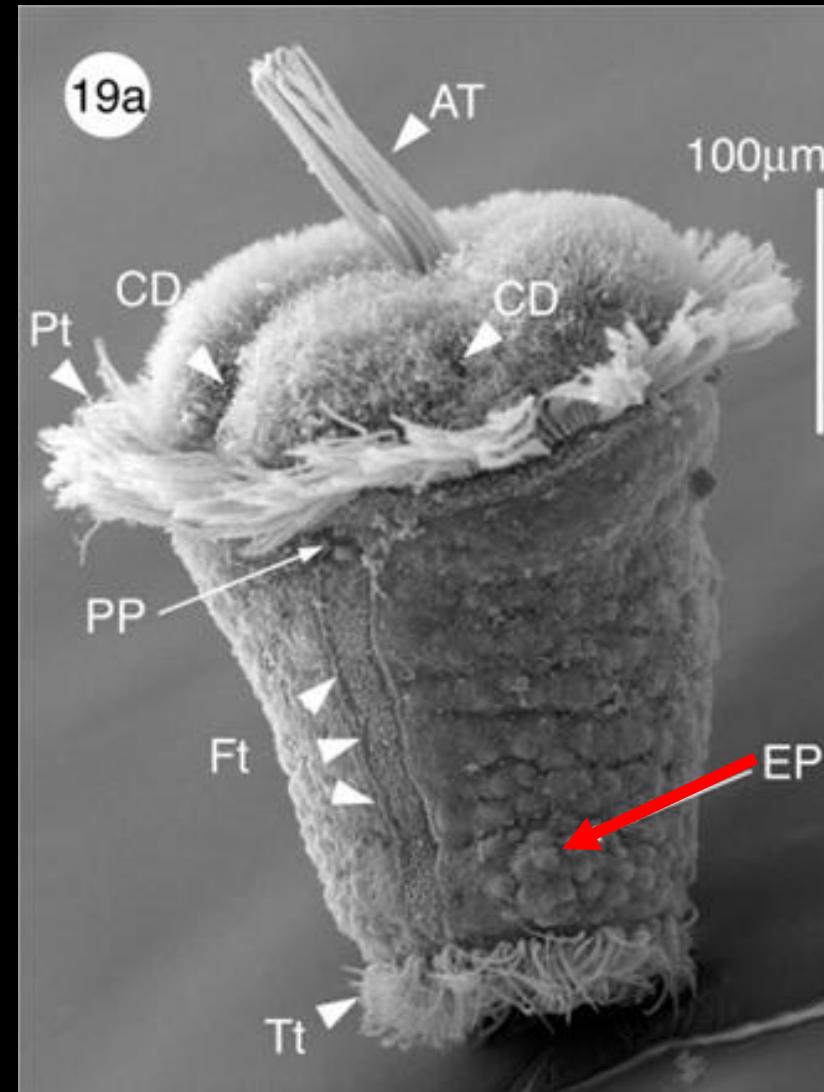
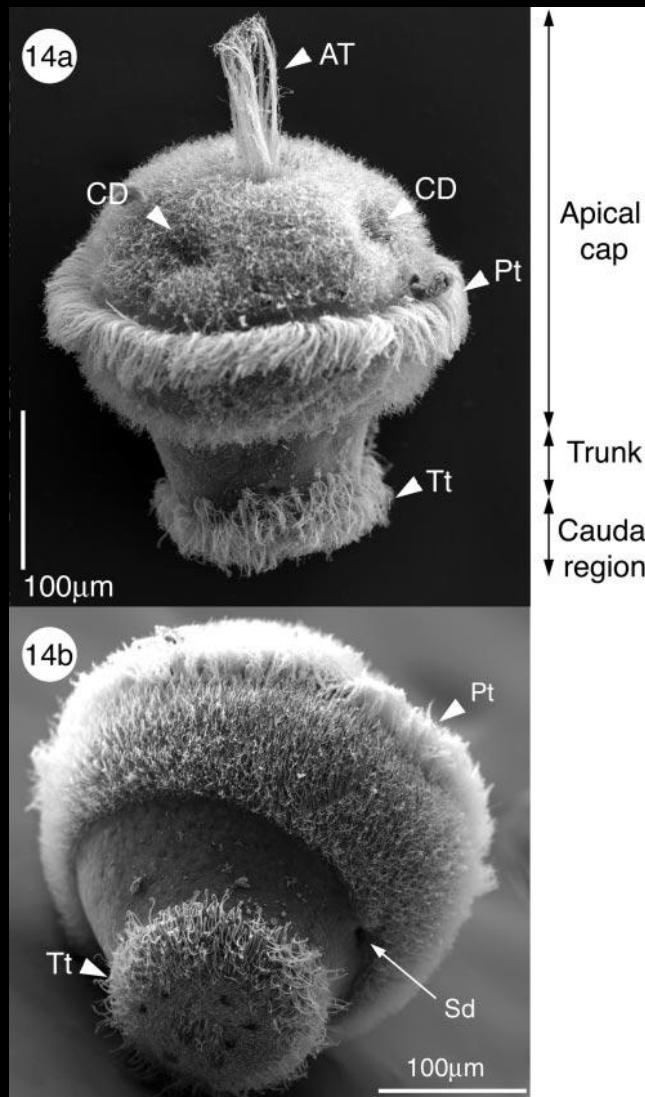
Solenogastres (Neomeniomorpha): *Nematomenia banyulensis*



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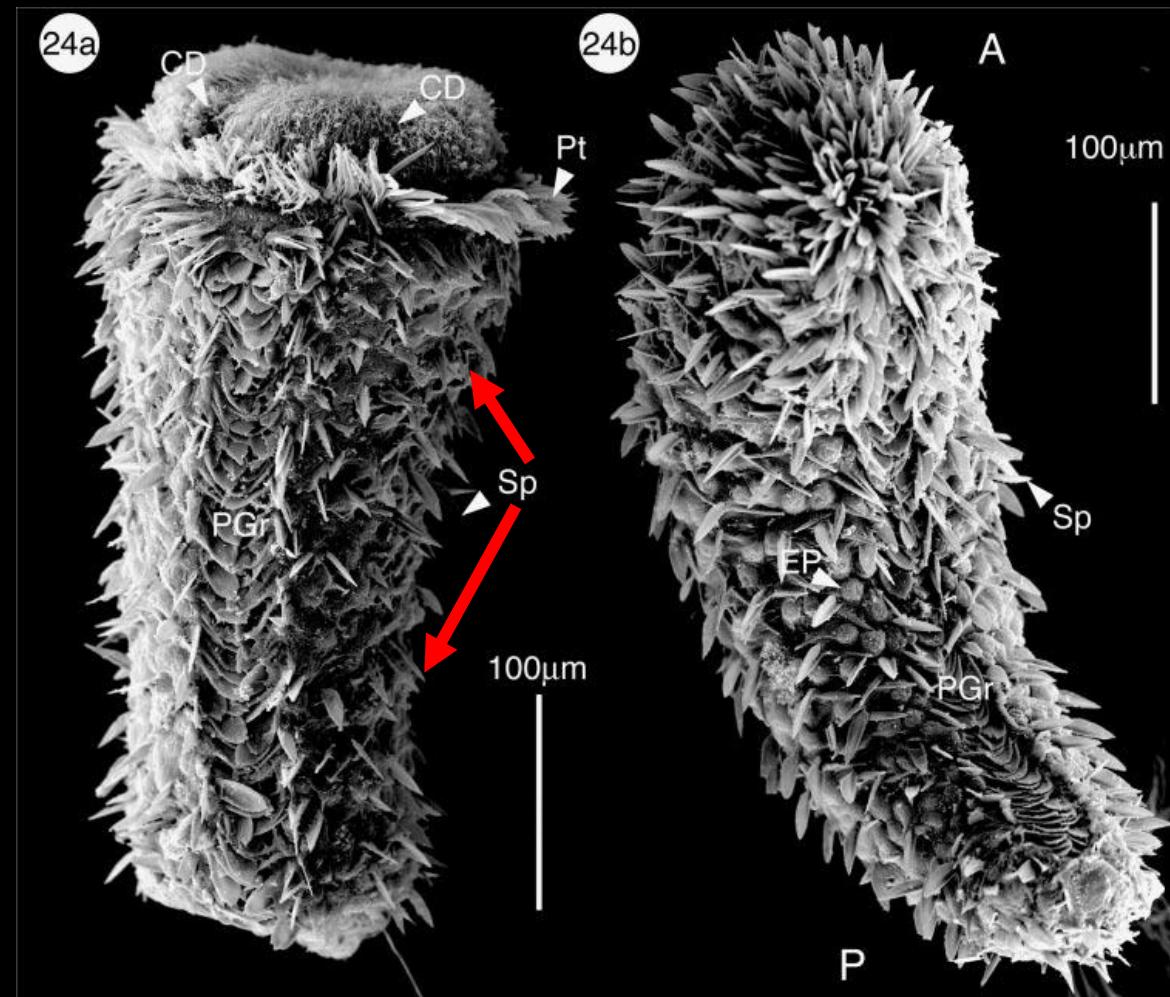
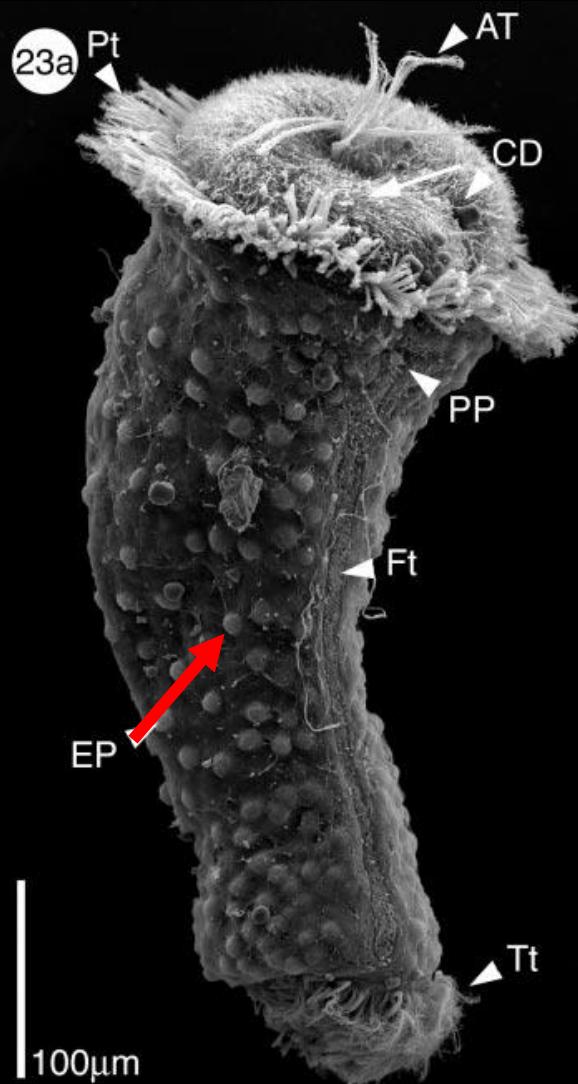
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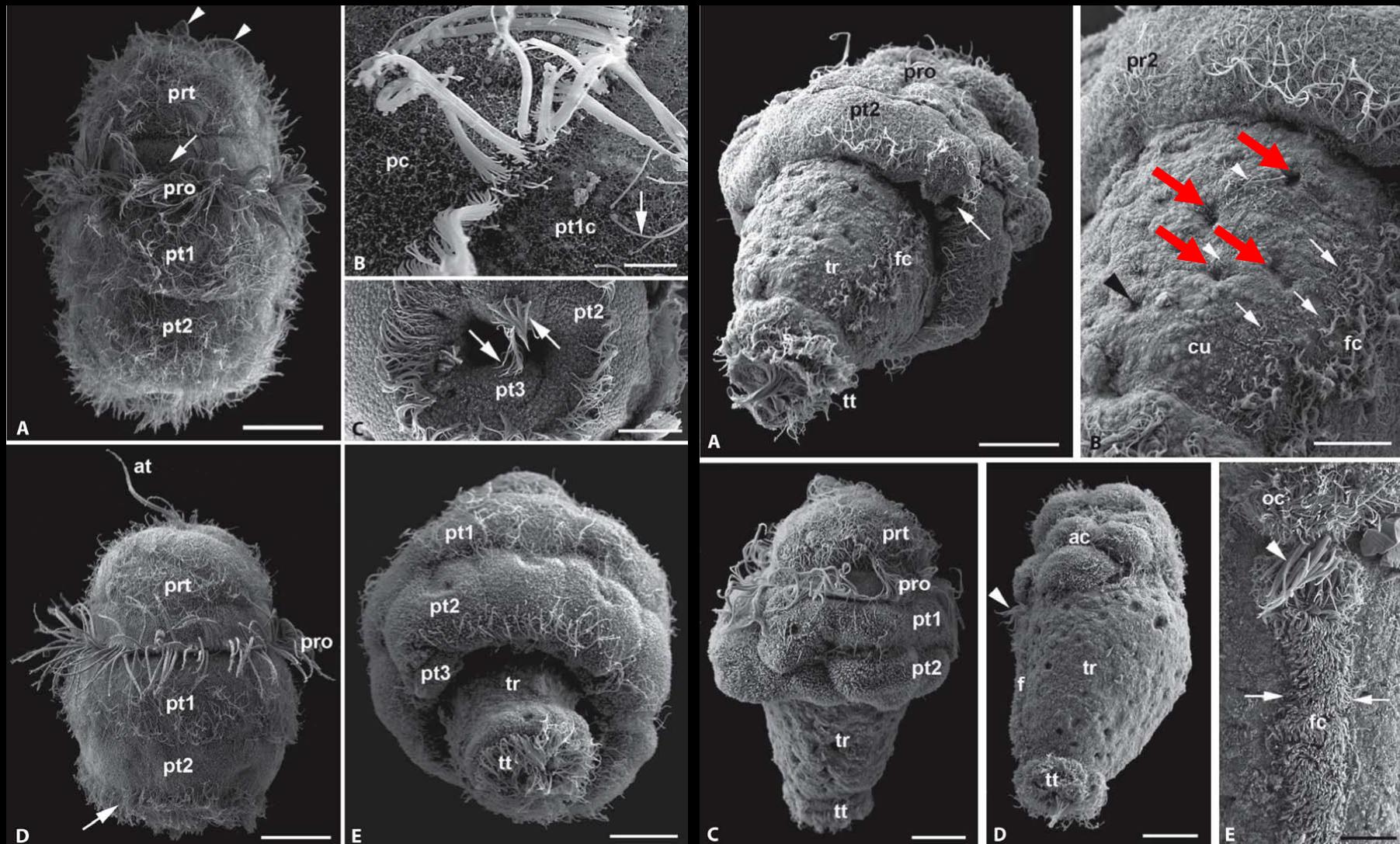
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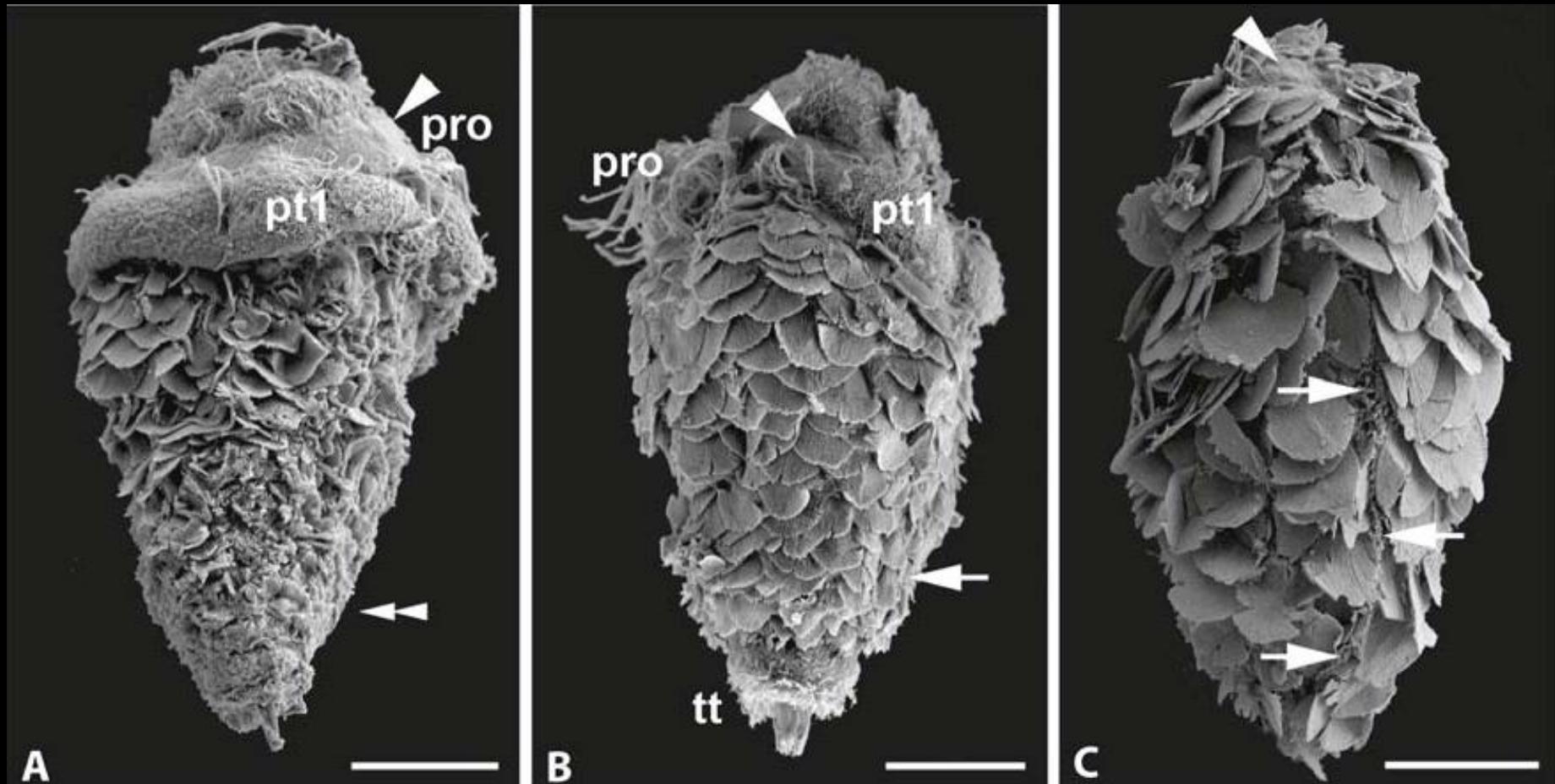
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Solenogastres (Neomeniomorpha): *Wirenia argentea*: epidermal pores not serially arranged



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Solenogastres (Neomeniomorpha): *Wirenia argentea*: no anterior-posterior progression in spicule formation after completion of metamorphosis

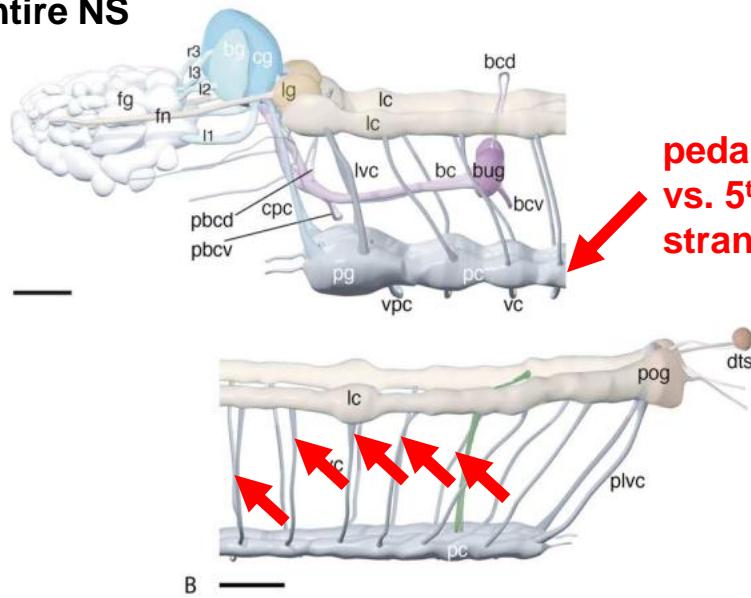


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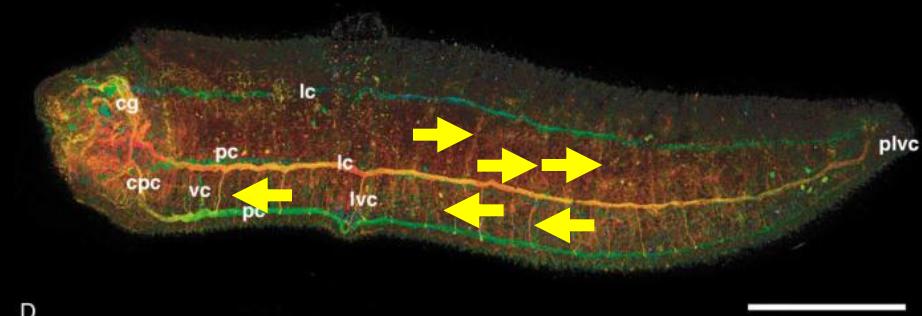
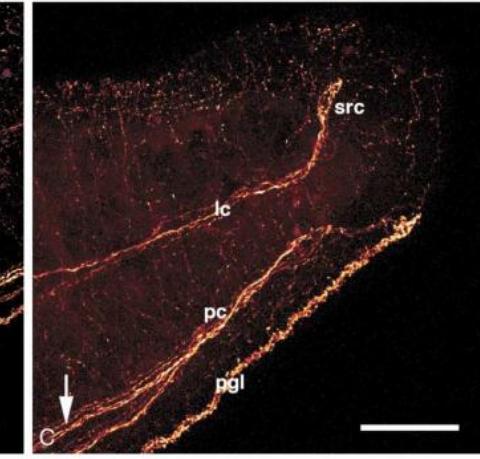
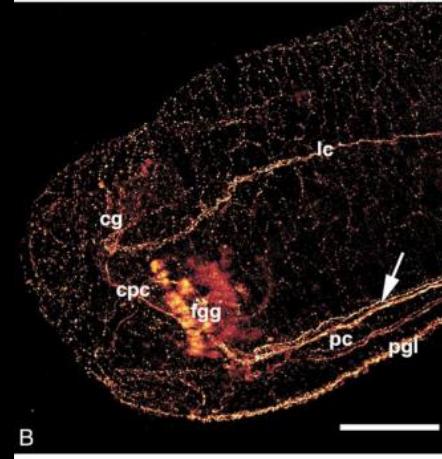
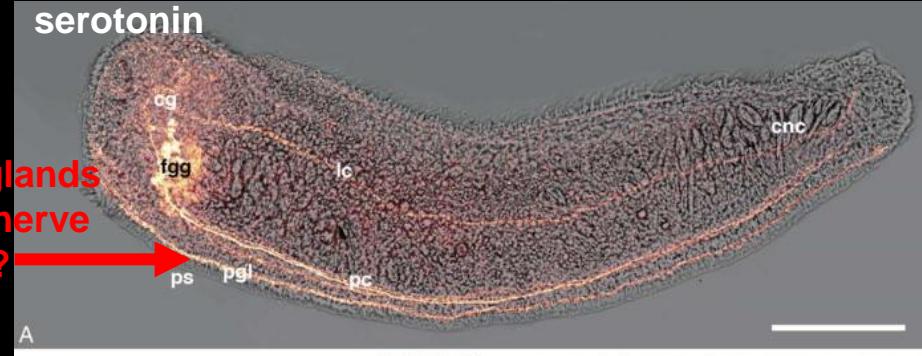
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Solenogastres (*Wirenia argentea*): adult seriality of commissures

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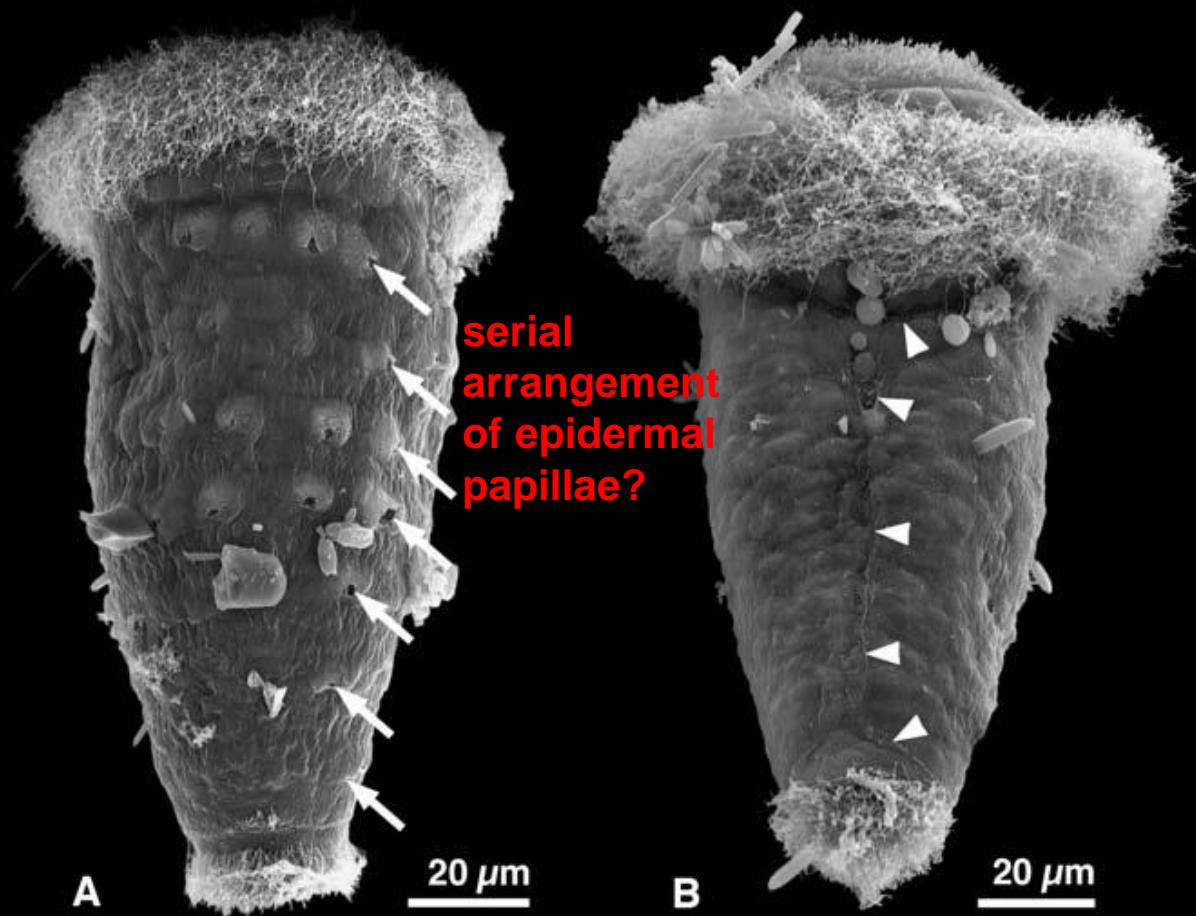


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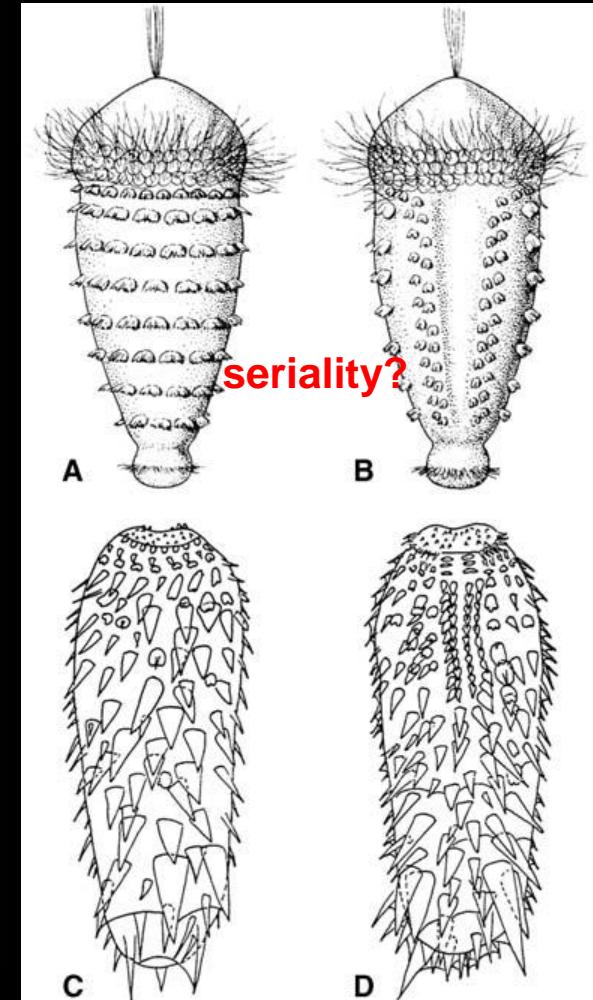


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Caudofoveata (Chaetodermomorpha): *Chaetoderma nitidulum*



serial  
arrangement  
of epidermal  
papillae?

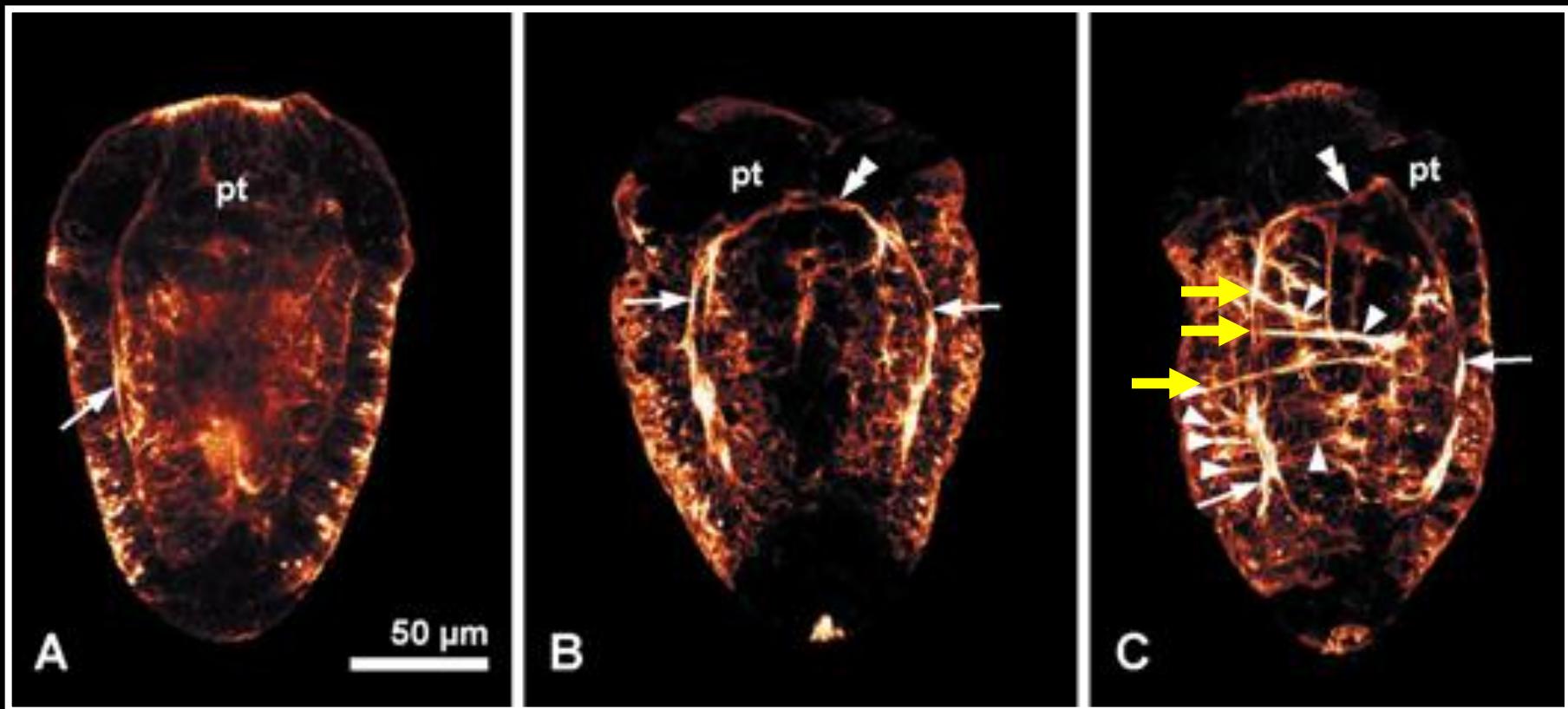


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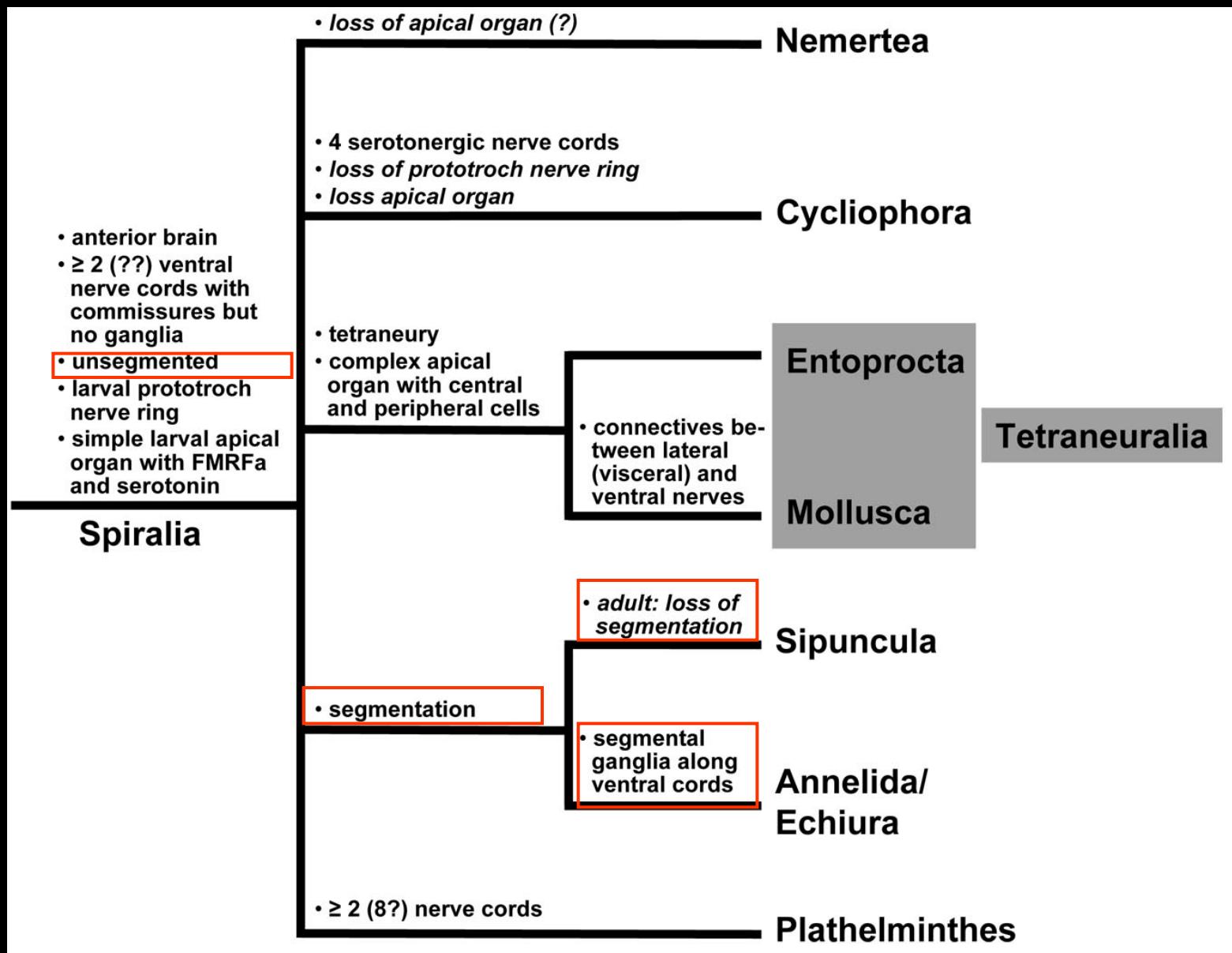
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Myogenesis: **ring muscles not formed in anterior-posterior sequence**



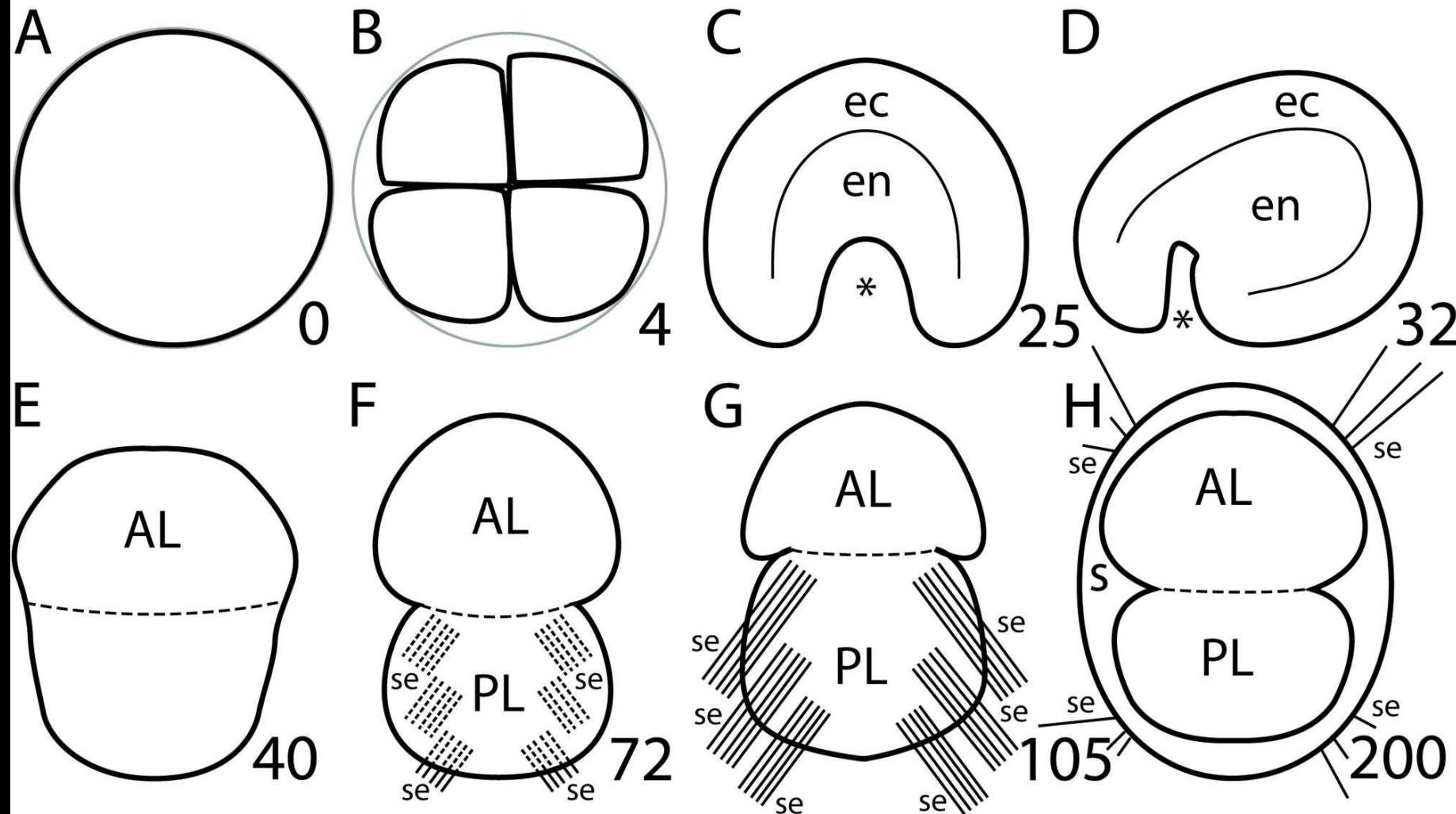
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# Evolution of segmentation in Lophotrochozoa



# Development in Brachiopoda

*Novocrania anomala*



Altenburger & Wanninger: (*unpublished*)

# Development in Brachiopoda

*Novocrania anomala*

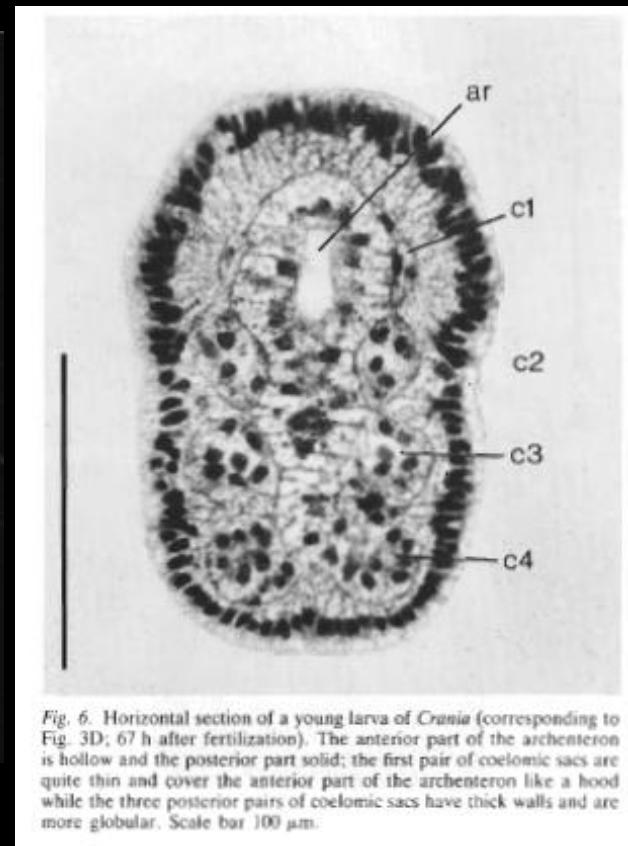
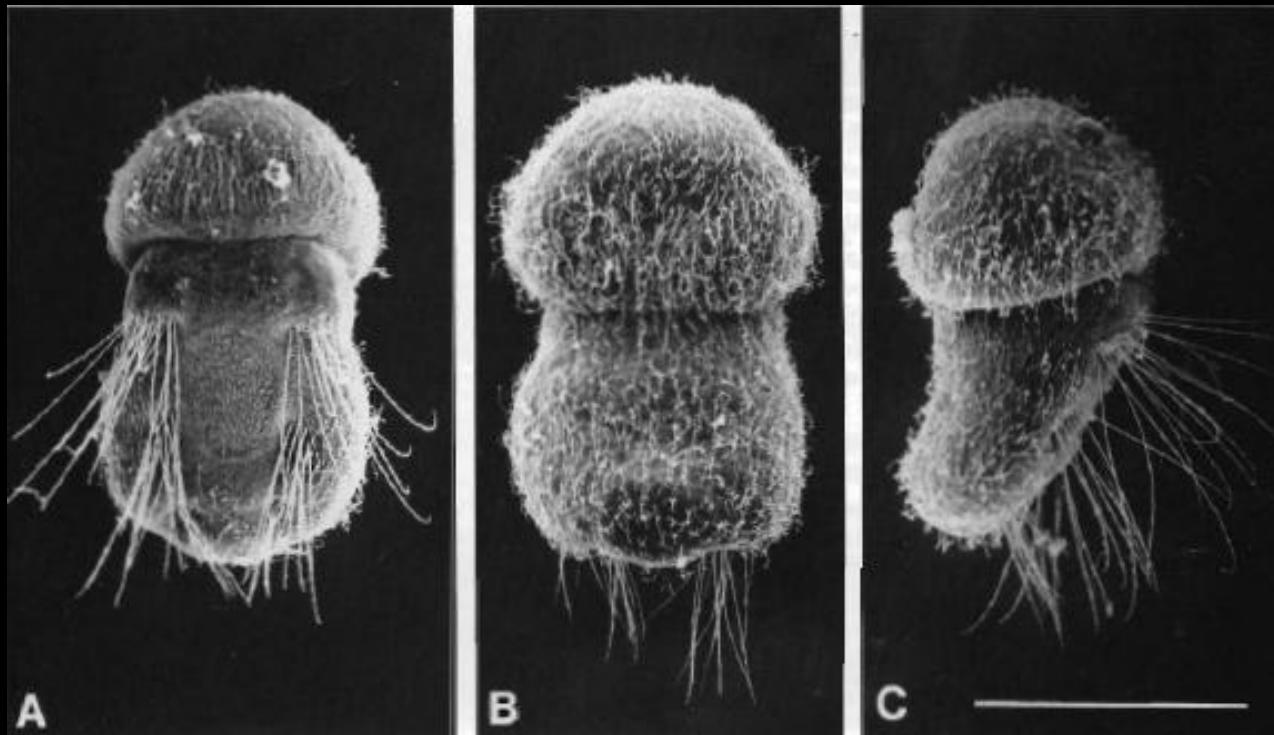


Fig. 6. Horizontal section of a young larva of *Crania* (corresponding to Fig. 3D; 67 h after fertilization). The anterior part of the archenteron is hollow and the posterior part solid; the first pair of coelomic sacs are quite thin and cover the anterior part of the archenteron like a hood while the three posterior pairs of coelomic sacs have thick walls and are more globular. Scale bar 100 µm.

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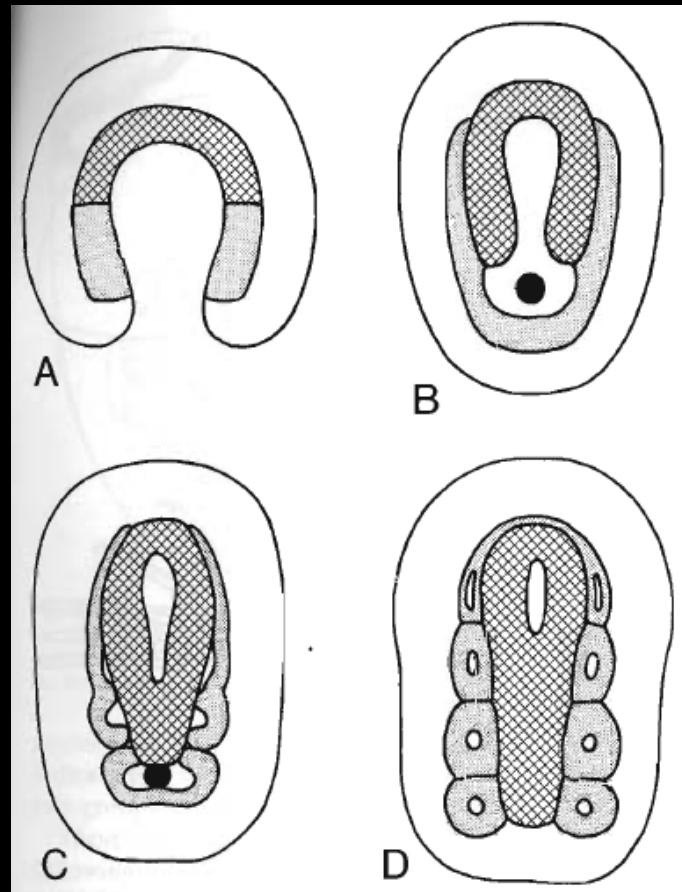
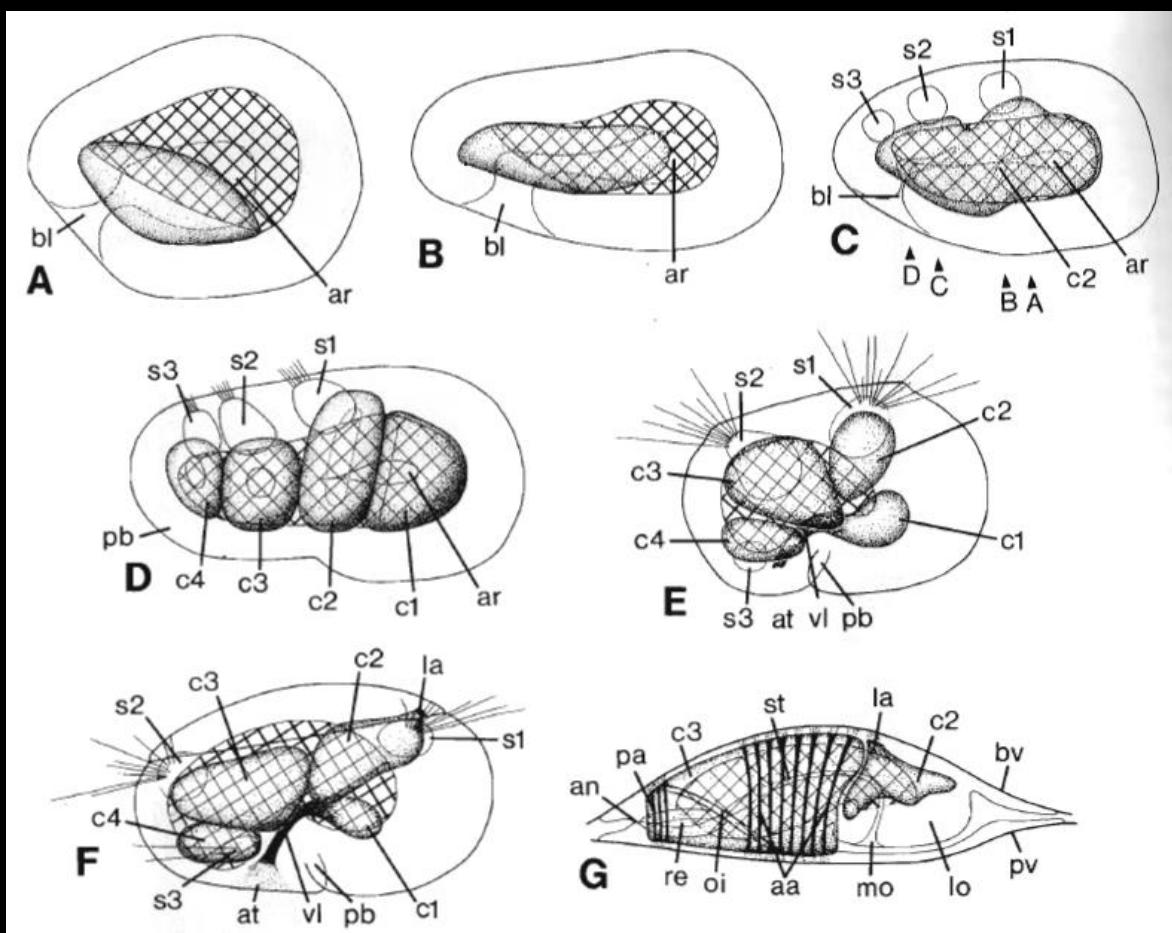
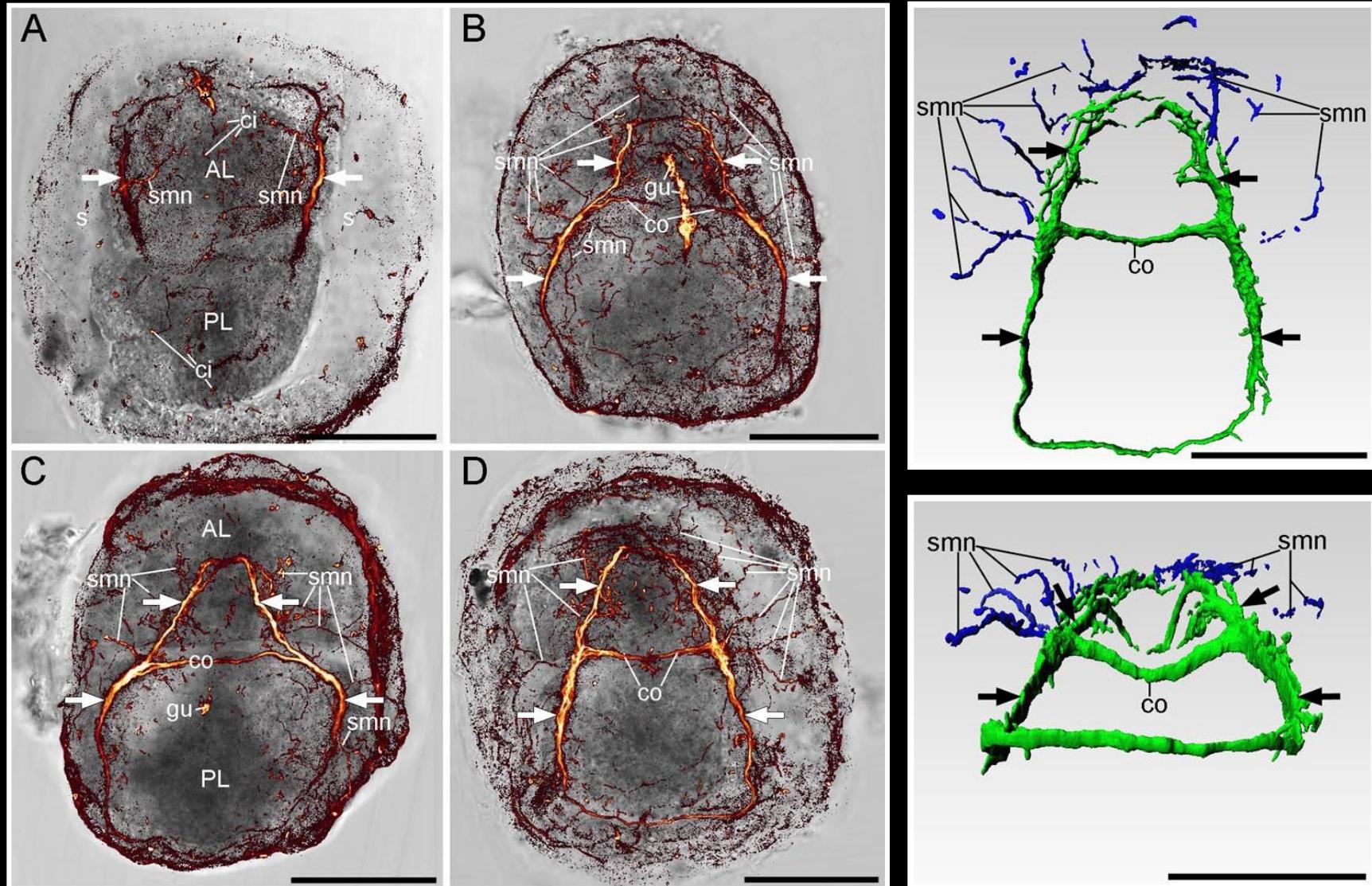


Fig. 18. Diagrams of four stages of the development of the mesoderm (shaded) and the endoderm (cross-hatched) of *Crania*. The black dot indicates the position of the blastopore.

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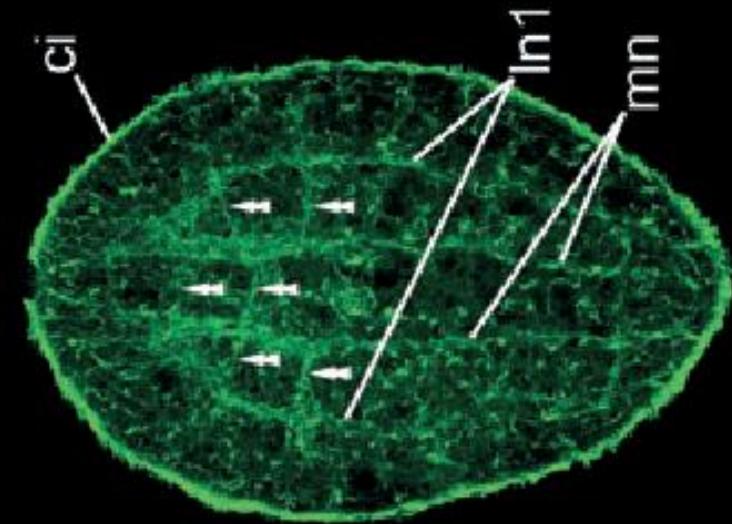
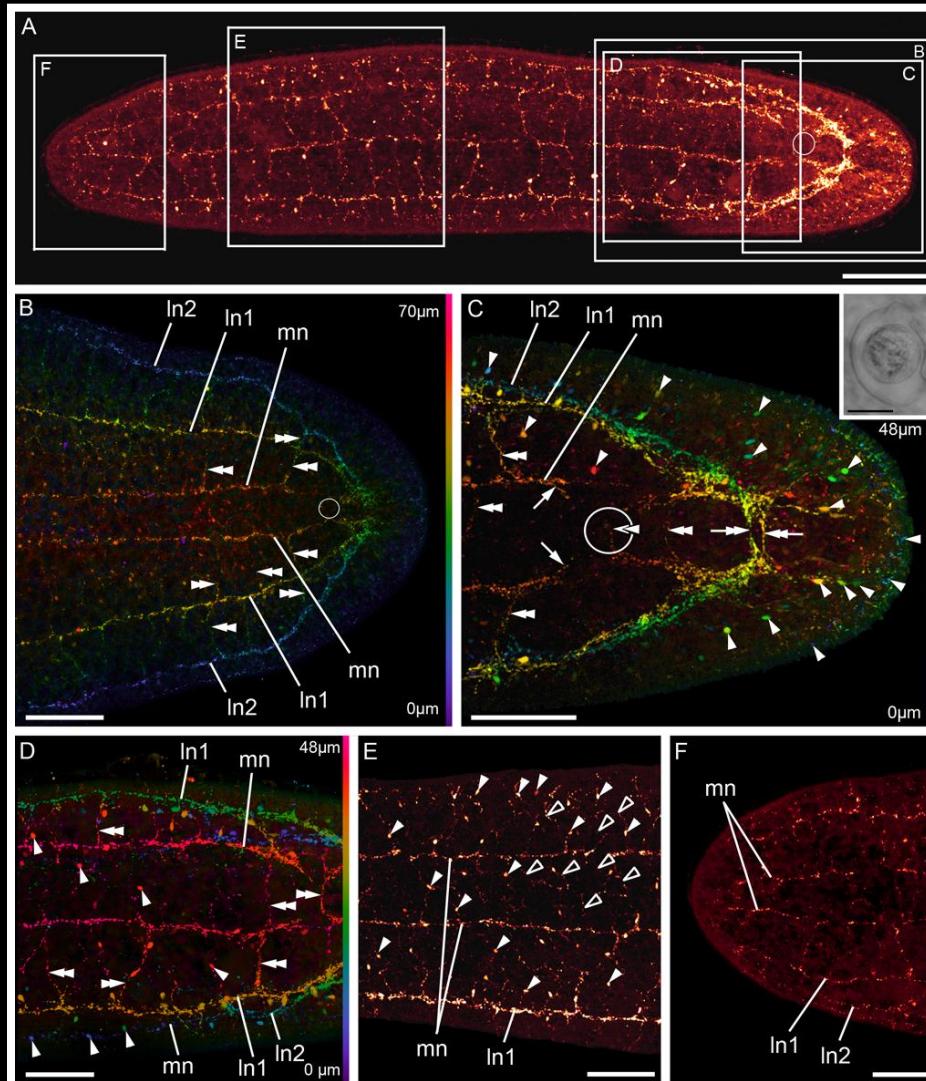
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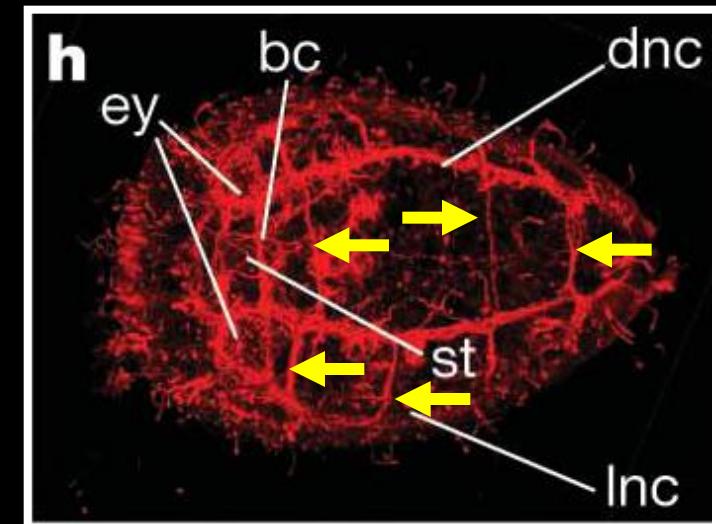
# Neurogenesis in Acoela

- Irregular arrangement of repetitive commissures between connectives
- Formation plexus-like

## *Symsagittifera roscoffensis*



## *Convolutriloba longifissura*



# Evolution of segmentation

Several times independently;

In **Lophotrochozoa**: only  
**Annelida (incl. Echiura and Sipuncula)**;  
First 3 (larval) segments arise simultaneously (??), all others from **posterior growth zone**, one after another (**teloblasts**)

In **Arthropoda**:

- 1) In **Drosophila**: simultaneously
- 2) In **crustaceans**: first 3 larval (naupliar) segments simultaneously, all others from posterior growth zone, one after another (**ectoteloblasts**)
- 3) others: first segments simultaneously, all others from posterior growth zone, one after another (**blastodisc**)

## Box 2 | Diverse cellular mechanisms of segmentation in arthropods

In *Drosophila melanogaster*, all segments are patterned more or less simultaneously while the blastoderm is still syncytial (panel a; also see BOX 1). By contrast, most other arthropods pattern a small number of segments at the blastoderm stage, and then add posterior segments consecutively from a growth zone. The first patterned segments include at least the three anterior segments: the antennal segment, the intercalary segment (which is the second antennal segment in crustaceans) and the mandibular segment. These three segments are sometimes referred to as the naupliar segments, and are the only ones that are present in the larval stages of many crustacean groups. In many insects, in addition to the naupliar segments, two to five other segments are formed in the blastoderm stage, including up to three thoracic segments. Little is known about the mechanism behind the formation of anterior segments. It is possible that they are generated by a mechanism that is distinct from those that function during the formation of more posterior segments.

In most arthropods posterior segments are generated in a cellular environment. In some cases these segments arise from a small population of posterior cells in the blastoderm, which proliferate later to generate the tissue from which segments are patterned (this occurs, for example, in *Artemia franciscana* and other brachiopod crustaceans, and in most 'short germ' insects). In other cases (such as in the centipede *Strigamia maritima*, panel b) a blastodisc that contains many thousands of apparently undifferentiated cells persists after the completion of anterior segmentation, and posterior segments are generated sequentially from this population by a combination of proliferation and cell rearrangement.

In MALACOSTRACAN crustaceans, cells of the germ band organize into a square array, each row of which will give rise to a single segment through a stereotyped series of polarized cell divisions (panel c). Sometimes these rows are generated by the aggregation of cells from a preformed blastodisc (for example, in *Parhyale hawaiensis* and other AMPHIPODS). In many cases they are generated by the sequential divisions of ectoteloblasts — stem cells that lie at the posterior of the germ band.

