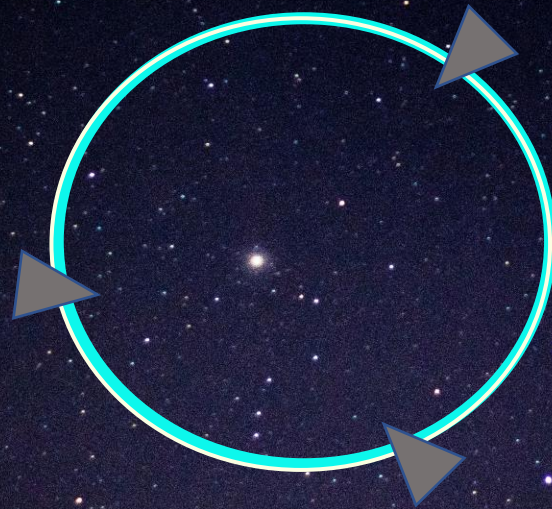


circRNAs

FRoM DARKNeSS To LiGHT



Protein coding genome (2%)

Small ncRNA

siRNA

miRNA

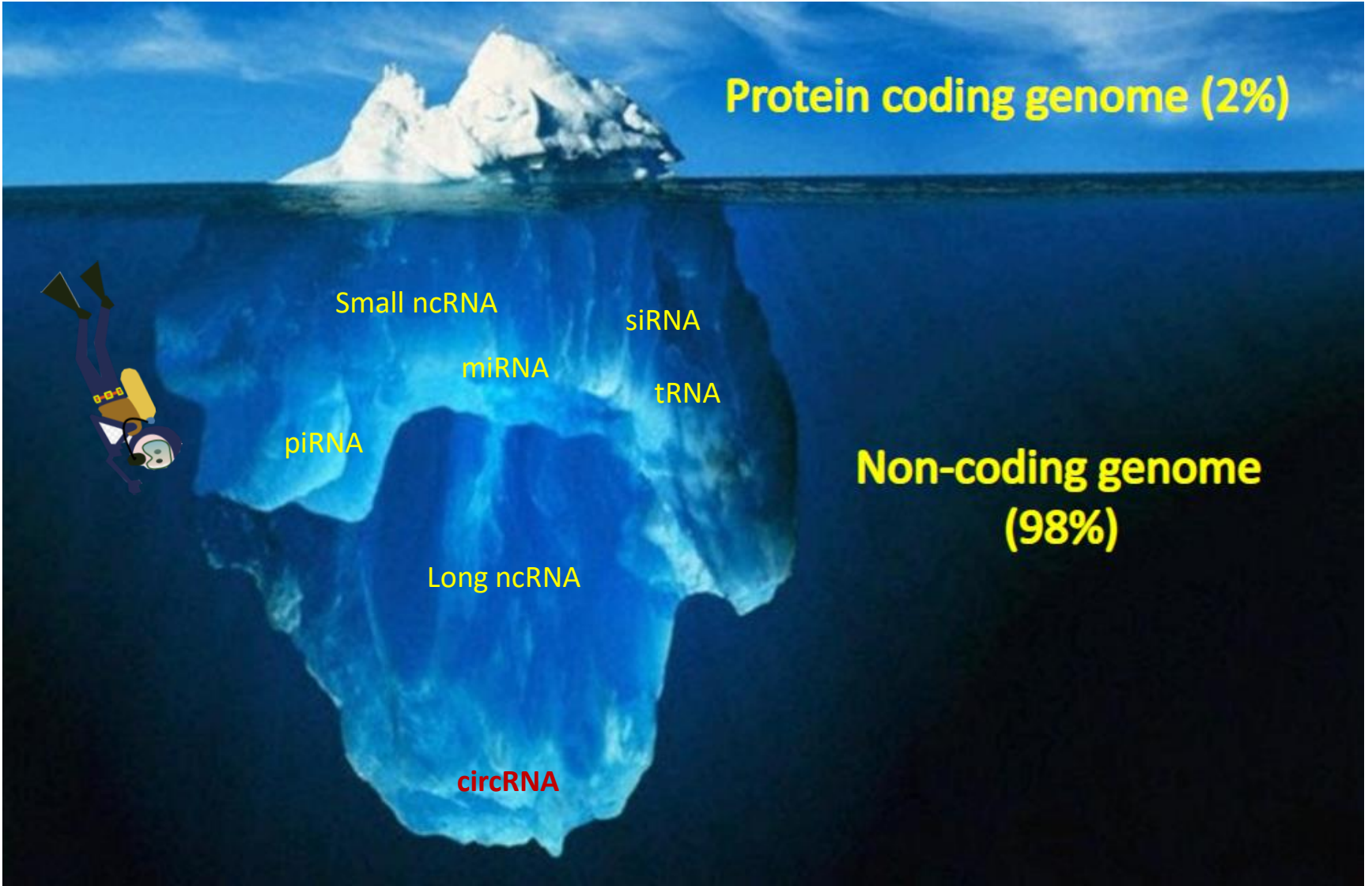
tRNA

piRNA

**Non-coding genome
(98%)**

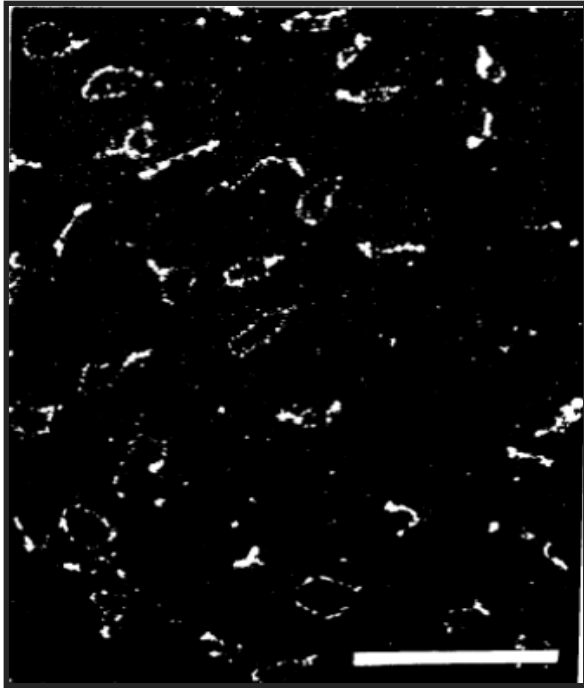
Long ncRNA

circRNA

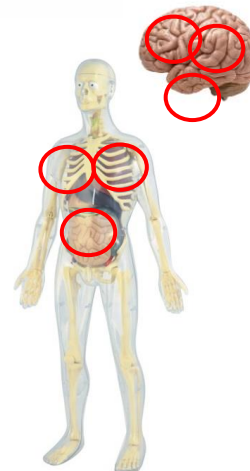
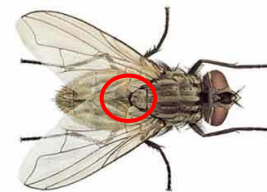


circRNA DISCOVERY

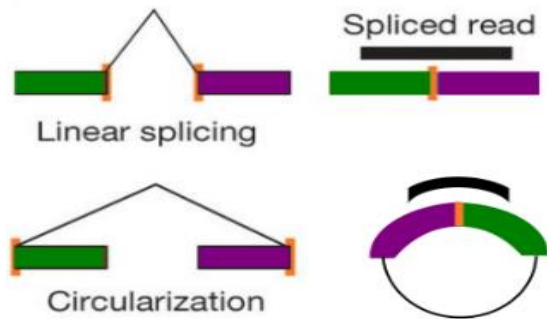
First viral circRNA reported in 1976



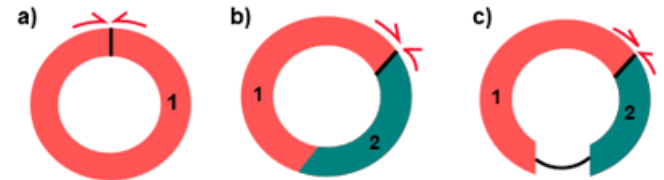
RNA sequencing in the 21st century



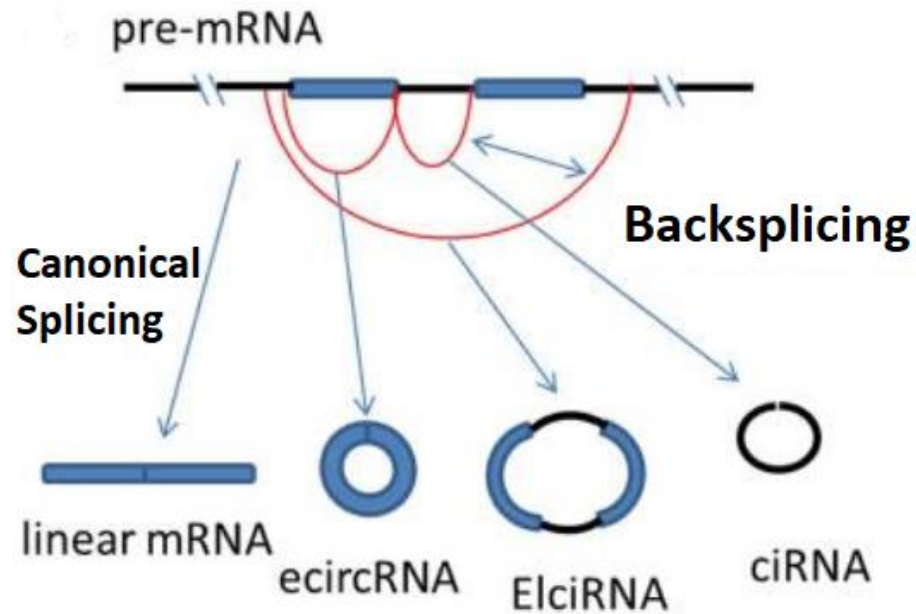
circRNA FORMATION



circRNAs can be detected by backspliced reads



circRNAs can arise from 1 or more Exons
Are detected by divergent primers



Well established features

Less abundant than mRNAs

Predominantly cytoplasmic

Non polyadenylated

circRNA REGULATION

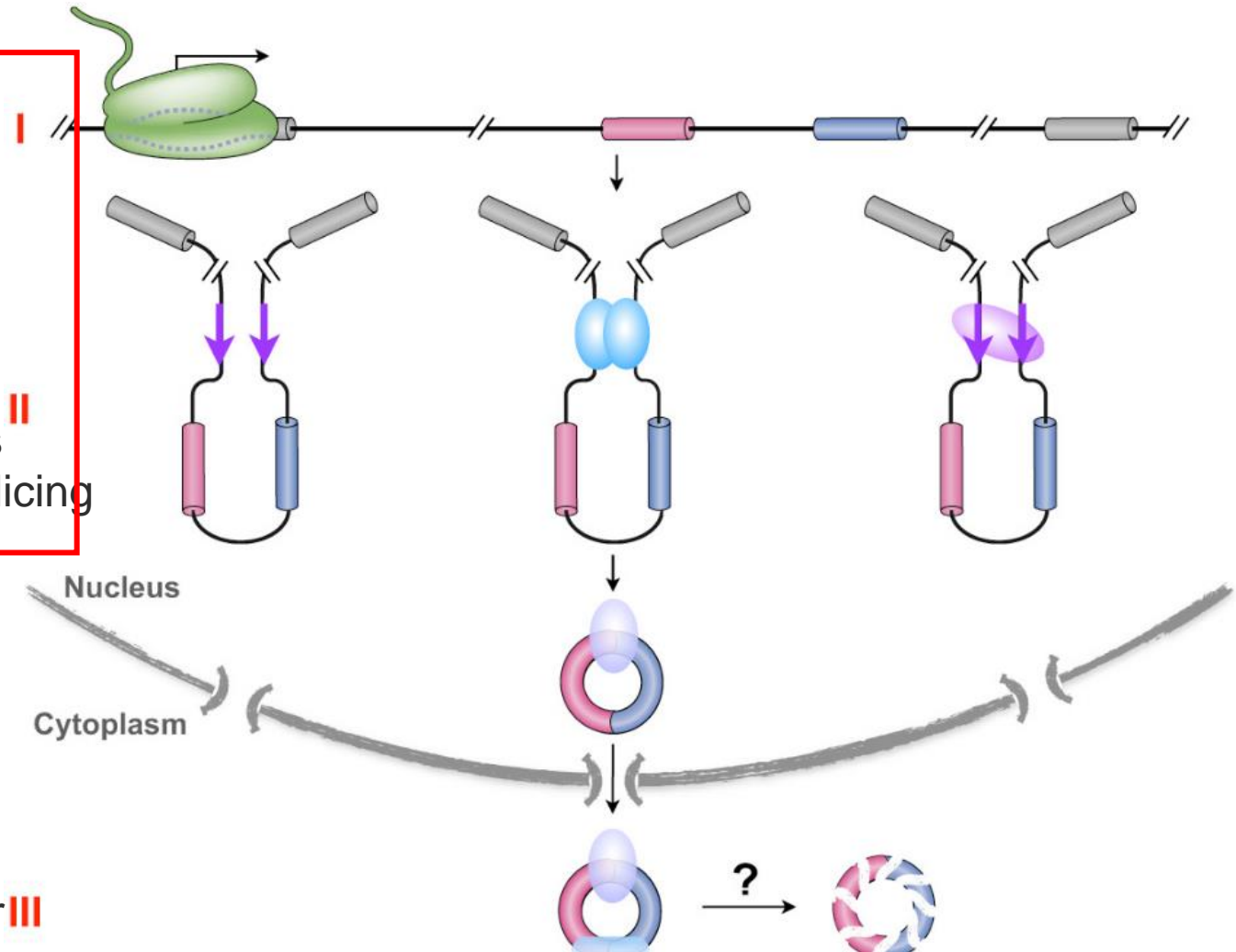
circRNA expression can be regulated at three levels

Transcription of circRNA-producing pre-mRNA by Pol II.

cis and *trans* regulatory factors
Influence backsplicing

BACKSPICING

circRNA turnover

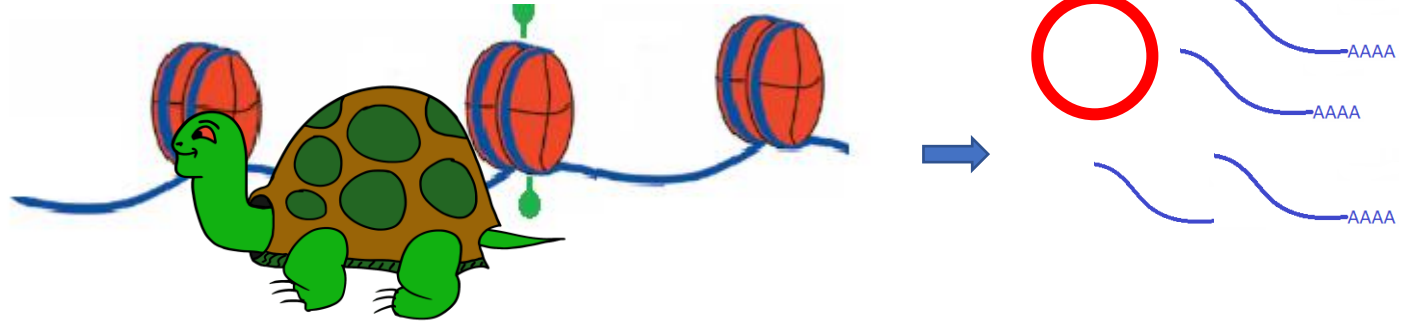


BACKSPLICING

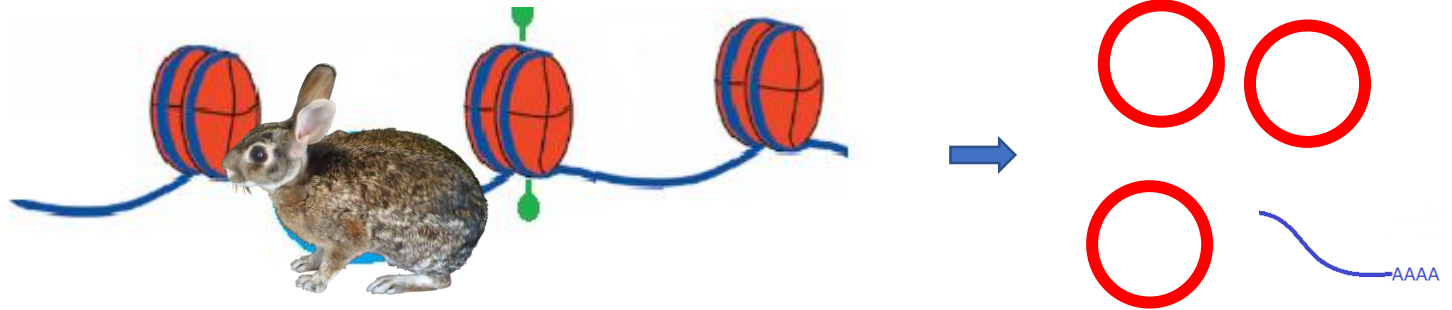
Backsplicing of circRNA can occur both co- and post-transcriptionally!!!!

Co-transcriptional regulation:

SLOW POLII

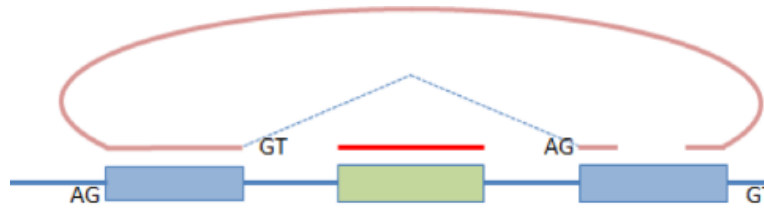


FAST POLII



Average Pol II TER of nascent circRNA host genes is higher

BACKSPICING



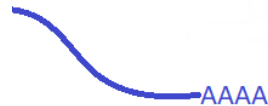
Backsplicing efficiency depends on canonical ss bracketing circRNA-producing exons.

Efficiency of backsplicing is lower than that of canonical splicing



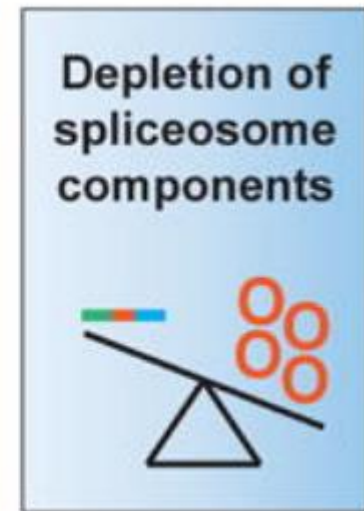
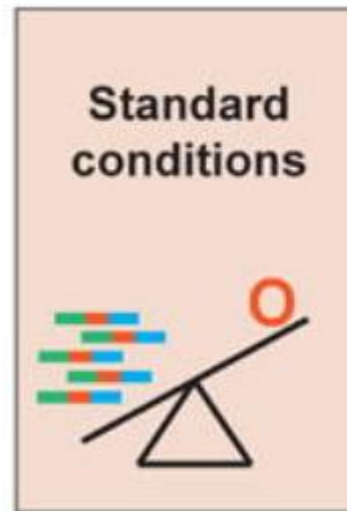
Loser

Vs



How do cells modulate the amounts of circular versus linear RNAs????

Shift from canonical splicing to back-splicing under spliceosome starving conditions by depleting spliceosomal factors: SF3b and SF3a



HOW the spliceosome is involved in backsplicing still remains unknown

BACKSPICING

Circular RNAs can result from exon-skipping events



Canonical Exon Skipping



Exon skipping

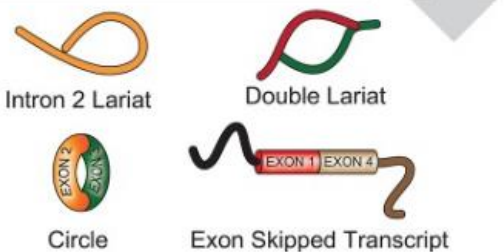
Intralariat Splicing



SD of EXON 3 splices to SA of EXON 2



Lariat formation

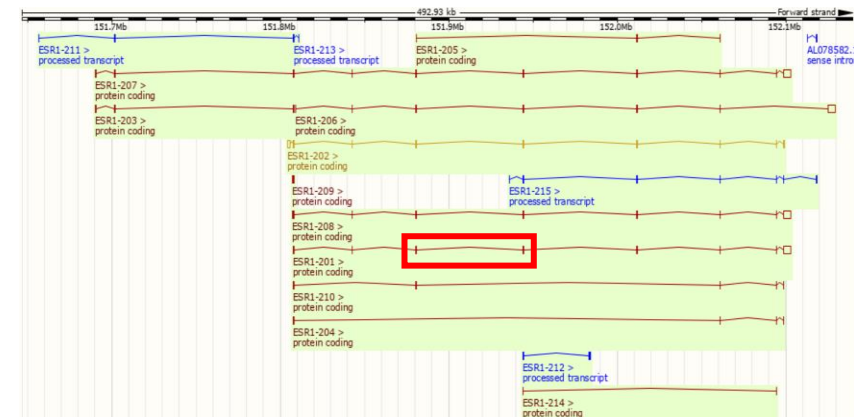
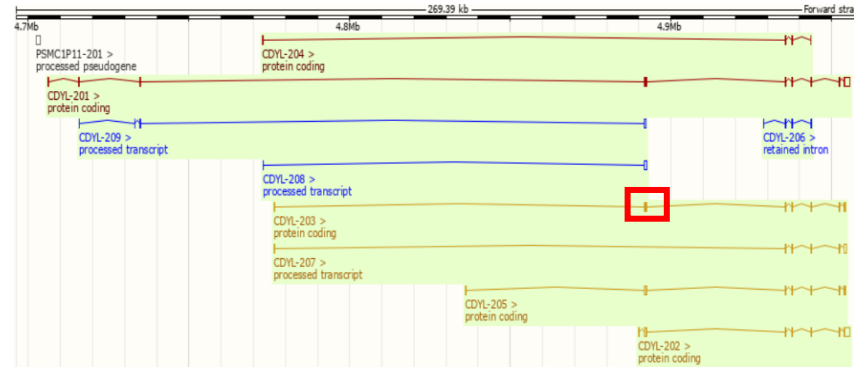


Intron 2 Lariat

Double Lariat



Exon Skipped Transcript



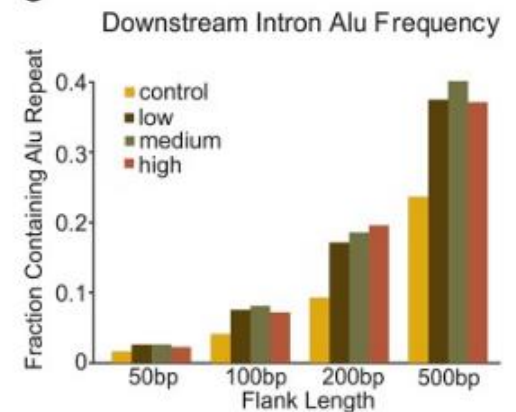
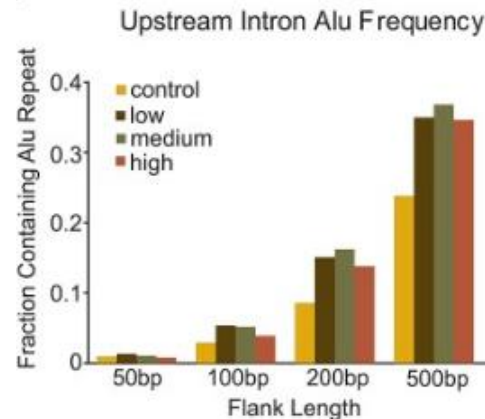
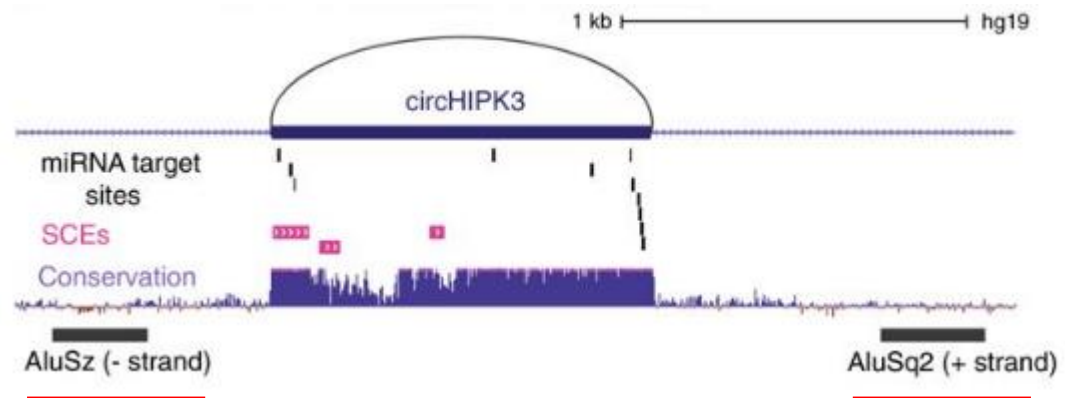
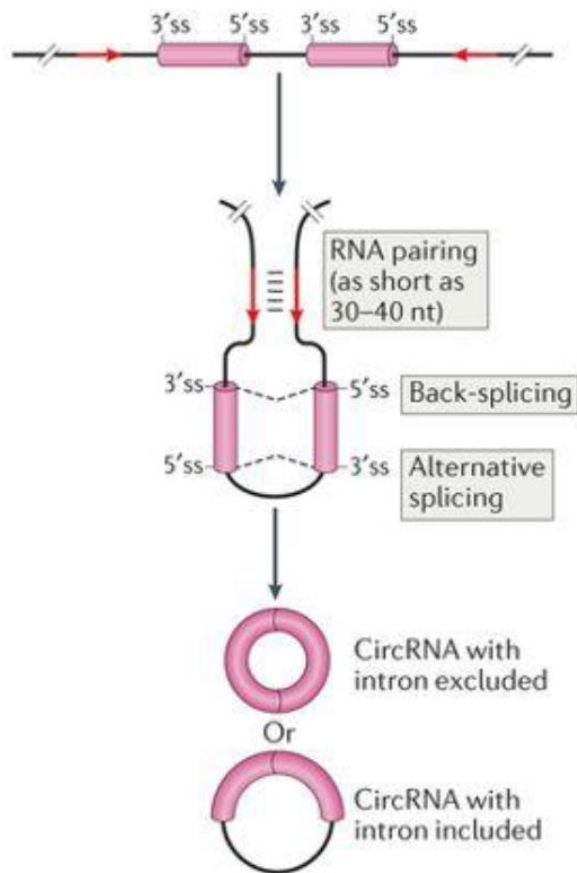
Internal splicing in the lariat containing exons

BACKSPICING

Regulation of circRNA Biogenesis by cis Elements

RNA pairing facilitates backsplicing

RNA pairs derive from repetitive elements:
ALU

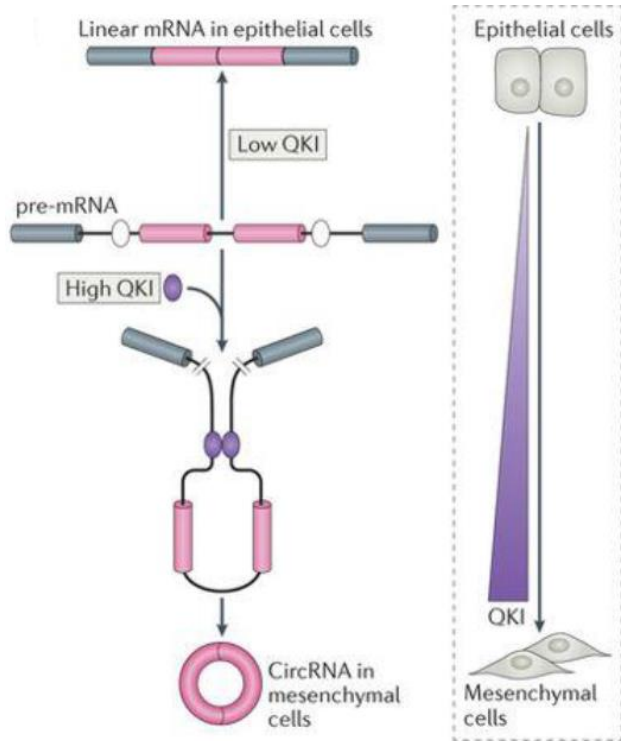


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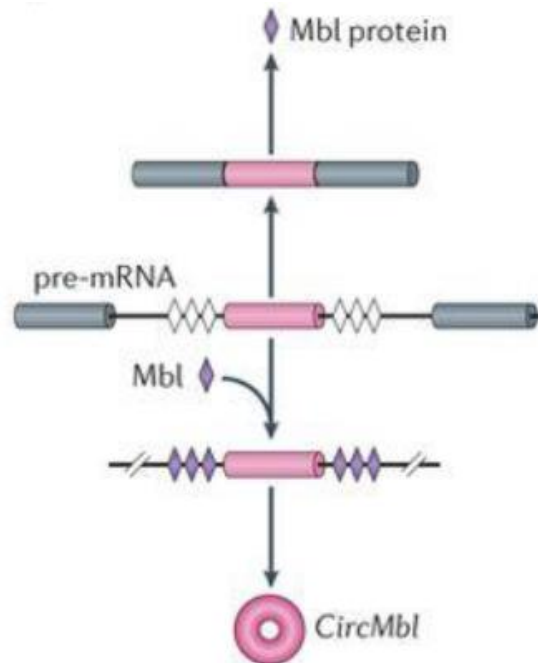
Regulation of circRNA Biogenesis by RBPs

RBPs can facilitate or inhibit backsplicing

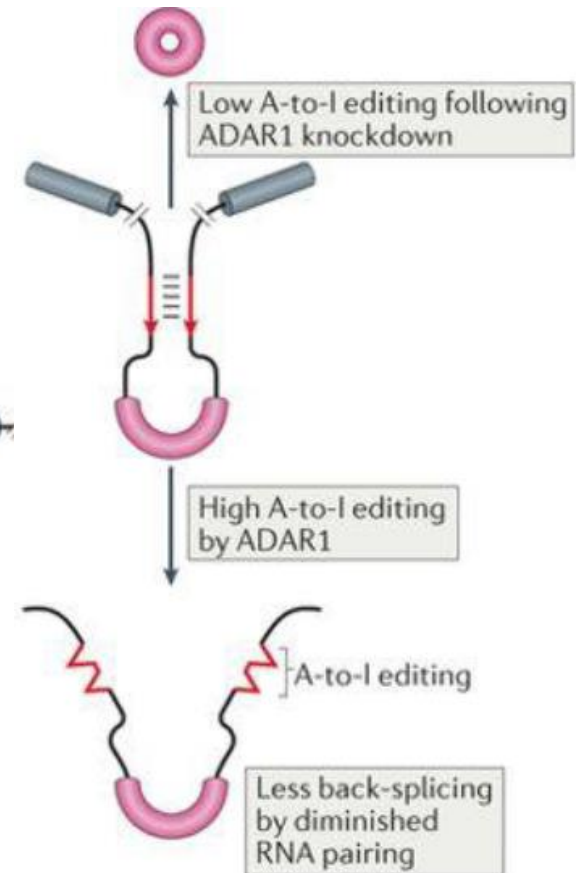
QKI, FUS, hnRNPL



MBL

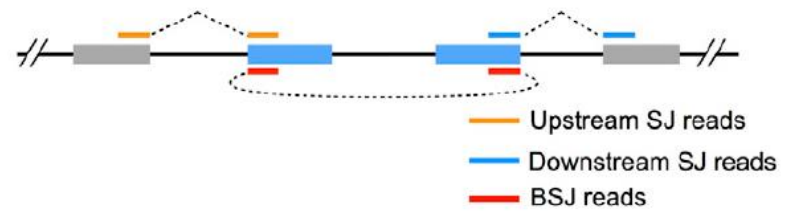
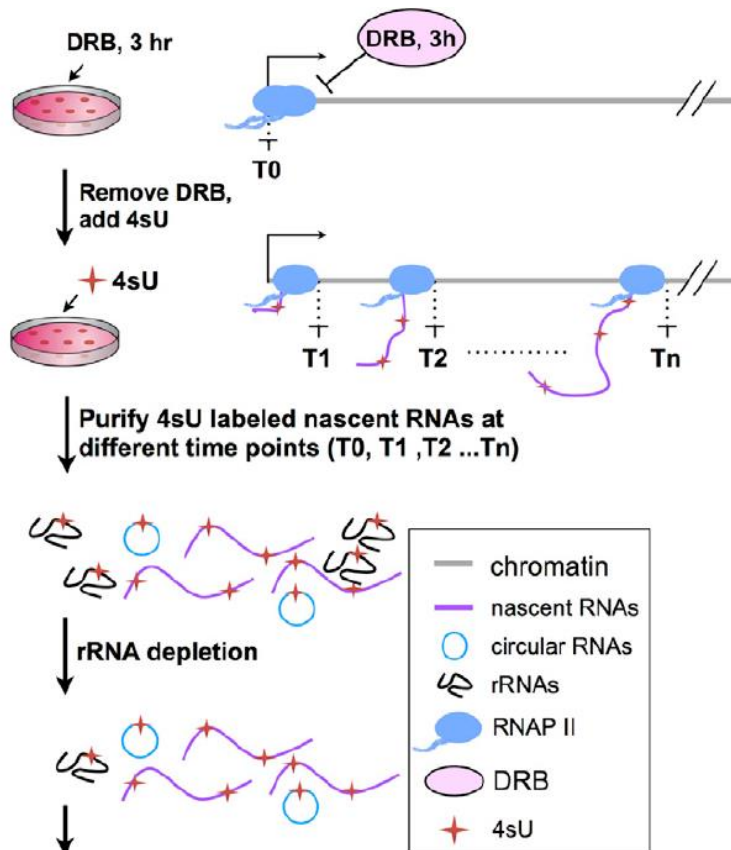


ADAR1



circRNA TURNOVER

Measuring nascent circRNA

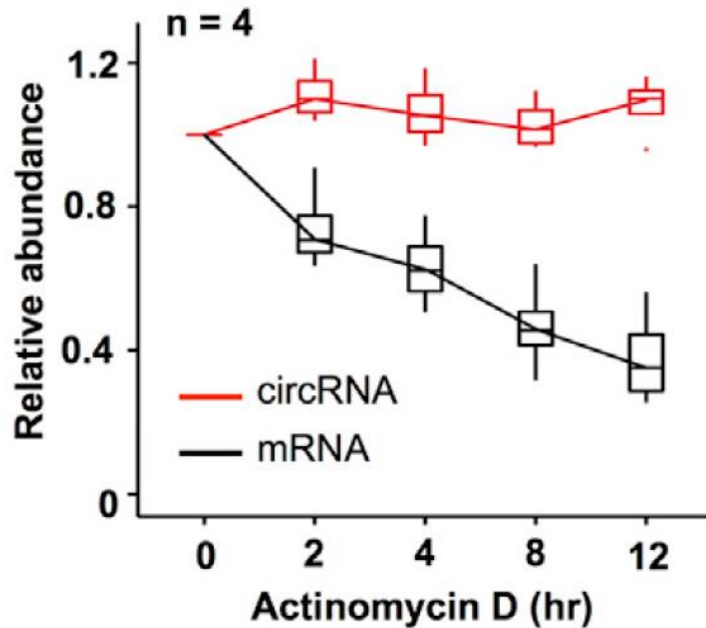


4sU tagging time	Total SJ reads	Total upstream SJ reads	Total BSJ reads	Total downstream SJ reads	4sU-labeled circRNAs	Host genes
0 min	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
10 min	471,029	253	22	331	11	11
15 min	519,319	368	15	294	10	10
30 min	1,265,638	2,064	130	2,267	106	101
60 min	4,354,945	16,938	319	20,353	255	239
120 min	11,606,719	111,865	913	120,368	641	534
4 hr	35,541,526	802,959	3,426	932,150	1,837	1,304
16 hr	61,414,247	3,182,197	19,023	3,590,635	7,156	3,141

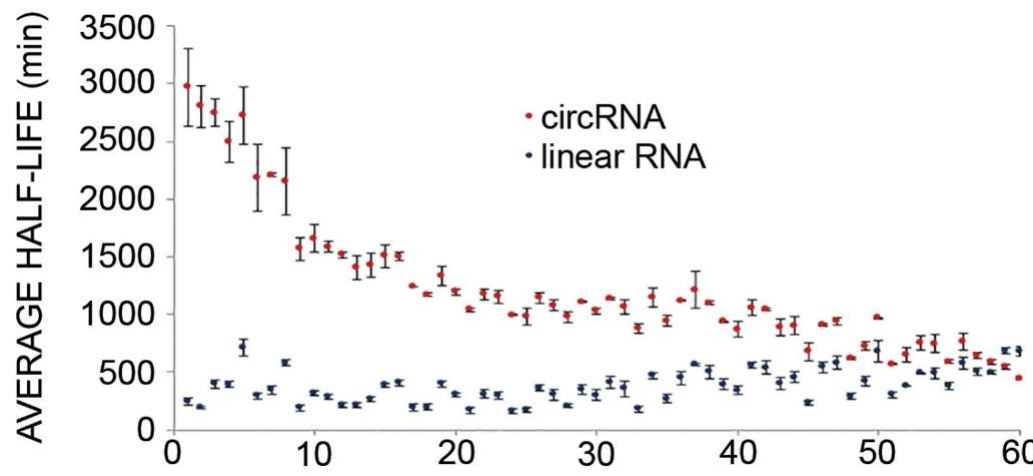
Backsplicing is low efficient and largely occurs post transcriptionally

circRNA TURNOVER

circRNAs are more stable than mRNAs



In cells with a slow division rate, like neurons, highly expressed circRNAs are the dominant RNA isoforms produced from some genes

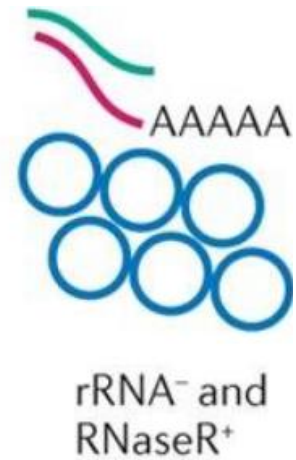
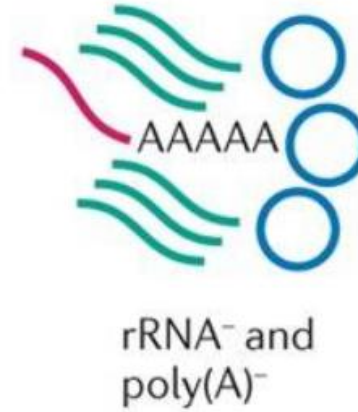
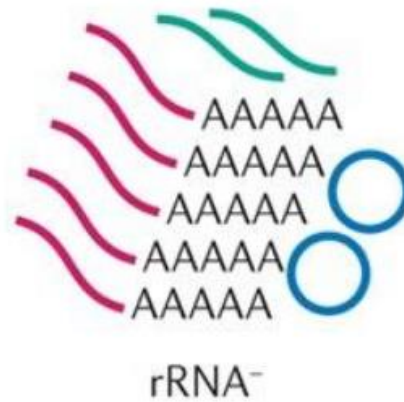
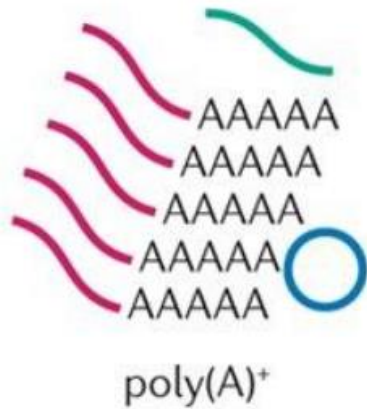


circRNA Half-life: 18.8-23.7h

mRNA Half-life: 4.0-7.4h

circRNA Detection

RNA sequencing



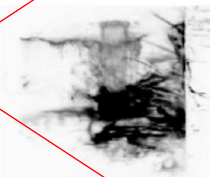
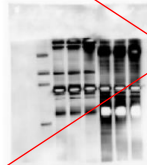
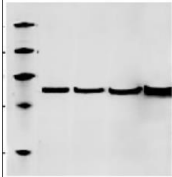
circRNA Detection

Bioinformatic tools for circRNA detection

Tool	Version	Language	Mapper	<i>De novo</i> ?	URL
ACFS	2.1	Perl	Bwa	Yes	https://github.com/arthuryst/acfs
CIRCexplorer	1.0.6	Python	Tophat	No	https://github.com/YangLab/CIRCexplorer
CIRCexplorer2	2.0.1	Python	Tophat	Yes	https://github.com/YangLab/CIRCexplorer2
circRNA_finder	N/A	Perl	STAR	Default	https://github.com/orzechoj/circRNA_finder
CIRI	1.2	Perl	Bwa	Default	https://sourceforge.net/projects/ciri/files
CIRI2	2.0.6	Perl	Bwa	Default	https://sourceforge.net/projects/ciri/files/CIRI2/
DCC	0.4.4	Python	STAR	Default	https://github.com/dieterich-lab/DCC
Find_circ	N/A	Python	Bowtie2	Default	http://www.circbase.org/
KNIFE	1.4	Python/Perl/R	Bowtie2	Yes	https://github.com/lindaszabo/KNIFE
Mapsplice	2.1.8	Python	Tophat	No	http://www.netlab.uky.edu/p/bioinfo/MapSplice2
Uroborus	0.1.2	Perl	Tophat	No	https://github.com/WGLab/UROBORUS

circRNA Validation

THERE ARE THREE
KINDS OF WESTERNS...

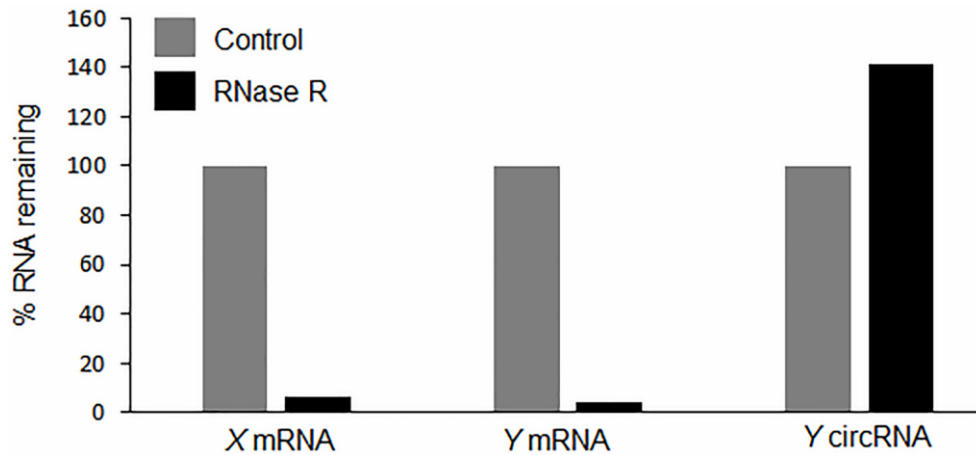
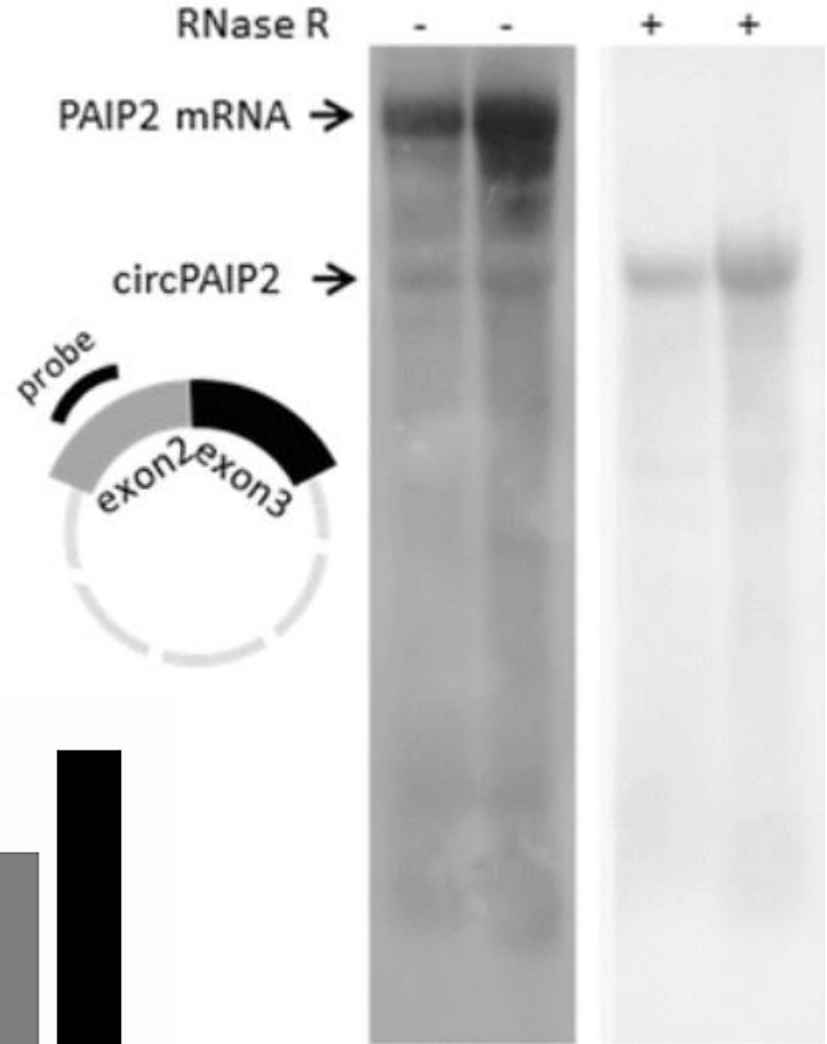


THE GOOD

THE BAD

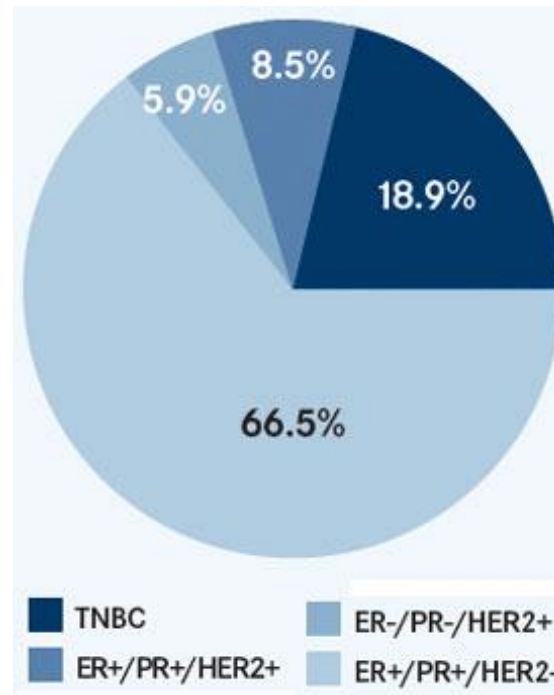
AND THE UGLY

circRNAs can be detected by
RNaseR treatment or Northern
Blot





Breast Cancer



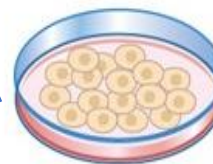
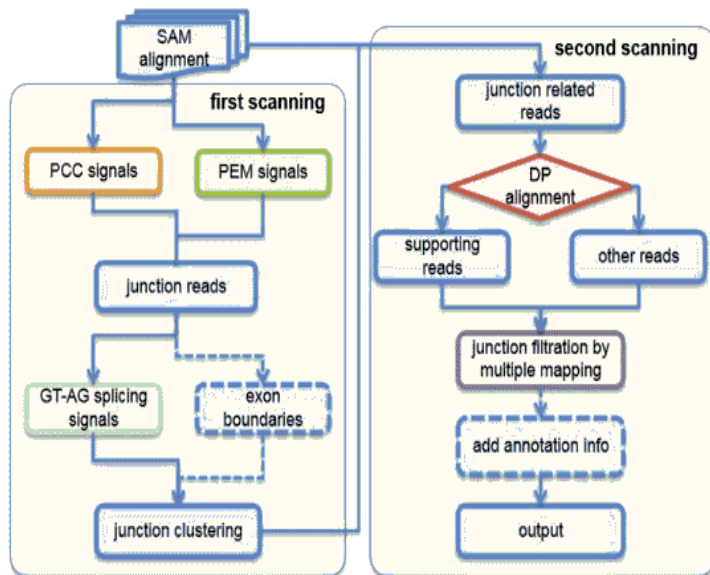
Deep characterization of circRNAs in the most spread subtype of Breast Cancer, the luminal subtype. Elucidate some aspects regarding detection, and biogenesis of circRNAs in cancer

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

12 RNA-Seq PolyA- in MCF-7



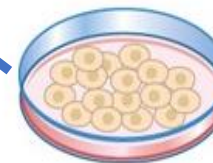
CIRI ALGORITHM



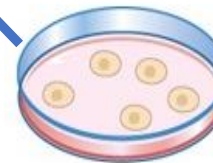
siRNA Ctr + Full Medium



siRNA Ctr + Hormone Deprived



siRNA Ctr + E2 stimulation



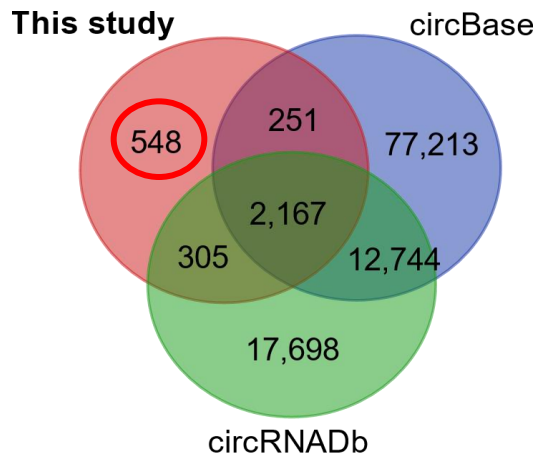
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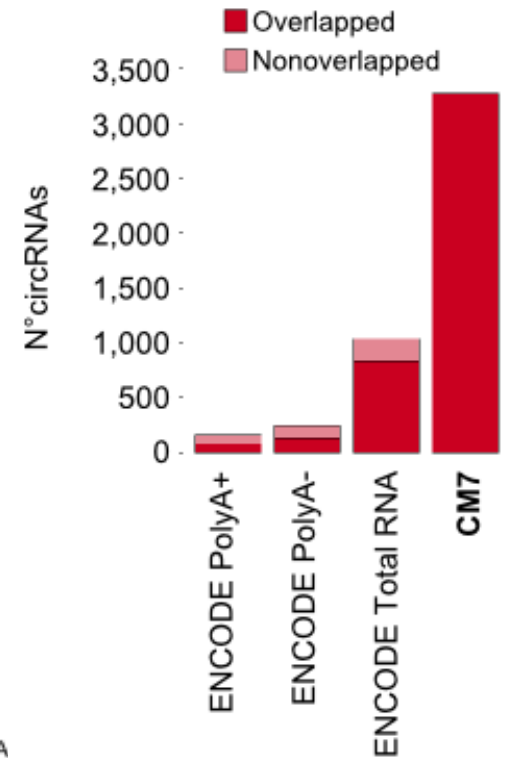
**3,271
circRNAs
CM7**

DETECTION

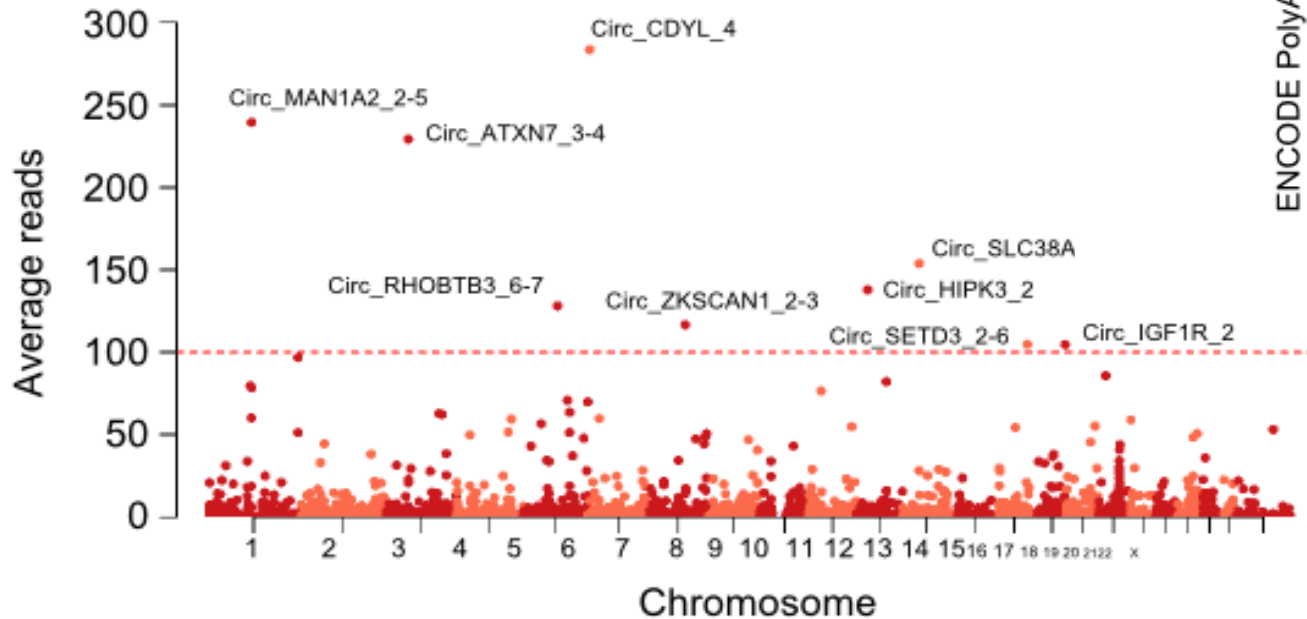
Overlap with public circRNA annotations



Overlap with public MCF-7 datasets

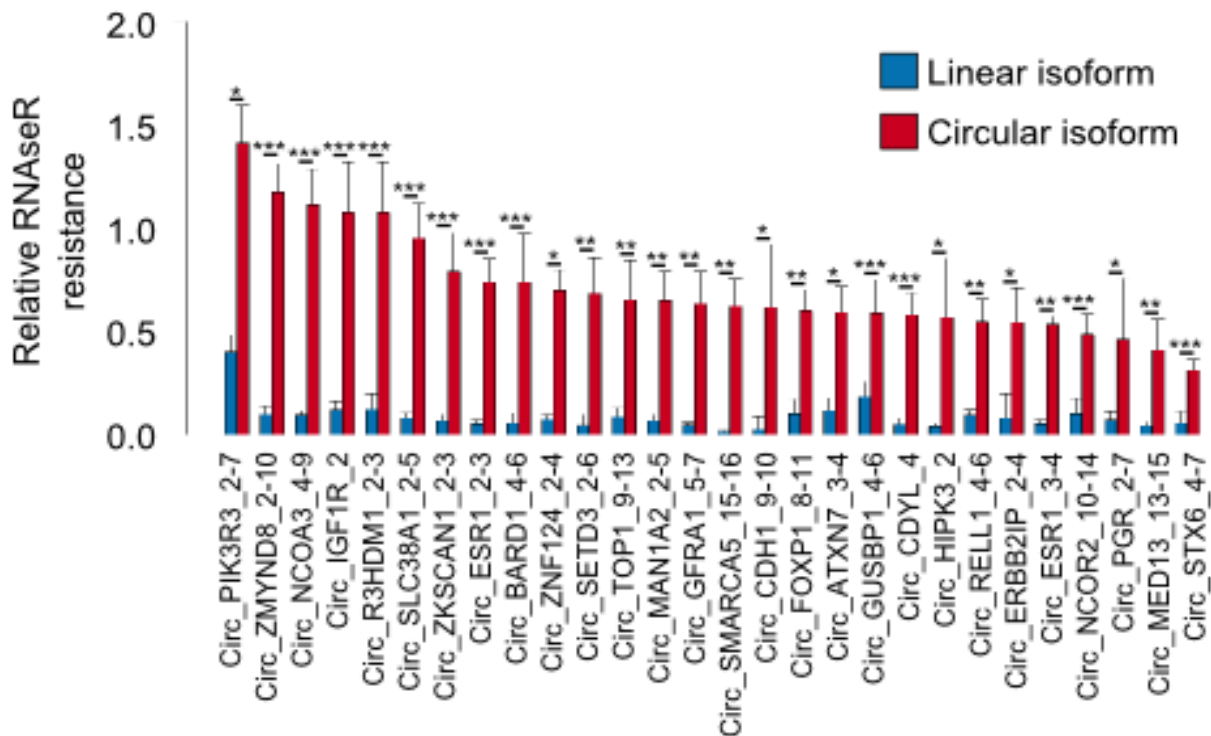


CM7 expression

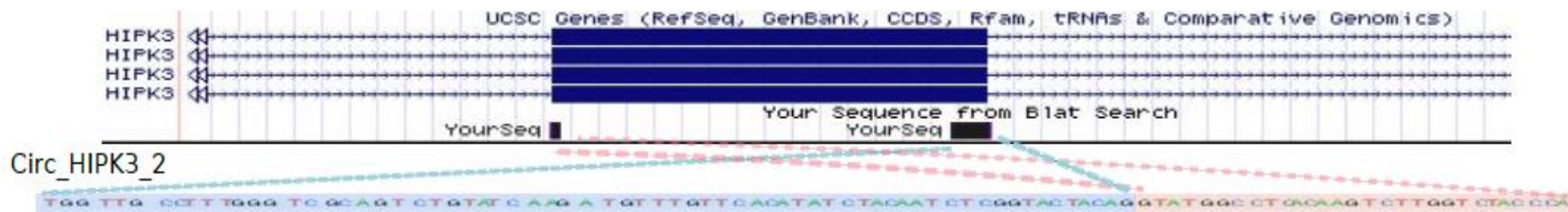


VALIDATION

RNAseR Treatment

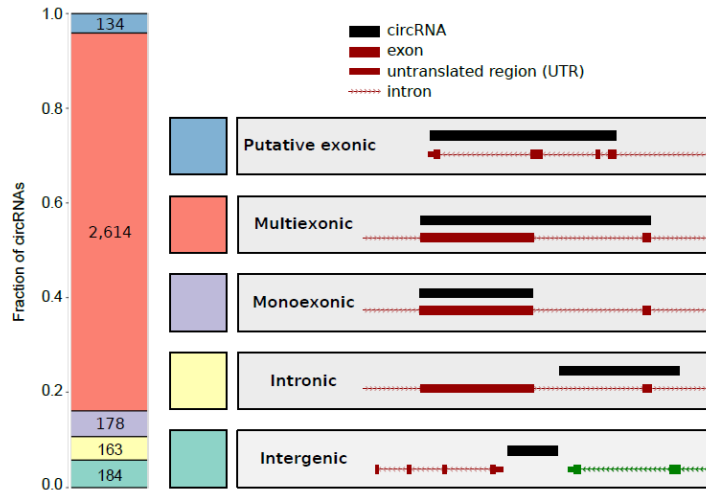


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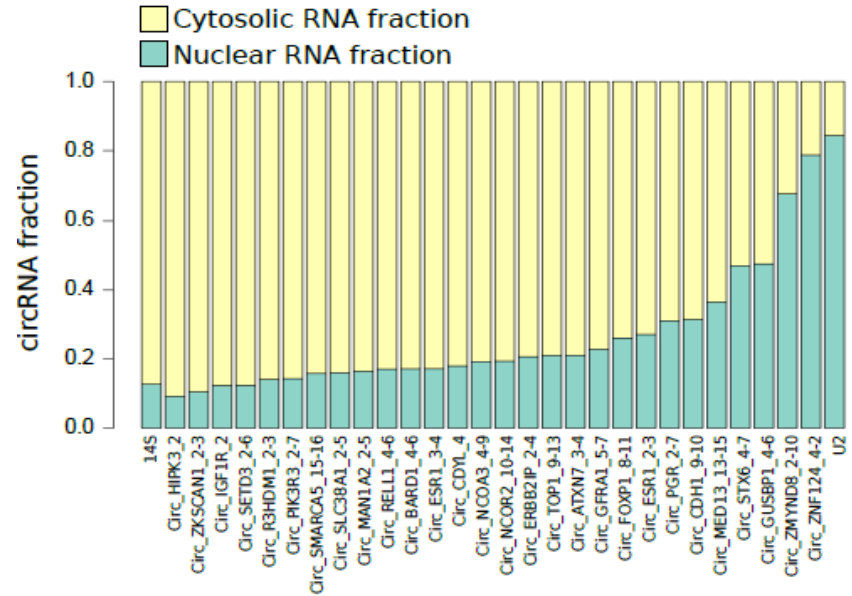


GENOMIC CHARACTERISATION

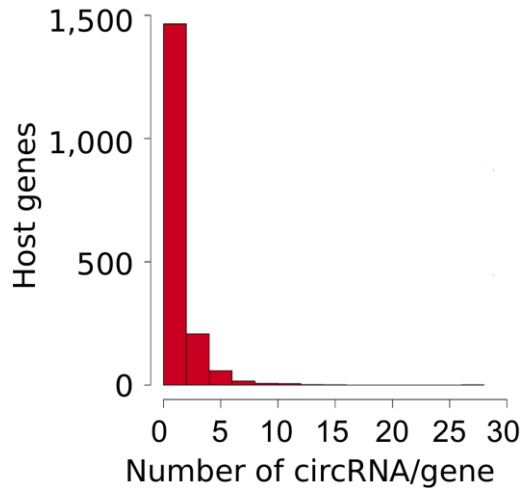
circRNA Classification



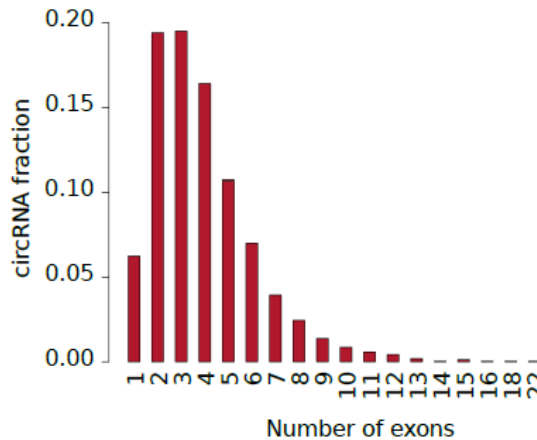
Cell Fractioning



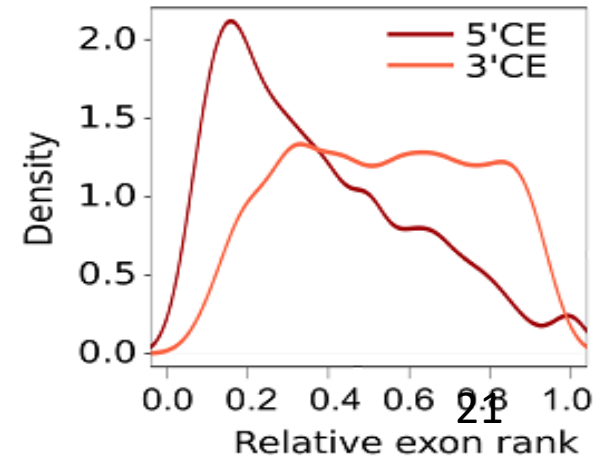
CircRNAs per Gene



Circularizing Exons

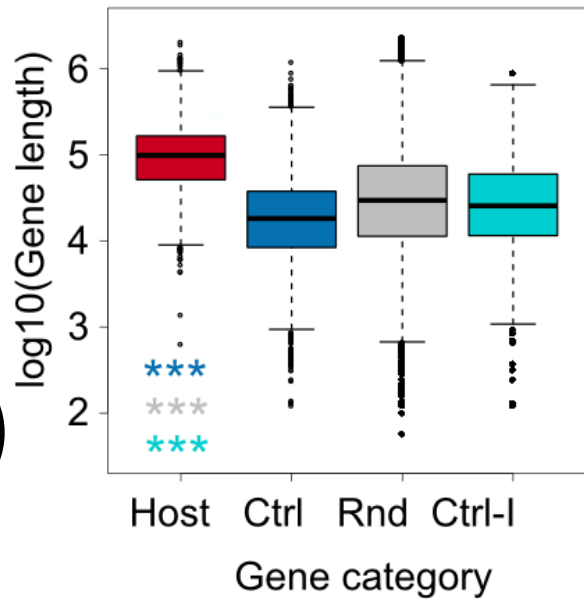


Exon distribution

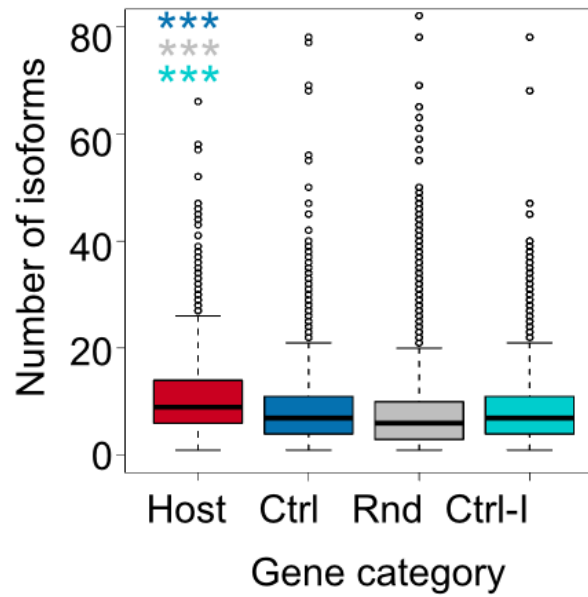


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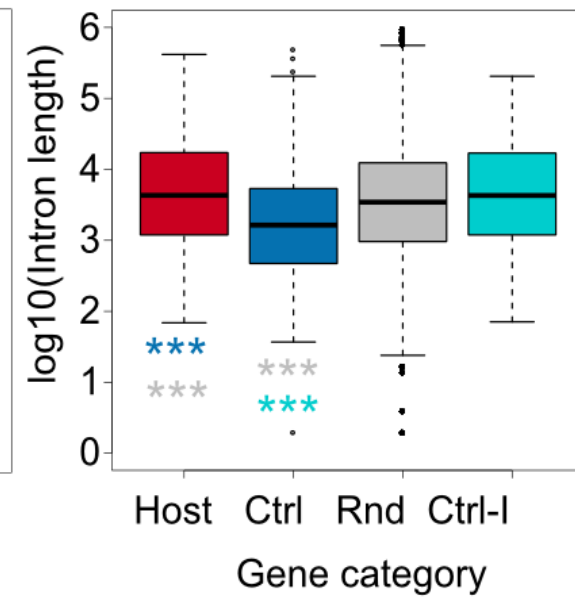
Gene length



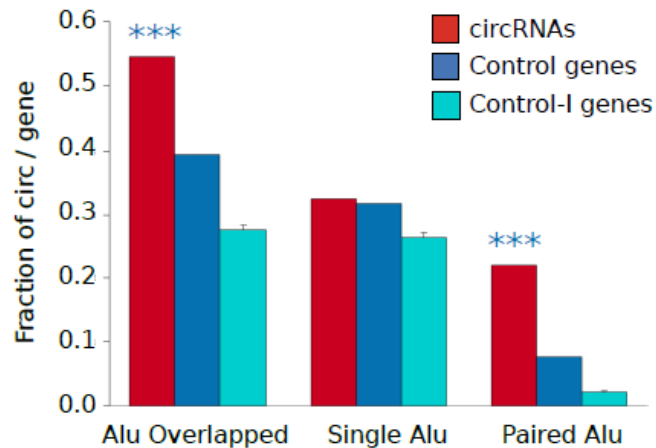
N^o of isoforms



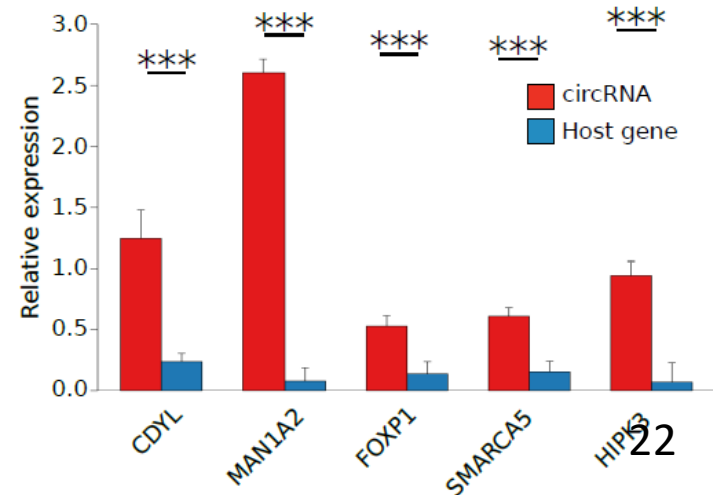
Intron length



ALU Repeats

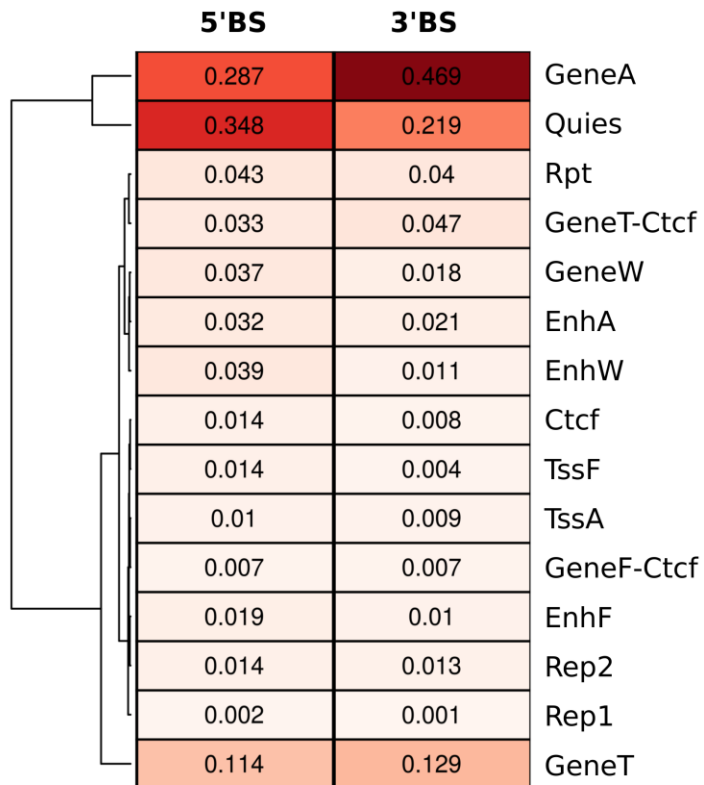



Top5 circRNA Expression



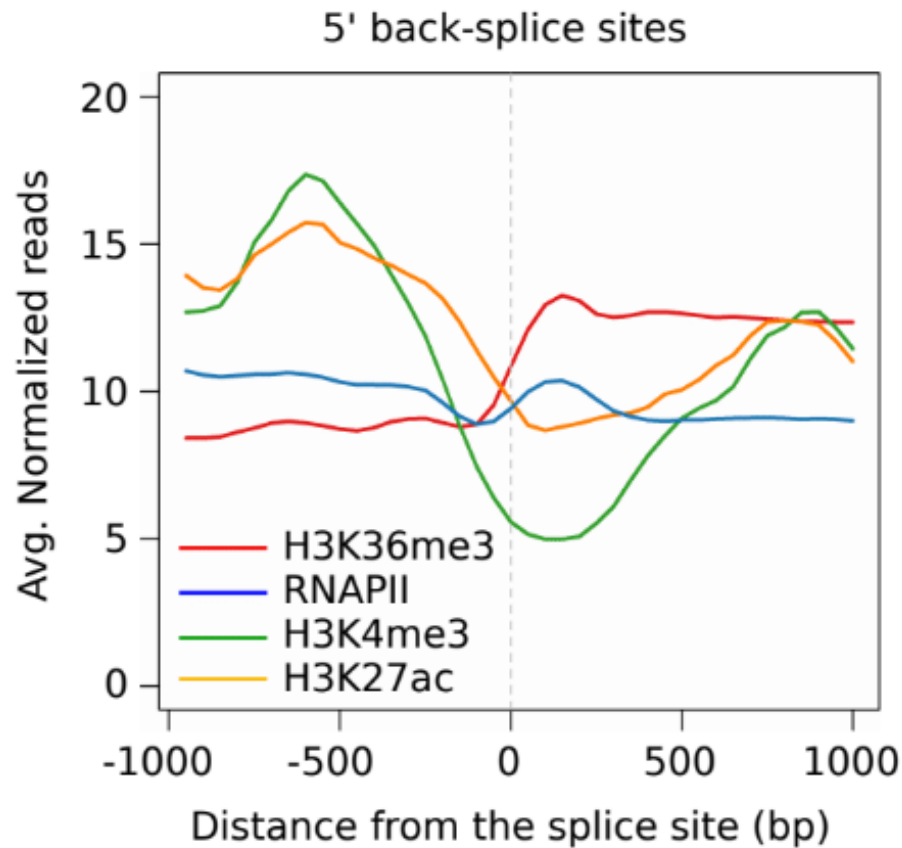
circRNA BIOGENESIS

Chromatin States Overlap

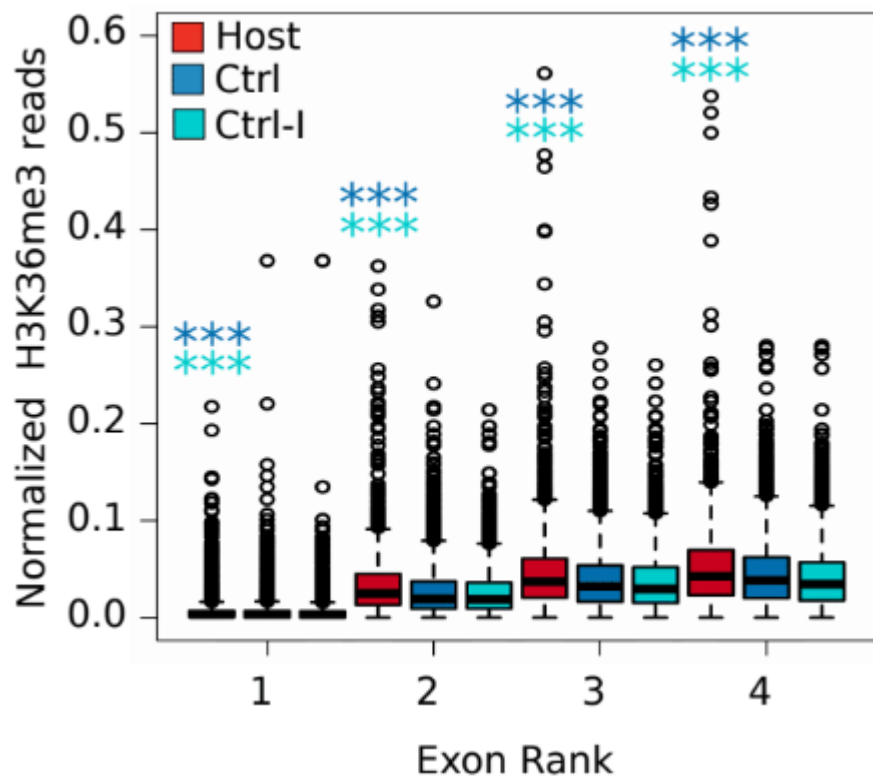
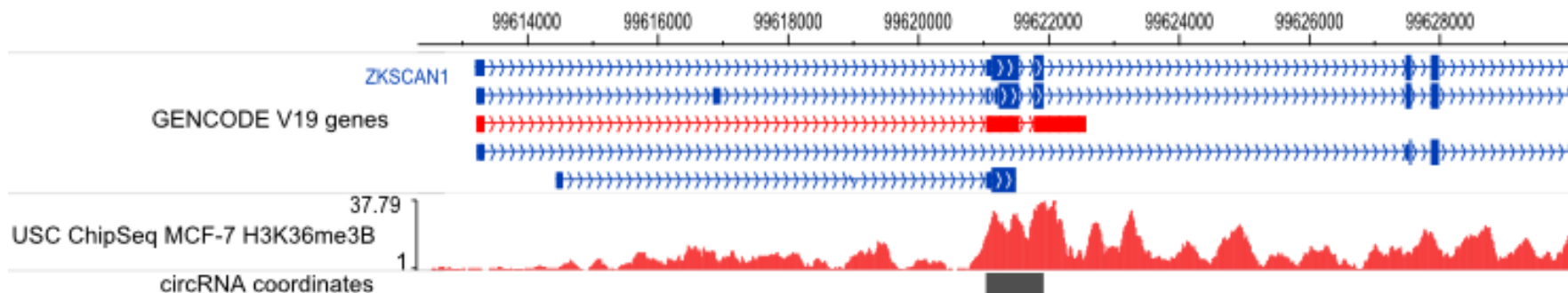


circRNA fraction
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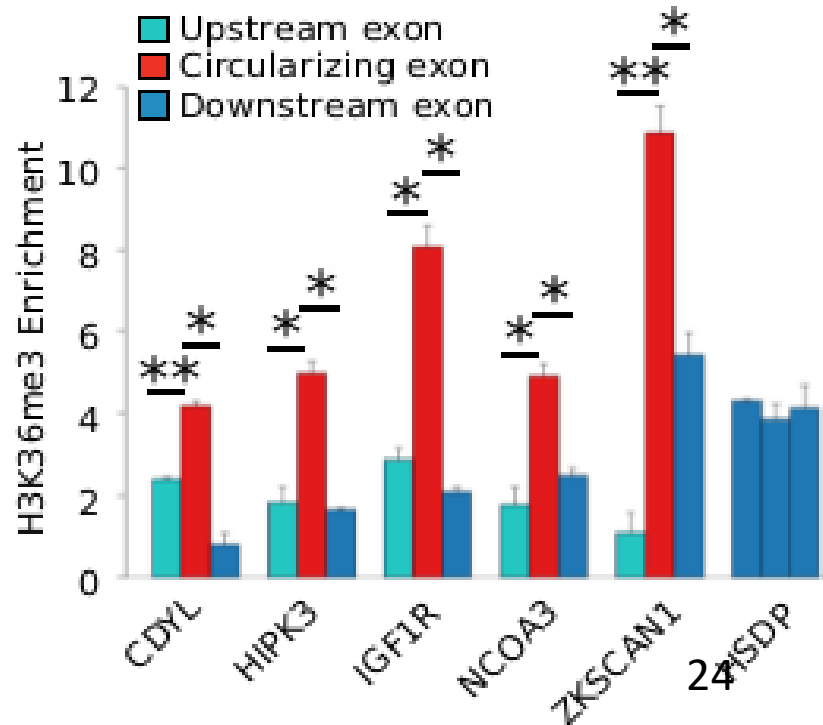
Histone Modification Analysis



Circularizing exons have H3K36me3 enrichment



ChIP validation



Regulation of Alternative Splicing by Histone Modifications

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Olivia M. Pereira-Smith,³ Tom Misteli^{1*}

Alternative splicing of pre-mRNA is a prominent mechanism to generate protein diversity, yet its regulation is poorly understood. We demonstrated a direct role for histone modifications in alternative splicing. We found distinctive histone modification signatures that correlate with the splicing outcome in a set of human genes, and modulation of histone modifications causes splice site switching. Histone marks affect splicing outcome by influencing the recruitment of splicing regulators via a chromatin-binding protein. These results outline an adaptor system for the reading of histone marks by the pre-mRNA splicing machinery.

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Differential splicing of FGFR2 depends on the PTB regulator, which binds to a splicing silencer around exon IIIb and represses its inclusion

FGFR2 pre-mRNA tissue-specific exon IIIb / IIIc alternative splicing was studied in **PNT2** (prostate normal epithelium) and in **hMSC** (human mesenchymal stem) cells.

The level of H3K36 trimethylation was assessed by ChIP-qPCR along the gene in these cells. Cell-specific over-representation in hMSC was observed around exons/introns interested by alternative splicing:

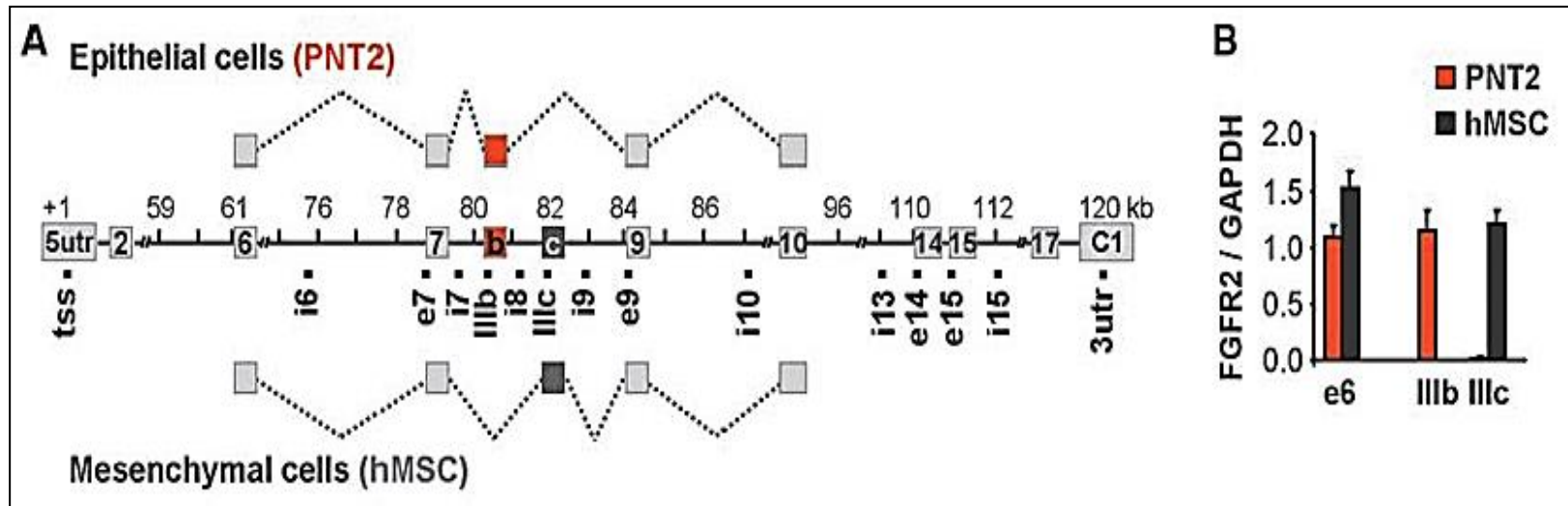


Fig. 1. Splicing-specific histone modifications. (A) Schematic representation of the human FGFR2 gene. Exon IIIb (red) is included in PNT2 epithelial cells, exon IIIc (black) is included in hMSCs. Square dots indicate oligonucleotide pairs used in analysis. (B) Levels of FGFR2 **exon inclusion** relative to GAPDH in PNT2 (red) or hMSCs (black) determined by quantitative polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

Is there any special histone PTMs at these exons ?

- Chromatin Immunoprecipitation using Antibodies against PTMs
- PCR analysis of single sites as in Figure 1

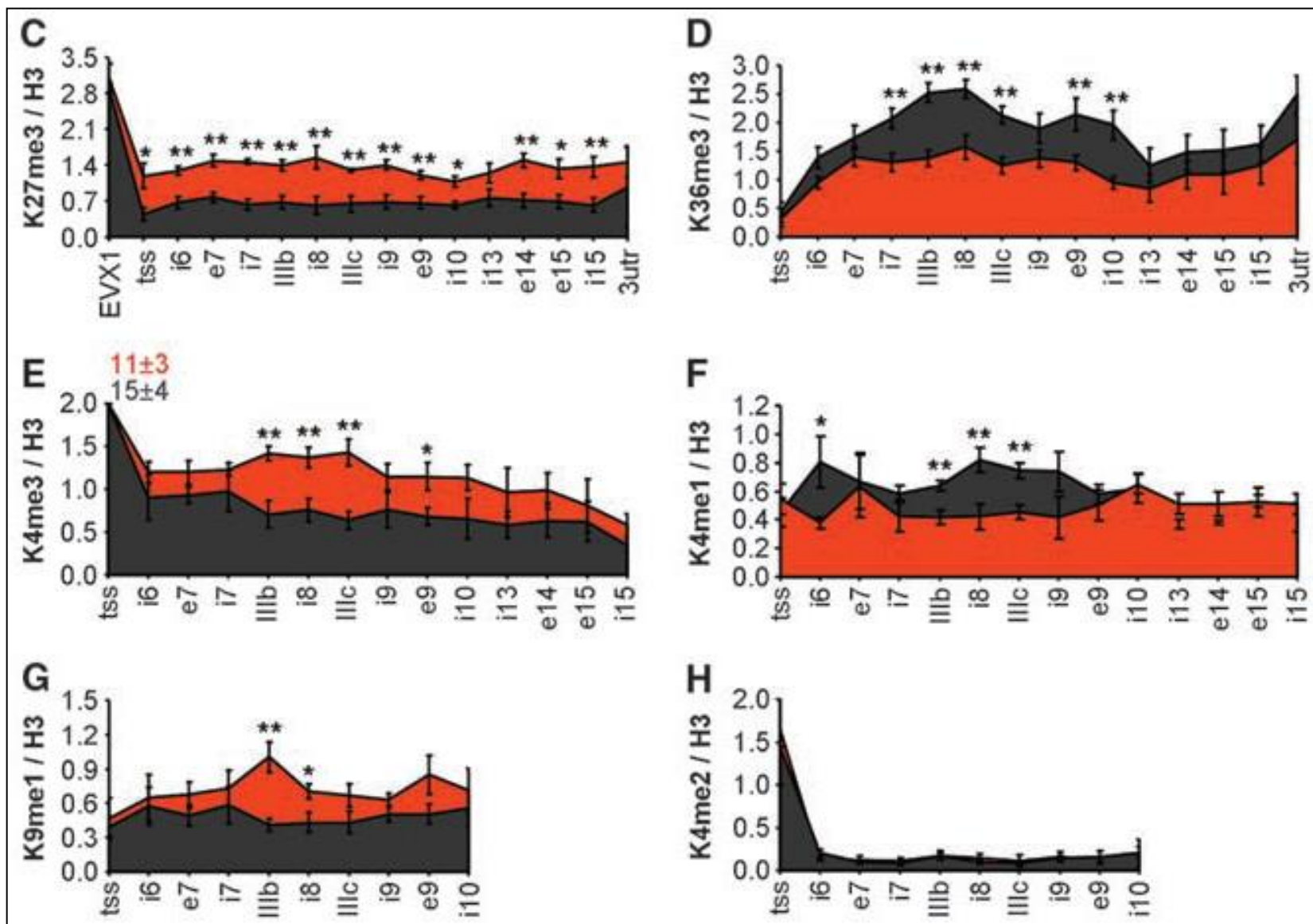

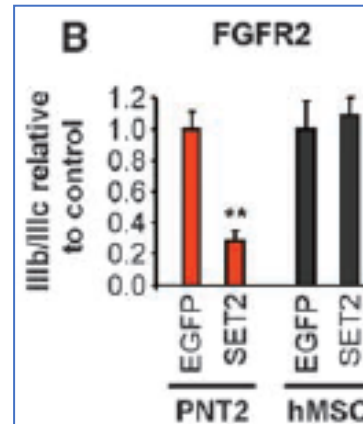


Fig. 1 - (C to H) Mapping of H3-K27me3 (C), H3-K36me3 (D), H3-K4me3 (E), H3-K4me1 (F), H3-K9me1 (G), and H3-K4me2 (H) in FGFR2 in **PNT2 (red)** and **hMSC (black)** cells by **quantitative ChIP**.  The percentage of input was normalized to unmodified H3. Values represent means \pm SEM from four to six independent experiments. *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, Student's t test.

The HMT specific to H3K36 is SET2.

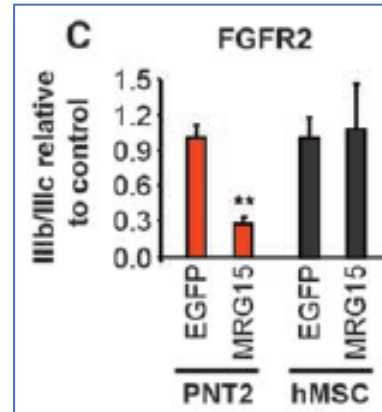
When SET2 is overexpressed in epithelial cells, IIIb/IIIc ratio falls by 75%:



SET2 overexpression

H3K36(me3) is recognized by the bromodomain protein MRG15 (reader)

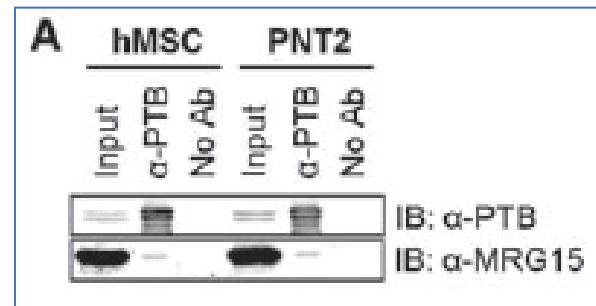
When MRG15 is overexpressed in epithelial cells, IIIb/IIIc ratio falls by 75%:



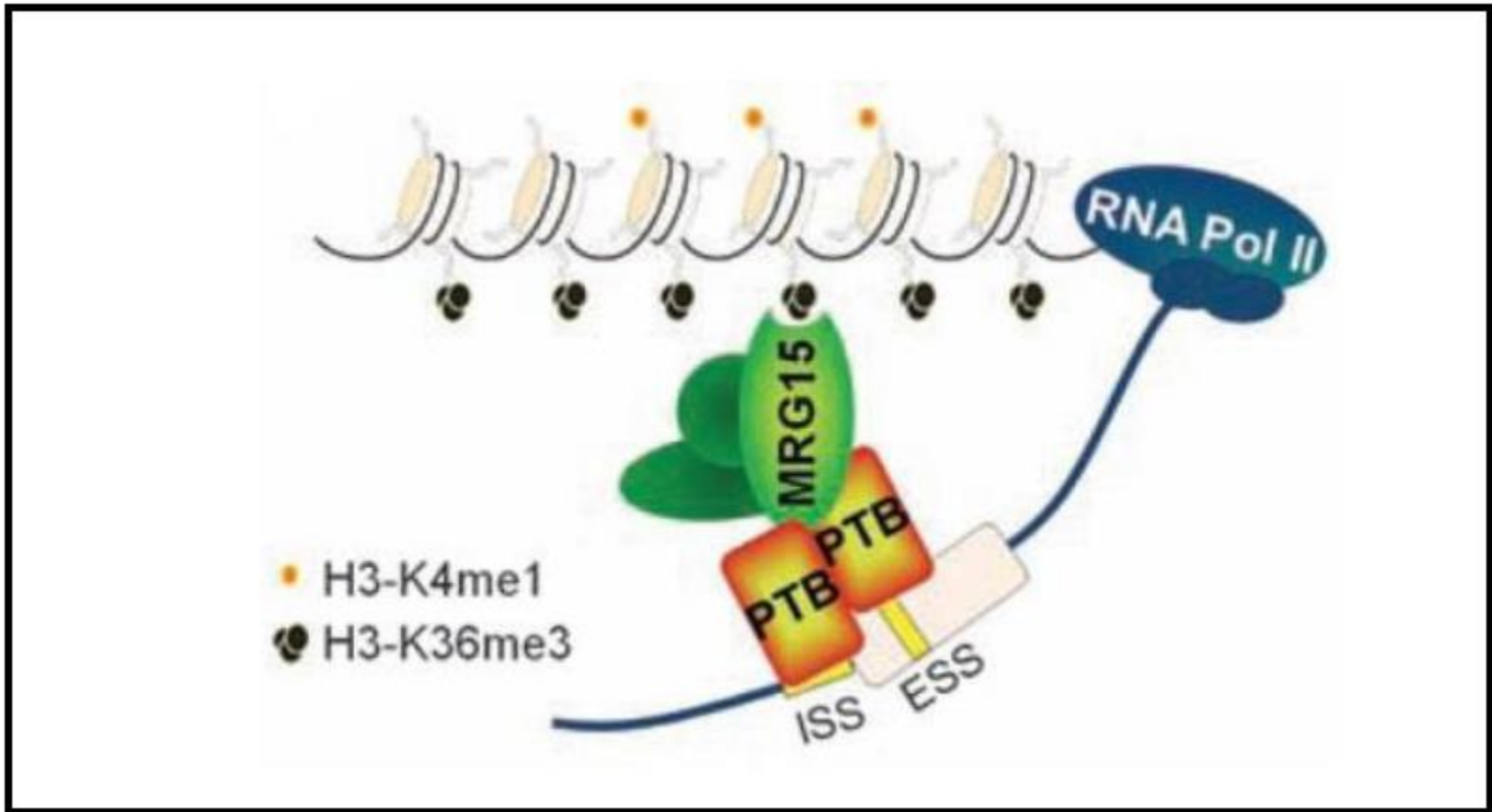
MRG15 overexpression

Exon IIIb has weak site for PTB.

MRG15 co-immunoprecipitates with the RNA binding protein PTB



Co-IP



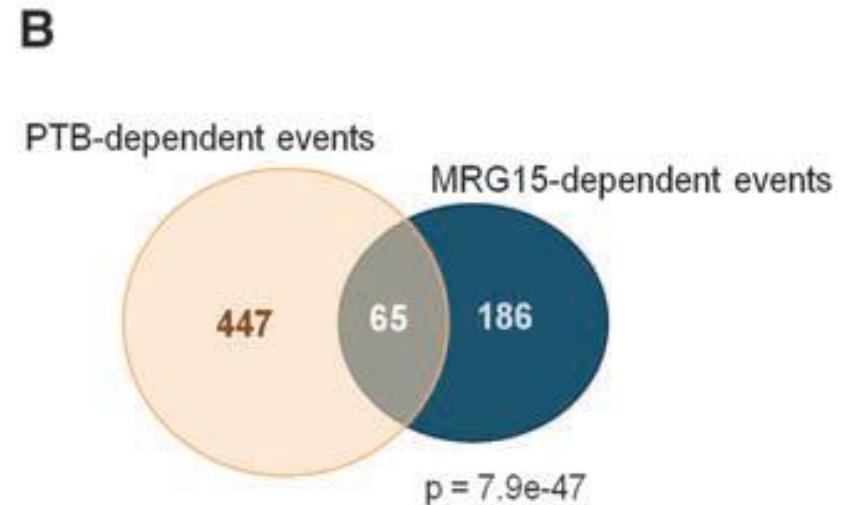
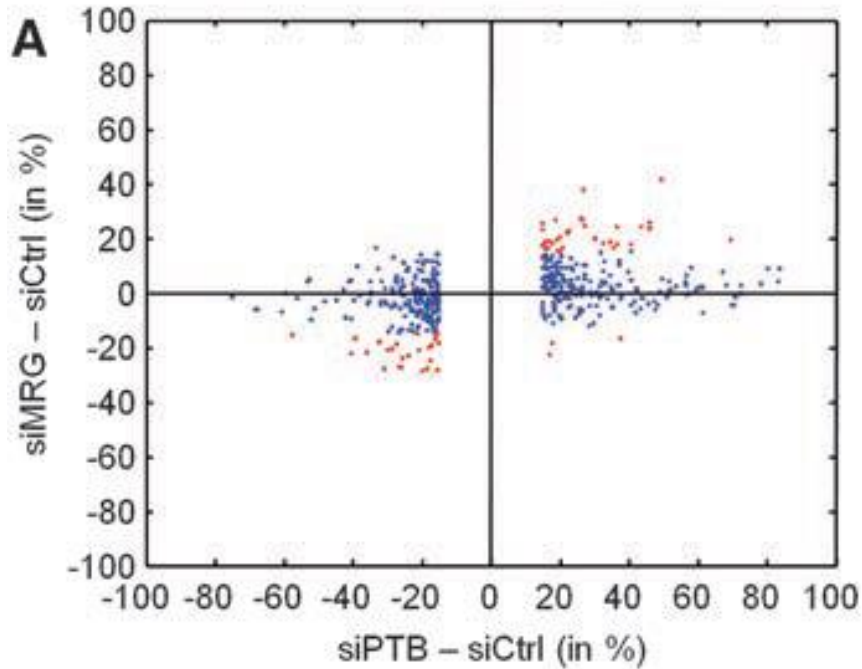
An adaptor system for reading histone marks by the splicing machinery, consisting of a histone mark signature, a chromatin-binding protein (MRG15), and a splicing regulator (PTB).

Luco et al, 2011

Are PTB and MRG15 effects limited to FGFR2 exons ?

siRNA-mediated down-regulation of either PTB or MRG

RNA-seq → splicing read mapped and quantitated for each AS event



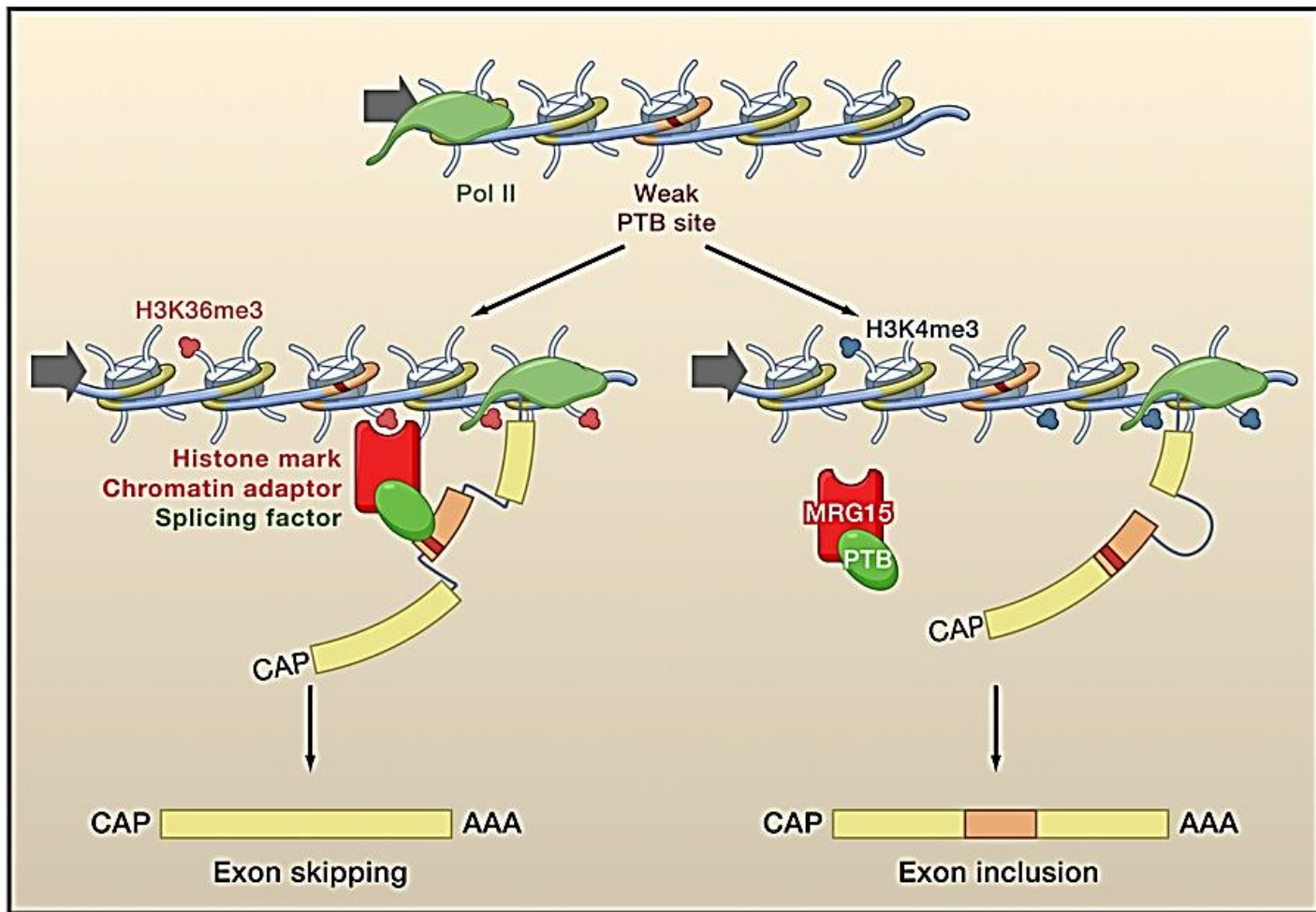


Figure 3. The Chromatin-Adaptor Model of Alternative Splicing. Histone modifications along the gene determine the binding of an adaptor protein that reads specific histone marks and in turn recruits splicing factors. In the case of exons whose alternative splicing is dependent on poly-pyrimidine tractbinding protein (PTB) splicing factor, high levels of trimethylated histone 3 lysine 36 (H3K36me3, red) attract the chromatin-binding factor MRG15 that acts as an adaptor protein and by protein-protein interaction helps to recruit PTB to its weaker binding site inducing exon skipping. If the PTBdependent gene is hypermethylated in H3K4me3 (blue), MRG15 does not accumulate along the gene, and PTB is not recruited to its target premRNA, thus favoring exon inclusion.

This is the first demonstration of a mechanistic link between chromatin and alternative splicing. Other protein-protein interaction between chromatin-competent proteins and RNA binding proteins is present in the literature, however no direct demonstration of a mechanism was given to date. Nonetheless, interactions suggest a possible functional role that should be worked out in the future.

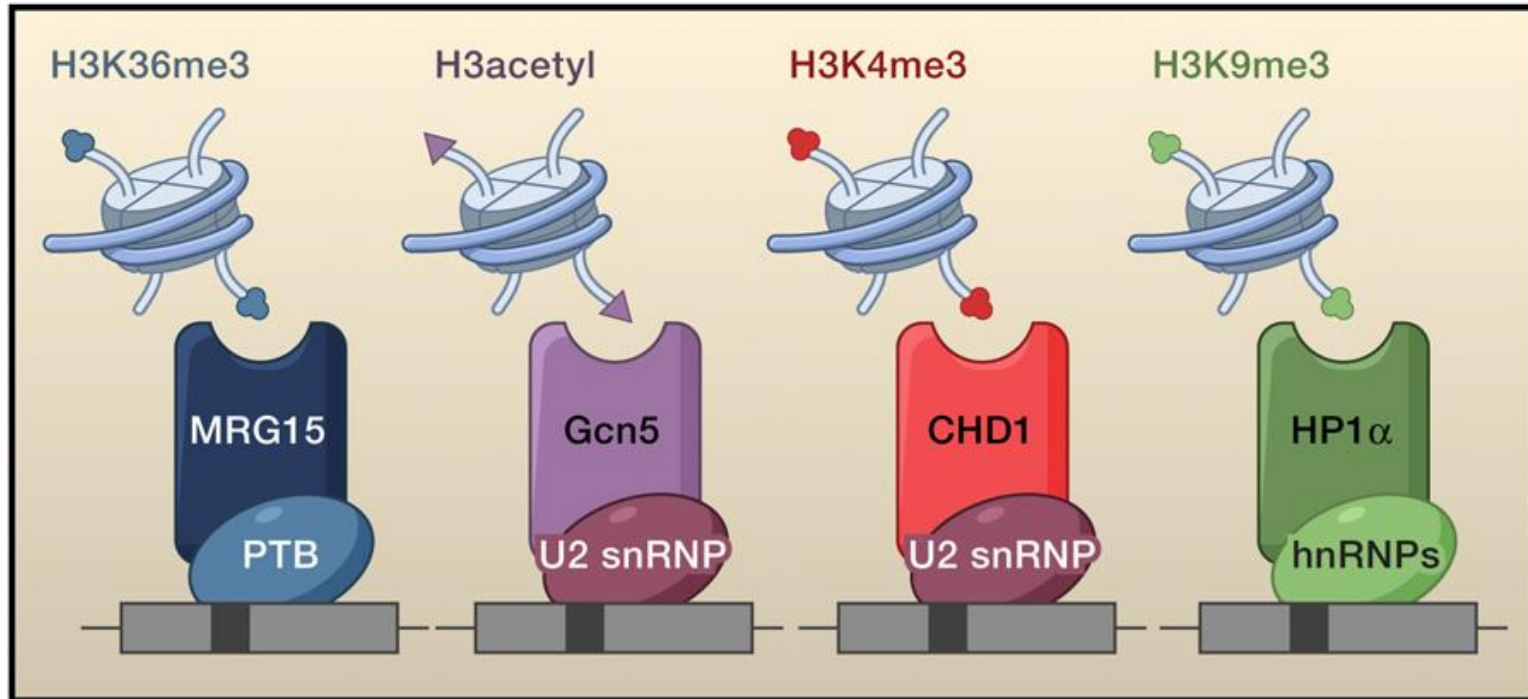


Figure 4. Chromatin-Adaptor Complexes

Several histone modification-binding chromatin proteins interact with splicing factors (Luco et al., 2010; Sims et al., 2007; Gunderson and Johnson, 2009; Piacentini et al., 2009; Loomis et al., 2009).

A model of epigenetic “memory” of alternative splicing in the cells

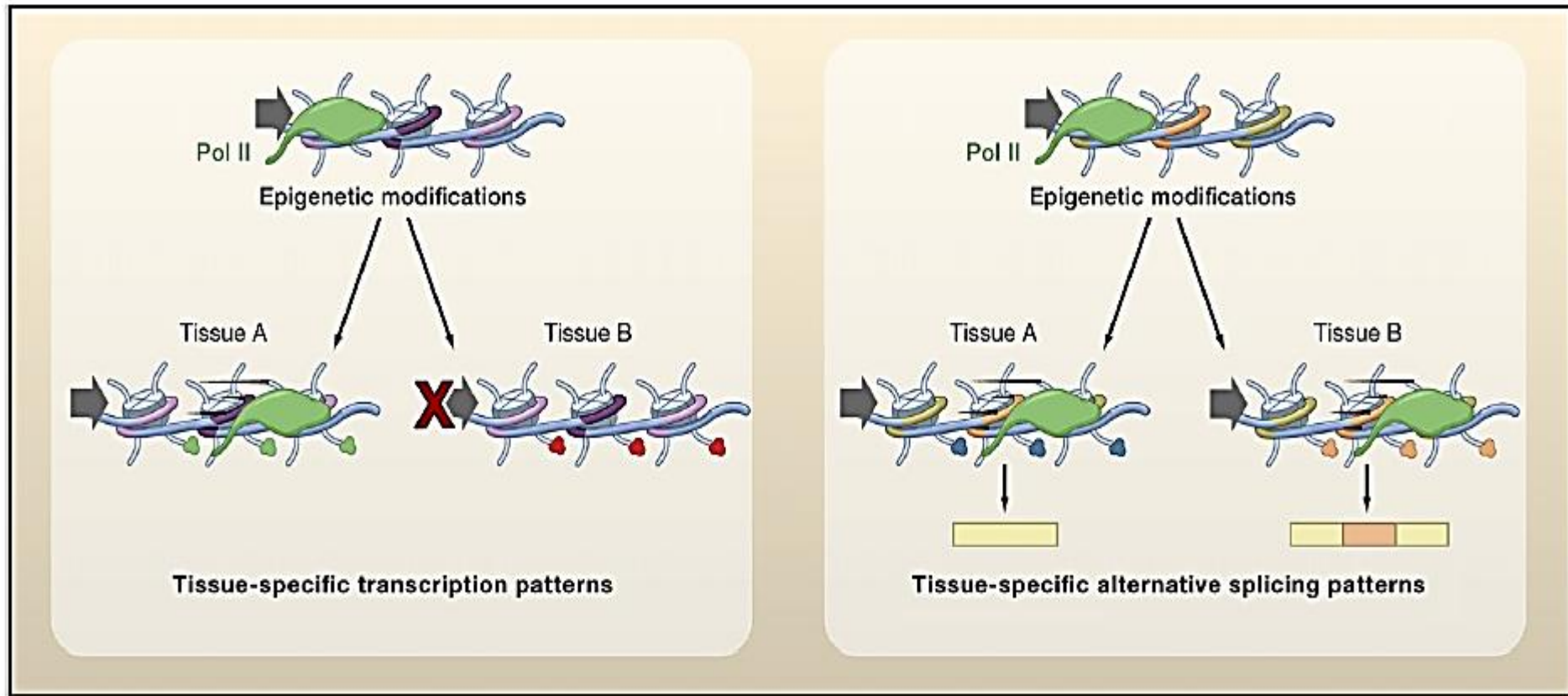
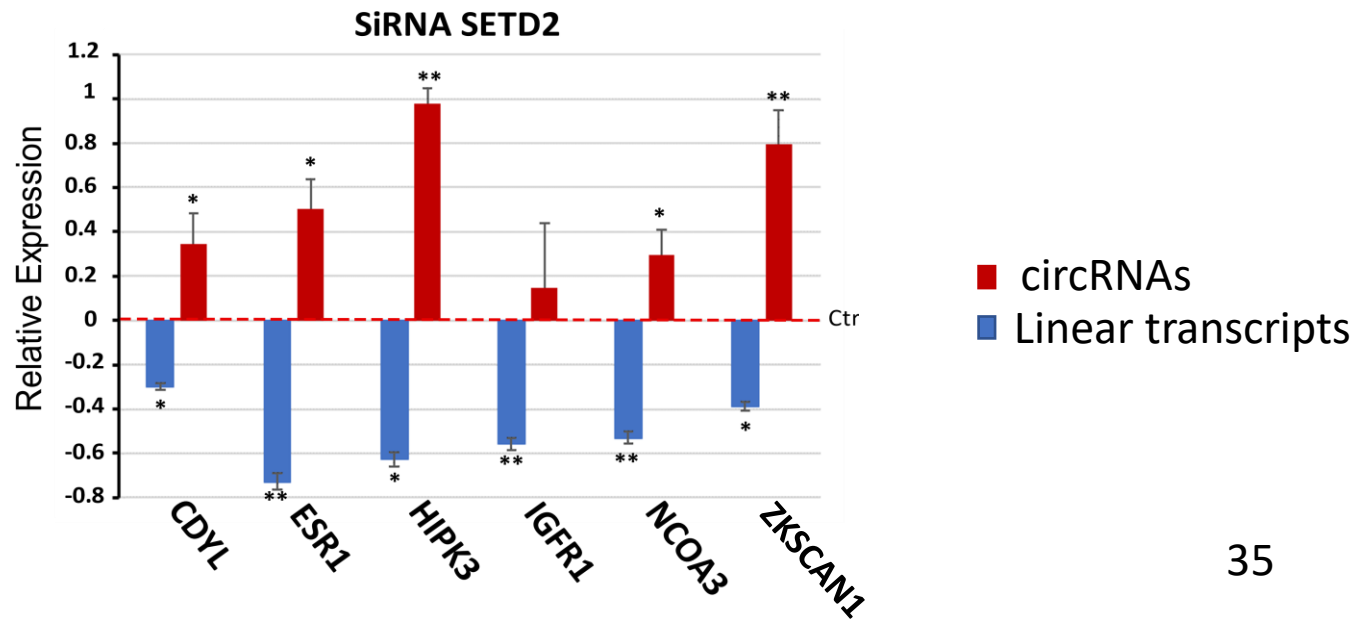
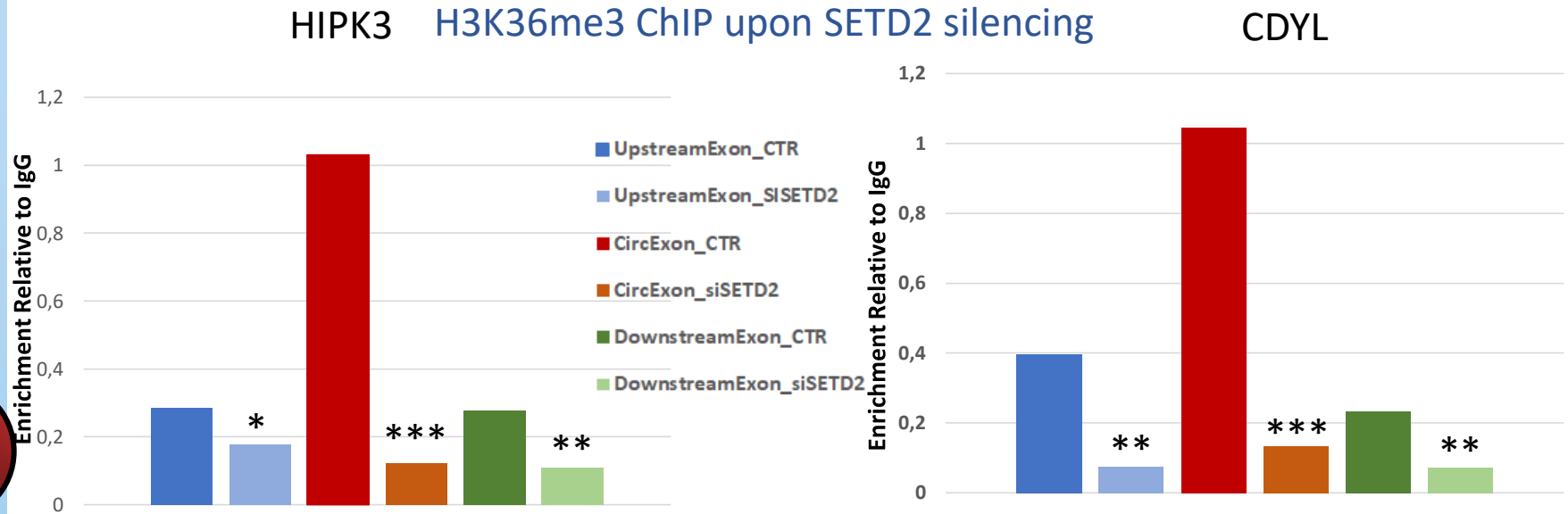


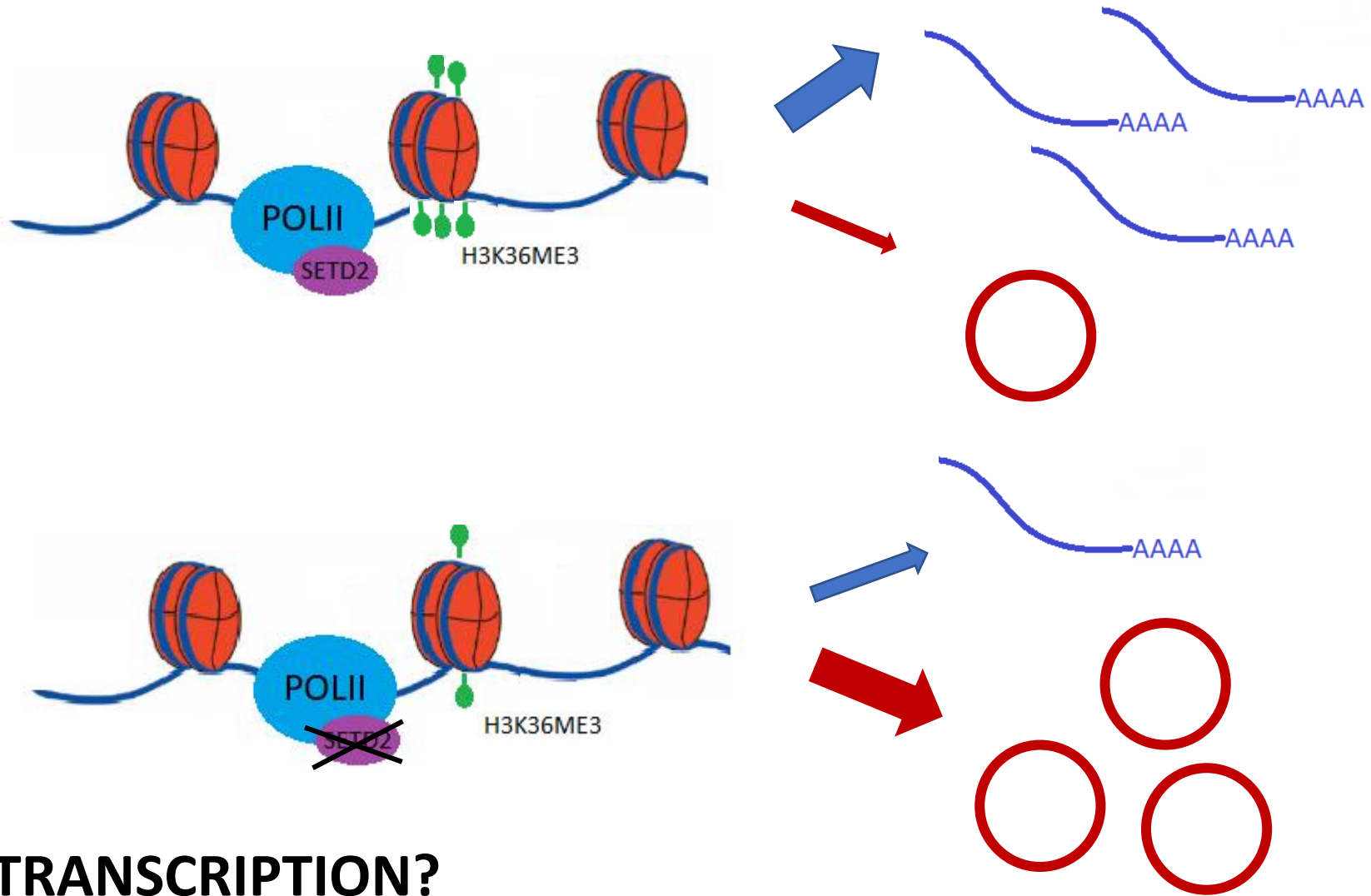
Figure 6. The Epigenetics of Alternative Splicing

The combination of histone modifications along a gene establishes and maintains tissue-specific transcription patterns (left panel), as well as heritable tissue-specific alternative splicing patterns (right panel).

SETD2 knockdown reduces H3k36me3 levels and increases circRNA expression



H3K36ME3 involved in circRNA biogenesis



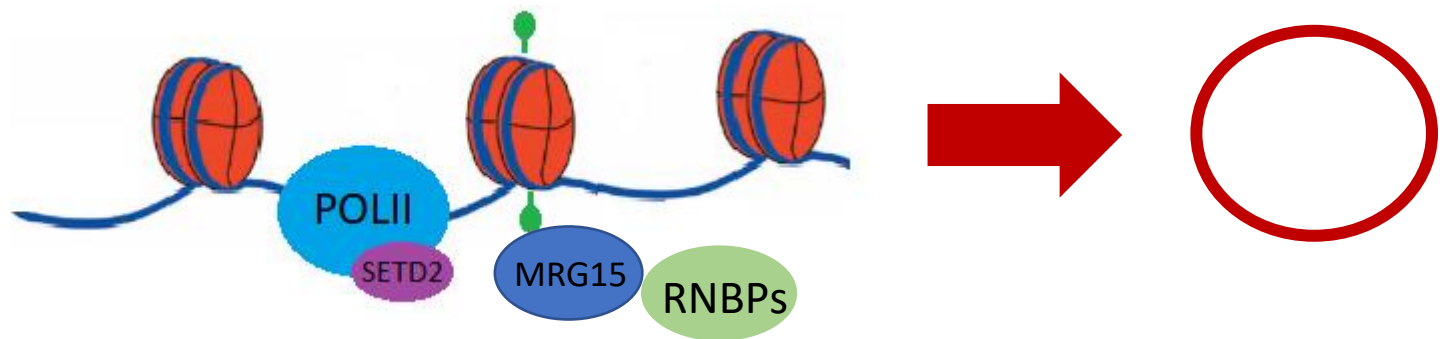
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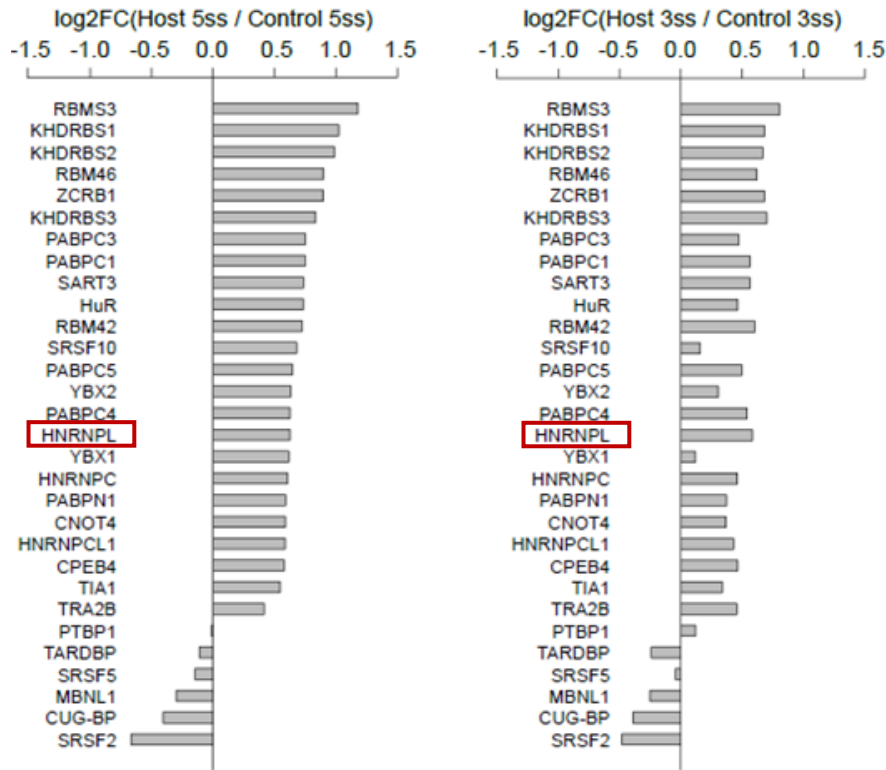
SPLICING REGULATION

H3K36ME3 serves as signal for the recruitment of Splicing factors

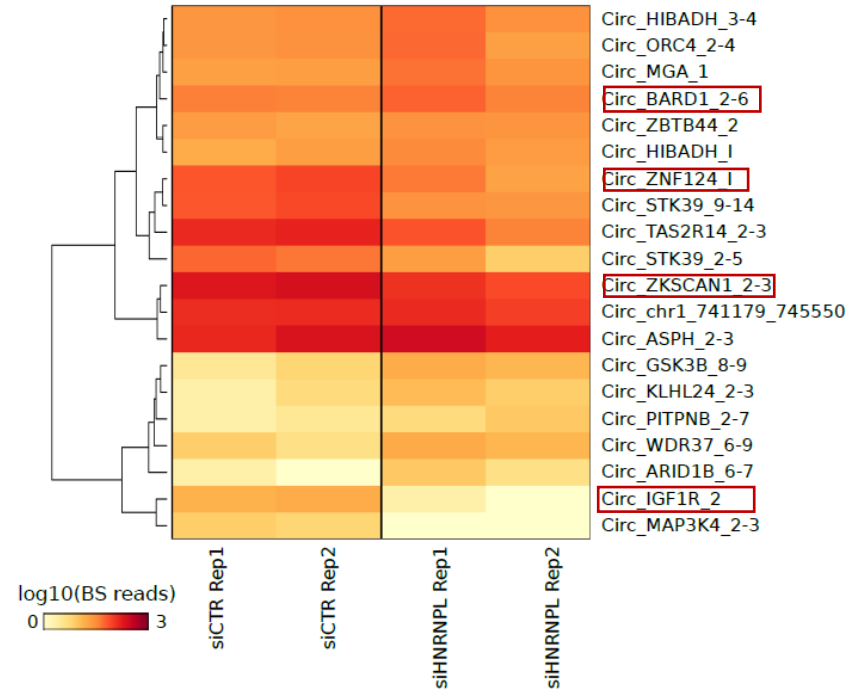


RBPs MOTIF ENRICHMENT

Host VS Control RBP enrichment



DE expression analysis of circRNA in hnrnpl knockdown



circRNA IN TUMORS

Direct search of backsplicing junction sequences in RNA-Seq datasets

HASH-CIRC

Reconstructed
backsplice junction

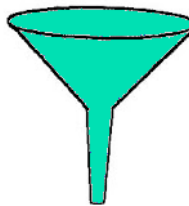


GTCGTGCACG
GTCG
TCGT
CGTG

70bp
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HASH function



RNA-Seq Reads

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Smith-Waterman alignment

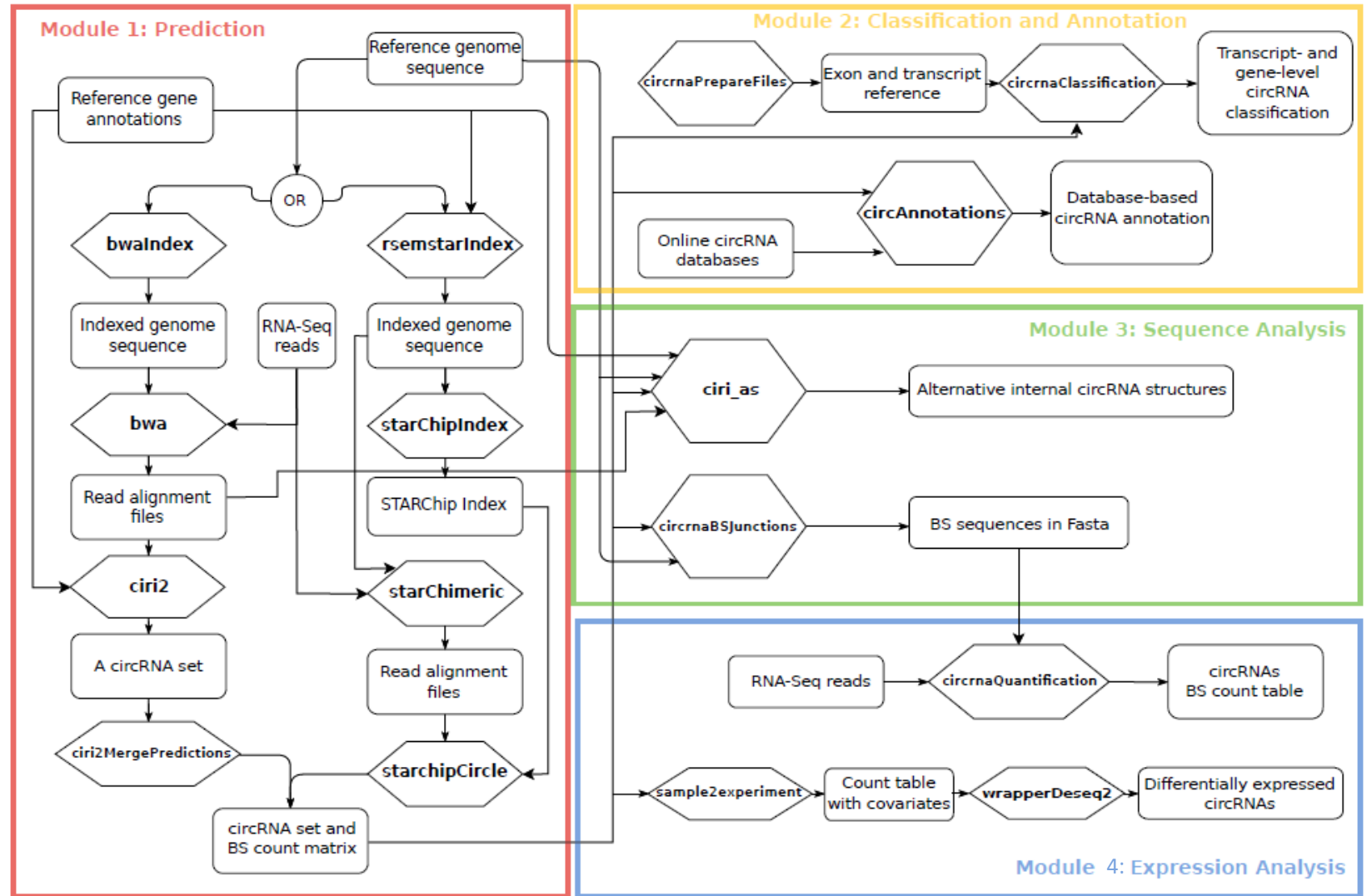
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A	0	1	10	7	3	0	0	0	4	2	0	5
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C	0	0	2	3	8	9	13	9	5	2	5	4
G	0	5	1	0	4	5	9	10	14	10	6	2
A	0	1	10	6	2	4	4	14	10	11	7	11

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OUTPUT: Read counts in the
reconstructed backsplicing
junction



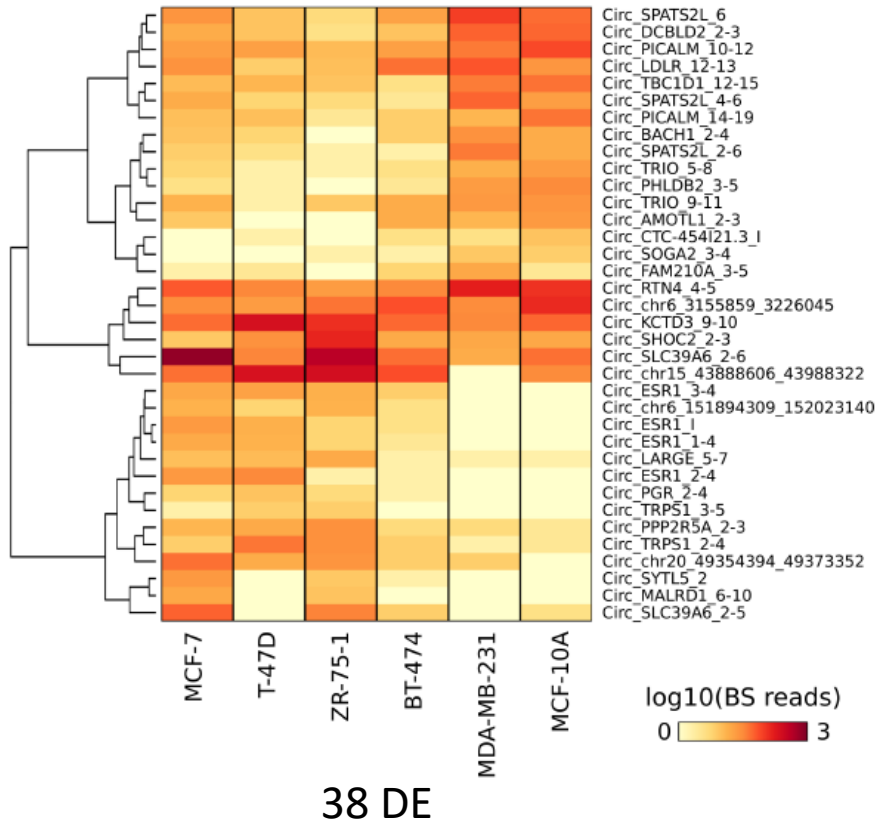
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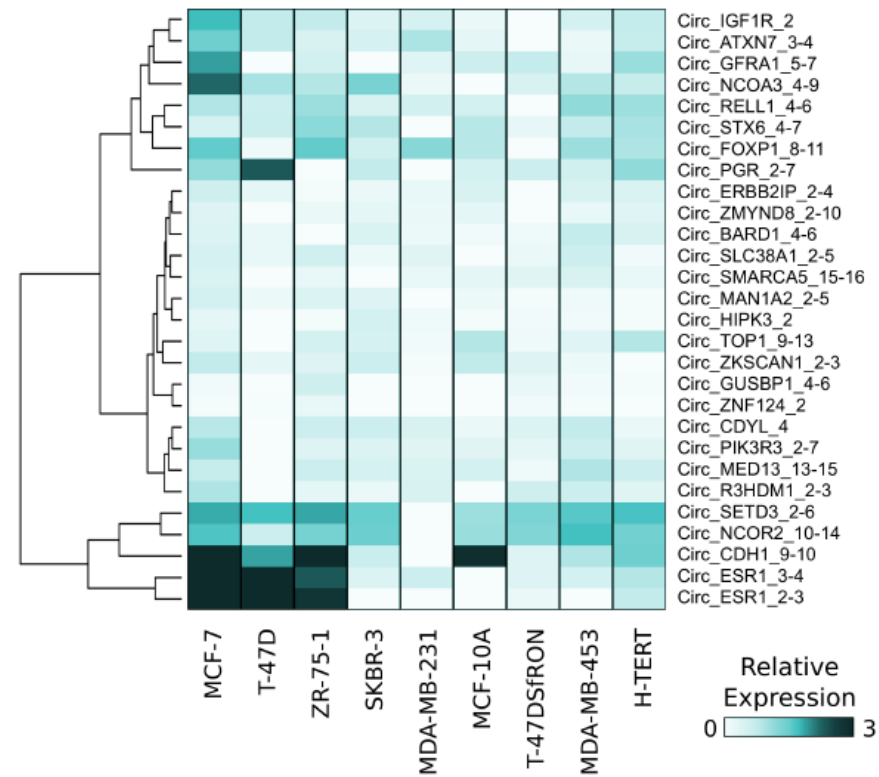
circRNA IN TUMORS

Differential expression (DE) circRNA analysis on BC cell lines

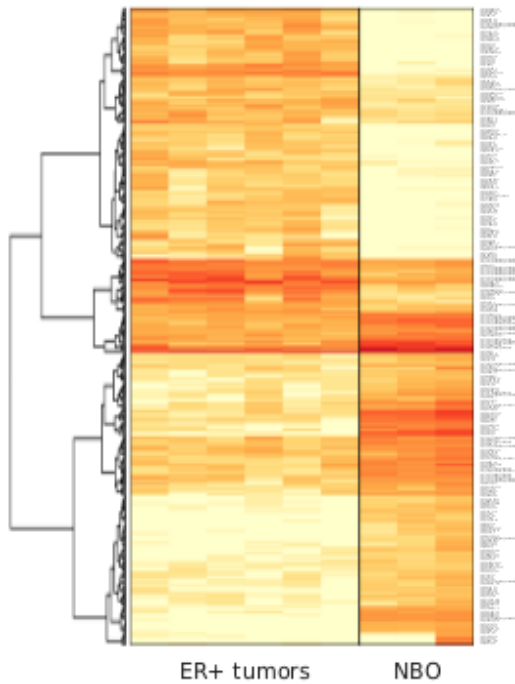
HASH prediction on BC cell lines



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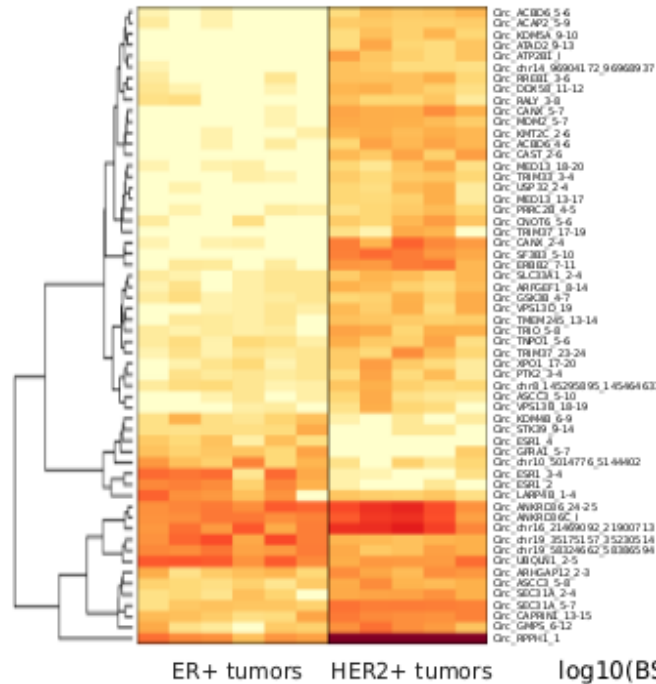


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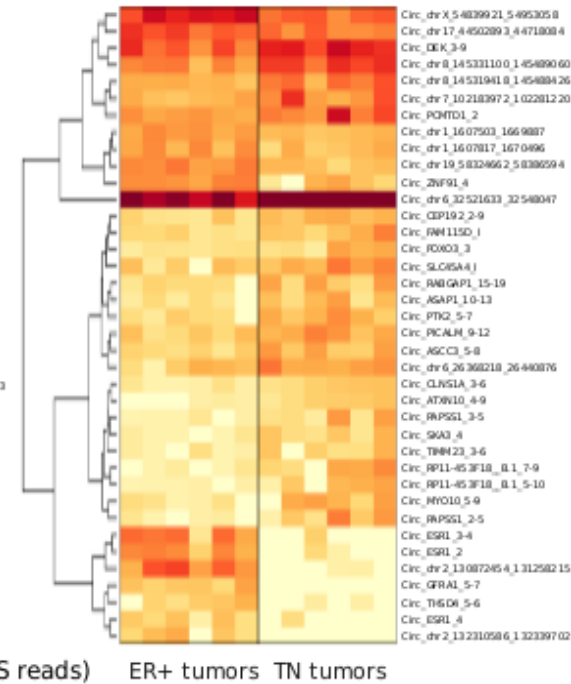
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622 DE



ER+ tumors HER2+ tumors

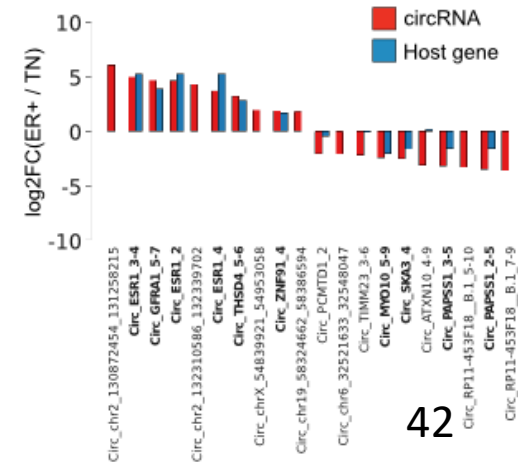
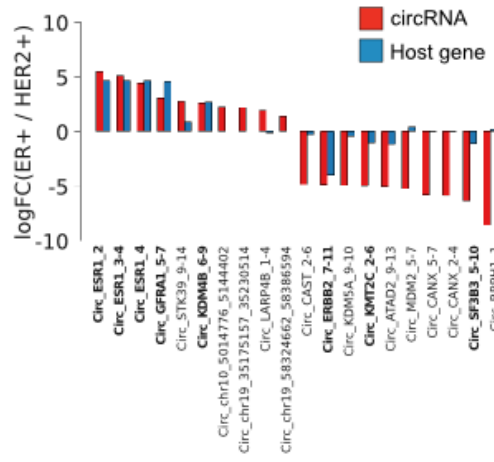
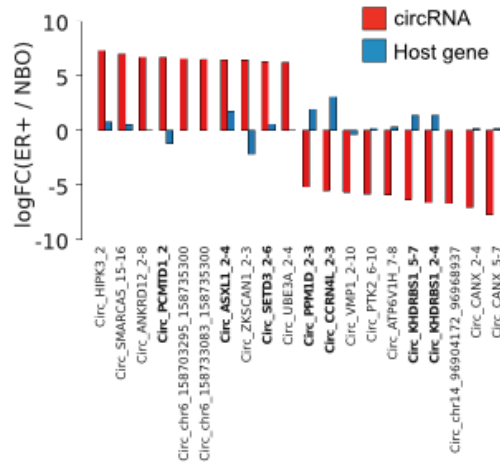
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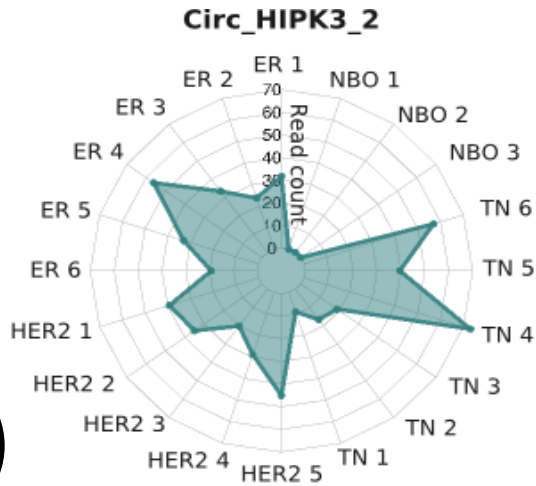
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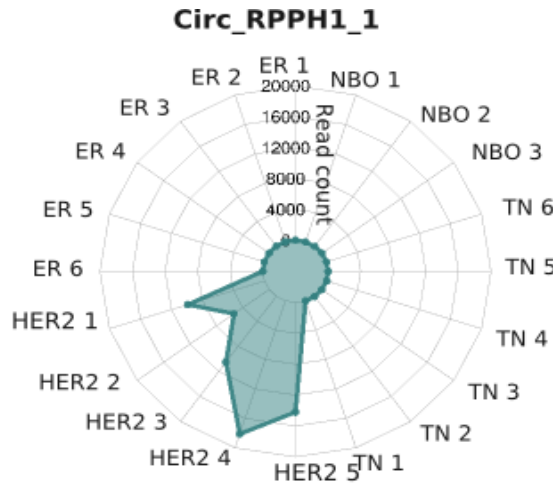


DE circRNA candidates

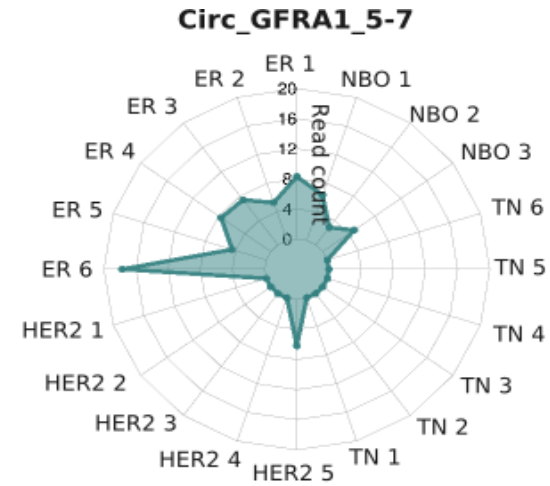
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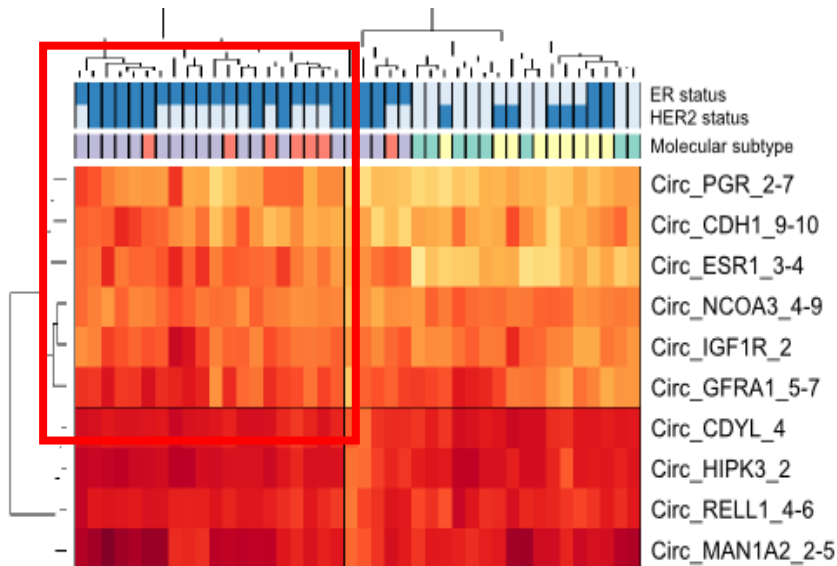


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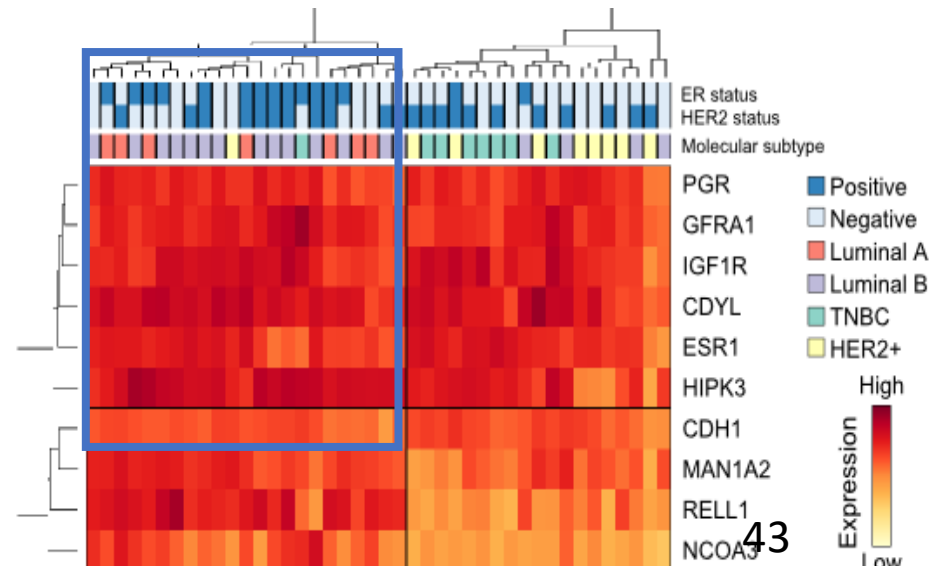


qRT-PCR in 42 BC samples


circRNAs



Host genes

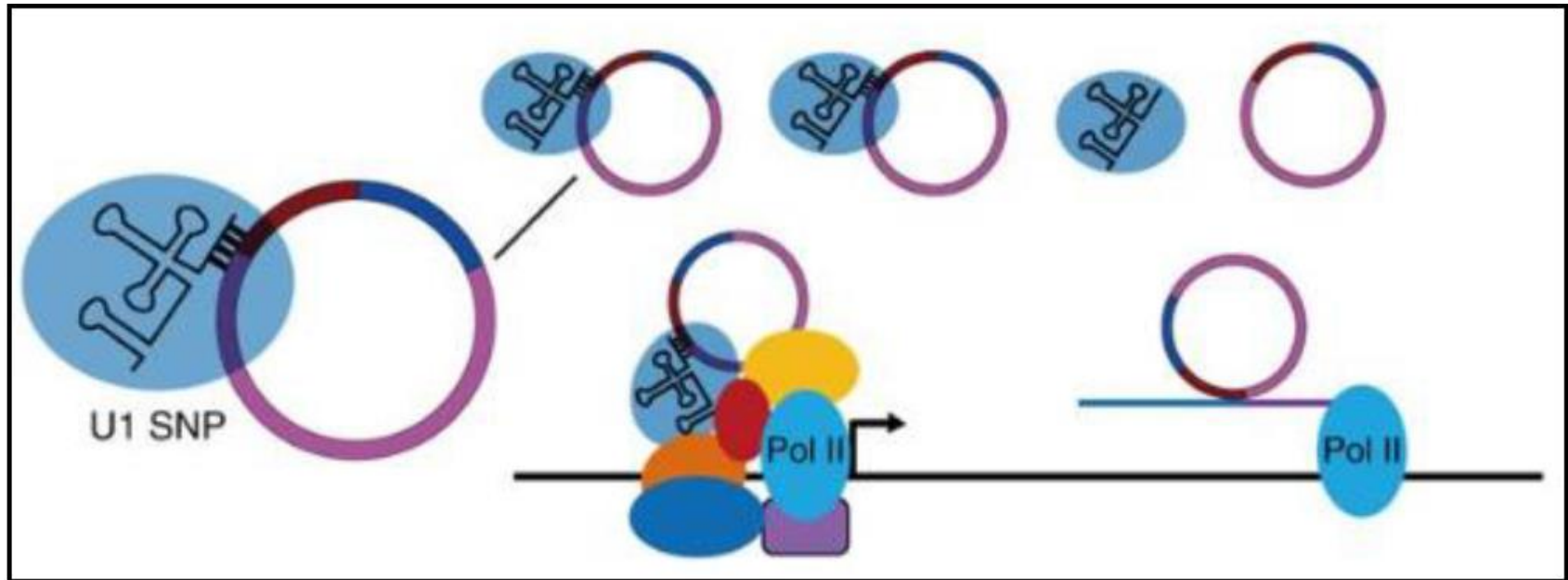


circRNA FUNCTIONS

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- **nuclear circRNAs enhance host gene transcription**
 - **circRNAs can act as miRNA sponges**
 - **circRNAs can be translated into proteins**
 - **circRNAs as potential biomarkers**

ElcircRNAs ENHANCE TRANSCRIPTION

Nuclear ElcircRNA acts in complex with POL2 in a RNA-RNA interaction with U1SNP



Mechanism to enhance host gene's transcription, generating a positive feedback

miRNA SPONGES

A *ceRNA* Hypothesis: The Rosetta Stone of a Hidden RNA Language?

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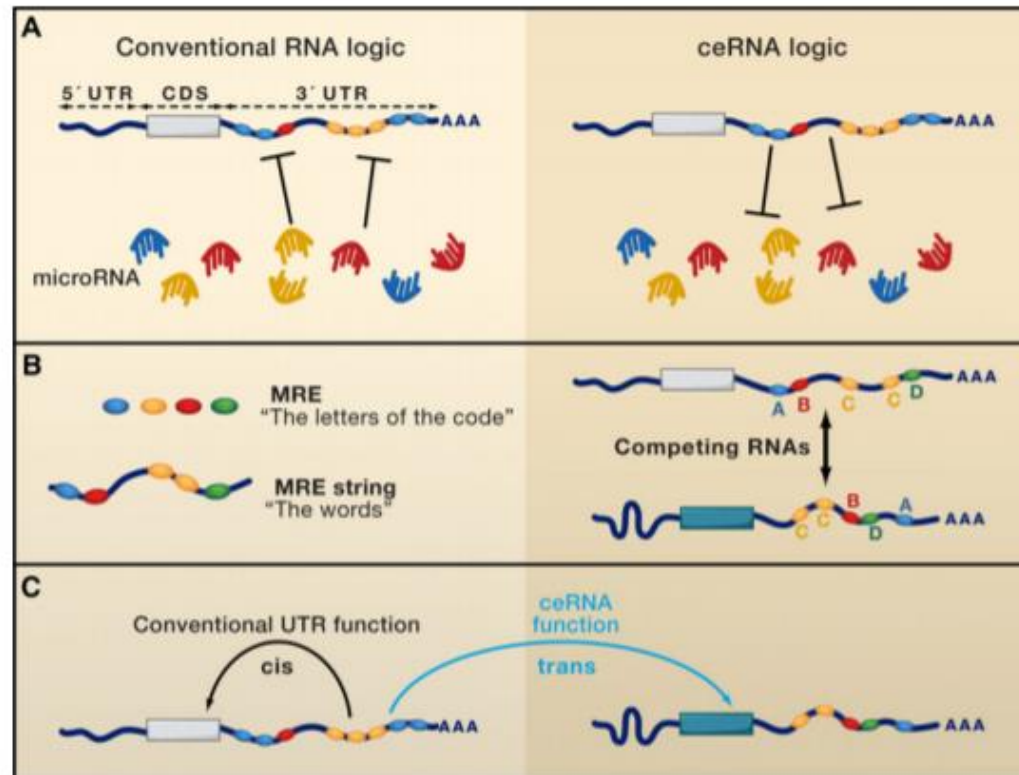
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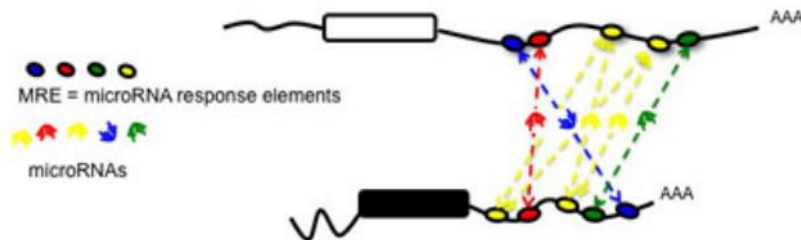
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Here, we present a unifying hypothesis about how messenger RNAs, transcribed pseudogenes, and long noncoding RNAs “talk” to each other using microRNA response elements (MREs) as letters of a new language. We propose that this “competing endogenous RNA” (*ceRNA*) activity forms a large-scale regulatory network across the transcriptome, greatly expanding the functional genetic information in the human genome and playing important roles in pathological conditions, such as cancer.



miRNA SPONGES

Competing endogenous RNAs (ceRNA)



Another layer of regulation

A Long Noncoding RNA Controls Muscle Differentiation by Functioning as a Competing Endogenous RNA

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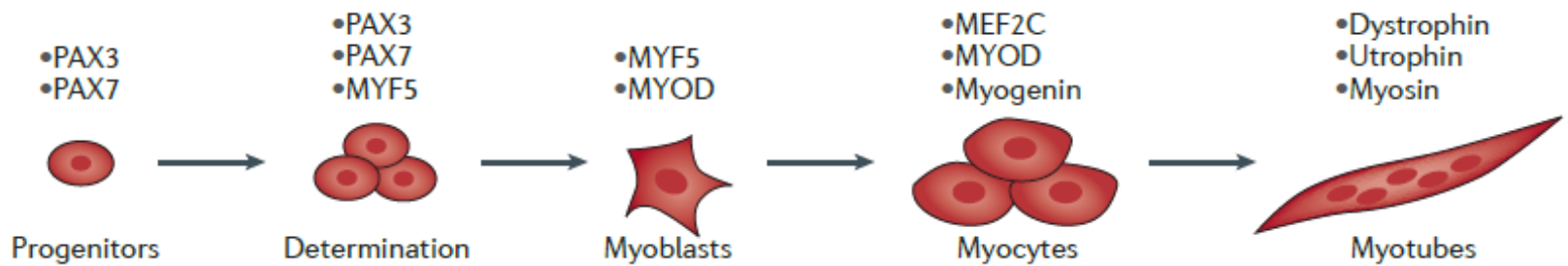
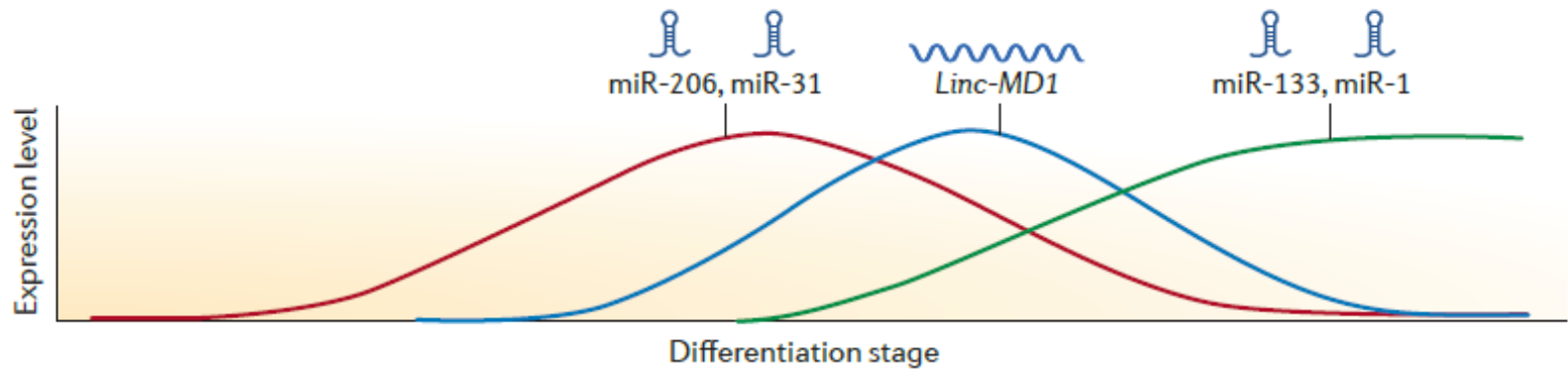
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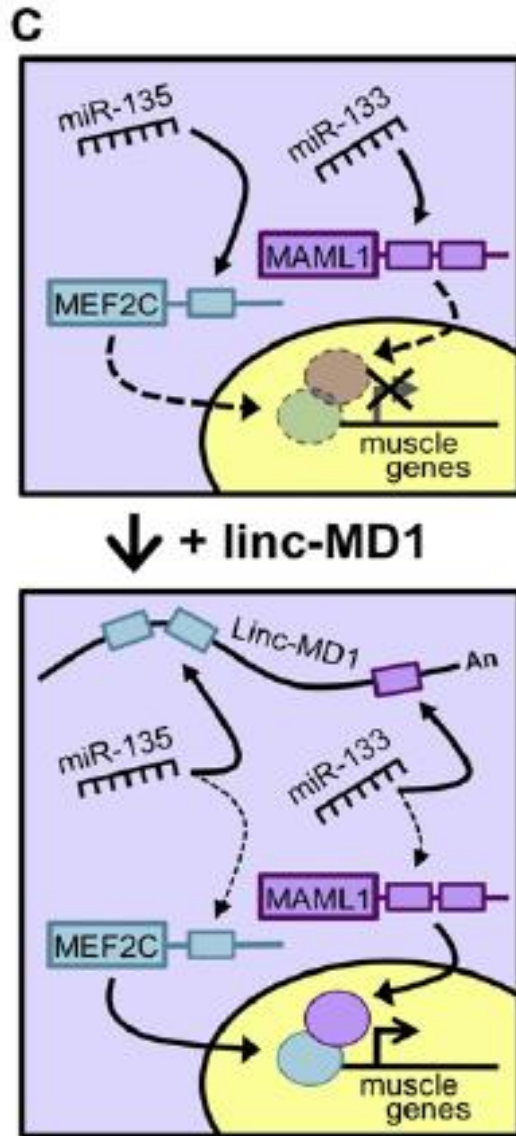
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Recently, a new regulatory circuitry has been identified in which RNAs can crosstalk with each other by competing for shared microRNAs. Such competing endogenous RNAs (ceRNAs) regulate the distribution of miRNA molecules on their targets and thereby impose an additional level of post-transcriptional regulation. Here we identify a muscle-specific long noncoding RNA, linc-MD1, which governs the time of muscle differentiation by acting as a ceRNA in mouse and human myoblasts. Downregulation or overexpression of linc-MD1 correlate with retardation or anticipation of the muscle differentiation program, respectively. We show that linc-MD1 "sponges" miR-133 and miR-135 to regulate the expression of MAML1 and MEF2C, transcription factors that activate muscle-specific gene expression. Finally, we demonstrate that linc-MD1 exerts the same control over differentiation timing in human myoblasts, and that its levels are strongly reduced in Duchenne muscle cells. We conclude that the ceRNA network plays an important role in muscle differentiation.

miRNA SPONGES

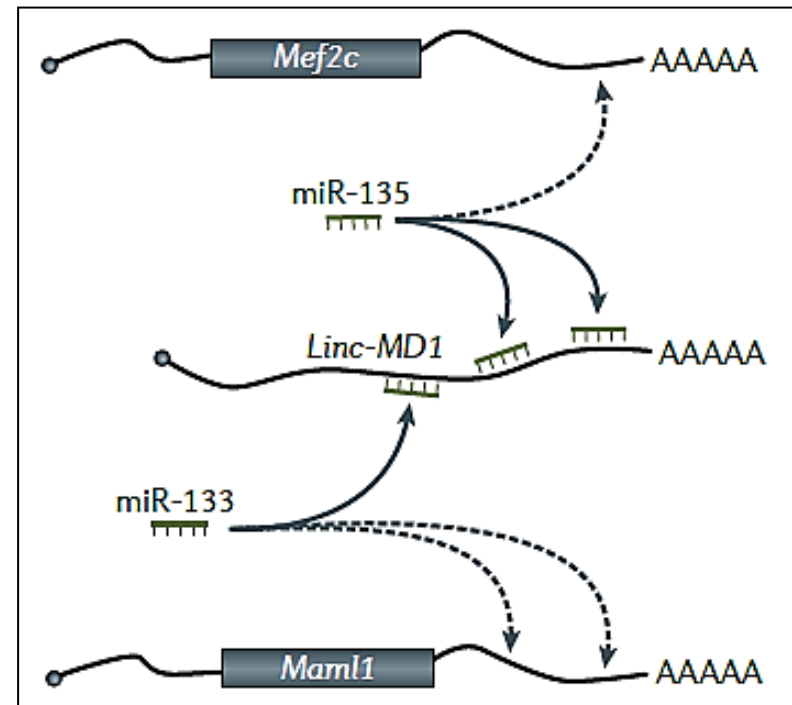


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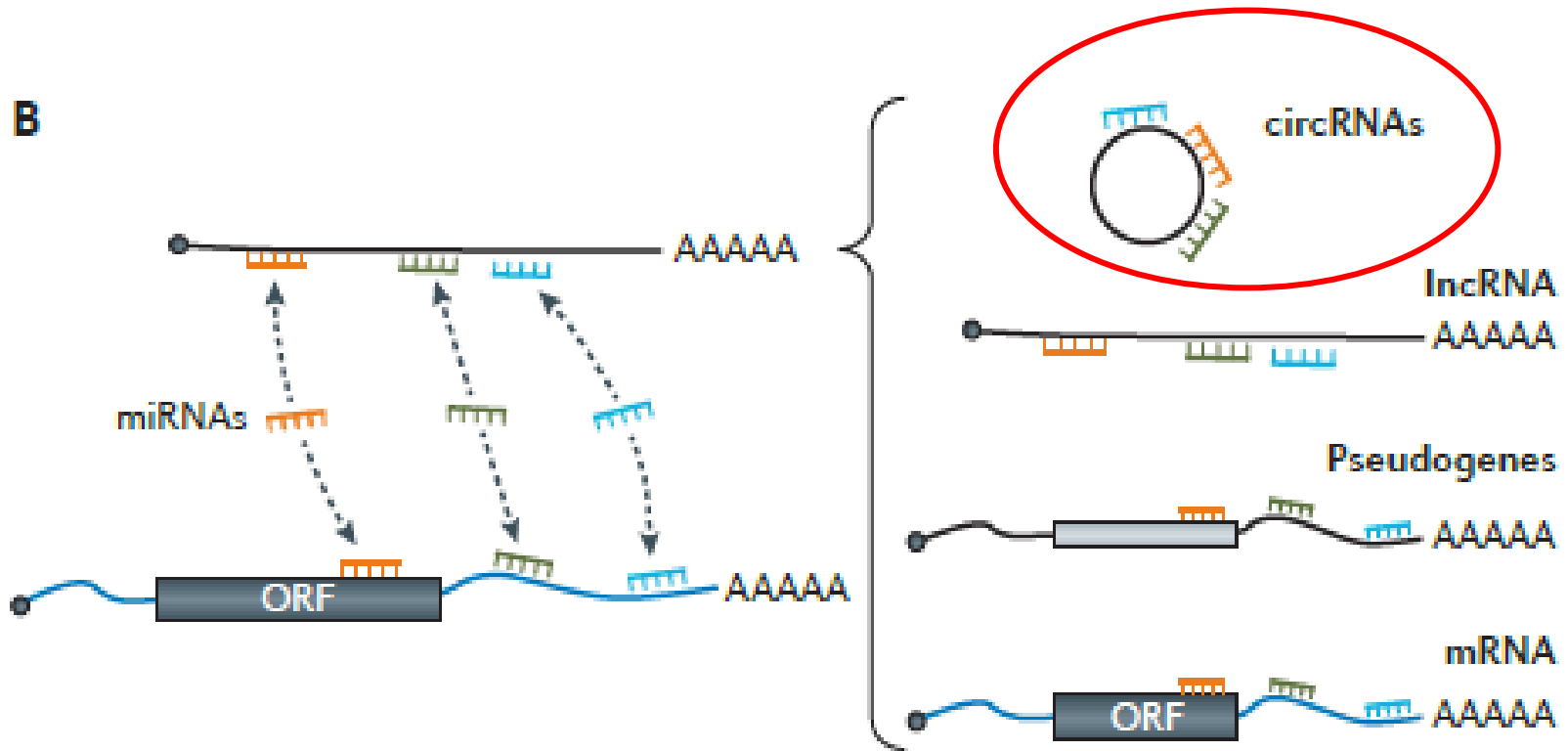


linc-MD1 Is Conserved in Humans, and It Improves Differentiation of Duchenne Myoblasts

(C) Schematic representation of the circuitry linking linc-MD1, miR-135, miR-133, and muscle differentiation. (Cesana et al., 2011)

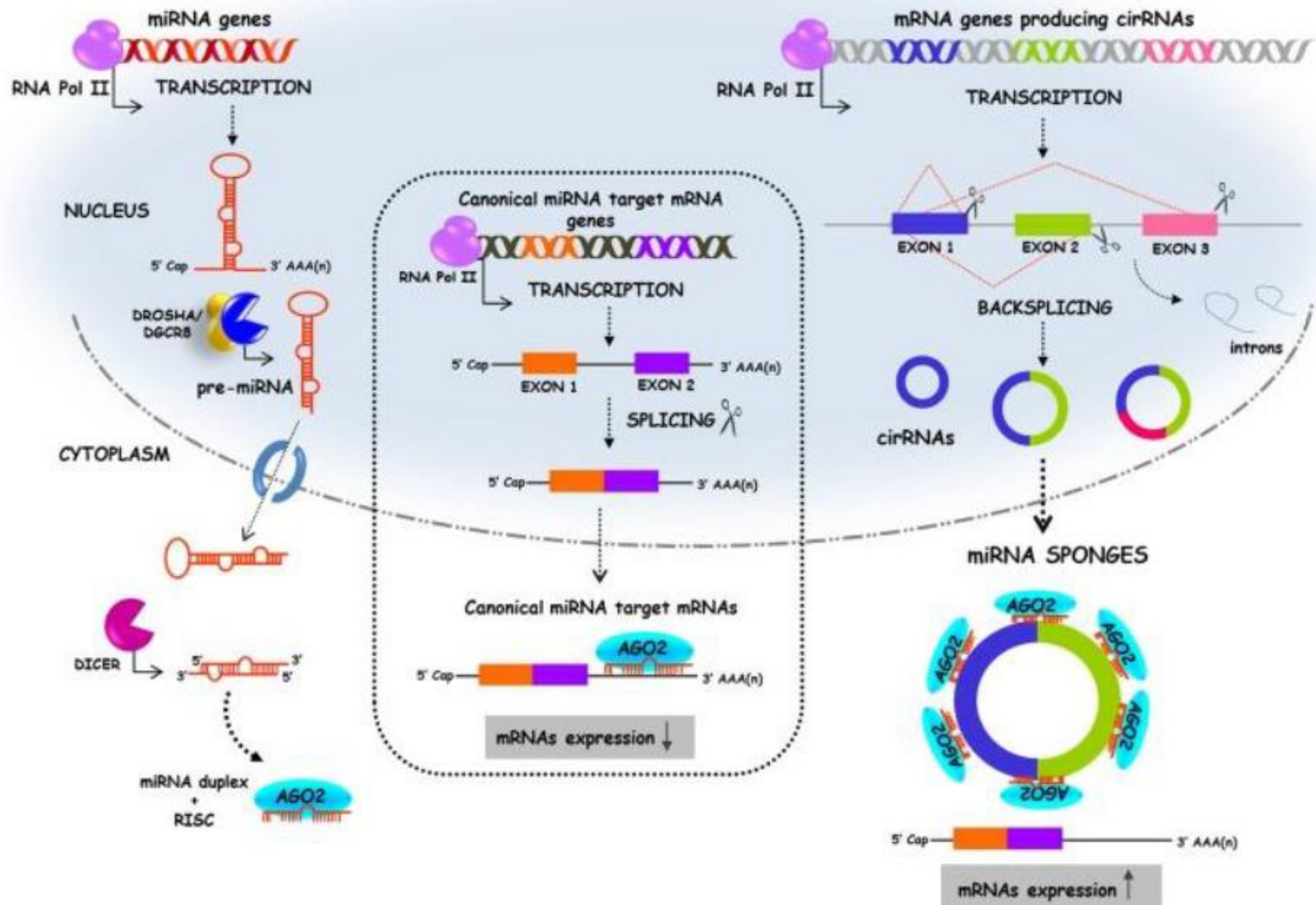


circRNA CAN ACT AS miRNA SPONGES



Base pairing is the mode of action of competing endogenous RNAs. In this case, however, the complementarity is between microRNAs (miRNAs) and different targets (circRNAs, lncRNAs, pseudogene transcripts and mRNAs).

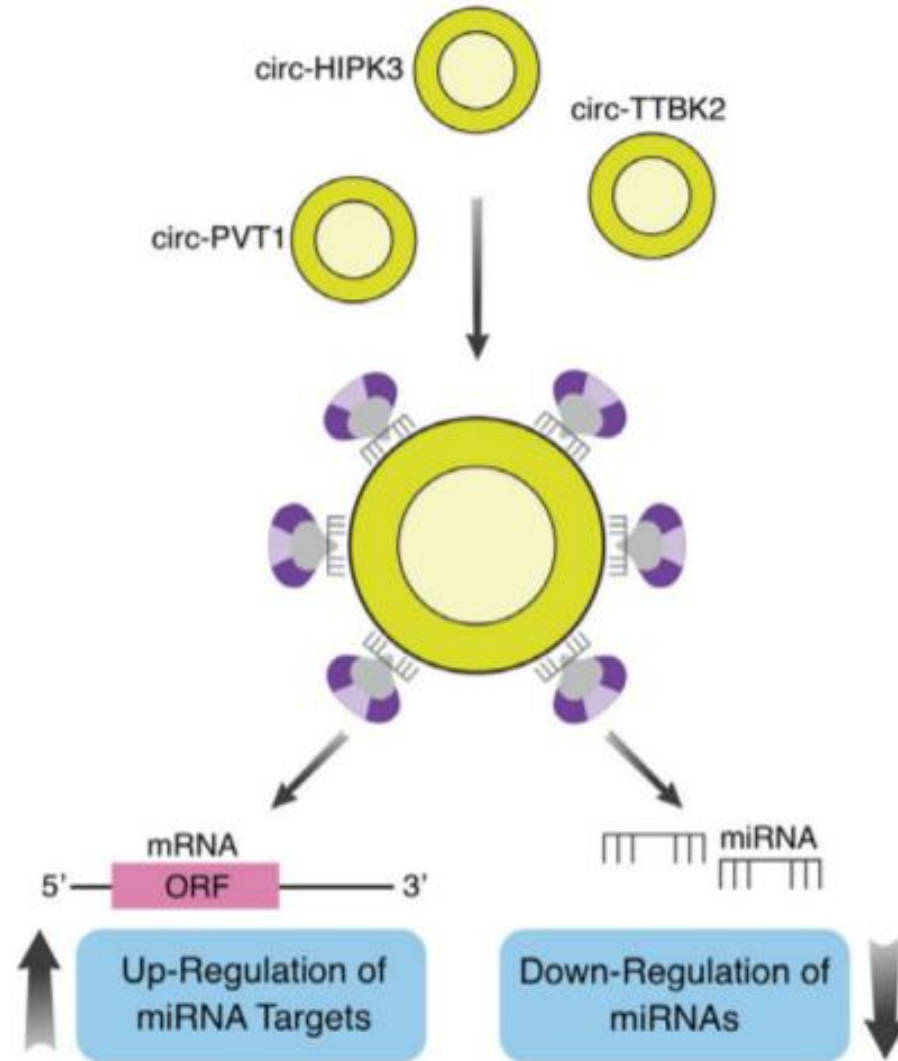
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Biogenesis of miRNAs and circRNAs controlling gene expression

circRNA CAN ACT AS miRNA SPONGES

Sponge consequences

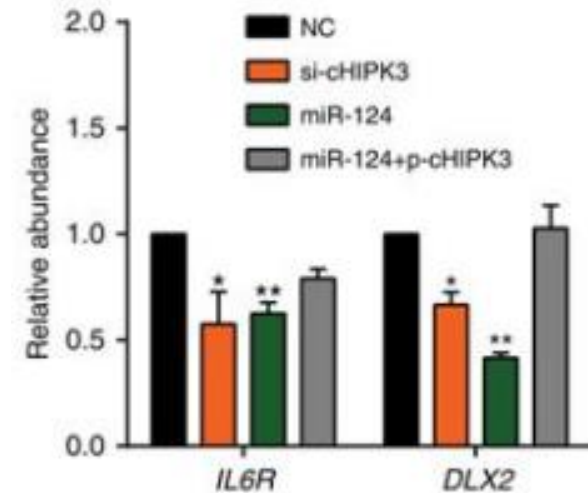
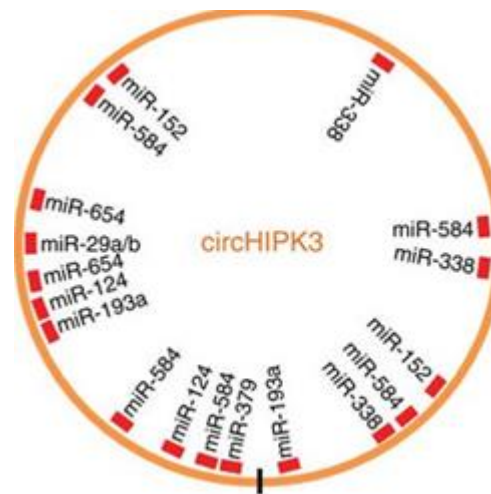
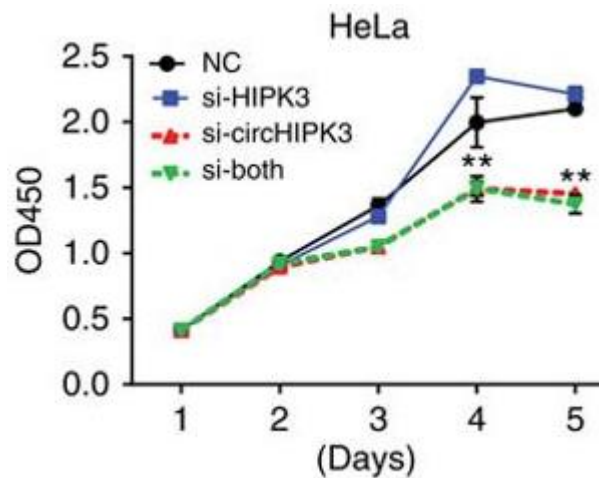


circRNA CAN ACT AS miRNA SPONGES

Circular RNA profiling reveals an abundant circHIPK3 that regulates cell growth by sponging multiple miRNAs

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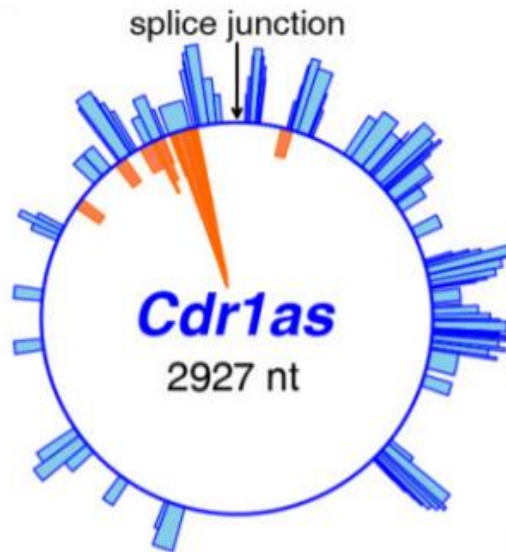
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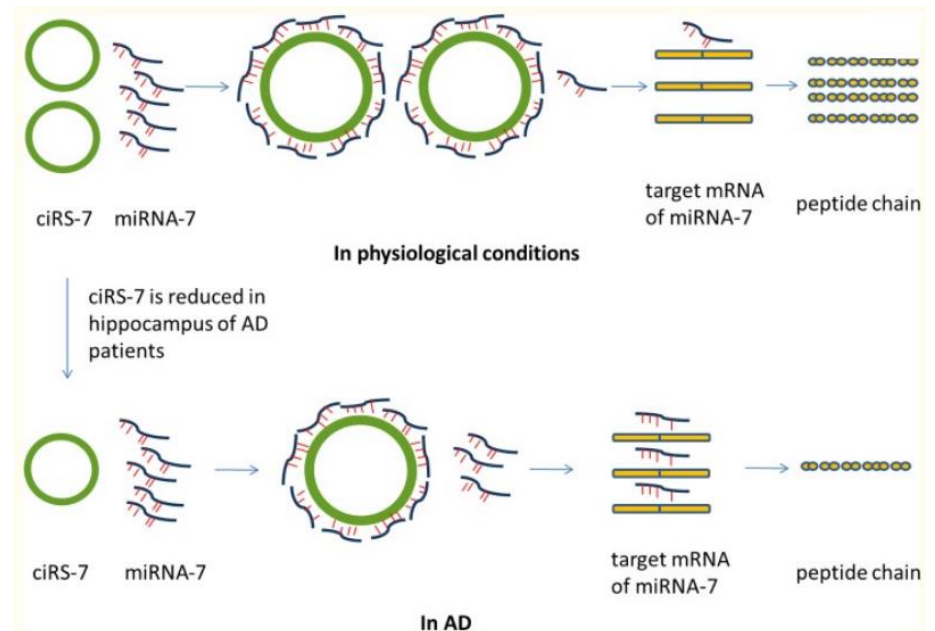
miR-671-5p 3' GAGGUCG-GGGAGGUCCGAAGGA 5'
UUC CAGC-AUCUCCAGGGCUUCCA



chimeric reads:

miR-7
miR-671

- > 70 binding sites for miR-7
- 1 binding site for miR-671
- miR-671 slices Cdr1as



circRNAs CAN ACT AS miRNA SPONGES?

The quantitative relationship between a miRNA and its endogenous target sites is important!!!!

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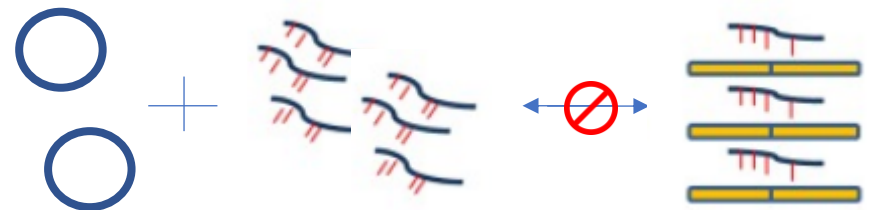
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Assessing the ceRNA hypothesis with quantitative measurements of miRNA and target abundance

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For miR-122 in hepatocytes, derepression began to be observed at a threshold of 1.5×10^5 added sites per cell, a value exceeding the physiological levels of any endogenous target



Modulation of miRNA target abundance is unlikely to cause significant effects on gene expression and metabolism through a ceRNA effect

NOT ALL circRNAs ACT AS miRNA SPONGES

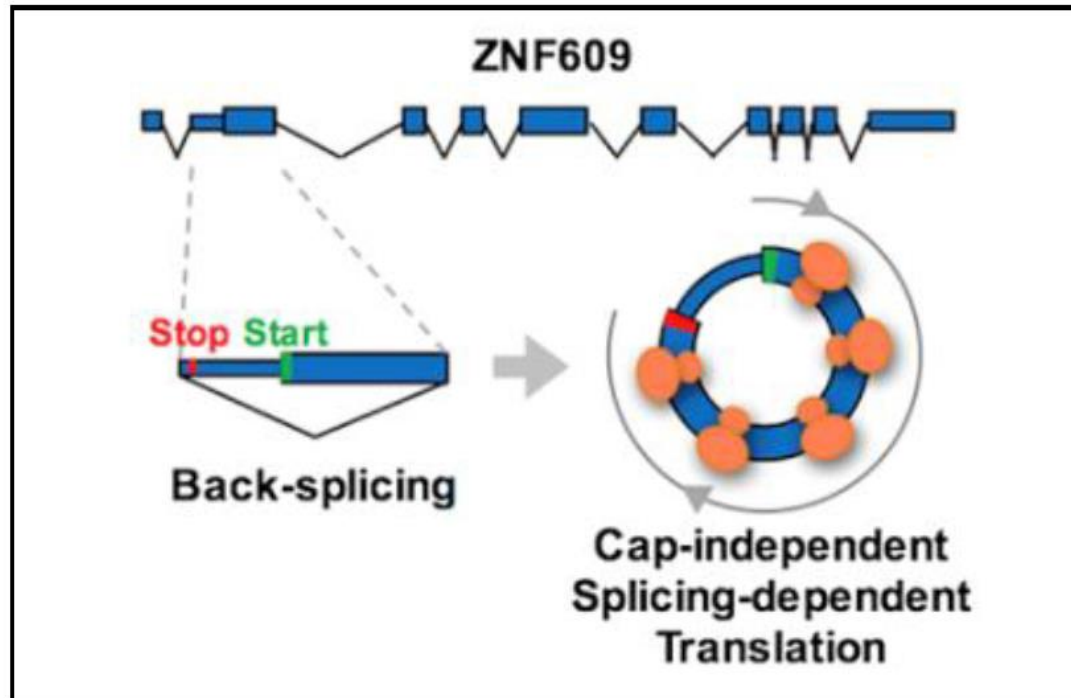
List of CircRNAs described to act as miRNA sponges

Name of circRNAs	Type of cancer	Expression	Targets	References
CDR1	Hepatocellular carcinoma	Up	miR-7	Yu <i>et al.</i> (2016)
Sry	Anaplastic thyroid carcinoma	Up	miR-138	Hansen <i>et al.</i> (2013)
circ-ITCH	Esophageal squamous cell carcinoma	Down	miR-17, miR-214, miR-7	Li <i>et al.</i> (2015a)
circHIPK3	Liver cancer	Up	miR-124	Zheng <i>et al.</i> (2016)
circ-000984	Colorectal cancer	Up	miR-106b	Xu <i>et al.</i> (2017)
circ-TTBK2	Human malignant glioma	Up	miR-217	Zheng <i>et al.</i> (2017)
circPVT1	Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma	Up	miR-497-5p	Verduci <i>et al.</i> (2017)
	Gastric cancer	Up	miR-125 family	Chen <i>et al.</i> (2017)
circ-PABPN1	Cervical carcinoma	Down	RNA-binding protein HuR	Abdelmohsen <i>et al.</i> (2017)
circ-Foxo3	Different cancer cell lines	Down	p21-CDK2	Du <i>et al.</i> (2016)
circ-Amot1	Breast cancer	Up	c-myc	Yang <i>et al.</i> (2017)
circ_002059	Gastric cancer	Down	Unknown	Li <i>et al.</i> (2015b)

> 230 Papers of circRNAs as miRNA sponges!!!!!!!

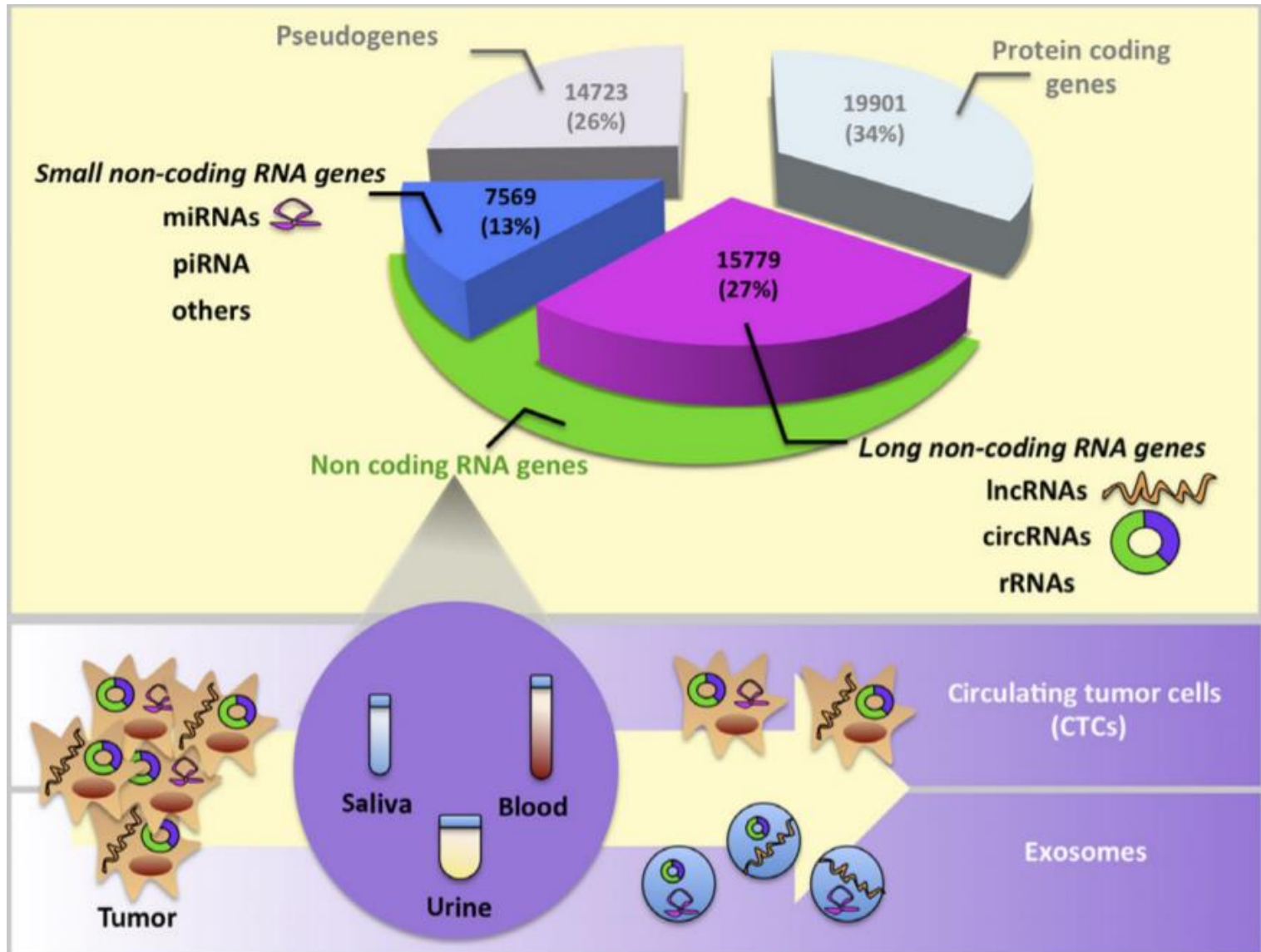


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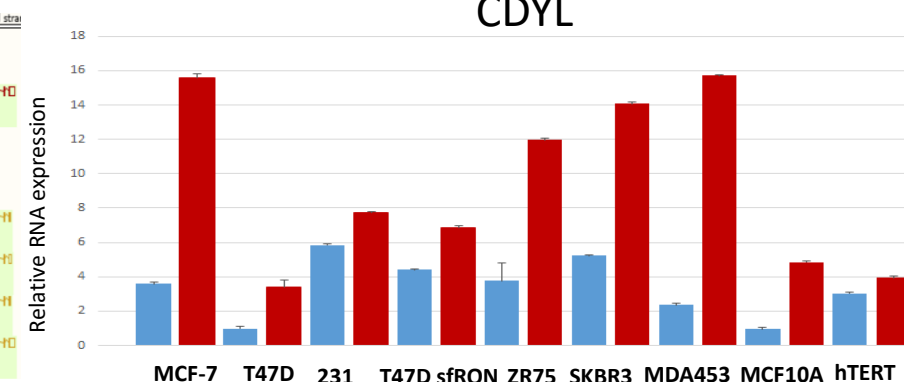
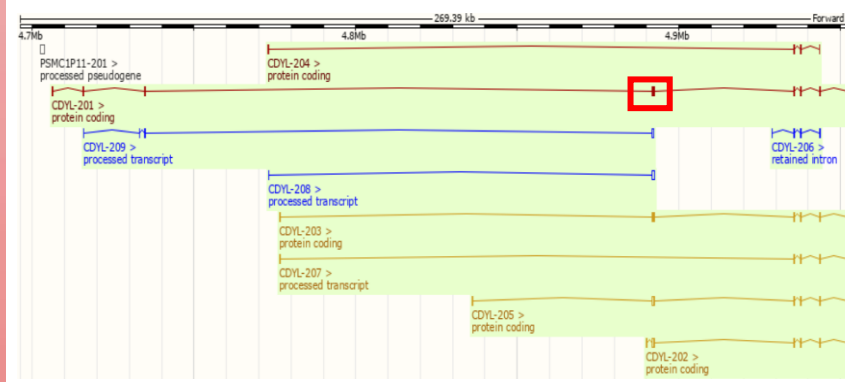
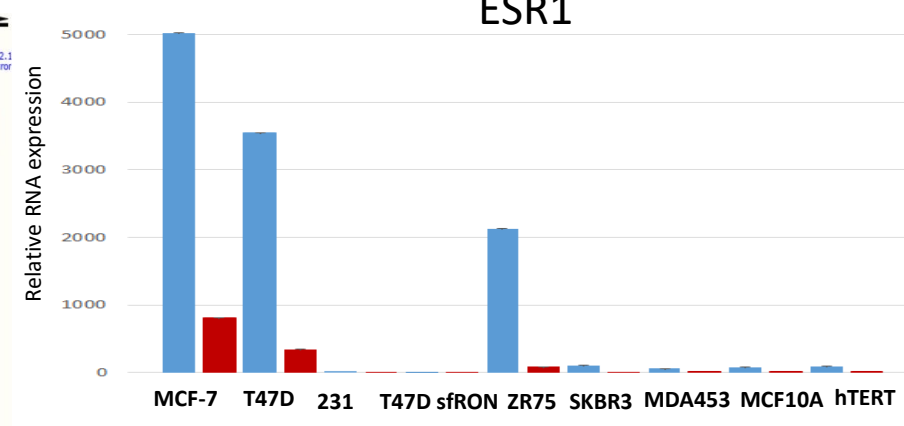
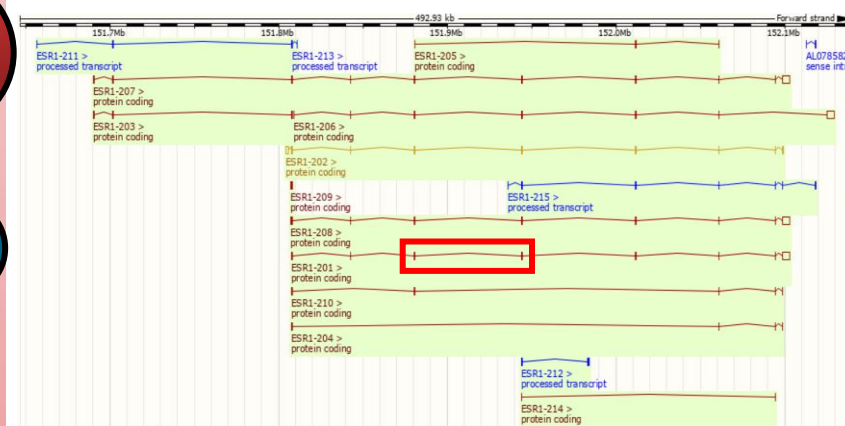
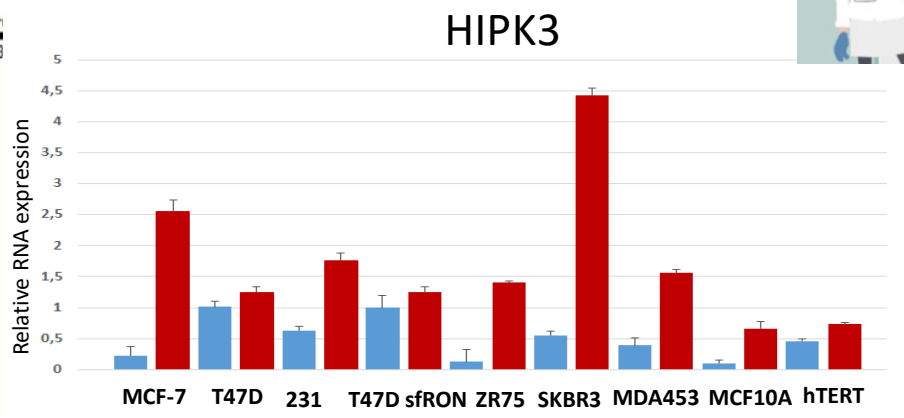
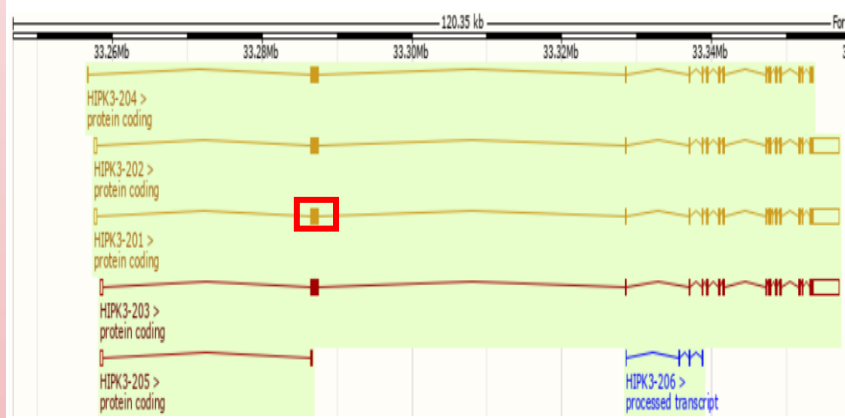


CircRNAs lack 5' end 7-methylguanosine (m7G) cap structure and a 3' poly(A) tail, often required for linear mRNA translation and thus translation of circRNAs occurs in a cap-independent manner.

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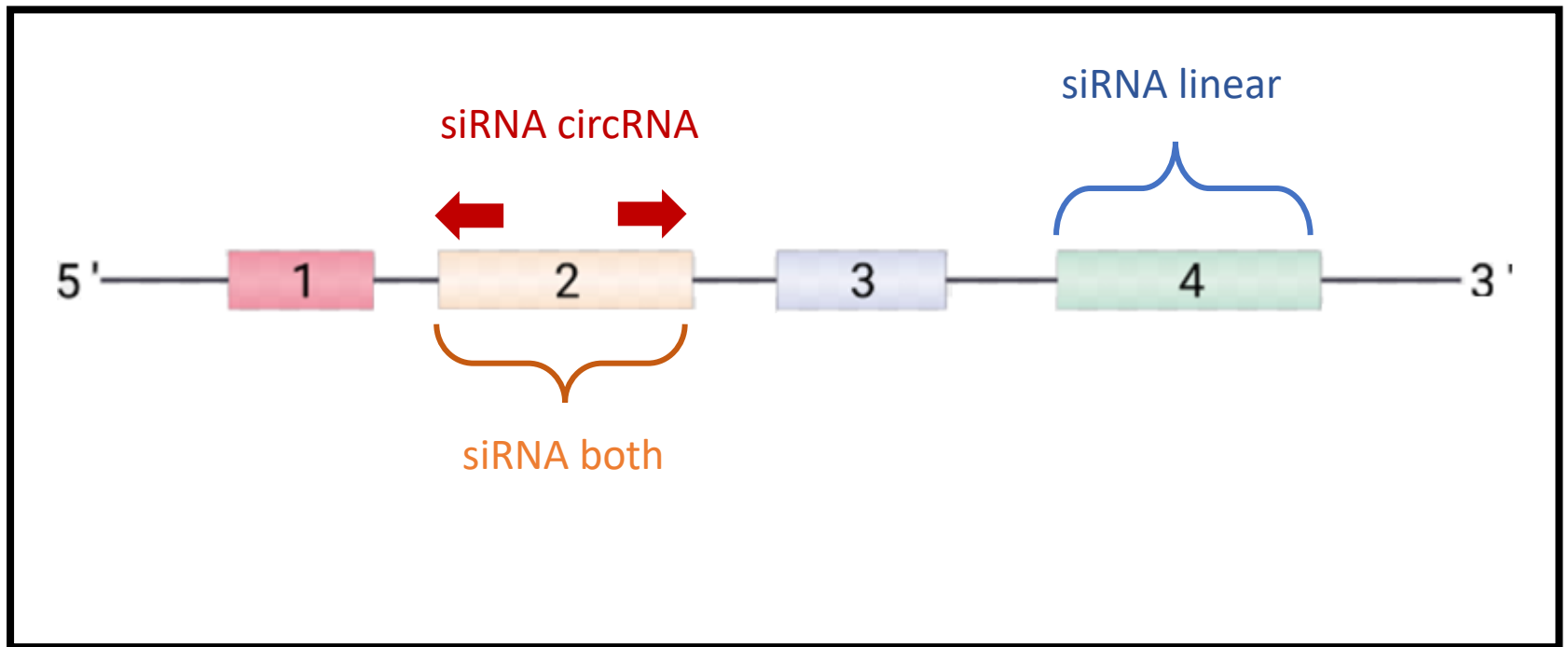


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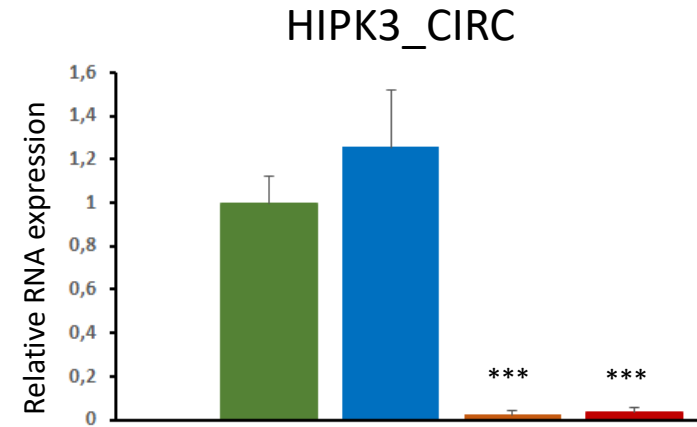
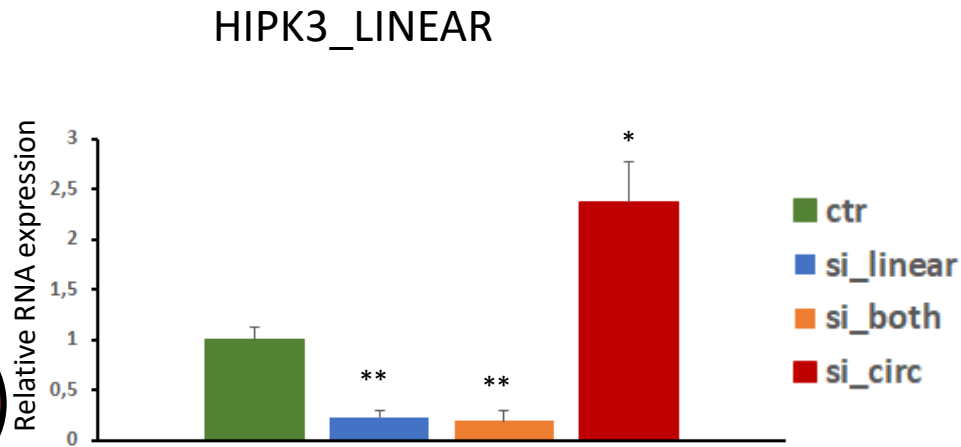
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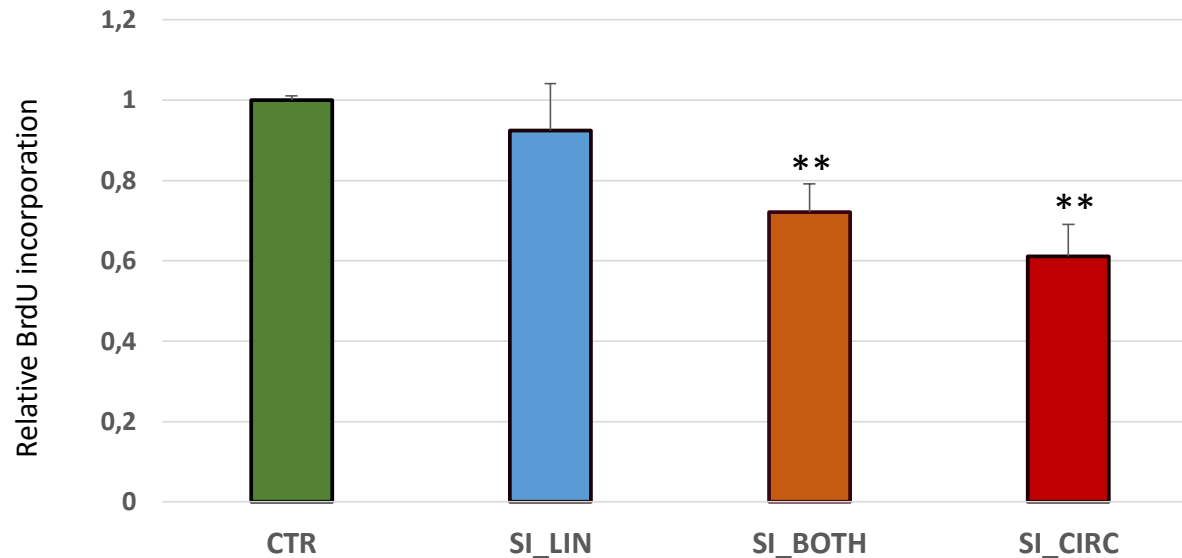


circHIPK3 KNOCKDOWN IMPAIRS PROLIFERATION

HIPK3 KNOCKDOWN

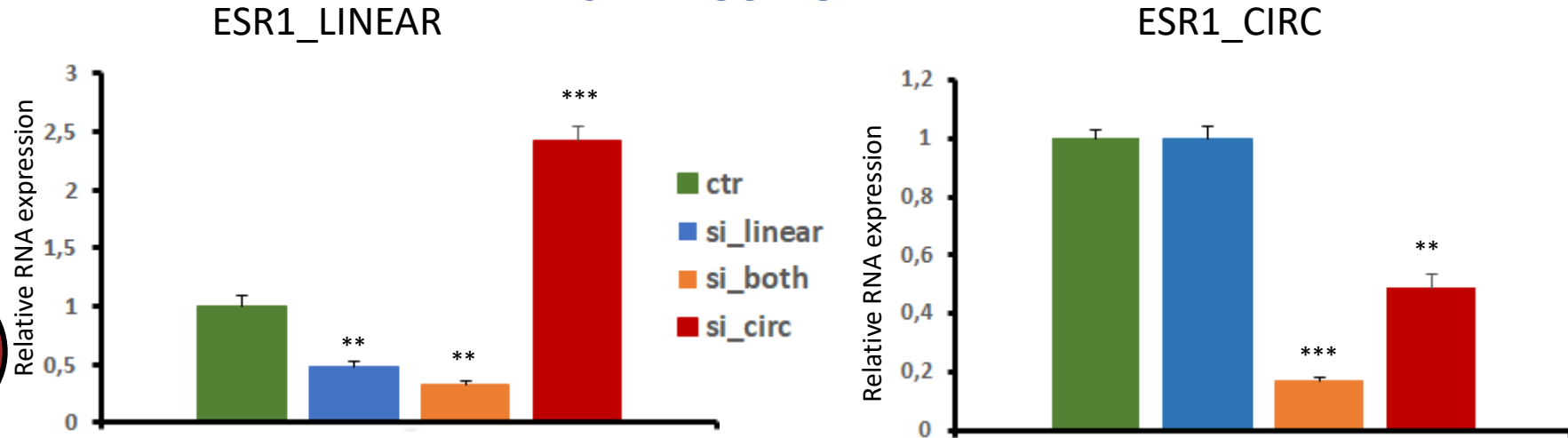


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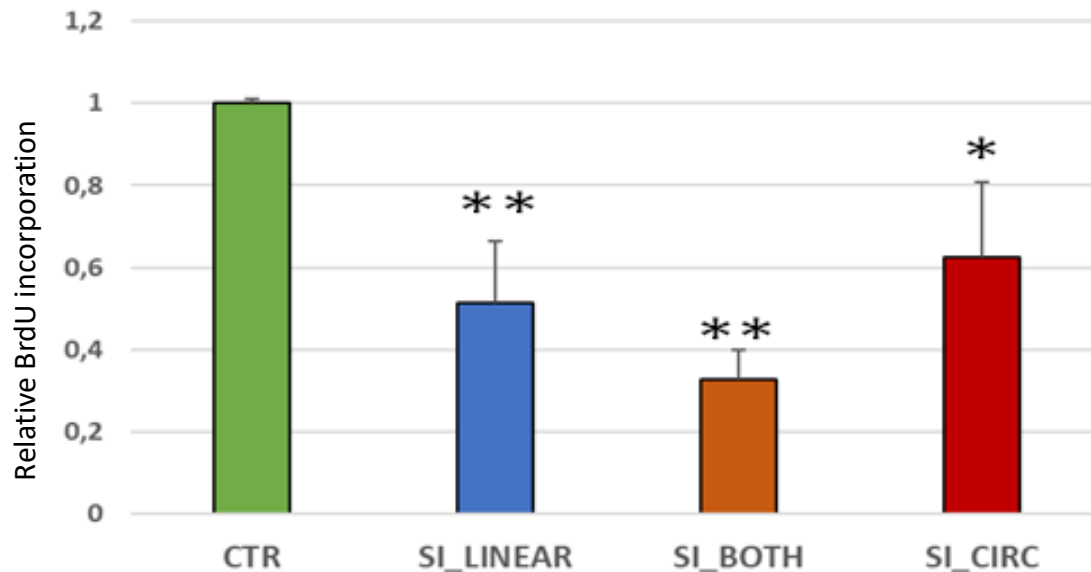


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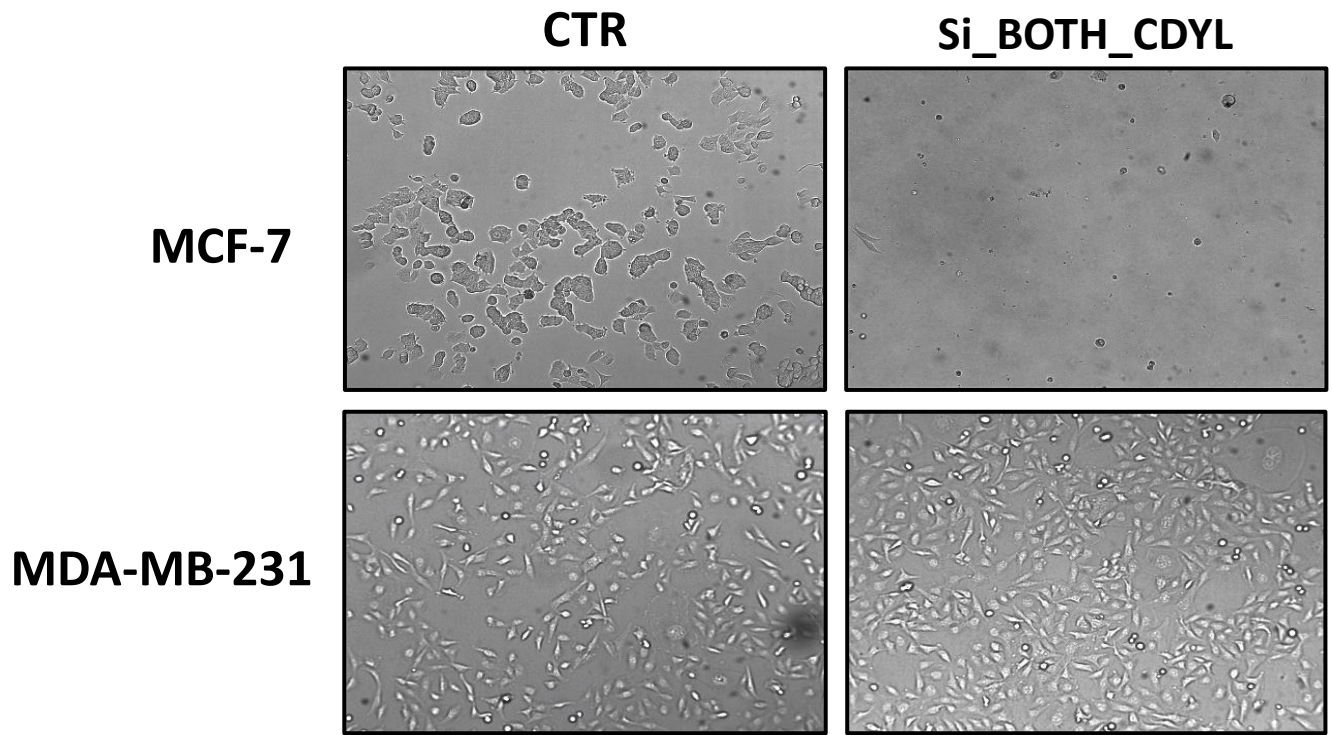
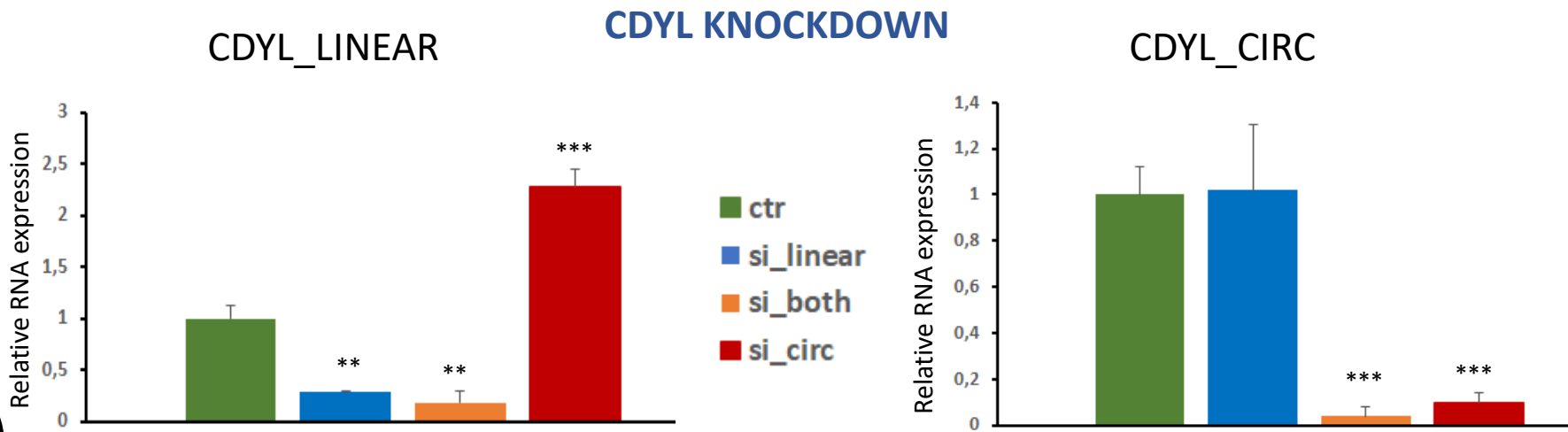
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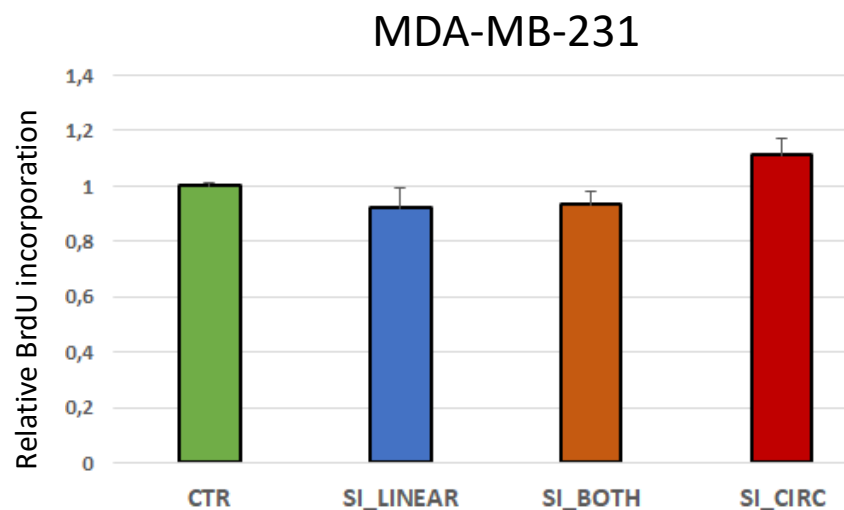
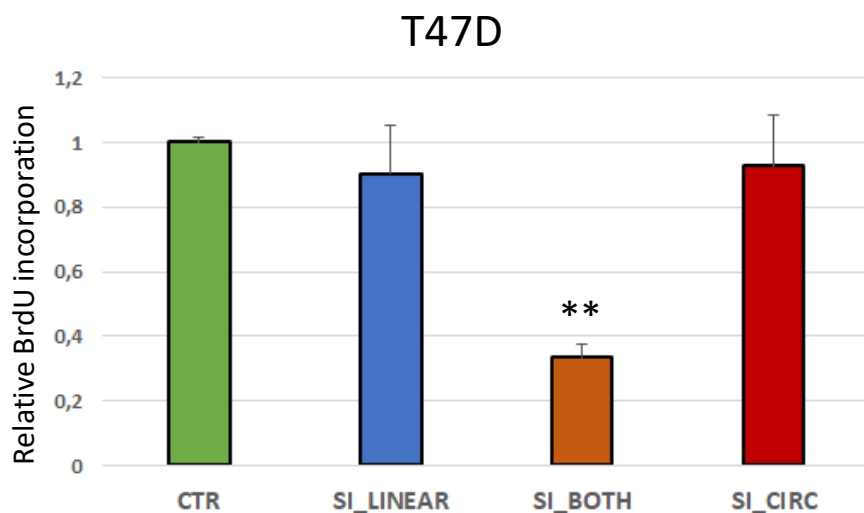
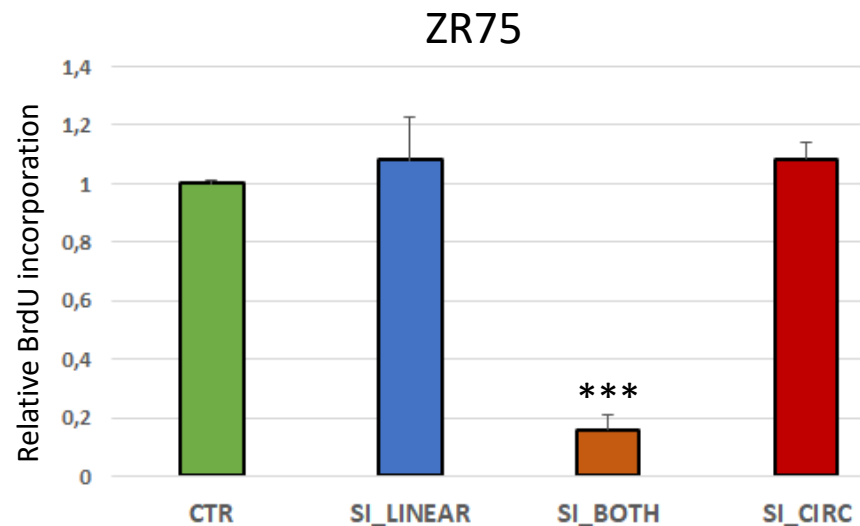
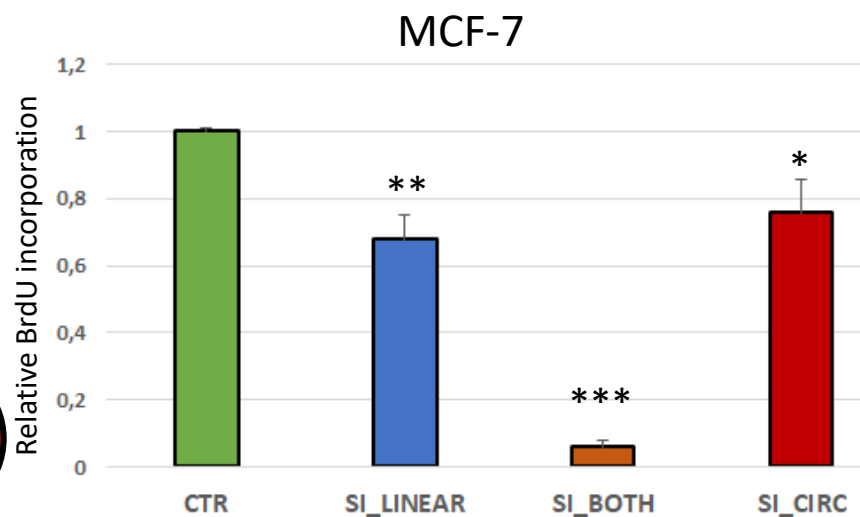


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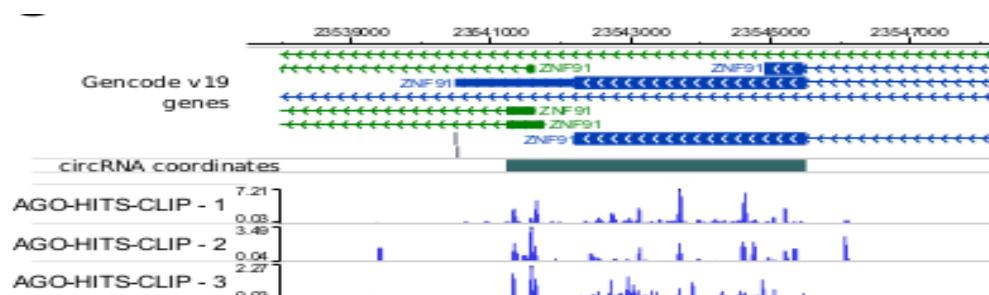


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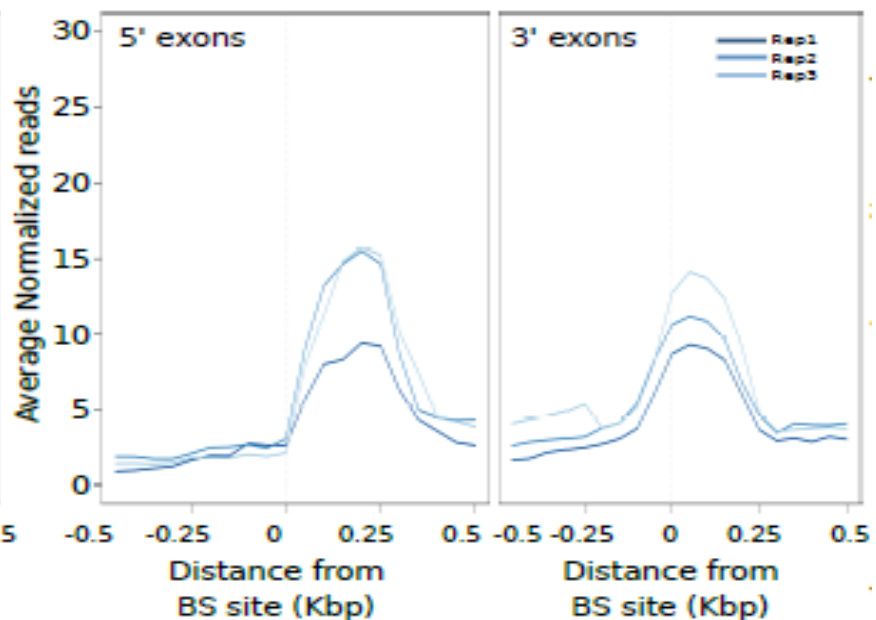
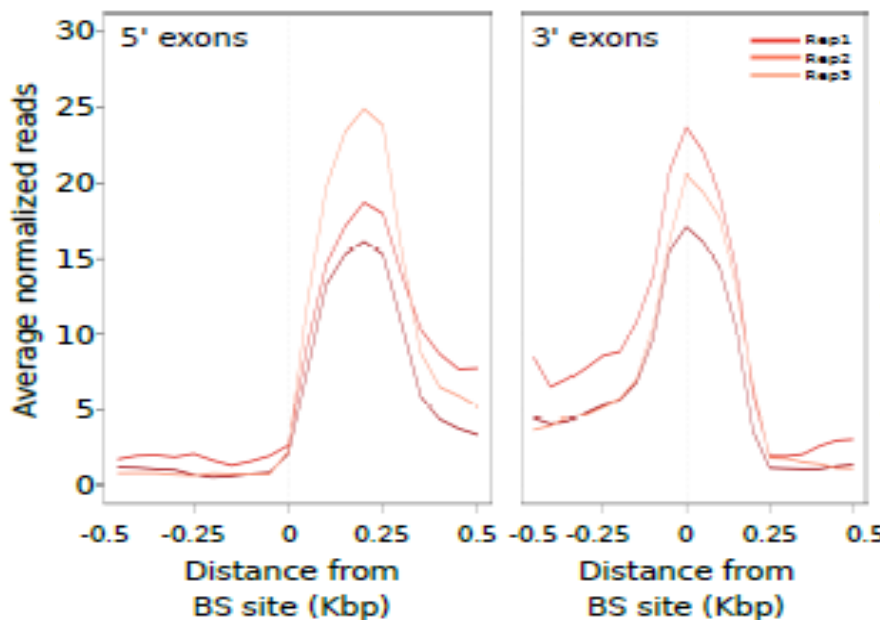
CM7 HOST GENES ARE AGO ENRICHED



AGO Enrichment by HITS-CLIP analysis

Host genes

Control genes



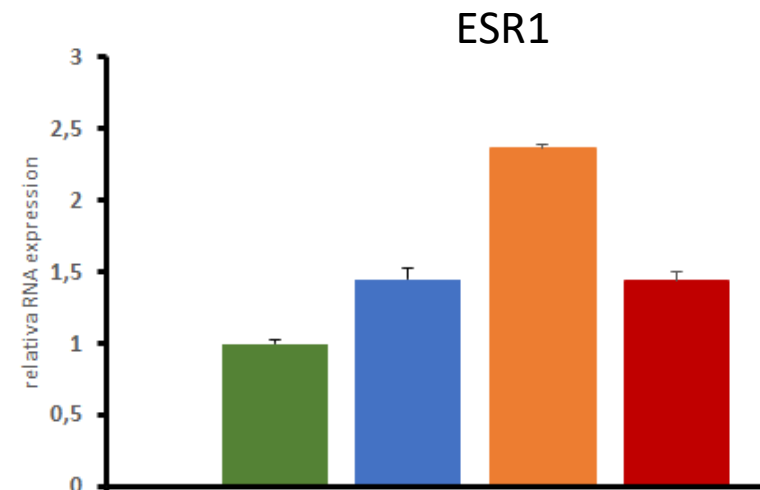
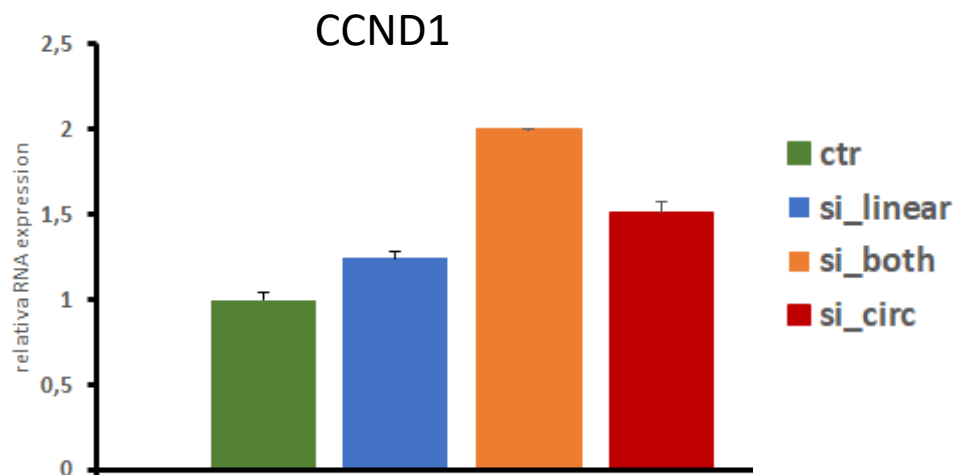
ceRNA mechanism?

circCDYL miRNA prediction

Circ_CDYL_4	283,64	hsa-miR-185-5p
Circ_CDYL_4	283,64	hsa-miR-3615
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Circ_CDYL_4	283,64	hsa-miR-27a-3p
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Circ_CDYL_4	283,64	hsa-miR-497-5p
Circ_CDYL_4	283,64	hsa-miR-1247-5p

miRNA	Target	Validation methods						
		Strong evidence			Less strong evidence			
		Reporter assay	Western blot	qPCR	Microarray	NGS	psILAC	Other
hsa-miR-193b-3p	CCND1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
hsa-miR-193b-3p	ESR1	✓			✓			✓
hsa-miR-193b-3p	PLAU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
hsa-miR-193b-3p	PRAP1	✓	✓					
hsa-miR-193b-3p	MCL1	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
hsa-miR-193b-3p	ETS1	✓	✓	✓				✓

miR 193b targets upon CDYL Knockdown



CONCLUSIONS

circRNAs are :

- Non polyadenylated, more stable
- Formed by backsplicing
- Less abundant than mRNAs
- Predominantly cytoplasmic

BIOGENESIS:

- Transcribed by a faster POLII
- Backsplicing depends on canonical splice sites
- They can arise from exon-skipping
- Regulation by cis elements, Intron Pairing: Alu elements
- Regulation by RBPs: QKI, FUS, hnRNPL, MBL, ADAR1

HOST GENES:

- Are longer
- Have much more number of isoforms
- Have the first intron longer

POSSIBLE FUNCTIONS:

- miRNA sponges?¿
- Translation?¿
- Biomarkers?¿



We know nothing!

