

Bone morphogenetic protein-2(BMP-2) is a member of the transforming growth factor-beta (TGFB) superfamily. BMP2 is synthesized as a 60 kDa precursor that is processed in the secretory pathway to a small 18 kDa monomer, 2 monomers then associate to form the active 30 kDa homodimer, which binds to its receptor. There is also a 40-45 kDa form of BMP2, as an amino-terminal propeptide. BMP2 can induce bone formation and regeneration during early embryonic development. It is involved in the hedgehog pathway, TCF beta signaling pathway and cytokine-cytokine receptor interaction.

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