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Supplemental Information

**Lineage-Specific Profiling Delineates
the Emergence and Progression
of Naive Pluripotency in Mammalian Embryogenesis**

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Supplemental Figures

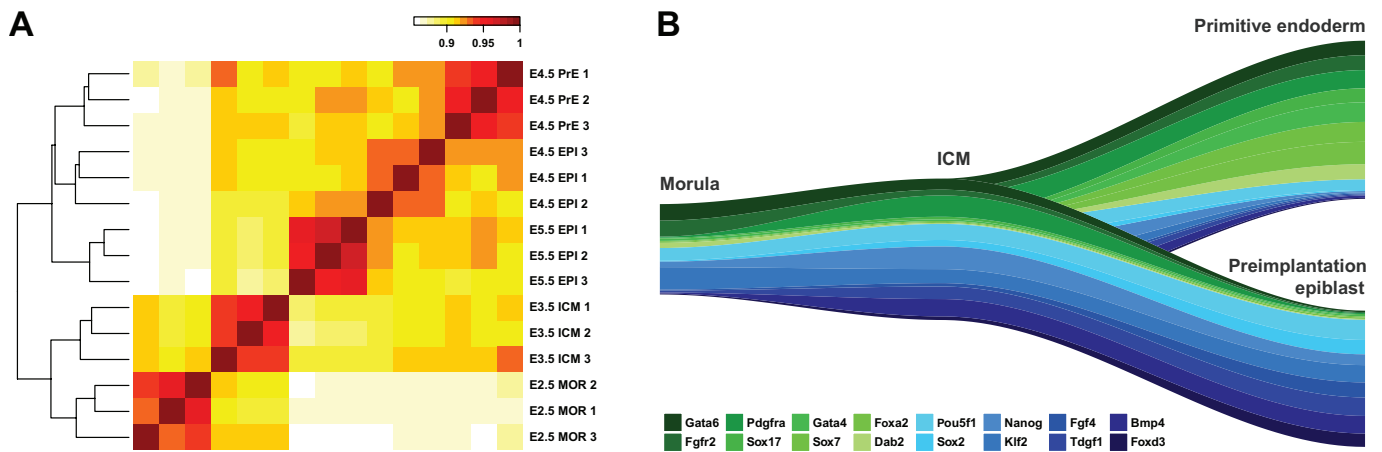


Figure S1, related to Figure 1: (A) Global correlation of mouse embryonic samples. (B) Stream plot of 16 lineage markers for PrE (green) and preimplantation epiblast (blue). Track widths represent the relative expression of the gene normalized to the mean expression across the developmental stages displayed. Genes specifically expressed in PrE or preimplantation epiblast include all established lineage markers. The early PrE markers *Gata6* and *Fgfr2* were expressed from the morula stage, with upregulation of *Pdgfra* in the early ICM. Late PrE markers, including *Gata4*, *Sox7*, *Foxa2* and *Dab2*, were specifically upregulated in PrE at E4.5, with *Gata6*, *Fgfr2* and *Pdgfra* expression maintained, consistent with the proposed sequential activation of *Gata6*, *Sox17*, *Gata4* and *Sox7* during PrE specification (Artus et al., 2011) and expression patterns observed by others (Chazaud et al., 2006; Gerbe et al., 2008; Guo et al., 2010; Ohnishi et al., 2014). Conversely, preimplantation epiblast cells exhibited robust expression of epiblast-specific genes, including *Sox2*, *Nanog*, *Klf2*, *Bmp4* and *Fgf4* (Guo et al., 2010; Kurimoto et al., 2006; Tang et al., 2010a).

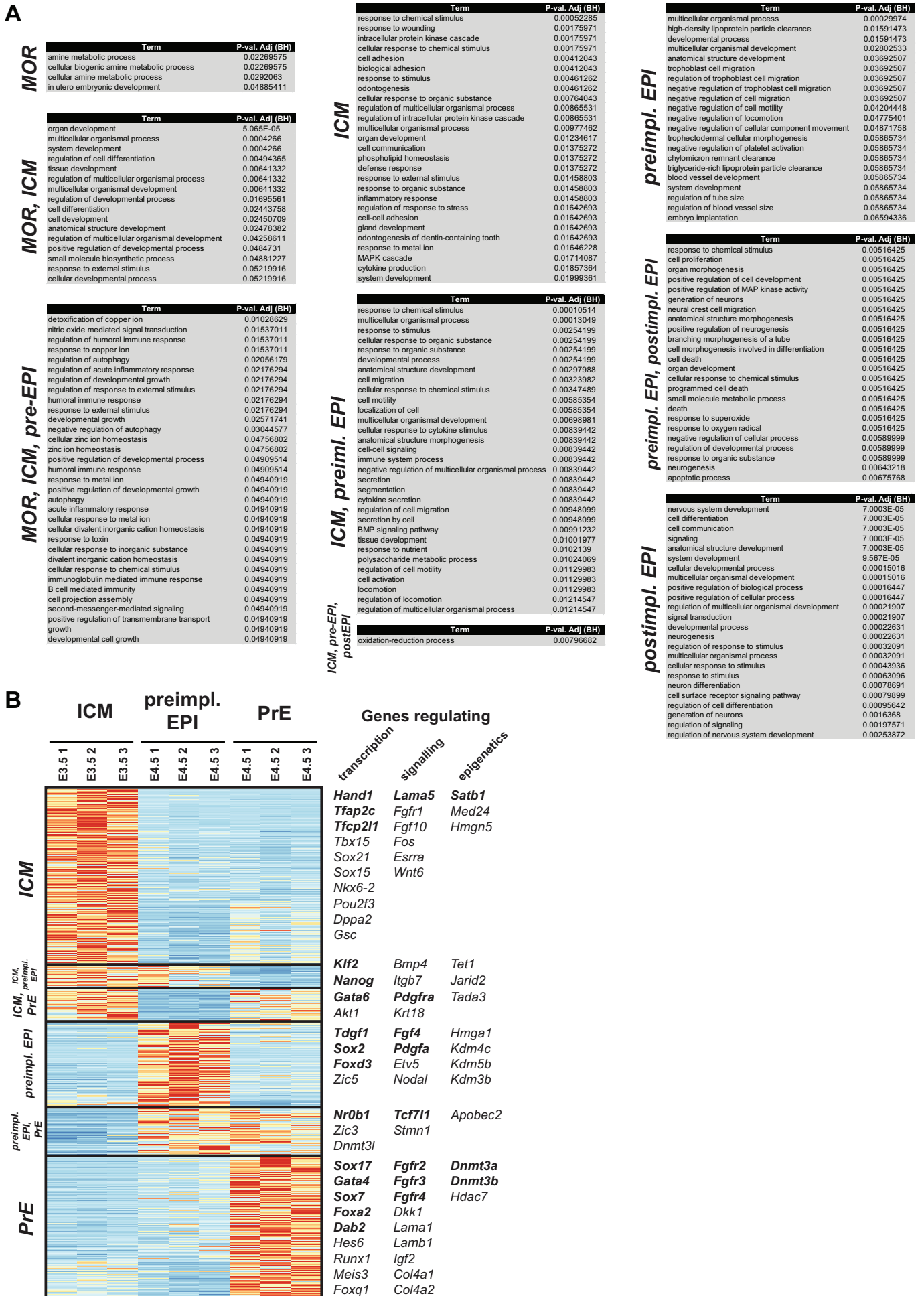


Figure S2, related to Figure 2: (A) GO enrichment for stage-specific expression in early mouse development. (B) Dynamically expressed genes during epiblast and PrE specification. Selected transcription factors, signaling pathway components and epigenetic regulators are shown to the right, with a subset of lineage markers in bold.

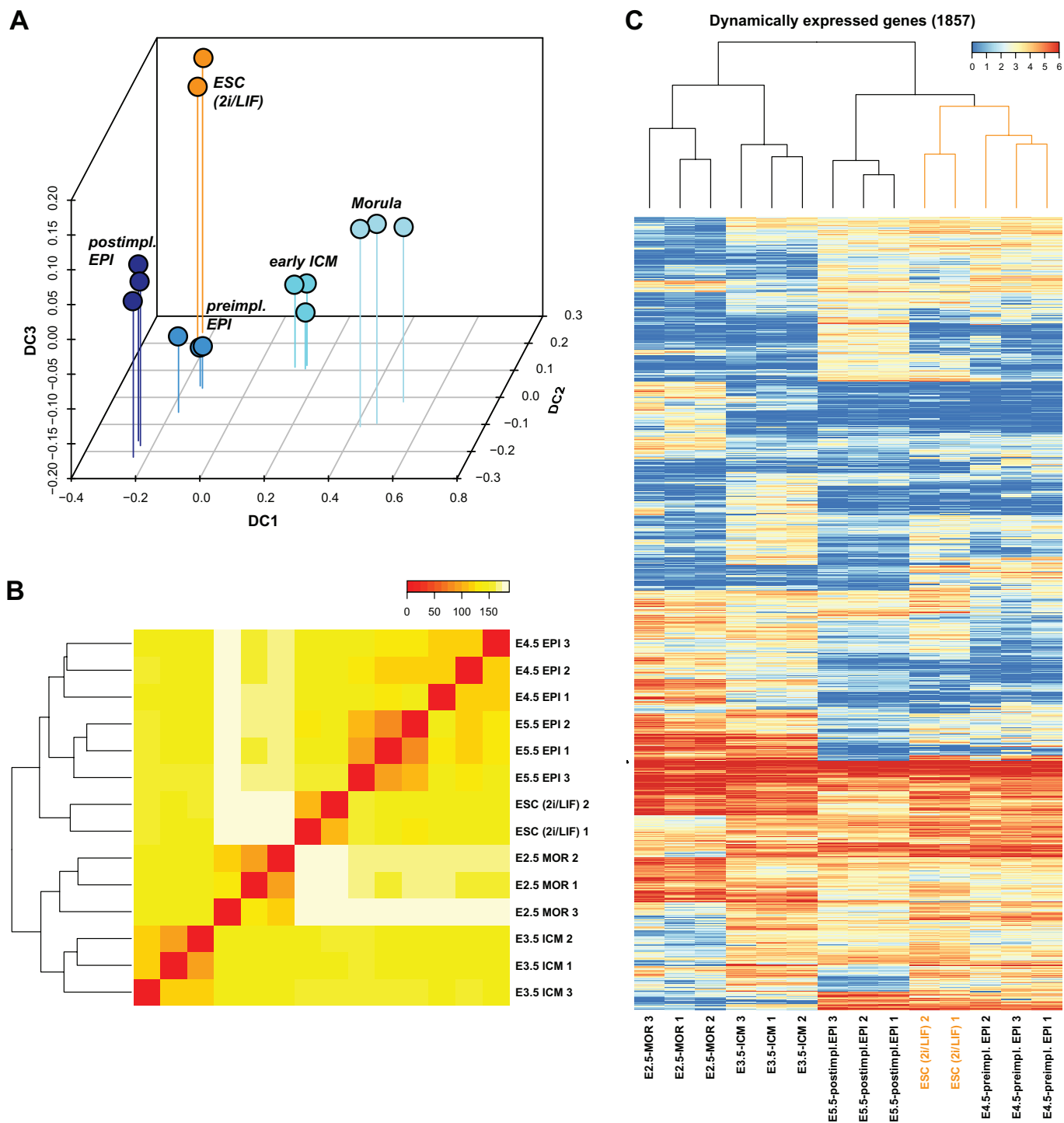


Figure S3, related to Figure 3: (A) Diffusion map of mouse embryonic samples and ESC cultured in 2i/LIF, based on the full transcriptome; DC = diffusion coefficient. (B) Global gene expression and hierarchical clustering of mouse embryonic samples and ESC in 2i/LIF. (C) Heatmap and hierarchical clustering based on the expression of dynamically regulated genes. The subgroup shared by ESC and E4.5 epiblast is marked in orange.

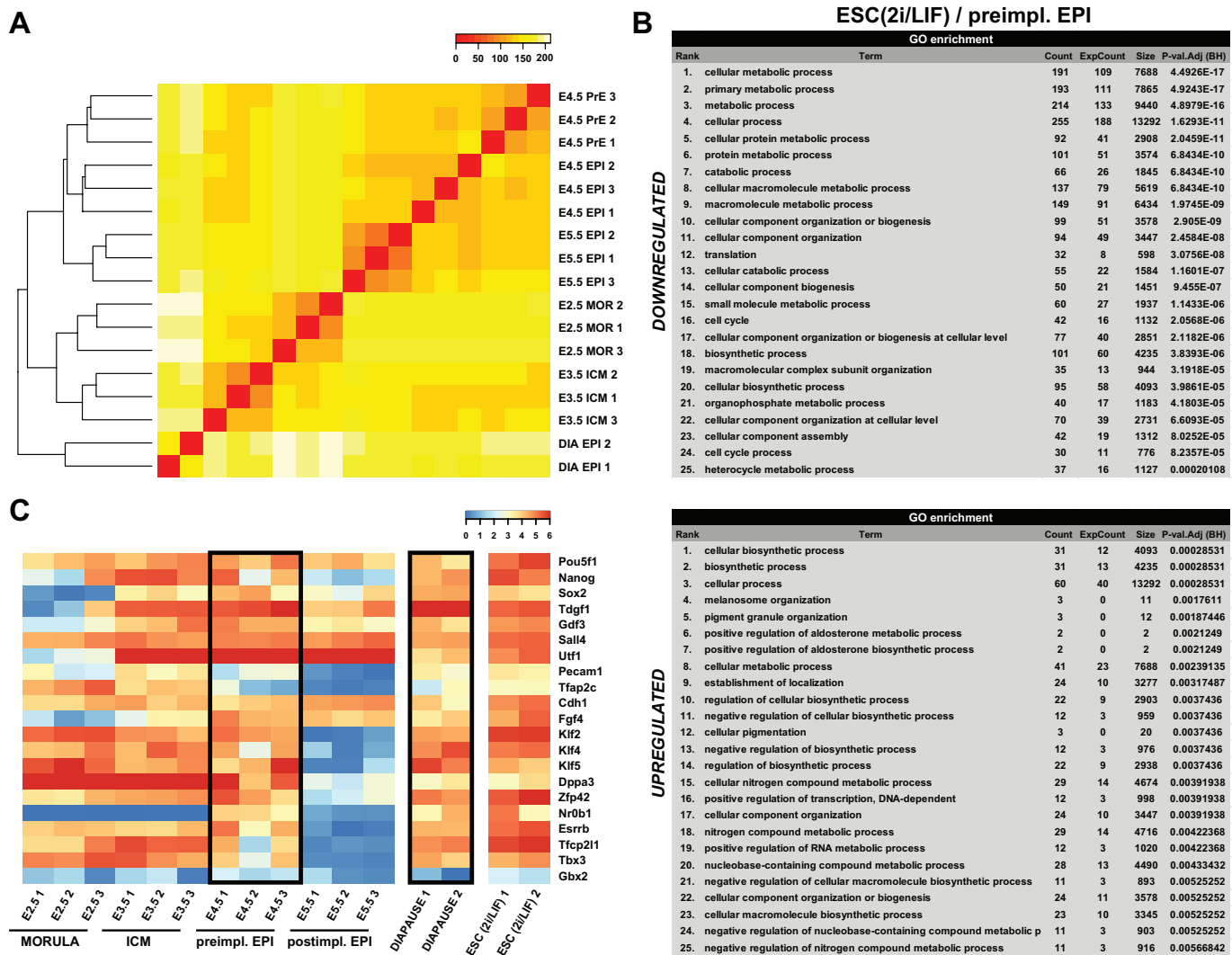


Figure S4, related to Figure 4: (A) Global expression and hierarchical clustering of mouse embryonic samples, ESC cultured in 2i/LIF and diapaused preimplantation epiblast. (B) GO term enrichment analysis based on up- and downregulated genes in normal preimplantation versus diapaused epiblast. (C) Expression of pluripotency markers in mouse embryonic samples, ESC in 2i/LIF and diapaused epiblast.

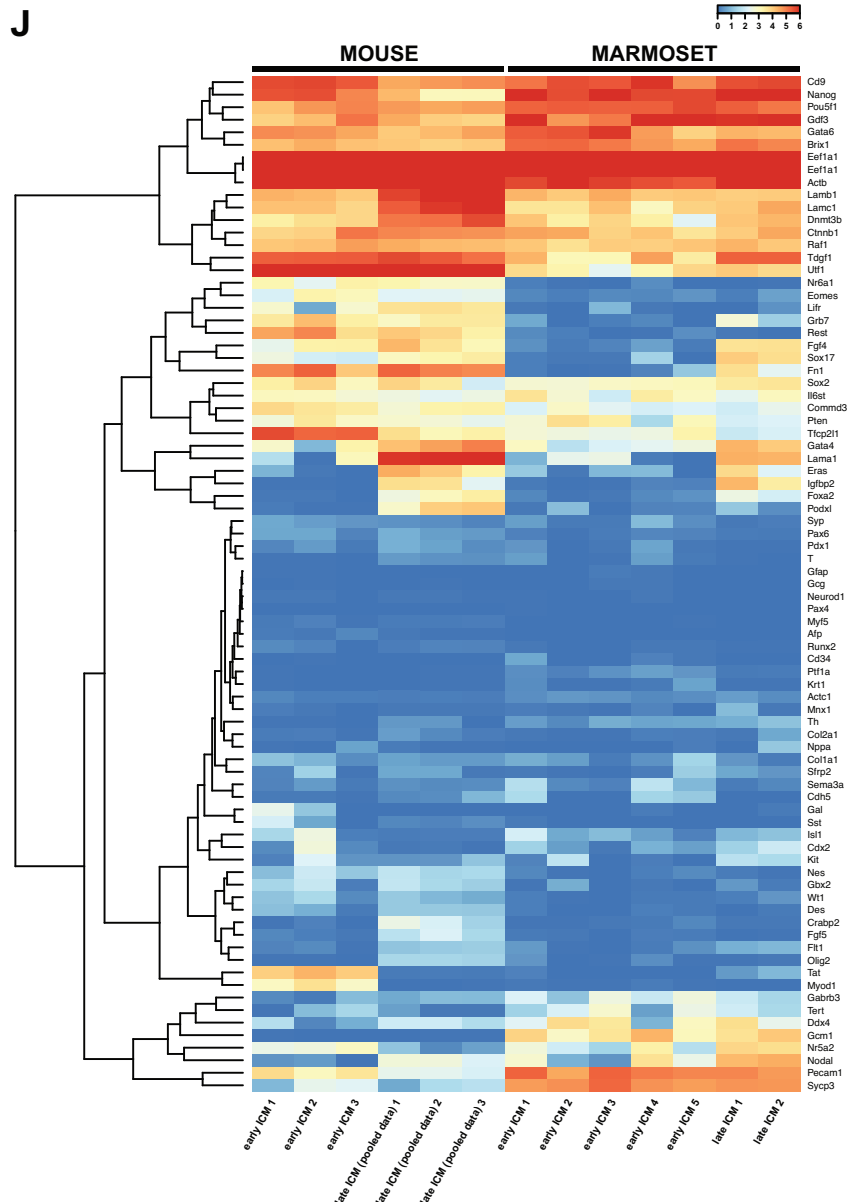
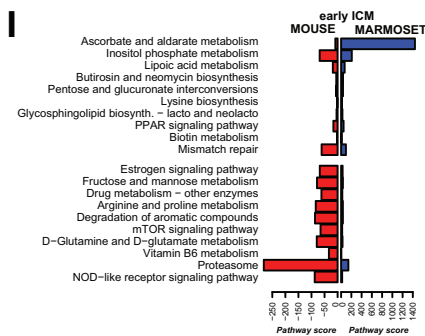
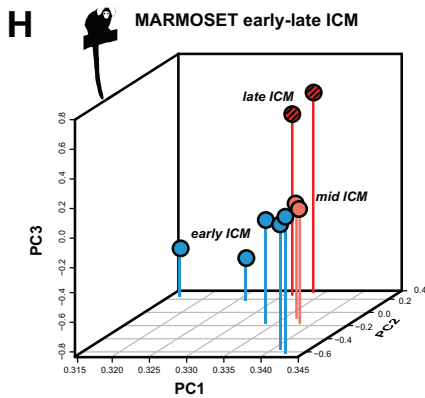
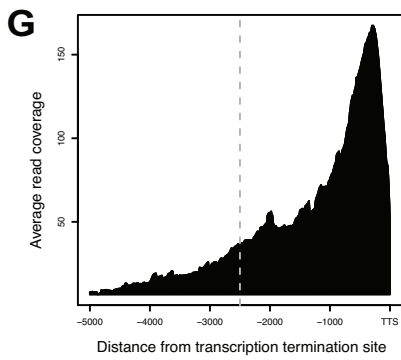
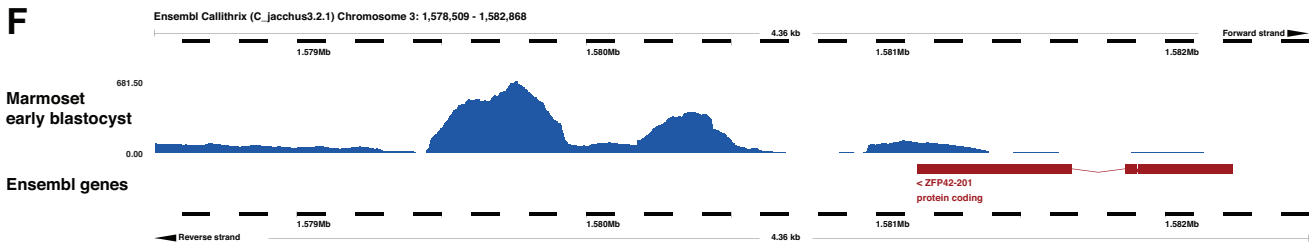
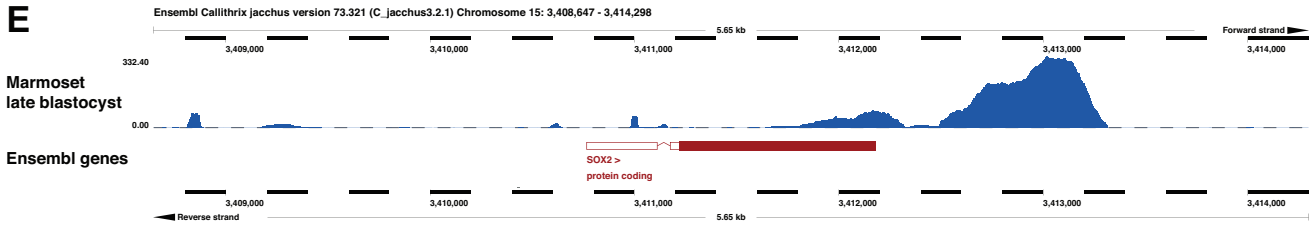
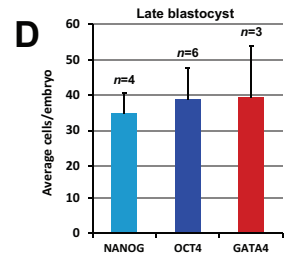
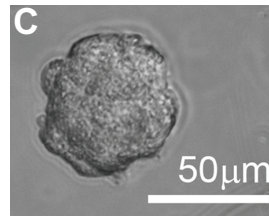
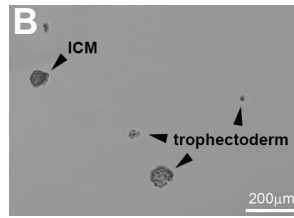
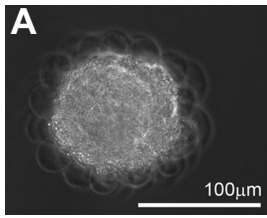


Figure S5, related to Figure 5: (A–C) Immunosurgery on marmoset blastocysts. Phase contrast images of (A) marmoset blastocyst after complement reaction, (B) roughly separated ICM and trophectoderm and (C) cleanly separated ICM after dissociation with a fine Pasteur pipette. (D) Manual quantification of NANOG, OCT4 and GATA4-positive cells from whole-mount immunostainings of *in vivo* derived, late marmoset blastocysts; n = number of embryos. (E) SOX2 locus in the marmoset reference genome. Gene boundaries are annotated incorrectly with respect to transcribed sequence determined by RNA-seq. (F) A minority of genes such as *ZFP42 (REX1)* were not accurately quantified due to pronounced discrepancies between marmoset gene loci and sequencing data that remained unreconciled by automated reannotation. (G) Read coverage for genes >3 kb illustrating 3' bias and threshold implemented to restrict transcript length (dashed line). (H) Principal component analysis of marmoset embryonic samples. (I) Pathway expression scores for the 10 most up- and downregulated signaling pathways (KEGG). Scores were calculated by summing FPKM values of individual pathway components followed by normalization for pathway size. (J) Expression of pluripotency and lineage markers in mouse and marmoset early and late ICM samples. The mouse late ICM sample was generated by *in silico* pooling of RNA-seq reads from individual E4.5 EPI and E4.5 PrE samples at a ratio of 1:1. This reflects the ratio of epiblast to PrE cells in the late marmoset ICM (D) to allow comparison of late ICM in both species.

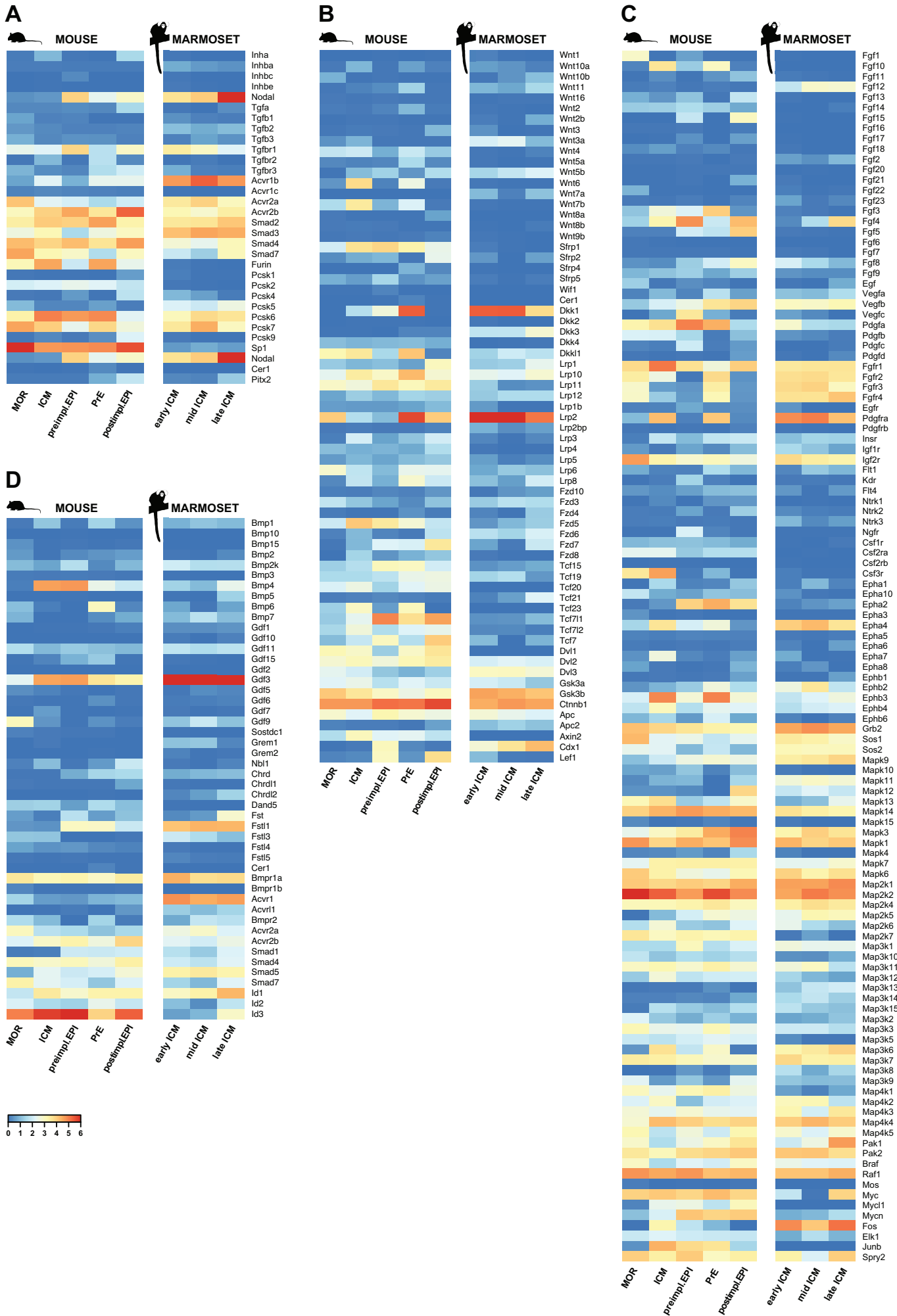


Figure S6, related to Figure 6: Expression data for (A) TGFβ/NODAL, (B) WNT, (C) FGF and (D) BMP pathways.

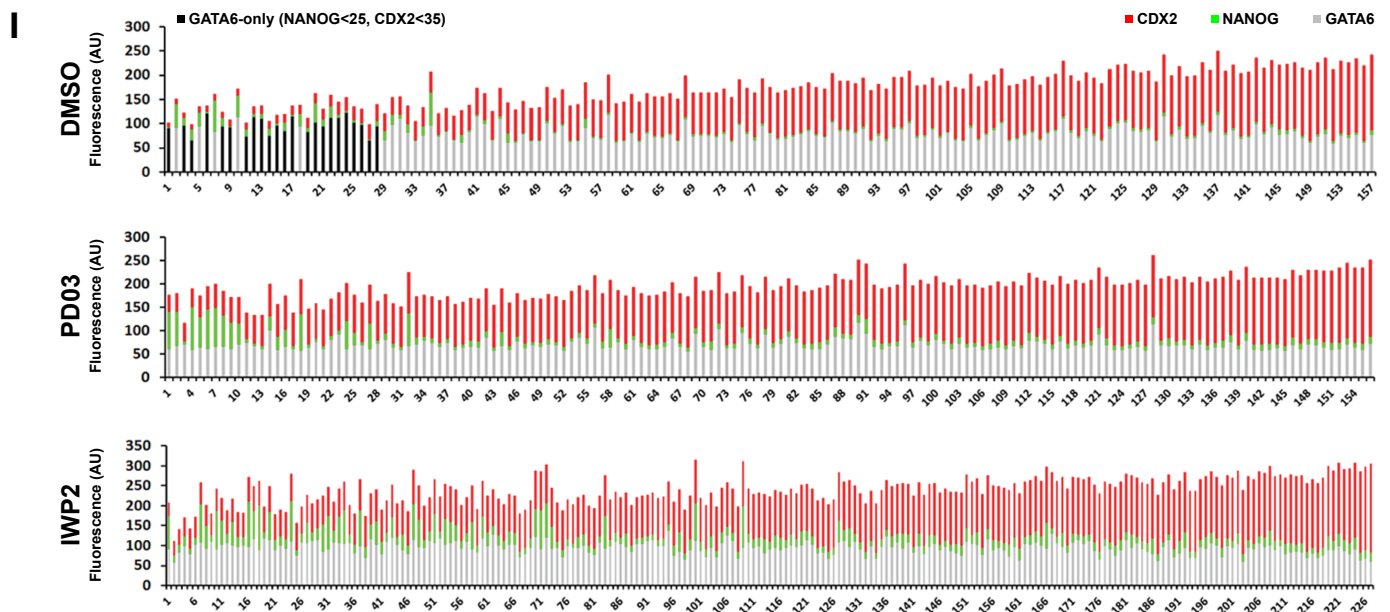
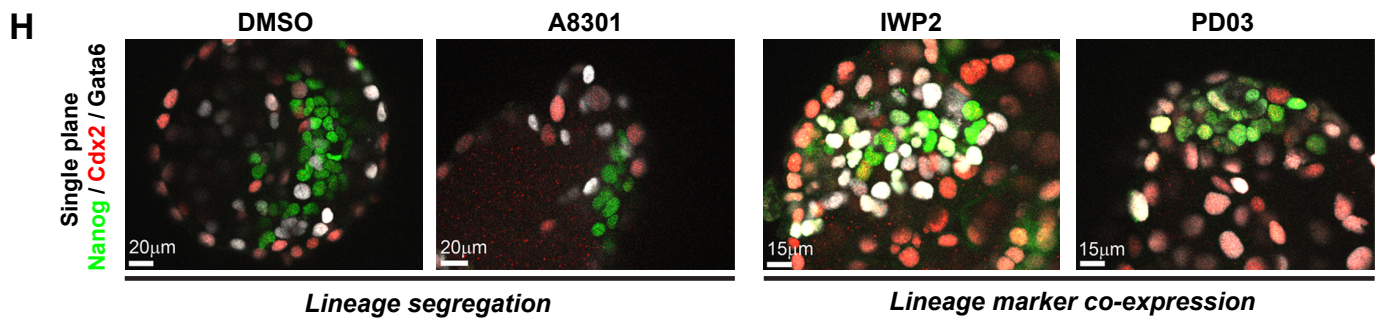
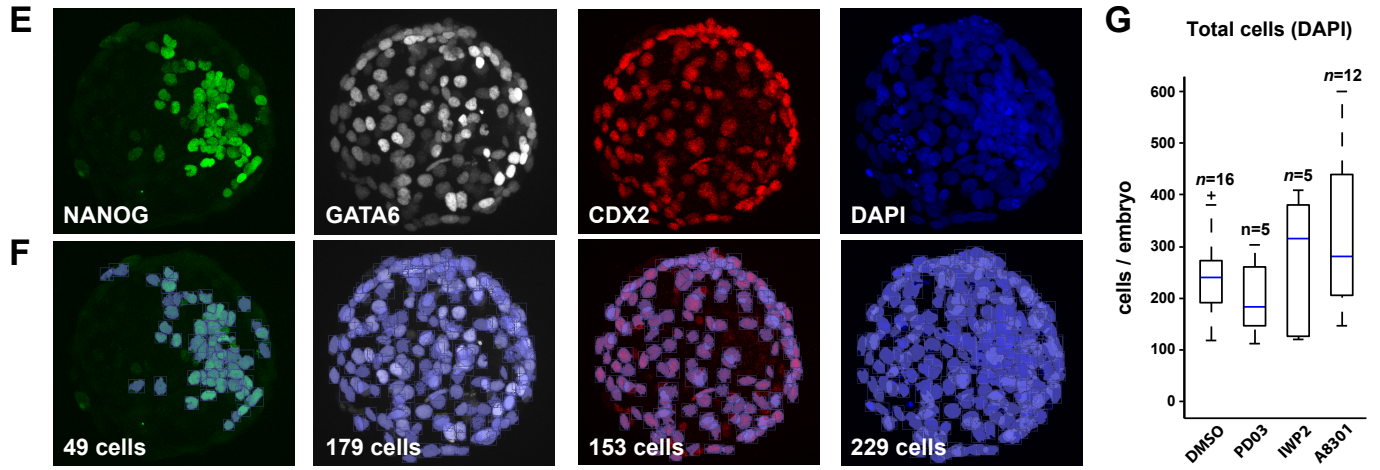
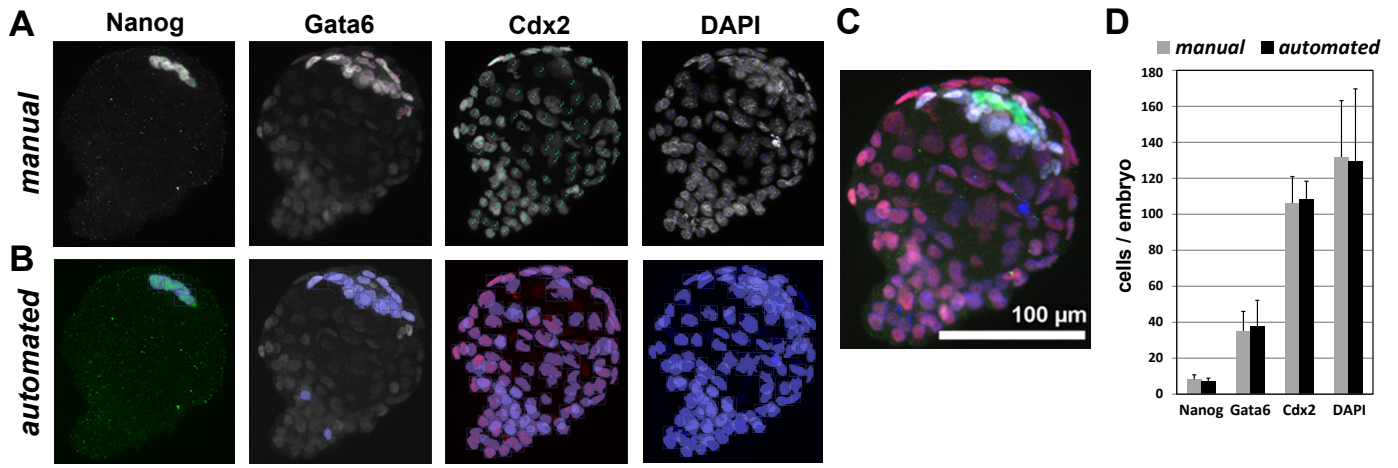


Figure S7, related to Figure 6: (A–D) Comparison of manual and automated analysis of whole-mount embryo immunofluorescence confocal images. Late mouse blastocysts were stained for Nanog (epiblast), Gata6 (PrE), Cdx2 (trophectoderm) and DAPI (total cell number) and quantified by (B) manual counting of confocal Z-projections and (C) automated object quantification using Volocity. (D) Manual versus automated quantification; error bars = standard deviation. (E) Confocal Z-projection of a DMSO-treated (control) marmoset embryo stained for NANOG, GATA6, CDX2 and DAPI by immunocytochemistry. (F) Automated object quantification for the embryo shown in (E). The total number of cells identified is indicated in the lower left for each channel. (G) Quantification of total cell number (DAPI) from embryos cultured with and without inhibitors. Outliers are indicated with a cross. *P*-values were determined by one-way ANOVA with Tukey HSD testing. No significant differences were observed. (H) Single-plane confocal section of NANOG, CDX2 and GATA6 in inhibitor-treated marmoset embryos. (I) Fluorescence intensities of GATA6-positive cells in one representative embryo per experimental group. Bars represent individual cells. NANOG and CDX2 signal did not exceed background fluorescence in cells marked GATA6-only (black). For a cell to qualify as such, NANOG and CDX2 levels were no greater than background.

Table Legends

Table S1, related to Figure 1: Mouse gene expression levels for the developmental stages and samples analyzed in fragments per kilobase of exon per million fragments mapped (FPKM).

Table S2, related to Figure 2: Dynamically expressed genes in mouse embryonic lineages during development from the E2.5 morula stage to E5.5 postimplantation.

Table S3, related to Figure 2: Constitutively expressed genes in mouse development from morula to postimplantation stages.

Table S4, related to Figures 2 and 4: Mouse gene expression modules for the developmental stages and samples analyzed. Modules were derived by hierarchical clustering of scaled expression values.

Table S5, related to Figure 2: Genes differentially expressed between pairs of conditions in mouse embryonic development, diapaused epiblast and cultured ESC.

Table S6, related to Figure 5: Marmoset gene expression levels over the developmental stages analyzed in fragments per kilobase of exon per million fragments mapped (FPKM).

Table S7, related to Figure 5: Comparison of orthologous genes in mouse and marmoset ICM. Embryo-matched lineage-specific data from mouse epiblast and PrE samples were merged for compatibility with marmoset ICM.

Extended Experimental Procedures

Mouse strains

Embryos were generated by intercrosses between *Pdgfra::GFP* (Hamilton et al., 2003) and strain 129 estrus-checked females. Experiments were performed in accordance with EU guidelines for the care and use of laboratory animals, and under authority of UK governmental legislation. Use of animals in this project was approved by the ethical review committee for the University of Cambridge, and relevant Home Office licences are in place.

Mouse embryo staging and sample acquisition

Staging of mouse embryos was based on the assumption that, on average, mating occurred at midnight so that at midday embryos were assigned E0.5. Embryos were collected at the relevant stages from the oviduct or uterus in M2 medium (Sigma). Embryos were carefully matched by morphology and stage of development. An important aspect of this study was to profile freshly harvested, *in vivo* developed embryos. Consequently we avoided embryo culture and processed embryos as quickly as possible.

At the 8-cell stage embryos were flushed from the oviducts at 11.00am (just before E2.5). Embryos selected for precompaction with clearly separable eight individual cells. Zona pellucidae were removed with acidic Tyrode's solution (Sigma), cells were dissociated by brief exposure (<5min) to a 1:1 mixture of 0.025% trypsin plus EDTA (Invitrogen) and 0.025% trypsin (Invitrogen) plus 1% chick serum (Sigma). All individual samples (E2.5 MOR 1–3) contain 8 cells from one embryo.

Early blastocyst embryos represent the 32-cell stage harvested at 10.00am (prior to E3.5). For all early ICM samples blastocoel expansion was less than 50% of the total volume. Zona pellucidae were removed with acidic Tyrode's solution (Sigma), ICM were isolated by immunosurgery (Solter and Knowles, 1975, see below) and any residual trophectoderm was thoroughly removed by repetitive manual pipetting. ICM were dissociated by exposure (5–10min) to a 1:1 mixture of 0.025% trypsin plus EDTA (Invitrogen) and 0.025% trypsin (Invitrogen) plus 1% chick serum (Sigma). All cells were dissociated into singletons. Individual cell numbers of 12, 14 and 16 were processed immediately for RNA-seq.

Late blastocyst embryos were collected at E4.5 (11.00am). EPI and PrE have fully segregated at this stage (Plusa et al., 2008, Grabarak et al., 2012) and PrE cells can be visualized with the *Pdgfra::GFP* reporter which we used as an additional criterion to classify late blastocysts. Immunosurgery and single cell dissociation were carried out as described for early ICM with a slightly longer incubation time in dissociation buffer of 10–15min. Pulled glass capillaries of decreasing inner diameter were used to gently dissociate the ICM into single cells. We obtained 40–50 cells per embryo of which 10–20 remained in duplets or triplets. The vast majority of cells were either negative or strongly positive for *Pdgfra::GFP*. Single cells were sorted manually under a fluorescence dissection microscope based on GFP expression. Individual samples (e.g., E4.5 EPI) contained 10–20 single cells.

Postimplantation epiblast samples were isolated by manual dissection between 12.00–3.00 pm (just after E5.5). Embryos used had developed a cavity and the epiblast had formed an epithelium. Extraembryonic ectoderm was first removed with a wide mouth-controlled pipette, and the visceral endoderm was mechanically separated by drawing the embryo portion through a second pipette with a narrower aperture. Postimplantation epiblast samples were confirmed to be free of GFP-positive visceral endoderm. Epiblast dissociation was carried out as described for early ICM with a slightly longer incubation time of 10–15min. For individual samples (e.g., E5.5 EPI), 20 single cells were randomly selected and processed for RNA-seq.

Diapause induction

Embryonic diapause was induced by surgical removal of both ovaries from female mice on the morning of the third day of pregnancy (E2.5) without subsequent progesterone treatment. Diapaused embryos were flushed 4 days later and the epiblast was isolated in the same manner as for E4.5 embryos (see below).

Marmoset embryo collection

Marmoset blastocysts were staged based on embryonic day, diameter and blastocoel formation. Zona pellucidae were removed using acidic Tyrode's solution (Sigma) and embryos were subjected to immunosurgery as described below, using a custom rabbit polyclonal anti-marmoset antibody. Dissociation of marmoset ICM was carried out as for mouse embryos at the late blastocyst stage. Animals were obtained from self-sustaining colonies and housed according to standard husbandry guidelines. Protocols and institutional regulations for the care and experimental use of marmosets were strictly followed. Experiments at the DPZ were conducted under licence number AZ 33.42502–066/06. Experiments using marmosets at the CIEA were approved by the animal research committee (CIEA: 11028) and performed in compliance with guidelines set forth by the Science Council of Japan.

Immunosurgery

Mouse (E3.25 and E4.5) and marmoset blastocysts were processed by immunosurgery based on previously described procedures (Nichols et al., 1998; Solter and Knowles, 1975). Embryos were incubated for 15min in a 1:5 dilution of anti-mouse (Sigma) or anti-marmoset (in-house) rabbit serum in N2B27 medium, washed in N2B27 and incubated a further 15min in a 1:5 dilution of rat serum for the complement reaction. Embryos were transferred to N2B27 and incubated a further 15min for efficient cell lysis. ICM were dissociated from residual trophectoderm with a pulled Pasteur pipette of internal diameter just wider than the ICM.

Single cell dissociation

Dissociation of morula, ICM and postimplantation epiblast cells was performed in a 1:1 mixture of 0.025% trypsin plus EDTA (Invitrogen) and 0.025% trypsin (Invitrogen) plus 1% chick serum (Sigma). Morulae and early ICM were incubated for 5–10min at 37°C, and E4.5 mouse ICM and postimplantation epiblasts were incubated for 10–15min. Explants were subsequently washed in N2B27 supplemented with 10µM HEPES and 1.5mg/ml BSA (Gibco) and dissociated in a small drop of medium using blunted microcapillaries pulled to an inner diameter large enough to accommodate approximately 2–3 cells.

Embryonic stem cell culture

E14TG2a cells derived from mouse strain 129/Ola (Hooper et al., 1987) were used as a reference ESC line and cultured in 2i/LIF medium on gelatin (Ying et al., 2008). N2B27 (1:1 DMEM/F-12 and Neurobasal media, N2 (in-house) and B27 (Gibco) additives, 2mM L-glutamine and 100µM β-mercaptoethanol) was supplemented with 1µM PD0325901, 3µM CHIR99021 and 10ng/ml LIF (in-house). Cells were dissociated by conventional methods in bulk culture. Single-cell suspensions were prepared and 20 cells were manually selected with a blunt microcapillary.

Immunofluorescence and cell counts

Embryos were stained as previously described (Nichols et al., 2009). Primary antibodies used were: Nanog (ReproCell RCAB0002P-F (1:300 dilution) or Cell Signaling Technology 4893 (1:400)), Gata4 (Santa Cruz sc1237 (1:100)), Oct4 (Santa Cruz sc8628 (1:300)), Gata6 (R&D AF1700 1:100)), Cdx2 (Biogenex MU392A 1:200)), Klf4 (Santa Cruz sc20691 (1:400)), Tfc2l1 (R&D AF5726 (1:400)), Sox17 (R&D AF1924 (1:100)) and E-cadherin (Abcam ab15148 (1:200)). Cell counts from individual embryos were used for one-way ANOVA with Tukey HSD testing to identify significant changes between any two means (Figures 6C and 6D).

Sample processing and RNA-seq library construction

cDNA synthesis from small numbers of cells was carried out using whole-transcriptome preamplification (Tang et al., 2010b; Tang et al., 2009). Typically 10–20 cells (8 for morulae) were transferred immediately into 4.5µl single-cell lysis buffer under a dissection microscope and snap frozen on dry ice. cDNA was synthesized and amplified for 20 cycles using a single-temperature protocol in a Veriti 96-well thermocycler (Applied Biosystems). cDNA samples were sheared by ultrasonication on a Covaris S2 for 80s with parameter settings: Duty Cycle 10, Cycles per Burst 200, Intensity 4. Samples were ethanol precipitated and resuspended in Tris buffer for subsequent enzymatic modifications. End repair was carried out with T4 DNA polymerase and T4 polynucleotide kinase (New England Biolabs) and samples were purified with Ampure XP paramagnetic beads (Beckman Coulter). Blunt-end, 3'-phosphorylated products were 3'-adenylated with exo⁻ Klenow fragment in the presence of dATPs (New England Biolabs), purified with Ampure beads, and ligated to sequencing adapters (Illumina and Bio Scientific) by T4 DNA ligase at 20°C for 30 minutes. PCR amplification of library constructs was carried out with AccuPrime DNA polymerase (Invitrogen) for 13 cycles on a Bio-Rad C1000 thermocycler using denaturing and annealing conditions optimized for even A/T vs. G/C processing (Aird et al., 2011). Molarity and size distribution of sequencing libraries was assessed by DNA 1000 microfluidic chips on the 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent). Sequencing was performed in 100bp paired-end format on the Illumina HiSeq 2000 at high read depth (up to 250M per sample).

RNA-seq alignment and quantification

Remaining preamplification adapters were removed prior to alignment using AdapterRemoval (Lindgreen, 2012) at both 3' and 5' ends of reads. Sequencing reads were aligned to the GRCm38 assembly of the mouse genome (mm10) and the CalJac3.2.1 assembly of the common marmoset genome using GSNAP (Wu and Nacu, 2010), provided with splice junction annotation from Ensembl release 70 (Flicek et al., 2014). Only read pairs with unique mapping to the genome were considered further. Transcript quantification was performed with htseq-count, part of the Bioconductor *HTSeq* package (Anders et al., 2014), using gene annotation from Ensembl release 70. Samples were corrected for sequencing library size using the size factors computed by the *DESeq* package (Anders and Huber, 2010) and normalized for gene length to yield FPKM values. The cDNA preamplification protocol exhibits limited transcript processivity from the 3' end (Tang et al., 2010a); we therefore restricted transcript lengths to 2500 bp for longer genes to mitigate this effect (Figure S5G). Global analyses, such as sample clustering and diffusion maps, were based on variance-stabilized counts computed by *DESeq*. In addition to the dataset described here, two previously published mouse E3.5 preimplantation epiblast samples produced as part of the same experiment and under identical conditions were analyzed in this study (ArrayExpress E-MTAB-2555, Boroviak et al., 2014). For comparison with published single-cell and bulk RNA-seq data, sequencing reads were obtained from the European Nucleotide Archive (Pakseresht et al., 2014) and processed as described above.

Marmoset gene reannotation

We observed that annotation of marmoset genes was often incorrect at the 3' UTR (Figure S5E). As a result, documented 3' end bias introduced by cDNA preamplification (Kurimoto et al., 2006, Tang et al., 2010b) led to underestimation of expression levels of affected genes. To address this, marmoset transcripts were assembled *de novo* from RNA-seq data using Trinity (Grabherr et al., 2011). Transcript contigs were then mapped to the marmoset reference genome and transcriptome sequences with BLAT (Kent, 2002). Newly-assembled transcripts that could be uniquely assigned to a known gene were incorporated into the genome annotation as a new isoform. To avoid false positives, regions of read coverage near annotated genes that could not be linked to the gene by an assembled transcript were not included in the reannotation (Figure S5F). This revised annotation was used to quantify the expression of marmoset genes and is provided with ArrayExpress record E-MTAB-2959.

Identification and clustering of dynamically regulated genes

Differential expression analysis was performed with *DESeq*. Since the expression of many genes changes over the developmental time course profiled, dispersions were estimated using fit type 'local'. Dynamically regulated genes for a set of embryonic stages were defined as genes that were 1) differentially expressed (FDR-corrected *P*-value < 0.05) between any two stages and 2) robustly transcribed (mean FPKM>10) in at least one. To identify clusters of genes that exhibit similar expression patterns, FPKM values were first scaled relative to the mean expression of the gene across all samples. Hierarchical clustering was then performed using the *hclust* algorithm in R. Clusters were extracted and manually classified into modules corresponding to the stage(s) of predominant expression. GO category and KEGG pathway enrichment analysis on differentially expressed and clustered genes was performed using the *GOstats* R package (Falcon and Gentleman, 2007). Genes were designated transcription factors if they were contained in a curated list of transcription factors (Vaquerizas et al., 2009) or were annotated with the GO term 'regulation of gene transcription (GO:0010468). Epigenetic regulators correspond to categories 'chromatin modification' and 'regulation of gene expression, epigenetic' (GO:0016568, GO:0040029), and signaling molecules to 'signaling' (GO:0023052).

Cross-species analysis

For comparative analyses between mouse and marmoset, orthologous genes were matched using data from Ensembl release 70 (Flicek et al., 2014). To obtain a comprehensive gene set, annotated one-to-one mouse-marmoset orthologs were supplemented with one-to-one marmoset-human orthologs corresponding to the mouse gene symbol. To render marmoset ICM samples comparable to the mouse data, EPI and PrE expression profiles from the same mouse embryos were pooled *in silico* at the observed marmoset ratio of 1:1 (Figure S5D). Expression data from mouse and marmoset orthologs are provided in Table S7.

Pathway analysis

Differential pathway analysis was performed for all 229 curated KEGG pathways. High-level comparative analyses between embryonic stages and species were based on pathway scores, defined as the sum of expression values of all components divided by the number comprising each pathway. For more detailed analyses, expression values were mapped onto pathway nodes centered around the mean expression of all genes (FPKM=24), with FPKM=0 and FPKM=100 as extremes, using PathVisio (Kutmon et al., 2015). For regulatory network analysis we produced a condensed version of PluriNetWork, curated based on published interactions (Som et al., 2010), by exclusively considering dynamically expressed genes. Dynamic expression of individual pathway components was determined by normalizing log-transformed expression values relative to the mean expression of the gene across all embryonic stages. A gene was deemed active at a given stage if relative expression was positive. Similarly, a network edge was considered active if both its source and target nodes were active. Cytoscape (Smoot et al., 2011) was used for network visualization.

Confocal imaging and analysis

Images were acquired with a Leica TCS SP5 confocal microscope. Optical section thickness ranged from 1–3 μ m. Images were processed using Leica software, Imaris, Volocity and ImageJ. Parameters for object identification were: guide size 500 μ m³, separate objects 500 μ m³ and exclude objects larger than 500 μ m³. Thresholds for background fluorescence (Gata6:45, Nanog:25, Cdx2:35, DAPI:20) were empirically determined to recapitulate manual cell counts in DMSO control embryos (Figures S7A–D). For two IWP2-treated embryos the threshold for Nanog was increased to 50 due to very bright signal to ensure accurate quantification of cell nuclei.

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