

## SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling controls Notch-responsive enhancer accessibility

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### **EMBOR-2018-46944V1 Response to Reviewers.**

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We thank the referee for their comments and are delighted that they appreciated the importance of our study.

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We note that a similar comment was made by referee #3, and we thank both referees for bringing this to our attention. Although the relative amounts of DNA corresponding to different regions remained consistent between experiments, there were differences in the absolute levels because of variability in the efficiency of DNA recovery following micrococcal nuclease digestion and biotin-streptavidin purification. To circumvent this we have identified a region (Sec15) to use as an internal control to normalize for this variability; this region was found to have low to moderate accessibility in the previous genome-wide CATCH-IT experiments from the Henikoff lab. This normalization aids comparisons between the different experiments: values in **new Figure 5** are now given as a fold enrichment of turnover relative to the Sec15 control region (as explained in the legend and Methods section). We are grateful to the referees for prompting us to make this change.

Furthermore, we have now performed additional CATCH-IT experiments, to address the first point of referee #1, which demonstrate the reproducibility of our results. In these new experiments, Notch activation and *brm* RNAi (Notch-OFF) had the same effects (comparing **new Figure 5C with Figure 5A and B**). These results emphasize that the effects of *brm* RNAi are greater at Notch-responsive regions than control regions, strengthening our argument that the BRM complex has a particularly important effect at these regions.

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We are glad that the referee found the results logical and easy to follow and appreciated that this is an important topic. We also agree that the involvement of chromatin remodeling in enhancer activation is surprisingly poorly understood. As the reviewer highlights, there are extensive *in vitro* data showing how chromatin remodelers move and evict nucleosomes. However, there are remarkably few examples where their specific contribution to gene activation in multicellular organisms has been explored. We thus disagree that our results lack general significance. Notably, our discovery that signaling increases nucleosome turnover in a BRM complex-dependent way is important, firstly because it highlights that nucleosome dynamics contribute to the enhancer activation – something that is greatly overlooked in most ChIP studies for example – and secondly because it demonstrates a clear function for the BRM complex in this process. We therefore consider that our work makes an important contribution to the field, both in respect to Notch signaling regulation and in the field of enhancer activation more generally.

The referee is correct that some previous studies have made links between Brm and Notch signaling, both in flies and mammals. We consider that those data provide a valuable back-drop for our work, but many rely on genetic interactions and the interpretations are often diametrically opposite (for example, Brm causing inhibition of Notch signaling in retinal progenitors but promoting Notch signaling in sensory organs of *Drosophila*). We have now, as suggested by the referee, summarized some of these conflicting observations in the introduction, and we believe that the contrary nature of these results make our own study even more compelling. Our data provide strong and novel evidence for the mechanistic involvement of nucleosome turnover and Brm-mediated chromatin remodeling in the Notch response.

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We agree with the referee that these are important questions. As they correctly note, our data argue against Su(H) being responsible for the initial recruitment of Brm in Notch-OFF conditions. We have now discussed this point explicitly in the discussion (**page 10**). As has been suggested for the Glucocorticoid receptor, we propose that tissue-specific factors are responsible for recruiting the BRM complex at Notch-responsive enhancers to permit Su(H) binding.

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As indicated above, we have now expanded the Introduction and added a separate Discussion so that we can incorporate these references as suggested by the referee. We note that many of the previous studies reach contradictory conclusions and indeed the Xie *et al.* paper proposes a nonnuclear function for Snr1 in vesicle trafficking. We hope however that the revised version has achieved a more general outlook.

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We appreciate this comment and have added these data in **new Figure EV3D**. The approach we have taken, due to the low levels making it hard to accurately assess Su(H) RNA knockdown by RTqPCR, is to analyze the knockdown of Su(H)-GFP. The ATAC experiment was performed in a genotype containing a genomic Su(H)-GFP rescue construct so that we could analyze the knockdown by Su(H) RNAi under identical conditions. This also has the advantage that un-targeted tissues (e.g. fat body) serve as an internal control, showing that there is efficient knockdown specifically in the salivary glands where the RNAi is produced.

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We appreciate the referee's concerns here. We have now made clear both the number of glands and number of nuclei that were analyzed for each experiment. We would also like to reassure the referee that the timing of salivary gland imaging was carefully controlled, by taking timed collections and then selecting larvae at late wandering stage based on their morphology and behavior. It is possible that the plane of the section in the original figure led to the impression that the nuclei were of different sizes. To avoid this confusion, we have replaced the image shown in **Figure 1E** with another nucleus where the position of the imaging plane is similar. We also thank the reviewer for noticing that there was a slight difference in the graphs as originally in **Figure 1B and F**. This occurred due to a mis-alignment in the processing of 2 nuclei, which has now been corrected. We hope that it is now apparent in **Figure 1B and F** that the data are very comparable between H3.3-GFP and H3.3core-GFP.

2) Could we get do a time-course of recruitment or get better control of the timings and number of glands used to assess inter-animal variability.

We hope the response above addresses the concerns of the reviewer about inter-animal variability. Indeed in all cases the errors on each of the data points are remarkably small highlighting how reproducible the results are. While a more fine-scaled time course would be useful, as we rely on the GAL4/UAS system to control both ectopic Notch and histone-GFP expression, unfortunately the experiment would be confounded by effects on histone levels. However, we have taken an alternate strategy that allows us to determine whether newly synthesized histones are incorporated at the *E(spl)-C*. To achieve this we used heat shock-inducible FRT recombination to switch between histone-GFP and histone-mKO (an orange fluorophore) expression. While the experiment was technically challenging due to the use of multiple fluorophores, we were able to observe that newly-expressed H3.3-mKO was incorporated in a similar pattern to the prolonged expression of H3.3-GFP. These data are presented in **new Figure EV1**. We hope that they demonstrate the dynamic nature of histone H3.3 incorporation in the salivary gland.

3) Brm knock-down blocks Su(H)-GFP incorporation following N activation. It would be nice to have image showing chromosome organisation (DAPI or H3-GFP) alongside the Su(H)-GFP image as a control to show that the Brm knock-down or inhibition does not have large-scale general effects on chromatin organisation. I guess the question is whether you can exclude the possibility that Brm knock-down has dramatic effects on chromosome morphology that would disrupt binding of

transcription factors generally or disrupt chromosome morphology to impact imaging.

We thank the referee for this suggestion and have added a live Hoechst staining of nuclei in the presence of BrmK804R (**new Figure EV2C**) showing that the chromosomes retain a clear banding pattern. This illustrates that there is no overt disruption to the chromosome morphology that could have caused absence of Su(H) recruitment. We would also like to draw attention to the results with ATAC, which argue that there is not a very widespread effect of Brm perturbations on chromatin accessibility that would disrupt all transcription factor binding, but rather localized effects at specific enhancers.

4) Likewise for ATAC as in point 2 above. Brm knockdown blocks chromatin accessibility at Su(H) sites. But is this a general or a specific effect. Are there regions like hsp promoters (hsp26 or hsp70) that can be used for control.

We agree that this is important point and would like to highlight that we had already included several control regions in the ATAC analysis, namely a region within the intron of the Rab11 gene, which is highly accessible, and the ecdysone-binding enhancer of Eip78C, an active gene in the salivary gland at this stage of development. However, following the suggestions of the referee we have now added further control regions in **new Figure EV3A and B**. None of these regions showed a reduced accessibility with BrmK804R expression. Most show little change and, to our surprise, BrmK804R expression also appeared to increase the accessibility of some regions, notably the heat shock-responsive promoters. It is therefore possible that SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling plays a repressive role at these regions instead. While we cannot rule out the possibility that there are other genomic regions where the BRM complex plays the same role as it does at Notch-responsive regions, these data certainly strengthen our argument that not every enhancer is controlled by the same mechanisms and that SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling plays a role to promote Notch-responsive chromatin accessibility.

5) For CATCH-IT would like to understand how the turnover-values are calculated and what the treatment in 4B is? Is this Notch-on or Notch-off. I am comparing turnover-values in lacZ RNAi in 4B with values for WT in Notch-on or Notch-off and there is a 5-6 difference in value. What is the source of this variation. Surely they should be identical?

We thank the referee for this comment. A similar point was made by referee #1, and we thank both referees for bringing this to our attention. Although the relative amounts of DNA corresponding to different regions remained consistent between experiments, there were differences in the absolute levels because of variability in the efficiency of DNA recovery following micrococcal nuclease digestion and biotin-streptavidin purification. To circumvent this we have identified a region (Sec15) to use as an internal control to normalize for this variability; this region was found to have low to moderate accessibility in the previous genome-wide CATCH-IT experiments from the Henikoff lab. This normalization aids comparisons between the different experiments: values in **new Figure 5** are now given as a fold enrichment of turnover relative to the Sec15 control region (as explained in the legends and Methods section).

6) is it possible to do a time-course of recruitment of Su(H) and H3.3 following N activation. Not sure the availability of Fluor-tagged Su(H) and H3.3 constructs but would help to resolve the interrelationship

of H3.3 and Su(H) recruitment. My suspicion is that most of the H3.3 incorporation seen in polytenes is on the gene bodies during transcription.

We appreciate the concerns highlighted here by the referee. Unfortunately we do not have the fine temporal control required for this experiment since both ectopic Notch and histone-GFP expression are controlled by the GAL4/UAS system. We have added an experiment, described above, which uses a heat shock method to flip on expression of H3.3-mKO. With this approach we have been able to demonstrate that the recruitment to the *E(spl)-C* of histone H3.3 involves newly synthesized protein and is ongoing during the Notch response (**new Figure EV1**). Although we can't determine whether histone H3.3 incorporation at the *E(spl)-C* in salivary glands is at enhancers or gene bodies, this resolution is provided in our CATCH-IT and histone ChIP experiments performed in Kc167 cells, which show there is histone turnover and recruitment at enhancers.

7) Leading on from 5, a key conclusion the authors draw from the data is that Brm is mediating histone turnover. I am not sure that we can conclude that Brm is directly responsible for the histone turnover. Certainly Brm knock-down decreases turnover but it also decreases binding of

TFs and activation of enhancers and mRNA transcription. Data presented do not allow one to exclude a pathway in which Brm facilitates Su(H) binding which in turn recruits co-activators to drive enhancer activation and that this and associated transcription drives turnover. Possible option would be to treat salivary glands as in Fig 1A but co-treat with amanitin or DRB.

We agree with the referee that it is challenging to prove unequivocally that Brm is mediating histone turnover. We also agree that one role of Brm is to facilitate Su(H) binding. We would however like to highlight that this cannot explain the effects of Brm on the accessibility and histone turnover because our results show that Su(H) depletion has the opposite effects to Brm depletion on these parameters (**see Figure 3D**). To avoid this key experiment being overlooked, we have moved it into a main figure; it was originally presented in the expanded view figures. We note also that the increased nucleosome turnover observed with CATCH-IT in response to Notch activity occurs primarily at Notch-regulated enhancers rather than at gene bodies which argues against transcription itself being responsible for the turnover. Therefore we believe that our interpretation, that Brm directly alters accessibility and turnover, is the most parsimonious explanation.

The proposed experiment using a transcription inhibitor on the salivary glands is a potentially interesting way to de-convolute some of these issues. Following the suggestion of the referee, we incubated salivary glands with triptolide, a very effective transcription inhibitor, which we have used successfully on this tissue in the past (Gomez-Lamarca *et al.* 2018, *Dev Cell*). However, we did not detect any change in H3.3-GFP levels at *E(spl)-C* after an hour of triptolide treatment, which is sufficient to arrest transcription. This result is consistent with the turnover being independent of transcription as suggested by our model and argues against the alternate scenario proposed by the referee. However we have opted not to include these data or to pursue this experiment further as we are concerned about the technical short-comings – for example, we can't extend the time of triptolide treatment without then impacting on the expression of H3.3-GFP itself – and we believe that the other data discussed above already argue that there are specific effects independent of transcription.

2nd Editorial Decision

15 February 2019

Thank you for the submission of your revised manuscript. We have now received comments from all referees (pasted below) and I am happy to tell you that we can in principle accept your study for publication now.

Only a few minor changes are still needed:

Please address the comments from referee 3 in the manuscript text as you see fit.

In the Introduction you mention on top of page 4 that the SWI/SNF complex has been reported to have a positive and an inhibitory effect on Notch-dependent transcription, however, the following text highlights 2 positive roles of SWI/SNF in Notch target gene expression. Is this correct?

Fig 1C is called-out before 1B and Fig 4A is not called-out, please correct.

In Figs 1B,D,F and EV1B it is not clear on how many independent experiments the data are based on. Please add this information. If the experiment was repeated less than 3 times no error bars may be shown. In this case, the actual data points along with their mean can be shown in the graphs.

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Fig 5A states  $n=2$ , so the error bars and statistical calculations need to be removed.

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Fig EV3 does not mention C in the legend but does list F although there is no panel F in the figure.

Fig EV4E and Fig EV5 state n=2 so the error bars need to be removed.

I would like to suggest a few changes to the abstract that needs to be written in present tense. Please let me know whether you agree with the following:

Notch signaling plays a key role in many cell fate decisions during development by directing different gene expression programs via the transcription factor CSL, known as Su(H) in *Drosophila*. Which target genes are responsive to Notch signaling is influenced by the chromatin state of enhancers, yet how this is regulated is not fully known. Detecting an increase in the histone variant H3.3 in response to Notch signaling [Do you mean a general increase, or a specific one? Please clarify.], we tested which chromatin remodelers or histone chaperones are required for the changes in enhancer accessibility to Su(H) binding. We show a crucial role for the Brahma SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling complex, including the actin-related BAP55 subunit, in conferring enhancer accessibility and enabling the transcriptional response to Notch activity. The Notch-responsive regions have high levels of nucleosome turnover, which depend on the Brahma complex, increase with Notch signaling [Do you mean in number or in size?] and primarily involve histone H3.3. Together these results highlight the importance of SWI/SNF-mediated nucleosome turnover in rendering enhancers responsive to Notch.

I look forward to seeing a final manuscript as soon as possible. Please let me know if you have any questions.

#### REFEREE REPORTS

##### **Referee #1:**

the revised version of this manuscript is of an excellent technical quality and great general interest. Can be published as is.

##### **Referee #2:**

Pillidge and Bray revised the paper based on all three reviewers' comments, performed the majority of the suggested additional experiments and made necessary improvements to the manuscript. Overall the manuscript now flows even better than before.

Most importantly, they addressed the problem of specificity - they performed additional experiments including BAP55 knock-downs in Figures 4F/G and ATAC/mRNA levels on several additional genes in Figures EV3A-C, and added a paragraph in the discussion that specifically addresses this point. Furthermore, they propose that upstream tissue-specific factors are necessary to recruit BRM at Notch genes to allow Su(H) binding, citing the glucocorticoid receptor as example. Although they did not add additional data, this addition still clarifies the point for the reader.

##### **Referee #3:**

The authors have made a significant number of corrections and additions to the original manuscript that go some way to addressing specific concerns raised by this author and are to be commended. The work is technically sound and merits publication.

However, the larger issue (raised more explicitly by reviewer 2 in the first round) still remains. Increased accessibility and turn-over at active enhancers is not surprising. Neither is the requirement for SWI/SNF remodelling activities to facilitate accessibility at enhancer elements. The combination of imaging, genetic and genomics approaches presented in the paper is certainly attractive but it does not get us much further on from the basic conclusion that enhancer activation is accompanied by increased accessibility and histone turnover and that SWI/SNF complexes mediate this.

There are still a number of unknowns not addressed in the manuscript which, for me, are the key questions. What are the mechanisms of recruitment of Brm to targets. For instance in Notch-off conditions Brm is required for accessibility. What is recruiting it? In Notch-on conditions Brm again is required for increased accessibility. What are the differences between Brm action/recruitment in Notch-Off and Notch-On. Are there any differences and, at the level of individual nucleosomes, what do these look like. What is the nature and dynamics of the association of SWI/SNF remodellers with target nucleosomes.

The assays used are inherently too coarse grained to provide more than a general overview that things are changing without providing the resolution required to reveal the mechanism by which these occur. Understanding what SWI/SNF type complexes actually do to nucleosomes in vivo is still very much a question for investigation given that most models for action are based on in vitro substrates that probably don't recapitulate all features of their normal targets in vivo.

2nd Revision - authors' response

18 February 2019

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Please address the comments from referee 3 in the manuscript text as you see fit.

We have added statements in the Discussion noting the limitations raised by the reviewer.

End of first paragraph: *“In future, more fine-grained studies will be needed to determine precisely which nucleosomes are targeted by BRM complexes and what the dynamics of these interactions are.”*

End of third paragraph: *“The final outcome therefore differs in in Notch-ON versus and Notch-OFF conditions, but it remains unclear how this is brought about. For example does BRM target different nucleosomes or interact with more prolonged dynamics in the Notch-ON state?”*

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