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## 1 **Abstract**

2 Eukaryotic chromosomes are folded into hierarchical domains, enabling the organization of the  
3 genome into functional compartments. Nuclear periphery and nucleolus are two nuclear  
4 landmarks thought to contribute to repressive chromosome architecture. However, while the role  
5 of nuclear lamina (NL) in genome organization has been well documented, the function of the  
6 nucleolus remains under-investigated due to the lack of methods for genome-wide maps of  
7 nucleolar associated domains (NADs). Here we established a method based on a Dam-fused  
8 engineered nucleolar histone H2B that marks DNA contacting the nucleolus. NAD-maps of ESCs  
9 and neural progenitors revealed layers of genome compartmentalization with distinct, repressive  
10 chromatin states based on the interaction with the nucleolus, NL, or both. NADs showed higher  
11 H3K9me2 and lower H3K27me3 content than regions exclusively interacting with NL. Upon ESC  
12 differentiation, chromosomes around the nucleolus acquire a more compact, rigid architecture  
13 whereas NADs specific for ESCs decrease their interaction strength within the repressive B-  
14 compartment strength, unlocking neural genes from repressive nuclear environment. The  
15 methodologies here developed will make possible to include the contribution of the nucleolus in  
16 future studies investigating the relationship between nuclear space and genome function.

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## 18 **Introduction**

19 In the nucleus of eukaryotic cells, chromosomes are arranged in a complex three-dimensional  
20 (3D) architecture that is thought to be important to ensure the correct execution of gene  
21 expression programs (Belmont, 2002; Dekker and Misteli, 2015; Kempfer and Pombo, 2019;  
22 Misteli, 2011; Nicodemi and Pombo, 2014). One important aspect of spatial genome organization  
23 is the local nuclear environment. Subnuclear compartments can serve as scaffold for chromatin  
24 tethering and allow the concentration of factors, thereby facilitating functions that rely on proteins  
25 found in limiting concentrations (Gonzalez-Sandoval and Gasser, 2016). Genomic interactions  
26 with the nuclear lamina (NL), which lies on the inner surface of the inner nuclear membrane, are  
27 mainly characterized by features typical of heterochromatin (van Steensel and Belmont, 2017).  
28 Lamina associated domains (LADs) contain genes in transcriptionally silent state or with low

1 expression levels, have a low overall gene density, correspond to late-replicating DNA, and are  
2 typically enriched for repressive histone marks (Guelen et al., 2008; Peric-Hupkes et al., 2010;  
3 Pope et al., 2014). Another compartment suggested to serve as a scaffold for the location of  
4 repressive chromatin is the nucleolus, a membraneless sub-nuclear compartment that is the site  
5 of ribosome biogenesis (Bersaglieri and Santoro, 2019) and is made up of distinct, coexisting  
6 liquid phases (Feric et al., 2016). It has been suggested that the nucleolus and the NL might  
7 serve as interchangeable scaffolds for the localization of heterochromatic domains (Kind et al.,  
8 2013). However, the understanding of this genomic dynamics in the nuclear space remains still  
9 elusive. While the role of NL in genome organization has been well documented due to the  
10 identification and characterization of LADs in many cell types (van Steensel and Belmont, 2017),  
11 the function of the nucleolus remains under-investigated. One of the major reasons is that the  
12 identification of nucleolar associated domains (NADs) remains still a technical challenge.  
13 Previous attempts were based on the biochemical purification of nucleoli, a method that relies on  
14 sonication of nuclei, adjusting the power so that nucleoli remain intact while the rest of the nuclei  
15 are fragmented (Andersen et al., 2005; Desjardins et al., 1963; Sullivan et al., 2001). Using this  
16 methodology, first insights were provided into the composition of NADs, which appear to mainly  
17 consist of inactive regions (Dillinger et al., 2017; Nemeth et al., 2010; van Koningsbruggen et al.,  
18 2010). However, this method presents several technical limitations. First, since the  
19 heterochromatin is generally resistant to sonication (Becker et al., 2017), the identification of  
20 NADs upon sequencing of nucleoli purified through sonication can be biased toward repressive  
21 chromatin domains. Secondly, the experimental procedures to isolate nucleoli can be subjected  
22 to a certain variation, generating highly divergent NAD maps, even from the same cell types  
23 (Bizhanova et al., 2020; Lu et al., 2020). Third, it is difficult to achieve the purification of nucleoli in  
24 cells with open genome, such as embryonic stem cells (ESCs), unless protein-DNA crosslinking  
25 reagents are used, with a consequent extension of sonication time. Consequently, while data of  
26 LADs are frequently used in studies aimed to analyze genome organization in the cell's nucleus,  
27 genomic contacts with the nucleolus have so far been excluded from these analyses. However, to  
28 fully understand the relationship between 3D genome organization and function, it is necessary to

1 integrate also information on the organization of chromosomes around the nucleolus. This need  
2 calls for the establishment of novel methods for accurate genome-wide mapping of NADs that  
3 should be based on experimental procedures alternative to the highly variable biochemical  
4 isolation of nucleoli.

5 In this study, we established Nucleolar-DamID and HiC-rDNA methods that provided accurate  
6 genome-wide maps of NADs. The data revealed unprecedented layers of genome  
7 compartmentalization by showing distinct, repressive transcriptional and chromatin states based  
8 on the interaction with the nucleolus, NL, or both. NADs demarcate regions of the genome with a  
9 repressive state and are enriched in H3K9me2 and depleted in H3K27me3 relative to sequence  
10 only contacting NL. In ESCs, the chromatin state of ribosomal (r)RNA genes, which are located  
11 within the nucleolus, regulates the deposition of H3K9me2 at sequences adjacent to the  
12 nucleolus, indicating that nucleolus is not only a scaffold where repressive chromatin can be  
13 positioned but also it is part of the regulatory process for the establishment or maintenance of  
14 repressive chromatin states. Further, we showed that chromosome organization around the  
15 nucleolus changes according to developmental stage. Upon differentiation of ESCs into neural  
16 progenitors (NPCs), the architecture of all chromosomes surrounding the nucleolus becomes  
17 more rigid and compact, increasing the interaction frequency with centromere-proximal regions.  
18 Loss of nucleolar contacts during ESC differentiation coincides with an increase in the interaction  
19 strength within the active A compartment whereas contacts in the repressive B compartment  
20 decreased. Although still transcriptionally inactive, genes moving away from the nucleolus in  
21 NPCs were implicated in neuron development and differentiation processes, indicating that the  
22 detachment from the nucleolus marks a first step toward activation in later stages of  
23 differentiation. The results highlight the role of the nucleolus as repressive compartment that is  
24 implicated in the control of gene expression program during lineage commitment. Finally, the  
25 methodologies here developed for the identification of NADs at genome-wide level will now make  
26 possible to include the contribution of the nucleolus in future studies investigating the relationship  
27 between nuclear space and genome function.

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## 1 **Results**

### 2 **Establishment of Nucleolar-DamID**

3 We thought to map NADs by establishing an alternative experimental procedure that is not based  
4 on biochemical isolation of nucleoli. We reasoned to adapt the DNA adenine methyltransferase  
5 identification (DamID) method, which was successfully used to identify LADs in many cell types  
6 (van Steensel et al., 2001). In this application, Lamin B1 was fused to Dam from *Escherichia coli*.  
7 When Lamin B1-Dam is expressed in cells, DNA in molecular contact with the NL is methylated at  
8 the N6 position of adenine (m6A) within GATC sequences and can be mapped. However, since  
9 the nucleolus is a membrane-free compartment, the application of DamID for the identification of  
10 NADs (Nucleolar-DamID) required further adaptations. A first criterion was to fuse Dam with  
11 proteins that are mainly localized within nucleolus and interact with DNA independently of the  
12 sequence content. We reasoned to exclude nucleolar proteins implicated in ribosome biogenesis  
13 (nucleolin, fibrillarin, UBF etc.) since their use might influence the readout of Nucleolar-DamID,  
14 such as adenine methylation of sequences only within the rRNA genes, thereby excluding the  
15 detection of other genomic domains located within nucleoli. Therefore, we thought to engineer a  
16 nucleolar histone, which can bind DNA sequences without motif specificity and has the ability to  
17 localize exclusively within nucleoli (**Fig. 1A**). To assess this possibility, we inserted a nucleolar  
18 localization signal (NoLS, RKKRKKK) (Birbach et al., 2004; Emmott and Hiscox, 2009) at the C-  
19 terminus of the histone H2B (H2B-NoLS). Live cell imaging of NIH3T3 cells transfected with a  
20 plasmid expressing GFP-tagged H2B-NoLS revealed a prominent and preferential localization in  
21 nucleoli when compared to the homogeneous nuclear distribution of H2B-GFP (**Fig. 1B**).  
22 Chromatin fractionation analyses showed that H2B-GFP-NoLS associated with chromatin  
23 similarly to H2B-GFP (**Fig. 1C**). Next, we tested whether the nucleolar localization of H2B-NoLS  
24 depends on the integrity of the nucleolus by inhibiting rRNA synthesis with Actinomycin D (ActD),  
25 a potent inhibitor of rRNA gene transcription. Downregulation of rRNA synthesis is known to  
26 induce a spatial reorganization of the nucleolar structure with the migration of its components,  
27 including rRNA genes, to the nucleolar periphery, forming the so called nucleolar caps (Reynolds  
28 et al., 1964). Treatment of NIH3T3 cells with ActD for 24 hours after transfection of plasmids

1 expressing GFP-tagged proteins did not affect the localization of H2B-GFP whereas, as expected,  
2 the nucleolar transcription terminator factor I (TTF1), which associates with rRNA genes (Evers  
3 and Grummt, 1995), segregated into nucleolar caps (**Fig. 1D**). In contrast, upon ActD treatment,  
4 H2B-GFP-NoLS signal localized outside the nucleolus and appeared larger compared to the  
5 condensed structure of nucleolar caps (**Fig. 1D**). These results indicated that the nucleolar  
6 localization of H2B-NoLS depends on nucleolus integrity. Furthermore, the data suggest that  
7 genomic regions that incorporated H2B-NoLS in the nucleolus redistributed outside of it upon  
8 nucleolar segregation.

9 To assess the efficacy of the H2B-NoLS in DamID application, we established mouse ESC lines  
10 with heterozygotic integration into the *Rosa26* locus of a transgene that allows inducible  
11 expression of H2B-Dam or H2B-Dam-NoLS chimeric proteins (**Fig. 1E, Fig. S1A**). In order to not  
12 saturate Dam sites, the expression of Dam-fused proteins was kept low by placing transgene  
13 transcription under the control of the minimal *hsp* promoter that was further modulated using a  
14 double inducible system for the control of transcription and protein stability. We used the TetR-  
15 KRAB repressor system by inserting two Tet operator (*TetO*) sequences downstream the minimal  
16 *hsp* promoter and an *EF1 $\alpha$*  promoter-*Puro-T2A-TetR-Krab* cassette downstream the *Dam*  
17 transgenes. Furthermore, we placed at the C-terminus of both transgenes a destabilization  
18 domain (DD) that causes proteins to be rapidly targeted for proteasomal degradation unless the  
19 protein is shielded by the synthetic small molecule Shield1 (Banaszynski et al., 2006). The lack of  
20 leakiness of this inducible system was confirmed by the transfection of HEK 293T cells with  
21 plasmids containing the sequences *hsp-TetO-GFP-Dam-DD-EF1 $\alpha$ -puro-T2A-TetR-KRAB* (**Fig.**  
22 **S1B**). Expression of H2B-Dam-DD and H2B-Dam-NoLS-DD transgenes in the corresponding  
23 ESC lines was induced for 15 hours of treatment with doxycycline (Dox) and Shield1. The low  
24 expression of both transgenes did not allow measurements of protein levels by western blot but  
25 only quantifications by qRT-PCR, which showed that H2B-Dam-DD and H2B-Dam-NoLS-DD  
26 were expressed at similar levels (**Fig. 1F**). To test the specificity of H2B-Dam-NoLS in depositing  
27 m6A at nucleolar sequences, we measured GATC methylation levels at rRNA genes, which are  
28 located in nucleoli, and *Tuba1a*, which we did not expect to be located in nucleoli (**Fig. 1G**). We

1 found significantly higher m6A levels at rRNA genes compared to *Tuba1a*, indicating that the  
2 nucleolar H2B histone was preferentially incorporated in rRNA genes, the known genetic  
3 component of the nucleolus.

4

#### 5 **Nucleolar-DamID identifies NADs**

6 The identification of LADs by DamID was obtained by measuring the m6A ratio of Lamin B1-Dam  
7 over a freely diffusible Dam fused to GFP (GFP-Dam) (Peric-Hupkes et al., 2010). However, in  
8 the Nucleolar-DamID, we opted to use as a control the measurement of m6A levels in ESCs  
9 expressing H2B-Dam. This strategy was based on the fact that compared to GFP-Dam, which  
10 has also been reported to have some preference for open chromatin (Aughey et al., 2018), the  
11 two Dam-fused histones should only differ in their nuclear localization. Furthermore, the use of  
12 H2B-Dam as control will also serve to compensate for the eventual incorporation of nucleolar  
13 histones in genomic regions outside the nucleolus.

14 We combined two independent Nucleolar-DamID experiments, which were highly correlated  
15 (Pearson correlation 0.89) (**Fig. S2A**). We used a previously established DamIDseq pipeline  
16 (Marshall and Brand, 2015) and constructed genome-wide maps of NADs in ESCs by taking the  
17 resulting H2B-Dam-NoLS over H2B-Dam m6A ratio as a measure for the relative contact  
18 frequency of DNA sequences with the nucleolus (FDR <0.01) (**Fig. 2A, Fig. S2B**). We found that  
19 nucleolar H2B contacts in ESCs display broad domains ranging between 70 kb and 6.2 Mb (**Fig.**  
20 **S2C**). These contacts (from here on termed as NADs) were distributed all over the chromosomes  
21 with some preferences for chromosomes containing rRNA genes (**Fig. 2B,C, Fig. S2B**). The X  
22 chromosome, which is active in the male ESCs used in this study, showed the lowest enrichment  
23 in NADs. Consistent with the well-known co-localization of centromeres in the vicinity of the  
24 nucleolus (Padeken and Heun, 2014), we found that NADs were enriched in the centromere-  
25 proximal regions of the large majority of chromosomes, which in the mouse cells are all  
26 acrocentric (**Fig. 2B**). These data are also consistent with recent results based on the SPRITE  
27 method that identified a sub-class of NADs interacting with rRNA transcripts, which are  
28 synthesized in the nucleolus, and are in close linear proximity to centromeres (Quinodoz et al.,



1 2018). Furthermore, the Nucleolar-DamID identified as NADs all sequences that SPRITE found to  
2 form inter-chromosomal contacts that interact with rRNA (i.e. nucleolar hub) (Quinodoz et al.,  
3 2018) (**Fig. S2C**). To further support the specificity of the Nucleolar-DamID, we recovered reads  
4 containing rRNA gene (rDNA) contacts from a high resolution (<750 bp) Hi-C map in ESCs, the  
5 highest to date in mammalian cells (Bonev et al., 2017) (from here on named as HiC-rDNA). The  
6 adaptation of HiC analysis for the identification of rDNA contacts was based on the modification  
7 of the mouse reference genome, which does not contain rRNA gene sequences, by adding at the  
8 end of chromosome 12 one copy of rRNA gene unit (see methods). As in the case of NADs  
9 identified by SPRITE (Quinodoz et al., 2018), rDNA contacts obtained with HiC-rDNA should  
10 represent a sub-class of NADs since not all genomic domains associating with the nucleolus must  
11 necessarily interact with the rRNA genes. The most frequent rDNA contacts were found at  
12 chromosomes containing rRNA genes (**Fig. 2D,E, Fig. S3A**), an expected result since these  
13 interactions mainly occur in *cis*. Furthermore, rDNA contacts were enriched at centromeric-  
14 proximal regions of all chromosomes (**Fig. 2E,F, Fig. S3A**), suggesting that the known co-  
15 localization of centromeres in the vicinity of the nucleolus might promote the formation of rDNA  
16 interactions between different chromosomes. Importantly, 76% of rDNA contacts identified by  
17 HiC-rDNA were located in NADs found with the Nucleolar-DamID (**Fig. 2G,H**). Thus, the  
18 Nucleolar-DamID can identify a large portion of rDNA contacts, a sub-class of NADs identified by  
19 HiC-rDNA. Finally, we measured the cellular localization of a selected NAD on chromosome 19  
20 by FISH and found that all analyzed cells display a signal in close proximity or within the  
21 nucleolus (**Fig. 2I**). In contrast, a FISH probe hybridizing against a DNA region corresponding to  
22 LAD and not mapped as NAD was mainly localized at the NL (**Fig. S2D**). Together, the data  
23 showed that Nucleolar-DamID is an accurate method for genome-wide identification of all NADs.

24

## 25 **Distinct layers of repressive chromatin states distinguish genomic domains according to** 26 **their interaction with the nucleolus, nuclear lamina, or both**

27 To gain insights on how genome compartmentalization at nucleolus and NL is related to each  
28 other, we analyzed the NAD composition relative to LADs, which were previously identified in

1 ESCs using LaminB1-DamID (Peric-Hupkes et al., 2010). We found that about 53% of NADs  
2 correspond to LADs whereas 40% of LADs are also NADs (**Fig. 3A,B**). We termed this NAD  
3 subclass NAD/LAD whereas NADs not overlapping with LADs were named NAD-only.  
4 Accordingly, the average Lamin B1-Dam signal highly increased at NAD/LAD boundaries and to a  
5 much less degree with NAD-only boundaries (**Fig. 3C**). These results support previous data  
6 showing that some LADs can also be found in the vicinity of the nucleolus (Kind et al., 2013;  
7 Ragozcy et al., 2014). NAD-only, NAD/LAD, and LADs that do not overlap with NAD (LAD-only)  
8 have low gene density (**Fig. 3D**) and, consistent with previous reports, NADs are particularly  
9 enriched in olfactory receptor genes and zinc finger genes (Nemeth et al., 2010; van  
10 Koningsbruggen et al., 2010). Both NAD subclasses and LAD-only showed distinct chromatin and  
11 transcriptional features. A large portion of NAD-only regions localized in the active A  
12 compartment (66%), was early replicating (65%), and had higher gene density relative to  
13 NAD/LAD and LAD-only sequences (**Fig. 3D-F**). However, NAD-only had lower gene density  
14 relative to the whole genome and low level of gene expression compared to genes located in the  
15 active A compartment, indicating that localization at the nucleolus correlates with low gene  
16 activity (**Fig. 3D,G**). In contrast to NAD-only, the majority of NAD/LAD and LAD-only were located  
17 in the repressive B compartment (90% and 80%) and were late replicating (82% and 63%), a  
18 result that is consistent with previous data showing that total LADs are characterized by these  
19 repressive features (Kind et al., 2015; Peric-Hupkes et al., 2010; Pope et al., 2014) (**Fig. 3D-F**).  
20 However, compared to LAD-only, NAD/LAD appeared to be more enriched in the B compartment  
21 and in late-replicating DNA regions and displayed lower gene density and gene expression levels  
22 (**Fig. 3D-G**), suggesting that sequences that can localize at both nucleolus and NL have  
23 enhanced repressive chromatin features than sequences that anchor only to NL. These results  
24 were also supported by the different levels of active and repressive histone marks at these  
25 genomic domains (**Fig. 3H**). As expected, NAD-only sequences had higher levels of the active  
26 histone modifications H3K4me3, H3K27ac, and H3K4me1 compared to LAD-only and NAD/LAD.  
27 However, and consistent with the low gene expression (**Fig. 3G**), NAD-only contain lower levels  
28 of active histone marks compared to genomic regions within the A active compartment.

1 Furthermore, relative to A compartment, NAD-only were depleted of H3K27me3 and enriched in  
2 H3K9me2 (**Fig. 3H**), suggesting that the localization close to the nucleolus marks transcriptionally  
3 repressive states that might not depend on Polycomb. We also observed that NAD/LAD and LAD-  
4 only regions showed distinct chromatin features. NAD/LAD displayed a more repressive  
5 chromatin state than LAD-only. They contained a lower amount of active histone marks and, in  
6 particular, higher levels of H3K9me2 whereas H3K9me3 were similar (**Fig. 3H**). Furthermore, the  
7 levels of the facultative heterochromatin mark H3K27me3 were lower in NAD/LAD than in LAD-  
8 only, indicating that contacts with the nucleolus, even for sequences also able to interact with the  
9 NL, shape a specific repressive chromatin state that is characterized by enrichment in H3K9me2  
10 and low H3K27me3 content. These results indicate that genomic regions display a distinct  
11 repressive chromatin composition according to their ability to localize at the nucleolus, NL, or both.  
12 As in the case of LADs, both NAD-only and NAD/LAD were characterized by abrupt borders,  
13 which display a sharp transition in several chromatin features (**Fig. 3I**). The average signal of  
14 active histone marks, CTCF and early replicating DNA sharply decreased at the border of both  
15 NAD subclasses and LAD-only. These results further indicate that contacts with the nucleolus  
16 demarcate less active chromatin domains. In contrast to LADs, which were described to be  
17 enriched in H3K27me3 and Polycomb components Ezh2 and Ring1b near LAD borders (Harr et  
18 al., 2015), NAD-only and NAD/LAD did not show this enrichment but instead they displayed a  
19 more drastic decrease of these factors at their corresponding borders (**Fig. 3I**). H3K9me2 levels  
20 and late DNA replication signals sharply increased at the borders of both NAD sub-classes and  
21 LAD-only whereas H3K9me3 did not show this trend. Thus, the identification of NADs with the  
22 Nucleolar-DamID allowed to distinguish different layers of genome compartmentalization by  
23 defining regions that are exclusively localized at nucleoli, NL, or both. Further, the results  
24 revealed that NADs demarcate regions of the genome with a repressive state and specifically  
25 enriched in H3K9me2, linking this modification with nuclear architecture.

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1 **The chromatin state of rRNA genes regulates H3K9me2 levels at sequences adjacent to**  
2 **the nucleolus**

3 Previous work showed that the chromatin state of rRNA genes could affect chromatin structures  
4 outside the nucleolus (Savić et al., 2014). In ESCs, all rRNA genes are euchromatic due to the  
5 impairment of processing of the long non-coding IGS-rRNA into mature pRNA, which is required  
6 for the recruitment of the repressive nucleolar remodeling complex NoRC to rRNA genes  
7 (Dalcher et al., 2020; Guetg et al., 2012; Mayer et al., 2006; Savić et al., 2014). The active state  
8 of rRNA genes in ESCs could be reversed by addition of mature pRNA that caused NoRC  
9 recruitment and consequent formation of heterochromatin at rRNA genes, including the increase  
10 in H3K9me2 and H3K9me3 (**Fig. 4A,B**) (Leone et al., 2017; Savic et al., 2014). This  
11 heterochromatinization was not only limited to rRNA genes but also it extended to other regions  
12 of the genome outside the nucleolus, such as minor satellites, highlighting a crosstalk between  
13 nucleolar and nuclear chromatin (**Fig. 4B**). The identification of NADs in ESCs prompted us to  
14 identify which genomic regions were affected by the chromatin state of rRNA genes and their  
15 relationship with the nucleolus. We measured H3K9me2 and H3K9me3 by ChIPseq of ESCs  
16 transfected with mature pRNA (**Fig. 4C, Fig. S4A**). We found that H3K9me2 levels increased at  
17 several genomic regions all over the chromosomes of ESC+pRNA compared to control cells  
18 whereas H3K9me3 levels were not affected (**Fig. 4C,D**). We observed a sharp increase in  
19 H3K9me2 at regions adjacent to the border of NADs but not of LADs, indicating an expansion of  
20 H3K9me2 domains specifically at regions neighboring NADs (**Fig. 4E,F**). These results revealed  
21 that the nucleolus is not only a scaffold where repressive chromatin can be positioned but also it  
22 is part of the regulatory process for the establishment or maintenance of repressive chromatin  
23 states.

24

25 **Dynamics of genome organization around the nucleolus during early development**

26 Next, we asked whether NAD composition could change according to developmental stage. We  
27 performed Nucleolar-DamID and HiC-rDNA analyses in neural progenitor cells (NPCs) derived  
28 upon differentiation of ESCs using established protocols (Bibel et al., 2004). Both Nucleolar-

1 DamID and HiC-rDNA revealed a common, global chromosome architecture between ESCs and  
2 NPCs, with substantial overlapping interactions with the nucleolus (**Fig. 5A,B, Fig. S2A**).  
3 However, there were remarkable differences in the organization of the chromosomes around the  
4 nucleolus of ESCs and NPCs. Both Nucleolar-DamID and HiC-rDNA revealed that in all  
5 chromosomes contacts with the nucleolus were more frequent in NPCs than in ESCs (**Fig. 5C,D,**  
6 **Fig. S3A, S5A**). However, NAD coverage and the number of unique rDNA contacts was higher in  
7 ESCs than in NPCs (**Fig. 5E, Fig. S5B**). Furthermore, a large fraction of unique rDNA contacts in  
8 NPCs were located at chromosomes bearing rRNA genes whereas in ESCs the distribution of  
9 contacts was more homogeneous among the chromosomes compared to NPCs. Finally, rDNA  
10 contacts were more enriched at the centromere-proximal regions of all chromosomes in NPCs  
11 than in ESCs (**Fig. 2F, 5F**). These results suggest that the architecture of chromosomes  
12 surrounding the nucleolus in NPCs is in a more compact, rigid form, making fewer but more  
13 frequent contacts with rRNA genes. In contrast, the structure of chromosomes around the  
14 nucleolus of ESCs appears more flexible, establishing more but less frequent rDNA-contacts.

15 Next, we investigated for the presence of genomic contacts with the nucleolus that are specific for  
16 either ESCs or NPCs. We identified large domains that contained rDNA contacts exclusively in  
17 ESCs or NPCs (here after referred as ESC<sub>sp</sub>- or NPC<sub>sp</sub>-rDNA contacts; average length 0.51 Mb  
18 and 0.23 Mb, respectively; **Fig. 5G**). The large majority (>80%) of ESC<sub>sp</sub>- and NPC<sub>sp</sub>-rDNA  
19 contacts were located in the repressive B compartment, a result that further links the nucleolus  
20 with repressive chromosome structure (**Fig. 5H**). Analysis of eigenvector values revealed that  
21 ESC<sub>sp</sub>-rDNA contacts increased in NPCs the interaction strength within the active A compartment  
22 whereas contacts in the repressive B compartment decreased (**Fig. 5G,I,J**). 37% of ESC<sub>sp</sub>-rDNA  
23 contacts switched from B to A compartment in NPCs and ESC<sub>sp</sub>-rDNA contacts that remained in  
24 B (47%) or A compartments (16%) in NPCs significantly increased their eigenvector values in  
25 NPC (**Fig. 5I**). Similar results were observed for NPC<sub>sp</sub>-rDNA contacts in ESCs. Thus, rDNA  
26 contacts specific to ESCs or NPCs correspond to cell-type specific repressive features of the  
27 genome organization. To determine whether changes in rDNA contacts between undifferentiated  
28 and differentiated cells correspond to gene expression changes, we performed RNAseq of ESCs

1 and NPCs. The majority of genes located at ESC<sub>sp</sub>- and NPC<sub>sp</sub>-rDNA contacts were lowly  
2 expressed (< 1 RPKM) and we did not observe significant changes in gene expression between  
3 ESCs and NPCs (**Fig. 5K**), indicating that the detachment from the nucleolus is not sufficient to  
4 reactivate gene expression. However, we found that the top 10 gene ontology (GO) terms for  
5 genes located in ESC<sub>sp</sub>-rDNA contacts were linked to pathways implicated in neuron  
6 development and differentiation (**Fig. 5L**), suggesting that the relocation of these genes away  
7 from the nucleolus might be a first step toward their activation in later stages of differentiation. On  
8 the other hand, genes located at NPC<sub>sp</sub>-rDNA contacts were linked to pathways of sensory  
9 perception of smell (mainly due to the presence of several olfactory receptor genes) and  
10 metabolic processes.

11 Since rDNA contacts represent a sub-group of NADs, we extended our analyses to all NADs  
12 defined by Nucleolar-DamID. We identified NADs specific for ESCs or NPCs (here after defined  
13 as ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD and NPC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD). We found that ESCs have more cell type specific NADs than  
14 NPCs (16% and 8% coverage relative to the corresponding total NADs), underscoring a  
15 differential spatial organization of chromosomes around the nucleolus between the two cell types.  
16 The large majority of ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD-only (78%) lost in NPCs their contacts with both nucleolus and  
17 NL (iNAD/iLAD) whereas 66% of ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD/LAD became exclusively localized at NL (LAD-only)  
18 (**Fig. 6A**). Similar changes were observed with NPC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD in ESCs. We also analyzed whether  
19 cell types specific LAD-only could change their cellular location relative to the nucleolus and  
20 found that 91% of ESC<sub>sp</sub>-LAD-only in NPCs and 81% of NPC<sub>sp</sub>-LAD-only in ESCs lost their  
21 contacts with NL and did not associate with the nucleolus (**Fig. 6B**). These results suggest that  
22 the location of cell-type specific NADs and LADs at nucleolus, NL, or both influences the cellular  
23 location in the other cell type. Genomic regions exclusively contacting the nucleolus or the NL  
24 tend to lose contacts with both repressive compartments. In contrast, cell-type specific genomic  
25 regions that contact both nucleolus and NL (NAD/LAD) preferentially switch their cellular position  
26 toward the nuclear periphery.

27 Genes located at ESC<sub>sp</sub>- and NPC<sub>sp</sub>-NADs (1201 and 377 genes, respectively) were either not or  
28 low expressing in both cell types (74-82% of genes with RPKM <1) and showed in general no

1 significant changes in gene expression between ESCs and NPCs (**Fig. 6C, Fig. S6A**). The only  
2 exception was for genes located in ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD-only that became iNAD/iLAD in NPCs. A large  
3 fraction of these genes (221 out of 500 genes) were expressed in ESCs or in NPCs and  
4 displayed a modest but significantly lower expression in ESCs relative to NPCs (**Fig. 6D**).  
5 Remarkably, independently of gene expression states, these genes showed significant  
6 enrichment in many pathways linked to neuron development and differentiation (**Fig. S6B**),  
7 suggesting that their detachment from both repressive nucleolar and NL compartments might  
8 unlock them for activation in a next differentiation step. Accordingly, genes in ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD that  
9 repositioned exclusively at NL (LAD-only) in NPCs were mainly enriched in pathways linked to  
10 keratinocyte and epidermal differentiation (**Fig. S6C**), which should not be activated later in  
11 neurogenesis and thus remained in contact with a repressive compartment such as NL. These  
12 results further support a role of the nucleolus as repressive compartment that is implicated in the  
13 control of gene expression program during lineage commitment.

14 Consistent with the analysis of rDNA contacts, ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD in NPCs increased the interaction  
15 strength within the A compartment whereas contacts in the B compartment decreased (**Fig. 6E-**  
16 **G**). In contrast, we found that eigenvector values of NPC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD were higher in NPCs than in  
17 ESCs (**Fig. 6H,I**), suggesting that NPC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD represent a sub-type of chromatin organization that  
18 showed less interaction with the repressive B compartment relative to ESCs while keeping genes  
19 in an inactive expression state in both cell types.

20 Together, the results revealed the contribution of the nucleolus in the genome  
21 compartmentalization and function during early development.

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## 23 **Discussion**

24 The nucleolus is the largest compartment of the eukaryotic cell's nucleus, known to act as a  
25 ribosome factory, thereby sustaining the translation machinery for protein synthesis (Gupta and  
26 Santoro, 2020). Increasing evidence indicates that the role of the nucleolus and rRNA genes  
27 might go beyond the control of ribosome biogenesis. One such role is linked to the organization of  
28 the genome since repressive chromatin domains can often be found in the vicinity of the

1 nucleolus. However, this aspect of genome compartmentalization in the cell's nucleus has so far  
2 remained under-investigated due to technical challenges in the identification of NADs.

3 In this work, we established novel methods that allowed accurate genome-wide identification of  
4 NADs. While Nucleolar-DamID identified all NADs using as readout DNA interactions with the  
5 engineered nucleolar histone H2B, HiC-rDNA detected a subclass of NADs that interact with  
6 rRNA genes. Although these methods were based on completely different methodologies, they  
7 both revealed similar features of chromosome organization around the nucleolus in ESCs and  
8 NPCs. Previous methods for NAD identification used sonication-based biochemical purification of  
9 nucleoli, a methodology that is subjected to a certain variation in nucleoli preparation between  
10 different cell types and relatively biased toward sonication-resistant heterochromatin (Bizhanova  
11 et al., 2020; Dillinger et al., 2017; Lu et al., 2020; Nemeth et al., 2010; van Koningsbruggen et al.,  
12 2010; Vertii et al., 2019). Relative to this methodology, the application of Nucleolar-DamID and  
13 HiC-rDNA has no bias for any kind of chromatin state and does not vary between cell types,  
14 thereby allowing direct comparisons of chromosome architecture around the nucleolus between  
15 distinct cell states. We found some similarities between NAD maps obtained with previous  
16 nucleoli purifications and our methodologies, such as repressive chromatin features and  
17 enrichment in olfactory receptor and zinc finger genes (Nemeth et al., 2010; van Koningsbruggen  
18 et al., 2010). It is important here to note that major and minor satellites, which composed centric  
19 and pericentric domains and known to be in contact with the nucleolus, could not be identified by  
20 Nucleolar-DamID due to the lack of GATC motif. However, Nucleolar-DamID and HiC-rDNA  
21 revealed further and novel details in chromosome architecture around the nucleolus that did not  
22 emerge from previous studies. Further, NAD maps provided in this work can be integrated in  
23 future studies of 3D genome organization that have so far excluded the nucleolus because of the  
24 lack of profiles of genome interactions with the nucleolus.

25 The analysis of NADs in ESCs revealed that 50% of NADs coincide with LADs, a result that is  
26 consistent with previous data showing that chromosomal regions that were LADs in the mother  
27 cell could be repositioned close to the nucleolus after completion of cell division (Kind et al.,  
28 2013). This work not only identified these LADs able to contact the nucleolus but also determined



1 that these LADs differ in the chromatin composition relative to LADs that are excluded from the  
2 nucleolus (LAD-only). Thus, the identification of NADs revealed further layers of repressive  
3 compartments, showing distinct chromatin features between genomic domains positioned closed  
4 to the nucleolus, NL, or both. Indeed, although NADs shared some similarity with known features  
5 of LADs, such as low overall gene density and low expression levels (van Steensel and Belmont,  
6 2017), they also displayed some distinct characteristic. In particular, NAD/LAD demarcate regions  
7 of the genome that are enriched in H3K9me2 and depleted in H3K27me3 relative to LAD-only.  
8 This was also evident by the depletion of Polycomb components Ezh2 and Ring1b at the NAD  
9 borders whereas LAD-only were enriched as previously reported (Harr et al., 2015). Thus,  
10 contacts with the nucleolus, even for sequences able to interact with the NL, shape a distinct  
11 repressive chromatin state.

12 The enrichment of NADs for H3K9me2 was of particular interest since previous work linked this  
13 modification with the chromatin state of rRNA genes (Savić et al., 2014). The induction of  
14 repressive chromatin at rRNA genes in ESCs was shown to cause global genome remodelling  
15 toward a more heterochromatic state, including the formation of highly condensed  
16 heterochromatic structures (Savić et al., 2014). In this work, we showed that the repressive  
17 chromatin of rRNA genes induced the increase of H3K9me2 at genomic regions adjacent to  
18 NADs whereas regions neighboring LAD-only were not affected. These results support a role of  
19 the nucleolus in establishing repressive chromatin states at regions close to the nucleolus. It is  
20 important here to note that in ESCs all rRNA genes are transcriptionally and epigenetically active  
21 compared to differentiated cells and this state is required to maintain pluripotency (reviewed in  
22 Gupta and Santoro, 2020). However, this hyperactive state of rRNA genes in ESCs does not  
23 positively correlate with elevated protein synthesis relative to differentiated cells (Guzzi et al.,  
24 2018; Ingolia et al., 2011; Sampath et al., 2008). Further, upon differentiation, a fraction of rRNA  
25 genes acquire repressive chromatin features, a process that is required to exit from pluripotency  
26 (Leone et al., 2017) and timely coincident with the global remodelling of the genome toward a  
27 repressed state (Efroni et al., 2008). The results of this work strongly suggest that *de novo*  
28 silencing of rRNA gene during ESC differentiation might increase the concentration of repressive

1 chromatin regulators in the nucleolus and serve to establish repressive states at genomic regions  
2 neighbouring the nucleolus, thereby linking nucleolar and nuclear chromatin states.

3 The analysis of NAD composition during differentiation of ESCs into NPCs revealed a common,  
4 global chromosome architecture around the nucleolus of both cell types. However, there were  
5 some remarkable differences. Compared to ESCs, the structures of all chromosomes around the  
6 nucleolus of NPCs appears more compact and rigid, displaying fewer unique contacts but with  
7 higher interaction frequency, in particular at centromere-proximal regions. These results are  
8 consistent with previous reports showing that ESCs harbor a more open and dynamic chromatin  
9 than differentiated cells (Gaspar-Maia et al., 2011; Meshorer et al., 2006). Further, we found cell  
10 type specific NADs, unique to ESC or NPCs. Regions detaching from the nucleolus increased the  
11 interaction strength within the active A compartment whereas contacts in the repressive B  
12 compartment decreased, underscoring the nucleolus as a scaffold for repressive chromatin  
13 domains. However, moving away from the nucleolus did not generally correspond to gene  
14 activation. Considering that genes detached from the nucleolus of NPCs were highly related to  
15 neurogenesis, it appears that the release from the nucleolus might unlock these genes for  
16 activation for a later stage of differentiation. A similar observation was also reported for LADs  
17 (Peric-Hupkes et al., 2010). Consistent with these results, genes that relocated away from  
18 nucleoli of ESCs to NL in NPCs, were related to pathways that should not be activated during  
19 neurogenesis, thereby remaining in contact with the other repressive compartment.

20 In summary, our work established novel methodologies to identify NADs in every cell type and  
21 allowed to finally distinguish distinct layers of organization of the genome at repressive  
22 compartments that depend on the interaction with the nucleolus, NL, or both. We predict that the  
23 application of Nucleolar-DamID and HiC-rDNA will be relevant for future works, including the  
24 understanding of the determinants for specific targeting to nucleolus or NL or the application of  
25 single cell analyses that were prohibitive with the previous biochemical based-methods. Further,  
26 considering that structural changes in the nucleolus are often observed in cancer and premature  
27 ageing (Buchwalter and Hetzer, 2017; Hein et al., 2013; Weeks et al., 2019), the identification  
28 and analysis of NAD composition will be important for the understanding of alterations of 3D

1 genome organization in disease linked to nucleolus alterations. Finally, the identification of NADs  
2 by Nucleolar-DamID will feed the study of genome organization and provide novel insights into  
3 basic principles of genome organization and its role in gene expression and cell function.

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#### 12 **Contributions**

13 C.B. and D.B. cloned the constructs for the nucleolar DamID. CB established ESC lines, set the  
14 conditions for the Nucleolar-DamID, performed experiments and data analysis of NADs. J.J.-R.  
15 performed and analyzed H3K9me2 ChIP-seq experiments. S.G. performed and analyzed FISH  
16 experiments. R.K. analyzed Hi-C data. All authors contributed to experimental design and data  
17 interpretation. R.S conceived and supervised the project.

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#### 19 **Competing interests**

20 The authors declare no competing interests.

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#### 22 **Accession numbers**

23 All raw data generated in this study using high throughput sequencing are accessible through  
24 NCBI's GEO (accession number GSE150822).

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## 1 **Material and Methods**

### 2 **Cell culture**

3 One hundred and twenty-nine mouse embryonic stem cells (E14 line) were cultured in either 2i  
4 media composed of DMEM-F12 and Neurobasal medium (1:1, Life Technologies), supplemented  
5 with 1× N2/B27 (Life Technologies), 1× penicillin/streptomycin/l-glutamine (Life Technologies), 50  
6 µM β-mercaptoethanol (Life Technologies), recombinant leukemia inhibitory factor, LIF (Polygene,  
7 1,000 U/ml) and MEK and GSK3β inhibitors, 2i (Sigma CHIR99021 and PD0325901, 3 and 1 µM,  
8 respectively). ESCs were seeded at a density of 50,000 cells/cm<sup>2</sup> in culture dishes (Corning®  
9 CellBIND® surface) coated with 0.1% gelatin without feeder layer. Propagation of cells was  
10 carried out every 2 days using enzymatic cell dissociation.

11 NIH3T3 and HEK 293T cells were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM, Life  
12 Technologies) supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum (FCS, Biowaste) and 1%  
13 penicillin/streptomycin (Life Technologies).

14 Neural progenitor cells were generated from ESCs, according to a previously established protocol  
15 (Bibel et al., 2004) In brief, differentiation used a suspension-based embryoid bodies formation  
16 (Bacteriological Petri Dishes, Bio-one with vents, Greiner). The neural differentiation media  
17 (DMEM, 10% fetal calf serum, 1× MEM NEAA, 2 mM Pen/Strep, β-mercaptoethanol, and sodium  
18 pyruvate) was filtered through 0.22 µm filters and stored at 4°C. During the 8-day differentiation  
19 procedure, media was exchanged every 2 days. In the last 4 days of differentiation, the media  
20 was supplemented with 2 µM retinoic acid to generate neural precursors that are Pax-6-positive  
21 radial glial cells.

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### 23 **Establishment of ESC lines for Nucleolar-DamID**

24 CRISPR/Cas9 cloning and targeting strategy was performed as previously described (Ran et al.,  
25 2013). ESCs were co-transfected with a plasmid expressing the Cas9 proteins and the sgRNA  
26 guide sequence targeting the *Rosa26* locus (Genome CRISPR™ mouse ROSA26 safe harbor  
27 gene knock-in kit, SH054, GeneCopoeia) and the HDR repair template plasmid containing either  
28 H2B-Dam or H2B-Dam-NoLS constructs flanked by the homology arms with a molar ratio of 1:3.

1 Two days after transfection, ESCs were selected using 2ug of Puromycin (Life Technologies)  
2 overnight. After recover, ESCs were further treated with 1ug of Puromycin (Life Technologies) for  
3 three days. After additional three days of recover, cells were seeded for single cell clone isolation.  
4 Resistant ESC clones were genotyped by PCR using primers able to distinguish between  
5 insertions of the construct in one or both alleles.

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## 7 **Transfections**

8  $1.5 \times 10^5$  NIH3T3 cells were plated in 6-well plates and transfected respectively with 200ng of  
9 plasmid expressing H2B-GFP or H2B-GFP-NoLS under the control of minimal CMV promoter, or  
10 with 1 $\mu$ g of plasmid expressing TTFI-GFP under the full CMV promoter using Transit-X2  
11 transfection reagent (Mirus) in Opti-MEM GlutaMAX reduced-serum medium (Life Technologies).  
12 When indicated, 24h post-transfection, cells were treated with 50 ng of Actinomycin D (Sigma)  
13 and the other half were refreshed with new media. 24h later, cells were fixed and mounted with  
14 DAPI-mounting media (Vector) for imaging.

15  $2 \times 10^5$  HEK 293T cells were plated in 6-well plates. The day after, cells were transfected with  
16 500 ng of plasmid containing the sequence *hsp-TetO-GFP-Dam-DD-EF1a-puro-T2A-TetR-KRAB*  
17 using calcium phosphate protocol. 24h post-transfection, part of the cells were induced with  
18 1 $\mu$ g/mL doxycycline and 1 $\mu$ M Shield1, and the remaining cells were refreshed with new media.  
19 The day after the treatment, cells were imaged under the microscope.

20  $9 \times 10^5$  ESC were plated in gelatin-coated 10cm culture dish and transfected with 42  $\mu$ g pRNA, or  
21 RNA-control using Lipofectamine MessengerMAX reagent (Invitrogen) in Opti-MEM GlutaMAX  
22 (Life Technologies) reduced-serum medium. 48h post-transfection, ESCs were collected for  
23 downstream analyses.

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## 25 **Immunofluorescence**

26 Live cell images of NIH3T3 cells (**Fig. 1B**) and HEK 293T cells (**Fig. S1B**) were taken and  
27 digitally recorded using FLoid Cell Imaging Station (ThermoFisher). In the experiments with ActD

1 treatments (**Fig. 1D**), cells were grown on glass coverslips, fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde, and  
2 stained with DAPI. Images were taken and digitally recorded using Leica DMI6000 B microscope.

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#### 4 **Chromatin fractionation**

5 48 hours post-transfection, NIH3T3 cells were collected by trypsinization, washed once with PBS  
6 and counted. ES cell pellets were resuspended at a concentration of 10mio cells/ml in chromatin  
7 fractionation buffer (10mM Hepes pH 7.6, 150mM NaCl, 3mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5% Triton X-100, 1mM  
8 DTT freshly supplemented with cOmplete™ Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Roche)) and incubated for  
9 30 minutes at room temperature rotating. Precipitated chromatin was fractionated by  
10 centrifugation. Total and chromatin fractionated samples were further processed by MNase (S7  
11 Micrococcal nuclease, Roche) digest for ensuring sufficient genomic DNA fragmentation. All  
12 samples were incubated in 1x Laemmli buffer (10% glycerol, 10mM Tris pH 6.8, 2% SDS,  
13 0.1mg/ml bromophenolblue, 2% β-mercaptoethanol) at 95°C for 5 minutes and were further  
14 analyzed by Western Blotting.

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#### 16 **DNA-FISH**

17 DNA fluorescence in situ hybridization (DNA-FISH) was performed with Agilent SureFISH DNA-  
18 FISH probes following the manufacturer's protocol with modifications as mentioned below. ESCs  
19 were cultured on matrigel coated coverslips. The coverslips were fixed using 3.7% Formaldehyde  
20 for 10 min at room temperature. Cells were washed twice with 1X PBS and then dehydrated with  
21 graded ethanol concentrations up to 100% ethanol and air dried. The coverslips were incubated  
22 with 10 μL mixture of a custom probe set targeting a selected DNA locus (Agilent) and SureFISH  
23 Hybridization Buffer (Agilent, G9400A) with turned cell-side down. The coverslips and probe  
24 mixture were denatured for 8 min at 83 °C, then incubated at 37 °C overnight in a dark humidified  
25 chamber. Next day, coverslips were washed with FISH Wash Buffer 1 (Agilent, G9401A) at 73 °C  
26 for 2 min on a shaking incubator at 300 rpm, and FISH Wash Buffer 2 (Agilent, G9402A) at room  
27 temperature for 1 min. Following DNA-FISH probe hybridization, immunofluorescence was  
28 performed. Coverslips were prepared for immunofluorescence by rehydration and suspension in

1 1X PBS. Coverslips were permeabilized with 0.5% Triton-X in 1X PBS on ice for 5 minutes  
2 followed by incubation at room temperature for 10 min, and kept in blocking buffer (1%BSA in  
3 1XPBS-Tween 20 (0.1%) at room temperature for 1 hr. Coverslips were then incubated with  
4 primary anti-Nucleolin antibodies (Abcam; ab22758; 1:100) in a humidified chamber overnight at  
5 4°C. After washing with 0.1% Triton-X in 1XPBS at room temperature, they were incubated with  
6 secondary antibodies in a dark humidified chamber at room temperature for 1.5 hour. After  
7 washing with 1X PBS buffer, they were stained with Hoechst 33342 followed by mounting. The  
8 secondary antibodies used for IF were goat anti-rabbit IgG (H+L) highly cross-adsorbed  
9 secondary antibody, Alexa Fluor 488 (Thermo Fisher Scientific; A11034; 1:500) and goat anti-  
10 rabbit IgG (H+L) highly cross-adsorbed secondary antibody, Alexa Fluor 546 (Thermo Fischer  
11 Scientific; A11035; 1:500). Probe sets used for FISH were designed by Agilent technologies using  
12 their standard procedures against genomic regions defined in **Table S12**. DNA FISH/IF samples  
13 were imaged using a Leica SP8 upright Microscope, with a z-stack collected for each channel  
14 (step size, 0.15 um, frame interval 1 sec). The objective used was HC PL APO CS2  
15 63x/1.40 oil objective. Image were processed by ImageJ 1.52p. The individual cells were  
16 identified by Hoechst staining and cells containing signal for DNA-FISH channel were identified  
17 manually on the corresponding fluorescent channel (with background subtraction). Images were  
18 cropped to contain single cell.

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## 20 **RNA extraction, reverse transcription, and quantitative PCR (RT-qPCR)**

21 RNA was purified with TRIzol reagent (Life Technologies). 1µg total RNA was primed with  
22 random hexamers and reverse-transcribed into cDNA using MultiScribe™ Reverse Transcriptase  
23 (Life Technologies). Amplification of samples without reverse transcriptase assured absence of  
24 genomic or plasmid DNA (data not shown). The relative transcription levels were determined by  
25 normalization to *beta-Actin* mRNA levels, as indicated. qRT-PCR was performed with KAPA  
26 SYBR® FAST (Sigma) on a Rotor-Gene Q (Qiagen).

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## 1 **In vitro synthesis of pRNA**

2 Topo2.1 plasmids with insertion of pRNA and RNA-control sequences were previously described  
3 (Savić et al., 2014). BamHI-linearized plasmids were *in vitro* transcribed with T7 RNA polymerase  
4 (Thermo Fisher EP0111). Synthesized RNA transcripts were verified by agarose gel  
5 electrophoresis and purified using NucleoSpin RNA II column (Machere-Nagel, cat. no. 740955)  
6 according to manufacturer's protocol.

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## 8 **DamIDseq**

9  $7 \times 10^4$  H2B-Dam and H2B-Dam-NoLS ESC lines were seeded in 6-well plates (Corning®  
10 CellBIND® surface) coated with 0.1% gelatin without feeder layer. to induce the expression of  
11 Dam-fused proteins, two days after seeding, half of the cells were treated with 100ng/ml  
12 Doxycycline and 1µM Shield1 (Clontech Takara) for 15h. For the analysis of NPCs, 8 days after  
13 differentiation, H2B-Dam and H2B-Dam-NoLS cells were harvested with 10X trypsin to get single  
14 cells from the embryoid bodies.  $1 \times 10^6$  cells NPCs were seeded in 6-well plates coated with 0.1%  
15 gelatin and treated with 100ng/ml Doxycycline and 1µM Shield1 for 15h. The day after, cells were  
16 harvested by trypsinization and DNA was extracted using Quick-DNA Miniprep Plus kit (Zymo  
17 Research). To test the efficiency and the specificity of the treatment, quantitative measurements  
18 of the m6A levels at GATC of rRNA genes and *Tuba1a* were assessed by Dpn II digestion  
19 followed by qPCR as previously described (Kind et al., 2015).

20 DamID-seq was performed using previously described protocols (Vogel et al., 2007). Briefly,  
21 500ng of genomic DNA was digested for 4h at 37°C with Dpn I (New England Biolabs) to cut  
22 methylated GATC sites. After heat inactivation for 20 minutes at 80°C, DamID adaptors were  
23 blunt-ended and ligated overnight at 16°C, followed by heat inactivated at 65°C for 10 minutes. In  
24 order to cut unmethylated GATC sequences, DNA was digested for 3h at 37°C with Dpn II (New  
25 England Biolabs) and heat inactivated at 65°C for 20 minutes. Adaptor-ligated fragments were  
26 amplified using the Advantage® GC 2Polymerase mix (Clontech Takara) (primer described in  
27 Table MM, Vogel et al., 2007). DamID libraries were purified using Agencourt AMPure XP beads  
28 (Beckam Coulter). Since the size of fragments produced exceeded the one fitting the sequencing



1 machine, the libraries were fragmented using the ds Fragmentase (New England Biolabs) to  
2 enrich the concentration of the libraries below 500bp and, afterwards, the libraries were purified  
3 again using the Agencourt AMPure XP beads (Beckam Coulter). The quantity and quality of the  
4 isolated DNA was determined with a Qubit® (1.0) Fluorometer (Life Technologies, California,  
5 USA). The Nugen Ovation Ultra Low Library Systems (Nugen, Inc, California, USA) was used to  
6 prepare the libraries for Illumina sequencing. Briefly, Nucleolar-DamID samples (1 ng) were end-  
7 repaired and polyadenylated. Then, Illumina compatible adapters, containing the index for  
8 multiplexing, were ligated. The quality and quantity of the enriched libraries were validated using  
9 Qubit® (1.0) Fluorometer and the Bioanalyzer 2100 (Agilent, Waldbronn, Germany). The libraries  
10 were buffered in 10nM Tris-Cl 10 mM, pH8.5 with 0.1% Tween 20. The TruSeq SR Cluster Kit  
11 v4-cBot-HS (Illumina, Inc, California, USA) was used for cluster generation using 8 pM of pooled  
12 normalized libraries on the cBOT. Using the TruSeq SBS Kit v4-HS (Illumina, Inc, California,  
13 USA) the sequencing was performed as pair-end 150bp reads using the Illumina NovaSeq 6000.  
14 Sequences are aligned to the mouse reference genome mm10 using Bowtie2 (version 2.3.4.3)  
15 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). Resulting sam files were converted into bam files, sorted and  
16 indexed using samtools (version 1.9)(Li et al., 2009). The bam files were analyzed using the  
17 damidseq pipeline script from the Brand group ([http://owenjm.github.io/damidseq\\_pipeline](http://owenjm.github.io/damidseq_pipeline)) using  
18 a 100kbp resolution(Marshall and Brand, 2015). The pipeline bins the mapped reads into GATC-  
19 fragments according to GATC-sites indicated by a gff file for the GRCm38 mouse genome  
20 (already provided by the authors of the pipeline on the website above) and normalizes reads  
21 against the Dam control, in our case the H2B-Dam sample. The pipeline gives a bedgraph file  
22 with the log<sub>2</sub> ratio of the m6A between H2B-Dam-NoLS and the H2B-Dam only. The bedgraphs  
23 were visualized using the tool Integrative Genome Viewer (IGV, version 2.5.2)(Robinson et al.,  
24 2011) to extract representative Nucleolar-DamID tracks. The beadgraph files were converted into  
25 bigwig files using the bedGraphToBigWig UCSC package (version 4) and the Pearson correlation  
26 was assessed using “multiBigwigSummary” and “plotPCA” from deepTools (version 3.2.1)  
27 (Quinlan and Hall, 2010). The bedgraph files were processed with the find\_peaks software  
28 associated with the pipeline ([https://github.com/owenjm/find\\_peaks](https://github.com/owenjm/find_peaks)) adjusting the values of the

1 FDR and the minimum quantile (FDR <0.01 and min\_quant 0.70). Only the significant peaks  
2 common to both replicates were considered as NADs for further analysis.

3 The identification of NADs overlapping with LADs, genomic contacts with rRNA genes identified  
4 by HiC-rDNA, A and B compartment, early/late replicating regions, and the identification of ESC-  
5 sp and NPCsp-NADs were performed using “Intersect intervals” from bedtools (version 2.28.0)  
6 (Quinlan and Hall, 2010). NAD-only and NAD/LAD distribution over the chromosomes, was  
7 generated with ChIPseeker (Yu et al., 2015) in R studio (version 1.0.44). GO term analysis was  
8 performed using DAVID 6.8 (Huang et al., 2009).

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## 10 **ChIPseq**

11 ChIP analysis was performed as previously described (Leone et al., 2017). Briefly, 1%  
12 formaldehyde was added to cultured cells to cross-link proteins to DNA. Isolated nuclei were then  
13 lysed with lysis buffer (50mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.1, 10 mM EDTA, pH 8, 1% SDS, 1X protease  
14 inhibitor cOmplete EDTA-free cocktail, Roche). Nuclei were sonicated using a Bioruptor ultrasonic  
15 cell disruptor (Diagenode) to shear genomic DNA to an average fragment size of 200 bp. 20 µg of  
16 chromatin was diluted to a total volume of 500 µl with ChIP buffer (16.7 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.1, 167  
17 mM NaCl, 1.2 mM EDTA, 0.01% SDS, 1.1% Triton X-100) and incubated overnight with the ChIP-  
18 grade antibodies against H3K9me2 and H3K9me3. After washing, bound chromatin was eluted  
19 with the elution buffer (1% SDS, 100 mM NaHCO<sub>3</sub>). Upon proteinase K digestion (50°C for 3 h)  
20 and reversion of cross-linking (65°C, overnight), DNA was purified with phenol/chloroform,  
21 ethanol precipitated and quantified by qPCR..

22 For ChIPseq analyses, the quantity and quality of the isolated DNA was determined with a Qubit®  
23 (1.0) Fluorometer (Life Technologies, California, USA) and a Bioanalyzer 2100 (Agilent,  
24 Waldbronn, Germany). The Nugen Ovation Ultra Low Library Systems (Nugen, Inc, California,  
25 USA) was used in the following steps. Briefly, ChIP samples (1 ng) was end-repaired and  
26 polyadenylated before the ligation of Illumina compatible adapters. The adapters contain the  
27 index for multiplexing. The quality and quantity of the enriched libraries were validated using  
28 Qubit® (1.0) Fluorometer and the Bioanalyzer 2100 (Agilent, Waldbronn, Germany). The libraries

1 were normalized to 10nM in Tris-Cl 10 mM, pH8.5 with 0.1% Tween 20. The TruSeq SR Cluster  
2 Kit v4-cBot-HS (Illumina, Inc, California, USA) was used for cluster generation using 8 pM of  
3 pooled normalized libraries on the cBOT. Sequencing was performed on the Illumina HiSeq 2500  
4 single end 126 bp using the TruSeq SBS Kit v4-HS (Illumina, Inc, California, USA).

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## 6 **ChIPseq data analysis**

7 Own and published ChIPseq reads were aligned to the mouse mm10 reference genome using  
8 Bowtie2 (version 2.3.4.3)(Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). Read counts were computed and  
9 normalized using “bamCoverage” from deepTools (version 3.2.1)(Ramirez et al., 2014) using a  
10 bin size of 50bp. To calculate read coverage for 20kb bin region of H3K9me2 and H3K9me3  
11 ChIPseq, “multiBamSummary” from deepTools was used. The border profiles and the read  
12 coverage box plots were generated using deepTools. H3K9me2 increase in ESC+pRNA regions  
13 distribution over the chromosomes was generated with the ChIPseeker package(Yu et al., 2015).  
14 Integrative Genome Viewer (IGV, version 2.5.2)(Robinson et al., 2011) was used to visualize and  
15 extract representative ChIPseq tracks.

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## 17 **Identification of rDNA contacts by Hi-C**

18 The identification of genomic contacts with rRNA genes was performed by recovering reads  
19 containing rRNA gene contacts from three published Hi-C data of ESCs and NPCs (Bonev et al.,  
20 2017). The obtained Hi-C data sets have been analyzed with Juicer (Durand et al., 2016) all in  
21 one computational pipeline for generating Hi-C maps from raw fastq data files and command line  
22 tools for feature annotation on the Hi-C maps. During Juicer analysis, raw fastq data sets have  
23 been aligned to the customized mm10 genome with Burrows-Wheeler Aligner (Li and Durbin,  
24 2009) under default parameters. The modified mm10 genome contained one rRNA gene unit  
25 attached to the end of chromosome 12. The chromosomal interaction have been extracted from  
26 interaction matrices (hic files) with Juicebox tools command *dump* under the following parameters  
27 (contacts: observed, normalization applied: Knight-Ruiz matrix balancing(Knight and Ruiz, 2012)  
28 under base-pair delimited resolution with bin size 5000). ENCODE Data Analysis Consortium

1 Blacklisted Regions(Hoffman et al., 2013) were excluded from the analysis with bedtools (Quinlan  
2 and Hall, 2010). Only Hi-C reads contacting rRNA gene sequences and other genomic  
3 sequences have been selected for further analysis through the computation with bedtools  
4 pairtoBED function(Quinlan and Hall, 2010) and Python Pandas Library  
5 (<https://pandas.pydata.org/>). Common contacts between the three Hi-C replicates were identified  
6 using HiCcompare (Stansfield et al., 2018), running the tool under default parameters.

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## 8 **RNAseq**

9 Total RNA was purified with TRIzol reagent (Life Technologies). The quality of the isolated RNA  
10 was determined with a Qubit® (1.0) Fluorometer (Life Technologies, California, USA) and a  
11 Fragment Analyzer (Agilent, Santa Clara, California, USA). Only those samples with a  
12 260 nm/280 nm ratio between 1.8–2.1 and a 28S/18S ratio within 1.5-2 were further processed.  
13 The TruSeq Stranded mRNA (Illumina, Inc, California, USA) was used in the succeeding steps.  
14 Briefly, total RNA samples (100-1000 ng) were polyA enriched and then reverse-transcribed into  
15 double-stranded cDNA. The cDNA samples was fragmented, end-repaired and adenylated before  
16 ligation of TruSeq adapters containing unique dual indices (UDI) for multiplexing. Fragments  
17 containing TruSeq adapters on both ends were selectively enriched with PCR. The quality and  
18 quantity of the enriched libraries were validated using Qubit® (1.0). The product is a smear with  
19 an average fragment size of approximately 260 bp. Libraries were normalized to 10nM in Tris-Cl  
20 10 mM, pH8.5 with 0.1% Tween 20. The HiSeq 4000 (Illumina, Inc, California, USA) was used for  
21 cluster generation and sequencing according to standard protocol. Sequencing were paired end  
22 at 2 X150 bp or single end 100 bp. The quality of the 120 bp single end reads generated by the  
23 machine was checked by FastQC, a quality control tool for high throughput sequence data  
24 (Andrews, 2010). The quality of the reads was increased by applying: a) SortMeRNA (Kopylova,  
25 2012) (version 2.1) tool to filter ribosomal RNA; b) Trimmomatic (Bolger, 2014) (version 0.36)  
26 software package to trim the sorted (a) reads. The sorted (a), trimmed (b) reads were mapped  
27 against the mouse genome (mm10) using the default parameters of the STAR (Spliced  
28 Transcripts Alignment to a Reference, version 2.4.0.1) (Dobin et al., 2013). For each gene, exon

1 coverage was calculated using a custom pipeline and then normalized in reads per kilobase per  
2 million (RPKM) (Mortazavi et al., 2008), the method of quantifying gene expression from RNA  
3 sequencing data by normalizing for total read length and the number of sequencing reads.  
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1 **Figure legends**

2 **Figure 1**

3 **Establishment of Nucleolar-DamID**

4 **A.** Scheme representing the strategy for the establishment of Nucleolar-DamID.

5 **B.** Live cell imaging of NIH3T3 cells 24 hours post-transfection with plasmids expressing H2B-  
6 GFP and H2B-GFP-NoLS under the minimal CMV promoter. Phase contrast images serve to  
7 visualize the nucleoli.

8 **C.** Chromatin-bound (Chrom.) and soluble (Sol.) fractions of equivalent number of NIH3T3 cells  
9 transfected with H2B-GFP and H2B-GFP-NoLS were analyzed by western blot using anti-GFP  
10 antibodies. Tubulin and histones are shown as loading and fractionation control.

11 **D.** Representative immunofluorescence images of NIH3T3 cells transfected with H2B-GFP,  
12 TTF1-GFP, and H2B-NoLS-GFP and treated for 24 hours with or without ActD (50 ng/ml). ActD  
13 was added to cells 24 hours post-transfection. Nucleoli can be visualized by the low DAPI  
14 intensity and are highlighted with a dotted line.

15 **E.** Scheme representing the construct used for double inducible expression of Dam-fused H2B  
16 and nucleolar H2B (H2B-NoLS) proteins.

17 **F.** qRT-PCR showing similar expression levels of H2B-Dam and H2B-NoLS-Dam in ESCs. Data  
18 are from three independent experiments. Error bars represent s.d.

19 **G.** m6A levels at rRNA genes and *Tuba1a* in ESCs with and without 15 hours treatment with 100  
20 ng Doxycycline (Dox) and 1  $\mu$ M Shield1. m6A levels were measured by digestion of genomic  
21 DNA with DpnII, which is blocked by m6A, followed by quantitative amplification with primers  
22 encompassing the Dam GATC element. Normalization was achieved through measurements with  
23 primers encompassing sequences lacking GATC. Data are from three independent experiments.  
24 Error bars represent s.d. Statistical significance (*P*-values) for the experiments was calculated  
25 using the paired two-tailed t-test (\*\*\*) < 0.001).

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1 **Figure 2**

2 **Nucleolar-DamID identifies NADs**

3 **A.** Chromosomal view of NADs, LADs (Peric-Hupkes et al., 2010), A and B compartments  
4 (Dalcher et al., 2020), and early and late replicating DNA (Marchal et al., 2018) in ESCs. NADs  
5 are measured as log<sub>2</sub> ratio of m6A levels between H2B-Dam-NoLS and H2B-Dam. iNAD: regions  
6 not contacting the nucleolus. iLAD: regions not contacting the NL. Chromosomes 2 and 18 are  
7 shown.

8 **B.** NAD coverage. Bars represent NAD coverage values of each mouse chromosome. Red lines  
9 showed NAD coverage values in the centromere-proximal end of each chromosome.  
10 Chromosome bearing rRNA genes are depicted with orange numbers and bars. Dotted line  
11 shows NAD whole genome coverage.

12 **C.** Nucleolar H2B-Dam chromosomal interaction maps. NAD-only and NAD/LAD regions were  
13 represented with orange and grey colors, respectively. Chromosome bearing rRNA genes are  
14 depicted with orange numbers.

15 **D.** Genomic contacts with rRNA genes (rDNA contacts) obtained from published HiC maps  
16 (Bonev et al., 2017). Data represent the proportion of identified unique contacts for each  
17 chromosome.

18 **E.** Representative images showing normalized count score of rDNA contacts obtained from the  
19 HiC-rDNA on chromosome 9, which does not harbor rRNA genes, and chromosome 18, which  
20 contains rRNA genes.

21 **F.** Distribution of rDNA contacts for each chromosome. Values represent the proportion of the  
22 number of unique contacts for each chromosome quintile. Statistical significance (*P*-values) for  
23 the experiments was calculated using the unpaired two-tailed t-test (\*\*\*\* < 0.0001).

24 **G.** NADs identified by Nucleolar-DamID are enriched in rDNA contacts. Data represent the  
25 proportion of identified unique HiC-rDNA contacts at NADs and regions non contacting the  
26 nucleolus (iNAD).

1 **H.** Hi-C normalized count score of identified unique rDNA contacts at NADs and iNADs. Statistical  
2 significance (*P*-values) for the experiments was calculated using the unpaired two-tailed t-test  
3 (\*\*\*\* < 0.0001).

4 **I.** Upper panel. NAD and LAD composition of chromosome 19 and the NAD FISH probe (orange  
5 bar). Lower panel. Example images from immunofluorescence for nucleolin (red) combined with  
6 DNA FISH using probes corresponding to NAD-only region of chromosome 19 (green), and DAPI  
7 (blue). Numbers refer to cells showing the signal of NAD probe located close to or within the  
8 nucleoli relative to the number of all analyzed ESCs (27/27).

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### 10 **Figure 3**

11 **Distinct layers of repressive chromatin states distinguish genomic domains according to**  
12 **their interaction with the nucleolus, nuclear lamina, or both**

13 **A.** Venn diagram showing the proportion of NAD-only and NAD/LAD regions in NADs identified  
14 by Nucleolar-DamID.

15 **B.** Venn diagram showing the proportion of LAD-only and NAD/LAD regions in LADs of ESCs.

16 **C.** Lamin B1-DamID scores plotted over NAD-only and NAD/LAD boundaries in ESCs.

17 **D.** Gene density of total genome, NAD subclasses, and LAD-only.

18 **E.** Amounts (%) of NAD-only, LAD-only and NAD/LAD in A and B compartments.

19 **F.** Amounts (%) of early and late replicating DNA of NAD-only, LAD-only and NAD/LAD  
20 sequences.

21 **G.** Expression values (RPKM) of genes within A compartment (A Comp.), NAD-only, LAD-only,  
22 and NAD/LAD. Statistical significance (*P*-values) was calculated using the unpaired two-tailed t-  
23 test (\*\*< 0.001).

24 **H.** Levels of active histone marks (H3K4me3, H3K27ac, H3K4me1) and repressive histone marks  
25 (H3K27me3, H3K9me2, H3K9me3) at genomic regions located at the A compartment (A Comp.)  
26 and NAD-only, LAD-only, and NAD/LAD regions. Dataset used in this analysis are listed in **Table**

27 **S12.** Values are shown as average RPKM. Statistical significance (*P*-values) was calculated  
28 using the unpaired two-tailed t-test (\*<0.05, \*\*\*< 0.001, \*\*\*\*< 0.0001, ns: non-significant).



1 I. Occupancy (average RPKM) of histone modifications, Ezh2, Ring1b, CTCF and early and late-  
2 DNA replication plotted over the boundaries of NAD-only (orange lane), NAD/LAD (blue line), and  
3 NAD/LAD (grey line), respectively.

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#### 5 **Figure 4**

6 **The chromatin state of rRNA genes regulates H3K9me2 levels at sequences adjacent to**  
7 **the nucleolus**

8 **A.** qRT-PCR showing 45S pre-rRNA levels in ESCs transfected with pRNA or RNA-control.  
9 Values were normalized to *β-actin* mRNA and to ESCs transfected with RNA-control. Data are  
10 from two independent experiments.

11 **B.** H3K9me2 and H3K9me3 ChIP in ESCs transfected with pRNA or RNA-control. Data were  
12 measured by qPCR and normalized to input and ESC+RNA-control. Data are from two  
13 independent experiments.

14 **C.** Addition of pRNA in ESCs caused an increase in H3K9me2 at several genomic regions.  
15 Scatter plot showing H3K9me2 and H3K9me3 levels (reads/20kb bin) between ESC+pRNA and  
16 ESC+RNA-control.

17 **D.** Chromosomal interaction map showing the distribution of regions with increased H3K9me2  
18 levels in ESC+pRNA compared to ESC+RNA-control.

19 **E.** Heterochromatinization of rRNA genes promotes H3K9me2 expansion at regions neighboring  
20 NADs. H3K9me2 fold changes in ESC+pRNA vs. ESC+RNA-control plotted over the boundaries  
21 of NAD-only (orange), LAD-only (blue), and NAD/LAD (grey).

22 **F.** Representative images showing the increase of H3K9me2 at regions neighbouring NADs.

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#### 24 **Figure 5**

25 **ESC and NPC differ in their chromosome organization around the nucleolus**

26 **A.** Nucleolar-DamID. Chromosomal view of NADs in ESCs and NPCs. NADs are measured as  
27 log<sub>2</sub> ratio of m6A levels between H2B-Dam-NoLS and H2B-Dam. iNAD: regions not contacting  
28 the nucleolus. iLAD: regions not contacting the NL. Chromosome 4 and 11 are shown.

1 **B.** HiC-rRNA. Representative images showing HiC-score of rDNA contacts at chromosome 7,  
2 which does not harbor rRNA genes, and chromosome 18, which contains rRNA genes close to  
3 centromere (see also **Fig. S3**).

4 **C,D.** Genomic contacts with the nucleolus are more frequent in NPCs than in ESCs. HiC-score of  
5 rDNA contacts (**C**) and Nucleolar-DamID values of NADs (**D**) in ESCs and NPCs. Statistical  
6 significance ( $P$ -values) was calculated using the unpaired two-tailed t-test (\*\*\*\* $< 0.0001$ ).

7 **E.** ESCs have more rDNA contacts than NPC. Number of unique rDNA contacts at each  
8 chromosome in ESCs and NPCs. Orange and violet bars refer to chromosomes containing rRNA  
9 genes in ESCs and NPCs, respectively.

10 **F.** rDNA contacts are enriched in the centromeric-proximal regions of all chromosomes of NPCs  
11 relative to ESCs. To allow a better comparison, the data of ESCs in **Figure 2F** were plotted  
12 together with the data of NPCs. Values represent the proportion of rDNA-contacts for each  
13 chromosome quintile of ESCs and NPCs. Statistical significance ( $P$ -values) was calculated using  
14 the unpaired two-tailed t-test (\*\*\*\* $< 0.0001$ ).

15 **G.** Representative images of ESC<sub>sp-</sub> and NPC<sub>sp-</sub>-rDNA contacts and their eigenvector values for A  
16 and B compartment. Arrows highlight changes in eigenvector values. B to A and A to B represent  
17 switch of compartments. B to b and b to B indicates a decrease or increase of eigenvector values  
18 between ESCs and NPCs.

19 **H.** ESC<sub>sp-</sub> and NPC<sub>sp-</sub>-rDNA contacts are in the repressive B compartment. Amounts (%) of  
20 ESC<sub>sp-</sub> and NPC<sub>sp-</sub>-rDNA contacts in A and B compartments.

21 **I.** Values represent the number of ESC<sub>sp-</sub> and NPC<sub>sp-</sub>-rDNA contacts and their corresponding  
22 location in A and B compartments of ESCs and NPCs.

23 **J.** Box plots showing eigenvector values of ESC<sub>sp-</sub> and NPC<sub>sp-</sub>-rDNA contacts in the active A  
24 (blue) and repressive B (red) compartments. Statistical significance ( $P$ -values) was calculated  
25 using the paired two-tailed t-test (\*\*\*\* $< 0.0001$ ).

26 **K.** Scatter plot showing expression levels between ESC and NPCs. Expression of genes located  
27 at ESC<sub>sp-</sub> and NPC<sub>sp-</sub>-rDNA contacts are highlighted in orange and magenta, respectively,  
28 whereas total genes are represented in black. Dotted lines indicate RPKM value as 1.

1 L. Top 10 gene ontology terms of genes located at ESC<sub>sp</sub>-rDNA contacts.

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3 **Figure 6**

4 **NAD organization in ESCs and NPCs**

5 **A.** Coverage of ESC<sub>sp</sub>- and NPC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD types (NAD/LAD and NAD-only) in ESCs and NPCs. The  
6 location of ESC<sub>sp</sub>- and NPC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD types as iNAD/iLAD and LAD-only in NPCs and ESCs,  
7 respectively, and the proportion are represented with Venn diagrams.

8 **B.** Coverage of ESC<sub>sp</sub>- and NPC<sub>sp</sub>-LAD types (NAD/LAD and LAD-only) in ESCs and NPCs. The  
9 location of ESC<sub>sp</sub>- and NPC<sub>sp</sub>-LAD types as iNAD/iLAD and NAD-only in NPCs and ESCs,  
10 respectively, and the proportion are represented with Venn diagrams.

11 **C.** Number of genes located at ESC<sub>sp</sub>- and NPC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD. The proportion of low or not expressing  
12 (<1 RPKM) and expressing genes in ESCs and NPCs is indicated.

13 **D.** Expression levels of genes located at ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD-only that lost contact with the nucleolus and  
14 nuclear lamina (iNAD/iLAD) in NPCs. Values are from genes that were expressed (> RPKM 1) in  
15 ESCs or NPCs. Statistical significance (*P*-values) was calculated using the paired two-tailed t-test  
16 (\*\*\*\*< 0.0001).

17 **E.** Representative images of ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD and their eigenvector values for A and B compartment.  
18 Arrows highlight changes in eigenvector values between ESCs and NPCs. B to A represents the  
19 regions switching from B (ESCs) to A (NPCs) compartment. B to b and a to A indicate higher  
20 eigenvector values in ESCs compared to NPCs.

21 **F.** Values represent the number of ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD and their corresponding location in A and B  
22 compartments of ESCs and NPCs classified according to regions that move away from the  
23 nucleolus and nuclear lamina (iNAD/iLAD) or gain exclusive location at the nuclear periphery  
24 (LAD-only) in NPCs.

25 **G.** Box plots showing eigenvectors values of ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NADs in the active A (blue) and repressive B  
26 (red) compartments. Statistical significance (*P*-values) was calculated using the paired two-tailed  
27 t-test (\*\*< 0.01, \*\*\*\*< 0.0001).

1 **H.** Values represent the number of NPC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD and their corresponding location in A and B  
2 compartments of ESCs and NPCs classified according to regions that move away from the  
3 nucleolus and nuclear lamina (iNAD/iLAD) or gain exclusive location at the nuclear periphery  
4 (LAD-only) in ESCs.

5 **I.** Box plots showing eigenvectors values of NPC<sub>sp</sub>-NADs in the active A (blue) and repressive B  
6 (red) compartments. Statistical significance (*P*-values) was calculated using the paired two-tailed  
7 t-test (\* < 0.05, \*\* < 0.01, \*\*\* < 0.001, \*\*\*\* < 0.0001).

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## 10 **Supplementary Figures**

### 11 **Figure S1**

#### 12 **Establishment of Nucleolar-DamID**

13 **A.** PCR genotyping of ESC clones for insertion of the H2B or nucleolar H2B sequences into  
14 *Rosa26* locus. het.: heterozygotic insertion; hom.: homozygotic insertion; WT: wild type ESCs; M:  
15 DNA marker.

16 **B.** Life cell images showing GFP signal in HEK293T transfected with the *hsp-TetO-GFP-Dam-*  
17 *DD-EF1α-puro-T2A-TetR-KRAB* plasmid and treated without or with 1 µg/ml doxycycline (Dox)  
18 and 1 µM Shield1 for 15 hours.

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### 20 **Figure S2**

#### 21 **Nucleolar-DamID in ESCs**

22 **A.** Pearson correlation of Nucleolar-DamID experiments in ESCs and NPCs.

23 **B.** Violin plot showing distribution of NAD length.

24 **C.** Chromosomal view of NADs in ESCs. NADs are measured as log<sub>2</sub> ratio of m6A levels between  
25 H2B-Dam-NoLS vs. H2B-Dam. iNAD: inter-NAD regions. iLAD: inter-LAD regions. Pink bars  
26 correspond to sequence found in nucleolar hubs using SPRITE method (Quinodoz et al., 2018).

27 **D.** Upper panel. NAD and LAD composition of chromosome 14 and FISH probe corresponding to  
28 a strong LAD (blue bar). Lower panel. Representative images from immunofluorescence for

1 nucleolin (green) combined with DNA FISH using probes corresponding to LAD-only region of  
2 chromosome 14 (red), and DAPI (blue). The signal of the LAD probe was located close to NL in  
3 the majority of analyzed ESCs (27/33).

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### 5 **Figure S3**

#### 6 **rDNA contacts identified by HiC-rDNA in ESCs and NPCs**

7 **A.** Count score of rDNA contacts obtained by HiC-rDNA on chromosomes of ESCs (orange) and  
8 NPCs (magenta). Chromosomes containing rRNA genes (12, 16, 18, and 19) are indicated.

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### 10 **Figure S4**

#### 11 **pRNA-mediated heterochromatin formation at rRNA genes increases H3K9me2 at** 12 **sequences adjacent to the nucleolus**

13 **A.** Addition of pRNA in ESCs caused an increase in H3K9me2 at several genomic regions.  
14 Independent ChIPseq experiment of ESCs transfected with pRNA and RNA control. Scatter plot  
15 showing H3K9me2 and H3K9me3 levels (reads/20kb bin) between ESC+pRNA and ESC+RNA-  
16 control.

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### 18 **Figure S5**

#### 19 **rDNA contacts in ESCs and NPCs**

20 **A.** Count score of rDNA contacts at each chromosome in ESCs (orange) and NPCs (magenta).  
21 Statistical significance ( $P$ -values) between ESCs and NPCs was calculated using the paired two-  
22 tailed t-test \*\*\*\* $< 0.0001$ ).

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### 24 **Figure S6**

#### 25 **ESC and NPC specific NADs**

26 **A.** Scatter plot showing gene expression levels between ESC and NPCs. Expression of genes  
27 located at ESC<sub>sp-</sub> and NPC<sub>sp-</sub>NAD types (NAD/LAD and NAD-only) and their location in NPCs  
28 and ESCs, respectively, is shown. Genes located at ESC<sub>sp-</sub> and NPC<sub>sp-</sub>NAD are highlighted in

1 orange and magenta, respectively, whereas total genes are represented in black. Dotted lines  
2 indicate RPKM value as 1.

3 **B,C.** Gene ontology terms of genes located at ESC<sub>sp</sub>-NAD that are located at iNAD/iLAD (**A**) and  
4 LAD-only (**B**) in NPCs.

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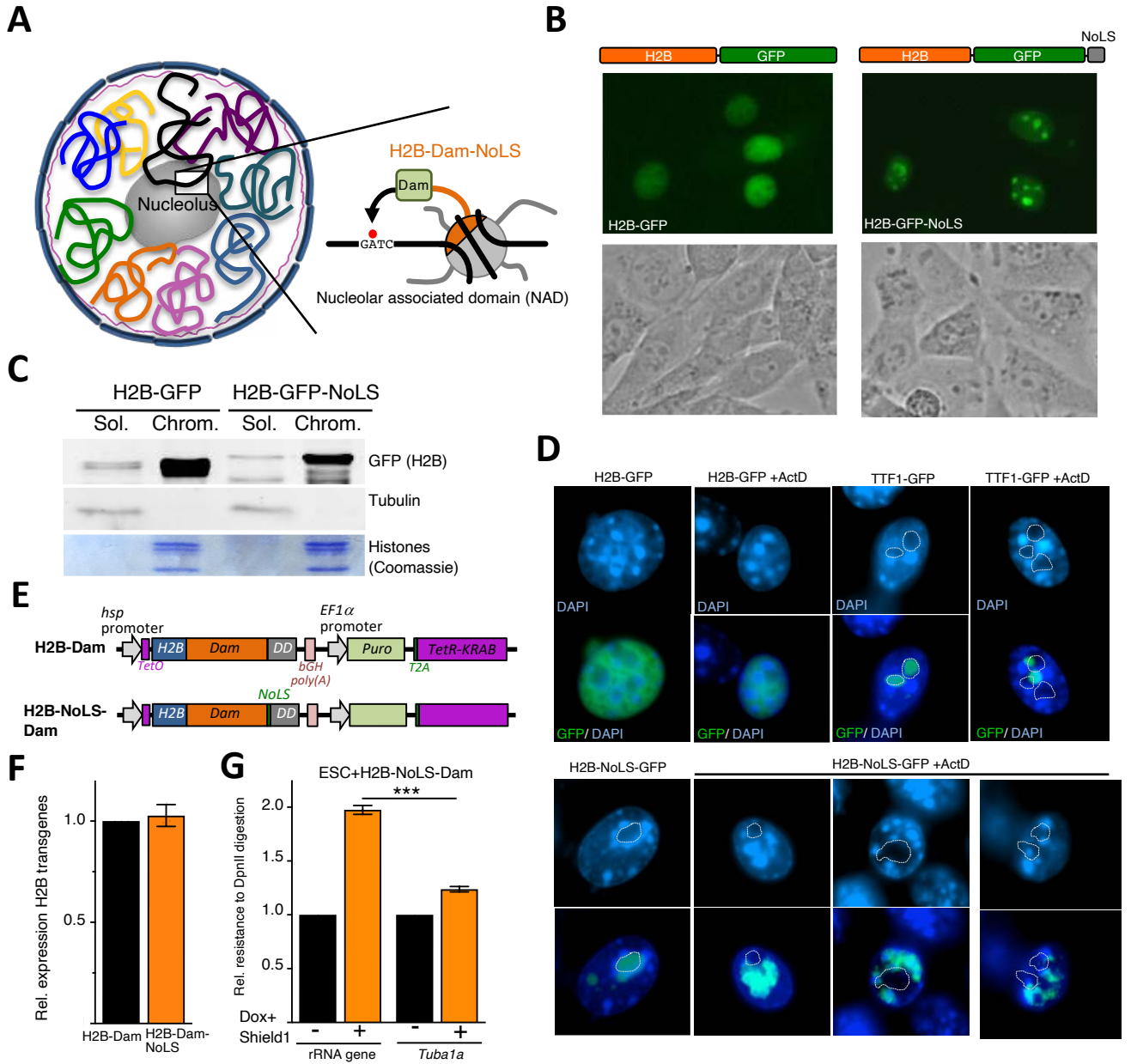


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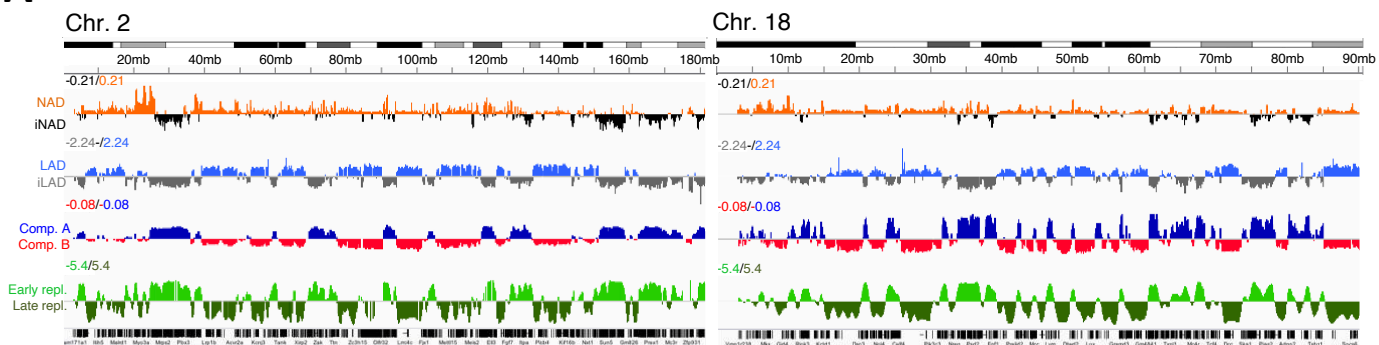
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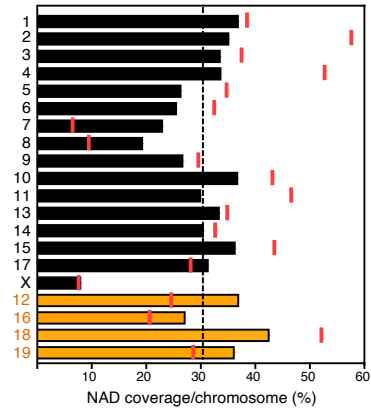


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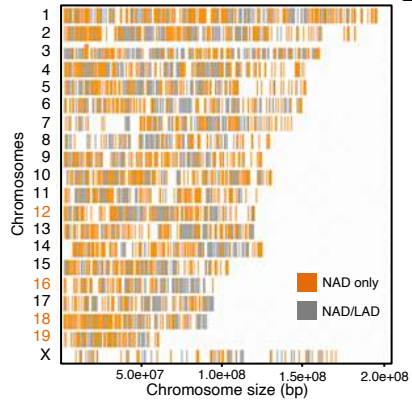
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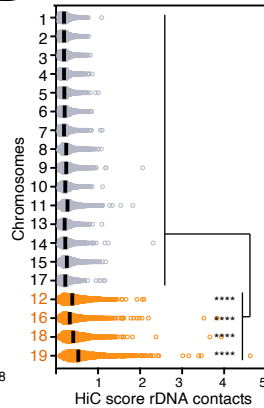
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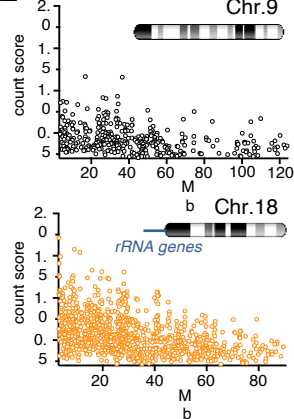
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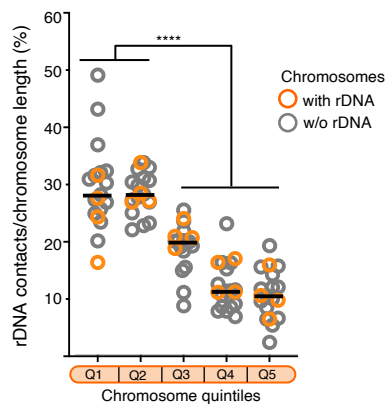
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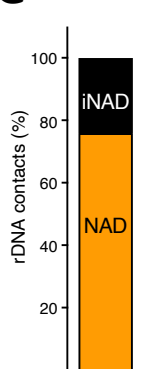
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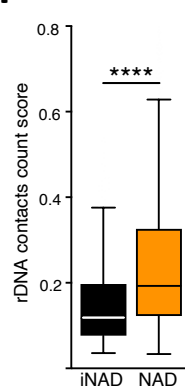
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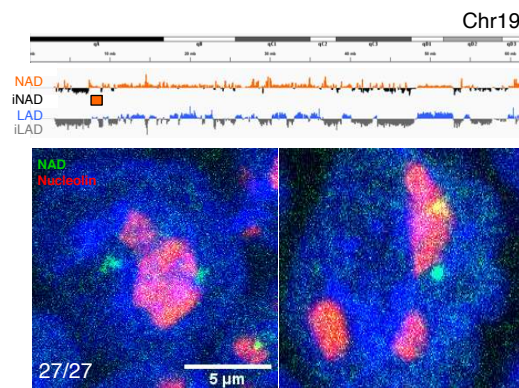
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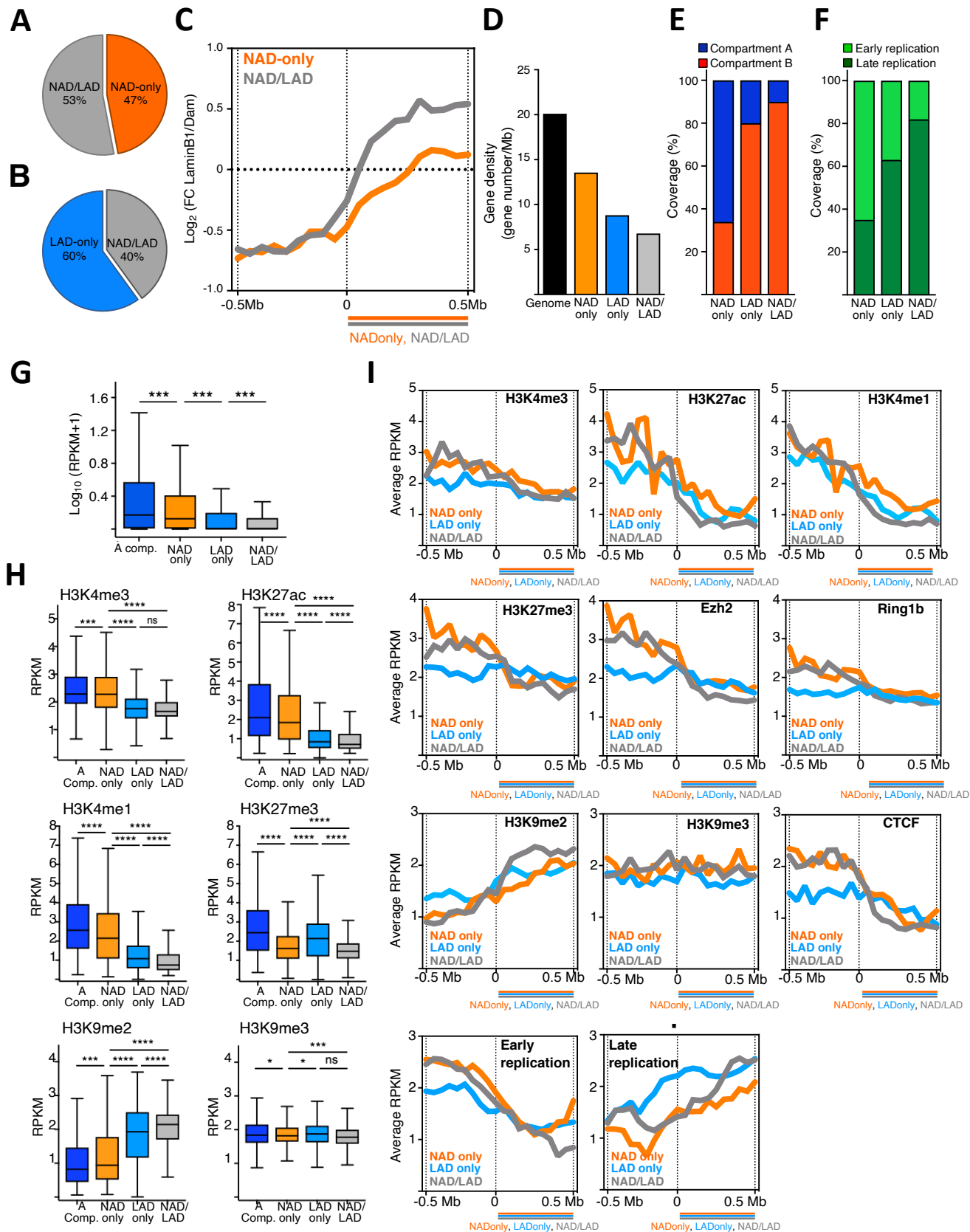
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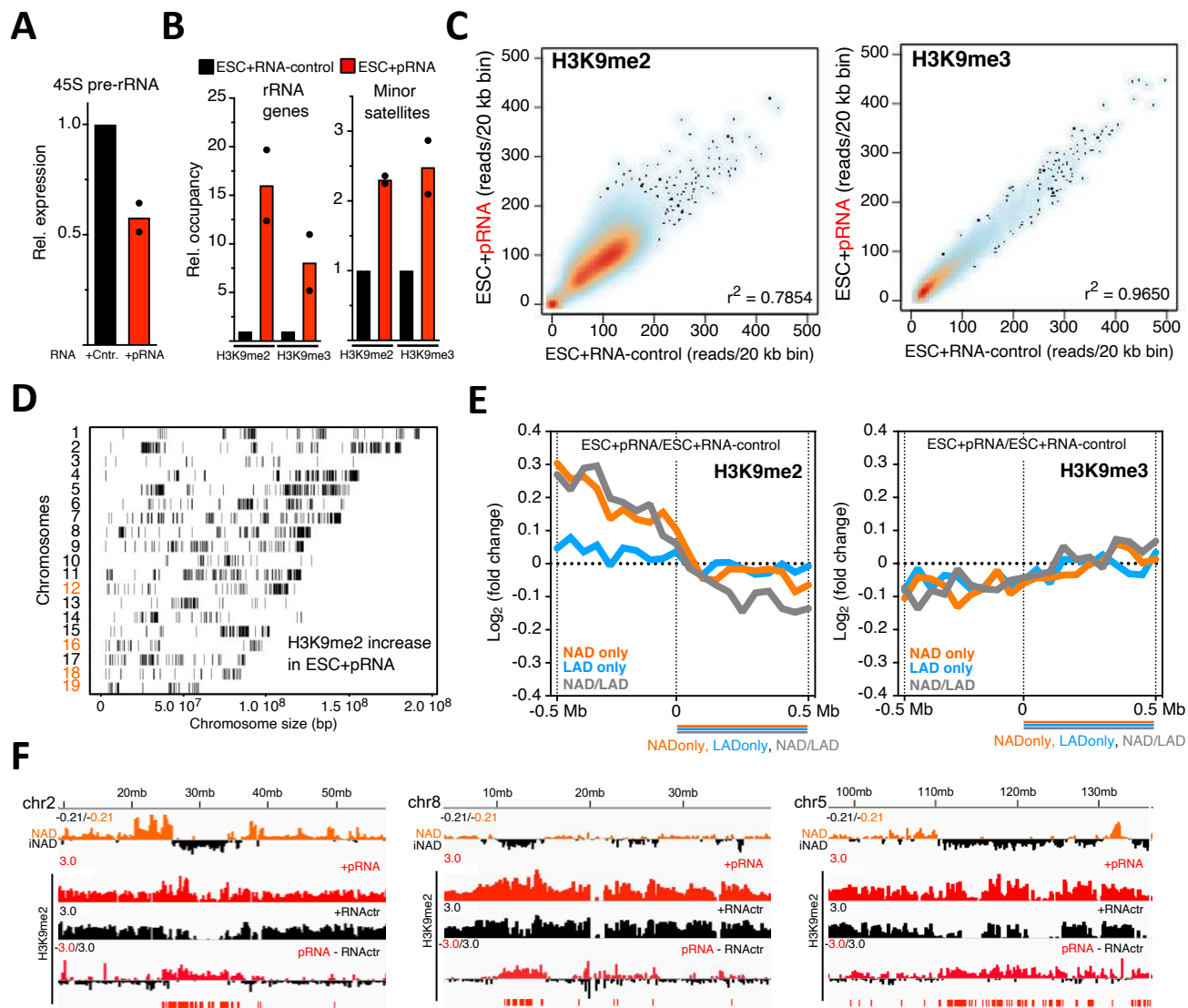
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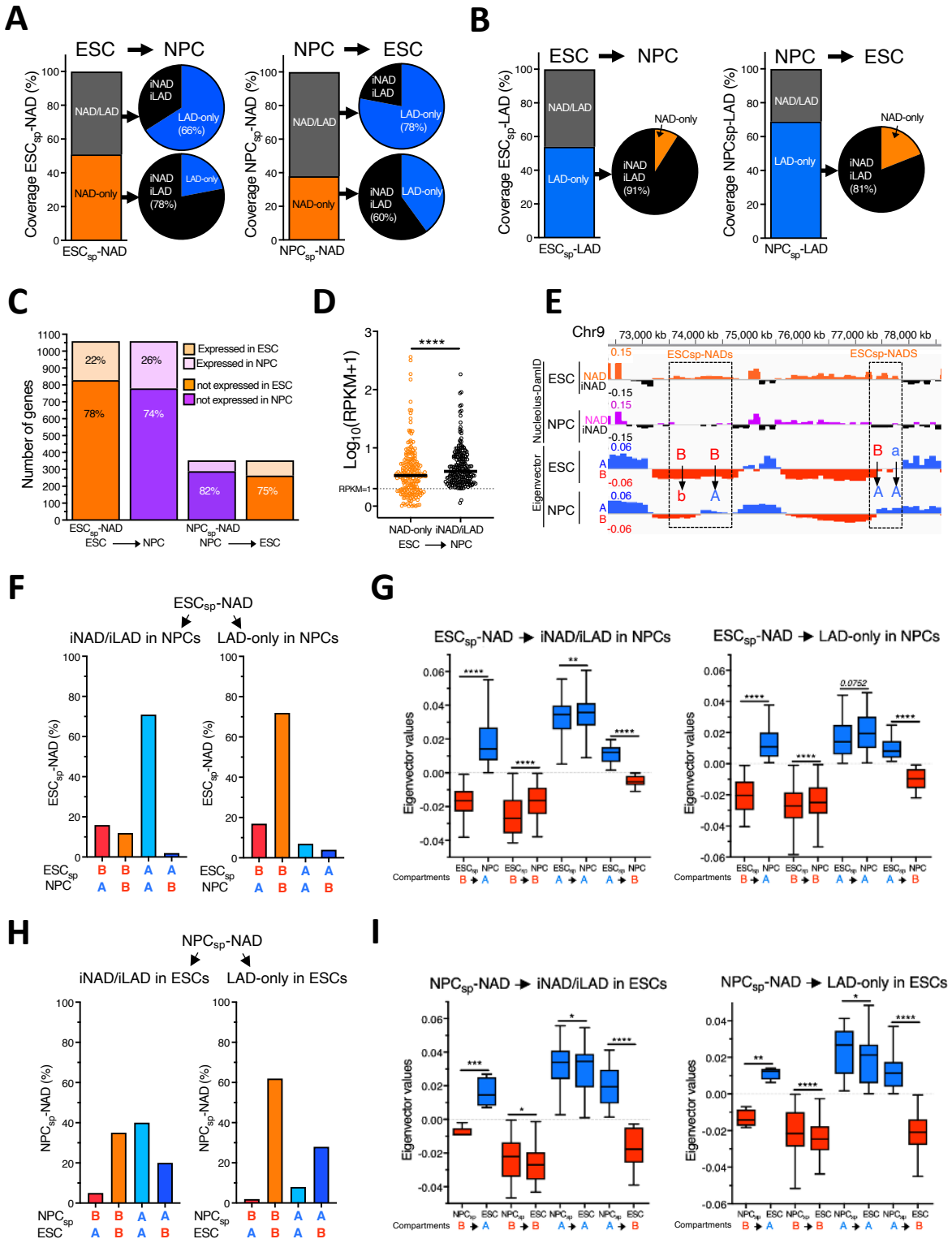
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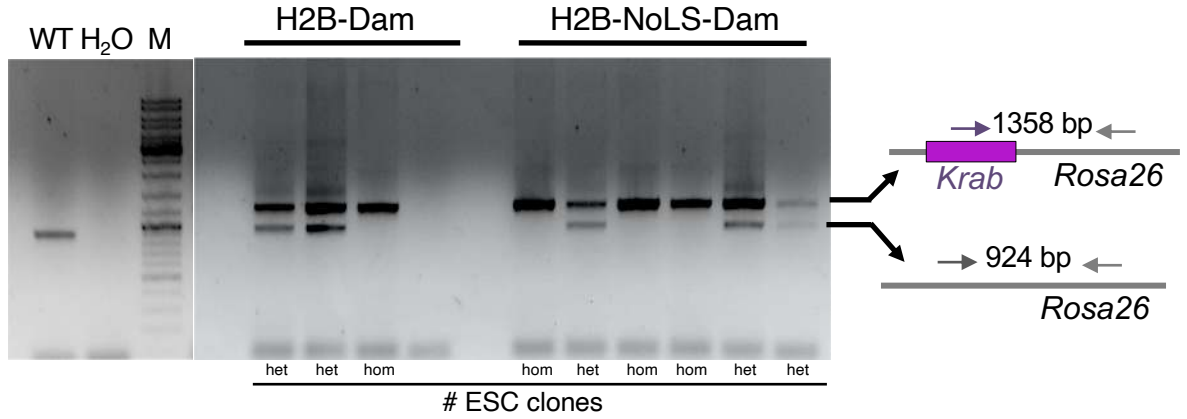


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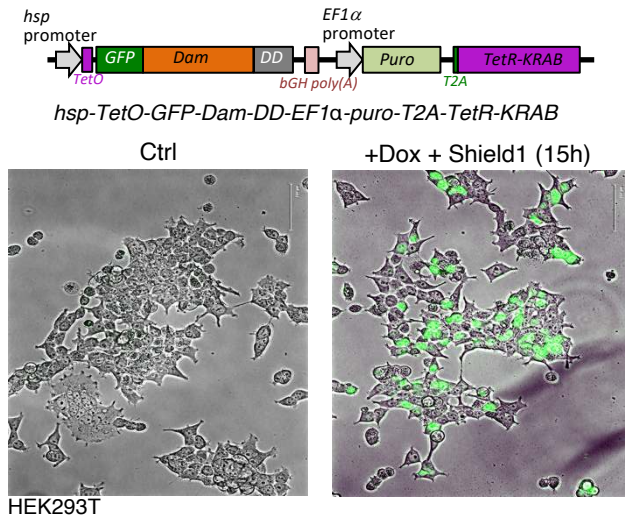


# Figure S1

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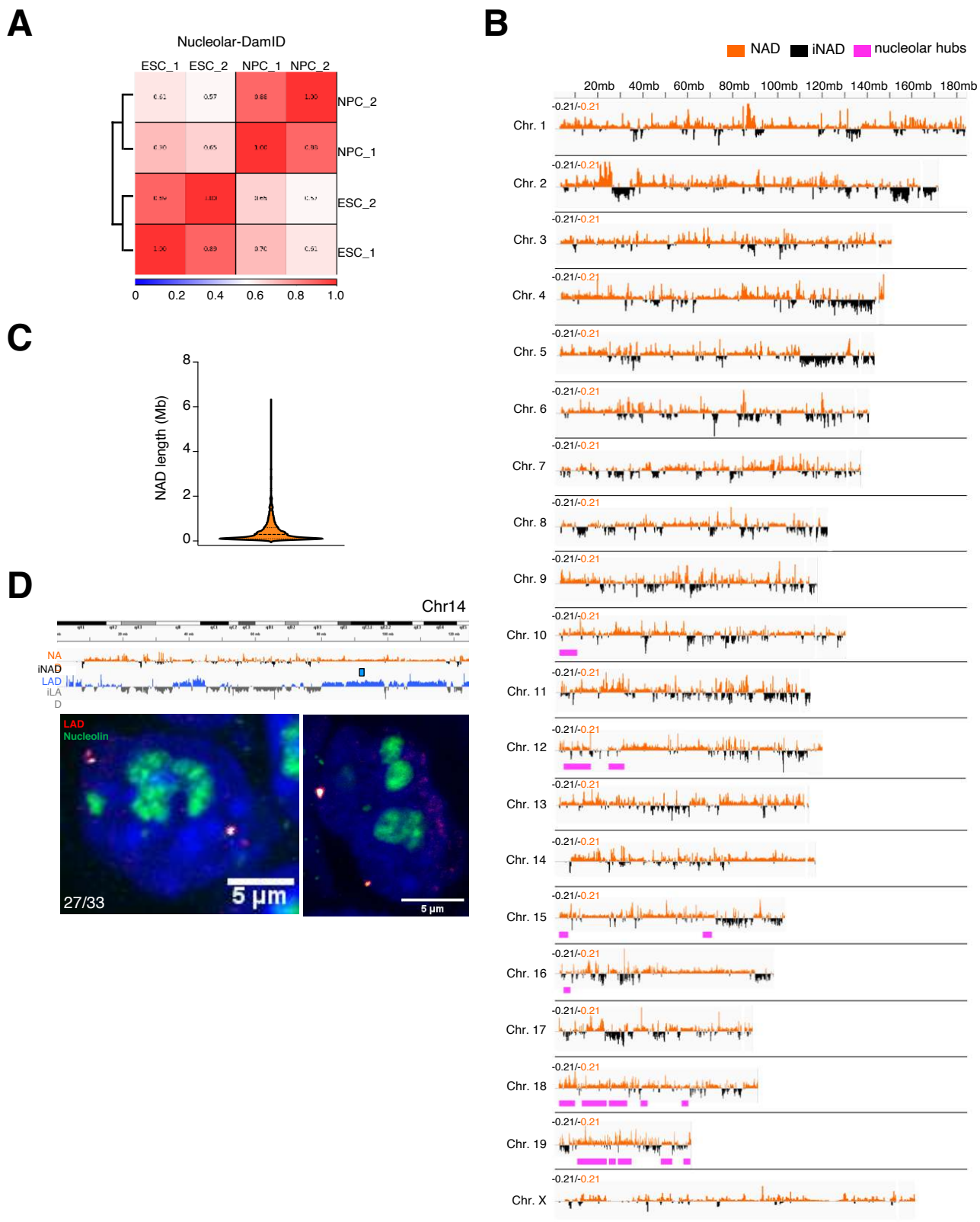
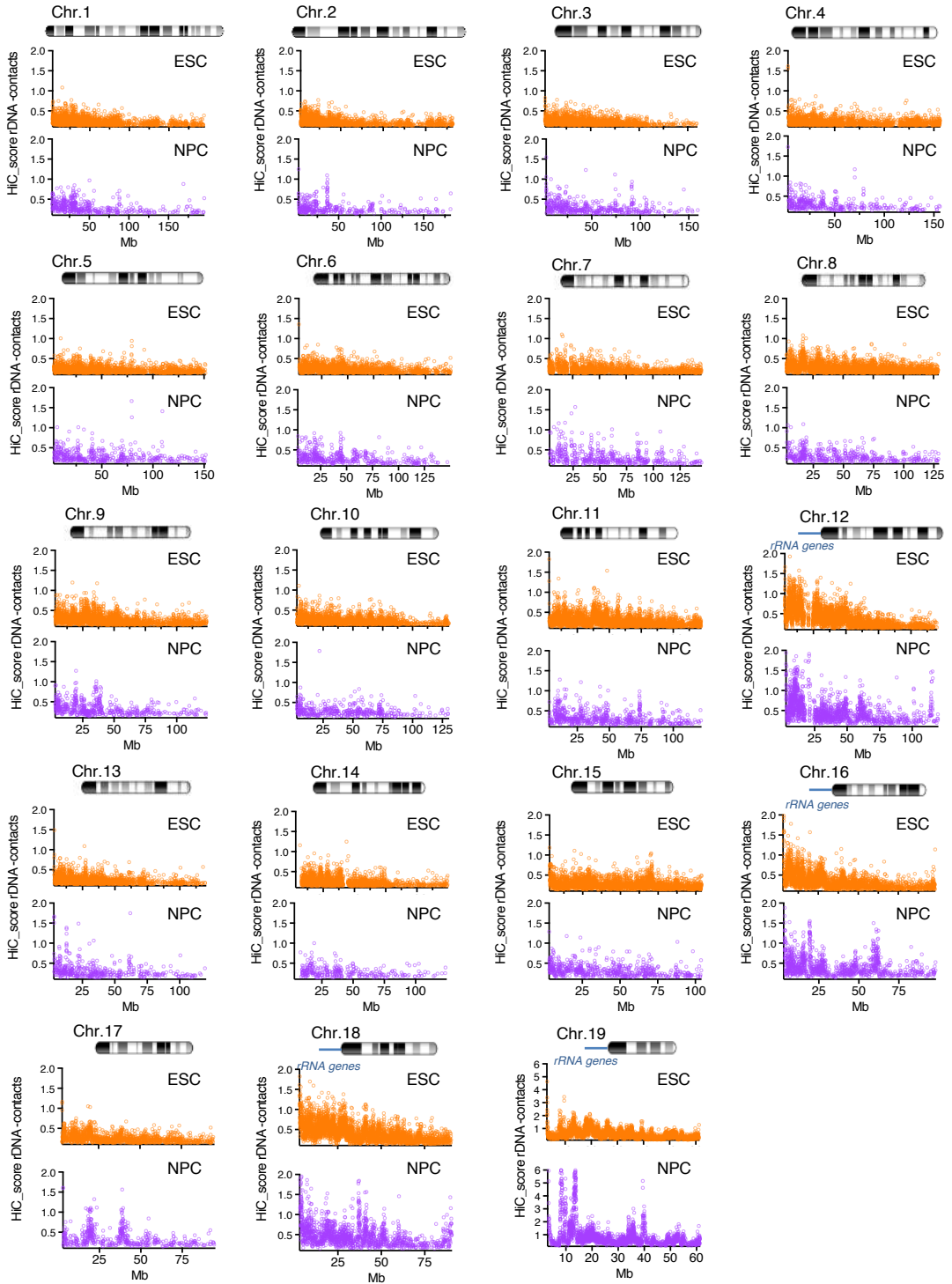


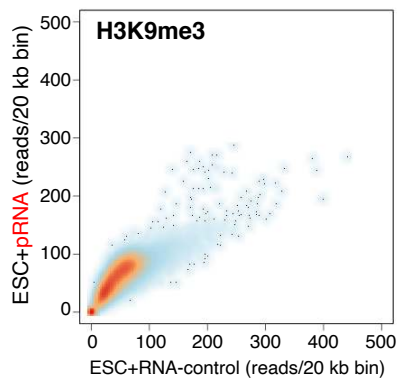
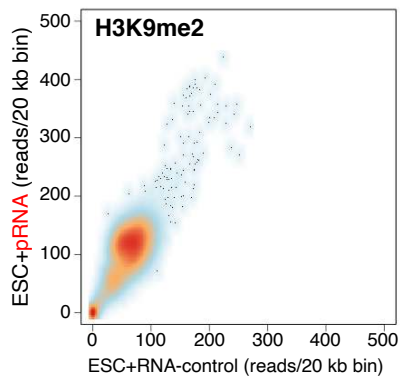
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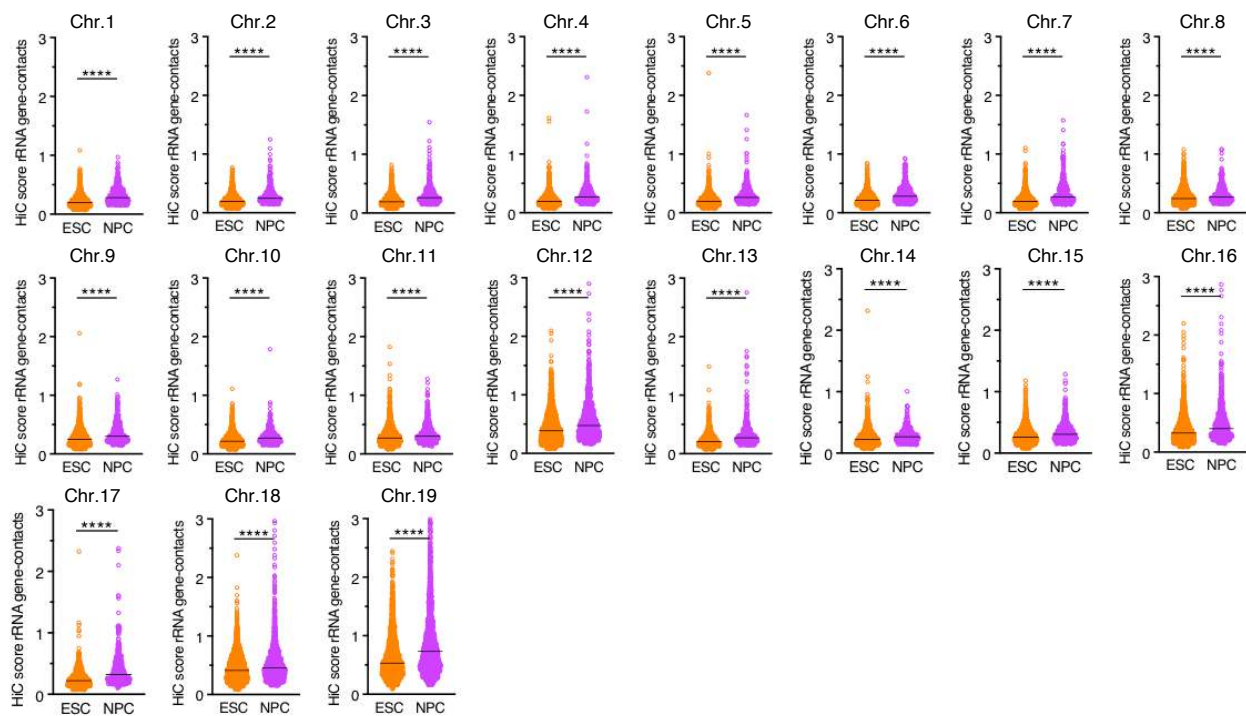
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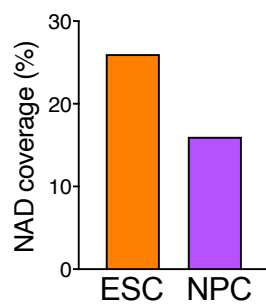


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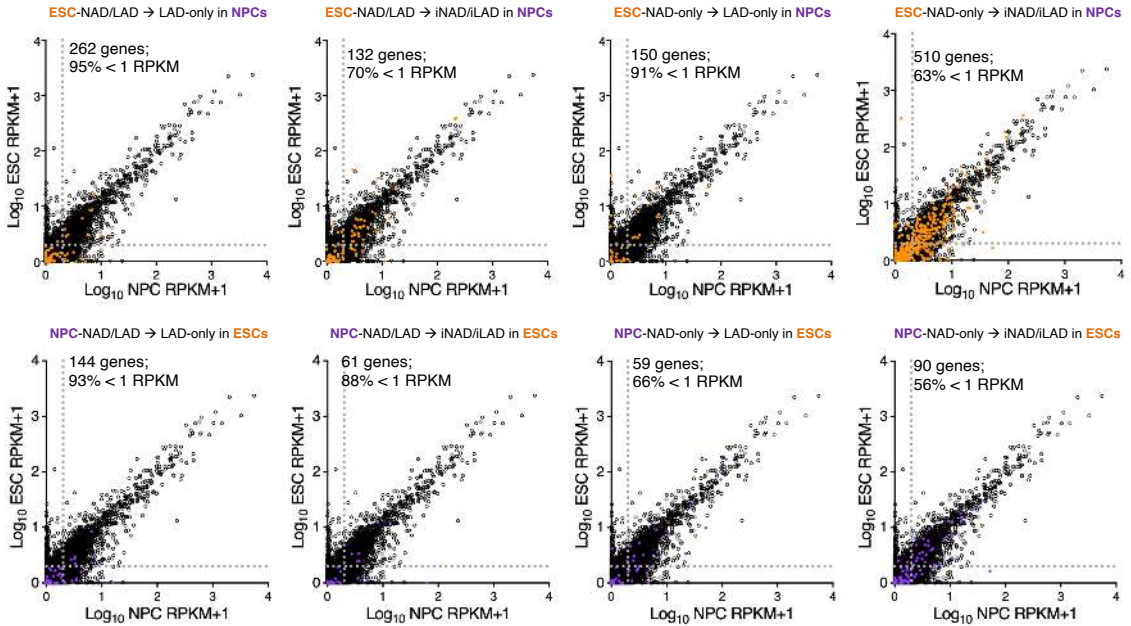


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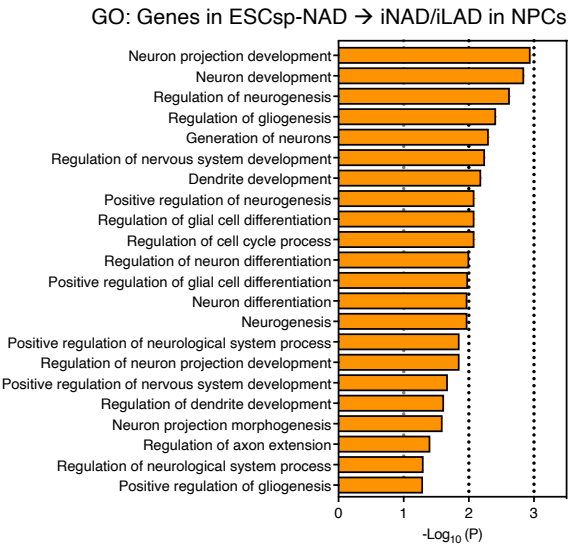


**Figure S6**

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