Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. Nascent-Seq enriches for intron signal. Nascent-Seq enriches for intron signal by ninefold compared with RNA-Seq. (*A*) Forty-one percent of Nascent-Seq reads fall within introns, whereas fewer than 5% of RNA-Seq reads fall within introns. Percent read coverage per base pair within introns and exons is plotted. (*B*) Percent read coverage in intron, intergenic, and exon regions plotted as a bar graph.



Fig. S2. Nascent vs. mRNA phase distributions for all cycling groups. (A) Individual group I phase distributions are highly correlated. Phases determined by Fourier analysis are plotted. (*B*) Individual group II phase distributions are poorly correlated. Phases were determined by assigning the time point with the average maximum reads per base pair for the Nascent-Seq and RNA-Seq datasets, respectively. (*C*) Group III and group IV Nascent-Seq (red) and RNA-Seq (blue) phase distributions. Group III phases were determined by Fourier analysis. Group IV phases of both datasets were set to the time point with the maximum average reads per base pair. (*D*) Individual group III phase distributions are highly correlated in contrast to individual group IV phase distributions, which are not correlated. Group III phases were determined by Fourier analysis. Group IV phases of both datasets were set to the time point with the maximum average reads per base pair. (*D*) Individual group III phase distributions are highly correlated in contrast to individual group IV phase distributions, which are not correlated. Group III phases were determined by Fourier analysis. Group IV phases of both datasets were set to the time point with the maximum average reads per base pair.



Fig. S3. Group IV genes contain posttranscriptional cyclers. (A) Almost 80% of group IV genes have nascent expression levels above the threshold required for group I, indicating that expression or sequencing depth is not the only factor responsible for the observed lack of cycling in group IV genes. (*B*) Most group III and group IV genes have higher mRNA cycling amplitudes relative to their nascent cycling amplitudes (maximum/minimum ratios). (C) The distribution of ratios between the mRNA and nascent cycling amplitudes is shown for all mRNA cyclers. For 24 genes the mRNA amplitude is twofold higher than the nascent amplitude; only two genes have twofold higher nascent than mRNA amplitude. The data therefore indicate a significant contribution of posttranscriptional regulation to circadian gene expression.



Fig. S4. Several core clock genes exhibit higher mRNA amplitudes than nascent amplitudes. Plotted are the average ratios of maximum/minimum reads per base pair within exons across all time points. Nascent-Seq replicate (R1, R2) ratios are in red; RNA-Seq replicate (R1, R2) ratios are in blue.



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Fig. S5. Degradation threshold model. A constant degradation expression threshold could explain the higher mRNA than nascent cycling amplitudes without invoking a clock-controlled (temporally variable) posttranscriptional mechanism. The model posits that the trough values of cycling transcription are near this threshold, so degradation mechanisms can degrade their targets (e.g., within the nucleus) efficiently. After this threshold is substantially breached, a larger fraction of mRNA is stable, thereby creating a larger mRNA cycling amplitude than transcriptional amplitude. In the diagram, a constant degradation of five transcripts reduces the mRNA trough to 5 and the mRNA peak to 20, giving rise to a mRNA amplitude of 4 compared with a transcriptional amplitude of 2.5.

Table S1. Top 50 microarray cycling genes

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Refseq identifier	Gene symbol	No. of microarray cycles	In annotation from nascent pA data?	Nascent or RNA cycler group
CG6571	rdgC	6	Yes	
CG6622	Pkc53E	6	Yes	
CG9552	rost	6	Yes	
CG4899	Pdh	6	Yes	
CG4784	Cpr72Ec	6	Yes	IV
CG14029	, vri	6	Yes	I. I.
CG3234	tim	6	Yes	i i
CG5798	CG5798	Ē	Yes	
CG17352	CG17352	6	Yes	
CG2121	CG2121	é	Yes	
CG18345	trol	e e	Yes	
CG7811	b	6	Voc	
CG6649	Uat25b	6	Vor	1
CG111/3	lnos	5	Yes	I
CC12205	11103 CC1220E	5	Yes	
CG15505	CG13305	5	res	
CG11407	CG71407	5	res	
CG/365	CG/365	5	Yes	
CG9023	Drip	5	Yes	
CG9027	CG9027	5	Yes	
CG9837	CG9837	5	Yes	
CG4962	CG4962	5	Yes	
CG1572	CG1572	5	Yes	
CG4779	hgo	5	Yes	
CG1982	Sodh-1	5	Yes	III
CG18111	Obp99a	5	Yes	III
CG10175	CG10175	5	Yes	III
CG14528	CG14528	5	Yes	III
CG14275	CG14275	5	Yes	II (cycles in Nascent and RNA, but different phases)
CG17386	CG17386	5	Yes	
CG7391	Clk	5	Yes	
CG1441	CG1441	5	Yes	
CG10553	CG10552	5	Vos	
CG 6772	Slob	F	Vec	1
CG0772	5100 Cup4d21	5	Tes	1
CC0730	Cyp4u21	5	Yes	
CG42529	CG42329	5	res	I
CG32050	5/1	4	res	
CG15162	IVIESR3	4	Yes	
CG11958	Chx99A	4	Yes	
CG18598	CG18598	4	Yes	n <i>i</i>
CG2681	CG2681	4	Yes	IV
CG3966	ninaA	4	Yes	IV
CG13848	pinta	4	Yes	III
CG3672	Cpr67B	4	Yes	III
CG11796	CG11796	4	Yes	III
CG14996	Chd64	4	Yes	III
CG17888	Pdp1	4	Yes	I
CG2647	per	4	Yes	I
CG11529	CG11529	4	Yes	I
CG11853	to	4	Yes	I
CG9363	CG9363	4	Yes	1

Table S2. Primers used for validation

er used for quantitative RT-PCR validation
ACAAACGGTTCGCTATGAGG
AAAGCTTTCTCCCTGGCTTC
TCATCGTGAACCACAACGAT
TTCATAAAAGCTCGCGGAGT

Other Supporting Information Files

Dataset S1 (XLS)

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