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**DNA hypomethylation during MSC chondrogenesis occurs predominantly at enhancer regions**

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### **Supplementary Figure 1. Validation of 12 DMLs by pyrosequencing**

Methylation at Day0 and Day14 in four MSC donors measured by pyrosequencing for 12 DMLs. A. ACAN cg01706824. B. SOX9 cg19298400. C. C2ORF82 cg07623116. D. C2ORF82 cg13047596. E. COL11A2 cg27512176, cg12472351 and cg19628686. F. FMOD cg15824962. G. MIA cg25152942. H. EXT1 cg22271457. I. SERPINA3 cg08057786 and cg06190732. For some pyrosequencing assays additional adjacent CpGs were also measured (denoted by + or -). The sequence analysed is reproduced below the plot with the CpGs in bold and the original DML underlined. Significant differences between Day0 and Day14 were assessed by two-tailed paired Students *t*-test.

### **Supplementary Figure 2. Comparison of the extent of methylation changes per MSC donor during chondrogenesis**

Beta value methylation change at Day14 for each MSC donor DML compared to the average beta methylation of all donors at Day0. A. Donor 1 vs Donor 2. B. Donor 1 vs Donor 3. C. Donor 2 vs Donor 3. Red indicates >10% hypomethylation, blue >10% hypermethylation at Day14 for both donors.

### **Supplementary Table 1. List of differentially methylated loci (DML) during MSC chondrogenesis**

Column heading descriptions: 450K array CpG ID; Day0 average beta methylation; Day14 average beta methylation; change in methylation at Day14 vs Day0; adjusted P value; chromosome; base position; DNA strand; CpG island identifier; the relation to CpG island; the UCSC RefGene name; the UCSC RefGene accession number and the UCSC RefGene group in relation to gene loci.

### **Supplementary Table 2. List of differentially methylated regions (DMR) during MSC chondrogenesis**

Column heading descriptions: DMRcate DMR number; DMR genomic location; chromosome; DMR start base position; DMR end base position; DMR size (bases); number of 450K array CpGs within DMR; minimum FDR of the smoothed estimate - where FDR smoothing results in increased power and cleaner spatial separation of signals from noise; Stouffer summary transform of the individual CpG FDRs – where the Stouffer method generates a more conservative combined statistic from independent significant test p values; maximum beta methylation change within the DMR; average beta methylation change within the DMR; gene promoters overlapping with the DMR.

### **Supplementary Table 3. Intersection of DML during MSC chondrogenesis and DML in osteoarthritis**

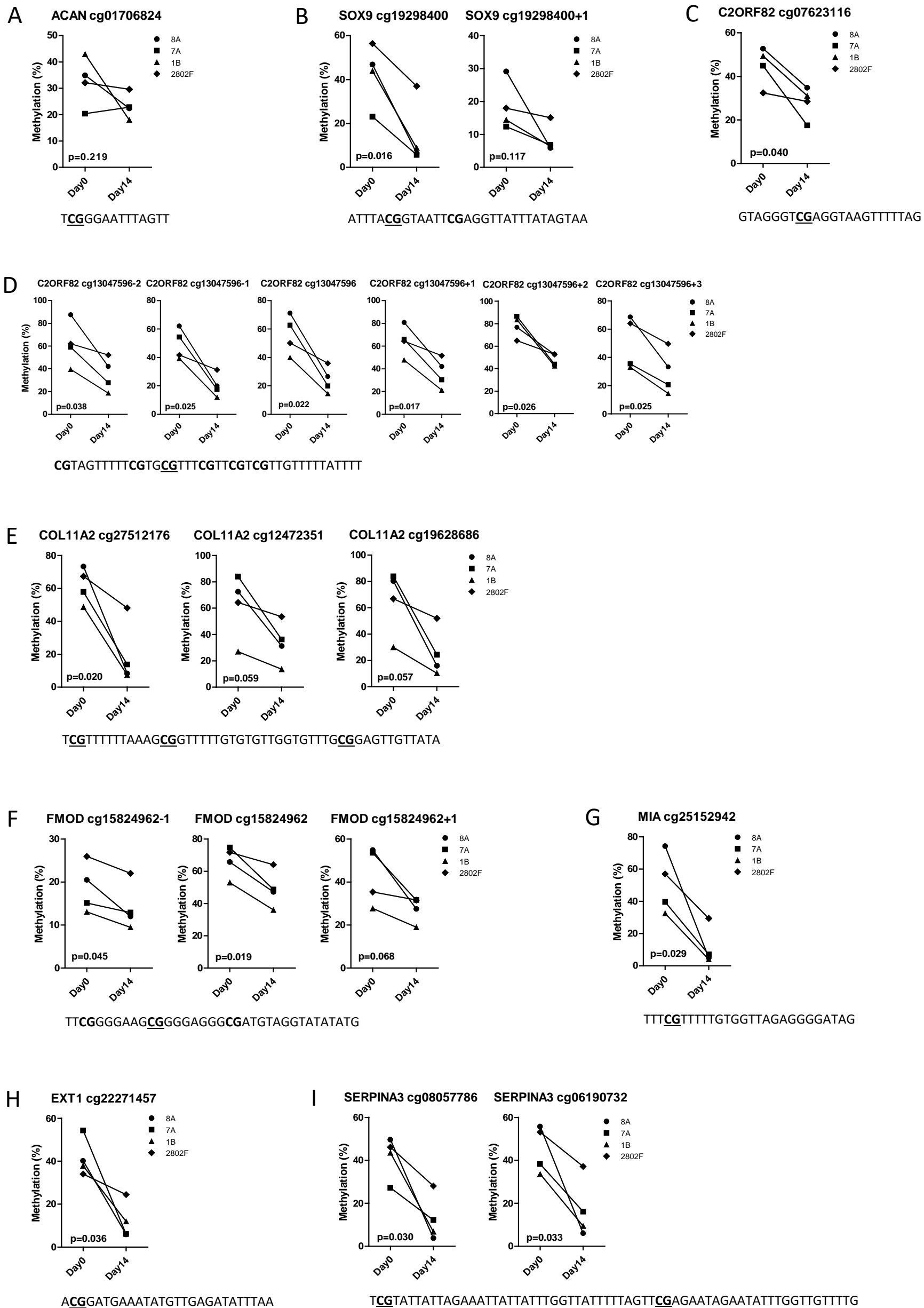
Column heading descriptions: 450K array CpG ID; Day0 average beta methylation; Day14 average beta methylation; change in methylation at Day14 vs Day0; adjusted P value; chromosome; base position; DNA strand; CpG island identifier; the relation to CpG island; the UCSC RefGene name; the UCSC RefGene accession number and the UCSC RefGene group in relation to gene loci.

### **Supplementary Table 4. Sample information**

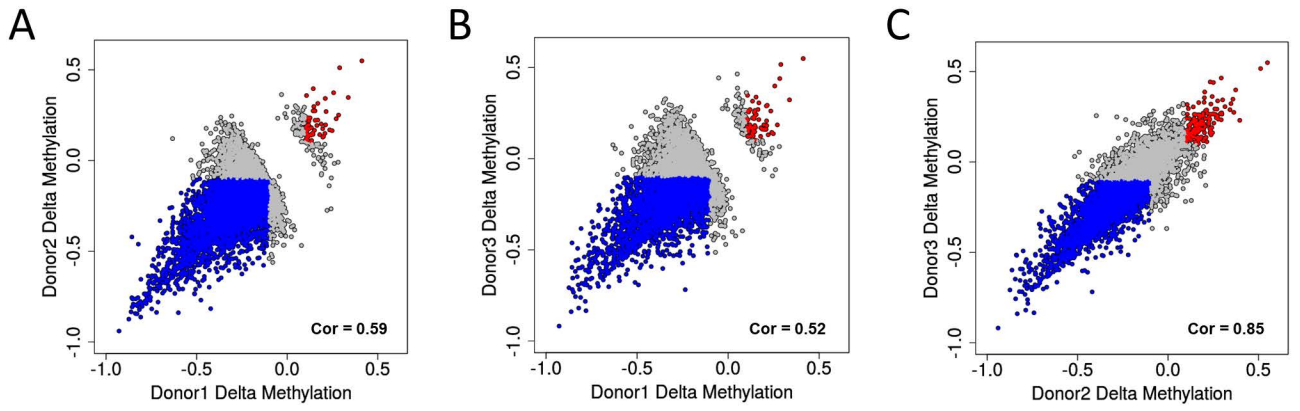
### **Supplementary Table 5. Pyrosequencing primers**

Sequences of forward, biotinylated-reverse (\*) and sequencing primers for pyrosequencing including the sequence to analyse for the PyroMark Q24 Advanced platform.

# Supplementary Figure 1



## Supplementary Figure 2



Supplementary Table 4

<b>Samples</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Treatment</b>
MSC_Donor1_Day0_1	F	22	Day0 undifferentiated
MSC_Donor1_Day0_2	F	22	Day0 undifferentiated
MSC_Donor1_Day0_3	F	22	Day0 undifferentiated
MSC_Donor1_Day14_1	F	22	Day14 chondrogenic
MSC_Donor1_Day14_2	F	22	Day14 chondrogenic
MSC_Donor1_Day14_3	F	22	Day14 chondrogenic
MSC_Donor2_Day0_1	F	24	Day0 undifferentiated
MSC_Donor1_Day0_4	F	22	Day0 undifferentiated
MSC_Donor3_Day0_4	F	24	Day0 undifferentiated
MSC_Donor4_Day14_1	M	22	Day14 chondrogenic
MSC_Donor2_Day0_2	F	24	Day0 undifferentiated
MSC_Donor2_Day14_1	F	24	Day14 chondrogenic

Supplementary Table 5

CpG	Primer	Primer sequence	
ACAN cg01706824	F	TTTTTTGGGACTGGAGTTAAATATATAA	
	R	*CTAACACCCCTCTCACT	
	Sequencing	GTGTTAGGGATGATAAATTTT	Sequence to analyze: TYGGGAATTT AGTT
SOX9 cg19298400	F	ATTAGATATTTAGGGTTGGAATTTAAGT	
	R	*CCCTCACCTCTACAAATAAATATCAT	
	Sequencing	AGGGTATTTTGGTTTATATG	Sequence to analyze: ATTTAYGGTA ATTYGAGGTT ATTTATAGTA A
C2ORF82 cg07623116	F	GGGAGTTTAGTTAAGGTTAGTGGATTGAA	
	R	*TCCACCTCTAAACCCTCAAATCTATCA	
	Sequencing	TGGGTGGGAAGTTGA	Sequence to analyze: GTAGGGTYGA GGTAAAGTTTT TAG
C2ORF82 cg13047596	F	TGTTTTAGGTTTAGGAAAGTAGGT	
	R	*CAAAACCAACAAAATACCATCCTAAC	
	Sequencing	TTTTTATTGTTTTGAAGTTAATTAG	Sequence to analyze: YGTAGTTTT YGTGYTTTTY GTTYGYGTT GTTTTATTT T
COL11A2 cg27512176, cg12472351 and cg19628686	F	TGTGGGTAGGTTGTTTATATGAT	
	R	*AACCCACCTAAACCTAAC	
	Sequencing	TTTGTGTTTTGTTTTATTTATTTT	Sequence to analyze: TYGTTTTTA AAGYGGTTTT TGTGTGTTGG TGTTTGYGGA GTTGTATA
FMOD cg15824962	F	TGGAATAAGTGTTTAGAAAGTTGTAAGT	
	R	*CTTCTACCCTAATCTCTCT	
	Sequencing	AATTAGGTGGTATTATATT	Sequence to analyze: T TYGGGAAG YGGGAGGGY GATGTAGGTA TATATG
MIA cg25152942	F	TGGGATTTGTTTAGTTAAGGTTTAGTA	
	R	*ATTCAATCCATCTTCTTAAATTAAC	
	Sequencing	GGTGGTTTTTTTATAGGTTT	Sequence to analyze: TTTYGTTTT GTGGTTAGAG GGGATAG
EXT1 cg22271457	F	ATGTAGGGGATAGTTATTATTGTGTTA	
	R	*TTCTAAATTTCTAAAAATCCAATTAT	
	Sequencing	GGTGAAATTTTGGAGATGAG	Sequence to analyze: AYGGATGAAA TATGTTGAGA TATTTAA
SERPINA3 cg08057786 and cg06190732	F	GTTTTTTGATTTGGAGGAAGAGA	
	R	*CAAAAACTCCTCCCCTACTT	
	Sequencing	ATTTGAGTAGGTTAATAAGT	Sequence to analyze: TYGTATTATT AGAAATTATT ATTTGGTTAT TTTTAGTTYG AGAATAGAAT ATTTGGTTGT TTTG