

Fig. S1. The $Foxf1^{c/c}Wnt1$ -Cre mutant mice cleft palate and defects in tongue development. (A, B) frontal sections through the tongue of E14.5 control (A) and $Foxf1^{c/c}Wnt1$ -Cre (B) embryos showing immunofluorescent detection of muscle actin (red) (n=3 for each genotype). Arrowhead points to the location of the transverse and vertical muscles in the tongue. p, palatal shelf. (C-F) Whole mount view of E16.5 control (C) (n=6), and $Foxf1^{c/c}Wnt1$ -Cre (D-F) (n=9) embryonic tongue showing the patterns of green fluorescence from the Scx-GFP transgenic reporter. Arrow points to the location of the lingual septum tendon in the tongue. Scale bars: (A, B) 200 μ m; (C-F) 1000 μ m.

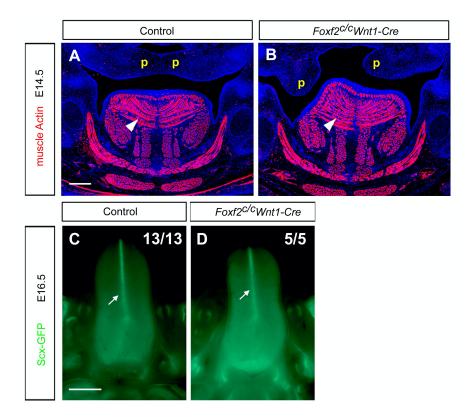
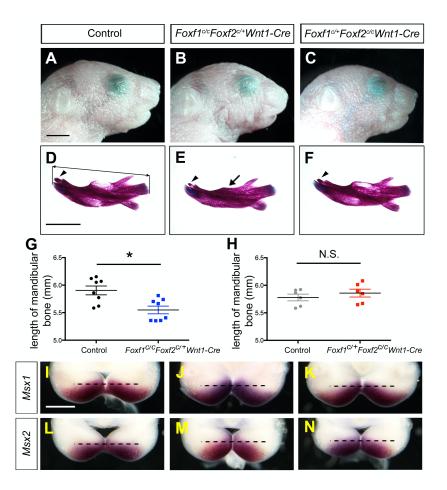


Fig. S2. Palate and tongue phenotype in $Foxf2^{c/c}Wnt1$ -Cre mice. (A, B) Frontal sections through the tongue of E14.5 control (A), and $Foxf2^{c/c}Wnt1$ -Cre (B) embryos showing immunofluorescent detection of muscle actin (red) (n=3 for each genotype). Arrowhead points to the location of the transverse and vertical muscles in the tongue. p, palatal shelf. (C, D) Whole mount view of E16.5 control (C) (n=13), and $Foxf2^{c/c}Wnt1$ -Cre (D) (n=5) embryonic tongue showing the patterns of green fluorescence from Scx-GFP transgenic reporter. Arrow points to the location of the lingual septum tendon in the tongue. Scale bars: (A, B) 200 μ m; (C, D) 1000 μ m.



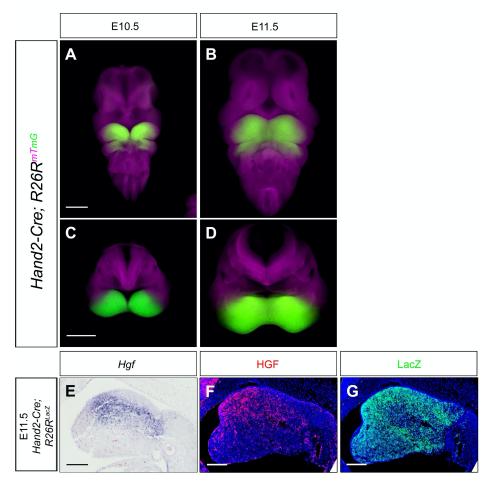


Fig. S4. Hand2-Cre activity and tongue development. (A, B) Whole mount frontal view of E10.5 (A) and E11.5 (B) heads of $Hand2\text{-}Cre;R26R^{mTmG}$ embryos showing the pattern of GFP (green) and tdTomato (magenta) expressed from the $R26R^{mTmG}$ locus. GFP expression marks the Cre lineage cells. (C, D) Whole mount rostral view of dissected mandibular processes from E10.5 (C) and E11.5 (D) $Hand2\text{-}Cre;R26R^{mTmG}$ embryos showing the patterns of GFP (Green) and tdTomato (magenta). (E-G) Sagittal sections through the tongue and mandible of E11.5 wildtype (E) and $Hand2\text{-}Cre;R26R^{LacZ}$ (F, G) embryos showing patterns of Hgf mRNAs (E, blue) and immunofluorescent staining of HGF protein (F, red) and LacZ protein (G, green), respectively. LacZ expression from the $R26R^{LacZ}$ locus marks the Cre lineage cells. Scale bars: (A-D) 1000 μ m; (E-G) 200 μ m.

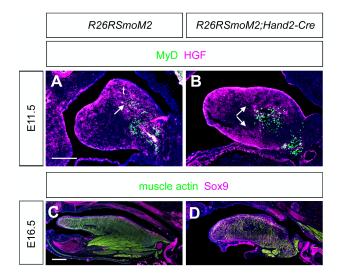


Fig. S5. Hedgehog signaling regulates tongue myogenesis through controlling the expression of HGF during early tongue development. (A, B) Sagittal sections of E11.5 *R26RSmoM2* control (A) and *R26RSmoM2;Hand2-Cre* (B) embryos showing patterns of immunofluorescent staining of HGF (magenta) and MyoD. Arrows point to the expression of HGF protein. (C, D) Sagittal sections through the developing mandible and tongue of E16.5 *R26RSmoM2* control (C) and *R26RSmoM2;Hand2-Cre* (D) embryos showing patterns of immunofluorescent staining of Sox9 (magenta) and muscle actin (green). Scale bars: 200 μm in (A, B), 500 μm in (C, D).

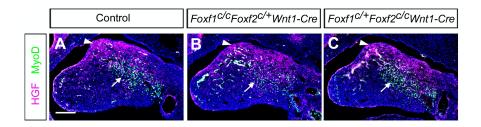


Fig. S6. Patterns of HGF and MyoD expression during initial tongue formation in $Foxf1^{c/c}Foxf2^{c/+}Wnt1$ -Cre and $Foxf1^{c/+}Foxf2^{c/c}Wnt1$ -Cre embryos. (A-C) Sagittal sections through the developing tongue and mandible of E11.5 control (A), $Foxf1^{c/c}Foxf2^{c/+}Wnt1$ -Cre (B), and $Foxf1^{c/+}Foxf2^{c/c}Wnt1$ -Cre (C) embryos showing patterns of immunofluorescent staining of HGF (magenta) and MyoD (green) (n=3 for each genotype). Arrowhead points to the anterior tip of the tongue primordium. Arrow points to the myogenic progenitor cells. Scale bars: (A-C) 200 μ m.