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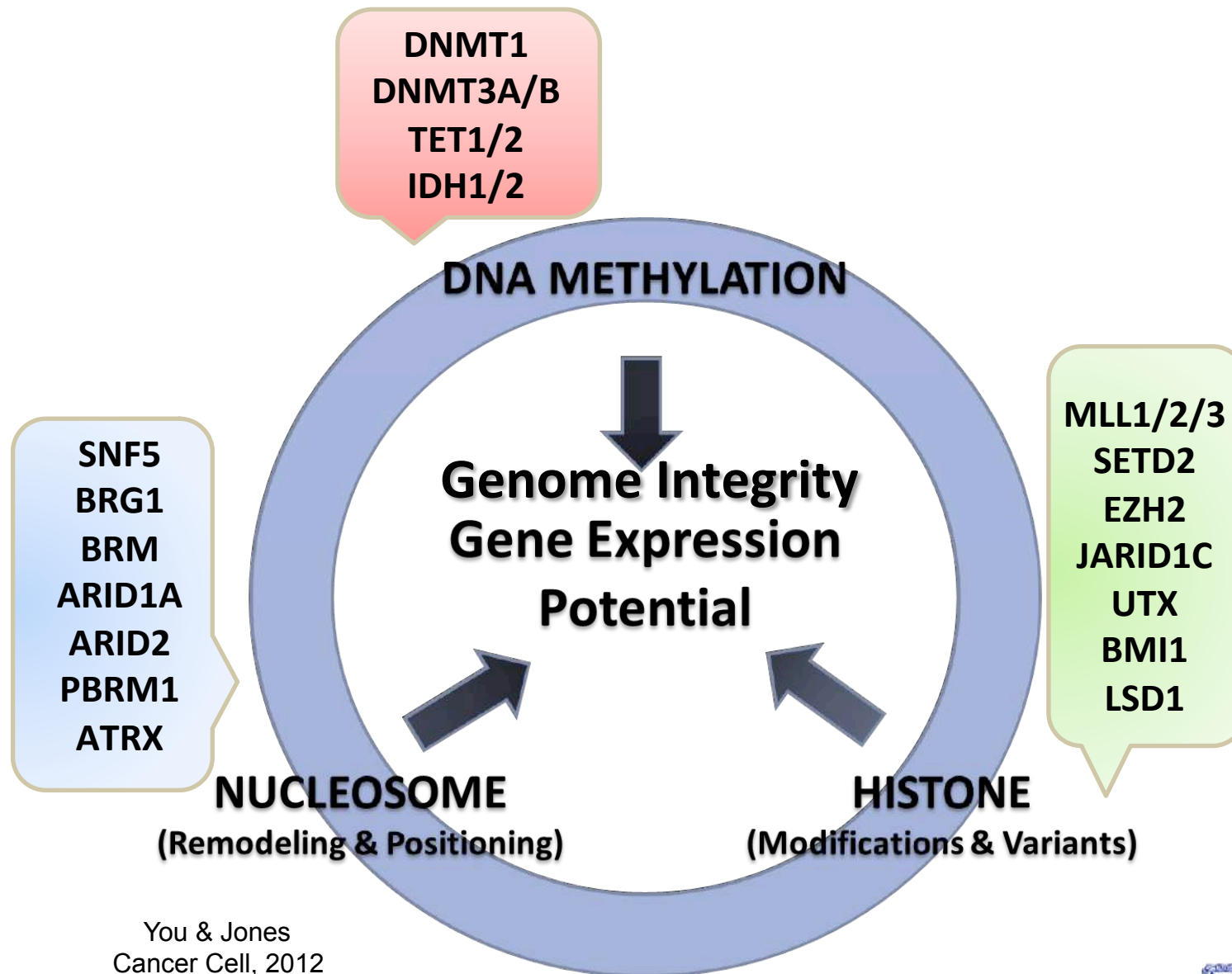
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Cours IV

“Voies épigénétiques du cancer I”

“Epigenetic pathways in cancer I”

Epigenetic Pathways in Cancer



You & Jones
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New Lessons from Cancer Genomes

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COSMIC: exploring the world's knowledge of somatic mutations in human cancer

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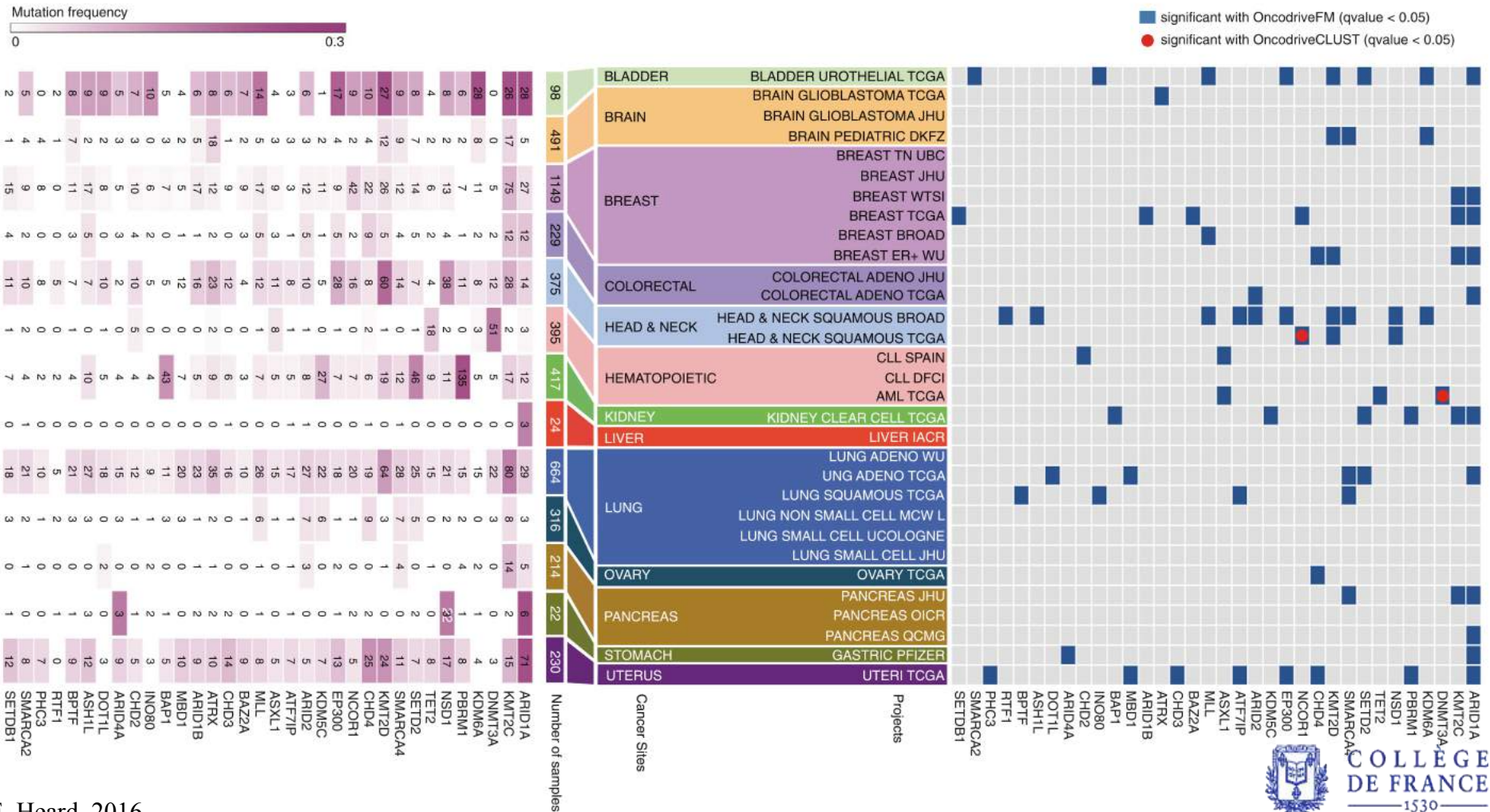
The mutational landscape of chromatin regulatory factors across 4,623 tumor samples

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Identifying Chromatin Regulatory Factors as Putative Drivers in Cancer

4,623 tumor samples from thirteen anatomical sites to determine
 Identify 34 chromatin regulatory factors that are likely **drivers** in tumors from at least one site
 Tumors from all thirteen sites show mutations in likely driver chromatin regulatory factors
 More prevalent in tumors arising from certain tissues: hematopoietic, liver and kidney tumors,



Mutated Cancer Genes affect a spectrum of Chromatin Modifiers

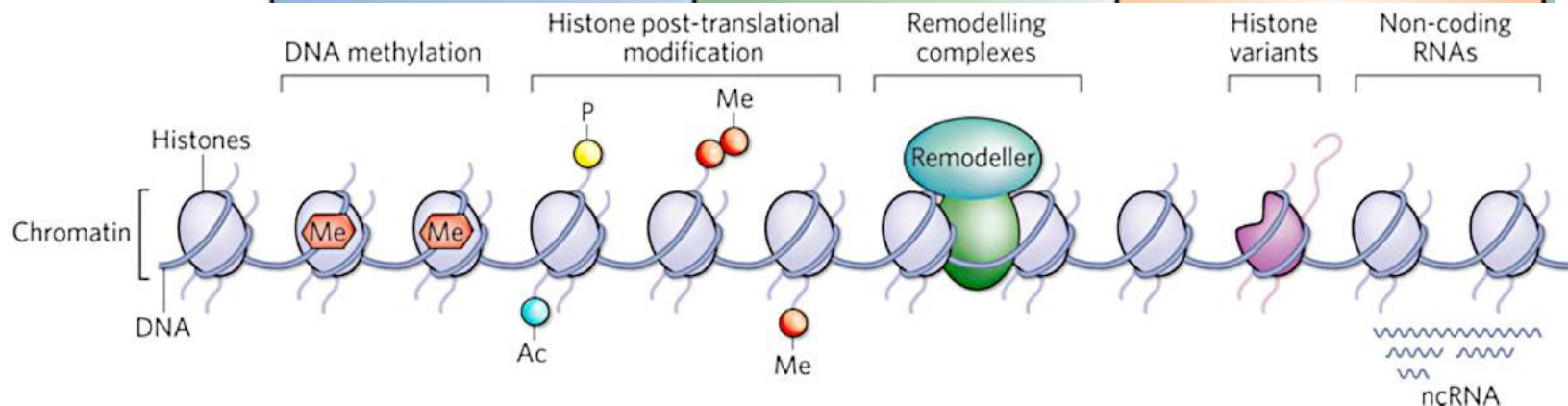
Both gain and loss of function

Already useful for classifying specific tumors!

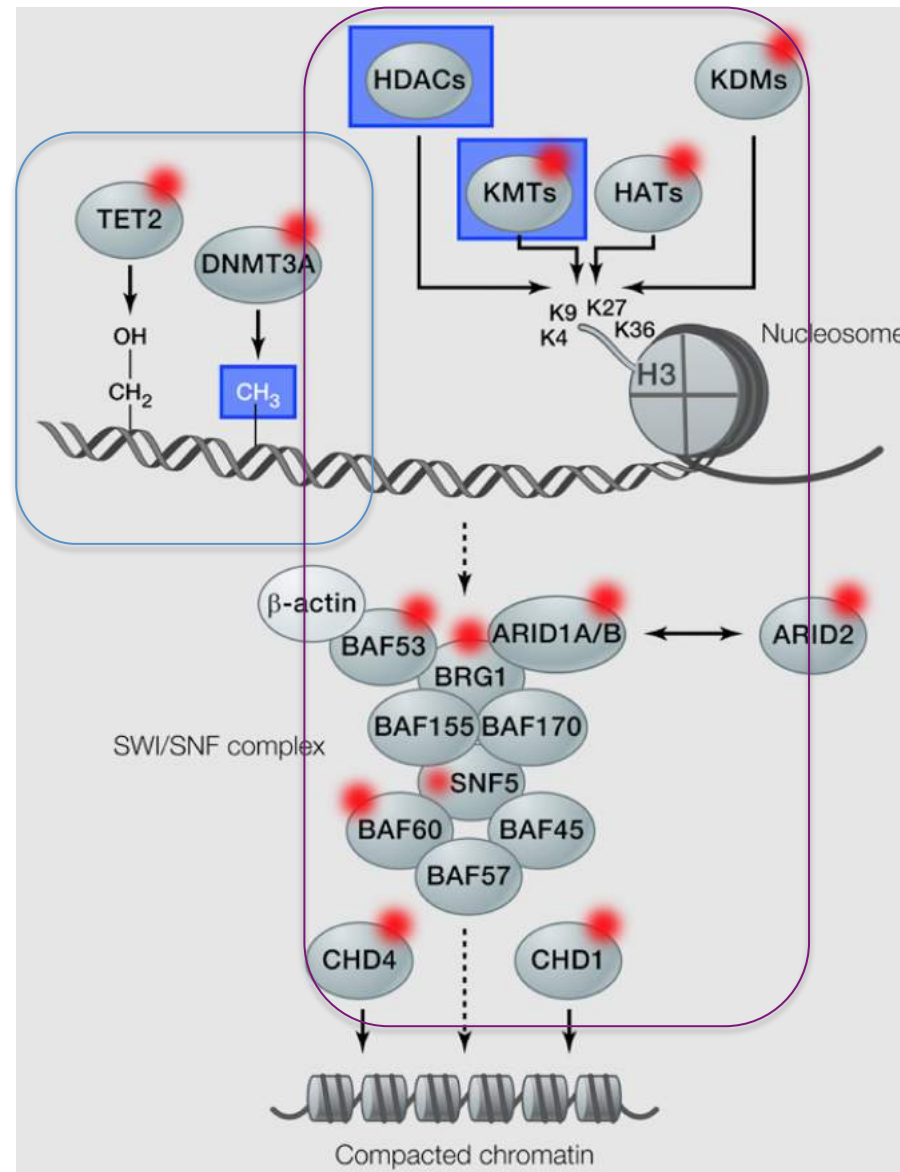
Affected genes/cell functions still need to be understood...

Targeted therapy already underway

| Histone modification | Chromatin remodelling | DNA modification |
|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writers (177 genes) • Editors (104 genes) • Readers (199 genes) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromatin remodelling factors (73 genes) • Nucleosome remodelling factors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writers (4 genes) • Editors (11 genes) • Readers (21 genes) |



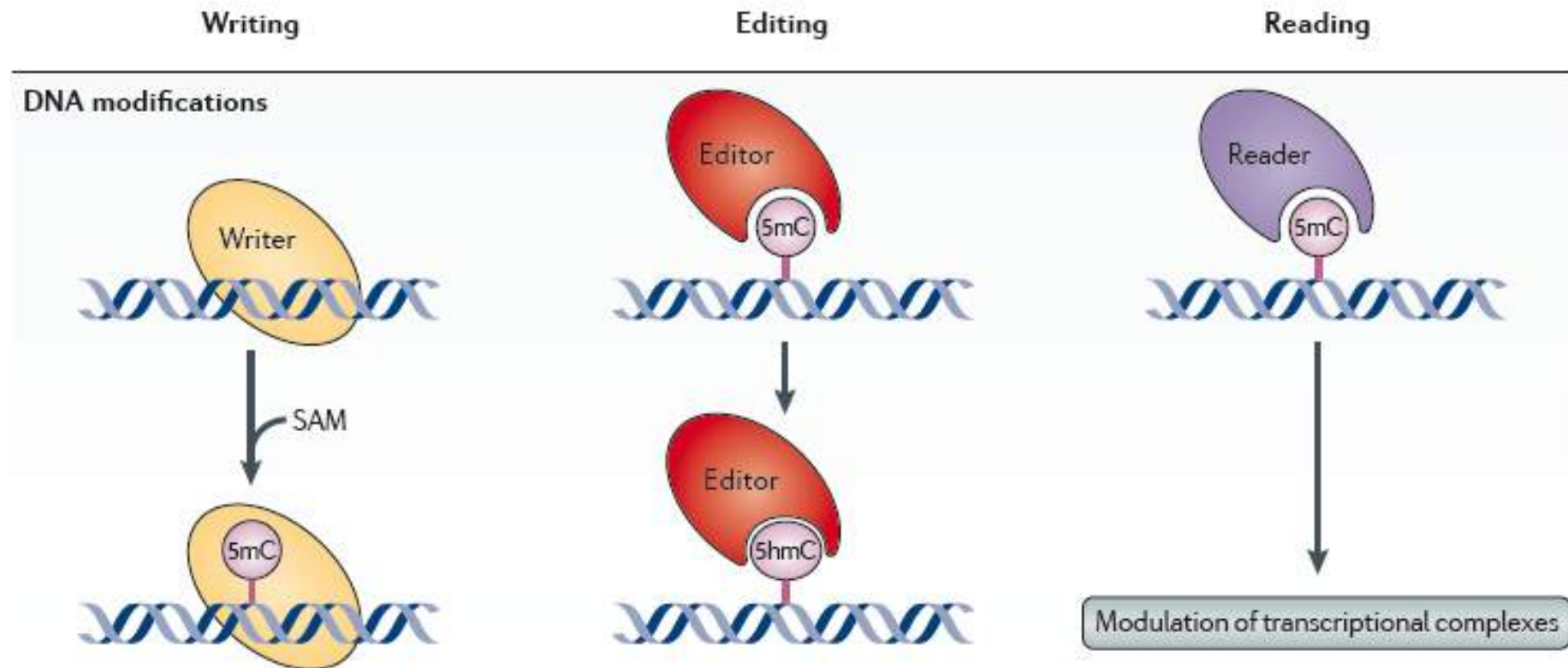
Chromatin remodeling proteins, Histone Modifiers and DNA Methyltransferases/demethylases



COURS V and VI

How do Epigenetic Changes Arise?

Mutations in DNA Methylation modifiers



- De novo methylation of cytosine to 5mC: DNMT3A, DNMT3B and DNMT3L
- Maintenance methylation of cytosine to 5mC: DNMT1

- Cytosine demethylation through oxidation of 5mC to 5hmC: TET1, TET2 and TET3

- Reading of 5mC by proteins with methyl-binding domains (MBDs): MECP2
UHRF1 (DNA replication)
DNA Repair proteins?

Mutated Cancer Genes are Involved in DNA Methylation

Eg high frequency of DNA methylation associated mutations in hematopoietic malignancies:

DNMT3A mutations are found in:

- AML (30%)
- Myeloproliferative neoplasia (MPN) (7–15%)
- Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) (8%)

TET2 is frequently mutated in myeloid disease:

- AML (7–23%),
- Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML) (50%),
- MDS (10–20%)

IDH1/2 mutations found in:

- AML (16-19%),
- MPN (2-9%)
- MDS (3%)

| Group | Subgroup | Modifications | Mutated genes | Tissue type (number of donors) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Breast (1,030) | Brain (947) | Lung (760) | Ovarian (576) | Blood (512) | Kidney (502) | Colon (460) | Uterus (451) | Liver (390) | Pancreas (330) | | | | | | | |
| DNA modification | Writers | 5mC | <i>DNMT1</i> <i>DNMT3A</i> <i>DNMT3B</i> <i>DNMT3L</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Editors | 5hmC, 5caC and 5fC | <i>AICDA</i> <i>ALKBH1</i> <i>ALKBH3</i> <i>APOBEC1</i> <i>FTO</i> <i>TDG</i> <i>TET1</i> <i>TET2</i> <i>TET3</i> <i>IDH1</i> <i>IDH2</i> <i>MGMT</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Readers | 5mC | <i>MBD1</i> <i>MBD3</i> <i>MBD4</i> <i>MECP2</i> <i>PCNA</i> <i>UHRF1</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

See also: “dbEM: A database of epigenetic modifiers curated from cancerous and normal genomes”. Nanda et al, *Scientific Reports* 2016

Aberrant DNA Methylation profiles in Cancer

- 1. Genes:** gain/loss of promoter DNA me - > epimutations (eg aberrant silencing of tumor suppressors eg *MLH1*; aberrant “locking in” of bivalent promoters)
- 2. Repeats:** loss of DNA me, TE activation, genome instability (See last week, COURS III)
- 3. Non-coding Regulatory Regions:** CGI shores, enhancers, insulators

DNA methylation profiling studies:

2000-3000 aberrantly methylated gene promoters / cancer genome
mostly associated with gene silencing

The number of mutations in protein coding genes is 2-3 orders of magnitude less.

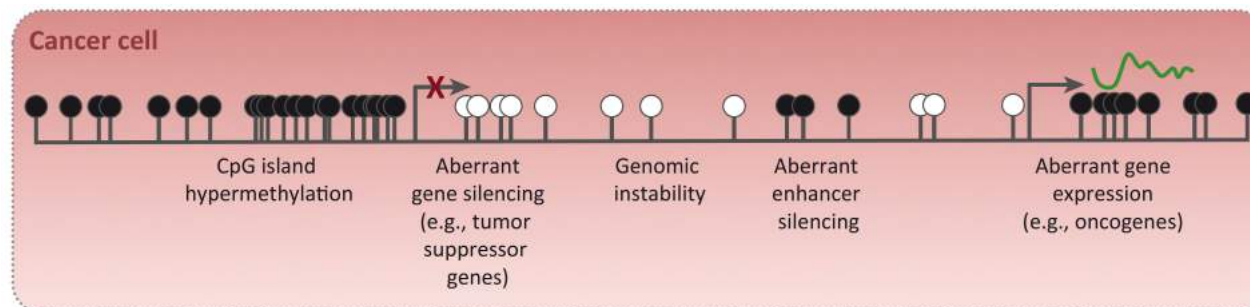
⇒ Although some genes are mutated in cancer
the majority are inactivated by *epigenetic alterations*

How many of these involved in cancer?

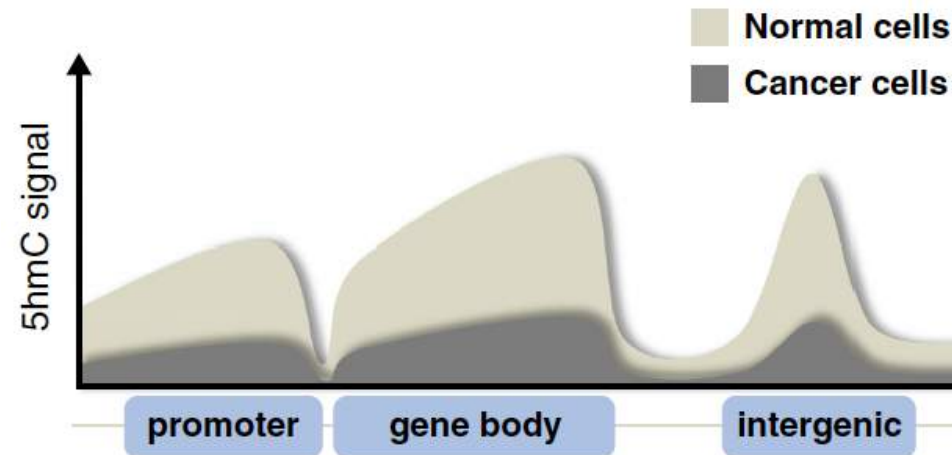
Do these DNA methylate states promote noisy expression that allows
sampling of different cell states by the tumor?

How do they arise?

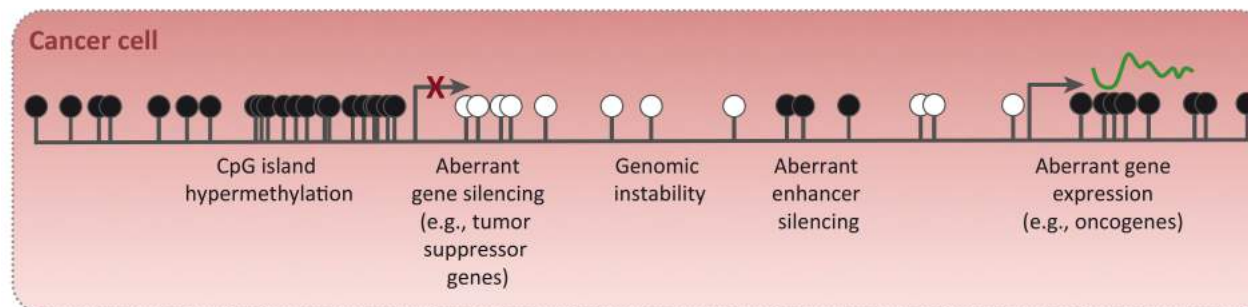
(“errors” due to stress, ageing - or mutated epigenetic machinery?)



DNA Methylation profiles in Cancer

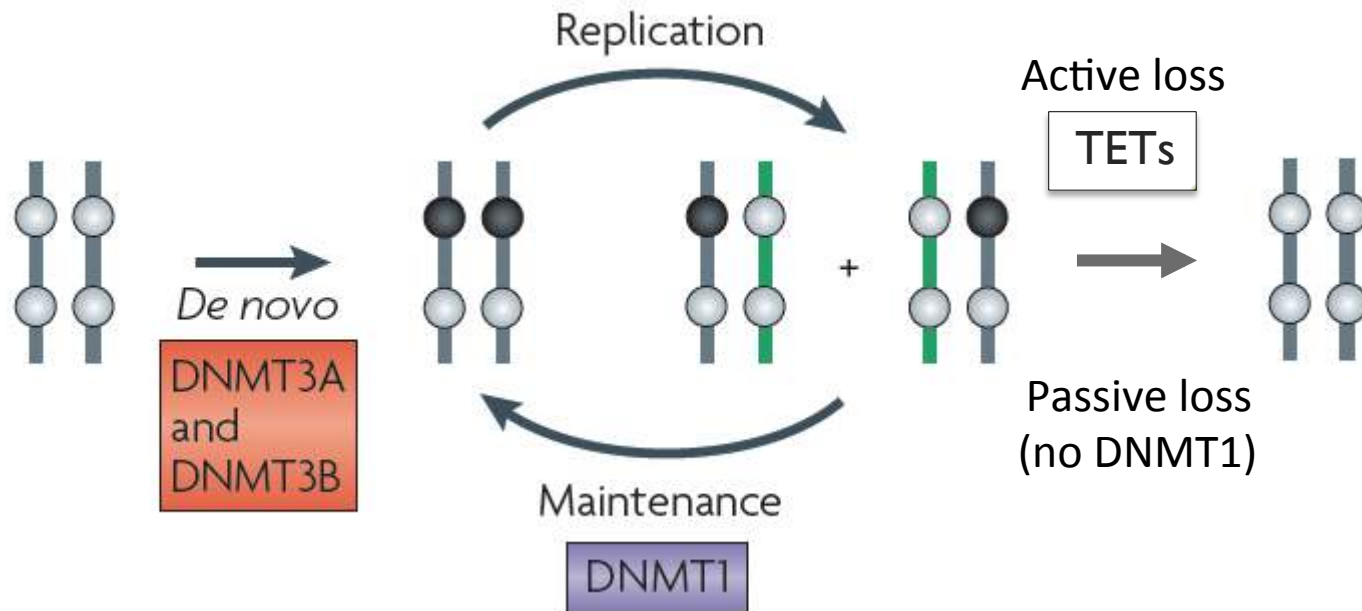


- Genome wide DNA methylation patterns in different tumors
- Specific methylation events seen in different tumors: CIMP, LRES, PMDs
- Non-random patterns of aberrant CpG island methylation are often found
 - => *Cell of origin of a given tumor type?*
 - => *Specific molecular mechanisms involved?*



DNA Methyltransferases: Orchestrators of DNA Methylation

Is the DNA Methylation machinery a driver in cancer?

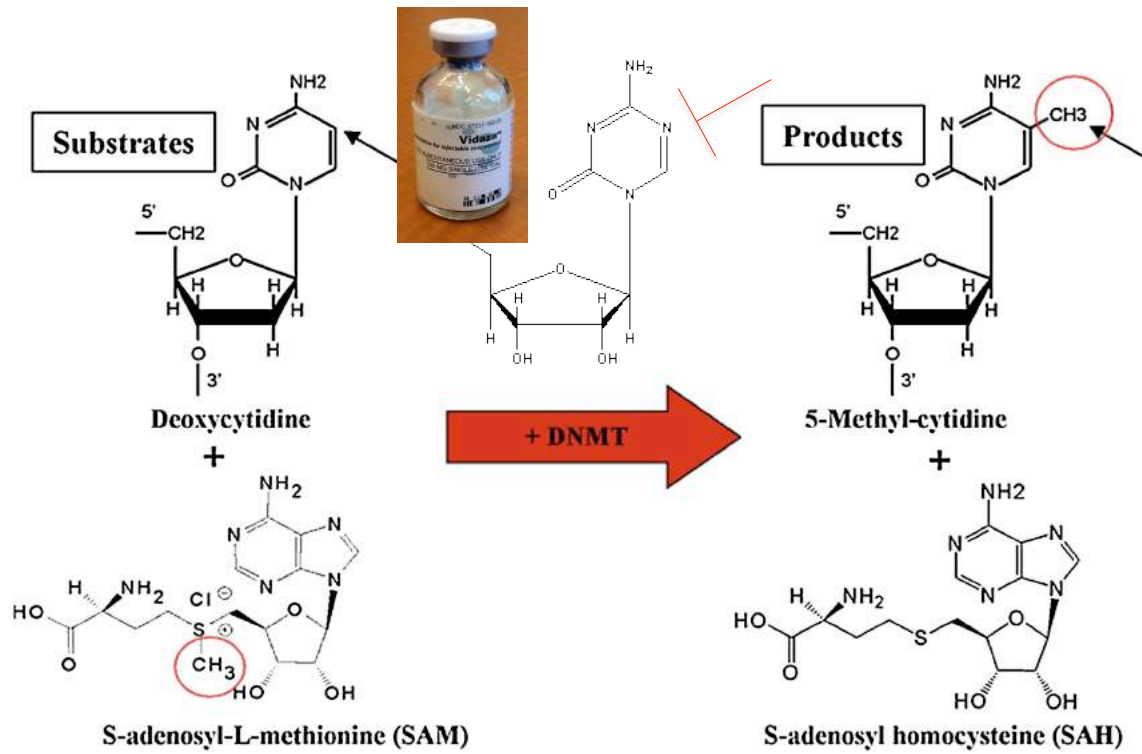


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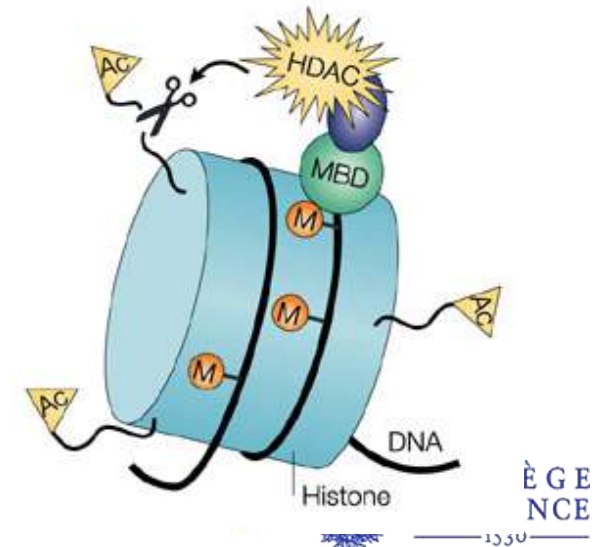
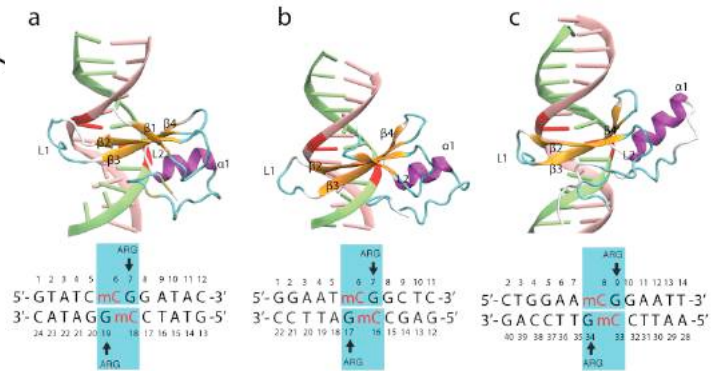
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- DNA methylation can be passively lost in absence of DNMT1 or actively lost via TETs

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Therapy: inhibitors



Methyl Binding Domain (MBD) proteins (“Readers”) orchestrate cytosine methylation functions in gene expression, DNA replication, repair...



Nutrition can influence the availability of methyl-donors to a cell

Can DNMT1 disruption lead to Cancer?

Induction of Tumors in Mice by Genomic Hypomethylation

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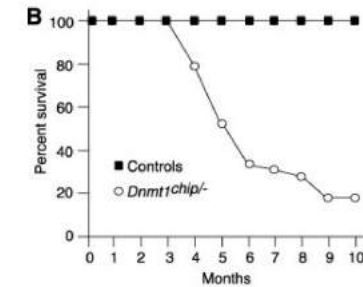
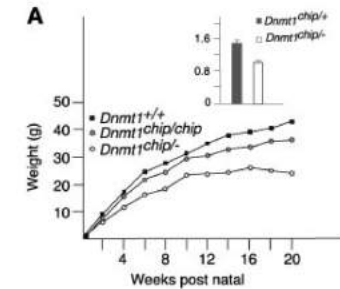
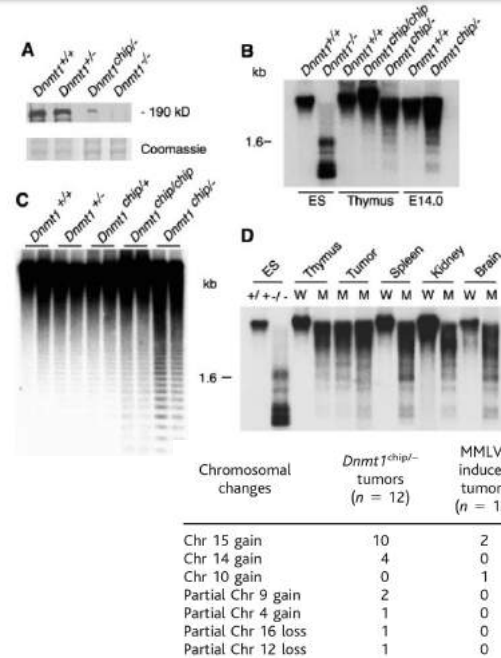
Chromosomal Instability and Tumors Promoted by DNA Hypomethylation

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SHORT COMMUNICATION

Activation and transposition of endogenous retroviral elements in hypomethylation induced tumors in mice

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Dnmt1 hypomorph mice develop aggressive T cell lymphomas:

Genomic instability and gene rearrangements observed in these mice

Chromosome segregation problems?

DNA hypomethylation at centromeric satellites?

Repeat element transcription / reactivation?

Defects in DNA Damage Repair ?

DNMT1 is normally recruited to repair sites...

Can DNMT1 disruption lead to Cancer?

DNMT1 deficiency triggers mismatch repair defects in human cells through depletion of repair protein levels in a process involving the DNA damage response

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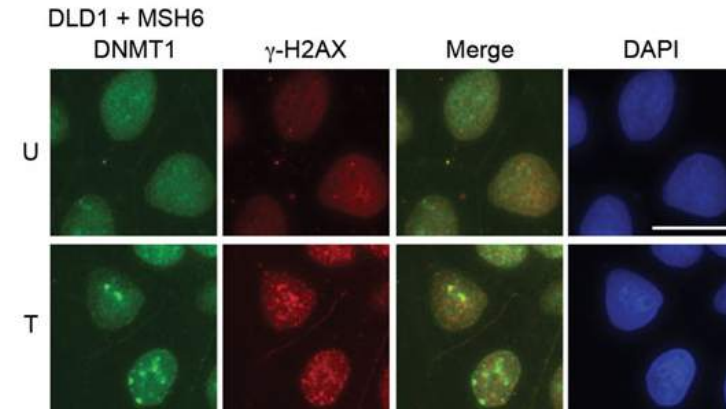
Mismatch repair proteins recruit DNA methyltransferase 1 to sites of oxidative DNA damage

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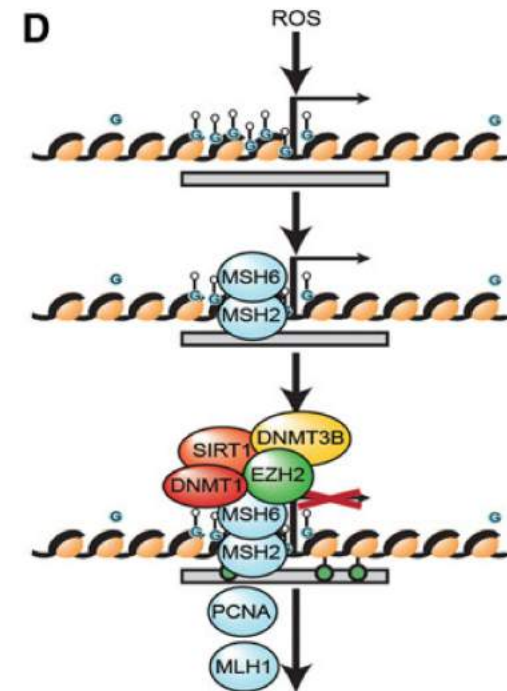
Journal of Molecular Cell Biology (2015),

Possible role of DNMT1 at sites of oxidative damage to reduce transcription, in order to prevent transcription from interfering with DNA repair?

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MSH6 recruits DNMT1 to damaged chromatin treated with 4 mM H₂O₂ for 30 min



Completion of repair and resumption of transcription

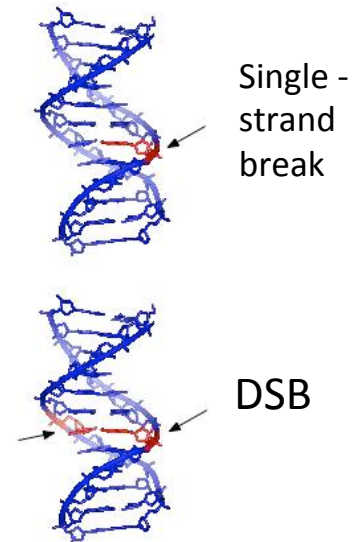
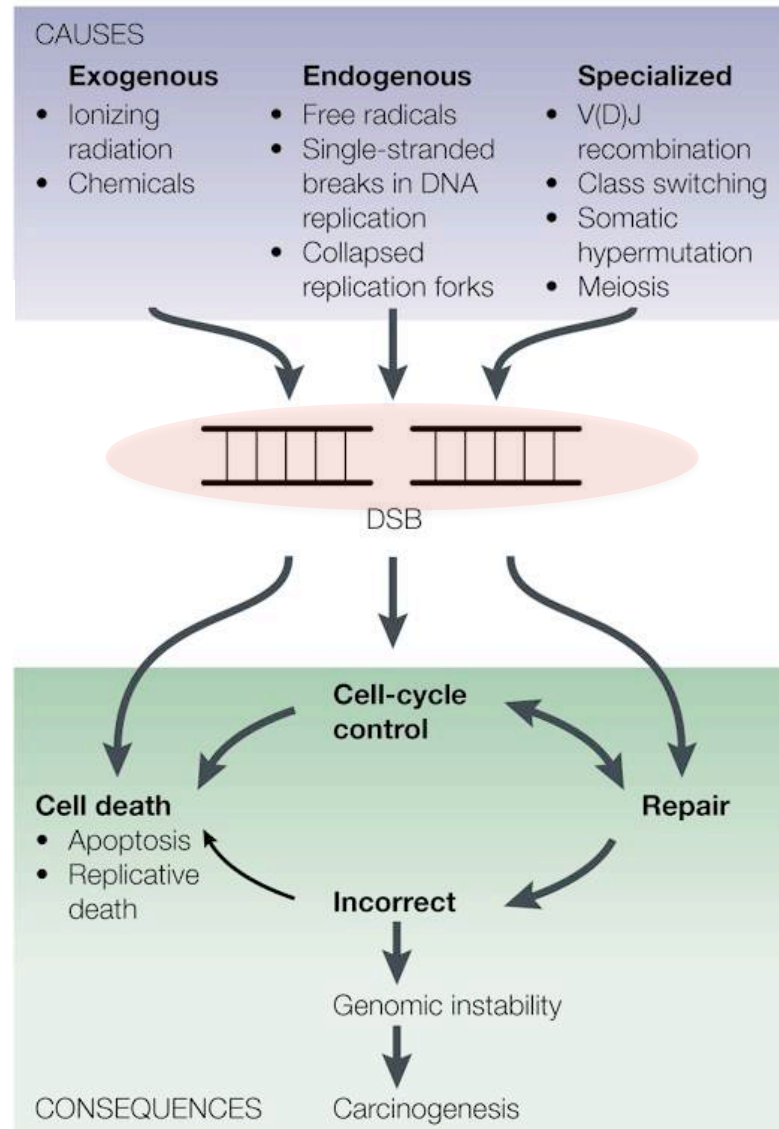
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Genotoxic Stress and the Epigenetic Machinery

DNA damage repair may require epigenetic proteins such as DNMT1 to ensure efficient repair

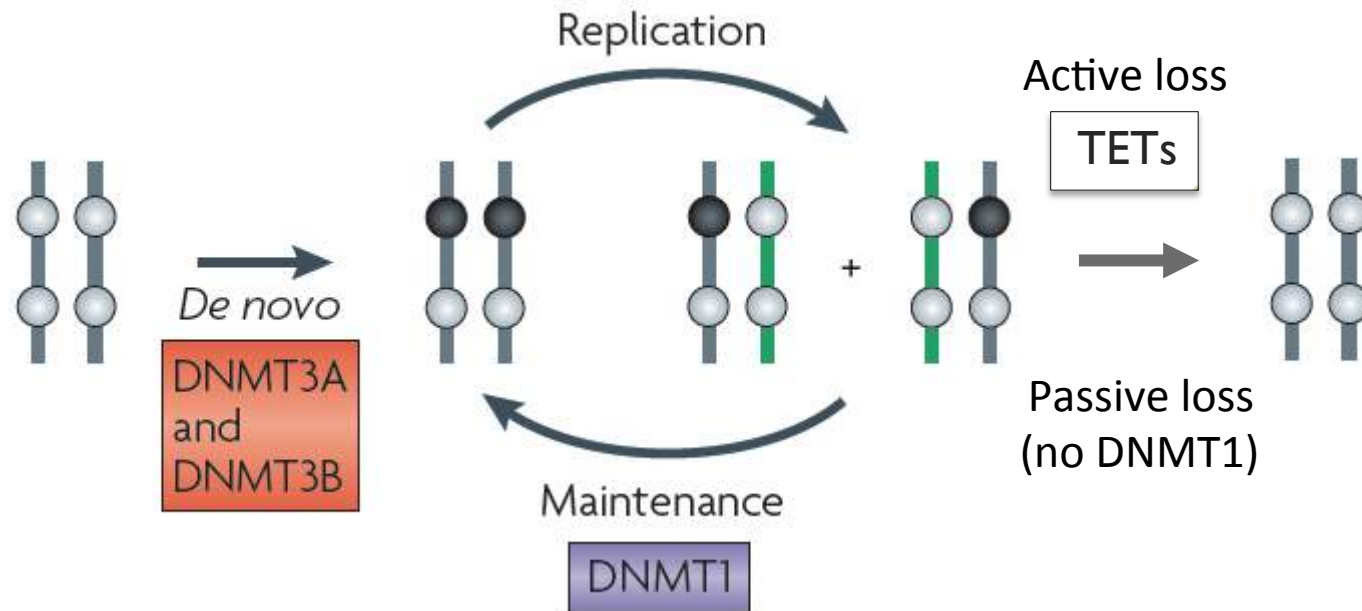
Genotoxic stress can induce genome damage & chromatin memory loss: both at the site of damage and elsewhere by redeployment of chromatin proteins

(see last week's lecture And also COURS V and VI)



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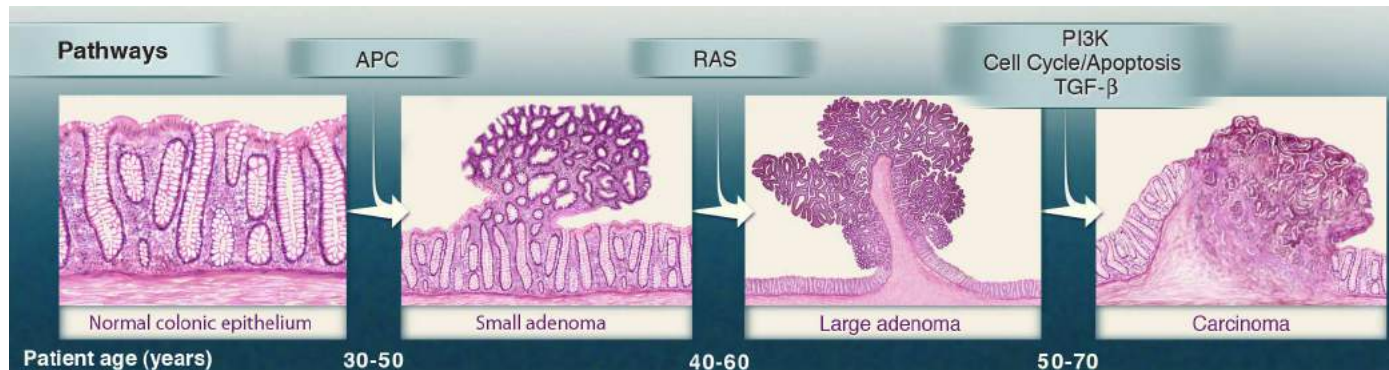
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Colorectal cancer: *APC* 1st mutation “flowchart” of events (Fearon, Vogelstein, 1990, 1991)
Mutations of the *APC* (adenomatous polyposis coli) gene are strongly associated with both inherited and sporadic cases of colon cancer. *APC*, like many tumor suppressors, functions to control the expression of genes critical in the cell division process



Apc mutation alone does not lead to cancer – need subsequent events... mutations or epimutations?

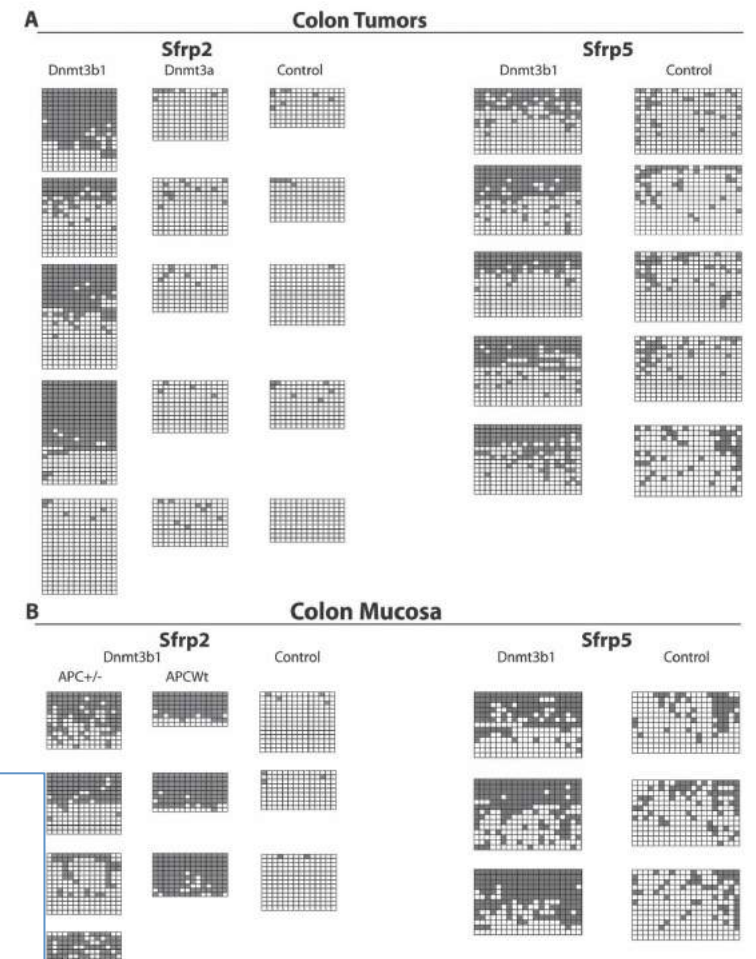
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- Overexpressed de novo Dnmt3a and Dnmt3b in *ApcMin*/+ mice.
- Dnmt3b enhanced the number of colon tumors in *ApcMin*/+ mice approximately two-fold and increased size of colonic microadenomas
- Dnmt3a had no such effect
- Overexpression of Dnmt3b caused loss of imprinting, increased expression of *Igf2* as well as methylation and transcriptional silencing of tumor suppressor genes *Sfrp2*, *Sfrp4*, and *Sfrp5*.
- Dnmt3b but not Dnmt3a efficiently methylates the same set of genes in tumors and in non-tumor tissues

DNA methylation patterns in cancer are the result of specific targeting of at least some tumor suppressor genes rather than of random, stochastic methylation followed by clonal selection due to a proliferative advantage caused by tumor suppressor gene silencing.



Deletion of Dnmt3a and Dnmt3b in tumor formation

Deletion of the de novo DNA methyltransferase *Dnmt3a* promotes lung tumor progression

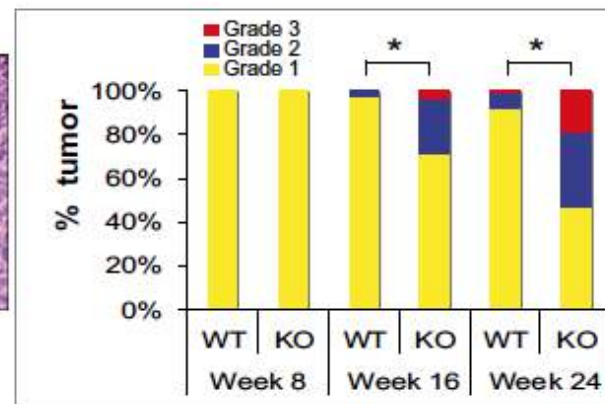
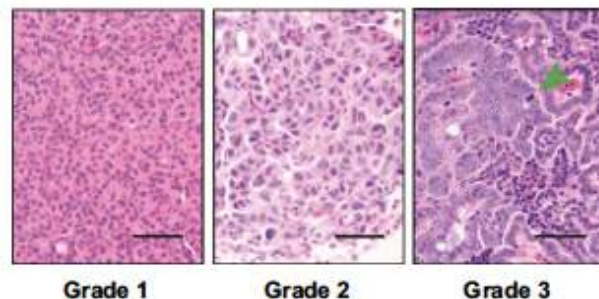
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Dnmt3a conditional KO mouse tumor model:

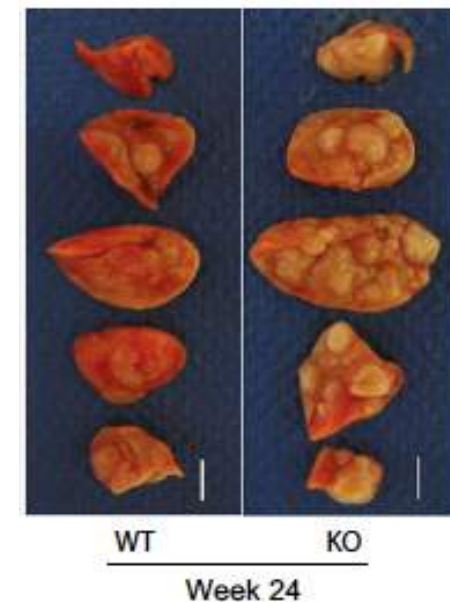
K-Ras - oncogene activation and *Dnmt3a* deletion induced together

- Dnmt3a deficiency promotes tumor growth & progression but *not* initiation.
- Gene expression changes show that Dnmt3a deficiency affects key steps in cancer progression, such as angiogenesis, cell adhesion, and cell motion, consistent with accelerated and more malignant growth.
- Dnmt3a may act like a tumor-suppressor gene in lung tumor progression and may be a critical determinant of lung cancer malignancy.
- NO effect seen when Dnmt3b is deleted

Dnmt3a deficiency leads to more advanced tumors:



Oncogenic mutation of K-ras is one of the most common genetic lesions and can be found in a large fraction of lung cancers.



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Tumor suppressor functions of Dnmt3a and Dnmt3b in the prevention of malignant mouse lymphopoiesis

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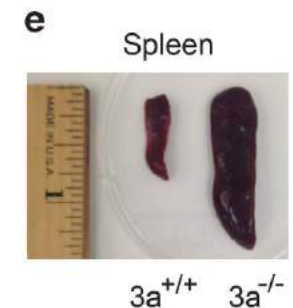
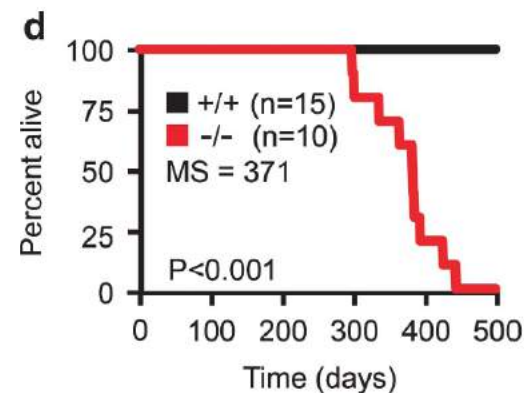
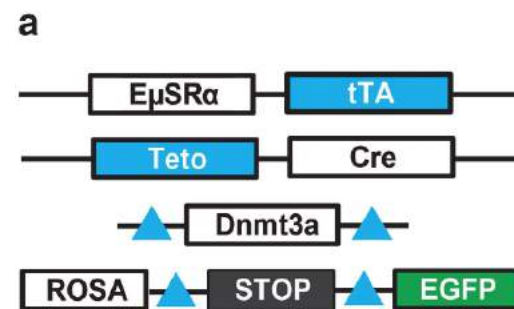
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- Long-term DNMT3A inactivation in mice leads to impaired differentiation of hematopoietic stem cells (HSCs) resulting in accumulation of undifferentiated cells.
- DNMT3A loss may promote tumorigenesis in multiple hematopoietic lineages.
- DNMT3B rarely mutated in human hematologic malignancies.

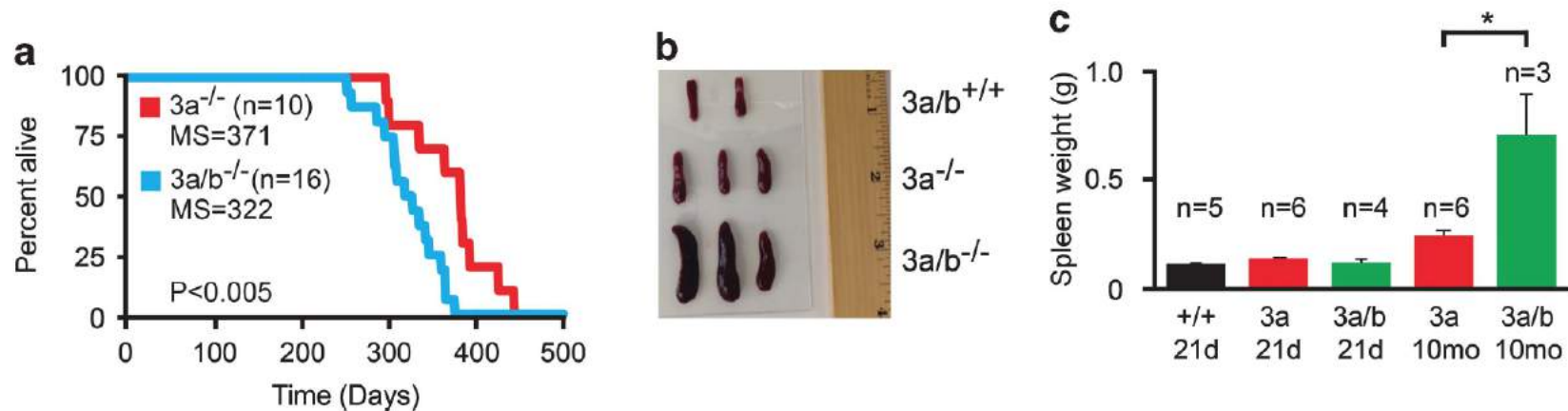


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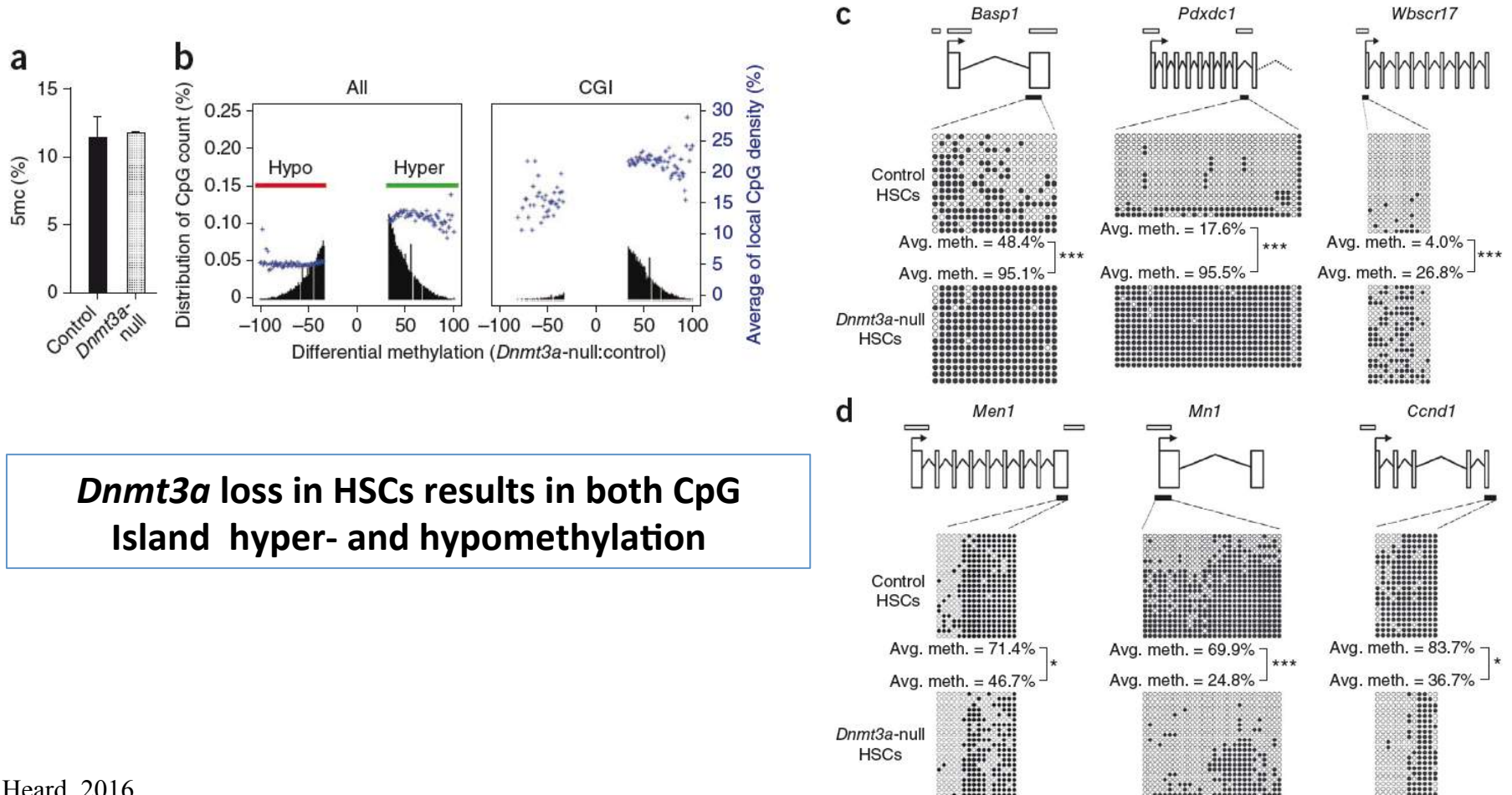


Loss of Dnmt3b accelerates lymphoid tumor development in Dnmt3a^{-/-} mice

Roles of Dnmt3a and Dnmt3b in HSCs?

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Dnmt3a loss in HSCs results in both CpG Island hyper- and hypomethylation

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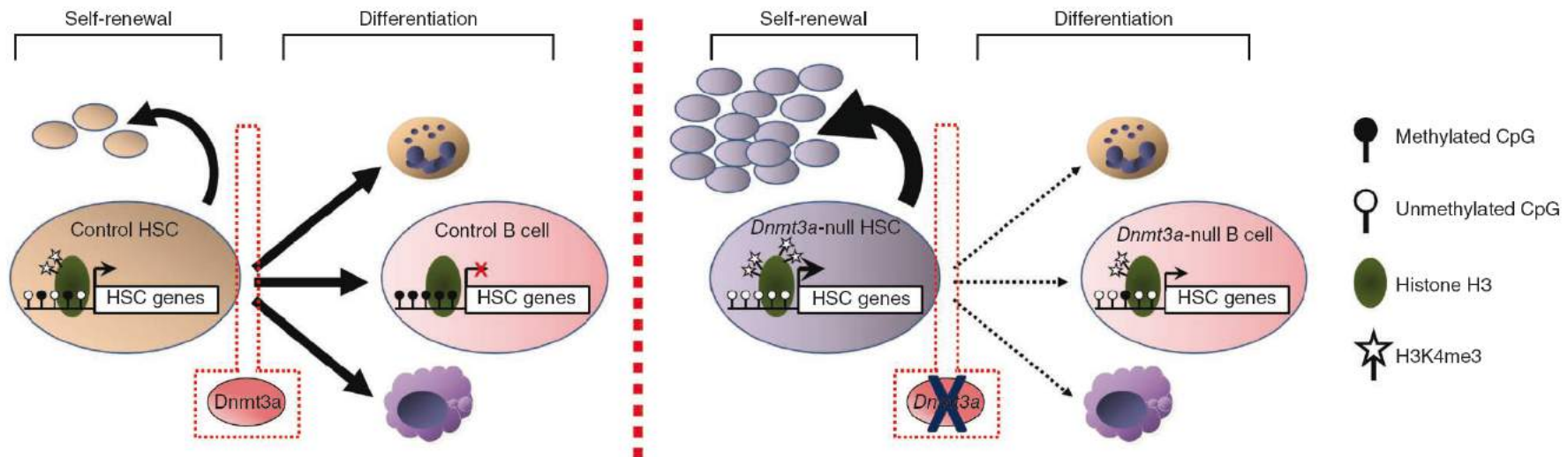


Figure 8 Model for Dnmt3a function in HSCs. Upon receiving a signal to differentiate, Dnmt3a is expressed and silences HSC-specific genes by methylating CpGs and removing H3K4me3. In B cells, HSC-specific genes are normally silenced by Dnmt3a upon differentiation. In *Dnmt3a*-null B cells, HSC-specific genes remain active due to a lack of Dnmt3a, resulting in their accumulation and partial repression of HSC-specific genes.

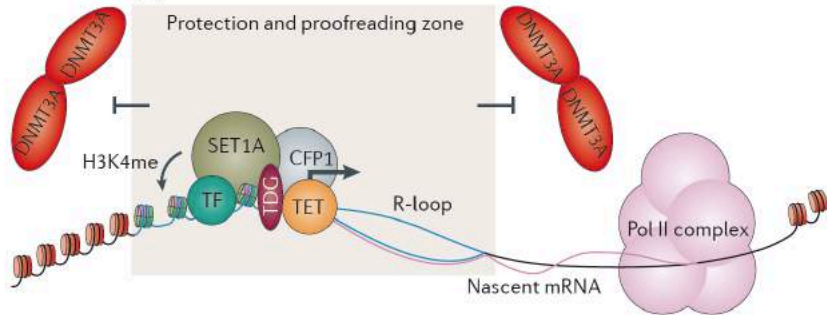
HSC self-renewal promoting genes are normally silenced by Dnmt3a upon differentiation

Loss of Dnmt3a function promotes a progressive expansion of long term HSCs probably due to inability to adequately repress genes involved in self renewal?

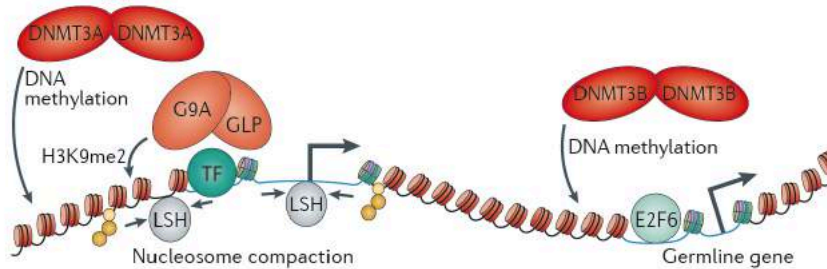
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Multiple Roles of DNMT3A/3B

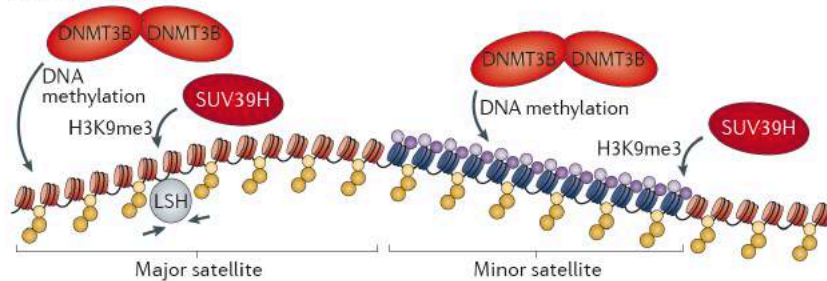
a Maintaining promoters



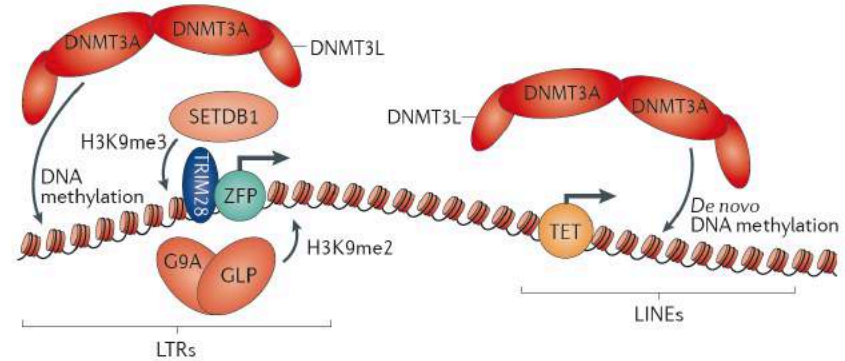
b Silencing promoters



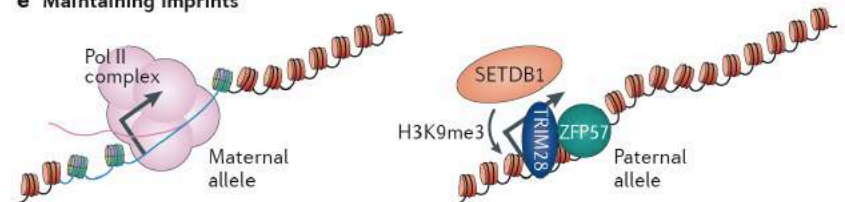
c Pericentromere



d Silencing repeats



e Maintaining imprints

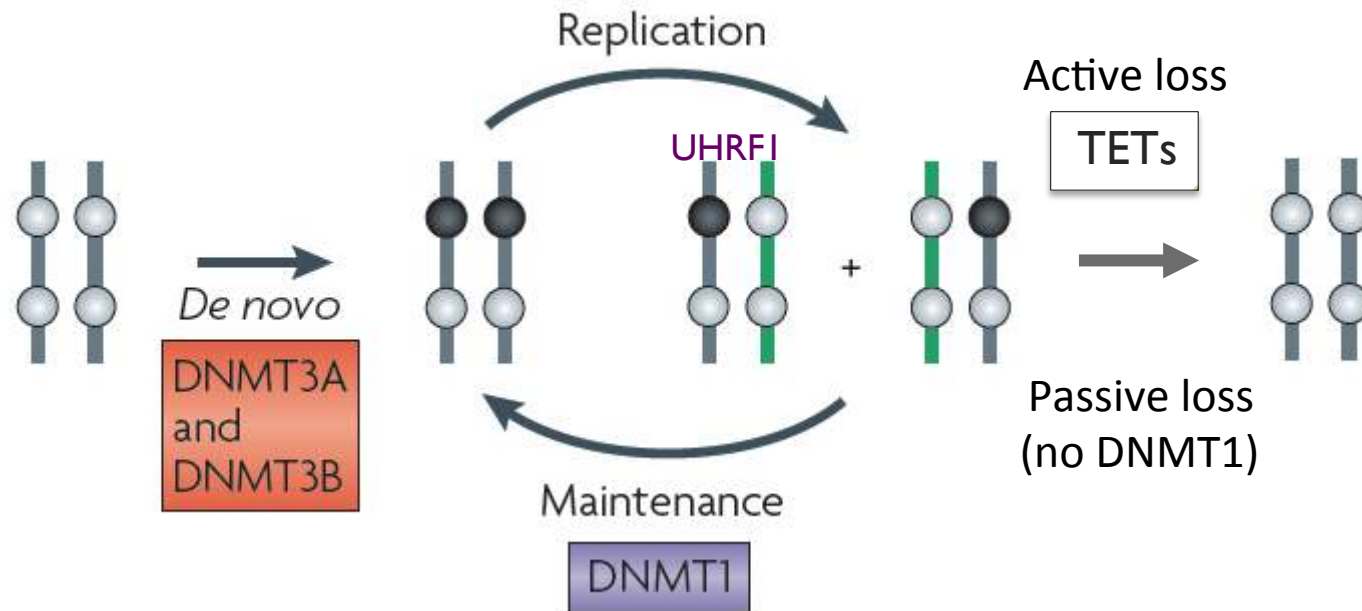


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| Heterochromatin | HP1 | Linker histone H1 | Methylated DNA |
| Euchromatin | H2A.Z | Centromeric nucleosome | Unmethylated DNA |
| Centromeric nucleosome | CENPA | CENPB | CENPC |

***De novo* DNMTs 3A/3B have multiple possible roles**

Implication in cancer - still very much work in progress...

DNA Methyltransferases: Orchestrators of DNA Methylation

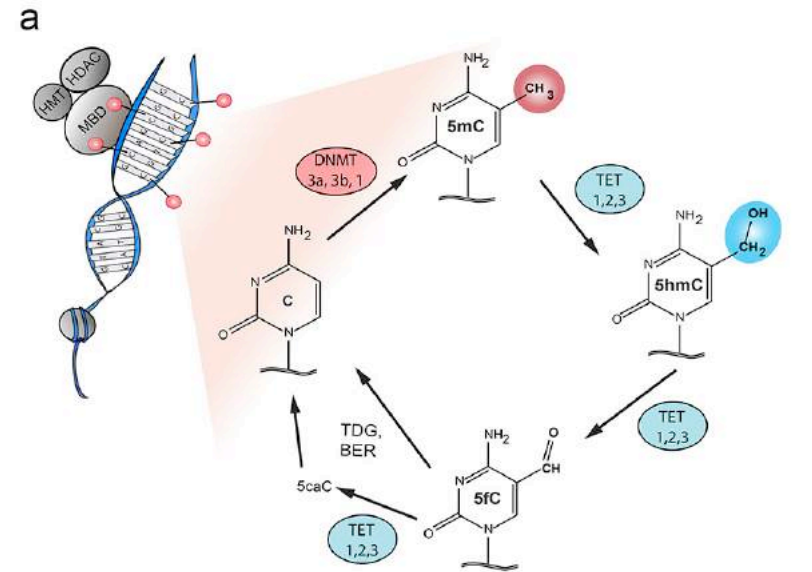
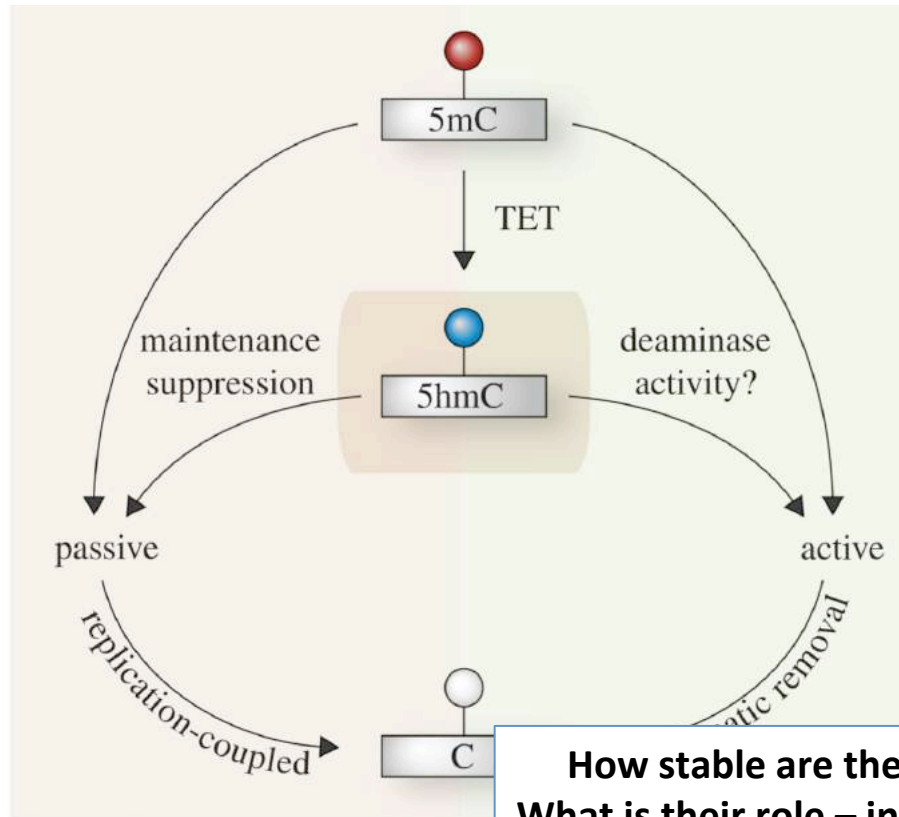


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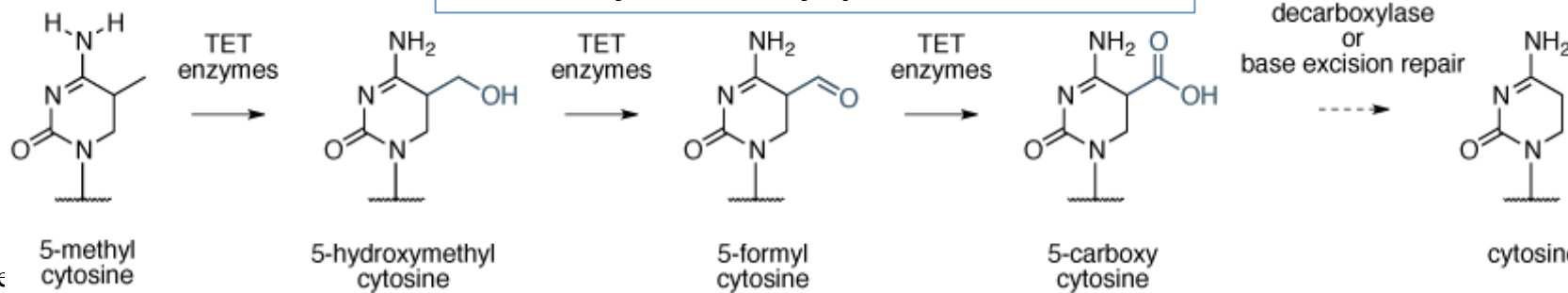
- DNMT1 preferentially methylates hemimethylated DNA
- DNMT3A/3B *de novo* methylate both unmethylated and hemimethylated DNA
- DNMT3L stimulates DNMT3A/3B activity in ES cells
- **TET enzymes result in loss of 5mC through oxidation**
- **DNA methylation can be passively lost in absence of DNMT1 or actively lost via TETs**

Cytosine demethylation may play an important tumor suppressive role:
In its absence, get CpG methylation eg at promoters of tumor suppressors?

DNA Methylation can be removed either passively or actively via the TET enzymes



**How stable are these oxidised forms?
What is their role – in expression, repair...?
Can they be read by specific “Readers”?**

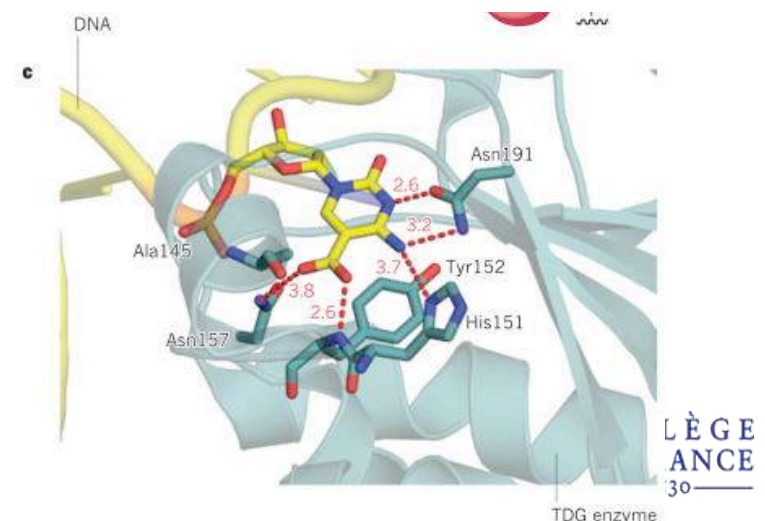
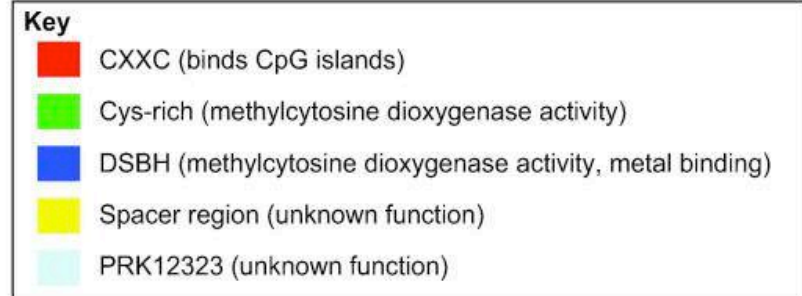
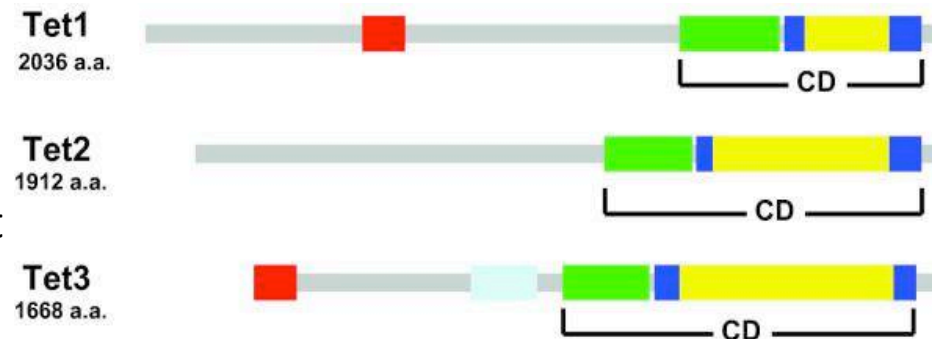


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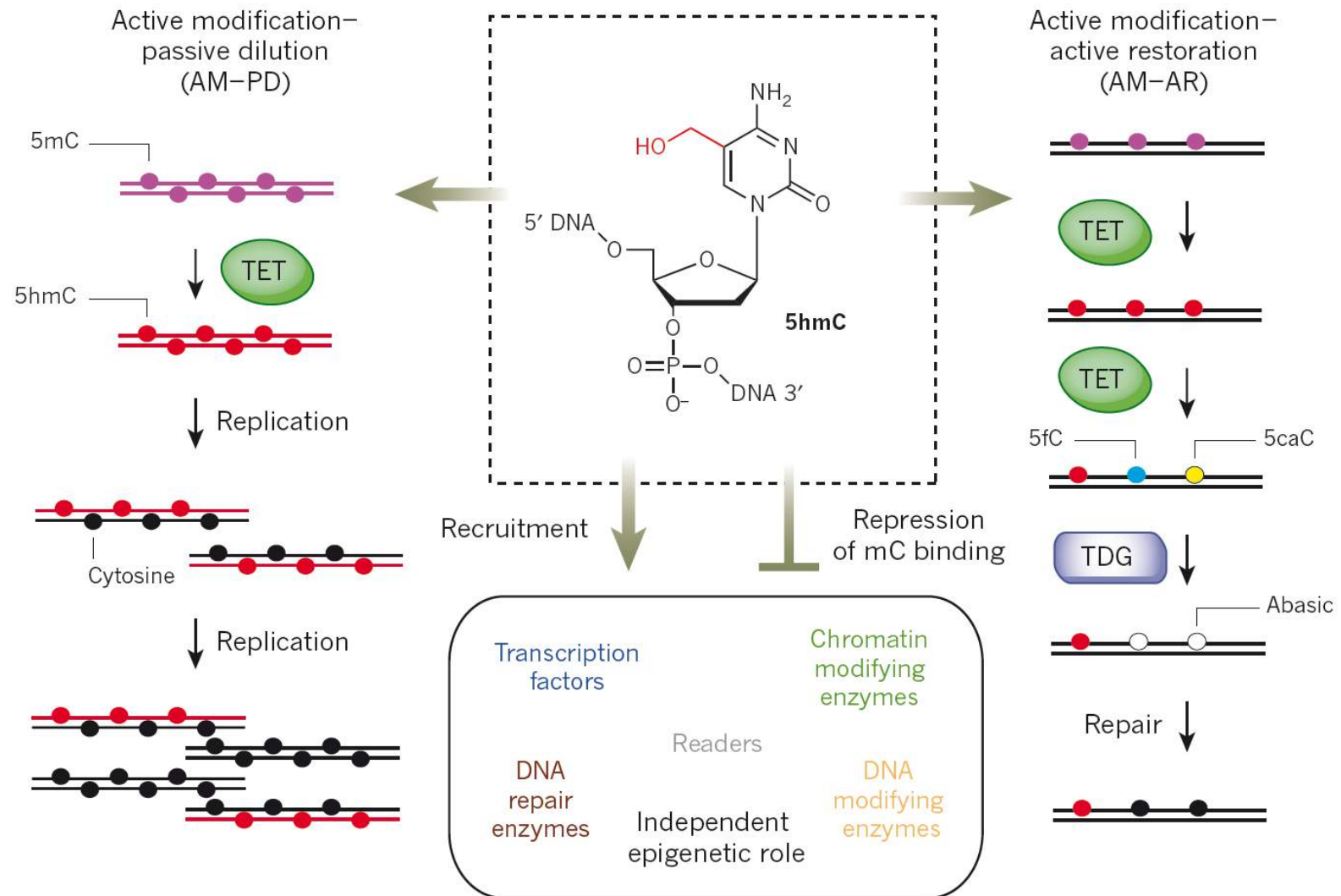
TET1, 2 and 3 each have a core catalytic domain with a double-stranded β -helix fold that contains the crucial metal-binding residues found in the family of Fe(II)/ α -ketoglutarate (α KG) -dependent oxygenases.

TET uses molecular oxygen as a substrate to catalyse oxidative decarboxylation of α -KG, thereby generating a reactive high-valent enzyme-bound Fe(IV)-oxo intermediate that converts 5mC to 5hmC

TET1 and TET3 also contain a chromatin-associated CXXC domain that is known to bind CpG sequences, whereas TET2 partners with IDAX, an independent CXXC-containing protein.



Roles of TET induced oxidised derivatives?



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- Downregulation of TET expression also seen in human breast, liver, lung, pancreatic and prostate cancers
- TET mutations are consistently associated with a decrease in 5hmC; the relevance of 5fC and 5caC in cancer has not yet been explored
- TET mutations may affect DNA methylation or hydroxymethylation of gene regulatory elements?

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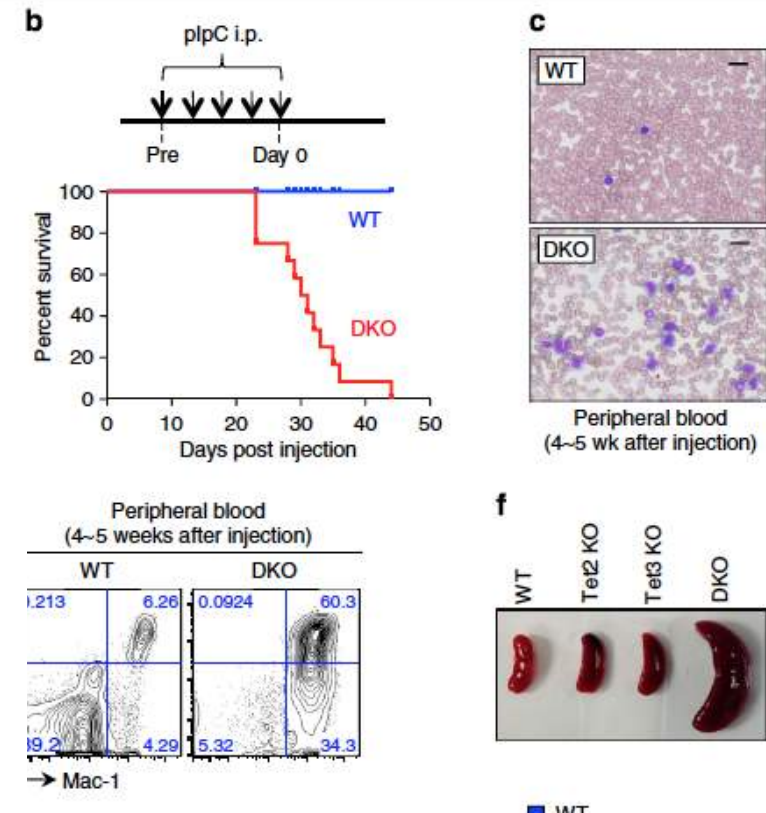
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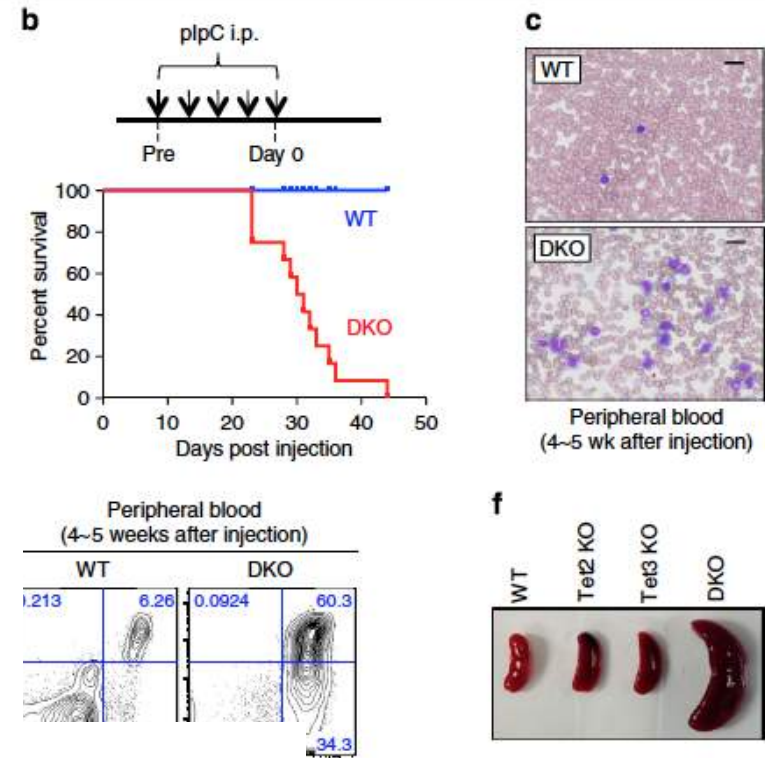
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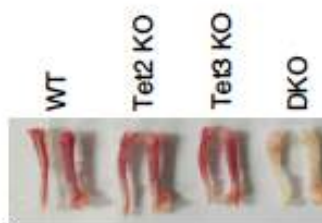
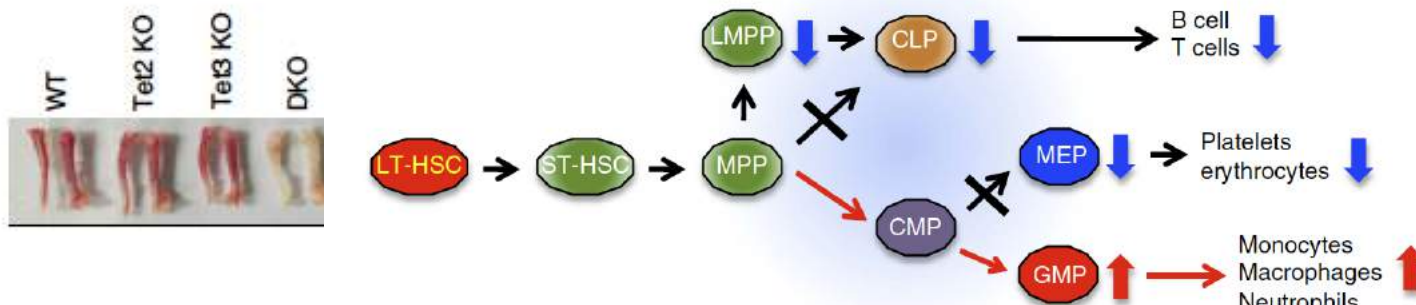
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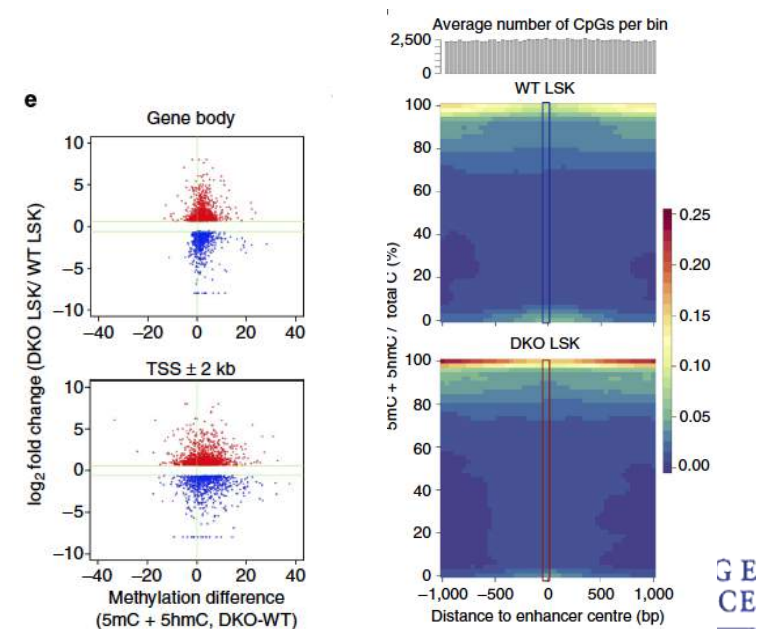
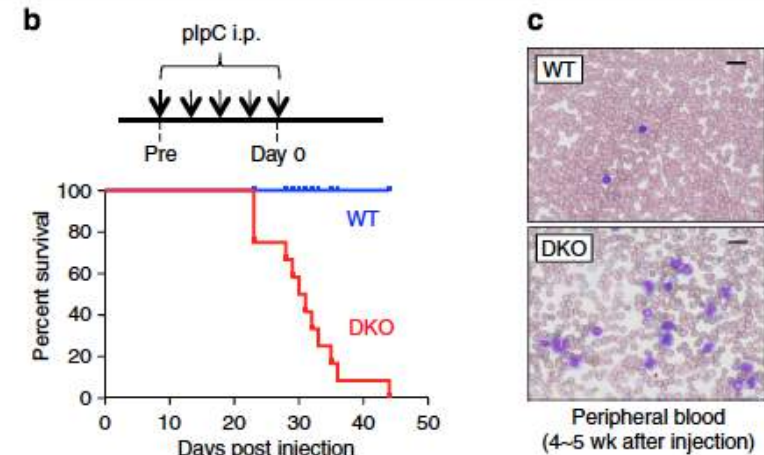
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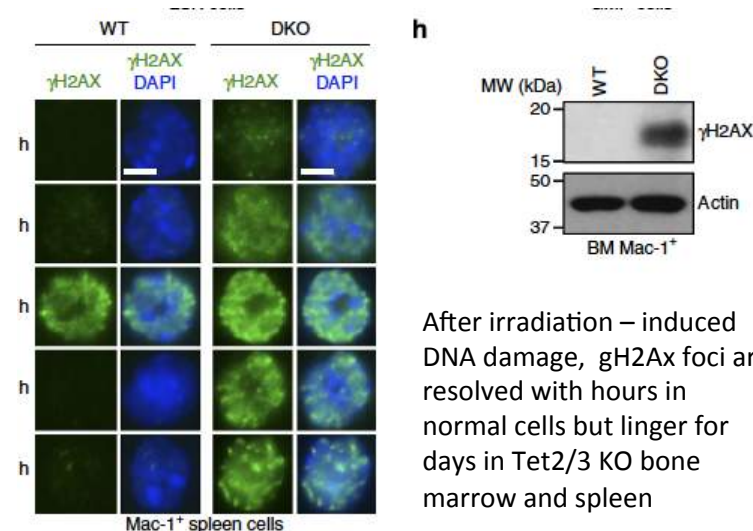
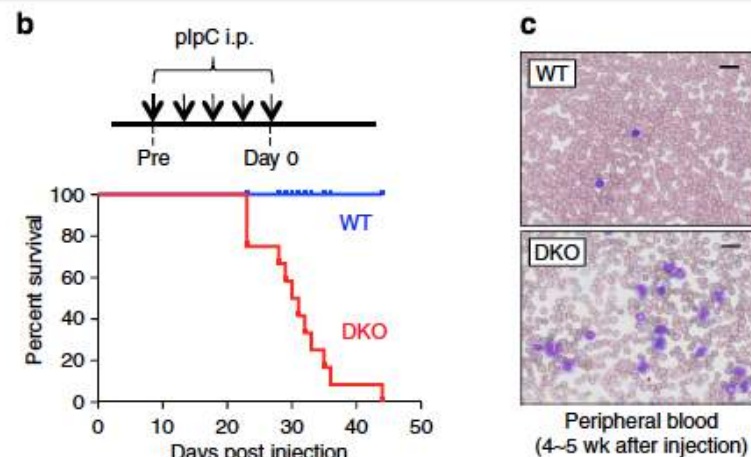
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- Progressive accumulation of phospho-H2AX and strong impairment of DNA damage repair pathways
=> **key role for TET proteins in maintaining genome integrity?**



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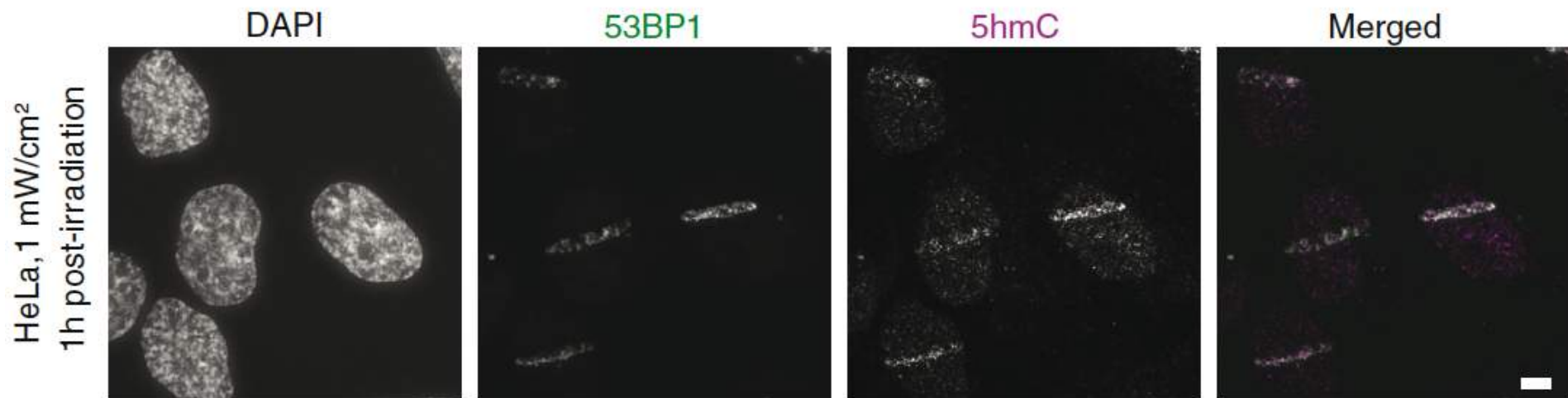
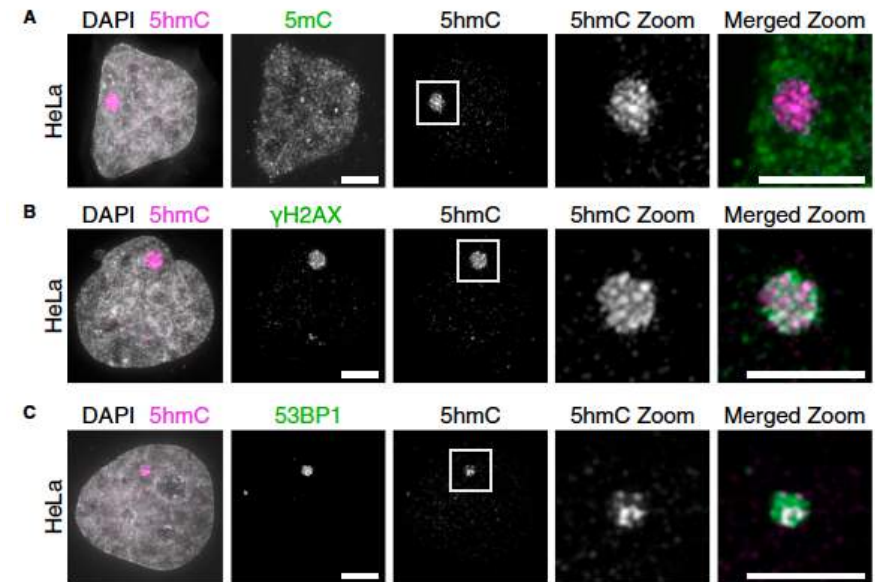
Aberrant methylomes associated with Tet mutant induced leukemia not easily connected to changes in gene expression...

Could be due to effects on enhancers, insulators, repetitive elements? (need whole genome analyses)

Could be due to DNA damage repair and genome integrity...?

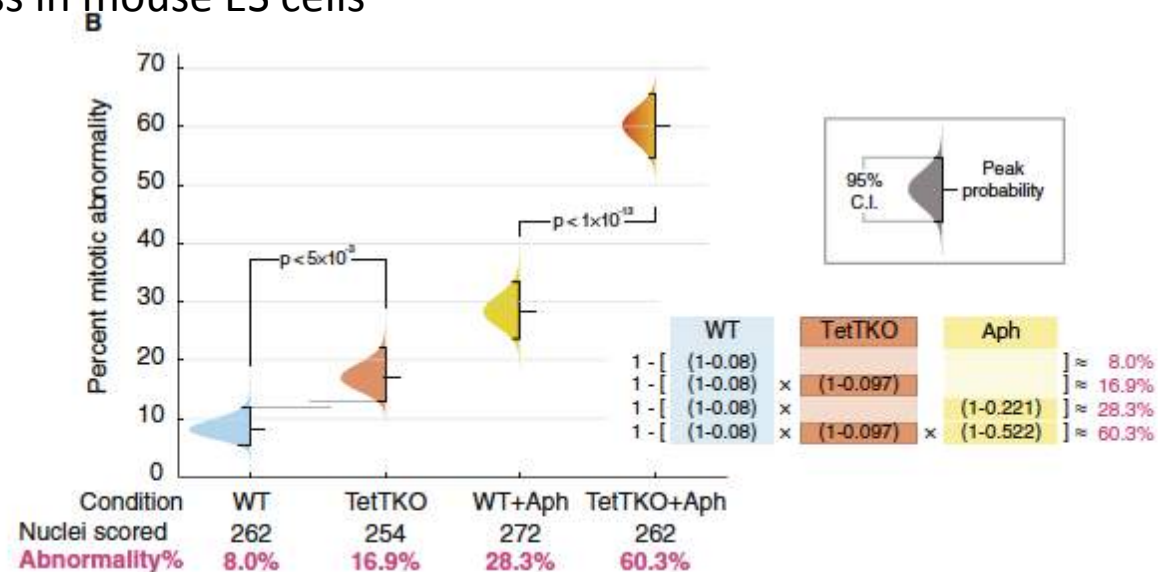
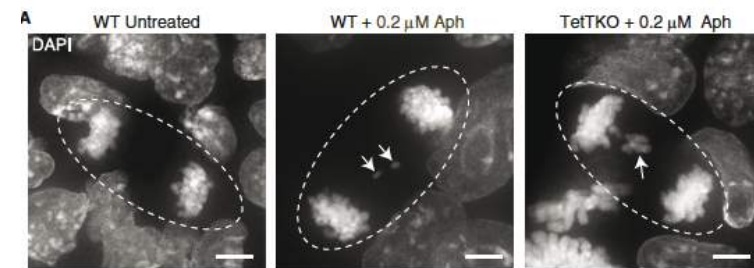
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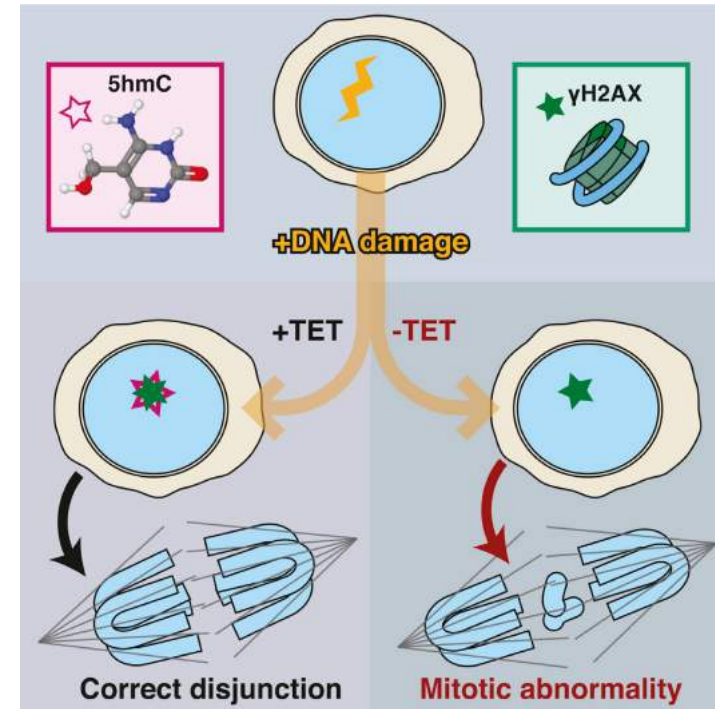
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TET2 induced 5hmC important for both genome integrity and gene regulation?

Both Dnmt3a and Tet2 Lead to similar defects in hematopoietic system that can result in cancer – could this be linked to aberrant DNA Damage repair?

IDH1/2 Dysfunction in Cancer

- IDH1 and IDH2 genes encoding isocitrate dehydrogenases
- Mutations frequently found in human glioblastomas and cytogenetically normal acute myeloid leukaemias (AML)
- Gain-of-function mutations – drive the synthesis of the ‘**oncometabolite**’ R-2-hydroxyglutarate (2HG) instead of α -ketoglutarate (α KG)
- How do IDH1 and IDH2 mutations modify myeloid cell development and promote leukaemogenesis?

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Leukemic IDH1 and IDH2 Mutations Result in a Hypermethylation Phenotype, Disrupt TET2 Function, and Impair Hematopoietic Differentiation

Table 1. Clinical and Genetic Parameters of IDH1/2- and TET2-Wild-Type and -Mutant AML Samples from the ECOG E1900 Cohort

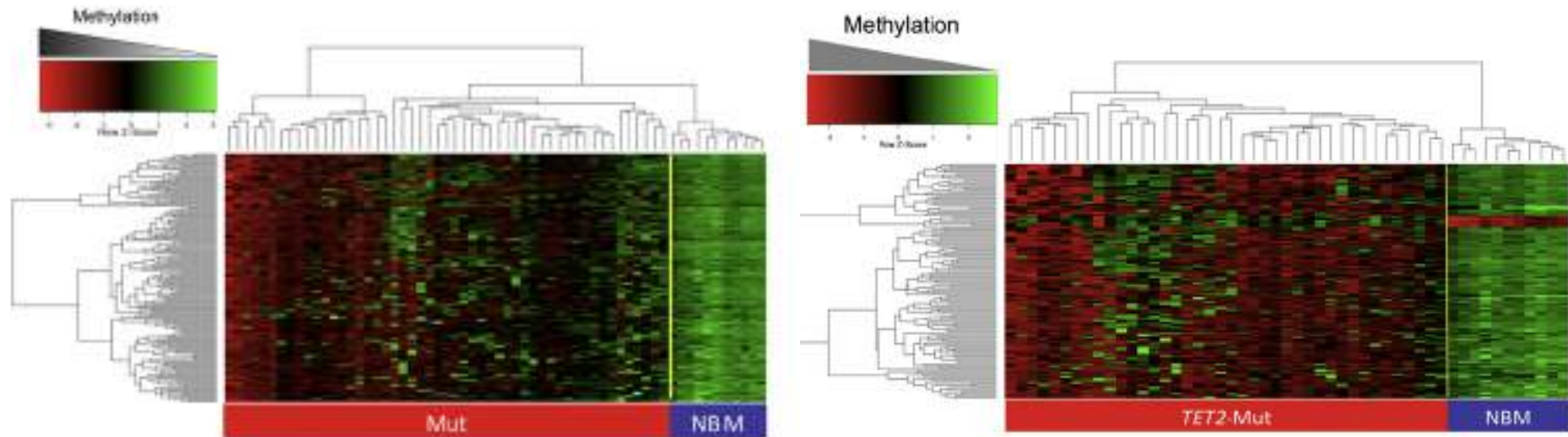
| IDH and TET2 Status | Median Age (Range) | Gender (M/F) | Cytogenetic Risk Class (Favorable/Intermediate/Unfavorable/Indeterminate) | FLT3 Mutant (%/%) (ITD/TKD) | NPM1 Mutant (%) | CEBPA Mutant (%) | Bone Marrow Blast at Sample Acquisition Median (%) (Range) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| TET2 and IDH1/2 wild-type (n = 300) | 45.5 (18–60) | 160/140 | 61/133/51/55 | 32/8 | 11 | 11 | 65 (3–100) |
| TET2 mutant (n = 28) | 55 (30–60) | 17/11 | 2/10/4/12 | 35.7/3.6 | 21.4 | 10.7 | 69.5 (20–99) |
| IDH1 or IDH2 mutant (n = 57) | 46.5 (18–60) | 25/32 | 1/35/5/15 | 19.3/3.5 | 24.6 | 1.8 | 79 (11–100) |
| IDH1 mutant (n = 24) | 46 (18–58) | 10/14 | 1/18/0/5 | 16.7/0 | 25 | 4.2 | 79 (30–96) |
| IDH2 mutant (n = 33) | 46.5 (24–60) | 15/18 | 0/18/5/10 | 21.2/6.1 | 24.2 | 0 | 78 (11–100) |
| All patients (n = 385) | 46.5 (18–60) | 202/183 | 64/179/60/82 | 31.7/7 | 14 | 9.9 | 68 (3–100) |

ITD/TKD, internal tandem duplication/tyrosine kinase domain.

- ▶ Examine a large cohort of AML patients for mutations and DNA Methylomes
- ▶ IDH1/2 mutations associated with a specific DNA **hypermethylation** profile in AML
- ▶ Expression of mutant IDH1/2 induces an **increase in global 5-methylcytosine levels**
- ▶ IDH1/2 mutations inhibit the hydroxylation reaction of methylcytosine by TET2
- ▶ Expression of IDH2 mutants or loss of TET2 impair myeloid differentiation, with increased stem/progenitor cell marker expression,

=> shared proleukemogenic effects?

IDH1/2 Dysfunction in Cancer



Heatmap representation of genes identified as **differentially methylated** between **IDH1/2-mutant** or **TET2-mutant** primary AML cases (indicated by the red bar) and **wild-type** cases. Each row represents a probe set and each column represents a patient.

IDH1/2- and TET2-mutant leukemias are a biologically distinct disease subtype

Link between cancer metabolism with epigenetic control of gene expression.

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IDH1(R132H) mutation increases murine haematopoietic progenitors and alters epigenetics

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- IDH1(R132H) inserted into endogenous murine *Idh1* locus
- Mutants show increased early haematopoietic progenitors, develop splenomegaly and anaemia with extramedullary haematopoiesis
=> **dysfunctional bone marrow niche.**
- Mice have hypermethylated histones and changes to DNA methylation similar to those observed in human IDH1- or IDH2-mutant AML.
=> **IDH1 single amino acid change induces a leukaemic DNA methylation signature in a mouse model of human AML.**

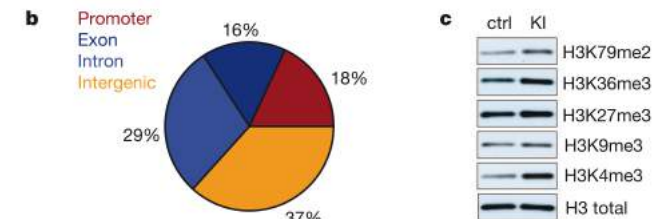
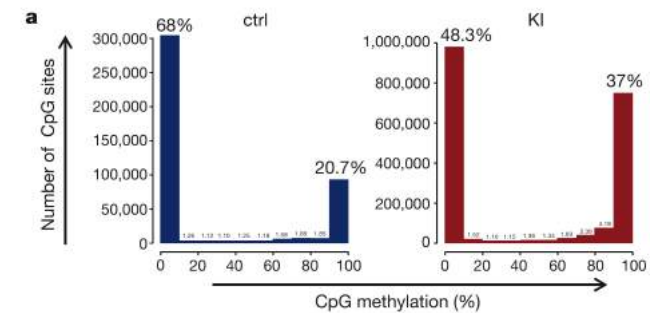
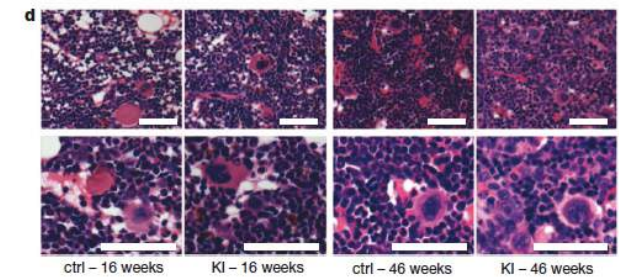
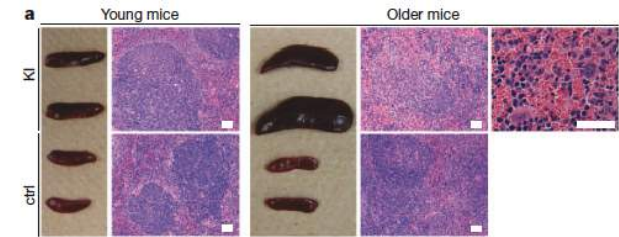
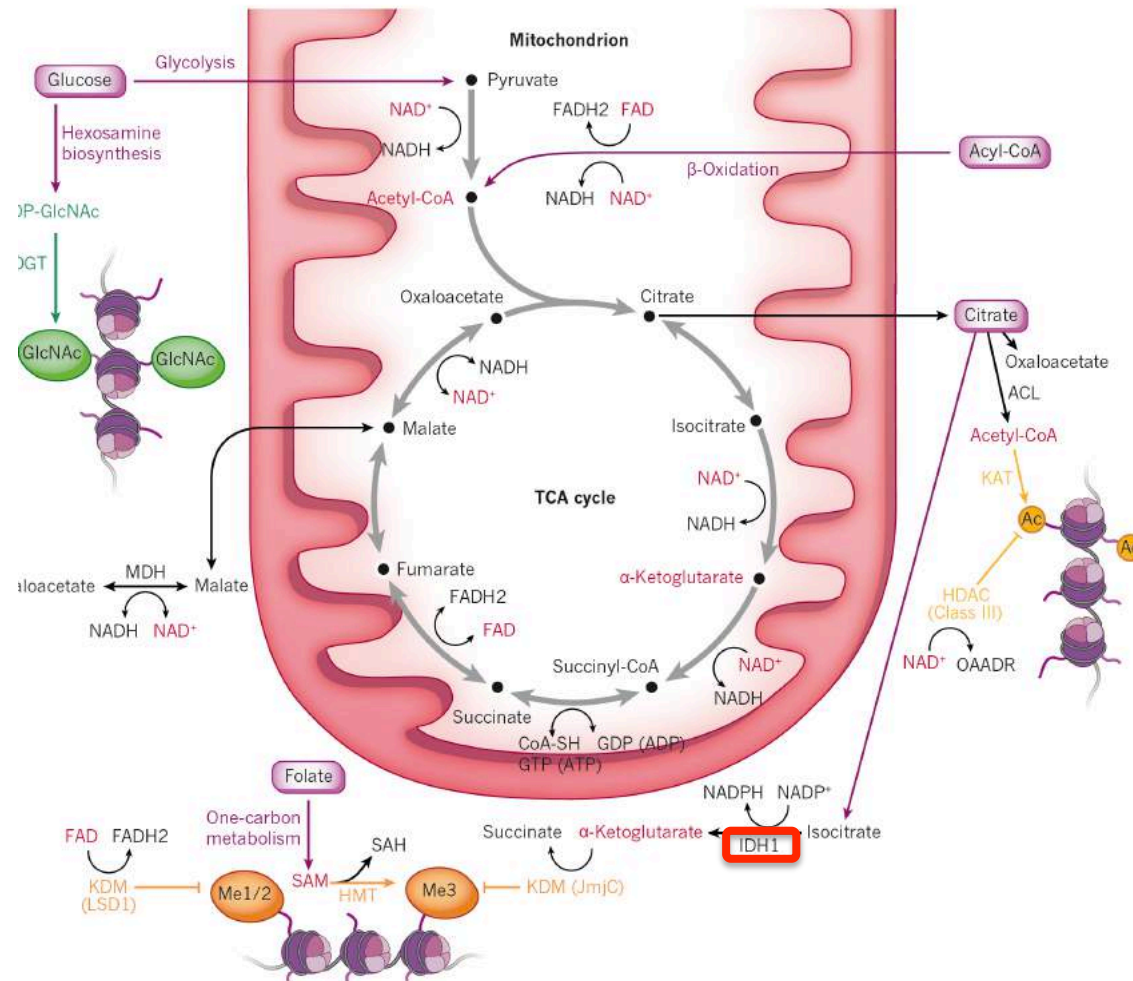


Figure 3 | Altered methylation of DNA and histones in LysM-KI cells.

Chromatin regulation and metabolism



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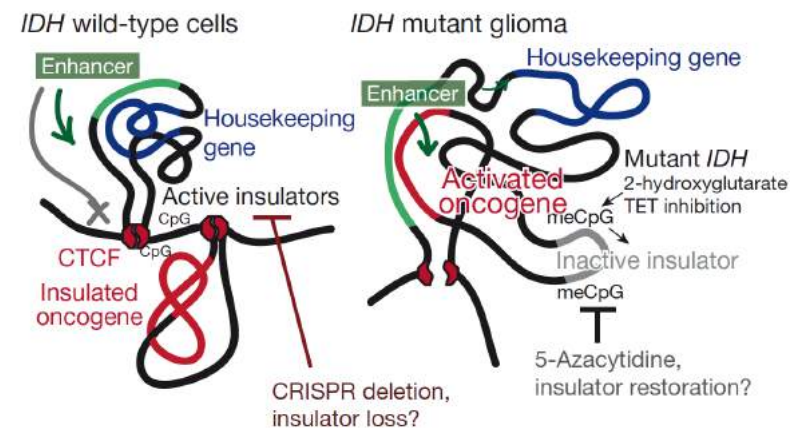
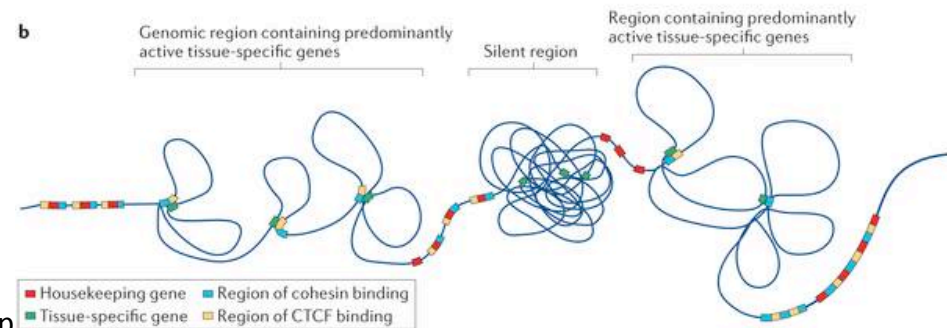
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Insulator dysfunction and oncogene activation in *IDH* mutant gliomas

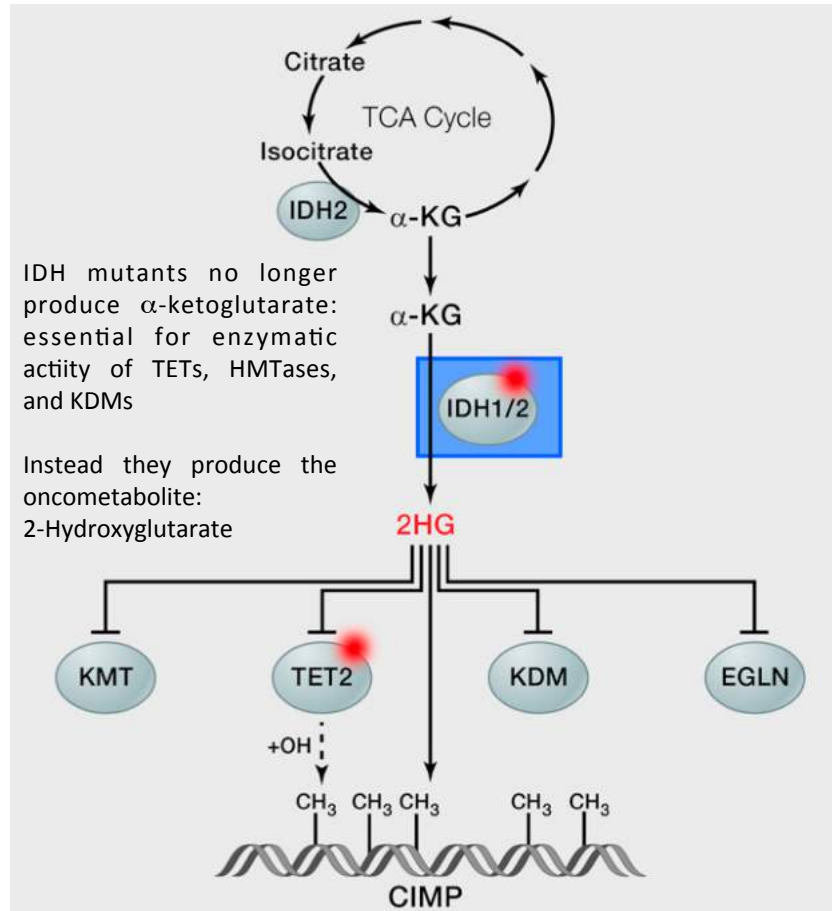
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- *IDH* mutant gliomas manifest a CpG island methylator phenotyp
- Human *IDH* mutant gliomas exhibit hypermethylation at cohesin and CCCTCbinding factor (CTCF)-binding sites, compromising binding of this methylation-sensitive insulator protein.
- Reduced CTCF binding => loss of insulation between topological domains and aberrant gene activation.
- Loss of CTCF at a domain boundary permits a constitutive enhancer to interact aberrantly with the receptor tyrosine kinase gene *PDGFRA*, a prominent glioma oncogene.
- CRISPR-mediated disruption of the CTCF motif in *IDH* wild-type gliomaspheres upregulates *PDGFRA* and increases proliferation.
- Treatment of *IDH* mutant glioma restores insulator function and



***IDH* mutations promote tumor formation (gliomas) by disrupting chromosomal topology and allowing aberrant regulatory interactions that induce oncogene expression**

IDH1/2 mutations inhibit Tet2 (and other enzymes) and affect DNA methylation patterns



IDH mutants no longer produce α-ketoglutarate: essential for enzymatic activity of TETs, HMTases, and KDMs

Instead they produce the oncometabolite: 2-Hydroxyglutarate

Somatic IDH1/2 Mutations Produce the Oncometabolite 2HG

Oncogenic effects of 2HG:

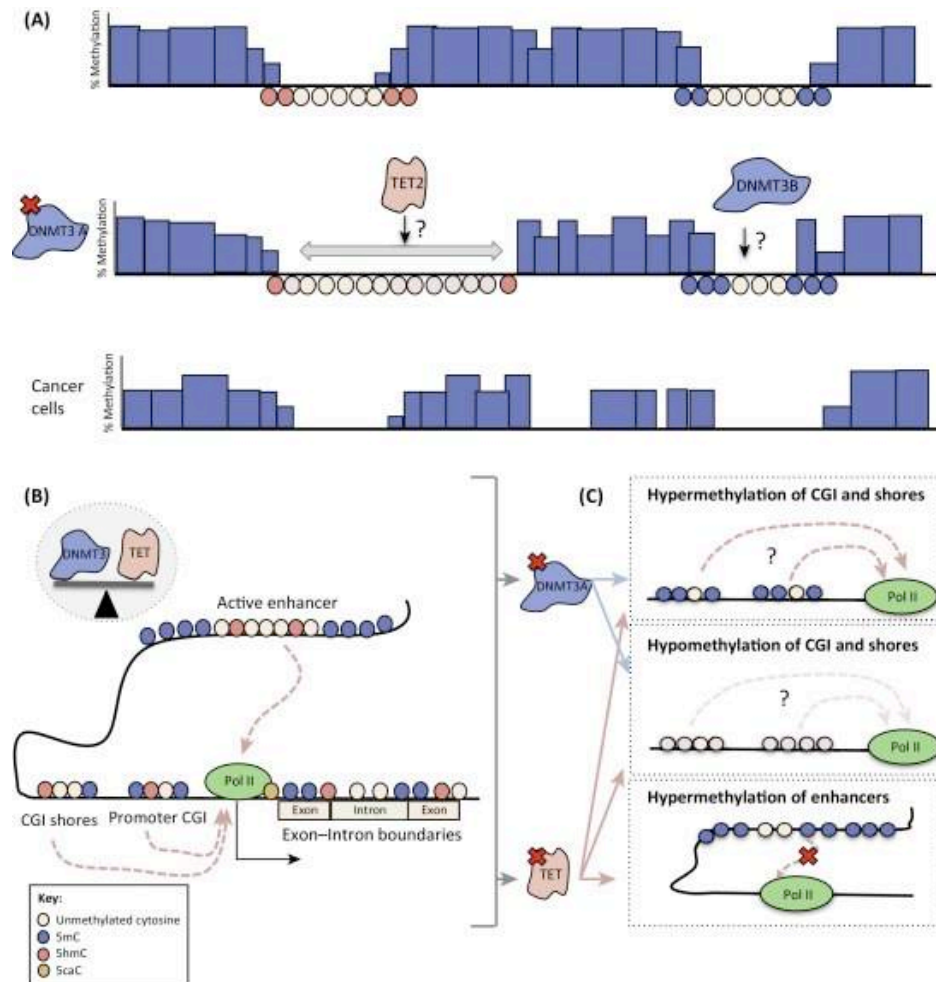
- generation of a CIMP-like (CpG island methylator) phenotype
- inhibition of α-ketoglutarate-dependent enzymes such as histone methyltransferases (KMT), histone demethylases (KDM), and prolyl hydroxylases (EGLN).

TET2 mutations are mutually exclusive with IDH1/2 mutations in leukemias and may exert common downstream effects on DNA methylation.

Mutant IDH1/2 proteins are the targets of emerging drug discovery effort

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How does the DNA methylation machinery impact on Cancer?

- Mutations in DNA Methylation enzymes (DNMT3A, TET1/2 and IDH1/2) are frequent in some cancers (leukemia and lymphoma)
- Dynamic DNA methylation patterns in coding and non-coding regions are found during hematopoietic transformation (tumor formation)
- Similar phenotypes are found in Dnmt3a KO and Tet2/3 KO mice (ie increased HSC self renewal, myeloid skewing and transformation)
- Yet loss of Dnmt3a should lead to *decreased* 5mC, while loss of Tet enzymes should lead to *increased* 5mC?

⇒ Effects in all cases may be due to **decreased 5hmC products**

- **Roles? Gene regulation (enhancers, insulators) and DNA repair...**

**Whatever its functions, aberrant DNA methylation
can define leukemia and lymphoma subtypes
⇒ Powerful prognostic value and key therapeutic target**

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