

1 **Table S1: variability (adjusted SD) comparison between any two stages**

2 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected *p*-values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Stages	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
E2	3.11e-180						
E3	0.00e+00	6.17e-43					
E4	1.21e-247	5.24e-08	2.49e-16				
E5	1.06e-13	2.57e-118	4.14e-292	1.99e-175			
E6	1.93e-92	3.99e-17	2.62e-105	8.75e-43	1.14e-44		
E7	2.57e-78	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	3.06e-181	0.00e+00	
E8	6.64e-268	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	3.14e-106

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4 **Table S2: promoter sequence conservation comparison between any two stages**

5 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected *p*-values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Stages	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
E2	5.02e-01						
E3	1.70e-11	4.66e-12					
E4	5.57e-29	1.96e-28	4.06e-06				
E5	1.07e-35	7.75e-35	2.93e-10	8.85e-02			
E6	2.18e-37	3.23e-36	5.29e-09	4.19e-01	3.13e-01		
E7	1.89e-11	5.11e-12	7.91e-01	2.09e-05	2.13e-09	8.87e-08	
E8	2.28e-21	1.72e-21	2.18e-02	9.67e-03	7.81e-06	1.79e-04	6.34e-02

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7 **Table S3: proximal promoter H3K4Me3 signal (Z score) comparison between any two stages**

8 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected *p*-values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Satges	0-4h	4-8h	8-12h	12-16h	16-20h
4-8h	2.39e-36				
8-12h	3.71e-93	5.51e-13			
12-16h	6.35e-35	6.84e-01	1.28e-17		
16-20h	2.29e-09	6.05e-08	4.17e-47	7.73e-11	
20-24h	3.10e-88	2.08e-118	8.88e-197	1.40e-161	9.07e-182

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13 **Table S4: proximal promoter H3K9Ac signal (Z score) comparison between any two
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15 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected *p*-values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Satges	0-4h	4-8h	8-12h	12-16h	16-20h
4-8h	1.73e-06				
8-12h	2.17e-40	3.75e-16			
12-16h	9.49e-01	1.71e-07	2.17e-40		
16-20h	4.50e-78	2.03e-97	1.23e-171	1.41e-67	
20-24h	7.31e-145	3.75e-148	1.11e-230	8.16e-121	1.13e-28

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17 **Table S5: proximal promoter H3K27Ac signal (Z score) comparison between any two
18 stages**

19 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected *p*-values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Satges	0-4h	4-8h	8-12h	12-16h	16-20h
4-8h	2.45e-03				
8-12h	7.91e-141	2.12e-88			
12-16h	6.90e-01	1.85e-04	4.74e-127		
16-20h	8.98e-01	3.97e-03	6.20e-147	6.87e-01	
20-24h	2.97e-103	8.33e-85	6.08e-292	1.31e-57	1.89e-165

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21 **Table S6: variability (adjusted SD) comparison between any two stages**
22 Here, the E1 stage also contains samples from the small clusters. Wilcoxon test, multiple test
23 corrected *p*-values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Stages	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
E2	5.49e-58						
E3	6.24e-202	2.55e-46					
E4	1.02e-96	1.57e-07	1.60e-18				
E5	9.25e-19	1.32e-124	3.41e-303	6.09e-175			
E6	2.56e-09	3.21e-19	6.02e-112	2.66e-43	1.86e-43		
E7	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	1.56e-163	0.00e+00	
E8	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	6.72e-104

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30 **Table S7: variability (coefficient of variation) comparison between any two stages**31 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected p -values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Stages	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
E2	9.30e-9						
E3	1.35e-25	5.29e-05					
E4	1.24e-15	3.32e-02	4.33e-02				
E5	6.79e-01	3.64e-08	1.22e-24	9.45e-15			
E6	1.70e-05	1.94e-01	1.69e-08	3.31e-04	9.93e-05		
E7	1.87e-08	9.49e-30	3.66e-60	9.84e-43	1.76e-09	2.14e-22	
E8	3.55e-28	3.96e-59	3.97e-103	1.39e-78	1.11e-31	1.91e-50	1.40e-08

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33 **Table S8: variability (distance to median) comparison between any two stages**34 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected p -values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Stages	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
E2	5.64e-51						
E3	4.83e-94	3.00e-04					
E4	3.57e-54	1.13e-01	3.90e-10				
E5	9.54e-01	2.03e-61	1.09e-119	4.91e-70			
E6	1.58e-11	1.82e-18	9.34e-52	3.13e-24	2.71e-11		
E7	2.41e-30	1.35e-154	5.48e-265	5.28e-203	3.12e-44	5.15e-87	
E8	9.09e-98	1.10e-251	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	9.77e-148	2.36e-210	1.22e-37

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36 **Table S9: bootstrapped median variability comparison between any two stages**37 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected p -values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Stages	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
E2	1.60e-66						
E3	7.73e-99	3.94e-22					
E4	2.26e-96	1.38e-18	2.41e-18				
E5	1.14e-02	4.67e-134	1.20e-303	4.16e-163			
E6	1.50e-40	1.33e-27	2.62e-112	1.17e-111	3.11e-123		
E7	4.58e-90	2.51e-163	4.15e+00	4.15e-164	2.96e-141	1.05e-163	
E8	4.15e-139	1.05e-163	4.15e+00	4.15e-164	7.64e-159	1.20e-163	2.60e-59

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40 **Table S10: Random sampling variability comparison between any two stages**

41 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected *p*-values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Stages	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
E2	2.58e–48						
E3	7.50e–60	2.06e–03					
E4	7.11e–53	4.66e–01	2.17e–23				
E5	5.75e–22	3.13e–35	1.17e–62	9.66e–57			
E6	5.59e–42	4.44e–09	7.67e–50	7.27e–27	2.89e–32		
E7	6.10e–04	4.12e–58	9.24e–66	7.37e–65	1.47e–34	8.27e–59	
E8	7.37e–55	4.30e–66	4.30e–66	4.30e–66	2.47e–65	4.30e–66	6.38e–38

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43 **Table S11: variability (adjusted SD) comparison between any two stages (for genes**
44 **without maternally expressed genes)**

45 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected *p*-values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Stages	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
E2	3.25e–51						
E3	4.81e–175	2.21e–53					
E4	2.46e–78	3.42e–05	2.09e–27				
E5	1.14e–05	4.81e–92	1.01e–247	3.48e–127			
E6	8.65e–07	1.11e–26	5.08e–135	5.46e–48	3.46e–22		
E7	2.31e–51	2.49e–227	0.00e+00	5.31e–280	3.03e–28	4.10e–98	
E8	1.78e–140	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	2.35e–109	6.47e–212	7.64e–45

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47 **Table S12: variability (adjusted SD) comparison between any two stages (for genes**
48 **expressed at all stages)**

49 Wilcoxon test, multiple test corrected *p*-values (Benjamini–Hochberg method).

Stages	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7
E2	3.57e-175						
E3	3.05e-254	2.92e-06					
E4	6.57e-170	2.39e-01	7.21e-10				
E5	2.05e-17	3.71e-125	1.92e-200	7.95e-113			
E6	9.89e-105	1.45e-17	2.93e-45	2.38e-13	2.87e-52		
E7	9.01e-47	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	1.97e-163	0.00e+00	
E8	3.11e-199	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	2.19e-107

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51 **Table S13: RNA-seq library information**

stage	position in 96-well	Library E1_1 sample barcode
embryo2-3h	A2	AAATCA
embryo2-3h	B12	GTTAAA
embryo2-3h	C6	TATAAG
embryo2-3h	D12	GAAGAC
embryo2-3h	D2	TTACTA
embryo2-3h	D4	TTCATA
embryo5-6h	B10	GAATAT
embryo5-6h	B7	CATAAA
embryo5-6h	C10	TCTAAT
embryo5-6h	D10	CATCAG
embryo5-6h	D9	ATCGAG
embryo8-9h	A12	ATAGAT
embryo8-9h	A3	AACATA
embryo8-9h	B8	CTAAAA
embryo8-9h	B9	CTTAAT
embryo8-9h	C11	TGAATA
embryo8-9h	C3	TAATAG
embryo8-9h	C4	TACAAA
embryo8-9h	C5	TAGAAT
embryo8-9h	C8	TATTAC
embryo8-9h	D5	TTGTTA
embryo8-9h	D7	TTTTAG
embryo11-12h	A1	AAACAT
embryo11-12h	A11	ATAAGT
embryo11-12h	A4	AAGTTA
embryo11-12h	A5	AATATG
embryo11-12h	A6	AATGTA
embryo11-12h	A7	AATTTC
embryo11-12h	B5	ATTGTT
embryo11-12h	C7	TATCAT
embryo11-12h	C9	TCAAAA
embryo11-12h	D1	TTAACT
embryo11-12h	D6	TTTATG
embryo14-15h	A8	ACTAAA
embryo14-15h	A9	AGAATT
embryo14-15h	B1	ATATGA
embryo14-15h	B11	GATTAA
embryo14-15h	B4	ATTATC
embryo14-15h	C12	TGTATT
embryo14-15h	D11	CGACTT

embryo14-15h	D8	TTGGAT
embryo17-18h	B2	ATCTAT
embryo17-18h	B6	ATTTTG
embryo17-18h	C1	TAAAAC
embryo17-18h	C2	TAACAA
embryo20-21h	A10	AGTATA
embryo20-21h	D3	TTATCA
embryo23-24h	B3	ATGTAA

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stage	position in 96-well	sample barcode
embryo2-3h	E10	CACCGG
embryo2-3h	F2	CCCGAG
embryo2-3h	F3	CCGCAG
embryo2-3h	F7	CGCAGG
embryo2-3h	G10	GCGCCA
embryo2-3h	H11	TGCGCG
embryo2-3h	H5	GGGCGA
embryo2-3h	H8	GTCGCG
embryo5-6h	E2	GTCAAG
embryo5-6h	E6	ACCCGG
embryo5-6h	G11	GC GGCT
embryo5-6h	H7	GGTCCC
embryo8-9h	E1	GGACAT
embryo8-9h	E9	AGGC GG
embryo8-9h	F8	CGCCTC
embryo8-9h	G5	GAGGGC
embryo8-9h	G7	GCCCCT
embryo8-9h	H10	TCGCGG
embryo8-9h	H12	TGGGCC
embryo8-9h	H4	GGGACC
embryo8-9h	H9	GTGGGG
embryo11-12h	E5	CTCTCC
embryo11-12h	E8	AGCCGC
embryo11-12h	F6	CGACGG
embryo14-15h	E12	CCACGC
embryo14-15h	E4	TTGTCC
embryo14-15h	E7	ACGCGC
embryo14-15h	F10	CGGAGC
embryo14-15h	F9	CGCGTG
embryo14-15h	G1	CGTCGC
embryo14-15h	G8	GCCGCA
embryo17-18h	G4	GACGGG

embryo17-18h	G6	GCAGGC
embryo17-18h	G9	GCCTGC
embryo17-18h	H1	GCTGGG
embryo17-18h	H3	GGCGCT
embryo17-18h	H6	GGGGGT
embryo20-21h	E11	CAGCGC
embryo20-21h	F1	CCCCAC
embryo20-21h	F11	CGGCTG
embryo20-21h	F12	CGGGTC
embryo20-21h	F4	CCGGGT
embryo20-21h	F5	CCTCGG
embryo20-21h	G12	GCGTGG
embryo20-21h	H2	GGCACG
embryo23-24h	E3	TCCAAC
embryo23-24h	G2	CTCCGC
embryo23-24h	G3	CTGGGC

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Library E2

stage	position in 96-well	sample barcode
embryo2-3h	B6	ATTTTG
embryo2-3h	C12	TGTATT
embryo2-3h	D10	CATCAG
embryo2-3h	D2	TTACTA
embryo2-3h	D6	TTTATG
embryo2-3h	E1	GGACAT
embryo2-3h	E10	CACCGG
embryo2-3h	E11	CAGCGC
embryo2-3h	H1	GCTGGG
embryo2-3h	H11	TGCGCG
embryo5-6h	A11	ATAAGT
embryo5-6h	A3	AACATA
embryo5-6h	A4	AAGTTA
embryo5-6h	A7	AATTTC
embryo5-6h	A9	AGAATT
embryo5-6h	B3	ATGTAA
embryo5-6h	B7	CATAAA
embryo5-6h	B8	CTAAAA
embryo5-6h	D7	TTTTAG
embryo5-6h	D9	ATCGAG
embryo5-6h	E12	CCACGC
embryo5-6h	F10	CGGAGC
embryo5-6h	G4	GACGGG
embryo5-6h	G9	GCCTGC

embryo5-6h	H7	GGTCCC
embryo5-6h	H8	GTCGCG
embryo8-9h	A10	AGTATA
embryo8-9h	A6	AATGTA
embryo8-9h	B2	ATCTAT
embryo8-9h	C10	TCTAAT
embryo8-9h	D4	TTCATA
embryo8-9h	E4	TTGTCC
embryo8-9h	E7	ACGCGC
embryo8-9h	F2	CCCGAG
embryo8-9h	G5	GAGGGC
embryo8-9h	H12	TGGGCC
embryo8-9h	H9	GTGGGG
embryo11-12h	A8	ACTAAA
embryo11-12h	B10	GAATAT
embryo11-12h	B4	ATTATC
embryo11-12h	B9	CTTAAT
embryo11-12h	F11	CGGCTG
embryo11-12h	F12	CGGGTC
embryo11-12h	G10	GCGCCA
embryo11-12h	H2	GGCACG
embryo14-15h	C3	TAATAG
embryo14-15h	C6	TATAAG
embryo14-15h	C7	TATCAT
embryo14-15h	D1	TTAACT
embryo14-15h	D8	TTGGAT
embryo14-15h	E9	AGGC GG
embryo14-15h	G6	GCAGGC
embryo14-15h	G8	GCCGCA
embryo17-18h	A1	AAACAT
embryo17-18h	A5	AATATG
embryo17-18h	B1	ATATGA
embryo17-18h	B12	GTTAAA
embryo17-18h	C1	TAAAAC
embryo17-18h	C8	TATTAC
embryo17-18h	D5	TTGTTA
embryo17-18h	E2	GTCAAG
embryo17-18h	E5	CTCTCC
embryo17-18h	F1	CCCCAC
embryo17-18h	F6	CGACGG
embryo17-18h	G2	CTCCGC
embryo20-21h	A2	AAATCA
embryo20-21h	C4	TACAAA

embryo20-21h	E6	ACCCGG
embryo20-21h	F3	CCGCAG
embryo20-21h	F5	CCTCGG
embryo20-21h	F8	CGCCTC
embryo20-21h	G1	CGTCGC
embryo20-21h	G11	GCGGCT
embryo20-21h	H10	TCGCGG
embryo23-24h	A12	ATAGAT
embryo23-24h	B11	GATTAA
embryo23-24h	B5	ATTGTT
embryo23-24h	C11	TGAATA
embryo23-24h	C2	TAACAA
embryo23-24h	C5	TAGAAT
embryo23-24h	C9	TCAAAA
embryo23-24h	D11	CGACTT
embryo23-24h	D12	GAAGAC
embryo23-24h	D3	TTATCA
embryo23-24h	E3	TCCAAC
embryo23-24h	E8	AGCCGC
embryo23-24h	F4	CCGGGT
embryo23-24h	F7	CGCAGG
embryo23-24h	F9	CGCGTG
embryo23-24h	G12	GCGTGG
embryo23-24h	G3	CTGGGC
embryo23-24h	G7	GCCCCT
embryo23-24h	H3	GGCGCT
embryo23-24h	H4	GGGACC
embryo23-24h	H5	GGGCGA
embryo23-24h	H6	GGGGGT

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stage	Library E3 position in 96-	sample barcode
well		
embryo2-3h	A10	AGTATA
embryo2-3h	A12	ATAGAT
embryo2-3h	A7	AATTTC
embryo2-3h	A8	ACTAAA
embryo2-3h	B2	ATCTAT
embryo2-3h	C1	TAAAAC
embryo2-3h	C8	TATTAC
embryo2-3h	C9	TCAAAA
embryo2-3h	D3	TTATCA
embryo2-3h	F11	CGGCTG

embryo2-3h	F4	CCGGGT
embryo2-3h	F5	CCTCGG
embryo2-3h	G12	GCGTGG
embryo2-3h	G4	GACGGG
embryo2-3h	H9	GTGGGG
embryo5-6h	A2	AAATCA
embryo5-6h	B1	ATATGA
embryo5-6h	B9	CTTAAT
embryo5-6h	D1	TTAACT
embryo5-6h	D4	TTCATA
embryo5-6h	D5	TTGTTA
embryo5-6h	D6	TTTATG
embryo5-6h	E4	TTGTCC
embryo5-6h	F12	CGGGTC
embryo5-6h	G2	CTCCGC
embryo5-6h	G3	CTGGGC
embryo5-6h	G7	GCCCCT
embryo5-6h	H10	TCGC GG
embryo8-9h	B3	ATGTAA
embryo8-9h	D7	TTTTAG
embryo8-9h	E12	CCACGC
embryo8-9h	F8	CGCCTC
embryo8-9h	H1	GCTGGG
embryo11- 12h	A1	AAACAT
embryo11- 12h	A9	AGAATT
embryo11- 12h	B11	GATTAA
embryo11- 12h	B8	CTAAAA
embryo11- 12h	C5	TAGAAT
embryo11- 12h	F1	CCCCAC
embryo11- 12h	F3	CCGCAG
embryo11- 12h	F7	CGCAGG
embryo11- 12h	H4	GGGACC
embryo14- 15h	A5	AATATG
embryo14- 15h	B4	ATTATC

embryo14-		
15h	C10	TCTAAT
embryo14-		
15h	C3	TAATAG
embryo14-		
15h	F10	CGGAGC
embryo14-		
15h	F2	CCCGAG
embryo14-		
15h	G10	GCGCCA
embryo14-		
15h	H2	GGCACG
embryo14-		
15h	H5	GGGCGA
embryo17-		
18h	D11	CGACTT
embryo17-		
18h	E11	CAGCGC
embryo17-		
18h	E3	TCCAAC
embryo17-		
18h	E9	AGGCGG
embryo17-		
18h	F9	CGCGTG
embryo17-		
18h	H11	TGCGCG
embryo17-		
18h	H12	TGGGCC
embryo17-		
18h	H3	GGCGCT
embryo20-		
21h	A11	ATAAGT
embryo20-		
21h	A3	AACATA
embryo20-		
21h	A4	AAGTTA
embryo20-		
21h	B10	GAATAT
embryo20-		
21h	B5	ATTGTT
embryo20-		
21h	B6	ATTTTG
embryo20-		
21h	B7	CATAAA
embryo20-		
21h	C2	TAACAA

embryo20-		
21h	C4	TACAAA
embryo20-		
21h	D2	TTACTA
embryo20-		
21h	D9	ATCGAG
embryo20-		
21h	E2	GTCAAG
embryo20-		
21h	E5	CTCTCC
embryo20-		
21h	E6	ACCCGG
embryo20-		
21h	E7	ACGCGC
embryo20-		
21h	E8	AGCCGC
embryo20-		
21h	G11	GCGGCT
embryo20-		
21h	G6	GCAGGC
embryo20-		
21h	G9	GCCTGC
embryo20-		
21h	H7	GGTCCC
embryo23-		
24h	A6	AATGTA
embryo23-		
24h	B12	TTAAAG
embryo23-		
24h	C11	TGAATA
embryo23-		
24h	C12	TGTATT
embryo23-		
24h	C6	TATAAG
embryo23-		
24h	C7	TATCAT
embryo23-		
24h	D10	CATCAG
embryo23-		
24h	D12	GAAGAC
embryo23-		
24h	D8	TTGGAT
embryo23-		
24h	E1	GGACAT
embryo23-		
24h	E10	CACCGG

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24h	F6	CGACGG
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