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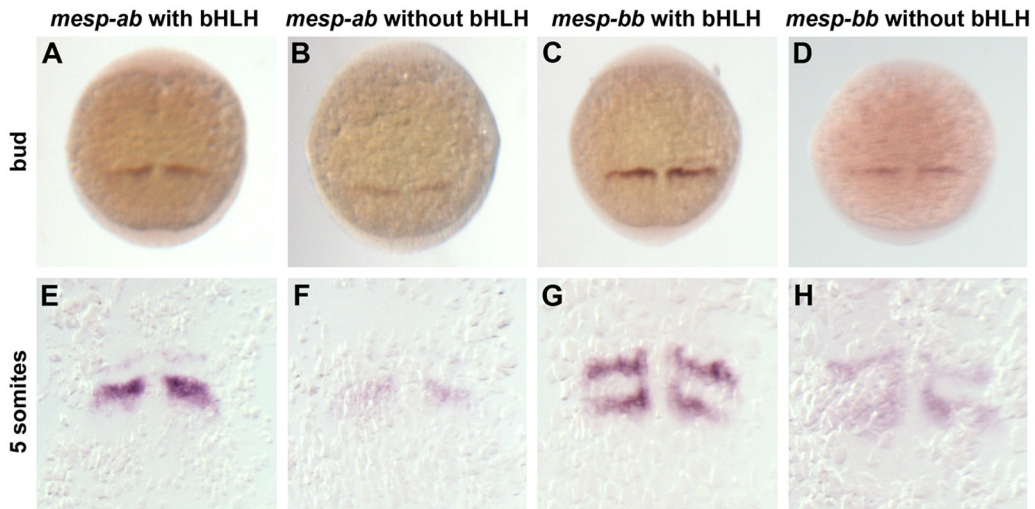
**Identification and expression analysis
of two novel members of the Mesp family in zebrafish**

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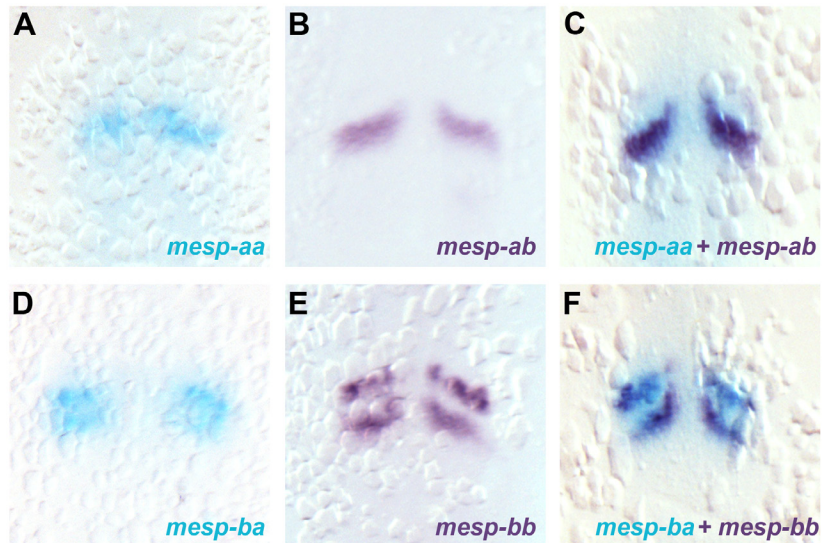
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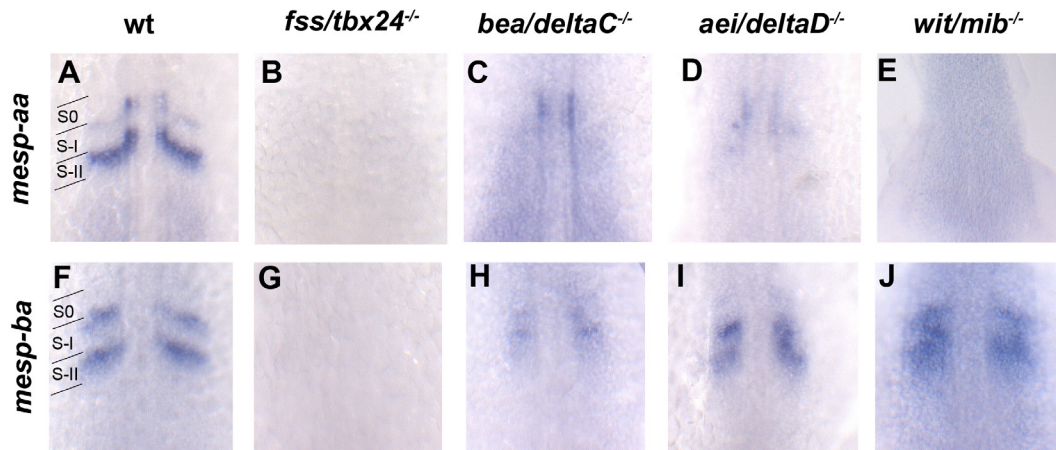
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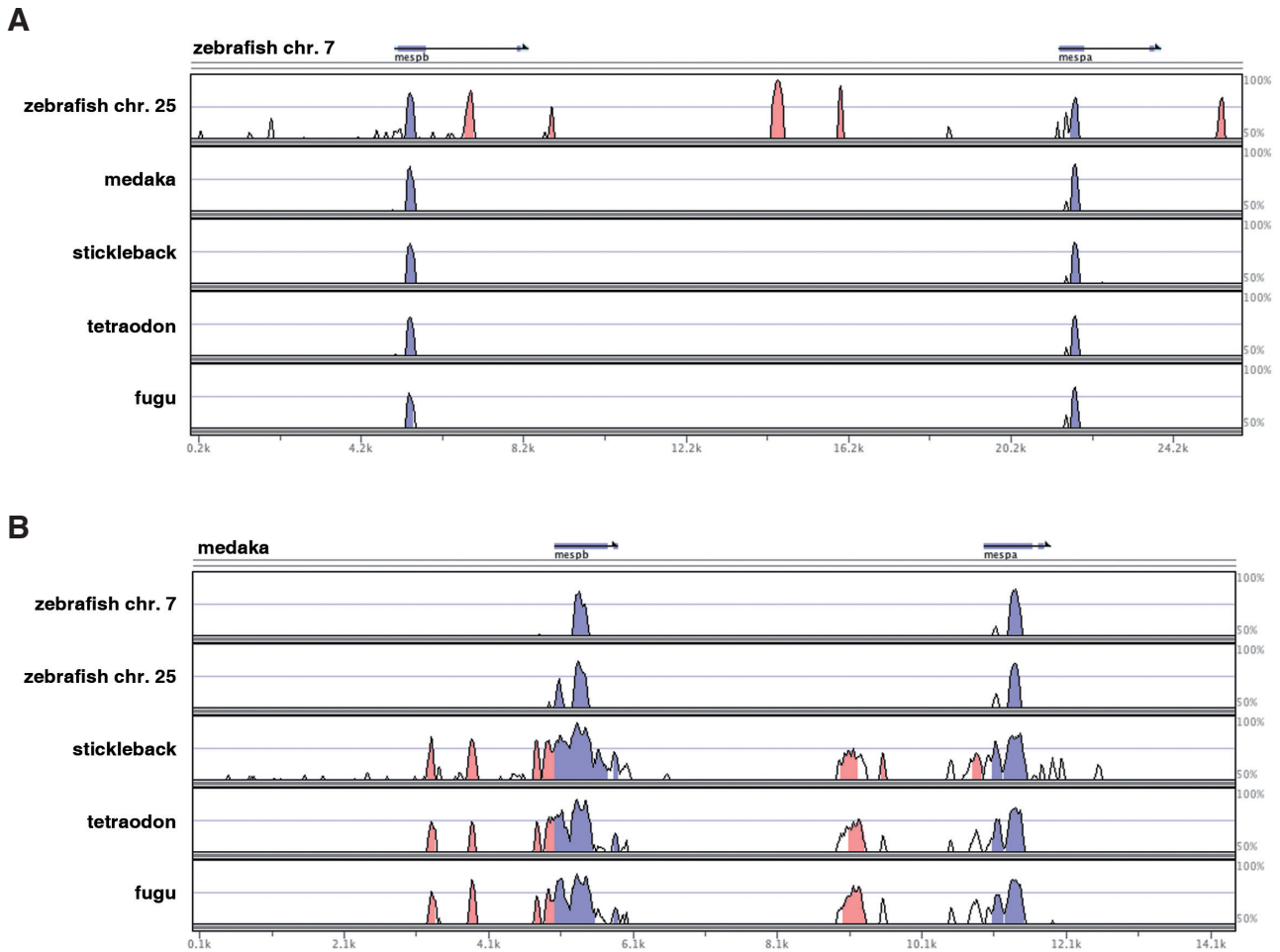
Supplementary Fig. S1. Comparison of *mesp-ab* and *mesp-bb* expression using *in situ* probes for full-length RNA (containing bHLH sequence) or for the 3' end of RNA (lacking bHLH sequence). Expression of *mesp-ab* and *mesp-bb* at bud stage (A-D) or 5-somite stage (E-H) shows spatial and temporal expression is the same for all probes. However expression of the probes lacking the bHLH sequence is weaker (compare A, C, E, G with B, D, F, H).



Supplementary Fig. S2. Overlap of *mesp-aa/ab* and *mesp-ba/bb* expression. (A-C) *In situ* of *mesp-aa* (pale blue) and *mesp-ab* (purple) at 12-somite stage shows that the expression of these genes overlap. (D-F) *In situ* of *mesp-ba* (pale blue) and *mesp-bb* (purple) at 12-somite stage shows that the expression of these genes overlap.



Supplementary Fig. S3. Expression of *mesp-aa* and *mesp-ba* in segmentation mutants. (A,F) *Wild-type*, (B,G) *fss/tbx24^{-/-}*, (C,H) *bea/deltaC^{-/-}*, (D,I) *aei/deltaD^{-/-}*, (E,J) *wit/mib^{-/-}* embryos at the 8-somite stage hybridized with *mesp-aa* (A-E) and *mesp-ba* (F-J) in situ probes. S0, S-I and S-II mark the position of presumptive somites. All embryos were flat-mounted and are shown in dorsal views, anterior to the top.



Supplementary Fig. S4. MVISTA analysis comparing the regions 5kb upstream of *mesp-b* to 2kb downstream of *mesp-a* of (A) zebrafish chr. 7 *mesp* locus to zebrafish chr. 25, medaka, stickleback, tetraodon and fugu *mesp* loci or (B) medaka *mesp* locus to zebrafish chr. 7, zebrafish chr. 25, stickleback, tetraodon and fugu *mesp* loci. Exons are shown in blue, while conserved non-coding sequence is shown in pink. The bHLH in the first exon shows high conservation between all species. In intronic and intergenic sequence small regions of conservation can be seen between the two zebrafish loci, but not the other fish (A). Regions of conservation between medaka, stickleback, tetraodon and fugu, but not zebrafish, can be found upstream of *mesp-b* and *mesp-a* (B).

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S1

SEQUENCES USED IN THIS STUDY, INCLUDING FULL-LENGTH *MESP-AB* AND *MESP-BB* SEQUENCES

Organism	Name used	Notes (including identifiers)	Sequence
<i>cDNA sequences</i>			
Zebrafish	<i>Drmespa</i>	ENS DART0000006018; Sawada et al, 2000; called <i>mesp1</i> in Wang et al, 2009	CAGCCATGGACGCCTCCACGTTTTCTCTTCCAGCTTCAAACCTGCAGCTTTTTTCTCCGGACTCTCAAACCCAGAGCTTTGCTGT ATCAGATGCTGGTTATTACAGCGCCACTGGTAGCTTTCTCAACCTCCCTCCATCGATTTCCGCACTTTTCTCCACAGCTTAC TCITTTGCTGCCTCAGATCTTCCCAAAGAGCATCCAGAAGACAGATGTCCAGCCGCGCAAGGAGAACCCGGACGTCCCAAATCGAA GTTTTCTGGAGTTAAACGGCAGACTGCAAGCGAGCGGGAGAAGTTGAGGATGAGGGATCTCACCAGGCTTTCATCACCTCA GGACCTTCTCGCTGCGTCTGTGGCTCCCGTGGGAAAAACGCTGACCAAGATTGAGACGCTGCGGCTCGCCATAAAGTACATC TCCTGTTTTATCTGATCAGCTCGGATGCGGTGAAGATGTGGAGATTTGTGAAGCGCAGGACGAGTTATCAGCACATCAGCAAG CGTGTGTTGACAACCTCAGTTTCCAGCTTCTCCGGCTTCTCAAAGTTTACCAGCTCAGCAGTTCATGTCTATGAGCTGTTATCAGACT CAGAATCCAGTTCAAGGTGATTTCCATTCTCCAGCTCAAGACGCTGCTGTTTTCCAGCAGCAAAATTTTCCATGGACAGT GCTGACCAAACTGACCTATTGAAAATATGGATGCGTAATTAATTTGTGAATGCTGATGCTAATGGAATGAAAGACTTTA TATATTTTTGTAAATATTTGTACAGCTATTTAATTTATATGTTTAAATGATATCAGTATTTAATTTGCTACATCTTTCCGG CAAATAAAGACATGAAGACATC
Zebrafish	<i>Drmespb</i>	ENS DART00000099572; annotated as <i>mesp2</i> ; also called <i>mesp2</i> in Wang et al, 2009	AGCATTCACTCAAGCTCCAGAGAACCAGAACATCTCCAAGAACTCGACCATGGAGTTAACTTCTCCTTACTTGTCTCCAAG CAGCCAGATGCAAACCTGAAACCATCTCAGTGTCTGATTTGGTTACTTCAGCGCATGTGGGAGCTTTCTCCACAGCTCCCA TCGATTCGGATGCTTTTCTCCCTTGGGAGCTGGAAGACAACCTGGAAGGCTCTGAAAATGCAAATGTTGACTGTTGCAAG CTAAAAAGCTAAAGCTAGCTTCTCCTGTTGATTCAAAAGAGAGCTTCCAGATCTAAAACCCAGGAATGAAGCGCAACATCAGCAA GCGAACGAGAGAACTCCGAATGAGGGATTTGACCAAAGCTCTTCACTATCTCAGATCCTTCTTACCTCCTTCTGTTGCTCGT CTGGACAACCTTGACTAAGATTGAGACCTCCGCTTTCGCTTTCAGCTACATTTTCCATCTTTCATCAACTCAGACAGGCTGA GGTGCCAAATTTAGAGATGTGCTCTGCTGAGCTTCCAGATAGTTTTCAGTGTGTTGAAAACCTGATGATGGAT GGACAACAGGGACTCATGCAAGATAATGTTTCCAGTATTGTTCCAAACCTCAACAAGCTTTGGAGATCCGAGAACAGATGGAGAAC AGCTTCTGCTACTTACATTTCCAGAGATGCACAGCTTATATGTTTCCCTGCACAACATGGATGACCTCATATAGCCATCA GTTTTACCAATGAAGGATGATGAGAGGACGATGAGAGCTCAAGTTGTTACAGAATCAACAGACTTTGTTGTGTATATTATTG TAATTTATTCAGAAAACATATTTTGTATTGGAGACATTTGTATATACTGCTTATTTATTGCTTTTTTAATTAACCCCTTAA GATGAAAAAATAAAAAAAAAA
Stickleback	<i>Gamespa</i>	ENS GACT00000019530; <i>Mesp2</i>	ATGGACGTTTCTACTGCTCTCCTCCAGCTGCAGGACAACCTTTCTCCTGTTGAGTCCCTGCTGGACAAGCCTTACGATCCT CTGGCCTACGATCCATCCTTGGACCTGGTACTTTCAGCGCATGCAGCAGCAGCCTGTCGCCACCTCCTCTGTGGACTCCTA CTGCTTCTCCCCACCTCCCTCCAAGTGGCGGGAAGCGAGCCGAACTCCACGGATCGTTTTCTGCTTCAAAGCCCGCAGTGC CTGGCCTCCCGCAGGGGACGAGCGTCCGCTTTCGCTCCGGATCATCCGCCCACTGCTCCACCCGAGGAAATCCAGATC CAGGTACCCGGGGAAGAAGCGGACAGCGGCCAGCGAGAGAGAGAAGCTGAGGATGAGGACCTGACCAAAGCCCTGCAGCA CCTCAGGACATACCTGCTCCTCGGCCGCCGCCCGCAGGACAGAACTGACCAAGATCGAGACGCTGCGCTCACCATCCGC TACATCTCCTACTGCTCGGCTCAGCTCGGCTCAGCGAGGAGCCCTGGAGCAGAGGCTCGGGTTTTCCGGAGAAGCC AAAACCTATTGAGTTCTTGGGTCAGCCAGGAGCCGCTACGCCCTGAGCTCAGCACATCTGCAGCCCTCACCCAGAAT TTGCTTGGCAGGTTTCAATGGAGTTTGTCTCACCAGCGAGCAGTTCTGGATGCCACAACAGCAGCAACTCCAAACGCCGCT TTCTTGGACAGAGCTGA
Medaka	<i>Oimespa</i>	ENS ORLT00000018374; Terasaki et al, 2006	ATGGAGATGTCCTTCTGCTTCCCTTCAAGTCCAGGAGAACCCTTTGAGTTTGATTGGGAGTCTCTGCAGGAAAAACCTCTG GGTCCGGATCCGCTCCGATGCTGTTTACCACAGTGCAGCCAGCAGCTGTCTCCACCTCCTCTGCTGACTCCTGCTGCT CTCCCTGCCTCCCTGCAGACTGTGGGACTGAACAAGATGTGCTGGAGATTTTCTTCTGCAGCCCGCAGCAGACTTTCATC TCACCTGCCAGACTGGGCCACCTTCCAGCTTATCCTCTGCAGCAGCCCAACCCAAAGAAATCAGTTCAGGATCCTGATCTGGGA AAGAAGCGCCAGACTGCCAGCGAGCGGGAGAACTCGGGATGAGGGATCTGACCAAAGCTTCTTACCTCAGACAGTAC TGCTCCTCCTGCTGCTCCTGCGGGTCAAACCTGACCAAGATCGAGACGCTGCCCTCACCATTCATATCTCCTACCTGT CAGCCAGCTGGCCCTCAGCGAGGAAGTGTGGAGCAGAGGAGATCCCTGGAGCAGGAGCTCCGAGCCCTCGGAGCTCCAA GTCAGCAGAGAGGCTACGGCCGCCAGGAAACGAGCTGCAGCACCCTGTAACGAGGAGCCCTCCTGCCACAGATTTCA GCCAGGCTTACAGCGAGTTCAGTTCTGGATTACGACGAGCAACCTCCAGTGTGATCTTCCAGGACAGTTGGAATCTGT CCTCCACATCTGCTCTGAACAAAAATCTAAACTTTCTTGAATGAATTCACCTGTATTTGACTACATCTGTGATTTATTAAGC TTTTTTTT
Tetraodon	<i>Tnmespa</i>	ENS NIT00000003794 not full length; sequence found through scanning genomic sequence and homology with other fish <i>mespa</i> sequences	ATGGAGCAGGCTCCCTGCTCCTCCTATTCTCCCTGCTCAGCCAAAGCAGACAGCAGCTGACCTCCAGCTCCAGGACA GCCCTCTGCTCTTTGATTGCGAGTCCCTGCTGGACGAGTCTACCAGCAGCTGGTCTTTGATCCAGCCGTGGACCTGGATAC TTAGCGCCCGCAGCTGCTATCTCCCACTTCTCTGTGGACTCCTTTCAGCTTCTCCCAAGCTCCCTCCAGGCTGCTGGAGC TGAGCAACTCCTCTGGACCCCTCCTCTTCCAGCAGCCCTGGTGCATCCGCTCCGAGCCACAGCAGCTGCTGAGTCTC TGACGCTCCTCCAGCTCCAGCAGCAGGAGTTCCAGGTTCCAAATCCCAAGCAAGAAAGCCGAGCAGCAGCAGTGAAGAGAGA AGCTTCCGATGAGGATCTGACCAAAGCCCTGACCACTCAGGACCCAGTCCGCTCAGGCTCCAGCCCGTCCAGCAG TCTGACCAAGATCGAGACCCTGCGCTCACCCTCCGCTACGTTGGCCACCTGTGGGCTCAGCTGGGCTCAGCCAGGAGTT CTGGAGCAGAGACTTCTGCGGGTGGCCAGAGCCTGAGCCAGGTTCCAGCCGACAGAGCTGGCCCATGAGCAGCGCC CGCTGCGCCACTGCAGCCCACTCAG
Fugu	<i>Trmespa</i>	ENS TRUT00000039278 not full length; sequence found through scanning genomic sequence and homology with other fish <i>mespa</i> sequences	ATGGAGGTTTCCCCTGCTCCTGCTCCAGCTCCAGGACACTTATTGCTCTTCGATTTGAGTCCCTGCTGGACAGCTGATCGTAT GACCAATGGTTTCTGATCCAGCTATTGACCCAGGATTCAGTGCAGATAGCTTCCCACTCTTCTGAGGACTCC TTCAGCTTCTCTCCACATCCCTCCAAGCTGCTGAACCTGAGCAATGCTCCTGGACGGTTCTCTCAGCAGCCAGCTGCA CCTCTGACCTCTGAGCCTCAGACCTCGAGTCAAGCAGACCCCTCCAGCTGACACCAAGAAAGTCCAGGTCAAGGTATCCAGG CAAGAAGCGCCAGACAGCCAGTGAAGGGGAAAGTTGAGGATGAGGGATCTGACCAAAGCCCTGCATCACCCTTAGGACGTTAC CTGCCACCATCAGTGGCACCAGCCGTCAGACTCTGACCAAGATTGAGACCTACGCTCACCATCCGCTACATAGCTACCT GTCGAGCCAGCTGGGCTTACCAGAGGAGCTCTGGAGCAGAAATGTTCTTGGGACTTACTGAGGACCCAAAAACCTGAGC CACATTGAGCCATCCAGCCAGGACTGTAGCTCATGACCAGCACTACCTGCAACCTCATATCAG
Zebrafish	<i>Drmespb</i>	ENS DART00000045385; Sawada et al, 2000; called <i>meso1c</i> in Wang et al, 2009	GAGACAGCAATGGCTACCCTGAGCCTGCAGAGGTGTACCTCGCACCTCCGAAATCCAACATATAAACCTCCTCCTTTCA CCAGCAGACACAGCATGCAAACTCAAGCAAGAACCATGGAGCAGTTCCAGCTCCGAGTCCGAGTTTTCCAGCATTTCTCT CTCCAGAGACAACCTTCCCGGATCAGAGCTTCTCGCCGCCCATCAAACCAAAGCTCCGTTGAAATTTAGTCAAATCTTCTA ATATCATGAAGAAAAAGCGGAGATTGAGGCTGAAGAAACCCGAGCGAGCAGCGGAGAAAGCTGAGTGAAGAAAGGAAAGCTGAG GATGAGGATCTGACCAAAGCTTTCATCATCTCAGGAGCTTCTTACCTGCTTCAAGTCTGCTGAGTCCGGTAGGACAACCTGACCA AATCGAGACTCTGAGGCTGACATACATATCTCCTTCTTCTCAGCTTGGCTCAGTGAAGAAAGAGCTGAGCTACAG GAGACAAGAAAATCCAGCGGATGCTCTTTGTGCGATTTTGTGAGTTCGTGTGAGTTGAGGATGGAGTTTGTGGAGCGGAGCAGG GTTATGCTCTGTGATGGACAGATTGAGGACTGCTCTGTTATGGAGGACAATACAGGAGCGGATGAGGATTTGACACAG CAGCATTCACGGAGCAAAACCGGCTTGGTCAAGATTGACCGCTTCAACAGACTTCCAGAGTCAACAGTGTGGGAGATGACACAGACCC GTACCAGTTTACGGAAAAACCTTTGGCTATCATCTGCTTCTCAGACTACTGGAGATGACGGAAAGATCCATCACACAAA AAGTGGGCGGATAC
Zebrafish	<i>Drmespb</i>	not annotated, but EST evidence maps to region within 25:11392500-11403500 (Zv9); called <i>meso1b</i> in Wang et al, 2009	ACAACCAATCTCCAACCCACAGAAATGGACGCATCATCTCCTTTCTTCAACTACATCCAGCAAACTCCTGGAGCTCAGACTCC GAACCTCTACAACATCTCATCTCCAGAAACCGTTTTCTCCTCCTCATGAGCTTCTCCATCAGCGCAGGCTCAGAGCGTTTT CTCCAAACCAAGATTTCCGGTTTCTCGTTTCAAGATGGTGGAGCGTCCCGTTGTGAGTTAGAGGATGAGACAGGATCAAGAAT CCTAGTAAACAAAGACAAGCGCCAGTGAAGGAGAAAGCTGAGAAATGAGGATCTGACCAAAGCTTGCATCACCCTCAGGAC GTACCTACCACCTTCTGAGCTCCGTTGGCCAAACCTGACCAAAATCGAGACTTCCGCTTACCATCCGATATATTTCTAT TTGCTGCTCAACTAGCCCTCAGCGAAGAGTCTTTGTGCAAGATGAGAGACTTAAAGGTTTTCCGGATATCAAGAGATGCTC AAACCACTGCTATTCCACTGCTGATTTTGGGGTTCATGTCAAACAGCTGCGCAACTTCAAGATTTGTTGAGGAGGACGGAT ATGATTTGCGGAGGTTTTATGGAAATGAAAAACCGGCTTATGACGATTTACAGCTTAAATTTAACTCAGAAATCTTCTT GTCCGTTGATGCTGATTACAGATTGACATACAGGGCTCAACAAGCGCTCCACTGTTCCATGCTCCAGGTTCTGGGAT GAATTTCTCATTAATATTTAAATTTTCAAATGTTGAATATAAAGTTCAAATTTTATGGACTTTTTTGTACAGTATTAATAAT AAGTTTTATCTTAAAAAATAAAAAAAAAA

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Salmon	<i>Ssmespa</i>	Salmon WGS trace read (ti 2265529949)	CGACTGGCTCCTTCTCGCTGAGCTCCAGCTGCGCCGACAGGTGGGAGATGTAGCCGATGGTAGGCGCAGGGTCTCGATCT TGTCAGAGTCTGTAGCCGGAACACAGAAAGGGGCGAGTAGTCTGAGTGGTGGAGGCTTTGGTCAAGTCTCTCACTCA TCTCAGCTTCTCCTCTGCTGGCGCTCTCCGCTTCTTCCAGGGAAGTGGACCTAGACCTTCTCCTGAGCTGGGAGT TTTTCTATCCTCTTTTGGCAACATGGCTGATGCAGCCTGAAGCGTGGAACTTCTCCTCCTGACCACTCCCACTG AAACAAGGGGAGAGAGGCGAGAAGGATCAATGGAGGAGGCGAGGTGACAGGCTACTACAGCACTGTAATAACCAAGGGTGC GAGCTGGGACAGCTGGGCTCAGAAAGCCATCACTGTCCAGCAGATGCTTCCAGCCTGAAGAACAAGAGTTTAGAGAAAT CAACGGAATCCATTACTGCACTTTTTCTGAGCTTGAATATCTTCACTGCTGTCTGCTTGTGAGGATGTGAGGAGTACTG AGGACCCAGAGCTGCTCCCAATTTATCCTACAGGCGAGGTGTGATATGGCACCTCAGGCTGGGCTGGACTTCAAAGTGACC AAGTACAGATCACTAGACTTACGGGGTCCCTGGGAACATCCTCCTGAGGAGGAGTGGTGTAGGCTCCGAGGATTAAGT GAAATCTGCATCAAGTTCAAGAATTCATGGTGGGAGAGATTATGTTTTGAACAATTTCTAAATTTGGCAGTATCGGATAGGA ATGATTTGATTAT
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Salmon	<i>Ss mespb</i>	Salmon WGS trace read (ti 2278022697)	GAATTCGCTTCTGAGCAGCAGTGTGTATTTTTCCAGCAGAGGACTGTTGGTGGCTACTCTCTGTCCAGGAGC TCTGGGAGCCATGATAGTGTCTGAGAGGCTGTAGAGGTGTACAGTGTACACCTCAGACTTCTGATAAAAACCAAGGCTCT CCGAATGACCAGCCACAGGCAAGCTTTCAGTTCAGTCTACTGCTCAACATACAGGACACAGCATATCTCTCTCC TCTACTCAGCACTATAGTGTGGTGTGAGTACCACTGGAGTTATCCAGTCTGAGACTTATAAACCCTTCTTCTCCT AGAGACTTGTATCATCTCCCGACCTCCTGATGAGCTTCTCTCTCCTGGCTACCTCGGGGGACCGCCACAGGACCTCAC AGTCAACATACTTGGGGAGCCAAAGGCATCCGCTTCCCATCTCCAGTACGAGGAGGAGACTCTGAGGAGGAGATTA GAAAGAAGTCTCCAAGAACCAGCAAGCAGAGCAGAGTGCAGCGAGAAGGAGAGTGGATGCGAGACCTGACCA AAGCCCTCCACCCTCAGGACCTACCTGCCCCCTCTGTGGCCCGCGCTGAACAGACTCTGACCAAGATCGAGACGCTGC GCCTCACCATCAGCTACATCTCCCACTGTCTGCCAGCTGGGACTCAGCGAGGAGGCTCTGTGCCAGAGGAAAGGACTAAA CCTCAACGCATCAGGAAACCCATATCACTCAACAAGAGTGTGCCAGTTTCAACCCCTCCCTCCTCAGGAACTGGGG GGAGAGGGAGGCGAAAAAATTTGGGAAAGTGGTGCAGGGGGCAATCCACCCGAAACCCCTTCCCGAGGAGGACTTA GACATTTAGATACTTTTTATTATATAAATAGCAATAAATAGTACTTCTGTACAAAAAACAGATAACATAAAAAATATAATATT AAAAAGACATCTAAAAAAGATAAAACAATATATAAAAAACATTAATAACTATACAGCACAGTCCATAAAAGTTTGAATAAT GTGAAAAAGTCCAATGAGATTTTCACTCCCAAGAAATGGCGAGCAACCGGATAGTGCACGGCTTTGTTGAGCCCTGGTATGC TGTGGCTGTATCTGCATACAAAGGGCTGGCCAGAAAGAGATTCTGAGCTGGAGTTGAAGGATCATCATATAGCAGGTTTCCA TGACCATCTGCTGCTCAAGGCATGCTGAAAGTTGAAGGTTGATGACACAGTCTTGTGATGATGCTGATTTCC CAATACTCTGGGTTGAATTTGCCCTGACATTTGAGACGGTTCTTGGTATCTAGAAGCTCCAAGGTCCCTCATCTGCGAGAGAGA CTCTTCTGCTGAAGCCTAGTTGAGCAGACAGATAAGAGATGTAGCGGATGGTGGAGGCAAGGGTCTCGATCTTCTGCAAGGTT TGACCGACAGGAGCCATGAAGGAGTAAAGTCTGAGGTGATTGAGAGCTTTGGTCAAGTCTTCTCAGCTTCTCCTCCT TTTTCTGCTGCACTGCTTCTGCTGCTGGGTTCTTGGAGCGGCTTCTTCTGTTCCGACAGGCAACATGCGCGCTCCT GATGTAATGA
Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>)	<i>Ppmespb</i>	EST (GenBank Acc: DT342990)	CCTGAAGTCTCACCTTGTCTCCTGCTGGACGTGGCCGGAAGACGGGTGGAACACCCGGATCCGAGCAAGCAGAGGGA GAGCGCAGTGAGAAGGAGAAGCTGAGGATGAGGGATCTGACCAAGCTGCAACACCTCAGGCTCCTACCTCCACCTTCA GTGCAACTGTGGGACAGCTCTGACGAAGATAGAGACACTCCGCTCACCATCCGCTACATCTCCTACTGTCAGCTCAGCT GGGCTGAGTGAGGAGGTGCTATTTCAGAGGAGGGAACAAGTGGACACCTAGCCAGTGAACGCTTCTCCTGATCTGAT AGTACTTTCAAACCTCATCCGCTGGAACAACAGGCAAGCAGAACCCGACTCCAGCTGTGTTACAGCCAGAACAGC GCTGACTTGGGCTTGTGCTTTGGGGTGAATCAGTTGAGAACGAGTACGGTGAAGGCCCTCAGGGAGACATGAGCGT GATGCTGCTCTGAGTCACTCCAGCATCCAGCCCTTGTGAGGTTTGAACATTTACTCATTTCATCTCCGATTTGTT AATGCAACAGCATATTTTGTCTATTCAACACTTCACTCTTTGCTGTTTACAACAGATGTGTGGCAAAAGACTTCTGCATCCC ACTTGTGCCAAGAGACTACTGGGCTGACCTCTCAGTGACCACAGAGCAACCCCTT
Turner's minnow (<i>Poeciliopsis turneri</i>)	<i>Ptmespb</i>	EST (GenBank Acc: HO912189)	CCTGAAGTCTCACCTTGTCTCCTGCTGGACGTGGCCGGAAGACGGGTGGAACACCCGGATCCGAGCAAGCAGAGGGA GAGCGCAGTGAGAAGGAGAAGCTGAGGATGAGGGATCTGACCAAGCTGCAACACCTCAGGCTCCTACCTCCACCTTCA GTGCAACTGTGGGACAGCTCTGACGAAGATAGAGACACTCCGCTCACCATCCGCTACATCTCCTACTGTCAGCTCAGCT GGGCTGAGTGAGGAGGTGCTATTTCAGAGGAGGGAACAAGTGGACACCTAGCCAGTGAACGCTTCTCCTGATCTGAT AGTACTTTCAAACCTCATCCGCTGGAACAACAGGCAAGCAGAACCCGACTCCAGCTGTGTTACAGCCAGAACAGC GCTGACTTGGGCTTGTGCTTTGGGGTGAATCAGTTGAGAACGAGTACGGTGAAGGCCCTCAGGGAGACATGAGCGT GATGCTGCTCTGAGTCACTCCAGCATCCAGCCCTTGTGAGGTTTGAACATTTACTCATTTCATCTCCGATTTGTT AATGCAACAGCATATTTTGTCTATTCAACACTTCACTCTTTGCTGTTTACAACAGATGTGTGGCAAAAGACTTCTGCATCCC ACTTGTGCCAAGAGACTACTGGGCTGACCTCTCAGTGACCACAGAGCAACCCCTT

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S1 (CONTINUED)

Protein sequences

Zebrafish	Drmespaa	ENSDARP0000005591; Sawada et al, 2000; called mesp1 in Wang et al, 2009	MDASTFSLQLQNCFFLPDSQNSFVAVSDAGYYSATGSLSPSSIDSCSFSPPAYSLLPQIFPKSIQKTDVQPPKRTGRPKSKFPKV KRQTASEREKLRMRDLTKALHHLRFLPASPAPVAGKTLTKIETLRLAIKISCLSDQLGCGEDVEICEAQDEVISTSASVDFNFSSASS ASQSLPAQQFMSMSCYQTONPVQGDHFSPAQDQVWFVFSQQHNFHGQC
Zebrafish	Drmespab	ENSDARP00000090346 is not full length; called mesp2 in Wang et al, 2009	MEFNLPYPYLLQAARCKLEPISSADCGYFACGSLSPSSSIDSGCFSPWPWAGRQLEGPENANVDCLOAKKLLKALPVDSKRRSRSK NPGMKRQASEREKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLAISYIHLSDQLRQAEVNPYEMCCSAEASDRFQSGLV FENVCMDDGQQLMQDNVQYCPPLTSFSGDSREQMENSFPATSHFRDAQSYMFPCTTMDASYSHQFYQ
Stickleback	Gamespa	ENSGACP00000019492; <i>Mesp2</i>	MDVSYCSPLQLQDNFSLFESLLDKPYDPLAYDPSLDPGYFACSSSLSPSSVDSYCFSPSTLQVAGSEPNSTDRFVFKSPAVPGL PQGTQRPPCSGSSAATSSTARKSRSRYPGKKRQTASEREKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQ LGLSEEALEQACRACGFSEKPNLIEFLGQPGAGYGPVSSAHLQPSHQNLQSWQVSNVCFSTSEQFWMPPQQQLQNAVFSGGQS
Medaka	Olmespa	ENSORLP00000018373; Terasaki et al, 2006	MEMSFCFLPQFENPLQFDWESLQEKPLGDPDSDAGYHSAASSLSPSSVDSVSCCFSPASLQTVGTEQDVLSEFLFCSPAELHLLT CQTGPPSSLSASSPTAKKSRSRYLKGRKQTASEREKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAKLGLS EEVLEQRRLSEPTQALGHLGQQQASYSYGAQETSCSTVNEQRSSPQQSSQASDGVQVFIQQQHPAVIFSGQC
Tetraodon	Tnmespa	ENSTNIP00000014876 not full length; sequence found through scanning genomic sequence and homology with other fish mespa sequences	MDLQLQDPSLLFDCEESLDESQHVVDPAVDPGYFACSGCSSPSSVDSVDFSPSTLQVAGAEQTLDRLLFSSPGASGRSREPH SLQCTSSSSSSRRSRSKYPGKKRQTASEREKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYVAHLWAQLGLTEEVLE EQRRSCGWPOQSLSQVQPTERGAAMSSARLRLQPPQVCSFSPSGQYWFPPQQQEEVEAWAFSHL
Fugu	Trmespa	ENSTRUP00000039137 not full length; sequence found through scanning genomic sequence and homology with other fish mespa sequences	MEVSHCSFPQLQDTSLLFDCEESLDESQHVVDPAVDPGYFACSSSLSPSSVDSVDFSPSTLQVAGAEQTLDRLLFSSPAAPL TSEPQTLQSSRPSSSDTKKSRSRYPGKKRQTASEREKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYIAYLSQLGLT EEALEQKCSLGLTEQPKTLSHIQPSSQDCSLMSTLHQPSYQTVYNRQSTSVIACKPENNLCSGKTEITIFFSGS
Zebrafish	Drmespba	ENSDARP00000045384; Sawada et al, 2000; called meso1c in Wang et al, 2009	MQTSSKNQWSSSSSEFEFSSISSPETTSPDQFSFPPHQTAKPPCKLKVSSNIMKKRRLRLKNPSEQRQNAESEKLRMRDLTKAL HHLRSLPASPAPVAGQTLTKIETLRLTIQYISFLSSQLGLSEELSYRRQENSNGCSLSSFECSVSGGFGVTEQQYALCDGGYEDC SGYGGQYRERYGGLTOQHSTEQNLVSDIGFQSQCGQMTQTPYQYVGNFYHLPQTYWR
Zebrafish	Drmespbb	not annotated in Ensembl, but EST evidence maps to region within 25:11392500-11403500 (Zv9); called meso1b in Wang et al, 2009	MDASSPFFNYIQNWSWSDSELYNISPETVSPSSYMDFPSAQAAQVSPKPEISGSSFDGGRSRVGVRRTRCKNPSKORQASAS EKEKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPVAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQGLSEELCKMRDLRVSGYQEMPNHCYSTAEFWGS CQNSCGTSESVLRRTRDMDCRQVFMGMEKPAYDDSFNSSSELESPLYADSALTYQYGNKGVHCSIAPEFWG
Stickleback	Gamespb	not annotated; sequence found by scanning genomic sequence and homology with other fish mespb sequences	MDTCSAALLNHSLOYQWFSDSDLSISSSETLSPVLSDSSLSPPSYQQHLQSTPKGAQTGYQTLRCSPCSRSRGRKSGRGS RMRSKQRESASEKEKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIDTLRLTISYISYLSAQGLSEELFQRREQDGTSTSDASSPD ILGYFQHGAVGGQEAQLQDQSLDQSLNQLSYQAQCHSQGTVLHSGSCGFADRYDMQYFEGPMGDTSLLEGILQSSPATQPCQ MGKDFCMLVPREYWG
Medaka	Olmespb	ENSORLP00000018370; Terasaki et al, 2006	MDTSSVPLFDYSLQYQWCSDDTLSSSTPETLSPVYMDSSLSPPSYQQPSQSTPRAAKNPYSQNLKSSPRSPSGRGRKLGQASRI RSKQRESASEKEKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQGLSEELFQRREQDGTSTSDASSPD IIRYF QNASAAAGRAESQSLNQLSYQLHHFSQHAVMHSHGECGFAGPQFSRQNSEGVQGNVRTSAELQTPPASQASQCMCGKDFCTPLVP REYWG
Tetraodon	Tnmespb	ENSTNIP00000001974 not full length; sequence found by scanning genomic sequence and homology with other fish mespb sequences	MDTSSVPLHSYGLQCRWCCTDSDMSSISSETLSPVPLSDSSLSPPSYQQPSQSTPRLTRPKSSPCLSRQGRAGKAARIRSKQR ESASEKEKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQGLNEEVLQRREQRHRSAHGSSTGILSYLQH RSVIGQEAQLPKQSPNPLEQSPSNPALHAESCFFGAHQFAAAPAEDLSLDAILHAPPDTQASQCMCGPGFCRPLVPREYWA
Fugu	Trmespb	ENSTRUP00000039134 not full length; sequence found by scanning genomic sequence and homology with other fish mespb sequences	MDTSSVPLHNGCLQFQWCSDDSDISSMSPETLSPVYMDSSLSPPSYQQPESTPPKATRTFKSSPCLSRRRRGRAGKPTRIRSKQ RESASEKEKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQGLNEEVLQRREQRHSATDSSSPDILSYFQ HSSAIGQEVQLQNNQGLDQPLFSSHCPSQNTAFHSGTYSFGVQYTVAPLEDMSVDIAPHTPTATQPSQVCSTDFCMLVPRE YWG
Amphioxus	BfMesp	ABD57444.1	MAYATDFFENDDGLSLLRADTPVTSADRDGSDSSPFFEDSGLSSGGSPRESSALLNGSRRRRRRRKRPLRGLSKQRQAANER ERVRMQLNTAALGLVREHIPPVAPKDKRLSKIETLKAIGYIDYLRRLVQESTENAASLLPSPLESLEAKEDAEDIDGSEIKQDKQ ERRRRKDRTRARHLTPHFNAKKSQQTAPAPRPTAAKVRPRPSTVSSCSPKSGGNDGMSVKLET
Human	HuMESP1	ENSP000000300057	MAQPLCPPLSESWMLSAAWGPTRRPPSDKDCGRSLVSSPDVSWGTPADSPVAPARPGTLRDRPRAPVGRGARRSRLGSGQ RQASEREKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLAIRYIGHLSAVLGLSEELQRRRCRQGDAGSPRCGLCPDDC PAQMQRTRQAEQGQGGRLGLYSAVRAGASWGSPPACPGARAAPERDPPALFAEAACPEQGAMEPSPSPPLPGDVLALLET WMLSPLEWLPEEPK
Human	HuMESP2	ENSP000000342392	MAQSPPPQSLGLGHDHWFIAQGWGWAGHWDTSTPASSDSSGSCPCDARGLPQPPSPSSRAEEAATTPRRARTGPAGGQ RQASEREKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLAIRYIGHLSAVLGLSEELQRRRCRQGDAGSPWGCPLCPDR GPAAEQTAEGQGGQGGQGGQGGQGGQGGQGGQGGQGGRRPGLVSAVLAESAWSGSPACPGAQAAPERLGRGVHDTDPWAT PYPYCPKIQSPYSSQGTSDASLWTPPQGCPTWQSSPEPRNPVWTAAPATLELAAYVQGLSVPEPCLSLGAPSLPHPSQCR LQPQTGRCWSSHSAEVVPSNEDQGGAAQFLSEASPPQSSGLRFSGPELWQEDLEGARLGFY
translated EST sequences			
Salmon	Ssmespaa	translation of Salmon WGS trace read (tj2271345710)	MDSVDSSKLLFLQAGEHLLDSGFLKPCSPSSDPGYYSACSSLPASSIDSFCLSPCLQWGGGQEKEDSNASGCISHVAKRKRIE KLPQAEKRSRSPKFKKRESASEREKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQGLSEELQRRRCRQGDAGSPWGCPLCPDR TPCQYMPQCPQGSMSGKQYQERLOGNIQSNQYCLPLVTSCTNNTPEQPDYLTSAVSYQDMLNPKGRFC
Salmon	Ssmespab	translation of Salmon WGS trace read (tj2265529949)	MDSVDFSKLLFLQAGEHLLDSGFLKPCSPSSDPGYYSACSSLPASSIDSFCLSPCLQWGGGQEKEDSNASGCISHVAKRKRIE KLPQAEKRSRSPKFKKRESASEREKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQGLSEELQRRRCRQGDAGSPWGCPLCPDR TPCQYMPQCPQGSMSGKQYQERLOGNIQSNQYCLPLVTSCTNNTPEQPDYLTSAVSYQDMLNPKGRFC
Salmon	Ssmespba	translation of Salmon WGS trace read (tj2272889492)	MDISAPLLSKYSVGVQYHWSYPSDSEFYNSPETCISLPSAYMDFSSSLPRTATEPHRSTHSGGAKASAPSSSDEGLSG GRIRKNSRSPKQKQASASEKEKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQGLSEELQRRRCRQGDAGSPWGCPLCPDR TPCQYMPQCPQGSMSGKQYQERLOGNIQSNQYCLPLVTSCTNNTPEQPDYLTSAVSYQDMLNPKGRFC
Salmon	Ss mespbb	translation of Salmon WGS trace read (tj2278022697)	MDISAPLLSNYSVGVQYHWSYPSDSEFYNSPETCISLPSAYMDFSSSLPRTATEPHRSTHSGGAKASAPSSSDEGLSG GRIRKNSRSPKQKQASASEKEKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQGLSEELQRRRCRQGDAGSPWGCPLCPDR TPCQYMPQCPQGSMSGKQYQERLOGNIQSNQYCLPLVTSCTNNTPEQPDYLTSAVSYQDMLNPKGRFC
Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephales promelas</i>)	Ppmespbb	translation of EST (GenBank Acc: DT342990). Lacking N-term and second exon.	SLHQDGACSRVGTTRTRSKNPSKQKQASASEKEKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPVAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQGLSEEL QMRDLGASRYQEPSQCGNSTPEYWGISTSHQELCQSTFKPSEHALRQTEMVMPAYDDSFNSSSESLASPLYADTATAYQ GYNKAVHYVPAPQFWG
Turner's minnow (<i>Poeciliopsis turneri</i>)	Ptmespb	translation of EST (GenBank Acc: HO912189). Lacking N-term and second exon.	LKSSPCLPGRGRKTRGRNTRIRSKQRESASEKEKLRMRDLTKALHHLRSLPSPVAPVAGQTLTKIETLRLTIRYISYLSAQGLSEEL QMRDLGASRYQEPSQCGNSTPEYWGISTSHQELCQSTFKPSEHALRQTEMVMPAYDDSFNSSSESLASPLYADTATAYQ GYNKAVHYVPAPQFWG

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S2

COMPARISON OF ZEBRAFISH MESP-AA, MESP-AB, MESP-BA, MESP-BB WITH OTHER MESP-RELATED PROTEINS

	% identity			
	Full length protein		bHLH domain	
	huMESP1	huMESP2	huMESP1	huMESP2
Mesp-aa	25.4	18.9	74.1	72.2
Mesp-ab	26.5	27.4	83.3	81.5
Mesp-ba	29.6	24.9	75.5	73.5
Mesp-bb	31.1	23.9	79.6	77.6

	% identity over full-length protein							
	Medaka mesp-a	Medaka mesp-b	Fugu mesp-a	Fugu mesp-b	Tetraodon mesp-a	Tetraodon mesp-b	Stickleback mesp-a	Stickleback mesp-b
Mesp-aa	38.5	36.3	35.3	33.3	38.9	34.3	39.8	36.2
Mesp-ab	38.1	33.6	37.2	31.9	35.7	32.5	39	31.7
Mesp-ba	35.4	41	35	40.5	35.1	40.8	34.3	40.4
Mesp-bb	34.6	42	34.2	41	37.9	39.9	33.7	40.3

	% identity over full length protein		
	Mesp-aa	Mesp-ab	Mesp-ba
Mesp-aa			
Mesp-ab	41.2		
Mesp-ba	38.9	32.3	
Mesp-bb	32.7	32.2	42.2

	% identity over bHLH domain (protein sequence)		
	Mesp-aa	Mesp-ab	Mesp-ba
Mesp-aa			
Mesp-ab	87.0		
Mesp-ba	85.7	85.7	
Mesp-bb	83.7	85.7	88.9

	% identity over bHLH domain (cDNA sequence)		
	Mesp-aa	Mesp-ab	Mesp-ba
Mesp-aa			
Mesp-ab	75.3		
Mesp-ba	80.2	71.7	
Mesp-bb	76.4	73.9	82.0

The table shows a high level of sequence identity over the bHLH domain but little over the whole protein sequence. Table shows pairwise identity (from CLUSTALW2 alignment) of full-length proteins or bHLH domains (54 amino acids; PF00010).

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S3

PCR PRIMERS USED IN THIS STUDY

Primer name	Primer sequence 5'-3'
1. Primers used to isolate <i>mespab</i> and <i>mespbb</i> from cDNA	
mespabF2	AGCATTCACTCAAGCTCCAG
mespabR2	GGGGTTTAATTAAGAAAGACAAT
mespbbF	ATGGACGCATCATCTCCTTTC
mespbbR	TCATCCCCAGAACTCTGGAG
2. Primers used in 5' and 3' RACE	
5' RACE Primer	GGCCACGCGTCGACTAGTACGGGIIIGGGIIIGGIIG
mespab RACE GSP1	GCAGGAAACATATAA
mespab RACE GSP2	GCTGATTGTCGCTTCATTCC
3' RACE adaptorprimer	GGCCACGCGTCGACTAGTACTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
5' and 3' RACE abridged primer	GGCCACAGCGTCGACTAGTAC
mespbb 5' RACEGSP1	GTTGTAGCCCTGATAT
mespbb 5' RACEGSP2	CGTTTGGCCAACGGGAGCTA
3. Primers used for <i>bHLH</i> minus <i>in situ</i> probes (in conjunction with T7 or SP6)	
mespaa-bHLH	GTGAAGATGTGGAGATTTGT
mespab-bHLH	CTGAGGTGCCAAATTATGAG
mespba-bHLH	GTGAAGAAGAGCTGAGCTAC
mespbb-bHLH	GCGAAGAGTCTTTGTGCAAG
4. Primers used in qPCR	
qPCR mespaaF2	GCAGGACGAGGTTATCAG
qPCR mespaaR2	GGAATGAATGGAAATCAC
qPCR mespbbF2	TTATGAGATGTGCTGCTCTG
qPCR mespabR2	GCTGTTCTCCATCTGTTCTC
qPCR mespba2	TGTGATGGACAGTATGAGGA
qPCR mespbaR2	GAACGAGATGATAGCCAAAG
qPCR mespabF2	CTCAAACCACTGCTATTCC
qPCR mespabF2	TCTGAGCTGGAATTAAGGA