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## The origins of medulloblastoma tumours in humans

How certain subgroups of a childhood brain tumour called a medulloblastoma arise has been unclear. Evidence now implicates a cell type found only in developing human brains as the originator of these tumours.

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A brain tumour called a medulloblastoma is a relatively common type of childhood cancer, and encompasses four distinct subgroups<sup>1</sup>. The genetic causes and cellular origin have been identified for two of these subgroups (called WNT and SHH,

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