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Figure S1. SAHH, an essential enzyme of the methylation cycle, is expressed by neural crest cells. (A) The methylation cycle. Methyltransferase-mediated transfer of a methyl group (CH3) to a substrate (X) produces *S*-adenosylhomocysteine (SAH), which inhibits further methylation reactions. *S*-adenosylhomocysteine hydrolase (SAHH) hydrolyzes SAH, relieving the feedback inhibition. Tubercidin is a pharmacological SAHH inhibitor. (B–I) Neural crest cells express SAHH mRNA. Four-somite (4s, B–E) and nine-somite chick embryos (9s, F–I) sectioned at forebrain (C), midbrain (G), hindbrain (D and H), and trunk (E and I) levels. *SAHH* mRNA is widely expressed, but particularly abundant in cranial (C and D) and trunk (E and I) premigratory neural crest precursors (white arrowheads). Cranial neural crest cells maintain *SAHH* expression as they initiate migration (H), and migrate through the head mesenchyme (G; black arrowheads), expressing the neural crest marker HNK-1 (G', white arrow). (B and F) Dorsal view; (C–E and G–I) transverse section at the level indicated in the accompanying whole mount. nne, nonneural ectoderm; nt, neural tube. Bars: (B and F) 500 µm; (all other bars) 100 µm.

Figure S2. SAHH MO knocks down SAHH protein levels, but blocking SAHH does not alter cell death or proliferation. (A–C) SAHH MO–electroporated cells are deficient for SAHH protein. Embryos were unilaterally electroporated at late gastrula with SAHH MO and re-incubated to four somites (4s, A-A'') or eight somites (8s, B–B¹' and C). (A–B) In cross sections, SAHH immunoreactivity (red, A¹' and B¹') is reduced in cells that have been targeted with SAHH MO (green, A' and B'; cells inside circle) compared with surrounding cells (cells outside circle). (C) In Western blots of dissected, electroporated neural folds, SAHH protein levels are reduced in SAHH MO–electroporated compared with CO MO–electroporated tissue. Residual SAHH protein in SAHH MO– electroporated sample is likely due to the mosaicism of electroporation (A' and B') and/or perdurance of existing protein. GAPDH was used as a loading control. (D and E) SAHH knockdown does not lead to cell death. Embryos unilaterally electroporated with SAHH MO (green) at late gastrula and re-incubated to seven somites (7s) were sectioned and immunostained with anti-cleaved caspase 3 antibody (cl. casp3; red, D') and DAPI (nucleus; blue). The percentage of cl. casp3–positive cells is not significantly different on the targeted side of the embryo compared with the untargeted side (E; $P = 0.07$). (F and G) SAHH knockdown does not affect proliferation. Embryos unilaterally electroporated with SAHH MO (F, green) at late gastrula and re-incubated to seven somites (7s) were sectioned and immunostained with anti–phospho-histone H3 (pH3; red, F) and DAPI (nucleus; blue). The percentage of pH3-positive cells is not significantly different on the targeted side of the embryo compared with the untargeted side (G; P = 0.45). (H–L) Tubercidin inhibits neural crest migration in a dose-dependent manner, but does not cause cell death. (H–K) Neural tube explants were cultured in increasing concentrations of tubercidin (0.1– 0.75 μ M) and stained with HNK-1. Fewer HNK-1–positive neural crest cells migrate away from the neural tube with increasing concentration of tubercidin, showing dose dependency. (J) Bar graph depicting the ratio of TUNEL-positive cells to DAPI-positive cells surrounding the neural tube, showing that tubercidin does not alter the incidence of dying cells at 0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, and 1.0 µM compared with carrier treatment. Bars, 100 µm.

Figure S3. Neural crest specification and migration phenotype evaluation. (A-D) Categories of neural crest specification defects. Representative examples of embryos showing no change (A), mildly decreased (B), moderately decreased (C), or severely decreased (D) *Sox10* expression as a reflection of neural crest specification. *Snail2* expression was judged by the same criteria. (E–H) Categories of neural crest migration defects. Representative examples of embryos showing no change or equal migration (E), mildly decreased migration (F), moderately decreased migration (G), and severely decreased migration (H), using *Sox10* to visualize migratory neural crest cells. HNK-1 immunostaining was similarly judged. (A–H) Dorsal view. White arrowhead, targeted side of embryo; black arrowhead, untargeted side of embryo. Embryos shown were electroporated with SAHH MO at late gastrula, but the same categories apply to $EF1\alpha1$ -6xMM-GFP–electroporated embryos. Bars, $100 \mu m$.

Figure S4. Exogenous SAHH rescues SAHH knockdown, showing SAHH MO is specific. Embryos were unilaterally electroporated with standard control MO (CO MO; A', green) or SAHH MO (B' and C', green) mixed with empty pMES-mCherry expression vector (A'' and B'', red) or pMES-mCherry driving SAHH (C'', red) at late gastrula. Embryos were incubated to 8-9 somites (s), and neural crest cell migration was visualized by *Sox10* in situ hybridization (purple). White arrowhead, targeted side of embryo; black arrowhead, untargeted side of embryo. (A–C) Representative embryos showing SAHH MO rescue. Neural crest migration is mildly disrupted on the targeted side when CO MO is unilaterally co-electroporated with empty pMES-mCherry (A), but is severely disrupted when SAHH MO is unilaterally co-electroporated with empty pMES-mCherry (B). Co-electroporation of SAHH MO along with 5 mg/ml pMES-SAHH-mCherry rescues SAHH knockdown so that neural crest cells migrate normally on the targeted side (C). (D) Stacked bar graph depicting the frequency and severity of migration defects in embryos co-electroporated with CO MO, SAHH MO, and pMES-mCherry expression constructs, showing that adding back SAHH rescues the migration phenotype compared with SAHH MO alone. The incidence of minimally affected control embryos may be higher than usual due to electroporation of large quantities of nucleic acid. (A–C) Dorsal views of in situ hybridization in left panel, fluorescent MO targeting in middle panel, fluorescent expression construct targeting in right panel. Bars, 100 µm.

Figure S5. EF1&1-GFP and EF1&1-6xMM-GFP localization resembles endogenous EF1&1 and does not affect cell survival. Embryos were electroporated with EF1 α 1-GFP (EF1 α 1; A–C, green; A'–C') or EF1 α 1-6xMM-GFP (EF1 α 1-6xMM or 6xMM; D-F, green; D'–F') at late gastrula. (A–F) Localization of EF1 α 1 GFP fusions. Cranial neural folds from electroporated embryos were cultured and emigrating cells immunostained for HNK-1 (neural crest; red) and DAPI (nucleus; blue). EF1 α 1-GFP and EF1 α 1-6xMM-GFP localize in lamella (A', B', D', and E', white arrowheads) and filopodia (C' and F', white arrowheads) like endogenous EF1 a1 (Fig. 7). (G) Cultured cranial neural crest cells that express methylation-resistant EF1 α 1 (EF1 α 1-6xMM) trend toward being less polarized than neural crest cells electroporated with empty vector (pMES) or wild-type EF1 α 1, though the effect is not statistically significant. (H–I) Methylationresistant EF1 α 1 does not cause cell death. EF1 α 1-6xMM-GFP–electroporated embryos were incubated to seven somites (7s). Transverse sections were immunostained with anti-cleaved caspase 3 (cl. casp3, H). (I) Bar graph depicting the percentage of cl. casp3–positive cells out of the total cells counted, showing that pMES, EF1a1-GFP, and EF1a1-6xMM-GFP do not significantly increase cell death on the targeted side of the embryo compared with the untargeted side (P = 0.19, EF1a1-6xMM). (J) EF1a1-6xMM-GFP-electroporated embryos were incubated to seven somites, and cadherin6B (Cad6B) protein visualized in midbrain transverse sections by immunofluorescence. Cad6B (J, red; J'') is similarly down-regulated in EF1 a 1-6xMM-GFP-targeted (J, green; J') and untargeted neural folds. Bars: (A, B, D, and E) 10 µm; (C and F) 1 µm; (H and J) 100 µm.

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The results of proteomic analysis to identify neural crest cytoplasmic proteins containing mono- and di-methylated lysines. Proteins listed were identified by two or more peptides at 95% confidence. Proteins are classified into functional categories and labeled if they were identified from emigrating (E) or actively migrating (A) neural crest cells.

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