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Selective amputation of the pharynx identifies a FoxA-dependent regeneration program in planaria

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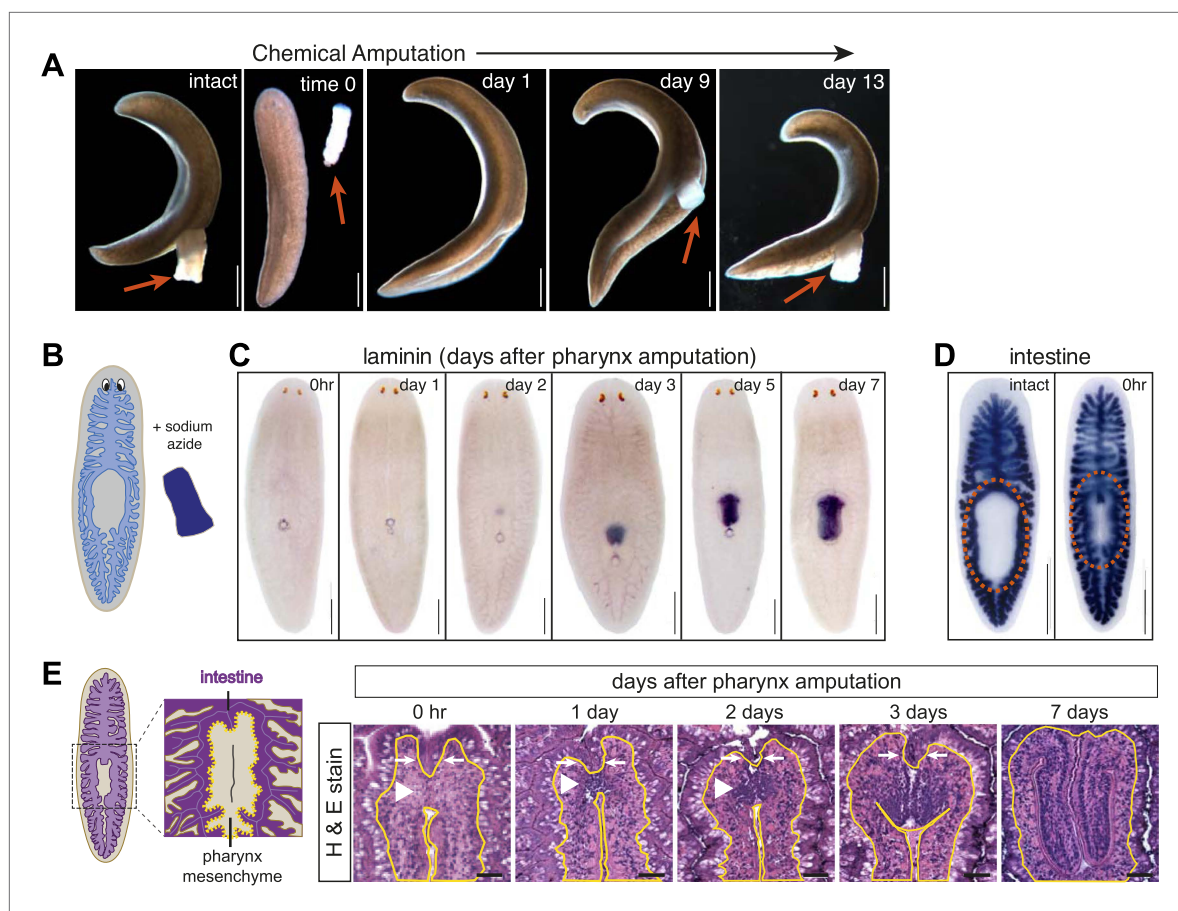


Figure 1. Sodium azide selectively removes the pharynx. **(A)** Live animals before and after sodium azide treatment, showing pharynges (arrows). **(B)** Schematic of chemical amputation. **(C)** Pharynx (labeled with *Smed-laminin*) reappears 2–3 days after pharynx removal. **(D)** Intestine (labeled with *Smed-porcupine*) before and immediately after chemical amputation. **(E)** Representative hematoxylin/eosin sections of the regenerating pharynx (white arrowheads). Yellow lines outline mesenchyme and white arrows highlight intestine. Scale bars, **A–D**: 500 μ m, **E**: 50 μ m.

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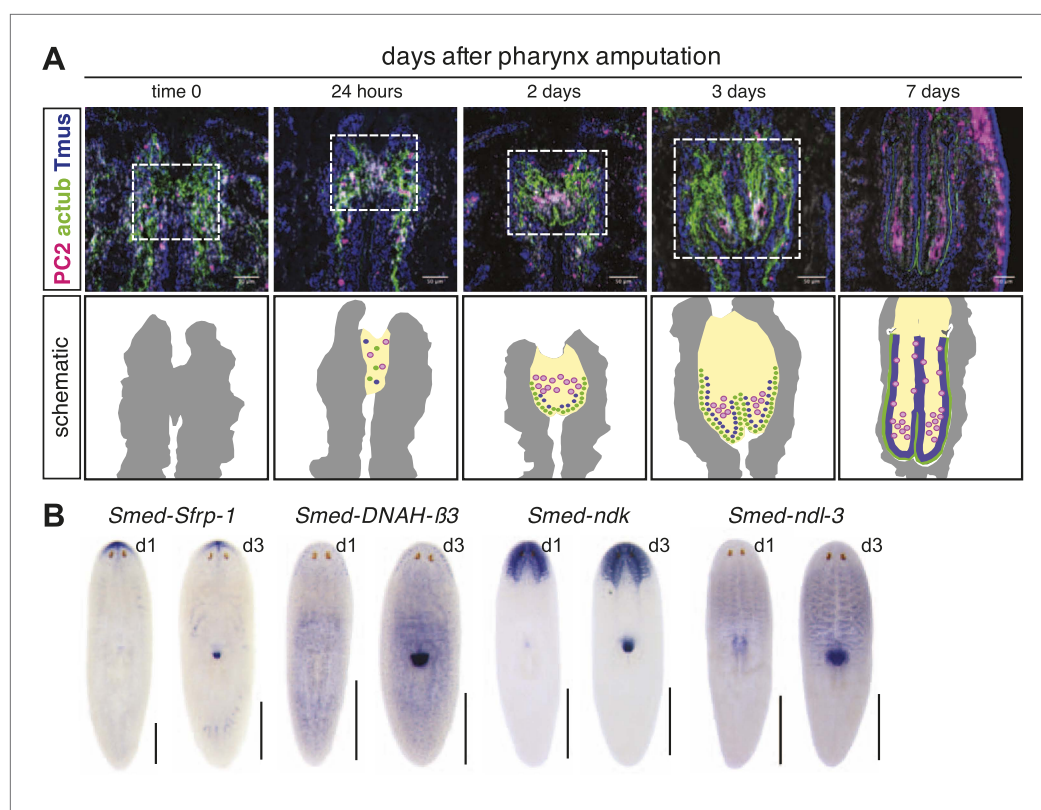


Figure 1—figure supplement 1. Histological analysis of regenerating pharynx.

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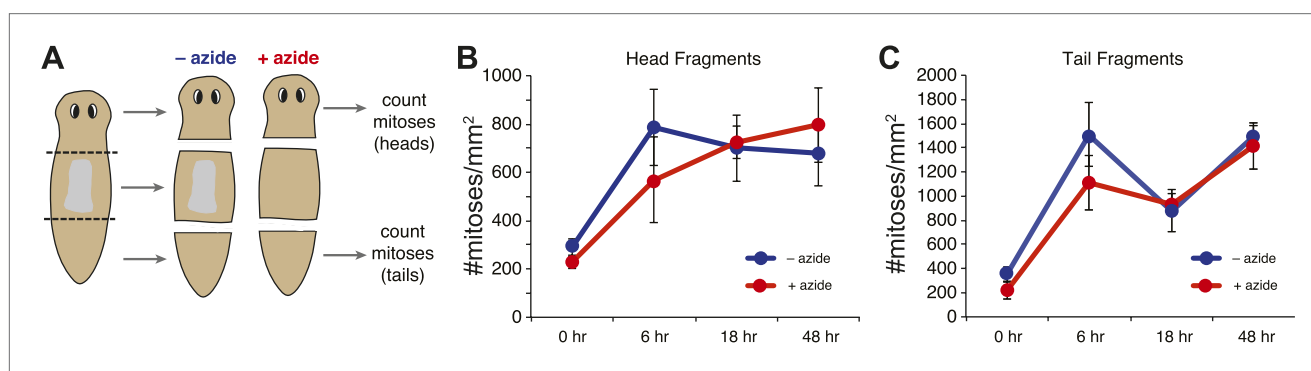


Figure 1—figure supplement 2. Effects of sodium azide exposure.

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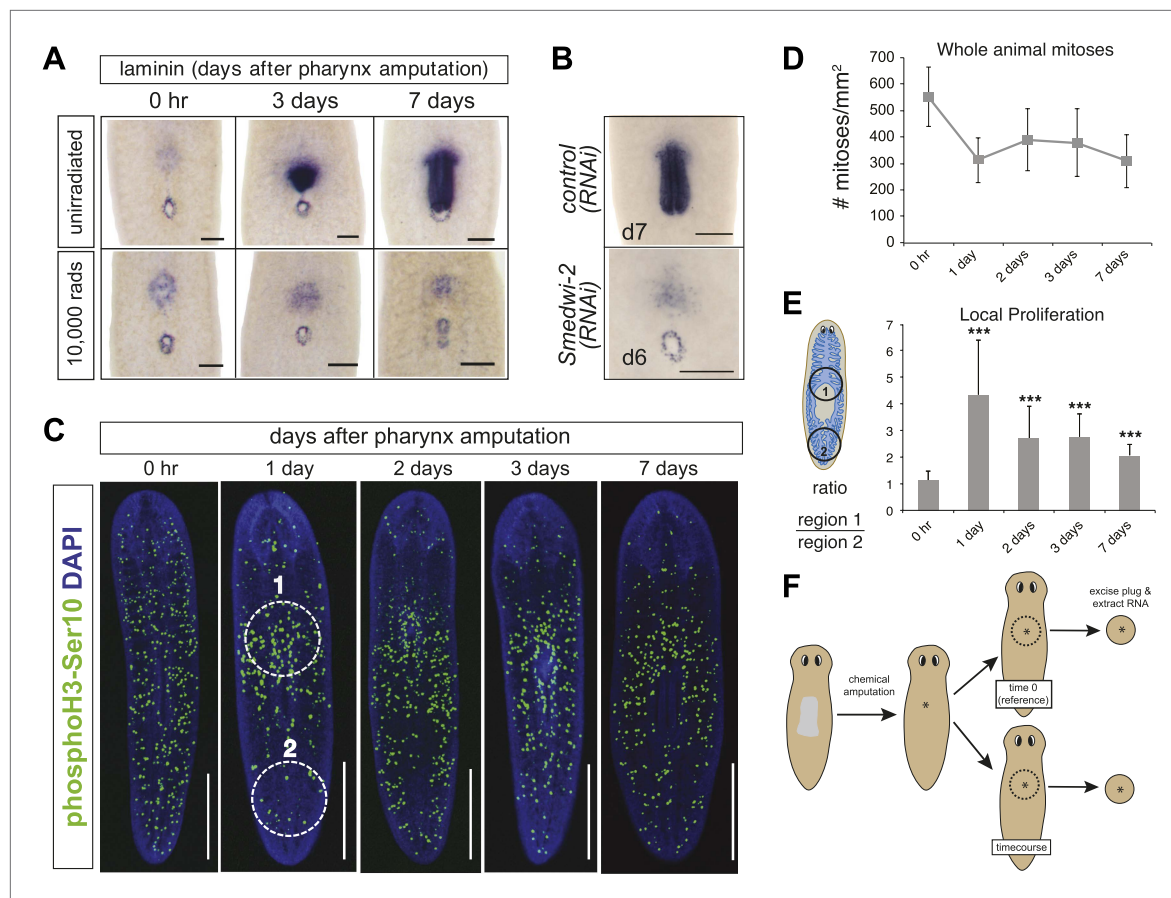


Figure 2. Local proliferation of stem cells drives regeneration. **(A)** Irradiated animals fail to regenerate the pharynx (100%; $n > 50$), as indicated by *Smed-laminin* ISH. **(B)** *Smedwi-2(RNAi)* inhibits pharynx regeneration (100%, $n > 30$). **(C)** Representative confocal images of animals during pharynx regeneration, stained with anti-phosphoH3-Ser10. Circles are representative of those used for quantification in **(E)**. **(D)** Quantification of phosphoH3-Ser10 staining in whole animals. Error bars = SD. **(E)** Local proliferation measured in two equal-sized circles, (1) centered over the pharynx and (2) centered in the tail as marked in **(C)**. Error bars = SD; *** equals $p < .0001$; significance determined with Student's *t* test. **(F)** Schematic of strategy for expression profiling. Scale bars, **A** and **B**: 200 μ m, **C**: 500 μ m.

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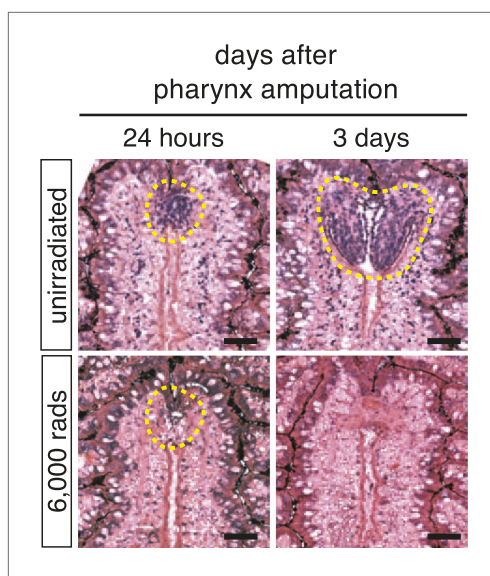


Figure 2—figure supplement 1. Irradiation prevents accumulation of cells at the blastema.

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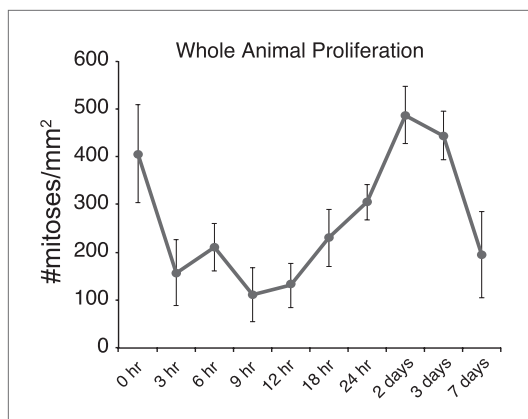


Figure 2—figure supplement 2. Body-wide mitotic activity after chemical amputation.

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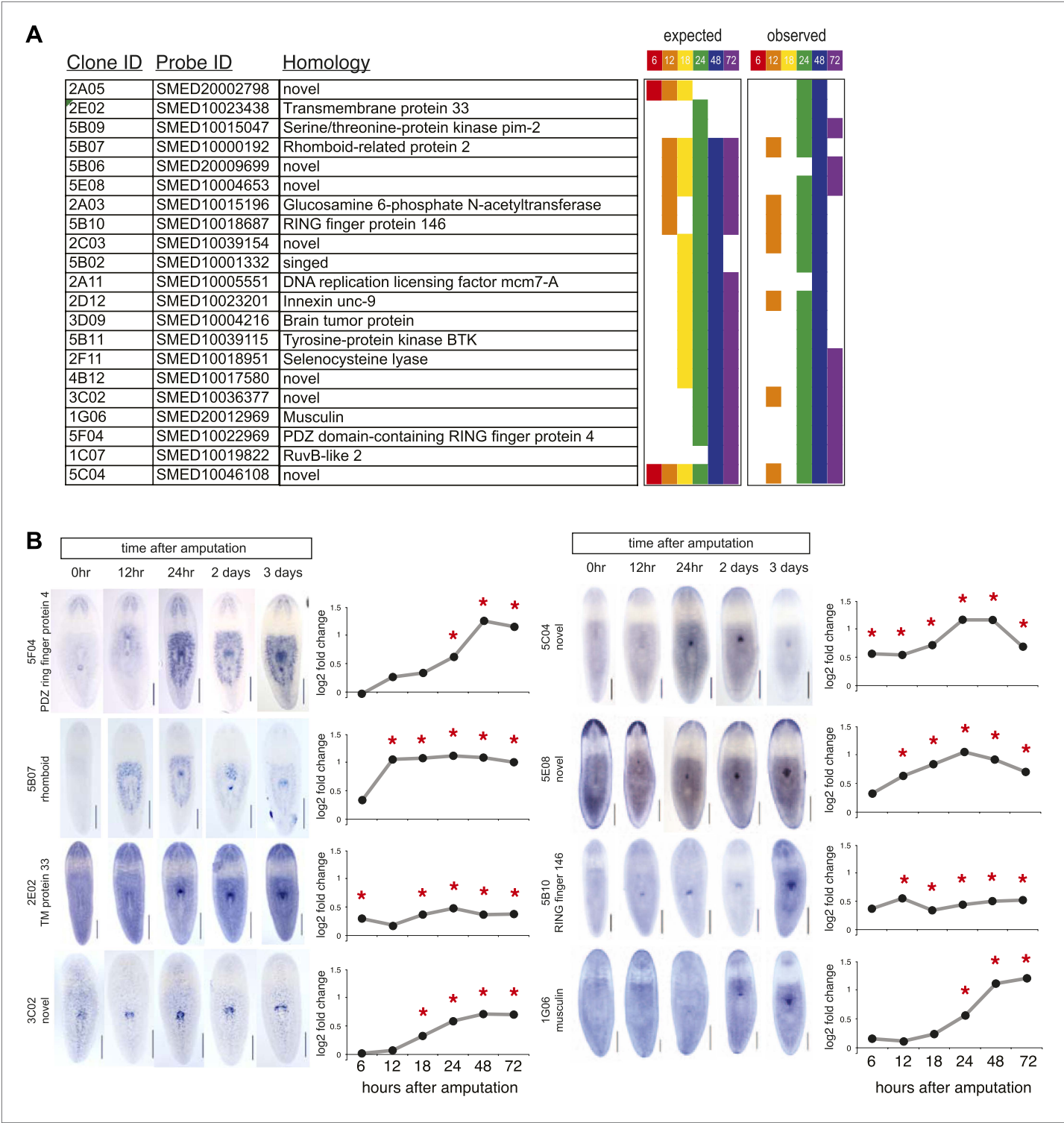


Figure 2—figure supplement 3. Validation of microarray by in situ timecourses.
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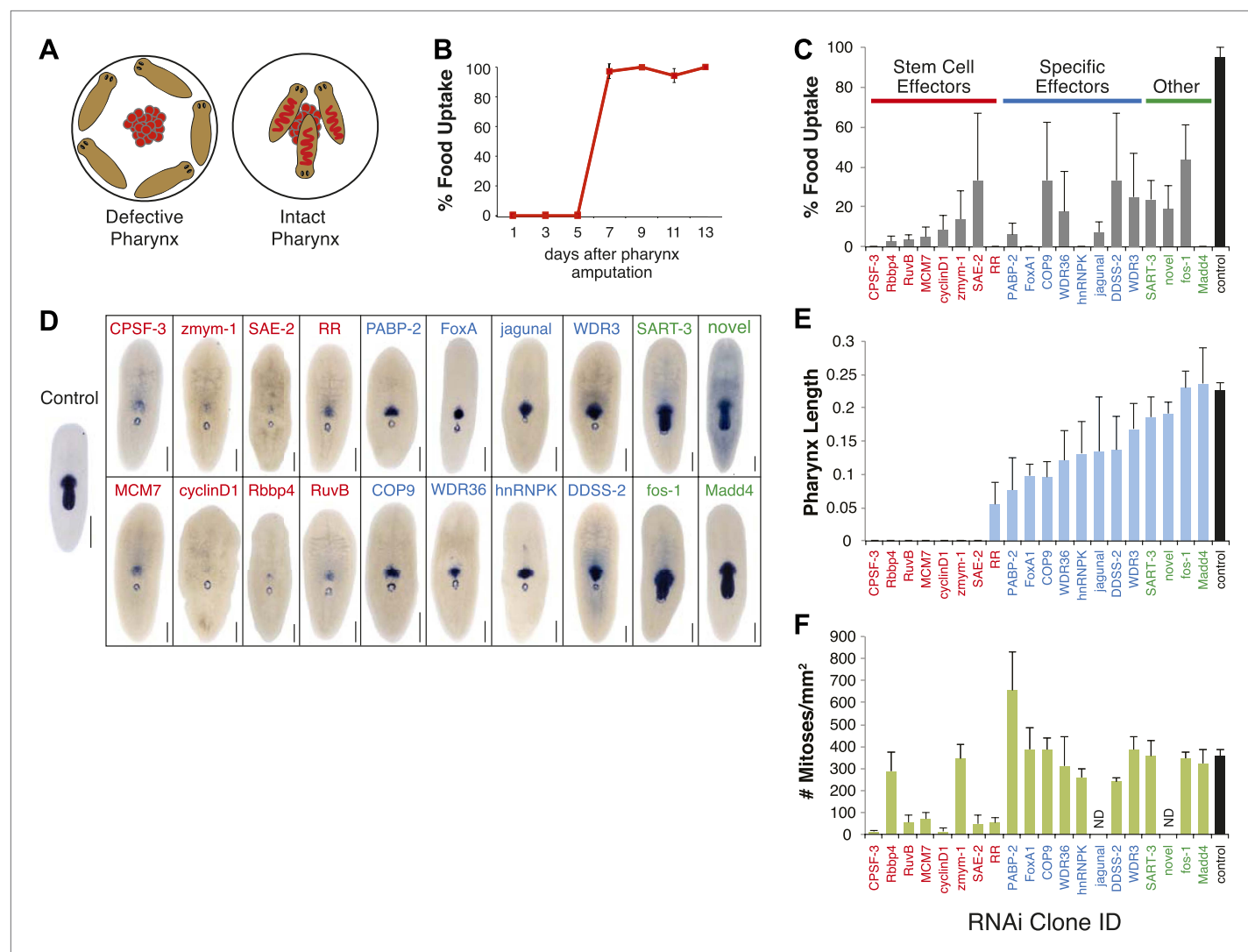


Figure 3. RNAi screen for genes affecting pharynx regeneration. **(A)** Schematic of feeding assay. **(B)** Animals recover ability to ingest food 7 days after chemical amputation. For each timepoint, $n = 10$ animals, repeated in triplicate. Error bars = SD. **(C)** Quantification of feeding behavior of RNAi-treated animals 10 days after amputation. Shown are averages of three independent experiments; error bars = SEM, $n \geq 30$ animals. *Smed-laminin* in situ hybridization shows extent of pharynx regeneration defects in RNAi-treated animals. Scale bars = 250 μm . **(E)** Quantification of pharynx length in RNAi animals 11 days after amputation. For each bar, $n = 6$ –10 animals; error bars = SD. **(F)** Mitotic activity of whole animals 3 days after pharynx amputation measured by phosphoH3-Ser10 staining. Error bars represent SD, and $n = 8$ animals for each condition.

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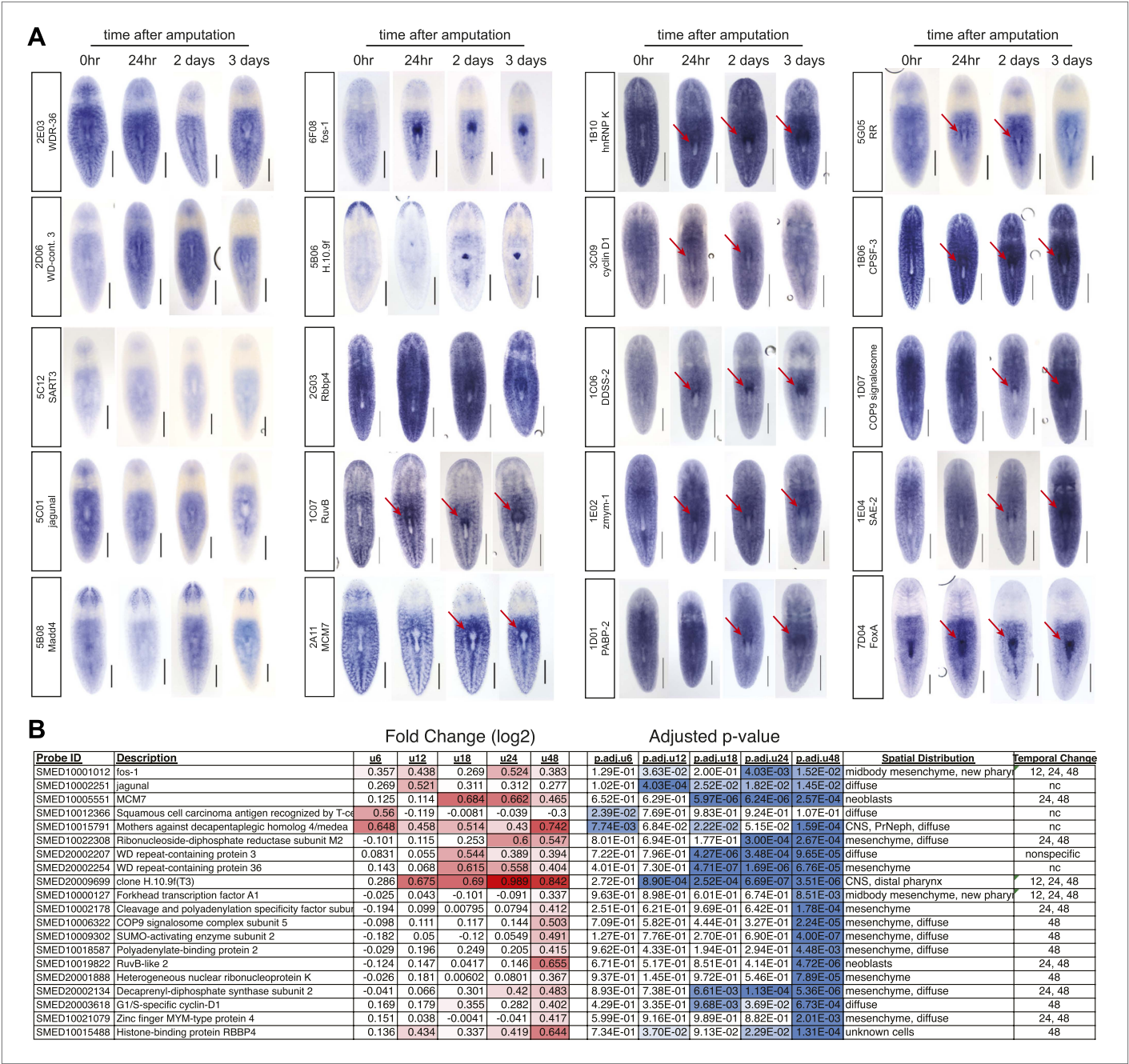


Figure 3—figure supplement 1. Candidate gene summary.
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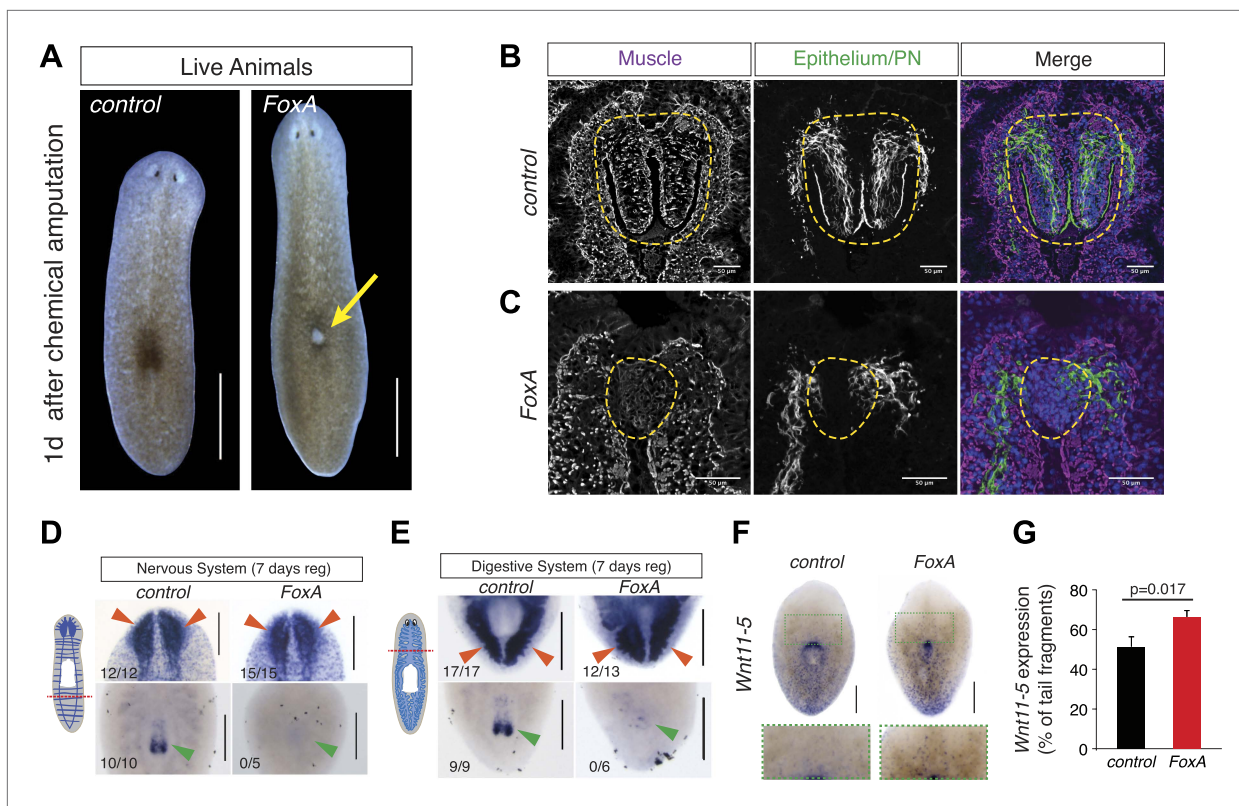


Figure 4. *FoxA* is required for pharynx regeneration. **(A)** *FoxA*(RNAi) animals develop dorsal lesions (arrow). **(B and C)** Confocal images of cryosections stained with antibodies recognizing muscle (α -Tmus), epithelial cells and protonephridia (α -acetylated tubulin), and nuclei (DAPI). Control **(B)** and *FoxA*(RNAi) animals **(C)** are shown 3 days after pharynx removal. Dashed green lines highlight the regenerating pharynx. **(D)** Tail fragments amputated at dashed red line regenerate brain tissue (*Smed-PC2*, red arrowheads) but not a pharynx (*Smed-PKD2*, green arrowheads). **(E)** Head fragments regenerate posterior intestinal branches (*Smed-porcupine*, red arrowheads) despite the absence of a pharynx (*Smed-PKD2*, green arrowhead). **(F)** Whole-mount ISH for *Wnt11-5* in control and *FoxA*(RNAi) tail fragments 7 days after amputation. Green boxes highlight insets shown below. **(G)** Ratio of *Wnt11-5* expression to total length of tail fragment. Significance determined by Student's *t* test. Error bars = SEM. N = 14 fragments. Scale bars, **(A)**, 500 μ m, **(B and C)**, 50 μ m, **(D–F)**, 200 μ m.

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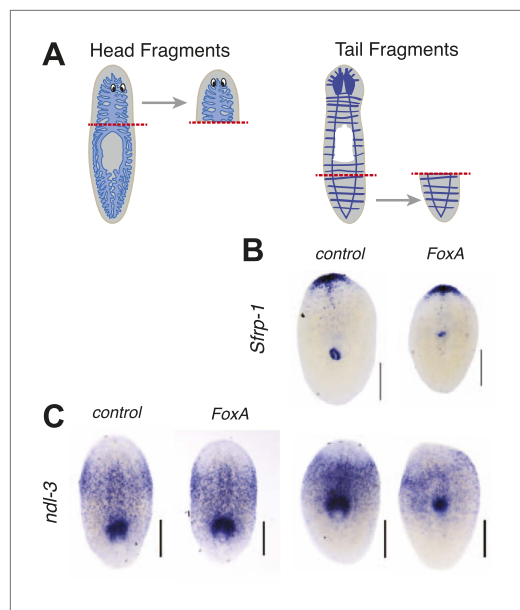


Figure 4—figure supplement 1. FoxA is not required for anterior/posterior patterning during regeneration.

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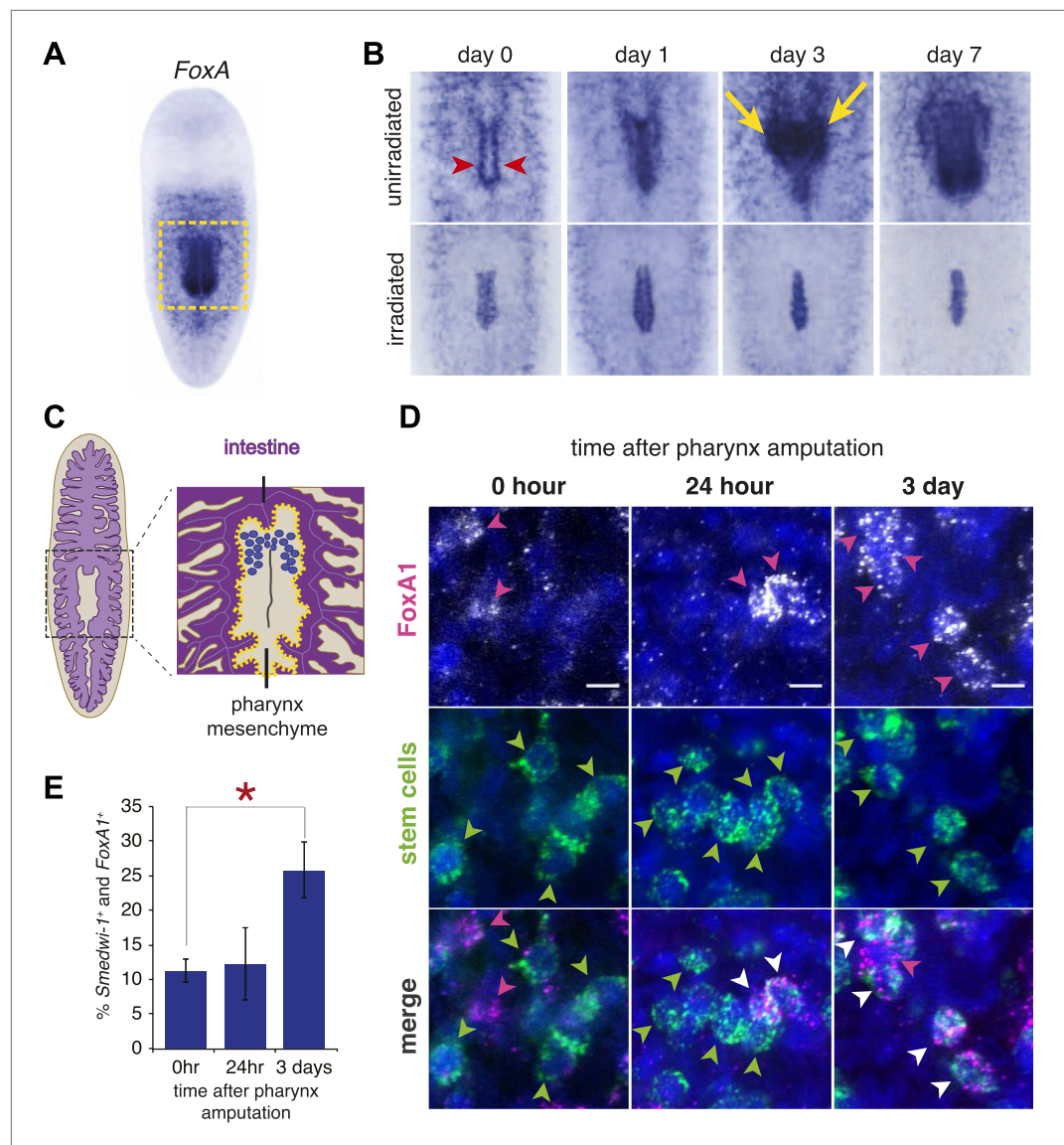


Figure 5. FoxA expression in neoblasts increases after amputation. **(A)** Whole-mount ISH for *Smed-FoxA* in intact animals. Boxed region highlights areas shown in **(B)**. **(B)** *Smed-FoxA* expression in pharyngeal region during regeneration, in unirradiated animals (top) and lethally irradiated animals (bottom). Yellow arrowheads point to accumulation of *FoxA*⁺ cells in mesenchyme surrounding pharynx and red arrows highlight pharyngeal pouch. **(C)** Schematic of mesenchymal pouch surrounding the pharynx, where *FoxA*⁺ cells concentrate during regeneration. **(D)** Double-FISH with *smedwi-1* and *Smed-FoxA* at different times after pharynx removal. Arrowheads highlight positive cells. Scale bars = 10 μ m. **(E)** Quantification of percentage of *smedwi-1*⁺ cells that co-express *FoxA* during regeneration. For each timepoint, n = 100–150 *smedwi-1*⁺ cells.

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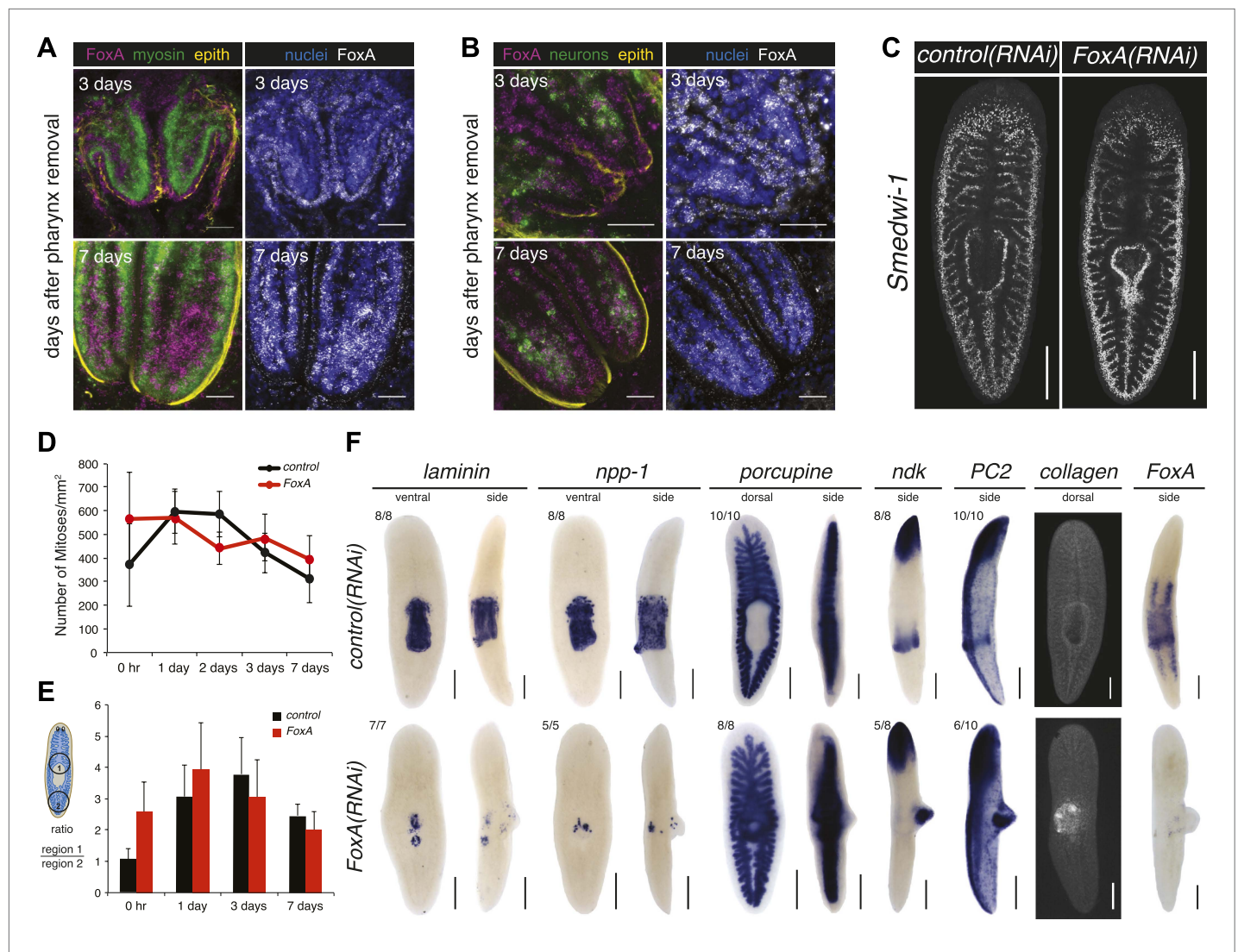


Figure 6. FoxA functions as a master regulator of the pharyngeal lineage. **(A and B)** Confocal images of animals stained for FoxA, myosin (muscle), PC2 (neurons), α -acetylated tubulin (epithelial cells) and nuclei showing FoxA enrichment in epithelial cells 3 days after pharynx amputation, and shifting to mesenchyme 7 days after amputation. **(C)** Confocal images of *Smedwi-1* FISH (7 days after pharynx amputation) showing distribution of stem cells. **(D)** Body-wide phosphoH3-Ser10 staining in *FoxA(RNAi)* animals during pharynx regeneration. Error bars = SD. **(E)** Local phosphoH3-Ser10 staining during pharynx regeneration in *FoxA(RNAi)* animals. Error bars = SD. **(F)** Dorsal outgrowths in *FoxA(RNAi)* animals (day 20) lack pharyngeal tissue. Tissue-specific markers include: *laminin*, *npp-1* (pharynx), *porcupine* (intestine), *ndk*, *PC2* (neurons), *collagen* (muscle). In all images, anterior is up; in side views, dorsal is to the right. Scale bars **(A and B)** 50 μ m, **(C)** 500 μ m, **(F)** 250 μ m.

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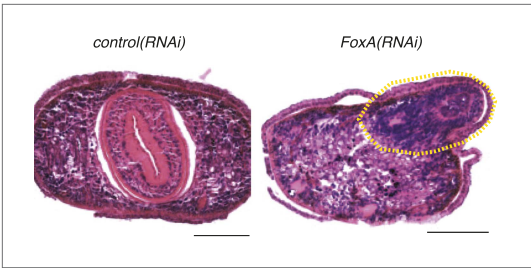


Figure 6—figure supplement 1. Dorsal outgrowths in *FoxA(RNAi)* are disorganized.
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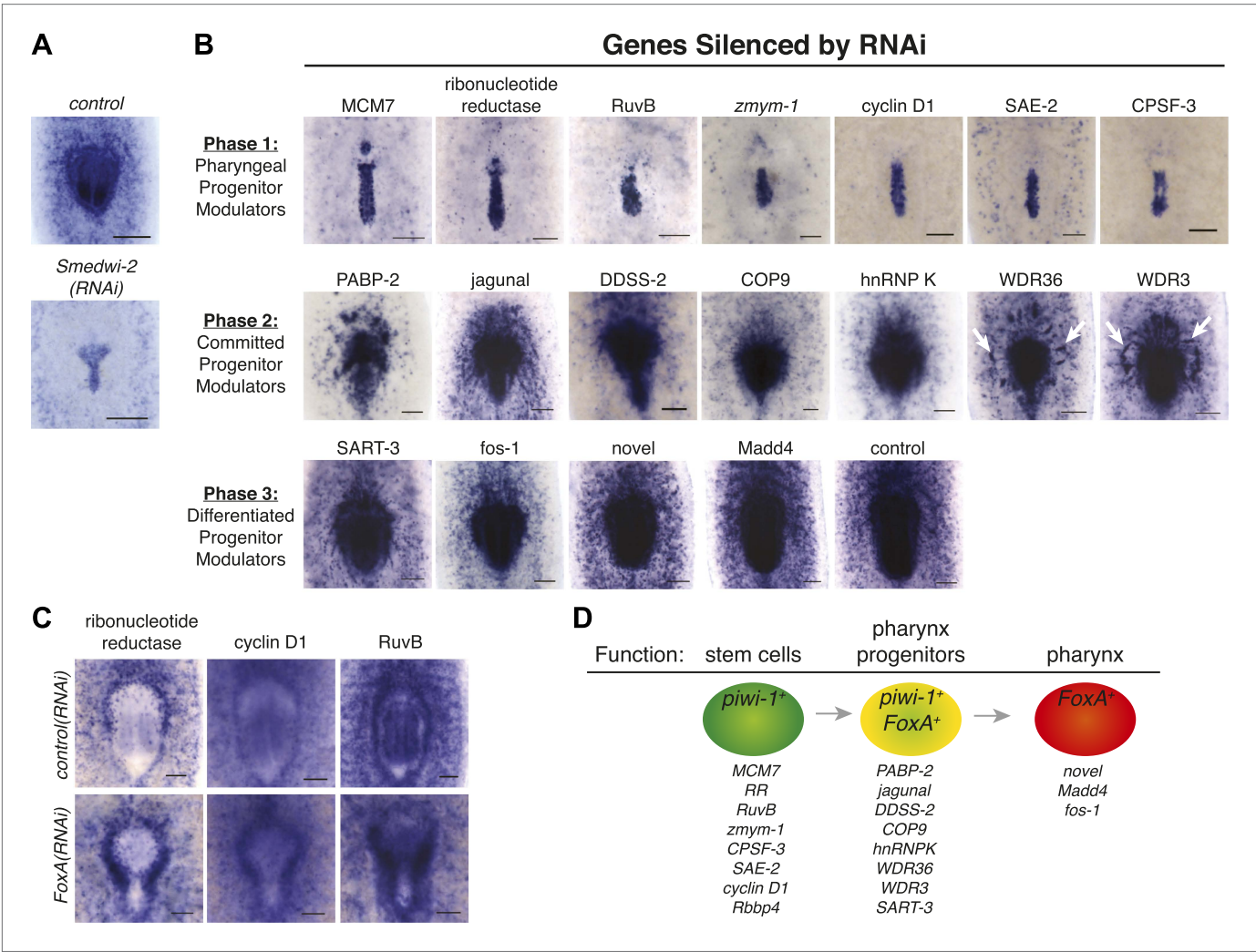


Figure 7. *FoxA* expression resolves a molecular pathway for pharynx regeneration. (A) *Smed-FoxA* expression 7 days after amputation in *Smedwi-2(RNAi)* animals. (B) *Smed-FoxA* expression 7 days after amputation following knockdown of the indicated genes. (C) Gene-specific in situ hybridization in *FoxA(RNAi)*. (D) Model for molecular control of pharynx regeneration. Scale bars = 100 μ m.
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