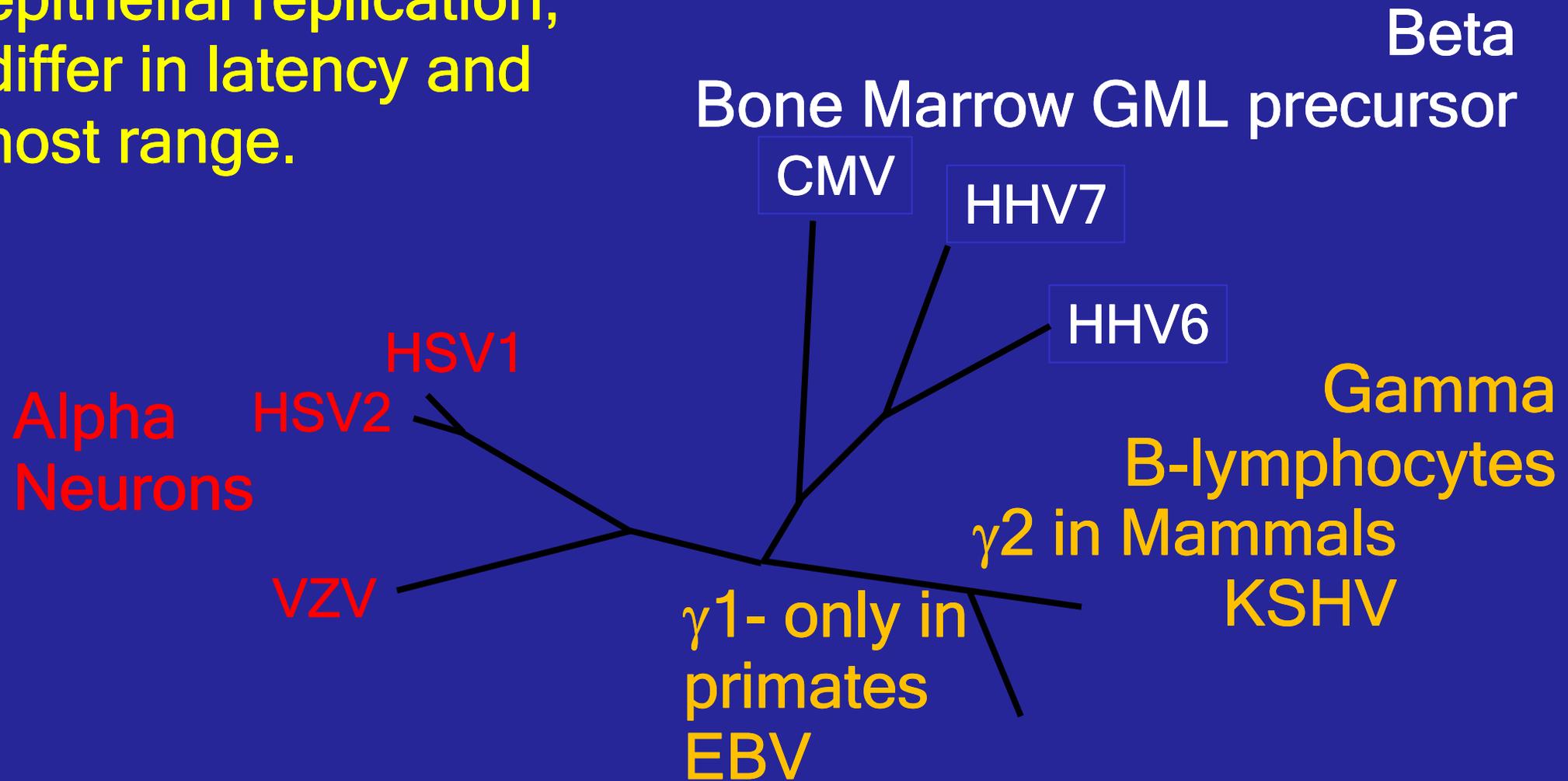
A grayscale microscopic image of cells, likely B-lymphocytes, showing various cellular structures and nuclei. The image is used as a background for the text.

**EBV transformation of B-Lymphocytes
Open Exploration, Hypotheses,
and Genome-Wide Approaches**

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8 Human Herpesviruses have 43 core genes for epithelial replication; differ in latency and host range.



In initial infection of peripheral blood B-cells, EBV Latency III infection of 6 nuclear and 2 integral membrane proteins causes B-cell proliferation, in vivo or in vitro. In lymph nodes expression restricted and immune T-cells eliminate Latency III infected cells. Without immune responses, LPD. In normal people, eBL, HD, NPC, GasCa

Primary EBV infection and Resting B-Lymphocytes (RBLs)

In primary human infection, EBV replicates in epithelial cells and infects RBLs in blood, tonsils and adenoids.

Initially, Latency III EBNA2, EBNA1P, EBNA3C, EBNA3A, EBNA1, LMP1, and LMP2 are expressed and cause RBL proliferation.

In lymphatic organs, EBNAs and LMPs are down-regulated and infected RBLs shift to a non-proliferative state. Infected RBLs become the sites for latency and, ultimately, re-activated virus replication.

Remaining Latency III proliferating RBLs are removed by NK and T-cell responses, which persist life-long .

RBLs

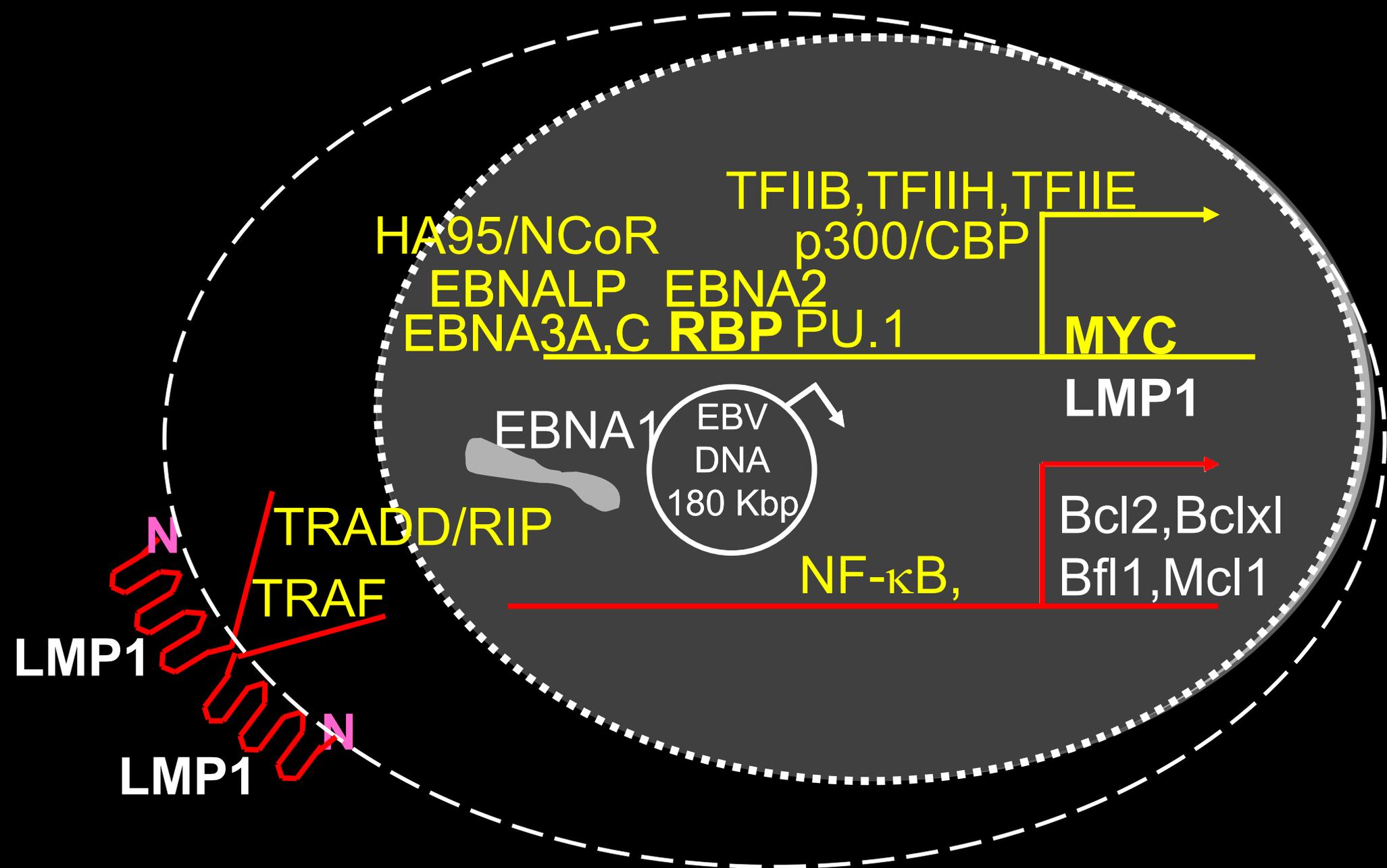
RBLs are mature sIg expressing B-cells.

RBLs are developmentally programmed to respond to antigen signaling through sIg in lymph node germinal centers, where antigen binding to RBL sIg induces *MYC*-driven hyper-proliferation.

Proliferating B-cells present antigen to CD4+ T-cells. In response, CD4+ T-cells express CD40 ligand. CD40L binds to B-cell CD40R and up-regulates B-cell NF-kB and BCL2 expression, which prevent *MYC*-proliferation induced cell death.

Following the discovery in 1994 that EBNA2 and Notch regulate *myc* transcription through RBPJ, a cell transcription factor, the central hypothesis has been that EBNA2 and Notch directly regulate *MYC* to cause B-, and T- cell transformation . How?

EBNA2/RBPJ up-regulate *MYC* and LMP1. LMP1 up-regulates NF κ B and Bcl2 family proteins, which are essential *MYC* driven cell survival and for RBL conversion to LCLs.

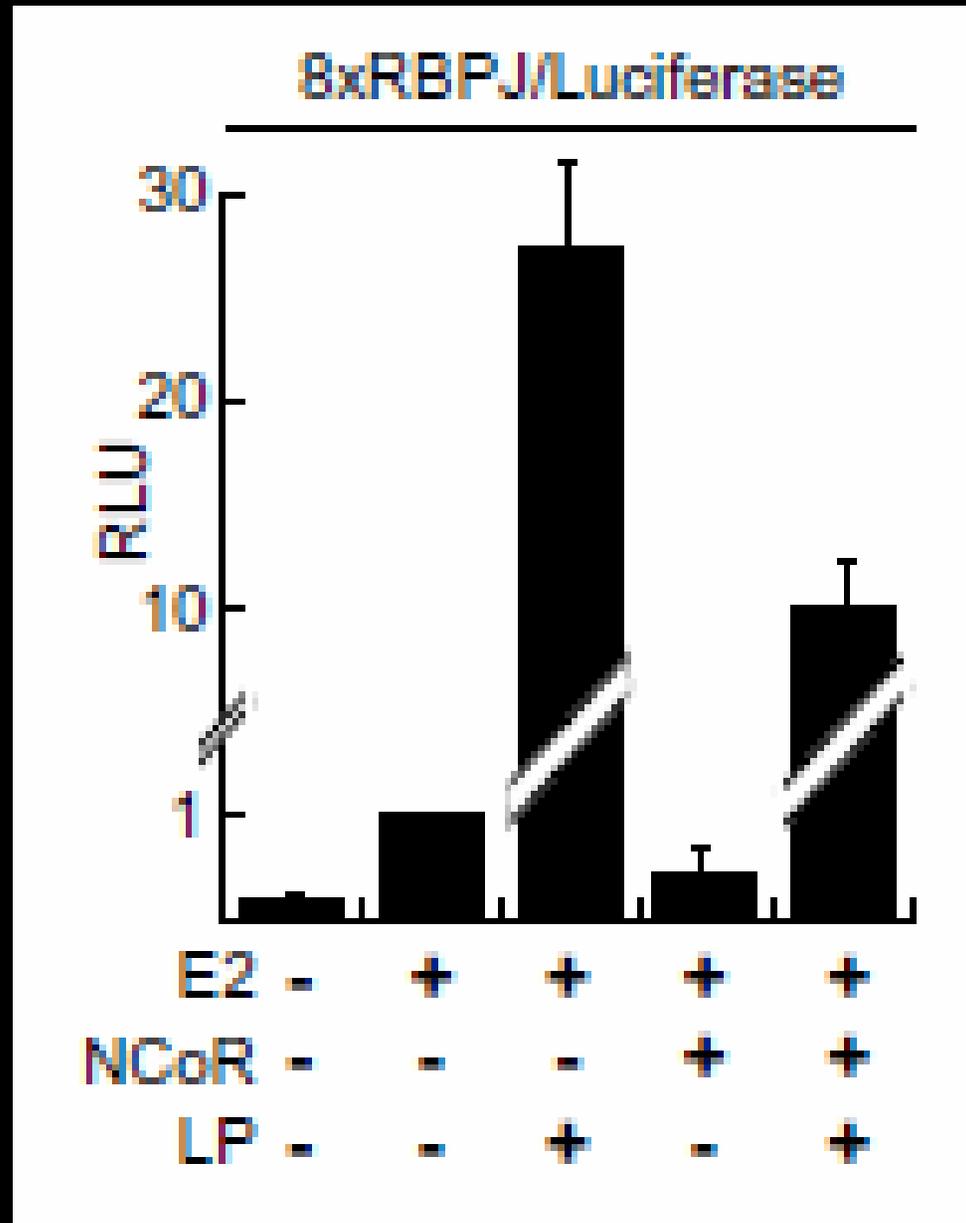


Recent Advances

EBV Nuclear Antigen EBNA1P dismisses NCoR and RBPJ repressors from enhancer sites and EBNA2 increases NCoR-deficient RBPJ at enhancer sites. (Portal, et al, PNAS, 2011)

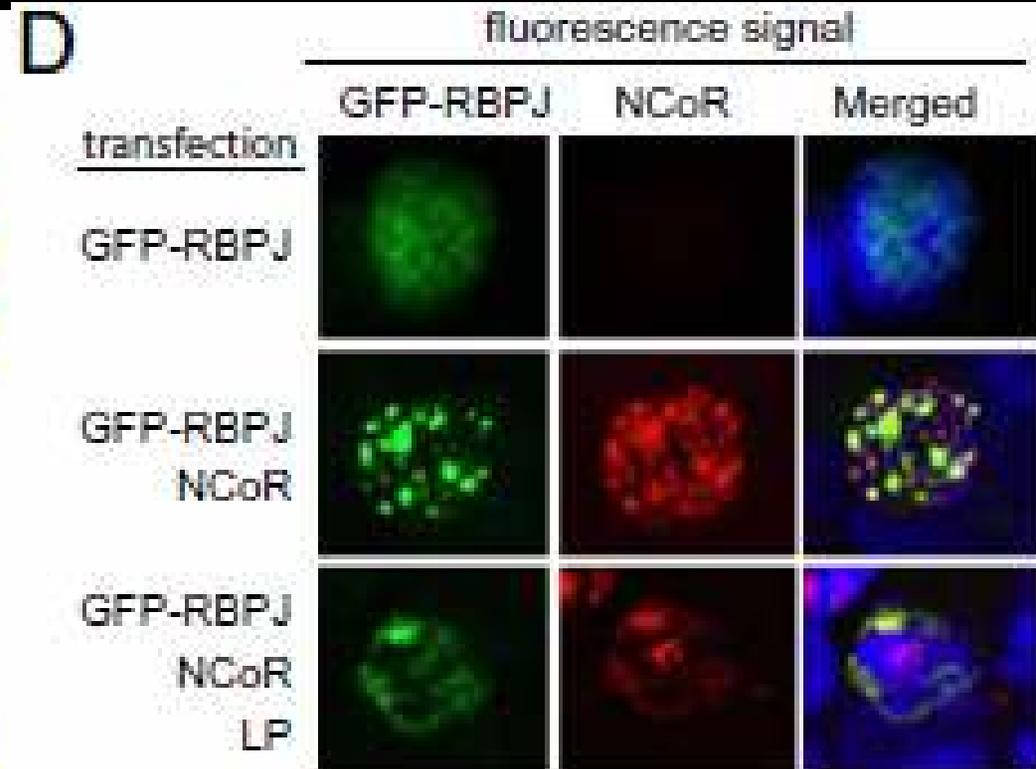
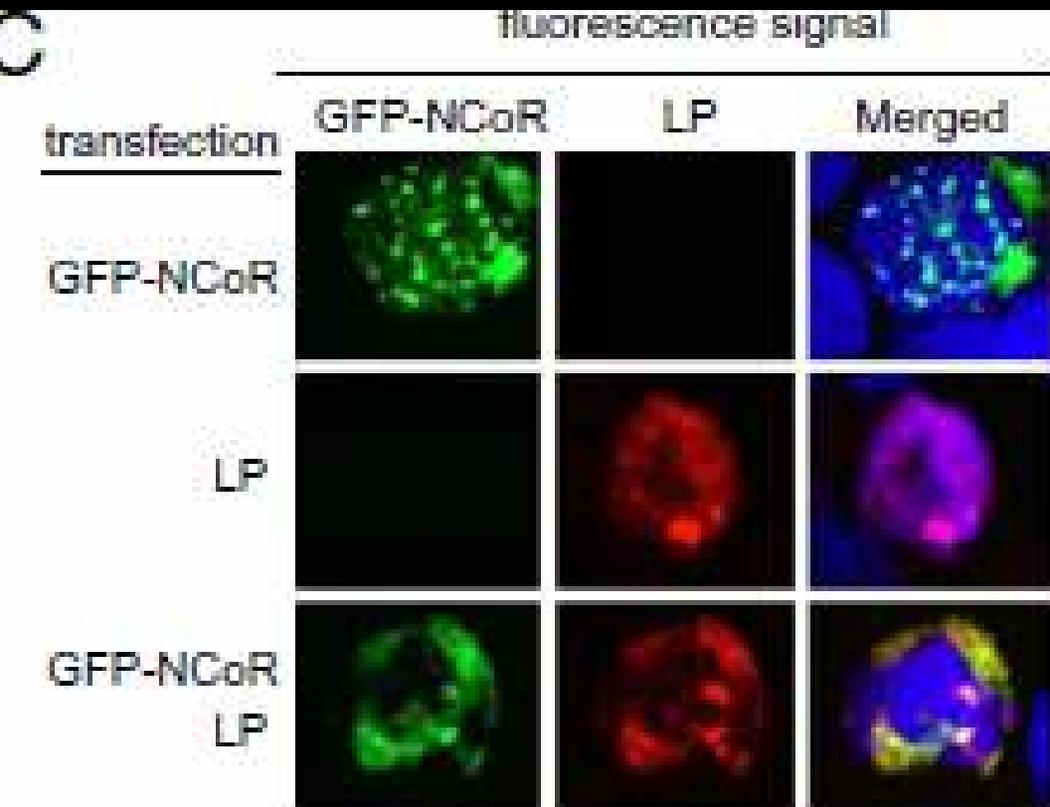
The transformation essential EBV Nuclear Proteins 3C and 3A maintain lymphoblastoid cell growth by repressing (MYC- induced) p16INK4A and p14 ARF expression. ShRNAs to p16 and p14 or HPV 16 E7 and E6 protein expression, which block p16 and p14 effects are required to restore LCL growth following conditional EBNA3A or EBNA3C inactivation. Maruo S, et al.,2011

EBNALP inhibits NCoR repression RBPJ at enhancers.

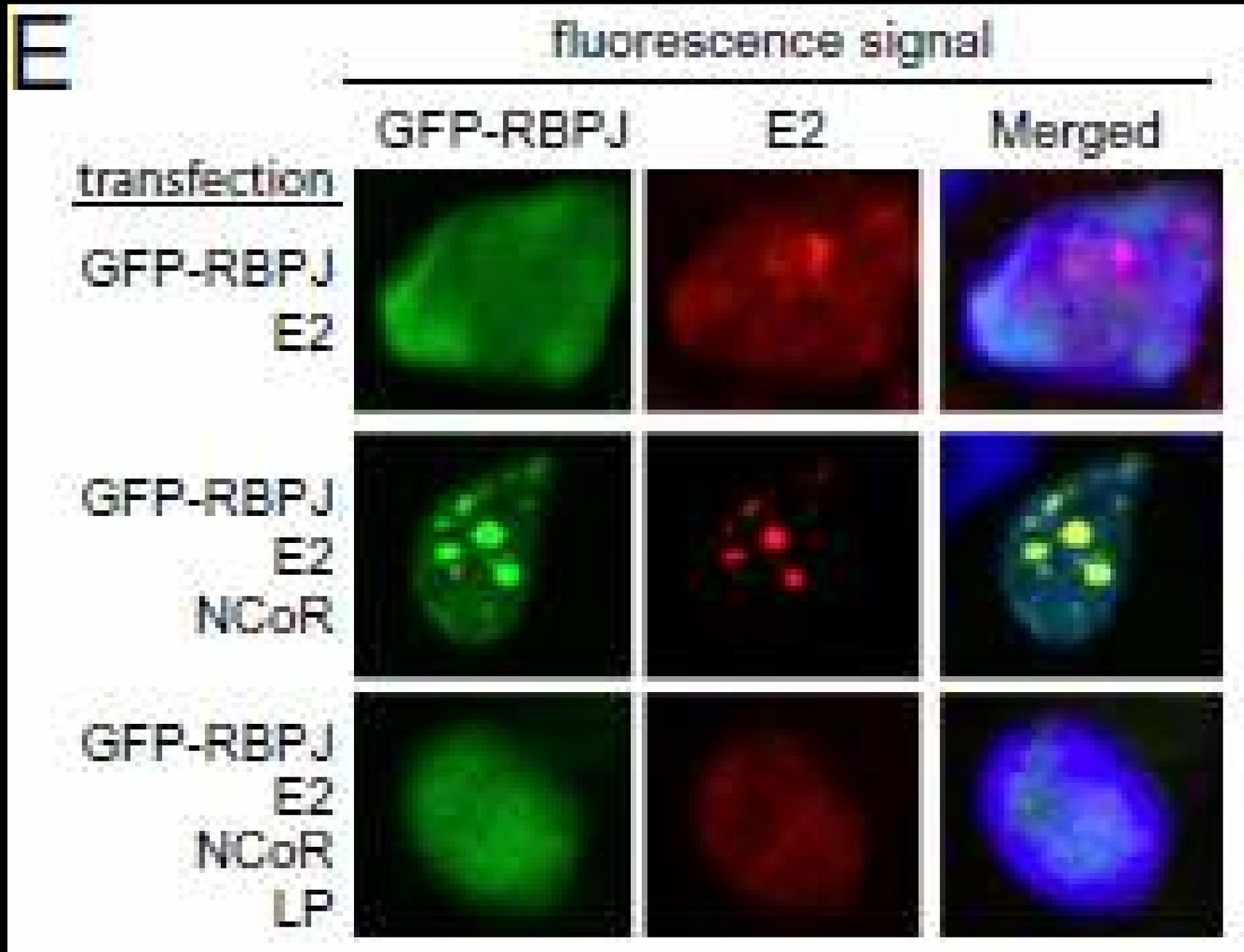


(Portal et al, 2011)

EBNALP dismisses NCoR from Matrix associated deacetylase bodies (sites of repressed chromatin)



NCoR localizes RBPJ and EBNA2 to MAD bodies and EBNALP dismisses RBPJ and EBNA2 to nucleoplasm



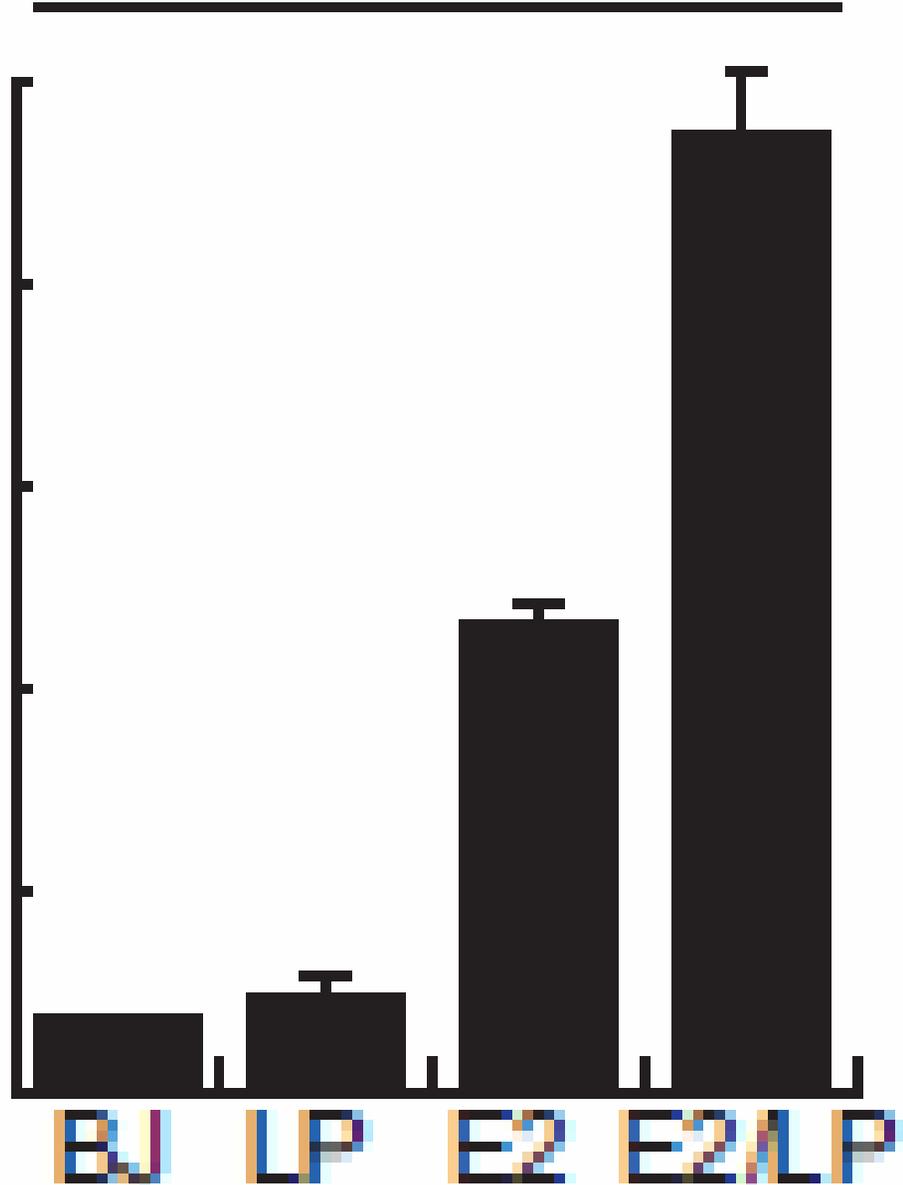
EBNALP co-activates the HES1 promoter with RBPJ.

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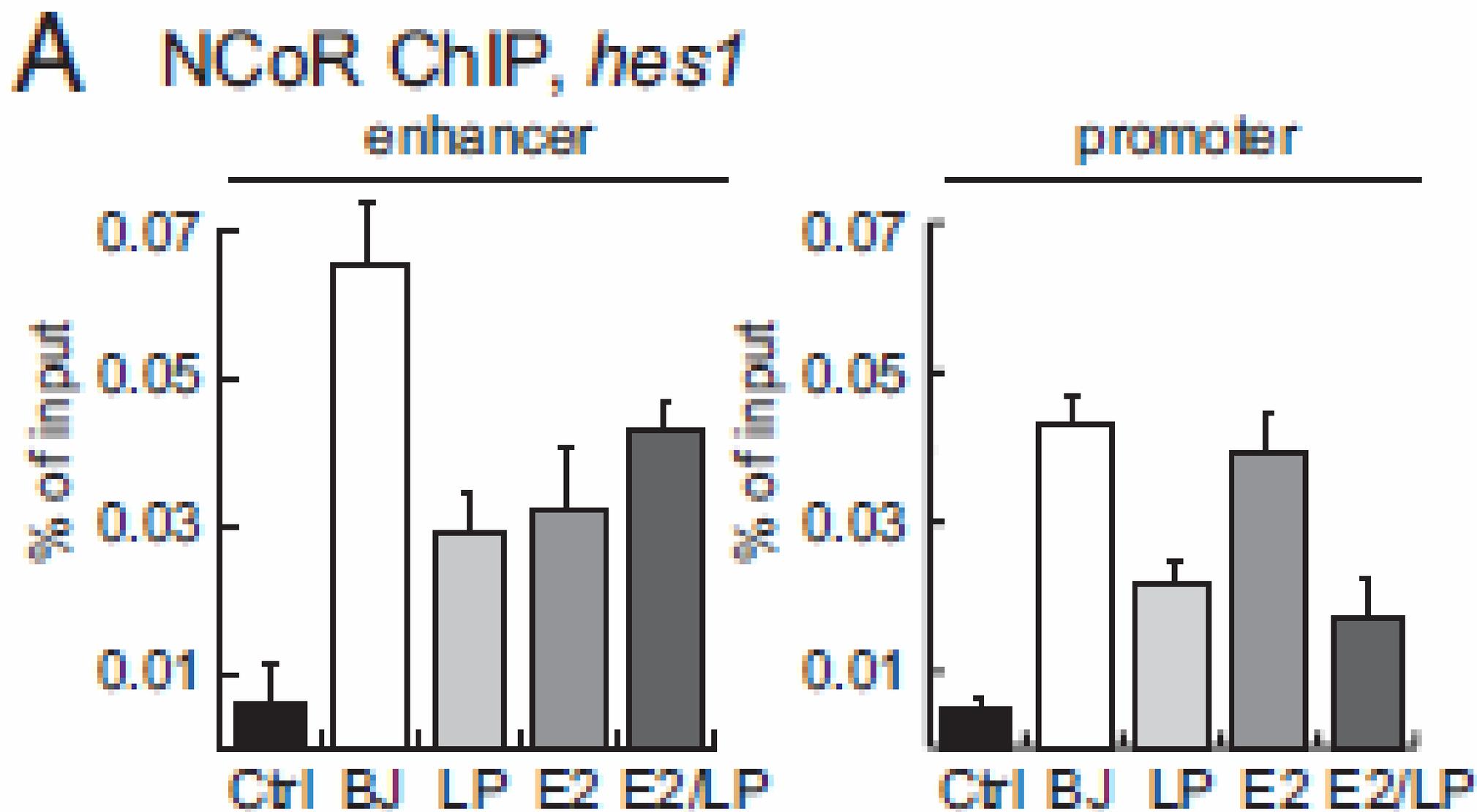
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hes1 mRNA



EBNALP dismisses NCoR from enhancer sites

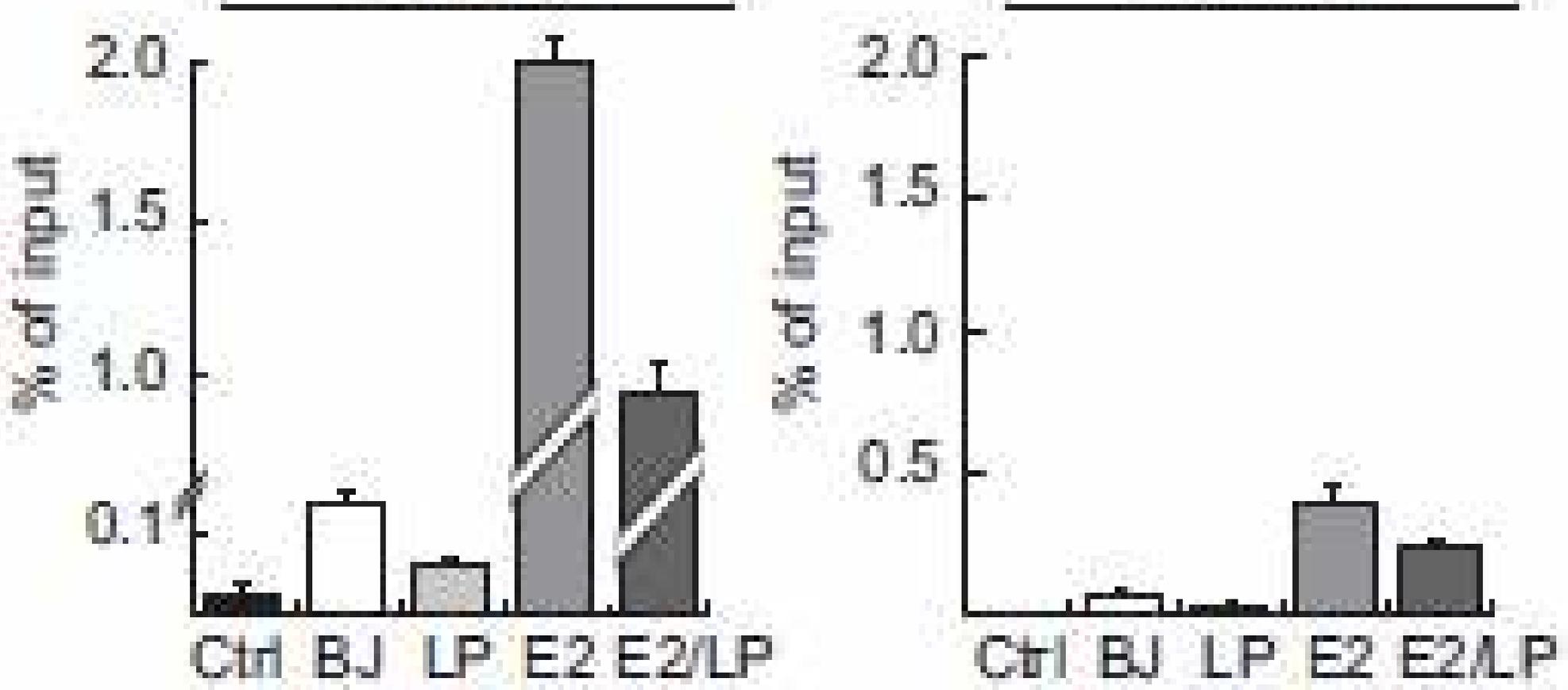


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C RBPJ ChIP, *hes1*

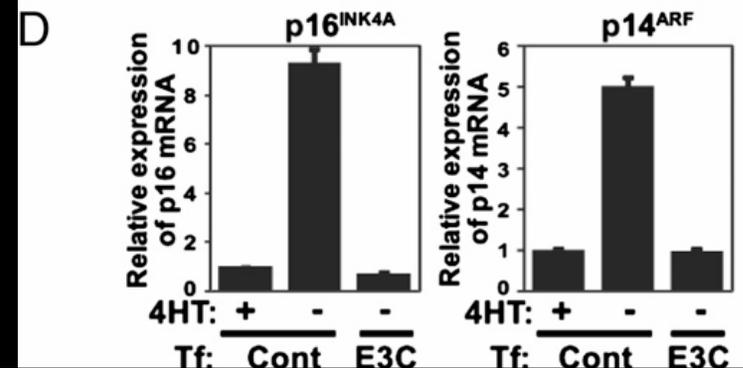
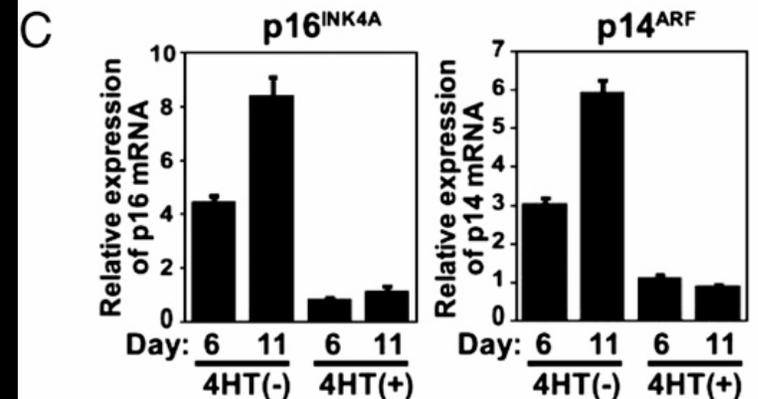
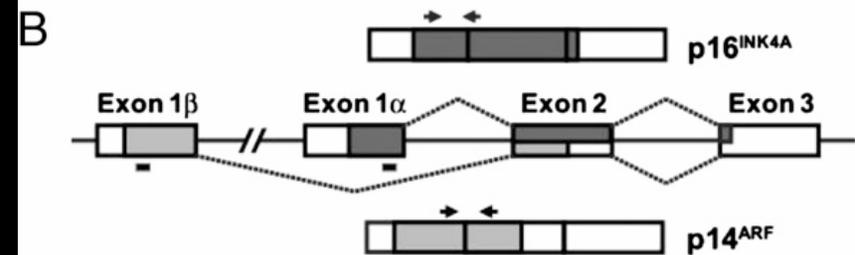
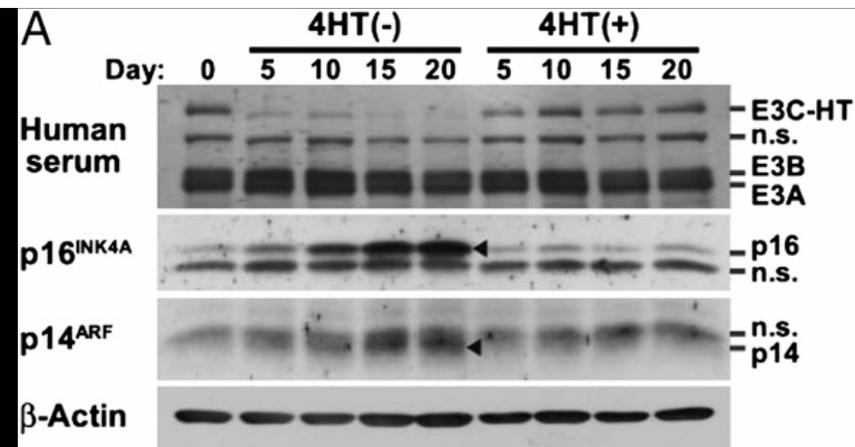
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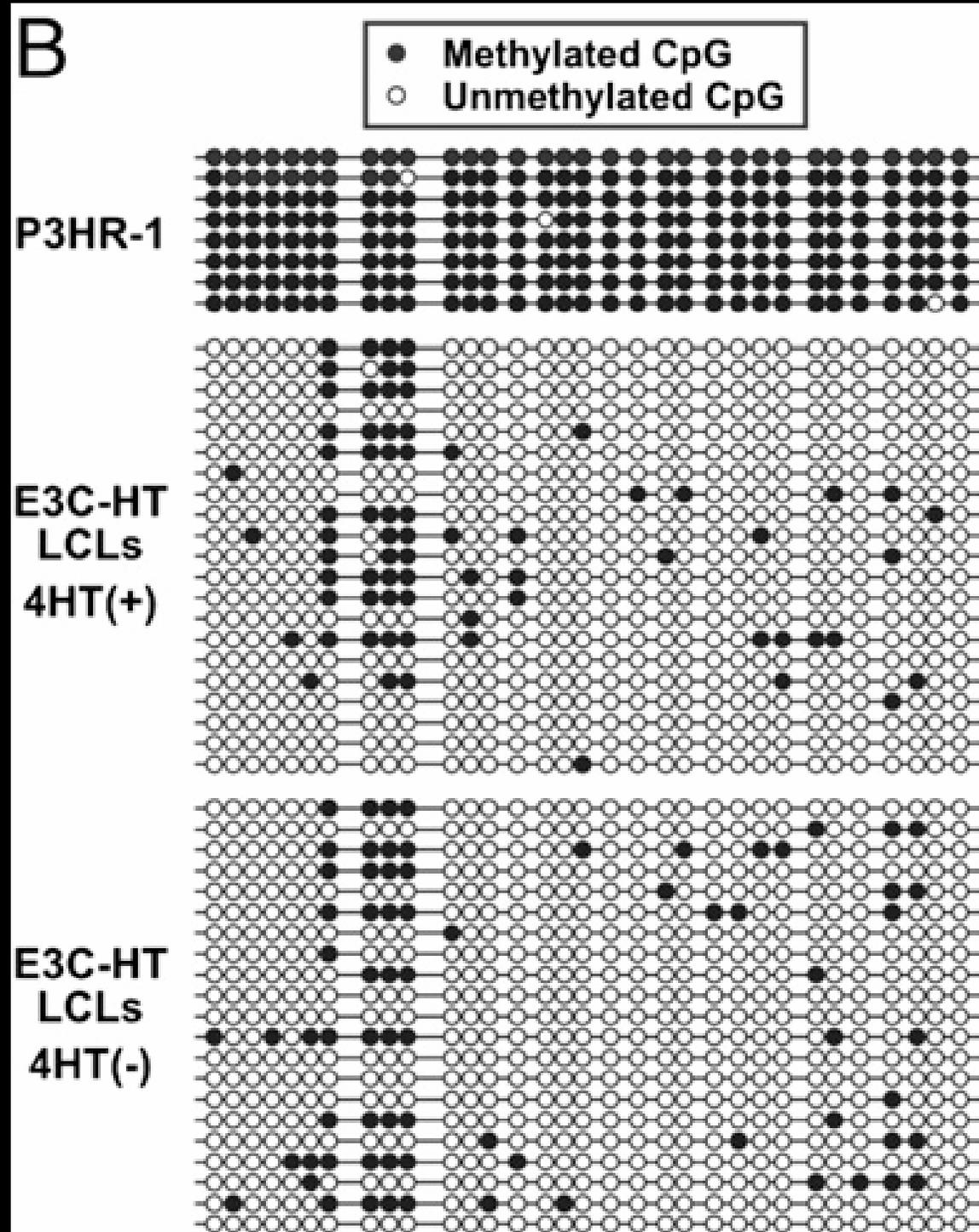


EBNA3A and EBNA3C are essential for repression of p14 and p16 responses to EBNA2-induced MYC.

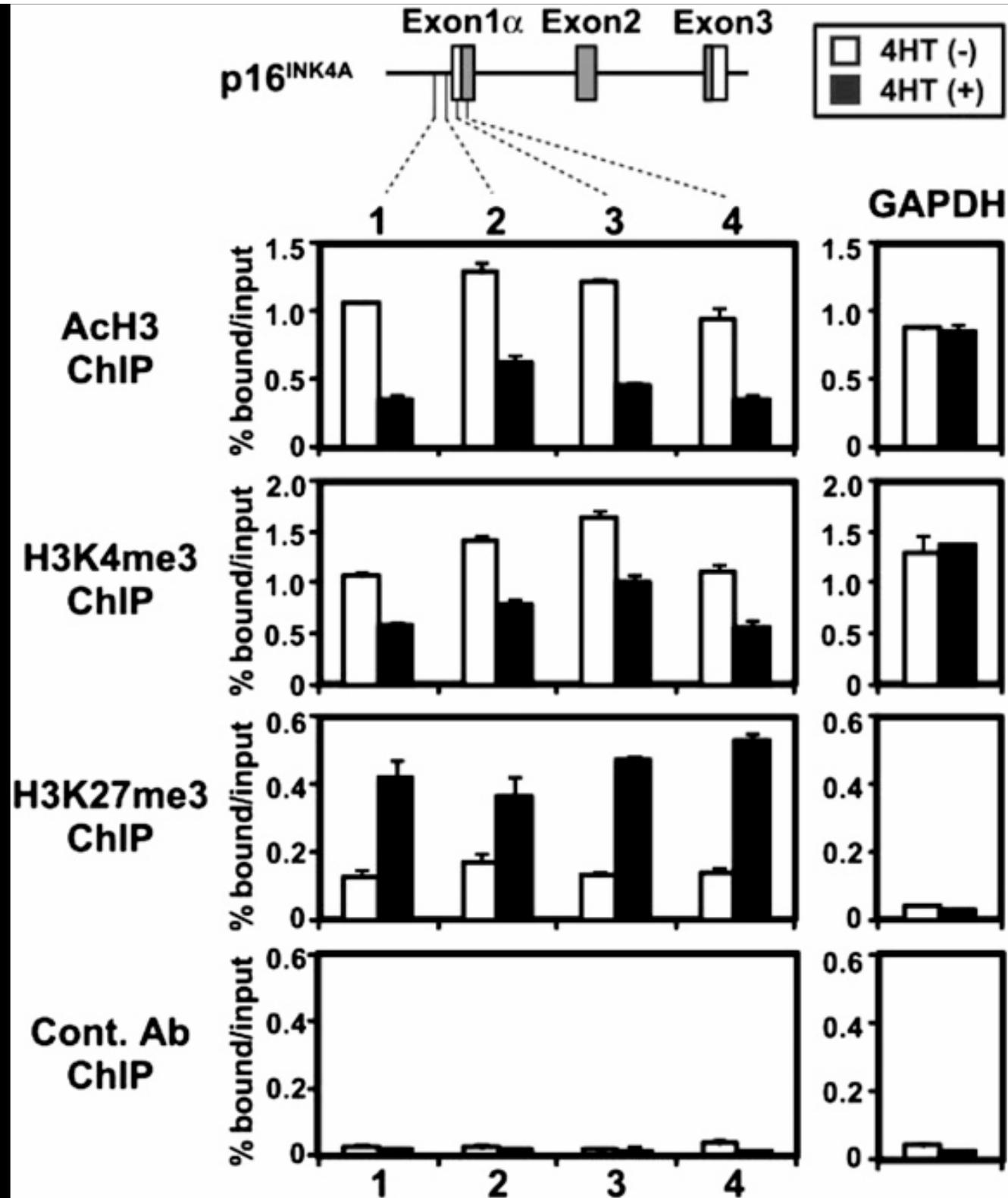
Conditional inactivation of EBNA3C in an LCL results in p16 and p14 induction and cessation of cell growth.



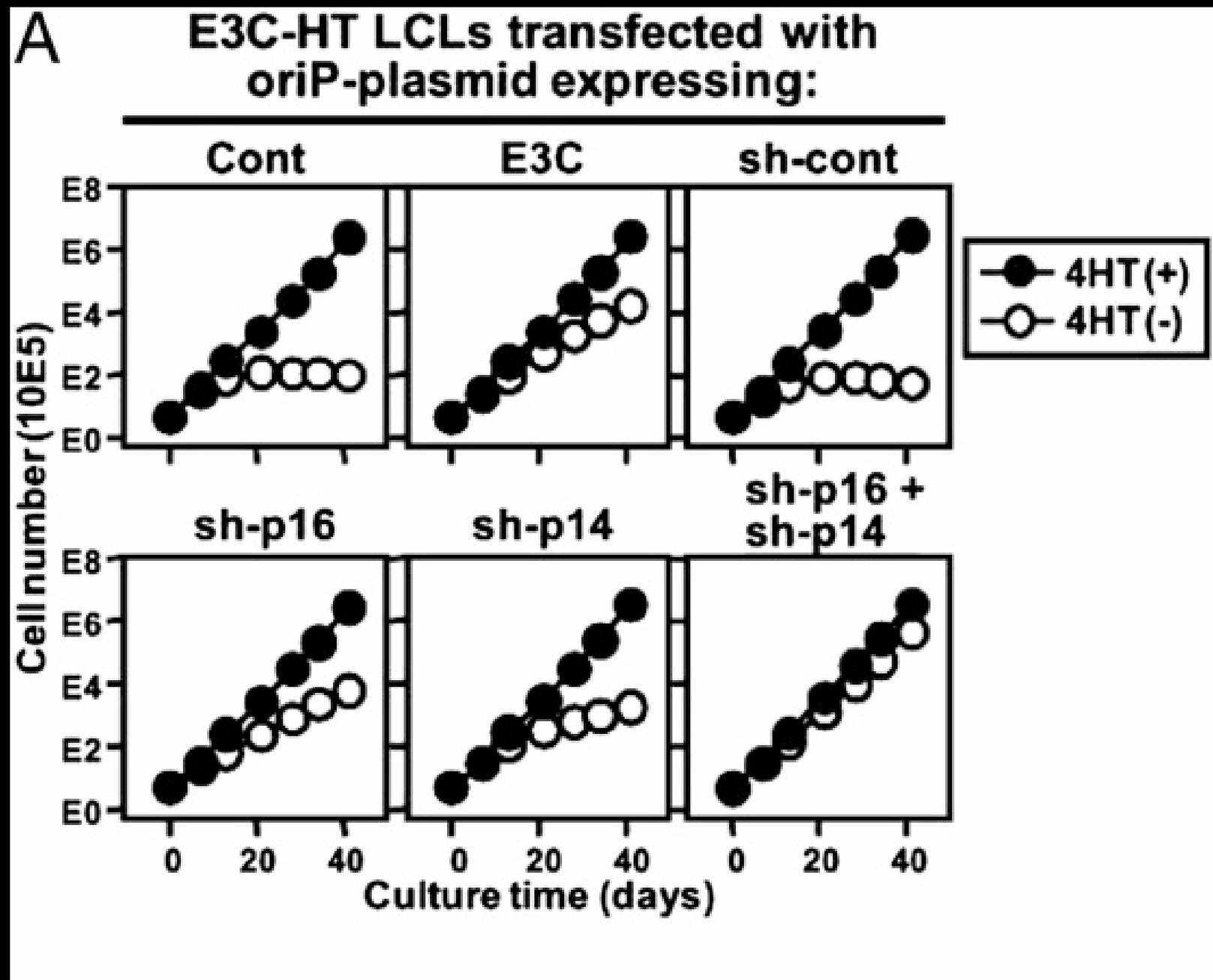
EBNA3C inactivation does not alter LCLsp14ARF or p16INK4A promoter CpG methylation



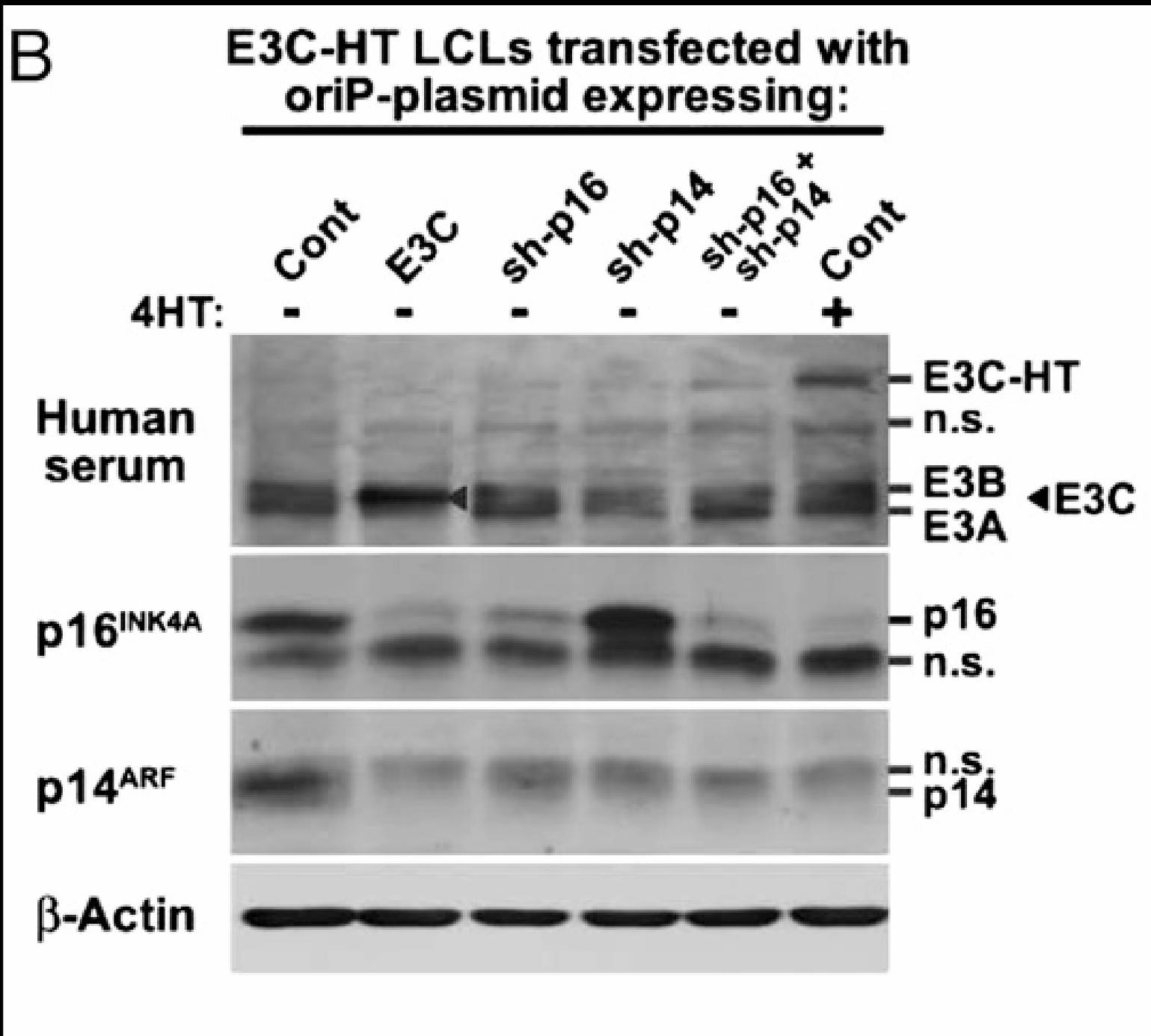
EBNA3C inactivation increases p16^{INK4A} histone H3 acetylation and H3K4me3 and reduces of H3K27 trimethylation in LCLs. E3CHT LCLs cultured in the absence (-) or presence (+) of 4HT for 20 d were ChIP and qRT-PCR analyzed.



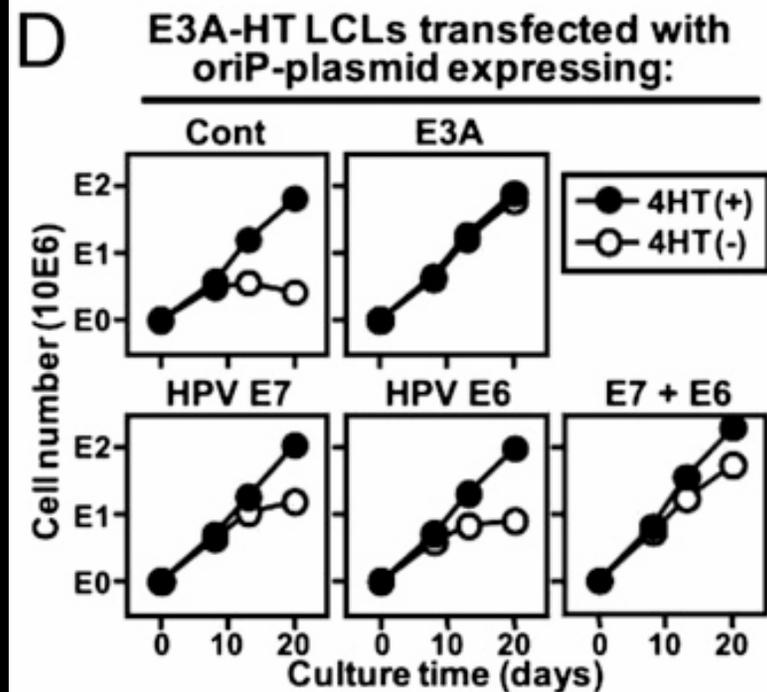
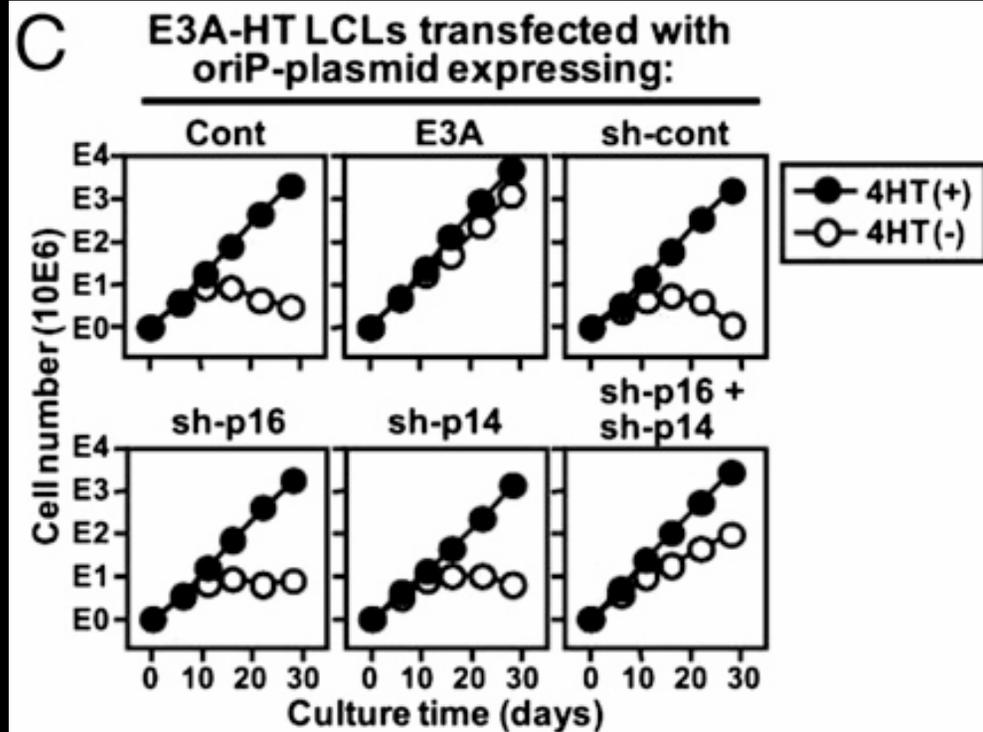
E3C-HT LCLs transfected with an oriP plasmid expressing EBNA3C, an oriP plasmid expressing sh-cont, sh-p16, sh-p14), or sh-p16- and sh-p14- Five days later cells were put in medium with (+) or without (-)4HT.



Day 41 cell lysates Western blotted with EBV-, p16INK4A-, p14ARF-, or actin-specific antibodies. Arrowhead indicates transfected E3C.



EBNA3A inactivation also induces p16INK4A and p14ARF expression and LCL growth arrest, substantially restores cell growth.



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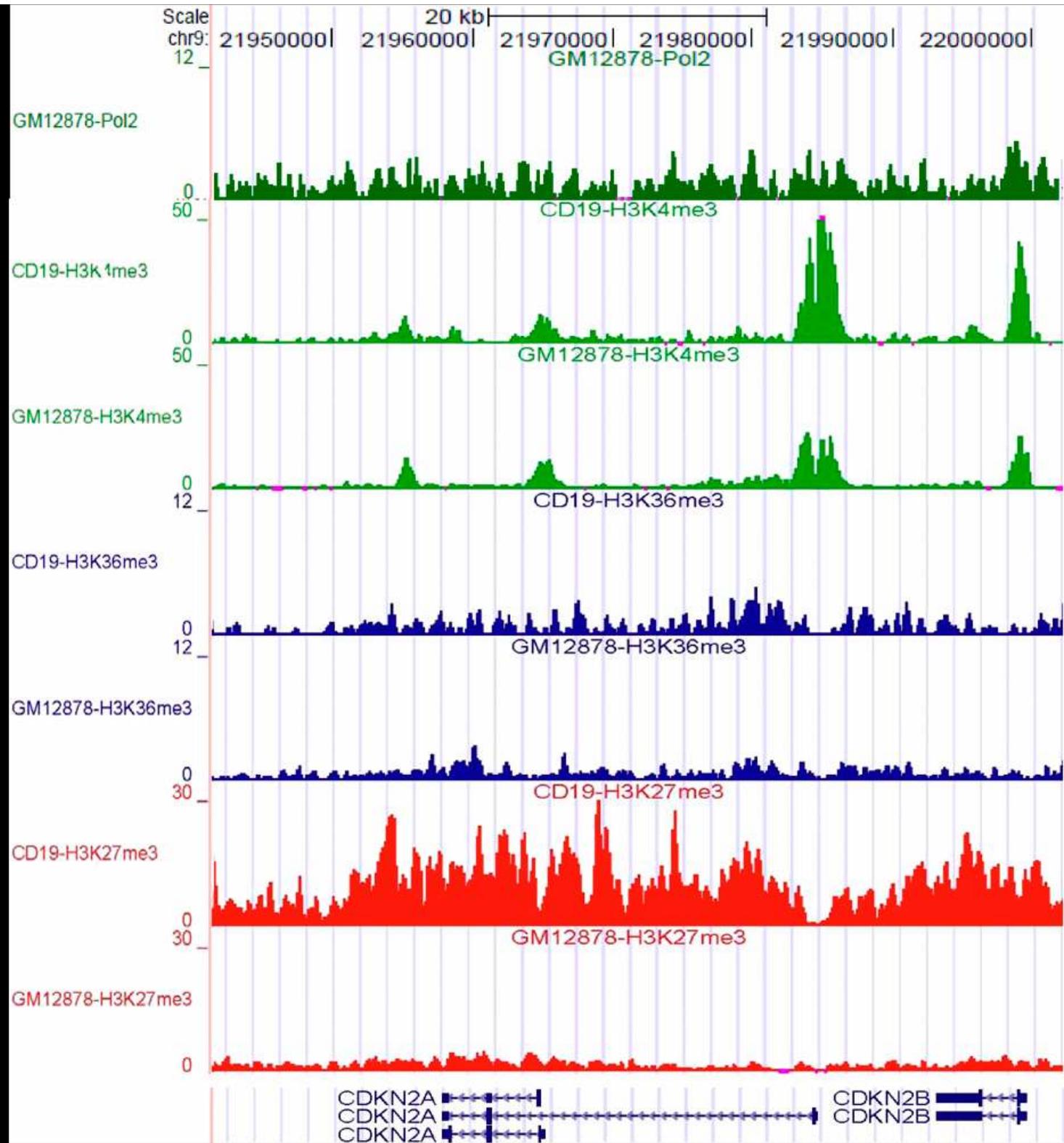
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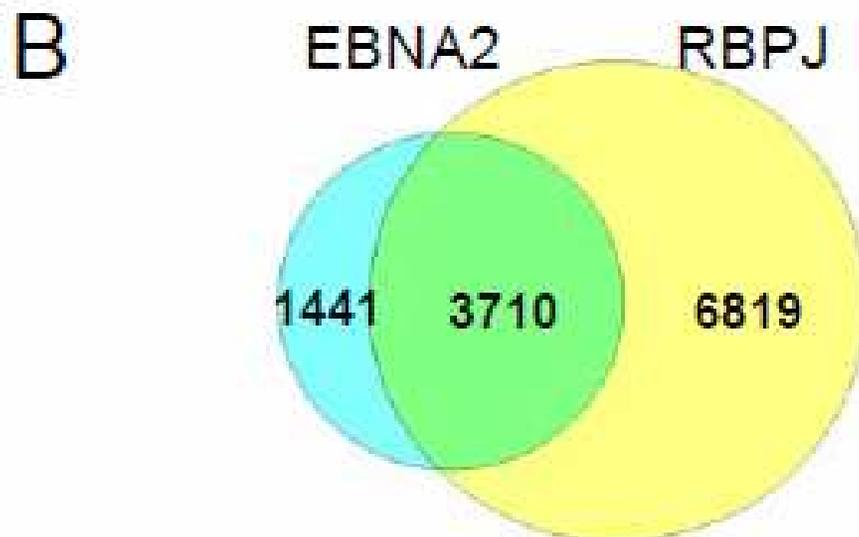
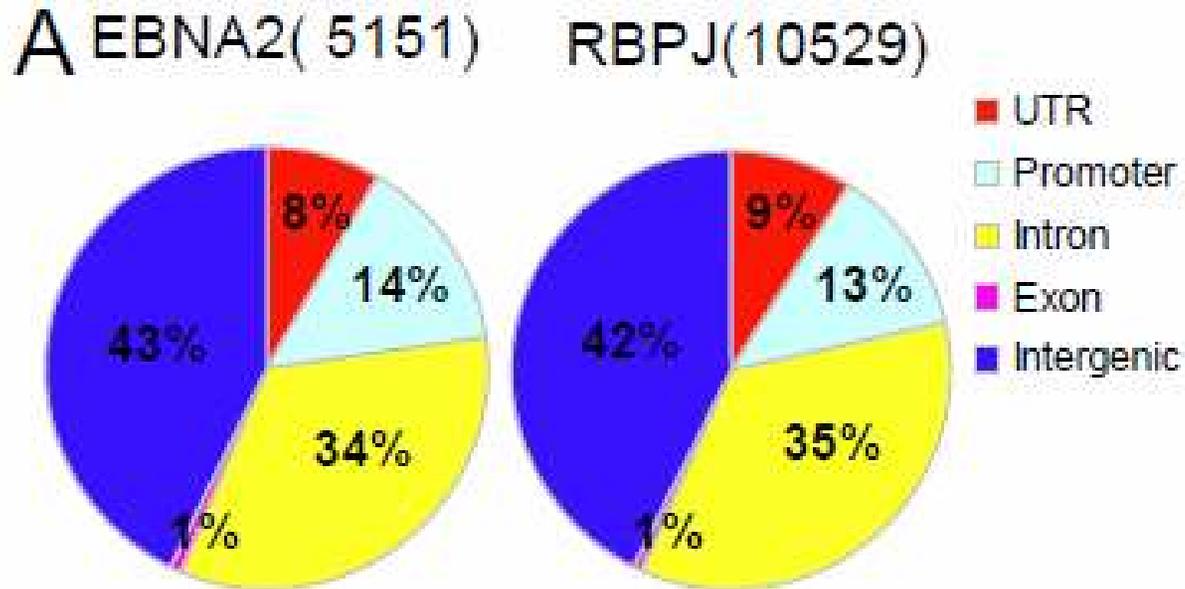


Comparison of active transcription-associated H3K4me3 and H3K36me3 histone modifications with Polycomb repression-associated H3K27me3 marks at the CDKN2A p16INK4A and p14ARF in LCLs relative to primary CD19 positive B cells using normalized (ENCODE) data revealed extensive H3K27me3 through the CDKN2Ap16INK4A and p14ARF locus in resting CD19+ primary B cells, except at the p16INK4A and p14ARF promoters versus very little H3K27me3 throughout the locus in LCLs. Whereas H3K36me3 was low through the locus in both resting B cells and LCLs, H3K4me3 levels were high at the p16INK4A and p14ARF promoters. The coupling of low overall H3K27me3 and high H3K4me3 at the p16INK4A and p14ARF promoters, with above background PolII through these loci in LCLs (Fig. S2) is consistent with p16INK4A and p14ARF being poised for transcription activation in LCLs.

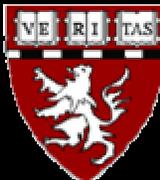
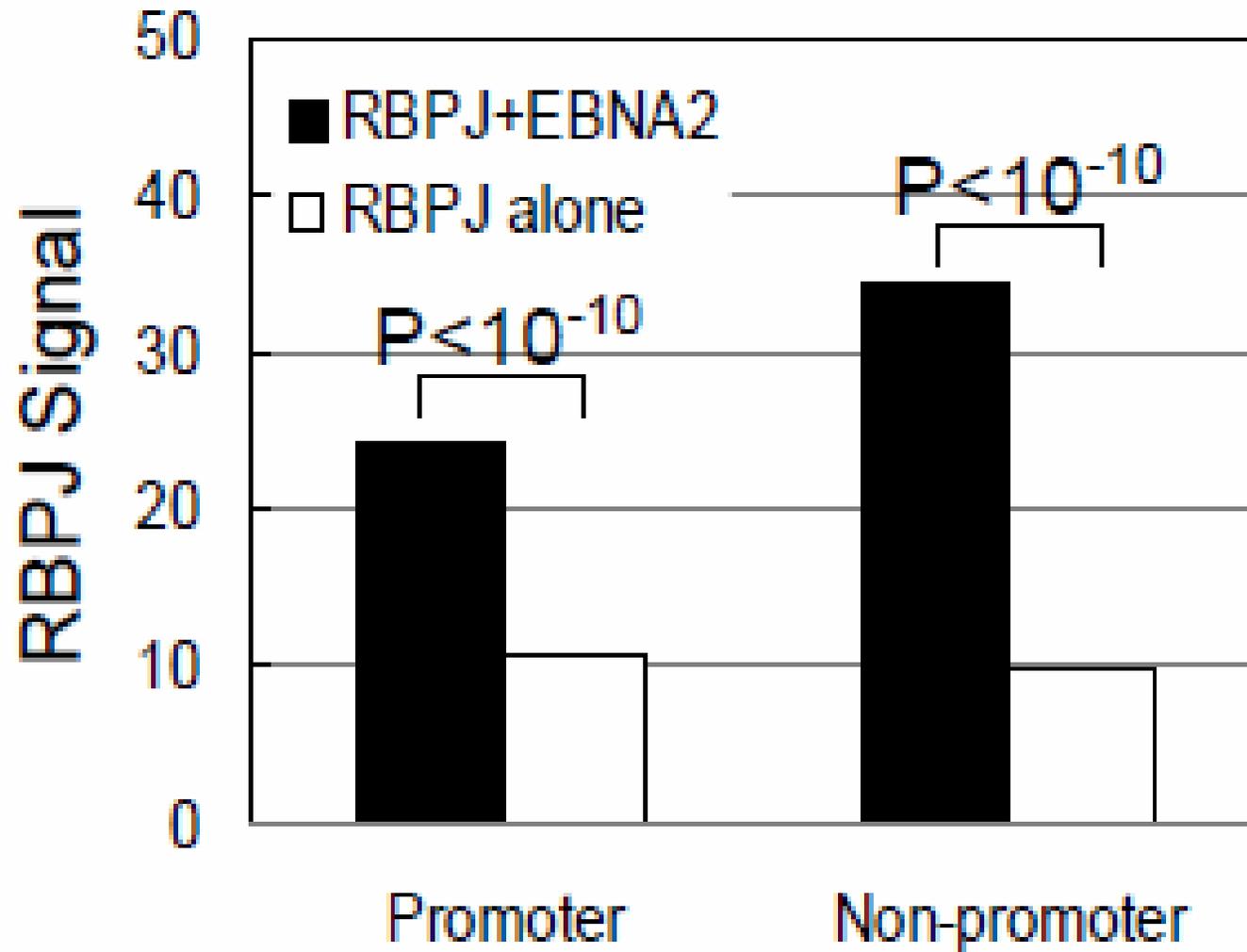
Epstein-Barr virus exploits intrinsic B-lymphocyte
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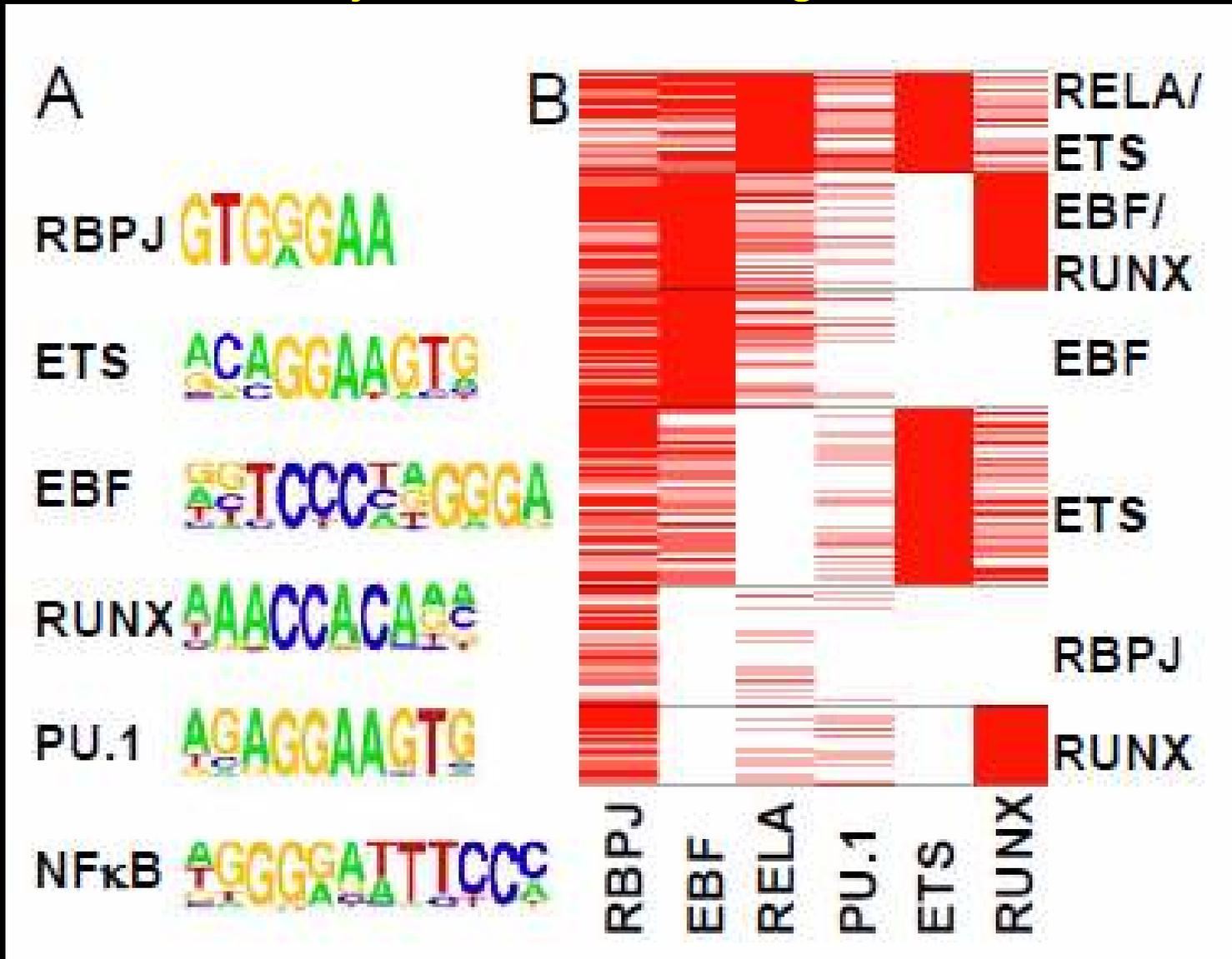
EBNA2 and RBPJ localize predominantly at Intergene and Intron sites, not at Promoter sites



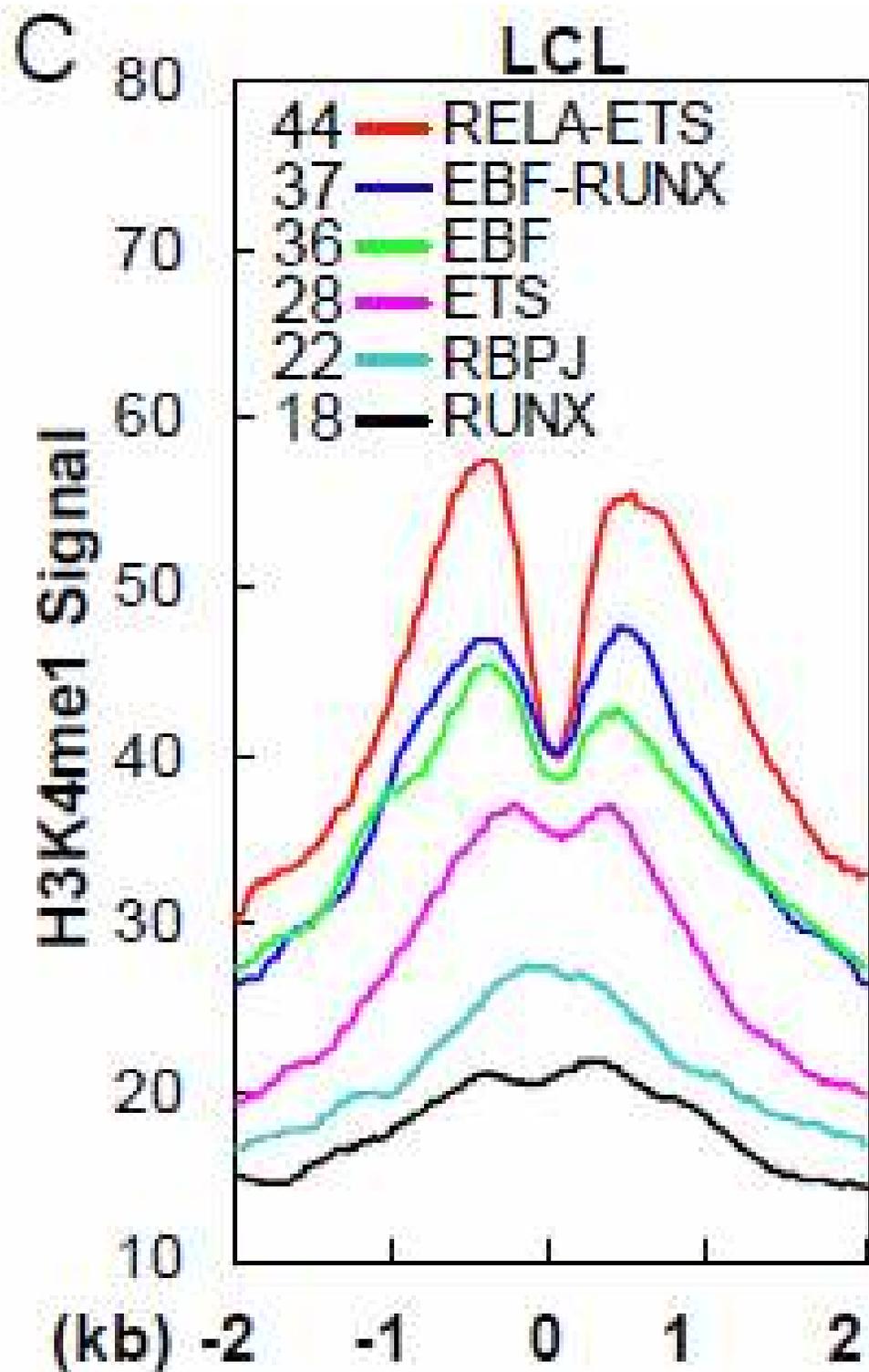
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ChIP-Seq for EBNA2 and RBPJ reveals EBNA2 sites are enriched for RBPJ, ETS, EBF, RUNX, PU.1, and NF-kB RELA. K-Means Clustering detects RELA-ETS, EBF, RUNX, EBF, ETS, RBPJ and RUNX clusters as associated factors at EBNA2 sites. These stratify with H3K4Me1 signals at EBNA2 sites.



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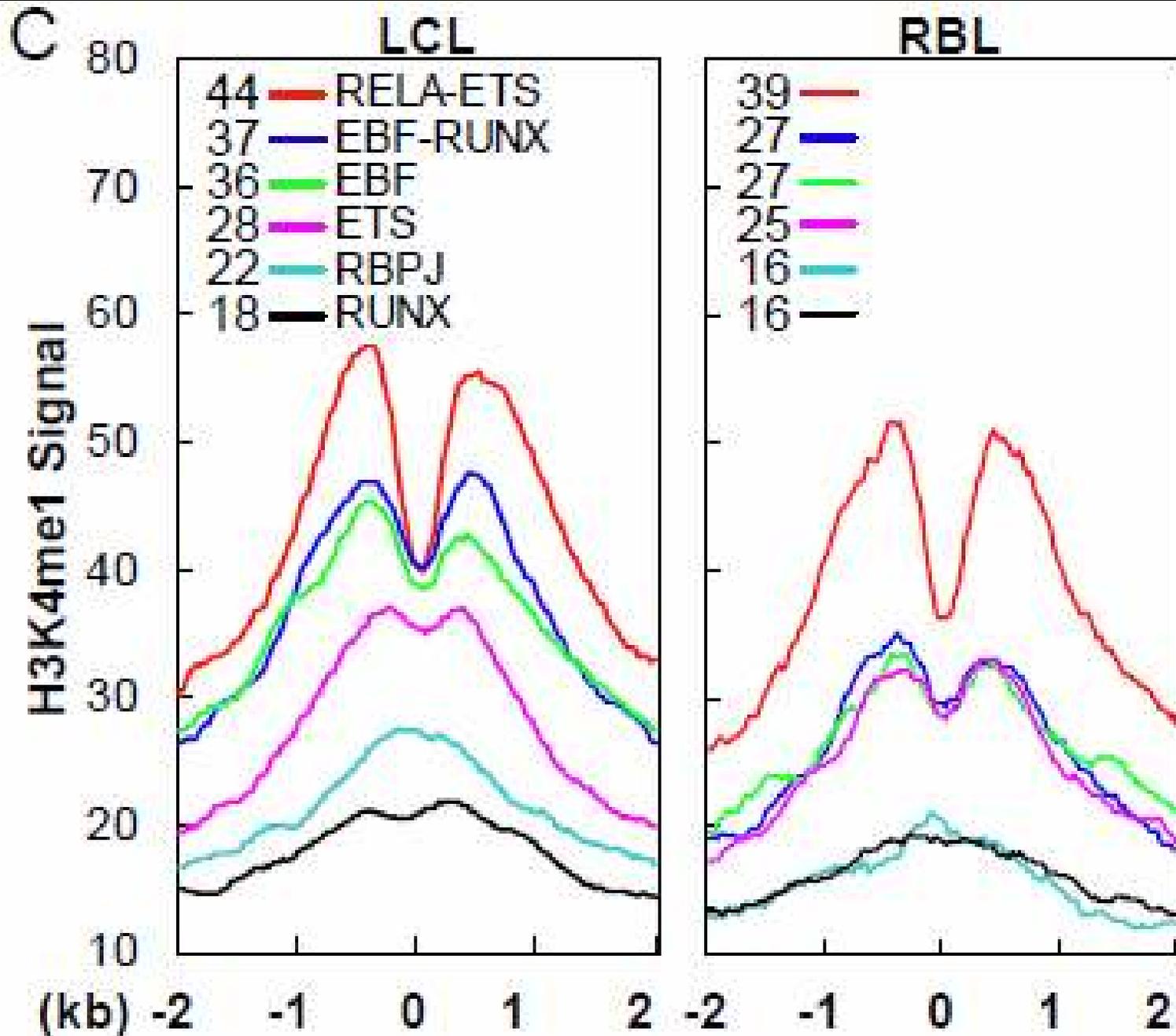


Table 2. Co-factors at EBNA2 and RBPJ sites

		EBF	PU.1	NF-κB	ETS	RUNX	CREB	P300
EBNA2/RBPJ								
(3710)	(#)	2240	620	1162	1300	1538	70	827
	(%)	60%	17%	31%	35%	41%	2%	22%
EBNA2 only								
(1441)	(#)	524	230	410	649	427	42	302
	(%)	36%	16%	28%	45%	39%	3%	21%
RBPJ only								
(6819)	(#)	2527	966	1638	2415	2513	339	1045
	(%)	37%	14%	24%	35%	37%	5%	15%

Table S1. TF motif prediction and actual TF binding comparison

TF motifs	Prediction (500 bp)	Actual binding (100 bp)
RBPJ	78%	72%
ETS	39%	
EBF	39%	54%
RUNX	43%	
PU.1	22%	17%
NF- κ B	22%	31%

EBF is important for EBNA2 activation of the EBV LMP1 promoter.

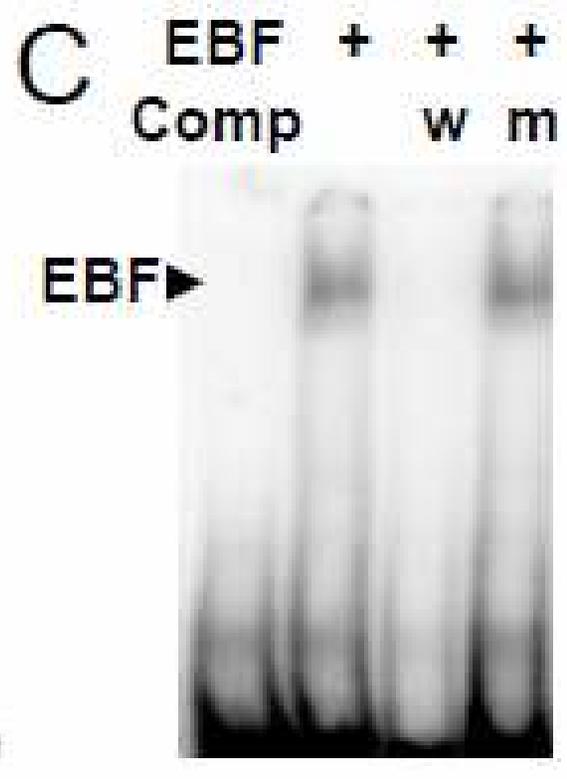
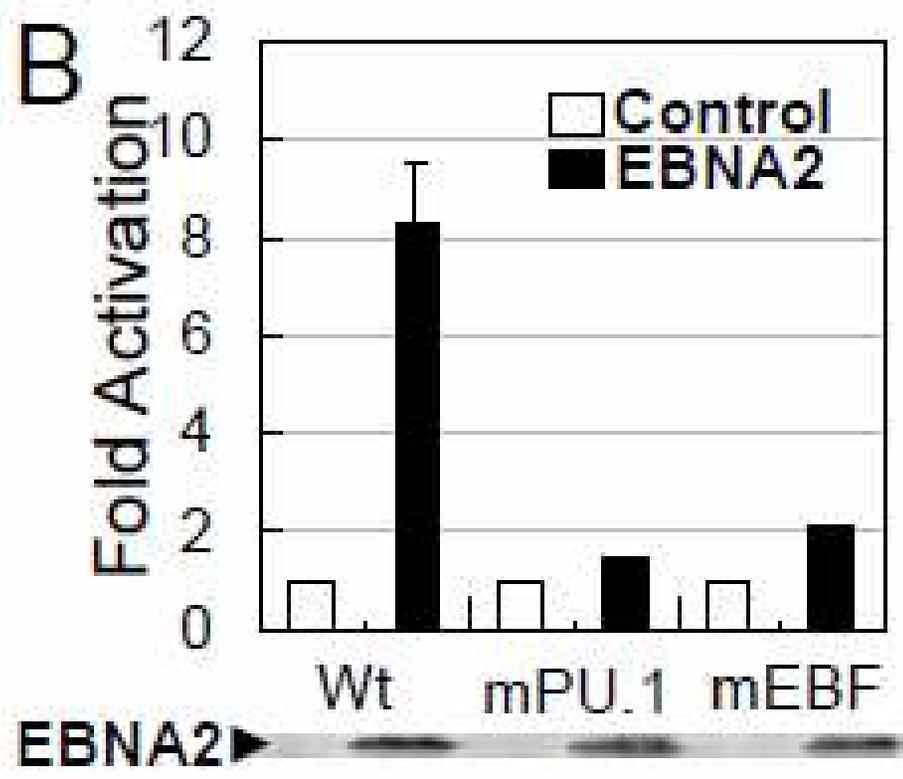
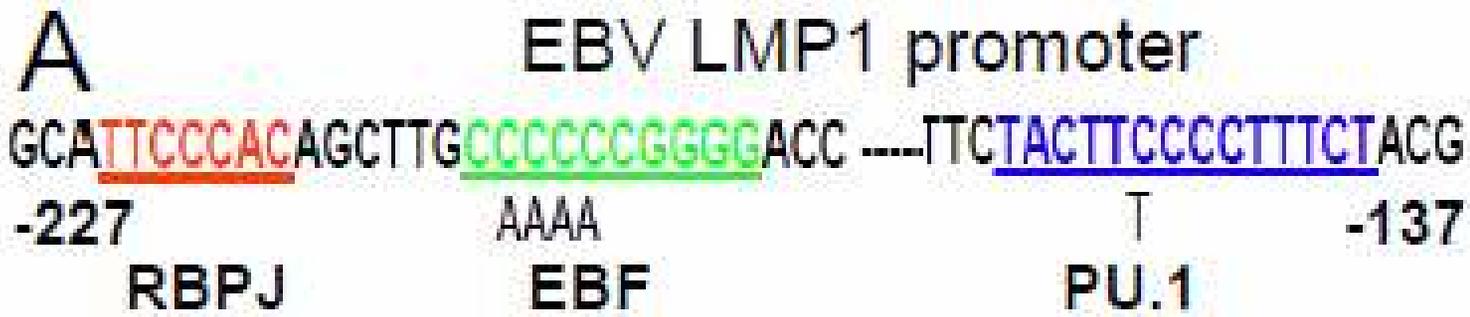


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EBF-RUNX	841	8	37	3	20	42
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ETS	1280	18	15	8	12	23
RBPJ	871	13	6	3	10	18
RUNX	576	7	5	1	11	23
RBPJ(No EBNA2)	6819	11	5	6	4	10

H3K4me1 signals at EBNA2 binding sites with different co-factors

	Fold change over baseline	P value	95% confidence interval
EBF	1.68	$<10^{-4}$	(1.61-1.76)
NFKB	1.22	$<10^{-4}$	(1.14-1.30)
Pu1	1.21	$<10^{-4}$	(1.11-1.31)
ETS	1.08	$<10^{-4}$	(1.01-1.15)
RUNX	0.99	ns	(0.92-1.06)

Figure S3. At LCL promoter sites, RELA-ETS, ETS, RBPJ, EBF-RUNX, EBF, and RUNX clusters correlate with progressively lower H3K4me3 and RELA-ETS, ETS, EBF, RBPJ EBF-RUNX and RUNX clusters correlate with progressively higher H3K27me3 signals (A and B).

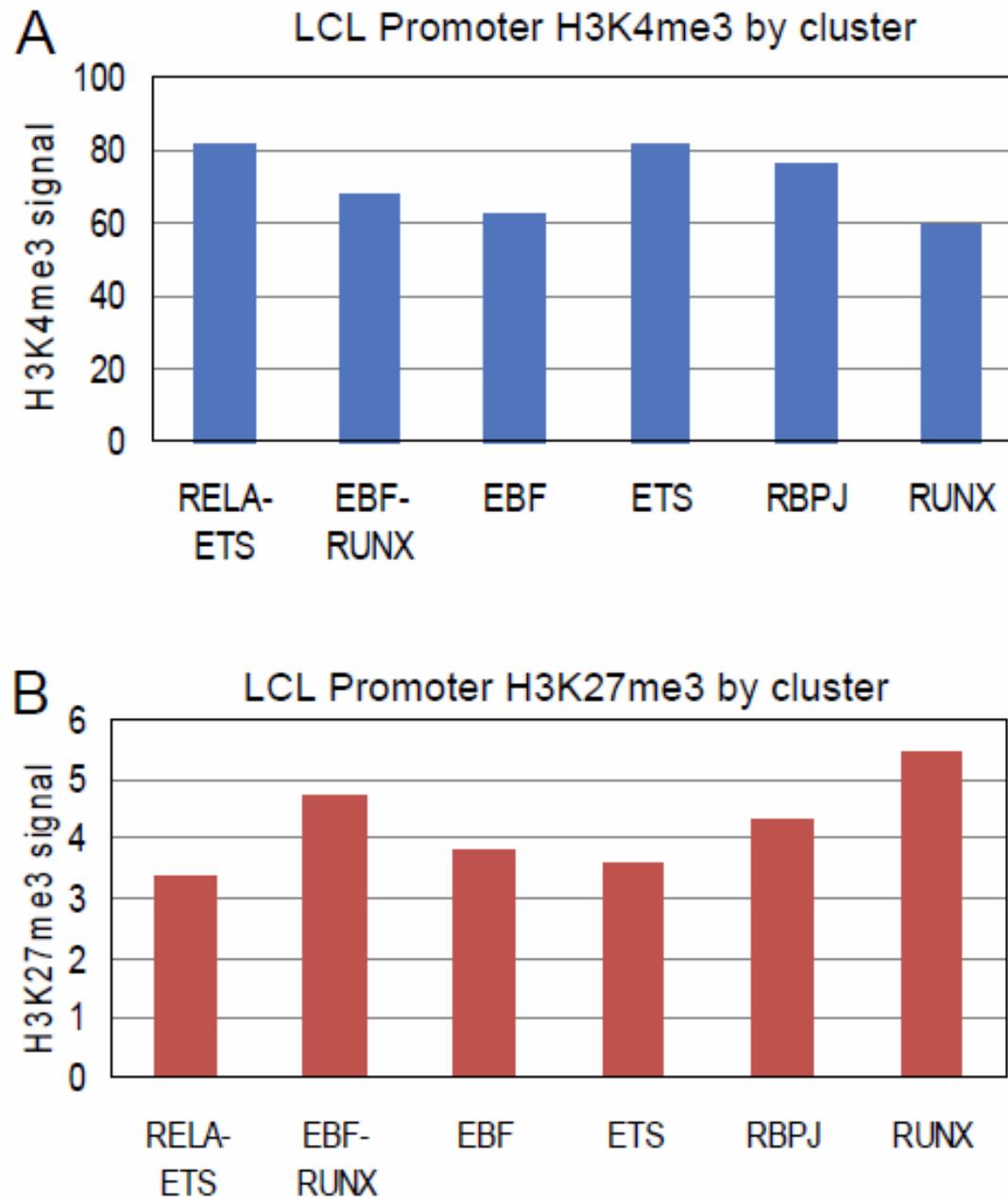
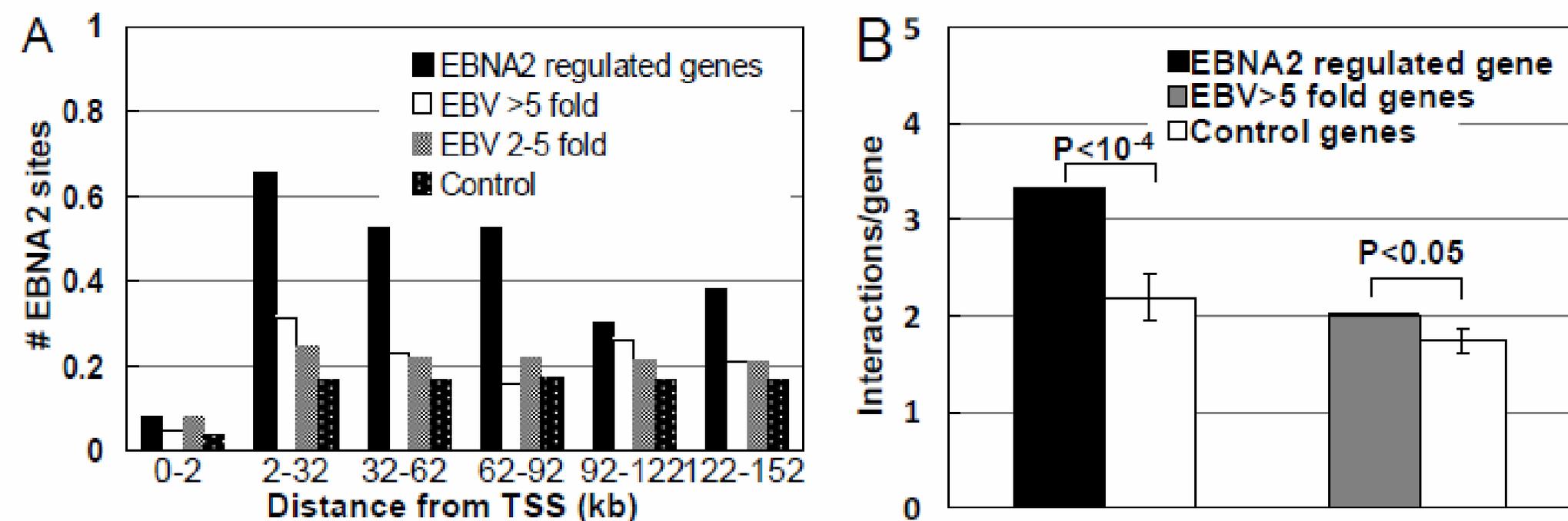
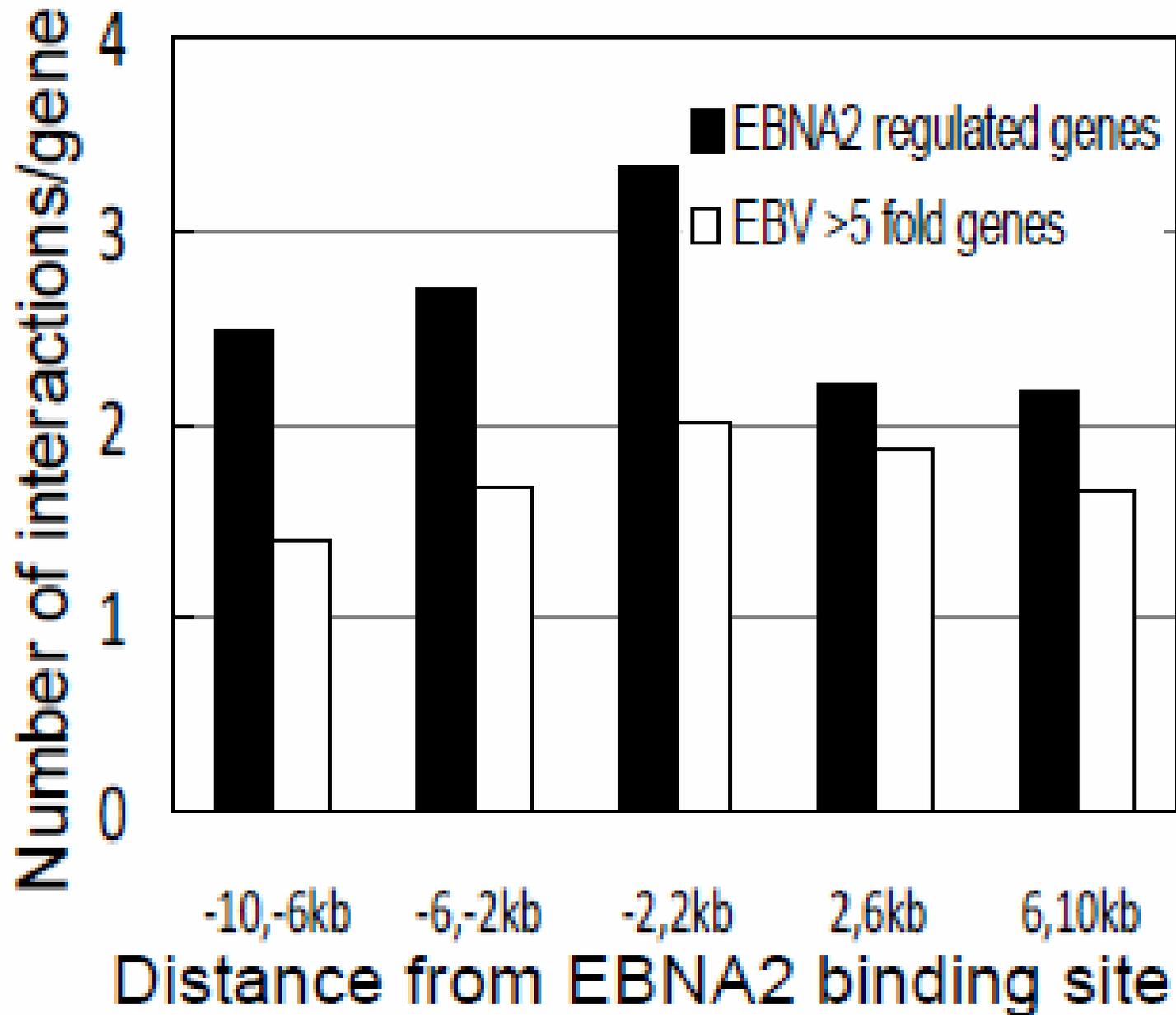


Figure 3. EBNA2 binding to non-promoter sites correlates with RNA up-regulation (A) and long-range putative enhancer and promoter interactions (B). 81 EBNA2 conditionally



HiC data based interactions



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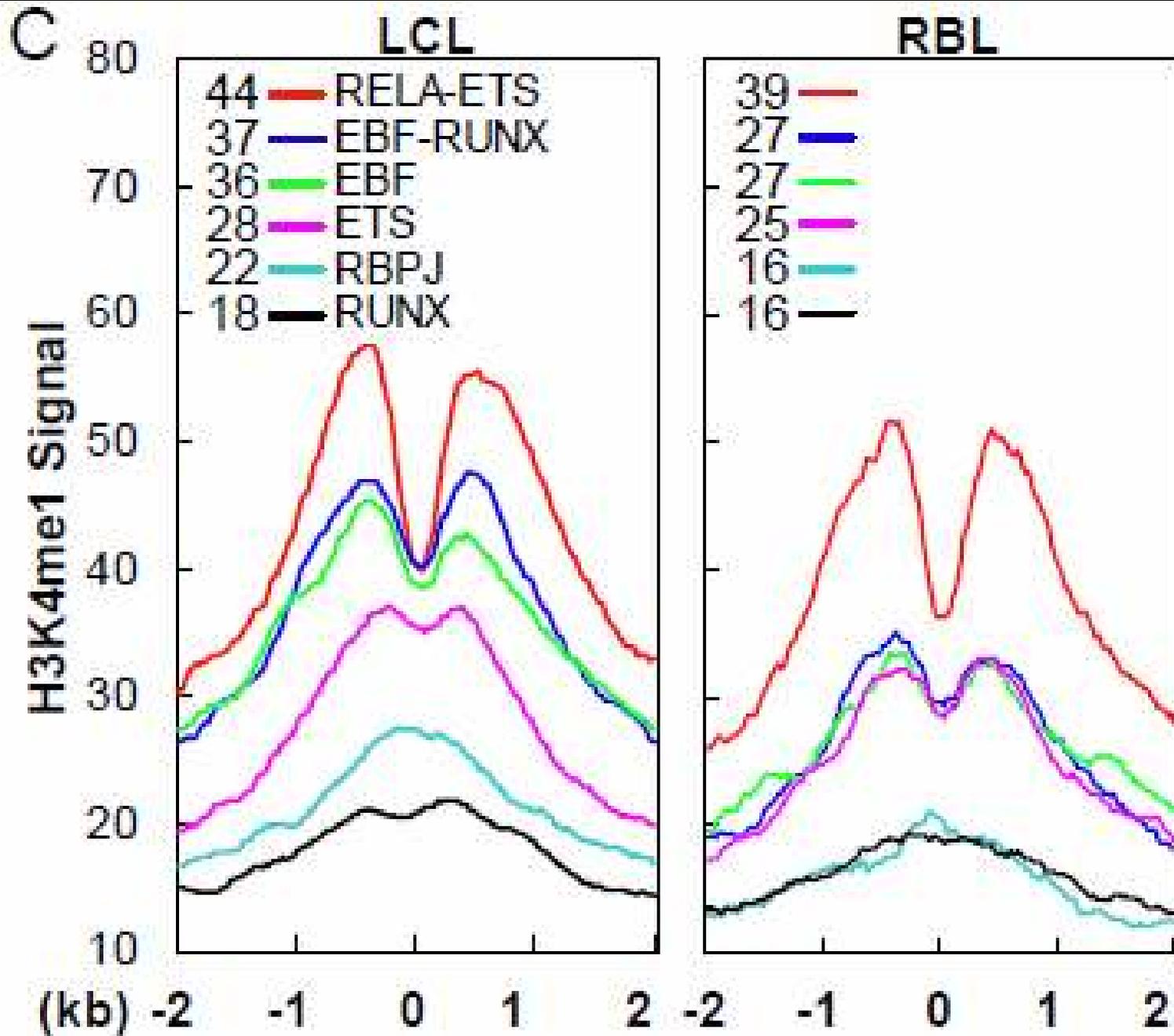
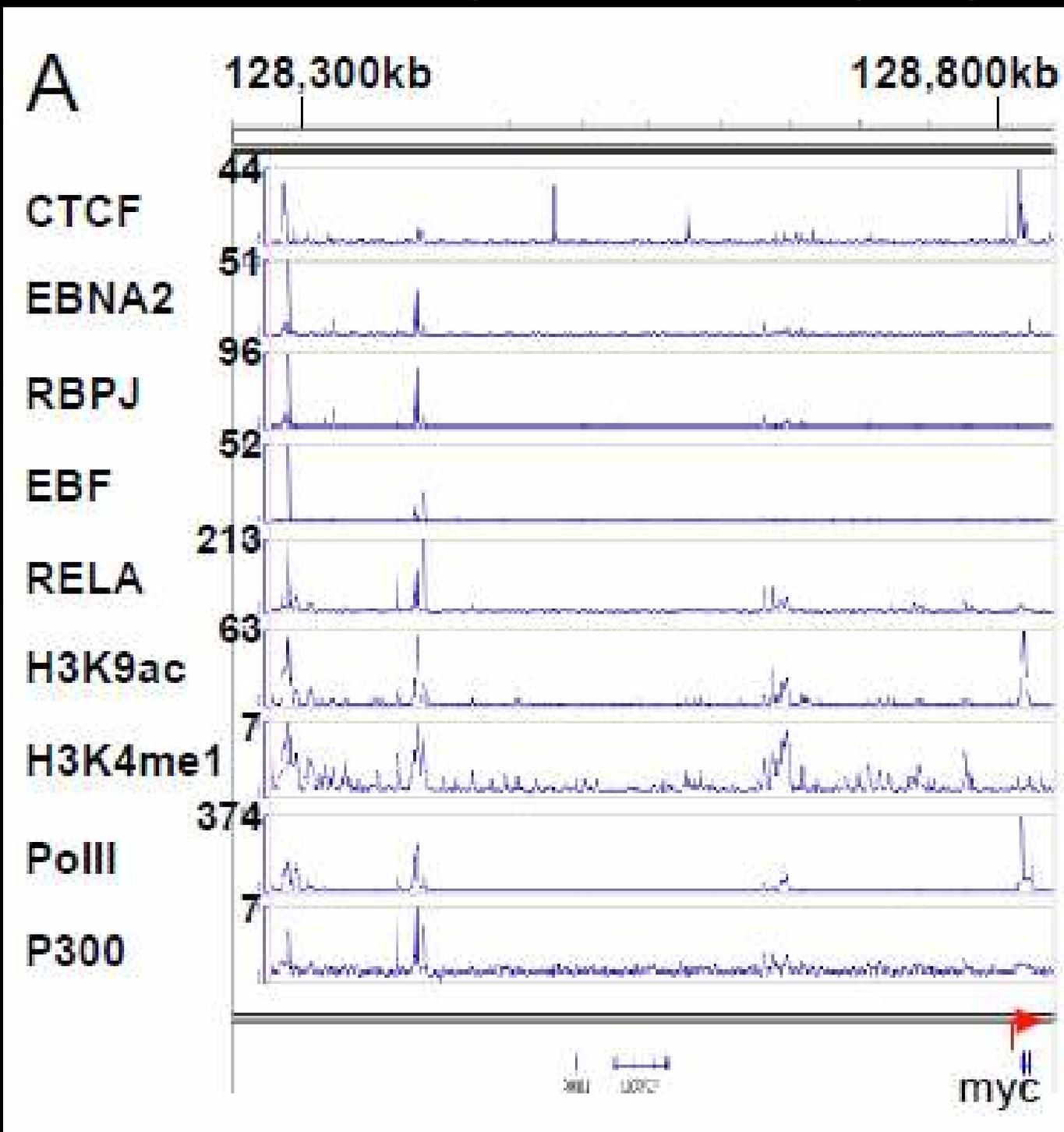


Table S3. EBNA2 DNA binding at 5,151 TF cluster sites, 72% with RBPJ, correlates specific TF clusters with promoter and nonpromoter p300, PolII, EBNA2, and RBPJ signals

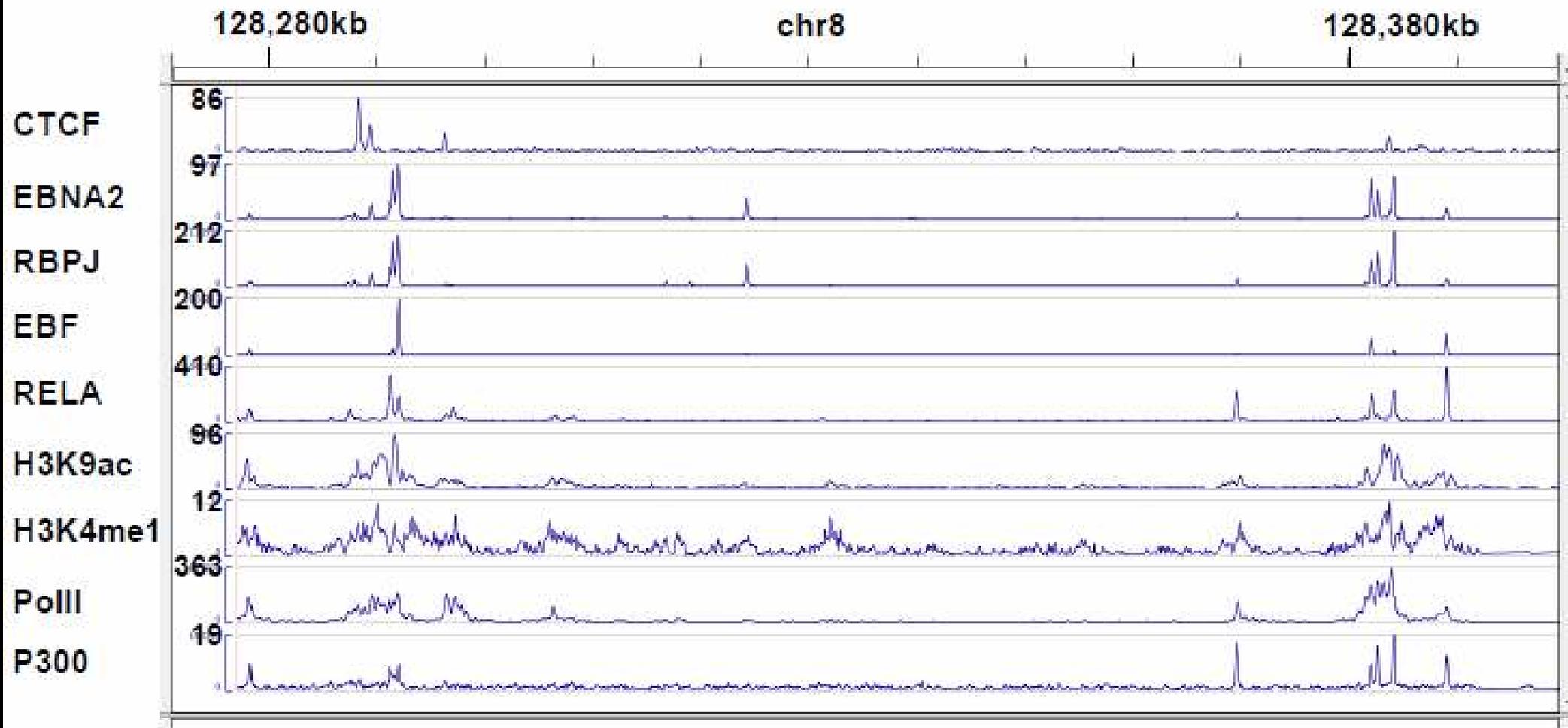
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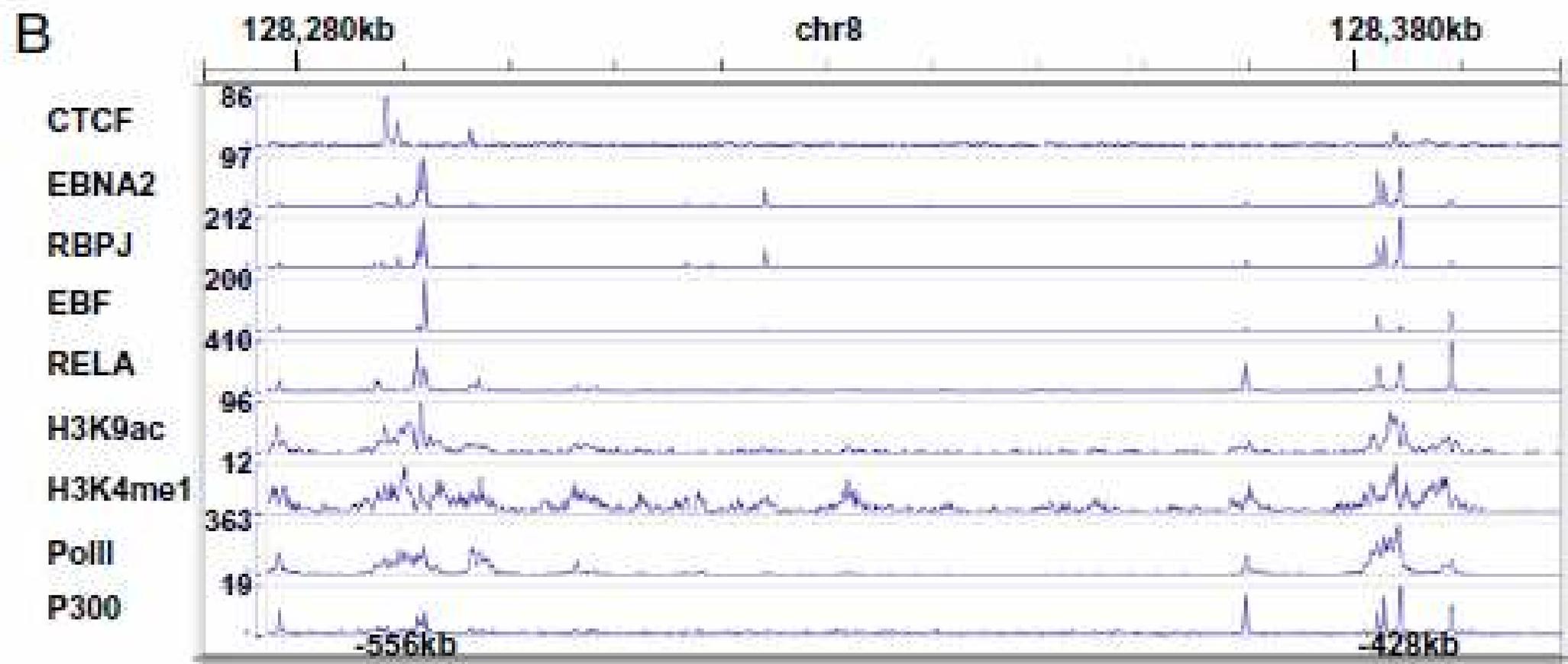
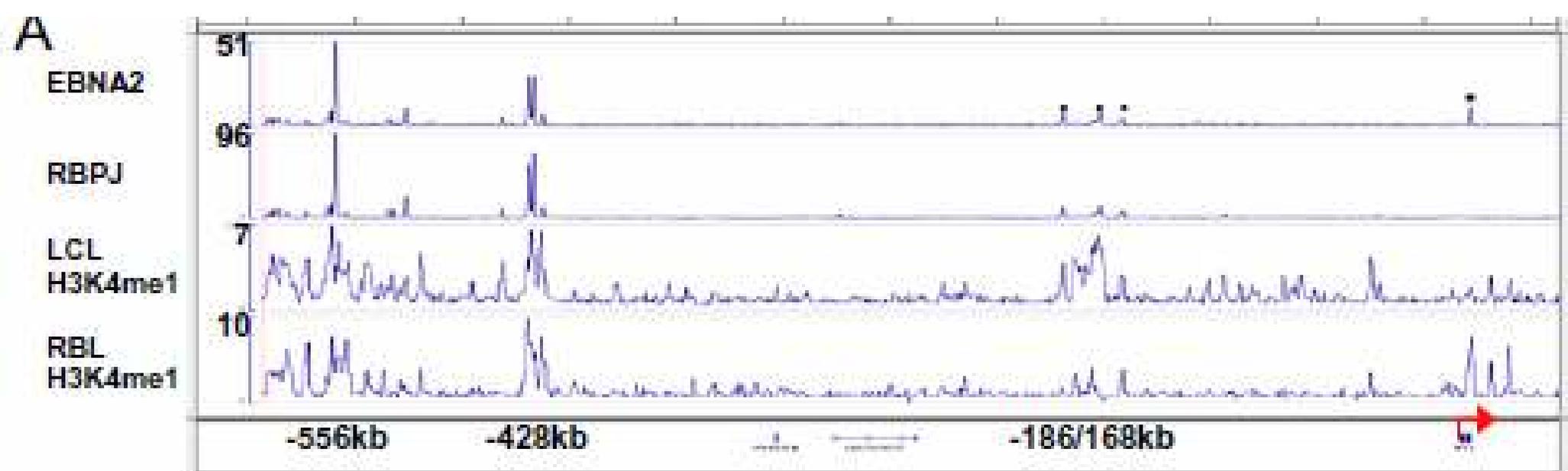
RPKM, reads per kilobase per million.

EBNA2 activates *MYC* through 428-556kb long range enhancers



Depiction of the 400-550kb MYC up-stream putative enhancers





EBNA2 gene regulation through the RBPJ transcription factor is essential for RBLs conversion to Lymphoblast Cell Lines. ChIP-seq investigation of EBNA2 and RBPJ sites in LCL DNA found EBNA2 at 5151 and RBPJ at 10,529 sites.

EBNA2 localized with RBPJ, predominantly at intergenic and intron sites.

EBNA2/RBPJ sites were sites of EBF (60%) RUNX (41%), ETS(35%), NF-kB (31%), and PU.1(17%) motifs.

Using ENCODE LCL data, EBF, RELA, and PU.1 were found at 54%, 31%, and 17% of EBNA2 sites (open sites).

K-Means clustering of EBNA2 sites found RELA-ETS, EBF-RUNX, EBF, ETS, RBPJ, and repressive RUNX ranked highest to lowest in symmetrical H3K4me1 signals and EBNA2-centered H3K4me1 depletion, marks of nucleosome-depleted, transcription initiation.

Although less, high level symmetrical H3K4me1 modifications and nucleosome depletion at the same sites in RBLs were remarkably similar to LCLs, indicating that EBNA2 localized in a pre-established RBL chromatin pattern, which likely evolved to enable RBL antigen-induced proliferation.

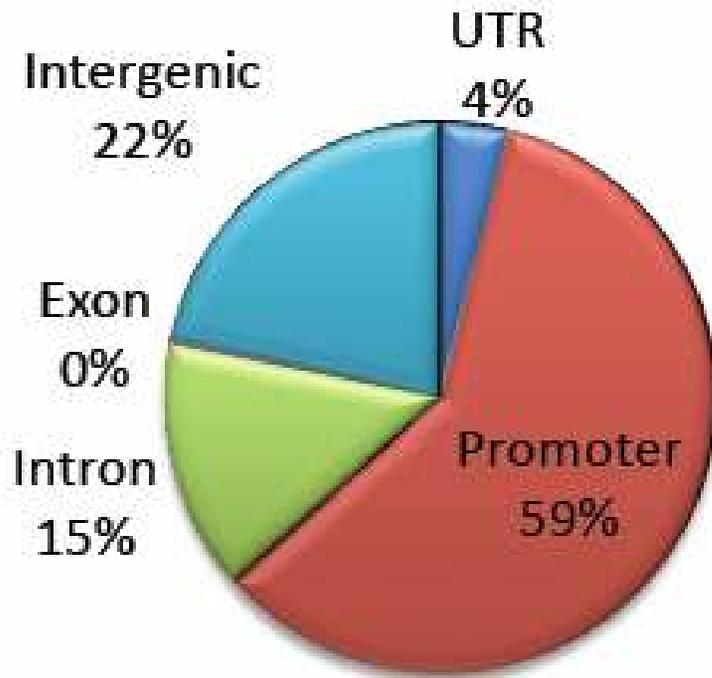
EBF was critical in EBNA2 activation of the EBV LMP1 promoter. LCL HiC data mapped >50 intergenic EBNA2 sites to EBNA2 up-regulated genes.

Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH), conditional EBNA2 FISH, Chromatin Conformation Capture (3C), and 3C q-PCR, linked EBNA2/RBPJ enhancers 428 kb 5' of *MYC to MYC*.

These data support the hypothesis that EBNA2 evolved to exploit the RBL transcription framework.

EBNA2 and RBPJ sites were 13% at promoters, whereas Notch1 and RBPJ sites were 59 and 67% at promoters

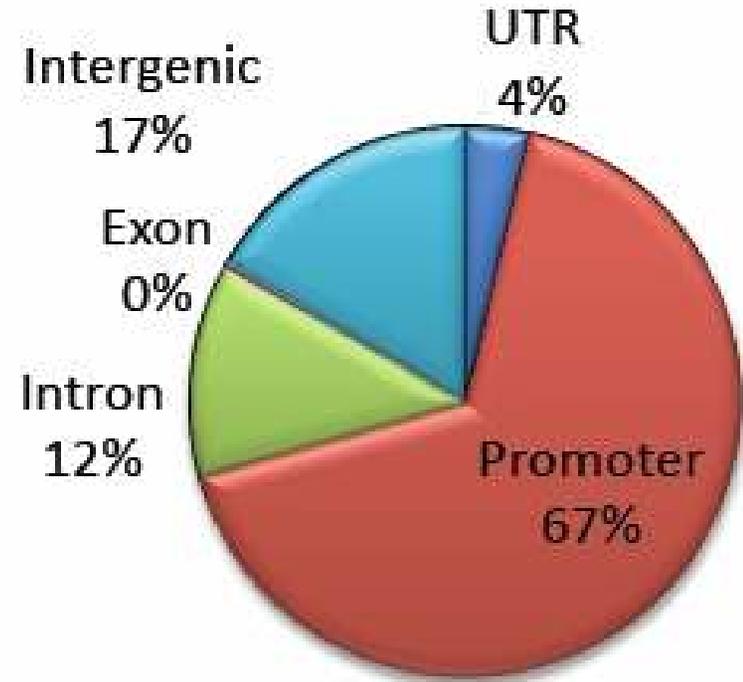
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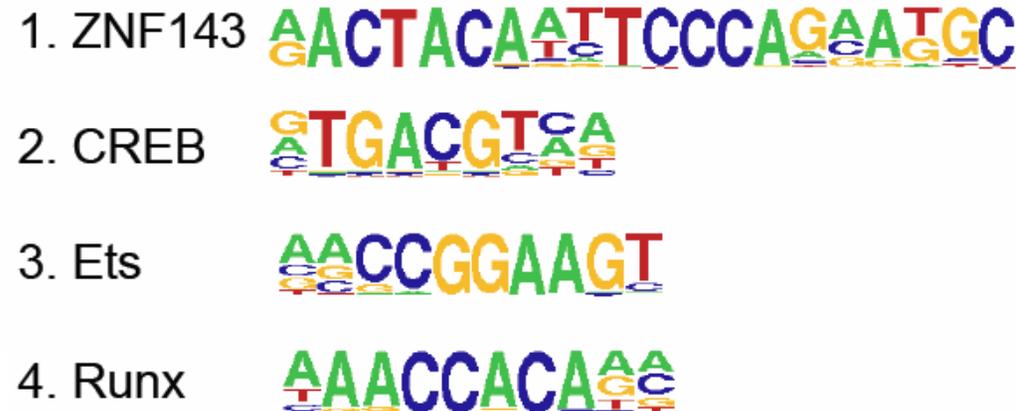
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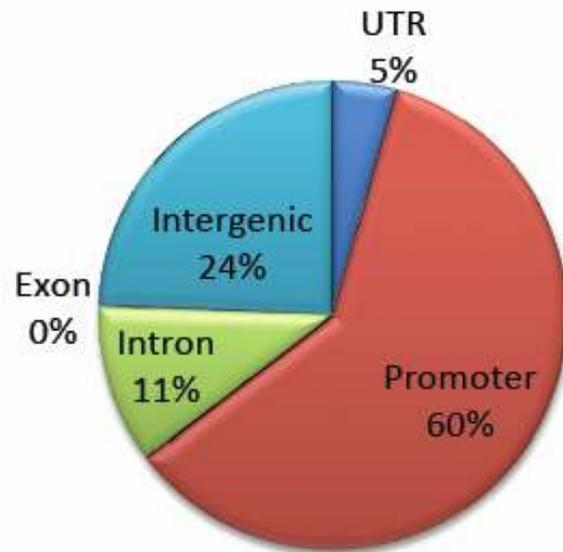
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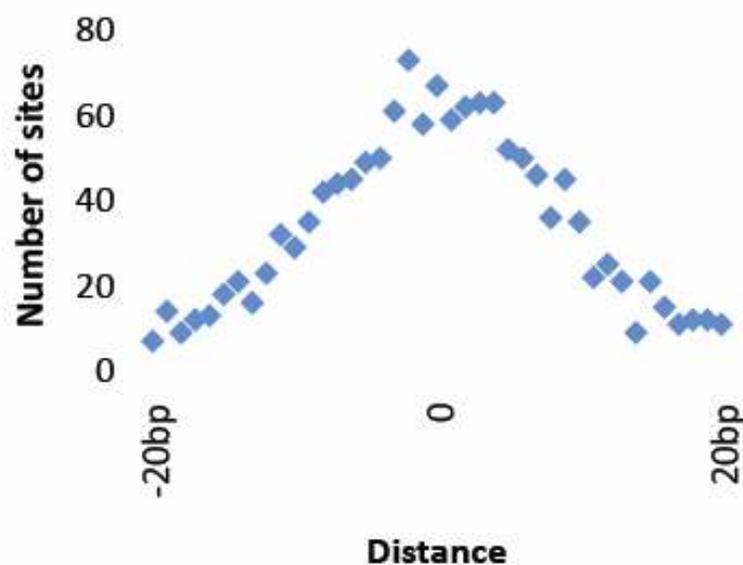
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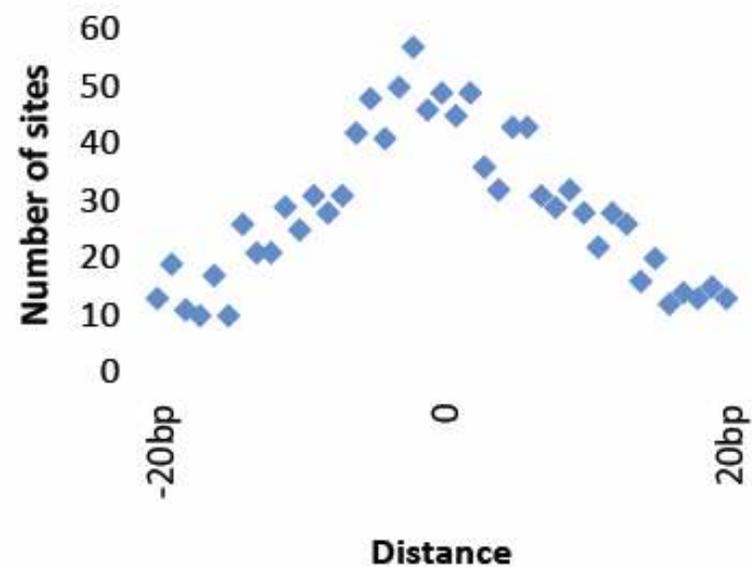
A ZNF143: 3684 sites



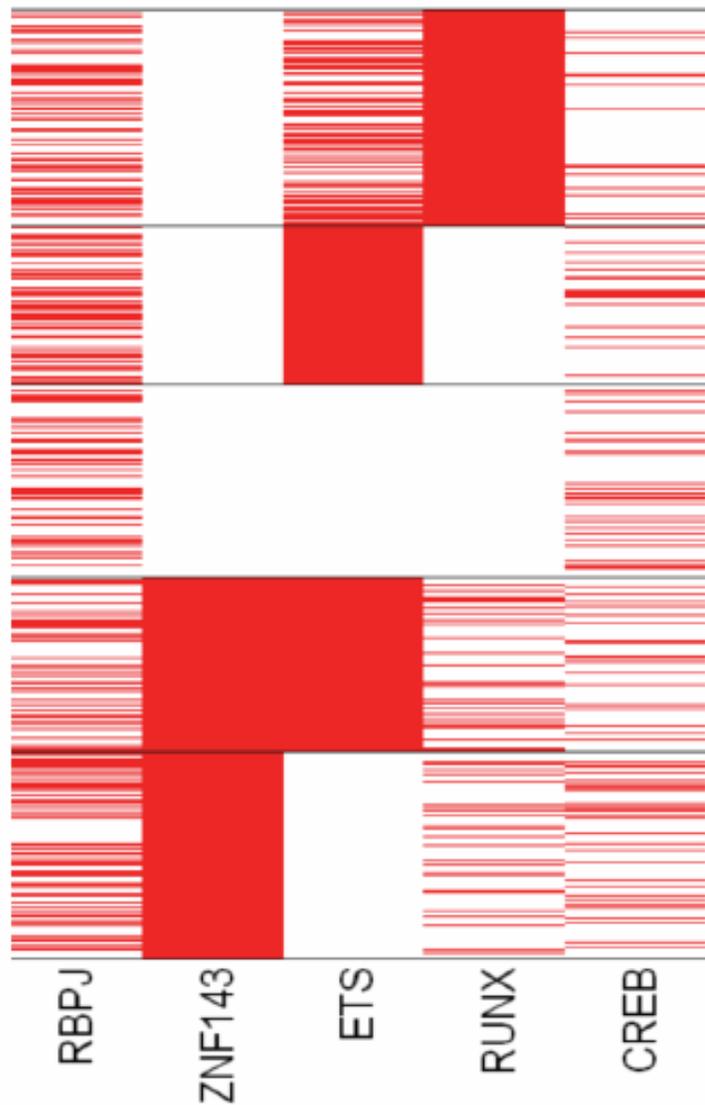
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Distance between Notch1 and RBPJ signal peaks

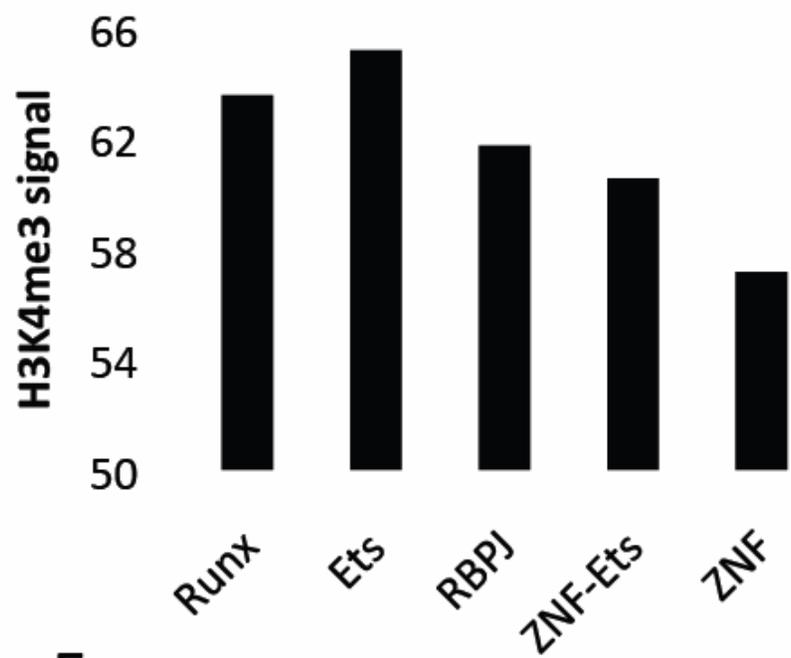


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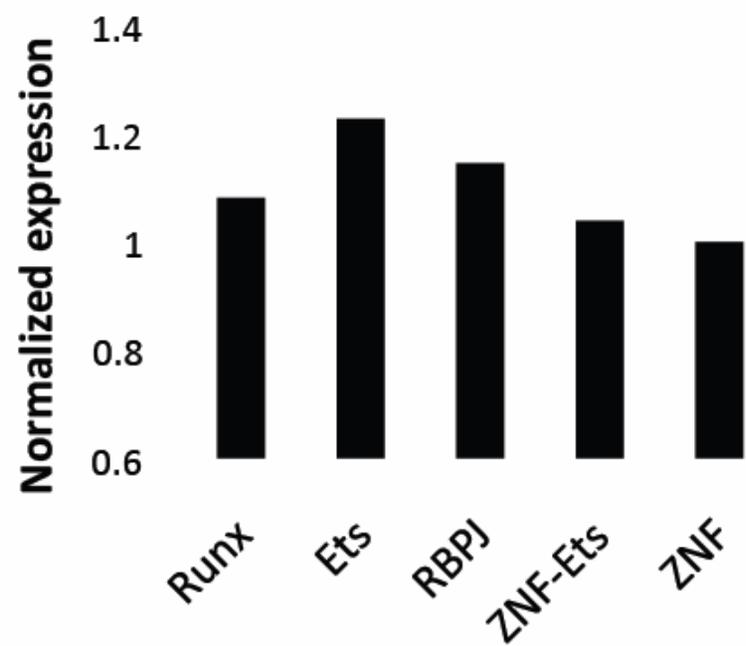


	Fraction Promoter	Notch1 signal	RBPJ signal
Runx	0.21	11	7.6
Ets	0.62	8.6	8.7
RBPJ	0.54	9.2	8.3
ZNF-Ets	0.87	32	6.8
ZNF	0.84	39	7

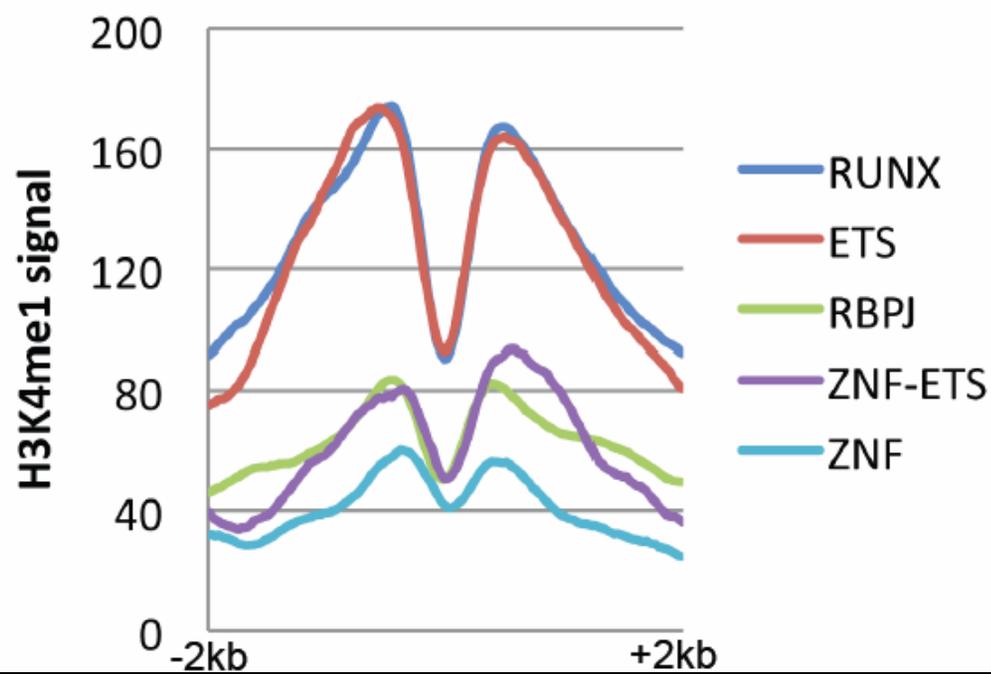
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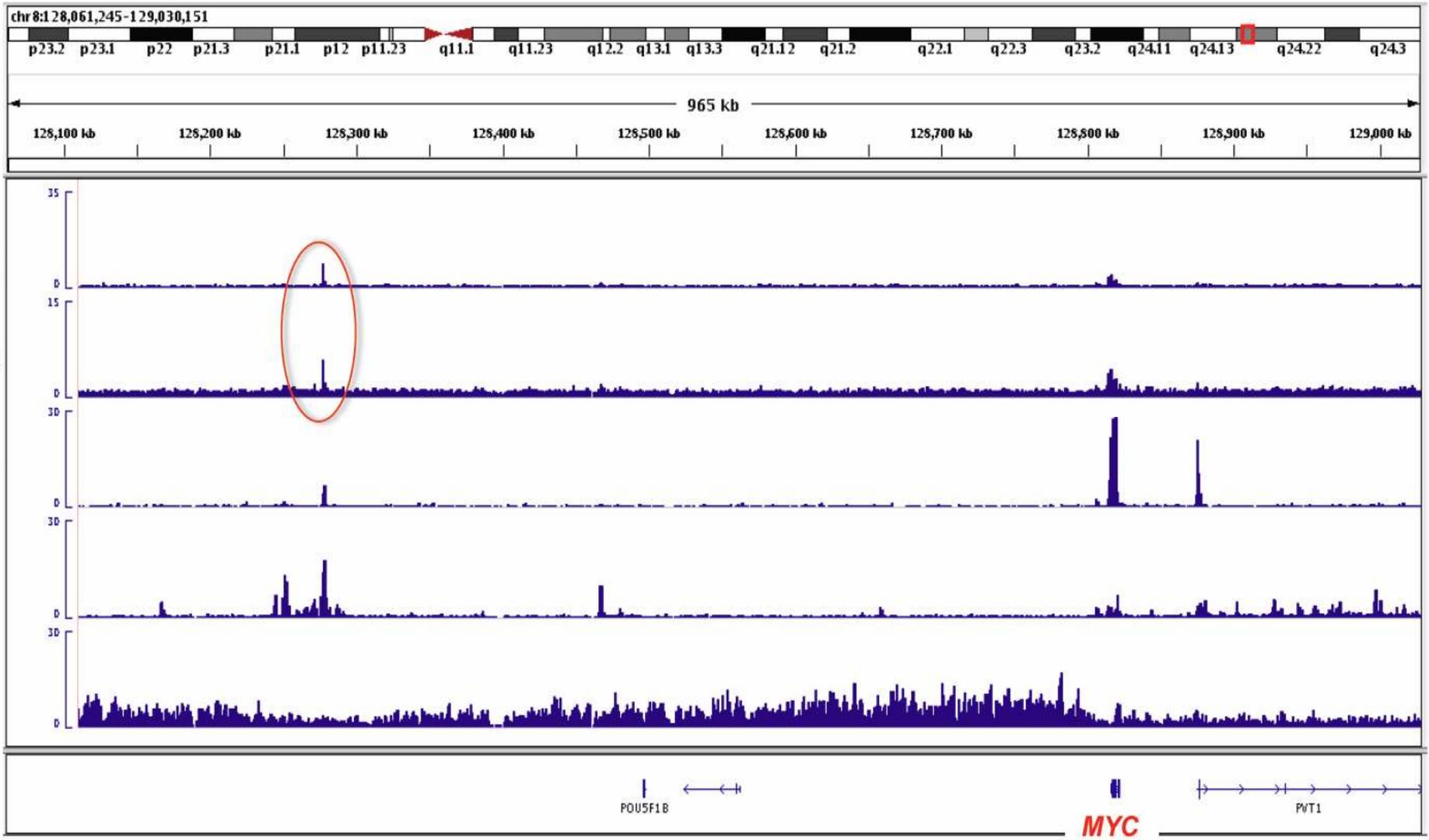


D Gene expression by cluster



E Intergenic K4me1 by cluster





Gain-of-function mutations in Notch1 are common in human and murine T lymphoblastic leukemia (T-LL). Notch1 regulates gene expression by forming transcription activation complexes with the DNA-binding factor RBPJ. ChIP-Seq was therefore used to identify Notch1 and RBPJ binding sites in human and murine T-LL genomes. In both species, Notch1 bound preferentially to promoters, to RBPJ binding sites, and near imputed ZNF143, Ets and Runx sites. Human ZNF143 ChIP-Seq confirmed ZNF143 at ~40% of Notch1 sites. Notch1/ZNF143 sites often lacked detectable RBPJ and had high Notch1 and ZNF143 ChIP-Seq signals, yet were associated with less nucleosome depletion and lower promoter H3K4me3 or intergenic H3K4me1 signals than other Notch1 sites. Notch1 bound at ZNF143 sites was also resistant to gamma-secretase inhibitors, suggesting that these complexes are unusually stable. Notch1 binding site motif analysis identified imputed Runx, Ets, RBPJ, ZNF143-Ets, and ZNF143 motif clusters, with differing genomic distributions and chromatin marks. Notch1 binds ~25% of robustly affected target gene promoters in human T-LL cells and to candidate enhancers for other target genes, including *MYC*, *DTX1*, *IGF1R*, and *IL7R*. Human and murine T-LL genomes also had many sites that bind only RBPJ. Murine RBPJ “only” sites were highly enriched for imputed REST sites, whereas human RBPJ “only” sites lacked REST motifs and had imputed CREB sites. Thus, there is a conserved network of cis-regulatory factors that interacts with Notch1 to regulate gene expression in T-LL cells, as well as novel classes of divergent RBPJ “only” sites also likely to have roles in transcription regulation.

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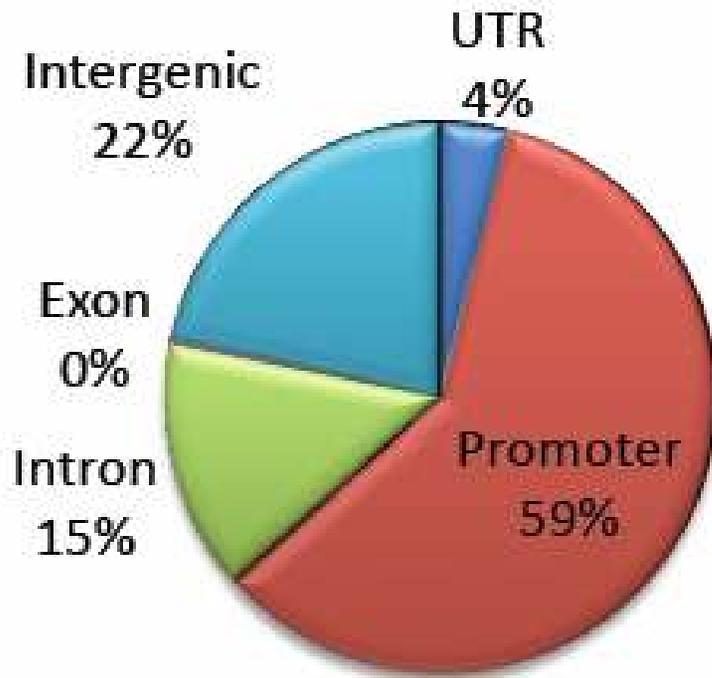
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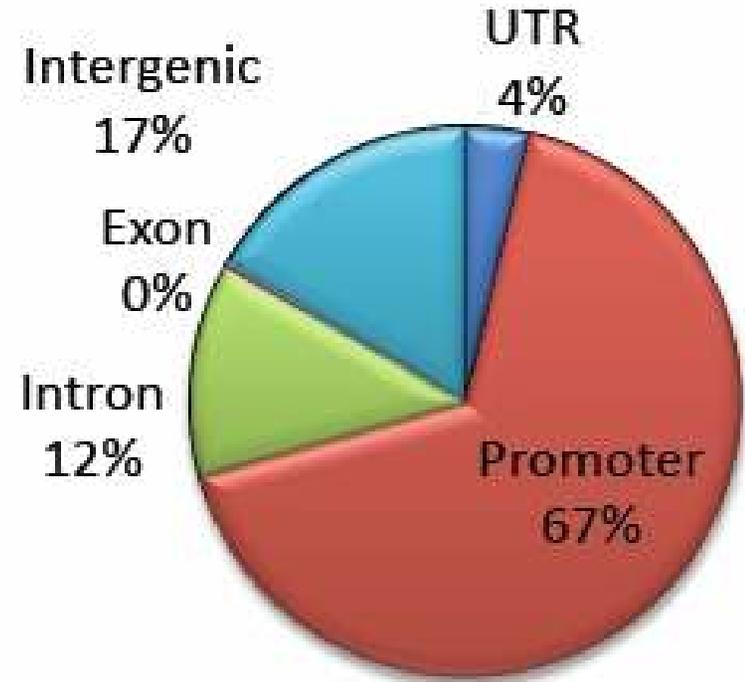
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EBNA2 and RBPJ sites were 13% at promoters, whereas Notch1 and RBPJ sites were 59 and 67% at promoters

CUTLL1 Notch1: 3846 sites



CUTLL1 RBPJ: 2112 sites



Notch1 sites

- ZNF143
- Ets
- Runx

RBPJ sites

- ZNF143
- CREB
- Ets
- Runx

