Number	Gender	Age	Subtype	TNM stage	Location
1	male	36	protruded	T4N0M0	rectum
2	male	73	others	T3N0M0	others
3	male	64	ulcerative	T4N2M0	rectum
4	female	56	protruded	T4N1M0	rectum
5	male	52	discoid	T4N1M0	rectum
6	male	53	ulcerative	T3N0M0	rectum
7	male	78	ulcerative	T3N0M0	rectum
8	male	60	others	TisNOMO	rectum
9	male	52	ulcerative	T4N2M0	rectum
10	male	57	ulcerative	T3N2M1	colon
11	female	66	discoid	T2N0M0	rectum
12	male	47	ulcerative	T4N1M0	colon
13	male	66	discoid	T4N0M0	rectum
14	female	52	protruded	T3N0M0	colon
15	male	60	discoid	T4N0M0	rectum
16	male	64	protruded	T4N1M0	colon
17	male	69	protruded	T3N1M0	colon
18	female	61	protruded	T4N1M0	rectum
19	male	64	discoid	T4N1M0	others
20	female	79	ulcerative	T4N1M0	rectum
21	female	62	discoid	T2N0M0	rectum
22	female	61	discoid	T4N1M0	rectum
23	male	44	protruded	T3N0M0	colon
24	female	68	discoid	T4N2M1	rectum
25	male	60	discoid	T4N0M0	rectum
26	female	51	protruded	T4N2M0	rectum
27	female	45	ulcerative	T4N1M0	colon
28	female	44	protruded	T2N0M0	rectum
29	female	72	discoid	T2N0M0	rectum
30	female	52	ulcerative	T4N0M0	others
31	male	45	ulcerative	T4N2MO	rectum
32	female	53	discoid	T3N1M1	rectum
33	female	80	discoid	T4N0M0	colon
34	male	45	discoid	T4N0M0	colon
35	male	81	protruded	T2N1MO	rectum
36	male	52	discoid	T4N0M0	colon
37	female	73	discoid	T4N0M0	colon
38	male	63	discoid	T4N0M1	colon
39	female	63	ulcerative	T4N2M1	rectum
40	male	60	ulcerative	T4N1M0	rectum

 Table S1. Tissue specimen information

41	male	58	ulcerative	T2N2M0	others
42	male	58	protruded	T2N1M0	rectum
43	female	53	ulcerative	T4N2M1	rectum
44	male	69	protruded	T3N0M0	colon

Table S2. Primers used in this study

Application	Primer	5'-3'
RT-qPCR	PPIB	TGTGGTGTTTGGCAAAGTTC
		GTTTATCCCGGCTGTCTGTC
	CNT2	AAGTAGAGCCTGAGGGAAGCAA
		GCCCAGTCCATCCCCC
	CNT3	GAGCTGTGCAAAGCAGGGA
		TGGCGAATCCTGCTCAACTGTG
	OCTN1	TGCTGCTGCCACTGTTTGCT
		TTCAGGAATGAACCACCACA
	MRP1	TCTGGTCAGCCCAACTCTCT
		TCCTCCTCTCCAGCTGAATTA
	MRP2	TGTGCTCTCCCAGACTT
		CTGCTTCTGACCCCCACTAA
	MDR1	AGCTGCTGTCTGGGCAAA
		TGCCAAGACCTCTTCAGCTAC
	MCT1	CACCGTACAGCAACTATACG
		CAATGGTCGCCTCTTGTAGA
	MATE2K	TGGGGCATATTTTTACCAATG
		GAACTCCGCCATAGACACAAC
	OATP1B1	GAATGCCCAAGAGATGATGCTT
		AACCCAGTGCAAGTGATTTCAAT
	OATP2B1	GAGTTTCACCCATTCCACGTACA
		GCCACAGGACTCCATGCCT
	OCT1	TAATGGACCACATCGCTCAA
		AGCCCCTGATAGAGCACAGA
	BCRP	TCTGGC ATTTGTTTCCTC
		CTCCTGGCCCTCTACTCT
	ENT1	GCAAAGGAGAGGAGCCAAGA
		TTCATTGGTGGGCTGAGAGTT
	ENT2	CCCTGGATCTTGACCTGGAG
		GGTTTTCCTGGCTTCTGGG
	OAT10	TGTGTACTCTGCCGAGCTTTT
		CACAAGTGGTGTGAGGATGC
	PEPT1	TCCACCGCCATCTACCATAC
		GGACAAACACAATCAGGGCT

	HDAC1	ACGAAGACGACCCTGACAAG	
		TCCTCACAGGCAATTCGTTT	
	HDAC2	ATAAAGCCACTGCCGAAGAA	
		TCCTCCAGCCCAATTAACAG	
	HDAC3	ACGTGGGCAACTTCCACTAC	
		GACTCTTGGTGAAGCCTTGC	
	HDAC4	AAGAACAAGGAGAAGGGCAAG	
		TGGAGAACTCTGGTCAAGGGA	
	HDAC5	ATGTCAGGTCGGGAACCATC	
		GGAACTGGGCATGGCTCTT	
	HDAC6	AGTCTTATGGATGGCTATTGCATG	
		TGGACCAGTTAGAGGCCTTCAGG	
	HDAC7	CCATGACGACGGCAACTTCTT	
		TGCTGCGTCATGTATCCAAAAC	
	HDAC8	AAGAGGGCGATGATGATC	
		GTGGCTGGGCAGTCATAACC	
	HDAC9	AGTGTGAGACGCAGACGCTTAG	
		TTTGCTGTCGCATTTGTTCTTT	
	HDAC10	TTACTTCTCCTGGCACCGCTA	
		CCACGTAGTCAGCGTTTCCC	
	OATP1A2	AATTTGAGTAATAGCACACGA	
		AATTTGAGTAATAGCACACGA	
	GAPDH	AGGTGAAGGTCGGAGTCA	
		GGTCATTGATGGCAACAA	
ChIP-qPCR	CNT2-CH1	ACATACCAAATAATCTAAGCCAGAATC	
		CACCACAATATTATTAGGCAATCAA	
	CNT2-CH2	CACCTCCAGAGGCTCAAGG	
		CACACGACTGTGGTTCCAGT	
	CNT2-CH3	TCCTCACTGATCTGTTCGTTTTT	
		CGTTTTCCGTGTGAGGACAT	
BSP	CNT2	ATGTTTATAGGAATGTATTTGTTAGAAG	
		ACAAACCTAAAACTTATACAAAAATAAC	

Table S3. upB formulation (pH 7.2-pH 7.4)

Ingredients	Amount
NaCl	7.3 g
D-Glucose	1.1 g
KCl	0.36 g
MgSO4 7H2O	0.3 g
KH2PO4	0.16 g
CaCl2	0.13 g

HEPES	6 g
ddH2O	Up to 1 L

Table S4. siRNA used in this study

Name	5'-3'
HDAC1-siRNA	CCGGUCAUGUCCAAAGUAA
HDAC2-siRNA	CUACGACGGUGAUAUUGGA
HDAC3-siRNA	AAAGCGAUGUGGAGAUUUA
HDAC4-siRNA	GCAAGAUCCUCAUCGUGGA
HDAC5-siRNA	ACACGUUCAUGCUAAAGCA
HDAC6-siRNA	CCGUGAGAGUUCCAACUUU
HDAC7-siRNA1	UCACUGACCUCGCCUUCAA
HDAC7-siRNA2	GCACGUGAUGUACAUGCAA
HDAC8-siRNA	GGACGGUACUACAGUGUAA
HDAC9-siRNA	GAAAGACACUCCAACUAAU
HDAC10-siRNA	GGUGAACAGUGGUAUAGCA
NC	UUCUCCGAACGUGUCACGU



Figure S1

Summary of *CNT2* expression in various human cancers compared with normal tissues in OncomineTM. Blue: downregulated in cancer; red:upregulated in cancer.



RT-qPCR analysis of transporters in matched CRC tissues and adjacent normal tissues normalized to reference gene *PPIB*. Results are expressed as mean \pm SEM. Two-tailed paired *t* test was used for the analysis. (A) mRNA expression of *OCTN1* in CRC (n=5). (B) mRNA expression of *CNT3* in CRC (n=5). (C) mRNA expression of *MRP1* in CRC (n=5). (D) mRNA expression of *MCT1* in CRC (n=5). (E) mRNA expression of *OATP1B1* in CRC (n=5). (F) mRNA expression of *OCT11* in CRC (n=5). (G) mRNA expression of *OATP2B1* in CRC (n=5). (H) mRNA expression of *ENT1* in CRC (n=5). (I) mRNA expression of *MDR1* in CRC (n=5). (J) mRNA expression of *MRP2* in CRC (n=5). (K) mRNA expression of *BCRP* in CRC (n=5). (L) mRNA expression of *ENT2* in CRC (n=5). (M) mRNA expression of *MATE2K* in CRC (n=5). (N) mRNA expression of *OATP1A2* in CRC (n=5). (O) mRNA expression of *OAT10* in CRC (n=5). (P) mRNA expression of *PEPT1* in CRC (n=5).



Relationship between CNT2 gene expression changes and gender/ age/ location/ TNM stage/ subtype in matched CRC tissues and adjacent normal tissues (n=44). Two-tailed paired t test was used for the analysis.



DNA methylation has no effect on CNT2 expression in CRC. (A) Methylation analysis of CNT2 promotor in human CRC tumors compared with paired adjacent normal tissues. Methylation frequency of each CpG site indicates the proportion of methylated CpG from 5 sequenced clones for patient #42, #43, #44 and 10 sequenced clones for patient #15, #18, #28. X axis represents individual CpG site 1-16. Sample number is shown at the top of each graph. (B) Overall methylation frequency in adjacent normal and cancerous CRC samples from (A), two-tailed paired t test was used to evaluate the difference in methylation frequency between normal and cancerous samples. (C) The expression of CNT2 normalized to *GAPDH* in HCT15 and HT29 after treated with DAC for 72 h.



Histone hypoacetylation represses *CNT*² in CRC. (A) ChIP-qPCR analysis of H3K9Ac in *CNT*² promotor region in human CRC tumors compared with paired adjacent normal tissues, bar plots, mean \pm SEM. CH2, CH3 represents different primers that cover different part of *CNT*² promotor region. (B) ChIP-qPCR analysis of H3K18Ac in *CNT*² promotor region in human CRC tumors compared with paired adjacent normal tissues, bar plots, mean \pm SEM. CH2, CH3 represents different primers that cover different part of *CNT*² promotor region. (C) ChIP-qPCR analysis of H4Ac in CNT² promotor region in human CRC tumors compared with paired adjacent normal tissues, bar plots, mean \pm SEM. CH2, CH3 represents different primers that cover different part of *CNT*² promotor region in human CRC tumors compared with paired adjacent normal tissues, bar plots, mean \pm SEM. CH2, CH3 represents different primers that cover different part of *CNT*² promotor region. (D) 1 µM TSA treatment in CRC cell line HCT15 reorganized histone modification profile at *CNT*² promotor region. (E) 1 µM



HDACs expression in matched CRC tissues and adjacent normal tissues (n=5). Results are expressed as mean \pm SEM. Two-tailed paired *t* test was used for the analysis.



The expression of *CNT2* and HDACs after transfected with various siRNAs in HCT15. NC, cells transfected with negative control siRNA.



The expression of *CNT2* and HDACs after transfected with various siRNAs in HT29. NC, cells transfected with negative control siRNA.