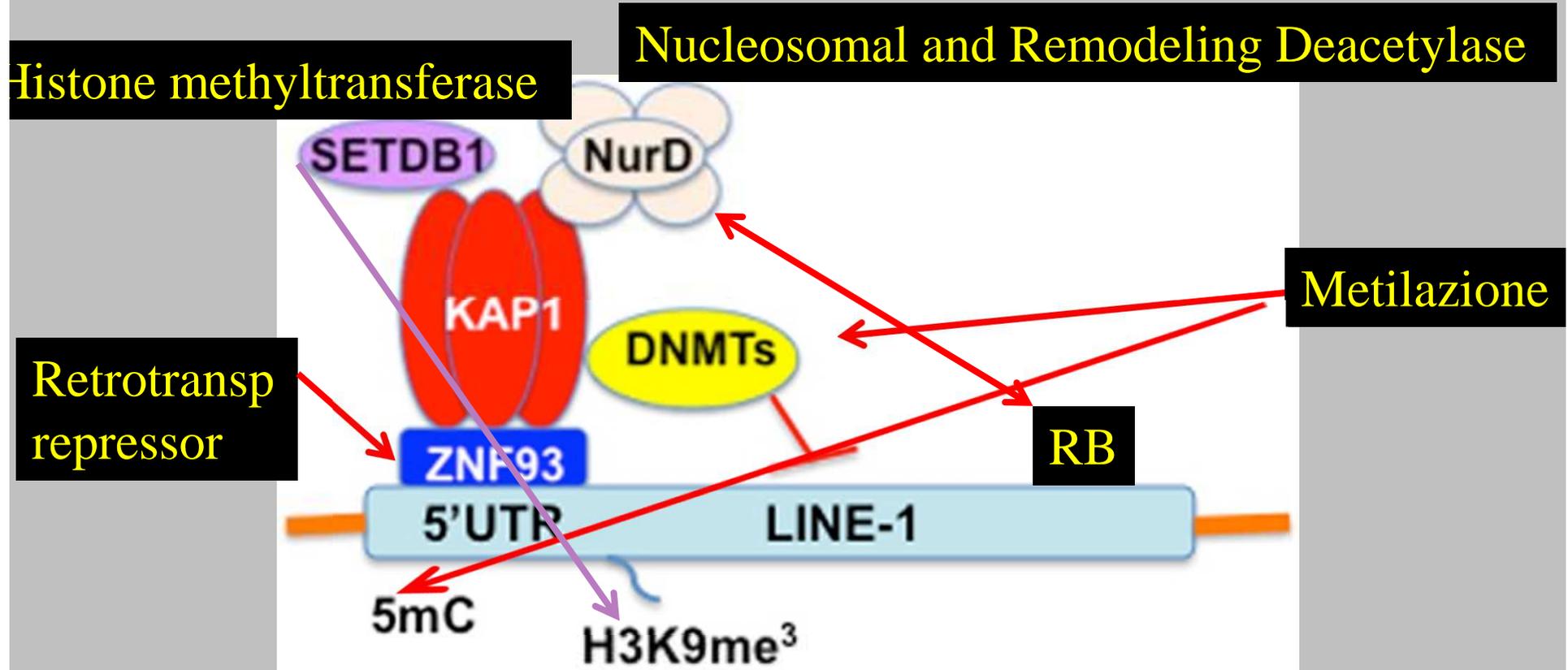


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Riconoscimento delle sequenze L1

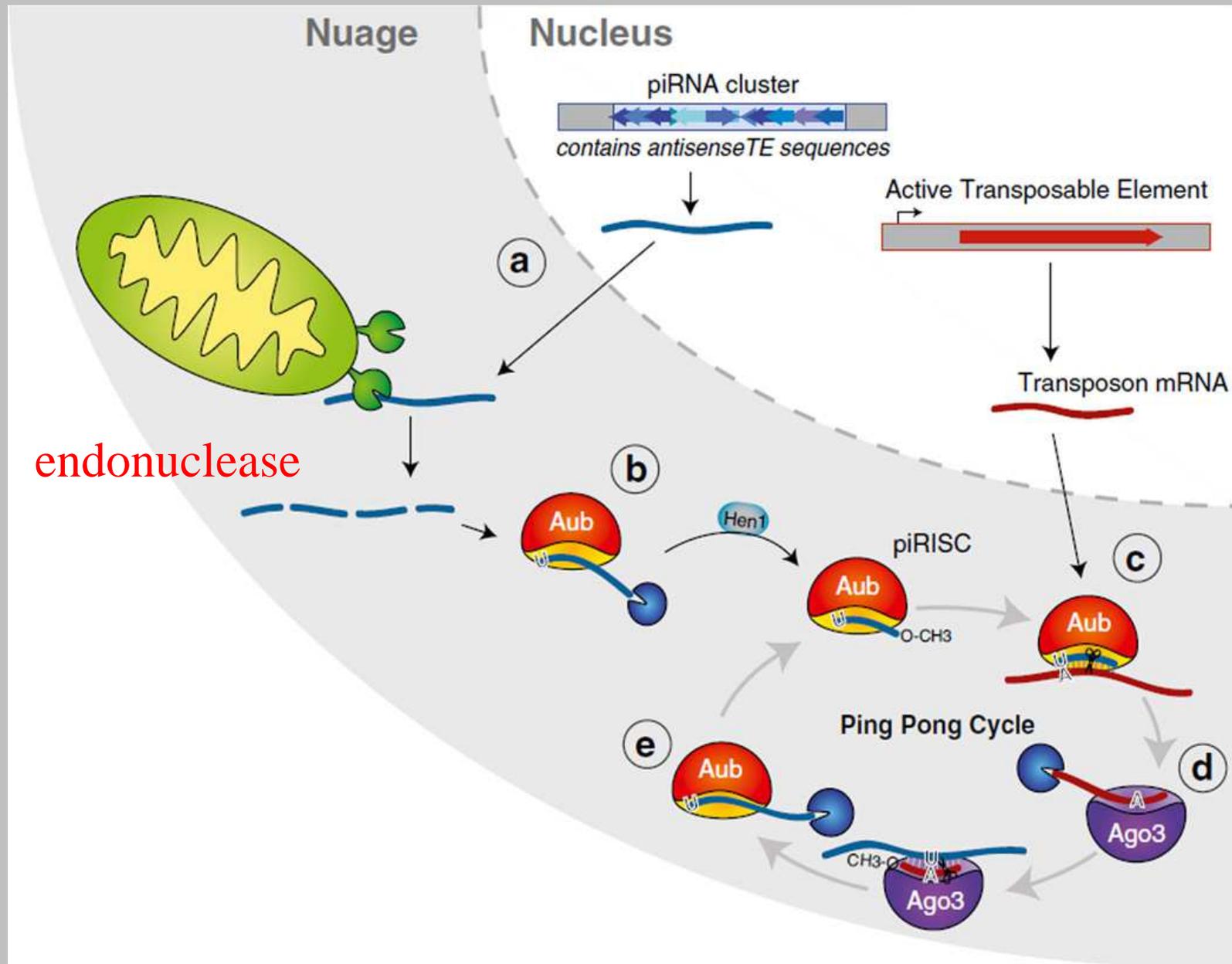
Le GUIDE - piRNA

piRNA biogenesis in the germline: From transcription of piRNA genomic sources to piRNA maturation.

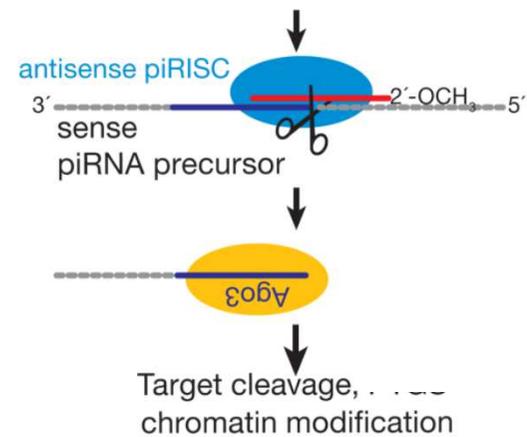
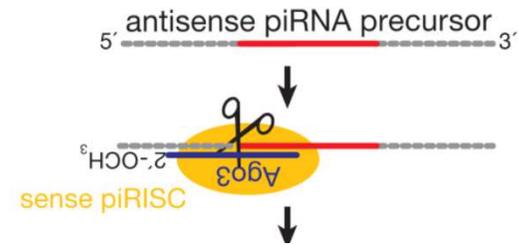
Hirakata et al *Biochim Biophys Acta*. 2015 Sep 5. review

- ❑ PIWI-interacting RNAs (piRNAs) are small non-coding RNAs enriched in animal gonads where they repress transposons to maintain genome integrity.
- ❑ Highly tissue-specific and adaptable nature of piRNA generation, as well as diversity of piRNA sequences.
- ❑ Focus on intracellular events from transcription of piRNA sources to piRNA maturation

Biogenesis of piRNAs



Pi RNA Pathway

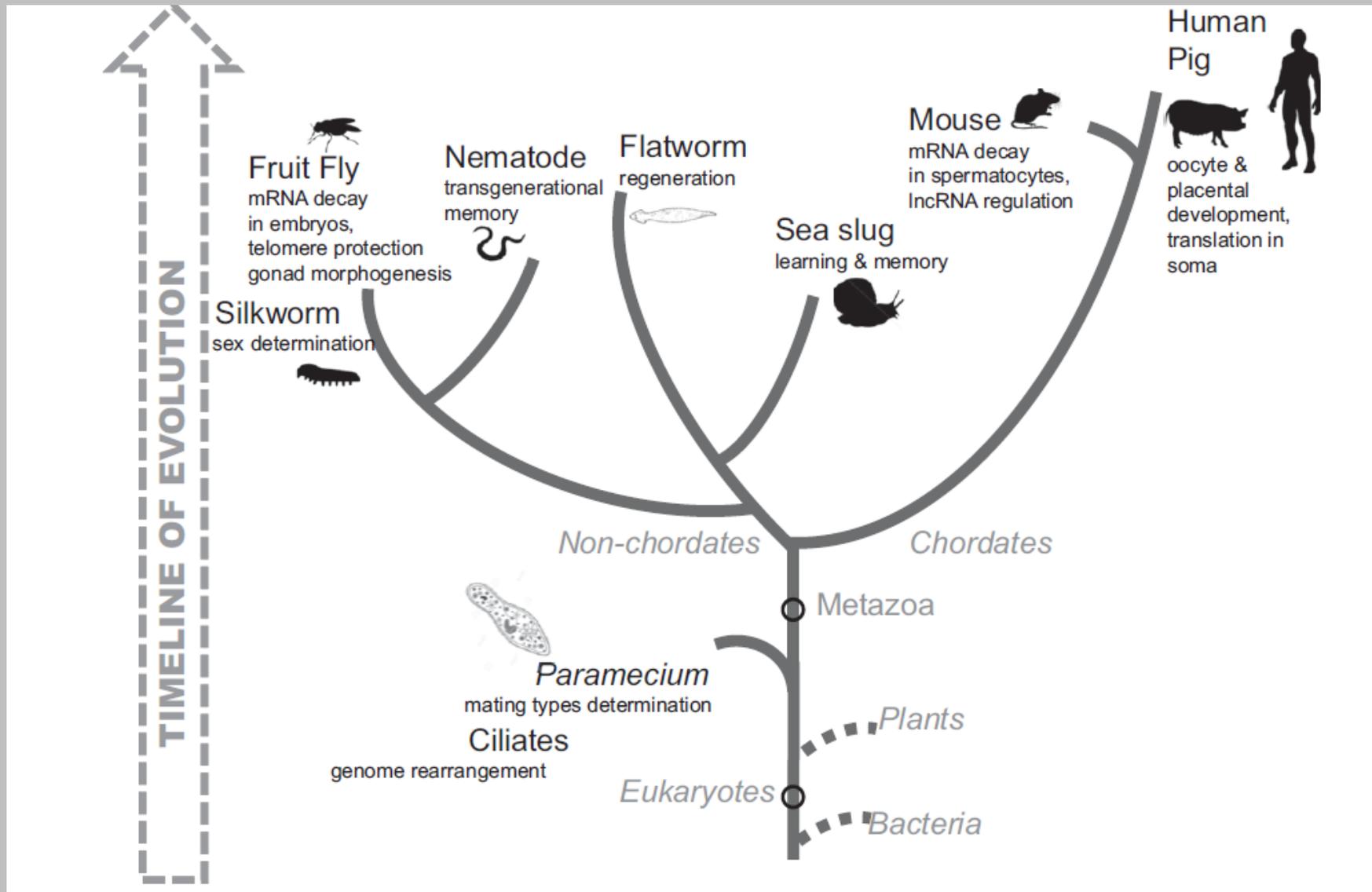


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Diverse roles of piRNAs in different animals

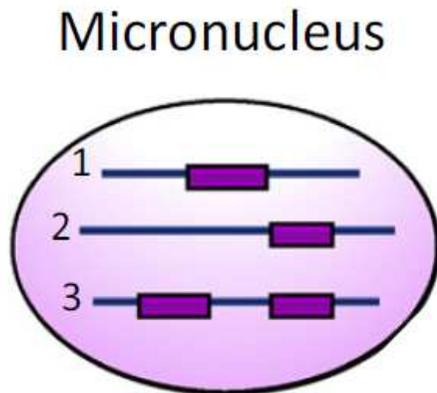


Ciliates and Transposons

Paramecium, Tetrahymena

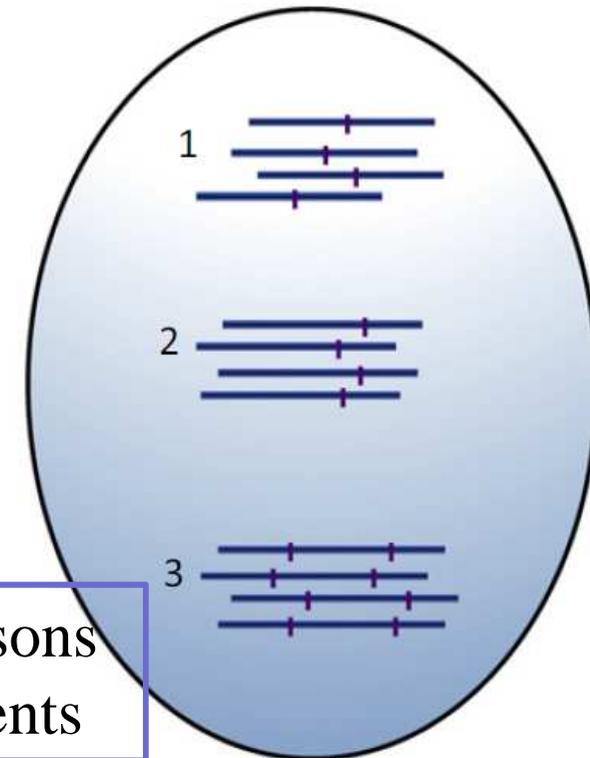
somatic

germline



Post-meiotic
development

Macronucleus



Deletion of transposons
and repetitive elements

Genome amplification (800X)!!

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-Piwi-like proteins- a subclass of Argonaute proteins- **bind** a class of small noncoding RNAs - piwi-interacting RNAs (**piRNAs**).

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three Piwi proteins

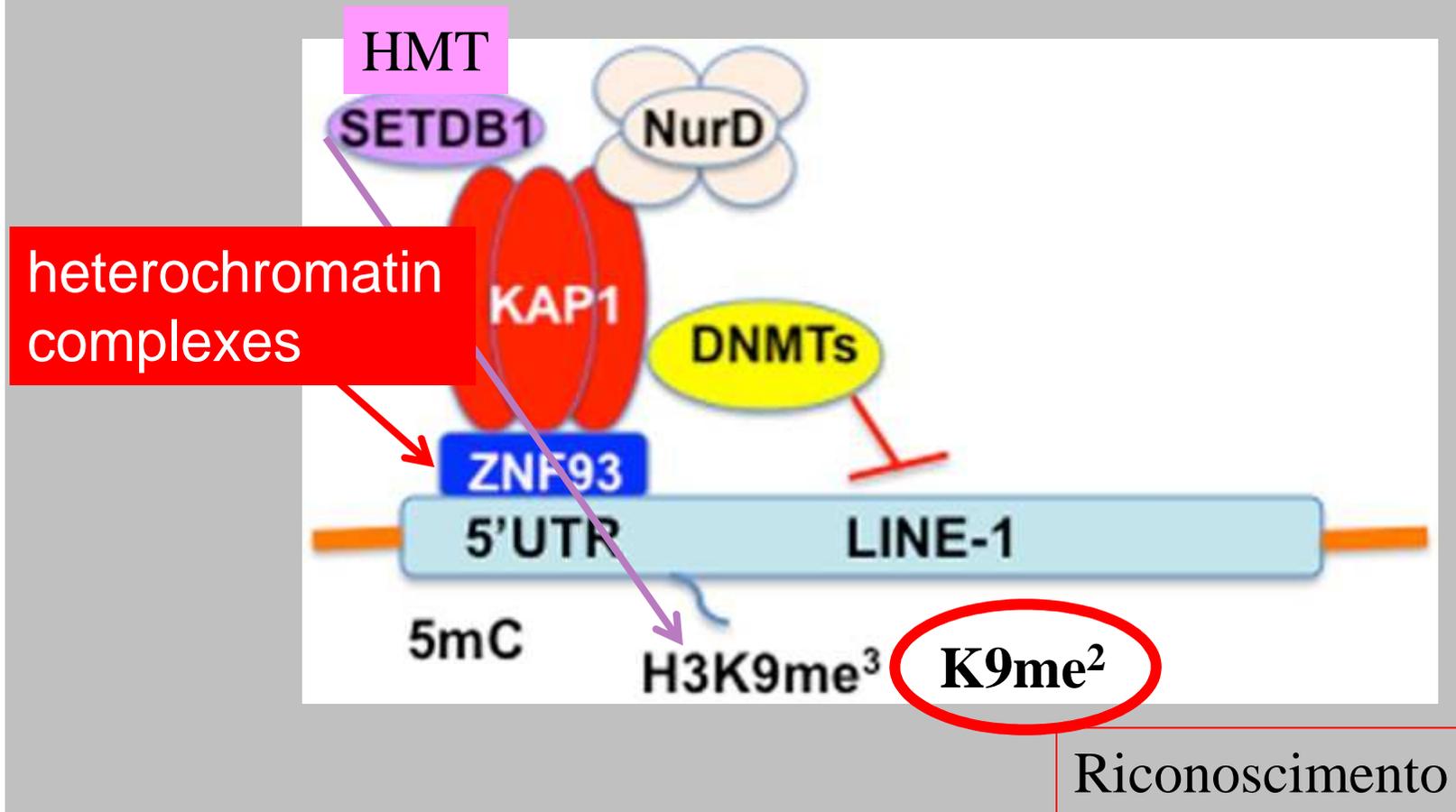
MILI **Chromatin**

MIWI transcriptional silencing in embryonic germ cells by

MIWI2 DNA methylation marks on target transposon loci

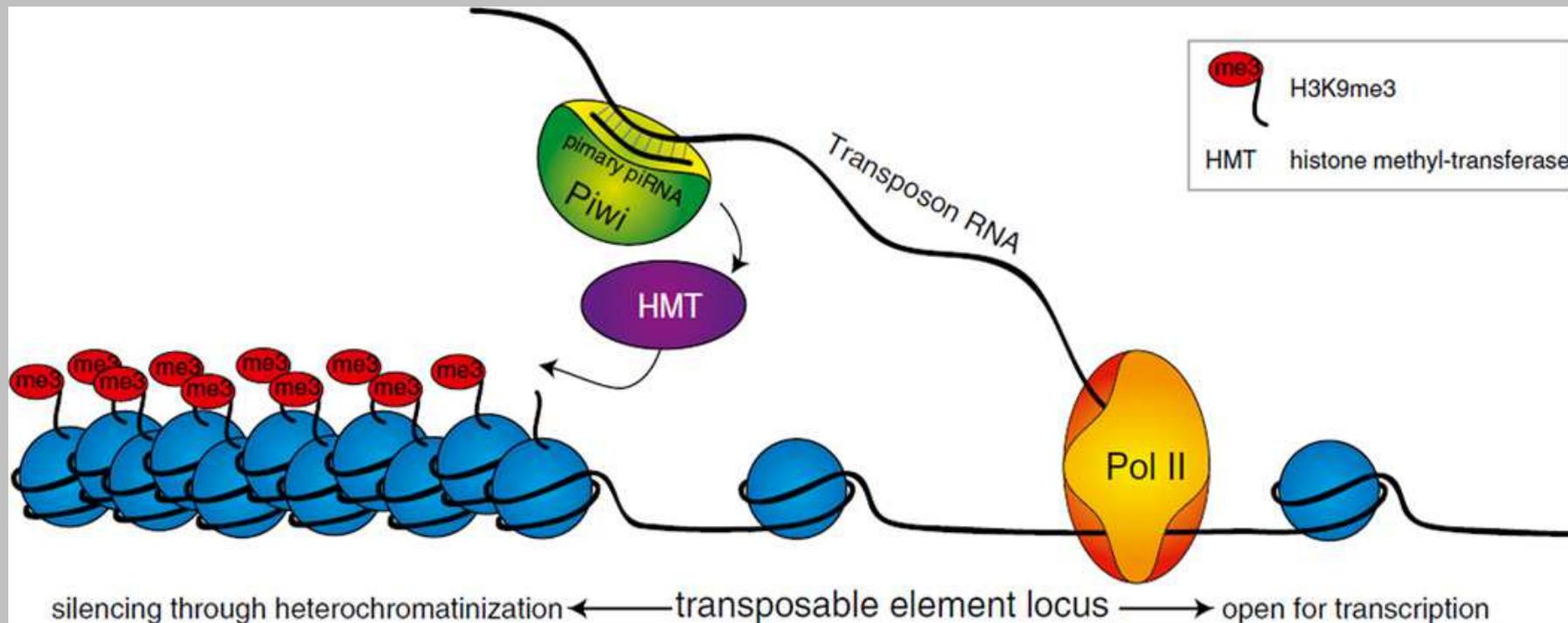
Nuclear

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HMT istone metiltransferasi

nuclear function of the piRNA pathway

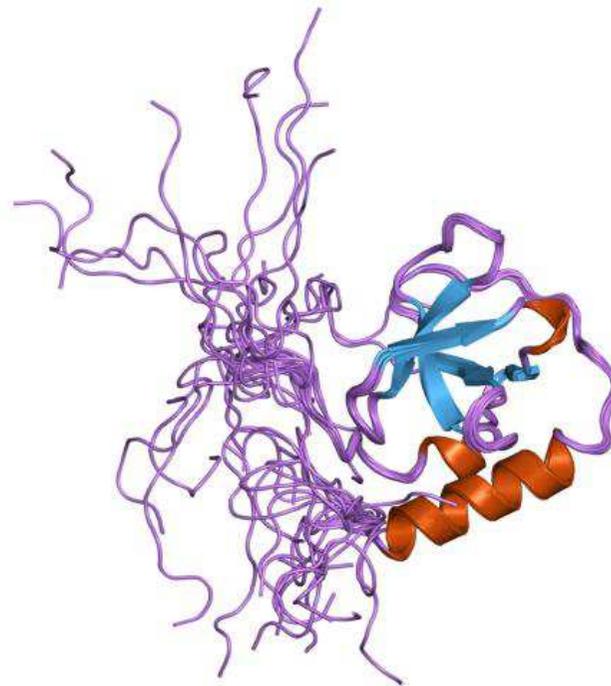


Tudor domain and proteins

The tudor domain **TDRD** is a conserved protein structural motif of 50 amino acids found in the Tudor (Drosophila).

a strongly bent anti-parallel β -sheet of five β -strands with a barrel-like fold **recognizes symmetrically dimethylated**

arginine The H3 dimethylated K9 modification cosuppresses L1 expression



TDRD12 (Tudor Domain) is detected in complexes containing

Piwi protein **MILI**,

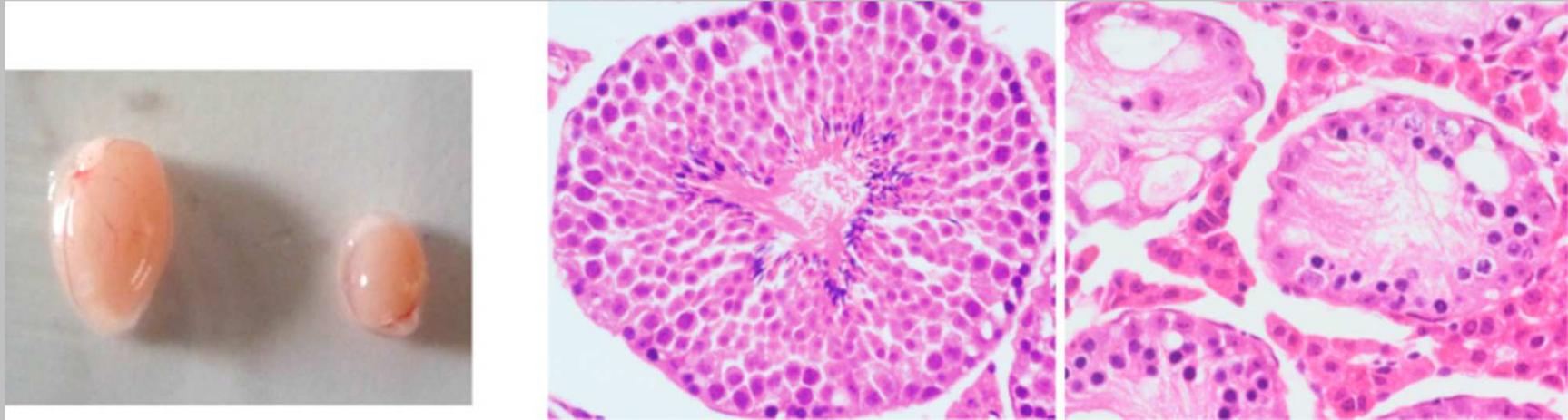
piRNAs,

TDRD1 (piRNA biogenesis)

Male mice carrying either a nonsense point mutation or a targeted deletion in the *Tdrd12* locus are **infertile** and **derepress retrotransposons**.

TDRD12 is essential for production of piRNAs that enter Piwi protein MIWI2.

Tdrd12 mutant male mice are infertile and display derepression of retrotransposons



Atrophied testes of homozygous
(-/-) Tdrd12 mutants

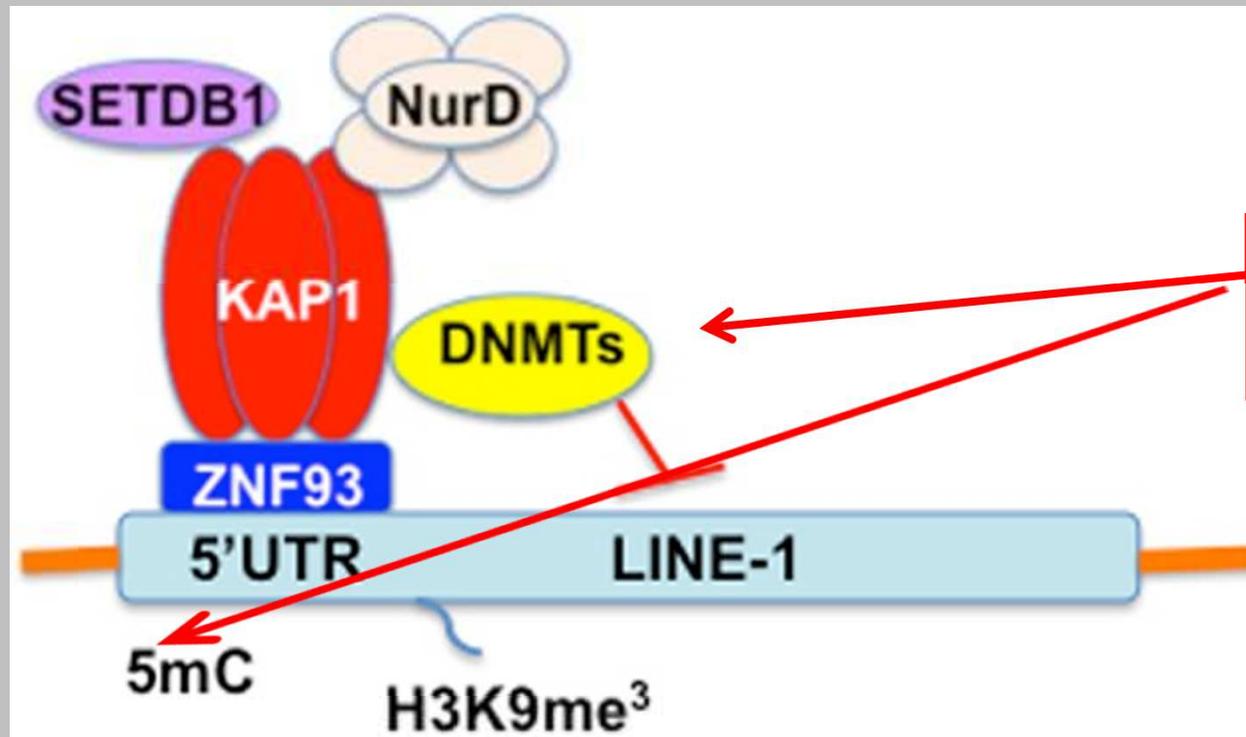
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Mammalian genomes use CpG DNA **methylation** to silence these genomic parasites.

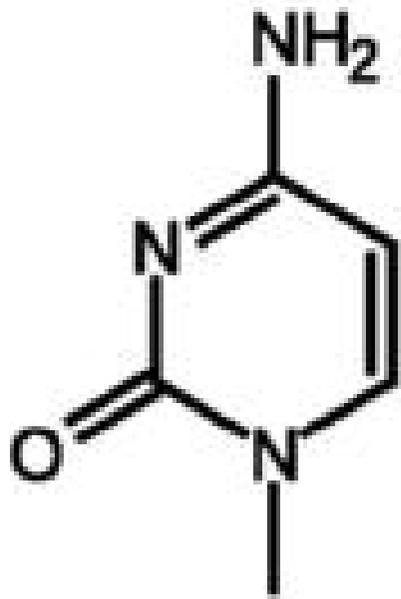
A class of small RNAs is used to specifically **guide** the DNA methylation machinery to the transposon DNA elements.

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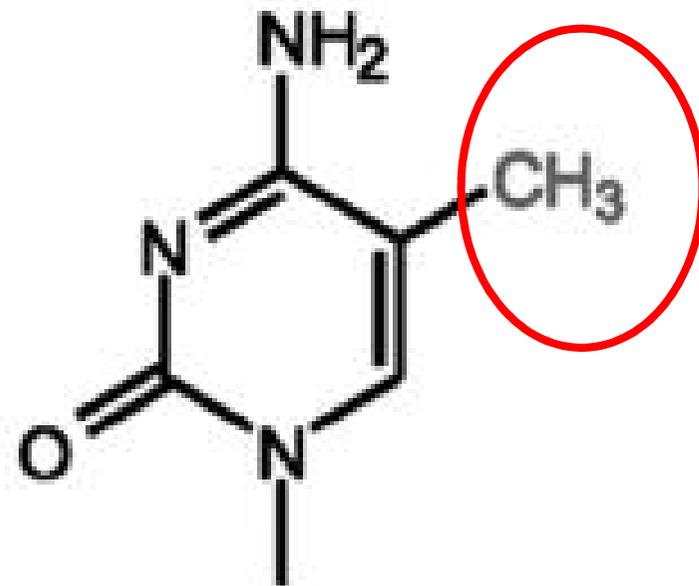
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Cytosine



5-Methylcytosine

Bisulfite-mediated conversion of cytosine to Uracil

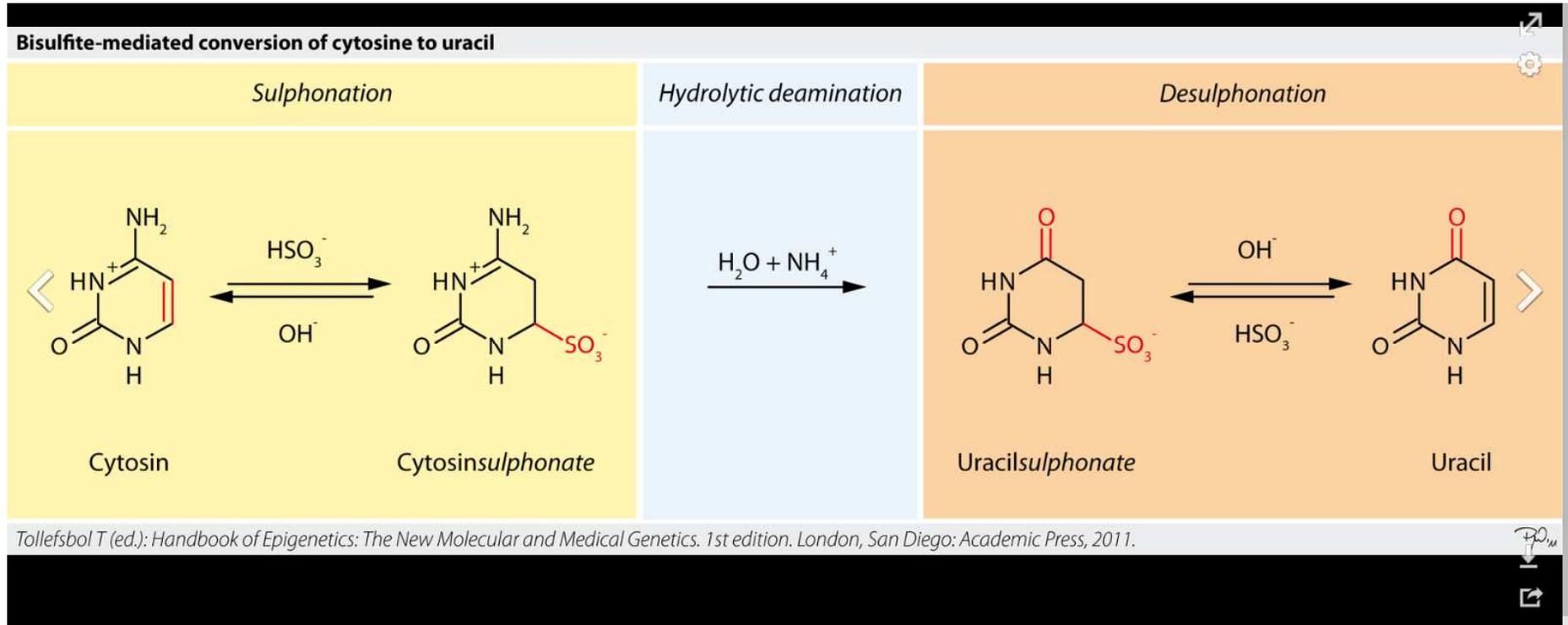
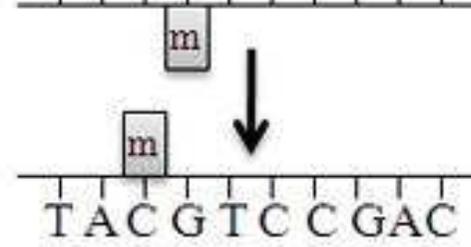
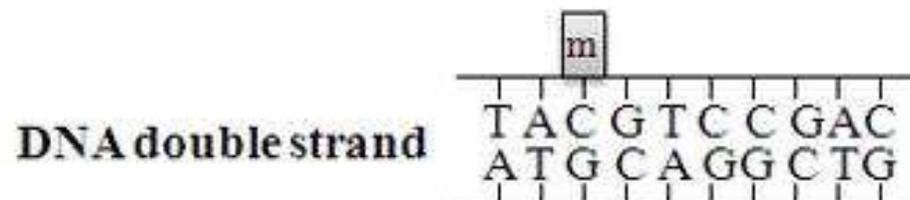


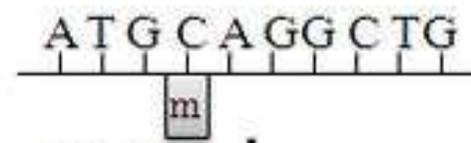
Figure 2: Outline of the chemical reaction that underlies the bisulfite-mediated conversion of cytosine to uracil.

[More details](#)

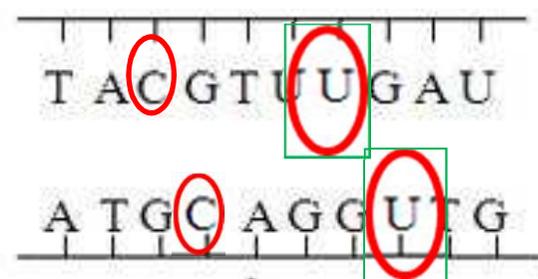
C->U
5MC -> 5MC



Denaturation



Bisulfite treatment

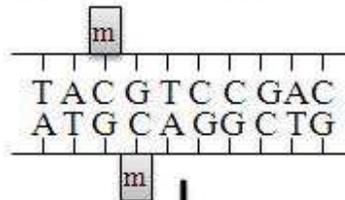


Bisulfite-mediated conversion

DNA conversion



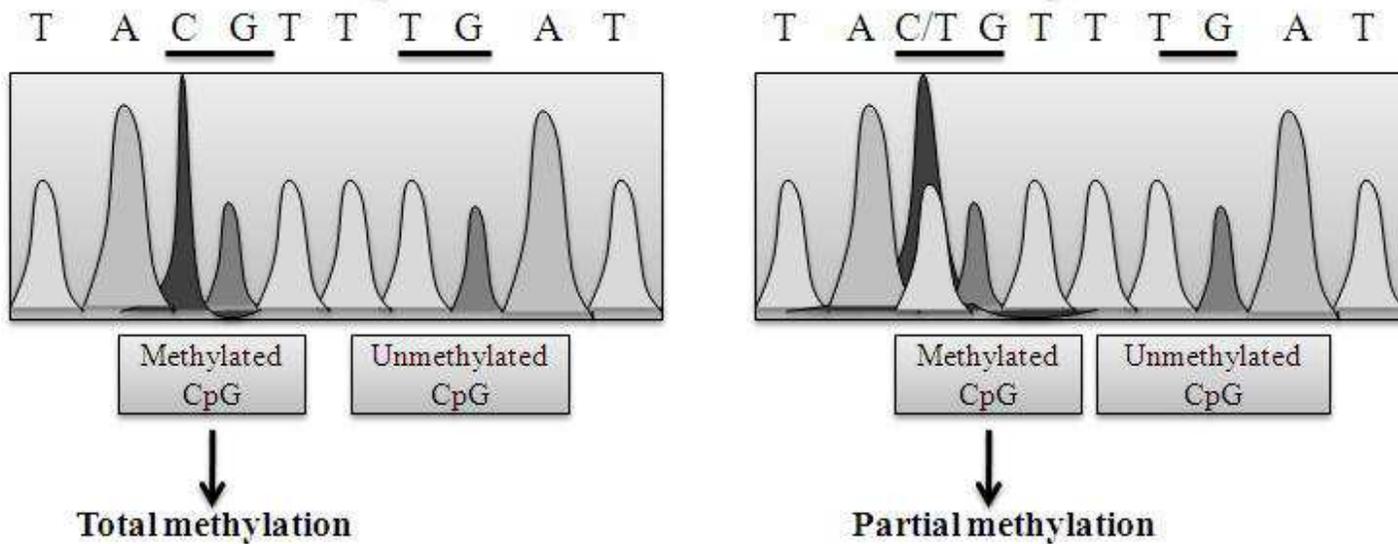
Original DNA double strand



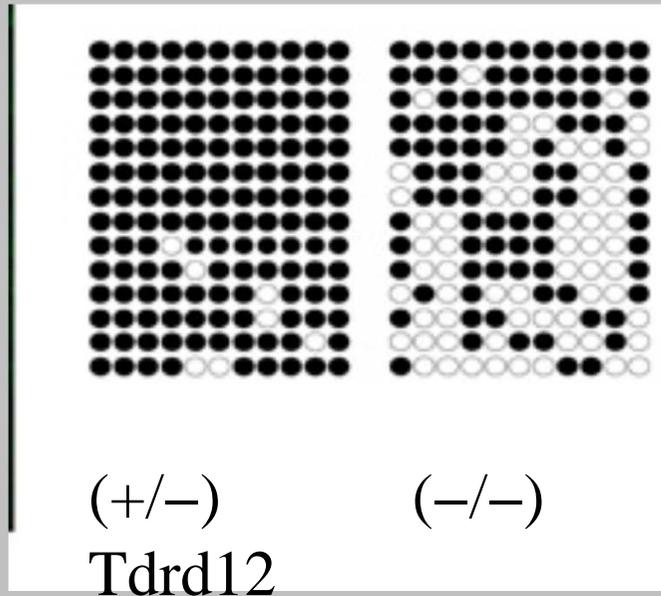
Bisulfite conversion

PCR amplification

Interpretation of sequencing data



CpG DNA methylation (filled circles) on transposon L1 Promoters



Tdrd12 mutant -

Epigenetic status of LINE-1 predicts clinical outcome in early-stage rectal cancer

British Journal of
Cancer (2013) 109,
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Method

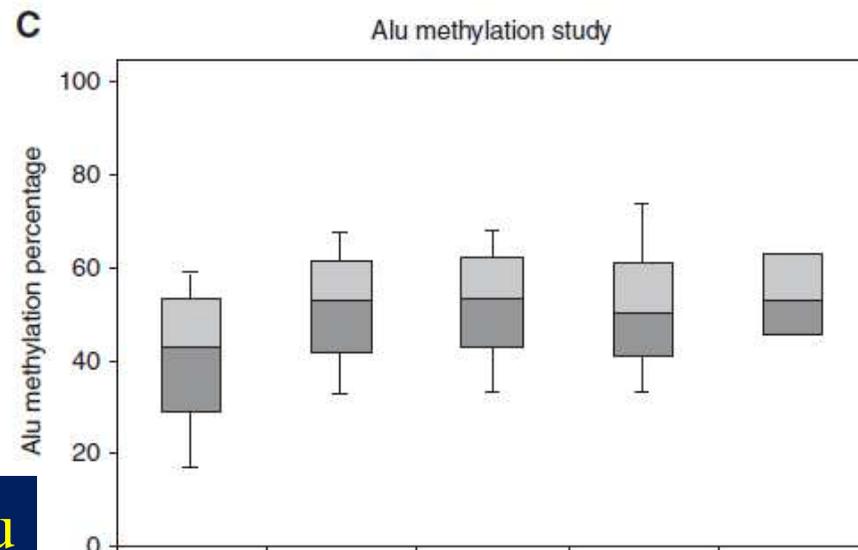
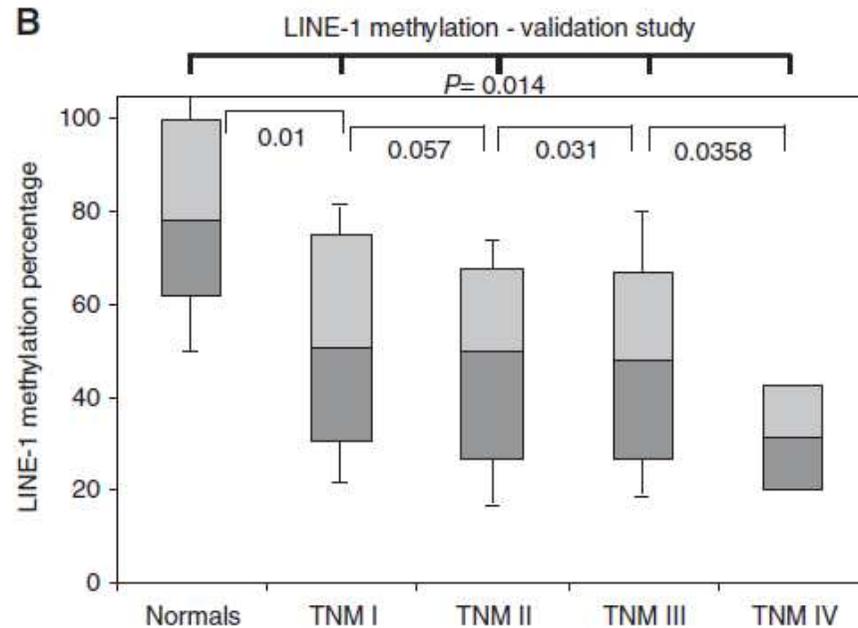
Bisulfite conversion

quantitative real-time PCR with probes
specific to the bisulfite-converted
methylated or unmethylated LINE-1
sequence

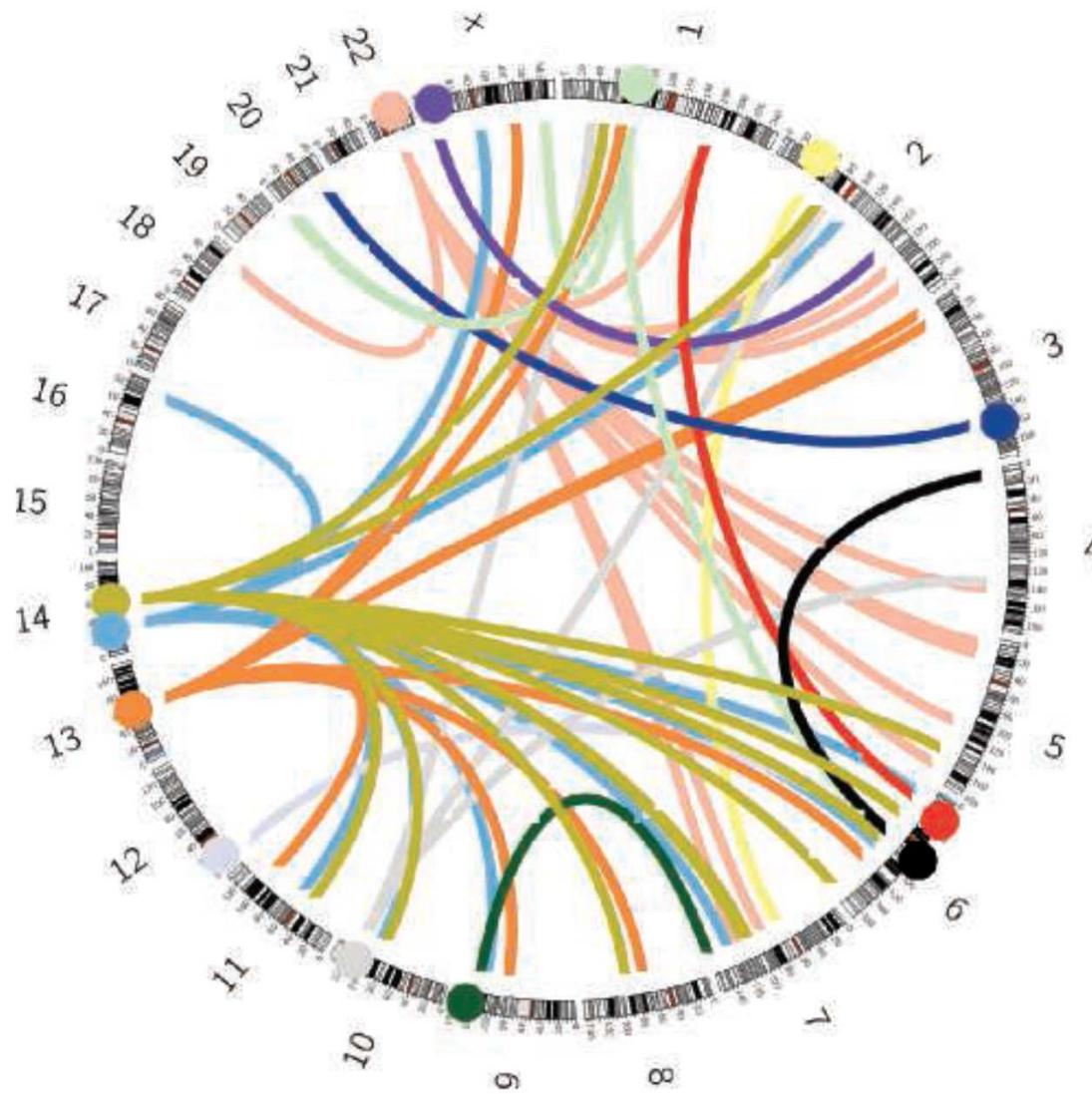
L1

TNM (tumour node metastasis);
early-stage rectal cancer (stage I-II),

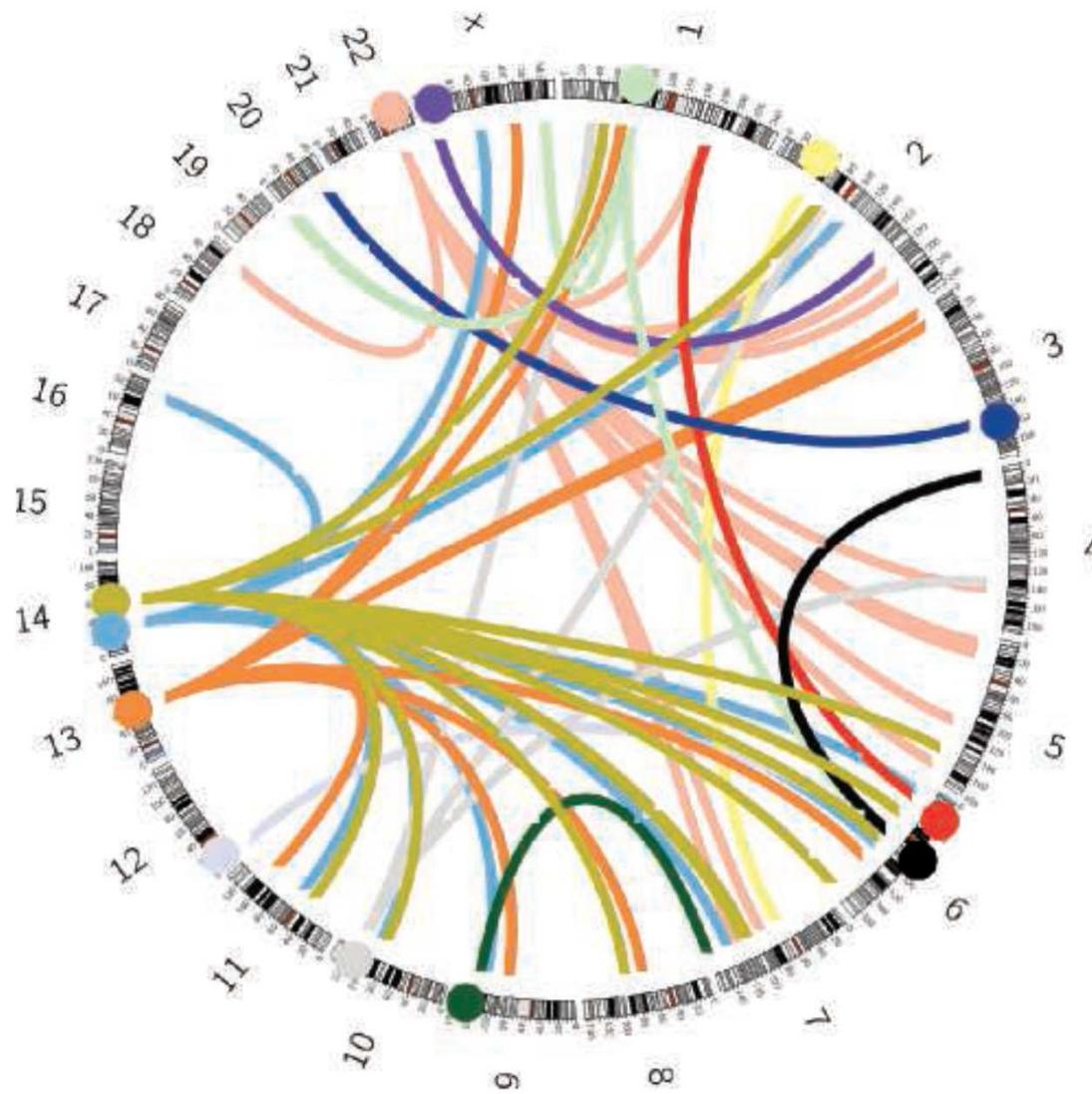
Alu



L1 and Tumor In a lung tumor, hundreds of 3' transductions arose from a small number of active L1 source elements (colored circles)



These somatic L1 insertions are not only **potential mutagens** in the development of tumor , but also useful **markers of tumor clones**



Interazione espressione L1 e mutageni

Benzopirene (genotossico) ed L1

- **Cells**

- a) primary mouse embryo fibroblasts (MEFs) and
- b) Retinoblastoma (RB) null MEFs (TKO)

- **Treatment**

medium (Control 1), 0.06 % DMSO (control2)

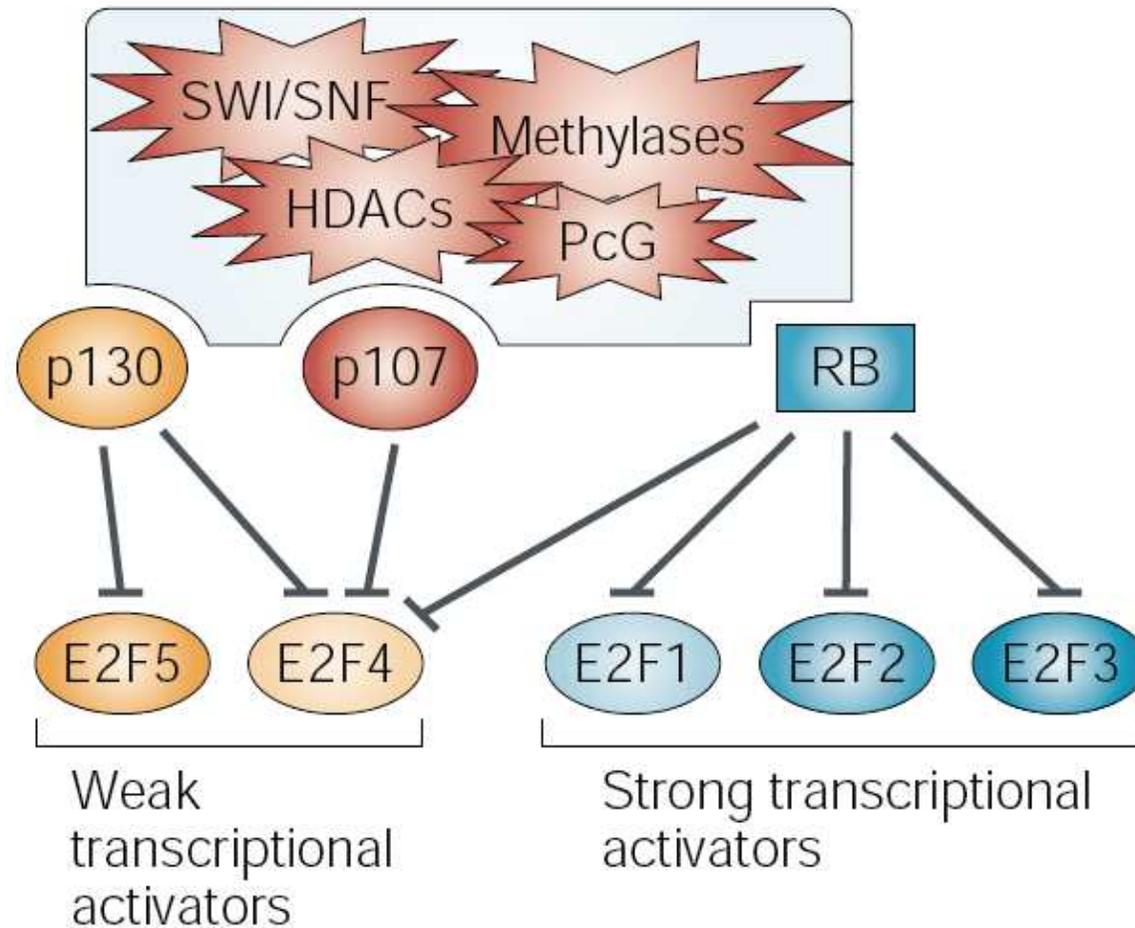
3 μ M B(a)P for 16 h.

- **Assay**

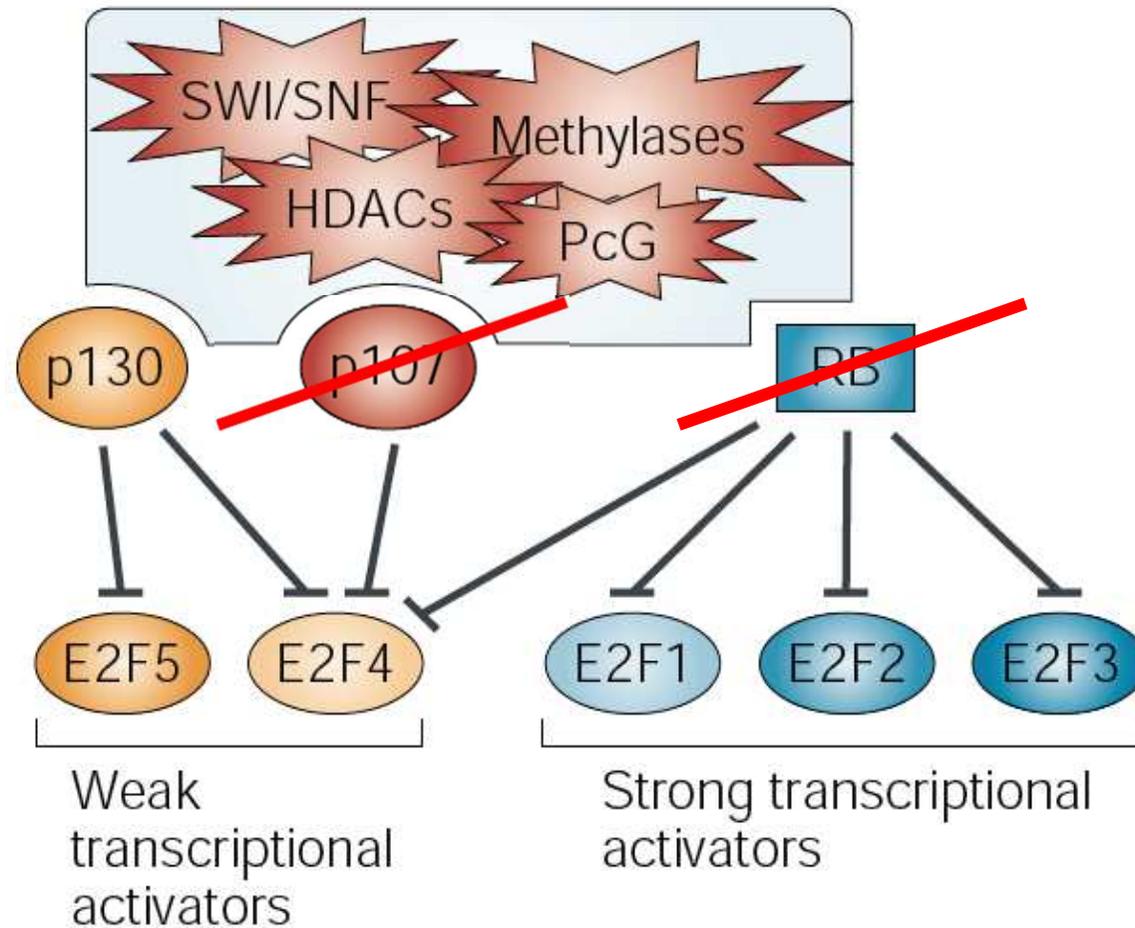
Total RNA -> cDNA -> qPCR

primers β actin or murine L1 ORF1

Retinoblastoma (RB) – una proteina oncosoppressore

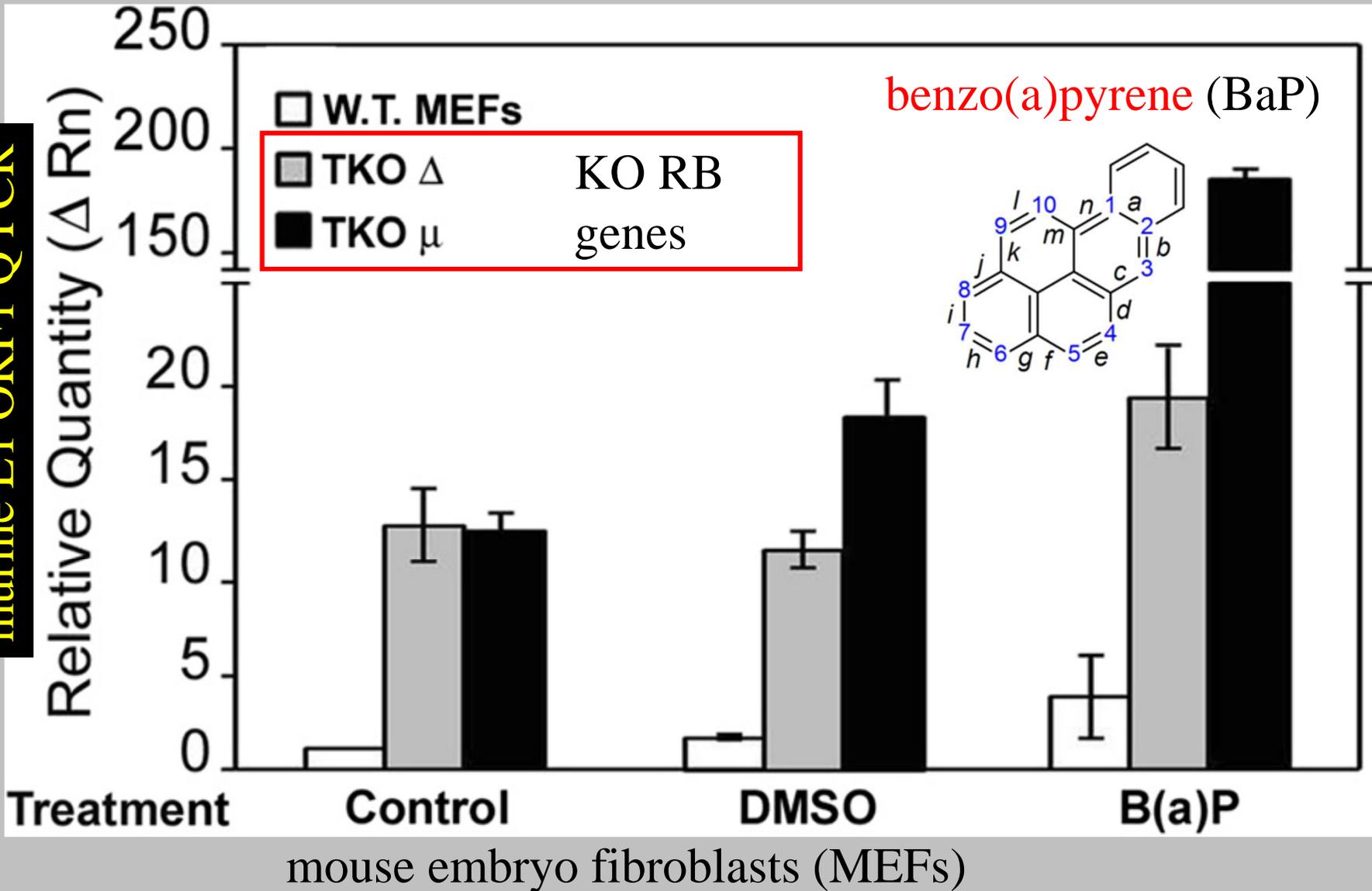


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Genotoxic injury in the absence of the Retinoblastoma (RB) proteins upregulates L1 expression

murine L1 ORF1 Q PCR



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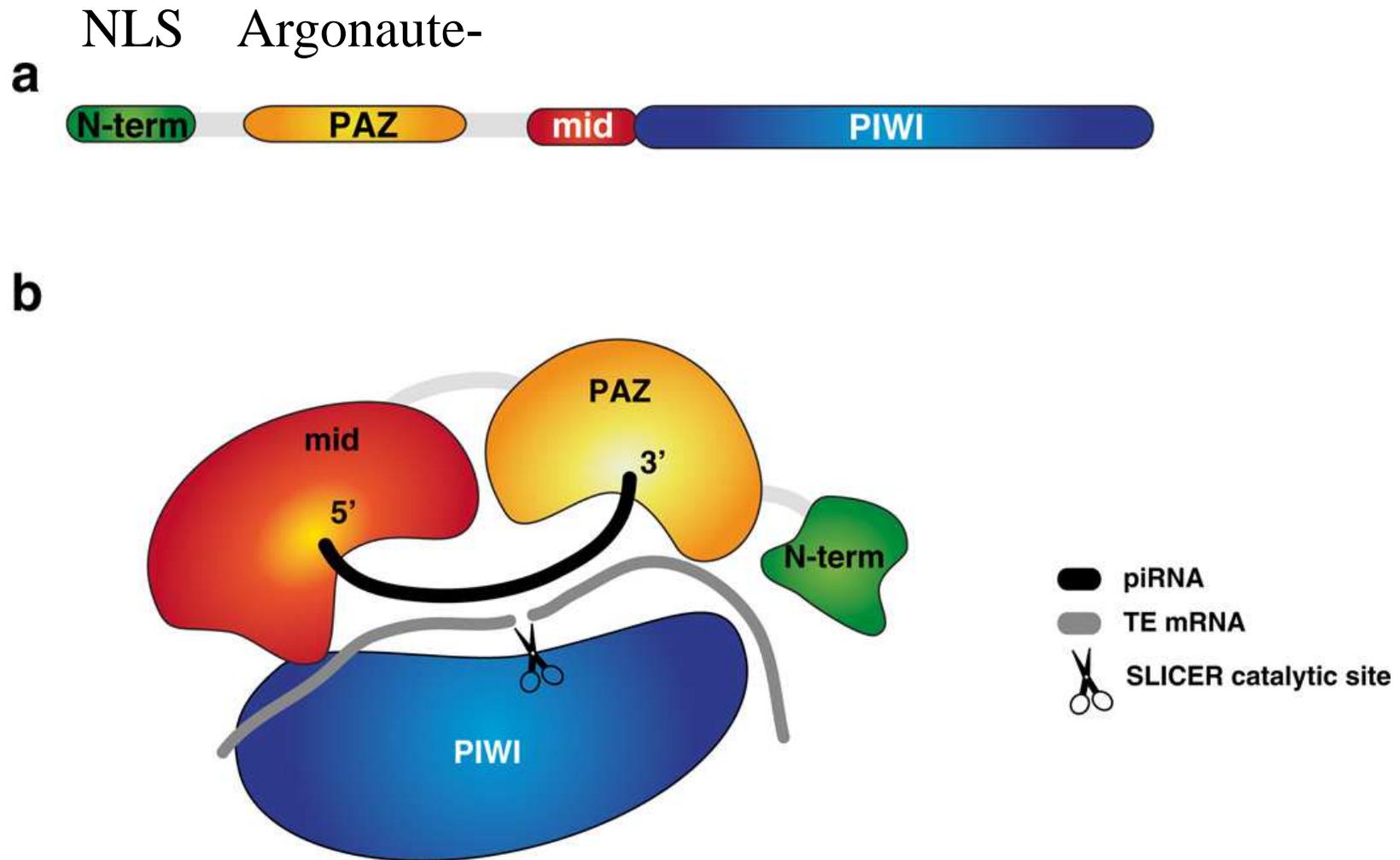
MILI

MIWI

MIWI2

Cytoplasmic **MIWI** have a role in maintaining repression by **direct cleavage** of transposon transcripts using their endonucleolytic

(**Slicer**) cleavage activity

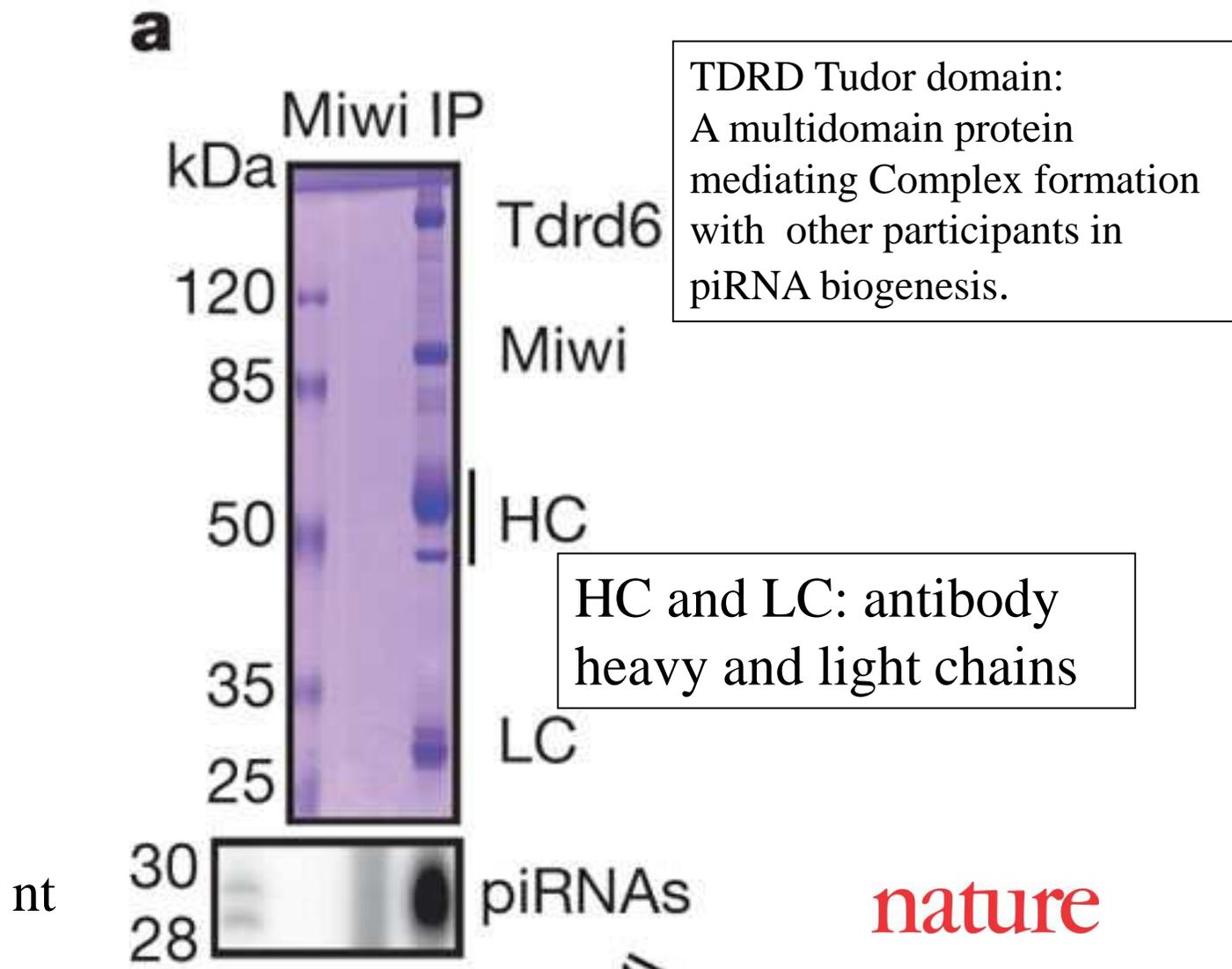


domain structure of PIWI - argonaute proteins

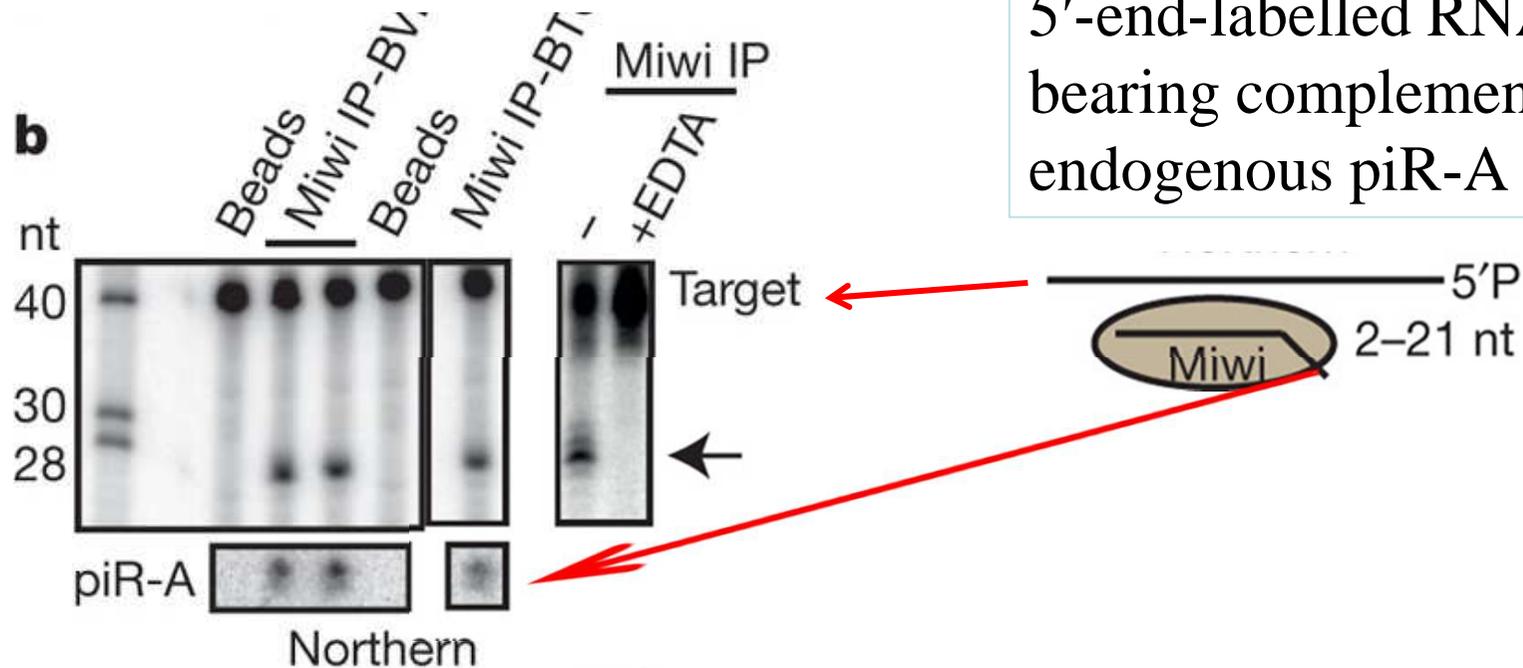
SLICER

- Posttranscriptional transposon silencing bases on degradation of transposon transcripts
- to prevent either reverse transcription followed by genomic reintegration or
- To prevent translation into proteins that mediate the transposition process

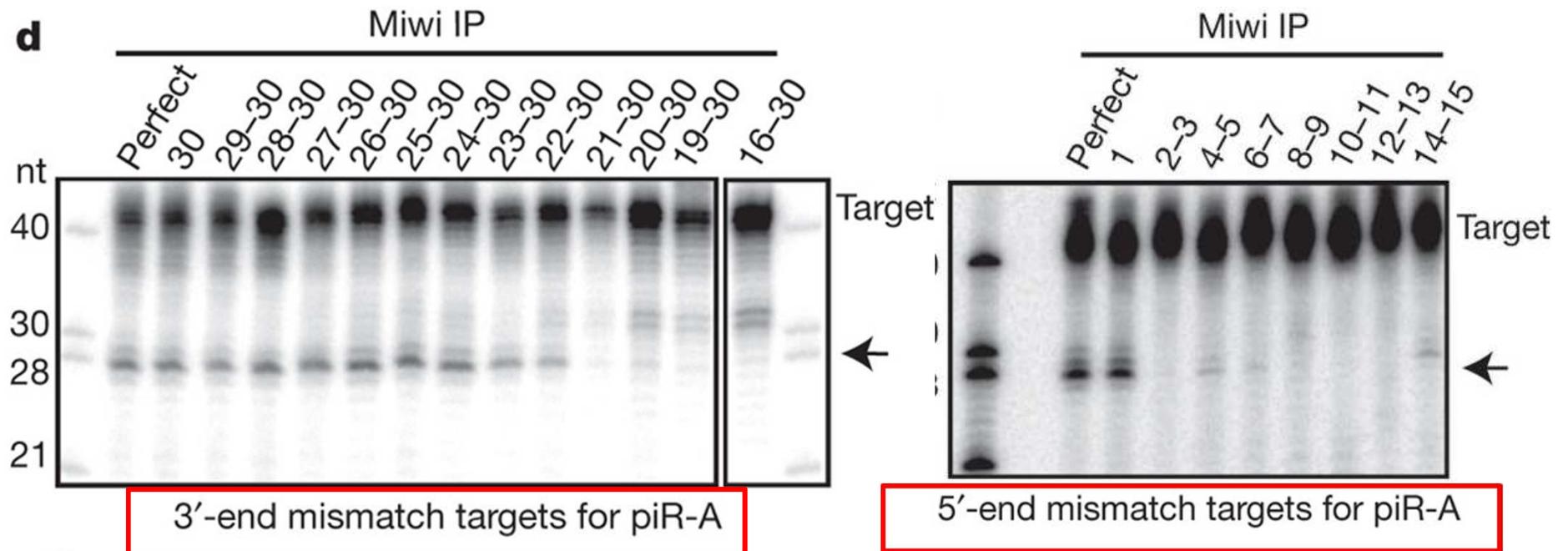
Miwi complexes and 5'-end-labelled small RNAs (piRNAs).



Slicer assays with Miwi complexes (immunopurified)
or beads (control)

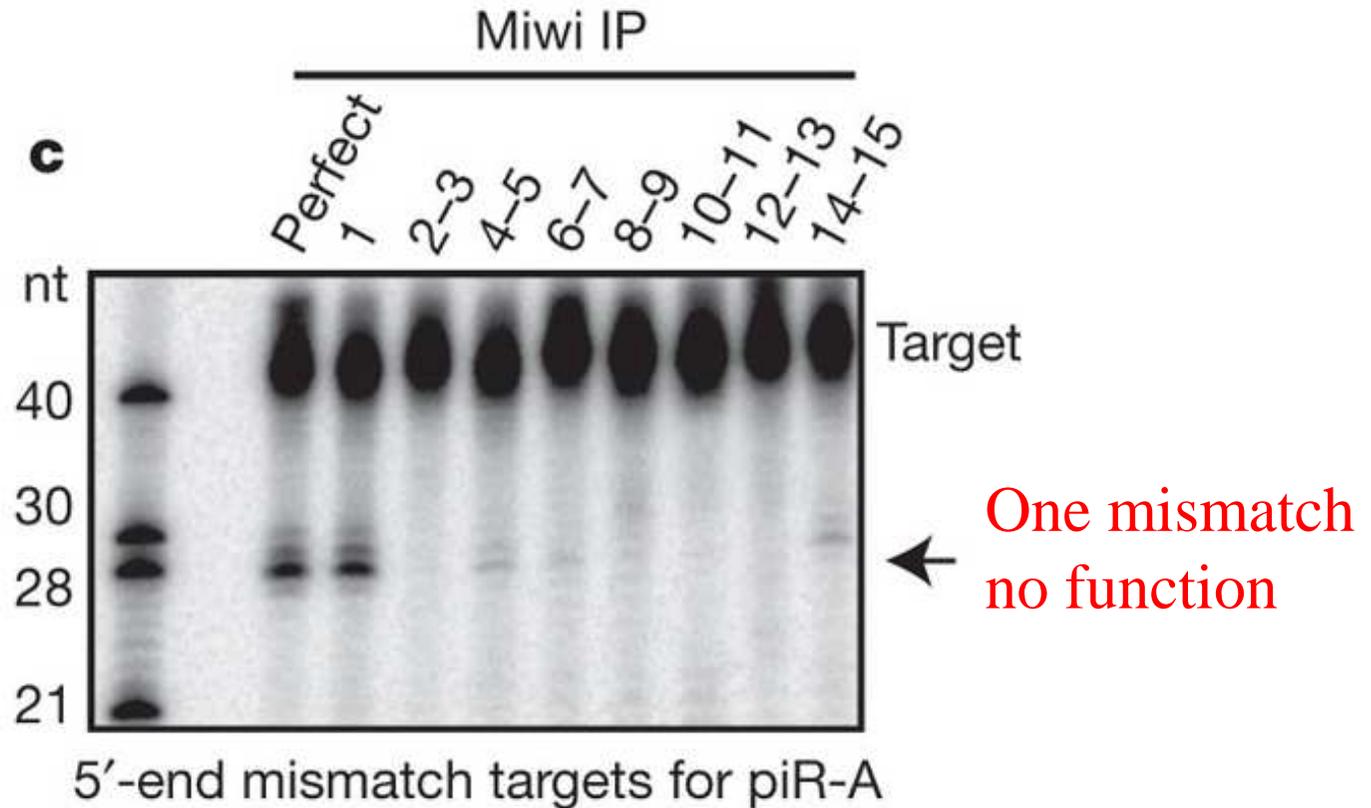


Miwi is a small RNA-guided RNase (slicer) that requires extensive complementarity for target cleavage



nature

Miwi is a slicer requiring extensive 5' complementarity for target cleavage.



The slicer activity depends on a catalytic motif (Asp-Asp-His; DDH motif)

Miwi mice heterozygous (Miwi1/ADH) for a point mutation in Miwi at the first aspartate (D633A, ADH) of the catalytic motif were sterile

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