ASPP2 implicated in developmental syndrome

A new study by Xin Lu and colleagues links the gene for ASPP2 – best known as a regulator of the tumour suppressor p53 – to brain abnormalities in a rare genetic disorder, called 1q41q42 microdeletion syndrome. It is often difficult to pin-point which genes cause features of developmental syndromes, and this work could help future studies of brain development.