

## **Supplementary Information**

### **Human Reproduction is Regulated by Retrotransposons derived from Ancient Hominidae-Specific Viral Infections**

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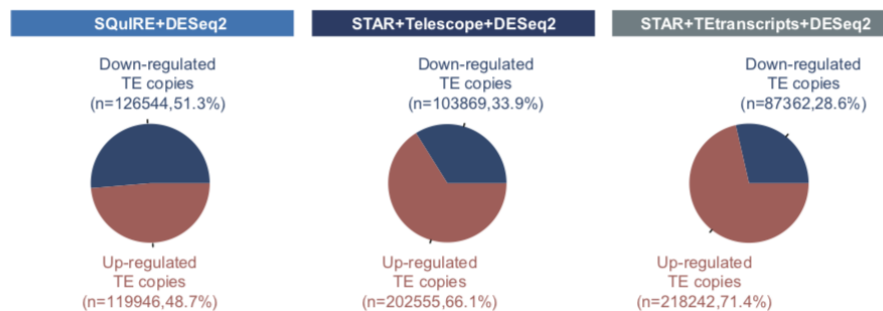
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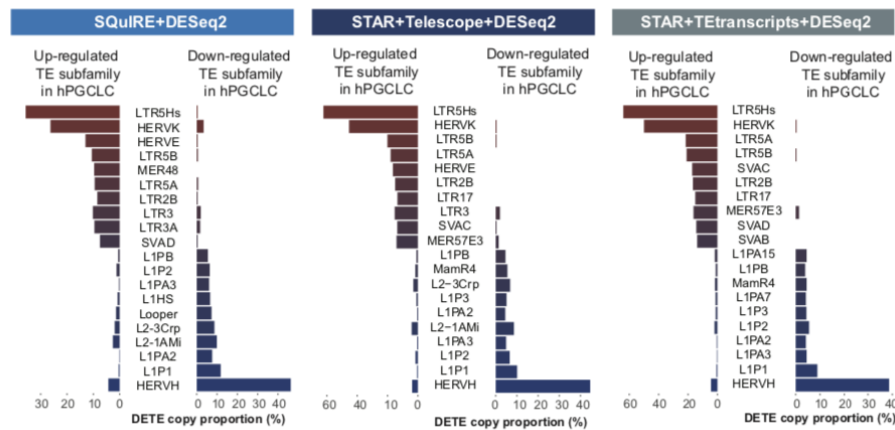
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\*RPKM mean: the RPKM mean of either control group or treatment group is greater than 1.

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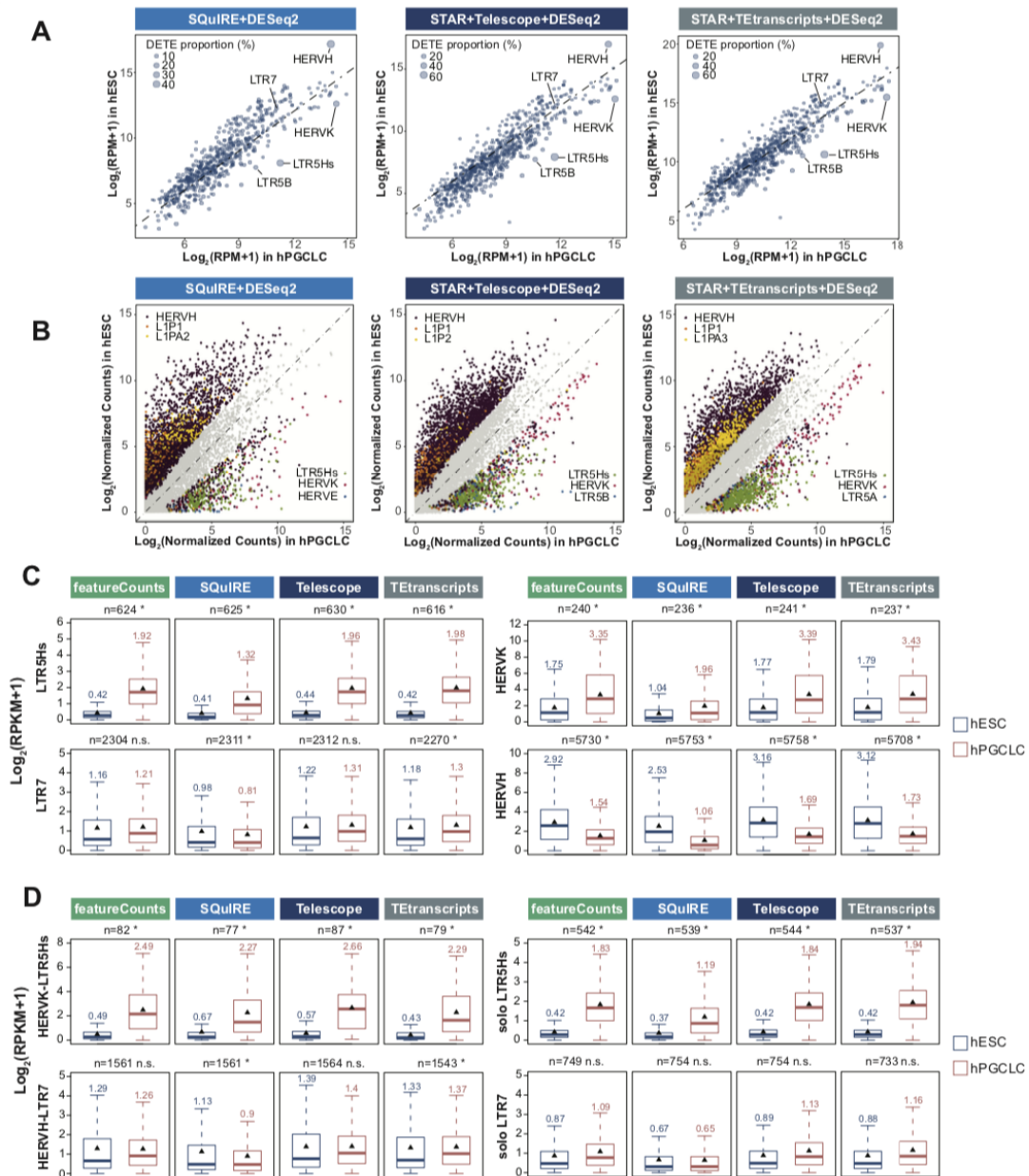
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**Figure S1. Comparison of different methods for TE quantification in RNA-seq data.**

**A.** The workflow and parameters used in the four major TE quantification methods we tested. **B.** Pie chart showing the proportion of up- or down-regulated DETE copies in hPGCLCs compared to hESCs processed by different methods (left panel: SQuIRE+DESeq2; middle panel: STAR+Telescope+DESeq2; right panel: STAR+TEtranscripts+DESeq2) with at least 4-fold changes and FDR less than 0.05 as cut-off. **C.** Top ten up- or down-regulated TE subfamilies in hPGCLCs processed by different methods (left panel: SQuIRE+DESeq2; middle panel: STAR+Telescope+DESeq2; right panel: STAR+TEtranscripts+DESeq2). X axis shows proportion of DETE relative to the total copy number for each TE subfamily. Only TE subfamilies with at least 80 copies and 8 DETE copies are kept for this

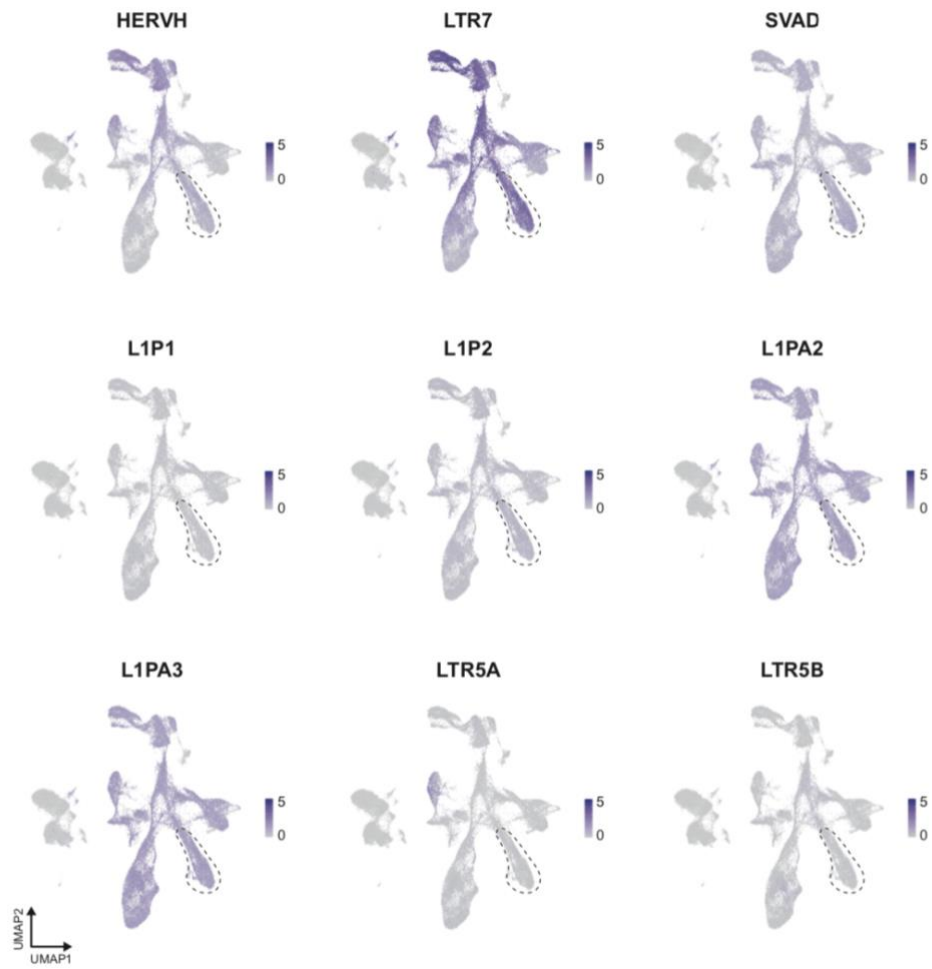
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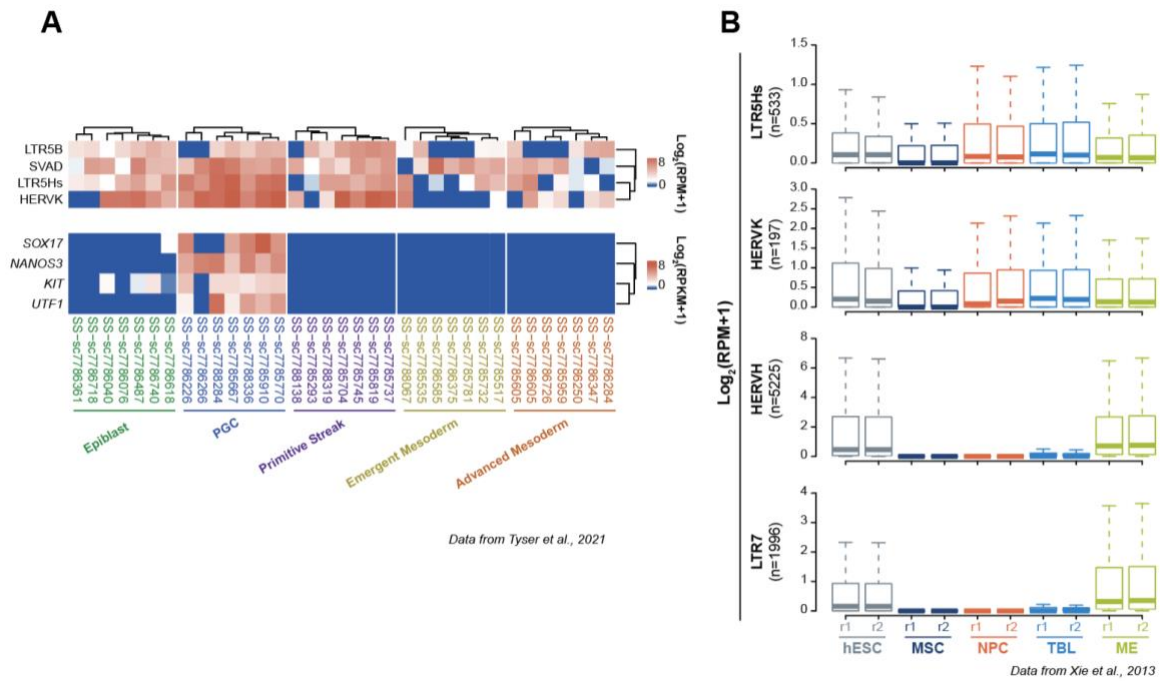
**Figure S2. LTR5Hs is specifically expressed in hPGCLCs.**

**A, B.** Scatterplot for aggregated expression level of each TE subfamily (**A**) and individual TE copies belonging to the top three up- or down-regulated DETE subfamilies (**B**) in hESCs and hPGCLCs processed by different methods (left panel: SQuIRE+DESeq2; middle panel: STAR+Telescope+DESeq2; right panel: STAR+TEtranscripts+DESeq2). The size of dots is proportional to DETE copy numbers relative to the total copy number of each TE subfamily. **C.** Boxplot of the expression level of individual TE copies of LTR5Hs, LTR7, HERVK, and HERVH in hESCs and hPGCLCs quantified by different methods. The middle lines represent the median; black triangles represent mean; boxes represent the 25th (bottom) and 75th (top) percentiles; and whisker bars represent the minimum and maximum points within the 1.5× interquartile range. \* *p*-value < 0.05, Welch Two Sample t-test; n.s. represents not significant. **D.** Boxplot for the expression level of individual TE copies

of HERVK-LTR5Hs, solo-LTR5Hs, HERVH-LTR7, and solo-LTR7 in hESCs and hPGCLCs quantified by different methods. The middle lines represent the median; black triangles represent mean; boxes represent the 25th (bottom) and 75th (top) percentiles; and whisker bars represent the minimum and maximum points within the 1.5x interquartile range. \* *p-value* < 0.05, Welch Two Sample t-test; n.s. represents not significant. Source data underlying Supplementary Figs. 2A, 2B and 2C are provided as a Source Data file.

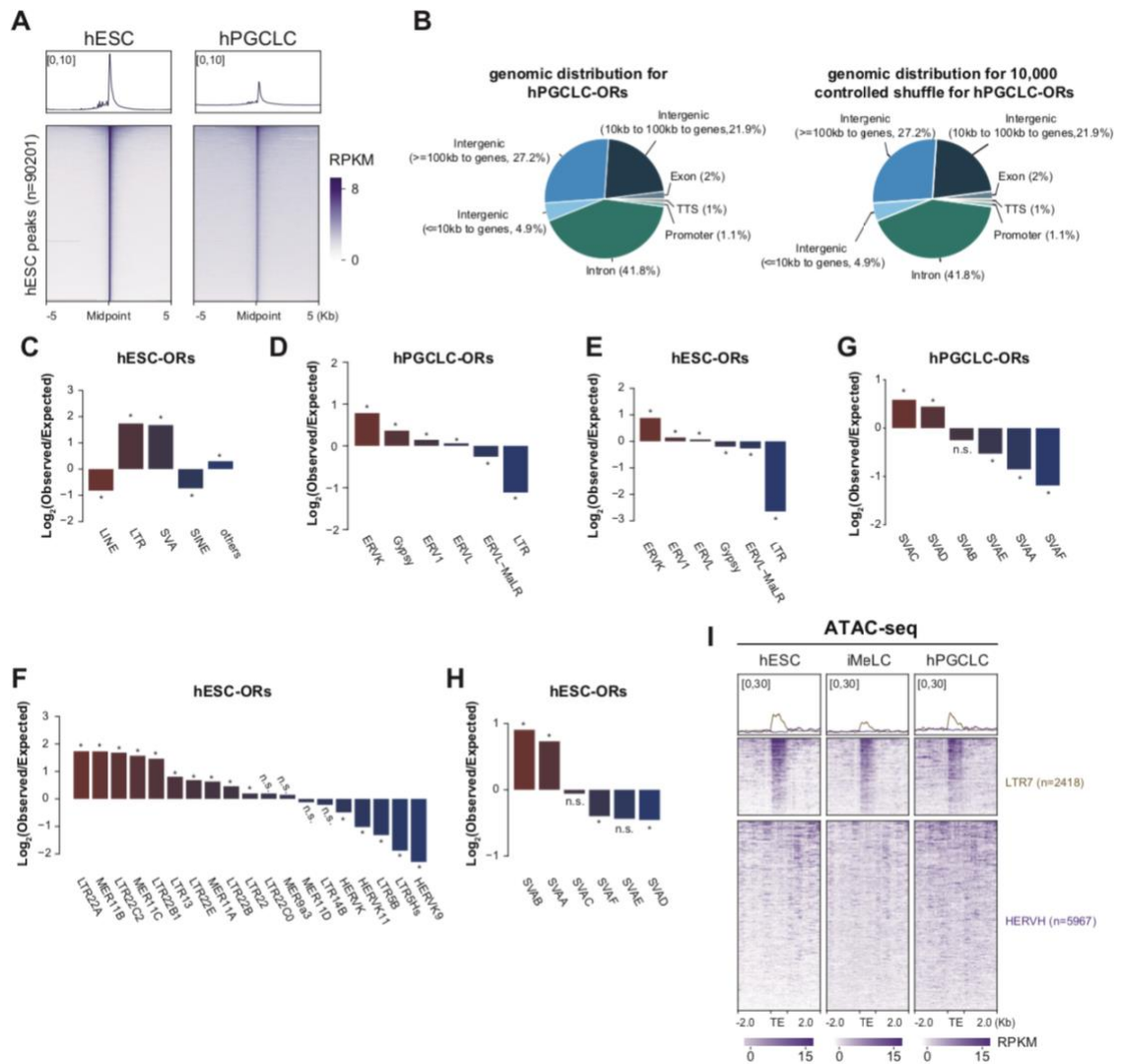


**Figure S3. TE expression in hPGCLCs scRNA-seq dataset.** UMAP for the expression pattern of representative TE subfamilies during hPGCLC induction at the single cell level. Dotted circle represents the hPGCLC population.



**Figure S4. TE expression pattern of *in vivo* hPGCs and *in vitro* hESC multilineage differentiation.**

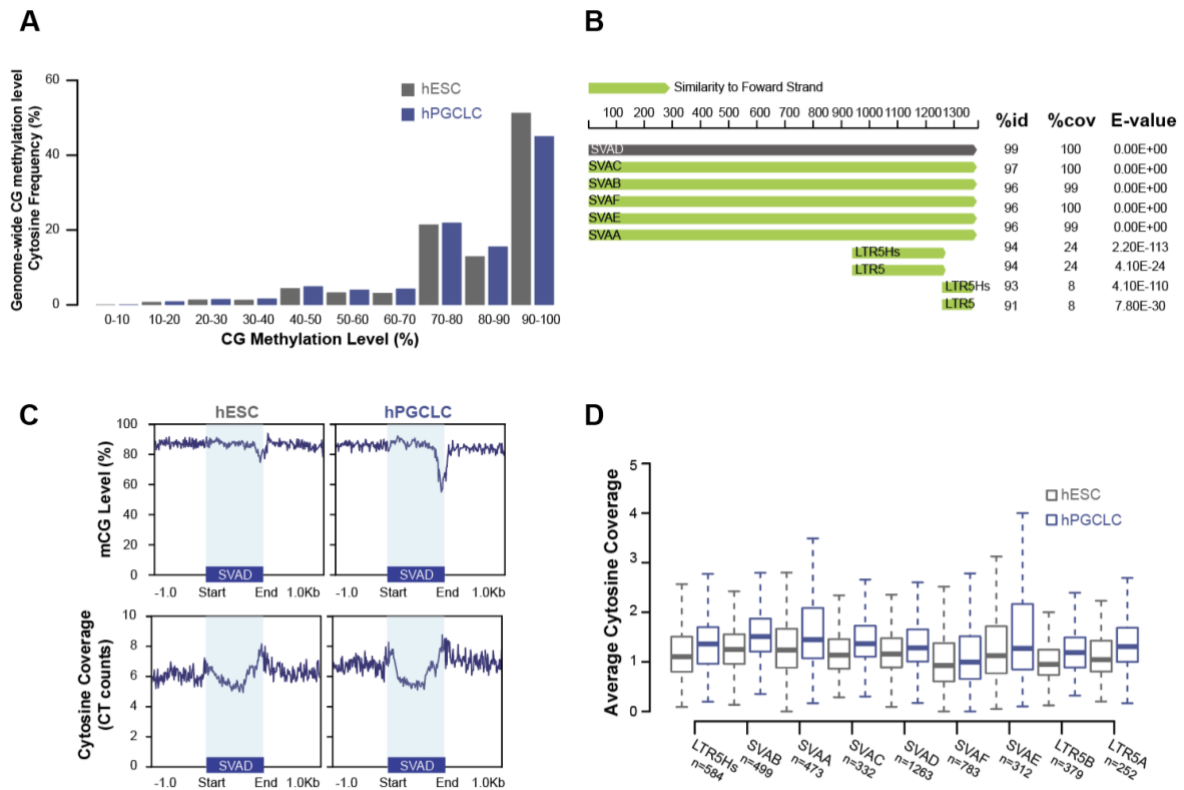
**A.** Heatmap for the expression levels of different TE subfamilies from the scRNA-seq data in CS7 human embryos<sup>40</sup> across cells belonging to the epiblast, PGCs, primitive streak, emergent mesoderm and advanced mesoderm. Seven individual cells from each lineage are analyzed. **B.** Boxplot showing expression levels of different TE subfamilies from RNA-seq of hESCs following multilineage differentiation *in vitro*<sup>41</sup>. MSC, Mesenchymal Stem Cell; NPC, Neural Progenitor Cell; TBL, Trophoblast-like Cell; ME, Mesendoderm. The middle lines represent the median; boxes represent the 25th (bottom) and 75th (top) percentiles; and whisker bars represent the minimum and maximum points within the 1.5× interquartile range. Source data underlying Supplementary Fig. 4A is provided as a Source Data file.



**Figure S5. TE subfamilies enriched in hESC-ORs show distinct pattern compared to hPGCLC-ORs.**

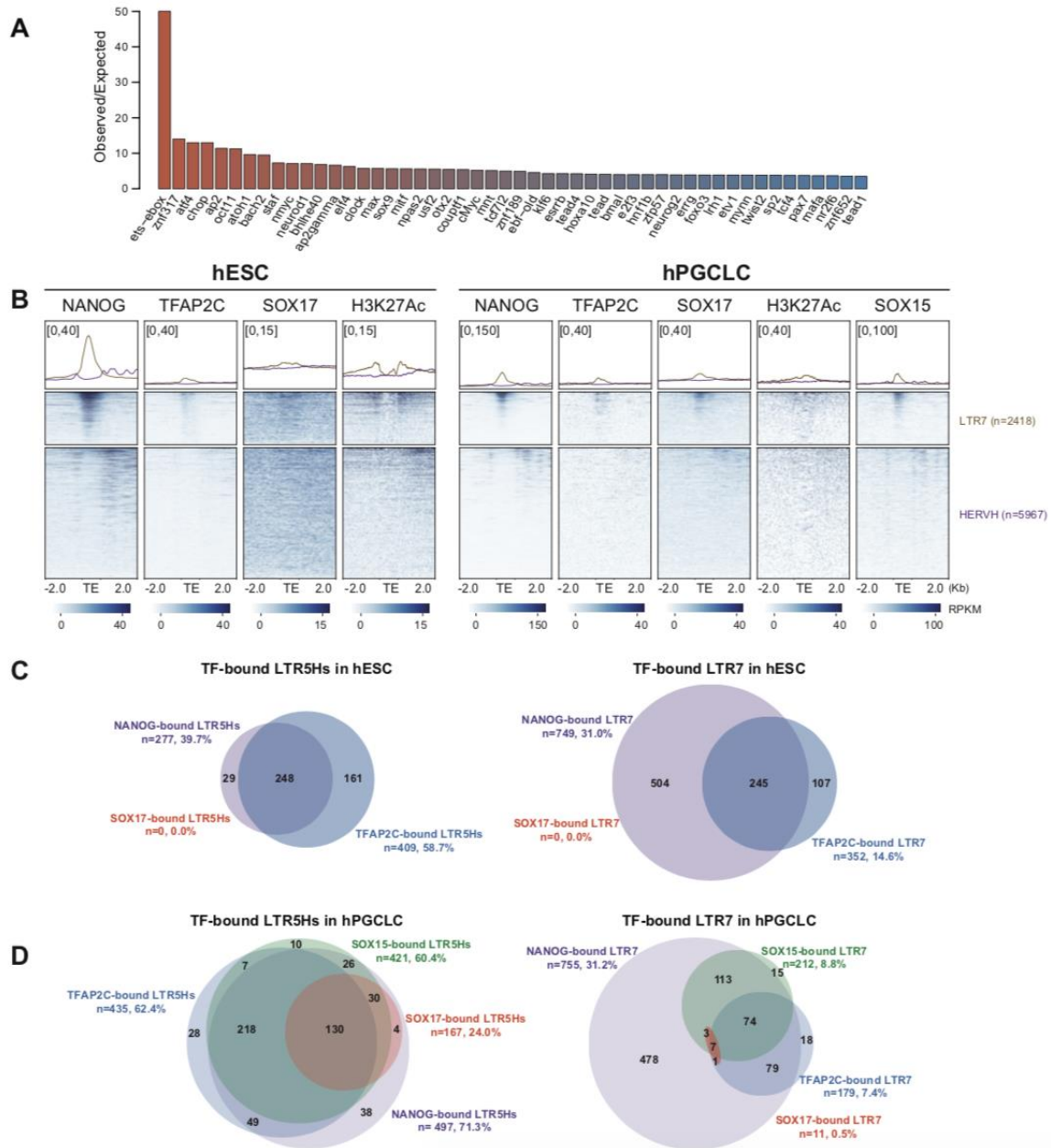
**A.** Heatmap and metaplots for ATAC-seq signals over hESC-ORs (n=90201). **B.** Genomic distribution for hPGCLC-ORs (left panel) and random shuffled regions with identical genomic distributions (right panel). **C, E, F, H.** Enrichment of TE classes (**C**), LTR classes (**E**), TE subfamilies in ERVK family (**F**), and TE subfamilies in SVA family (**H**) for hESC-ORs over random shuffled regions with comparable genomic distributions (\* *p-value* < 0.05, binomial test; n.s. represents not significant). **D, G.** Enrichment of LTR classes (**D**) and TE subfamilies in SVA family (**G**) for hPGCLC-ORs over random shuffled regions with comparable genomic distributions (\* *p-value* < 0.05, binomial test; n.s. represents not significant). **I.** Heatmap and metaplot of ATAC-seq signals over all LTR7 (n=2418) and HERVH (n=5967) copies in hESCs, iMeLCs, and hPGCLCs. Source data underlying Supplementary Figs. 5C-H are provided as a Source Data file.





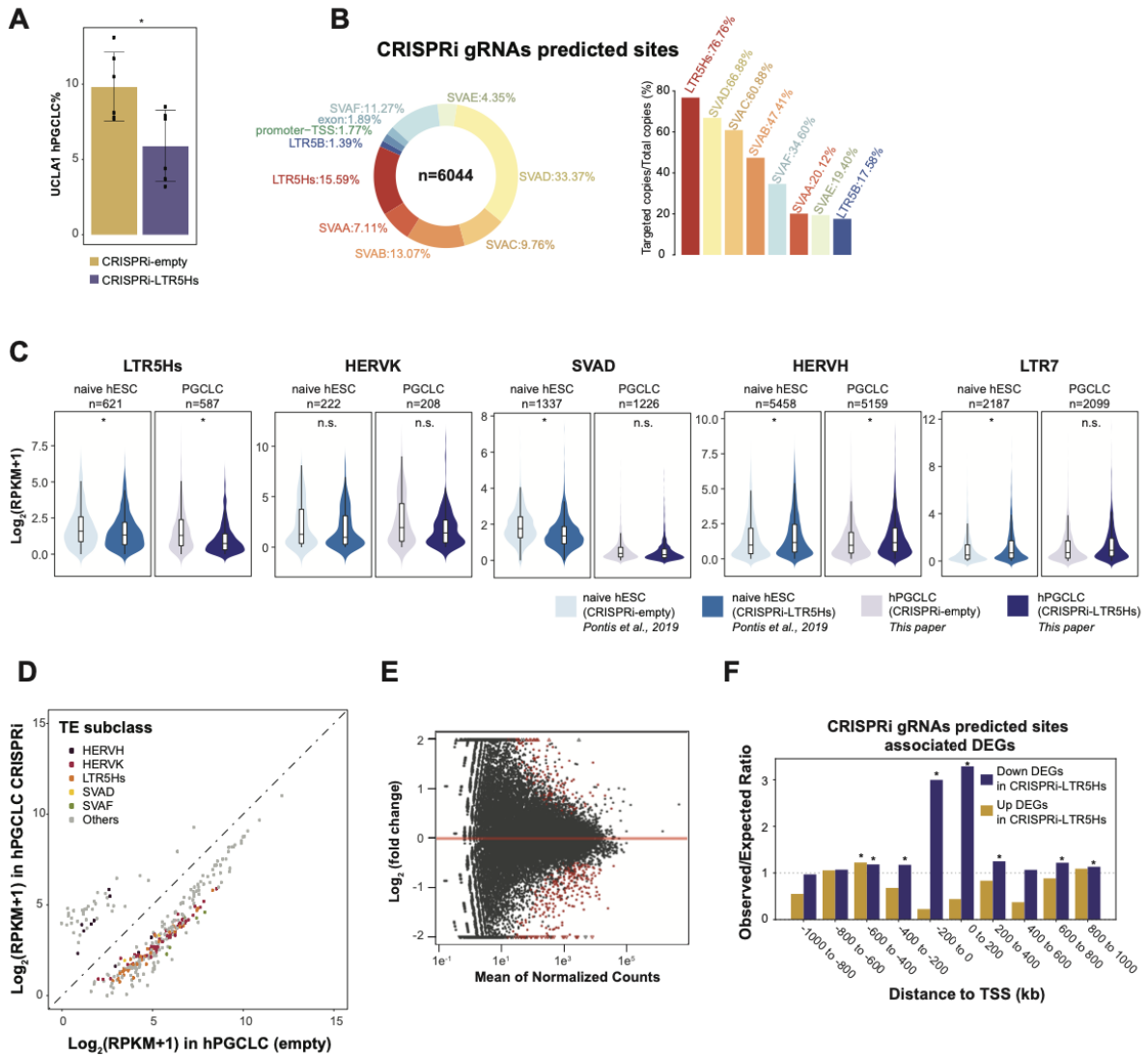
**Figure S6. Localized demethylation in hPGCLCs over regions in SVAD sharing sequence similarity with LTR5Hs.**

**A.** Barplot for CG cytosine frequency grouped by CG methylation level in hESCs and hPGCLCs. **B.** The consensus sequence similarity of SVAD and related TE clades from Dfam<sup>45</sup>. Percent identity between the entry consensus sequences (%id), percent shared coverage (%cov) and match e-value (E-value) are displayed on right. **C.** Metaplot of CG methylation level and cytosine coverage over SVAD in hESCs and hPGCLCs. Blue shaded rectangle regions indicate annotated SVAD regions. **D.** Boxplot of cytosine coverage levels over LTR5Hs and related TE clades in hESCs and hPGCLCs. Only TE subfamilies with a copy number greater than 100 are displayed. The middle line represents the median; boxes represent the 25th (bottom) and 75th (top) percentiles; and whisker bars represent the minimum and maximum points within the 1.5x interquartile range. Source data underlying Supplementary Fig. 6A is provided as a Source Data file.



**Figure S7. Key PGC transcription factors broadly occupy over LTR5Hs in hPGCLCs.**

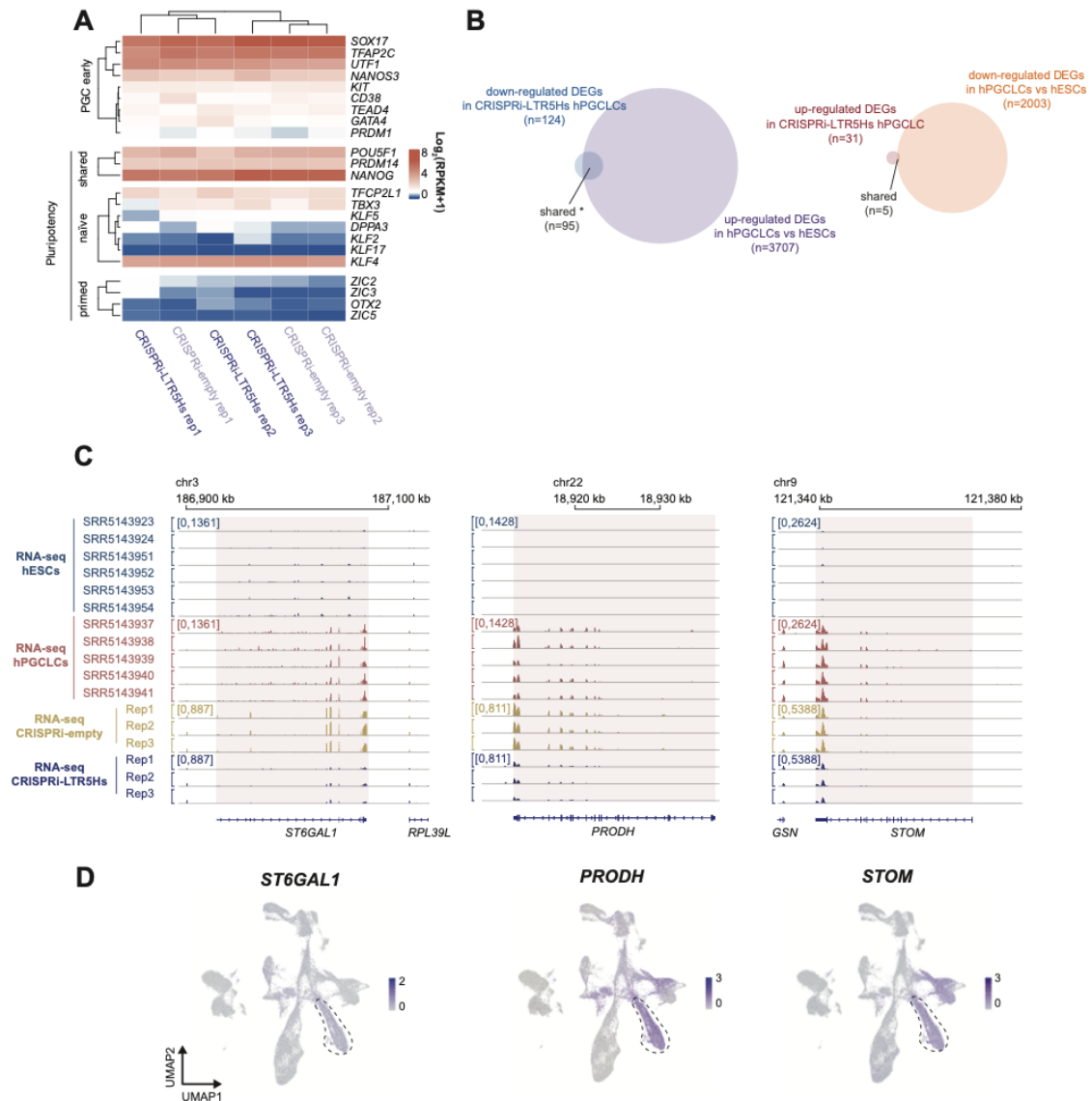
**A.** Motif enrichment analysis for LTR5Hs regions overlapped hPGCLC-ORs compared to random shuffled genomic regions. Top 50 TF motifs with highest observed incidence over expected ratios are plotted. **B.** Heatmaps and metaplots of NANOG, TFAP2C, SOX17, and H3K27Ac ChIP-seq signals in hESCs and hPGCLCs, and SOX15 CUT&Tag-seq signals in hPGCLCs over all LTR7 (n=2418) and HERVH (n=5967). **C, D.** Venn diagram showing the overlap pattern of TF-bound LTR5Hs and LTR7 regions in hESCs (**C**) and hPGCLCs (**D**). Source data underlying Supplementary Fig. 7A is provided as a Source Data file.



**Figure S8. Inactivation of LTR5Hs TE enhancers represses the expression of genes nearby.**

**A.** Barplot showing the percentage of hPGCLCs in CRISPRi-empty relative to CRISPRi-LTR5Hs groups differentiating from UCLA1 hESC lines (biological replicates  $n=6$ ; \*,  $p$ -value=0.0158; error bars showing mean  $\pm$  SEM). **B.** Genomic distribution of the predicted sites for LTR5Hs targeting gRNAs (left panel) and the percentage of targeted copy numbers over total copy number for various TE subfamilies (right panel). **C.** Violin and boxplots for the expression levels of various TE subfamilies in CRISPRi-empty vs CRISPRi-LTR5Hs in naive hESC and hPGCLCs. \*  $p$ -value < 0.05, Welch Two Sample t-test; n.s. represents not significant. The middle lines represent the median; boxes represent the 25th (bottom) and 75th (top) percentiles; and whisker bars represent the minimum and maximum points within the 1.5x interquartile range. **D.** Scatterplot for the expression of individual TE copies belonging representative TE subfamilies. **E.** MA plot showing the distribution of log<sub>2</sub> fold changes and the mean of normalized counts for CRISPRi-LTR5Hs and CRISPRi-empty RNA-seq data. **F.** RAD analysis for the association between LTR5Hs gRNAs predicted sites with CRISPRi-LTR5Hs DEGs. \*  $p$ -value < 0.05,

hypergeometric test. Source data underlying Supplementary Figs. 8A, 8C, and 8F are provided as a Source Data file.



**Figure S9. Identification of potential noncanonical LTR5Hs TEENhancer-regulated genes involving in PGC biology.**

**A.** Heatmap for the expression levels of early PGC marker genes and pluripotency genes (shared pluripotency, naïve specific pluripotency and primed specific pluripotency) in the RNA-seq data of CRISPRi-LTR5Hs and CRISPRi-empty hPGCLCs. **B.** Venn diagram for the overlap between down-regulated DEGs in CRISPRi-LTR5Hs hPGCLC and hPGCLC-specific up-regulated DEGs. DEG cutoff is at least 1.5-fold change in expression and a FDR of less than 0.05. \*  $p$ -value < 0.05. **C.** Screenshots of RNA-seq data from hESCs, hPGCLCs, CRISPRi-empty and CRISPRi-LTR5Hs hPGCLCs over potential target genes of LTR5Hs TEENhancer (*ST6GAL1*, *PRODH*, and *STOM*). **D.** UMAP for the expression pattern of *ST6GAL1*, *PRODH*, and *STOM* during hPGCLC specification at single cell level. Source data underlying Supplementary Figs. 9A and 9B are provided as a Source Data file.