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## FGF Cell B Cytoplasm Extracellular environment Ť Extracellular environm Cell A SOS Ras SHP2 Raf FGFR Golgi 88 MEK IMW EGE-3 Cytoplasm Cytoplasm ł Nucleus ERK HMW EGE EBP2 Nucleus 4 Transcription Nuclear FGF3 may be designed to int factors autocrine activity of secreted FGF3, restricting the growth to paracrine stimulation.

## FGF2 = bFGF

The FGF-family comprises heparin-binding proteins that promote mitogenesis of mesoderm- and neuroectoderm-derived cells

21.5, 22 and 24 kDa = HMW FGF2, nuclear 18kDa FGF2, cytoplasm, cell surface, extracellular

Proliferation, Angiogenesis

18kDa FGF2 (but not HMW FGF2) up-regulates IL-6 and IL-6R in Schwann Cells ----> implication for neuro-regeneration (e.g.: after peripheral nerve lesion / crushed sciatic nerves.

With regard to the functional role of FGF-2 after peripheral nerve injury, evidence from in vivo studies suggests that the molecule could mediate neurotrophic effects on axotomized motor and sensory neurons. This notion is supported by the finding that nerve lesion results in an up-regulation of FGF-2 expression in motoneurons, dorsal root ganglia, and sympathetic ganglia and that exogenously applied FGF-2 can prevent the lesion-induced neuron death. At the lesion site itself FGF-2 might be involved in the myelination.













IL-6 signalling: from cell surface to the nucleus Upon binding of IL-6/IL-6R complex, gp130 forms homo-dimer and is subsequently phosphorylated by Janus kinase (JAK) family protein. Phosphorylated gp130 then binds to STAT3, then STAT3 becomes also phosphorylated by JAK → phosphorylated STAT3 (p-STAT3). p-STAT3 then forms a homo-dimer (p-STAT3/p-STAT3) Dimerized STAT3 translocates into the nucleus and then binds to DNA on STAT3 responsive elements in the promoter region → activation of transcription machinery.