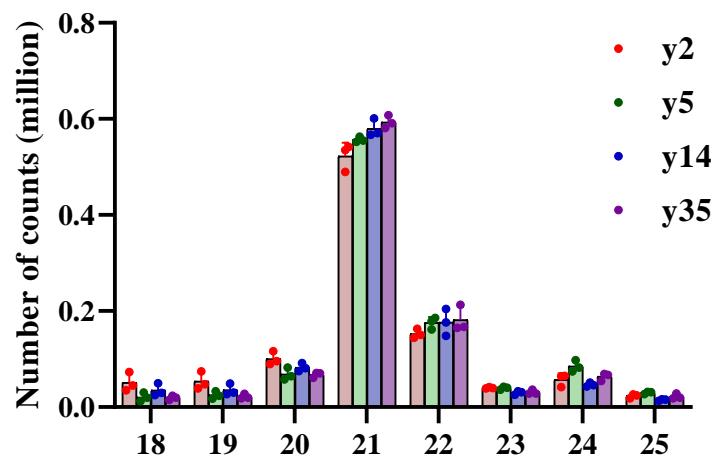


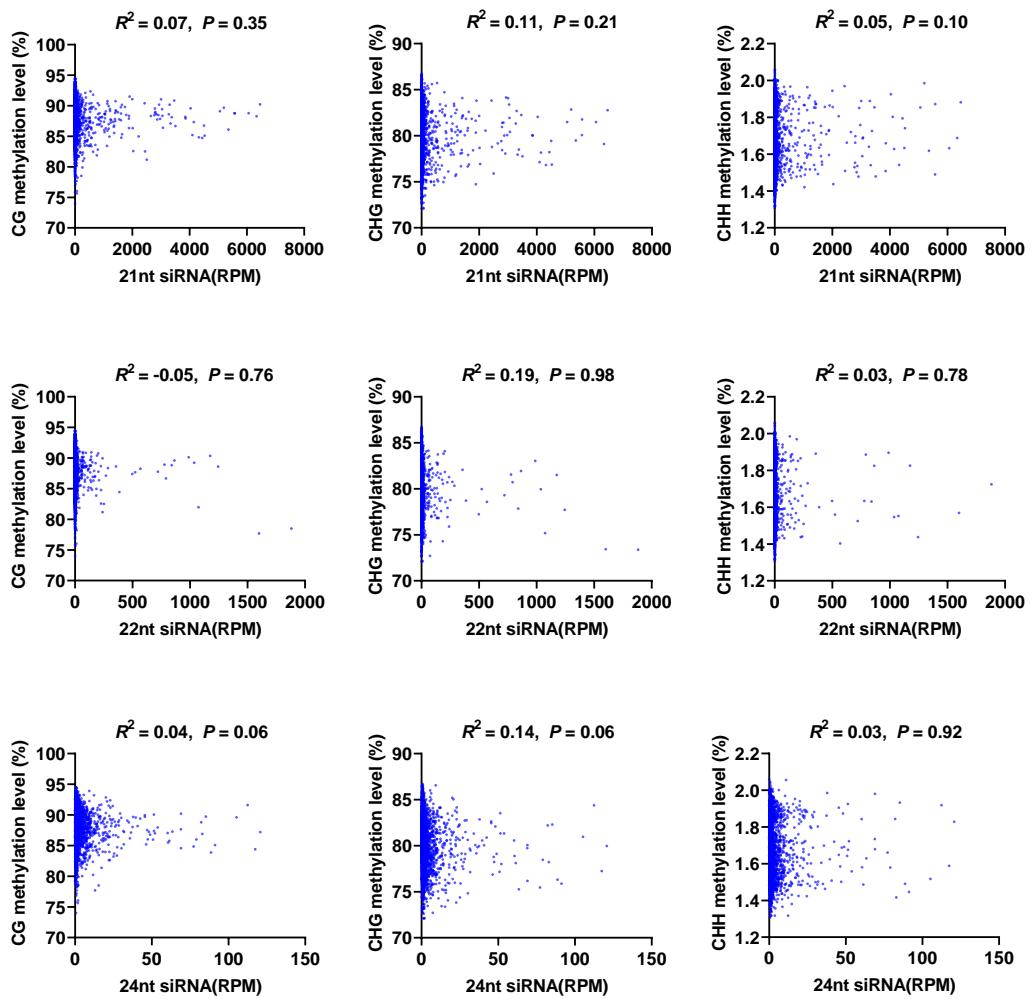
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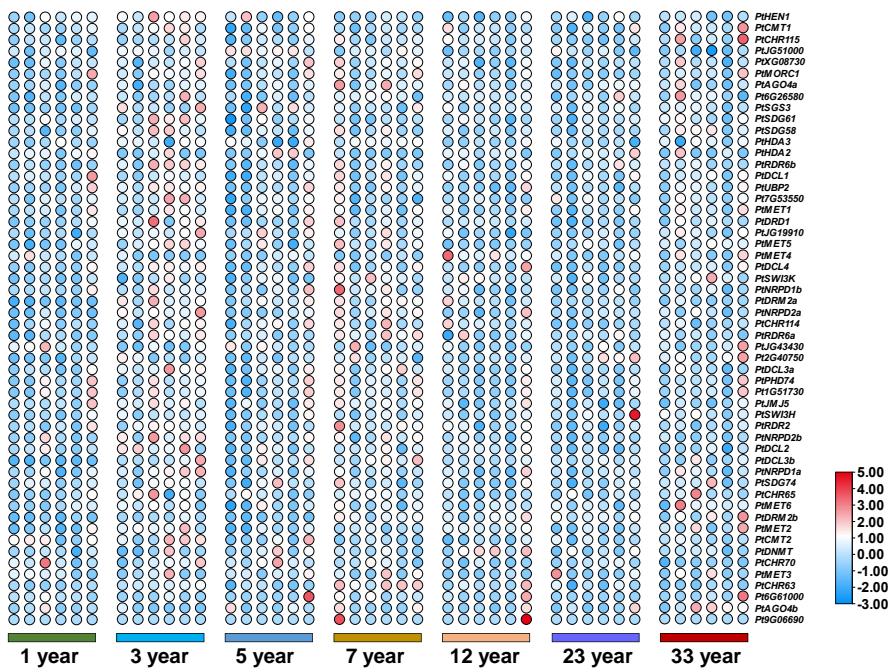
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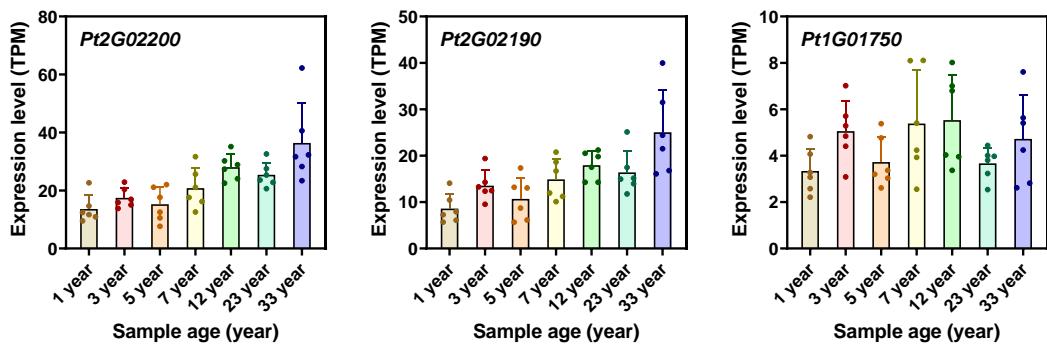
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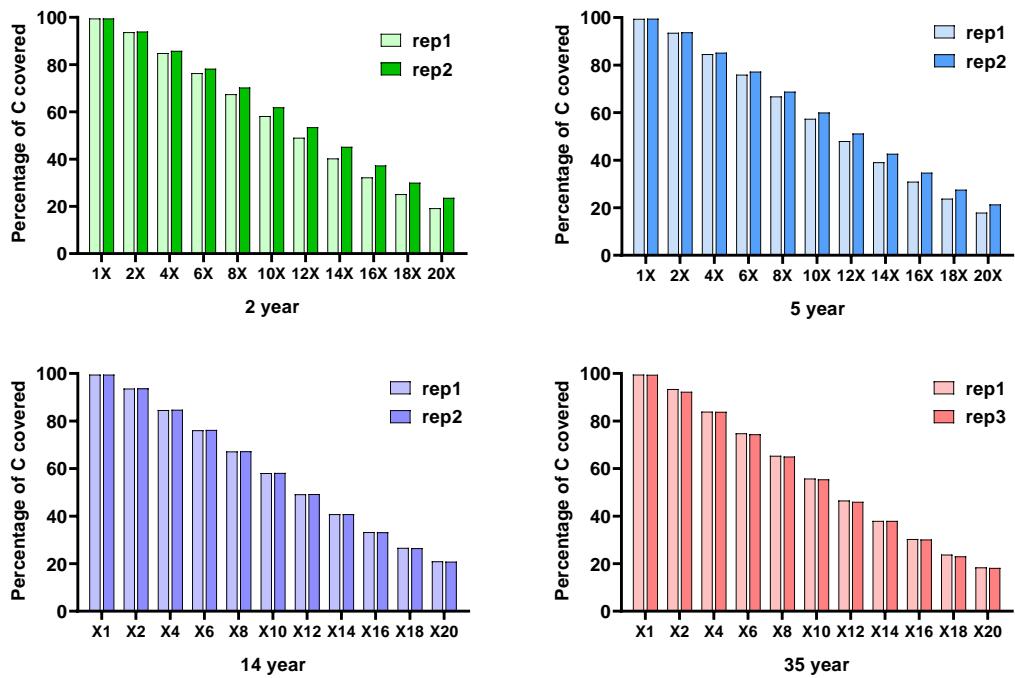
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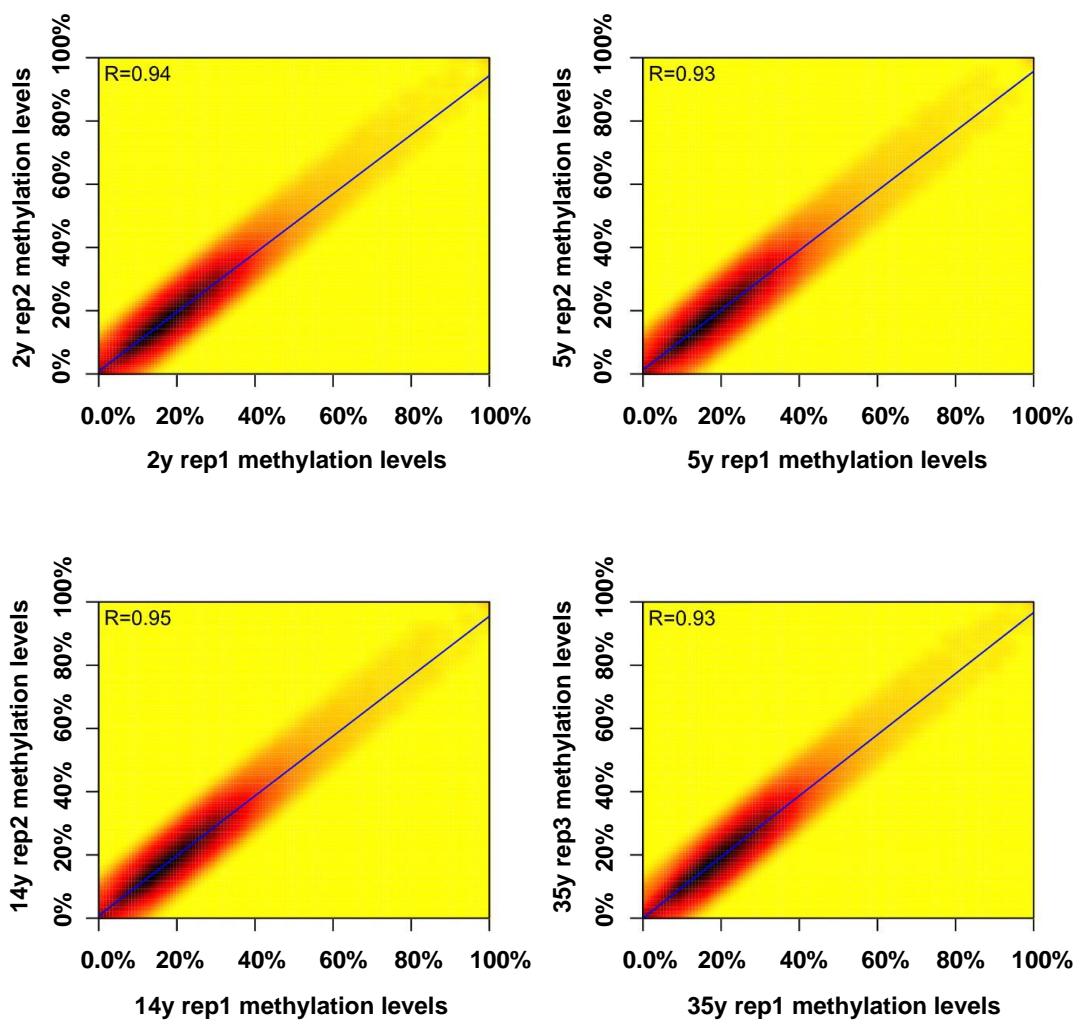
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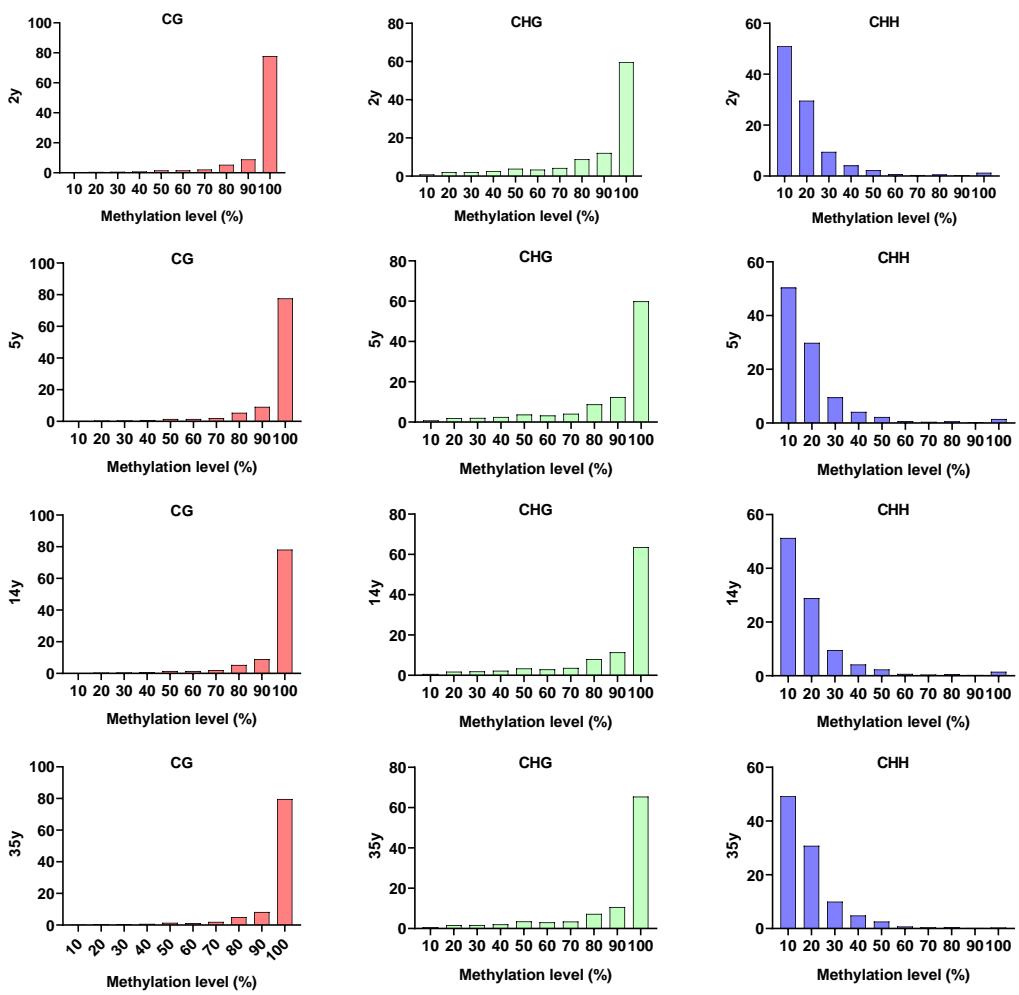
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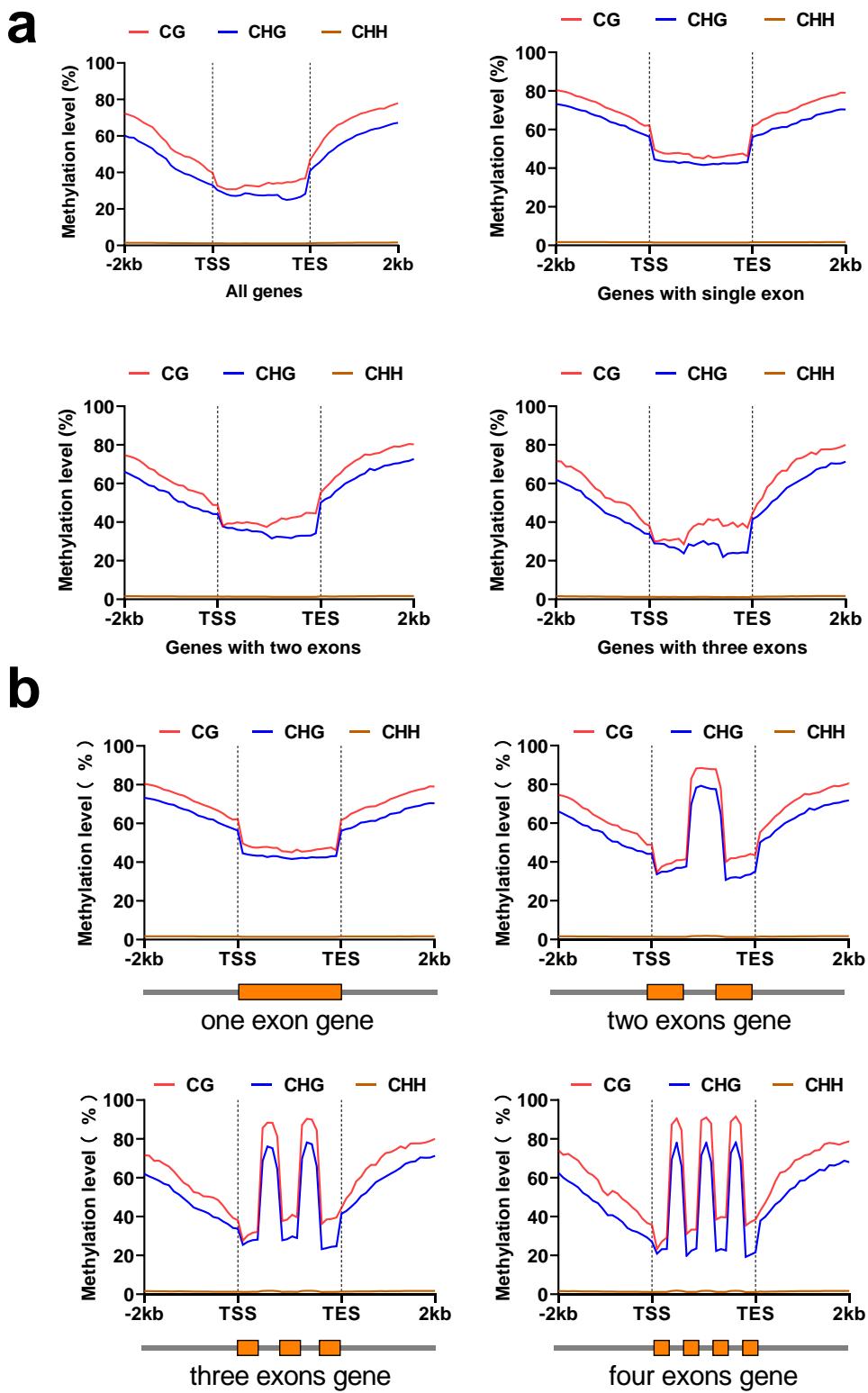
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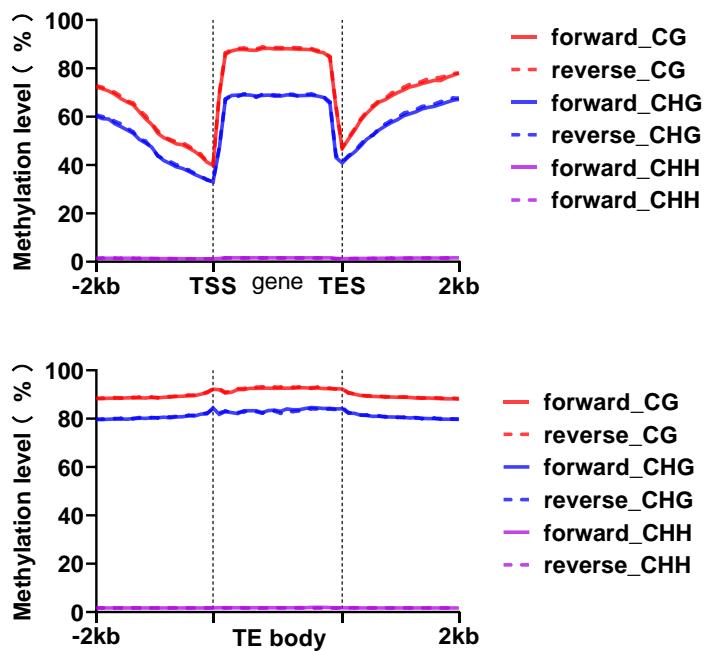
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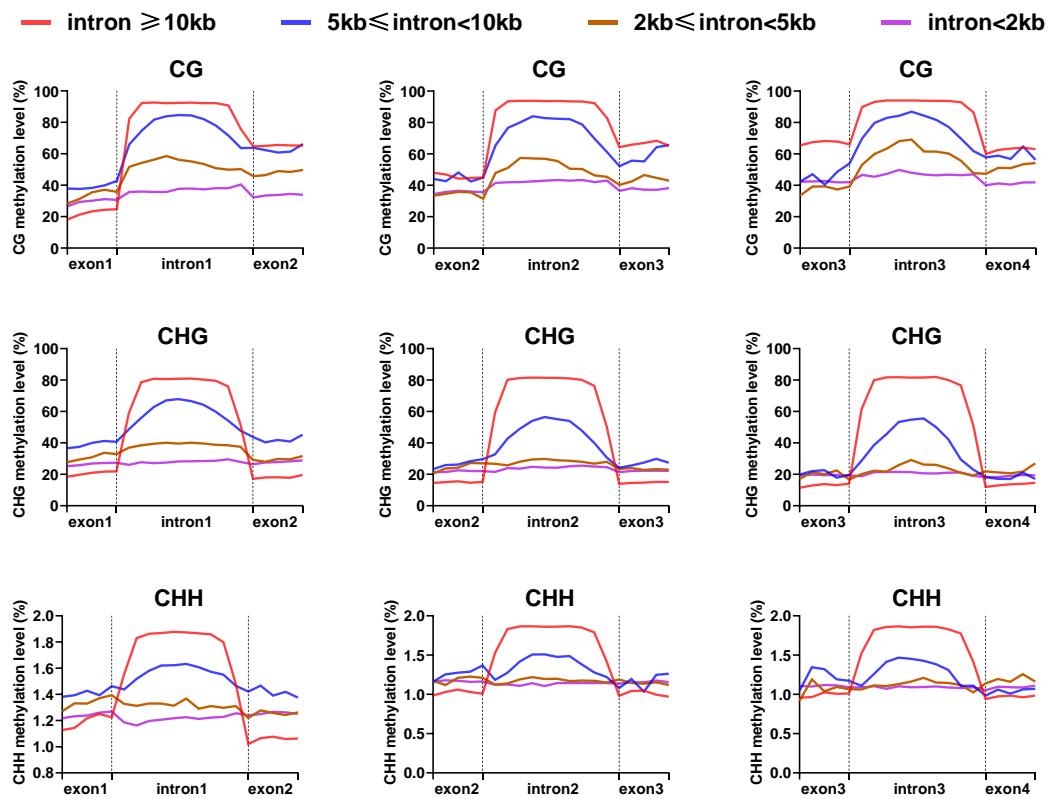
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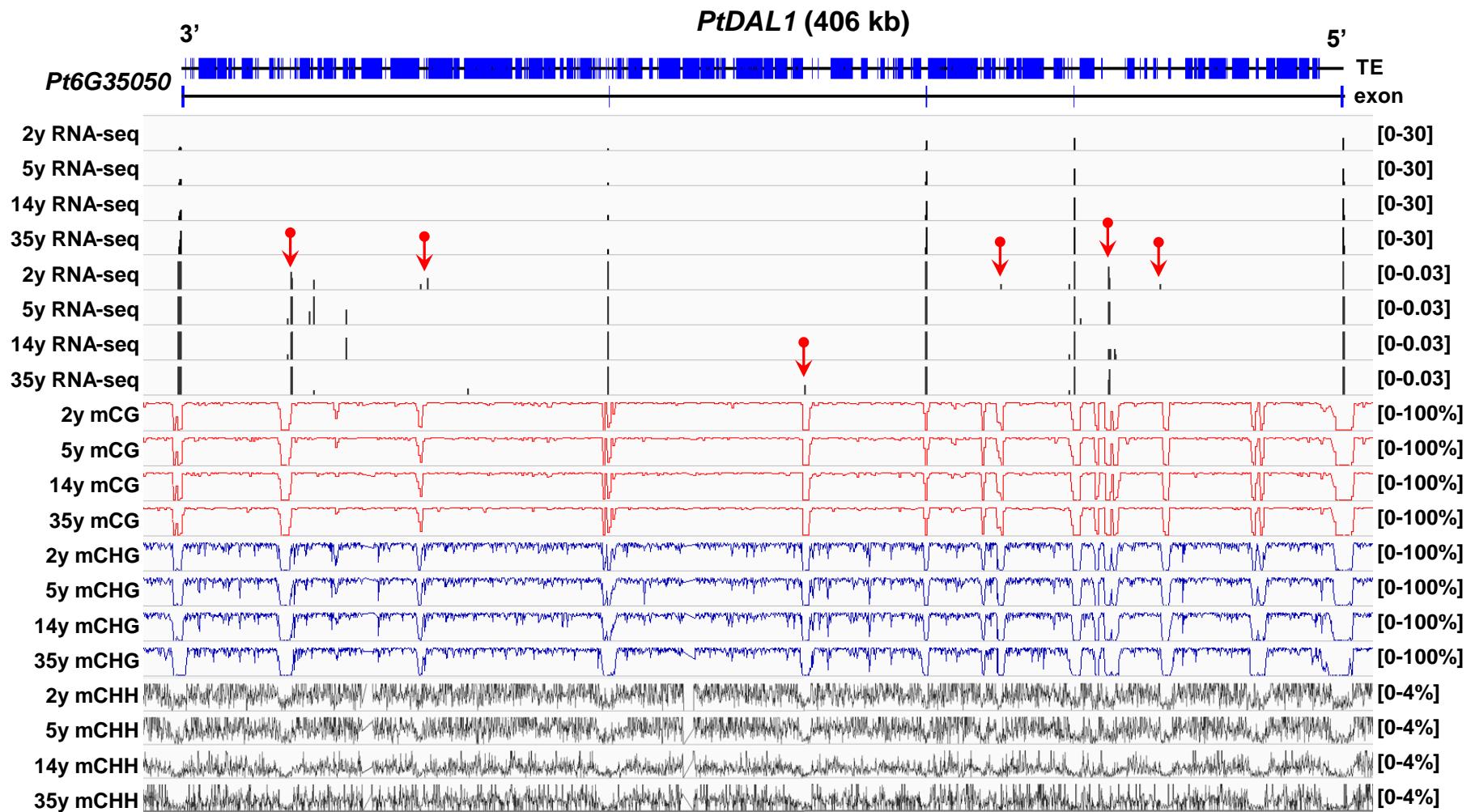
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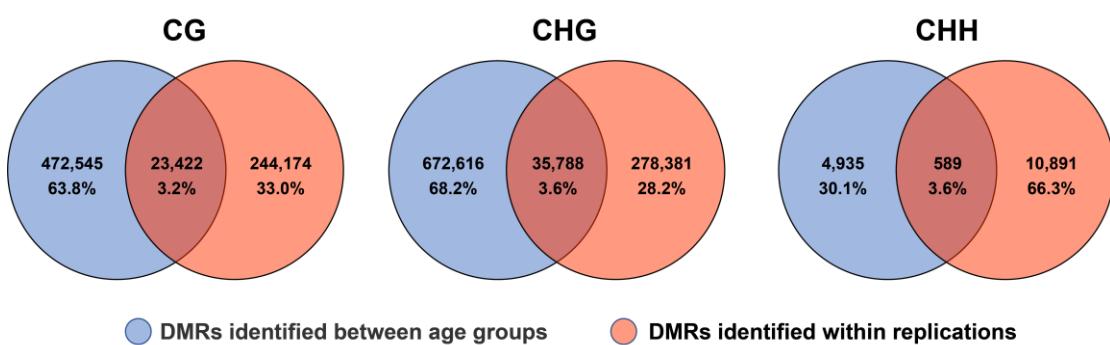
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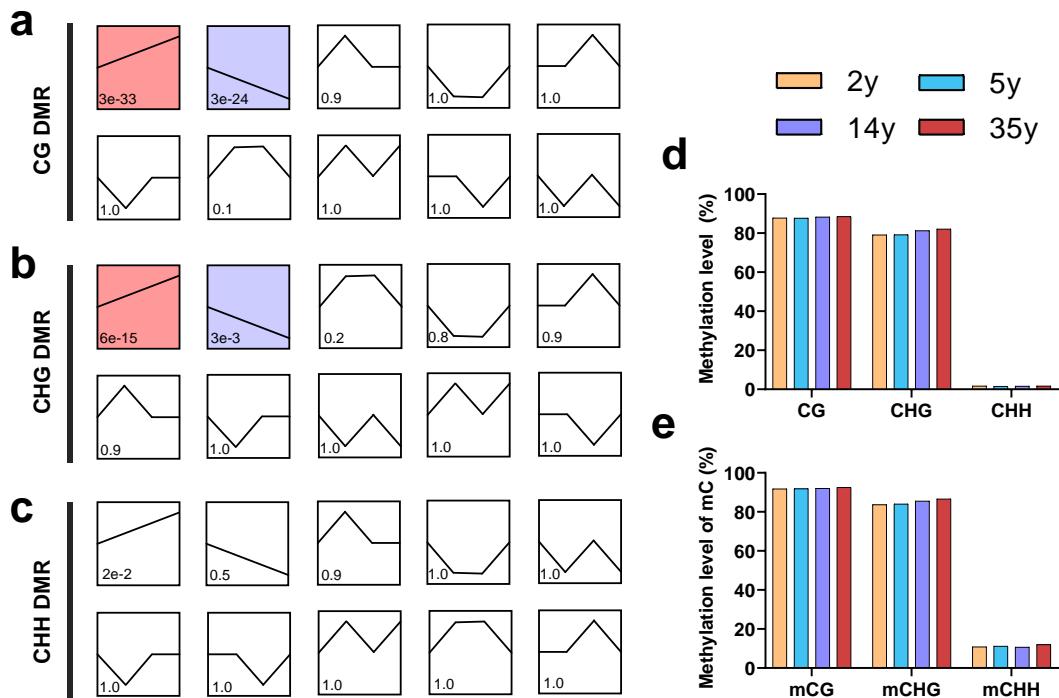
Supplementary Figure 11. Methylation patterns of introns with different length and flanking exons. Introns and exons were equally divided into 10 and 5 bins, respectively. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



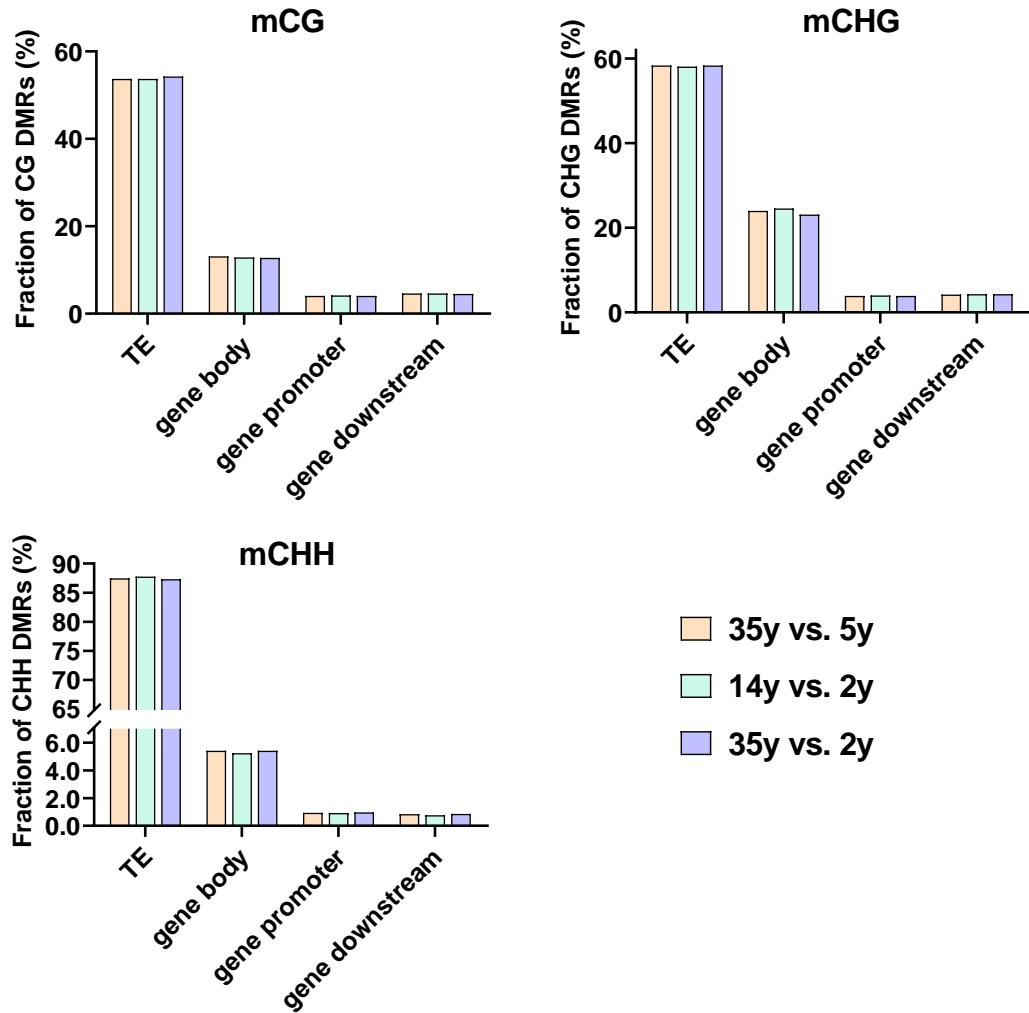
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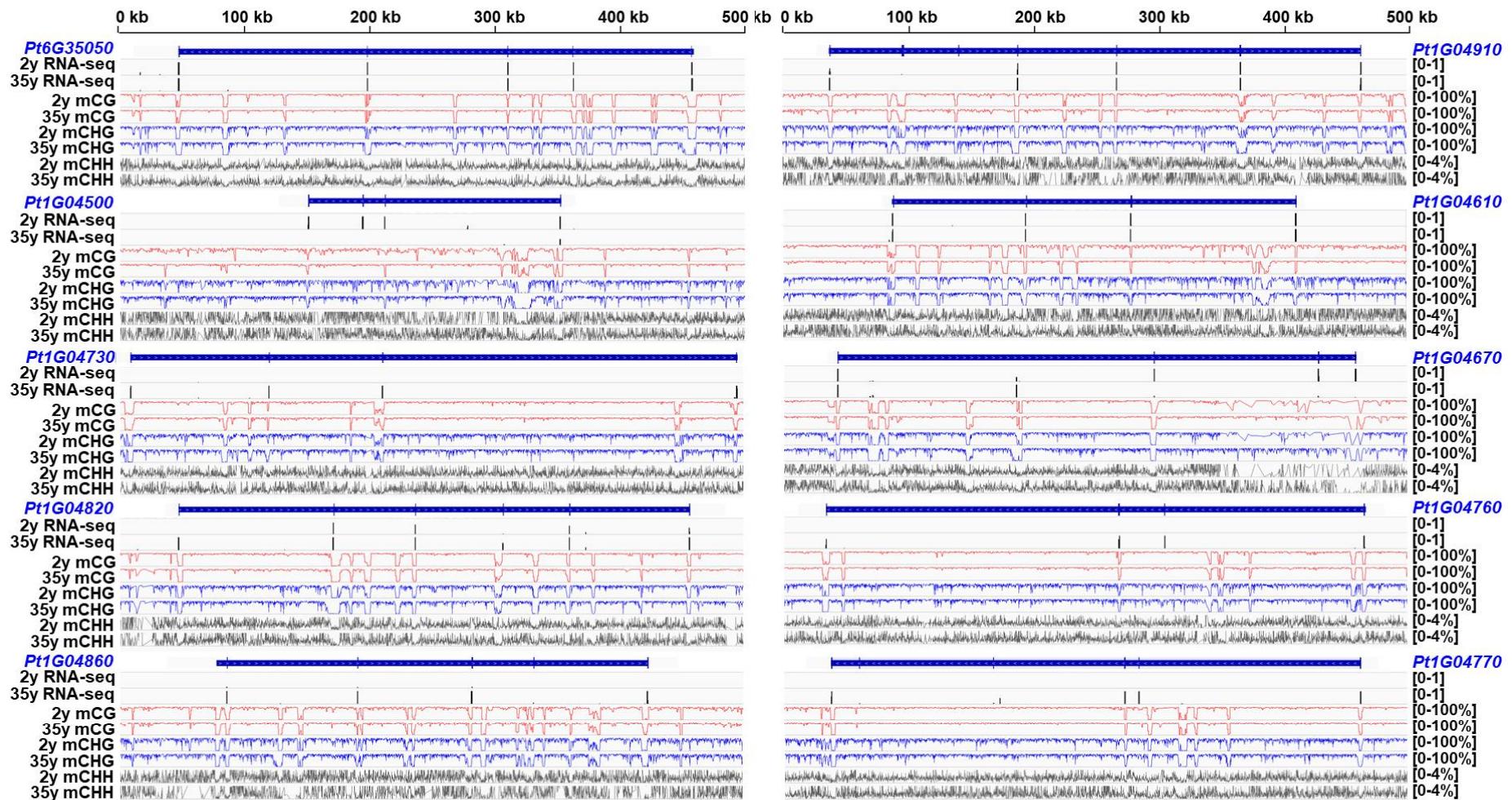
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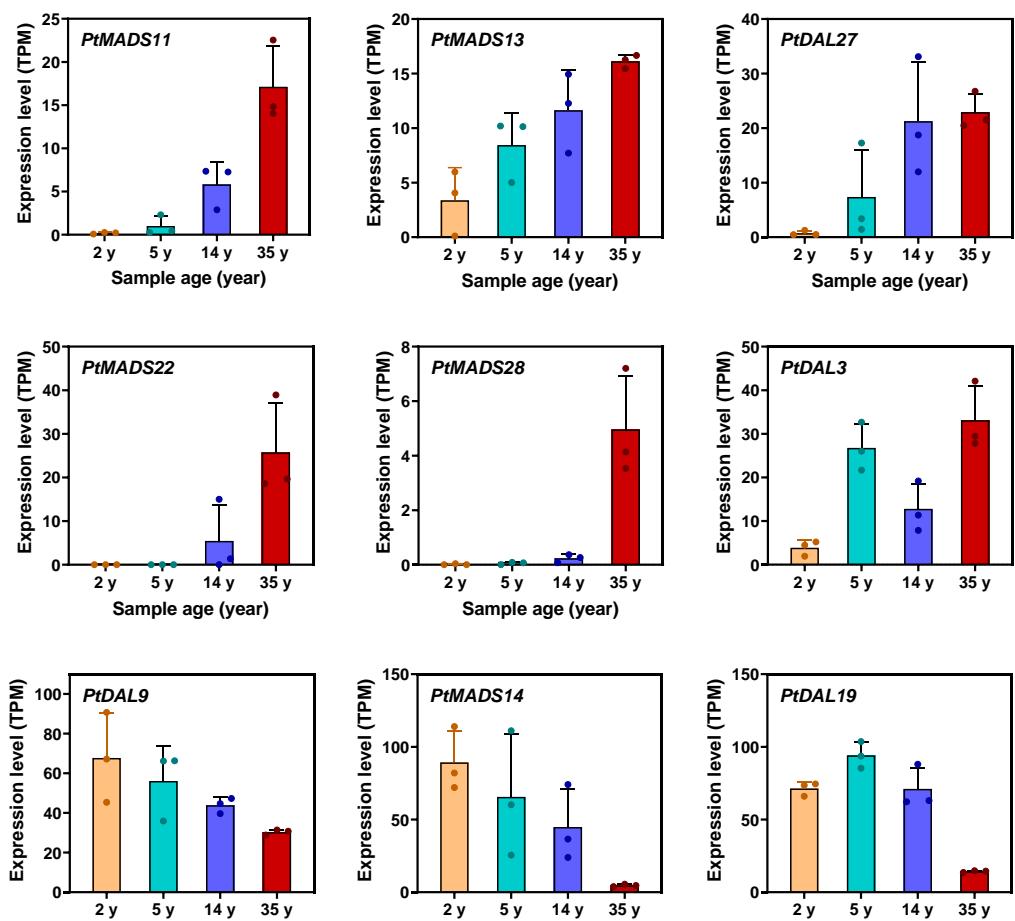
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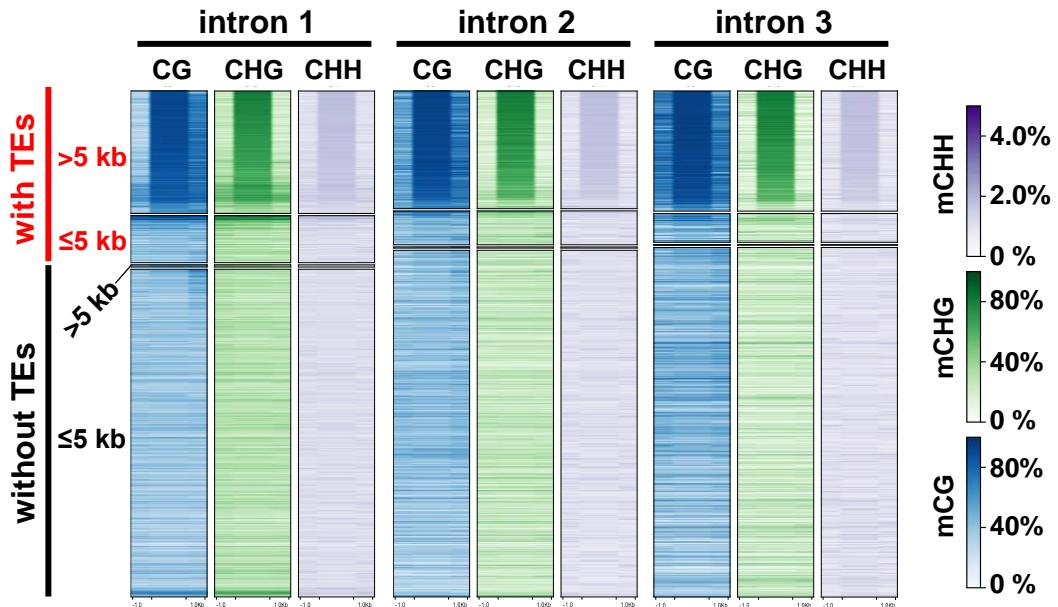
Supplementary Figure 15. Overlap of differentially methylated regions (DMRs) with different types of genomic elements. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 16. Age-related DNA methylation changes of 10 key SOC1-like transcription factors in the age-related gene module.



Supplementary Figure 17. Expression changes of nine key SOC1-like transcription factors in the age-related gene module as the age increased. The data are presented as the means \pm SD of the biological replicates. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 18. Methylation levels across the first, second and third intron as well as flanking exons of the four groups of genes based on intron length and TE insertion or not. Introns and exons were equally divided into 10 and 5 bins, respectively.

Supplementary Table 1. Summary of Bisulfite sequencing (BS)-seq results and estimation of methylation levels.

| Samples | Read number | Uniquely mapped | Mapped ratio, % | %mCG | %mCHG | %mCHH | Conversion rate, % | Sequencing depth |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|-------|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| 2y rep1 | 3,448,891,562 | 1,975,516,436 | 57.3 | 85.3 | 76.6 | 1.9 | 99.38 | 20 |
| 2y rep2 | 3,753,293,764 | 2,151,504,908 | 57.4 | 85.9 | 78.6 | 1.9 | 99.41 | 22 |
| 5y rep1 | 3,339,386,476 | 1,926,294,952 | 57.8 | 85.6 | 78.3 | 1.8 | 99.56 | 20 |
| 5y rep2 | 3,600,558,508 | 2,069,343,430 | 57.6 | 85.3 | 77.0 | 1.6 | 99.56 | 21 |
| 14y rep1 | 3,576,228,554 | 2,067,775,778 | 58.0 | 85.7 | 79.6 | 1.7 | 99.63 | 21 |
| 14y rep2 | 3,547,820,012 | 2,068,297,330 | 58.5 | 86.4 | 79.8 | 1.9 | 99.47 | 21 |
| 35y rep1 | 3,366,751,580 | 1,947,654,168 | 58.0 | 86.3 | 80.1 | 2.0 | 99.47 | 20 |
| 35y rep3 | 3,534,926,056 | 2,008,060,972 | 57.0 | 86.1 | 80.3 | 1.9 | 99.52 | 21 |

Supplementary Table 2. Summary of RNA-seq read alignment.

| Samples | Read number | Mapped reads | Mapped ratio, % |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2y rep1 | 26,032,131 | 21,086,026 | 81.0% |
| 2y rep2 | 24,274,366 | 19,710,785 | 81.2% |
| 2y rep3 | 25,091,420 | 20,650,239 | 82.3% |
| 5y rep1 | 25,100,431 | 20,732,956 | 82.6% |
| 5y rep2 | 26,572,288 | 21,496,981 | 80.9% |
| 5y rep3 | 30,369,994 | 24,994,505 | 82.3% |
| 14y rep1 | 25,649,355 | 21,006,822 | 81.9% |
| 14y rep2 | 29,519,552 | 24,294,591 | 82.3% |
| 14y rep3 | 26,875,062 | 22,118,176 | 82.3% |
| 35y rep1 | 27,616,231 | 22,451,996 | 81.3% |
| 35y rep2 | 30,135,151 | 24,590,283 | 81.6% |
| 35y rep3 | 26,003,329 | 21,504,753 | 82.7% |

Supplementary Table 3. Summary of sRNA-seq read alignment.

| Samples | Read number | Mapped reads | Mapped ratio, % |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2y rep1 | 7,371,128 | 7,065,199 | 95.85% |
| 2y rep2 | 13,425,439 | 12,989,119 | 96.75% |
| 2y rep3 | 9,865,176 | 9,568,974 | 97.00% |
| 5y rep1 | 14,230,586 | 13,767,192 | 96.74% |
| 5y rep2 | 14,877,714 | 14,365,995 | 96.56% |
| 5y rep3 | 11,921,900 | 11,485,638 | 96.34% |
| 14y rep1 | 9,898,862 | 9,534,461 | 96.32% |
| 14y rep2 | 14,689,842 | 13,876,729 | 94.46% |
| 14y rep3 | 14,458,870 | 13,958,509 | 96.54% |
| 35y rep1 | 16,804,543 | 16,181,904 | 96.29% |
| 35y rep2 | 17,552,612 | 17,171,254 | 97.83% |
| 35y rep3 | 13,340,736 | 12,171,505 | 91.24% |