

Supplementary Information for

RNA ligation precedes the retrotransposition of U6/LINE-1 chimeric RNA

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METHODS

Cell Culture

The following cell lines were maintained at 37° C with 7% CO₂ in humidified incubators. All tissue culture reagents were purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific (Waltham, MA) unless stated otherwise. HeLa-JVM cells (1) were grown in high-glucose DMEM supplemented with 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS), 100 U/mL penicillin-streptomycin, and 0.29 mg/mL L-glutamine. HeLa-HA cells (2) were grown in MEM supplemented with 10% FBS, 100 U/mL penicillinstreptomycin, 0.29 mg/mL L-glutamine, and 0.1 mM nonessential amino acids. PA-1 cells (3) were grown in MEM supplemented with 10% FBS, 100 U/mL penicillin-streptomycin, 0.29 mg/mL L-glutamine, and 0.1 mM nonessential amino acids. H9 human embryonic stem cells (hESCs) and H9-hESC-derived neural progenitor cells were cultured and maintained by the Garcia-Perez lab as described previously (4-6).

Plasmids

All human L1 expression plasmids contain the L1.3 (GenBank accession no. L19088) (7) DNA cloned into the pCEP4 mammalian expression vector (Thermo Fisher Scientific) unless stated otherwise. A CMV promoter augments the expression of L1 in these plasmids unless noted otherwise. The L1 expression plasmids contain a SV40 polyadenylation signal that is located downstream of the native L1 polyadenylation signal. All plasmid DNA was prepared with a Midiprep Plasmid DNA Kit (Qiagen, Germany).

pJM101/L1.3Δneo: is an engineered plasmid expression vector that expresses an active wildtype human L1 element (L1.3) (8). The L1 element has been cloned into a pCEP4 expression vector (Thermo Fisher Scientific). L1 expression is augmented by a CMV promoter located at the 5' end of the L1 and an SV40 polyadenylation sequence that flanks the 3' end of the L1.

pJM108/L1.3Δneo: is similar to pJM101/L1.3Δneo, but contains a S119X stop mutation in ORF1p (1, 8, 9)

pJM105/L1.3Δneo: is similar to pJM101/L1.3Δneo, but contains a D702A missense mutation in the ORF2p RT active site (8).

pJBM119/L1.3Δneo: is similar to pJM101/L1.3Δneo, but also contains a H230A mutation in the ORF2p EN domain and a D702A missense mutation in the ORF2p RT active site.

pCEP/GFP: is a pCEP4-based plasmid that contains the humanized *Renilla* green fluorescent protein (hrGFP) coding sequence from phrGFP-C (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA), which has been cloned downstream of the pCEP4 CMV promoter (9).

pJBM/RtcB: is a modified version of the human RtcB cDNA clone (SC319629) purchased from Origene Technologies, Rockville, MD. Site specific mutagenesis was used to make an A to C change in the SC319629 plasmid sequence upstream of the RtcB open reading frame to disrupt an upstream ATG codon.

Transfection of plasmid DNA and isolation of RNA from transfected cells

Approximately 8x10⁵ HeLa-JVM cells were seeded in 60 mm dishes (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA) and transfected with 2.5 µg of plasmid DNA using 7.5 µL FuGENE 6 (Promega, Madison, WI) the following day according to the manufacturer's protocol. Two days after transfection, cells were collected by scraping with a cell scraper and centrifuged at 1000 X *g* at 4°C and the resultant cell pellets were frozen at -80°C. Frozen cell pellets were then thawed and total RNA was extracted using an RNeasy mini kit (Qiagen) according to manufacturer's protocol.

RT-PCR using transfected cell RNA

Synthesis of cDNA was carried out using ~2 µg of total RNA purified from transfected cells with the SuperScript First-Strand Synthesis System for RT-PCR (Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to the manufacturer's protocol. An oligo(dT)₁₂₋₁₈ primer supplied with the kit was used to prime cDNA synthesis reactions. Reactions were incubated at 42°C for 50 minutes followed by an incubation at 70°C for 15 minutes to inactivate the reverse transcriptase (RT). One microliter of RNase H supplied with the kit was then added to reactions followed by a 37°C incubation for 15 minutes. Reactions (20 µL) were diluted 1:5 with water to a final volume of 100 µL.

Two microliters of the diluted cDNA reaction was then subjected to nested PCR using Platinum *Taq* DNA Polymerase (Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to the manufacturer's protocol. PCR reactions (50 µL total volume) included 2 µL of the cDNA, 0.25 µL Platinum *Taq*, 0.2 μ M forward and reverse primers, 1.5 mM MgCl₂ and 0.2 mM dNTPs. The first round of PCR used the following primers: U6s1 (sense) and SV40as (antisense). The second round of PCR used: U6s2 (sense) and 3UTRas (antisense). Thermal cycler conditions: an initial cycle of 94°C for 2 minutes, followed by 30 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 30 seconds at 55°C, and 120 seconds at 72°C with a final cycle of 72°C for 5 minutes. The same conditions were used for

each round of nested PCR. PCR products (10-20 µL) were visualized on 2% agarose gels using SYBR safe DNA gel stain (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

Cloning and Sequencing of RT-PCR products

Visible cDNA bands were excised from agarose gels and the cDNA was purified using the Wizard SV Gel and PCR Clean-Up System (Promega). For transfected HeLa cell RT-PCR experiments (Fig. 1C), RT-PCR products from untransfected HeLa cells could not be analyzed due to a lack of visible cDNA bands. Purified DNA from excised gel slices was cloned into a pCR4-TOPO TA vector (Thermo Fisher Scientific), DNA was isolated from individual clones using a Wizard Plus SV miniprep DNA purification kit (Promega) and subjected to Sanger DNA sequencing at the University of Michigan DNA sequencing core facility.

For *in vitro* reactions (Figs. 2, 3, and S3G), equivalent sized gel slices that corresponded to the expected RT-PCR product size (~305 and ~232 base pairs for U6/L1 and U6/GFP, respectively) were excised from each lane regardless of whether a band was visible under UV illumination, cloned, and sequenced as described above.

Generation of synthetic U6, L1, and GFP RNA

To generate the synthetic U6 snRNA bearing a 2',3'-cyclic phosphate (U6>P), a doublestranded DNA template (gBlock Gene Fragments, IDT technologies, Coralville, IA) was designed that consisted of a T7 promoter joined to the human U6 snRNA sequence ending in 4 thymidines followed by the sequence of a mutant form of the hepatitis delta virus (HDV) antigenomic ribozyme sequence (T7-U6-HDVr) (10, 11) (SI Appendix, Fig. S2A and Tables S2 and S9). A control template lacking the HDV ribozyme sequence (T7-U6) was used to generate synthetic U6 snRNA bearing a 3'-OH (U6-OH) (SI Appendix, Table S9).

To generate a synthetic L1 RNA fragment with a 5'-OH (OH-L1), a double-stranded DNA template (gBlock Gene Fragments, IDT technologies) was designed that consisted of a T7 promoter followed by an engineered hammerhead ribozyme (HHr) sequence and pJM101/L1.3Δneo nucleotides 5752-6087 (T7-HHr-L1) (12) (SI Appendix, Table S9). A control L1 template was also made that lacked the HHr sequence (T7-L1) in order to generate an L1 RNA fragment bearing a 5'-triphosphate (P-L1) (SI Appendix, Table S9).

To generate a synthetic GFP RNA fragment with a 5'-OH (OH-GFP), a double-stranded DNA template (gBlock Gene Fragments, IDT technologies) was designed that consisted of a T7 promoter followed by an engineered hammerhead ribozyme sequence and pCEP-GFP (9) nucleotides 471-780 (T7-HHr-GFP) (12) (SI Appendix, Table S9). The GFP RNA sequence

consists of nucleotides 471-720 of the hrGFP ORF sequence followed by 60 nucleotides of the SV40 polyadenylation sequence from the pCEP4 vector (SI Appendix, Table S9).

To generate synthetic RNAs, double-stranded DNA gBlock templates were first PCR amplified using Platinum *Taq* DNA Polymerase (Thermo Fisher Scientific). PCR-amplified templates were then purified from agarose gels using the Wizard SV Gel and PCR Clean-Up System (Promega). For in vitro transcription reactions, approximately 100-300 ng of template DNA was used in 40 µL reactions using a MAXIscript T7 transcription kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Reactions were incubated at 37°C for 2.5 hours and then treated with 4 µL of DNase I (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and concentrated using an RNA Clean & Concentrator kit (Zymo Research, Irvine, CA). RNA was eluted from columns with water and diluted to a final concentration of \sim 50-100 ng/ μ L and stored at -80 $^{\circ}$ C.

Two microliters (~100-200 ng) of RNA from T7 transcription reactions was analyzed using denaturing Urea-PAGE. Gels were stained with SYBR Green II RNA gel stain (Thermo Fisher Scientific) to visualize the RNA.

U6/L1 RNA ligation reactions using purified RtcB

In vitro transcribed U6 and L1 RNAs were first splinted with a DNA oligonucleotide (SI Appendix, Table S9) by combining U6 and L1 RNA with the DNA oligonucleotide splint (~500 nM final concentration for each RNA and DNA oligo diluted in water; 10 µL final reaction volume). The RNA/DNA oligo mixture was then incubated at 65°C for 5 minutes, 25°C for 3 minutes, and then kept at 4°C for approximately 10 minutes before being added to the ligation reaction. Next, U6/L1 ligation reactions (4 µL final volume) containing 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 2 mM MnCl2, 100 µM GTP, 2 µM purified RtcB from *E. coli* (13), and splinted U6 and L1 RNA substrates (~250 nM final concentration for each RNA and DNA oligo) were incubated at 37°C for 1 hour. The reactions were concentrated using an RNA Clean & Concentrator kit (Zymo Research), which included an on-column DNase I (Thermo Fisher Scientific) digestion. RNA was eluted with two volumes (8 µL each) of water.

Following ligation reactions, cDNAs were prepared using 3 µL of concentrated RNA with the SuperScript First-Strand Synthesis System for RT-PCR (Thermo Fisher Scientific) using the SV40as oligonucleotide primer. Reverse transcription (RT) reactions were incubated at 42°C for 50 minutes followed by an incubation at 70°C for 15 minutes. RT reactions (20 µL) were then diluted 1:1 with water to a final volume of 40 µL.

Following the RT step, nested PCR was then carried out using Platinum *Taq* DNA

Polymerase (Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to the manufacturer's protocol in 50 µL reactions using 2 µL of template cDNA from the above RT reactions, 0.25 µL Platinum *Taq*, 0.2 μ M forward and reverse primers, 1.5 mM MgCl₂ and 0.2 mM dNTPs. The first round of PCR used the following primers: U6s1 (sense) and SV40as (antisense). The second round of PCR used: U6s2 (sense) and 3UTRas (antisense). Thermal cycler conditions were as follows: initial cycle of 94°C for 2 minutes, followed by 30 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 30 seconds at 55°C, and 60 seconds at 72°C with a final cycle of 72°C for 5 minutes. PCR conditions were identical for each round of nested PCR. PCR products (10-20 µL) were visualized on 2% agarose gels using SYBR safe DNA gel stain (Thermo Fisher Scientific). For all reactions, gel slices were excised from each lane and processed for Sanger sequencing as described above.

U6/L1 RNA ligation reactions using HeLa cell extracts

HeLa cell nuclear extracts were either prepared from HeLa-JVM cells (14, 15) or purchased from Protein One (Rockville, MD, P0002-02). The nuclear extracts generated in the lab and the commercially sourced HeLa nuclear extracts both performed similarly in ligation reactions. U6/L1 ligation reactions (final volume: 4 µL) containing 2 µL (~10-40 µg) of nuclear extract, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 2 mM MnCl₂, 100 μ M GTP and RNA substrates (~250-500 nM final for each RNA) were incubated at 37°C for 1 hour. The reactions were then concentrated using an RNA Clean & Concentrator kit (Zymo Research), which included an on-column DNase I (Thermo Fisher Scientific) digestion. RNA was eluted with two volumes (8 µL each) of water.

Following ligation reactions, cDNAs were prepared using 3 µL of RNA with the SuperScript First-Strand Synthesis System for RT-PCR (Thermo Fisher Scientific) using the SV40as oligonucleotide primer. Reverse transcription (RT) reactions were incubated at 42°C for 50 minutes followed by heat inactivation at 70°C for 15 minutes. RT reactions (20 µL) were then diluted 1:1 with water to a final volume of 40 µL.

Following the RT step, PCR was then carried out using Platinum *Taq* DNA Polymerase (Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to the manufacturer protocol in 50 µL reactions using 2 µL of template cDNA from the above RT reactions, 0.25 µL Platinum *Taq*, 0.2 µM forward and reverse primers, 1.5 mM MgCl₂ and 0.2 mM dNTPs. The first round of PCR used the following primers: U6s1 (sense) and SV40as (antisense). The second round of PCR used: U6s2 (sense) and 3UTRas (antisense). Thermal cycler conditions were as follows: initial cycle of 94°C for 2 minutes, followed by 30 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 30 seconds at 55°C, and 60 seconds at 72°C with a final cycle of 72°C for 5 minutes. PCR conditions were identical for each round of nested PCR. PCR products (10-20 µL) were visualized on 2% agarose gels using SYBR safe

DNA gel stain (Thermo Fisher Scientific). For all reactions, gel slices were excised from each lane and processed for Sanger sequencing as described above.

CRISPR/Cas9 depletion of RtcB from HeLa cells

To deplete RtcB protein expression in HeLa-JVM cells, a single guide RNA targeting exon 2 of human RtcB (SI Appendix, Table S9) (16) was cloned into the *Bbs*I site of the pX459v2 plasmid vector (17). As a control, an sgRNA targeting GFP (SI Appendix, Table S9) was also cloned into $pX459v2$. Approximately $5x10⁵$ HeLa-JVM cells were then transfected in 6-well plates using 6 µL of FuGENE HD and 2 µg of plasmid DNA per well. Approximately 24 hours later, transfections were stopped by the addition of fresh media to the cells. Approximately 48 hours after transfection, media was supplemented with puromycin (5 µg/mL) to select for transfected cells. Selection media was refreshed every two days thereafter. Six days after transfection, the cells were removed from puromycin selection and reseeded in 96-well plates to select for individual clones by adding 100 µL of a cell suspension (~10-20 cells/mL) to each well of a 96-well plate. Approximately 10-14 days later, 96-well plates were screened using light microscopy for wells containing a single colony. Clones were isolated from individual wells by trypsinization and transferred to 12-well plates. Clones were expanded and then screened for RtcB expression by western blotting. Sanger sequencing was used to characterize genomic RtcB edits.

Reverse transcription – quantitative real-time PCR (RT-qPCR) U6/L1 ligation assay

HeLa cell nuclear extracts were prepared as described above. U6/L1 ligation reactions (final volume: 6 μ L) containing ~10 μ g of nuclear extract, 25 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 1 mM MnCl₂, 200 µM GTP and RNA substrates (~250-500 nM final for each RNA) were incubated at 37°C for 1 hour. The reactions were concentrated using an RNA Clean & Concentrator kit (Zymo Research), which included an on-column DNase I (Thermo Fisher Scientific) digestion. RNA was eluted with two volumes (8 μ L each) of water.

Following ligation reactions, cDNAs were prepared using 3 µL of RNA with the SuperScript First-Strand Synthesis System for RT-PCR (Invitrogen) with the SV40as oligonucleotide primer. Reverse transcription (RT) reactions were incubated at 42°C for 50 minutes followed by an incubation at 70°C for 15 minutes. RT reactions (20 µL) were then diluted 1:1000 with water for use in RT-qPCR reactions.

Following cDNA synthesis, RT-qPCR reactions (20 µL total volume) were carried out according to the manufacturer's protocol in triplicate for each condition using the PowerUp

SYBR Green Master Mix (Thermo Fisher Scientific) by combining 10 µL PowerUp SYBR Green Master Mix, forward and reverse primers (5 μ M each, SI Appendix, Table S9), and 5 μ L of diluted cDNA from above. Two sets of primers were used (SI Appendix, Table S9): the target primer pair (U6L1 qPCR 1F and U6L1 qPCR 1R) amplifies a 118 bp sequence spanning the U6/L1 junction sequence; the control primer pair (U6L1 qPCRcon 4F and U6L1 qPCRcon 4R) amplifies a 122 bp sequence at the 3' end the L1 RNA template and serves as an endogenous control to normalize total cDNA input in each reaction. RT-qPCR was carried out an ABI 7300 Real-Time PCR system (Thermo Fisher Scientific) using following thermal cycling conditions: initial cycle of 50°C for 2 minutes; 95°C for 2 minutes; followed by 40 cycles of 15 seconds at 95°C, 28 seconds at 54°C, and 60 seconds at 72°C.

The relative standard curve method was used to quantify U6/L1 ligation efficiency. Standard curves for each primer pair were generated using serial 10-fold dilutions of a 402 bp U6/L1 double stranded DNA template (U6L1_qPCR_standard) consisting of U6 snRNA nucleotides (41-106) conjoined to pJM101/L1.3Δneo nucleotides 5752-6087 (SI Appendix, Table S9; concentration range: $1x10^{-12}$ M – $1x10^{-16}$ M). U6/L1 ligation efficiency was determined by the ratio of U6/L1 junction molecules over L1 endogenous control molecules. For each experiment, untransfected HeLa-JVM nuclear extracts were used as a calibrator and each sgRNA condition were considered different treatments. Thus, U6/L1 ligation efficiency was normalized to untransfected HeLa-JVM cell extracts. The normalized ligation efficiency for each reaction condition was calculated by averaging the values from 6 independent RT-qPCR experiments. A two-tailed Student's t-test was used to determine *p* values.

Western Blotting

Standard western blotting procedures were used for protein analysis. Blots were analyzed using an Odyssey CLx (LI-COR, Lincoln, NE). Western blot quantification was performed using the Image Studio software (version 3.1.4, LI-COR). The following antibodies were used: anti-RtcB/C22orf28/FAAP (1:5000) (Bethyl Laboratories, Montgomery, TX, A305-079A), anti-eIF3 (p110) (1:2000) (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Dallas, TX, sc-28858), anti-nucleolin (1:1000) (Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA, #87792), IRDye 800CW Donkey anti-Rabbit IgG (1:10,000) (LI-COR, 925-32213) and IRDye 680RD Donkey anti-Mouse IgG (1:10,000) (LI-COR, 925-68072).

U6/GFP RNA ligation reactions using HeLa cell extracts

HeLa cell nuclear extracts were prepared as described above. U6/L1 ligation reactions (final

volume: 4 μ L) containing 2 μ L (~10-40 μ g) of nuclear extract, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 2 mM MnCl₂, 100 μ M GTP and RNA substrates (~250-500 nM final for each RNA) were incubated at 37°C for 1 hour. The reactions were concentrated using an RNA Clean & Concentrator kit (Zymo Research), which included an on-column DNase I (Thermo Fisher Scientific) digestion. RNA was eluted with two volumes (8 µL each) of water.

Following ligation reactions, cDNAs were prepared using 3 µL of RNA with the SuperScript First-Strand Synthesis System for RT-PCR (Invitrogen) with the SV40as oligonucleotide primer. Reverse transcription (RT) reactions were incubated at 42°C for 50 minutes followed by an incubation at 70°C for 15 minutes. RT reactions (20 μ L) were then diluted 1:1 with water to a final volume of 40 µL.

Following the RT step, nested PCR was carried out using Platinum *Taq* DNA Polymerase (Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to the manufacturer's protocol in 50 µL reactions using 2 µL of template cDNA from the above RT reactions, 0.25 µL Platinum *Taq*, 0.2 µM forward and reverse primers, 1.5 mM $MgCl₂$ and 0.2 mM dNTPs. The first round of PCR used the following primers: U6s1 (sense) and hrGFPas1 (antisense). The second round of PCR used: U6s2 (sense) and hrGFPas2 (antisense). Thermal cycler conditions were as follows: initial cycle of 94°C for 2 minutes, followed by 30 cycles of 30 seconds at 94°C, 30 seconds at 55°C, and 60 seconds at 72°C with a final cycle of 72°C for 5 minutes. PCR conditions were identical for each round of nested PCR. PCR products (10-20 µL) were visualized on 2% agarose gels using SYBR safe DNA gel stain (Thermo Fisher Scientific). For all reactions, gel slices were excised from each lane and processed for Sanger sequencing as described above.

RNA-sequencing (RNA-seq)

All cDNA library preparation and sequencing was conducted at the University of Michigan sequencing core facility (Ann Arbor, MI). Briefly, total RNA was collected from HeLa-JVM, HeLa-HA, and PA-1 cells using an RNeasy mini kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Total RNA from hESC (4, 5), and hESC derived NPCs (6) was a generous gift of Dr. Jose Garcia-Perez. To generate cDNA libraries, total RNA from each cell line was first depleted of ribosomal RNA using a Ribo-Zero rRNA removal kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA), and then cDNA libraries were generated from the rRNA-depleted RNA using the TruSeq Stranded mRNA Library Prep Kit (Illumina) with random hexamers according to manufacturer protocol with the following deviations: RNA was fragmented for 1 minute to generate \sim 190 nucleotide fragments and 12 PCR cycles were used to enrich DNA fragments after ligating adapters. Paired-end sequencing (100 bp reads) was performed on the Illumina HiSeq 2500. RNA-seq data for PA-1, H9, and NPCs has previously been deposited to the Sequence Read Archive (SRA: PRJNA432733) (18). HeLa RNA-seq data has previously been deposited to dbGaP (dbGaP: phs00167) (18).

RNA Sequencing Analysis

Trimmomatic (19) was used to trim the sequencing adaptors from a total of \sim 1.1 X 10⁹ RNA sequencing reads. We assessed the quality of our data using FastQC (Andrews S. [2010]. FastQC: a quality control tool for high throughput sequence data. Available online at: http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc). Samtools rmdup (20) and Picard MarkDuplicates (http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard) were used to remove PCR duplicate reads. We aligned all reads that passed the quality check with BWA-MEM with default parameters (Li H. [2013] Aligning sequence reads, clone sequences and assembly contigs with BWA-MEM. arXiv:1303.3997v1 [q-bio.GN]) to a custom built human reference genome from hg38 with all repeats masked using RepeatMasker and RepBase (21), but including a single representative copy of a human specific L1 (L1.3; GenBank accession no. L19088) (7) and human U6 snRNA (GenBank accession no. X59362). FLASH (22) then was used to reconstruct overlapping read pairs that aligned at one end to the 3' portion of U6 snRNA and the other end to L1. Merged U6/L1 sequences that contained U6 snRNA sequence at the 5' end conjoined to L1 sequence at the 3' end were then mapped back to the non-masked HGR (HGR/build Grch38) using BWA-MEM in order to differentiate events aligned to the genome from those which did not exhibit a clear mapping (Fig. 4). Our software for extracting these fusion reads from RNA-seq data can be found at https://github.com/mills-lab/U6L1. All U6/L1 reads were manually aligned to the HGR using BLAT (23) to verify BWA-MEM alignments. The L1 portion of each U6/L1 read was manually aligned to the L1.3 sequence and consensus sequences from L1 subfamilies (L1PA1-L1PA13) (24) to determine the L1 subfamily and to derive L1 sequences for L1 junction analyses (Figs. S4A and S4B; Tables S4 and S5).

U6/L1 Junction Motif Search of HeLa cells and 1000 Genomes Project High Coverage Samples

Motifs across putative U6/L1 junctions were extracted from all merged reads as described above. Each 25 base pair junction motif contains U6 snRNA nucleotides 94-102 followed by 5-8 thymidines and ~8-11 nucleotides of L1 sequence (SI Appendix, Table S6). All motifs and their reverse complements were used to interrogate HeLa cell genomic data from dbGaP (dbGaP accession number phs000640.v1.p1) (25-27) and 23 high coverage PCR-free DNA sequencing samples from the 1000 Genomes Project (SI Appendix, Table S9) (28) to look for genomic

evidence of each U6/L1 junction sequence. The script for 25 base pair motif search is available at: https://github.com/mills-lab/U6L1. An exact match was required for labeling the existence of the junction from the HeLa genomic and 1000 Genomes DNA sequencing data. Two exceptions were noted in the 1000 genomes data, in which two genomes (NA20845 and HG03742) contained the same SNP within the U6 sequence for the U6/L1 chimera sequence with L1.3 junction 2052 and therefore did not initially exhibit an exact match to the genomic sequences of these samples (see Results and SI Appendix, Table S6).

HeLa cell genome sequence data

The HeLa cell genome sequence data used for analysis described in this manuscript were obtained from the database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/gap/cgi-bin/study.cgi?study_id=phs000640.v5.p1). This study was reviewed by the NIH HeLa Genome Data Access Working Group.

FIGURE LEGENDS

Fig. S1. Related to Fig. 1. *A. A representative agarose gel image of control RT-PCR reactions lacking reverse transcriptase.* The transfected L1 construct is indicated above each lane of the agarose gel image. HeLa UTF: untransfected HeLa cells. Molecular weight standards (in bp) are shown in the first and last gel lanes. *B. Weblogo frequency plot of the 38 U6/L1 chimeric junction sequences obtained from RT-PCR experiments.* The X-axis indicates the L1.3 nucleotide positions upstream (negative numbers) or downstream (positive numbers) of the U6/L1 junction. The Y-axis indicates nucleotide frequency. The arrow indicates where the U6 thymidine tract (white block arrow ending in T_n) is conjoined to the L1 sequence. For weblogo analyses, 5Ts were assigned to U6 and the remaining T's at the U6/L1 junction were assigned to L1. *C. Examples of putative RT-PCR sequence artifacts.* The dashed line with arrows indicates the approximate position of a putative template-switching event from L1 RNA (white numbers in L1 correspond to the sequence of L1.3 (GenBank accession no. L19088) (7)) to U6 snRNA (GenBank accession no. X59362; black numbers below U6 arrow). The U6/L1 junction sequence is indicated below the L1. Red nucleotides align to U6. Black nucleotides align to L1. The top example depicts a putative template-switching event from L1 to U6 that is mediated by a short region of microhomology [parentheses (aa); purple text]. The bottom example depicts a putative microhomology-independent template-switching event.

Fig. S2. Related to Fig. 2. *A. Rationale of the in vitro transcription reaction to generate U6 RNA ending in a* 2',3'-cyclic phosphate. PCR was used to amplify a double-stranded DNA template that consisted of a T7 promoter (grey rectangle) upstream of the human U6 snRNA cDNA sequence (white rectangle) ending in four thymidine nucleotides that was immediately followed by the hepatitis delta virus (HDV) antigenomic ribozyme sequence (black rectangle), creating the T7-U6-HDVr transcription template. During *in vitro* transcription, the HDV ribozyme liberates itself from the transcript generating a 2',3'-cyclic phosphate at the end of 3' end of U6 RNA (>P, red circle). *In vitro* transcription reactions were analyzed using denaturing PAGE to confirm HDV ribozyme cleavage. Red arrow: U6 RNA. Blue arrow: the liberated HDV ribozyme. *B. Rationale of the in vitro transcription reaction to generate the 5*'-*OH-L1 RNA.* PCR was used to amplify a double-stranded DNA template that consisted of a T7 promoter (grey rectangle) followed by an engineered hammerhead ribozyme sequence (light blue rectangle) upstream of an L1 fragment (nucleotides 5752-6081) derived from pJM101/L1.3Δneo (dark blue rectangle), creating the T7 r-L1 transcription template. During *in vitro* transcription, the HHr liberates itself from the transcript generating a 5'-OH at the 5' end of the L1 RNA (OH, black circle). *In vitro* transcription

reactions were analyzed using denaturing PAGE to confirm HHr cleavage. Red arrow: OH-L1 RNA. Blue arrow: the liberated HHr ribozyme. *C. Examples of putative RT-PCR sequence artifacts*. Depicted are schematics of the U6 (white block arrow ending in four thymidine nucleotides) and L1 RNA (blue rectangle) cDNA sequences. The dashed line with arrows indicates the approximate position of a putative template-switching event from L1 RNA (white numbers in L1 correspond to the sequence of L1.3) to U6 RNA (black numbers correspond to the sequence of U6 snRNA). The top example depicts the addition of an untemplated nucleotide (green capitalized A) between the U6 (red font) and L1 (black font) sequences. The middle example depicts a putative microhomology-independent template-switching event. The bottom example depicts a putative template-switching event from L1 to U6 that is mediated by a short region of microhomology (parentheses, cg, purple letters). Black numbers: U6 nucleotide junction positions. White numbers: L1 nucleotide junction positions.

Fig. S3. Related to Fig. 3. *A. Western blots demonstrate the presence of RtcB in HeLa cell nuclear extracts.* Representative images of Western blots using HeLa cell nuclear extracts that either were produced in our lab (left blot) or purchased from a commercially source (right blot). Primary antibodies indicated to the right of blot. The presence of eIF3C (red arrow) indicates that nuclear extracts may also contain some cytosolic content. The green arrow points to the band corresponding to the approximate molecular size of RtcB (~55.2 kDa). *B. Examples of putative RT-PCR sequence artifacts*. Depicted are schematics of the U6 (white block arrow ending in four thymidine residues) and L1 RNA (blue rectangle) sequences. The dashed line with arrows indicates the approximate position of a putative template switch from L1 RNA (white numbers in L1; corresponding to the sequence of L1.3 (GenBank accession no. L19088) (7)) to U6 RNA (GenBank accession no. X59362; black numbers below U6 arrow). The top example depicts the addition of untemplated nucleotides (green capitalized 5'-AAGG) between the U6 (red font) and L1 (black font) sequences. The middle example depicts a putative templateswitching event from L1 to U6 that is mediated by a short region of microhomology (parentheses, atat, purple text). The bottom example depicts a putative microhomologyindependent template-switching event. Black numbers: U6 nucleotide junction positions. White numbers: L1 nucleotide junction positions. *C. Weblogo frequency plot of the 53 U6/L1 chimeric junction sequences obtained from RT-PCR experiments using HeLa cell nuclear extracts.* The X-axis indicates the L1 nucleotide positions upstream (-) or downstream (+) of the U6/L1 junction. The Y-axis indicates nucleotide frequency. The arrow indicates where the U6 thymidine stretch (white block arrow ending in T_n) becomes conjoined the L1 sequence.

Sequences are based on L1.3 (GenBank accession no. L19088) (7). For weblogo analyses, 4 templated Ts were assigned to U6 and the remaining T's at the U6/L1 junction were assigned to L1. *D. Characterization of genomic RtcB edits in RtcB2.1 and RtcB2.2 HeLa cell lines.* Each edited HeLa cell line ($RtcB^{2.1}$ and $RtcB^{2.2}$) contained three edited RtcB alleles and no wild-type RtcB alleles. The local genomic RtcB sequence near the sgRNA target sequence within RtcB exon 2 is shown for each edited RtcB allele. The sgRNA target sequence within exon 2 is in red lettering; RtcB exon 2 sequence is in "UPPERCASE" letters; and RtcB intron 3 sequence is in "lowercase" letters. A dash (-) indicates deleted nucleotides and blue lettering indicates insertions. Sanger sequencing revealed the presence of three edited RtcB alleles in each cell line. Wild type genomic RtcB sequences were not detected in either clone. Numbers adjacent to the sequences indicate the number of nucleotides that were deleted from (Δ) or inserted into $(+)$ the wild type RtcB sequence. Deletions or insertions of an even number of nucleotides were predicted to cause a frameshift mutation that would result in premature translation termination and a severely truncated RtcB polypeptide chain. The 21 bp deletion allele of RtcB $^{2.1}$ is predicted to result in an amino acid substitution (R51S) and a deletion of amino acid residues N52-G58 from the wild type RtcB protein sequence. The 3 bp deletion allele of RtcB^{2.2} is predicted to result in the deletion of amino acid residue C54 from the wild type RtcB protein sequence. *E. HeLa cell nuclear extracts mediate the ligation of U6 and to GFP RNAs.* A synthetic human U6 RNA a 2',3'-cyclic phosphate (>P, red circle) and a synthetic GFP RNA (green rectangle) containing a 5'-OH (black circle) were generated using a ribozyme-based *in vitro* transcription reaction. The resultant RNAs were incubated with HeLa cell nuclear extracts as described in Fig. 4A and cDNAs were synthesized using the SV40as oligonucleotide primer. RT-PCR reactions using nested primers (U6s1 and GFPas1, then U6s2 and GFPas2) were used to detect U6/GFP chimeric cDNAs. *F. Schematic representations of the synthetic RNAs used in in vitro experiments.* The *in vitro* transcribed GFP sequence consists of nucleotides 471- 720 of the hrGFP ORF sequence followed by 60 nucleotides of the SV40 polyadenylation sequence from the pCEP4 vector and contains a 5'-OH (OH-GFP). The *in vitro* transcribed U6 RNA ends in four uridine ribonucleotides and contains a 2',3'-cyclic phosphate (U6>P) or a 3'- OH (U6-OH). *G. Results from the ligation reactions*. The constituents of U6/GFP ligation reactions are indicated above each gel lane (+) of the representative agarose gel image. An asterisk (*) indicates that the HeLa cell nuclear extract was heat treated at 95°C for 10 minutes prior to adding it to the reaction. No RT: no RT control. H_2O : water PCR controls. DNA size markers (in bp) are shown to the left of the gel image. The predicted position of the 232 bp U6/GFP RT-PCR product is noted on the left side of the gel image (white arrow, green font).

Bands in the reactions either lacking or containing heat inactivated HeLa cell nuclear extracts are non-specific products. *H. Summary of results from product characterization experiments.* Column 1: RNAs used in the reaction. Column 2: number of RT-PCR products characterized for the reaction condition. Column 3: number of RT-PCR products that correspond to the full-length U6/GFP ligation product. Column 4: number of RT-PCR products that contain a variably 5' truncated OH-GFP. Column 5: number of putative RT-PCR artifact products. Each experiment was repeated three times and yielded similar results. *I. Protein sequence alignments of RtcB from various species.* RtcB protein sequence alignments carried out using the align tool on the UniProt website (29).

Fig. S4. Related to Fig. 4. *A. Weblogo frequency plot of the 16 "aligned" U6/L1 chimeric junction sequences obtained from RNA-seq experiments.* The X-axis indicates the L1 nucleotide positions residing either upstream (negative numbers) or downstream (positive numbers) of the U6/L1 junction sequence. The Y-axis indicates nucleotide frequency. The arrow indicates where the U6 thymidine stretch (white block arrow ending in T_n) is conjoined to the L1 sequence. Sequences are based on L1.3. The sequences used to generate these plots are depicted in SI Appendix, Table S4. For weblogo analyses, 5Ts were assigned to U6 and the remaining T's at the U6/L1 junction were assigned to L1. *B. Weblogo frequency plot of the 33 "non-aligned" U6/L1 chimeric junction sequences obtained from RNA-seq experiments.* The X- and Y-axis are the same as indicated in panel A. The arrow indicates where the U6 thymidine tract (white block arrow ending in T_n) is conjoined to the L1 sequence. Sequences are based on L1.3. The sequences used to generate these plots are depicted in SI Appendix, Table S5. For weblogo analyses, 5Ts were assigned to U6 and the remaining T's at the U6/L1 junction were assigned to L1.

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Table S1. Related to Fig. 1. Analysis of U6/L1 chimeric RNA junctions from engineered human L1s. Column 1: name of the transfected L1 plasmid. Column 2: the position of the U6/L1 junction sequence; the numbers reference the sequence position in L1.3. Column 3: The L1.3 sequence 20 bp upstream of the U6/L1 junction. Please note that this sequence is not present in the U6/L1 chimeric cDNA. Column 4: The number of thymidine nucleotides at the end of the U6 snRNA cDNA sequence. The numbers in parenthesis reflect ambiguities where thymidine nucleotides also are present at the 5' end of the L1 sequence. Column 5: The L1.3 sequence conjoined to the U6 thymidine tract. Underlining highlights the ambiguous thymidine nucleotides in the downstream L1 sequence.

Table S2. Related to Fig. 2. Analysis of U6/L1 chimeras containing 5'-truncated L1s. Column 1: The nucleotide position in L1 conjoined to U6 RNA. The numbering is based upon the reference sequence of L1.3. Column 2: The L1.3 sequence 20 bp upstream of the U6/L1 junction. Please note: this sequence is not present in the U6/L1 chimeric cDNA. Some sequences will contain less than 20 bp because the junction is less than 20 bp from the 5' end of the L1 oligonucleotide. Column 3: The number of thymidine nucleotides at the end of the U6 sequence. Column 4: The L1 sequence immediately conjoined to the U6 thymidine stretch.

Table S3. Related to Fig. 3. Analysis of U6/L1 chimeras containing 5'-truncated L1s. Column 1: The nucleotide position in L1 conjoined to U6 RNA. The numbering is based upon the reference sequence of L1.3. Column 2: The sequence from the 20 bp upstream of the U6/L1 junction. Please note: this sequence is not present in the U6/L1 chimeric cDNA. Some sequences will contain less than 20 bp because the junction is less than 20 bp from the 5' end of the L1 oligo. Column 3: The number of thymidine residues at the end of the U6 sequence. Column 4: The L1 sequence immediately conjoined to the U6 thymidine stretch.

Table S4. Related to Fig. 4. Analysis of "aligned" U6/L1 sequences from RNA-seq experiments. Column 1: The nucleotide position in L1 conjoined to U6 RNA. The numbering is based upon the reference sequence of L1.3. Column 2: The subfamily designation of the "aligned" L1 sequence in the human genome reference sequence. Column 3: The L1.3 sequence 20 bp upstream of the U6/L1 junction. Please note that this sequence is not present in the U6/L1 chimeric cDNA. Column 4: The number of thymidine nucleotides at the end of the U6 cDNA sequence. The numbers in parenthesis (n) reflect ambiguities where thymidine

nucleotides also are present at the 5' end of the L1 sequence. Column 5: The L1.3 sequence immediately downstream (+) of the U6 thymidine tract. Underlining highlights the ambiguous thymidine nucleotides in the downstream L1 sequence.

Table S5. Related to Fig. 4. Analysis of "non-aligned" U6/L1 sequences from RNA-seq experiments. Column 1: The nucleotide position in L1 conjoined to U6 RNA. The numbering is based upon the reference sequence of L1.3. Column 2: The L1.3 sequence 20 bp upstream of the U6/L1 junction. Please note that this sequence is not present in the U6/L1 chimeric cDNA. Column 3: The number of thymidine nucleotides at the end of the U6 sequence. The numbers in parenthesis reflect ambiguities where thymidine nucleotides also are present at the 5' end of the L1 sequence. Column 4: The L1.3 sequence immediately downstream of the U6 thymidine tract. Underlining highlights the ambiguous thymidine nucleotides in the downstream L1 sequence. The asterisk (*) indicates the L1 sequence was likely from the L1PA5 subfamily. The double asterisk (**) indicates the L1 was likely from the L1PA4 subfamily. These designations are based on the alignment of the L1 sequence to L1 subfamily consensus sequences (see Methods).

Table S6. Related to Fig. 4. Sequences features of the 25bp U6/L1 junction sequences motifs of the "aligned", "non-aligned", and putative "artifact" RNA-seq chimeras. Column 1: 25bp junction motifs are numbered sequentially from 1 to 64. Column 2: Indicates whether the 25 bp junction motif is from an "aligned", "non-aligned", or "artifact" RNA-seq chimera. Column 3: The nucleotide position in L1 conjoined to U6 RNA. The numbering is based upon the reference sequence of L1.3. Column 4: the U6/L1 merged junction sequence reads used as probes to search the 1000 Genomes Project sequencing data. Thymidine residues at the junction are underlined. Column 5: Numbers of reads that support the junction sequences. Column 6: the cell line containing the U6/L1 junction sequences, "multiple" indicates that the U6/L1 junction sequence was detected in more than one cell line. (*) Indicates that the U6/L1 junction sequence contains a SNP in HG03742 (INDIAN TELUGU) and NA20845 (GUJARATI INDIAN) 1000 Genomes project sample genomes: 5'-CATTATGTATTTTTAATTAAAAGAC (SNP is underlined). (**) Indicates that for this U6/L1 junction the L1 sequence is antisense compared to U6.

Table S7. Related to Fig. 4. Characterization of 16 genomic U6/L1 chimeric pseudogenes that served as putative source elements for the RNA-seq reads detected in Supplemental Table 4. Column 1: The nucleotide position in L1 conjoined to U6 RNA. The numbering is based upon the reference sequence of L1.3. Column 2: Genome coordinates based on HGR/Grch38. Column 3: The subfamily designation of the "aligned" L1 sequence in the human genome reference sequence. Column 4: The length (number of nucleotides) of target site duplications (TSD) that flank the U6/L1 insertion. A "-" sign indicates instances where we could not identify a TSD, Column 5: The putative L1 EN cleavage site. The "/" indicates the site of the EN cleavage. Column 6: Remarks indicate the genomic context of U6/L1 insertion.

Table S8. Related to Fig. 4. 1000 Genomes Project sample numbers with population codes. Column 1: the 1000 Genome Project sample number. Column 2: the population code for a given sample.

Table S9. Oligonucleotides used in this study. Name of the oligonucleotide. Column 2: The oligonucleotide sequence. Underlining indicates the T7 RNA polymerase promoter sequence used to transcribe RNAs *in vitro*. Lower-case letters indicate that HDV and HHr ribozyme sequences, respectively.

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Table S1. Analysis of U6/L1 chimeric RNA junctions from engineered human L1s

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5755	CTC	$\overline{4}$	AGTAAACTATCGCAAGAACA
5759	CTCAGTA	$\overline{4}$	AACTATCGCAAGAACAAAAA
5759	CTCAGTA	$\overline{4}$	AACTATCGCAAGAACAAAAA
5817	TCACTCATAGGTGGGAATTG	$\overline{4}$	AACAATGAGATCACATGGAC
5924	GGAGATATACCTAATGCTAG	$\overline{4}$	ATGACACATTAGTGGGTGCA
5928	ATATACCTAATGCTAGATGA	$\overline{4}$	CACATTAGTGGGTGCAGCGC
5942	AGATGACACATTAGTGGGTG	$\overline{4}$	CAGCGCACCAGCATGGCACA

Table S2. Analysis of U6/L1 chimeras containing 5'-truncated L1s

L _{1.3} Junction	L1 subfamily	U6/L1 junction -20	Juntion Ts	U6/L1 junction $+20$
2052	L1PA10	GTAAATGGGCTAAATGCCCC	5	AATTAAAAGACACAGAATGG
2234	L ₁ PA ₃	AATCCTAGTCTCTGATAAAA	5	CAGACTTTAAACCAACAAAG
2568	L ₁ P _{A4}	AATCAACAGAATATACATTC	8(4)	TTTTCAGCACCACACCACAC
2598	L ₁ PA ₅	CCACATCACACTTATTCCAA	5	AATTGACCACATAGTTGGAA
3450	L ₁ P _A 7	CTACCAGGAGTACAAAGAGG	5	AGCTGGTACCAATCCTTCTG
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4611	L ₁ PA ₂	GGAGGCATCACACTACCTGA	5	CTTCAAACTATACTACAAGG
4683	L ₁ P _{A2}	CAAAACAGAGATATAGATCA	5	ATGGAACAGAACAGAGCCCT
5030	L ₁ PA ₇	AATTGACAAATGGGATCTAA	6(2)	TTAAAATAAAGAGCTTCTGC
5095	L ₁ PA ₇	TGAACAGACAACCTACAGAA	5(1)	TGGAAGAAAATTTTTGCAAT
5281	L ₁ P _{A2}	ACATGAAAAAATGCTCATCA	5(1)	TCACTGGCCATCAGAGAAAT
5358	L ₁ PA ₅	GTTAGAATGGCGATCATTAA	5	AAAGTCAGGAAACAACAGGT
5558	L ₁ P _A 7	TTATAAATCATTCTACTGTA	5	AAAACACATGCACACATGTT
5647	L ₁ P _{A2}	GTCCAACAATGATAGACTGG	5	ATTAAGAAAATGTGGCACAT
5720	L ₁ PA ₅	TGATGAGTTCATGTCCTTTG	5(1)	TAGGGACATGGATGAAGCTG
5906	L ₁ PA ₃	GGGGGAGGGATAGCATTAGG	5	AGATATACCTAATGCTAAAT

Table S4. Analysis of "aligned" U6/L1 sequences from RNA-seq experiments

Table S5. Analysis of "non-aligned" U6/L1 sequences from RNA-seq experiments

64 artifact - 5'-ATGACACGCAAATTCGACAAAGGGC 1 1

Table S6. Sequence features of the 25bp U6/L1 junction sequences motifs of the "aligned", "non-aligned", and putative "artifact" RNA-seq chimeras

Table S7. Characterization of 16 genomic U6/L1 chimeric pseudogenes that served as putative source elements for the RNA-seq reads detected in Supplemental Table 4

L _{1.3} Junction	Genome position (hg38)	L1 subfamily	TSD	Cleavage	Remarks
2052	chrX:102678813-102674130	L1PA10	$\overline{}$		ARMCX5-GPRASP2 Intron
2234	chr13:48987911-48988334	L ₁ PA ₃	7	TTTA/T	FNDC3A intron
2568	chr1:180758722-180762284	L ₁ PA ₄	7	CTTT/T	XPR1 intron
2598	chr3:98805084-98801701	L ₁ PA ₅			DCBLD2 intron
3450	chr8:103384961-103387948	L ₁ PA ₇	12	TGTC/T	intergenic
4268	chr13:72706123-72704270	L ₁ PA ₅	19	TTTT/A	intergenic
4611	chr18:68858934-68860488	L ₁ PA ₂	\blacksquare		CCDC102B intron
4683	chr4:39296252-39297711	L1PA2	11	TCTT/A	RFC1 intron
5030	chr1:42569034-42570125	L ₁ PA ₇	$\overline{}$		CCDC30 intron
5095	chr14:37434573-37433236	L ₁ PA ₇	6	ATTT/A	MIPOL1 intron
5281	chr3:196784226-196785086	L ₁ PA ₂	15	TTTT/A	PAK2 intron
5358	chr4:109992325-109993102	L ₁ PA ₅	16	TTTT/A	EGF intron
5558	chr14:102865856-102866427	L ₁ PA ₇	14	CTTT/A	TRAF3 intron
5647	chr15:65553187-65552698	L1PA2	14	TTTT/A	HACD3 intron
5720	chr4:76532327-76531908	L1PA5	10	GCTC/T	SHROOM3 intron
5906	chr2:174558072-174557836	L1PA3	16	CTTT/G	intergenic

Table S8. 1000 Genomes Project sample numbers with population codes.

Table S9. Oligos used in this study.

