



Data in Brief

Genome-wide analysis of histone acetylation dynamics during mouse embryonic stem cell neural differentiation



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ABSTRACT

Epigenetic modification as an intrinsic fine-tune program cooperates with key transcription factors to regulate the cell fate determination. The histone acetylation participating in neural differentiation of pluripotent stem cells is expected but not well studied. Here, using acetylated histone H3 ChIP-sequencing (ChIP-seq), we demonstrate that the histone H3 acetylation level is gradually increased on the neural gene loci while decreased on the neural-inhibitory gene loci during mouse embryonic stem cell (mESC) neural differentiation. We further show that histone deacetylase 1 (HDAC1) is essential for neural commitment by targeting Nodal signaling. Thus, our study reveals a mechanism by which the epigenetic modification of histone acetylation/deacetylation interacts with extracellular signaling in mESC neural fate determination. Data were deposited in Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) datasets under reference number [GSE66025](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE66025).

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Specifications

Organism/cell line/tissue	Time-course differentiated mESCs
Sex	Male
Sequencer or array type	Illumina HiSeq 2000 for acetylated histone H3 ChIP-seq, Illumina Genome Analyzer IIx for histone deacetylase 1 (HDAC1) ChIP-seq
Data format	Raw and analyzed
Experimental factors	Differentiated cells without treatment
Experimental features	ChIP-seq analysis of acetylated histone H3 and HDAC1
Consent	N/A
Sample source location	Shanghai, China

1. Direct link to deposited data

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE66025>.

2. Experimental design, materials and methods

Cell culture and differentiation

mESC line 46C, in which the expression of GFP was driven by the endogenous *Sox1* gene (*Sox1*-GFP), was kindly provided by Dr. Austin

Smith' lab. The cell line was maintained in feeder-free medium [1]. The monolayer neural differentiation was performed as previously described [2,3]. Briefly, dissociated single mESCs were plated onto 0.1% gelatin coated dishes and cultured in N2B27 medium at the density of $0.5\text{--}1 \times 10^4/\text{cm}^2$. N2B27 medium comprises 50% DMEM/F12 and 50% neurobasal medium (both from GIBCO) supplemented with $1 \times \text{N}2$, $1 \times \text{B}27$ (GIBCO), 0.1% bovine serum albumin fraction V (Roche), 1 mM glutamine (GIBCO), and 0.1 mM β -mercaptoethanol (GIBCO). On days 2, 4 and 6, cells were collected for H3 acetylation ChIP and HDAC1 ChIP-seq was performed on day 2 samples (Fig. 1).

mESCs were differentiated into neural progenitors during 6 days. Cell samples were collected from day 2 to day 6. EpiSC: Epiblast stem cell; NPC: neural progenitor cell.

2.1. ChIP-seq

ChIP assays were performed as described previously [4]. Briefly, differentiated cells were cross-linked, lysed and sonicated to generate DNA fragments with an average size of 200 bp. Cell lysate was subjected to immunoprecipitation with antibodies against acetylated H3 or HDAC1 or directly used as ChIP input. 10–15 ng IP DNA and input DNA measured by Qubit Fluorometer (Invitrogen) were used to construct sequencing library by ChIP-Seq Sample Prep Kit (Illumina). Enriched DNA sequencing was performed on HiSeq 2000 or Genome Analyzer IIx (Illumina).

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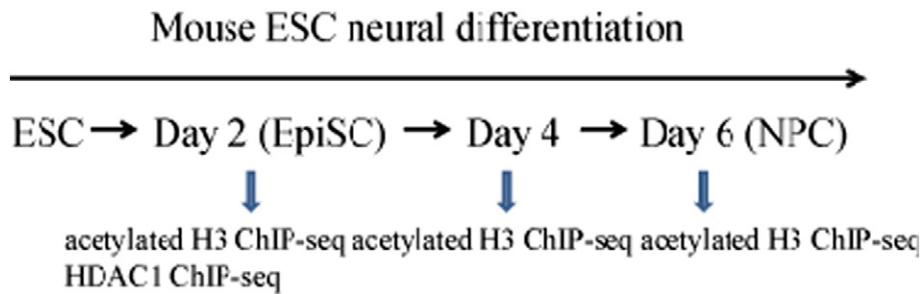


Fig. 1. The histone acetylation ChIP-seq analysis during mouse ESC neural differentiation.

2.2. Data analysis

Reads were mapped to mm10 using bowtie (version 0.12.8). Only reads with less than two mismatches that uniquely mapped to the genome were used in subsequent analyses. Peaks were called using MACS (macs14 1.4.2) with default parameter [5]. Signal of merged peaks was calculated by reads from ChIP-seq located in that region subtracting that from Input, and then normalized by peak length and sequencing depth per 10 million. We defined genes bound by HDAC1 if peaks were identified by MACS at gene promoter region (upstream 2.5 kb and downstream 7.5 kb of TSS). For acetylated histone H3 ChIP-seq, read peaks from three neural differentiation time-points (days 2, 4 and 6) were further merged requiring adjacent distance less than 500 bp.

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