

MAPK3

Mitogen activated protein kinase 3, also known as p44MAPK and ERK1, is an enzyme that in humans is encoded by the MAPK3 gene.

The convergence of multi-signals on the **Erk1/2** signaling pathway indicated the vital role of Erk1/2 in the pathogenic processes of **craniosynostosis**. Over the past years, researchers tried to interfere the processes of **suture fusion** via molecule mechanisms, especially FGFs and related signaling ^{1) 2) 3)}

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