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Nucleolus and centromere Tyramide Signal Amplification-Seq reveals variable localization of heterochromatin in different cell types

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Genome differential positioning within interphase nuclei remains poorly explored. We extended and validated Tyramide Signal Amplification (TSA)-seq to map genomic regions near nucleoli and pericentric heterochromatin in four human cell lines. Our study confirmed that smaller chromosomes localize closer to nucleoli but further deconvolved this by revealing a preference for chromosome arms below 36-46 Mbp in length. We identified two lamina associated domain subsets through their differential nuclear lamina versus nucleolar positioning in different cell lines which showed distinctive patterns of DNA replication timing and gene expression across all cell lines. Unexpectedly, active, nuclear speckle-associated genomic regions were found near typically repressive nuclear compartments, which is attributable to the close proximity of nuclear speckles and nucleoli in some cell types, and association of centromeres with nuclear speckles in human embryonic stem cells (hESCs). Our study points to a more complex and variable nuclear genome organization than suggested by current models, as revealed by our TSA-seq methodology.

Early cytologists defined heterochromatin as chromosome regions which remained condensed post-mitosis throughout most of the interphase cell cycle^{1-[3](#page-15-0)}. They described heterochromatin as localizing preferentially at the nuclear and nucleolar peripheries across a wide range of species (reviewed in refs. [4](#page-15-0)–[8\)](#page-15-0). The advent of immunostaining and in situ hybridization methods indeed revealed varying preferential localization of centromeres, telomeres, as well as individual silenced genes to the nuclear and nucleolar peripheries^{[9](#page-15-0)-16}. Some silenced genes were also observed to preferentially localize adjacent to the pericentric heterochromatin (PCH) at the periphery of chromocenters, formed in species such as Drosophila and mouse through the clustering of centromeres^{17–21}. However, the extent to which silenced genes and heterochromatin colocalize with PCH in species without prominent chromocenters, such as human, remains unclear. Importantly, most late-replicating heterochromatin regions were observed to localize at varying frequencies, higher than that observed for control euchromatic regions, among each of these different nuclear locations²². These microscopy observations led to the suggestion that the nuclear, nucleolar, and pericentric heterochromatin peripheries should be considered as forming one equivalent repressive compartment, with gene silencing and/or maintenance of this gene silencing correlated with localization to these nuclear compartments $23,24$.

The distinct biochemical composition of each of these nuclear compartments suggests different potential functional consequences when particular heterochromatin regions localizing to one or another of these different compartments. Additionally, localization of a given heterochromatic region to one or the another of these compartments would be expected to result in different nuclear localization of flanking euchromatic regions. These considerations raise questions of whether different types of

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heterochromatin might localize at different frequencies to these three compartments, the possible dynamics of this differential positioning throughout the cell cycle, physiological transitions, and cell differentiation, and the possible functional consequences of this differential positioning. A single genome-wide mapping approach that can measure and compare the relative localization of different heterochromatin regions to each of these three nuclear compartments would be highly beneficial for addressing these questions.

Previously, genome-wide, high-throughput sequencing methods which probe molecular proximity of the genome to particular proteins have been used as the most common approach to explore these questions. DamID and, more recently, ChIP-seq and Cut and Run or Cut and Tag molecular proximity methods have successfully mapped lamina associated domains $(LADs)^{5,25-27}$ $(LADs)^{5,25-27}$ $(LADs)^{5,25-27}$ $(LADs)^{5,25-27}$ $(LADs)^{5,25-27}$. A new "pA-DamID" method has overcome the limited time resolution of the original DamID method for LAD detection and has identified cell-cycle modulations of LAD associations²⁸, while single-cell DamID has measured contact frequencies of individual LADs²⁹. DamID mapping of nucleolar associated domains using a nucleolar targeting peptide fused with the Dam methylase has been reported in K562 cells³⁰, and, more recently, using a nucleolar targeting peptide fused with histone H2B and Dam methylase, in mouse embryonic stem cells³¹. In other studies, Nucleolar Associated Domains (NADs) have been mapped by the sequencing of DNA co-purifying with isolated nucleoli³²⁻³⁵. These NADs largely overlap with LADs identified in the same cell lines, but also include H3K27me3-enriched inter-LAD domains. To date, PCH-associated domains (PADs) have only been mapped in mouse cells by 4C, using a major satellite DNA repeat as the viewpoint. While in somatic cells PADs largely overlap LADs and correspond to constitutively inactive genomic regions³⁶, unexpectedly in mouse ESCs a significant fraction of PADs instead overlapped with transcriptionally active, constitutive inter-LADs $(iLADs)³⁶$.

Recently a new genomic method, Tyramide Signal Amplification (TSA)-seq, was introduced which produces a signal proportional to microscopic distance rather than molecular proximity to the target protein. TSA-seq was able to map the genome relative to a nuclear compartmentnuclear speckles- which was unmappable using ChIP-seq³⁷. TSA-seq also was able to map the genome relative to the nuclear lamina, in this case producing similar but complementary results to $DamID^{37}$. For example, TSA-seq revealed that short inter-LADs (iLADs) still position near the nuclear lamina; conversely some LADs show an increased separation away from the nuclear lamina, perhaps interacting with nucleoli and/or the PCH³⁷. Thus, TSA-seq either provides the ability to map the genome relative to nuclear locales that were previously unmappable or provides similar but complementary information to that provided by molecular proximity mapping methods.

We therefore developed and applied nucleolar and PCH TSA-seq to map and compare the relative association of heterochromatin with the nuclear lamina, nucleoli, and PCH across four different human cell lines: H1, HFF, HCT116, K562. We show varying association of different heterochromatin regions with different nuclear compartments both within and between cell lines.

Results

Extending TSA-Seq to measure cytological proximity to nucleoli and pericentric heterochromatin

We first considered which nucleolar and PCH subcompartments we should target, then identified suitable antibodies to mark these subcompartments, and finally optimized TSA staining conditions for each of the targeted subcompartments in HCT116 cells.

Certain Fibrillar Center (FC) and Dense Fibrillar Compartment (DFC) markers have the highest nucleolar to nucleoplasmic enrichment which if used would minimize background staining. TSA labeling creates an exponential decay in tyramide free-radical concentration as a function of distance from the immunostaining target³⁷. The interior localization of the FC and DFC within the nucleolus therefore would lower the tryamide free radical concentrations reaching the chromatin adjacent to the nucleolar periphery (Supplementary Fig. 1a). Moreover, this exponential decay would result in little or even no signal for chromosome regions at the nucleolar periphery adjacent to the Granular Compartment (GC) but with no nearby FC. However, we reasoned that this reduced sensitivity using a FC or DFC target might also increase the spatial resolution of nucleolar TSA-seq mapping by labeling only regions closest to nucleoli. Conversely, antibodies targeting the GC would probe chromosome localization over a larger radius surrounding nucleoli. Following a similar logic for marking the PCH, we could choose either CENPB, which binds a subset of alpha-satellite repeats flanking centromeres³⁸, or CENPA, marking the centromeres themselves.

Screening anti-nucleolar antibodies, we found that whereas nucleophosmin (GC marker) imunostaining produced a strong nucleolar signal, particularly near the nucleolar periphery, it also produced a high nucleoplasmic background (Supplementary Fig. 1b). Using the Human Protein Atlas (proteinatlas.org)^{[39](#page-16-0)} as a guide, we identified potential, lowbackground nucleolar markers including MKI67IP and DDX18, RNA polymerase I subunit E (Pol1RE) which stains the FC, and nucleolin which stains predominately the DFC and also the $GC⁴⁰$ $GC⁴⁰$ $GC⁴⁰$ (Supplementary Fig. 1b). Antibodies tested for these markers produced low nucleoplasmic background and worked at high dilution (1:2000). Double labeling with nucleophosmin revealed MKI67IP distributed throughout the GC, whereas DDX18 localized in many small foci densely packed within the GC (Supplementary Fig. 1b); therefore, both served as GC markers for TSA.

Both CENP-B and CENP-A immunostaining generated low nucleoplasmic background (Supplementary Fig. 1b). CENP-B covered a larger fraction of the PCH whereas CENP-A decorates the actual, small dot-like centromeric region adjacent to the PCH; chromatin regions interacting with PCH could be some distance from the single, dot-like CENP-A staining on each interphase chromatid. Therefore, we chose CENP-B staining to probe genome interactions with the PCH.

Thus, we identified useful antibodies for TSA staining of the PCH and different nucleolar compartments which produced both low background and strong TSA signals (Fig. [1](#page-2-0)A).

We next surveyed different TSA-seq 2.0 staining conditions^{[41](#page-16-0)} to optimize the TSA genomic labeling. Using intermediate tyramide-biotin concentrations and staining times ("Condition C" from our previous study) 41 , all four nucleolar markers produced similar patterns of TSA-Seq scores ($log_2(pulldown/input)$ appropriately normalized by read count³⁷) (Fig. [1](#page-2-0), Supplementary Data 1). Notably, NOR-adjacent chromosome regions displayed the highest TSA-seq scores (Fig. [2,](#page-3-0) left ends of Chr 13,14,15, 21, 22) but centromeres of metacentric chromosomes generally also contained strong TSA-seq peaks (Fig. [1](#page-2-0)b, Fig. [2\)](#page-3-0). CENP-B TSA-Seq detected major peaks overlapping the centromere and smaller "satellite" peaks in regions flanking the centromere which typically overlap with nucleolar TSA-seq peaks (Fig. [1](#page-2-0)b, orange highlights). We hypothesize that the nucleolar association of centromeres contributes to the correlation of these PCH TSA-seq satellite peaks with nucleolar TSA-seq peaks.

Closer examination, however, reveals small differences between the FC/DFC (nucleolin, Pol1RE) versus GC (MKI67IP, DDX18) target TSAseq. For example, "peaks-within-valleys" in the FC/DFC TSA-seq do not align with similar features in the GC TSA-seq (Fig. [1b](#page-2-0), c, yellow highlights). Moreover, TSA-seq scatterplot comparisons showed the strongest correlations between data sets produced using antibodies targeting the same or spatially similar nucleolar compartments (Fig. [1](#page-2-0)d, e).

Moving forward, we choose MKI67IP and Pol1RE as markers for the GC and FC compartments, respectively, due to their higher TSA-seq dynamic range (Fig. [1](#page-2-0)b). We also enhanced TSA-labeling by using an improved protocol (TSA-seq 2.0 Condition E) which reduced the required cell numbers⁴¹. Compared to data obtained using the Condition C protocol, the increased TSA labeling obtained using Condition E produced similar TSA-seq results for MKI67IP, Pol1RE, and CENP-B but with slightly reduced dynamic range (Supplementary Fig. 1c, d, Supplementary Data $1)^{41}$.

Fig. 1 | Identification and comparison of molecular markers for nucleolar and pericentric heterochromatin (PCH) TSA-seq. a Immunostaining (green) and TSA (red, streptavidin labeling of tyramide biotin) examples using nucleolar markers POL1RE (FC), Nucleolin (DFC/GC), DDX18 and MKI67IP localized here to the GC, and CENP-B as a pericentric heterochromatin marker. DNA staining (blue); Scale bar = 5 μm. b, c TSA-seq Chr2 Nucleome Browser views produced in HCT116 cells

against markers CENP-B, POL1RE, Nucleolin, DDX18, and MKI67IP. Orange highlights- chromosome regions appearing as peaks in both CENP-B and Nucleolar TSA-Seq; yellow highlights- chromosome regions appearing as peaks within valleys in FC/DFC TSA-Seq but valleys in GC TSA-Seq. d High correlation between TSAseq produced using different nucleolar markers shown by 2D scatterplots. e Pearson correlation heat map of TSA-Seq for different nucleolar markers.

HCT116 TSA-seq

Fig. 2 | Comparison of CENP-B, POL1RE, MKI67IP, and Lamin B1 TSA-seq across all chromosomes in HCT116 cells. Nucleome Browser views are based on Hg38 assembly. NOR-containing chromosomes are highlighted in red. Several trends are apparent: i) NOR-adjacent chromosome regions (left arms) show the highest MKI67IP TSA-seq scores; the next highest MKI67IP TSA-seq peaks are at or near centromeres (see also Fig. [3\)](#page-6-0); ii) Although MKI67IP TSA-seq scores are higher over LADs than flanking iLADs, they change from peaks to "peak-within-valleys" or flat valleys moving from the centromere towards the ends of long chromosome arms (e.g., Chr2); iii) Non-NOR containing autosome chromosomes arms shorter than ~46 Mbp in HCT116 show relatively constant, higher nucleolar TSA-seq scores (see also Fig. [4](#page-7-0)); iv) LMB1 TSA-seq peaks tend to increase near the ends of long chromosome arms while MKI67IP TSA-seq signals decrease (see also Fig. [5\)](#page-8-0); v) The largest CENP-B TSA-seq peaks appear over centromeres; a few smaller peaks flank these larger centromere peaks (see also Fig. [6](#page-9-0)).

We then performed TSA-seq to produce replicate datasets for MKI67IP, Pol1RE, CENP-B as well as LMNB1 in all four cell lines analyzed-HCT116, H1, K562, and hTERT-HFF. This data complemented previously generated SON TSA-seq in all four cell lines⁴¹.

Specificity of nucleolar and PCH TSA-seq supported by initial examination of genome-wide maps

In all cell types analyzed, we observed maximal CENP-B TSA-seq signals over chromosome centromeric regions, signal decay away from centromeric regions, and a small number of smaller peaks flanking centromeric regions, as we had seen in the HCT116 cells. Together, these data validate the specificity of the CENP-B TSA-seq (Fig. [1](#page-2-0)b, Supplementary Fig. 2, Fig. [2\)](#page-3-0).

Inspection of the HCT116 nucleolar TSA-seq (Fig. [2\)](#page-3-0) reveals consistency with several known features of nucleolar chromosome association. The maximum nucleolar TSA-seq signals for all four markers appear in the hg38 chromosome assembly over regions on the NOR-containing chromosomes (13,14,15,21,22) immediately adjacent to their repeat-rich p-arms containing the ribosomal gene repeats; the p-arms and NORs within these p-arms are missing from this assembly (Fig. [2](#page-3-0)). Remapping to the newer T-to-T complete human chromosome assembly^{[42](#page-16-0)} revealed the highest nucleolar TSA-seq signals over the NOR regions themselves, with the second highest nucleolar TSA-seq signals over the non-NOR p-arm regions known to associate with the nucleolar periphery (Fig. [3a](#page-6-0)) 43 .

To compare centromere associations with nucleoli across and within cell types, we normalized centromere MKI67IP TSA-seq scores to the maximum nucleolar TSA-seq scores of NORs in the T-to-T genome assembly. Nearly all NORs localize within nucleoli, even in cell lines in which several NORs are maintained in a transcriptionally inactive state and most of the chromosome territory containing these inactive NORs may localize away from nucleoli⁴⁴. Thus, the MKI78IP TSA-seq score over NORs should correspond to a near 100% nucleolar association frequency. In HCT116, centromeres of non-NOR containing chromosomes showed near uniform MKI67IP TSA-seq scores of ~40–50% of the TSA-seq scores over the NORs while centromeres of the NOR-containing chromosomes showed ~70% the NOR scores (Fig. [3b](#page-6-0), Supplementary Data 2). Individual centromere nucleolar TSA-seq scores were similar or even higher for chromosomes in H1 cells (Fig. [3b](#page-6-0)). However, centromeres of non-NOR containing chromosomes showed lower MKI67IP normalized TSA-seq scores in K562 cells (5–30% for larger chromosomes, ~30–50% for smaller chromosomes) which dropped to still lower scores in HFF cells (10–20% for larger chromosomes, 20–40% for smaller chromosomes (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)b). These variations in MKI67IP TSA-seq centromere scores across the four cell lines (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)b) parallel previously observed variations in frequencies of centromere/nucleoli colocalization in mouse and human cells measured by light microscopy⁴⁵. Specifically, centromere association with nucleoli was highest in undifferentiated pluripotent cells, low in differentiated normal cells and decreasing further with terminal differentiation, and typically at intermediate to high frequencies in transformed cell lines⁴⁵. We show a similar trend by light microscopy immunostaining, with the highest centromere nucleolar association frequency in HCT116 cells and H1 cells, the lowest in HFF, and intermediate levels in K562 (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)c, d).

Our nucleolar TSA-seq results extend these previous light microscopy results^{[45](#page-16-0)} further by identifying variations in the degree of nucleolar association among individual centromeres as well as demonstrating the increased nucleolar association of centromeres on smaller non-NOR containing chromosomes (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)b).

Genome-wide validation of nucleolar TSA-seq

Other nucleolar TSA-seq features were unanticipated, raising validation concerns. Specifically, some previous NAD-seq studies measured similar levels of nucleolar association across most $LADs³⁵$, as did nucleolar DamID produced using Dam methylase fused to a nucleolar targeting peptide ("4xAP3")³⁰. In contrast, although MKI67IP TSA-seq scores in HCT116 are higher over LADs than flanking iLADs, they change from

peaks to "peaks-within-valleys" or flat valleys moving towards the ends of long metacentric chromosome arms (see for example Chr2, Fig. [2](#page-3-0)).

As described in detail in later Results sections, in other cell types (see Supplementary Fig. 2) the nucleolar versus nuclear lamin TSA-seq signals further deviate from each other. Many LADs even appear as MKI67IP TSAseq local minima rather than local maxima. Meanwhile, small peaks and "peak-within-valley" local maxima of MKI67IP TSA-seq align instead with iLAD subregions corresponding to nuclear speckle (SON) TSA-seq peaks that correlate with gene dense, highly transcriptionally active genome regions^{37,41} (See Results section, "Nuclear speckle-associated, active chromosome regions map close to nucleoli in some cell lines"). Interestingly, while the perinucleolar region is often referred to as a "repressive environment", because of its associated heterochromatin, electron microscopy actually typically shows juxtaposed heterochromatin domains only over a fraction of the nucleolar periphery, with euchromatin, and even RNA pol2 and/or pol3 mediated transcription⁴⁶, localized near other nucleolar periphery regions⁴⁷. Additionally, nucleolin was shown to have FACT-like activity, facilitating the elongation of RNA pol2-mediated transcription through nucleosomes^{[48](#page-16-0)}, and to be a component and/or modulator of several transcription factors, including LR1, a B-cell specific transcription factor⁴⁹, Myb⁵⁰, and IRF- 2^{51} .

For validation purposes, we therefore compared nucleolar TSA-seq with two orthogonal measurements of genome association with nucleoli. First, we analyzed highly multiplexed, genome-wide, immuno-FISH ima-ging of chromosomal nucleolar association⁵² (Fig. [3](#page-6-0), Supplementary Fig. 3, Supplementary Data 3). Strongly validating the TSA-seq from HFF human fibroblasts, both the MIKI67IP (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)e, 0.84 Pearson correlation coefficient) and POL1RE (Supplementary Fig. 3b, 0.80 Pearson correlation coefficient) TSA-seq scores correlated inversely with the measured distances of ~1000 FISH probes spaced evenly across the genome to the nearest nucleolar DFC in IMR90 human fibroblasts.

As a second genome-wide validation test (Fig. [3f](#page-6-0)–j, Supplementary Data 1), we compared nucleolar TSA-seqwith NAD-seq, in which nucleolar associations were measured by deep sequencing of DNA associated with biochemically purified nucleoli. In previous analyses, NAD peaks were identified as peaks in the local signal "contrast", computed by subtracting the background signal defined by the mean of a sliding window $34,53$. Such background subtraction artificially enhances the correlation between LADs and NADS. Instead, without this background subtraction, nucleolar TSAseq and NAD-seq signals are highly correlated in H1 cells, as appreciated in both genome browser views (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)j, Supplementary Fig. 3a) and scatterplot analysis (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)f, Supplementary Fig. 3c). In HFF, the nucleolar TSA-seq versus NAD-seq correlation is significant but not as strong (Pearson Correlation coefficients 0.91 versus 0.54 (MKI67IP), 0.71 versus 0.41 (FC)) (Fig. [3g](#page-6-0), Supplementary Fig. 3d).

Whereas nucleolar TSA-seq reports on distance from nucleoli, NADseq measures the fraction of loci that maintain contact through the biochemical fractionation of nucleoli. Therefore, we expect greater deviations between TSA-seq and NAD-seq over genomic regions with lower nucleolar contact frequencies and higher variation in nucleolar distances. Indeed, genomic regions showing high MKI67IP TSA-seq show higher correlation with NAD-seq (Fig. [3f](#page-6-0)–j, Supplementary Fig. 3a); these regions include smaller chromosomes, NOR-containing chromosomes, NORs and chromosome regions flanking NORs, and near centromeres in non-NOR containing chromosomes. Conversely, chromosome regions with lower nucleolar association show larger deviations between the TSA-seq versus NAD-seq values, particularly in HFF versus H1 cells. This is appreciated first by the widening of the off-diagonal scatterplot bins at lower values of both nucleolar TSA-seq and NAD-seq (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)g, Supplementary Fig. 3d) and second by the superimposing of mean nucleolar distances (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)h) and nucleolar contact frequencies (Fig. [3i](#page-6-0)) onto these scatterplots. Nucleolar contact frequencies vary for loci with similar mean distances, contributing to the decreased correlation at lower values of both TSA-seq and NAD-seq.

In contrast, nucleolar $DamID^{30}$ $DamID^{30}$ $DamID^{30}$ in HFF did not correlate well with either mean distance to nucleoli in IMR90 (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)k), NAD-seq

(Supplementary Fig. 3e), or MKI67IP TSA-seq (Fig. [3l](#page-6-0)). Instead, for unknown reasons, nucleolar DamID strongly correlated with LMNB1 DamID (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)m) and LMNB1 TSA-seq (Supplementary Fig. 3f).

Based on these genome-wide FISH and NAD-seq comparisons, we conclude that nucleolar TSA-seq measurements produce valid measurements of mean distance to nucleoli.

Shorter chromosome arms show increased nucleolar association

Chromosome paint FISH previously demonstrated a more interior location for human NOR-containing chromosomes as well as smaller chromosomes $16-20⁵⁴$, possibly due to an increased association of these chromosomes with nucleoli. MKI67IP TSA-seq in both HCT116 (Fig. [4](#page-7-0)a) and HFF Fig. 3 | Validation of nucleolar TSA-seq. a TtoT genome assembly reveals highest nucleolar HCT116 TSA-seq signals over p-arms containing NORs and rDNA repeats. Browser views of POL1RE and MKI67IP TSA-Seq for NOR-containing chromosomes. Yellow highlights show centromere positions. b–d Variation in nucleolar TSA-seq signals across different cell lines over centromere regions matches variable centromere localization to nucleoli seen by microscopy. Mean MKI67IP TSA-seq scores (y-axis) over centromeres (x-axis) (b) shows highest values for NOR-containing chromosomes (green). Non-NOR containing chromosomes show higher, near constant centromere nucleolar TSA-seq signals in HCT116 and H1 but lower, more variable signals in HFF and K562. Immunostaining (c) shows a high percentage (d, y-axis) of centromeres (CENP-A) associated with nucleoli (MKI67IP) in HCT116 and H1 but lower percentage (d) in K562 and HFF (DNA (DAPI) blue; scale bars = 5 μ m); bar plots (**d**) showing colocalization percentages are

(Supplementary Fig. 4a) cells shows a general trend of increased nucleolar association with decreasing chromosome lengths, but with some deviations (e.g., Chr 6-12, 17, 19, X, Fig. [4](#page-7-0)a).

However, MKI67IP TSA-seq reveals an even stronger but nonlinear correlation between chromosome arm length and nucleolar association (Fig. [4](#page-7-0), Supplementary Fig. 4). For example, the short Chr 5 p-arm shows a pronounced increased nucleolar association along its length as compared to the steady drop in nucleolar TSA-seq moving distal from the centromere across the moderate length p-arm of Chr2 (Fig. [4b](#page-7-0)). Ignoring NORcontaining arms and the heterochromatic Y p-arm, chromosomes arms shorter than ~46 Mbp in HCT116 show generally higher nucleolar TSA-seq scores that are relatively constant with arm length (Fig. [4c](#page-7-0), Fig. [2\)](#page-3-0). Exceptions include the q arms of the NOR chromosomes, as well as the q-arm of chromosome 18, which deviate towards higher nucleolar TSA-seq scores. The former is expected due to the near 100% association of NOR-containing p-arms with the nucleolus. The entire chromosome 18 territory previously had been shown to be localized towards the nuclear periphery in rounder but not flat cells^{54,55}

A similar trend between nucleolar association and arm length is seen in HFF, K562, and H1 except that the size beyond which nucleolar association decreases changes from ~46 Mbp to ~36 Mbp and the anomalous elevation in the chromosome 18 q-arm is lost in H1 (Fig. [4](#page-7-0)d, Fig. 4Sb-c). Mining the IMR90 multiplexed immuno-FISH data set^{[52](#page-16-0)} supports both the decreased distance from nucleoli of probes located on shorter (Chr18-20) versus longer chromosomes (Chr1-3) (Fig. [4](#page-7-0)e) and the variation in mean nucleolar distances as a function of chromosome arm length (Fig. [4](#page-7-0)f) inferred from the MKI67IP TSA-seq.

Most LADs/NADs associate with both the nuclear lamina and nucleolar periphery but with different frequencies

Having extensively validated the nucleolar TSA-seq, we then used this method to determine whether different heterochromatin regions associate at the same or different relative frequencies with the nuclear lamina versus the nucleolar periphery using a single, and therefore more readily comparable, methodology.

Comparing HCT116 nucleolar versus nuclear lamina TSA-seq, we noted large differences in the relative distribution of many LADs relative to the nucleolus versus nuclear lamina (Fig. [2](#page-3-0)). As previously described, large LMNB1 TSA-seq peaks can correspond to very different nucleolar TSA-seq signals ranging from large to small peaks, a peak-within-valley local maxima, or a deep valley in the nucleolar TSA-seq signal. Similarly, many large nucleolar TSA-seq peaks show noticeably smaller LMNB1 peaks than typical for flanking LAD regions which have lower nucleolar TSA-seq scores (e.g., middle regions of Chr2, Chr3). A second overall trend is that the relative strengths of LMB1 TSA-seq peaks tend to increase near the ends of long chromosome arms while nucleolar TSA-seq signals decrease (Fig. [2](#page-3-0)).

We conclude that different LAD regions show varying relative association frequencies with the nuclear lamina versus nucleolar peripheries, with most LADs showing some level of increased affinity to both compartments.

from measurements from 50 nuclei ($n = 1739-2537$ centromeres) for each cell type (d, x axis), using a distance threshold of less than $0.2 \mu m$, error bars = SEM. e–i Nucleolar TSA-seq correlates both with fibroblast nucleolar distance measurements and NAD-seq. Scatterplots of distance to nucleolus (FC) (IMR90) versus MKI67IP TSA-seq (HFF) (e), MKI67IP TSA-seq versus NAD-seq in H1 (f) and HFF (g), MKI67IP TSA-seq versus NAD-seq in HFF with either distance to (h) or contact frequency with (i) to nucleoli (IMR90) superimposed in color-coding. j Browser views comparing MKI67IP (GC) and POL1RE (FC) TSA-seq with NAD-seq in H1 and HFF. Nucleolar DamID correlates poorly with microscopy distance measurements and nucleolar TSA-seq but correlates instead with lamin B1 DamID. 2D scatter plots of distance to nucleoli (IMR90) versus 4xAP3 nucleolar DamID (HFF) (k), 4xAP3 nucleolar DamID versus MKI67IP TSA-seq in HFF (l) or lamin B1 DamID (m).

Identification of two distinct subsets of LADs/NADs localizing differentially between the nuclear periphery and nucleolus in different cell lines

LADs typically have been conceptualized and analyzed as a set of heterochromatin domains with similar biochemical and functional properties⁵. However, an analysis of an ~1 Mbp LAD region flanking the HBB locus suggested at least three different nuclear lamina targeting mechanisms, each operating within different regions of this LAD⁵⁶. To ask whether different LAD "flavors" might be recognized by their varying association with different nuclear compartments, we focused on LADs which change nuclear positioning across different cell types, rationalizing that this would avoid the confounding bias of chromosome arm position on relative nuclear lamina versus nucleolar positioning.

Comparing the relative localization of LADs relative to the nuclear lamina versus nucleoli across the four cell lines identified two LAD subsets showing opposite biochemical and functional properties from each other (Fig. [5](#page-8-0), Supplementary Fig. 5, Supplementary Data 4). Biochemical characterization involved comparing relative enrichment of two prominent histone marks associated with heterochromatin—H3K9m3 associated with constitutive heterochromatin and H3K27me3 associated with facultative heterochromatin—as well as several histone acetylation and methylation marks associated with active chromatin. Functional characterization examined both gene expression and DNA replication timing.

Subset1 LADs are more repressed and later replicating while subset2 LADs are less repressed and earlier replicating than the set of all LADs. Although both LAD subsets were identified by their differential nuclear localization between different cell lines, their distinctive biochemical and functional properties are similar across all cell lines.

LAD subset1

LAD subset1 was recognized by their conversion from low nucleolar association in three cell lines (H1, K562, HFF) to a relatively high nucleolar association, combined with a noticeable reduction in lamin B1 TSA-seq scores, in HCT116 cells (Fig. [5a](#page-8-0), c). For analysis, we defined specific windows for MKI67IP and lamin B1 TSA-Seq scores (Supplementary Fig. 5a, b) which identified such LADs (Fig. [5](#page-8-0)c) (see Methods).

Biochemically, LADs subset1 is distinguished most notably by higher H3K9me3-enrichment as compared to the set of all LADs. This enrichment is present in all four cell lines (Fig. [5e](#page-8-0), HCT116, H1, K562; Supplementary Fig. 5c, HFF) but is exceptionally elevated in HCT116 cells. In contrast, levels of H3K27me3 are low relative to the set of all LADs (Fig. [5](#page-8-0)f). Conversely, histone marks associated with active chromatin-H3K27ac (Supplementary Fig. 5d, HFF; Supplementary Fig. 5h, HCT116, K562, H1), and both H3K9ac and H3K4me1 (Supplementary Fig. 5g, i, HCT116, H1, K562)—are noticeably depleted in LADs subset1 relative to the set of all LADs in each of the three or four cell lines where this data is available. Curiously, the active H3K4me3 mark instead is significantly elevated relative to the sets of all LADs and all iLADs specifically in LADs subset1 in HCT116; instead, this active mark is depleted in LAD subset1 in H1 and K562 (Supplementary Fig. 5j).

Functionally, LADs subset1 shows significantly later DNA replication timing than the set of all LADs in all four cell lines, as assayed by 2-fraction

Fig. 4 | Increased nucleolar association with decreasing chromosome size deconvolved into increased nucleolar association of chromosome arms below critical length. a NOR containing chromosomes (highlighted in red, x-axis) and smaller chromosomes (Chr 16-20) have higher MKI67IP TSA-Seq scores (y axis) compared to larger chromosomes (Chr 1-12) in HCT116 cells. b Browser views of POL1RE (FC) and MKI67IP (GC) TSA-Seq in HCT116 show increased nucleolus TSA-Seq scores on the smaller p-arm of Chr 5 (bottom) compared to p arm of Chr 2

(top). Chromosome arm lengths less than 46 Mbp in HCT116 (c) and 36 Mbp in HFFc6 (d) show higher MKI67IP TSA-Seq scores (y axis). e Scatterplots of mean distance to nucleolus (y-axis) versus mean distance to lamina (x-axis) for genomic regions on larger (Chr1-3) versus smaller (Chr18-20) chromosomes (Chr1-3). f Four chromosome scatterplots of mean distance to nucleolus (y-axis) versus mean distance to lamina (x-axis) show p-arm genomic regions (red dots are closer to nucleoli than q-arm genomic regions (blue dots).

Repli-seq (Fig. [5g](#page-8-0), Supplementary Fig. 5e), while average gene expression levels are significantly lower relative to all LADs in all four cell lines (Fig. [5](#page-8-0)h, Supplementary Fig. 5f).

LAD subset2

LAD subset2 was recognized by their conversion between cell types from high lamin B1 and low MIKI67IP TSA-seq scores to low lamin B1 and elevated MKI67 IP TSA-seq scores (Fig. [5](#page-8-0)b, d). Browser views revealed subset2 LADs localize predominately towards the ends of long chromosome

arms and are largely LADs in HFF and HCT116 cells versus nucleolarassociated iLADs in K562 and H1 cells.

For analysis, we defined appropriate windows for MKI67IP and lamin B1 TSA-Seq scores (see Methods) which effectively identify those same regions (Fig. [5d](#page-8-0), black bars in bottom browser track). Figure [5](#page-8-0)d shows an ~60 Mbp region containing several subset2 LADs on Chr1 which alternates between nuclear speckle (SON) and lamin B1 TSA-peaks in HCT116 and HFF cells versus MKI67IP TSA-seq peaks in H1 and K562 cells (Fig. [5d](#page-8-0), orange shaded regions).

Fig. 5 | LAD subsets identified based on their cell-type specific nuclear localization show distinctive histone marks, gene expression levels, and DNA replication timing. Scatter plot tool was used to simultaneously select LAD subset1 genomic bins (highlighted in orange) which localize close to the nucleolus specifically in HCT116 cells (high MKI67IP TSA-Seq in HCT116, low in HFF, K562) (a) or LAD subset2 genomic bins which switch from close to the nucleolus in K562 and H1 to close to the nuclear lamina in HCT116 (high lamin B1 TSA-Seq in HCT116, low in lamin B1 TSA-Seq in K562 and H1 and high MKI67IP TSA-Seq in K562 and H1 but low in MKI67IP TSA-Seq in HCT116) (b). Chr3 (c) or Chr1 (d) browser views of Lamin B1 TSA-Seq and MKI67IP TSA-Seq in HCT116, HFFc6, H1 and K562 and segmented bins (bottom track, lines). LAD subset1 (c) and LAD subset2 regions (d) are highlighted in yellow and orange respectively. Relative to all LADs, LAD subset1 are enriched in H3K9me3 (e), low in H3K27me3 (f), replicate late in S-Phase (g) and have lower gene expression (h) while LAD subset2 LADs are enriched in H3K27me3 (f), low in H3K9me3 (e), replicate middle in S-phase (g) and have intermediate gene expression (h).

Fig. 6 | LADs with elevated PCH co-localization show later DNA replication timing and elevated H3K9me3. a Top to bottom: CENP-B versus lamin B1, MKI67IP, and SON TSA-Seq and segmented bins positive in both CENP-B and lamin B1 TSA-Seq (black lines) in HCT116, K562, and HFF cells. Prominent CENP-B TSA-seq peaks over centromere regions are flanked by smaller satellite peaks

(green highlights) which align with peaks in lamin B1 TSA-Seq. Segmented LADs enriched in both lamin B1 and CENP-P TSA-Seq are enriched in H3K9me3 (b), are depleted or have similar levels of H3K27me3 (c), replicate later in S-phase (d) and have similar gene expression (e) compared to all LADs in both HCT116 and K562 cells.

LAD subset2 is more highly enriched in H3K27me3 than either the sets of all LADs or all iLADs in HCT116, H1, and K562 where data is available (Fig. [5](#page-8-0)f). LAD subset2 H3K9me3 is lower in HCT116 and K562 but higher in H1 and HFF cells relative to the set of all LADs (Fig. [5](#page-8-0)e, Supplementary Fig. 5c). Active histone marks H3K27ac, H3K9ac, H3K4me1, H3K4me3, are all elevated in LAD subset2 relative to all LADs (Supplementary Fig. 5d, g–j). In H1 hESCs, LAD subset2 H3K9ac, H3K27ac, H3K4me1, and H3K4me3 are even slightly higher than in the set of all iLADs.

Functionally, both gene expression and DNA replication timing in LAD subset2 are intermediate between the set of all LADs and the set of all iLADs in all four cell lines (Fig. [5](#page-8-0)g, h, Supplementary Fig. 5e, f).

Genome-wide probing of PCH interactions with other heterochromatin regions

Heterochromatin regions have been reported to show significantly elevated association with chromocenters in mouse cells; whether similar heterochromatin interactions occur in humans which have smaller PCH remains unknown.

In addition to CENP-B TSA-seq peaks over centromeres and pericentric heterochromatin, we also observe smaller "satellite" CENP-B TSAseq peaks that align with local peaks of nucleolar and/or lamina TSA-seq (Fig. 6a, green highlights), fall mostly within ~10–40 Mbp from the centromeres, and diminish in amplitude with increasing centromere distance. These satellite peaks are more prevalent in HCT116 and on longer chromosomes overlap with many of the LAD subset1 nucleolar TSA-seq peaks (Fig. 6a). There are a few exceptions to this trend in which these CENPB satellite peaks extend for example over the entire Chr8 p-arm or even over much of entire smaller chromosomes (Supplementary Fig. 6a, Fig. [2,](#page-3-0) Supplementary Fig. 2). Additionally, on the Chr 9 q-arm, immediately flanking the centromere are several narrow CENP-B peaks that align with similarly narrow MKI67IP peaks (Supplementary Fig. 6b).

We defined these CENPB satellite peaks by selecting genomic regions with positive lamin B1 and low but positive CENPB TSA-seq scores (Fig. 6a, Supplementary Fig. 7a) (see Methods). Comparing this set of CENP-B TSA-seq satellite peaks with the set of all LADs (Fig. 6, Supplementary Fig. 6), we see similar attributes to those described for LAD subset1, including elevated H3K9me3 especially in HCT116, lower

H3K27me3, lower "active" histone marks, later DNA replication timing, and lower gene expression relative to the set of all LADs (Fig. [6b](#page-9-0)–e, Supplementary Fig. 7b–j). The sets of CENPB satellite peaks show significant overlap across cell types and with LAD subset 1 in HCT116 (Supplementary Fig. 7k–l).

The simplest interpretation is that these CENP-B TSA-seq satellite peaks are created by the colocalization of both centromeres and other heterochromatin regions at the nucleolar and/or nuclear periphery, consistent with the general alignment of these CENP-B TSA-seq peaks with MKI67IP and/or LMNB1 TSA-seq peaks. Nucleolar-associated LADs

Fig. 7 | Cell-type specific relative positioning of nucleoli and nuclear speckles leads to nearby positioning of highly active chromosomal regions near nucleoli in some cell types. a Pol1RE and, to a lesser extent, MKI67IP TSA-Seq peaks align with SON TSA-seq peaks (yellow highlights) especially in K562 but also H1 and HFF but not HCT116 cells. SON, POL1RE, MKI67IP, and lamin B1 TSA-Seq repeated in HCT116, HFFc6, H1, and K562 cells. **b** Scatterplots showing SON (x-axis) versus MKI67IP (left column) or POL1RE (right column) (y-axis) TSA-seq scores for Type 1 (red) versus Type 2 (black) SON TSA-seq peaks. A strong linear correlation is observed in K562 and H1, especially for SON versus POL1R1, but weaker correlation in HFF and little correlation in HCT116 cells. c Immunostaining (left 3 panels) shows clustering of nuclear speckles (SON, gray) near nucleoli (MKI67IP, red; POL1R1, green; nucleus outline (from DAPI), yellow dotted lines) in K562 (top row)

flanking the cis-linked centromere would be expected to show the highest proximity to the adjacent centromere colocalized at the nucleolar periphery, explaining the falling CENP-B TSA-seq peak amplitudes more distal on the chromosome.

Nuclear speckle-associated, active chromosome regions map close to nucleoli in some cell lines

Given the known association of heterochromatin with the nucleolar periphery, we were surprised to see increased nucleolar TSA-seq signals over SON TSA-seq peaks that correspond to gene expression "hot-zones" (ref. [37,41\)](#page-16-0) (Fig. 7a). In HCT116 cells, this effect is subtle. Whereas SON TSA-seq peaks align with MKI67IP (GC) TSA-seq valleys, we frequently observe peak-within-valley local maxima for the POL1RE (FC) TSA-seq (Fig. 7a, yellow rectangles). In other cell lines, however, we see local maxima for both MKI67IP and POL1RE TSA-seq aligning with SON TSA-seq local maxima (Fig. 7a). In K562 cells, we see relatively large POL1RE TSA-seq peaks aligned with SON TSA-seq peaks.

Plotting Type 1 (large peaks) and Type 2 (small peaks and peakswithin-valleys) SON TSA-seq local maxima scores versus nucleolar TSAseq scores reveals a pronounced linear correlation with FC and to lesser extent GC nucleolar TSA-seq in HFF and especially K562 and H1 cells (Fig. 7b). Little correlation is observed in HCT116 cells.

Nuclear speckles noticeably clustered closer to nucleoli in K562 versus HCT116 cells (Fig. 7c–e), suggesting elevated nucleolar TSA-seq scores over SON TSA-seq peaks might be due to close positioning of nucleoli near nuclear speckles but without significant direct contact between nuclear speckles and nucleoli. Comparing the multiplexed immuno-FISH data from IMR90 fibroblasts (ref. [52](#page-16-0) with SON and nucleolar TSA-seq in HFF fibroblasts provides additional strong support for this explanation.

Superimposing HFF SON TSA-seq color-coded scores over HFF fibroblast NAD-seq versus MKI67IP TSA-seq scatterplots, reveals that the genomic regions with the highest SON TSA-seq scores (Fig. 7f), the lowest mean distances to the nearest nuclear speckle (Fig. 7g), and the highest nuclear speckle contact frequencies (Fig. 7h) show the lowest NAD-seq scores but have disproportionally high nucleolar TSA-seq scores. We suspect the relatively higher FC versus GC TSA-seq values over the SON TSAseq peaks specifically in K562 cells is due to the higher proportion of FCs located near the nucleolar surface in K562 cells. Localization of FCs towards the nucleolar periphery is associated with nucleolar stress^{57,58}.

Finally, in HFF cells we observe a small set of chromosomal loci at a subset of subtelomeric regions where large nuclear speckle peaks align with unusually large nucleolar TSA-seq peaks (Supplementary Fig. 8).

Interaction of centromeres with nuclear speckles in H1 cells

A second, unexpected association between nuclear speckle-associated, active chromosomal regions and a heterochromatic nuclear compartment was suggested by the alignment of smaller CENP-B TSA-seq peaks with SON TSA-seq peaks specifically in H1 cells. (Fig. [8](#page-12-0)a, yellow highlights). Scatterplots revealed a linear correlation between CENP-B and SON TSAseq scores in H1 but not HCT116 cells (Fig. [8b](#page-12-0), c). This correlation could reflect a lower average distance of nuclear speckles to centromeres and/or a very close contact of a fraction of centromeres with nuclear speckles.

but not HCT116 (bottom row) cells; solid model of nucleolar (MKI67IP, gray) versus nuclear speckle (SON, green) in K562 (top) versus HCT116 (bottom) cells (right panel). Scale bar= 5 μm. d, e Number of POL1R1 foci (y-axis) is higher in HCT116 versus K562 cells (d) but distance of nuclear speckles to nearest POL1R1 foci is significantly closer in K562 versus HCT116 cells. Measurements for box plots are from 25 nuclei (708-952 Pol1RE foci) for each cell type. Genomic regions with moderate MKI67IP TSA-Seq and low NAD-Seq scores in HFFc6 cells have high nuclear speckle association. Scatterplots of MKI67IP TSA-seq (y-axis) versus NADseq (x-axis) for genomic regions corresponding to FISH probes with color superimposed with SON TSA-Seq (HFFc6) (f) or mean distance from speckle (g) or contact frequency with (h) speckle (in IMR90) cells.

Immunostaining shows more examples of centromeres localized both near and away from nucleoli that appear in contact with nuclear speckles in H1 versus HCT116 cells (Fig. [8](#page-12-0)d, e). The percentage of centromeres close to nuclear speckles shows an overall increase in H1 versus HCT116 cells which is noticeable as well for the percentage of the subset of nucleolar-associated centromeres close to nuclear speckles (Fig. [8](#page-12-0)e). There is also a significant decrease in mean distance of centromeres from the nearest nuclear speckle in H1 versus HCT116 cells, including for centromeres near or away from nucleoli (Fig. [8](#page-12-0)f). We showed above that nuclear speckles appear to cluster closer to nucleoli, but without significant contact, in K562 versus HCT116 cells (Fig. 7) and that there is significant association of centromeres with nucleoli in both cell types (Fig. [3\)](#page-6-0). Thus, the CENP-B TSA-seq peaks aligned over SON TSA-seq peaks in H1 cells may be partly a consequence of the closer proximity of nucleoli, with their associated centromeres, to nuclear speckles in H1 versus HCT116 cells.

Discussion

Summary

Here we extended TSA-seq to map the mean cytological proximity of chromosomes genome-wide relative to nucleoli and pericentric heterochromatin (PCH) in four human cell lines. Our CENPB TSA-seq represents the first mapping of genome-wide interactions with the PCH in human cells. While genomic interactions with nucleoli have been previously mapped using alternative methodologies, validation of these results has been minimal. Here we used a multiplexed immuno-FISH dataset, together with NAD-seq, to demonstrate that nucleolar TSA-seq accurately reports on mean distance of chromosome loci to nucleoli in contrast to other methods such as nucleolar DamID which do not.

Nucleolar and PCH TSA-seq reveals several novel findings. Nucleolar association increases for chromosome arms below a critical length. LADs vary in their relative association with either the nuclear lamina or nucleolus, which partially correlates with chromosome arm position but also varies across cell lines. A H3K9me3-enriched subset of LADs which replicate later and show lower gene expression than LADs as a group was identified through their increased nucleolar association specifically in HCT116 cells. A H3K27me3-enriched subset of LADs which replicate earlier and show higher gene expression than LADs as a group was identified through their association with nucleoli in K562 and H1 cells versus the nuclear lamina in HFF and HCT116 cells. Interestingly, nucleolar TSA-seq revealed significant variation across cell lines in the positioning of nuclear speckles relative to nucleoli which may explain why cell lines differ in the degree to which gene expression varies with genome radial position. PCH appears to have a minor role in the nuclear organization of heterochromatin in human cells, in contrast to the apparent situation in mouse cells. However, centromeres show an increased association with nuclear speckles specifically in H1 ESCs.

Comparison with other methodologies

Building on initial comparison with several known features of nuclear genome organization, we then extensively validated the nucleolar and PCH TSA-seq through selected microscopy testing of specific TSA-seq predictions as well as through a more comprehensive genome-wide comparison with both NAD-seq and multiplexed immuno-FISH data⁵².

Fig. 8 | PCH and centromeres interact with nuclear speckles in H1 cells. a CENP-B, SON, and lamin B1 TSA-Seq repeated for H1 versus HCT116 cells: in addition to large CENP-B TSA-seq peaks over centromeres, smaller "satellite" CENP-B TSAseq peaks are present over genomic regions (yellow highlights) aligned with SON TSA-seq peaks in H1 but not HCT116. Scatterplots showing SON (x-axis) versus CENP-B (y-axis) TSA-seq scores for Type 1 (red) versus Type 2 (black) SON TSAseq peaks. A strong linear correlation is observed between SON and CENP-B TSA-Seq in H1 cells (b) but not HCT116 cells (c) for Type 1 (red) and Type 2 (black) SON TSA-seq peaks. Immunostaining (d) shows a larger fraction of CENP-A foci (green)

in closer proximity to nuclear speckles (gray) in H1 versus HCT116 cells and this is true both for centromeres near and away from nucleoli (MKI67IP, red) (scale bars = 5 μm): 30% versus 20% of all centromeres are <0.4 μm from speckles (e) and show reduced mean distances to nearest nuclear speckle (f) in H1 versus HCT116; 27% versus 13% of centromeres <0.3 μm from nucleolus are <0.4 μm from nuclear speckles (e) and show reduced mean distances (f) to nearest nuclear speckle in H1 versus HCT116; 33% versus 37% of centromeres >0.3 μm from nucleolus are $<$ 0.4 μm from nuclear speckles ($n = 20$ cells, 678–827 centromeres for each cell type).

We confirmed that nucleolar TSA-seq provides a readout of cytological-scale proximity rather than a measure of contact frequency as provided by NAD-seq. Thus, nucleolar TSA-seq and NAD-seq provide complementary measures of genome organization relative to nucleoli. Some NAD-seq datasets in the literature, however, instead show disproportionally high signals over most $LADs³⁵$. This may be the result of co-fractionation of nuclear lamina with nucleoli in some preparations given the known attachment of nucleoli to the nuclear periphery in many cell types $59,60$. We anticipate that nucleolar TSA-seq as compared to NAD-seq will be more

easily adapted to a range of cell types, as compared to NAD-seq, as it only requires optimization of immunostaining as compared to optimization of nucleolar biochemical fractionation for each new sample. In contrast, nucleolar DamID using the 4xAP3 tethering peptide showed poor correlation with actual distance measurements of ~1000 genomic regions to the nearest nucleolus in human fibroblasts as well as both nucleolar TSA-seq and NAD-seq, correlating instead with both LMNB1 DamID and TSA-seq. The artifactually increased 4xAP3-nucleolar DamID signal over most LADs

methylase fusion protein localized at the nuclear lamina which is in closer molecular proximity to DNA than the larger fraction of nucleolar-localized Dam methylase.

One unique feature of nucleolar TSA-seq relative to other mapping approaches is its ability to also measure the positioning of other nuclear bodies relative to nucleoli. Comparison of nuclear speckle and nucleolar TSA-seq suggested a clustering of nuclear speckles surrounding nucleoli, whose extent varied across cell lines. This clustering was then confirmed in human fibroblasts by comparison with multiplexed immuno-FISH $data^{52}$.

Novel biological insights

First, we showed a trend of increased nucleolar association of smaller non-NOR containing chromosomes, building on previous observations of smaller chromosomes showing a more interior localization⁵⁴. But we showed a stronger and nonlinear correlation of nuclear association frequency with the lengths of each chromosome arm, demonstrating an increased nucleolar association of chromosome arms of non-NOR containing chromosomes below a critical arm length (~36–46 Mbp depending on cell type). Second, we confirmed how the fraction of centromeres associating with nucleoli varies significantly across cell lines, while showing how the association of centromeres with nucleoli varies among different cell lines from near constant (HCT116, H1) to quite variable (HFF, K562) frequencies among different non-NOR containing chromosomes. Third, whereas in mouse cells repressed genes and LADs have been demonstrated to have significant associations with the PCH, our CENP-B TSA-seq suggests that in human cells the PCH does not similarly act as a significant hub for heterochromatin; this likely reflects the notably smaller blocks of pericentric heterochromatin flanking human versus mouse chromosomes.

Fourth, we showed how LADs vary in their relative localization to the nuclear lamina versus nucleolar periphery. We were able to identify two subsets of LADs with distinct biochemical and functional properties based solely on changes in this differential localization across cell types. Significantly, these biochemical and functional differences between LAD subsets 1&2 were observed to varying degrees across all four cell lines independent of their nuclear localization. Thus, LAD subsets 1 and 2 may form distinct types of heterochromatin in all 4 cell lines, at least partially independent of their differential intranuclear positioning across cell types.

Fifth, we described an increased association of PCH with nuclear speckles specifically in H1 hESCs based on CENP-B TSA-seq and supported by microscopy. These results are consistent with and help explain previous 4C analysis showed the association of highly active chromosome regions with PCH specifically in mouse ESCs (mESCs) but not somatic cell lines³⁶. High transcription levels of major satellite repeats and less condensed PCH, dependent on NANOG expression, have been reported in mESCs^{61,62}. We speculate that nuclear speckle association of a significant fraction of centromeres and PCH may correlate with and even possibly contribute to high PCH repeat transcription in mouse and human ESCs.

Conclusion

Here we established nucleolar and PCH TSA-seq as new methods capable of providing new insights into nuclear genome organization. In a companion paper, we further extend this analysis of nuclear genome organization across the same four human cell lines, combining examination of nucleolar, PCH, nuclear speckle, and nuclear lamina TSA-seq with nuclear lamina DamID, and Hi-C, leading to additional novel insights 63 . More generally, we anticipate that our new nucleolar and PCH TSA-seq will provide a valuable resource for future investigations into nuclear genome organization.

Methods

Cell culture

H1-ESC (WA01), HFF-hTert-Clone 6 cells and HCT116 were obtained thorough the 4D Nucleome Consortium and were cultured according to the 4DN SOPs (<https://www.4dnucleome.org/cell-lines.html>). K562 cells were obtained from the ATCC and were cultured according to the ENCODE Consortium protocol [\(http://genome.ucsc.edu/ENCODE/protocols/cell/](http://genome.ucsc.edu/ENCODE/protocols/cell/human/) [human/](http://genome.ucsc.edu/ENCODE/protocols/cell/human/) K562_protocol.pdf). These protocols included pyramid freezing which allowed all data collection to be performed after less than one month of cell culture, minimizing possible genetic and epigenetic drift and chances of cross-cell lien contamination Cells were routinely discarded within one month of continuous culture. Sequencing-based data analysis showed consistency with expected functional properties (ie RNA-seq) of each of these cell lines, adding further quality control against possibilities of cell line contamination. DNA staining using DAPI provided testing for mycoplasma contamination.

Antibodies

The following primary antibodies were used in this study: anti-MKi67IP (1:2000, Atlas Antibodies, catalog no. HPA035735), anti-POL1RE (1:2000, Atlas Antibodies, catalog no. HPA052400), anti-DDX18 (1:2000, Atlas Antibodies, catalog no. HPA041056), anti-Nucleolin (1:1000, Abcam, catalog no. ab70493), anti-Nucleophosmin (1:1000, Abcam, catalog no. ab86712), anti-CENP-B (1:800, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc, catalog no. sc-22788), anti-CENP-A (1:1000, Abcam, catalog no. ab13939), custommade anti-SON (Chen et.al., 2018; 1:2000; Pacific Immunology, catalog no. PACIFIC10700), and anti-LMNB1 (1:700, Abcam, catalog no. ab16048). All primary antibodies were rabbit polyclonal except for the anti-Nucleoplasmin and anti-CENP-A which were mouse monoclonal.

The following secondary antibodies were used in this study: goat antirabbit HRP (1:1000, Jackson ImmunoResearch, catalog no. 111-035-144), streptavidin-Alexa Fluor 594 (1:200, Invitrogen, catalog no. S-11227), goat anti-rabbit FITC (1:250 or 1:500, Jackson ImmunoResearch, catalog no. 111-095-144), goat anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 594 (1:250 or 1:500, Jackson ImmunoResearch, catalog no. 115-585-146), streptavidin-HRP (1:10,000, Invitrogen, catalog no. 43-4323).

Immunostaining

Cells were plated on coverslips and were harvested at ~80% confluency. Cells were rinsed with PBS and then fixed in PBS for 20 min at room temperature (RT) with 1.6% paraformaldehyde (P6148, Sigma-Aldrich). Cells were then rinsed with PBS and then permeabilized with 0.5% Triton X-100 (T8787, Sigma-Aldrich) in PBS at RT for 3 × 5 min. Cells were then rinsed with rinsed with 0.1% Triton X-100 in PBS (0.1%PBST) and then blocked with blocking buffer consisting of 5% normal goat serum (G9023, Sigma-Aldrich) in 0.1% PBST for 1 h at RT. Cells were then incubated with appropriate dilutions of primary antibodies in blocking buffer at 4 °C for 12 h. Cells were then washed with 0.1% PBST at RT for 3×5 min and incubated with appropriate dilutions of secondary antibodies in blocking buffer at 4 °C for 10 h. Cells were washed with 0.1% PBST at RT for 3×5 min. Coverslips were mounted in DAPI containing, anti-fading medium (0.3 μg/ml DAPI [Sigma-Aldrich]/10% w/v Mowiol 4-88[EMD Millipore]/1% w/v DABCO [Sigma-Aldrich]/25% glycerol/0.1 M Tris, pH 8.5).

Primary antibody labeling and immunostaining

For doing triple immunostaining, primary antibodies were first labeled with fluorescent dyes using the Mix-n-Stain antibody labeling kit (Biotium) according to the manufacturer's protocol. anti-POL1RE was linked to CF488 (92273, Biotium), anti-MKi67IP was linked to CF594 (92276, Biotium) and anti-SON was linked to CF640R (92278, Biotium). These labeled antibodies were used for immunostaining as described above with the following modification. The cells were then incubated with labeled primary antibodies in blocking buffer at 4 °C for 12 h. After incubation, cells are then washed with 0.1% PBST at RT for 3 \times 5 min. Coverslips were mounted in DAPI containing, anti-fading medium (0.3 μg/ml DAPI [Sigma-Aldrich]/ 10% w/v Mowiol 4-88[EMD Millipore]/1% w/v DABCO [Sigma-Aldrich]/ 25% glycerol/0.1 M Tris, pH 8.5).

TSA-Seq

Nucleolar and PCH TSA-Seq was performed using either Condition C (labeling with 1:3000 tyramide biotin, 50% sucrose and 0.0015% hydrogen peroxide) or Condition E (labeling with 1:300 tyramide biotin, 50% sucrose and 0.0015% hydrogen peroxide) 41 with the following minor modification: 150ul of Dynabeads M-270 streptavidin (Invitrogen, catalog no. 65306) was used to purify the biotinylated DNA. LMNB1 TSA-seq was performed using Condition AI for HFFc6, H1, and K562 and Condition A for $HCT116$ cells⁴¹.

NAD-seq

Nucleoli isolation for NAD-seq. H1 cells were grown in ten 10 cm plates until they reached 80–90% confluence, for a total of $30-100 \times 10^6$ cells per preparation. HFF-hTERT clone 6 cells (passages 22 and 23) were grown to 80–90% confluency in thirteen 150 mm tissue culture dishes. Old media was removed, and fresh media was added 1 h prior to nucleoli preparation. An additional plate grown in parallel was reserved for total genomic DNA extraction (Quick-DNA Universal Kit (Zymo Research, CA)). Formaldehyde-crosslinked cells were prepared as described (ref. [34,53,](#page-16-0) adapted from^{[32,64](#page-16-0)}). Briefly, cells were fixed by the addition of 1% formaldehyde added directly to the media and incubated at room temperature for 10 min. Media was removed, and cross-linking was quenched by adding 5 ml 1 M glycine. The cells were washed with ice-cold PBS, collected by scraping in 40 ml PBS, and centrifuged at 200 \times g for 5 min at 4 °C. The cell pellet was resuspended in 1 ml high magnesium (HM) buffer (10 mM HEPES-KCl pH 7.5, 0.88 M sucrose, 12 mM MgCl2, 1 mM DTT). Cells were then sonicated on ice (12–16 bursts for 10 s at full power for HFF and 15 bursts for H1 cells) using a Soniprep 150 (MSE) with a fine probe. The release of nucleoli was monitored microscopically. Nucleoli were pelleted by centrifugation in a microfuge at $15,000 \times g$ for 20 s and re-suspended in 0.5 ml low magnesium (LM) buffer (10 mM HEPES-KCl pH 7.5, 0.88 M sucrose, 1 mM MgCl2, 1 mM DTT, proteinase cocktail HALT (Thermo Scientific, #78438)). The sample was subjected to the second round of sonication (1 burst for HFF for 10 s at full power; 2–3 bursts for H1 cells) and centrifuged at $15,000 \times g$ for 20 seconds to pellet nucleoli. The pellet was resuspended in 20/2-TE buffer (20 mM Tris-Cl pH 7.5, 2 mM EDTA) for immediate use or in 20/2-TE $+$ 50% glycerol to snap-freeze in liquid nitrogen and store at −80 °C.

Immunoblot analyses of NADseq preparations. Primary antibodies were fibrillarin (ab5821, Abcam, Cambridge, MA) and actin (beta-actin, Sigma A1978). Horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-coupled anti-mouse and anti-rabbit secondary antibodies (Jackson ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA) were used. Protein concentrations from total cell lysates or isolated nucleoli were assessed by Bradford assay (BioRad reagent Blue R-250, cat. #161-0436 with BSA as a standard). 10 μg of each sample were loaded per lane on 12% SDS-PAGE gels and transferred to PVDF membranes for 2 h at 80 V, 4 °C. Membranes were blocked in PBS-nonfat 5% milk and incubated with antibodies according to manufacturer instructions.

Quantitative PCR. DNA extraction from whole input cells and purified nucleoli was performed using a Quick-DNA Universal Kit (Zymo Research, CA). DNA concentration was measured using a Qubit dsDNA HS Assay kit (Invitrogen, Eugene, OR). 5 ng of DNA from each sample was analyzed using the Kapa Cyber Fast Q-PCR Kit (Kapa Biosystems, Wilmington, MA). The following rDNA primers (designed using Primer3Plus software) were used: Fw: gaa ctt tga agg ccg aag tg; Rv: atc tga acc cga ctc cct tt. The PCR program used was as follows: hold at 98 °C for 30 s followed by 40 cycles of 95 °C for 10 s and 60 °C for 30 s. All signals from nucleolar samples were normalized to the signals from the input cell samples, using the 2−ΔΔCT method for quantification (Life Technologies).

DNA isolation, deep sequencing. Total genomic and nucleolar DNA was isolated with Quick-DNA Universal Kit(Zymo Research, CA, USA). Libraries were constructed using Illumina's TruSeq DNA PCR-free Library Preparation kit (350 bp), and fragments were size-selected by sample-purifying beads. 150 bp paired-end sequencing was performed using the Illumina HiSeq X Ten sequencing system. For more details on sequencing, please see the metadata files associated with the data at data.4dnucleome.org, [\(https://data.](https://data.4dnucleome.org/belmont_lab_nucleolus_centromere_TSA-seq) [4dnucleome.org/belmont_lab_nucleolus_centromere_TSA-seq](https://data.4dnucleome.org/belmont_lab_nucleolus_centromere_TSA-seq)).

TSA-seq and NAD-seq data processing

We used the pipeline as described in previous paper (Zhang et $al⁴¹$) to process the TSA-seq and NAD-seq data. For NAD-seq only one read of a pair was used for mapping the reads. For normalization of NAD-seq data, total genomic DNA sample and nucleolar DNA sample was used as input and pulldown respectively. For Fig. [3](#page-6-0)a, POL1RE and MKI67IP TSA-Seq, raw sequencing reads were mapped to the Telomere-to-Telomere (version 1.1).

Genome segmentation to define Subset1, Subset2, and CENP-B LADs

Initial exploration of the TSA-seq data used a scatterplot tool that allowed users to select genomic bins falling simultaneously into Regions of Interest (ROI) in multiple scatterplots [\(https://scatterplot.nucleome.org/\)](https://scatterplot.nucleome.org/). For analysis purposes, we then defined specific windows of TSA-seq values to select different subsets of genomic bins. Subset1 LAD genomic bins were defined as all genomic bins with MKI67IP TSA-Seq scores <0 in H1, K562 and HFFc6 cells but >0.5 in HCT116 cells (Supplementary Fig. 5a). Subset2 LADs were defined as all genomic bins that met the following two conditions simultaneously (logical AND): 1) all genomic bins with <0 Lamin B1 TSA-Seq scores in H1 and K562 cells but >0 in HCT116 and HFFc6 cells; 2) all genomic bins identified by (1) but also with >0 MKI67IP TSA-Seq scores in H1 and K562 cells but <0 in HCT116 and HFFc6 cells (Supplementary Fig. 5a&b). CENP-B LADs were defined also by applying two conditions simultaneously: 1) all genomic bins with scores >0.1 for both CENP-B and lamin B1 TSA-Seq; 2) all genomic bins identified by (1) but also with <0.5 CENP-B TSA-seq scores (effectively excludes centromere regions). The coordinates for Subset1, Subset2 and CENP-B LADs are provided in Supplementary Data 4 and their biochemical characterization analysis is provided in Supplementary Data 5.

4xAP3 Nucleolar DamID

4xAP3 DamID data were generated as previously described³⁰.

Microscopy and image processing

Images of TSA staining (Fig. [1](#page-2-0)a, Supplementary Fig. 1b) were collected on a Personal DeltaVision microscope (GE Healthcare) equipped with a Cool-Snap HQ camera and Plan Apo N 60×/1.42-NA oil-immersion objective (Olympus). 3D optical sections were collected at 0.2 μm z-increment. Images were deconvolved using an enhanced-ratio iterative constrained algorithm. Both the data collection and deconvolution of these images used the DeltaVision softWoRx 7.2.2 Release RC1 software. Co-immunostaining images of nuclear bodies (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)c, Fig. [7](#page-11-0)c, Fig. [8d](#page-12-0)) were collected on OMX-V4 microscope (GE Healthcare) equipped with a U Plan S-Apo 100×/1.40-NA oil-immersion objective (Olympus) and two Evolve EMCCD camera (Photometrics). Z-sections in the 3D optical sections were 0.2 μm apart. The images were deconvolved using an enhanced-ratio iterative constrained algorithm. The OMX data collection used Deltavision OMX version 3.70.9622.0 and deconvolution of these images used the Deltavision OMX softWoRx 7.0.0 Release RC6 software.

Image analysis

Image analysis was done using FIJI software (Image J). Figure [3c](#page-6-0), Figs. [7](#page-11-0)c and [8](#page-12-0)d were scaled using a gamma value of 0.5, applied uniformly across the entire image. For K562 cells (in Fig. [3](#page-6-0)c and Fig. [7c](#page-11-0)) and H1 (Fig. [3c](#page-6-0) and Fig. [8d](#page-12-0)) 2-3 optical z-sections were projected in the x-y plane using a maximum-intensity projection algorithm. To measure the distance of centromeres to either a nucleolus (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)d) or speckle (Fig. [8](#page-12-0)e, f) or POL1RE foci to speckles (Fig. [7d](#page-11-0), e), we used an ImageJ plugin developed in the Belmont laboratory (https://github.com/omidalam/compartment_dist).

Briefly, a sum projection over 5 optical z-sections is created for both the locus and the compartment channels centered around the brightest pixel of the locus. To define the locus and compartment boundary, the background (mode in pixel intensity histogram) was subtracted from the image and the boundary was defined using Full-Width at Half Maximum thresholding of the compartment intensities centered in a local window over the locus location- essentially segmenting the compartment using an intensity threshold 50% of the local maximum. The shortest line connecting the boundary of compartment and loci center was measured as their distance. Distances of centromeres to the nearest nuclear speckle were measured using the previously mentioned ImageJ plugin; distances of centromeres to the nearest nucleolus were measured by drawing a line from the center of the centromere to the edge of the nucleolus. The raw data of distance measurements are provided in Supplementary Data 3.

Normalization of MKI67IP TSA-seq score over centromeres

Average MKI67IP TSA-seq scores over the ribosomal gene cluster were obtained from the tracks mapped to the T-to-T genome assembly. This score was then used to normalize the MKI67IP TSA-seq score in hg38 genome assembly. The MKI67IP TSA-seq score over the centromeres were then plotted in Fig. [3](#page-6-0)b. The centromere coordinates in the hg38 genome assembly were obtained from [NCBI](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/grc/human). The MKI67IP TSA-seq scores are provided in Supplementary Data 2.

ChIP-seq data processing

Histone ChIP-seq data for four cell lines were downloaded from the ENCDOE website or 4DN Data Portal (Supplementary Data 4). The genome was divided into nonoverlapping 25 kb intervals, and the average fold change signal over control was calculated for each track. Next, we removed bins that completely overlapped with the blacklist region generated by ENCODE (accession ID: ENCSR636HFF) or the gap regions of hg38 provided by the UCSC Genome Browser, which represent unfinished sequences in the hg38 genome assembly.

The remaining bins were used to remove background signals as described previously³⁷. To do this, we created a histogram of average fold change signals across the available bins. The mode of the histogram was considered the background signal for all histone targets except for H3K9me3. For H3K9me3, the 0.5% percentile of the signal was considered the background. The adjusted signal was then calculated by subtracting the background signal from the original signal per bin. If the adjusted signal was below zero, it was replaced with zero.

Statistics and reproducibility

All TSA-seq data includes two biological replicates.The microscopy measurements (Figs. [3](#page-6-0)c, d, [7c](#page-11-0)–e, [8d](#page-12-0)–f) performed to confirm predictions from TSA-seq were done as single biological replicates. These measurements are listed in Supplementary Data 3. All statistical tests used the unpaired, twosided t-test. All error bars in Figures represent the standard error of the mean (SEM). Not significant (ns) was set at $p > 0.05$. * indicates $p < 0.05$, ** indicates $p < 0.01$, *** indicates $p < 0.001$. Box plots show the median (center line), box limits corresponding to the 25% and 75% percentiles, and dotted line limits corresponding to the 5% and 95% percentiles.

RNA-seq data processing

Processed RNA-seq data was obtained from ref. [41.](#page-16-0)

Reporting summary

Further information on research design is available in the Nature Portfolio Reporting Summary linked to this article.

Data availability

Both primary sequencing data plus processed data, including segmentation of different genomic regions is available at: [https://data.4dnucleome.org/](https://data.4dnucleome.org/belmont_lab_nucleolus_centromere_TSA-seq) [belmont_lab_nucleolus_centromere_TSA-seq](https://data.4dnucleome.org/belmont_lab_nucleolus_centromere_TSA-seq) All data used for plots in Figures and Supplementary Figs. is supplied in Supplementary Data 1–5

Excel files. All other data are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

Code availability

An ImageJ plugin used for semi-automated measurement of distance of image foci to target nuclear bodies is found at: [https://github.com/](https://github.com/omidalam/compartment_dist) [omidalam/compartment_dist](https://github.com/omidalam/compartment_dist).

R scripts used for specific data analyses shown in Figs. [3](#page-6-0)–[8](#page-12-0) and Supplementary Figs. 5, 6 are found at: [https://github.com/pradeep8129/](https://github.com/pradeep8129/nucleolus-centromere-tsa-data-analysis.git) [nucleolus-centromere-tsa-data-analysis.git](https://github.com/pradeep8129/nucleolus-centromere-tsa-data-analysis.git).

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