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Mechanics and Robustness in Developmental Morphogenesis

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Tissue shape changes rely directly on mechanical forces and tissue material properties. The correct regulation of these properties underlies the robustness of morphogenesis. In particular, feedback mechanisms that allow tissue shapes to be measured in real time and re-input into the mechanical regulations may be essential in self-organizing systems such as the developing embryo. Here I will discuss examples and hypotheses of such feedback mechanisms and highlight the importance of mechanical tools in testing these ideas. Mechanical feedbacks allow tissue scale properties to be linked to molecular genetic control. Quantitative models built on these links have the potential to enable fine tuning of developmental outcomes thereby providing a powerful tool for tissue engineering and regenerative medicine.

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