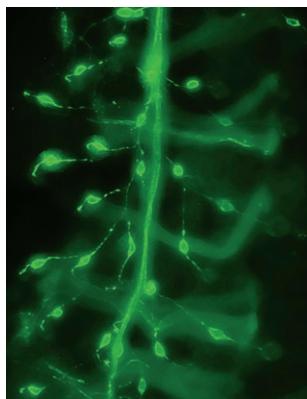
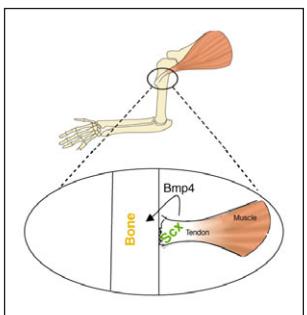


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Cover: Mechanosensory neurons (expressing *elav.Gal4*, *UAS.membraneGFP*, stained for GFP) in the adult abdomen of *Drosophila* are corralled in the anterior compartment; axons grow away from compartment borders towards the middle and bundle together within the abdominal peripheral nerve. This behaviour is caused by the axonal repellent Slit secreted from posterior compartments. See Research article by Fabre et al. on p. 2885.



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