

Supplementary Materials

Transforming growth factor beta3 is required for cardiovascular development

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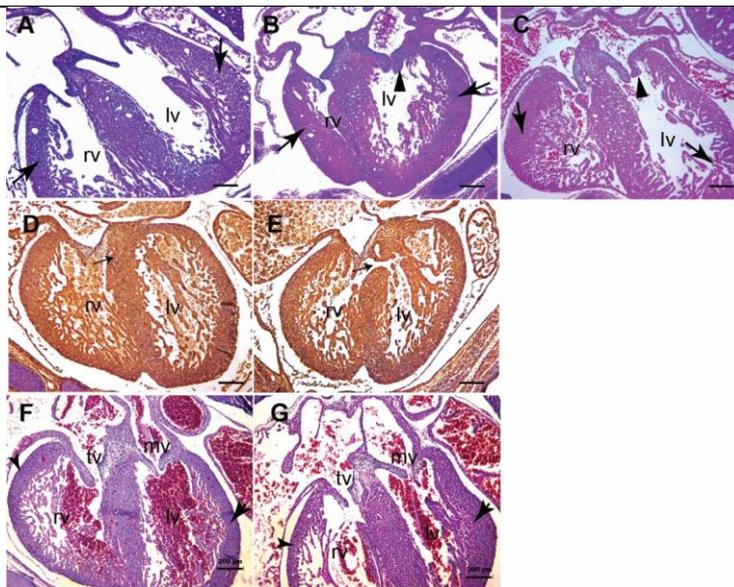


Figure S1. Systemic *Tgfb3* deletion disrupts ventricular myocardial development and leads to muscular VSD. **A–C**, H&E stained sections of wildtype and different *Tgfb3*^{−/−} fetuses (E15.5–16.5) showing abnormal size, shape, and myocardium of the right ventricle in *Tgfb3*^{−/−} (B,C, left arrow) and mitral valve thickening (B–C, arrowheads). The left ventricular myocardium in *Tgfb3*^{−/−} fetuses (B–C, right arrow) was also not normal. **D–E**, Cardiac muscle actin (clone HHF35) immunohistochemistry of cross sections of E14.5–15.5 fetuses showing myocardium of both right and left ventricles was affected in some *Tgfb3*^{−/−} resulting in muscular VSD (E, arrow). **F–G**, H&E stained sections of wildtype and *Tgfb3*^{−/−} fetuses (E14.5–15.5) showing mild thinning of the right ventricular myocardium (G, left arrowhead) and moderately thickened left ventricular myocardium (G, right arrowhead) in *Tgfb3*^{−/−} fetuses compared to wildtype heart (F). Scale bars: 200 μm for A–G. Abbreviations: rv, right ventricle; lv, left ventricle; tv, tricuspid valve; mv, mitral valve.

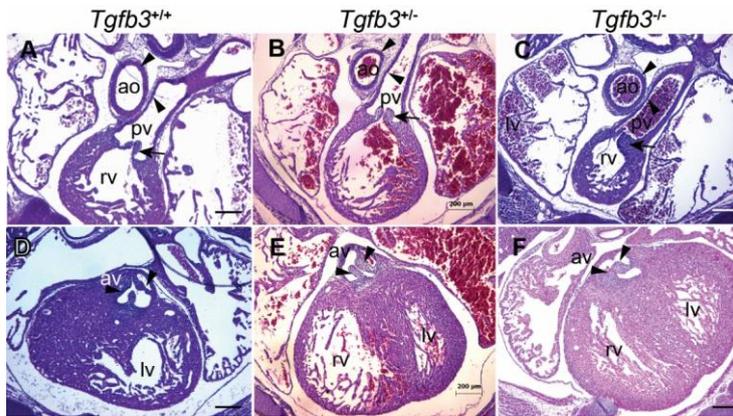


Figure S2. *Tgfb3* deletion leads to pulmonary and aortic valve defects. A–D, Hematoxylin and eosin staining for E15.5 wildtype (A,D), *Tgfb3*^{+/-} (B,D), and *Tgfb3*^{-/-} (C,F) fetuses. *Tgfb*^{+/-} fetus displays thinning of vascular walls of aorta and pulmonary trunk (B, arrowheads), mild thickening of both pulmonary (B, arrow) and aortic (E, arrow) valves compared to wildtype fetus (A,B). Notably, *Tgfb3*^{-/-} fetuses develop severe forms of these cardiovascular defects (C,F). Scale bars: 200 μm for A–F.

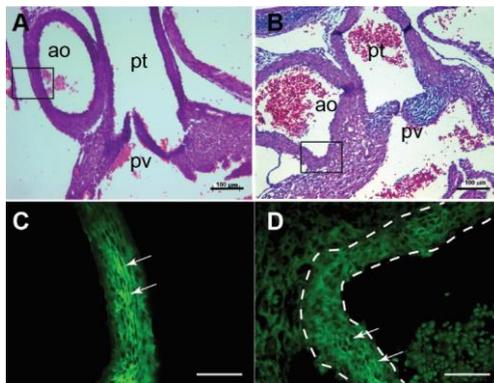


Figure S3. Abnormal ascending aortic walls in *Tgfb3* knockout fetuses. A–D, Elastin autofluorescence (C,D) of hematoxylin and eosin-stained (A,B) sections. Compared to wildtype littermate (C), *Tgfb3*^{-/-} fetus shows poorly formed elastic lamellae and disorganized vascular smooth muscle cells in the aortic wall (arrows, D). Fluorescence images (C,D) were taken from region of aorta indicated by boxes (A,B). Arrows indicate elastic fibers (C,D) and the white dotted lines demarcates the aortic wall from vaso vasorum (D). Scale bars = 100 μm for A–B; 25 μm for C–D.

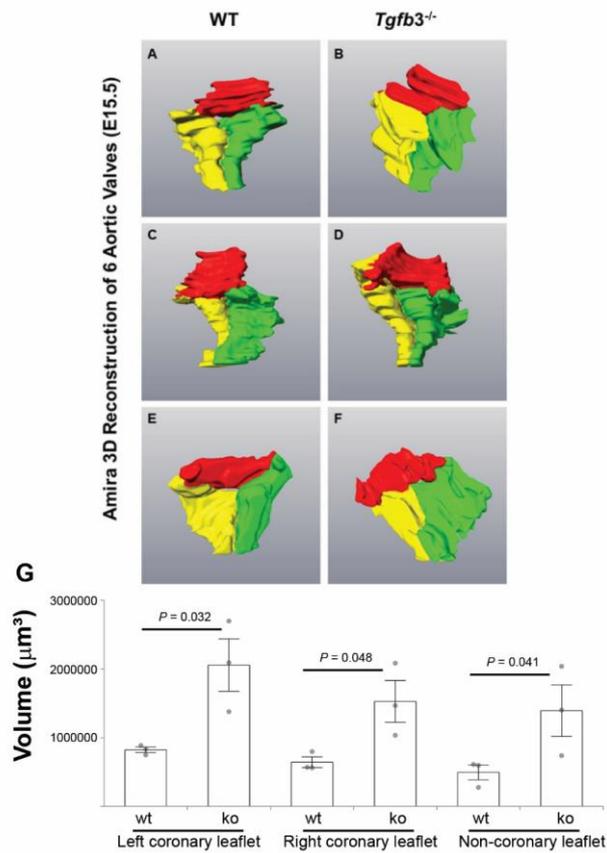


Figure S4. Measurement of aortic valve volume in *Tgfb3* knockout fetuses. **A–G**, Morphometric comparison and volume measurements using AMIRA 3D segmentation of aortic valves from wildtype (**A,C,E**) and *Tgfb3^{-/-}* (**B,D,F**) embryos (E15.5) showing non-coronary leaflets in red, left coronary leaflets in green, and the right coronary leaflets in yellow. The hyperplastic nature of the outflow tract cushions in *Tgfb3^{-/-}* embryos compared to the wildtype littermate embryos (**G**). Student’s *t* test was used. *p*-values are indicated in the histogram. Numerical data are presented as scatter dot-plots with boxes, with the box denoting the mean; error bars identify the S.E.M (*n* = 3 per genotype).



Table S1. Cardiovascular defects in *Tgfb3* knockout mice (Embryonic Day 13.5–18.5 (*n* = 19)).

| Abnormal Part; | Type of Abnormality | No. of Cases | % of Cases | No. of Cases affected, Summary | % of Cases, Summary |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Outflow tract</u> | | | | 12 | 63.15 |
| | Vascular walls abnormalities | 3 | 15.7 | | |
| | Thickening of PV±AoV | 12 | 63.15 | | |
| | DORV | 1 | 5.2 | | |
| <u>Septal defects</u> | | | | 7 | 36.8 |
| | OFT malalignment and perimembranous (DORV±VSD) | 4 | 21 | | |
| | Muscular VSD | 3 | 15.7 | | |
| <u>AV valve</u> | | | | 8 | |
| | Thickening of TV±MV | 8 | 42.1 | | 42.1 |
| <u>Ventricular myocardium</u> | | | | 9 | 47.3 |
| <i>Hypoplasia compact/trabecular</i> | | | | | |
| | RV | 5 | 26.3 | | |
| | LV | 5 | 26.3 | | |
| | RV/LV | 5 | 26.3 | 26.3 | |
| <i>Hyperplasia</i> | | | | | |
| | RV | 4 | 21 | 21 | |
| | LV | 4 | 21 | | |
| | RV/LV | 4 | 21 | | |
| No abnormality | | 6 | 31.5 | | 31.5 |

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