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线虫里小调节性RNA的产生、功能与机制

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非编码RNA多种存在方式

ribosomal RNA (rRNA)

transfer RNA (tRNA)

small nuclear RNA (snRNA)

small nucleolar RNA (snoRNA)

microRNA (miRNA)

small interference RNA (siRNA)

piwi interacting RNA (piRNA)

trans-acting siRNA (tasiRNA)

long interspersed ncRNAs (lincRNAs)

scan RNA (scnRNA)

promoter-associated sRNAs (PASRs)

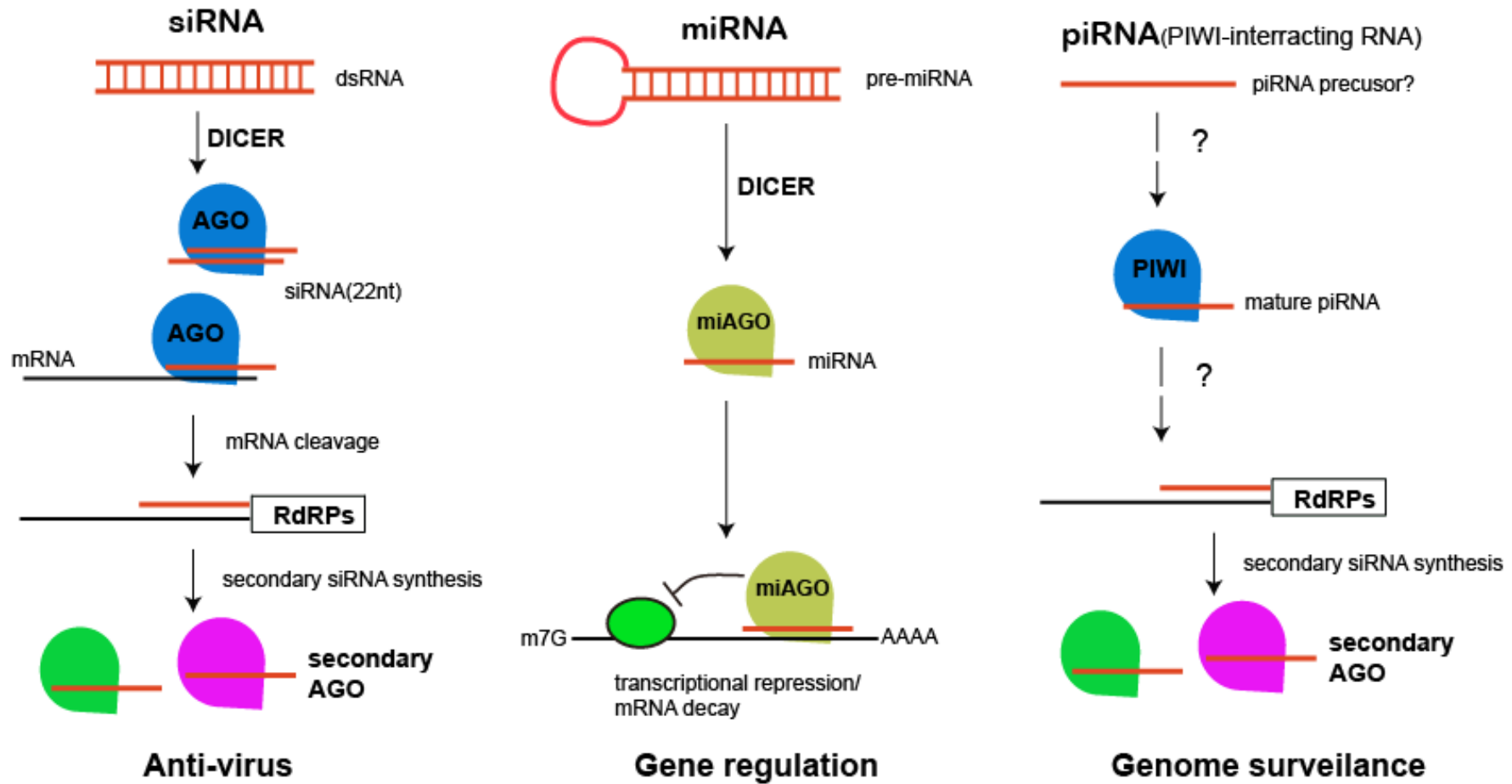
terminator-associated sRNAs (TASRs)

cryptic unstable transcripts (CUTs)

stable unannotated transcripts (SUTs)

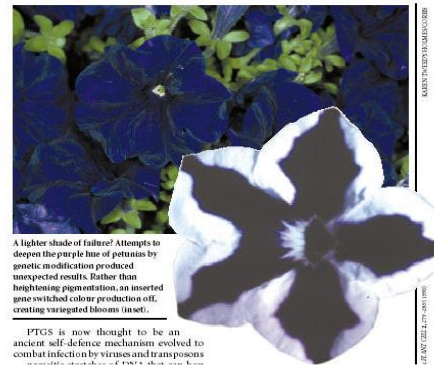
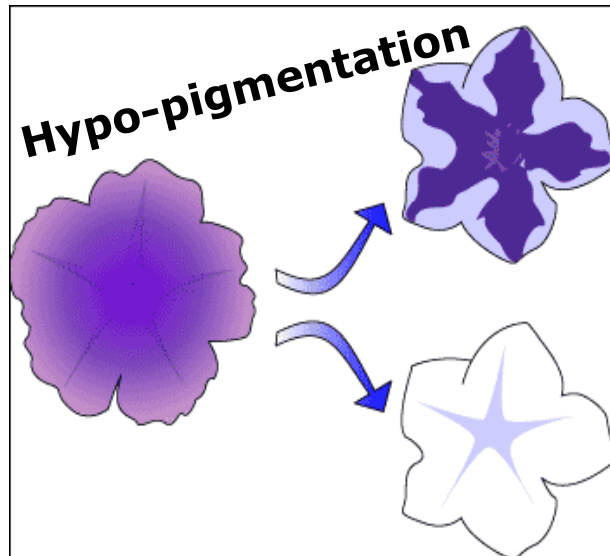
circular RNA (circRNA)

参与RNA干扰通路的小RNA



RNA干扰的发现

- 1990年，Rich Jorgensen将由强启动子控制的Chalcone synthase gene转入淡紫色的矮牵牛花->加深紫色
- Hypopigmentation: 许多花出现杂色，甚至紫色消失，变成白色
- Co-suppression



RNA干扰：线虫

- 1995年，Su Guo and Kenneth J. Kemphues利用反义RNA技术阻断线虫中的par-1基因。在对照实验中给线虫注射正义RNA以期观察到基因表达的增强。**(擦肩而过!)**
- 然而，正义RNA和反义RNA都能够有效地抑制基因的表达？！
- 沉默的效应能够在被注射的动物及其后代中保持，虽然RNA转录本在胚胎早期就发生降解



双链RNA抑制与其序列同源的基因的表达



The Nobel Prize in Physiology or
Medicine 2006

"for their discovery of RNA interference - gene silencing by double-stranded RNA"



Photo: L. Cicero/Stanford

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🏆 1/2 of the prize

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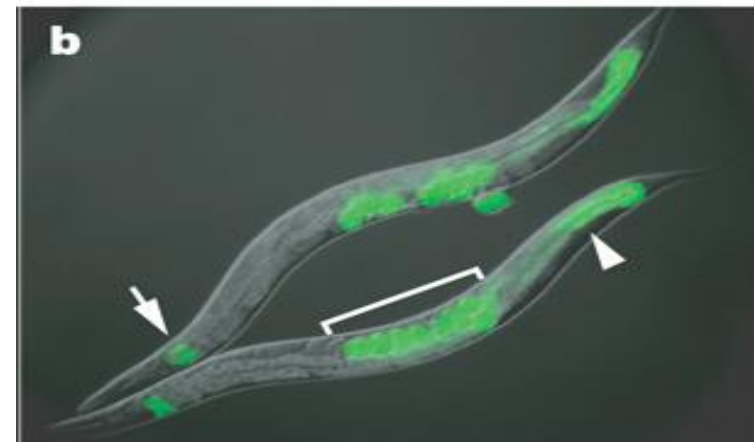
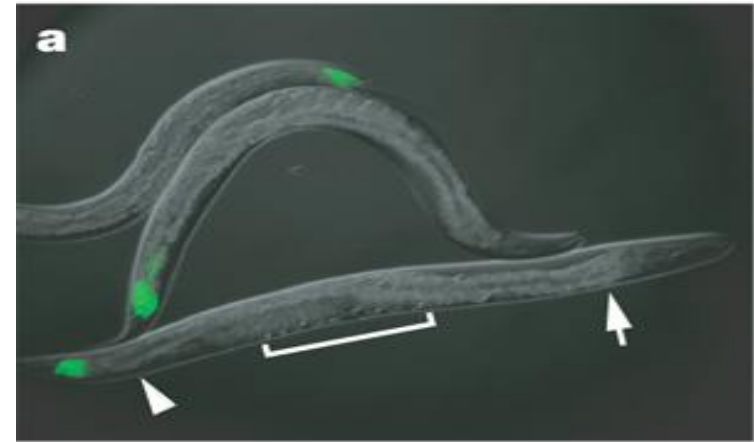
**Potent and specific
genetic interference by
double-stranded RNA in
*Caenorhabditis elegans***

Andrew Fire^{*}, SiQun Xu^{*}, Mary K. Montgomery^{*},
Steven A. Kostas^{**}, Samuel E. Driver[‡] & Craig C. Mello[‡]

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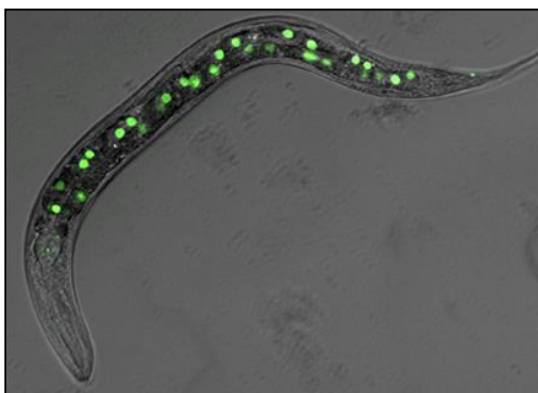
RNA干扰

- “RNA Interference”: 注入dsRNA能够有效地、长期的阻断基因的表达
- 给线虫喂食表达GFP dsRNA的细菌, 线虫的GFP表达被抑制 (a), 但存在RNAi缺陷的则不被抑制 (b)
- 之前的正义RNA抑制基因表达的现象, 可能是由于体外转录所得RNA中污染了微量双链RNA而引起

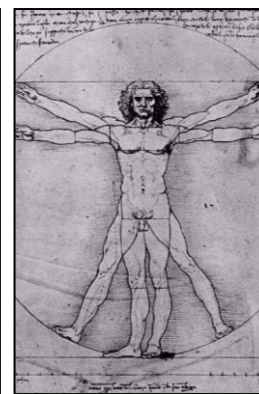


- **First**, dsRNA segments corresponding to various intron and promoter sequences did not produce detectable interference.
- **Second**, we found that injection of dsRNA produces a pronounced decrease or elimination of the endogenous mRNA transcript.
- **Third**, dsRNA-mediated interference showed a surprising ability to cross cellular boundaries. Interference was seen in the progeny.
- Double-stranded RNA could conceivably mediate interference more generally in other nematodes, in other invertebrates, and, potentially, in vertebrates. RNA interference might also operate in plants.

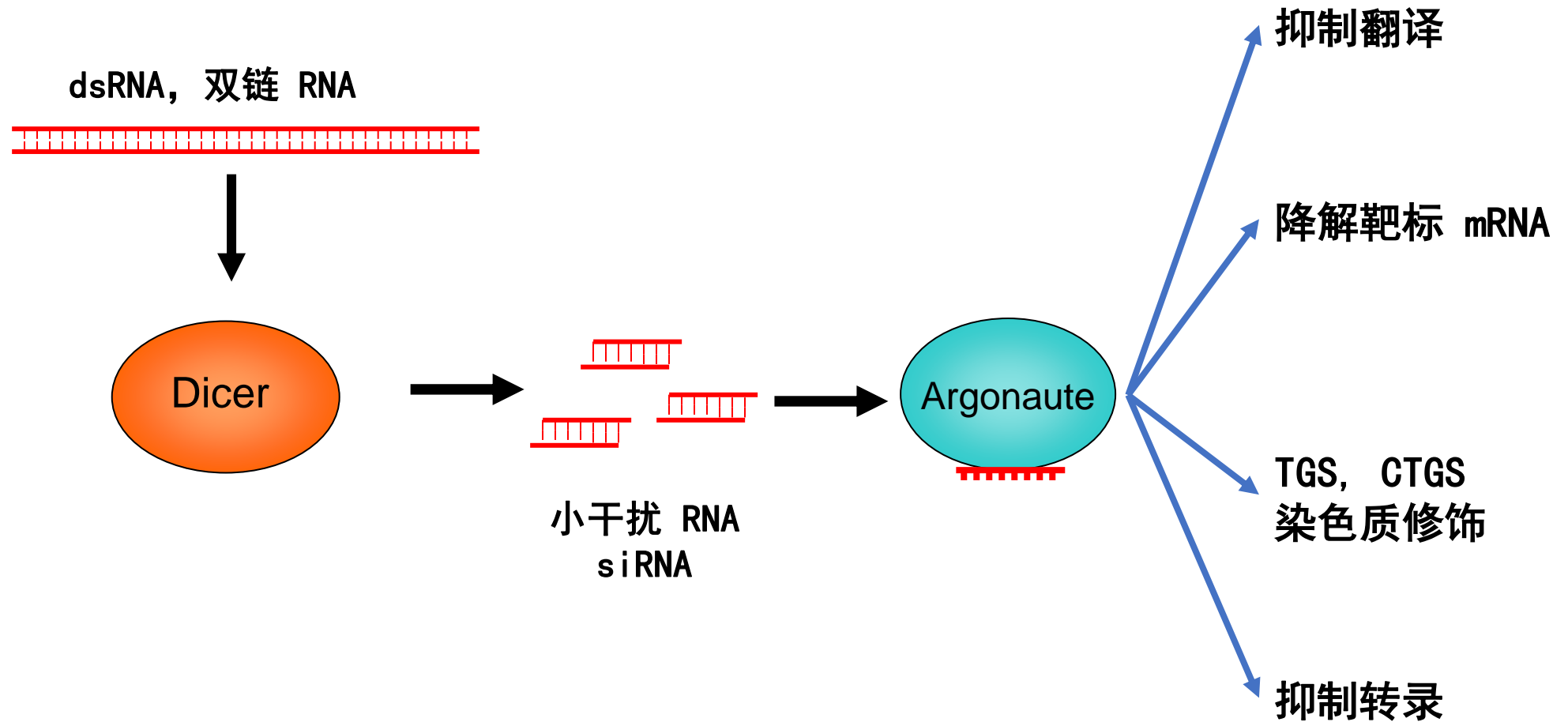
RNA 干扰是一个保守的生物学现象



GFP dsRNA



RNAi 的分子机制

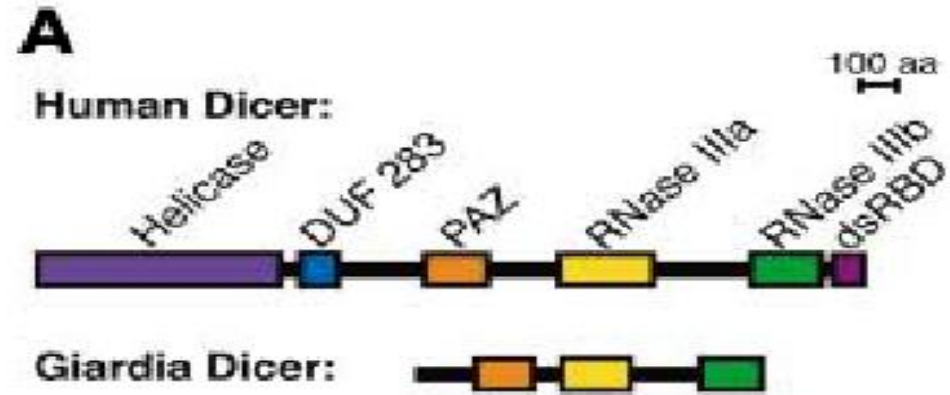


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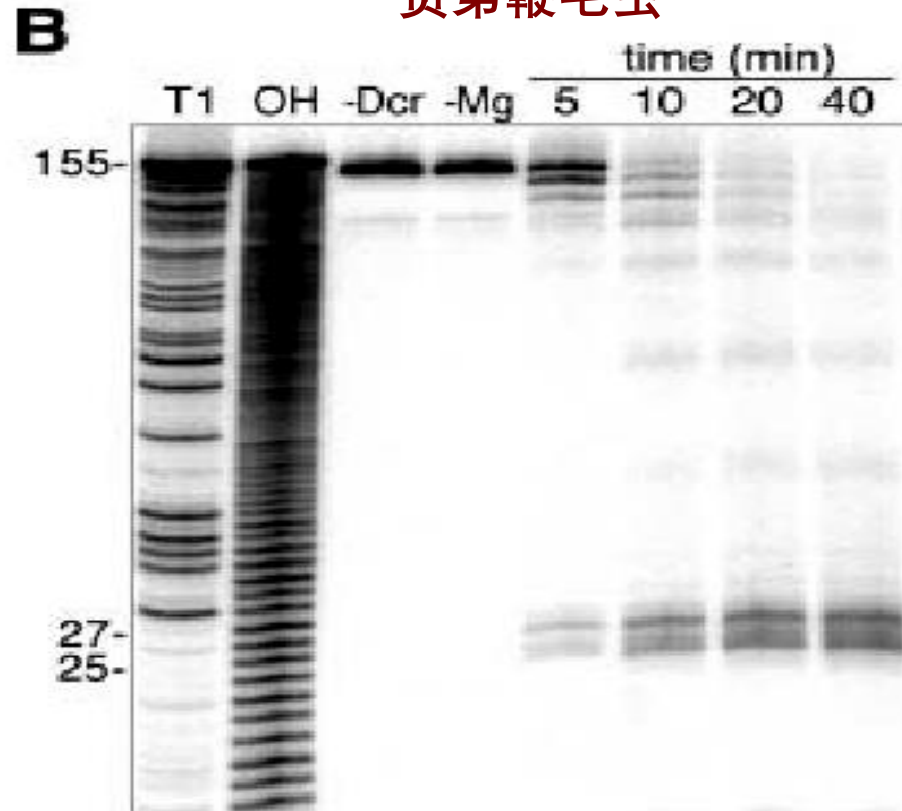
- 1. Dicer: RNase III类似的，包含多个功能结构域的核糖核酸酶，将dsRNA切割成小的short interfering RNAs (siRNAs) or microRNAs (miRNA)，并将这些产物加载到RISC上
- 2. RISC (RNA induced silencing complexes) (RNA诱导的沉默复合体): 包含多个蛋白的复合物，将与之连接的siRNA或miRNA定位到其靶点并抑制靶基因的表达

Dicer

- 序列的结构组成:
- 1. 一个PAZ结构域,
与dsRNA的末端结合
- 2. 两个RNase III结构
- 3. 其他的功能结构域



贾第鞭毛虫



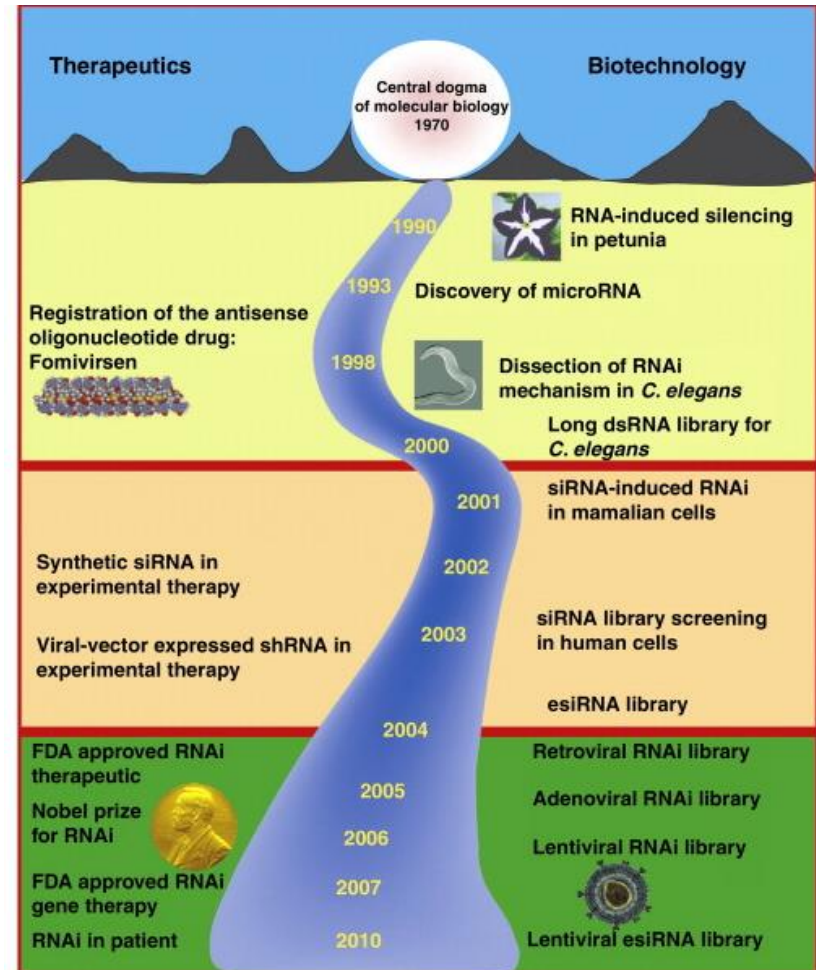
Argonaute (AGO): RISC的核心成员

- ❑ Argonaute (AGO): 大的蛋白质家族，为RISCs的核心成员
- ❑ AGO蛋白质一般包含PAZ和PIWI两种功能结构域
- ❑ PAZ与双链siRNA 3'-端露出的两个核苷酸结合
- ❑ PIWI负责将双链siRNA切成单链
- ❑ PAZ和PIWI对于siRNA与底物mRNA之间的相互作用是必须的，并负责底物的断裂或转录抑制
- ❑ 不同的AGO具有不同功能，例如人类AGO2负责的RISCs能够割裂底物mRNA，而AGO1和AGO3则不能

RNA 干扰的应用

疾病治疗 基因功能 农作物改良

- ◆ Gene knockdown
- ◆ Functional genomics
- ◆ Genome-scale RNAi screening
- ◆ Medicine
- ◆ Biotechnology



RNA 药物

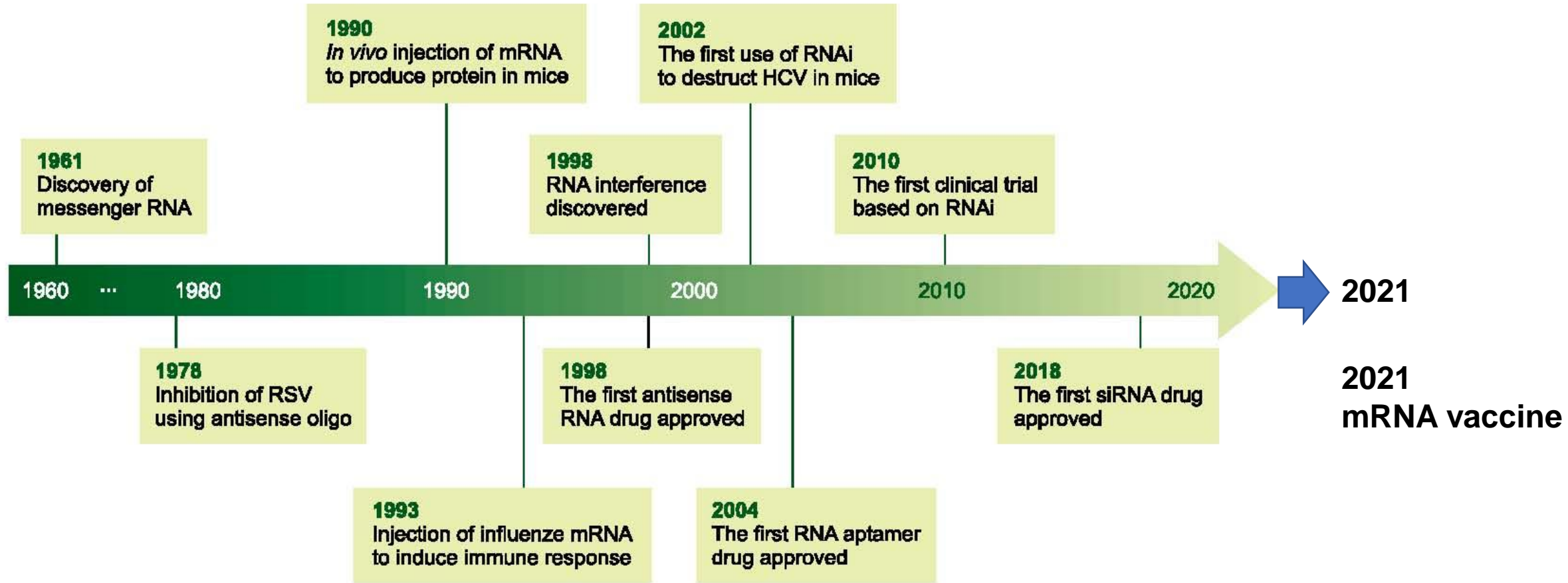
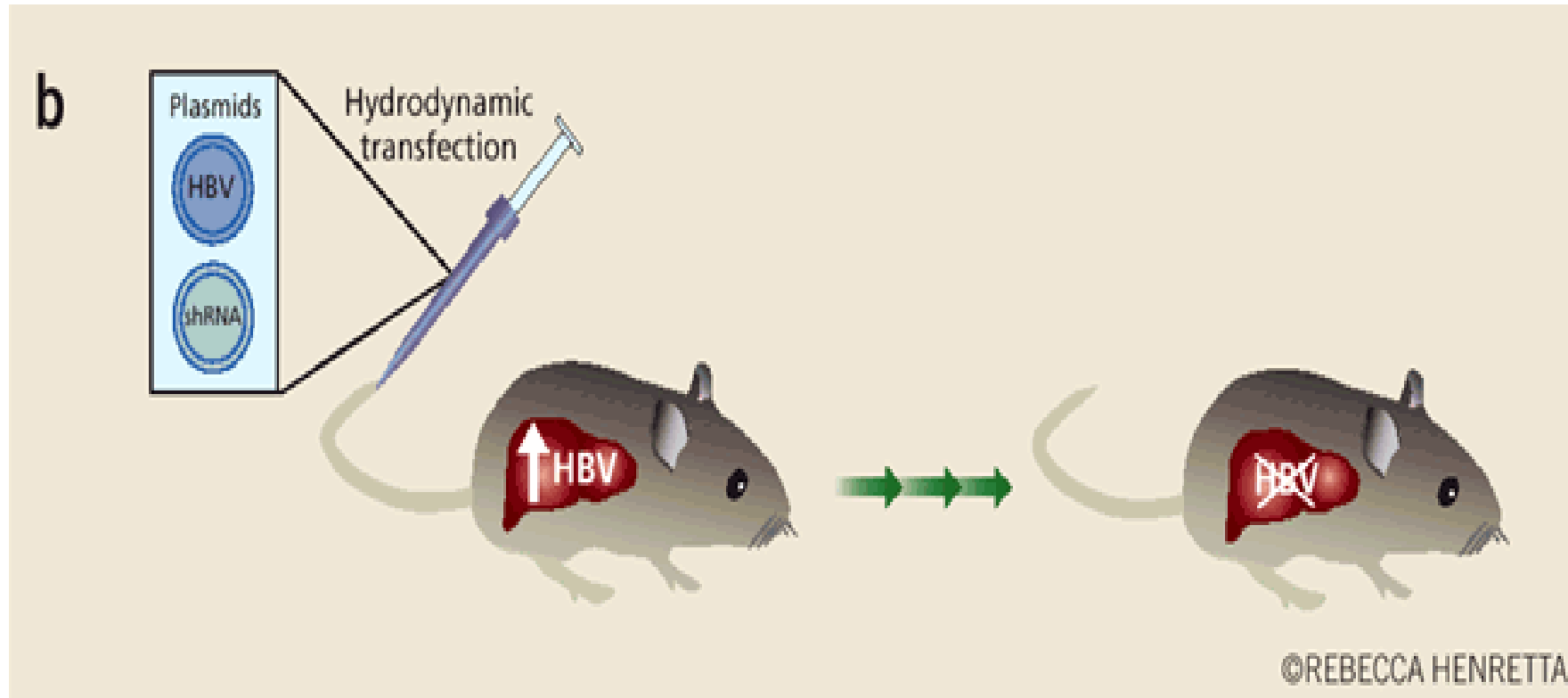


FIG. 1. Timeline of key discoveries in RNA therapy. See the text for details.

Inhibition of hepatitis B virus in mice by RNA interference

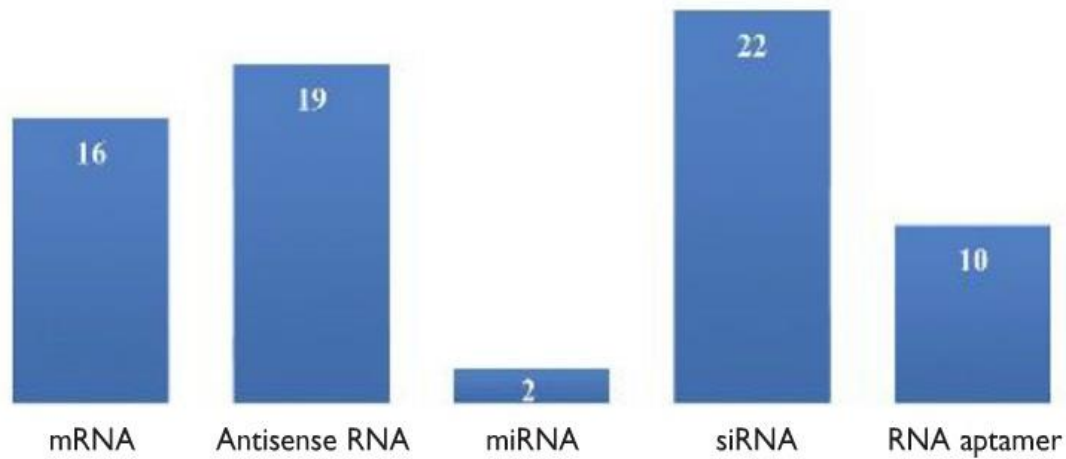


Nature Biotechnology 2003
Hepatology 2003

TABLE 1. List of clinically approved RNA drugs by the United States Food and Drug Administration

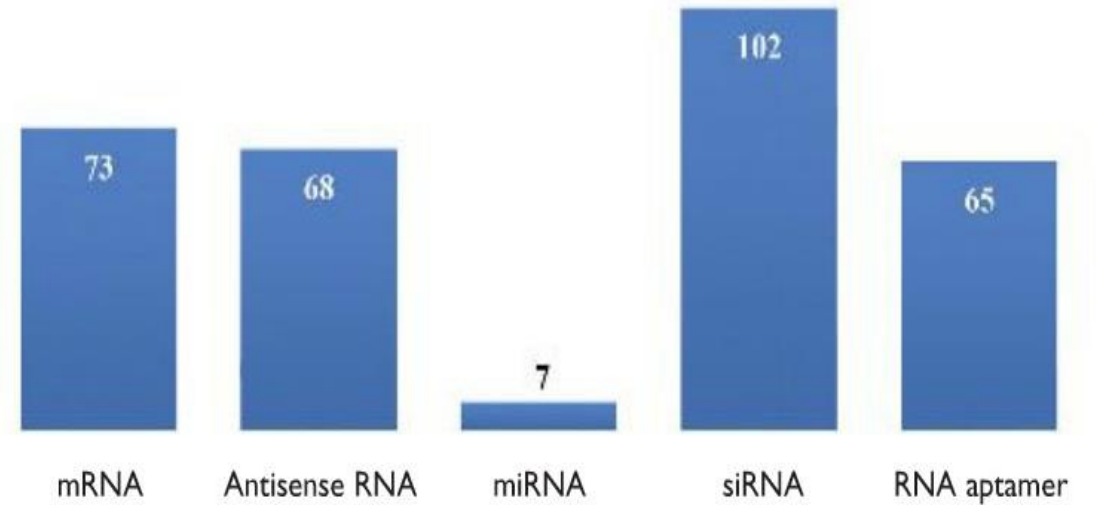
Category	Drug	Brand name	Approved year	Target molecule	Treatment result	Target disease
Antisense RNA (single-stranded RNA)						
	Fomivirsen	Vitravene	1998	IE2 mRNA	Binds to IE2 mRNA and blocks its translation	CMV retinitis
	Mipomersen	Kynamro	2013	ApoB mRNA	Binds to ApoB mRNA and induces its degradation by RNase H	Familial hypercholesterolemia
	Nusinersen	Spinraza	2016	SMN2 mRNA	Modulates the alternative splicing of SMN2 mRNA and increases the SMN protein level	Spinal muscular atrophy
	Eteplirsen	Exondys 51	2016	Dystrophin mRNA	Induces the exclusion of exon 51 of dystrophin mRNA during splicing to produce a functional protein	Duchenne muscular dystrophy
	Inotersen	Tegsedi	2018	Transthyretin mRNA	Binds to Transthyretin mRNA and induces its degradation by RNase H	Hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis
	Golodirsen	Vyondys 53	2019	Dystrophin mRNA	Induces the exclusion of exon 53 of dystrophin mRNA during splicing to produce a functional protein	Duchenne muscular dystrophy
Small interfering RNA (double-stranded RNA)						
	Patisiran	Onpattro	2018	Transthyretin mRNA	Suppresses the hepatic production of transthyretin protein through RNA interference	Hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis
	Givosiran	Givlaari	2019	ALAS1 mRNA	Reduces the hepatic production of ALAS1 protein through RNA interference	Acute hepatic porphyria
RNA aptamer						
	Pegaptanib	Macugen	2004	VEGF protein	Binds specifically to the 165 isoform of VEGF and blocks its function	Age-related macular degeneration

Number of companies working on RNA therapeutics in clinical development



Graph 1: Companies developing RNA-based therapeutics in the clinic (as of July 2018). Data provided by GlobalData Plc

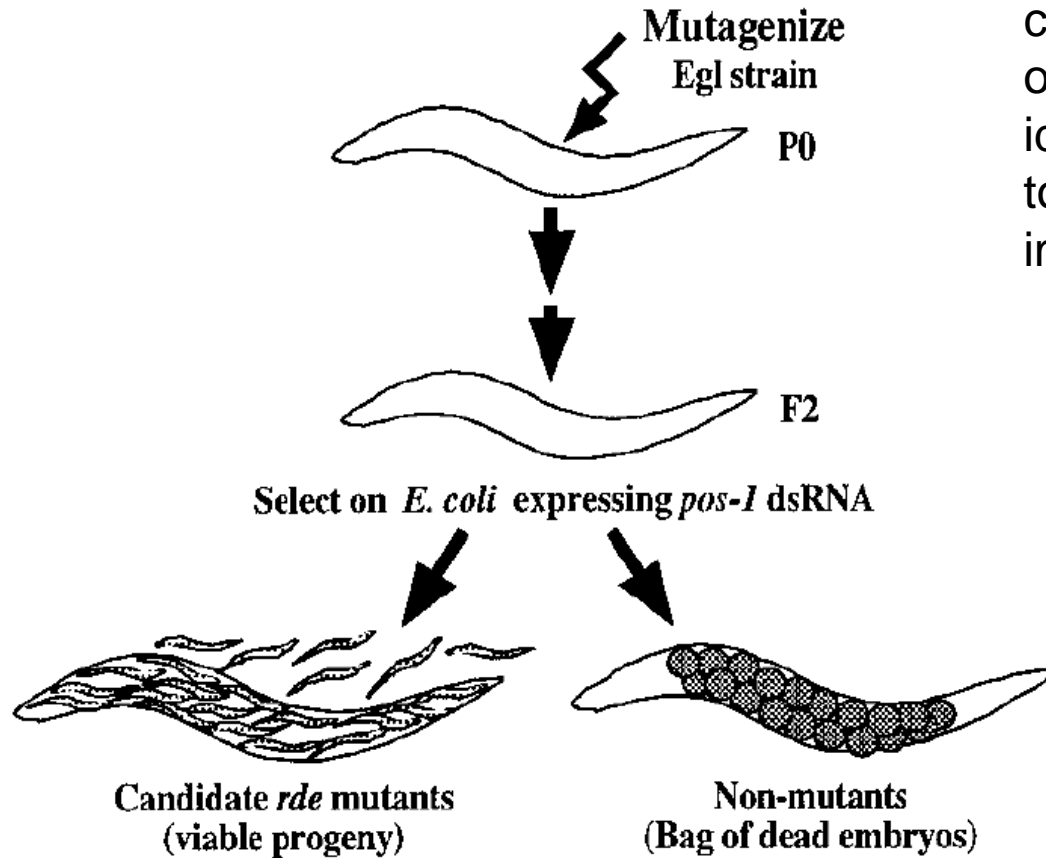
Number of clinical trials by RNA therapeutic class



Graph 2: Number of RNA-based therapeutics in clinical trials (as of July 2018). Data provided by GlobalData Plc

调节性小非编码 RNA 是怎样产生的，通过什么样的分子机制起作用，其生物学功能是什么，是怎样参与性状遗传的？

Screening for RNAi-deficient mutants



The first mutants in the RNAi pathway identified by Tabara and Mello were called RNAi deficient (*rde*). These original screens were aimed at identifying of viable mutants, resistant to RNAi targeting *pos-1*, a gene important for viability.

rde-1 non
rde-2 Ste/him/mutator
rde-3 Ste/him/mutator
rde-4 non
mut-2 Ste/him/mutator
mut-7 Ste/him/mutator

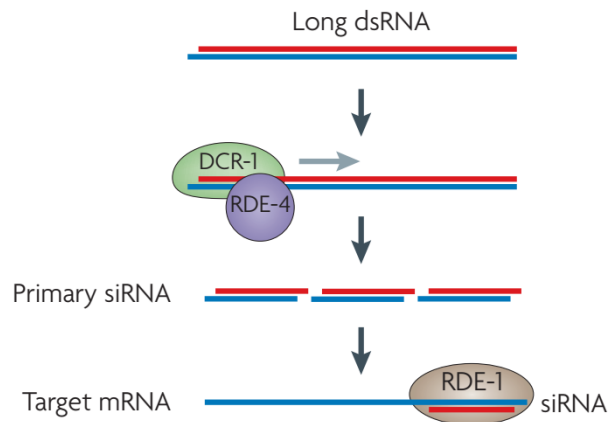
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Existence of related silencing pathways with distinct triggering mechanisms

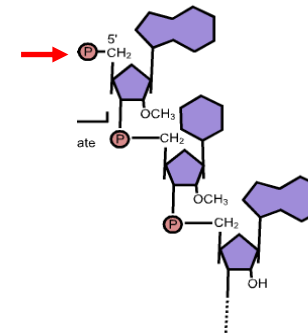
外源RNA干扰通路

初级生成

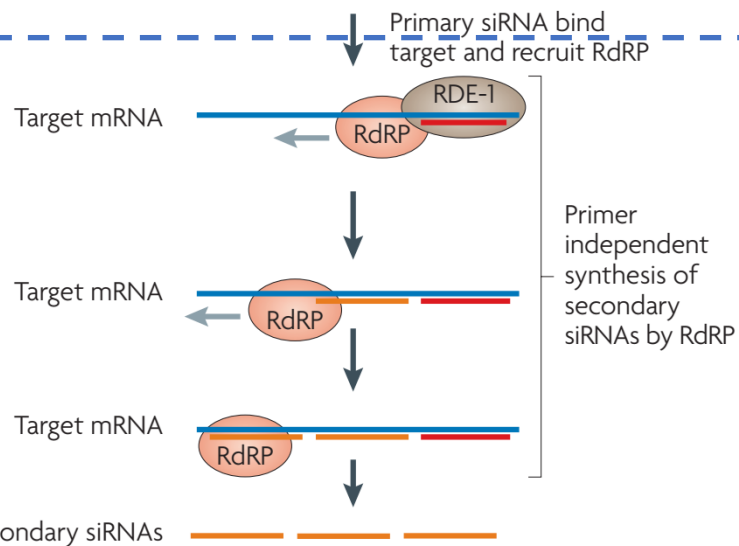
Amplification in worms



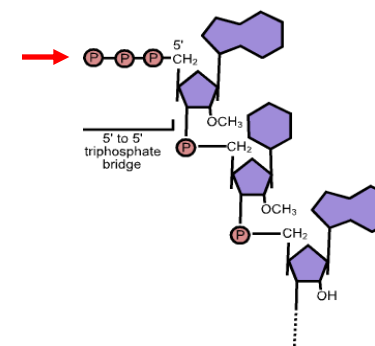
Primary siRNA



次级扩增



Secondary siRNA



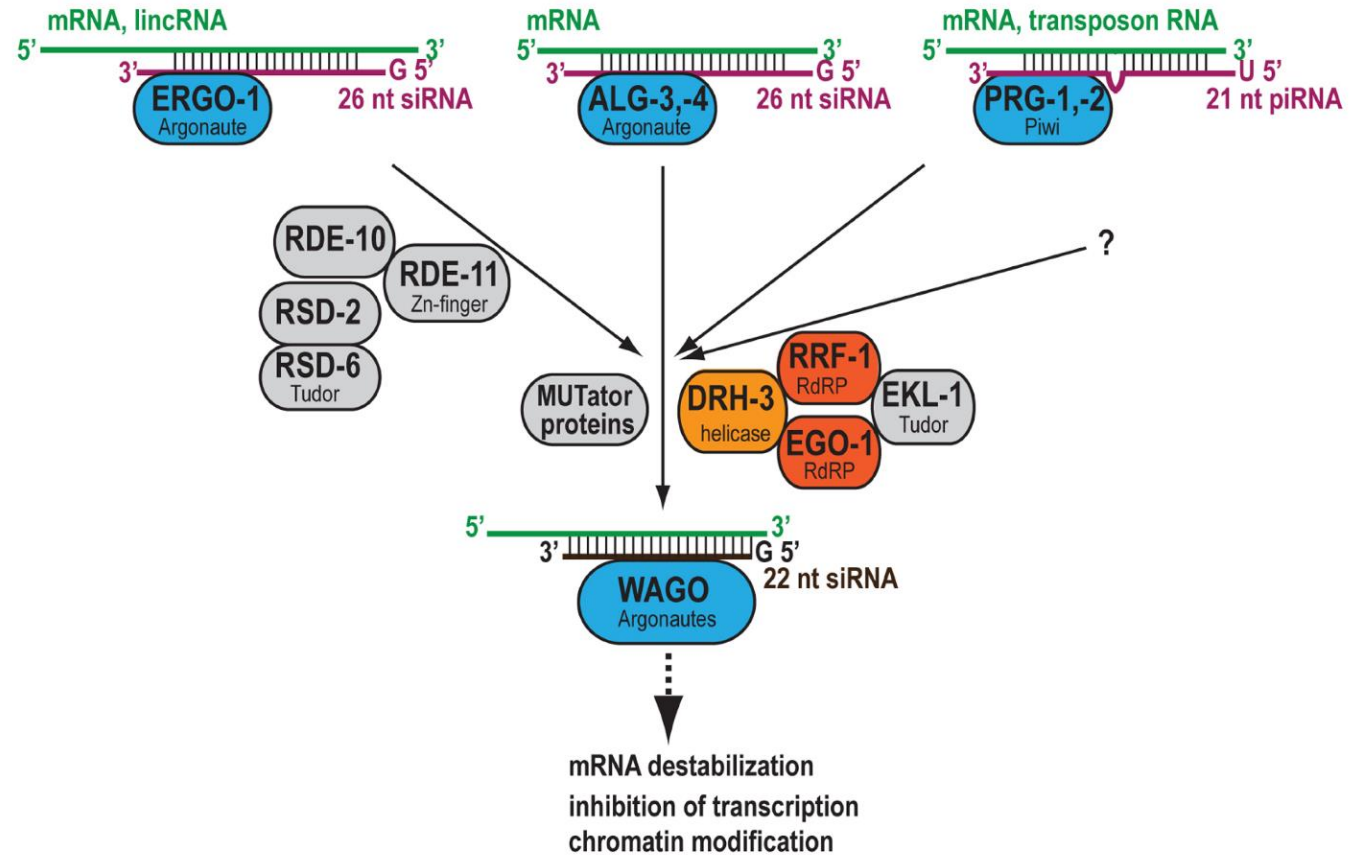
RISC: RNA诱导的沉默复合体
RdRP: RNA依赖的RNA聚合酶
siRNA: Short interfering RNA

Secondary siRNAs in secondary Argonaute complexes

SAGO SAGO

Ghildiyal and Zamore *et al.*, 2009

内源RNA干扰通路



Part I: nuclear RNAi and nucleolar RNAi

1.1: nuclear RNAi

1.2: nuclear RNAi & transgenerational inheritance

1.3: antisense ribosomal siRNA (risiRNA) and nucleolar RNAi

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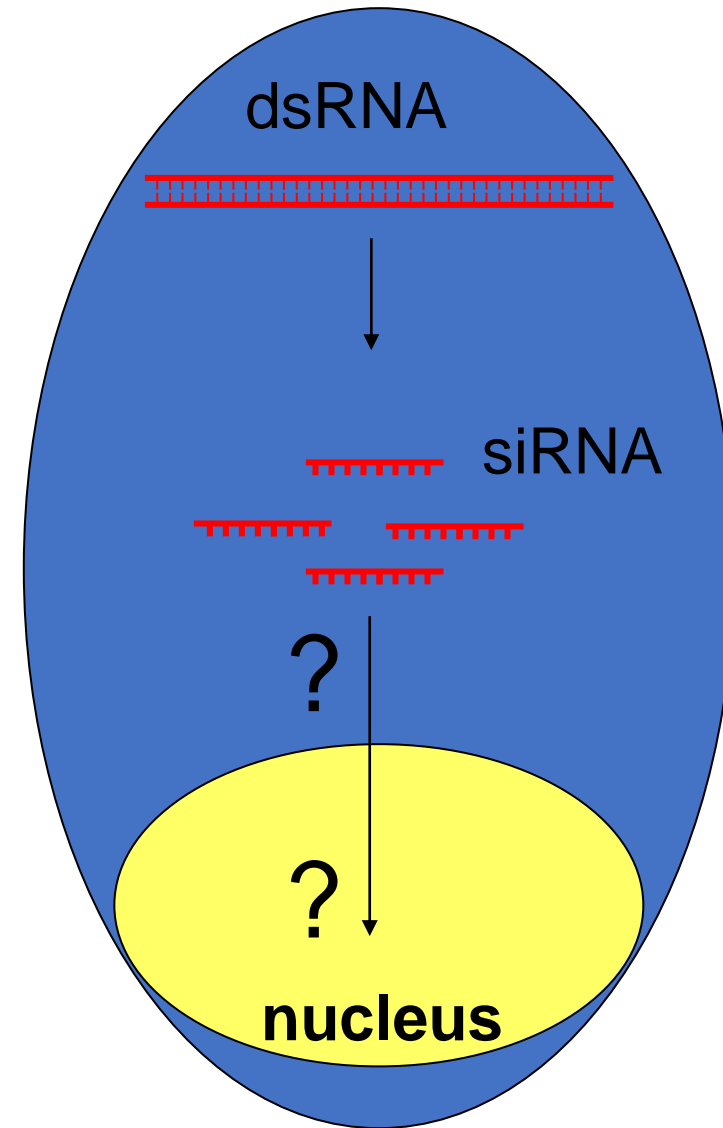
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科学问题

- 小干扰 RNA 是否在细胞核中有作用？
- 如果有，需要哪些关键因子？
- 细胞核 RNA 干扰的分子机制是什么？

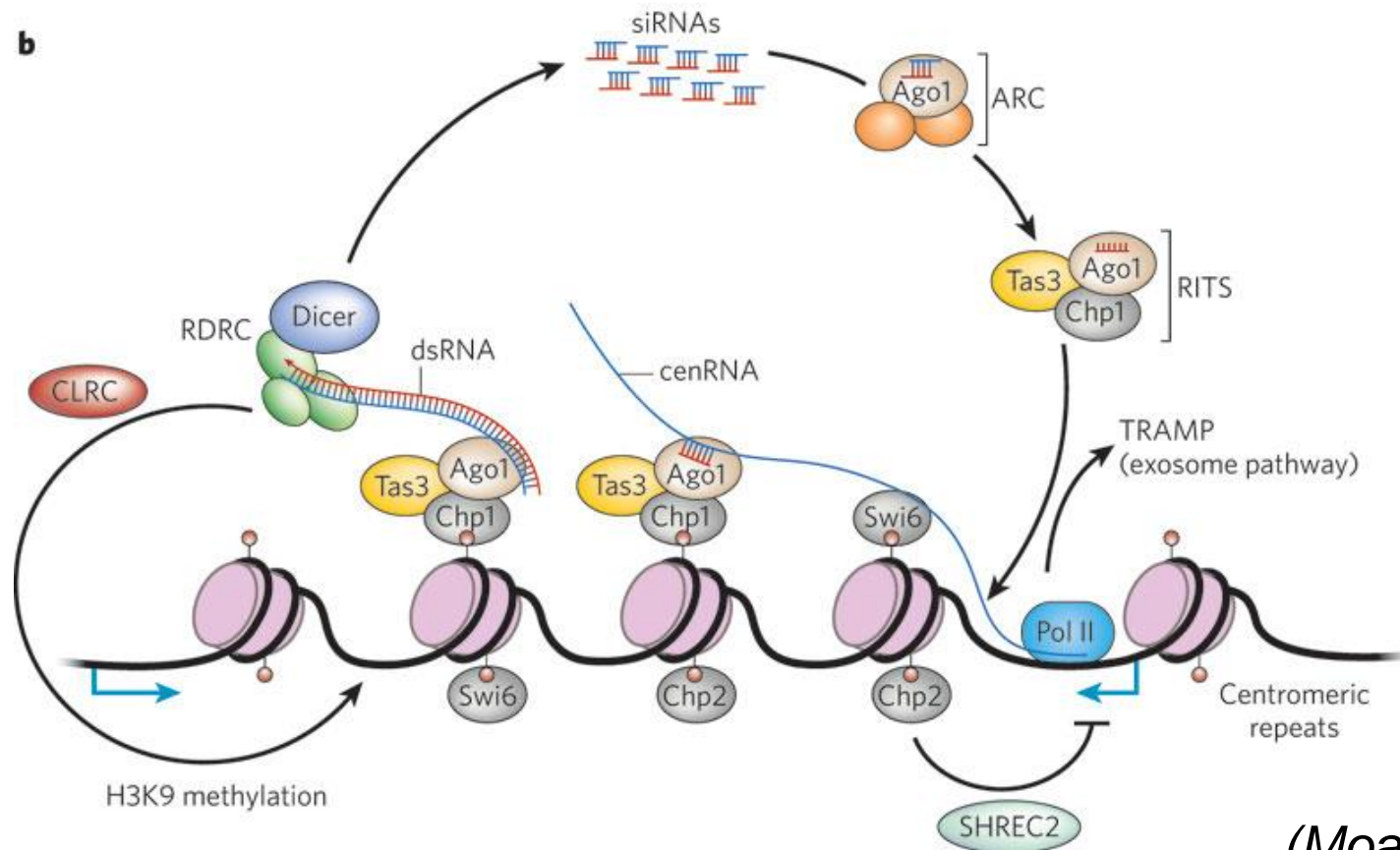


RNAi与异染色质：植物

- dsRNA与染色质沉默密切相关
- 植物的转基因被同源dsRNA的表达所沉默，并使同源DNA区域发生甲基化
- 由siRNA介导，甲基转移酶能够被招募到靶基因的位点

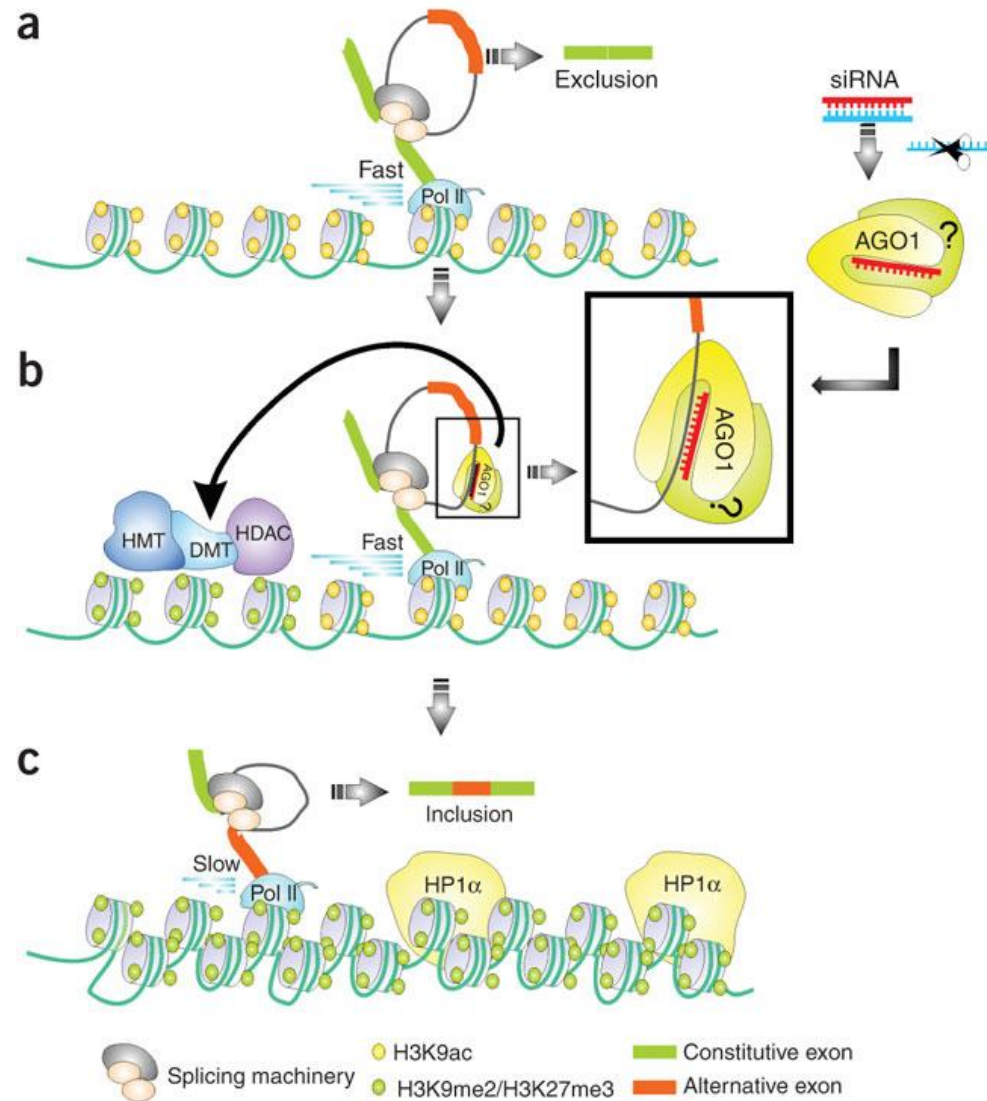
多个蛋白复合物参与异染色质的调控

Co-transcriptional gene silencing in *S. pombe*

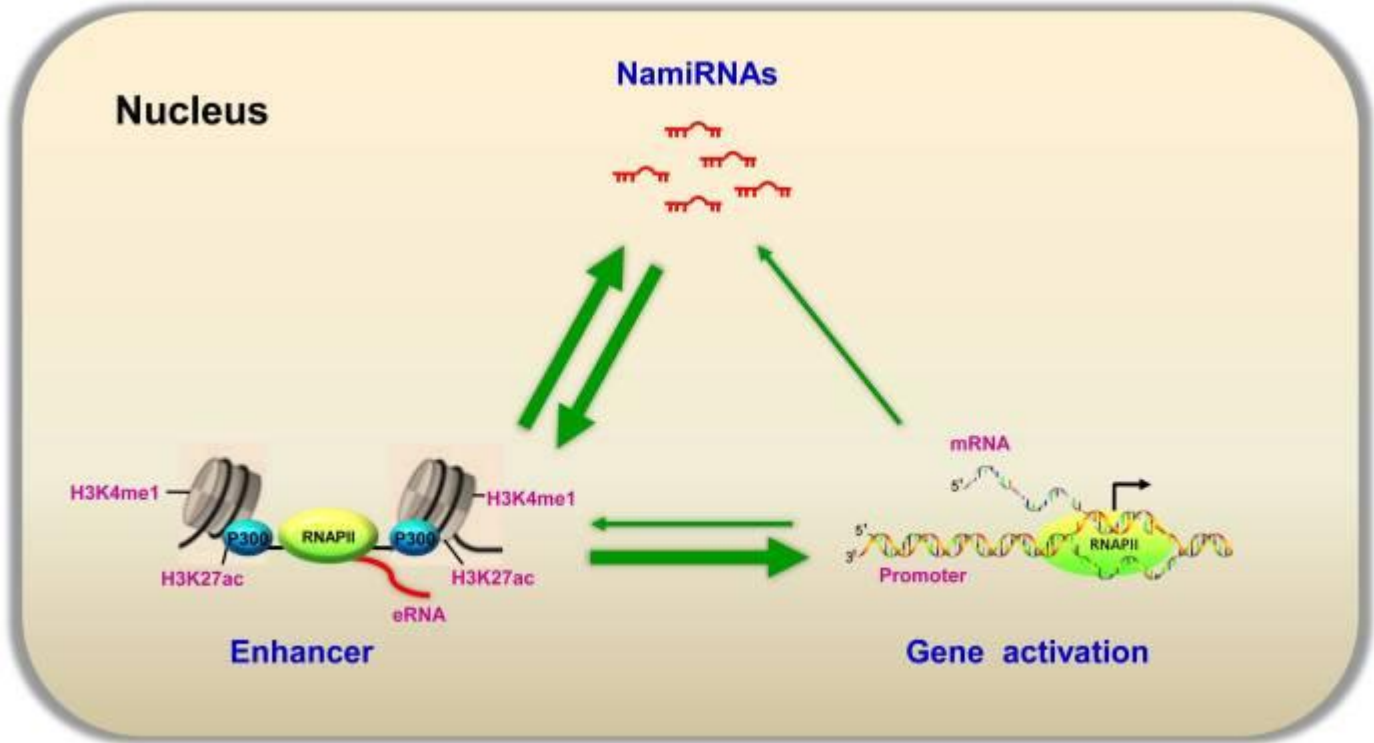


(Moazed 2009)

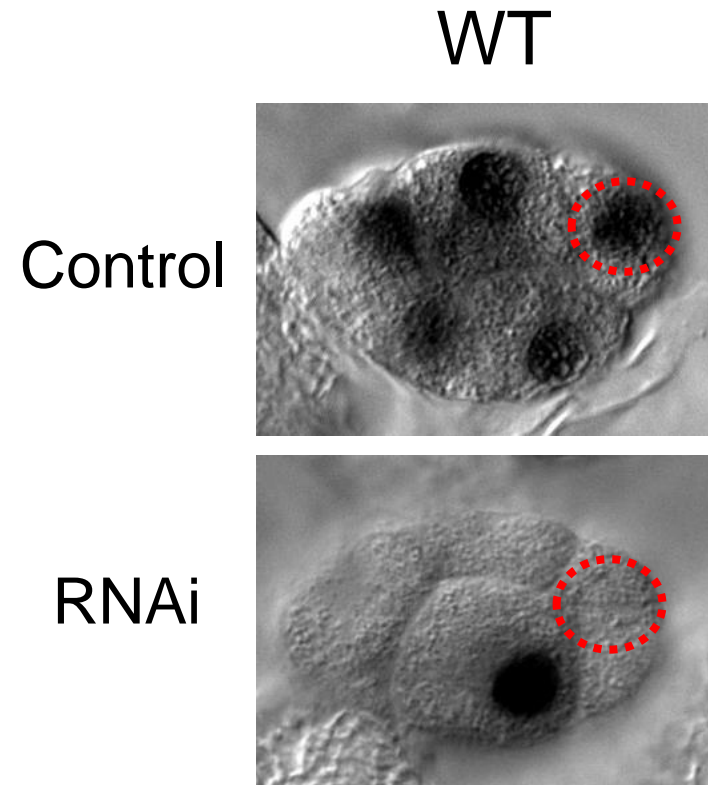
Control of alternative splicing through siRNA-mediated transcriptional gene silencing



namiRNAs activate gene expression in nucleus

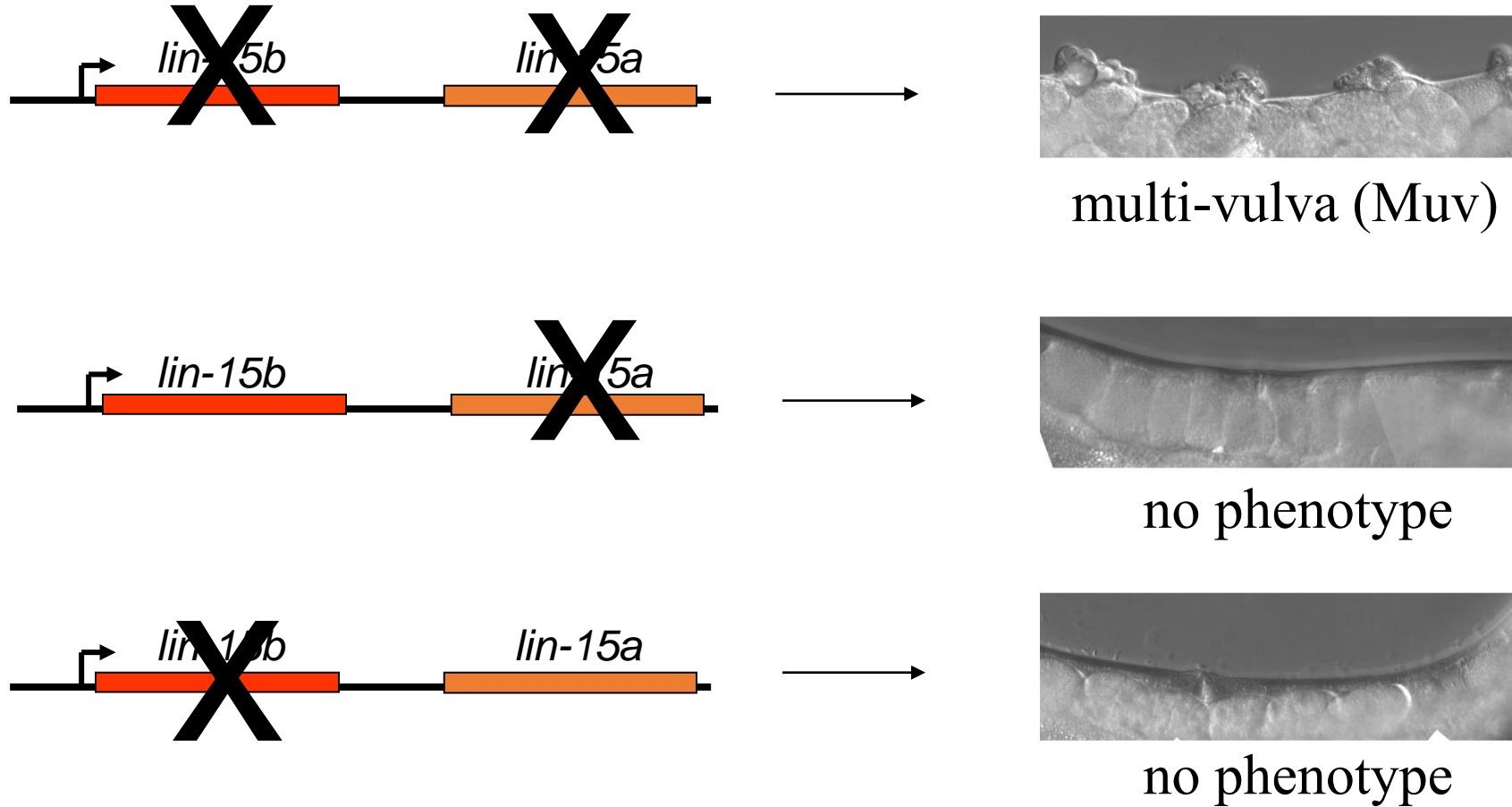


RNAi silences a nuclear localized RNA



RNA in situ

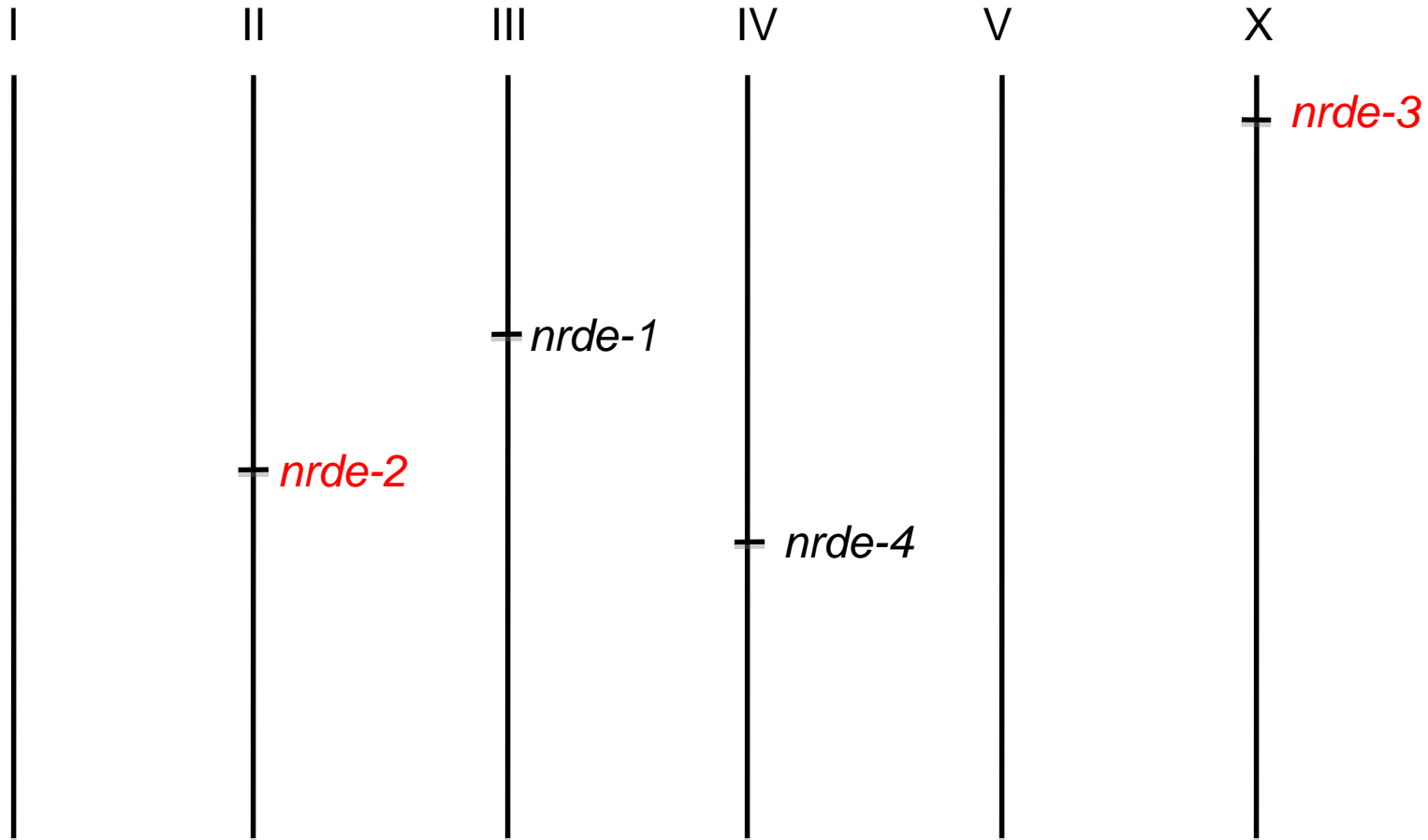
Mutations of both *lin-15a* and *lin-15b* result in a synthetic multi vulval (Muv) phenotype



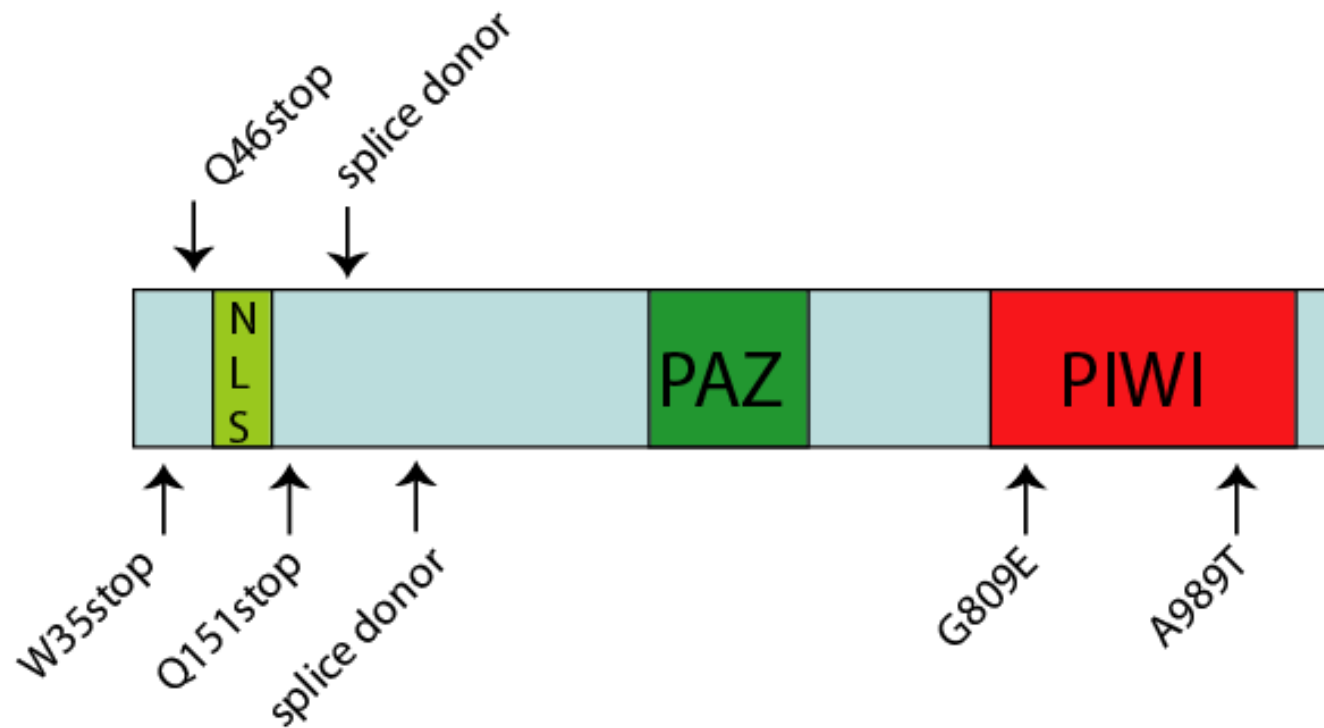
Does RNAi of *lin-15b* give a Muv phenotype?

A forward genetic screening identifies Nuclear RNAi Defective genes (NRDE)

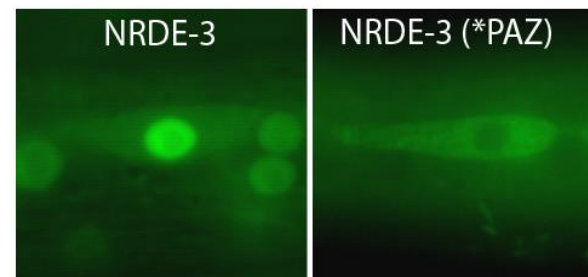
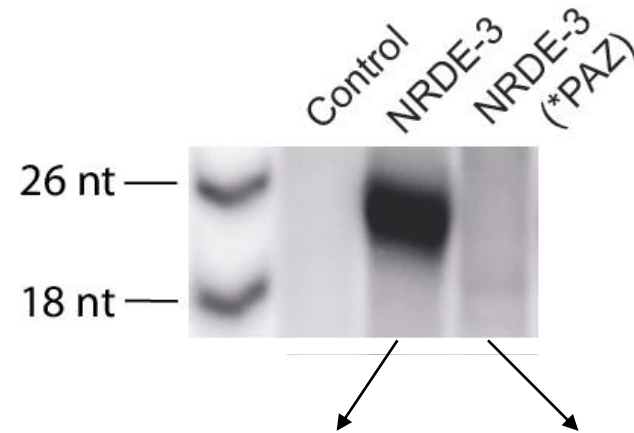
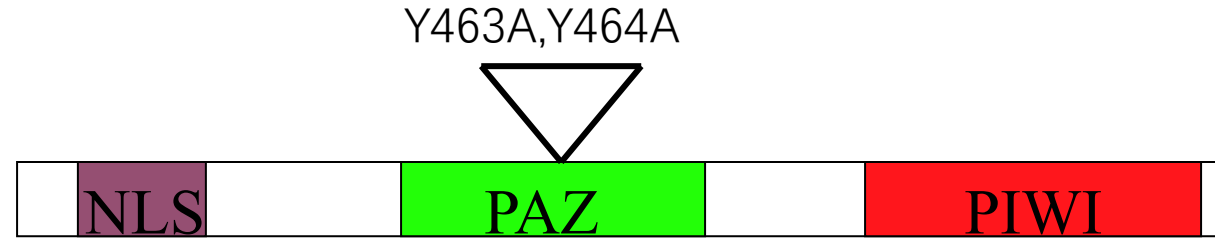
C. elegans Chromosomes



在秀丽线虫中发现细胞核 RNA 干扰关键因子 NRDE-3 (Nuclear RNAi Defective -3)

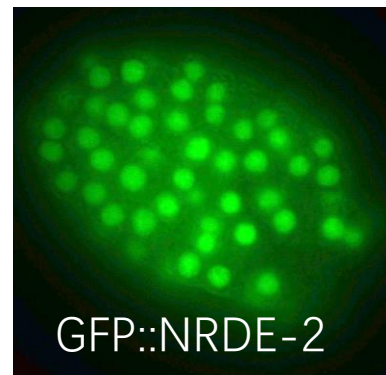
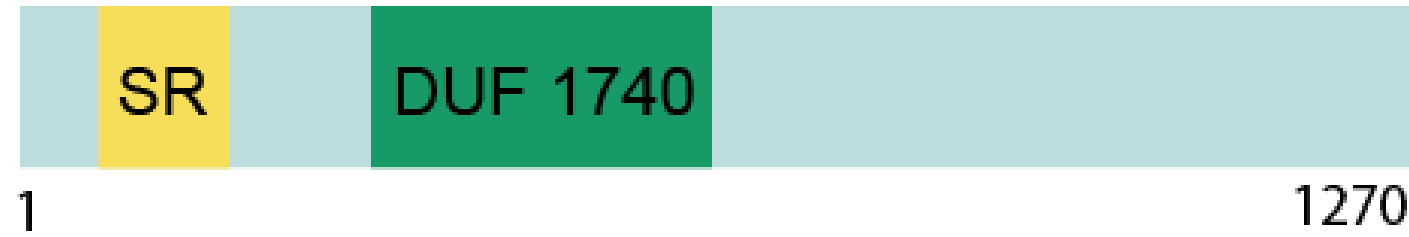


Binding siRNA is required for NRDE-3 nuclear localization and function



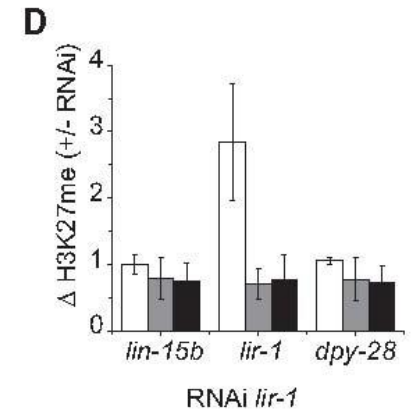
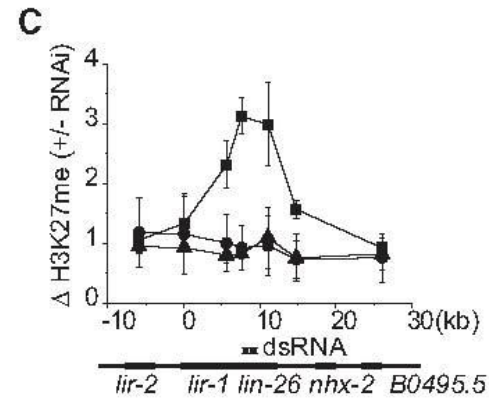
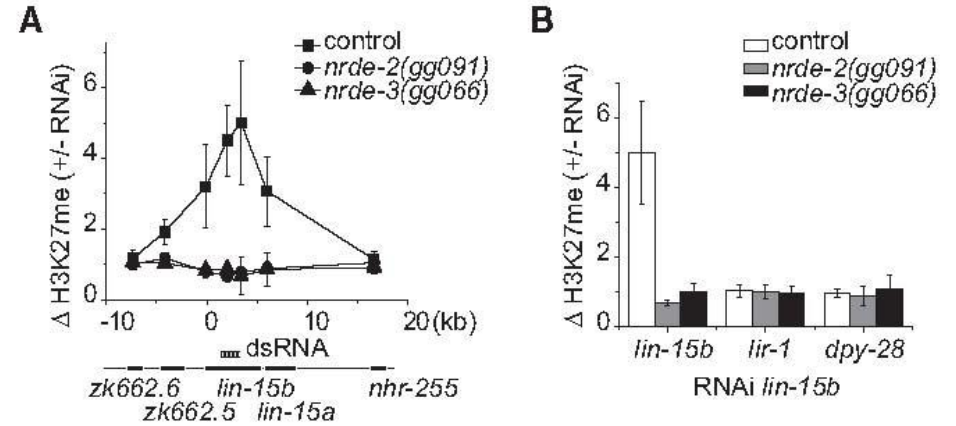
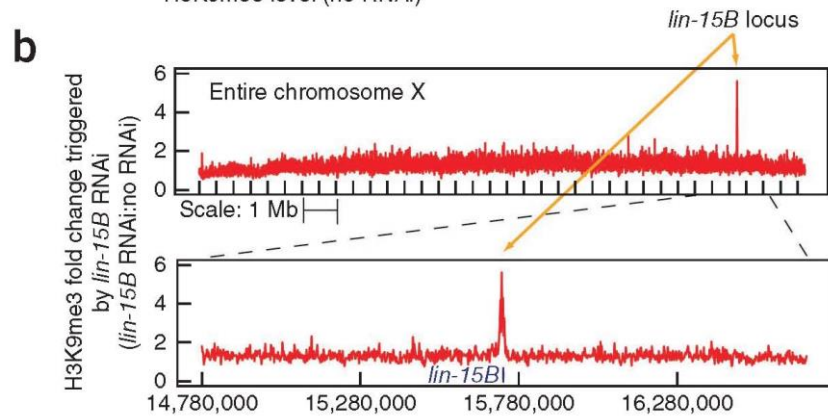
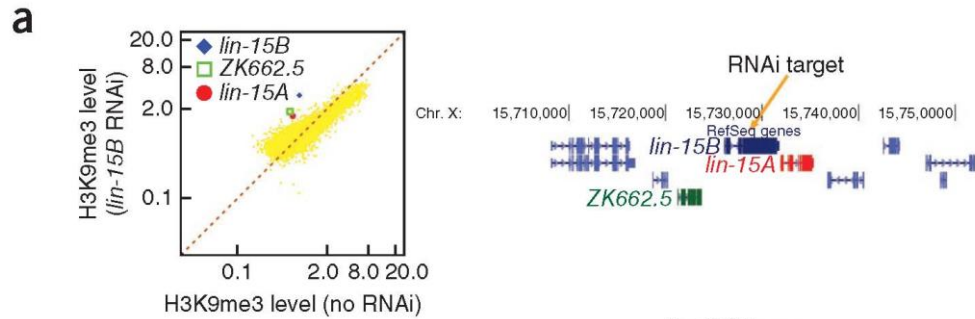
- IP GFP::NRDE-3
- Extract small RNAs
- Label with γ -p³²-ATP

nrde-2 encodes a conserved protein required for nuclear RNAi

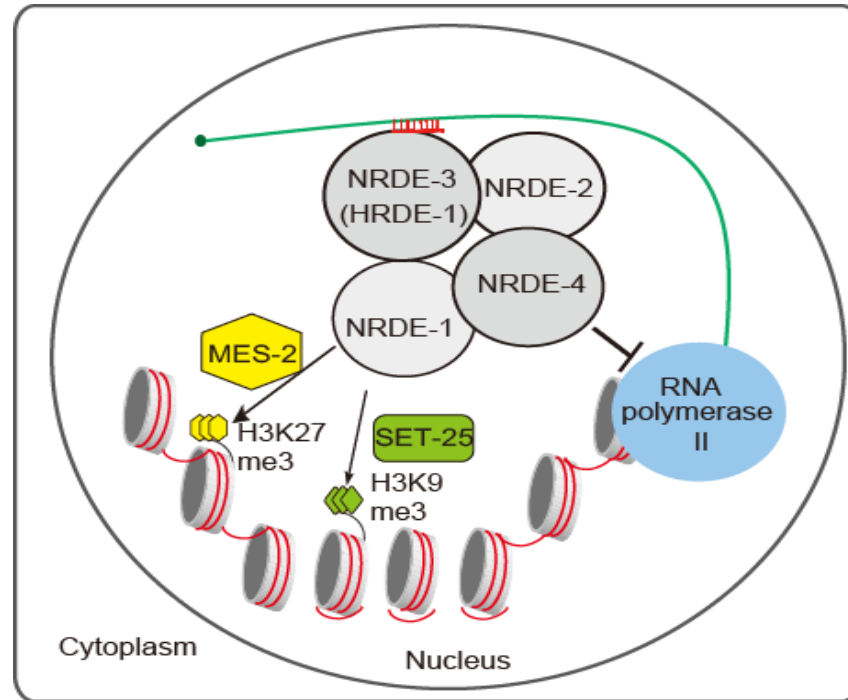


~200 cell embryo

细胞核 RNA 干扰诱导靶标位置的 H3K9me3 和 H3K27me3



细胞核 RNA 干扰通路



Science 2008;
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PLoS Genetics 2011;
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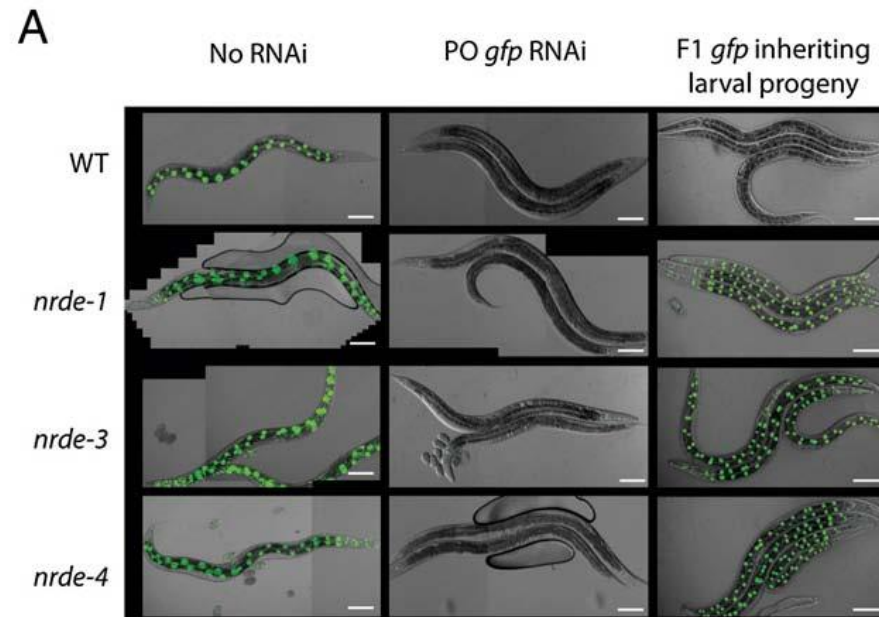
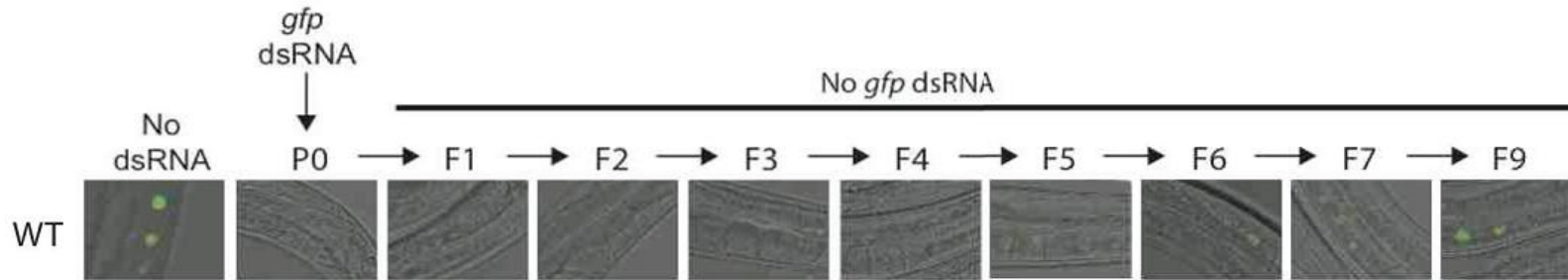
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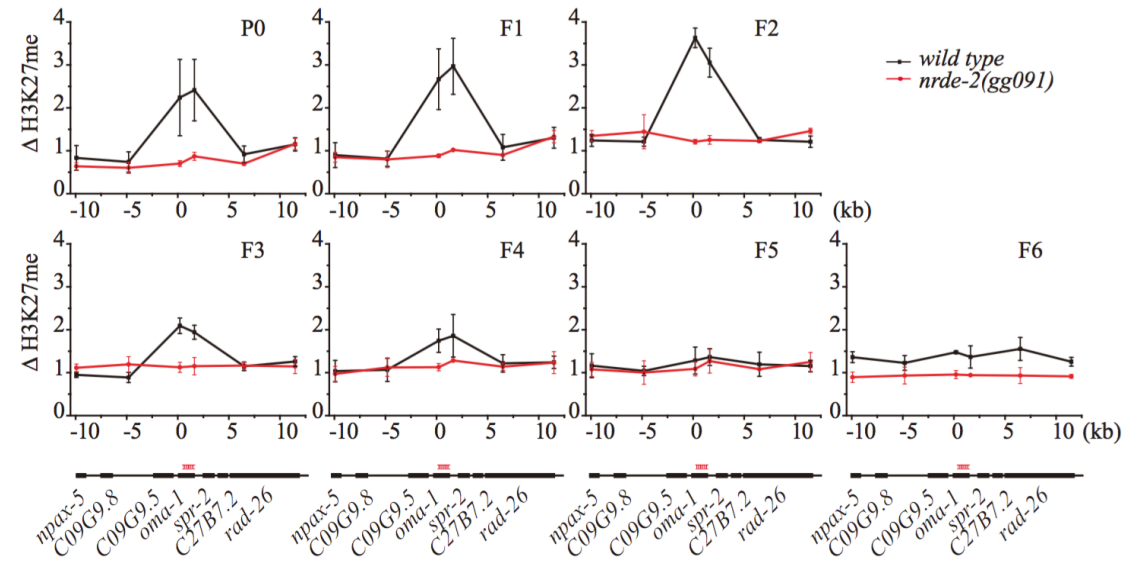
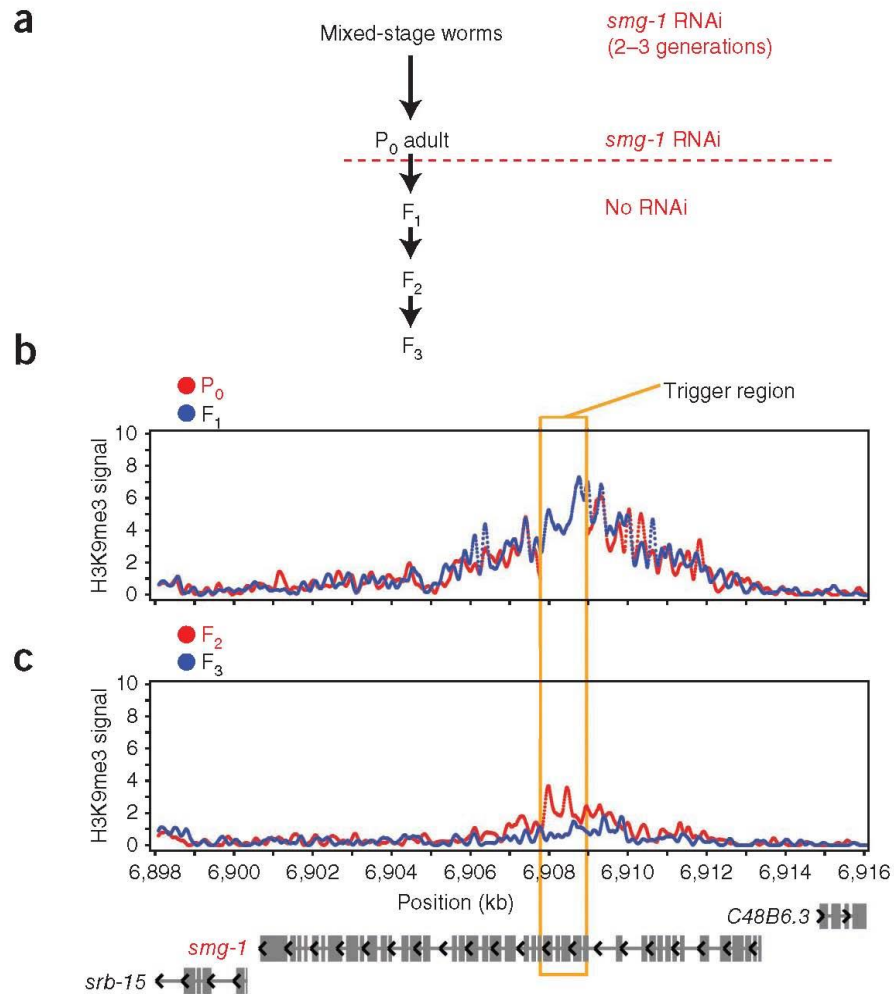
2.2: PICS复合物与 piRNA 加工

RNA干扰性状可以被多代遗传, 细胞核RNA干扰通路起关键作用

Exogenous dsRNA trigger

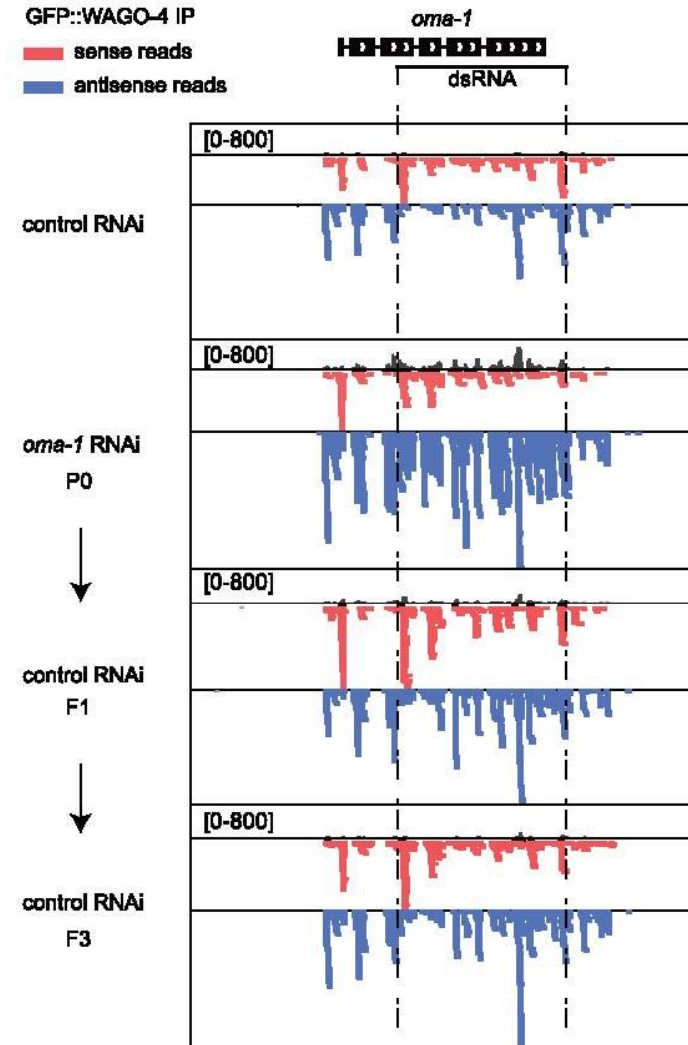
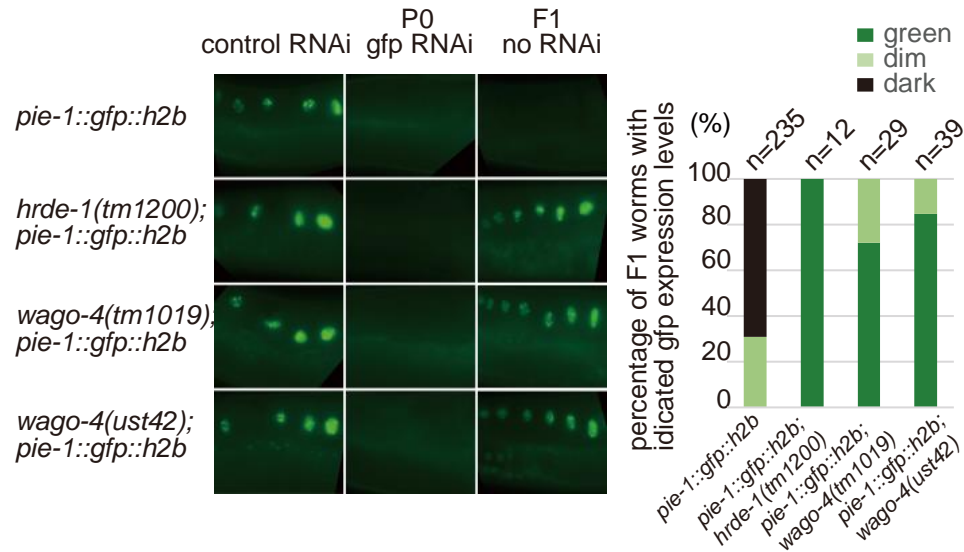


Nuclear RNAi 介导的 H3K9me3 和 H3K27me3 可以多代遗传



WAGO-4 和细胞质 RNA 干扰机器参与获得性遗传

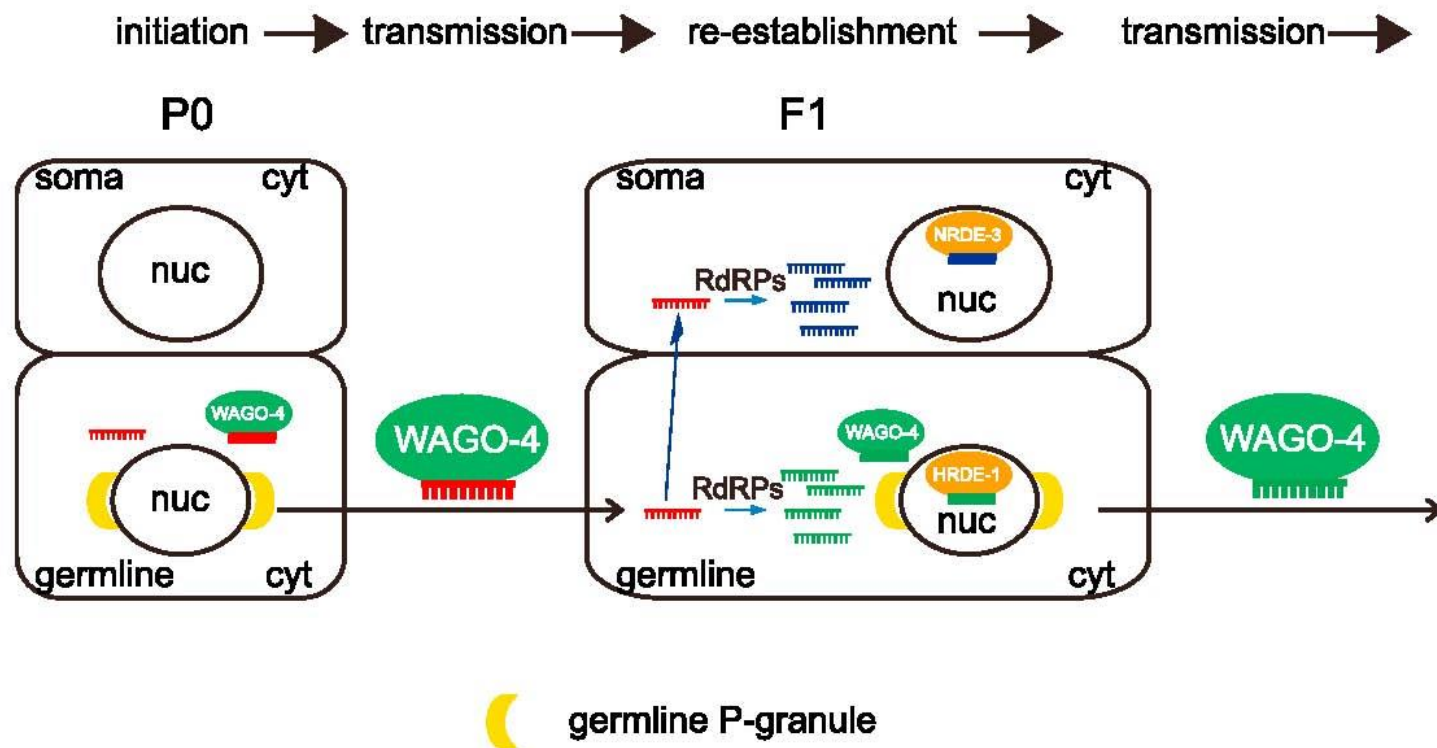
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获得性遗传的三个步骤



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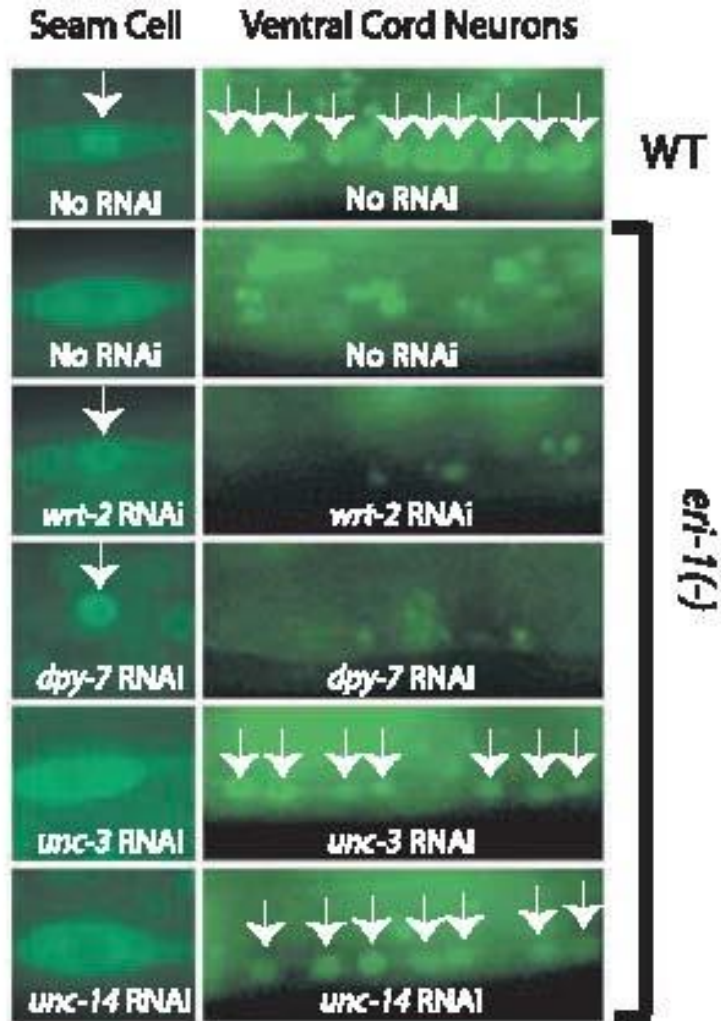
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NRDE-3 transports siRNAs to the targeted pre-mRNA



NRDE-3 可以作为基因表达的时空指示



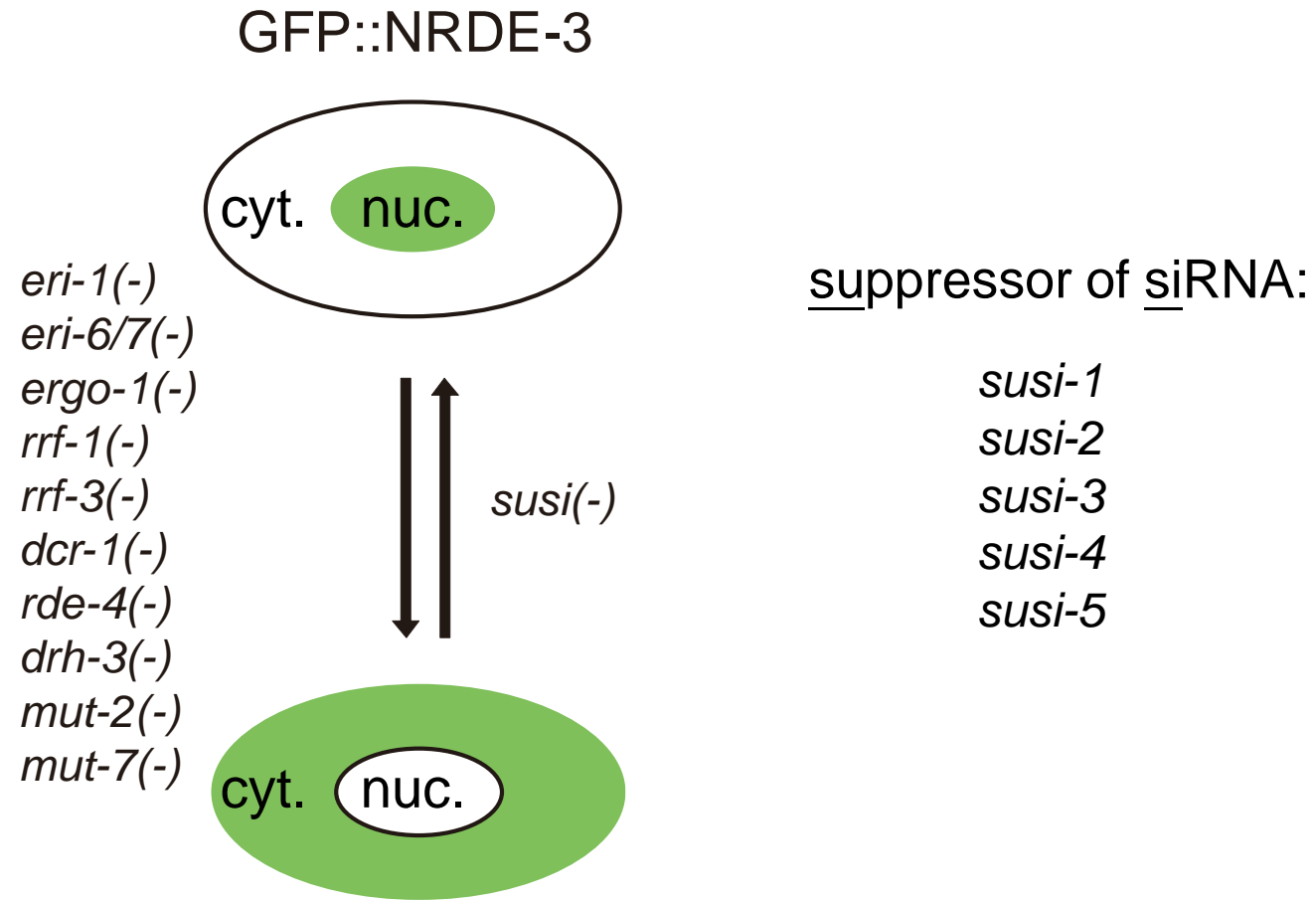
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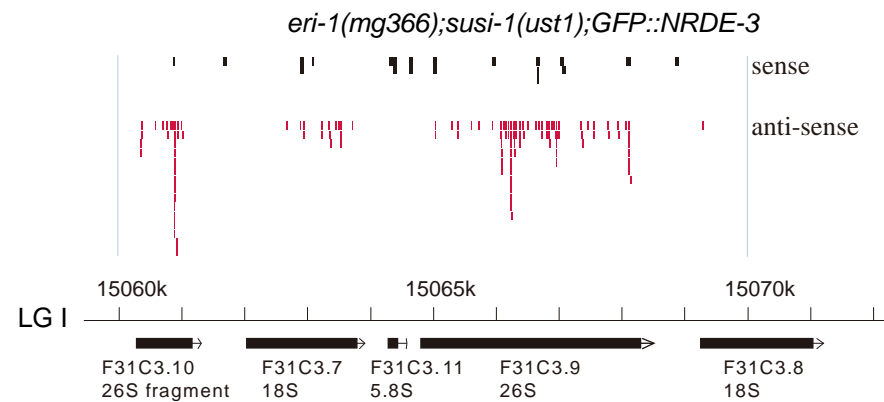
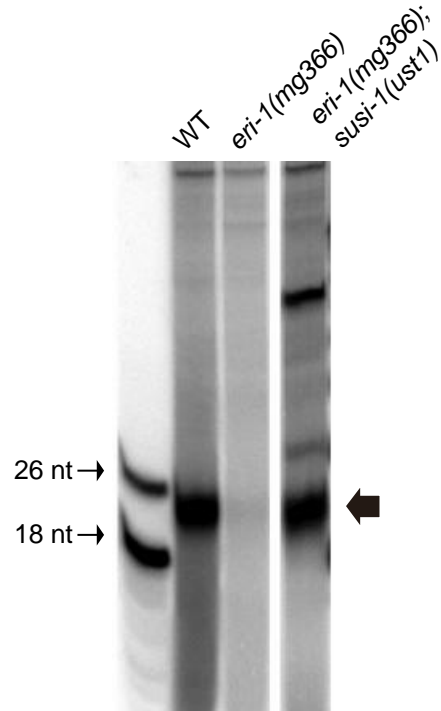
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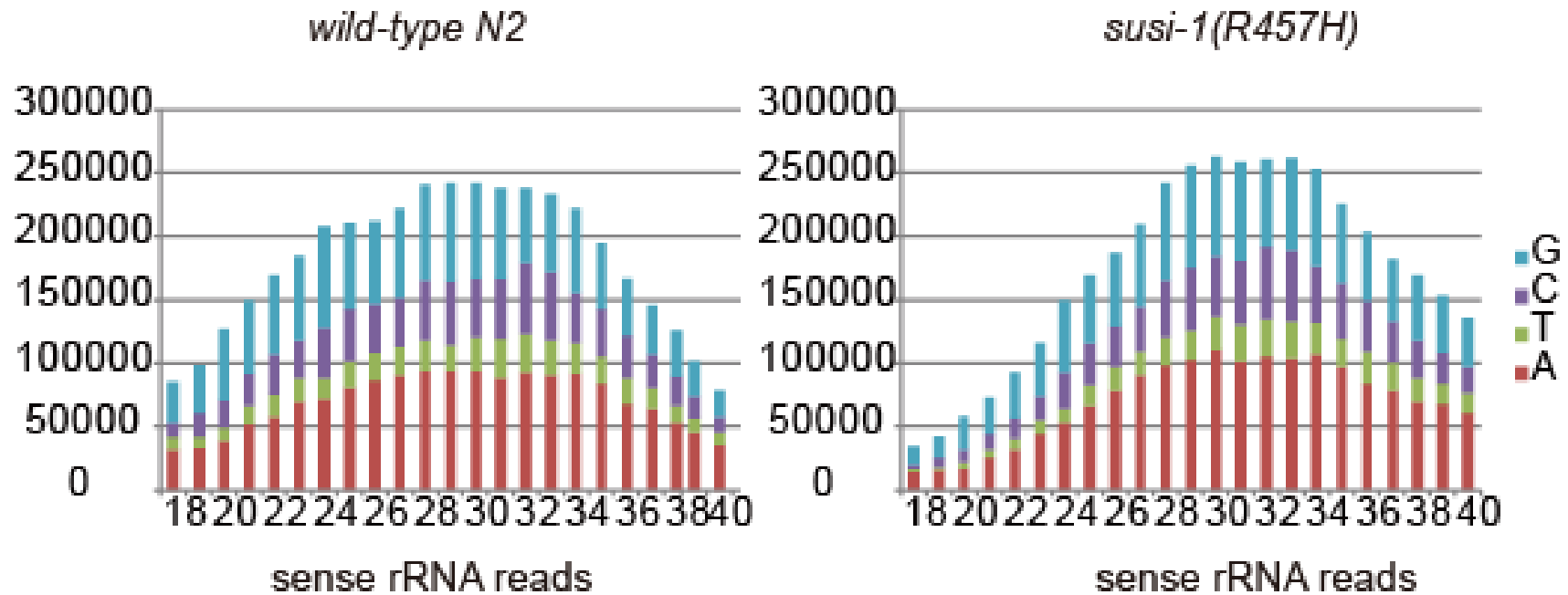


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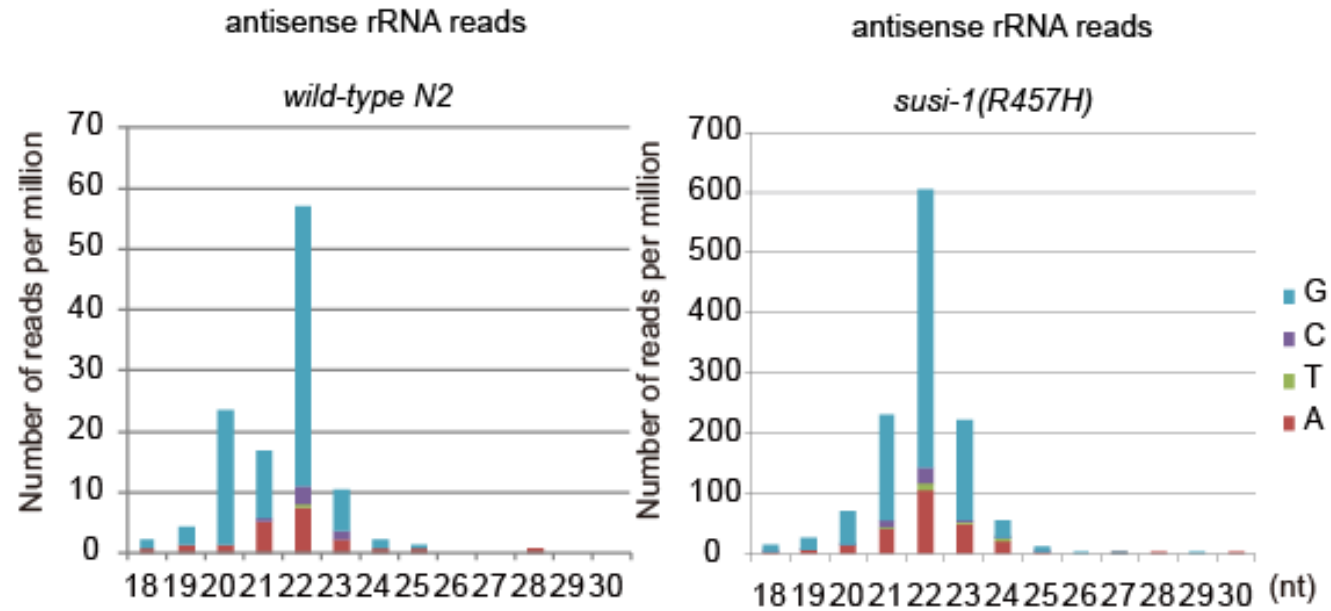
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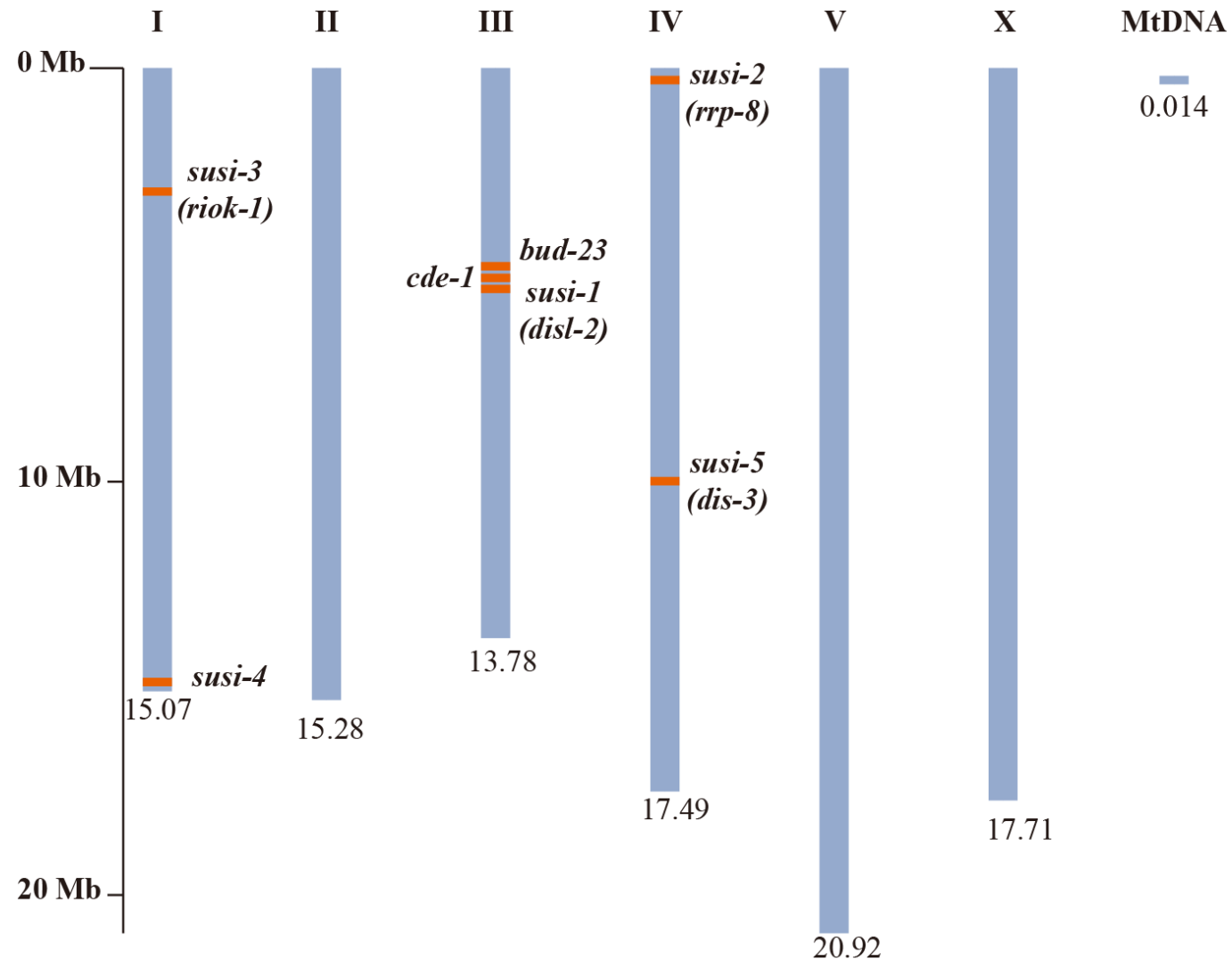
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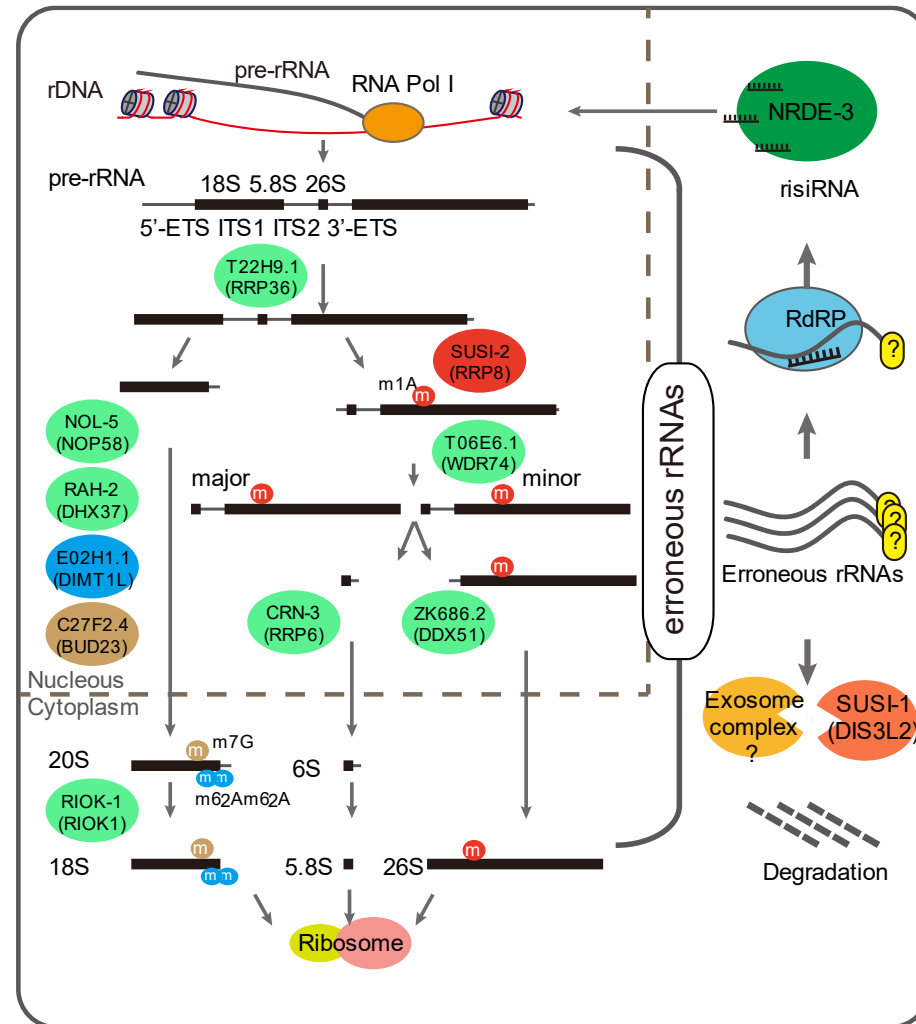
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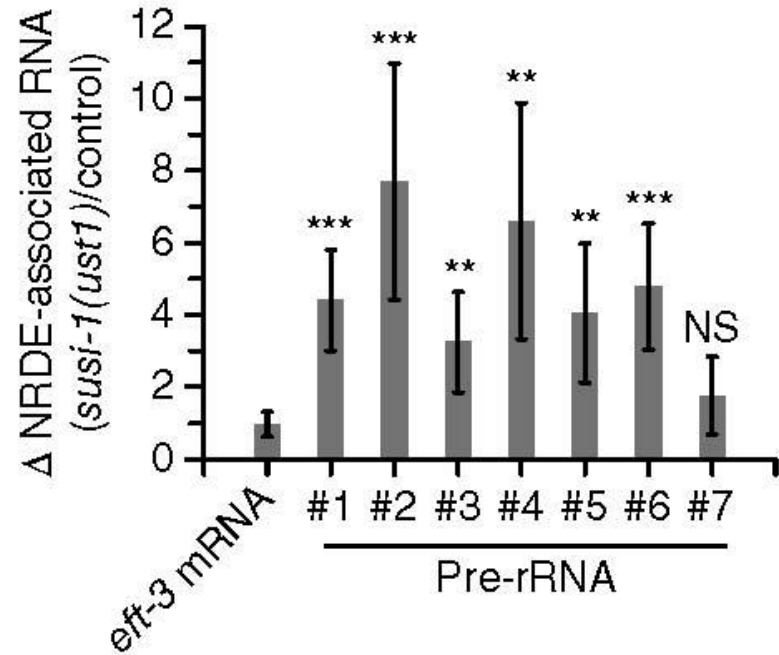
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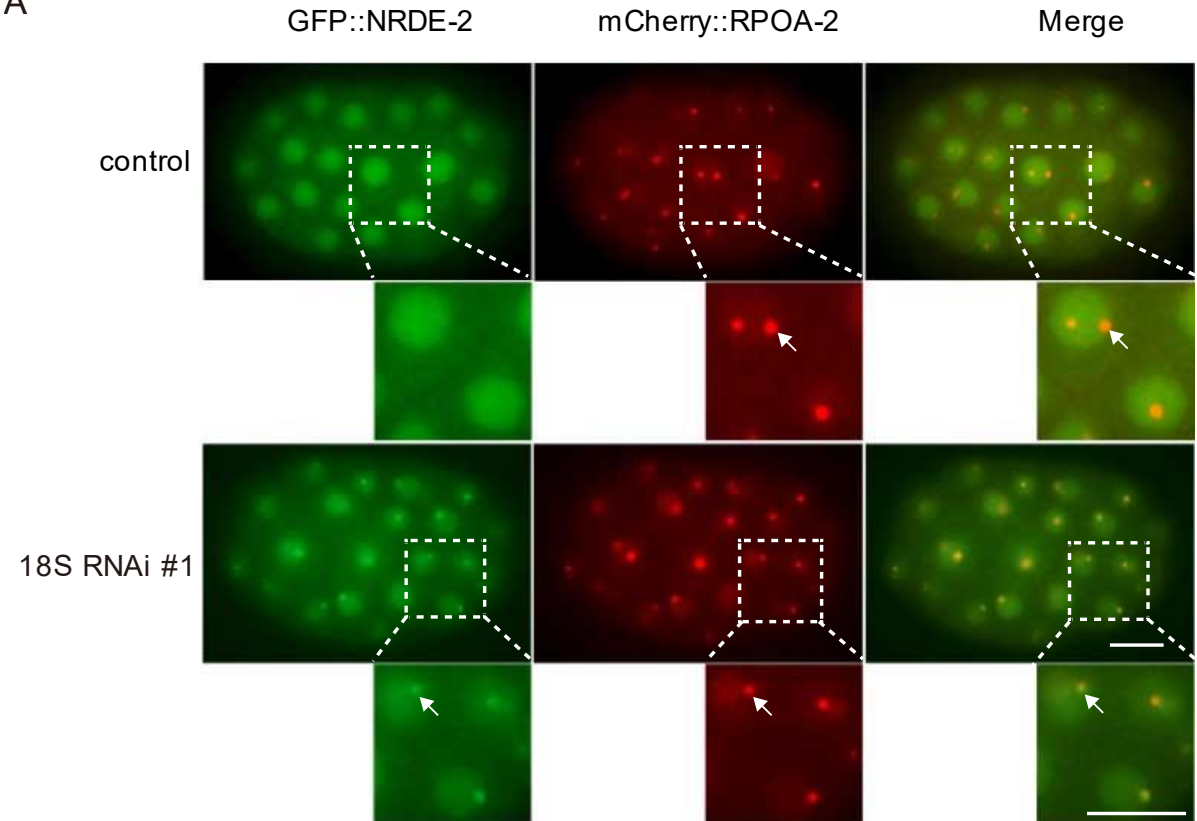
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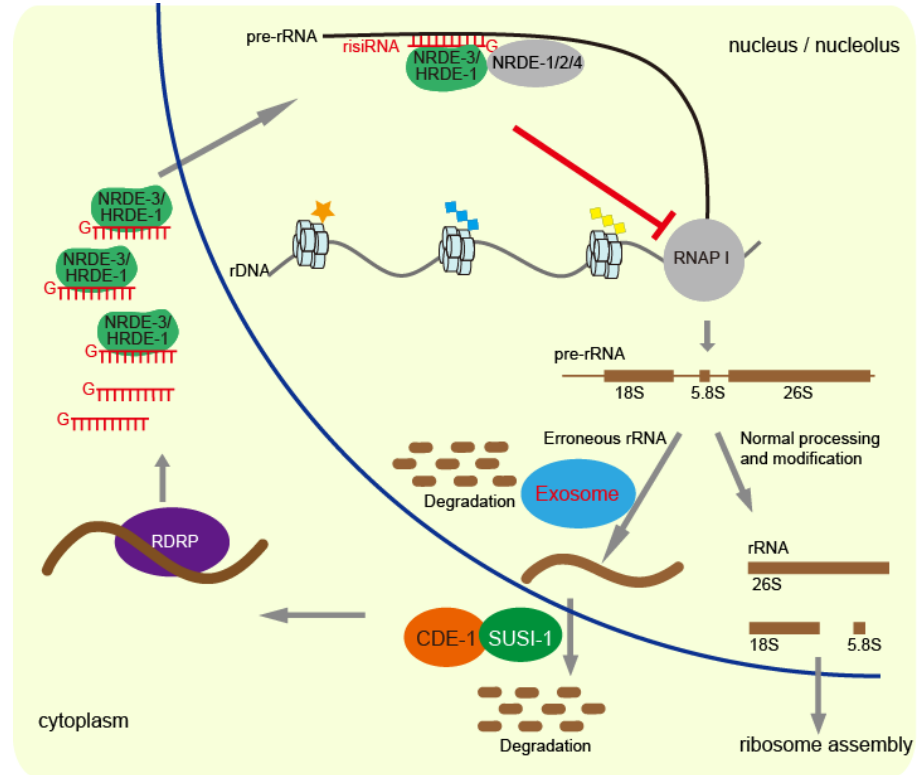
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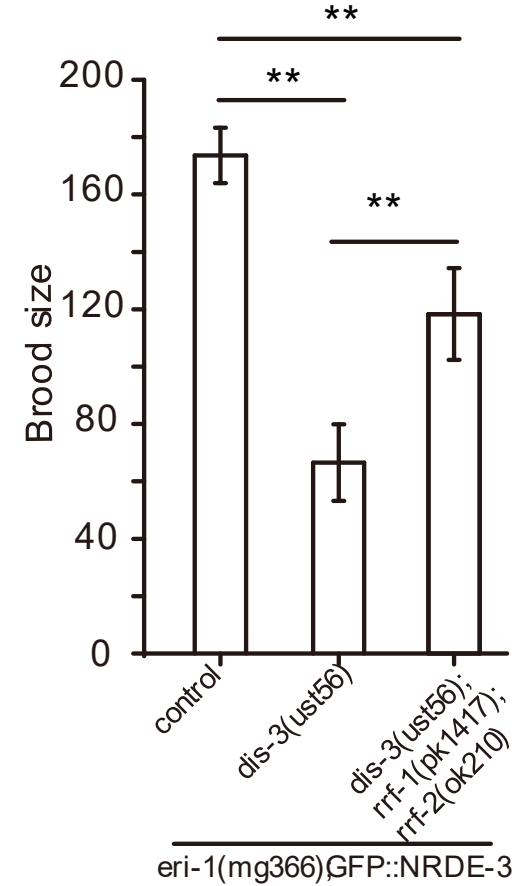
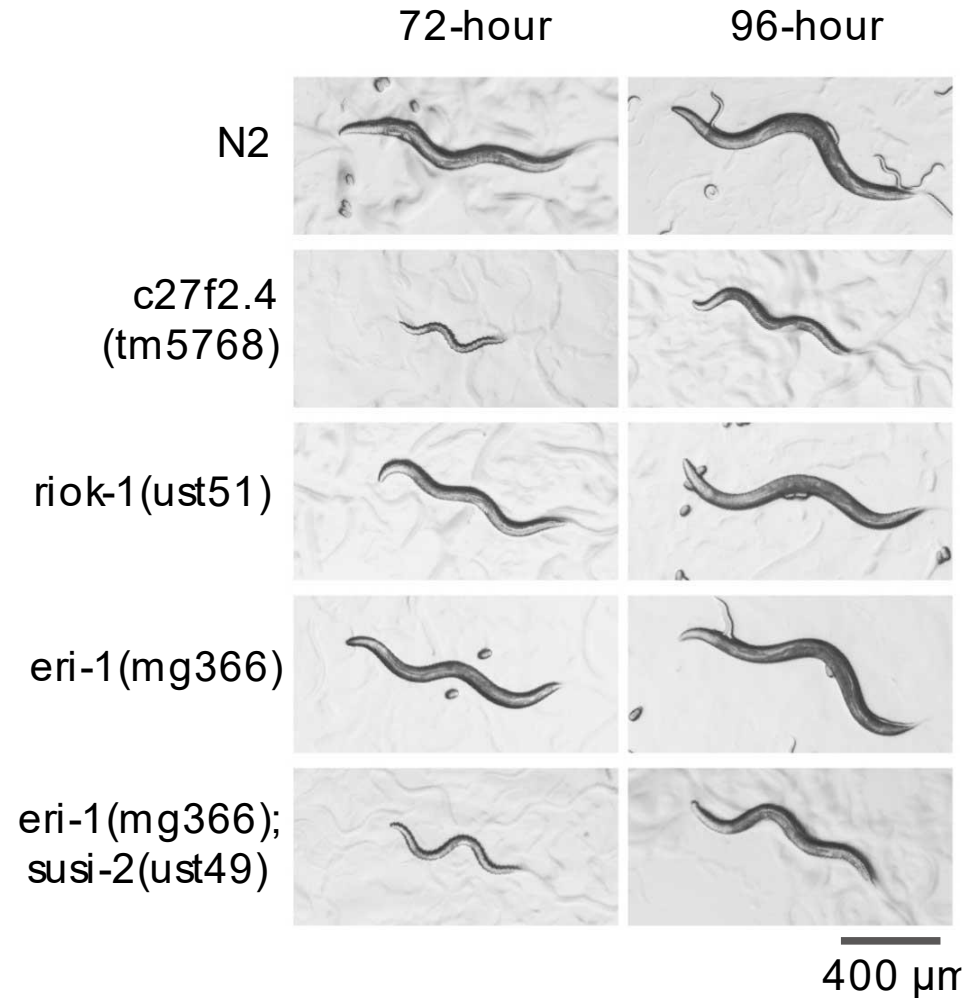
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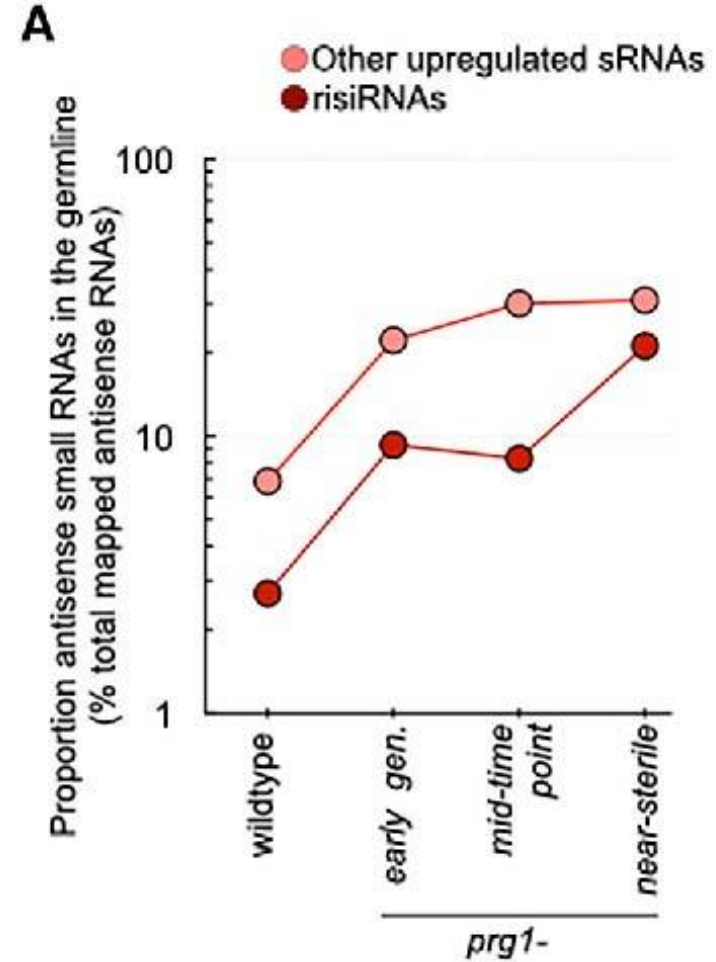
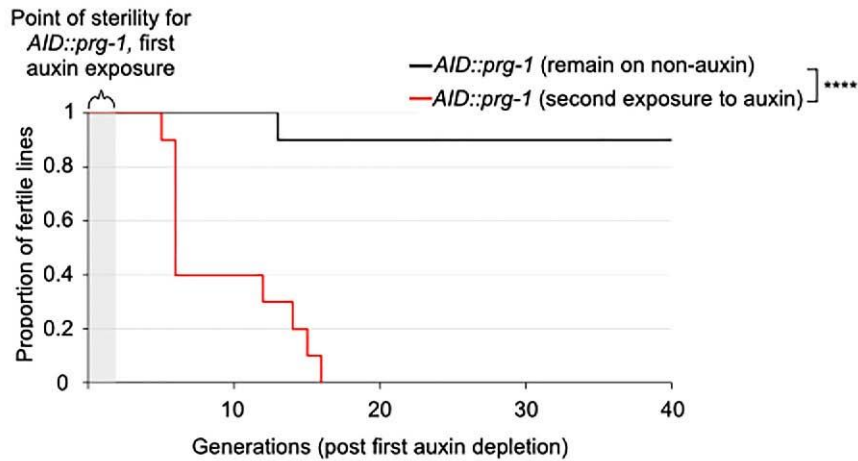
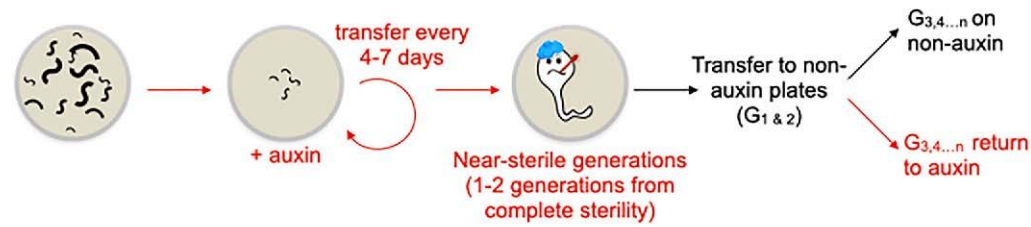
risiRNA is important for growth and fertility



Article

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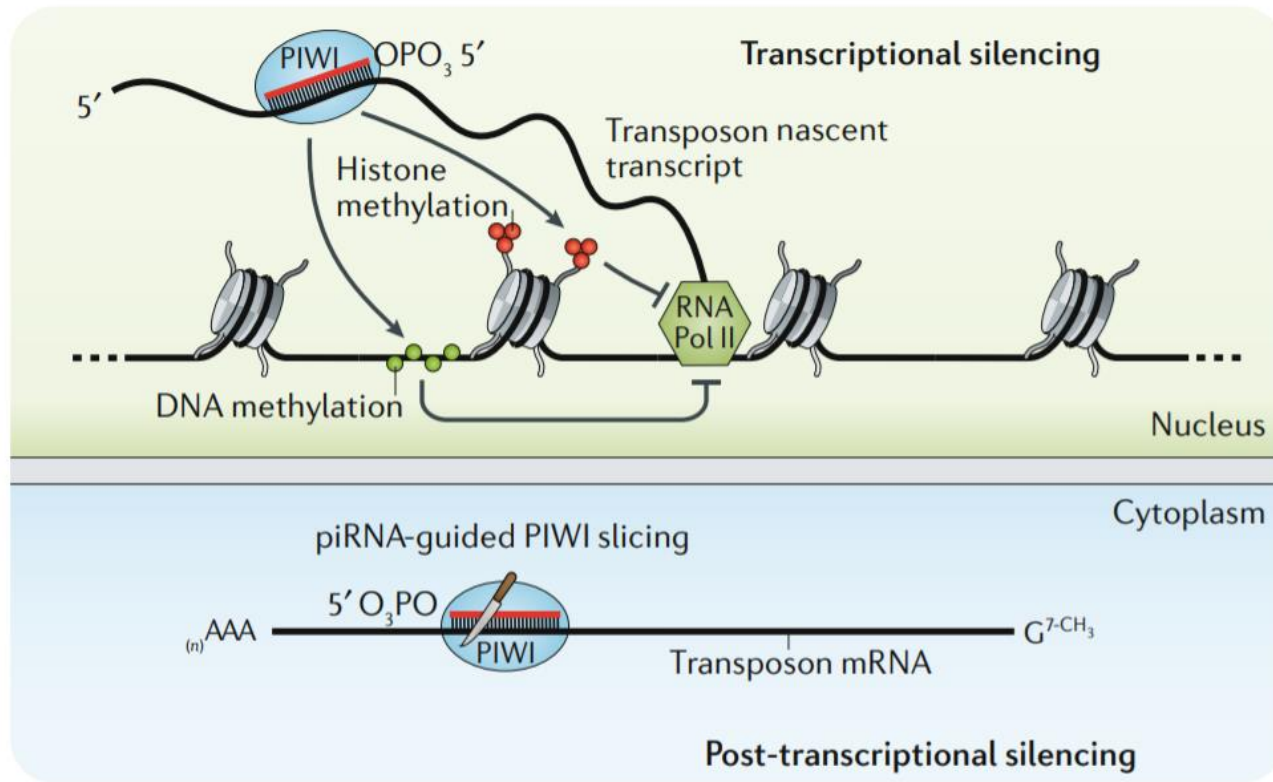
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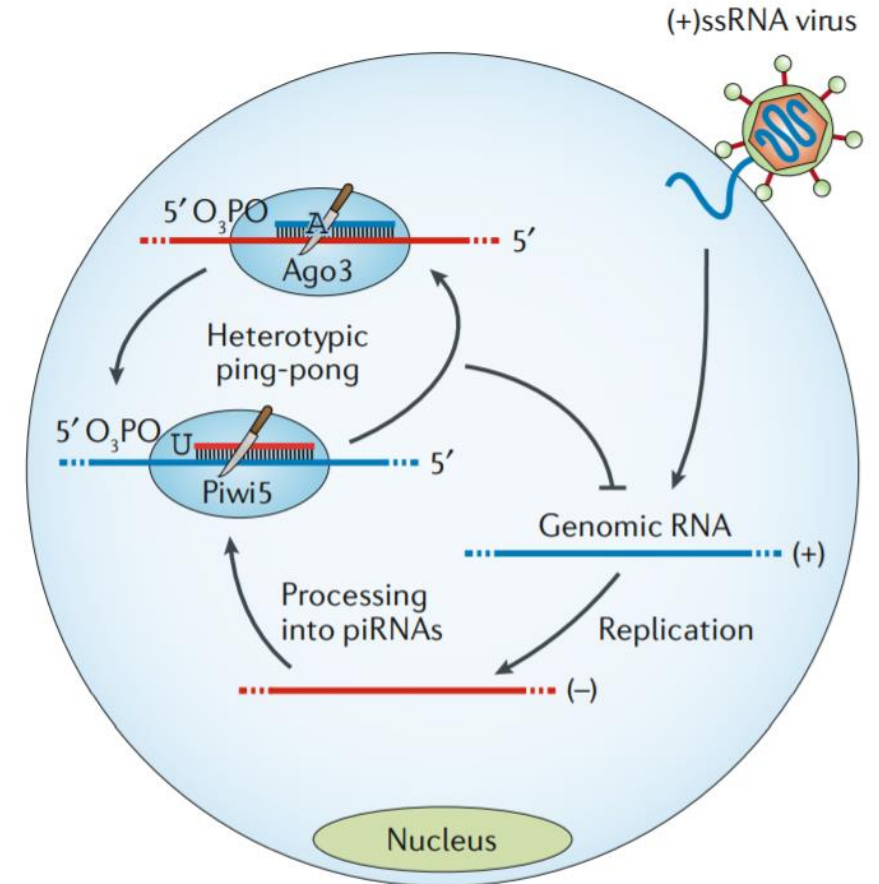
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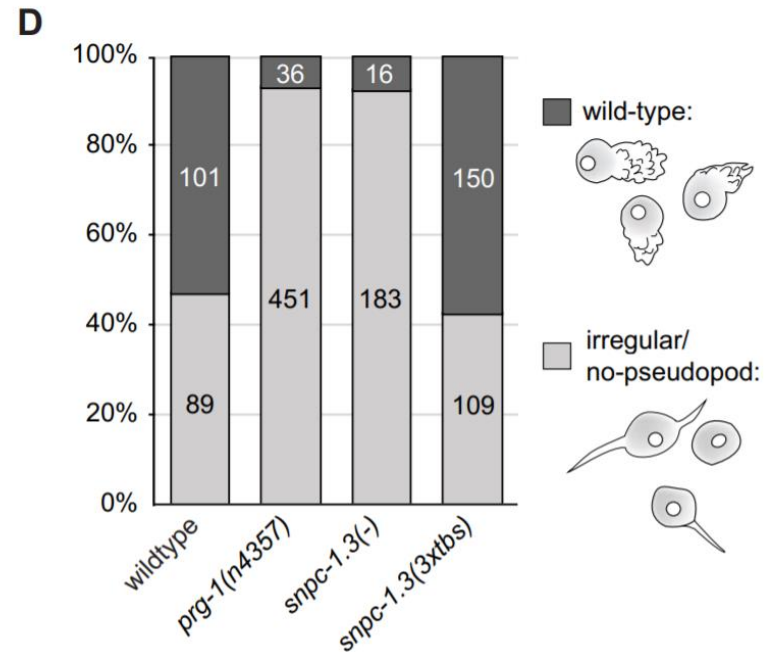
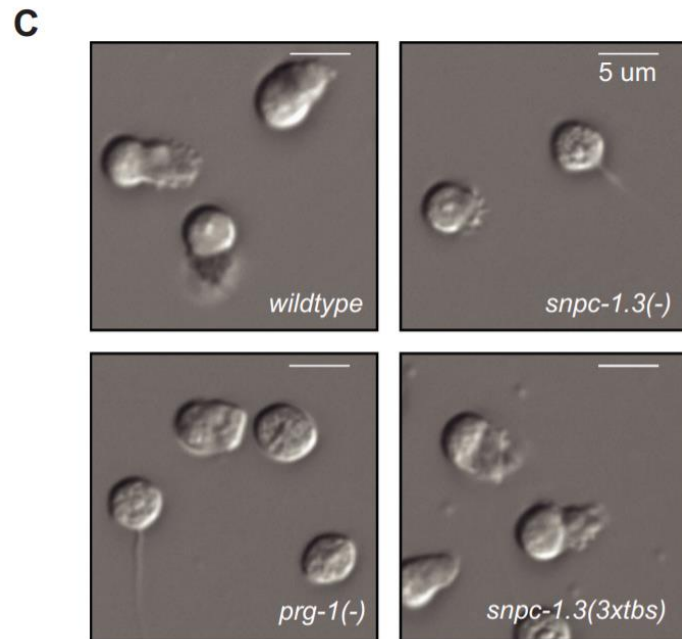
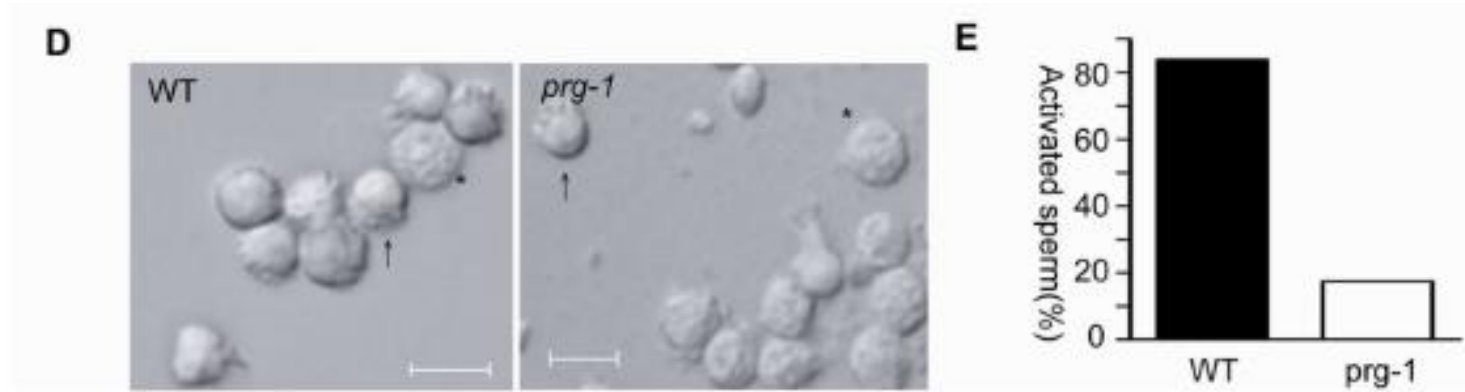
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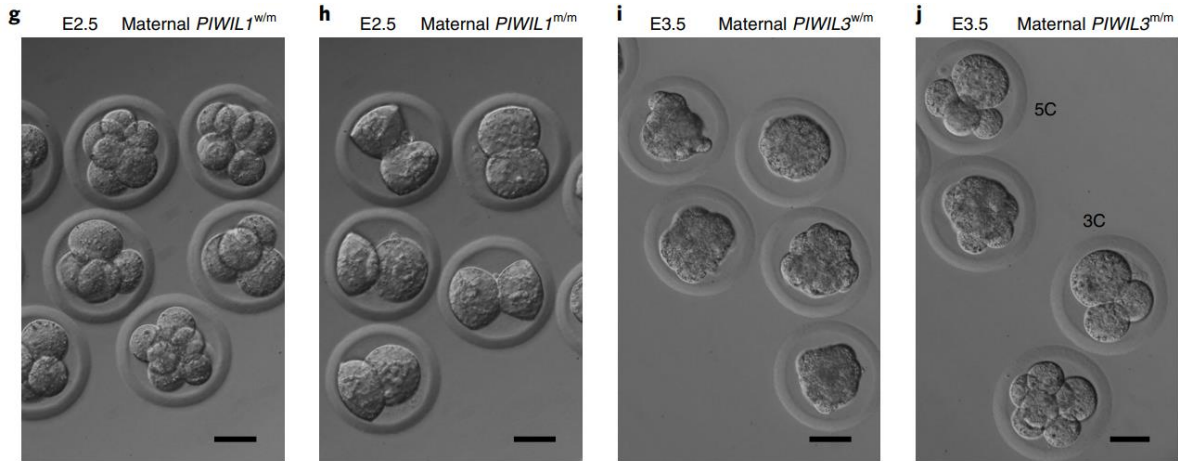
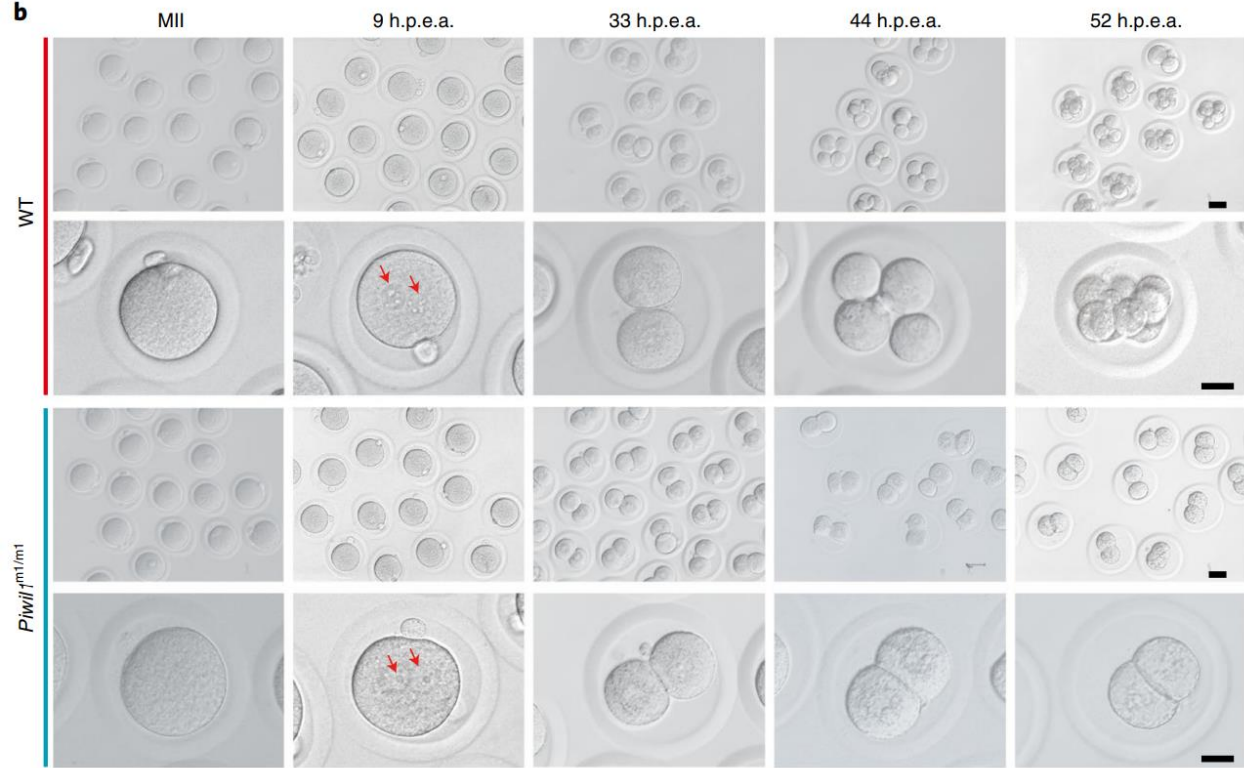
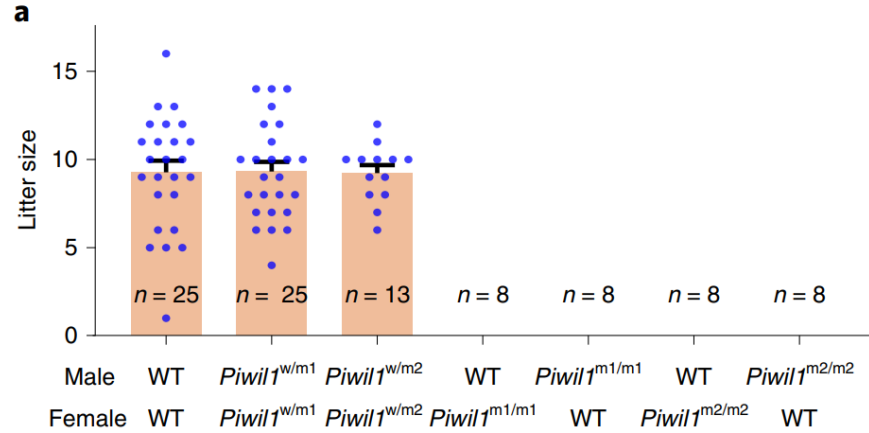
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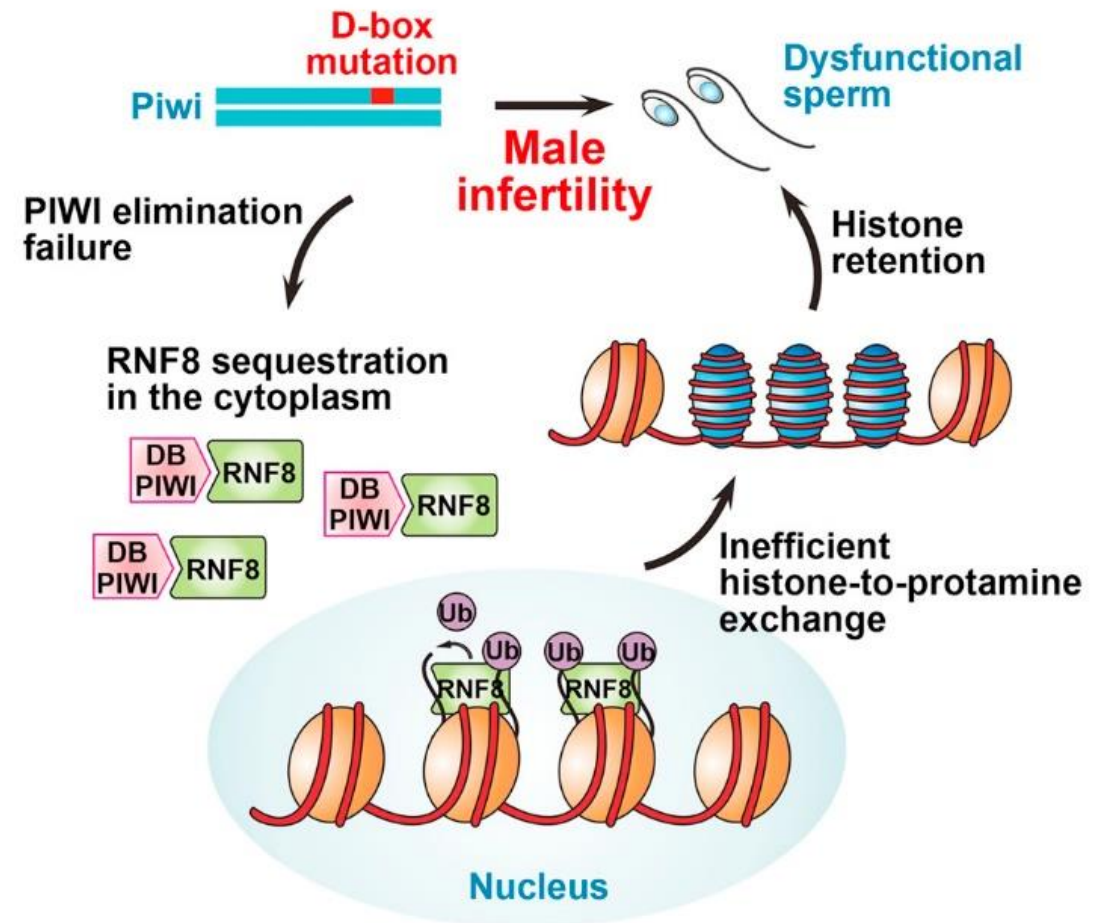
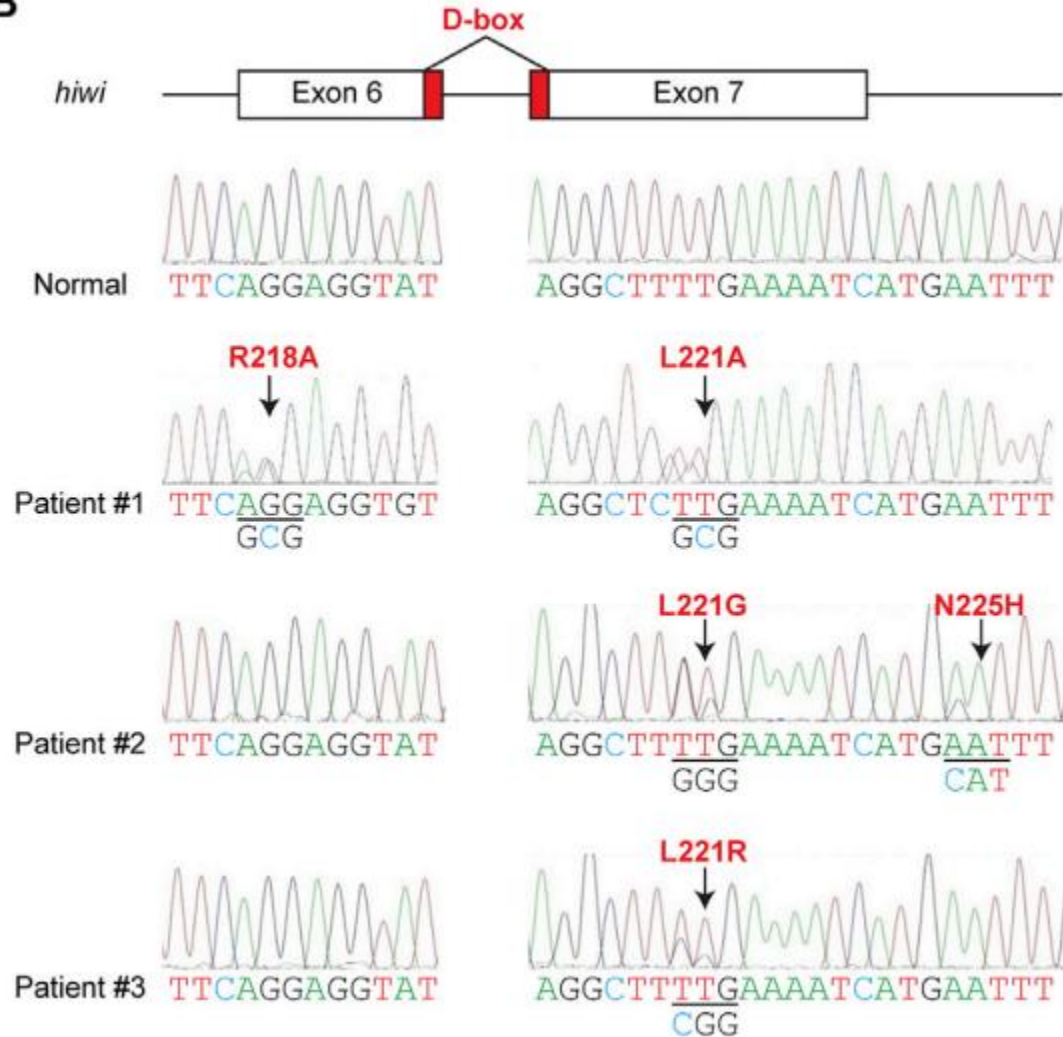


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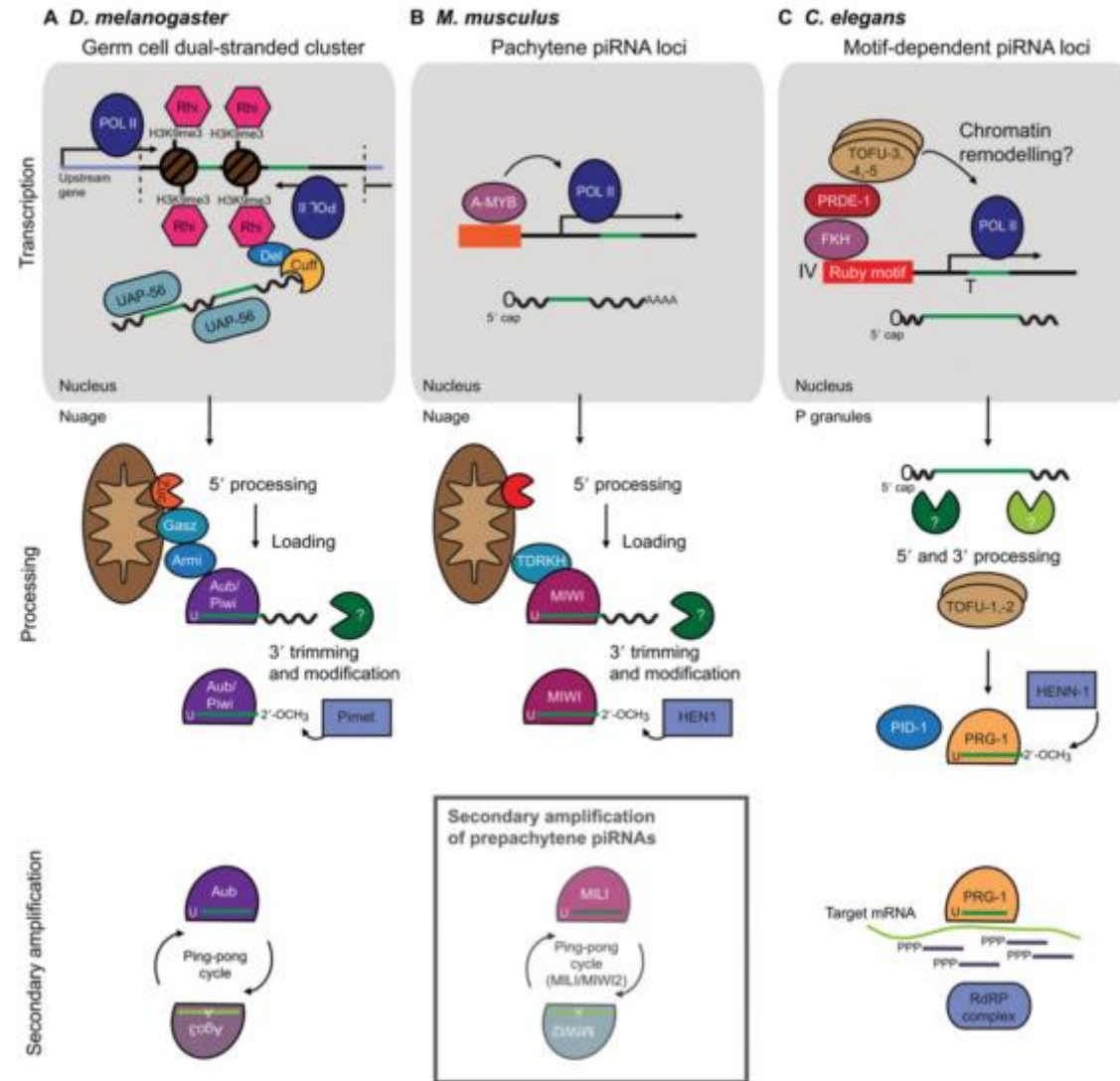


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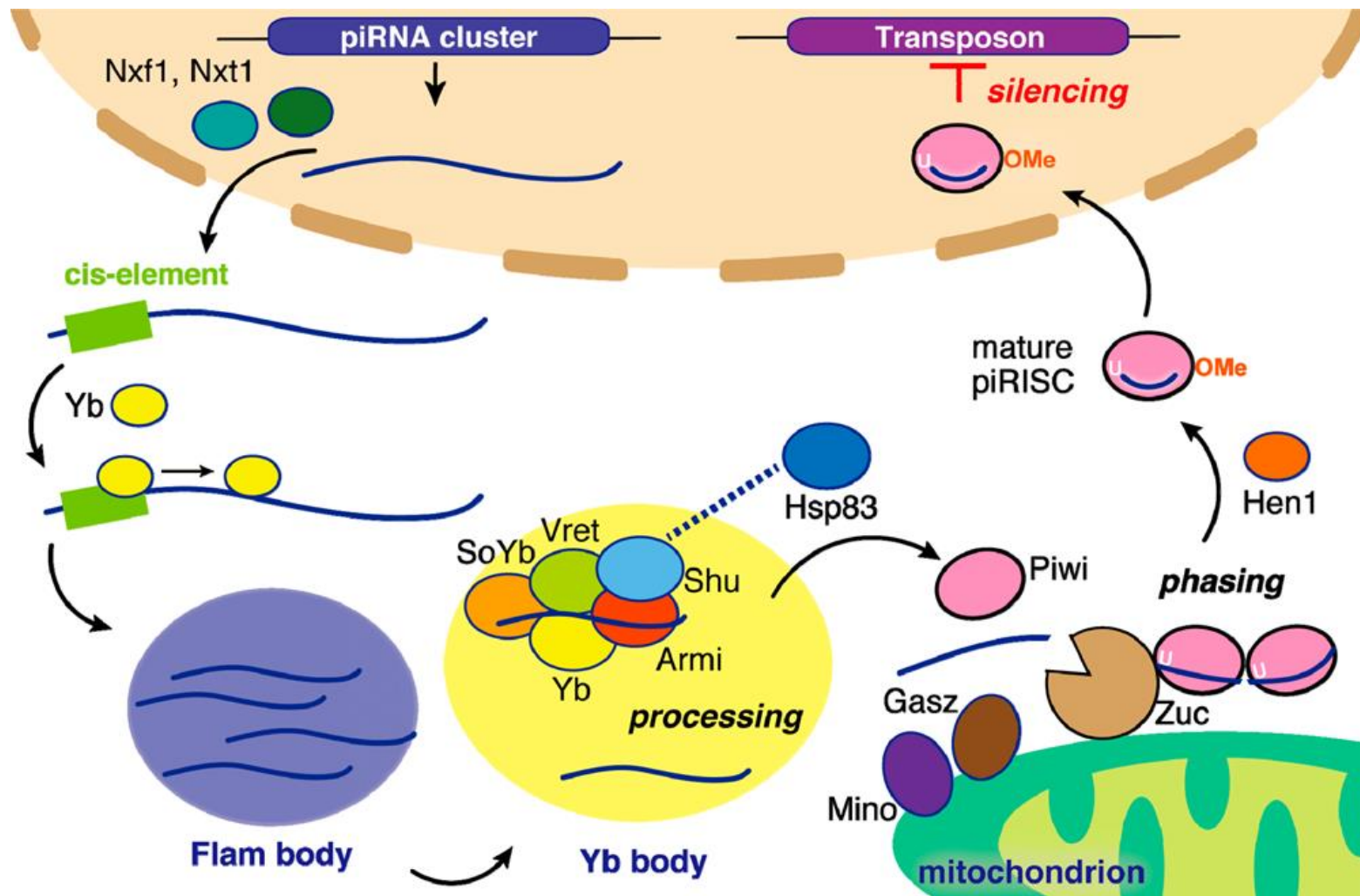
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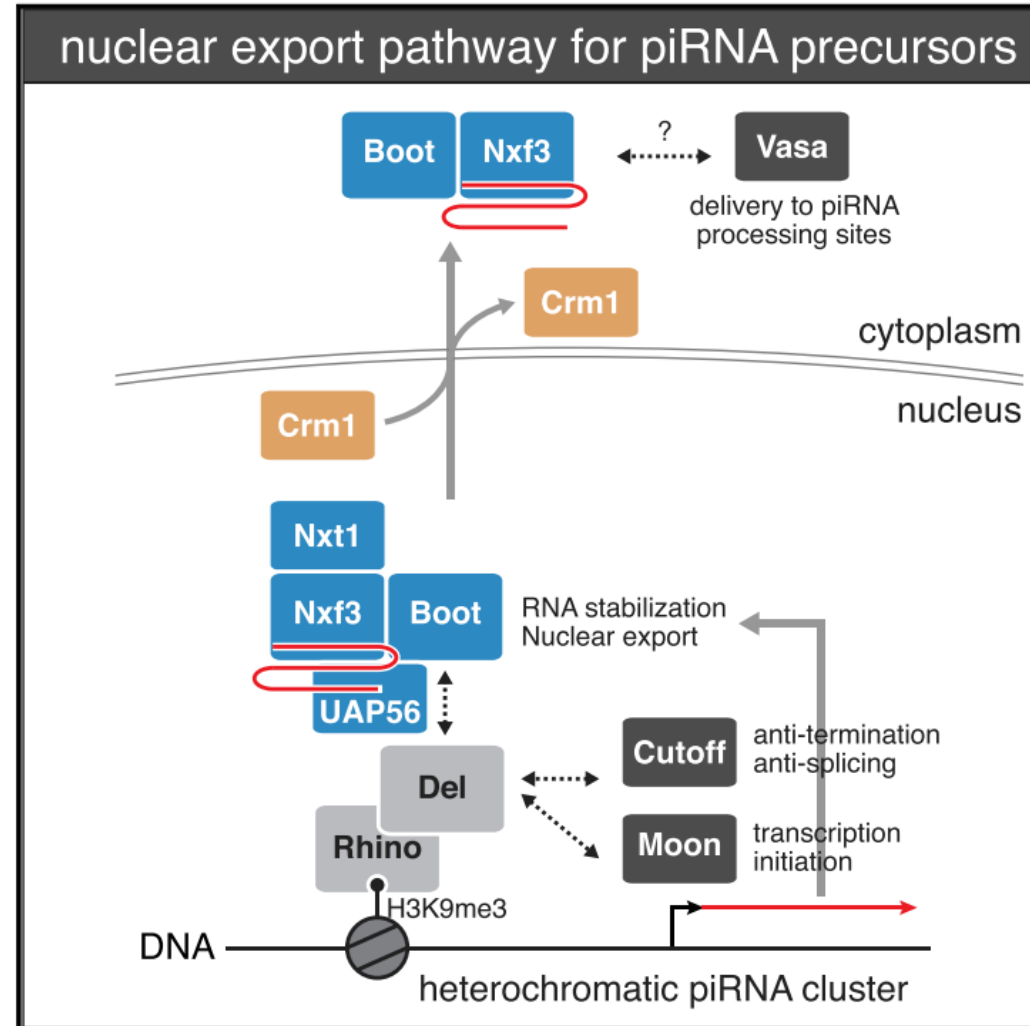
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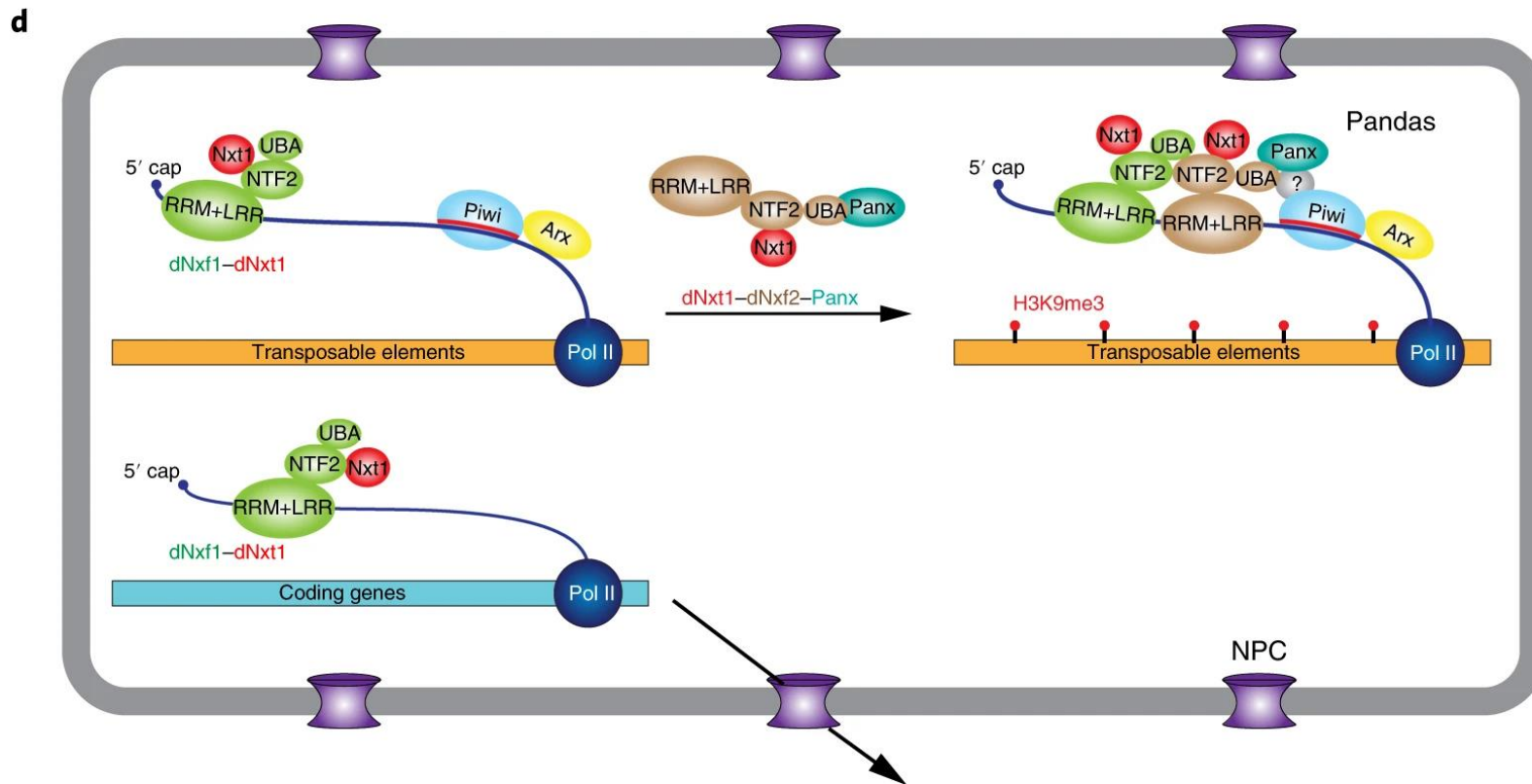
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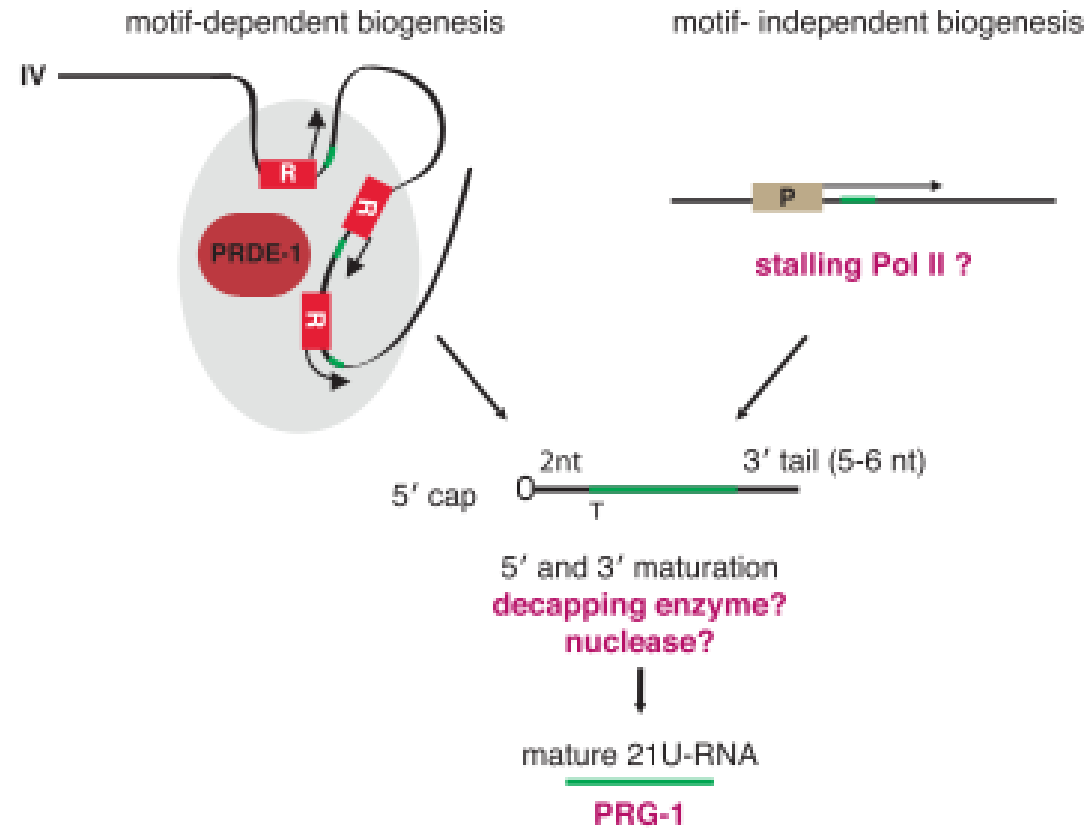
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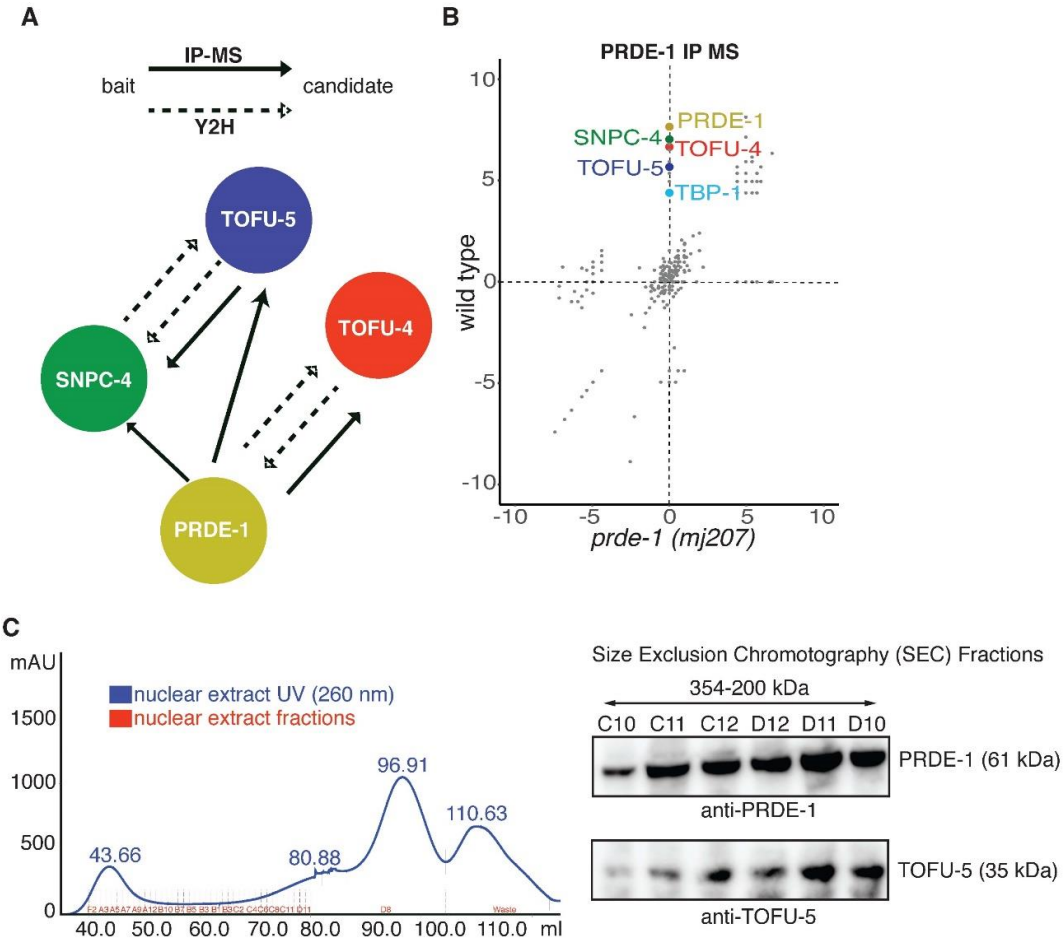
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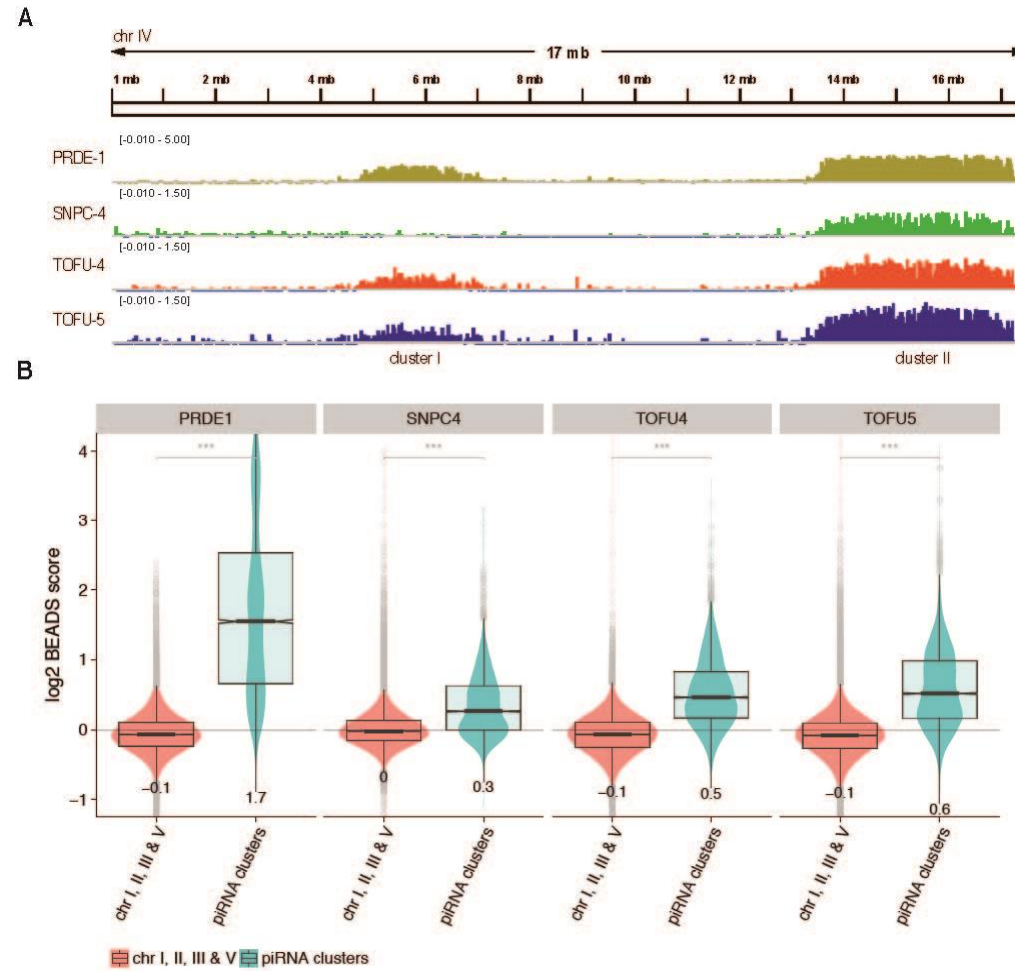
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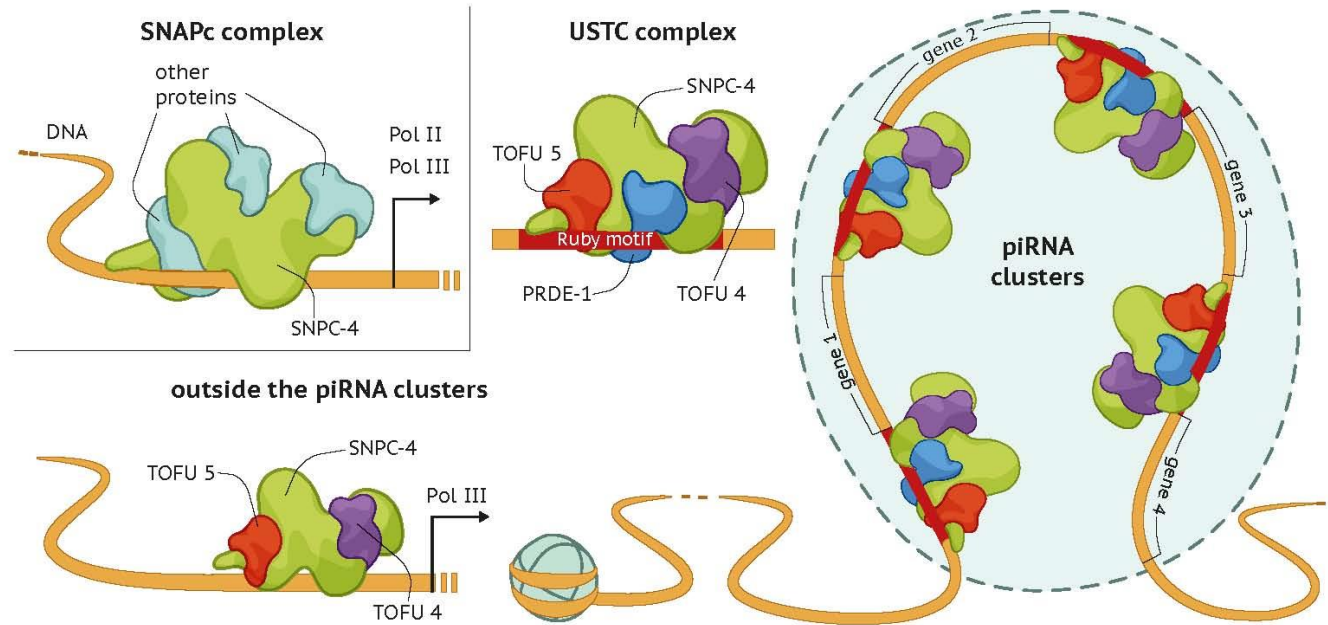
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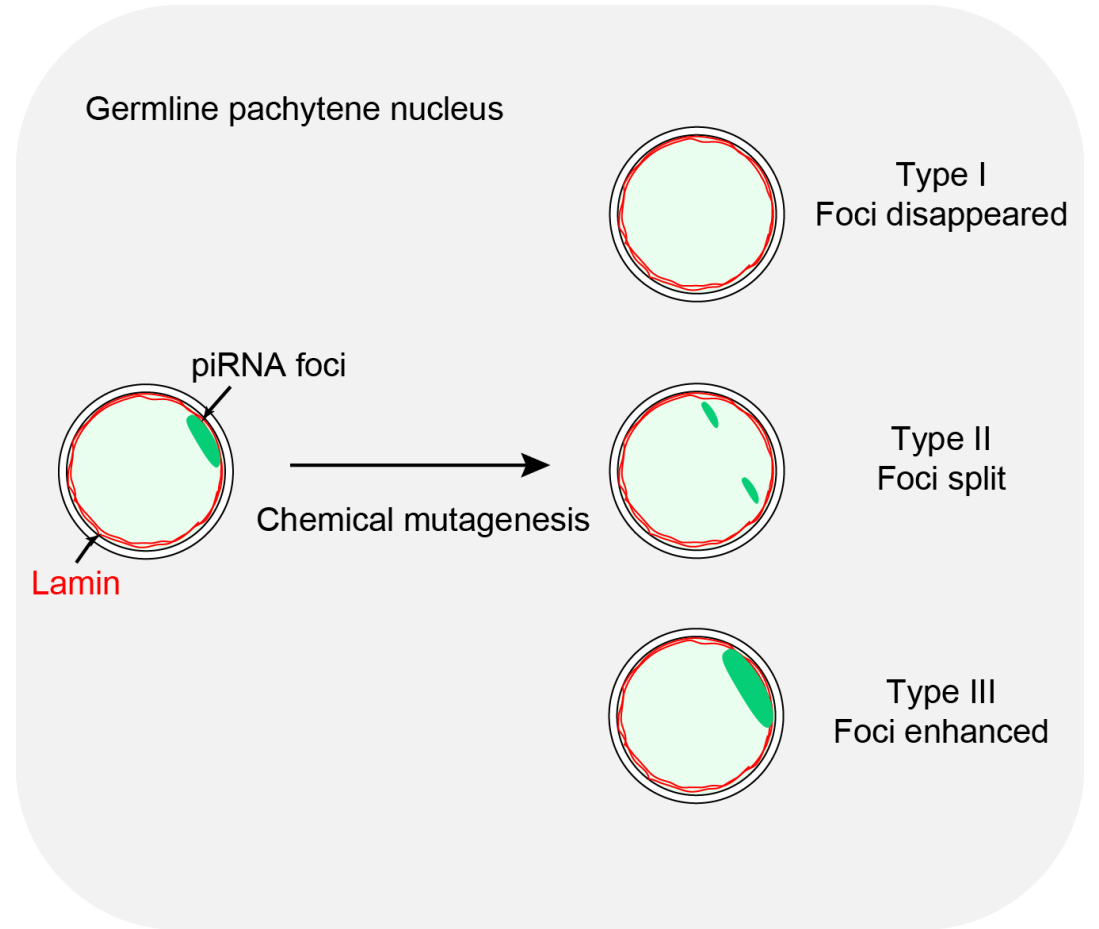
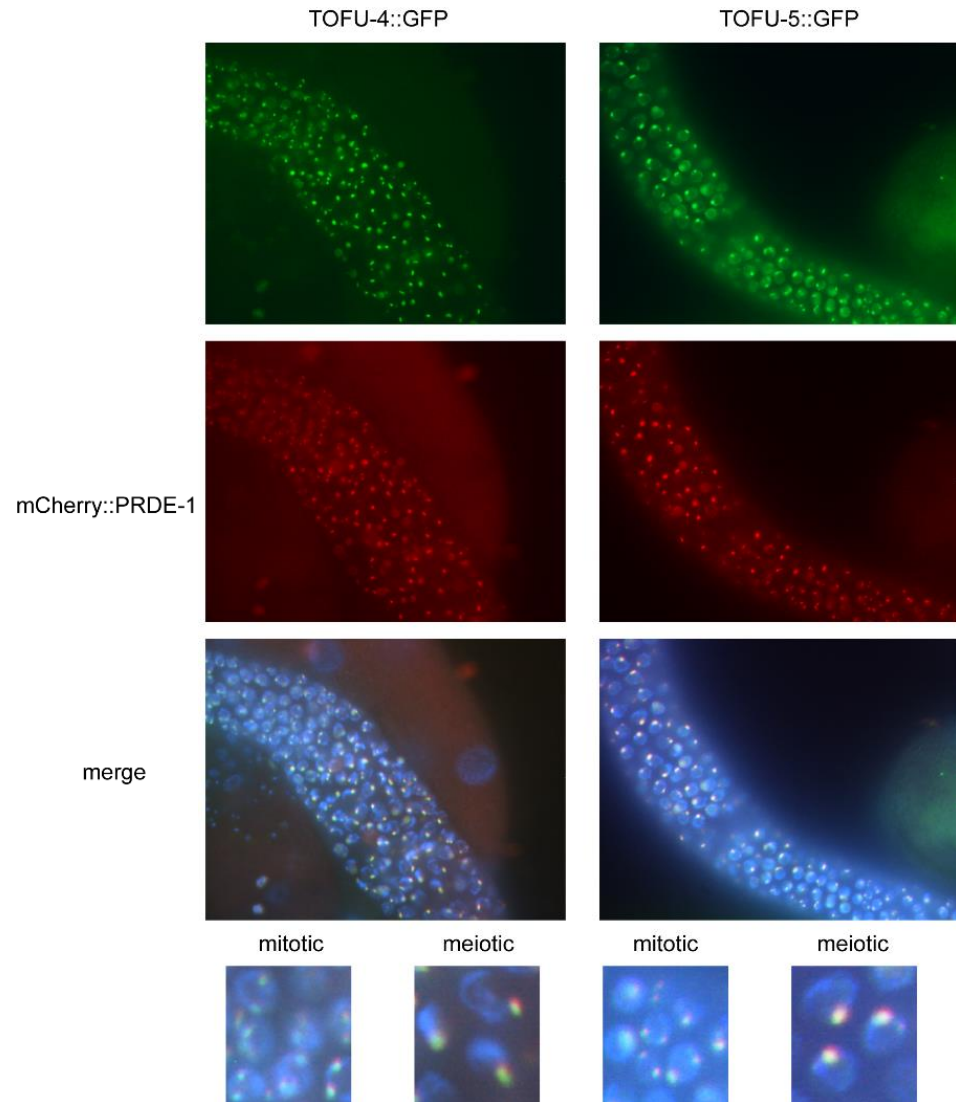


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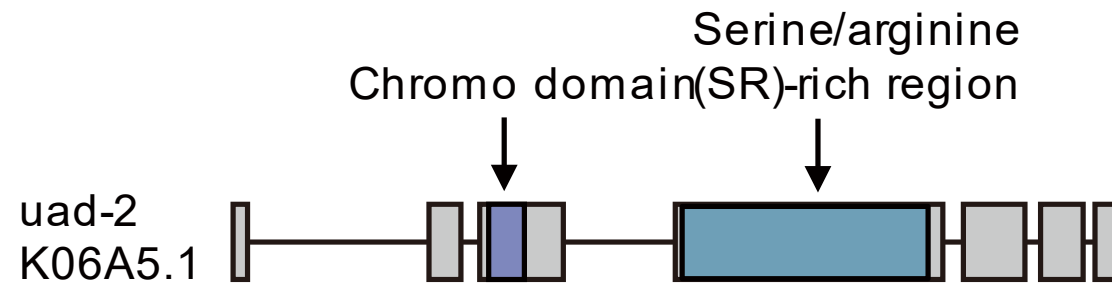
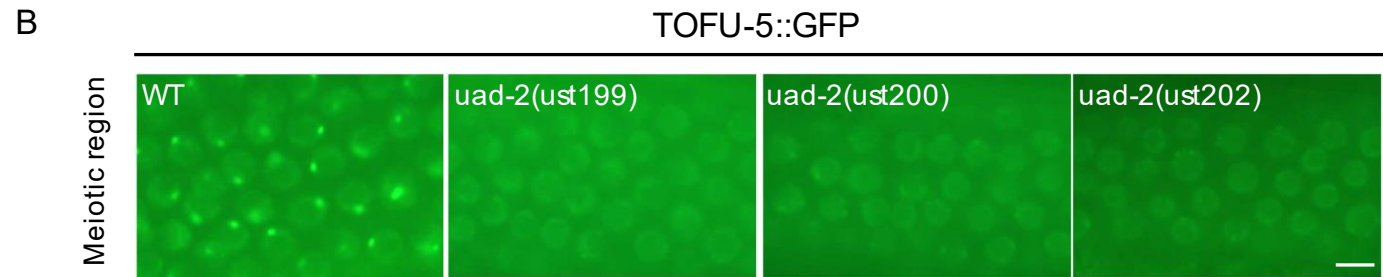
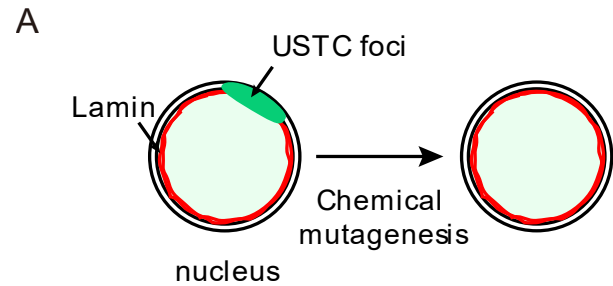


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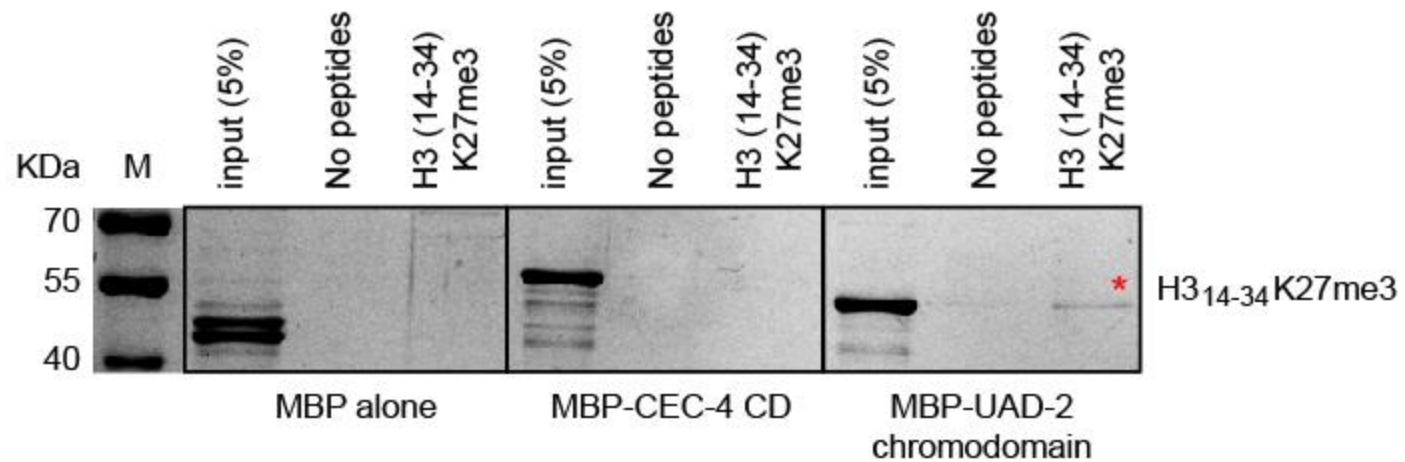
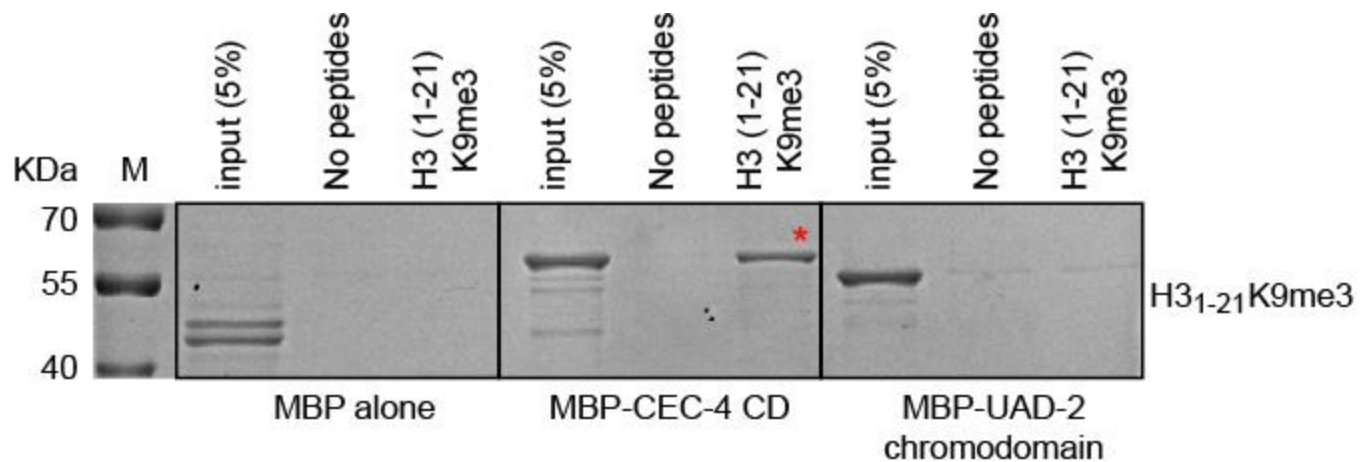
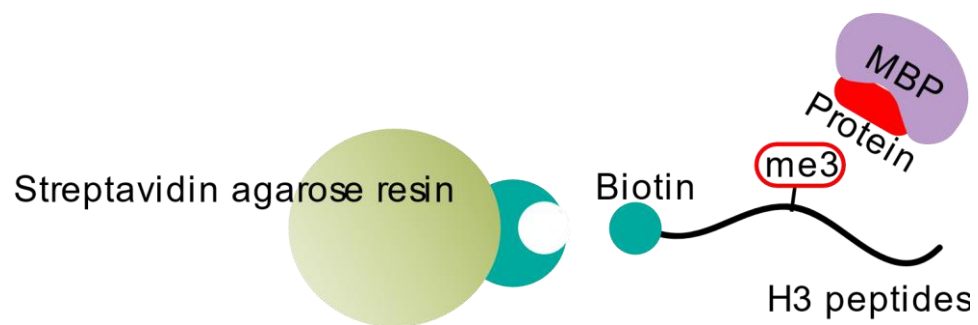
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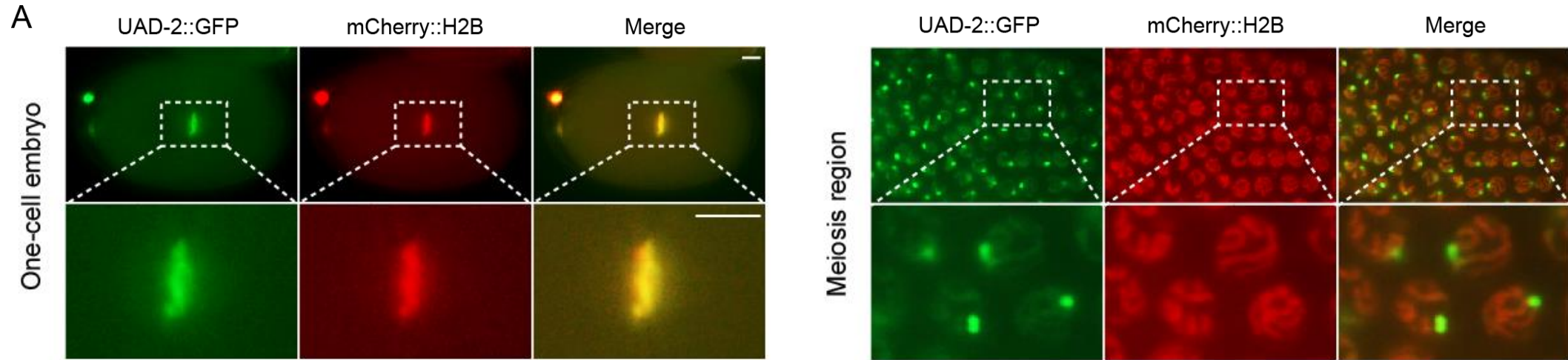
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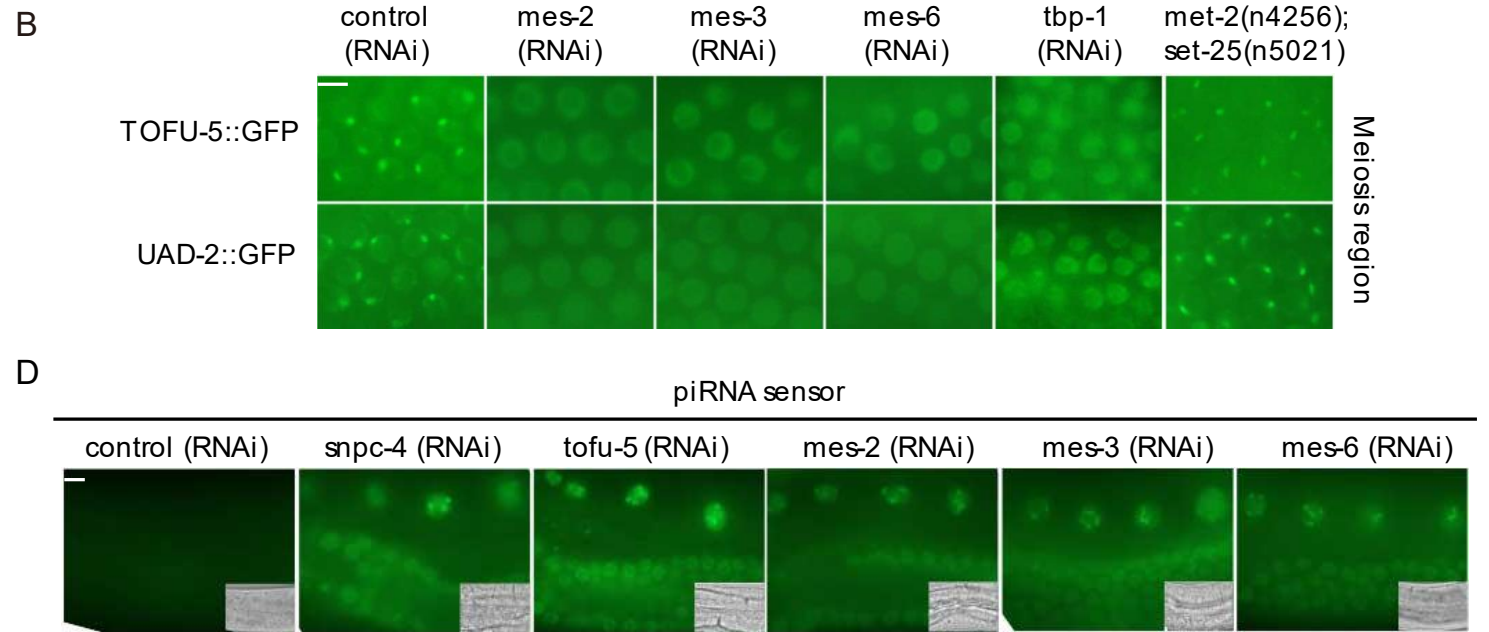
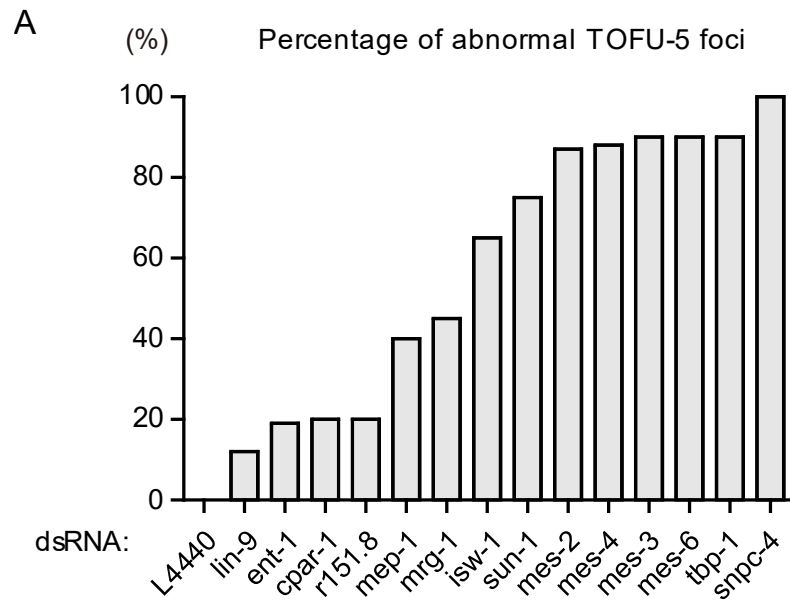
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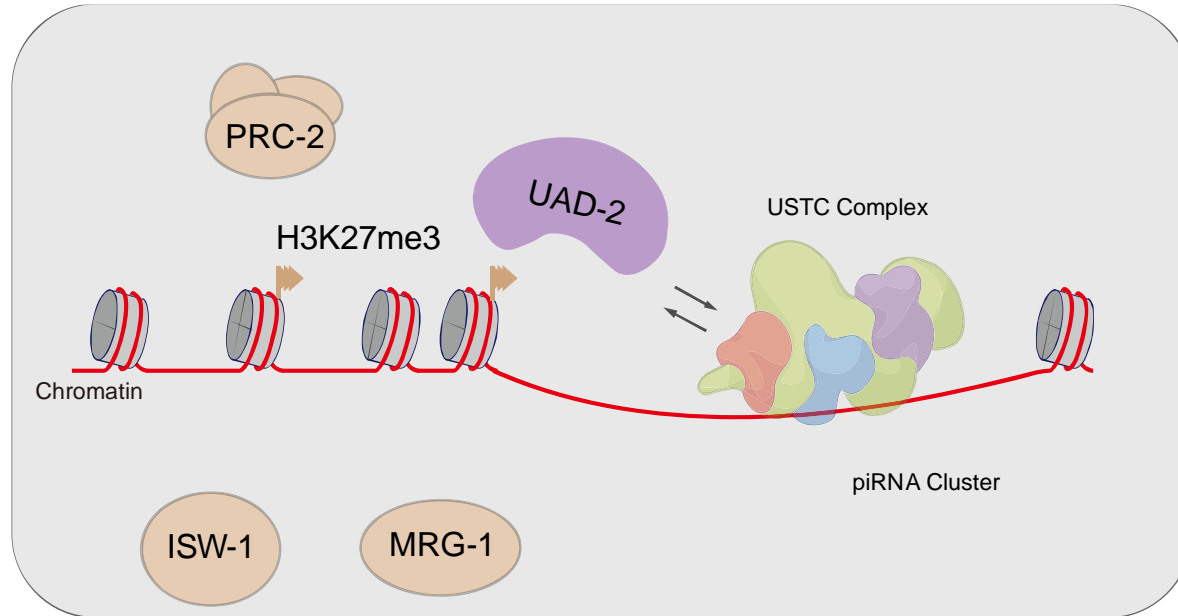
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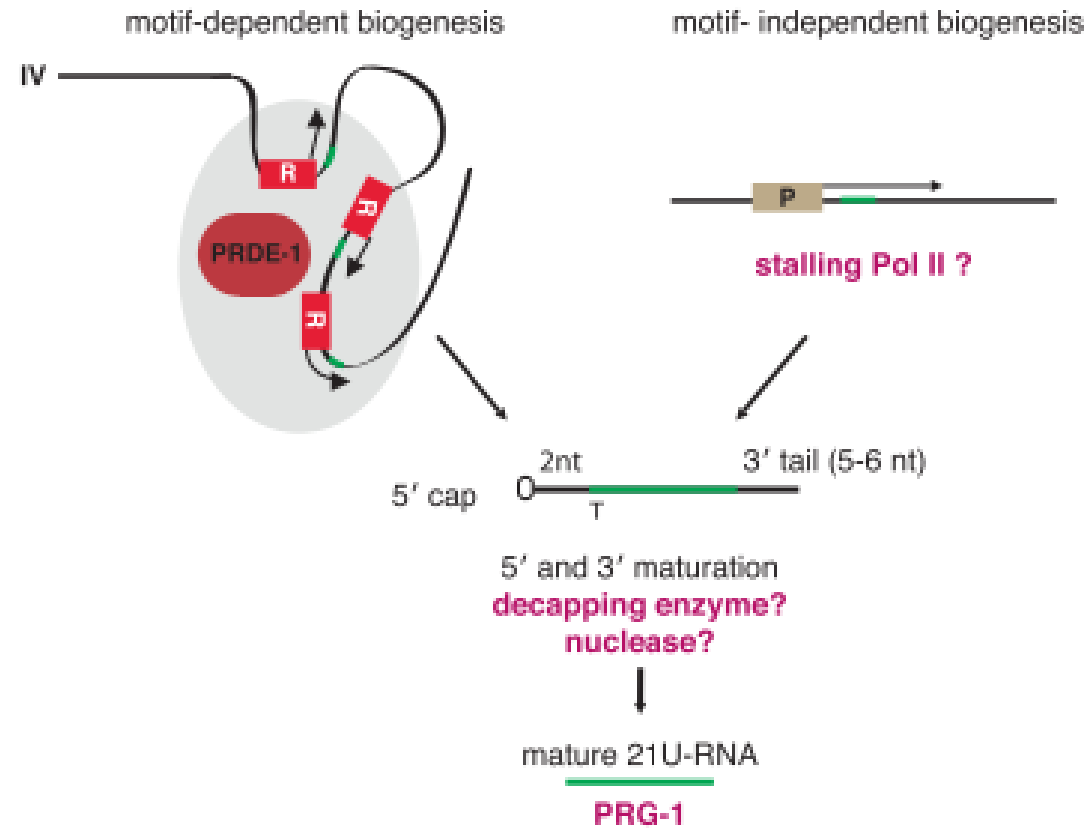
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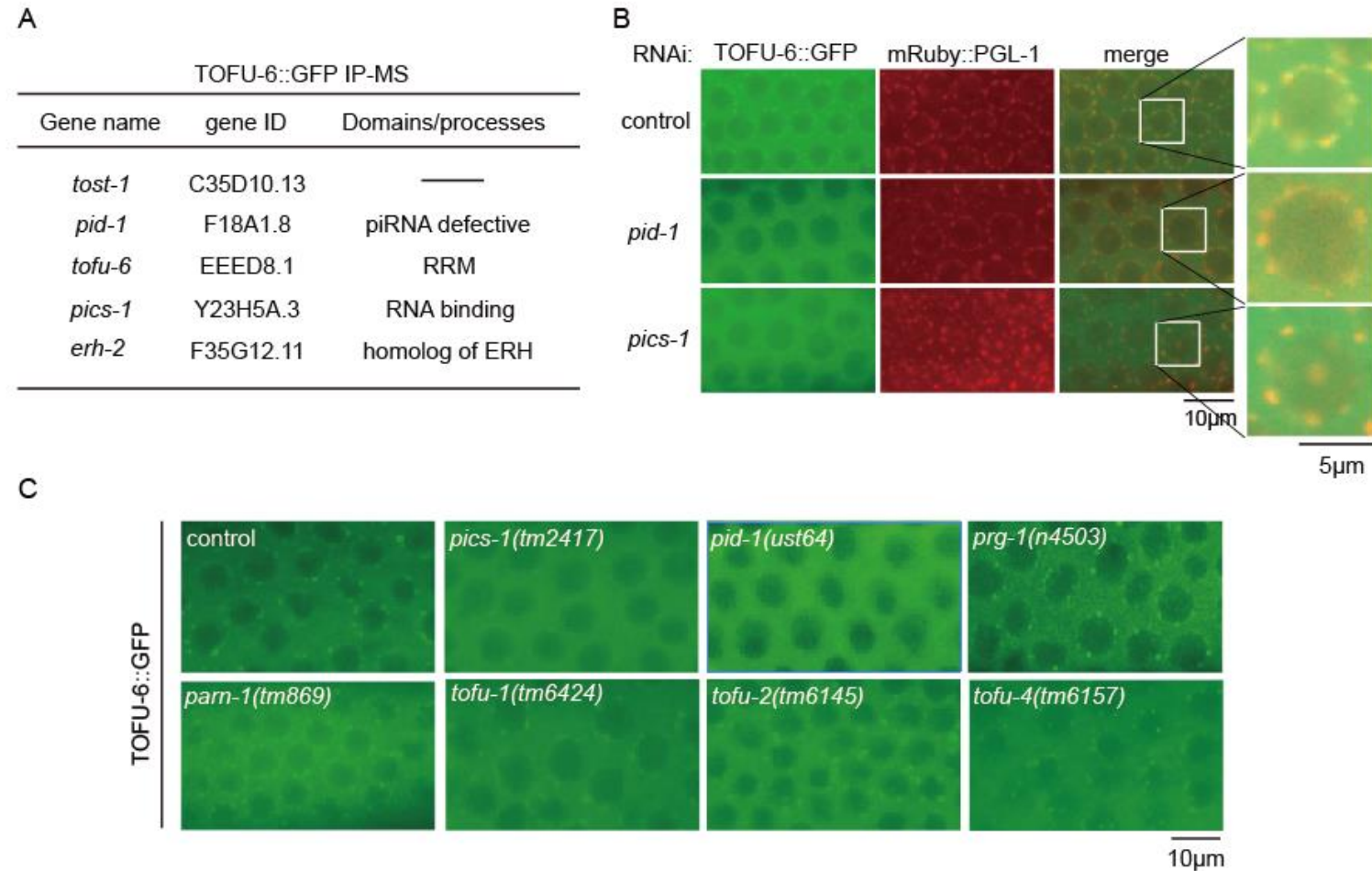
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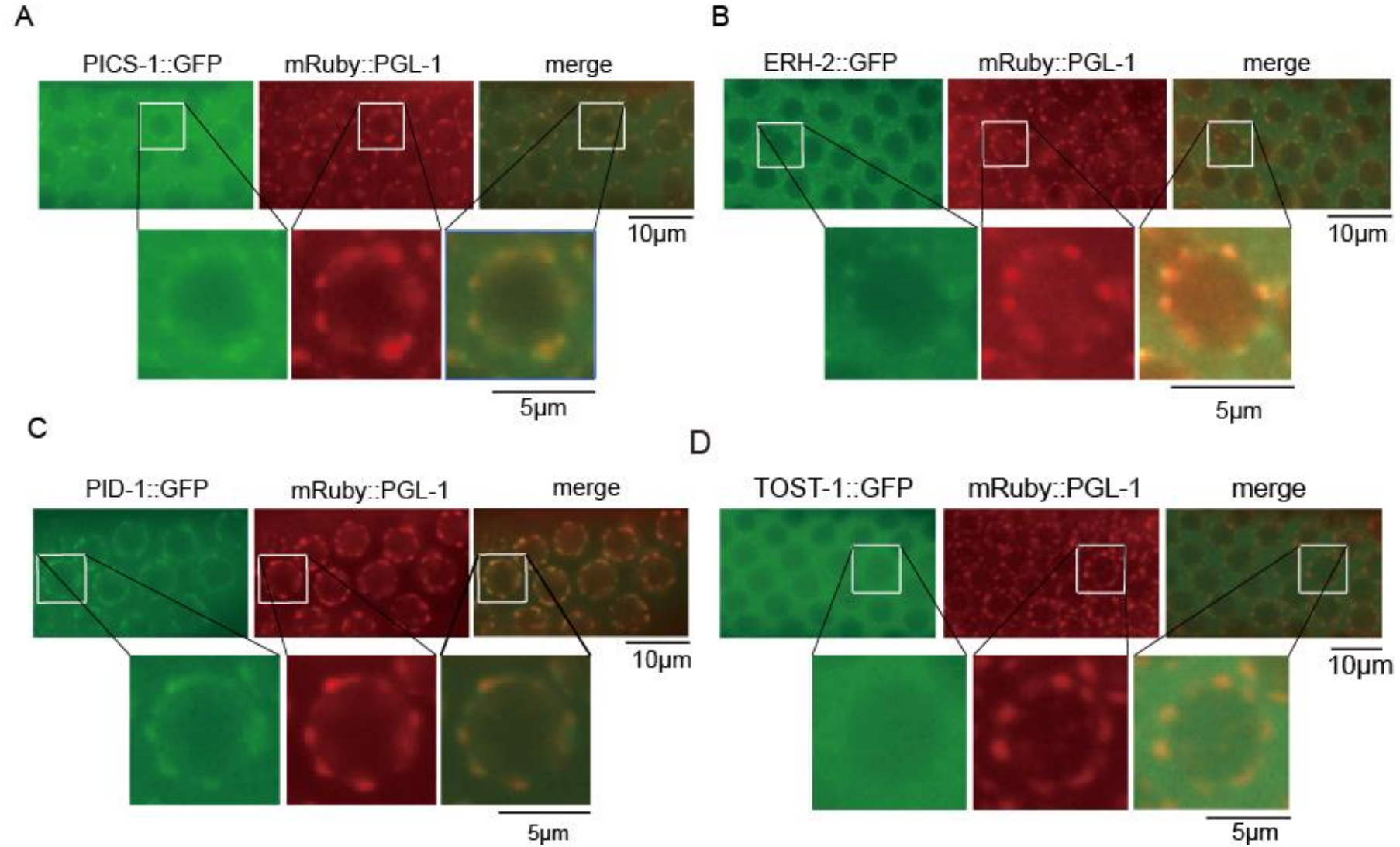


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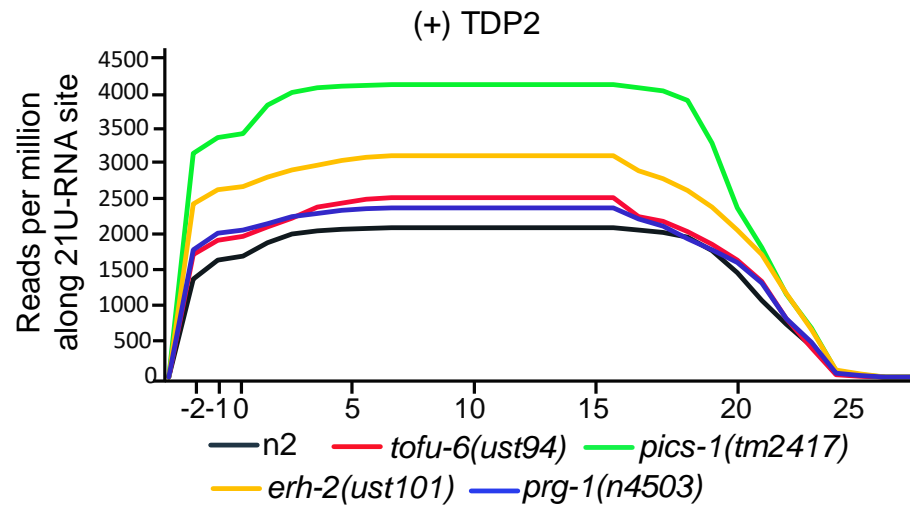


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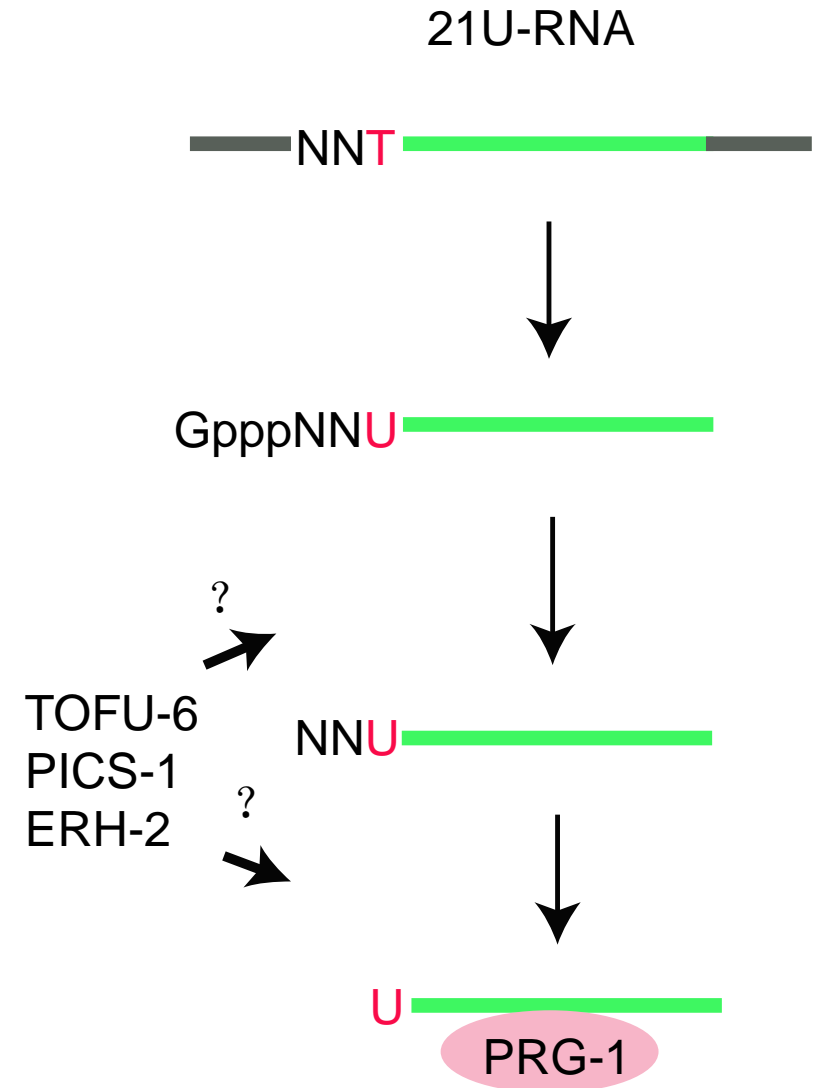
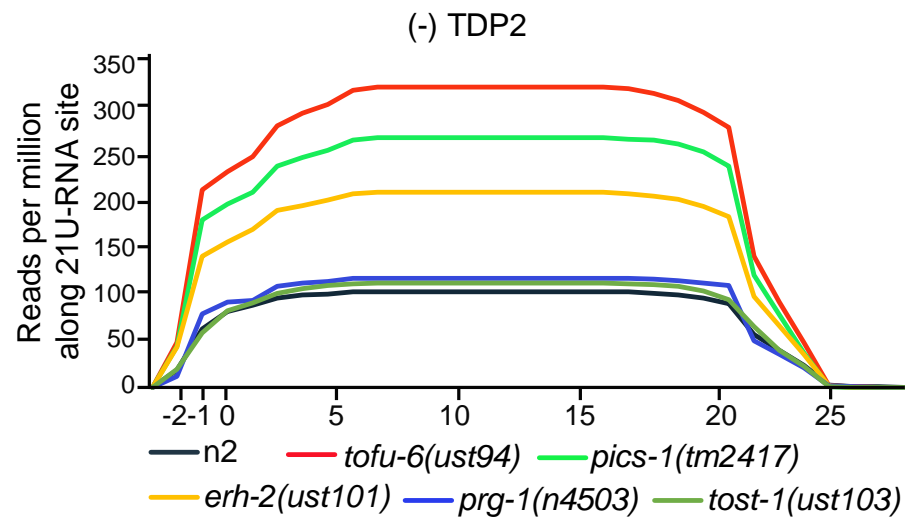


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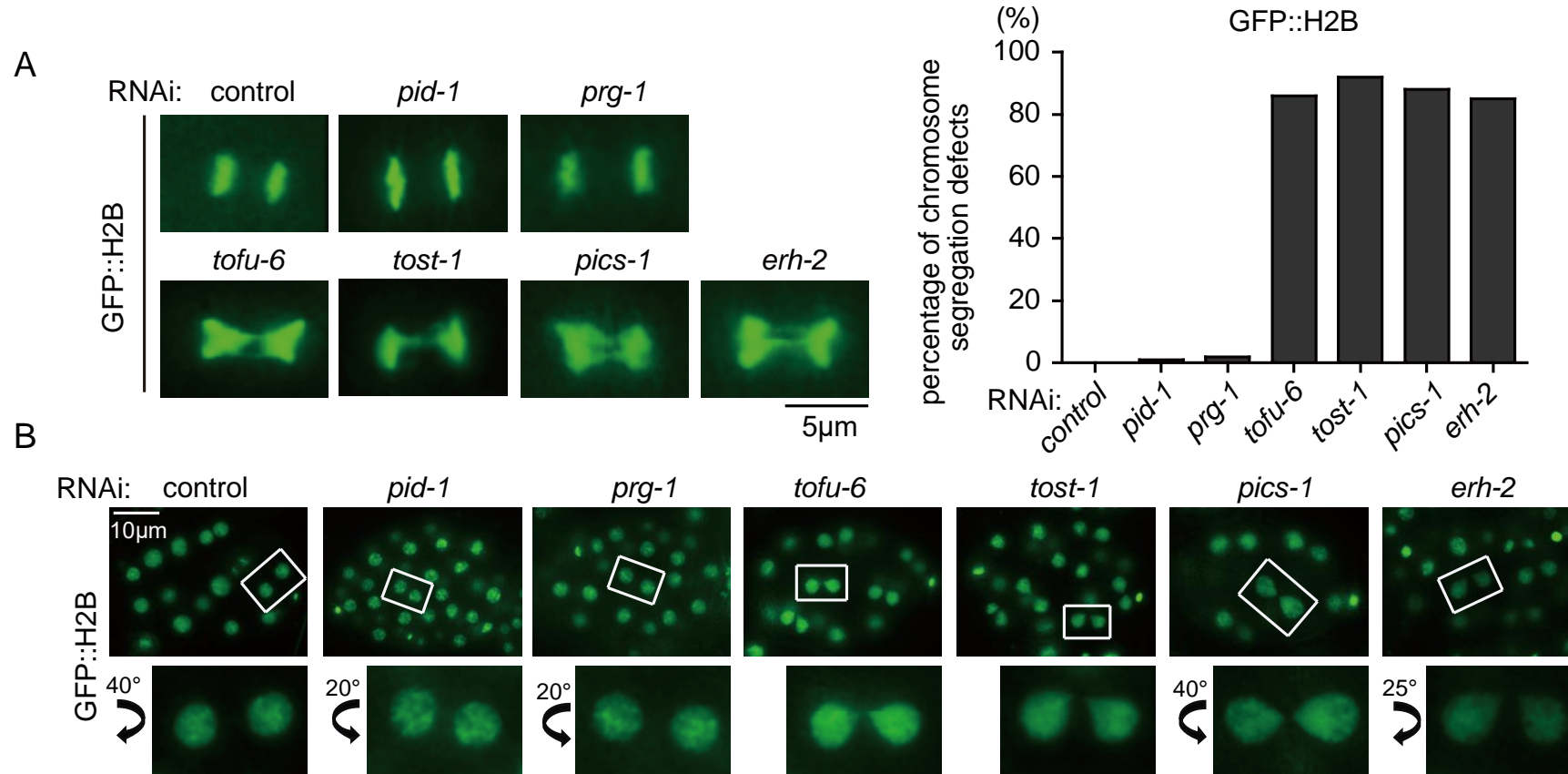
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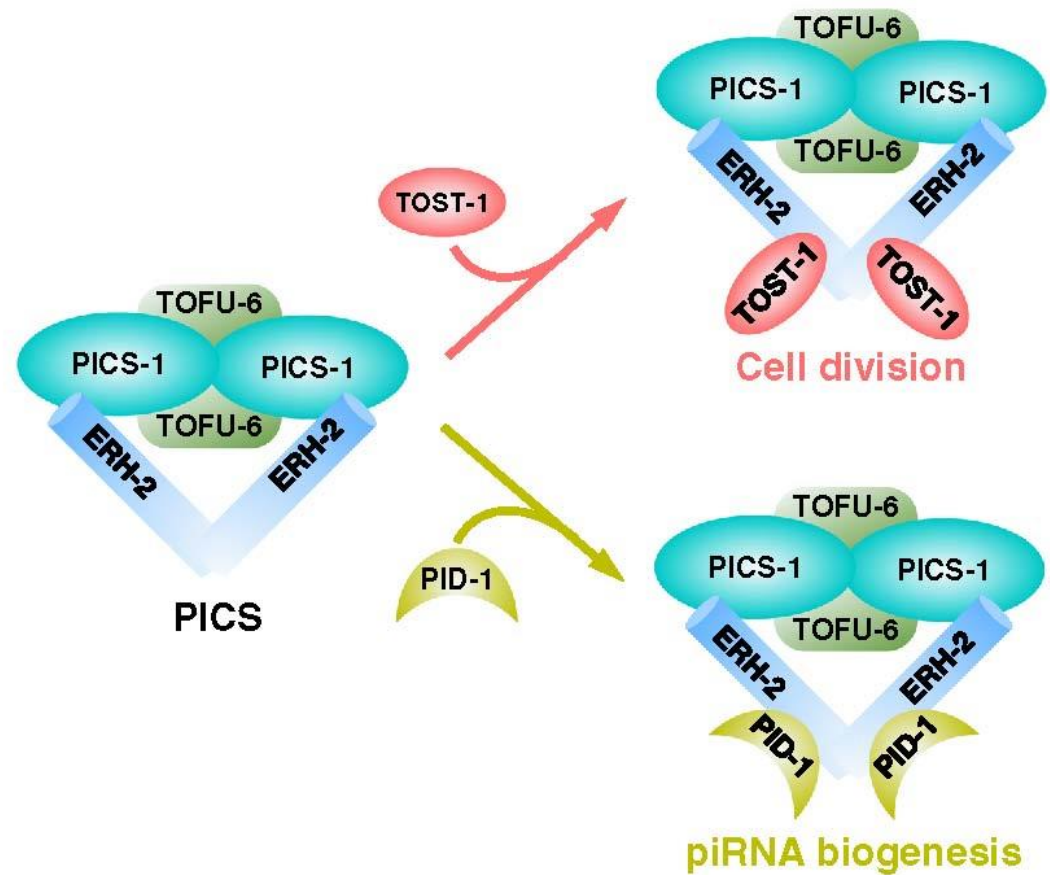
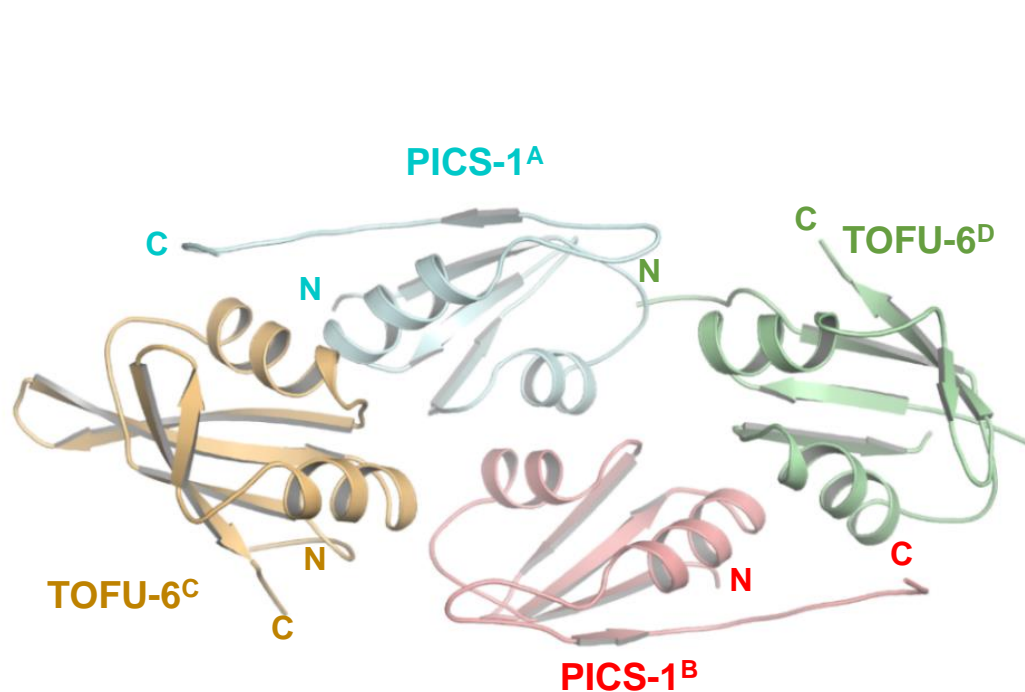
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PICS 复合物的结构解析



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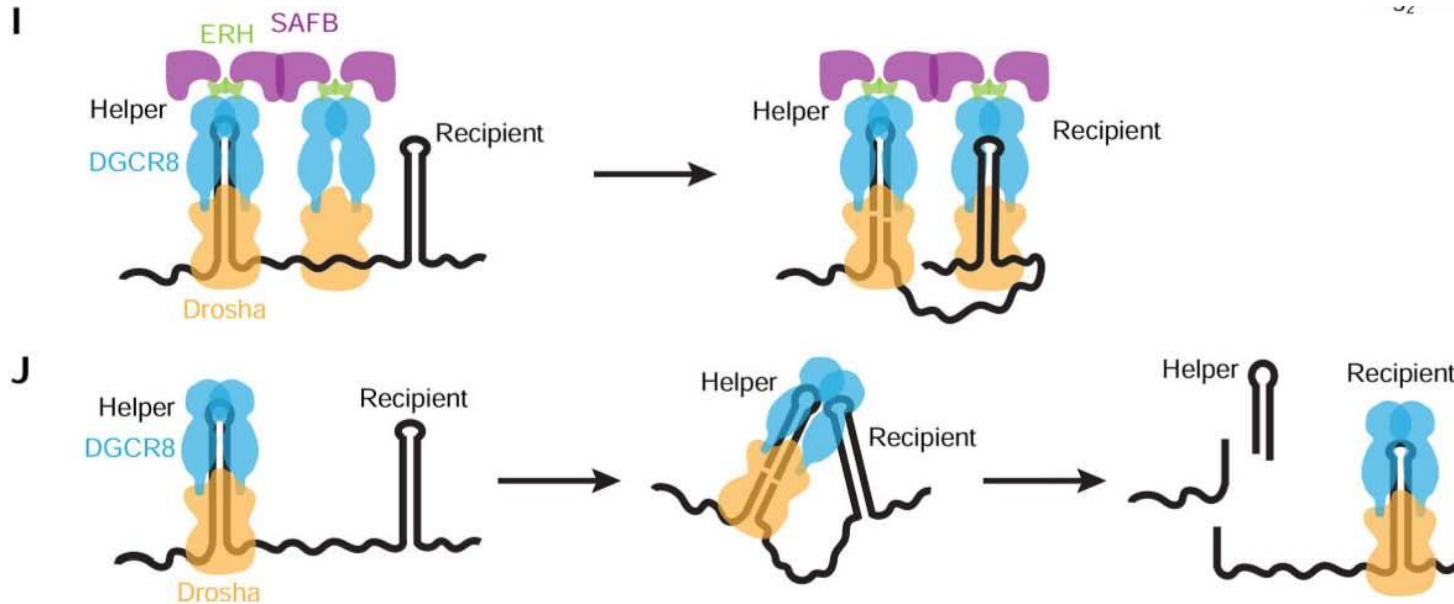
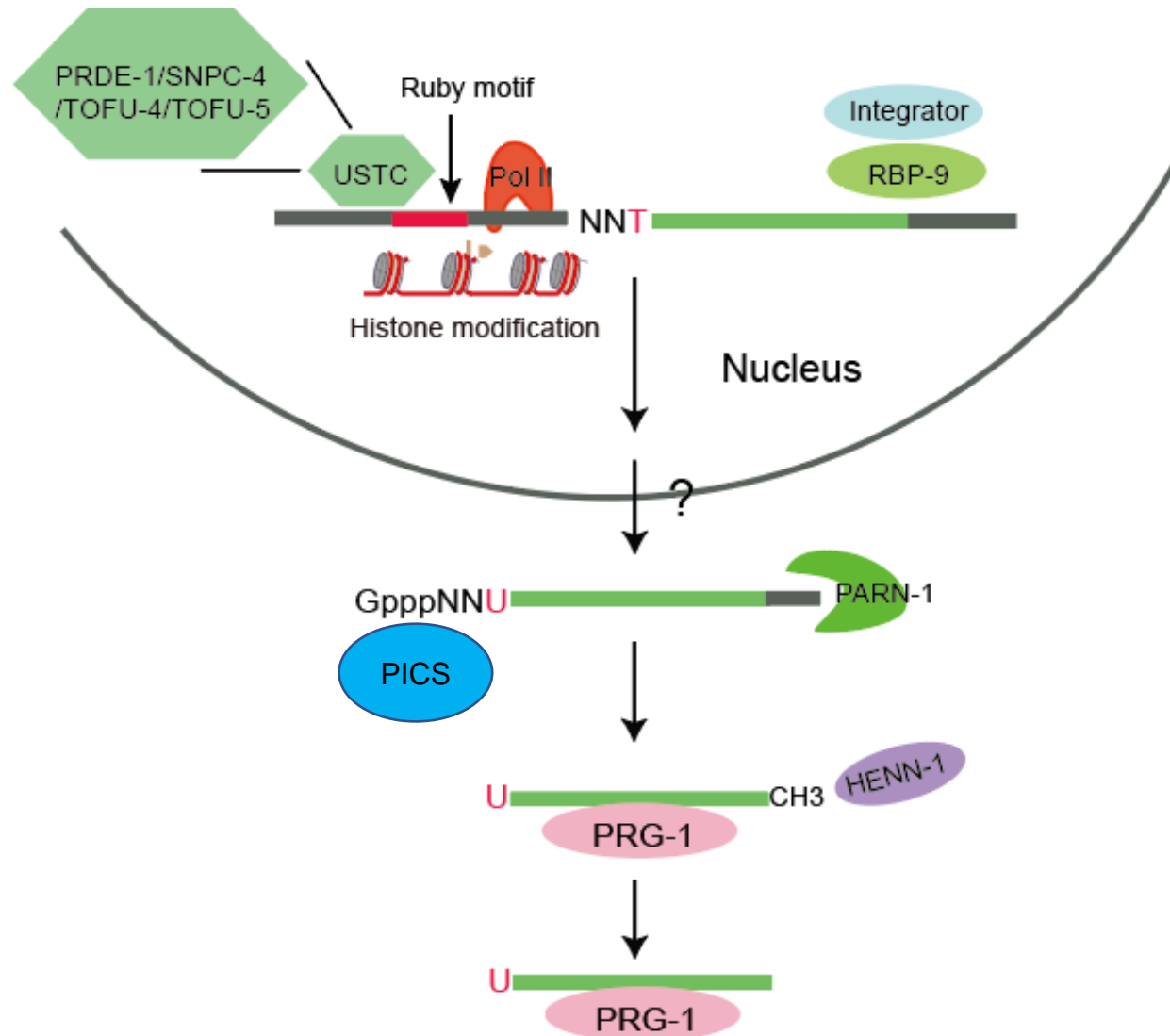


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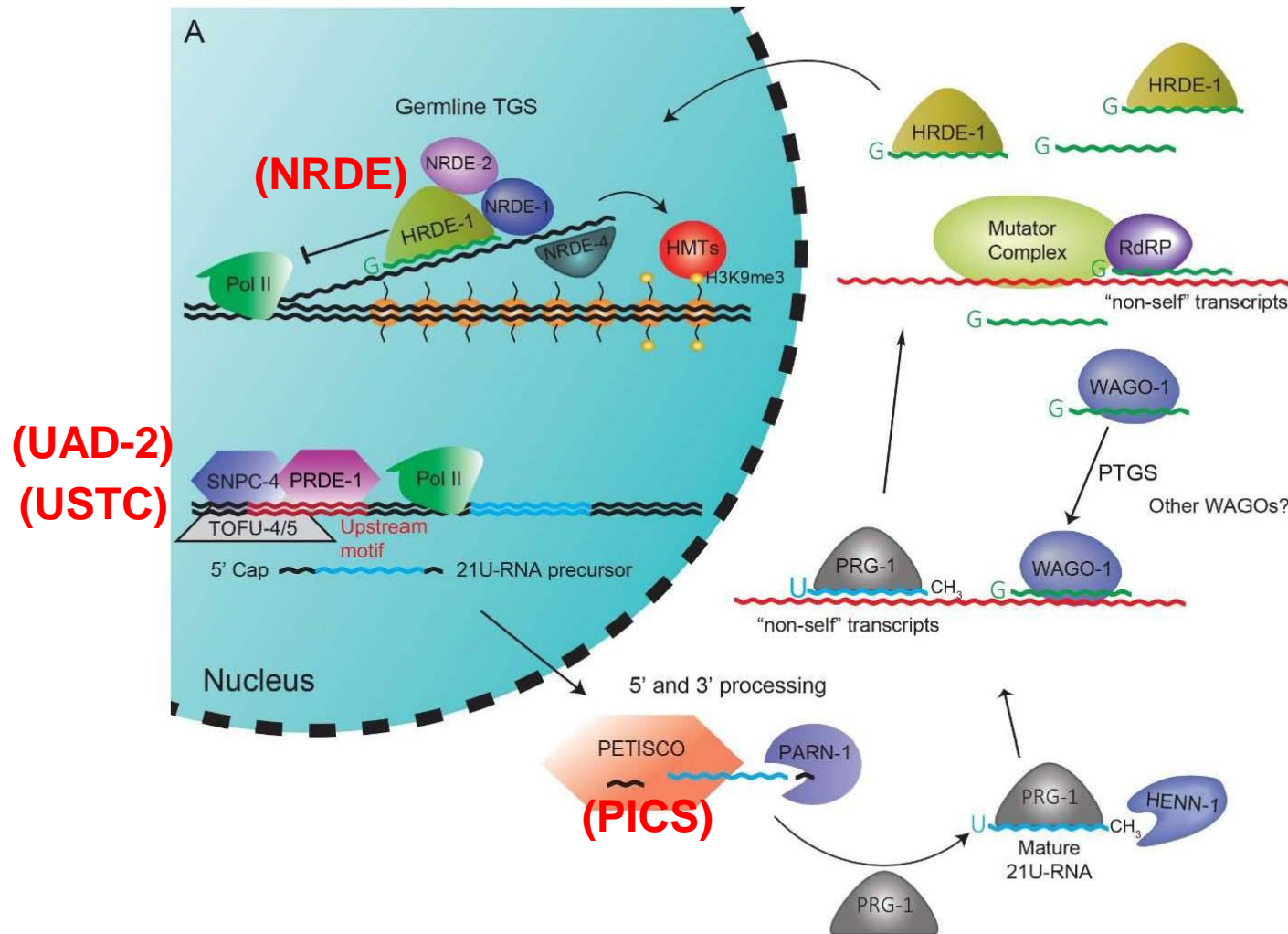
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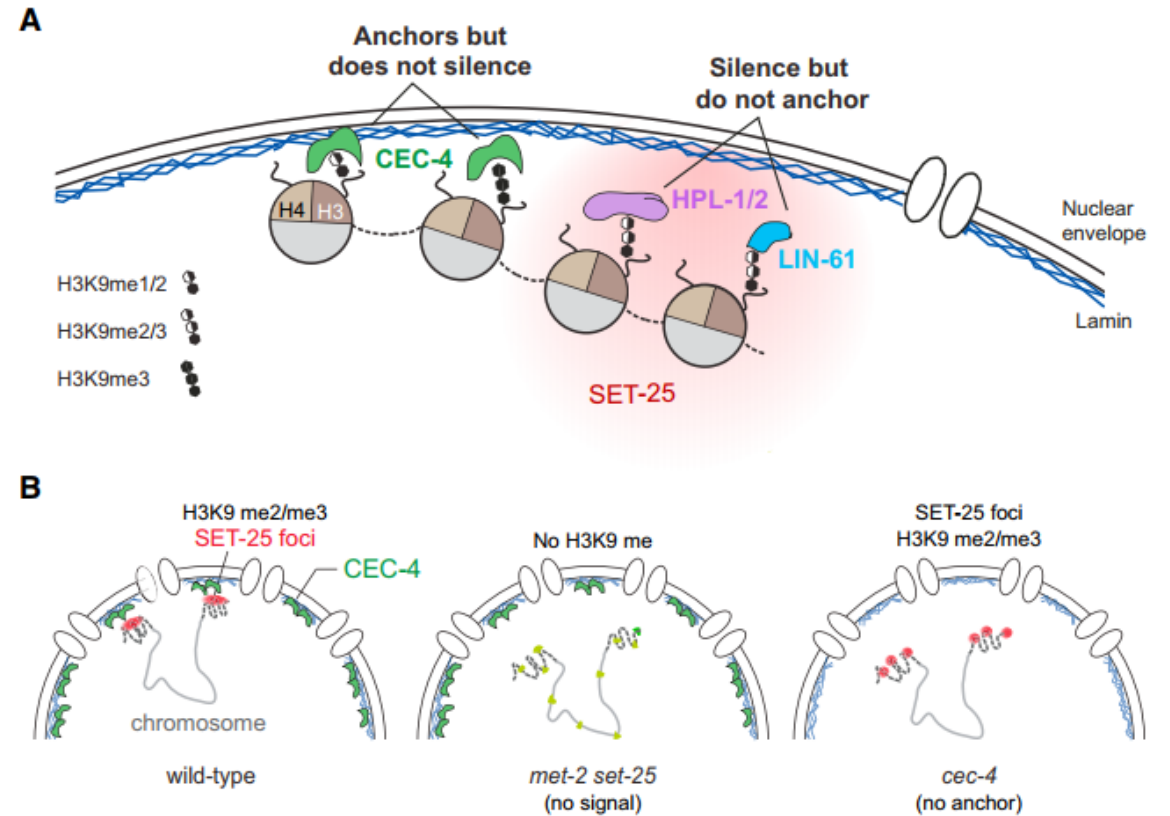
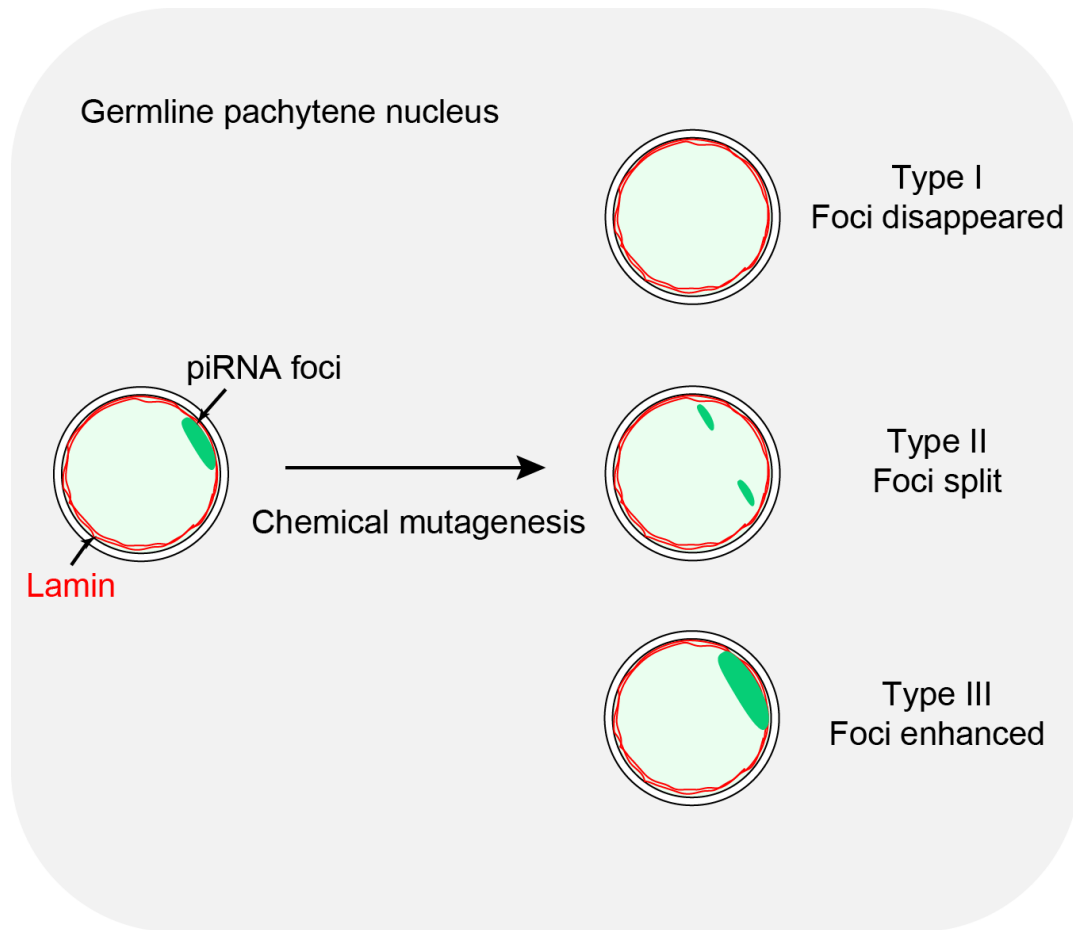
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