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H2AX

DNA double-strand break

ATM

Replicatio

block

PCN/

Rad6, Rad18, Rad5, Ubc13

replication blocks, and the red arrow indicates the direction of movement of replication helicases and polymerases. Open circles containing "P" represent phosphate, while gray filled circles represent ubiquitin (5). ATM is activated in response to double-strand breaks (DSBs).

Mre11-Rad50-Nbs1 (MRN) mediator complex acts as a DSB sensor for ATM and recruits it to broken DN A molecules. ATM exists as inactive dimers that, when recruited to DSBs, dissociate and autophosphorvlate on multiple residues thought to be important for maintaining ATM activation. The MRN complex is also



ATM/ATR WSTF(WBSCR9)

GPKAPSGGKKATQASQEY

PEPAKSAPAPKKGSKKAVTKA GTKÅVTKYTSSK

H2B

Bmi/Ring1A

CBP/p300

SIRT2

Sc SAS2

TIP60– Hob1

Sc ESA1-

CBP/p300 HB01

Sc HAT1

PRMT4

PRMT5

AuroraB

Sc Sir2

SUV4-20H1

SUV4-20H2 PR-SET7/8

a substrate of ATM. At the site of DNA damage, H2AX becomes phosphorylated by ATM, ATR, and DNA PK. This phosphorylation then directly recruits Mdc1, which acts to amplify H2AX phosphorylation, possibly by tethering ATM or preventing H2AX dephosphorylation. Mdc1 and H2AX allow the recruitment of many additional factors to sites of damage. Mdc1 phosphorylation also sets in motion polyubiquitination at sites of DSBs. Phosphorylation of Mdc1 recruits an E3 ubiquitin ligase, Ubc13-Rnf8, which ubiquitinates H2AX and possibly other proteins to then recruit 53BP1 and the Brca1 "Acomplex" the latter through the UIM domains of its Rap80 component. Ubiquitin foci at IRIFs depend upon Ubc13, Rnf8, and Brca1, itself a ubiquitin ligase. DNA damage results in activation of p53 leading to cell-cycle arrest, senescence, or apoptosis.

The single-strand binding protein complex RPA plays two critical roles: it recruits the ATR protein through its regulatory subunit ATRIP, and recruits and activates the Rad17 clamp loader which then loads the PCNA-related 911 (Rad9-Rad1-Hus1) complex onto DNA. The colocalization of 911 and ATR-ATRIP allows interaction at damage sites. ATR phosphorylates Rad17 and 911, which is important for downstream signaling (5).

Profiling & Disease

Demethylation

- Isomeration

Phosphorylation - Ubiquitination

JMJD2A/JMJD3A

JMJD2C/GASC1

JMJD2B

JMJD2D

JMJD2a

JMJD2b



Fig. 6 Histone methylation and transcription. RNA transcription may be initiated when a promoter region carries histone H3 lysine 4 (K4) methylation marks, and extends when an open-reading frame region carries a histone H3 lysine 36 (K36). Histone H3 lysine 79 (K79) methylation marks have a broad distribution across promoter and open reading frame regions (a). Mixed lineage leukemia (MLL) is a member of a multiprotein complex that mediates methylation of K4 within the promoter region of genes occupied by RNA polymerase II (b). A hypothetical function for MLL fusion proteins is presented (c). MLL fusions may recruit the K79 methyltransferase DOT1L, which allows K79 methylation of the HoxA cluster and aberrant expression of HoxA cluster genes (8).





Product Abbreviations

JMJD1A: jumonji domain containing 1A; jumonji C domain-containing histone demethylase 2A; testis-specific protein A JMJD3: jumonji domain containing 3; histone lysine demethylase

JMJD1C: jumonji domain containing 1C; thyroid hormone receptor interactor 8; thyroid receptor interacting protein 8 HDAC9: histone deacetylase 9; MEF-2 interacting transcription repressor (MITR) protein; histone deacetylase 7 Dnmt3a: DNA (cytosine-5-)-methyltransferase 3 alpha; DNA MTase HsallIA; DNA cytosine methyltransferase 3 alpha **AURKC**: aurora kinase C; aurora-C; aurora/IPL1-related kinase 3; serine/threonine kinase 13 **MSK2**: mitogen- and stress-activated protein kinase 2; ribosomal protein S6 kinase alpha 4

JMJD2D: jumonji domain containing 2D

PRMT5: protein arginine methyltransferase 5; HMT1 hnRNP methyltransferase-like 5; SKB1 homolog; HRMT1L5 MLL3: myeloid/lymphoid or mixed-lineage leukemia 3; ALR-like protein; histone-lysine N-methyltransferase **CBX5**: chromobox homolog 5 (HP1 alpha homolog, Drosophila); HP1-ALPHA; HP1Hs alpha; antigen p25

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AF4 ELL AF10 EPS15



Fig. 7 Distribution of major mixed lineage leukemia (MLL) fusion partner genes in de novo childhood and adult leukaemias. MLL rearrangements are found in approximately 5% of acute lymphoblastic leukaemias (ALL), approximately 5–10% of acute myeloid leukaemias (AML) and all cases of mixed lineage leukaemias. Major MLL fusion partner genes are AF4, which is predominantly found in ALL; AF9, predominantly found in AML; and ENL, which is found in both ALL and AML (8).

Fig. 8 Clustering analysis of histone marks changes on human promoters. Myc transcription factor binds to over 10-15% of all promoter regions. Myc recruits histone acetyl-transferases and induces hyper-acetylation of histones H3 and H4. Quantitative chromatin immunoprecipitation (gChIP) was used to profile lysine-acetylation and -methylation marks modulated by Myc at promoters in human B-cell line, expressing c-myc transgene. Based on unbiased qChIP clustering analysis, two main clusters were identified (I and II), distinguished mainly through the opposite regulation of H2AK5, H4K16ac, and H4K12ac. The majority of promoters are segregated into two sub-clusters within cluster I (I.a and I.b). Sub-cluster I.a showed no significant induction of the main Myc-responsive marks. Sub-cluster I.b, contained promoters at which Myc consistently induced most responsive marks (red gradient) (9).

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