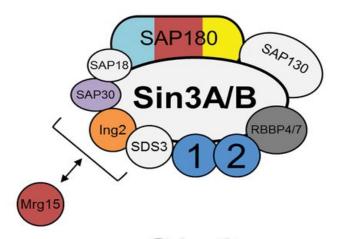
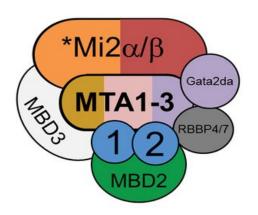
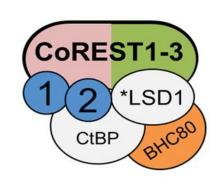
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Sin3

NuRD

\*helicase-deacetylase

CoREST

\*demethylase-deacetylase

### **DNA / Chromatin Binding Motif**

SANT domain

WD40 repeats

Methyl-DNA binding

- Chromodomain
- PhD Finger

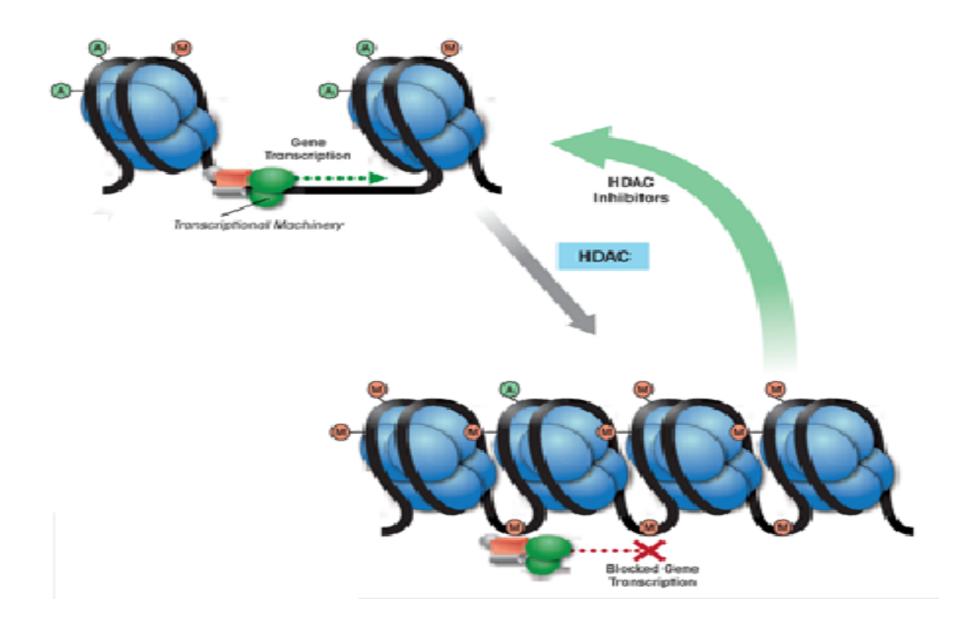
Zn-finger

Tudor domain

- ARID domain
- BAH domain

Deacetylase





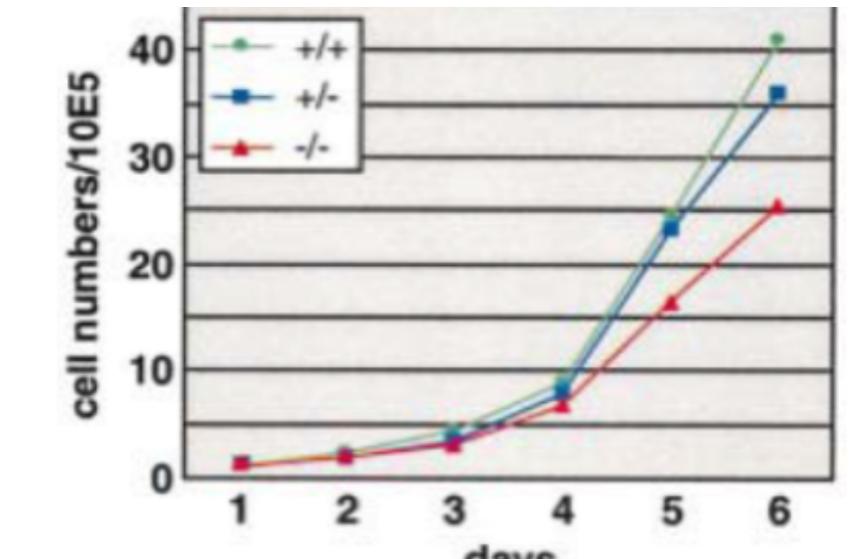
ESC proliferation in embryogenesis

Silencing of genes which inhibit cell cycle

HDAC1

HDAC2

• p21



# Essential function of histone deacetylase 1 in proliferation control and CDK inhibitor repression

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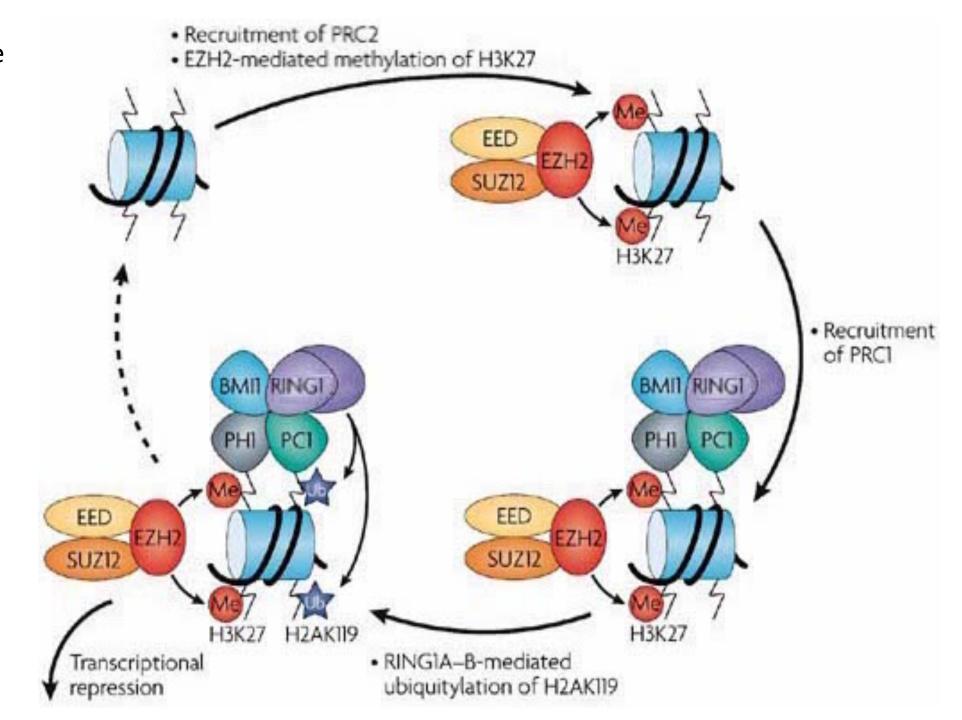
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Histone deacetylases (HDACs) modulate chromatin structure and transcription, but little is known about their function in mammalian development. HDAC1 was implicated previously in the repression of genes required for cell proliferation and differentiation. Here we show that targeted disruption of both HDAC1 alleles results in embryonic lethality before E10.5 due to severe proliferation defects and retardation in development. HDAC1-deficient embryonic stem cells show reduced proliferation rates, which correlate with decreased cyclin-associated kinase activities and elevated levels of the cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors p21 WAF1/CIP1 and p27 KIP1. Similarly, expression of p21 and p27 is up-regulated in HDAC1-null embryos. In addition, loss of HDAC1 leads to significantly reduced overall deacetylase activity, hyperacetylation of a subset of histones H3 and H4 and concomitant changes in other histone modifications. The expression of HDAC2 and HDAC3 is induced in HDAC1-deficient cells, but cannot compensate for loss of the enzyme, suggesting a unique function for HDAC1. Our study provides the first

- Polycomb group gene silencing
- Hox gene repression



# Mammalian Polycomb-Like Pcl2/Mtf2 Is a Novel Regulatory Component of PRC2 That Can Differentially Modulate Polycomb Activity both at the *Hox* Gene Cluster and at *Cdkn2a* Genes<sup>™</sup>

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The Polycomb group of proteins forms at least two distinct complexes designated the Polycomb repressive complex-1 (PRC1) and PRC2. These complexes cooperate to mediate transcriptional repression of their target genes, including the *Hox* gene cluster and the *Cdkn2a* genes. Mammalian Polycomb-like gene Pcl2/Mtf2 is expressed as four different isoforms, and the longest one contains a Tudor domain and two plant homeodomain (PHD) fingers. Pcl2 forms a complex with PRC2 and binds to *Hox* genes in a PRC2-dependent manner. We show that Pcl2 is a functional component of PRC2 and is required for PRC2-mediated *Hox* repression. Pcl2, however, exhibits a profound synergistic effect on PRC1-mediated *Hox* 

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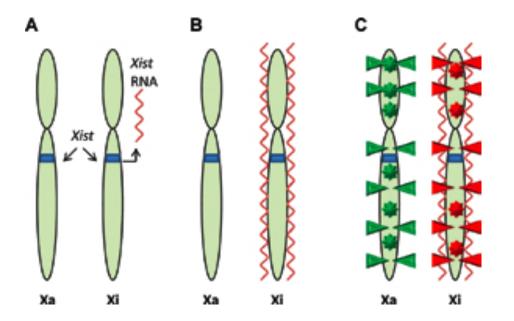
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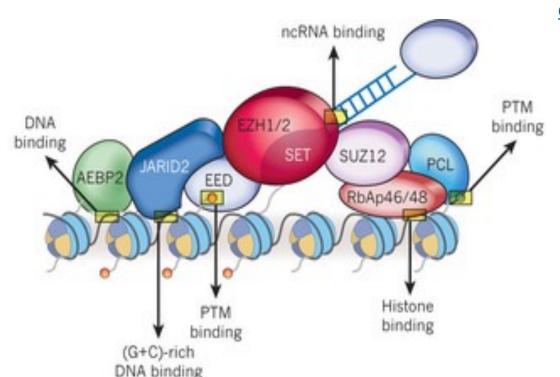
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#### Abstract

Previous studies have implicated the Eed-Enx1 Polycomb group complex in the maintenance of imprinted X inactivation in the trophectoderm lineage in mouse. Here we show that recruitment of Eed-Enx1 to the inactive X chromosome (Xi) also occurs in random X inactivation in the embryo proper. Localization of Eed-Enx1 complexes to Xi occurs very early, at the onset of Xist expression, but then disappears as differentiation and development progress. This transient localization correlates with the presence of high levels of the complex in totipotent cells and during early differentiation stages. Functional analysis demonstrates that Eed-Enx1 is required to establish methylation of histone H3 at lysine 9 and/or lysine 27 on Xi and that this, in turn, is required to stabilize the Xi chromatin structure.





X inactive specific transcript is transcribed center of the inactive X chromosome. B) Xist binds throughout the length of Xi. C) The silenced Xi displays suppressive histone modifications (red triangles) and DNA methylation at intragenic and promoter loci (red stars). The active X chromosome (Xa) displays activating histone modifications (green triangles) and gene body methylation (green stars).

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