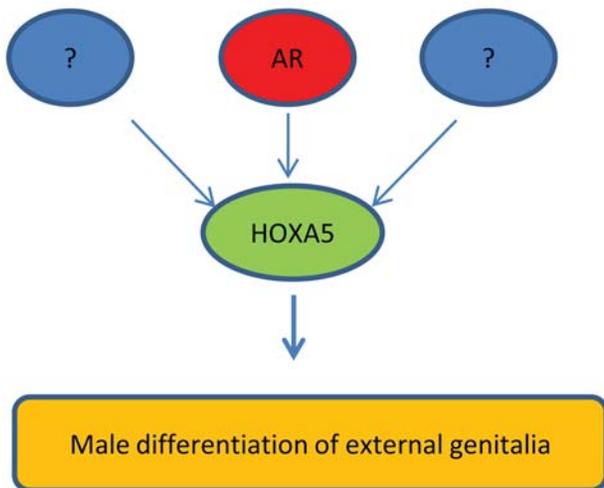


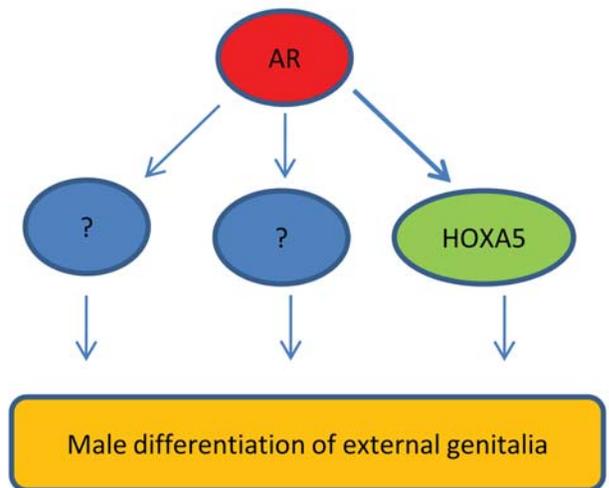
Suppl. Fig. 1

The upper part of the figure depicts the location of the analyzed region on chromosome 7. This part of the figure was created with the UCSC Human Genome Browser Gateway. The table depicts the methylation raw data from pyrosequencing. It shows for each individual tested and each CpG position (1–14) a methylation value in %. Excel conditional formatting was used with setting 100% methylation as red, 50% methylation as black and 0% methylation as green to visualize methylation differences. For AIS patients the table shows on the left side the phenotype and on the right side the genotype. CAIS: complete androgen insensitivity syndrome, female external genitalia. AIS4: slight virilization, predominantly female external genitalia. AIS3: ambiguous external genitalia. AIS2: predominantly male external genitalia. MAIS: male external genitalia. UM control: unmethylated control sample, M control: methylated control sample.

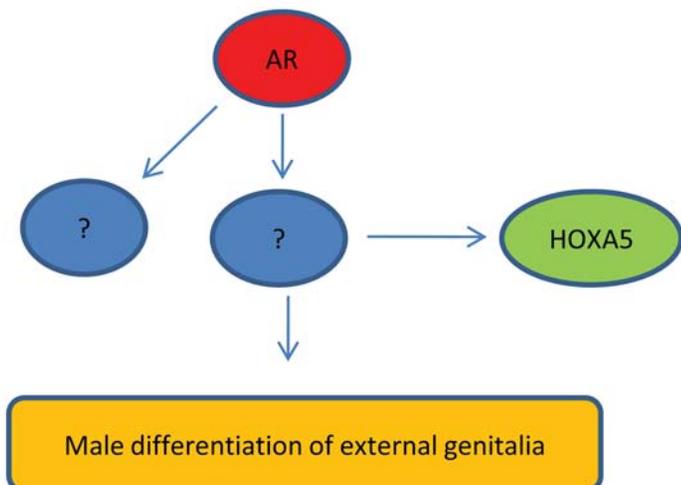
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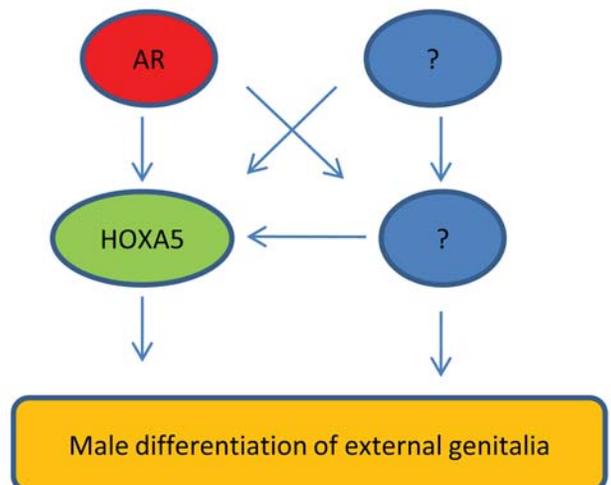
Model B



Model C



Model D



Suppl. Fig. 2

Models A–D depict possible explanations for the early embryonic androgen pathway resulting in final male differentiation of the external genitalia. Model A depicts HOXA5 as an androgen receptor regulated gene. The fact that identical AR mutations can lead to different HOXA5 methylation patterns is addressed by the hypothesis of additional, independent gene influences on HOXA5. Model B was created in order to explain AIS due to AR mutation in the case of normal HOXA5 DNA methylation. Other androgen regulated genes may in these cases contribute to the AIS phenotype. Model C depicts the possibility that HOXA5 is only indirectly influenced by the AR; in that case HOXA5 would not directly contribute to final male differentiation. Model D integrates Model A and B and explains all our findings. It leaves lots of variables open for further research in the field of the AR pathway and its influence on AIS.