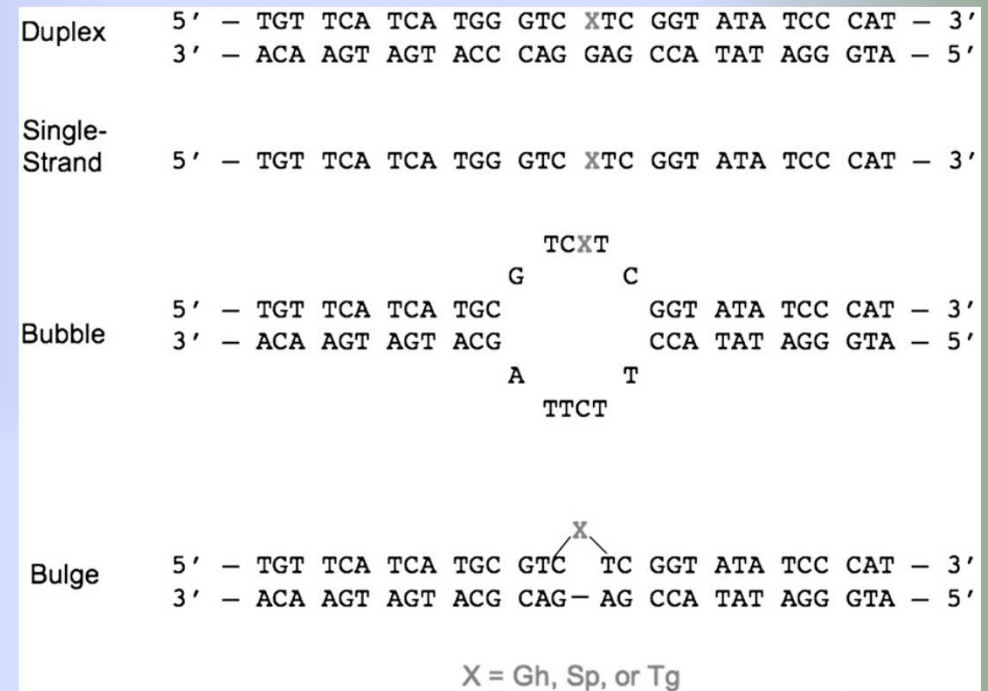
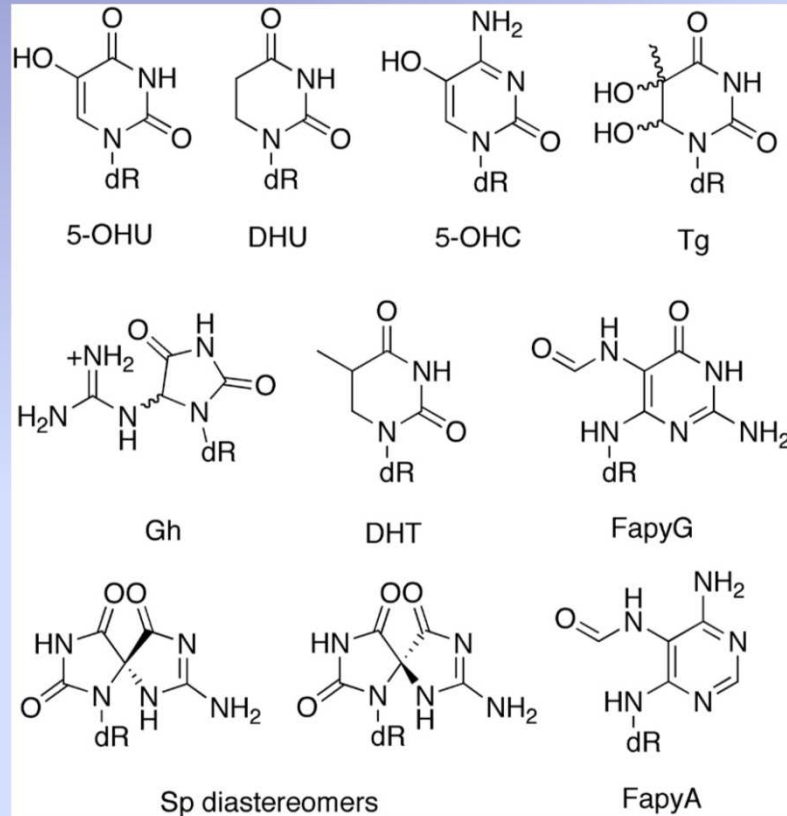


Un caso «speciale» di BER

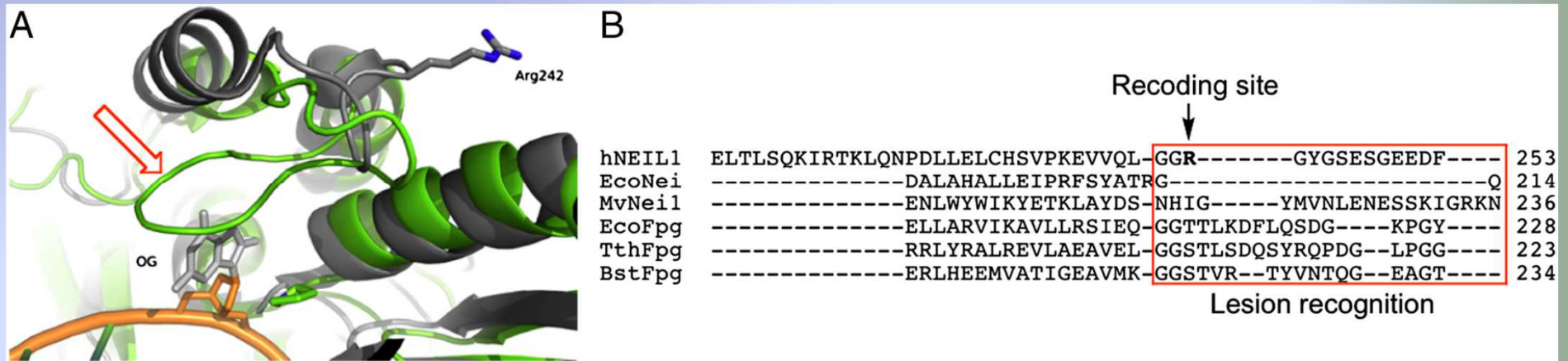
Neil1

Known substrates for the base excision repair glycosylase NEIL1



NEIL1 plays a key role in the initiation of base excision repair of oxidized base lesions by catalyzing the cleavage of the N-glycosidic linkage to the 2'-deoxyribose

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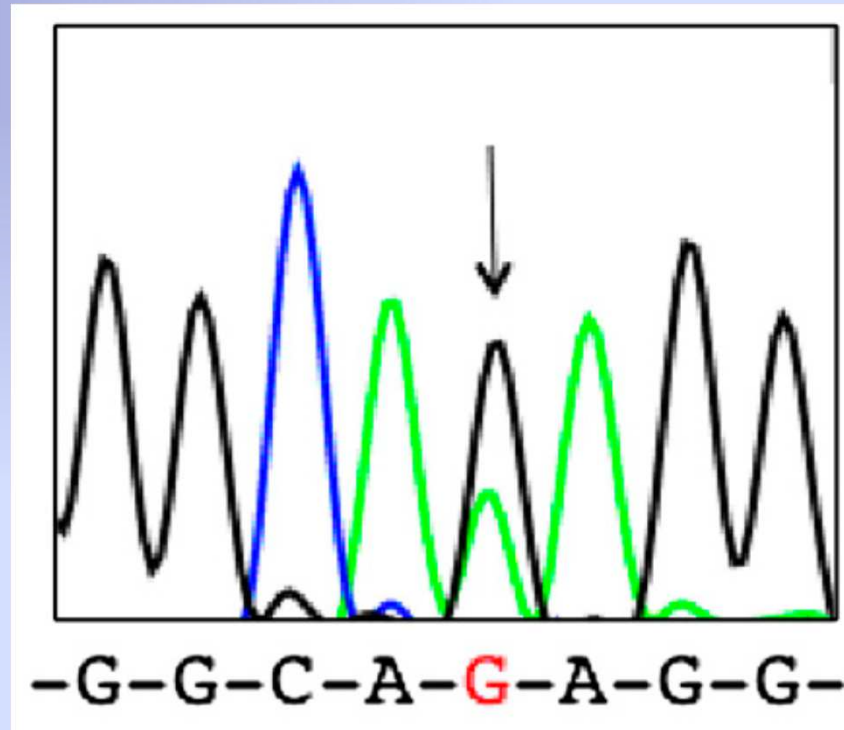
B) Sequence alignment of Fpg/Nei family of DNA repair glycosylases indicating the position of the hNEIL1 lesion recognition loop

- RNA editing changes the lesion specificity for the DNA repair enzyme NEIL1

Whole transcriptome sequence analysis from various human tissues identified over 200 possible A to I editing sites in non repeat sequences,

A site predicted to cause recoding in the mRNA for the DNA repair enzyme NEIL1 (**lysine** 242 **AAA** codon edited to **AIA** codon for **arginine**)

NEIL1 mRNA sequencing

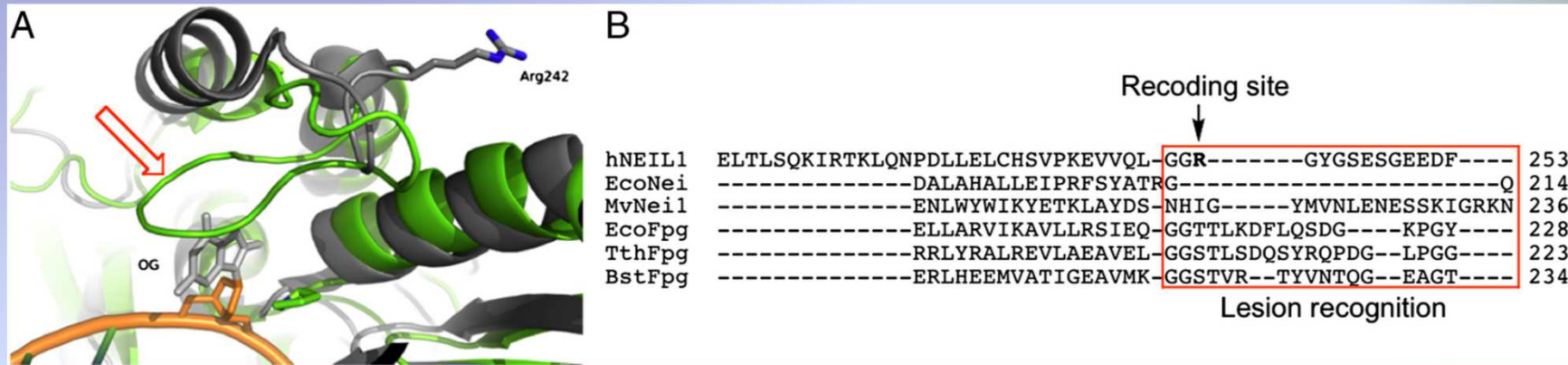


mRNA Editing

A to G

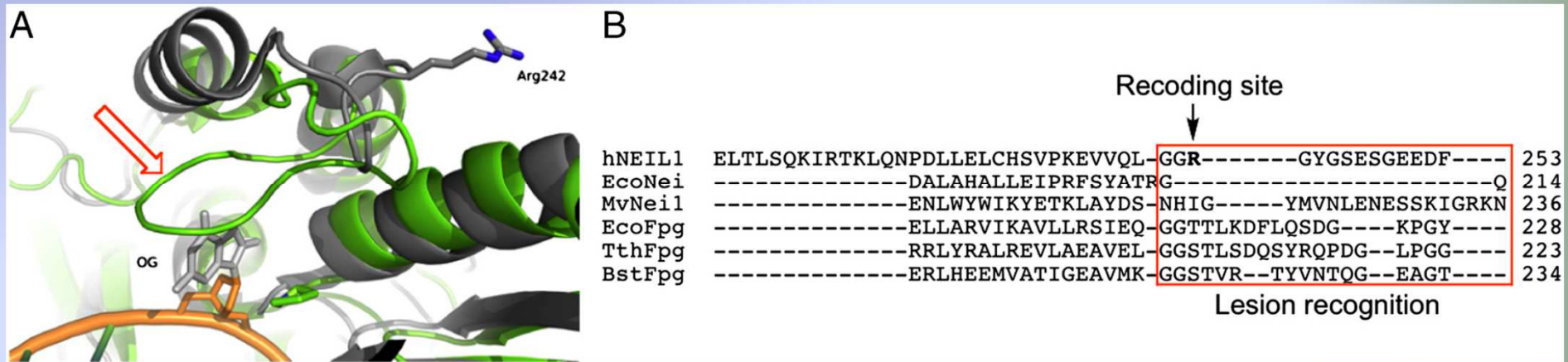
AAA to AIA (AGA)

R to K

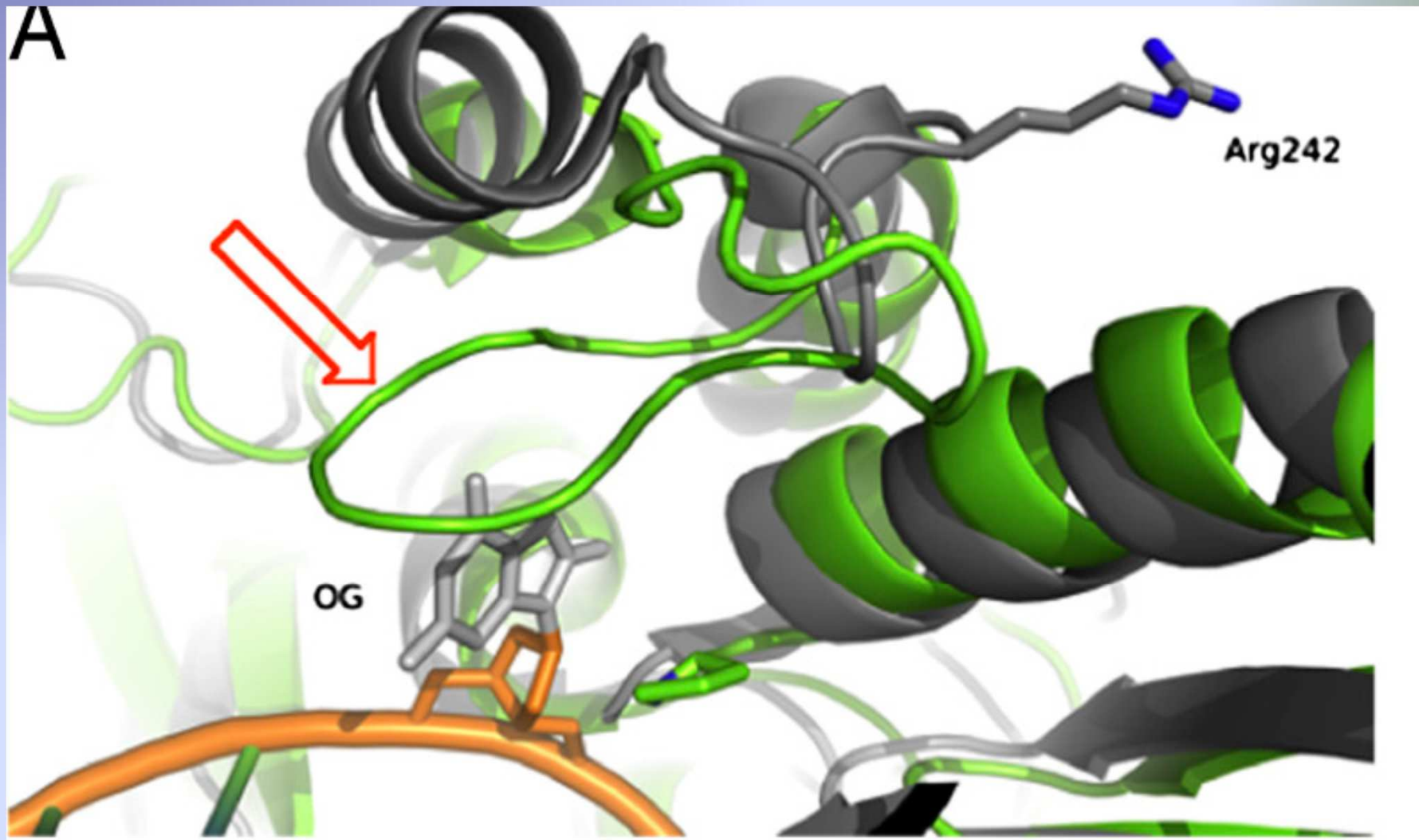


Editing of the pre-mRNA for the DNA repair enzyme NEIL1 causes a lysine to arginine change in the lesion recognition loop

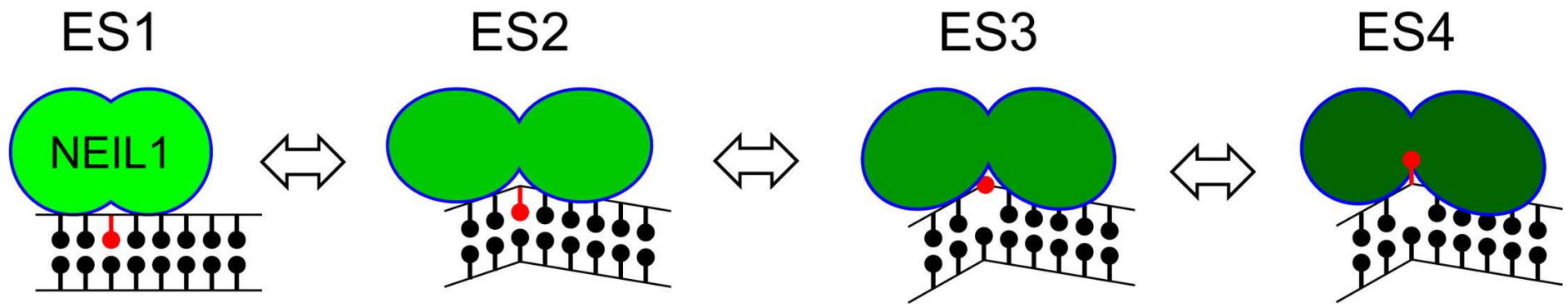
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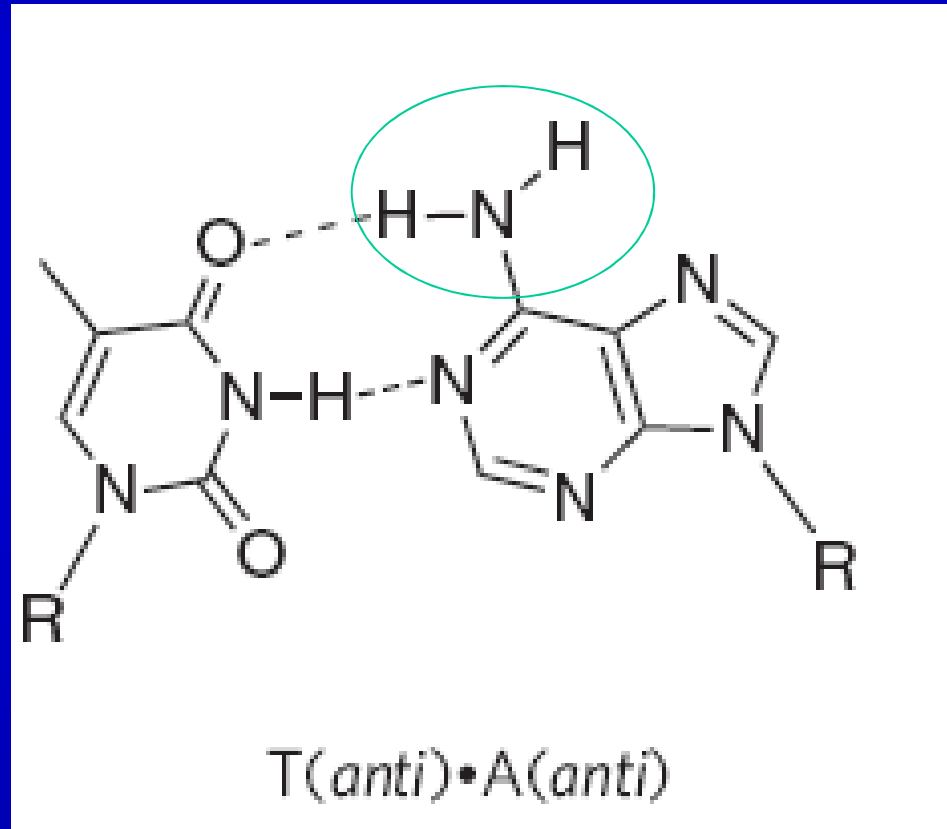


Superposition of human NEIL1 structure (dark gray) with that of *E. coli* Fpg (OGG1, green) bound to 8-oxoguanine-containing DNA.



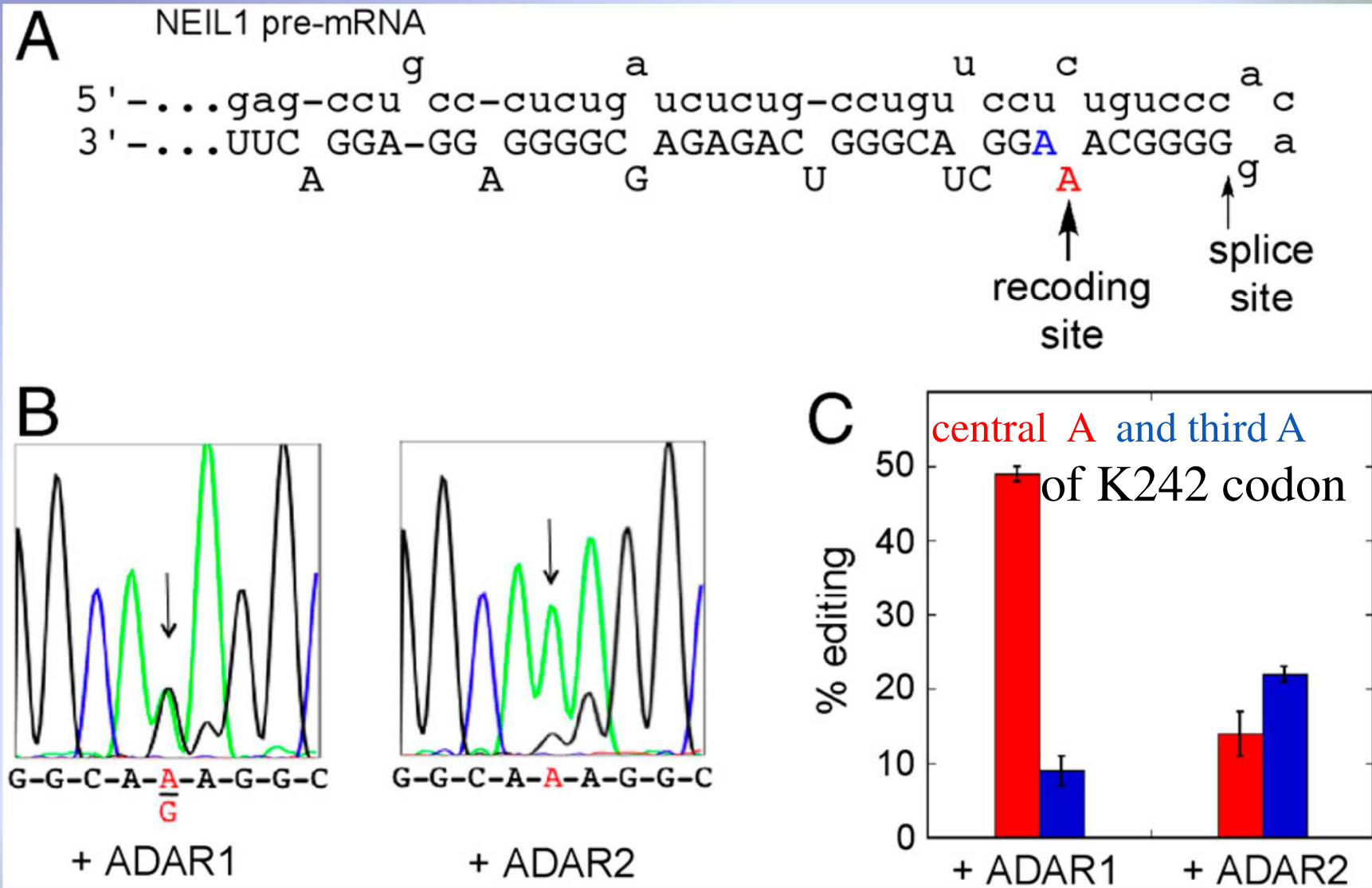
Conformational Dynamics of Neil1

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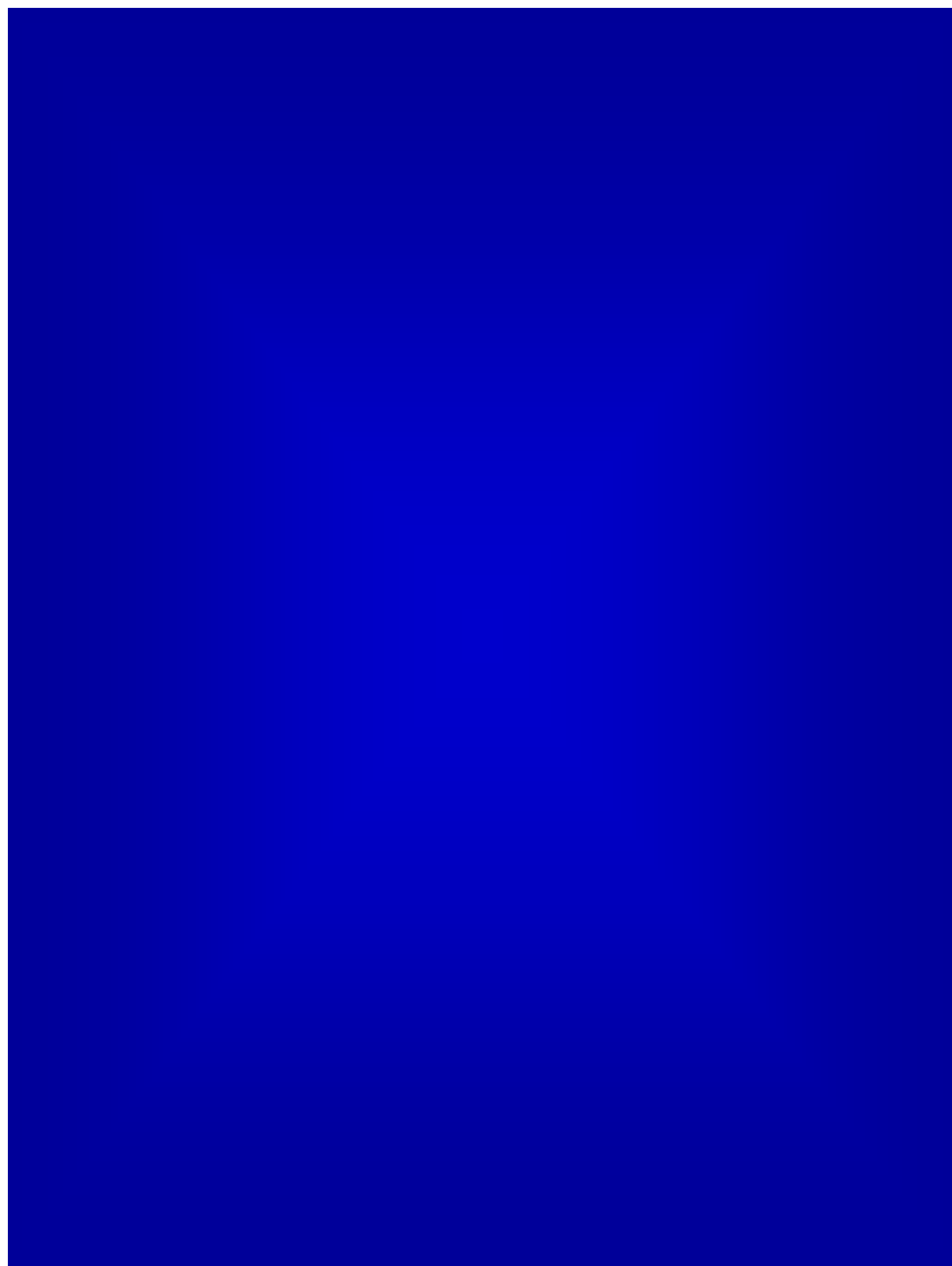


ADAR catalizza la deaminazione ossidativa di specifiche adenine

In vitro editing: Sequence of products from reaction of 1 μ M human ADAR



Editing of the pre-mRNA for the DNA repair enzyme NEIL1 causes a lysine to arginine change in the lesion recognition loop of the protein.



Known substrates for the base excision repair glycosylase

NEIL1. thymine glycol

guanidinohydantoin

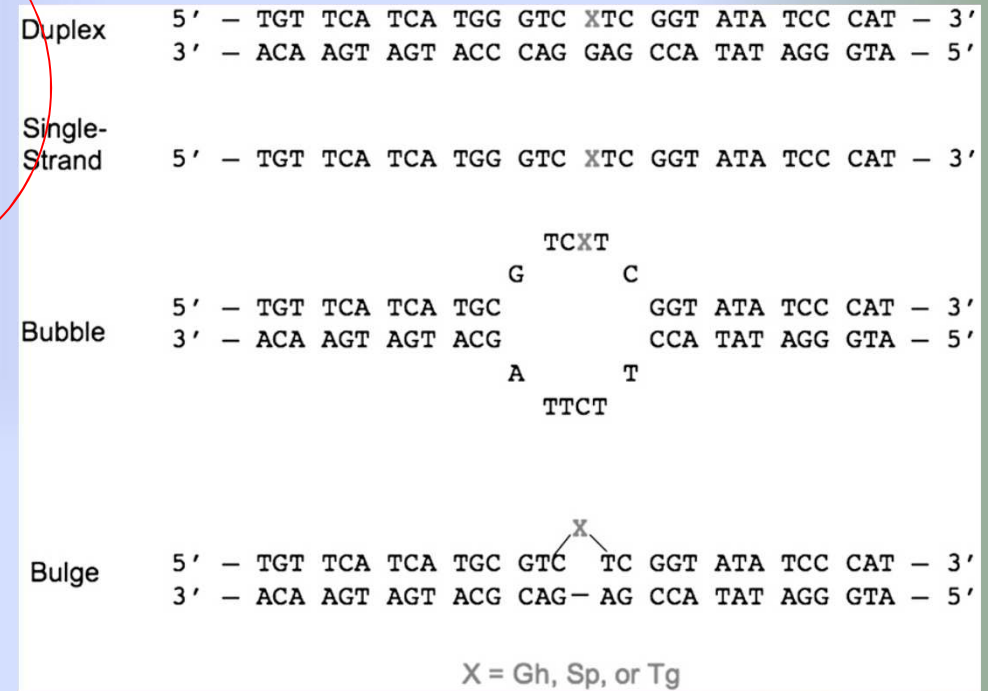
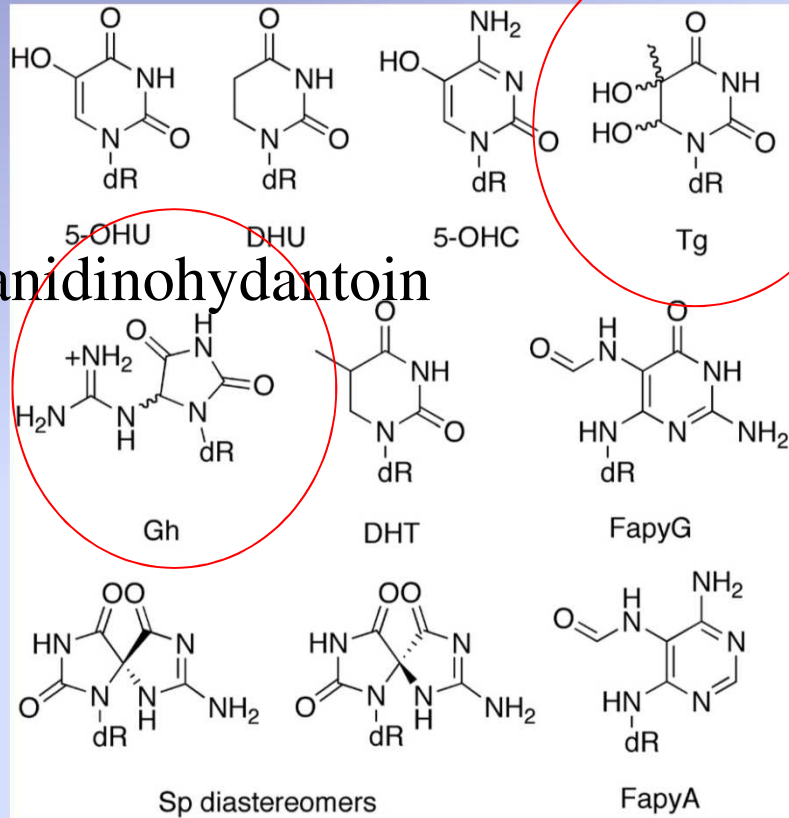
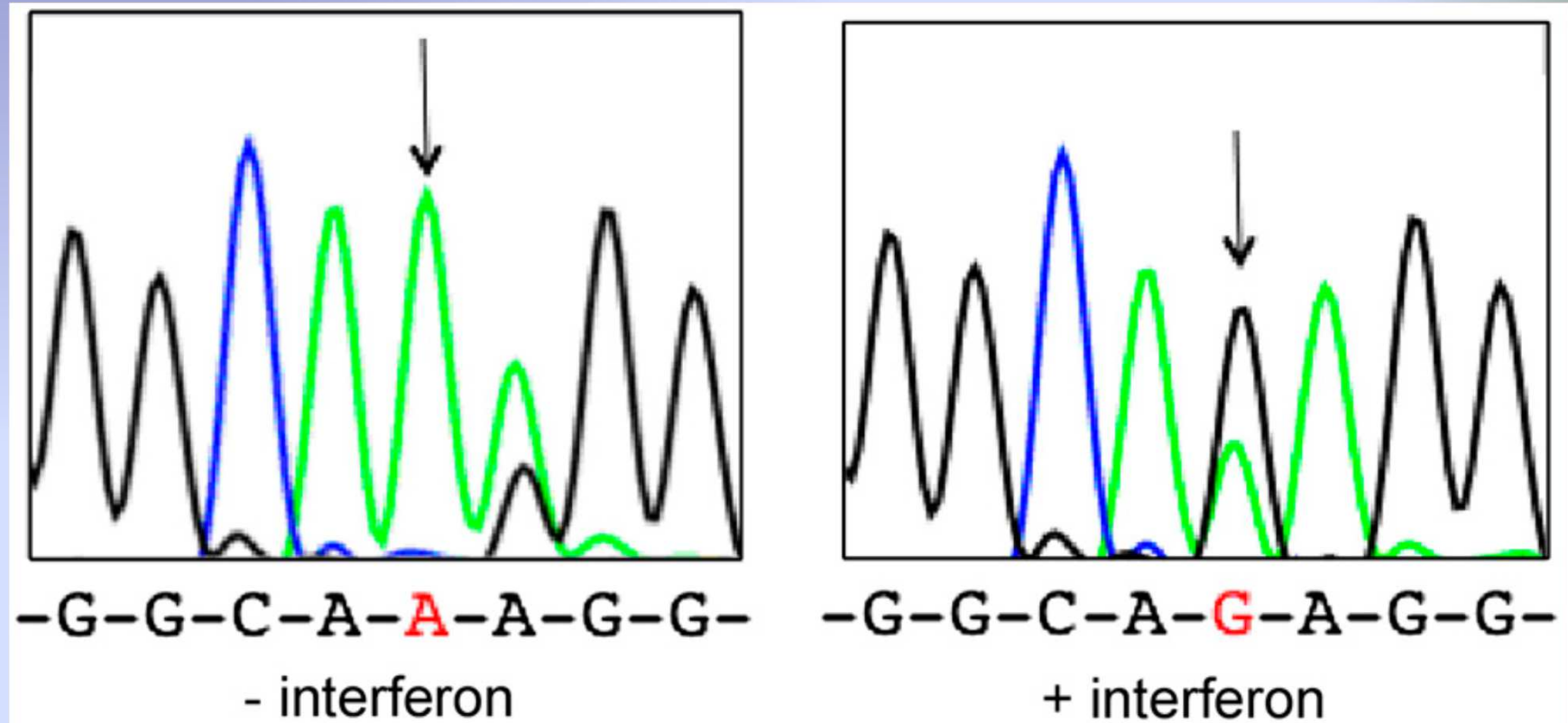


Table 1. Rate constants (k_g)* of base removal by edited versus unedited NEIL1

Context [§]	Tg [†]			Gh [‡]		
	Unedited	Edited	Ratio [¶]	Unedited	Edited	Ratio
Duplex (X: G)	76 ± 10	2.5 ± 0.1	30	130 ± 20	370 ± 40	0.4
Single strand	0.6 ± 0.1	0.02 ± 0.01	30	1.2 ± 0.1	2.4 ± 0.6	0.5
Bulge	1.4 ± 0.1	0.04 ± 0.02	35	5.0 ± 0.6	13 ± 1	0.4
Bubble	1.2 ± 0.1	0.06 ± 0.02	20	30 ± 6	94 ± 8	0.3

*Rate constants in min^{-1} measured under single-turnover conditions (20 nM substrate, 200 nM enzyme) at 37 °C. Reactions with edited NEIL1 go to completion; slow reactions rates were determined based on initial rate rather than complete fitting of the progress curve.
[†]Tg paired with G. Rate constants in the same duplex paired with A for edited and unedited NEIL1 are $1.3 \pm 0.1 \text{ min}^{-1}$, and 53 min^{-1} , and the ratio is 40.

- The two forms of NEIL1 have distinct enzymatic properties.
- The edited form removes thymine glycol Tg from duplex DNA 30 times more slowly than the form encoded in the genome,
- whereas editing enhances repair of the guanidinohydantoin Gh lesion by NEIL1.



NEIL1 editing in response to IFN- α .

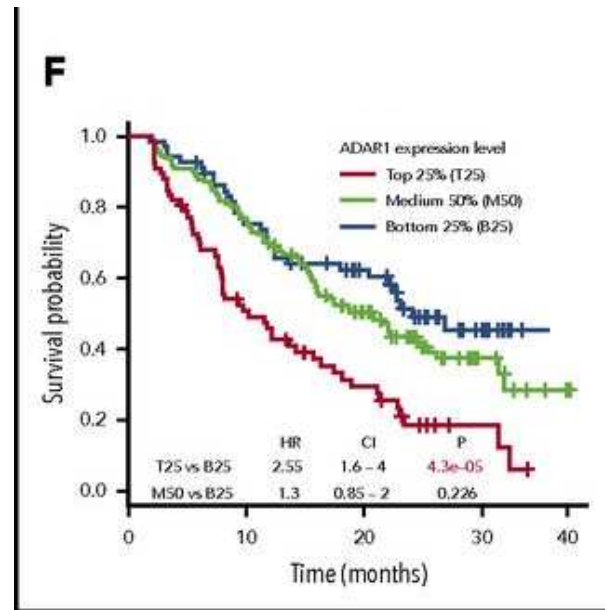
(Left) Sequence at the recoding site in NEIL1 cDNA from U87 human glioblastoma cells cultured in the absence of IFN- α .

(Right) NEIL1 cDNA sequence from U87 cells treated with IFN- α .

Sommario Neil 1

- ADAR1-catalyzed editing of the NEIL1 mRNA causes the genomically encoded AAA lysine codon, corresponding to amino acid position 242 in the lesion recognition loop of the protein, to be converted to a codon for **Arg**.
- The two forms of the NEIL1 protein (edited and unedited) have **distinct enzymatic properties with changes observed for both glycosylase activity and lesion specificity**.
- Editing occurs in a hairpin duplex structure formed near the intron 5/exon 6 boundary in the NEIL1pre-mRNA.
- Furthermore, **NEIL1 mRNA recoding is regulated extracellularly by interferon**, as predicted for an ADAR1-catalyzed reaction.
- These results suggest a regulatory mechanism for DNA repair based on RNA editing.

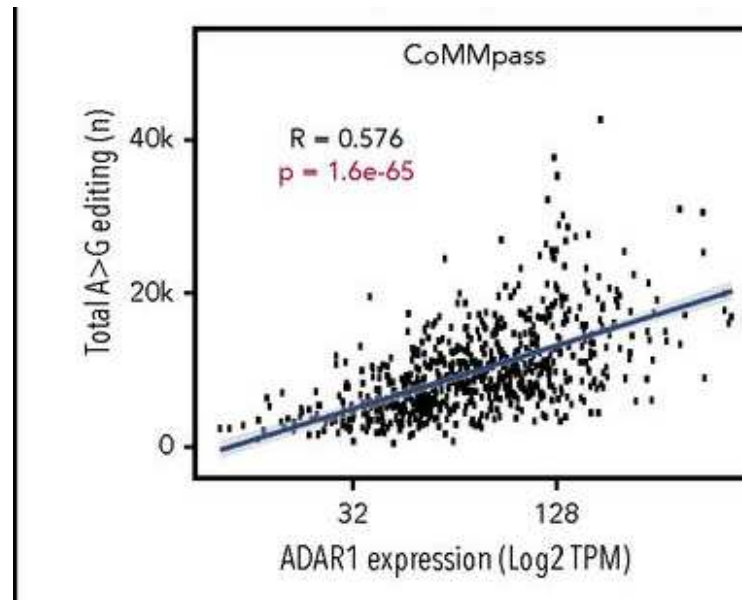
ADAR1 overexpression is an independent marker of death



Kaplan-Meier curve - overall survival of MM, **multiple myeloma** patients

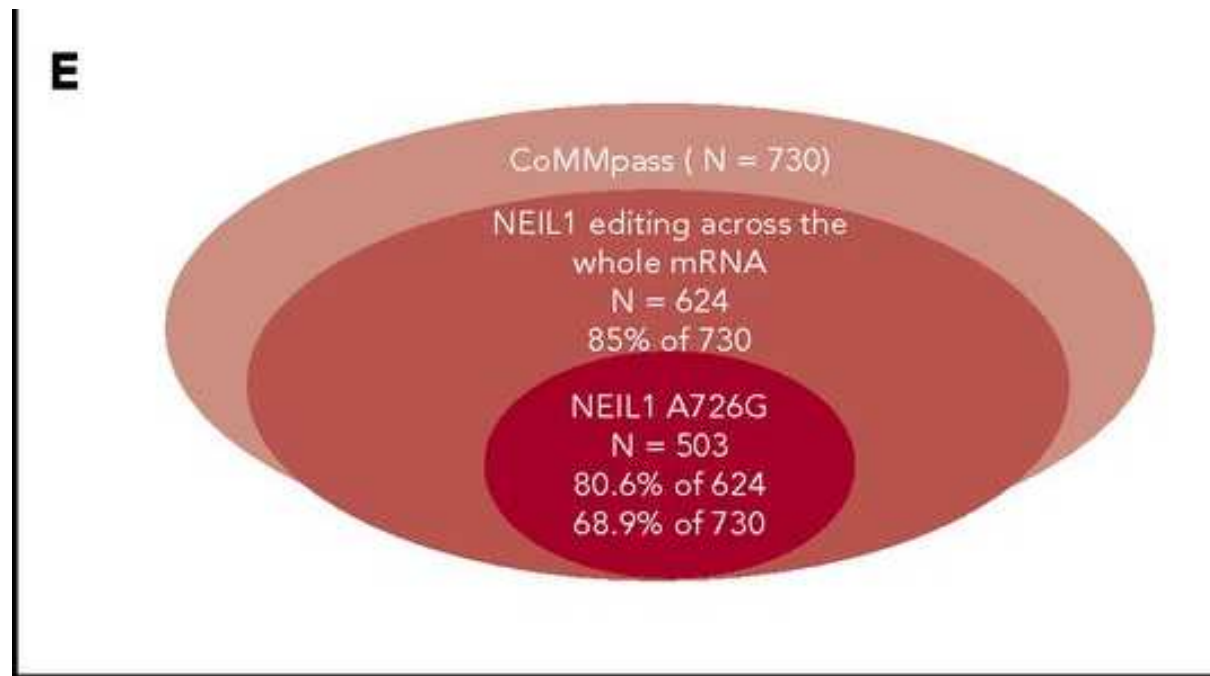
Multiple Myeloma transcriptome is hyperedited and directly regulated by ADAR1

Correlation of global A-to-G editing events with ADAR1 expression



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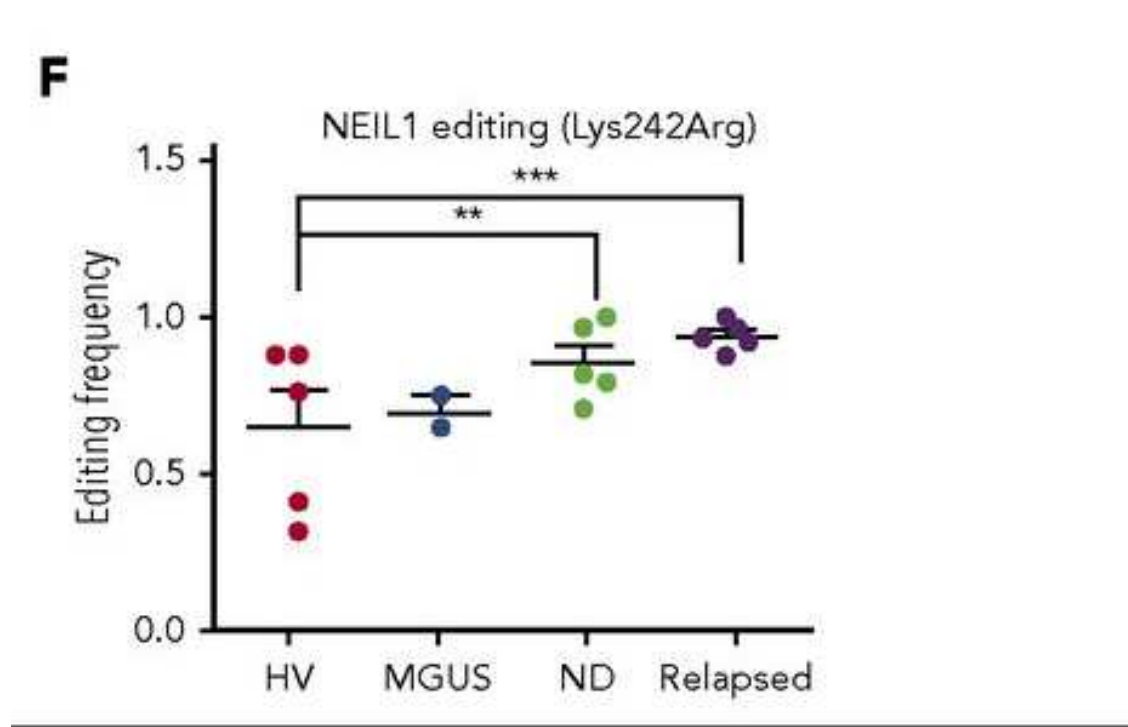
NEIL1 is an important editing target of ADAR1 in MM.



NEIL1 editing across the whole mRNA and at the specific recoding site (A726G)

NEIL1 is an important editing target of ADAR1 in MM

The frequency of NEIL1 editing (A726G) in the transcripts of patients from different disease stages. **P < .05; ***P < .001.



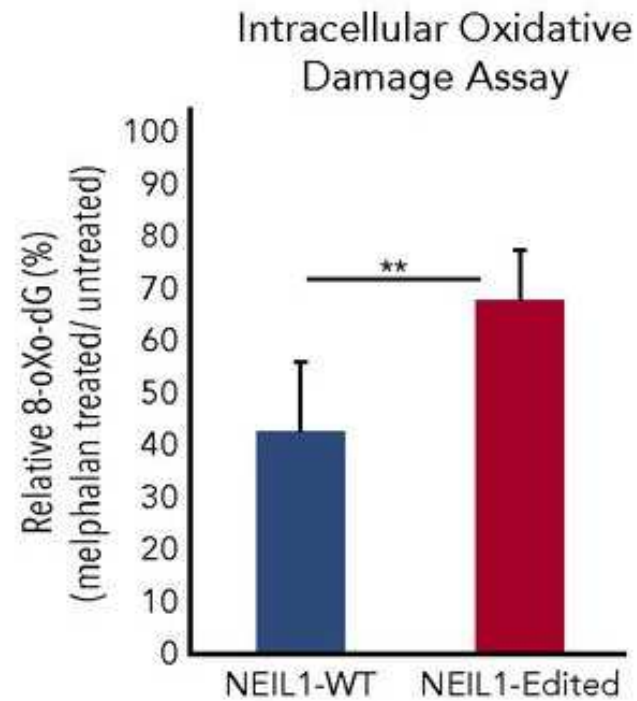
HV, healthy volunteer;

MGUS, monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance

ND, newly diagnosed;;

Edited-NEIL1 has reduced ability to repair DNA damage after Melphalan Treatment

ELISA quantifying oxidative damage (8-hydroxy-2-deoxyguanosine) in the untreated and melphalan-treated NEIL1-WT and NEIL1-edited cells



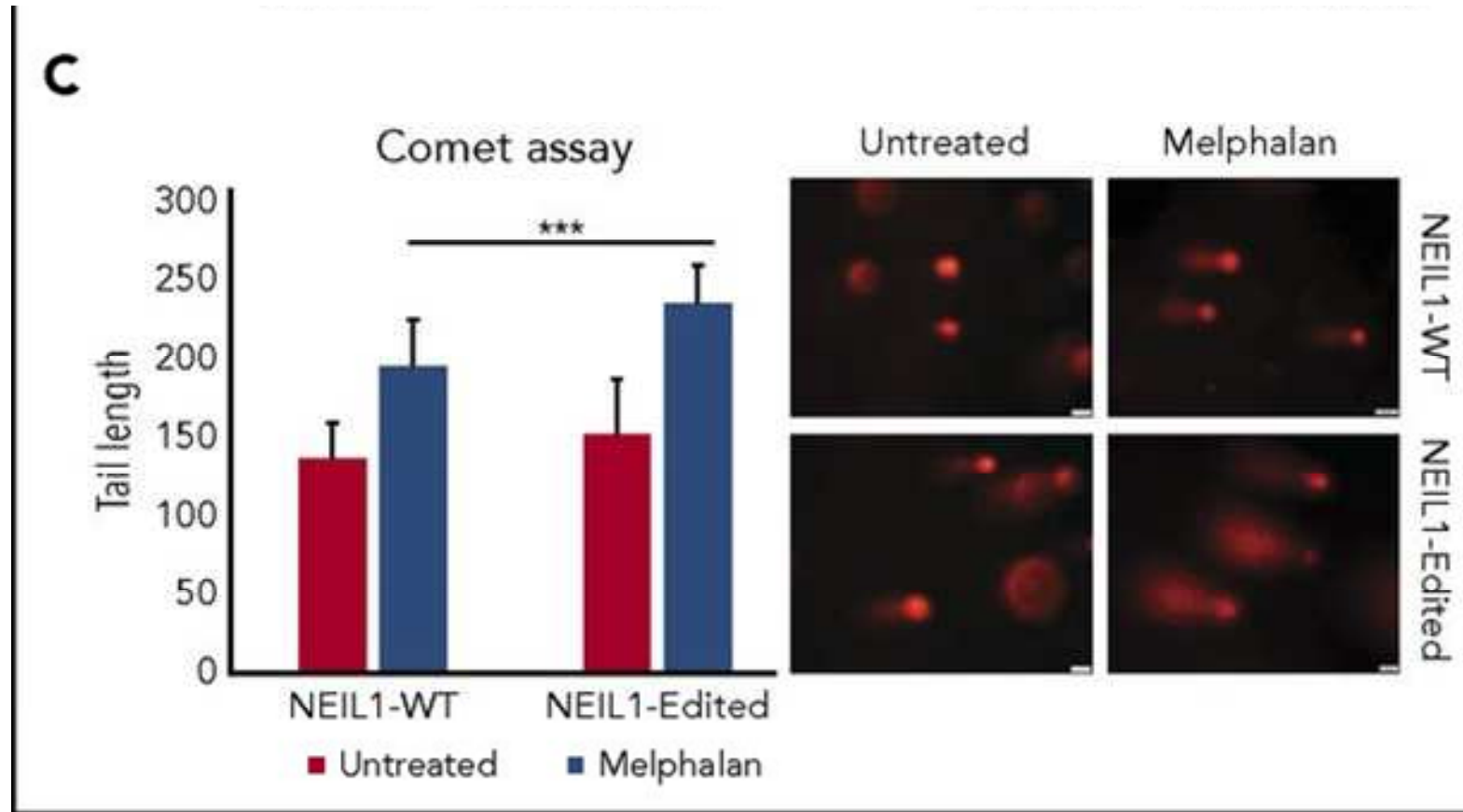
Melfalan

phenylalanine derivative with antineoplastic activity.

Melphalan alkylates DNA at the N7 position of guanine and induces DNA inter-strand cross-linkages, resulting in the inhibition of DNA and RNA synthesis and cytotoxicity against both dividing and non-dividing tumor cells.

Il melfalan è un agente chemioterapico appartenente alla classe dei farmaci cosiddetti alchilanti, sostanze che esercitano un'azione tossica a livello cellulare (per questo sono definite citotossiche), provocando in tal modo la morte delle cellule neoplastiche

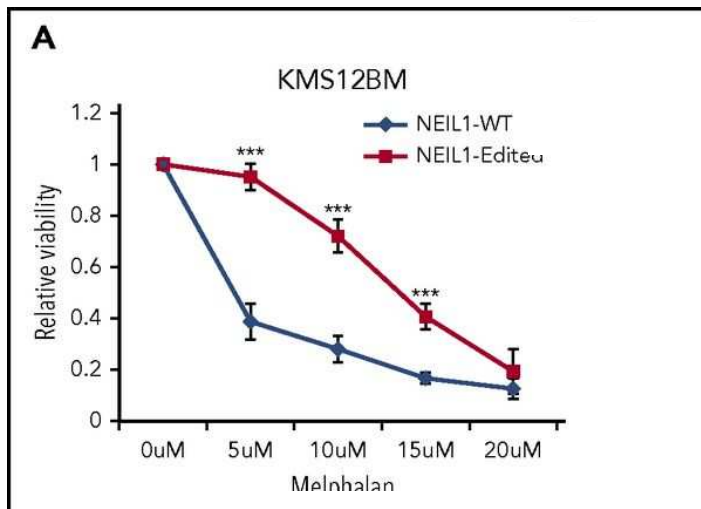
Edited-NEIL1 compromised DNA-damage repair capability.



Comet assay of untreated and melphalan-treated cells.

Assay was performed in an alkaline condition for specific detection of single-stranded DNA breaks.

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Cell viability of NEIL1-edited cells is higher when treated with increased doses of melphalan for 48 hours

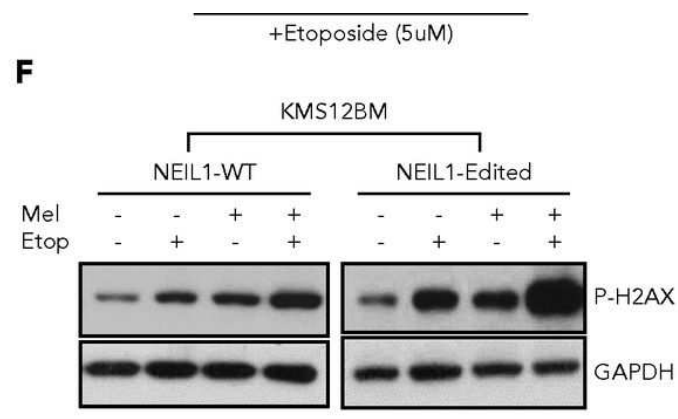
KMS12BM=Linea cellulare Mieloma Multiplo

Melphalan= alkylates DNA at the N7 position of guanine and induces DNA inter-strand cross-linkages

NEIL1-editing enhances double-stranded DNA damage repair responses.

Melphalan= alkylates DNA at the N7 position of guanine and induces DNA inter-strand cross-linkages

Etoposide= inibitore della Topoisomerasi II è utilizzato come antineoplastico



Western blot analysis of phospho-H2AX expression after the cells were subjected to either etoposide, melphalan or a combination of both **P < .05; ***P < .001.

PARADOSSO

With a compromised DNA damage repair function one would expect NEIL1-edited cells to be more sensitive to DNA-damaging drugs (Melfalan)

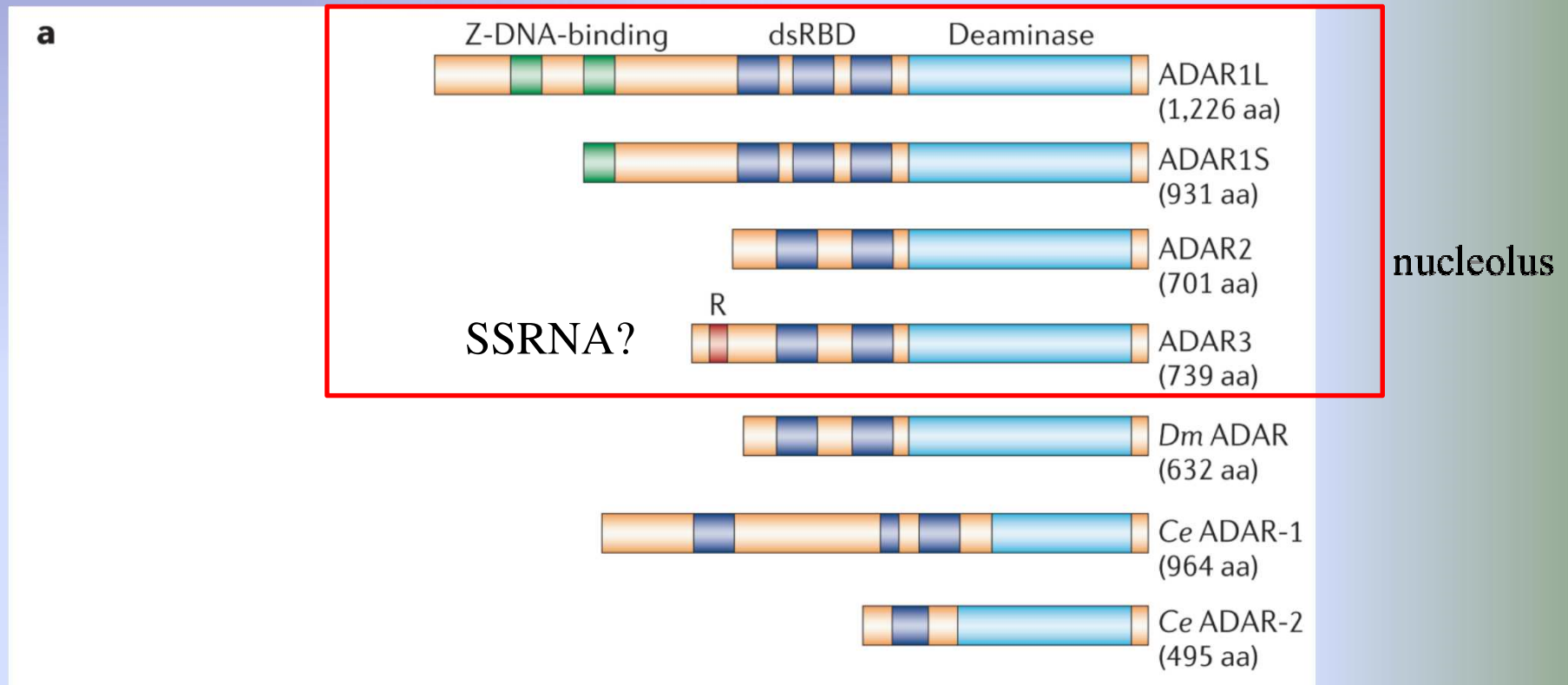
Ironically, we repeatedly saw them to be moreresistant to melphalan than the NEIL1-WT cells!!

IOTESI

This led us to hypothesize that the suboptimal single-stranded DNA breaks repair in the NEIL1-edited cells predisposed them to double-stranded DNA breaks (DSB)

Activation of the DSB repair pathway would promote cell growth and survival.

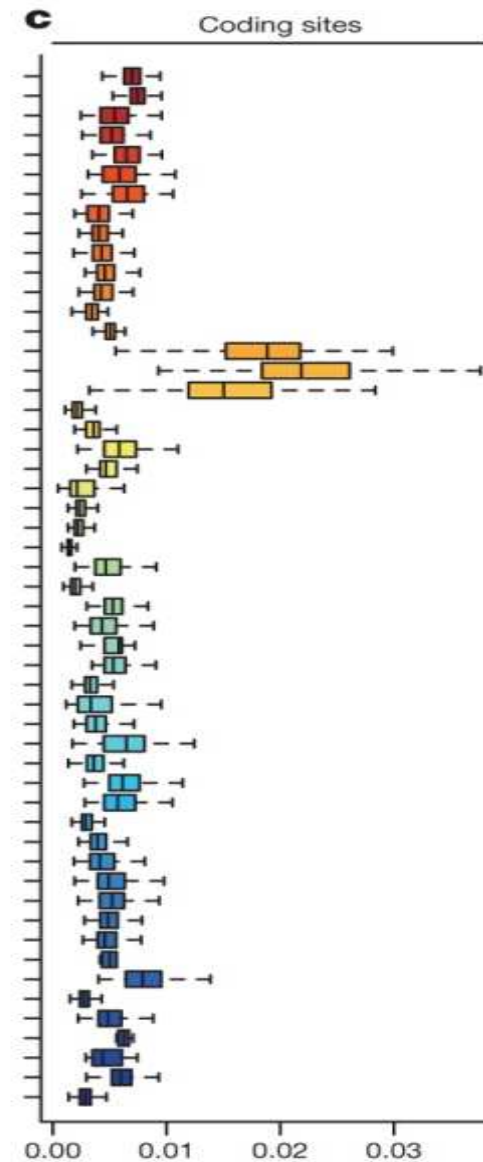
Three human ADAR (adenosine deaminase acting on RNA)-family members

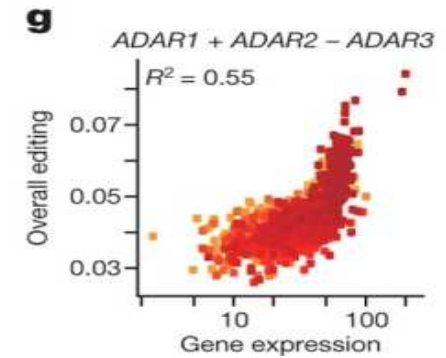
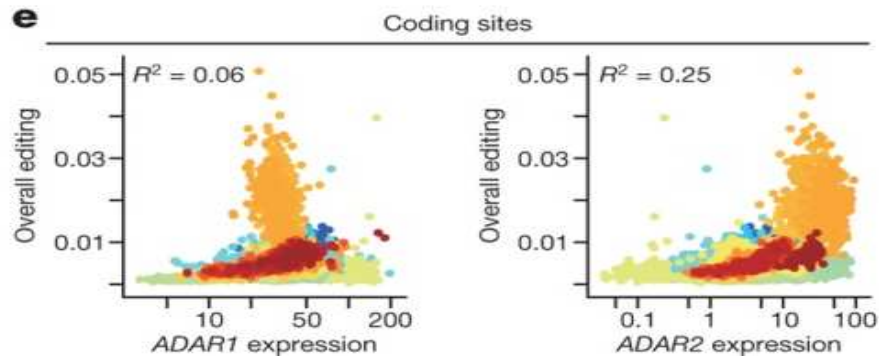


ADAR1L is detected mainly in the cytoplasm, whereas ADAR1S localizes in the nucleoplasm and nucleolus
ADAR2 localizes predominantly in the nucleolus

The Genotype-Tissue Expression Consortium multi-tissue RNA editome editing levels of non-repetitive (c) coding sites in various human tissues tissues

- Brain, cerebellar hemisphere
- Brain, cerebellum
- Brain, hypothalamus
- Brain, nucleus accumbens (basal ganglia)
- Brain, cortex
- Brain, anterior cingulate cortex (BA24)
- Brain, frontal cortex (BA9)
- Brain, substantia nigra
- Brain, amygdala
- Brain, hippocampus
- Brain, caudate (basal ganglia)
- Brain, putamen (basal ganglia)
- Brain, spinal cord (cervical c-1)
- Pituitary
- Artery, tibial
- Artery, aorta
- Artery, coronary
- Heart, left ventricle
- Adrenal gland
- Colon, transverse
- Small intestine, terminal ileum
- Cells, EBV-transformed lymphocytes
- Oesophagus, mucosa
- Pancreas
- Muscle, skeletal
- Adipose, visceral (omentum)
- Cells, transformed fibroblasts
- Oesophagus, muscularis
- Stomach
- Bladder
- Oesophagus, gastroesophageal junction
- Testis
- Whole blood
- Liver
- Minor salivary gland
- Heart, atrial appendage
- Thyroid
- Kidney, cortex
- Ovary
- Prostate
- Vagina
- Adipose, subcutaneous
- Lung
- Colon, sigmoid
- Uterus
- Fallopian tube
- Spleen
- Skin, not sun exposed (suprapubic)
- Breast, mammary tissue
- Cervix, endocervix
- Cervix, ectocervix
- Nerve, tibial
- Skin, sun exposed (lower leg)





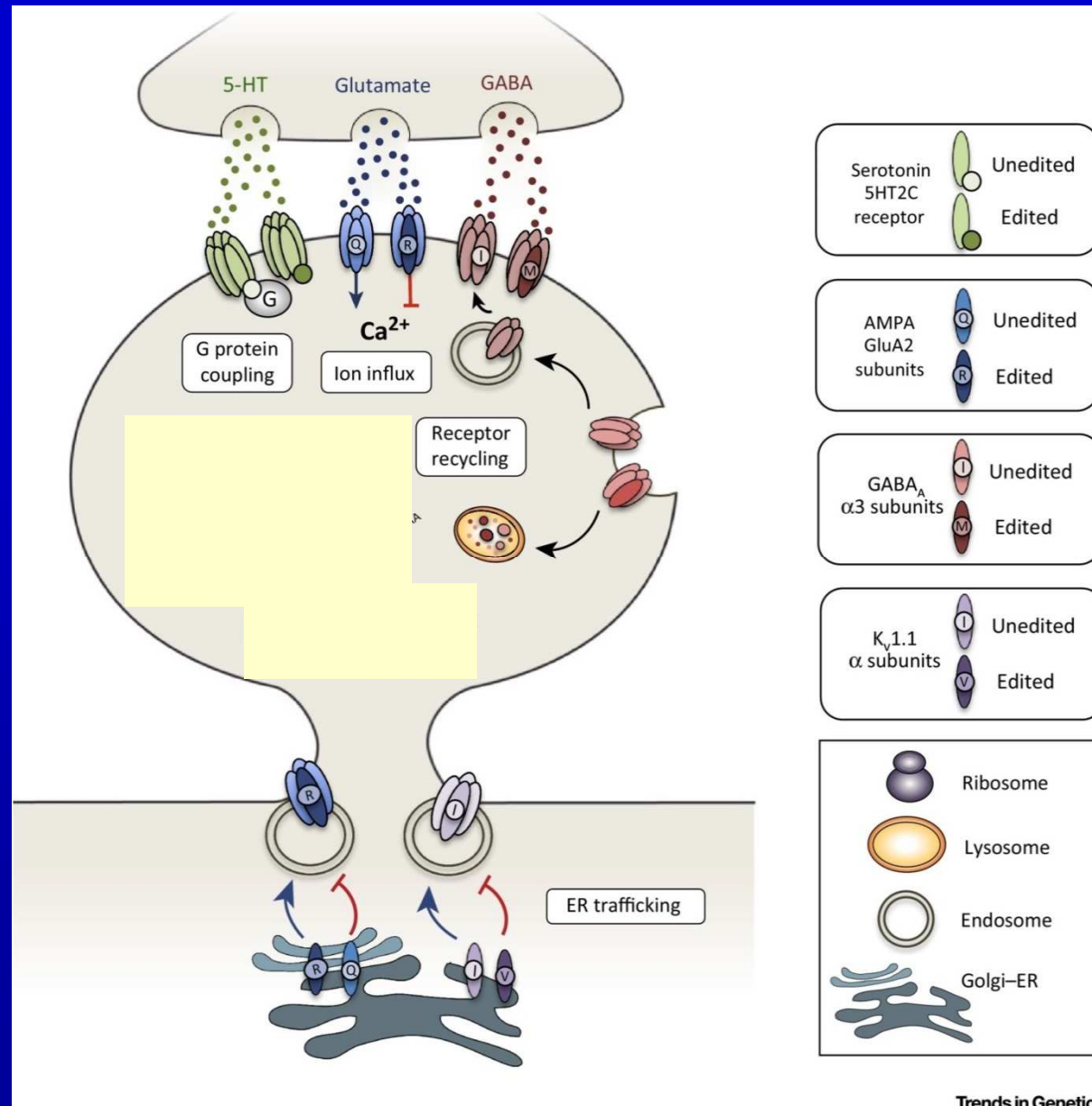
Correlations between expression levels of ADAR1/2 and overall editing levels of non-repetitive (e) coding sites
 g, Correlation of ADAR1 and ADAR2 expression with overall editing of all sites in the brain tissues

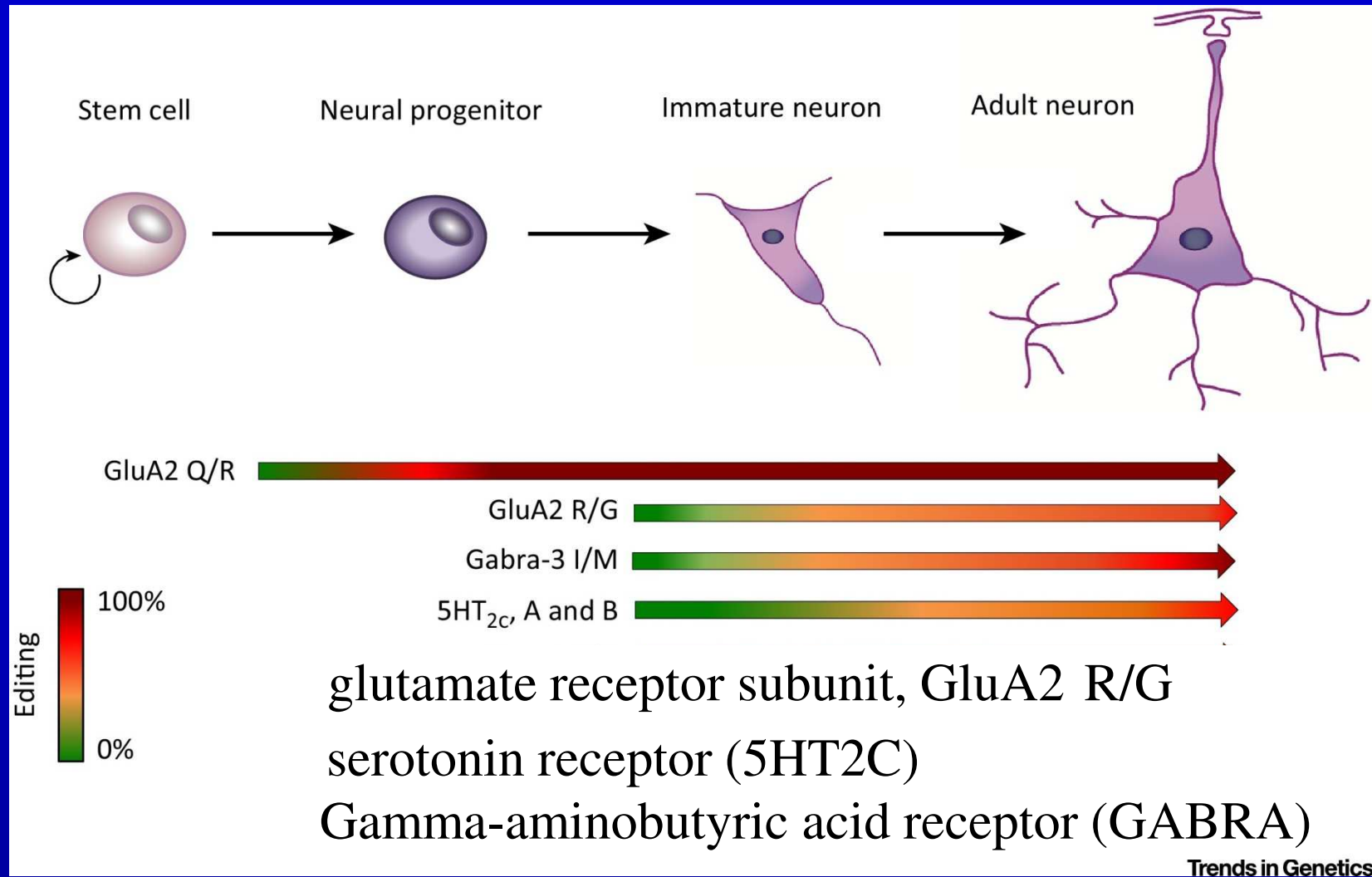
The Genotype-Tissue Expression Consortium multi-tissue RNA editome

Deciphering the functions and regulation of brain-enriched A-to-I RNA editing Nat Neurosci. 2013.

- Adenosine-to-inosine (A-to-I) RNA editing, in which genomically encoded adenosine is changed to inosine in RNA, is catalyzed by adenosine deaminase acting on RNA (ADAR).
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- This fine-tuning mechanism is critical during normal development and diseases, particularly in relation to brain functions.
- A large number of RNA editing sites have recently been identified as a result of the development of deep sequencing and bioinformatic analyses.

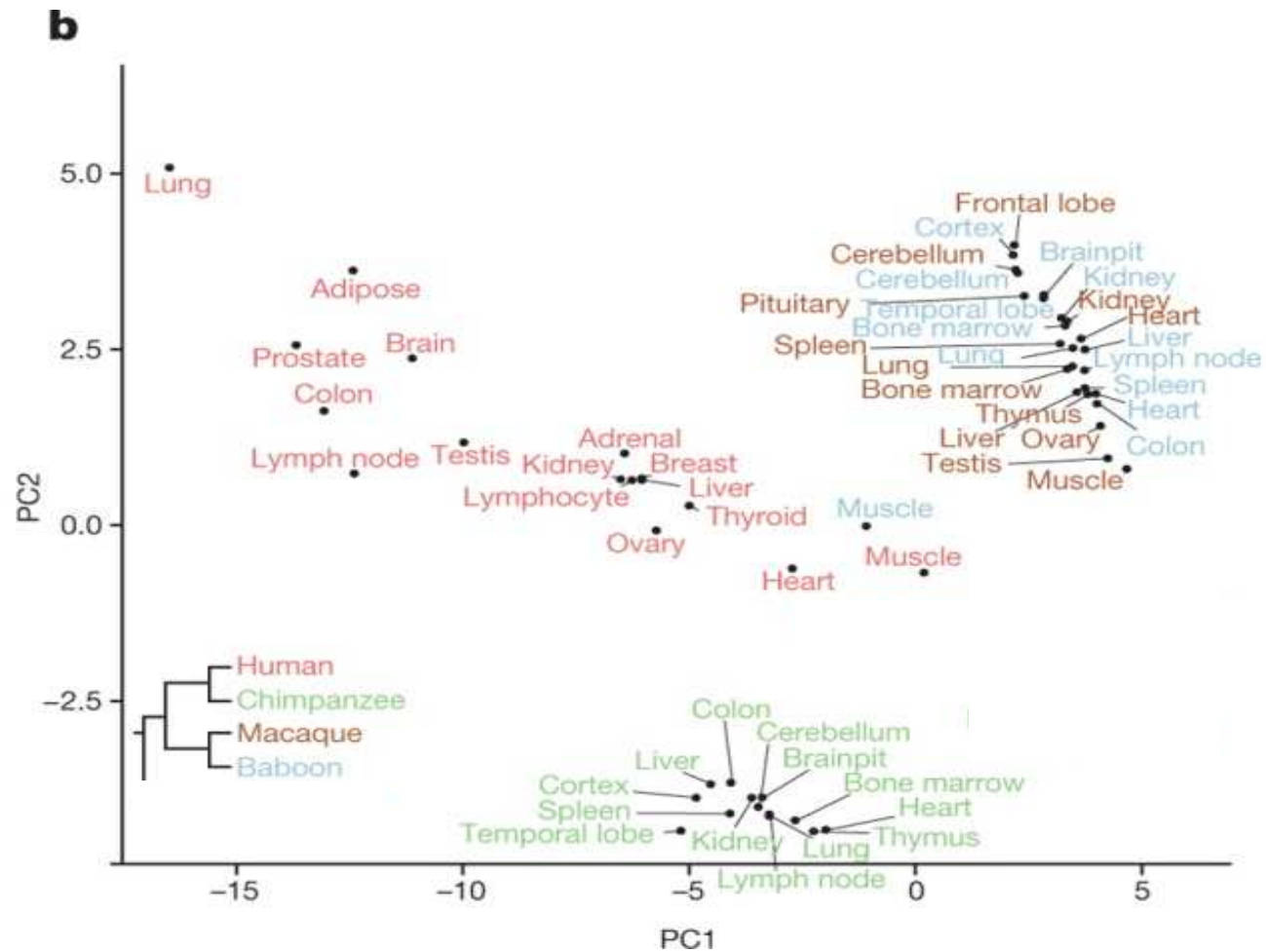
RNA Editing Events Contribute to Synaptic Plasticity





RNA Editing Is Differentially Regulated During Neuronal Differentiation and Maturation

Comparison of A-to-I editing between human and non-human primate tissues



M H Tan *et al.* *Nature* **550**, 249–254 (2017) doi:10.1038/nature24041

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