

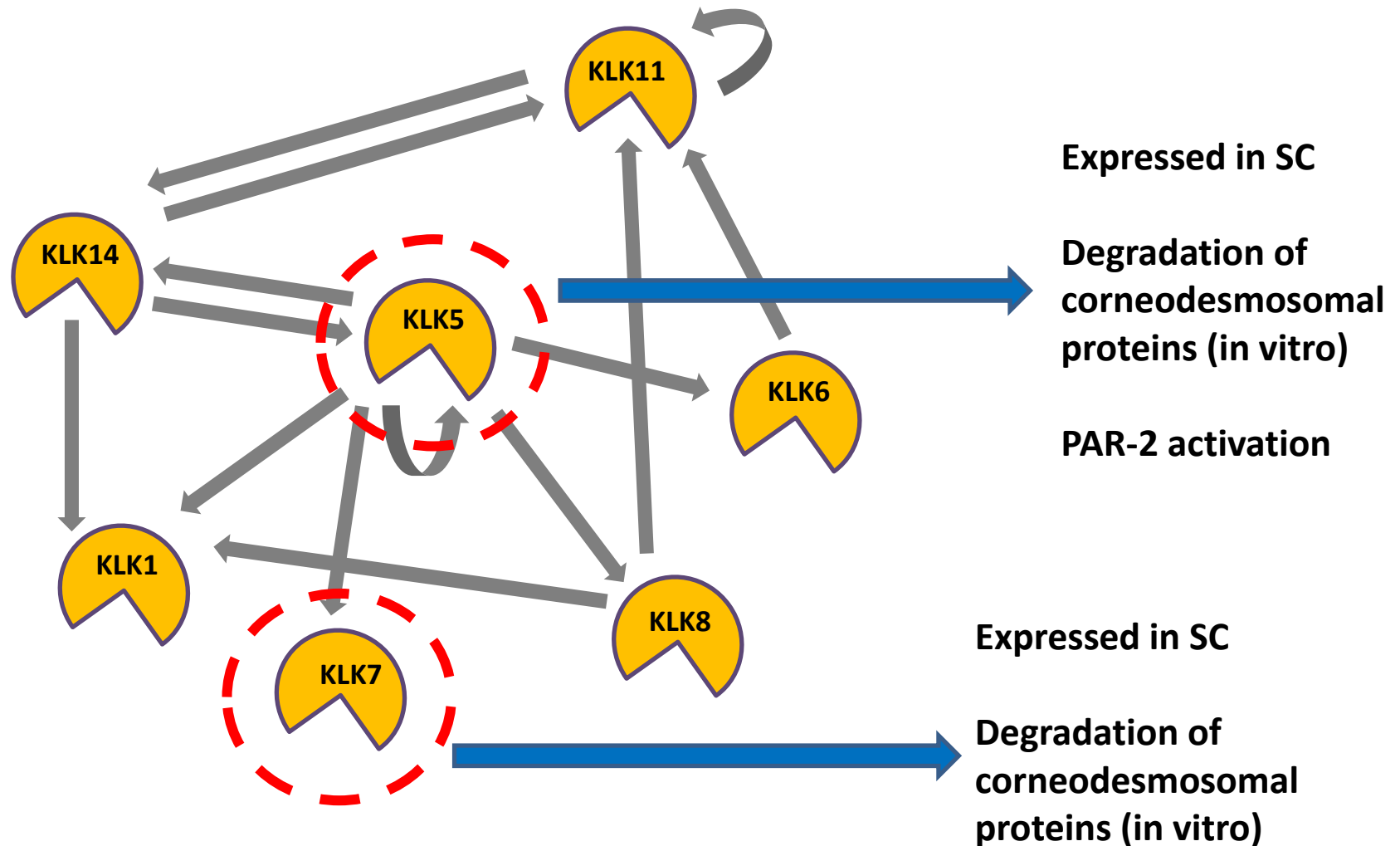
# **KLK5 and KLK7 ablation fully rescues lethality of Netherton syndrome-Like Phenotype**

**programmable nucleases help to reveal functional networks**

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# Kallikrein-related peptidases (KLKs) in epidermis

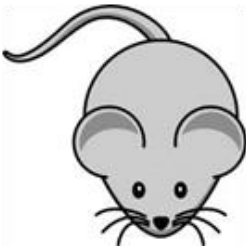


# What is the role of individual kallikreins in the epidermal-kallikrein network ?

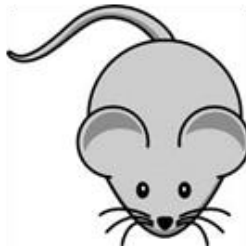
Cooperation,  
redundancy?

# Generation of Klk-deficient models

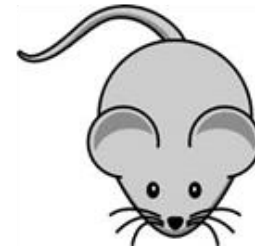
Klk5 -/-



Klk7 -/-



Klk5/7 -/-



# KLK5 and KLK7 single-deficient mice do not show any obvious skin phenotype

wt



Klk5<sup>-/-</sup>



Klk7<sup>-/-</sup>

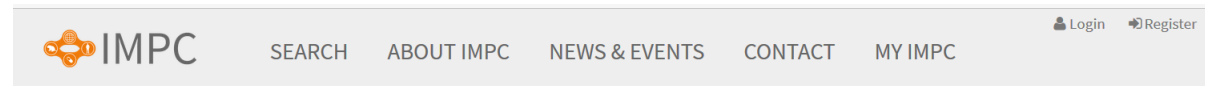


Compensatory, redundancy, cooperation effects between KLK5 and KLK7?

=> generation of Klk5/Klk7 DKO mice

# Klk5 deficient mice do not show any obvious phenotype

## International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium: IMPC



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### Gene: Klk5

Name	kallikrein related-peptidase 5
Synonyms	1110030O19Rik
Status	<a href="#">ES Cells</a> <a href="#">Mice tm2a</a> <a href="#">Mice tm2b</a> <a href="#">phenotype data available</a>
Links	<a href="#">MGI:1915918</a> <a href="#">Ensembl Gene</a> <a href="#">Ensembl Orthologs</a> <a href="#">ENU(7)</a>

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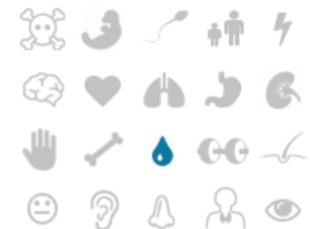
### All Phenotypes Summary

Based on automated MP annotations supported by experiments on knockout mouse models.  
Click on icons to go to all Klk5 data for that phenotype.

All Data:

[Klk5 Measurements](#)

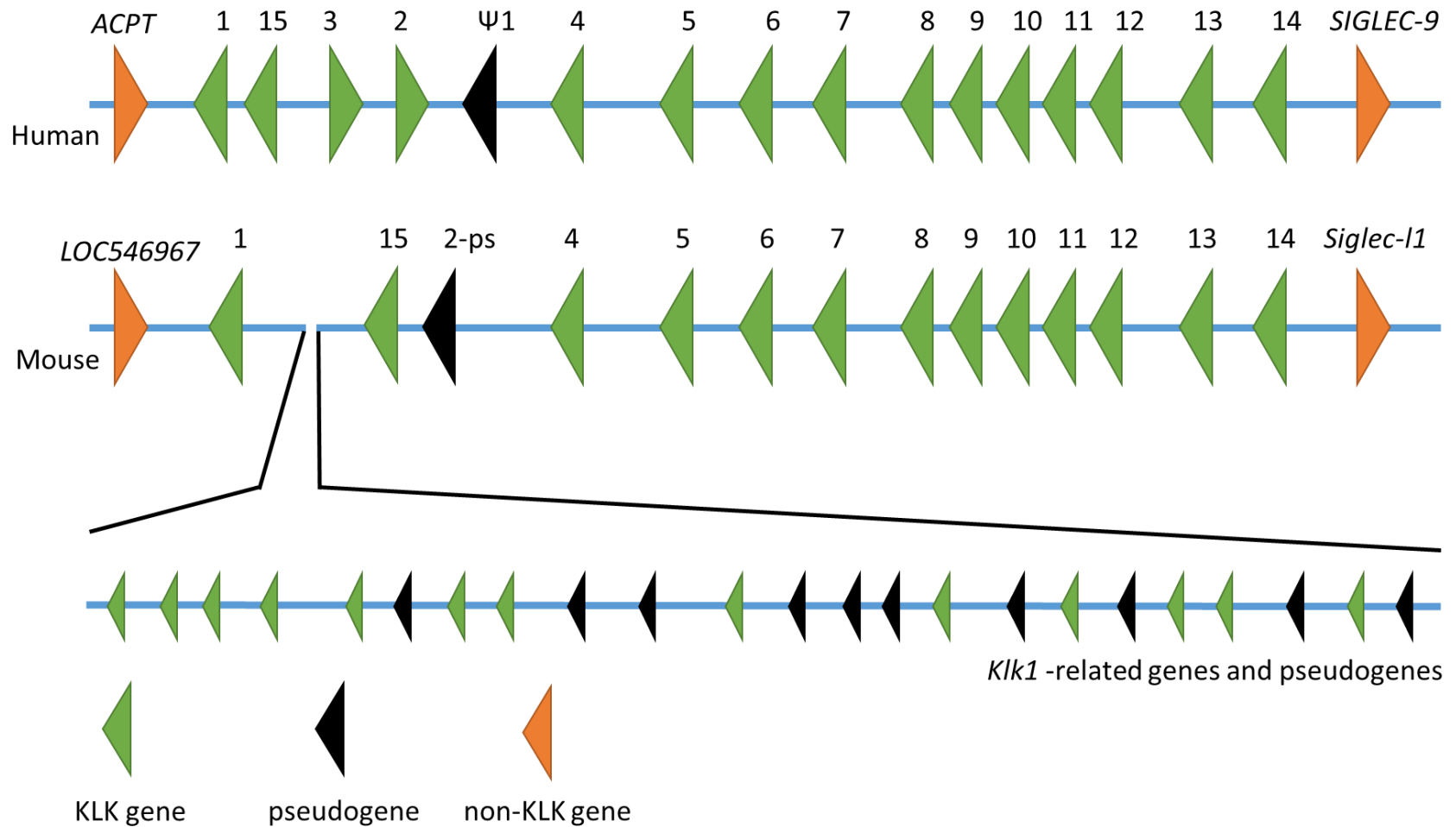
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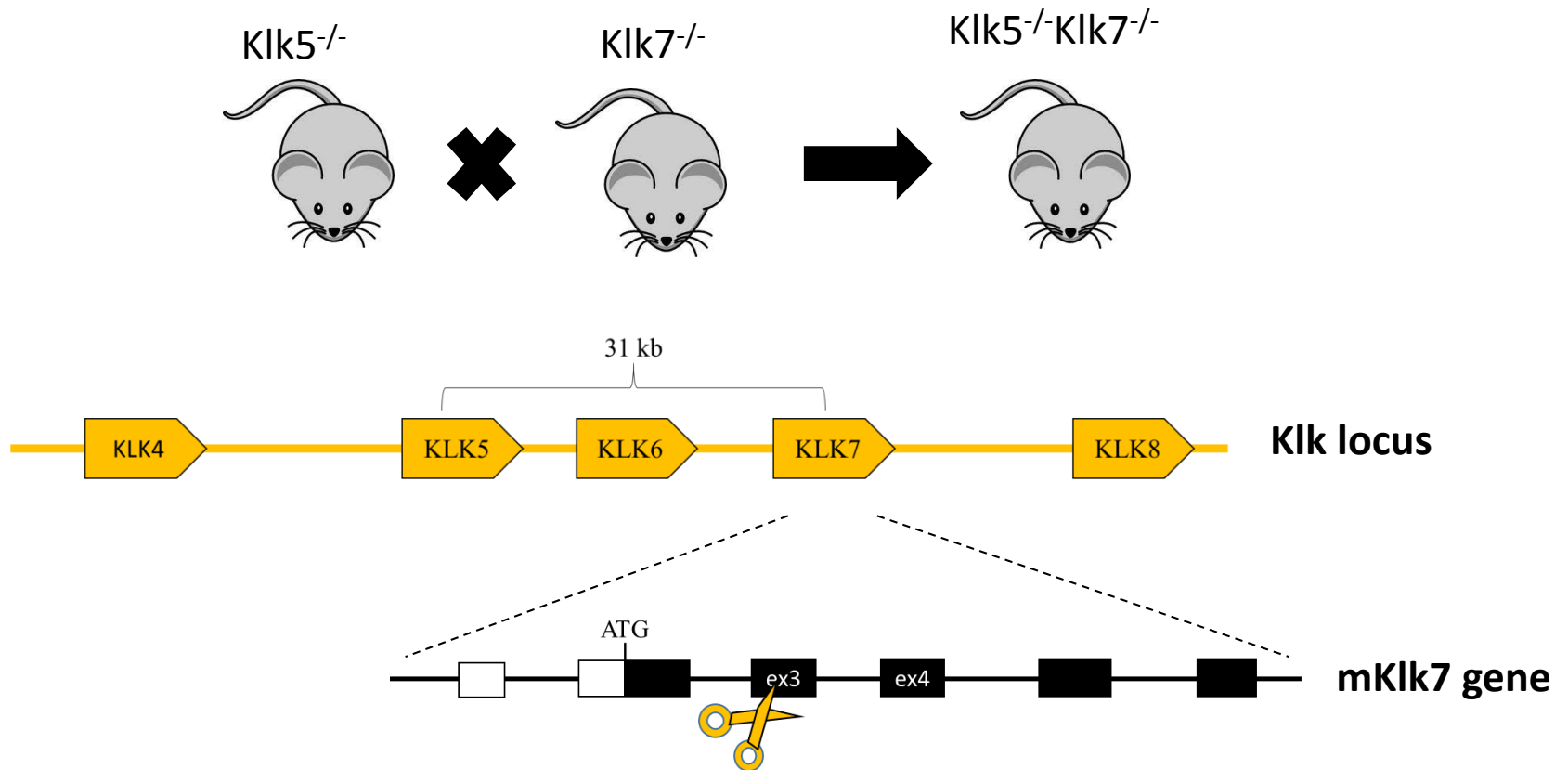
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No results meet the p-value threshold

# Organization of Klk locus

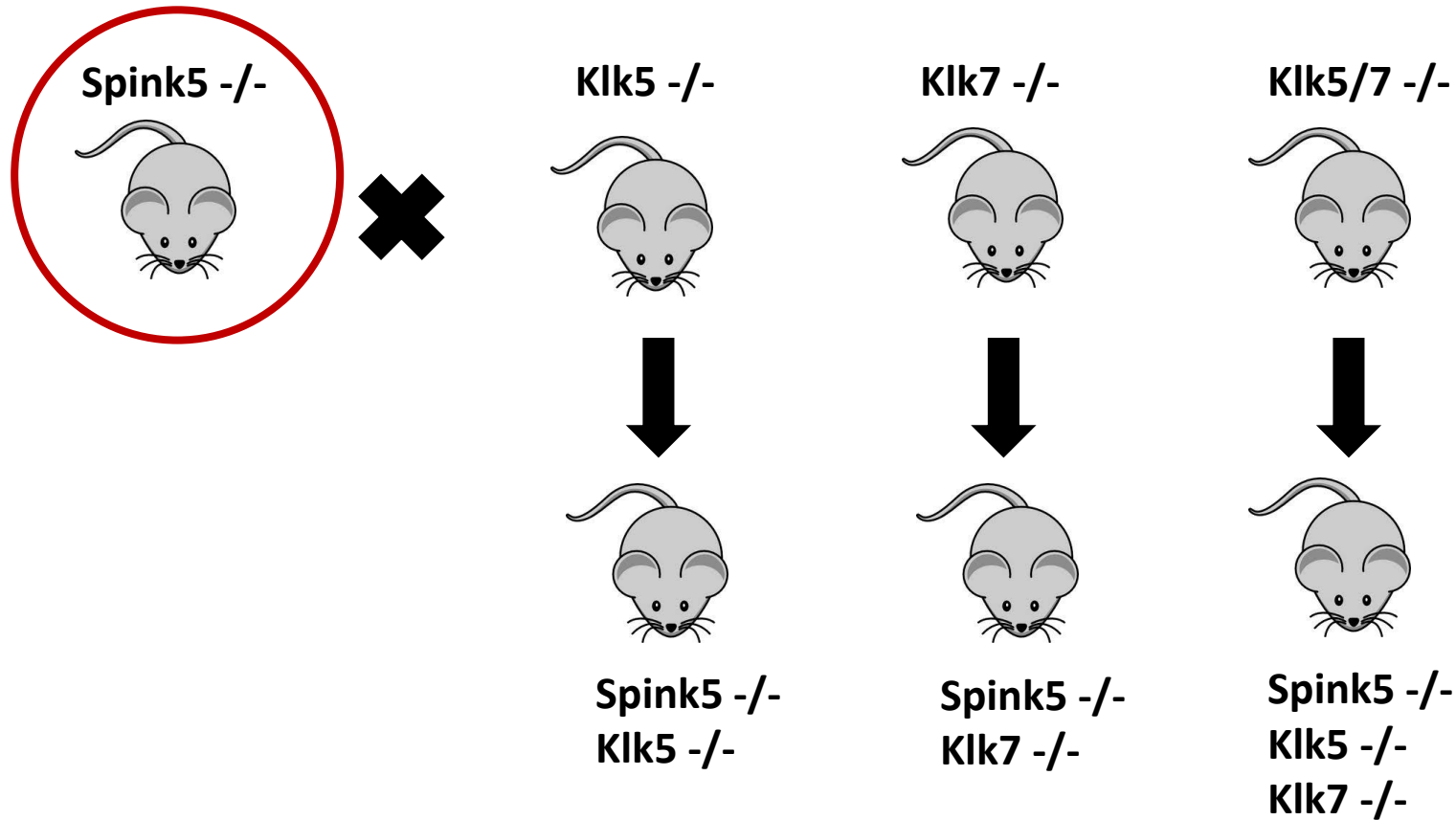


# Generation of Klk5/Klk7 dKO mice using TALEN technology





# KLK-inhibitor network: generation of Klk x Spink5 double and triple deficient mice



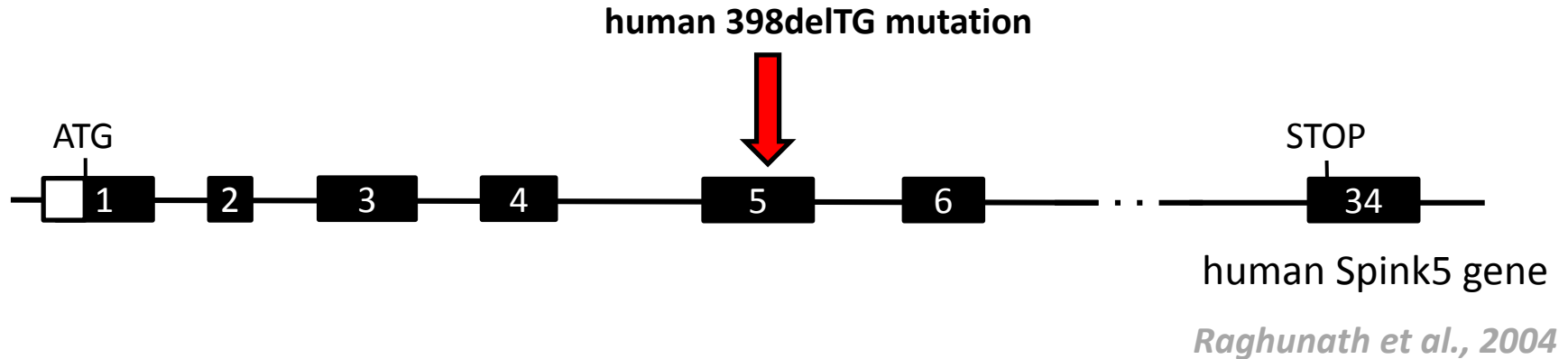
# Netherton syndrome



- Autosomal recessive genetic disorder
- 1 in 200 000 newborn children
- Red, scaly, exfoliating epidermis
- Chronic skin inflammation
- Growth retardation
- Specific hair shaft defects (bamboo hair)
- Caused by mutation in Spink5 gene



# Generation of a mouse model for Netherton syndrome



human wt: 5' CTG TGT GCT GAG AAT GCG 3'

human 398delTG: 5' CTG TGC **TGA** . . . 3'

murine wt: 5' CTG TGT GCT GAG AAT GCG 3'

murine 402delTG: 5' CTG TGC **TGA** . . . 3'

# Generation of a mouse model for Netherton syndrome

wt



TALEN  
mutagenesis



Spink5<sup>A135X/A135X</sup>

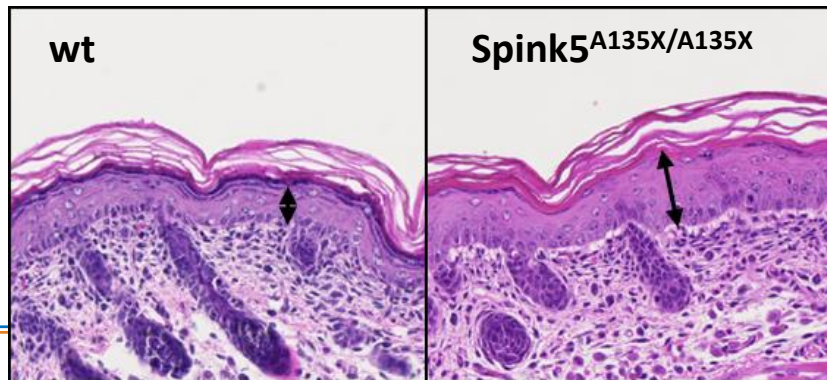


**lethal**

**Abnormal differentiation of  
epidermis:**

Acanthosis  
Parakeratosis

wt

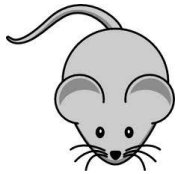


Spink5<sup>A135X/A135X</sup>

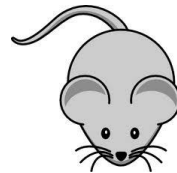
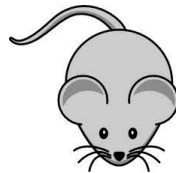


# Generation of Klk x Spink5 double and triple deficient mice

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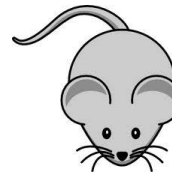
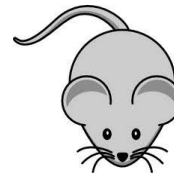


Klk5 -/-



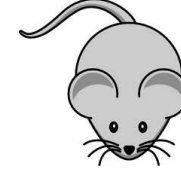
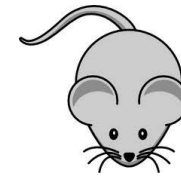
Spink5 -/-  
Klk5 -/-

Klk7 -/-



Spink5 -/-  
Klk7 -/-

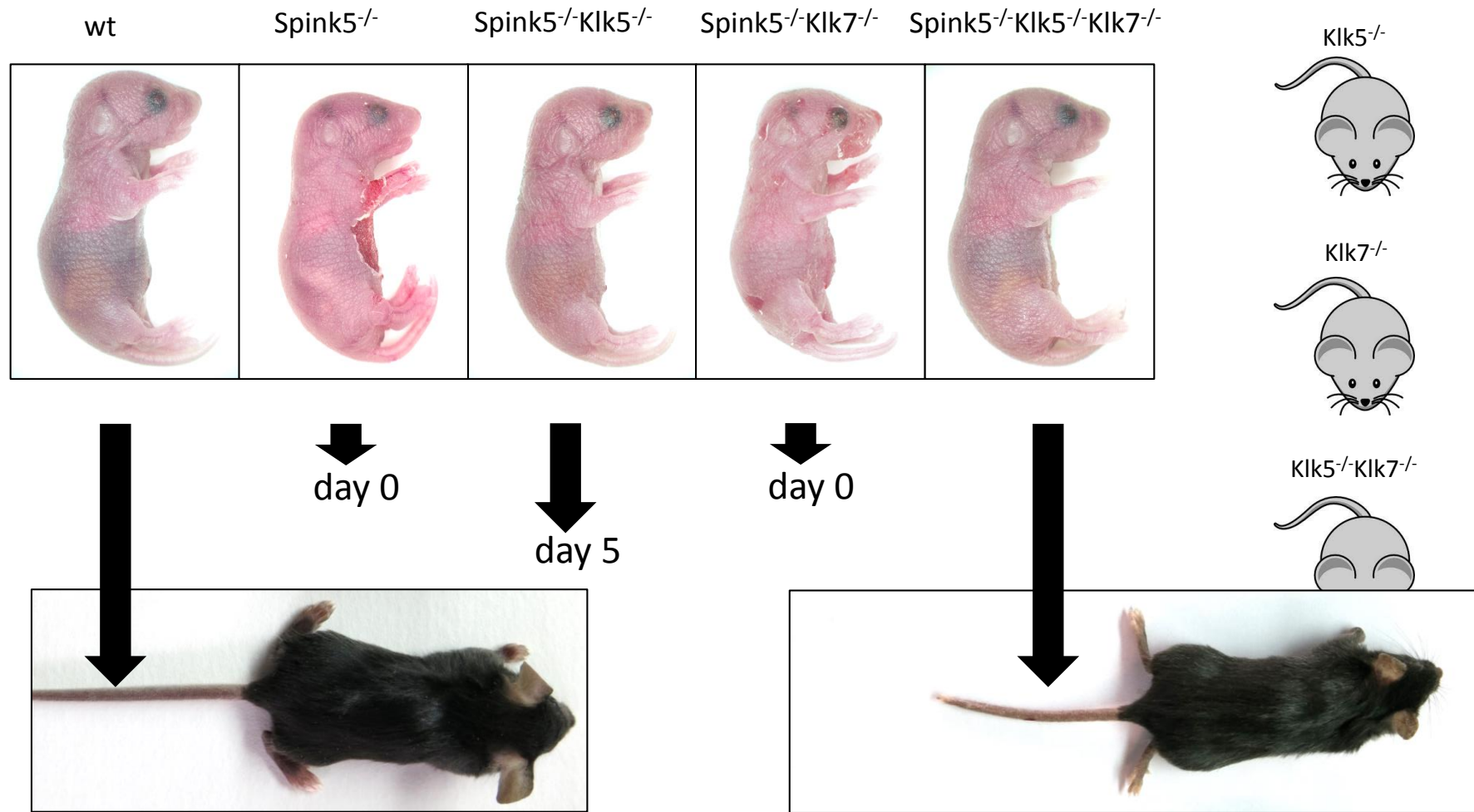
Klk5/7 -/-



Spink5 -/-  
Klk5 -/-  
Klk7 -/-

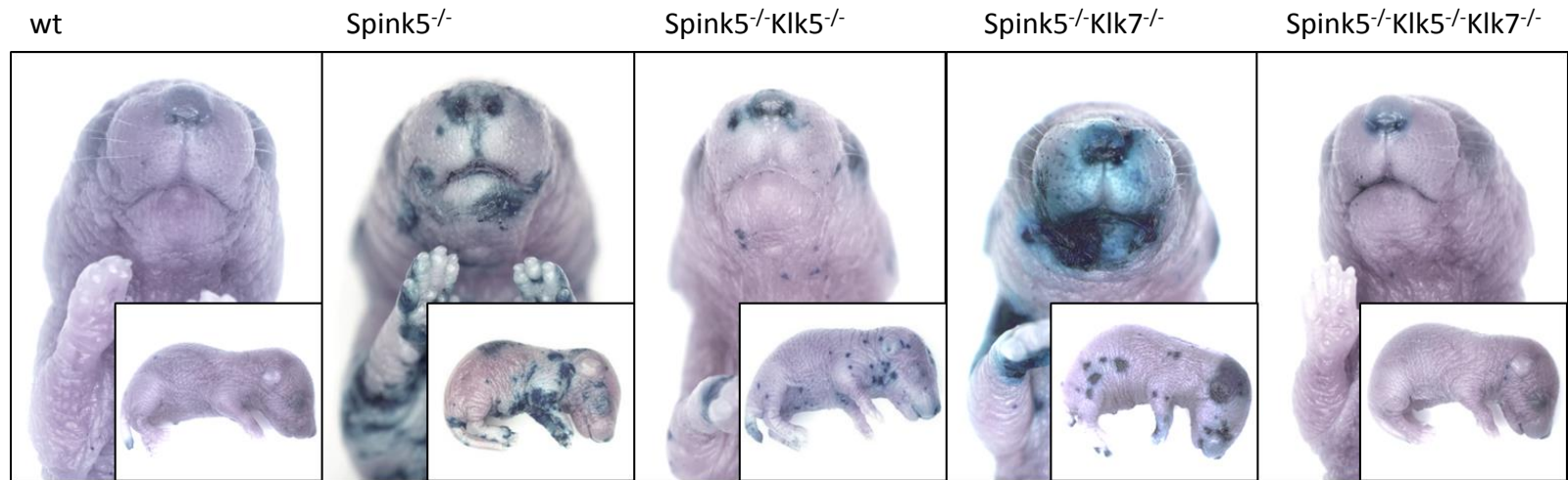


# Simultaneous inactivation of KLK5 and KLK7 rescues lethal phenotype of NS mouse model

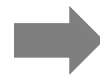
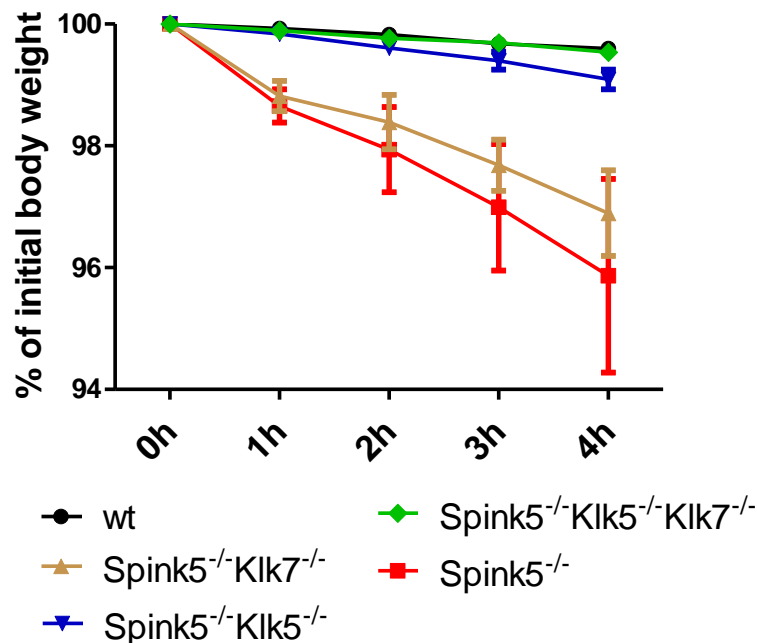




# Both, KLK5 and KLK7 contribute to skin barrier defects



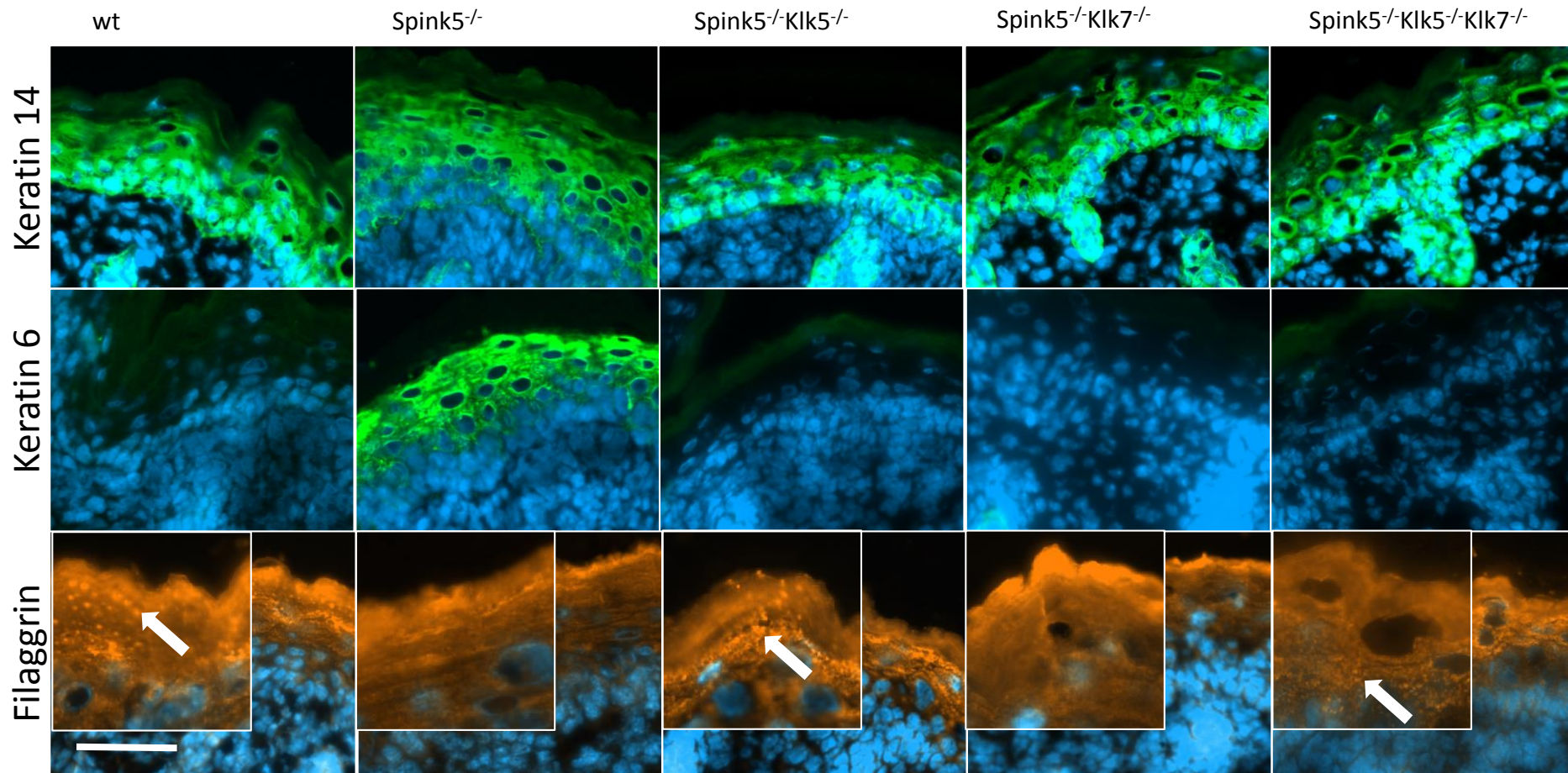
Toluidine blue penetration assay



**Unregulated activity of KLK5 causes severe postnatal dehydration at P0**

**KLK7 causes damage of epidermal barrier independently of KLK5 activation**

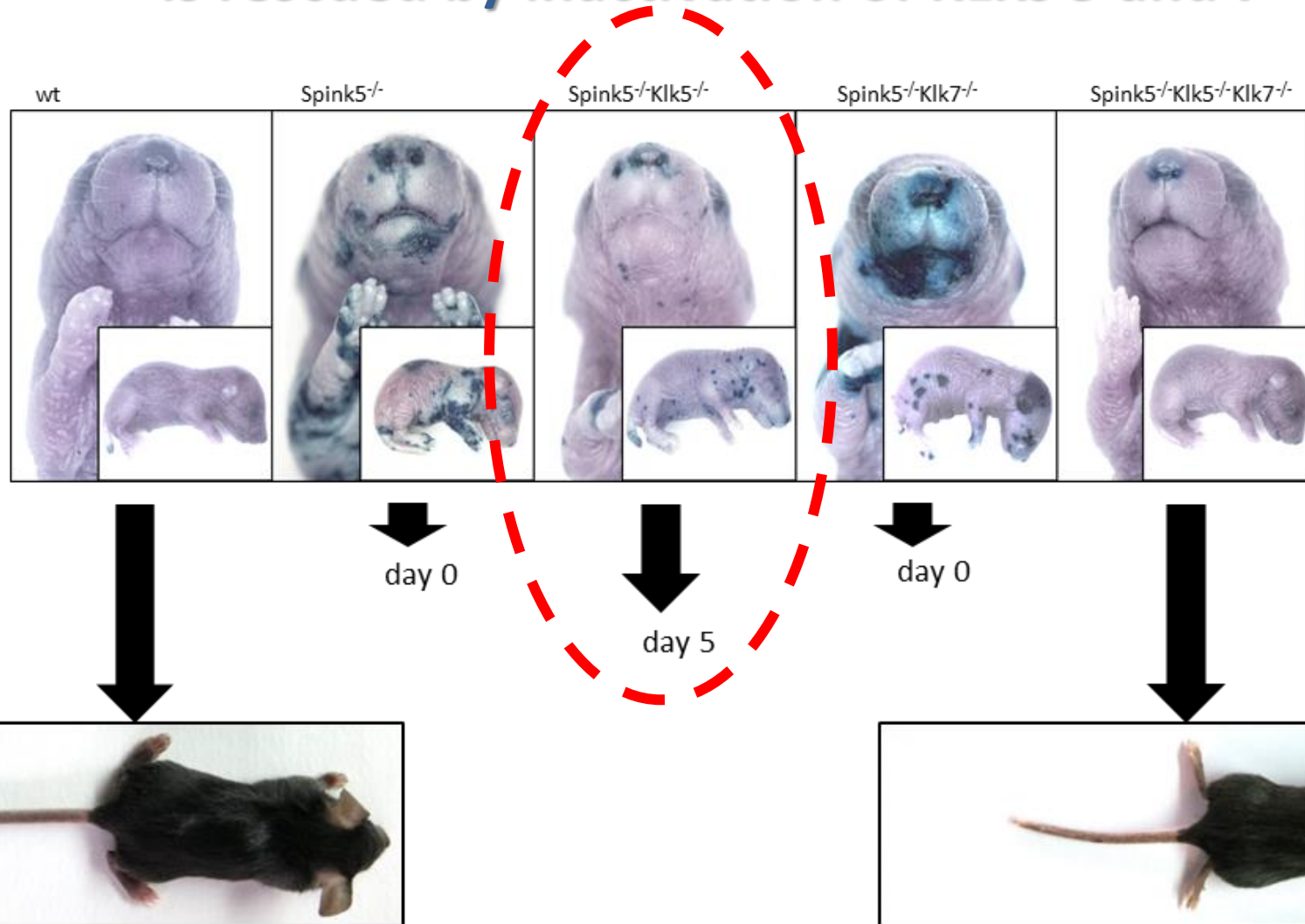
# Abnormal differentiation of epidermis in *Spink5*<sup>-/-</sup> pups is rescued upon ablation of **KLK5/KLK7**



Abnormal processing of profilaggrin is associated with **KLK5** activity and may contribute to impaired water retention of *Spink5*<sup>-/-</sup> and *Spink5*<sup>-/-</sup>*KLK7*<sup>-/-</sup> epidermis



# Epidermal barrier disruption in NS mouse model is rescued by inactivation of KLKs 5 and 7



Kasperek et al., PLOS Genetics, 2017

# Unregulated activity of KLK7 causes severe epidermal barrier damage in time dependent manner

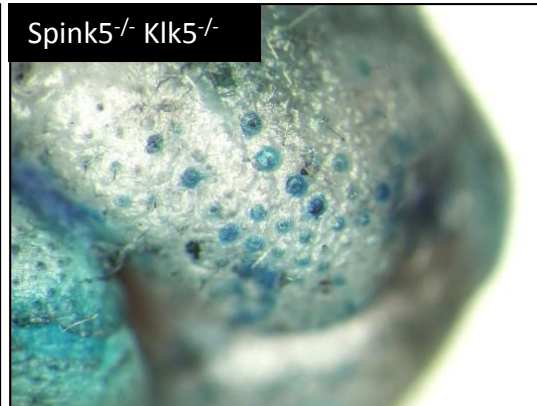
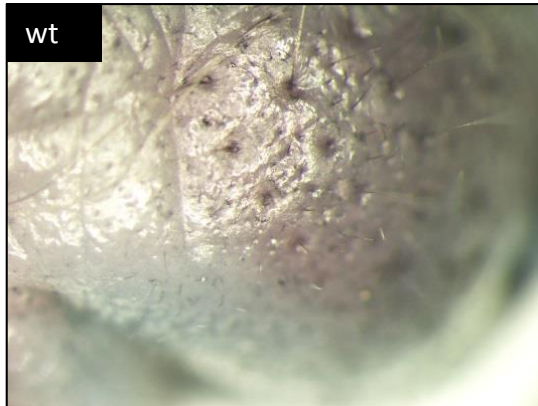
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Klk5<sup>-/-</sup>



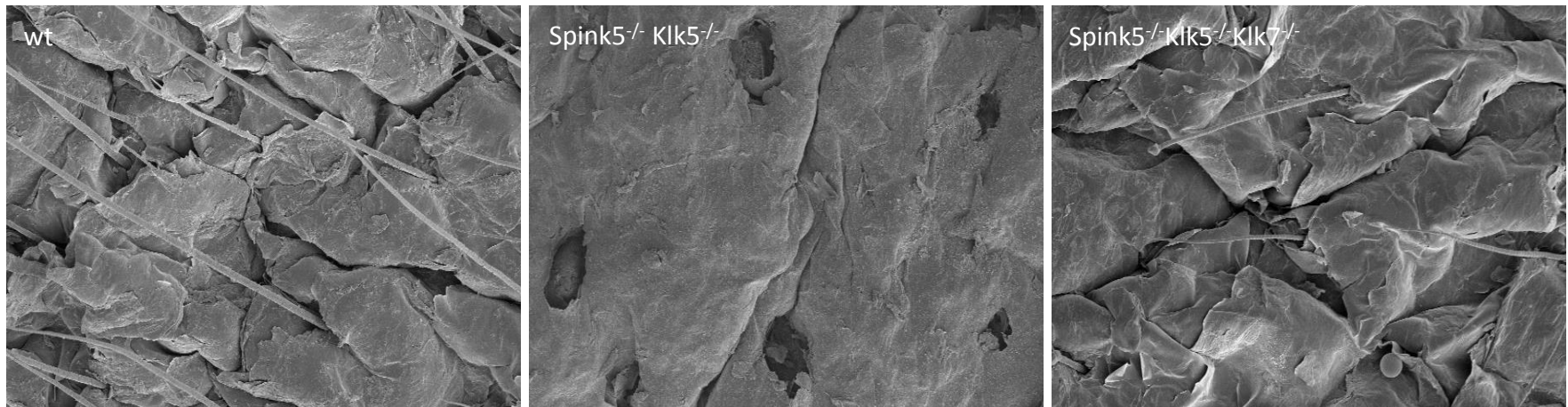
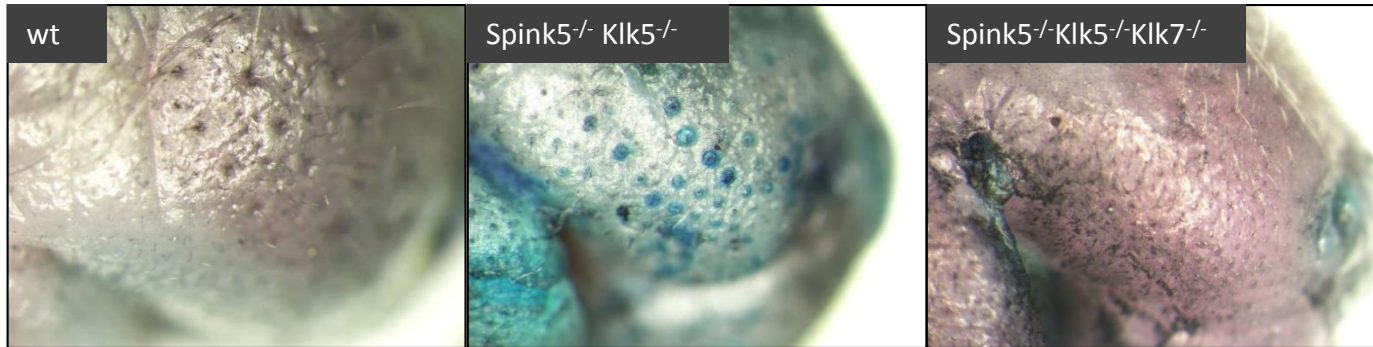
P0



P5



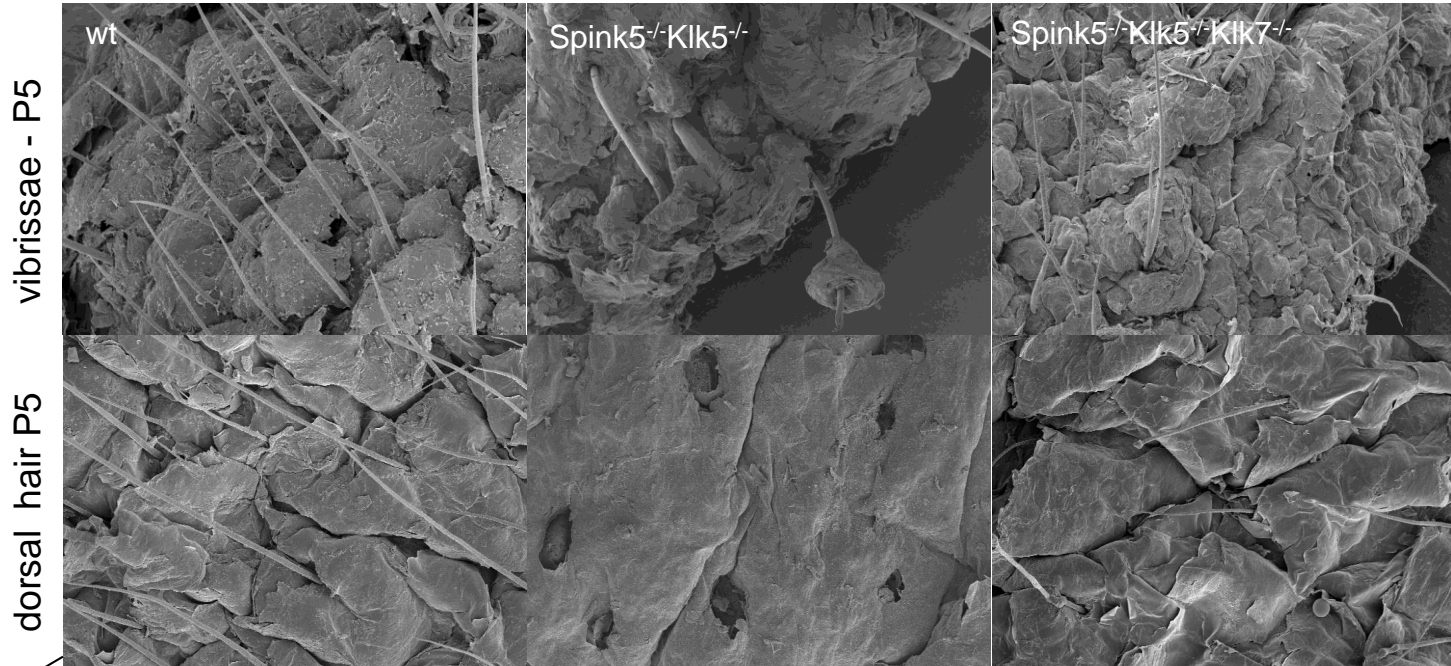
# Unregulated activity of KLK7 causes severe epidermal barrier damage in time dependent manner



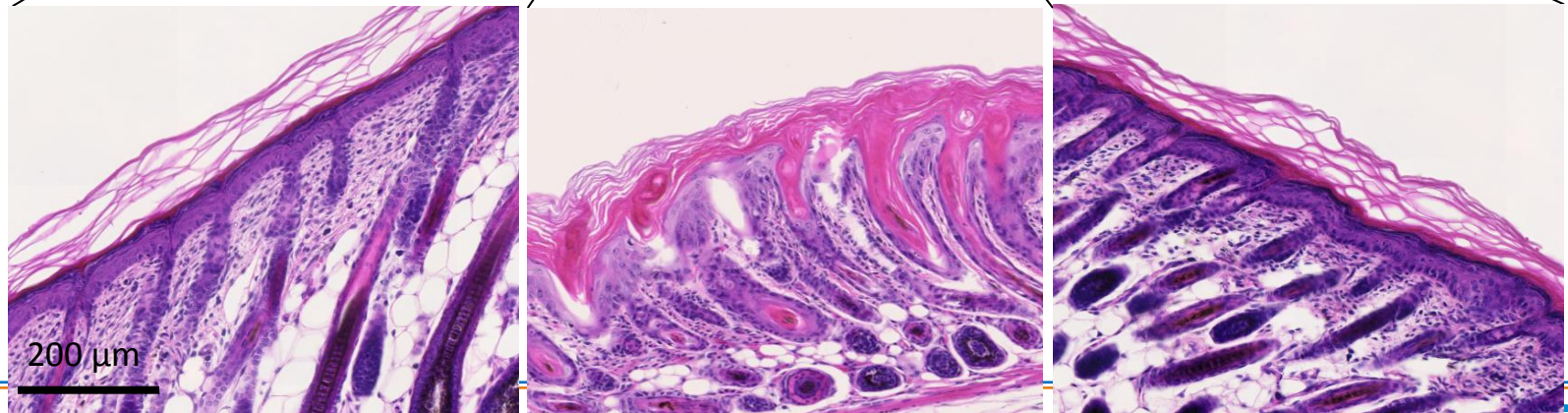
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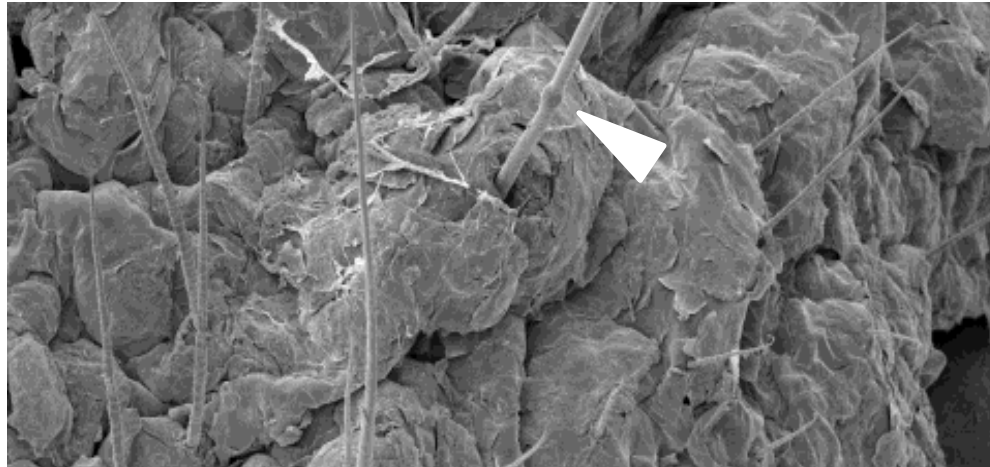
# Unregulated activity of KLK7 causes severe damage of epidermis in time dependent manner



H&E – P5



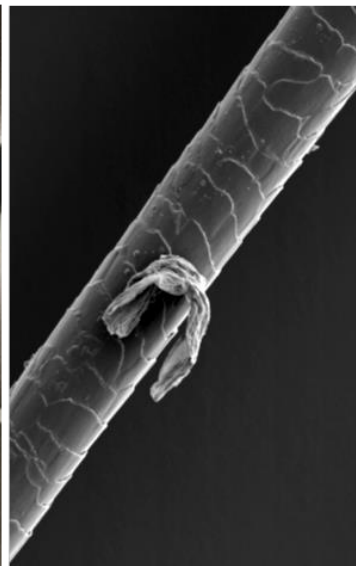
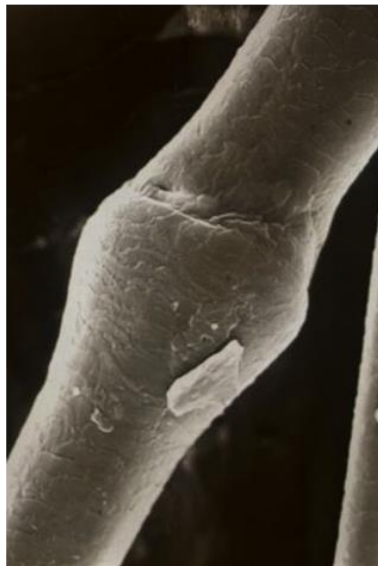
# Bamboo hair in $Spink5^{-/-}Klk5^{-/-}Klk7^{-/-}$ mice are not found after 3 weeks of age



**NS-patient** (taken from keratin.com)

**WT**

**$Spink5^{-/-}Klk5^{-/-}Klk7^{-/-}$**



# Adult $\text{Spink5}^{-/-}\text{Klk5}^{-/-}\text{Klk7}^{-/-}$ mice do not show any major skin defects

day 0



day 5



3 weeks



4 weeks

wt

$\text{Sp5}^{-/-}\text{K5}^{-/-}\text{K7}^{-/-}$

wt

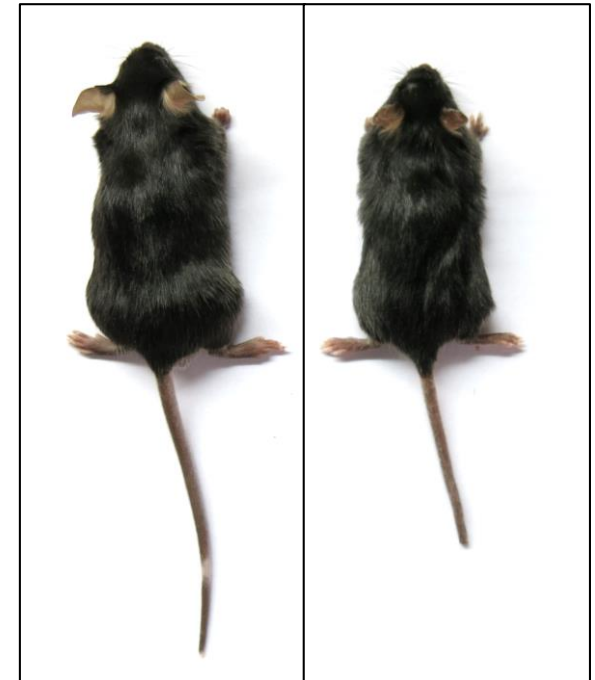
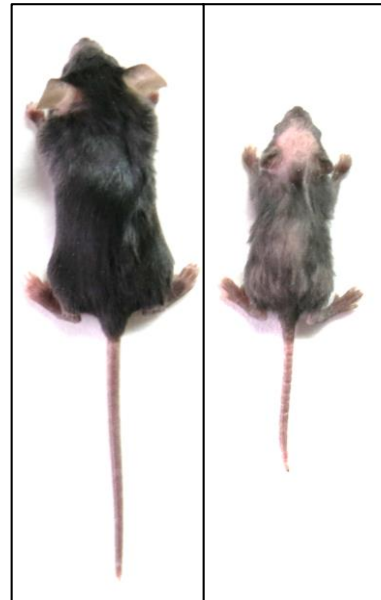
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# Summary

- Novel mouse model for NS was generated by mimicking the mutation from NS patients
- KLK5 and KLK7 are responsible for skin barrier disruption of Spink5<sup>-/-</sup> skin
- KLK7 causes severe skin-barrier defects in the proximity of hair follicles independently of KLK5 activation
- Bamboo hair defect does not depend on KLK5 or KLK7
- KLK5 and KLK7 together are required for inflammation and differentiation of Spink5 deficient epidermis
- Only simultaneous inactivation of KLK5 and KLK7 fully rescues lethality of NS-mouse model

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