### Neuregulin 1 signaling is essential for nervedependent axolotl limb regeneration

Johanna Farkas, Polina Freitas, Donald Bryant, Jessica Whited, James Monaghan Development, 2016



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## Q 2 Million Americans live with limb loss



http://www.theaustralian.com.au/sport/rio-olympics/rio-2016-paralympics-ones-to-watch

### Disease and accidents lead to limb loss



Data source: Ziegler-Grahm et al, 2008

### Amphibians can fully regenerate limbs



http://www.mun.ca/biology/ desmid/brian/BIOL3530/ DEVO\_14/ch14f04.jpg

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Video by HHMI: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_rtF\_coKT8U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_rtF\_coKT8U</a>

#### Limb regeneration is nerve dependent



http://www.mun.ca/ biology/desmid/brian/ BIOL3530/DEVO\_14/ ch14f06.jpg

### Regeneration is nerve dependent in many species







Kumar et al, 2012

### Nerve-secreted nAG promotes newt limb regeneration





From Kumar et al, 2007 Science

digit stage regeneration vector 0/24

nAG 15/29

### Neuregulin-1/ErbB2



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- Growth factor important in neuronal and heart development
- Alternative splicing produces many isoforms
- Receptors include ErbB2 and EGFR











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