

## Supplementary Material and Methods

siRNA sequences :

The oligonucleotides corresponding to the sense-strand sequences of siRNA were: Human specific hnRNP U-siRNA: r(AAAGACCACGAGAAGAUCAUG)dTdT ; shared human/mouse hnRNP U-siRNA r(GAGGUGGAAUGCCCAACAG) dTdT ; Mouse-specific hnRNP U-siRNA r(CAGUGUCUUGGCAAGUUU) dTdT and control, irrelevant siRNA (Qiagen).

Primers sequences :

The qRT-PCR primer sequences were as follows: hnRNP U 5'-AACAGAGGTGGTGGCCATAG-3' and 5'-GTA ACTAC CAGGCCAGGAA-3' and 5'-GGAAGTACGGCCTGAGAGGT-3'; HP1 $\alpha$  5'-CTAGACAGGCGCGTGGTTAAG- and 5'-GCTCAGGGCAATCCAAGTTTTT-3' ; and GAPDH : 5'-GGACCTGACCTGCCGTCTAGAA-3' and 5'-GGTGTCGCTGTTGAAGTCAGAG-3'

Antibodies :

Western-blot : Mouse anti-hnRNP U (sc-32315; Santa Cruz Biotechnology) ; Mouse anti-HP1 $\alpha$  (2HP-2G9-AS ; Euromedex) ; rat anti-HA (cat# 1867423, Roche) ; anti-Suv39h1 (07-550, Upstate) ;  $\beta$  tubulin (T5202, Sigma) ; goat anti-DNMT3A (sc-10231, Tebu-Bio) ; rabbit anti-HP1 $\alpha$  (C7F11, Cell Signaling).

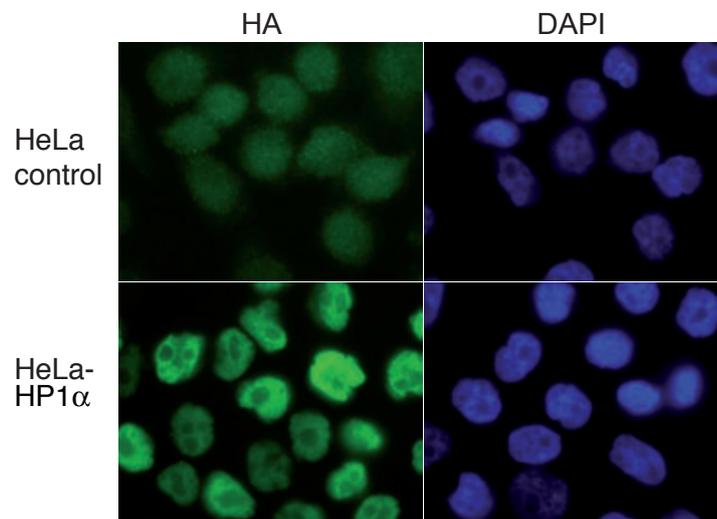
| HP1 $\alpha$ peptides S | HP1 $\alpha$ peptides C | hnRNP U peptides S    | hnRNP U C peptides C |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| DTDEADLVLAK             | REQSNDIAR               | FIEIAAR               | DIDIHEVR             |
| SNFNSNSADDIK            | DTDEADLVLAK             | DIDIHEVR              | LSASSLTMESFAFLWAGG   |
| KSNFNSNSADDIK           | SNFNSNSADDIK            | YNILGTNTIMDK          |                      |
| WKDTDEADLVLAK           | KSNFNSNSADDIK           | LLEQYKEESKK           | NFILDQTNVSAAAQR      |
| LTWHAYPEDAENK           | WKDTDEADLVLAK           | NFILDQTNVSAAAQR       | YNILGTNTIMDK         |
| GFSEEHNTWEPEK           | LTWHAYPEDAENK           | SSGPTSLFAVTVAPPGAR    |                      |
| LTWHAYPEDAENKEK         | IIGATDSCGDLMFLMK        | EKPYFPIPEEYTFIQNVPLED |                      |
| TADSSSSSEDEEEYVVEK      | LTWHAYPEDAENKEK         | R                     |                      |
| RTADSSSSSEDEEEYVVEK     | TADSSSSSEDEEEYVVEK      |                       |                      |
| LTWHAYPEDAENKEKETAK     | RTADSSSSSEDEEEYVVEK     |                       |                      |
| K                       | LTWHAYPEDAENKEKETAK     |                       |                      |
|                         | LTWHAYPEDAENKEKETAK     |                       |                      |
|                         | S                       |                       |                      |

**Table S1 :** Mass spectrometry identified peptides for HP1 and its interacting partner hnRNP U in nuclear soluble (S) and chromatinian fractions (C).

|                           | scr/Gal4DBD | si U1/Gal4DBD | scr/Gal4HP1 |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| <i>Luciferase/Renilla</i> | 0,0063      | 0,0061        | 0,0009      |
|                           | scr/Gal4DBD | si U2/Gal4DBD | scr/Gal4HP1 |
| <i>Luciferase/Renilla</i> | 0,03        | 0,029         | 0,008       |

**Table S2:** *Luciferase/Renilla* ratios of two representative experiments are shown.

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B

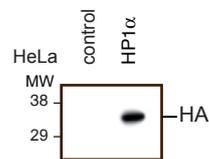


Figure S1, Ameyar-Zazoua et al.

Figure S1: Flag-HA tagged-HP1 $\alpha$ -localizes in the nucleus. (A) Control HeLa cells (upper panel) or HeLa cells expressing Flag-HA-HP1 $\alpha$  (lower panel) were subjected to immunofluorescence using anti-HA antibody. Cells were counter-stained with DAPI. (B) HeLa cells stably expressing human HP1 $\alpha$  or control HeLa cells were labelled with anti-HA antibody and analyzed by western blotting

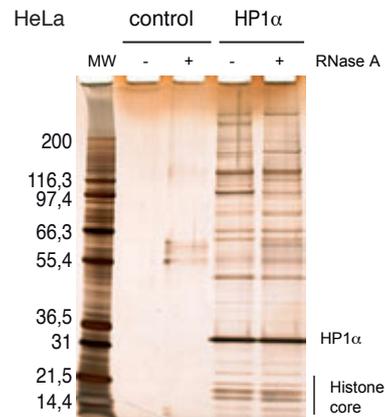


Figure S2, Ameyar-Zazoua et al.

Figure S2: Effects of RNase A treatment on nuclear soluble HP1 $\alpha$ -complex. Flag immunoprecipitates from HeLa cells expressing HP1 $\alpha$ -tagged protein or from control cells were treated, or not, with RNase A prior to incubation with HA-agarose beads. Eluates were run on 4-12% SDS PAGE and silver stained. Molecular masses of protein markers are indicated on the left.

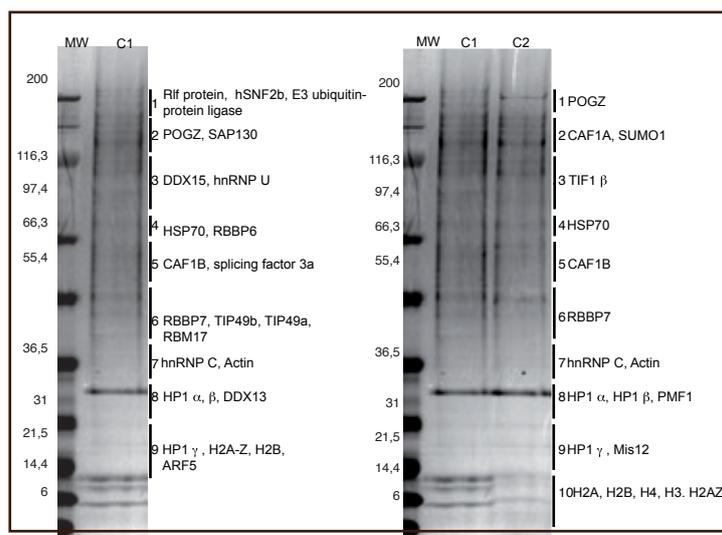


Figure S3, Ameyar-Zazoua et al.

Figure S3: hnRNP U co-fractionate with RNA binding proteins in the insoluble HP1  $\alpha$ -complex. The insoluble HP1 $\alpha$  complex was fractionated on glycerol gradients and fractions presenting similar profiles (as visualized on silver stain) were pooled and analyzed by MS. hnRNP U was found specifically in the fraction C1 (compare with C2). C1 corresponds to fractions ranging between 33 to 37% glycerol. C2 corresponds to fractions ranging between 27 to 31% glycerol.

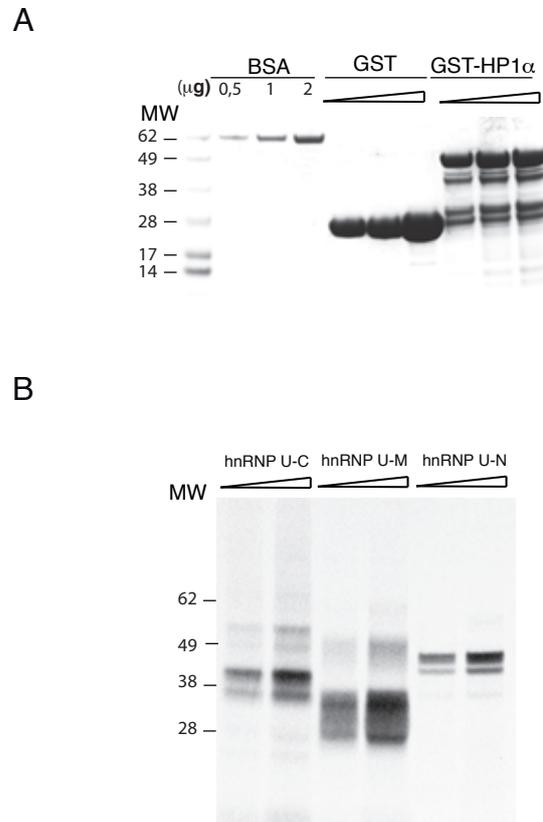


Figure S4, Ameyar-Zazoua et al.

Figure S4: Control of protein amounts in the GST pull-down experiments shown on Figures 2C. (A) Serial dilutions of recombinant proteins, GST and GST-HP1 $\alpha$  were revealed by coomassie staining. (B) Serial dilutions of recombinant hnRNP U proteins were revealed by autoradiography.