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gNUAKI hNUAKI mNUAKI gNUAK2 hNUAK2 mNUAK2_A mNUAK2_B	MEGAEAAACGS SSSFAOPRCS SGGEAAAAAMEEPLGEAASP GVAAT AAGPR KOOGV KRHH 60 MEGAAAPGAA FVAGDRPDLGLGA - PGSPLEAVAGATAA -LEPRK PHGVKRHH MEGAAVSAAGDGPAVETGL-PGSPLEAVAGATAA PVEPRK PHGVKRHH MERAAVGFGGSPLEAVAGATAA PVEPRK PHGVKRHH MESLVF ARRSG PT PSAAELARLAEGLIKS PKPLMKKOAV KRHH MESVALLORPSOAPSA SALASESARPLADGLIKS PKPLMKKOAV KRHH MESVALLORPSOAPSA SALASESARPLADGLIKS PKPLMKKOAV KRHH **	gNUAK1 hNUAK1 mNUAK1 gNUAK2 hNUAK2 mNUAK2_A mNUAK2_B	HHRSTGLQPET DTKMKCLSKPKGPEVTLERQRSLKKSKKENDIAQSIQEGG 420 HHRSTGLQADTEAKMKGLAKPTTSEVULERQRSLKKSKKENDFAQSGQDAV HHRSTGLQAEAEAKMKGLAKPGSEVVLERQRSLKKSKKENDFAQSGQDAV LRRSSRPLEENGSKVRCFLKQHIPGVALERQRSLKKSKKENDMAQSLAGDAA-A LRRSSRPLEENGSKVCSFFKQHAPGGGSTVPGLERQHSLKKSKKENDMAQSLHSDTADDT LRRSSRPLLENGAKVCSFFKQHPGGGSTVPGLERQHSLKKSKKENDMAQNLQGDPAEDT LRRSSRPLLENGAKVCSFFKQHPGGGSTVPGLERQHSLKKSKKENDMAQNLGDPAEDT .**: ::*: :* :* :* :* :* :* :* :* :* :* :
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gNUAK1 hNUAK1 mNUAK1 gNUAK2 hNUAK2_A mNUAK2_B	ARGLIRMLMVNPERRATIEDIANHWWVNWGYKSSVCDCDAMDSESPLLARFIDW 360 ARGLIRWLMVNPDRRATIEDIANHWWNWGYKSSVCDCDALHDSESPLLARFIDW ARGLIRWLMVNPDRRATIEDIANHWWNWGYKSSVCDCDALPDSESPLLARFIDW ACGLIRMLMVNPERRATIEDIANHWVNWGYKSSVCDCDALPSSSFSPLLARFIDW ACGLIRMLMVNPTRRATLEDVASHWWVNWGYATKVGEQEAPHEGGHPSGDSARASMADW ACGLIRWLMVNPTRRATLEDVASHWWVNWGYTTGVGEQEALREGGHPSGDFGRASMADW ACGLIRWLMVNPTRRATLEDVASHWWVNWGYTTGVGEQEALREGGHPSGDFGRASMADW ACGLIRWLMVNPTRRATLEDVASHWWVNWGYTGVGVGEQEALREGGHPSGDFGRASMADW	gNUAK1 hNUAK1 mNUAK1 gNUAK2 hNUAK2 mNUAK2_A mNUAK2_B	PQYLKRYRNRLGDSSFSLLADMDDVTQVYKKALEICNKLN 700 PQYLKRYRNRLADSSFSLLTDMDDVTQVYKKALEICSKLN PQYKRLADSSFSLLTDMDDVTQVYKKALEICSKLN RWTVTHCPTALGESRFS-LESCDNVTEVHRRAVAISMKLS RWRQESLGDSCFS-LTDCQEVTAYRQALGICSKLS RWWQESLGDSCFS-LTDCQEVTAYRQALGICSKLS RWWQESLGDSCFS-LTDCQEVTAYRQALGICSKLS

**Supplementary Fig. S1. Amino acid sequence alignment** for NUAK1 and NUAK2 as gNUAK1 [Gallus gallus]: XP\_416310.2, hNUAK1 [Homo sapiens]: NP\_055655.1, mNUAK1 [Mus musculus]: NP\_001004363.1, gNUAK2 [Gallus gallus]: XP\_417962.2, hNUAK2 [Homo sapiens]: NP\_112214.1, mNUAK2 isoform A [Mus musculus]: NP\_001181954.1 and mNUAK2 isoform B [Mus musculus]: NP\_083054.1. Positions with a single, fully conserved residue (41.1%) are indicated by an asterisk (\*); conservative substitutions are indicated by dots under the sequences. Two dots (:) (13.3%) indicates conservative substitution within a strong amino acid group, score greater than 0.5; one dot (.) (6.3%) indicates conservative substitution within a weak group, score 0.5 or less. The ATP binding sites in the NUAK catalytic domain are shown in green and blue, the domains of NUAK1 and NUAK2 activated by LKB1 phosphorylation (T loops) are shown in yellow and blue, with the phosphorylation sites shown in black. The conserved KKAR sequence which corresponds to the nuclear localization signal (NLS) is indicated in grey. The conserved RQRIRS, AKT phosphorylation motif is indicated in red, with the putative phosphorylation site, Ser, shown in black.



**Supplementary Fig. S2. Non-specific labeling control.** Whole-mount In situ Hybridization was performed on chick embryos at stages HH8, 9 and 19, using NUAK2 sense mRNA probe for negative staining (**A-C**), and at stage HH17 using FGF8 anti-sense mRNA probe for positive staining (**D**). Abbreviations: A-M, anterior-medial. Scale bar, 500 μm.