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the protein-tyrosine kinase receptor ErbB4 is expressed by the tangentially migrating neuroblasts in the RMS

the loss of ErbB4 leads to the formation of an aberrant RMS
ErbB4 mutant neuroblasts in the RMS have a slower rate of migration and deficits in orientation

• these defects are correlated with an altered distribution and differentiation of interneurons in the mature OB

• these findings imply that ErbB4 has a role in RMS neuroblast migration and olfactory interneuronal placement



Schematic summary of the progression of tangential migration of ErbB4-positive interneurons from the ventral to the dorsal telencephalon of rats during development.



ErbB4-positive cells appear in the MGE as early as E13 and then migrate via the LGE into the lateral parts of the cerebral cortex at E15–E16. By E17, ErbB4-positive cells have reached the medial parts of the cortex. They begin to enter the hippocampal primordium at E18. After E20, they migrate deeply into the hippocampal primordium.

CTX, cerebral cortex; HP, hippocampus, MGE, medial ganglionic eminence, LGE, lateral ganglionic eminence.



















- different isoforms of neuregulin-1 are expressed in the developing cortex and in the route that migrating interneurons follow toward the cortex, whereas a population of the migrating interneurons express *ErbB4*, a receptor for neuregulin-1
- the different isoforms of neuregulin-1 type III and type I- act respectively as short- and long- range attractants for migrating interneurons
- -- perturbing ErbB4 function in vitro decreases the number of interneurons MGE that tangentially migrate to the cortex
- in vivo, loss of neuregulin-1/ErbB4 signalling causes an alteration in the tangential migration of cortical interneurons
- -- these observations provide evidence that neuregulin-1 and its ErbB4 receptor directly control neuronal migration in the nervous system