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Data collection	QuantStudio 12K Flex Software (v1.2.4), BD FACSDiva software (LSR: v.8.0.1, Aria II: v.8.0.2), Living Image (v4.0), Kronos control software (v2.3, Atto), Metamorph (v7.6, Molecular Devices), NIS-Elements AR (v4.20.00)
Data analysis	cutadapt-1.14, HISAT2 (v2.1.0), Cufflinks package (v2.2.1), HTSeq (v0.6.1), edgeR (v3.18.1), ARSER (v2.0), DAVID web tools (DAVID 6.8) (https://david.ncifcrf.gov/), IPA (QIAGEN Inc., https://www.qiagenbioinformatics.com/products/ingenuitypathway-analysis), HCS (v2.0.10), RTA (v1.17.21.3), CASAVA (v1.8.2), Picard (v2.0.1), ANNOVAR (v2016Mar30), Sequencher (v5.1), Snapgene (v3.1.4 to v5.0.4), GWASTools (v1.16.1), PennCNV (v1.0.3), cnvPartition (v3.2.0), MAD (v1.0.1), Metamorph (v7.6, Molecular Devices), Matlab (v2018b, MathWorks), Fiji (v1.52p, ImageJ), Excel (Microsoft Office 2011/2016), R (v3.2.5, v3.3.1, v3.4.2, v3.5.1), FlowJo (v10.6.1)

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All RNA sequencing data utilized for this study have been deposited in Gene Expression Omnibus (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/>) under the accession number GSE116935. SNP array data in the current publication have been deposited in and are available upon application from the dbGaP database under accession phs001975.v1.p1 (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/gap/cgi-bin/study.cgi?study_id=phs001975.v1.p1) and their use is limited to health/medical/biomedical purposes. Utilized computational codes & scripts are available at GitHub (<https://github.com/mebisuya/SegmentationClock>) and from the corresponding authors upon request. Source Data for Figs. 1-4 and Extended Data Figs. 1, 2, 5-12 are available in the online version of the paper.

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☐	☒ Eukaryotic cell lines
☒	☐ Palaeontology
☐	☒ Animals and other organisms
☐	☒ Human research participants
☒	☐ Clinical data

Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
☒	☐ ChIP-seq
☐	☒ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

All antibodies used in this study are commercially available antibodies, which were validated by suppliers and other researchers in the field. Details on used antibodies are listed in Supplementary Table 8.

Primary antibodies used for immunocytochemistry

BRACHYURY, R&D Systems, #:AF2085, Lot: KQP0618021, Polyclonal Goat IgG, Dilution 1:100
 COL1, Southern Biotech, #:1310-01, Lot: B2918-T858, Polyclonal Goat IgG, Dilution 1:200
 COL2, Southern Biotech, #:1320-01, Lot: J0513-S328, Polyclonal Goat IgG, Dilution 1:200
 FOXC2, DSHB, #:1B6, Lot: 8/17/17, Monoclonal Mouse IgG1, Dilution 1:10
 HNA, Merck, #:MAB1281, Lot: 2366521, Clone: 235-1, Dilution 1:50
 MESP2, DSHB, #:1D4, Lot: 6/1/17, Monoclonal Mouse IgG2b, Dilution 1:10
 MYH, Abcam, #:ab91506, Lot: GR11678-3, Polyclonal Rabbit IgG, Dilution 1:2000
 MYOSIN, DSHB, #:MF20-s, Lot: 12/7/17, Monoclonal Mouse IgG2b, Dilution 1:20
 PAX7, DSHB, #:PAX7-s, Lot: 3/8/18, Monoclonal Mouse IgG1, Dilution 1:10
 PRRX1, Sigma-Aldrich, #:HPA051084, Lot: G114643, Polyclonal Rabbit IgG, Dilution 1:100
 SAA, Abcam, #:ab9465, Lot: GR266197-2, Clone: EA-53, Dilution 1:1000
 TBX6, R&D Systems, #:AF4744, Lot: CAPT0217111, Polyclonal Goat IgG, Dilution 1:100
 TCF15, Abcam, #:ab204045, Lot: GR268168-3, Polyclonal Rabbit IgG, Dilution 1:50

Secondary antibodies used for immunocytochemistry

Alexa Fluor® 488 Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L), Invitrogen, #:A-21206, Lot: 2072687, Dilution 1:500
 Alexa Fluor® 488 Goat Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Invitrogen, #:A-10680, Lot: 1917945, Dilution 1:500

Alexa Fluor® 555 Donkey Anti-Goat IgG H&L Abcam, #:ab150130, Lot: GR226396-1, Dilution 1:500
 Alexa Fluor® 555 Goat Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Invitrogen, #:A-21422, Lot: 1180091, Dilution 1:500
 Alexa Fluor® 647 Donkey Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Invitrogen, #:A-31571, Lot: 2045337, Dilution 1:500
 Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG Cy3 Merck, #:AP182C, Lot: 2984232, Dilution 1:500
 Alexa Fluor® 647 Phalloidin Invitrogen, #:A-2228, Lot: 2101947, Dilution 1:100

Primary antibodies used for flowcytometry

BRACHYURY-PE, R&D Systems, #:IC2085P, Lot: LVB0213071, Polyclonal Goat IgG Dilution 1:50
 DLL1-APC, R&D Systems, #:FAB1818A, Lot: AAYU0216061, Clone: 251127, Dilution 1:200
 FOXA2-PE, BD Biosciences, #:561589, Lot: 7090765, Clone: N17-280, Dilution 1:50
 NANOG-Alexa Fluor® 488, BD Biosciences, #:560791, Lot: 7110923, Clone: N31-355 Dilution 1:25
 NCAM-BV421, BioLegend, #:318328, Lot: B241630, Clone: HCD56, Dilution 1:25
 OCT3/4-Alexa Fluor® 647, BD Biosciences, #:560329, Lot: 7201923, Clone: 4O/Oct3, Dilution 1:25
 PAX6-Alexa Fluor® 488, BD Biosciences, #:561664, Lot: 7174912, Clone: O18-1330, Dilution 1:25
 SOX2-BV421, BioLegend, #:656114, Lot: B208882, Clone: 14A6A34, Dilution 1:50
 SOX17-Alexa Fluor® 647, BD Biosciences, #:562594, Lot: 7104800, Clone: P7-969, Dilution 1:25
 Anti-TBX6, R&D Systems, #:AF4744, Lot: CAPT0217111, Polyclonal Goat IgG, Dilution 1:25

Secondary antibodies & isotype controls used for flowcytometry

Alexa Fluor® 488 Anti-Goat IgG, Abcam, #:ab150129, Lot: GR246088-1, Polyclonal Goat IgG, Dilution 1:50
 APC-conjugated Mouse IgG2b,k, BD Biosciences, #:555745, Lot: B163785, Clone: MG2b-57, Dilution 1:200
 PE-conjugated Goat IgG, R&D Systems, #:IC108P, Lot: LVD0811021, Polyclonal Goat IgG, Dilution 1:50
 Unconjugated Goat IgG, R&D Systems, #:AB108C, Lot: ES4119031, Polyclonal Goat IgG, Dilution 1:25
 Alexa Fluor® 647-conjugated Mouse IgG1,k, BioLegend, #:400130, Lot: B205347, Clone: MOPC-21, Dilution 1:100
 Alexa Fluor® 488-conjugated Mouse IgG1,k, BioLegend, #:400129, Lot: B277964, Clone: MOPC-21, Dilution 1:25
 Alexa Fluor® 488-conjugated Mouse IgG2a,k, BioLegend, #:400233, Lot: B286502, Clone: MOPC-173, Dilution 1:25
 PE-conjugated Mouse IgG1,k, BioLegend, #:400112, Lot: B244597, Clone: MOPC-21, Dilution 1:50
 BV421-conjugated Mouse IgG1,k, BioLegend, #:400158, Lot: B243837, Clone: MOPC-21, Dilution 1:50

Validation

Besides initial validation of utilized (commercial) primary antibodies by manufacturers/suppliers, antibodies were validated/ tested for possible signals at unrelated stages/controls; only antibodies with reproducible (differentiation stage) specific signals were used.

Primary antibodies used for immunocytochemistry

BRACHYURY, R&D Systems, AF2085 (https://www.rndsystems.com/products/human-mouse-brachyury-antibody_af2085)
 Anti-BRACHYURY antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using human embryonic stem cells. There are 60 citations.

COL1, Southern Biotech, 1310-01 (<https://www.southernbiotech.com/?catno=1310-01&type=Polyclonal#&panel1-5&panel2-1>)
 Anti-COL1 antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using rat kidney section postuninephrectomy. There are 35 citations.

COL2, Southern Biotech, 1320-01 (<https://www.southernbiotech.com/?catno=1320-01&type=Polyclonal#&panel1-1&panel2-1>)
 Anti-COL2 antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using newborn mouse rib section, mouse tibial growth plate section, and mouse cartilage section. There are 34 citations.

FOXC2, DSHB, 1B6 (<https://dshb.biology.uiowa.edu/PCRP-FOXC2-1B6>)
 Anti-FOXC2 antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using human samples. There is 1 citation.

HNA, Merck, MAB1281 (http://www.merckmillipore.com/JP/en/product/Anti-Nuclei-Antibody-clone-235-1,MM_NF-MAB1281)
 Anti-HNA antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using human neural stem cells. There are 126 citations.

MESP2, DSHB, 1D4 (<https://dshb.biology.uiowa.edu/PCRP-MESP2-1D4>)
 Anti-MESP2 antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using human samples. There is 1 citation.

MYH, Abcam, ab91506 (<https://www.abcam.co.jp/fast-myosin-skeletal-heavy-chain-antibody-ab91506.html>)
 Anti-MYH antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using sheep muscle tissue frozen section. There are 24 citations.

MYOSIN, DSHB, MF20-s (<https://dshb.biology.uiowa.edu/MF-20>)
 Anti-MYOSIN antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using samples of amphibian, avian, chicken, fish, human, lizard, mammal, snake, xenopus, zebrafish. There are 121 citations.

PAX7, DSHB, PAX7-s (<https://dshb.biology.uiowa.edu/PAX7>)
 Anti-PAX7 antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using samples of amphibian, avian, bovine, canine, fish, goat, human, mouse, ovine, porcine, rat, turtle, xenopus, zebrafish. There are 73 citations.

PRRX1, Sigma-Aldrich, HPA051084 (<https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/sigma/hpa051084?lang=en®ion=US>)

Anti-PRRX1 antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using human malignant glioma. There are 4 citations.

SAA, Abcam, ab9465 (<https://www.abcam.co.jp/sarcomeric-alpha-actinin-antibody-ea-53-ab9465.html>)

Anti-SAA antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using mouse heart tissue, H9 hESC and CBiPSC6.2 cells. There are more than 100 citations.

TBX6, R&D Systems, AF4744 (https://www.rndsystems.com/products/human-tbx6-antibody_af4744)

Anti-TBX6 antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using embryonic mouse mesoderm (E9.5) and JOY6 human induced pluripotent stem cells undifferentiated and differentiated into mesoderm. There are 3 citations.

TCF15, Abcam, ab204045 (webpage is closed due to discontinuation of antibody.)

Anti-TCF15 antibody was validated by the manufacturer by using human lateral ventricle tissue.

Antibodies used for flowcytometric analysis

BRACHYURY-PE, R&D Systems, IC2085P (https://www.rndsystems.com/products/human-mouse-brachyury-pe-conjugated-antibody_ic2085p)

BRACHYURY-PE was validated by the manufacturer by using D3 mouse cell line by flowcytometry. There are 3 citations.

DLL1-APC, R&D Systems, FAB1818A (https://www.rndsystems.com/products/human-dll1-apc-conjugated-antibody-251127_fab1818a)

DLL1-APC was validated by the manufacturer by using T98G human glioblastoma cell line by flowcytometry. There are 13 citations.

FOXA2-PE, BD Biosciences, 561589 (<https://www.bdbiosciences.com/us/applications/research/intracellular-flow/intracellular-antibodies-and-isotype-controls/anti-human-antibodies/pe-mouse-anti-human-foxa2-n17-280/p/561589>)

FOXA2-PE was validated by the manufacturer by using definitive endoderm derived from H9 human embryonic stem (ES) cells. There are 6 citations.

NANOG-Alexa Fluor® 488, BD Biosciences, 560791 (<https://www.bdbiosciences.com/eu/applications/research/intracellular-flow/intracellular-antibodies-and-isotype-controls/anti-human-antibodies/alexa-fluor-488-mouse-anti-human-nanog-n31-355/p/560791>)

NANOG-Alexa Fluor® 488 was validated by the manufacturer by using H9 human embryonic stem cells. There are 7 citations.

NCAM-BV421, BioLegend, 318328 (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/brilliant-violet-421-anti-human-cd56-ncam-antibody-7143>)

NCAM-BV421 was validated by the manufacturer by using Human peripheral blood lymphocytes. There are 13 citations.

OCT3/4-Alexa Fluor® 647, BD Biosciences, 560329 (<https://www.bdbiosciences.com/us/applications/research/stem-cell-research/cancer-research/human/alexa-fluor-647-mouse-anti-oct34-40oct-3/p/560329>)

OCT3/4-Alexa Fluor® 647 was validated by the manufacturer by using H9 human embryonic stem (ES) cells. There are 6 citations.

PAX6-Alexa Fluor® 488 BD Biosciences, 561664 (<https://www.bdbiosciences.com/us/applications/research/intracellular-flow/intracellular-antibodies-and-isotype-controls/anti-human-antibodies/alexa-fluor-488-mouse-anti-human-pax-6-o18-1330/p/561664>)

PAX6-Alexa Fluor® 488 was validated by the manufacturer by using neural induction of H9 human embryonic stem (ES) cells. There are 4 citations.

SOX2-BV421, BioLegend, 656114 (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/search-results/brilliant-violet-421-anti-sox2-antibody-12705>)

SOX2-BV421 was validated by the manufacturer by using NCCIT cells. There are 6 citations.

SOX17-Alexa Fluor® 647, BD Biosciences, 562594 (<https://www.bdbiosciences.com/us/applications/research/intracellular-flow/intracellular-antibodies-and-isotype-controls/anti-human-antibodies/alexa-fluor-647-mouse-anti-human-sox17-p7-969/p/562594>)

SOX17-Alexa Fluor® 647 was validated by the manufacturer by using definitive endoderm derived from H9 human embryonic stem (ES) cells. There are 5 citations.

TBX6, R&D Systems, AF4744 (https://www.rndsystems.com/products/human-tbx6-antibody_af4744)

Anti-TBX6 was validated by the manufacturer by using embryonic mouse mesoderm (E9.5) and JOY6 human induced pluripotent stem cells undifferentiated and differentiated into mesoderm. There are 3 citations.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

Human induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cell lines derived from healthy donors, i.e. 1231A3 (derived from commercially available peripheral blood) and 201B7 (derived from commercially available human fibroblasts) were used for majority of

experiments and obtained from/provided by the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA). Additionally, human luciferase iPSC-reporter lines (625-A4 and 625-D4), which were utilized for xeno-transplantation experiments, were obtained from the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA). Human iPSC (GCaMP) reporter line (Gen1C), which was used for calcium imaging experiments, was originally established by the Conklin Lab at the Gladstone Institute and shared with/provided by the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA). SCDP1 patient sample was obtained from the NIGMS Human Genetic Cell Repository at the Coriell Institute for Medical Research (GM13539) and SCDP2 patient sample was obtained from a collaborating researcher at Meijo Hospital, Nagoya, Japan. Patient-derived iPSC lines were generated following strict guidelines of and approval by Kyoto University Graduate School and Medical Faculty, and Meijo Hospital, Japan. Mouse Epiblast Stem Cells (EpiSCs) were obtained from the RIKEN BioResource Research Center (RIKEN BRC) (#AES0204).

Authentication

Identity of cells generated/utilized in the lab/institute are commonly confirmed by multiple STR analyses using PowerPlex 16 HS System (Promega). For SCD patient and rescue iPSC clones SNP array analysis was also performed (see Methods section for details). Patient-like (knock-out) and patient-derived iPSC lines were also tested for presence of line-specific mutations via iPSC genotyping (see Methods section for details).

Mycoplasma contamination

All cell lines were tested negative for mycoplasma infection.

Commonly misidentified lines
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No commonly misidentified lines were used.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals

NOD/ShiJic-scid Jcl (NOD/SCID) male mice were purchased from CLEA Japan and utilized for experiments at six weeks of age.

Wild animals

No wild animals were used.

Field-collected samples

No field-collected samples were used.

Ethics oversight

Animal experiments were approved by the institutional animal research committee of the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA), Kyoto University and performed following the guidance of Regulation on Animal Experimentation at Kyoto University

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics

SCDP1 | Patient with mutations in MESP2; M-SDV-G (SCD2)

SCDP2 | Patient with mutation in DLL3; M-SDV-G (SCD1)

Recruitment

Patient samples utilized in this study were either obtained from the NIGMS Human Genetic Cell Repository at the Coriell Institute for Medical Research (SCDP1) or Meijo Hospital, Japan (SCDP2) based on provided clinical/radiological data indicating a patient with segmentation defects of the vertebrae (SDV).

SCDP1 | Patient with mutations in MESP2; M-SDV-G (SCD2):

Patient was diagnosed with spondyloathoracic dysostosis, malsegmentation of the spine, numerous hemivertebrae, "crab thorax" and lordosis. Primary tissue samples utilized for derivation of patient iPSCs (SCDP1) were provided by Coriell Institute for Medical Research (GM13539).

SCDP2 | Patient with mutation in DLL3; M-SDV-G (SCD1):

Patient was diagnosed with spondyloathoracic dysostosis, segmentation defects of the vertebrae with involvement of the entire spine (sacrum to C1), bilateral fusion of ribs posteriorly, with fanning out in a "crab-like" appearance, mild scoliosis and marked reduction of thoracic lordosis. Primary tissue samples utilized for derivation of patient iPSCs (SCDP2) were provided by Meijo Hospital, Nagoya, Japan.

Ethics oversight

All experiments followed relevant guidelines and regulations and were approved by Ethics committees of the Kyoto University Graduate School and Faculty of Medicine, Kyoto, Japan and Meijo Hospital, Nagoya, Japan. Informed consent was obtained from legal guardians of patients by relevant institutions.

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Flow Cytometry

Plots

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- ☒ The axis labels state the marker and fluorochrome used (e.g. CD4-FITC).
- ☒ The axis scales are clearly visible. Include numbers along axes only for bottom left plot of group (a 'group' is an analysis of identical markers).
- ☐ All plots are contour plots with outliers or pseudocolor plots.
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Methodology

Sample preparation

Cells were washed with PBS and dissociated using Accutase (Life Technologies) and centrifuged. Cells were resuspended (1.0×10^7 cells/ml) in FACS buffer (0.1% BSA in PBS) and stained with allophycocyanin (APC)-conjugated DLL1 antibody for 30 minutes at 4°C. Then, cells were stained with DAPI to eliminate dead cells after washing with FACS buffer once and finally strained through a filter mesh. As for the co-staining of intracellular molecules TBX6 and BRACHYURY with DLL1, cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) for 20 minutes at 4°C after initial staining with DLL1 antibody and washed twice with staining medium, which contained PBS with 2% fetal bovine serum (FBS). Samples were permeabilized with BD Perm/Wash buffer (BD Biosciences) for 15 minutes at room temperature and stained with TBX6 primary antibody or phycoerythrin (PE)-conjugated BRACHYURY antibody for 60 minutes at room temperature and washed with BD Perm/Wash buffer twice. The cells stained with TBX6 antibody were stained with Alexa Fluor® 488-conjugated secondary antibody for 60 minutes at room temperature. The samples were washed with BD Perm/Wash buffer twice and suspended into staining medium. For FACS-based evaluation of undifferentiated PSCs and their differentiation capacity into three germ layers, cells (1.0×10^6 cells each) were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde phosphate buffer solution (4% PFA/PBS) for 20 minutes at 4°C and washed twice with staining medium, which contained PBS with 2% fetal bovine serum (FBS). Samples were permeabilized with BD Perm/Wash buffer (BD Biosciences) for 15 minutes at room temperature and stained with fluorescence-conjugated primary antibodies listed in Supplementary Table 8.3. The samples were washed with BD Perm/Wash buffer twice and suspended into staining medium.

Instrument

Flow cytometric analysis was performed using LSR or BD FACSAria II cell sorter (BD Biosciences).

Software

FACS data was analyzed and graphs were generated using FlowJo software (FlowJo LLC, version 10.6.1).

Cell population abundance

Abundance of distinct cell populations of interest was determined using appropriate negative controls.

Gating strategy

Standard gating settings commonly utilized at FACS core facility of the institute were used. Besides using appropriate isotype controls, negative (control) cell samples were utilized to set appropriate gates and determine true positive cell populations.

- ☐ Tick this box to confirm that a figure exemplifying the gating strategy is provided in the Supplementary Information.