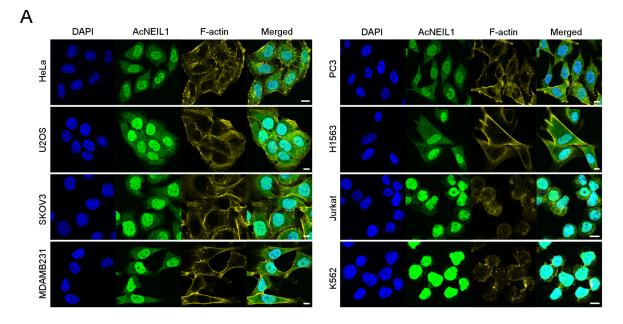
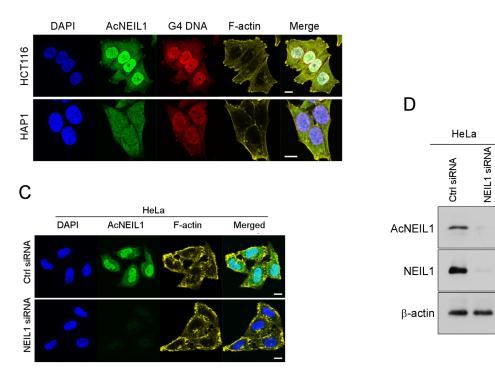
Heritable Pattern of Oxidized DNA Base Repair Coincides with Pre-Targeting of Repair Complexes to Open Chromatin

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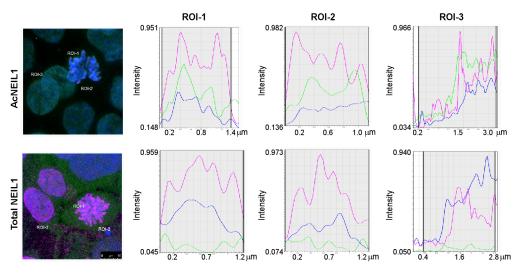


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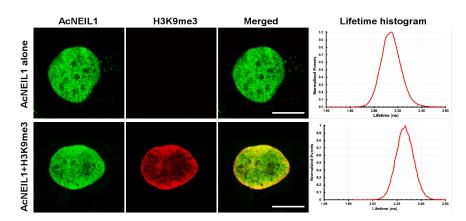


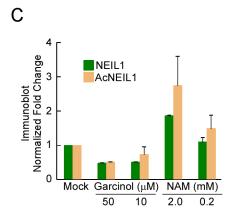
Supplementary Figure 1. AcNEIL1 is predominantly localized in the nucleus. (**A**) Confocal microscopy images of eight cell lines stained with DAPI for nuclear DNA (blue), anti-AcNEIL1 specific antibody (green) and phalloidin for cytoplasmic cytoskeleton (yellow) and merged images, displaying nuclear accumulation of AcNEIL1; scale bar, 10 μ m. (**B**) Confocal microscopy images of HCT116 and HAP1 cells stained with DAPI for nuclear DNA (blue), anti-AcNEIL1 specific antibody (green), a G4 DNA structure-specific antibody (red) and phalloidin for cytoplasmic cytoskeleton (yellow) displaying cell type-specific colocalization patterns of AcNEIL1. Scale bar, 10 μ m. (**C**) Confocal microscopy images of HeLa cells stained with DAPI for nuclear DNA (blue), anti-AcNEIL1 specific antibody (green) and phalloidin for cytoplasmic cytoskeleton (yellow) displaying cell type-specific colocalization patterns of AcNEIL1. Scale bar, 10 μ m. (**C**) Confocal microscopy images of HeLa cells stained with DAPI for nuclear DNA (blue), anti-AcNEIL1 specific antibody (green) and phalloidin for cytoplasmic cytoskeleton (yellow) plus merged images, showing the efficient knockdown of NEIL1 by siRNA; scale bar, 10 μ m. (**D**) Immunoblotting of AcNEIL1 and total NEIL1 after siRNA treatment in HeLa cells.

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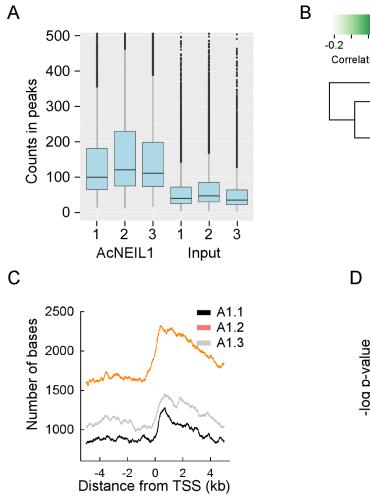


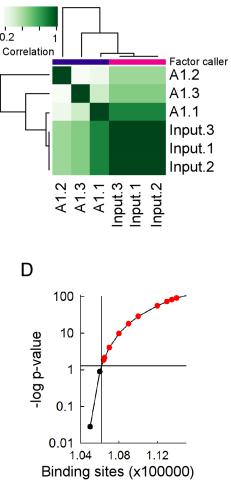
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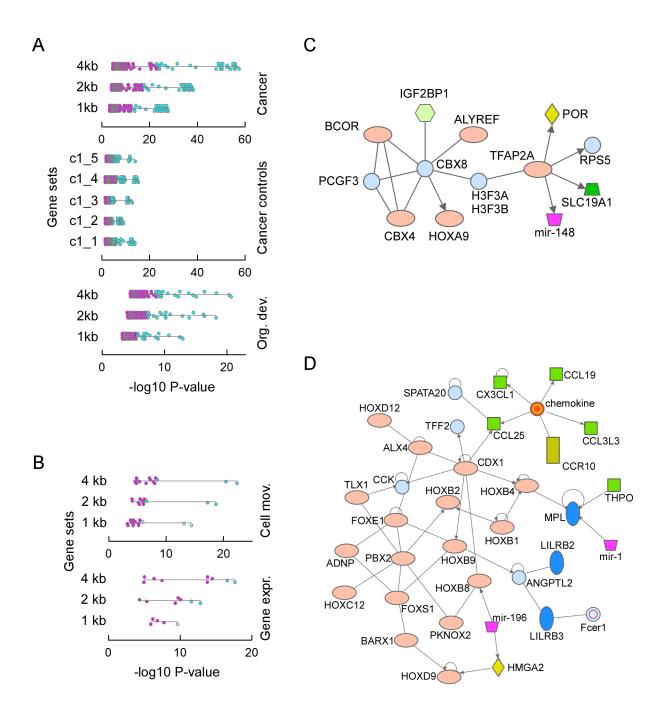
Supplementary Figure 2. AcNEIL1 binds within active chromatin domains. (A) Co-localization measurements between AcNEIL1 and H3K27Ac using Leica Quantification tools on merged STED images. Three regions of interest (ROI) from respective images were selected and analyzed. Normalized intensities (y axis) for each ROI were plotted against distance (x axis). The results show that AcNEIL1 has a high degree of co-localization with H3K27Ac; green peak (AcNEIL1) superimposing on magenta (H3K27Ac) and DNA (blue). This is in contrast to total-NEIL1, which displays a diffuse distribution with ROI quantification showing limited colocalization with DNA and H3K27Ac. Note the relatively low intensities of total-NEIL1 signal as compared to H3K27Ac and DNA in the same focal point. (B) Left, Immunofluorescence staining of AcNEIL1 (top) and AcNEIL1 plus H3K9me3 (bottom) in HCT116 cells. Right, FLIM lifetime histogram of labelled AcNEIL1 (top) and labelled AcNEIL1 and H3K9me3 (bottom). FLIM samples were prepared as described in Materials and Methods; images were captured using a Leica SP8 FALCON and analyzed with a Leica FLIM analysis software. Scale bar, 10 μ m. (C) Quantitation of immunoblotting (IB) of NEIL1, AcNEIL1 and histone H3 from the chromatin fractions of HCT116 cells. Intensities of IB bands were expressed as normalized fold-change and shown as mean and standard error from the mean from 2 independent experiments.



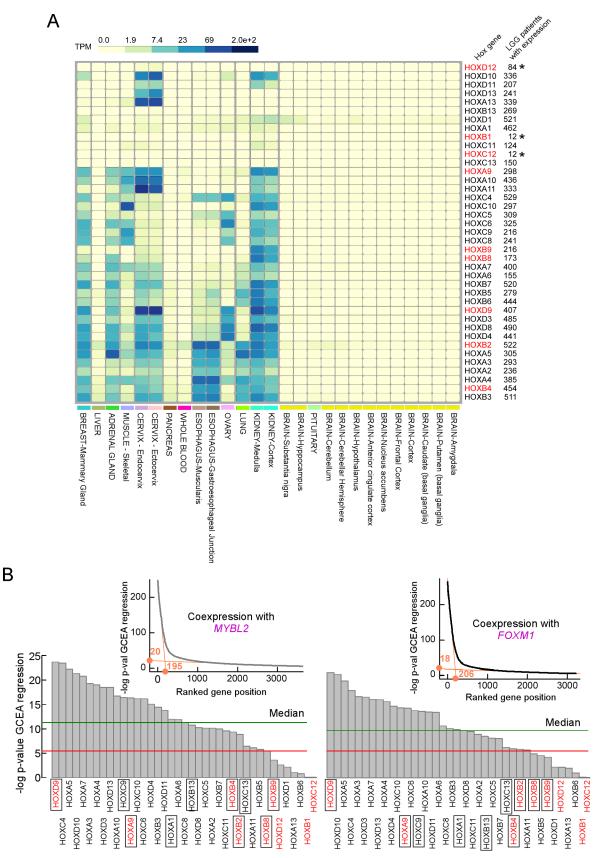


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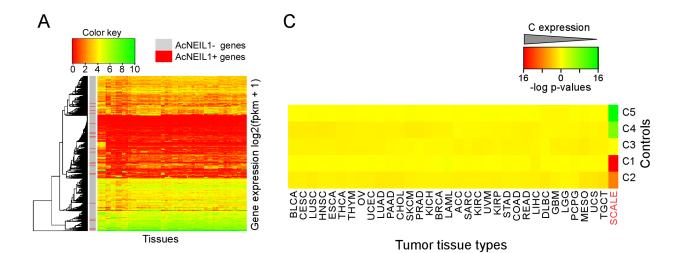
Supplementary Figure 3. ChIP-seq quality-control metrics indicate specific and reproducible sequence amplification. (**A**) Bar plot of the number of reads overlapping with peaks for the AcNEIL1 and Input replicates from ChIPQC. (**B**) Peak correlation heatmap for the AcNEIL1 and control replicates based on the co-occurrence of peaks. (**C**) Bp-resolution of peak enrichment at TSSs. PIC summits were extended by ±100 positions and plotted as a function of distance from any TSS within ±5 kb. (**D**) p-values for the PIC overlap between replicates obtained with ChIPpeakAnno. The p-value for two overlapping peak sets is obtained from a hypergeometric test and depends on the total number of binding sites genome-wide. If this number is unknown, parameter "totalTest" will set this equal to: hg38_size * (2%(coding_DNA) + 1%(regulation_Region)) / (2 * average_peak_width), which for the weakest pair, A1.2 and A1.3, corresponded to 113900 and a p-value of 8.2 x 10⁻⁹⁰. The corresponding p-values for A1.1 with A1.3 was 0, and that of A1.1 with A1.2 was 9.7 x 10⁻¹¹⁴. The plot displays the p-values for various number of binding sites for a significant p-value, 106400.

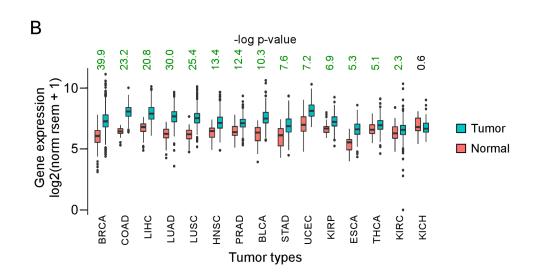


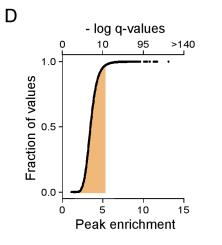
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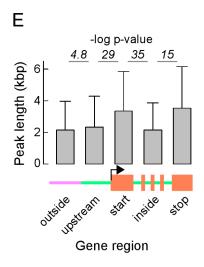


Supplementary Figure 5. Overexpression of *Hox* genes in cancer is linked to decreased survival. (**A**) Heat map of *Hox* gene expression (<u>https://gtexportal.org/home/</u>) in adults for putative tissues of origin of tumors where overexpression was associated with poor survival (left) and number of patients with expressed *Hox* genes in LGG (right). *, *Hox* genes expressed in fewer than 100 patients out of 532. (**B**) Bar plots from GCEA of -log10 p-values for the coexpression of *Hox* genes with transcription factors *MYBL2* (left) and *FOXM1* (right). Red line, p-value threshold at 0.05; red, *Hox* genes with AcNEIL1 PICs; boxes, genes associated with poor survival in at least 3 cancer types.









Supplementary Figure 6. Transcription spreads AcNEIL1 along gene bodies. (**A**) Heat map and Euclidean hierarchical clustering of transcriptome profiling in 122 normal human tissue samples from ¹⁵. Grey, clusters of genes without AcNEIL1 PICs within 1 kb of TSS (AcNEIL1– genes); red, clusters of genes with AcNEIL1 PICs within 1 kb of TSS (AcNEIL1+ genes). Most (21/30) discernable AcNEIL1+ clusters appear in the sector of weakly transcribed genes. (**B**) Box plots for *CBX8* gene expression in tumor and normal matched controls in TCGA. Only datasets with at least 10 controls were considered. P-values from Wilcoxon tests; green, above significant level (0.05). (**C**) 2-D hierarchical clustering of p-values from Wilcoxon tests for transcript levels in 5 control sets (each with1000 genes chosen at random) relative to all other genes in 33 TCGA tumor types. Scale, -log p-values. (**D**) Cumulative distribution of peak enrichment (bottom scale) and q-values (top scale) for the three AcNEIL1 replicates (from "macs2 callpeak"). Orange, range of PICs from ChIPpeakAnno. (**E**) Mean and SD of PICs lengths in different genomic features. Number of peaks were: outside, 6537; upstream, 2741; start, 1005; inside, 1216; stop, 275. P-values from Welch's t-tests between pairs (horizontal bars) of features.

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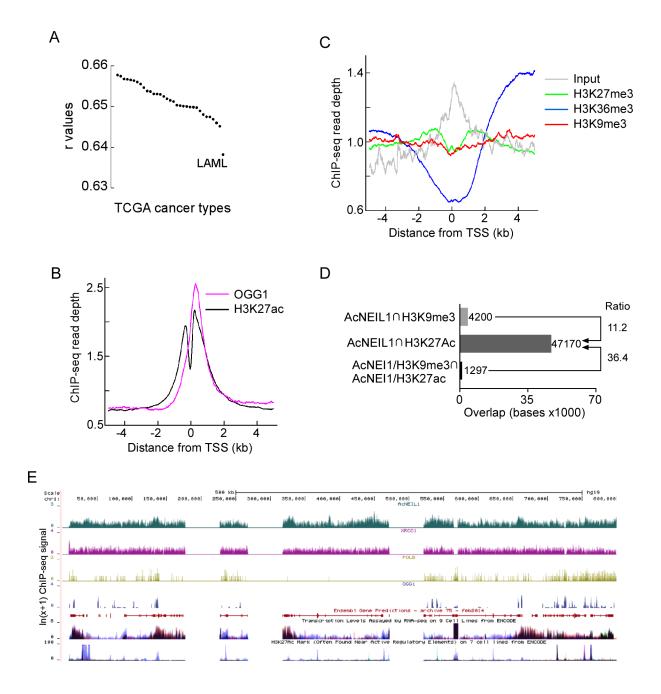
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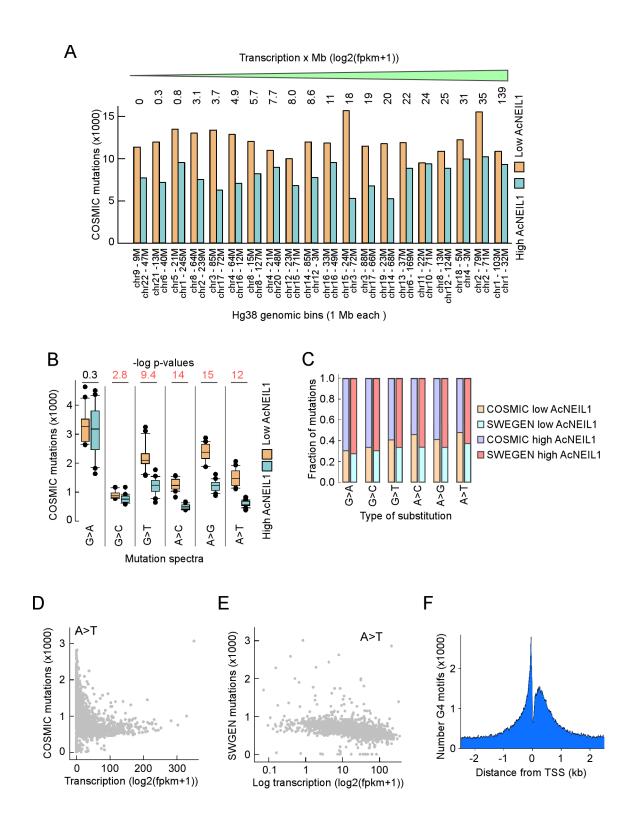
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Supplementary Figure 7. Gene-dense and highly transcribed domains are enriched in AcNEIL1. Visualization of the AcNEIL1 ChIP-seq peak replicates for selected chromosomes on the UCSC genome browser. Tracks are as in Figure 4F.



Supplementary Figure 8. ChIP-seq shared peaks for BER components and modified histones. (**A**) Regression coefficients from correlations between ICS and transcription for the 33 TCGA cancer types. ICS as in Figure 4H; transcription is the value averaged over all patients within a given cancer type. LAML, result for the cohort of acute myeloid leukemia patients. (**B**) and (**C**) Profile of aggregate Chip-seq read depth near TSSs from the ENCODE project bigwig files in the MCF7 breast cancer cell line; Panel B, OGG1 and H3K27ac; Panel C, H3K27me3, H3K36me3, H3K9me3 and Input. (**D**) Number of overlapping bases between AcNEIL1 and H3K9me3, between AcNEIL1 and H3K27ac, and between the AcNEIL1/H3K9m3 and AcNEIL1/H3K27ac pairs from the ENCODE project narrow peak bed files in HCT116 cells. (**E**) Comparative ChIP-seq peak landscape of AcNEIL1, XRCC1, Pol β and OGG1 on chromosome 1 (hg19) visualized on the UCSC genome browser.



Supplementary Figure 9

Supplementary Figure 9. AcNEIL1 occupancy correlates with low mutation rates. (A) Genomic regions with low AcNEIL1 incur high mutation loads in cancer genomes. Twenty 1-Mb genomic intervals were chosen with either compound high (>950,000, turquoise) or compound low (<35,500, orange) AcNEIL1 ICS (sum of fold-enrichment signal at every bp over 1 Mb interval) for replicate 2 with matching transcriptional activity (sum of averaged log2(fpkm + 1) for all normal tissues for all transcripts with TSS within the 1 Mb interval, top) from (22). Number of mutations in cancer genomes were computed at each genomic interval and plotted; x-axis, starting position (M, million) of 1 Mb intervals. (B) Box plots of number of mutations for the 6 types of base substitution in the combined bins from **a**. Pairwise p-values from Welch's t-tests between low and high AcNEIL1-containing bins, n = 40. (C) Bar plot of relative fractions of base substitutions in cancer genomes and in the Swedish population. Number of base substitutions were computed in 1-Mb bins with low (<500,000) and high (>500,000) AcNEIL1, as per panel A, and plotted relative to the total. (D) Dot plot of number of A>T base transversions in cancer genomes as a function of transcription in 1 Mb bins. Transcription values as per panel A. (E) Dot plot of number of A>T base transversions in the Swedish population as a function of transcription in 1 Mb bins. Transcription values as per panel A; x-axis in log scale. (F) Distribution of G4 DNA-forming motifs around TSSs in hg38 annotated genes from UCSC refFlat.txt file.

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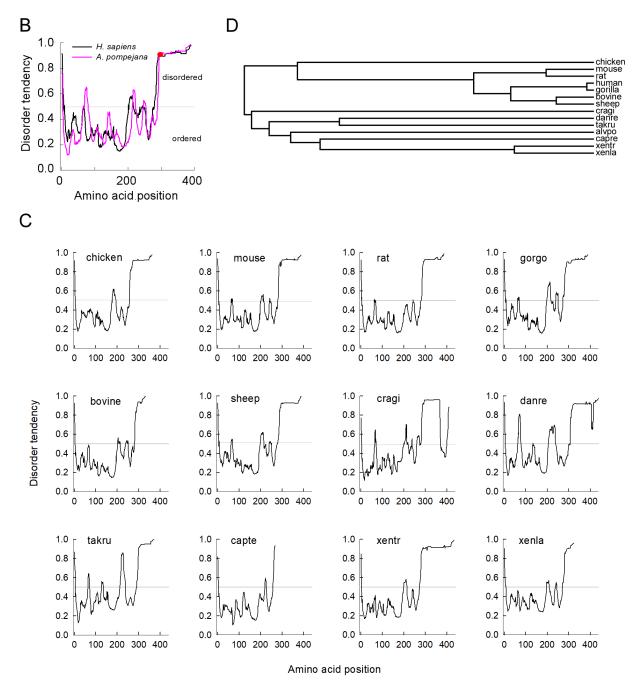
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Supplementary Figure 10. Evolutionary origin of AcNEIL1 acetylation center. (**A**) *Alvinella pompejana* Neil1 sequence from genomic DNA and EST. The protein sequences differ at two positions due to a tandem AACAAC motif encoding NN (amino acids 66-67) in genomic DNA vs. a single AAC in the EST, and a G \rightarrow A transition resulting in a G \rightarrow S change at amino acid 219. There are 7 additional base changes between the genomic and EST nucleotide sequence, which we suspect they may arise from RNA oxidation. (**B**) Intrinsic disorder prediction for human (black) and *Alvinella pompejana* (magenta) NEIL1. Red dot, acetylation center comprising Lys²⁹⁶, Lys²⁹⁷, and Lys²⁹⁸. (**C**) intrinsic protein disorder scores (y axis <0.5, ordered; y axis >0.5, disordered) for Neil1 in representative species. (**D**) Phylogenetic tree based on Neil1 protein sequence alignment.

Supplementary Table 1. Summary of ChIPQC report

ID	Tissue	Factor	Condition	Replicate	Reads	Dup%	ReadL	FragL	RelCC	SSD	RiP%	RiBL%
AcNEIL1_1	HCT116	AcNEIL1	AcNEIL1	1	21894508	0	75	273	9.9	0.45	5.7	4.6e-06
AcNEIL1_2	HCT116	AcNEIL1	AcNEIL1	2	21601029	0	75	165	4.6	0.51	7.6	9.3e-06
AcNEIL1_3	HCT116	AcNEIL1	AcNEIL1	3	23848649	0	75	187	8.9	0.46	5.7	0
INP_1	HCT116	Control	AcNEIL1	c1	22559745	0	74	190	13	0.38	2	8.9e-06
INP_2	HCT116	Control	AcNEIL1	c2	26177874	0	74	199	14	0.41	2.1	0.000015
INP_3	HCT116	Control	AcNEIL1	сз	23191383	0	75	181	9.6	0.37	1.8	4.3e-06

Supplementary Table 2. Primers used in the study.

Gene symbol and application	Sequence (5'->3')					
MVC (ChID aDCD)	F: GCGAGGATGTGTCCGATTCT					
MYC (ChIP qPCR)	R: CCCTTCGCACTCAATACGGA					
CDKN1A (ChIP qPCR)	F: CAGGCTGTGGCTCTGATTGG					
CDKWIA (Chilf qFCK)	R: TTCAGAGTAACAGGCTAAGG					
HDAC1 (ChIP qPCR)	F: CAAACCCGCGTGTTGCTTTT					
	R: CAGTCCCACTTCGTCGTGA					
NEIL1 (ChIP qPCR)	F: CACTCCAGGATGGGAAACCC					
	R: AAGGCAGCAAAGTCCTCCTC					
MYL1 (ChIP qPCR)	F: GCTGGGGTTTCCCAGAACTT					
	R: AGAGCACTCTAATGCTTCTTGCT					
MAP2 (ChIP qPCR)	F: TCTATGTTCTCAAGCGCCCC					
	R: AATCGGGGGGCAACAGCTTTA					
$RAR\beta 2$ (ChIP qPCR)	F: CTCTGGCTGTCTGCTTTTGC					
RARP2 (Chill qi CK)	R: CATGGGGGGAATTCTGGTCCC					
Non-specific region from chromosome 17 (ChIP qPCR)	F: TACTATCCCCGTGCTTCCCA					
Non-specific region from enromosome 17 (Chiri qi CK)	R: CATTGAGGAGGGGGGCAACAT					
<i>RARB</i> (Reverse transcription Real Time PCR)	F: AAGTGAGCTGTTCAGAGGCA					
MARD (Reverse transcription Real Time FCR)	R: AATGCGTTCCGGATCCTACC					
<i>HPRT1</i> (Reverse transcription Real Time PCR)	F: TGACACTGGCAAAACAATGCA					
	R: GGTCCTTTTCACCAGCAAGCT					

Supplementary Table 3. Intersection between G4-DNA and gene mutations in 5⁻UTRs in the HGMD dataset.

HGMD Accession Number: CR092368 Case 01 Gene: IRF6 Coordinate at mutation: hg38:chr1:209806090 G>A CCCCGTCCCGCACCAGCCCTTACCTGCCCAGCCC G4 DNA sequence: Distance from TSS in mRNA: -219 Phenotype: Van der Woude syndrome HGMD entry tag: DM References: 19282774 Notes: truncation mutation due to out-of-frame start codon Case_02 HGMD Accession Number: CR166119 Gene: TACR3 hg38:chr4:103719695 Coordinate at mutation: C>TG4 DNA sequence: CCCGGACCCTCCCACTCACCC Distance from TSS in mRNA: -20 normosmic congenital hypogonatropic hypogonadism (nCHH) Phenotype: HGMD entry tag: DM? 27094476 References: Notes: unknown significance - patient has mutation in the GNRHR protein Case 03 HGMD Accession Number: CR149638 Gene: Т Coordinate at mutation: hg38:chr6:166167607 C>T G4 DNA sequence: CCCCTCCCCGCCGTCCCCGAAGCCC Distance from TSS in mRNA: -16 Phenotype: Chordoma HGMD entry tag: DM? 24990759 References: Notes: rs3734509 - SNP overlaps with transcription factor binding sites Case_04 HGMD Accession Number: CR104634 Gene: FZD1Coordinate at mutation: hq38:chr7:91264657 T>GG4 DNA sequence: CCCCGGCGCGCCCTAGCCACCCGGGTTCTCCCCGCCGCCC Distance from TSS in mRNA: -224 Phenotype: Femoral neck geometry HGMD entry tag: \mathbf{FP} 20051274 References: Notes: rs2232157 - predicted altered transcription factor binding HGMD Accession Number: CR961721 Case 05 Gene: SERPING1 Coordinate at mutation: hg38:chr11:57597645 C>G G4 DNA sequence: Distance from TSS in mRNA: -40Phenotype: Hereditary Angiodema HGMD entry tag: DM 8755917 References: Notes: rs578018379 - unknown significance; patient has additional codon; deletion in SERPING1 Case_06 HGMD Accession Number: CR136167 Gene: PICALM Coordinate at mutation: hg38:chr11:86068857 C>GG4 DNA sequence: Distance from TSS in mRNA: -77 Colorectal cancer Phenotype: HGMD entry tag: DM? References: 23585368 Notes: suspected predisposition to colorectal cancer; additional frameshift mutation in TGFBR2 Case_07 HGMD Accession Number: CR091753 7.TC2 Gene: Coordinate at mutation: hg38:chr13:99982041 C>T G4 DNA sequence: GGGCTCGCAGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG Distance from TSS in mRNA: -24Phenotype: Holoprosencephaly HGMD entry tag: DM

References: 19177455 Notes: unknown significance Case 08 HGMD Accession Number: CR016062 Gene: RAD51 Coordinate at mutation: hg38:chr15:40695330 G>C G4 DNA sequence: GGGGCGTTGGGGGGCCGTGCGGGTCGGG Distance from TSS in mRNA: -98 Phenotype: Myelodysplastic syndrome, cancer HGMD entry tag: DFP 25312513, 14724582, 26511493, 24930116, 11248061, 21708019 11535547, 16398215, 17999359, 19606696, 20396943, 20454923 20623332, 20640595, 21647442, 22611952, 24040396, 24859942 References: Notes: rs1801320 - suspected increased susceptibility to myelodysplastic; syndrome and cancer Case 09 HGMD Accession Number: CR025892 Gene: CDH1 Coordinate at mutation: hg38:chr16:68737362 G>C G4 DNA sequence: CCCGCTCCAGCCCGGCCCGACCCGACCGCACCC Distance from TSS in mRNA: -54 Likely benign Phenotype: HGMD entry tag: FΡ Nakamura (2002) Mutat Res 502, 19 References: Notes: rs5030874 - reduced promoter activity Case_10 HGMD Accession Number: CR132243 Gene: CDH1 hg38:chr16:68737367 G>T Coordinate at mutation: CCCGCTCCAGCCCGGCCCGACCGACCGCACCC G4 DNA sequence: Distance from TSS in mRNA: -49 Phenotype: Likely benign HGMD entry tag: \mathbf{FP} References: Chen (2013) World J Gastroenterol 19, 909 Notes: rs564350060 - increased promoter activity HGMD Accession Number: CR141061 Case 11 ELANE Gene: Coordinate at mutation: hg38:chr19:852326 А>Т G4 DNA sequence: CCCCGGAGCCCCAGCCCACCATGACCC Distance from TSS in mRNA: -3 Phenotype: Cyclic neutropenia HGMD entry tag: DM Tidwell (2014) Blood 123, 562 References: Notes: mutation activates translation from downstream initiation codons HGMD Accession Number: CR063419 Case_12 Gene: XRCC1 Coordinate at mutation: hg38:chr19:43575535 G>A G4 DNA sequence: GGGGTCCGAGGGGCAGGGGAGAGTGGGAGGG<mark>G</mark>GCGGGG Distance from TSS in mRNA: -77 Phenotype: Increased risk of HNSSC, gastric and lung cancer HGMD entry tag: DFP 27372710, 24470137, 21427728, 16652158, 19116388, 19662459 References: 20549339 Notes: rs3213245 - decreased promoter activity, stronger Sp1 binding site HGMD Accession Number: HR080003 Case_13 Gene: SRY Coordinate at mutation: hg38:chrY:2787733 C>G G4 DNA sequence: CCCTCAACACCCCCTCAACCCCGCCC Distance from TSS in mRNA: -130 Phenotype: XY sex reversal HGMD entry tag: DM References: 19694000, 9582429 Notes: mutation in Sp1 binding site

Supplementary Table 3. There are five different classes of variant listed in HGMD. Diseasecausing mutations (DM) are entered into HGMD where the authors of the corresponding report(s) have established that the reported mutation(s) are involved (or very likely to be involved) in conferring the associated clinical phenotype upon the individuals concerned. The DM classification may, however, also appear with a question mark (DM?), denoting a probable/possible pathological mutation, reported as likely to be disease-causing in the corresponding report, but where (i) the author has indicated that there may be some degree of doubt or uncertainty; (ii) the HGMD curators believe greater interpretational caution is warranted, or (iii) subsequent evidence has appeared in the literature which has called the initial putatively deleterious nature of the variant into question (e.g. a negative functional, case-control or population-scale sequencing study). The DM and DM? variant classes may include mutations that are believed to contribute to disease susceptibility in a multi-factorial manner (e.g. autism or schizophrenia), exhibit complex polygenic inheritance or possess an environmental trigger component to their pathogenicity. Disease-associated polymorphisms (DP) are entered into HGMD where there is evidence for a significant association with a disease/clinical phenotype along with additional evidence that the polymorphism is itself likely to be of functional relevance (e.g. as a consequence of genic location, evolutionary conservation, transcription factor binding potential, etc.), although there may be no direct evidence (e.g. from an expression study) for a functional effect. The functional polymorphisms (FP) class includes those sequence changes for which a direct functional effect has been demonstrated (e.g. by means of an *in vitro* reporter gene assay or alternatively by protein structure, function or expression studies), but with no disease association reported as yet. Disease-associated polymorphisms with supporting functional evidence (DFP) must meet both of the above criteria in that the polymorphism should not only have been reported to be significantly associated with disease, but should also display direct evidence of being of functional relevance.