

## Role of Semaphorin3D in cardiovascular development and disease

Class 3 semaphorins are secreted molecules that primarily signal through neuropilin and/or plexin coreceptor complexes. Recently, we have identified a new proepicardial progenitor population marked by Semaphorin3D, which can give rise to coronary vascular endothelium. In a separate study, our results identify Semaphorin3D as a critical pulmonary venous patterning cue and provide experimental evidence for an alternate developmental model to explain abnormal pulmonary venous connections.

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