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Base-resolution maps of 5-formylcytosine and 5-carboxylcytosine reveal genome-wide DNA demethylation dynamics

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Materials and methods

Generation of $Tdg^{-/-}$ mESC, Cell Culture and DNA Preparation. Generation of $Tdg^{-/-}$ mESC, cell culture and genomic DNA was prepared as previously described (Song et al., 2011). Briefly, the Tdg knockout ES cell lines were derived from inner cell mass of $Tdg^{fl/fl}$, $Tdg^{fl/-}$ and $Tdg^{-/-}$ embryos. To derive $Tdg^{-/-}$ ES cells, nuclear transfer was performed with the $Tdg^{-/-}$ iPS cells and enucleated MII oocytes. mESCs were cultured in feeder-free conditions. The genomic DNA was extracted by SDS/proteinase K digestion, phenol/chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation.

Preparation of Synthetic DNA Oligonucleotides. Synthetic oligonucleotides containing 5hmC, 5fC and 5caC were prepared by using Applied Biosystems 392 DNA synthesizer with phosphoramidites from Glen Research. Subsequent purification was carried out using Sep-pak C18 cartridges (Waters) according to the manufacturer's protocol.

Dot-Blot for 5fC/5caC-specific Antibody Characterization. For dot blot assay, different amounts of 76mer DNA oligonucleotides (5'-CCTCACCATCTCAACCAATATTATATTATGTGTATATTXGATATTTTGTGTTAT AATATTGAGGGAGAAGTGGTGA -3', where X is either a C or modified C) were spotted on Amersham Hybond-N⁺ membrane (GE Healthcare) and fixed by Stratagene UV stratalinker 2400 using auto-crosslink option. The membrane was blocked in 5% nonfat milk incubated with 1:5,000 dilution of anti-5fC antiserum

(Active Motif) or 1:2,000 dilution of anti-5caC antiserum (gift from Dr. Yi Zhang) overnight at 4°C, respectively. After incubation with 1:2,000 dilution of HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG secondary antibody, the membrane was supplied with SuperSignal West Pico Chemiluminescent Substrate (Thermo Scientific) and visualized by chemiluminescence exposure.

DIP-qPCR Assay for 5fC/5caC-Containing Amplicon Enrichment. For DIP-qPCR assays, the spiked-in control DNA was generated as previously described²⁷. Briefly, C/5mC/5hmC/5fC/5caC-containing amplicon was PCR amplified by HotStarTaq DNA Polymerase (QIAGEN) with dNTP containing 10% modified dCTP and purified by gel electrophoresis. 50 pg of each spike-in DNA was added into 10 μ g sonicated salmon sperm DNA (ssDNA) and sonicated to 200–600 bp. For each DIP assay, 1 μ L (anti-5fC) or 0.5 μ L (anti-5caC) of antiserum was used, and 1 μ L of rabbit IgG was used as control. DNA and antibodies were incubated at 4°C for 4 h in a final volume of 500 µL 1×IP buffer (10 mM sodium phosphate [pH 7.0], 140 mM NaCl, 0.05% Triton X-100). 40 μ L pre-washed protein G Dynabeads (Invitrogen) were added to the mix and incubated at 4°C overnight. These beads were washed three times with 1 mL of 1×IP buffer and three times with 1 mL of 1×IP buffer + 150 mM NaCl. After proteinase K digeston at 55°C for 2 h, the immunoprecipitated DNA was purified by phenol-chloroform extraction followed by ethanol precipitation. qPCR validation was performed in triplicates of 20 μ L reactions each with 1× FastStart Essential DNA Green Master (Roche), 0.5μ M forward and reverse primers. Reactions were run on a

LightCycler96 (Roche) using the standard cycling conditions with primer sequences as follows: (dCTP) FW-CGGGAATGGCTTTGTGGTAA, RV-AATTCGCCTACACGCATCCT, (dmCTP) FW-AGTGGAGCAAGCGTGACAAGT, RV-CAGCGCGTAGGCTTCGA, (dhmCTP) FW-TGAATGCCGGGGAATGGTTT, RV-TGGAGAGCACCACCACTGATT, (dfCTP) FW-CCGATTCCGCCTAGTTGGT, RV-TGCCTGCGATGGTTGGA, (dcaCTP) FW-CTGCGCCGCCACAAA, RV-CTGGAATTGGGCAGAAGAAAAC.

Selective 5fC/5caC Protection and Sodium Bisulfite Treatment. Hydroxylamine protection of 5fC on immunoprecipitated DNA was performed with 10 mM O-ethylhydroxylamine (Aldrich, 274992) in 100 mM MES buffer (pH = 5.0) at 37°C for 4 h. Protection of 5caC was performed with 20 mM NHS (Aldrich 130672), 2mM EDC (Pierce, 77149), in 75mM MES buffer (pH=5.0) at 37°C for 0.5 h. After buffer exchange to 100 mM sodium phosphate (pH=7.5) and 150 mM NaCl, the pre-activated 5caC was incubated with 10 mM (4-aminomethyl)benzylazide at 37°C for 1 h.

Protected DNA was purified by Zymo DNA Clean & Concentration kit and subject to the MethylCode bisulfite conversion kit (Invitrogen) following the manufacturer's instruction with the exception that the bisulfite thermal cycle program was run twice for 5fC.

HPLC and Mass-Spec Analysis of EtONH₂-Protected or NaBH₄-Treated 5fC

Model DNA. A 5-mer 5fC-containing DNA oligonucleotide (5'- AC(5fC)GT -3'; 0.2 nmol) was protected by EtONH₂ or treated by NaBH₄¹. Reaction mixture was diluted 10-fold in 50 mM TEAA buffer (pH = 7.0) and injected into HPLC. The treated products were separated by C18 column (buffer A: 50 mM TEAA buffer, pH = 7.0; buffer B: 100% methanol; 0-15% buffer B in 40 mins). The substrate peak and product peaks were collected and combined for Maldi-Tof detection. For a longer model DNA, a 76-mer DNA oligonucleotide (0.2 nmol) was protected by EtONH₂ or treated by NaBH₄. The reaction mixtures were digested by nuclease P1 (Sigma) and alkaline phosphatase (Sigma) according to published protocols². After a brief desalting with ammonium-equilibrated cation exchange resin (Poly-Prep Columns AG 50W-X8, Bio-Rad) and filtration, 10 μ L (out of 40 μ L) recovered solution was digested to single nucleosides. The nucleosides were separated by reverse phase ultra-performance liquid chromatography on a C18 column, with online mass spectrometry detection using Agilent 6410 QQQ triple-quadrupole LC mass spectrometer set to multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) in positive electrospray ionization mode. The nucleosides were quantified using the nucleoside to base ion mass transitions of 256 to 140 (5fC), and 228 to 112 (C).

Sanger Sequencing of Bisulfite-Treated Protected DIPed 5fC/5caC 76-mer Model DNA. 50 pg 76-mer 5fC/5caC DNA oligonucleotides were diluted 20-fold with the same 76-mer unmodified oligonucleotides. The mixed oligonucleotides were spiked into the 10 μ g sonicated salmon sperm DNA (ssDNA). 5fC/5caC DIP, chemical

protection and bisulfite treatment were performed as described above. Products from the bisulfite treatment were PCR amplified by Zymo Taq Polymerase using the following primers: Forward: 5'-CCCTTTTATTATTTTAATTAATATTATTT-3'; Reverse:

5'-CTCCGACATTATCACTACCATCAACCACCCATCCTACCTGGACTACATTCT TATTCAGTATTCACCACTTCTCCCTCAAT-3'.

PCR conditions consisted of an initial denaturation step of 95°C for 10 min, followed by 40 cycles of 95°C for 30 s, 45°C for 30 s and 72°C for 1 min, and a final extension at 72°C for 7 min. PCR products were purified using Zymo DNA Clean & Concentration kit and subjected to Sanger sequencing.

For colony picking, PCR products were cloned into plasmid using TOPO TA Cloning (Invitrogen). After colony picking, the purified plasmids were subjected to sanger sequencing with the following primer: 5'-CTCCGACATTATCACT-3'.

DIP-CAB-seq Library Construction of 5fC- and 5caC-Containing Genomic DNA.

100 μ g sonicated $Tdg^{fl/fl}$ or $Tdg^{-/-}$ mESC genomic DNA (average 400 bp) was subjected to four parallel 5fC/5caC DNA IP as described above. The immunoprecipitated DNA was combined and subjected to either traditional bisulfite treatment or chemical-assisted bisulfite treatment. 50 ng of bisulfite treated DNA was tagged with Illumina compatible adapter and amplified to an appropriate library concentration using EpiGnome Methyl-Seq kit (Epicentre-Illumina). Libraries were checked for quality and quantified using an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer DNA 1000 Chip.

Libraries were pooled and sequenced using rapid two lane flow-cells on an Illumina HiScan platform. Single-read 100-bp sequencing was completed with an Illumina TruSeq SBS kit v3-HS. Image analysis and base calling were performed with the standard Illumina pipeline.

Libraries were prepared and sequenced from two biological replicates per genotype from 5fC- and 5caC-enriched DNA. In parallel, genotype matched, nonenriched input genomic DNA libraries were generated and sequenced.

Data Processing and Analysis. Sequencing reads were mapped to the mouse genome (mm9) by bismark v0.8.3³, using options -n 1 -l 40 -chunkmbs 512. To visualize sequencing signals in the genome browser, we generated bedGraph files for each dataset with HOMER³². The numbers of converted and unconverted cytosines were further extracted from each 5fC/5caC-enriched bisulfite-seq and DIP-CAB-seq datasets. CpGs with less than 10 reads were discarded. To detect modified CpGs that significantly enriched for 5fC/5caC, the difference between bisulfite-seq and DIP-CAB-seq datasets were tested by using a Fisher's exact test. CpGs with a significantly higher unconverted rate (P<0.05 and difference > 1%) in DIP-CAB-seq were taken as 5fC/5caC-modified cytosines. CpGs with the opposite pattern were considered false positives and used to estimate the false discover rate (FDR). To plot the distribution of H3K4me1 and H3K27ac (GSM881352 and GSM881349)⁴ around modified cytosine sites, we used nucleosome sequencing signals (GSM1004653)⁵ as

the background. To plot the distribution of Tet1 (GSM611192)⁶, we used input signals (GSM723020)⁶ as the background. To detect TF motifs around 5fC/5caC-modified cytosines, we performed *de novo* motif analysis with HOMER at +/- 100 bp region around 5fC and 5caC sites.

Definition of Enhancer Subgroups. Enhancers with evidence showing its interaction with distal genomic regions were considered as the most active enhancer subgroup (interacting enhancers). The genomic locations of these enhancers were obtained from published ChIA-PET dataset⁵. The active and poised enhancers were defined by using histone modification markers. Both H3K4me1 and H3K27ac enriched regions were obtained from previous publication⁷. Liftover⁸ was used to convert the genomic location from mm8 to mm9. Regions overlapped with interacting enhancers were discarded. Regions enriched with H3K27ac were considered as active enhancers. Regions only enriched with H3K4me1 but not H3K27ac were considered as poised enhancers.

Chemical Synthesis. (4-aminomethyl)benzylazide was prepared according to previous literature⁹.

Sequencing data accession codes. Sequence Read Archive: GSE56429. Identified 5fC and 5caC sites can be downloaded from this archive as well.

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(A) General procedure for DIP-CAB-seq. The 5fC- and 5caC-containing DNA fragments are enriched through antibody-based DNA immunoprecipitation. The enriched DNA is divided into two halves and subject to CAB-seq or traditional bisulfite sequencing in parallel. Single-base information of 5fC/5caC is extracted through sequencing and comparison.

(**B-E**) Validation and characterization for anti-5fC and anti-5caC antibodies and DIP-CAB-seq strategy. (**B**) 5fC- and 5caC-containing 76-mer DNA oligonucleotides can be specifically recognized by the anti-5fC and anti-5caC antibodies, respectively. (**C**) DIP-qPCR assays demonstrated specific enrichment of 5fC- and 5caC-containing DNA fragments using these antibodies. Error bar is s.e.m., for n = 3 experiments. (**D**) Sanger sequencing of bisulfite-treated DNA (76-mer DNA containing either 5fC or 5caC at a specific position) showing high efficiency of 5fC and 5caC protection from deamination following immunoprecipitation and enrichment. (**E**) The 76-mer DNA with 5fC/5caC was diluted 20-fold by the same DNA without modification to obtain samples with 5% 5fC/5caC at the modified position. Under CAB-seq conditions we observed 5% signal difference between CAB-seq and regular bisulfite experiments. Detection limits for 5fC and 5caC of CAB-seq can be significantly improved (~50%) after immunoprecipitation/enrichment with corresponding antibodies.

(**F-H**) Validation and characterization for 5fC protection. (**F**) 5-mer 5fC-containing DNA oligonucleotides and the modified oligonucletides can be distinguished though HPLC, showing high 5fC conversion under both NaBH₄ reduction and EtONH₂ protection conditions. (**G**) Maldi-Tof validated the reaction product of 5-mer 5fC-containing DNA oligonucleotides in both NaBH₄ reduction and EtONH₂ protection after HPLC separation. (**H**) HPLC-mass validated the reaction yield of NaBH₄ reduction and EtONH₂ protection on single nucleosides digested from 76-mer 5fC-containing DNA oligonucleotides.

(I-L) Validations of 5fC and 5caC sites in $Tdg^{fl/fl}$ and $Tdg^{-/-}$ mouse ES cells. (I)

Enrichment of 5fC and 5caC signals in $Tdg^{fl/fl}$ and $Tdg^{-/-}$ mouse ES cells at various genomic regions. (J) Enrichment of 5fC and 5caC signals in $Tdg^{fl/fl}$ and $Tdg^{-/-}$ mouse ES cells at repeat elements. (K) Distribution of 5fC and 5caC signals in $Tdg^{fl/fl}$ and $Tdg^{-/-}$ mouse ES cells at a representative active enhancer loci. (L) The number (left panel) and FDR (right panel) of detected 5fC and 5caC single sites at various p value thresholds in each $Tdg^{fl/fl}$ and $Tdg^{-/-}$ dataset.

(M-O) The correlations of modified cytosine groups with enhancers and Tet1 signals. (M) The association percentages of different cytosine modification sites within interacting enhancers. (N) Pie chart showing the association percentages of enhancers with various groups of cytosine modifications sites. (O) Distribution of Tet1 signals at each modified cytosine groups.

(**P-Q**) Sequence contexts around 5fC and 5caC sites. (**P**) The sequence context of +/-150 bp regions around 5fC and 5caC sites, respectively. (**Q**) Density distribution of Esrrb, Klf4, Oct4, Sox2 motifs within +/- 500 bp regions around 5fC and 5caC sites, respectively.



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Supplementary Table 1 Summary of sequencing reads and identified 5fC and 5caC sites. This table summarizes the total reads, mapped reads and the mapping efficiency for each sequencing libraries.

	total reads	mapped reads	mapping efficiency
5caC <i>Tdg</i> ^{-/-} DIP	28098702	19740340	70.30%
5caC <i>Tdg</i> ^{-/-} Protect	41363334	29710848	71.80%
5fC <i>Tdg</i> ^{-/-} DIP	50455071	32003786	63.40%
5fC <i>Tdg</i> ^{-/-} Protect	65768630	43461595	66.10%
5caC <i>Tdg^{f1/f}</i> -DIP	27143486	18212102	67.10%
5caC <i>Tdg^{fl/f}</i> -Protect	40073739	26543604	66.20%
5fC <i>Tdg^{fl/f}</i> DIP	36753810	24554817	66.80%
5fC <i>Tdg</i> ^{fl/f} Protect	40815452	26585404	65.10%

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