Probing the Epigenome

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Epigenetic chemical probes are having a strong impact on biological discovery and target validation. Systematic coverage of emerging epigenetic target classes with these potent, selective, cell-active chemical tools will profoundly influence our understanding of the human biology and pathology of chromatin-templated mechanisms.

Chemical probes are research-enablers

Advances in genomics and proteomics methodologies in recent years have made it possible to associate thousands of genes and proteins with specific diseases, biological processes, molecular networks and pathways. However, data from these large scale initiatives alone has not translated widely into new studies on these disease-associated proteins, and the biomedical research community still tends to focus on proteins that were already known before the sequencing of the human genome¹. The human kinome for instance, a target class of direct relevance to cancer and other disease areas, is a telling example: based on the number of research articles indexed in pubmed in 2011, 75% of the research activity focused on only 10% of the 518 human kinases – largely the same kinases that were the focus of research before sequencing of the human genome - while 60% of the kinome, some 300 enzymes, was virtually ignored by the community².

We believe that the main reason for the resistance of the research community to work on new protein targets is the paucity of research tools to study the function and chemical tractability of previously uncharacterized proteins. Thus, the availability of a wider variety of tools such as antibodies and chemical probes (potent, selective, and cell-active compounds) could potentially transform biomedical research and enable development of new target areas. Indeed, chemical tools released, for instance, for nuclear hormone receptors about 20 years ago had a significant impact on this target area: of the 37 nuclear hormone receptors that have a known disease association, the eighteen most studied are those for which chemical probes are available¹. Chemical probes are not only useful to investigate the cellular function of proteins, but also as preclinical target validation tools in disease-relevant assays³. Thus, evidence is mounting that unbiased chemical coverage of target classes strongly enables basic research and facilitates translation into drug discovery programs.

Enzymes and effector proteins involved in epigenetic mechanisms represent a new frontier in drug discovery, and epigenetic related research has grown exponentially in recent years (Supplementary Fig. 1). Protein methyltransferases (PMTs) and lysine demethylases (KDMs) respectively deposit and remove methyl marks on histones, while lysine acetyltransferases (KATs) and histone deacetylases (HDACs) write and erase acetyl groups. These post-translational modifications can be read and interpreted by dedicated binding modules such as bromodomains (BRD) that bind target sequence motifs in an acetylation dependent way or a large diversity of methyl-lysine/arginine (Kme/Rme) dependent binding domains. Enzymes and effectors controlling DNA methylation also regulate chromatin mediated signaling. This set of 316 proteins (Supplementary Table 1) regulates gene expression programs and cell fate during development and in response to environmental cues. Dysregulation of these processes can be a driver in disease development, and epigenetic protein families are therefore emerging target classes in oncology and other disease areas⁴. Chromatin associated proteins are often composed of multiple domains, each carrying distinct functions. For instance, in addition to its catalytic domain, the histone methyltransferase MLL contains a bromodomain, four PHD finger domains that mediate a variety of protein-protein interactions, and a CXXC domain that binds un-methylated CpG dinucleotide sequences: precise chemical or genetic targeting of each individual domain with chemical probes or gene editing technologies such as CRISPR is necessary to predict domain function in disease. Here we provide an overview of the epigenetic target space and the impact of chemical tools on this biomedical research area.

Epigenetic target classes remain largely unexplored

A parallel can be made between the current state of epigenetic research and the kinase field of 30 years ago where great expectations in this target class were confounded by the lack of tools with which to prioritize and characterize potential therapeutic targets. In the 1980s even the feasibility of targeting any kinase was questioned due to the high cellular ATP concentration competing with inhibitor binding. Promiscuous natural products such as staurosporine mitigated these

concerns and led to more selective inhibitors that were studied clinically and demonstrated that reasonable selectivity can be achieved by targeting the catalytic site. Approval of the first kinase inhibitors in the early 1990s opened the floodgates and moved this target area in the focus of pharmaceutical industry and intensified academic research. Thus, chemical tools not only enable research but also demonstrate druggability of novel binding sites and establish lead scaffolds for further exploitation.

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As a consequence, systematic chemical biology approach towards the development of high quality chemical tools should also translate into more efficient exploration of novel drug discovery areas such as epigenetics. Given the strong and growing interest in epigenetic proteins, we analyzed recent research activity among these protein families. The number of articles indexed in Pubmed and the number of patents filed for a given protein were used as indicators of research activity. Genome-wide association studies (GWAS)⁵ that link genetic variations in a protein with diseases, and susceptibility of cancer cell lines to the genetic knock-out of a protein by shRNA⁶ served as metrics of relevance to translational research. In the light of these unbiased metrics, and as previously seen for human kinases², epigenetic target classes suffer a strong research bias toward previously wellstudied targets. While the two metrics used here as indicators of disease association are not comprehensive across all diseases, the lack of correlation between these unbiased signals and the volume of research activity on each gene/protein is striking, as shown here for bromodomain containing proteins, protein methyltransferases, and other epigenetic target classes (Fig. 1, Supplementary Fig. 2, Supplementary Table 1).

For example, the number of articles indexed in Pubmed exceeds 9000 for the transcriptional activator EP300/p300 (which lights-up in shRNA studies) and 5000 for its close homologue CREBBP/CBP (a GWAS hit and a frequently mutated target in various diseases), but is only 36 for the arginine methyltransferase PRMT7, which

has been associated with diseases in both shRNA and GWAS studies: silencing PRMT7 significantly decreased breast cancer cell invasion in vitro and metastasis in vivo^{7, 8}, and a SNP mapping at the *PRMT7* locus was associated with variations in magnesium concentration⁹. Thus, we believe that a potent, selective inhibitor of PRMT7 would enable mechanistic investigation of PRMT7 function in diverse cellular models, possibly with direct implications in drug discovery. Interestingly, the most studied genes seem enriched in disease-associated phenotypes based on the manually-curated Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM – http://omim.org): the more research activity on a gene, the more chances to find links to a disease.

Profound impact of epigenetic chemical probes

Based on our hypothesis, the increasing availability of chemical probes during the past 5 years for both well- and under-studied epigenetic proteins should have significantly enabled biomedical research in this target area. Indeed, we find that, when available, these chemical tools have had a strong scientific impact. The research article describing the first chemical probe against a given epigenetic target is consistently the most cited article published that year on the targeted protein (**Supplementary Table 2**). Chemical probes are not only well cited, but also extensively used: in 2014 the majority of articles published on BET bromodomains and the methyltransferase G9a included experiments using BET and G9a inhibitors, respectively (**Fig. 2a-c**).

An area of research where epigenetic chemical probes have had a profound impact is oncology drug discovery. For example, the panBET family bromodomain inhibitor JQ1 was first used to selectively kill NUT midline carcinoma (NMC) cells in which the nuclear protein NUT (nuclear protein in testis) is aberrantly fused to the bromodomains of either BRD4 or BRD3 (both members of the BET bromodomain family). These gene fusions are strong drivers of tumorigenesis giving rise to NUT midline carcinoma, an aggressive untreatable class of squamous cell carcinoma¹⁰. While a related panBET inhibitor I-BET, developed by GSK revealed that selective targeting of BET bromodomains also modulates pro-inflammatory cytokine expression and offers protection against lipopolysaccharide-induced endotoxic shock and bacteria-induced sepsis in mouse models¹¹. The now widespread availability of BET inhibitors strongly stimulated research activity demonstrating broad efficacy of BET inhibitors in a variety of cancer models¹². Moreover, BET inhibitors have been found to modulate other diseases and biological processes that may give rise to the development of new drugs outside the cancer area. For instance, BET inhibition suppresses cardiomyocyte hypertrophy *in vitro* and pathologic cardiac remodeling in vivo, reactivates HIV from latency, and blocks the development of mature sperm cells suggesting potential applications as male contraceptive agents¹². Remarkably, only a few years after their discovery, application of BET chemical probes has validated BET proteins as attractive therapeutic targets, and has led to 18 clinical trials currently underway for BET inhibitors in oncology.

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Another impactful use of epigenetic chemical probes has been for cases in which disease association had already been established for the protein target, and a chemical probe was used to test a 'therapeutic hypothesis' in which pharmacological inhibition of a catalytic activity, or of a specific protein-protein interaction, could replicate the effect of genetic deletions. Such examples include methyltransferase inhibitors with strong clinical potential such as DOT1L, EZH2, and PRMT5. Chemical probes for the catalytic activity of these enzymes phenocopy the therapeutic effect of shRNAs directed against these targets, were efficacious in xenograft models of mixed lineage leukemia, non-Hodgkins and mantel cell lymphomas, respectively, thereby further validating the chemical tractability of the methyltransferase target class^{13, 14}. EZH2 chemical probes have also been used to demonstrate the addiction of SWI/SNF-mutated cells to the PRC2 complex, and consequent sensitivity of rhabdoid and ovarian tumors to EZH2 inhibition^{14, 15}. Smilarly, ependymomas with a CpG island methylator phenotype were shown to be exquisitely sensitive to EZH2

inhibitors¹⁶. Pharmacological activation of the histone deacetylase SIRT1 sensitized mixed lineage leukemia to a DOT1L chemical probe, raising the possibility of combination therapy¹⁷, and resistance of metastatic breast cancer cells to the PI3K inhibitor GDC-0941 was overcome when combined with BET inhibitors ¹⁸. As a final example, chemical probes targeting the interaction of Menin, (a component of the MLL complex) with its interaction partner, LEDGF, or the interaction of WDR5 with MLL, effectively disrupted the MLL complex, and demonstrated profound on-target activity in leukemia and prostate cancer models¹⁹⁻²². Interestingly, several of the recently reported epigenetic chemical probes target subunits of either wild-type or mutant MLL complexes – very large multiprotein complexes implicated in several types of leukemias and normal development (**Fig. 3a-d**). Thus, these tools can be used to further strengthen the therapeutic hypothesis of targeting the MLL complex in disease, and to dissect its role in developmental pathways.

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Epigenetic chemical probes have also been used in more exploratory settings to discover novel biology. For example, a phenotypic screen of 2000 compounds revealed that BIX-01294, an inhibitor of the methyltransferases G9a and GLP, was able to reprogram mouse embryonic fibroblasts transduced with only two transcription factors into embryonic stem cells. The effect was further improved when the calcium channel agonist BayK8644 was combined with BIX-01294, while BIX-01294 alone could efficiently reprogram neural progenitor cells into induced pluripotent stem cells^{23, 24}. These results suggest that G9a (and/or GLP) is an important regulator of cellular pluripotency. UNC0638, a second generation, less toxic G9a/GLP chemical probe, was also found to alter H3K9me2 patterning and chromatin structure at CpG islands in hematopoietic progenitor cells²⁵. In another example, the G9a inhibitors BIX-01204 and UNC0638 protected hair cells from neomycin-induced damage *in vitro*, and from aminoglycoside-induced damage *in vivo*, suggesting a potential avenue for the treatment of sensorineural hearing loss ²⁶. Finally, prolonged exposure of lymphoma cells to an EZH2 chemical inhibitor

revealed resistance mechanisms that should be addressed by next generation inhibitors²⁷.

Thus, when chemical probes are comprehensively validated²⁸ (target engagement is clearly established in cells at low concentration, and selectivity is evaluated on a diverse array of enzymes and receptors), and properly applied³ (doses do not exceed 10 x cellular IC₅₀ and inactive derivatives of the probe are used as "control" compounds), they can be profoundly influential for target discovery and broader understanding of human biology and pathology.

Outlook

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The chemical probe coverage of BRDs and PMTs is now progressing rapidly (**Fig. 1**) and we anticipate that these novel chemical tools will be instrumental in probing target function and relevance for therapy. KDMs have so far proven more challenging due to the poor cell penetrance of metal-chelating inhibitors. Repeated efforts to develop chemical probes against KATs have been largely unsuccessful, and novel screening strategies, for instance incorporating other components of KAT chromatin complexes to increase druggability, target allosteric sites, or inhibit protein interactions, should be explored. Kme reader domains represent a barely touched landscape consisting of almost 200 proteins. The recently reported chemical probe for the MBT domain protein L3MBTL3²⁹ provides proof of principle that Kme-binding domains may be chemically tractable, yet further studies are required to reveal whether this target class is fertile ground for drug discovery. Chemical modification of RNA is emerging as an important factor in the epigenetic control of cell fate³⁰, and may represent the next frontier in the chemical biology of epigenetic mechanisms.

Beyond inhibitors that target epigenetic mechanisms there are a number of large 'chemically tractable' protein families with extensive disease links, but for which there remain insufficient chemical tools. These include also well explored target areas such as G-protein Coupled Receptors (GPCRs; 826 human proteins), serine/threonine protein kinases (> 500 proteins) and the Solute Carrier Protein (SLC) family of over 300 membrane transporters – all of which still harbor a high number of potential targets that are currently largely unexplored and functionally poorly annotated. We believe that systematic generation and wide dissemination of chemical probes for these potentially disease modifying targets will have tremendous impact on our understanding of the biology of these proteins and their therapeutic potential. A prerequisite of this will be the rigorous and comprehensive characterization of chemical tool compounds.

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However, quality chemical probes are not trivial to develop, requiring multidisciplinary efforts including (ideally) biochemistry, structural biology, medicinal chemistry and cell biology. Traditionally this constellation of expertise has resided primarily in the drug discovery industry where the resulting chemical tools have remained proprietary and hidden from the wider research community. It is encouraging to see that, increasingly, industry is reaching out to collaborate with academia by providing chemical probes as well as expertise and reagents to discover new probes in these exciting areas. Examples of these collaborative efforts include the NIH Molecular Libraries Program, the Structural Genomics Consortium [http://thesgc.org], the GPCR consortium [http://gpcrconsortium.org/], a multipharma collaboration with NIH's National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences for drug repurposing, and the consortium to unlock the unknown kinome. Of note, these efforts aim to provide public domain knowledge and tools for the global research community and, in doing so, are changing the research landscape and culture of chemical biology. Early stage protein inhibitory compounds are no longer necessarily proprietary secrets on the path to new drugs, but instead, as shown above, they are being used as powerful tools by the wider community to 'crowd source' new therapeutic targets in more disease settings for more rapid and efficient translation.

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Figure 1: Leveling the landscape of epigenetics research. Despite the exponential growth in epigenetics research activity, the majority of epigenetic targets are still largely unexplored: the number of patents filed and number of articles indexed in Pubmed are shown for each bromodomain containing protein (top) and protein methyltransferase (bottom). This biased research activity on a small subset of epigenetic targets is unjustified based on unbiased disease association assays such as susceptibility of cancer cell lines to shRNA knockdown studies, or GWAS disease association (black bars). The growing availability of chemical probes should enable research on underexplored protein targets. Data used to generate the figure is provided in Supplementary Table 1 and Supplementary Figure 1.

Figure 2: Epigenetic chemical probes are extensively used. (a) A surge in research activity followed the publication and wide availability of BET bromodomain (left) and G9a (right) inhibitors. (Red: articles in which chemical probes were used. Grey: articles in which chemical probes were not used. Black: all

articles). Chemical probes were instrumental in revealing the clinical relevance of the BET bromodomains (**b**) and exploring the biology of the methyltransferases G9a/GLP (**c**).

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Figure 3: Chemical biology tools for epigenetic drug discovery. Epigenetic transcriptional regulation is mediated by large multisubunit protein complexes which can be 'chemically interrogated' in both normal and disease models. **(a)** The MLL complex maintains homeostasis in haematopoietic cells. Oncogenic fusions of the MLL protein **(b)** or expression of the oncogenic p30 mutant of the C/EBP α transcription factor **(c)** are driver events in leukemia, while partial tandem duplication at the *MLL* gene is associated with poor treatment outcome **(d)**.







FIGURE 2a





Figure 3 a-d

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cited. The paper presenting the first chemical probes are nighty cited. The paper presenting the first chemical probe for a given target systematically ranks in the top 3 of the most cited papers of that year on this target. Citation numbers were taken from Google Scholar. The number of papers published on a target in the year the chemical probe paper was published is taken from Pubmed and indicated in parenthesis next to the citation rank.

Target	Probe	Date Published	Citation	Citation rank	Pubmed ID
	JO1	Sep 2010	641	1(22)	20871596
BET	I-BET	Nov 2010	371	2(22)	21068722
Bromo-	GW841819X	May 2011	112	4(34)	21568322
domains	I-BET151	Oct 2011	343	3(34)	21964340
	PFI-1	Nov 2012	45	14(52)	23095041
DOT11	EPZ004777	Jul 2011	278	1(20)	21741596
DOTIL	SGC0946	Dec 2012	46	2(20)	23250418
EP300/P300	C646	May 2010	149	3(609)	20534345
	EPZ005687	Sep 2012	192	3(268)	23023262
	GSK126	Oct 2012	349	1(268)	23051747
	GSK343	Oct 2012	46	21(268)	24900432
	EI1	Dec 2012	140	5(268)	23236167
G9a/EHMT	BIX-01294	Feb 2007	406	1(49)	17289593
2	UNC0638	Jul 2011	142	1(76)	21743462
JMJD3	GSK-J1	Jul 2012	147	1(28)	22842901
SMYD2	AZ505	Jul 2011	67	2(8)	21782458

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ARID4B					YES	
ASH1L			YES	YES		
ASH2L						
ASXL1						
ASXL2						
ASXL3						
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ATAD2B				YES		
ATATI		VEC				
		TE5	VEC			
			TES VEC			
			TL5	VES		
BAZID BA72A				YES		
BAZ2B				YES		
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BRD2				YES		
BRD3				YES		
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BRD7				YES		
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BRDT				YES		
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BRWD3				YES		
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ING3				
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	TL5	VES		
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SETD9				
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					Chemical	
	PubMed	Patents	GWAS	ОМІМ	Probes	shRNA
KIAA2026	9	0	0	0	0	YES
BRPF3	10	0	0	0	YES	YES
TRIM66	11	0	YES	0	0	0
ATAD2B	13	0	YES	0	0	YES
BRD9	13	0	0	0	YES	0
BRWD3	13	0	0	YES	0	0
SP140L	14	0	YES	0	0	0
BAZ2B	15	0	YES	0	YES	0
CECR2	19	0	0	0	YES	0
SP140	19	3	YES	0	0	YES
BRPF1	21	0	0	0	YES	0
ASH1L	26	0	0	0	0	0
BRDT	26	0	0	0	0	0
BRWD1	26	0	YES	0	0	YES
PHIP	27	1	0	0	0	0
BRD1	28	2	YES	0	YES	0
TAF1L	29	0	0	0	0	0
BAZ2A	31	0	YES	0	YES	0
ATAD2	32	2	0	0	0	0
BRD3	34	4	YES	0	YES	0
ZMYND8	35	0	0	0	0	0
ZMYND11	37	0	0	0	0	YES
BAZ1A	40	1	0	0	0	0
BRD8	40	0	0	0	0	0
SP110	44	3	YES	YES	0	0
BPTF	47	2	YES	0	0	YES
BRD7	51	1	0	0	YES	0
BAZ1B	66	1	YES	0	0	0
TRIM33	67	2	0	YES	0	0
TRIM24	72	1	YES	YES	0	0
BRD2	79	5	0	0	YES	0
SP100	80	3	0	0	0	0
PBRM1	81	1	YES	0	YES	YES
BRD4	122	17	0	0	YES	0
KAT2A	131	0	0	0	0	YES
TAF1	176	2	0	YES	0	0
SMARCA2	185	0	0	YES	YES	0
TRIM28	221	1	0	0	0	0
KAT2B	283	0	YES	0	0	0
SMARCA4	393	0	YES	YES	YES	YES
MLL	417	9	0	0	0	0
CREBBP/CBP	5481	14	YES	YES	YES	0
EP300/p300	9389	10	0	YES	YES	YES

					Chemical	
	PubMed	Patents	GWAS	OMIM	Probes	shRNA
ATAT1	17	0	0	0	0	0
TAF1L	29	0	0	0	0	0
GTF3C4	37	0	0	0	0	YES
ELP3	41	2	0	0	0	YES
MYST4	43	1	0	0	0	0
HAT1	56	1	0	0	0	YES
MYST3	58	0	0	0	0	0
MYST1	59	0	0	0	0	0
MYST2	60	0	0	0	0	0
KAT2A	131	0	0	0	0	YES
TAF1	176	2	0	YES	0	0
KAT5	195	0	0	0	0	YES
NCOA1	239	0	0	0	0	0
KAT2B	283	0	YES	0	0	0
CLOCK	335	8	YES	0	0	0
NCOA3	342	1	YES	0	0	0
CREBBP/CBP	5481	14	YES	YES	0	0
EP300/p300	9389	10	0	YES	YES	YES

					Chemical	
	PubMed	Patents	GWAS	OMIM	Probes	shRNA
SIRT7	31	4	0	0	0	0
HDAC10	32	6	0	0	0	0
SIRT4	32	6	0	0	0	0
HDAC11	36	2	0	0	0	0
SIRT5	47	7	0	0	0	0
HDAC8	63	12	0	YES	YES	0
SIRT6	79	9	0	0	0	0
HDAC7	110	4	YES	0	YES	0
SIRT2	112	11	0	0	YES	0
HDAC9	121	8	YES	0	YES	0
SIRT3	121	13	0	0	YES	0
HDAC5	167	6	YES	0	YES	0
HDAC4	240	16	YES	YES	YES	0
HDAC6	245	26	0	YES	YES	0
HDAC3	361	17	0	0	YES	0
HDAC2	537	18	0	0	YES	0
SIRT1	755	23	0	0	YES	0
HDAC1	929	15	0	0	YES	0

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	PubMed	Patents	GWAS	омім	Probes	shRNA
06ZW69	0	0	0	0	0	0
SETD9	3	0	0	0	0	0
METTL21D	6	0	0	0	0	0
PRDM11	6	2	YES	0	0	0
PRDM6	6	0	0	0	0	0
PRDM12	7	0	0	0	0	YES
PRDM13	7	0	0	0	0	0
PRDM7	8	1	0	0	0	0
SETD5	9	0	0	YES	0	0
SMYD5	9	0	0	0	0	0
PRDM10	12	1	0	0	0	0
PRDM8	12	0	0	0	0	0
SETD4	12	1	0	0	0	0
SETDB2	12	0	0	0	0	0
PRDM15	13	0	YES	0	0	0
SETD6	13	0	0	0	0	0
SMYD4	14	0	0	0	0	0
CAMKMT	17	0	YES	0	0	0
PRDM4	17	0	0	0	0	0
SETD1B	18	0	0	0	0	0
SETD3	18	1	0	0	0	0
PRDM5	20	0	YES	YES	0	0
SUV420H2	22	1	0	0	0	0
PRDM14	24	7	YES	0	0	0
PRDM9	25	1	0	0	0	0
SMYD1	25	0	YES	0	0	0
WHSC1L1	25	2	0	YES	0	0
ASH1L	26	0	0	0	0	0
PRMT7	26	1	YES	0	0	YES
PRMT8	26	0	0	0	0	0
SUV420H1	26	1	YES	0	0	0
MLL5	31	1	0	0	0	0
SMYD2	31	1	YES	0	YES	0
EZH1	34	1	0	0	YES	0
SETMAR	36	0	0	0	0	0
SUV39H2	40	5	YES	0	0	0
SETD1A	41	0	0	0	0	0
PRMT2	43	0	0	0	0	0
SETD2	44	0	YES	0	0	0
MLL4	46	1	0	0	0	0
PRMT3	52	0	0	0	YES	0
SMYD3	53	4	YES	0	0	0
PRMT6	57	1	0	0	0	0
EHMT1	60	0	0	YES	YES	YES
PRDM16	60	2	YES	YES	0	0
SETD8	62	0	0	0	0	0
MLL3	66	3	0	0	0	0

DOT1L	67	9	YES	0	YES	0
WHSC1	68	1	0	0	0	0
PRDM2	69	0	0	0	0	YES
SETD7	69	0	0	0	YES	YES
NSD1	70	0	YES	YES	0	0
SETDB1	74	2	0	0	0	0
MLL2	76	2	0	0	0	YES
EHMT2	121	1	YES	0	YES	0
SUV39H1	133	2	0	0	0	0
CARM1	137	4	0	0	0	0
PRMT5	146	8	0	0	0	0
MECOM	169	3	YES	YES	0	YES
PRDM1	195	2	0	0	0	YES
PRMT1	201	5	0	0	0	YES
MLL	417	9	0	0	YES	0
EZH2	467	34	0	YES	YES	0

Chemical Probe Polyspecificity: -EHMT1, EHMT2

					Chemical	
	PubMed	Patents	GWAS	OMIM	Probes	shRNA
NO66	9	1	0	0	0	0
JHDM1D	13	0	0	0	0	0
PHF2	16	2	0	0	0	0
KDM4D	17	0	0	0	0	0
KDM4DL	17	0	0	0	0	0
JMJD5	18	0	0	0	0	0
KDM1B	18	0	0	0	0	0
UTY	21	0	0	0	0	0
KDM3B	35	0	YES	0	0	0
KDM6B	35	1	0	0	0	0
MINA	35	1	0	0	0	0
KDM2B	36	0	YES	0	0	0
JMJD1C	38	1	YES	0	0	YES
KDM3A	39	0	0	0	0	YES
KDM4B	40	0	YES	0	0	0
KDM4C	41	0	YES	0	0	0
KDM5D	44	0	0	0	0	YES
KDM2A	45	1	0	0	0	YES
PHF8	46	0	YES	YES	0	0
KDM5A	51	0	0	0	0	YES
KDM6A	53	1	0	YES	0	0
KDM4A	56	0	YES	0	0	0
KDM5C	60	0	0	YES	0	0
JARID2	61	5	0	0	0	0
KDM5B	68	0	0	0	0	0
KDM1A	165	40	0	0	YES	0

					Chemical	
	PubMed	Patents	GWAS	ΟΜΙΜ	Probes	shRNA
LOC100129278	2	0	0	0	0	0
KIAA1045	3	0	0	0	0	0
HDGFL1	4	0	0	0	0	0
ZCWPW2	5	0	0	0	0	0
BAHCC1	6	0	0	0	0	0
TDRD10	6	0	0	0	0	0
TDRD12	6	0	0	0	0	0
PWWP2B	7	0	0	0	0	0
SPIN4	7	0	0	0	0	0
PHF21B	9	0	0	0	0	0
SPIN3	9	0	0	0	0	0
ZCWPW1	9	0	YES	0	0	0
BRPF3	10	0	0	0	0	YES
PHF13	10	0	0	0	0	0
SPIN2B	10	0	0	0	0	0
ASXL3	11	0	YES	YES	0	0
MBTD1	11	0	0	0	0	0
PHF23	11	0	YES	0	0	0
RNF17	11	1	0	0	0	YES
STK31	11	1	0	0	0	0
TRIM66	11	0	YES	0	0	0
L3MBTL4	12	0	YES	0	0	YES
TDRD5	12	0	0	0	0	0
CDY2B	13	0	0	0	0	0
JHDM1D	13	0	0	0	0	0
TDRD6	13	0	0	0	0	0
TDRKH	13	0	0	0	0	0
BAHD1	14	0	0	0	0	0
DPF1	14	0	0	0	0	0
PHF15	14	0	0	0	0	0
SFMBT2	14	0	0	0	0	0
SP140L	14	0	YES	0	0	0
SPIN2A	14	0	0	0	0	0
BAZ2B	15	0	YES	0	0	0
DPF3	15	0	0	0	0	0
PYGO1	15	0	0	0	0	0
TNRC18	15	0	0	0	0	0
CDY2A	16	0	0	0	0	0
CDYL2	16	0	YES	0	0	0
PHF2	16	2	0	0	0	0
CDY1B	17	0	0	0	0	0
PHF20L1	17	0	0	0	0	0
SCML2	17	0	0	0	0	YES
CHD9	18	0	YES	0	0	0
INTS12	18	0	YES	0	0	YES
PHF16	18	0	0	0	0	YES
PHF19	18	0	YES	0	0	0

UBR7	18	0	0	0	0	0
MBD5	19	0	0	YES	0	0
MLLT6	19	0	0	0	0	0
PHF14	19	1	0	0	0	0
PHF7	19	0	0	0	0	YES
SP140	19	3	YES	0	0	YES
CCDC101	20	0	0	0	0	0
HDGFRP2	20	0	0	0	0	0
MUM1	20	1	0	0	0	0
SHPRH	20	1	0	0	0	YES
BRPF1	21	0	0	0	0	0
L3MBTL3	21	0	YES	0	YES	0
MPHOSPH8	21	0	0	0	0	0
MSL3L1	21	0	0	0	0	0
PHF12	21	0	0	0	0	0
SFMBT1	21	0	0	0	0	0
TDRD7	21	0	0	YES	0	0
CDY1	22	1	0	0	0	0
PHF3	22	1	0	0	0	0
TDRD3	22	0	YES	0	0	YES
CBX6	23	0	0	0	0	0
GLYR1	24	0	0	0	0	YES
PHF21A	24	0	YES	0	0	0
CHD6	25	2	YES	0	0	0
TCF19	25	0	YES	0	0	0
WHSC1L1	25	2	0	YES	0	0
ASH1L	26	0	0	0	0	0
ASXL2	26	0	0	0	0	0
ZGPAT	26	0	YES	0	0	0
CHD2	27	2	YES	YES	0	YES
BRD1	28	2	YES	0	0	0
ING3	28	0	0	0	0	0
SCMH1	28	0	YES	0	0	0
SMNDC1	28	0	0	0	0	0
ARID4B	29	0	0	0	0	0
PHF17	30	0	0	0	0	0
PHF20	30	1	YES	0	0	0
PHRF1	30	0	YES	0	0	0
BAZ2A	31	0	YES	0	0	0
CBX7	31	1	YES	0	0	0
CDYL	31	0	YES	0	0	0
MLL5	31	1	0	0	0	0
PHF11	31	0	YES	YES	0	0
TDRD1	31	0	0	0	0	0
PHF10	32	1	YES	0	0	0
ING5	33	2	0	0	0	0
PYGO2	33	0	0	0	0	0
ARID4A	34	0	0	0	0	YES
L3MBTL	34	1	0	0	0	0

L3MBTL2	34	0	0	0	0	YES
RERE	35	0	YES	0	0	0
ZMYND8	35	0	0	0	0	0
KDM2B	36	0	YES	0	0	0
ZMYND11	37	0	0	0	0	YES
BAZ1A	40	1	0	0	0	0
CHD5	40	3	0	0	0	0
KDM4B	40	0	YES	0	0	0
SPIN1	40	0	0	0	0	0
SUV39H2	40	5	YES	0	0	0
TCF20	40	0	0	0	0	0
KDM4C	41	0	YES	0	0	0
MLLT10	41	0	YES	0	0	0
PHF6	41	0	0	YES	0	0
TAF3	41	0	YES	0	0	YES
UHRF2	41	0	YES	0	0	0
CBX8	42	0	0	0	0	0
CXXC1	42	0	0	0	0	0
MYST4	43	1	0	0	0	0
DIDO1	44	0	0	0	0	YES
KDM5D	44	0	0	0	0	YES
MTF2	44	0	0	0	0	0
SP110	44	3	YES	YES	0	0
DPF2	45	0	0	0	0	0
KDM2A	45	1	0	0	0	YES
CHD1	46	2	0	0	0	YES
MLL4	46	1	0	0	0	0
PHF1	46	1	0	0	0	YES
PHF8	46	0	YES	YES	0	0
BPTF	47	2	YES	0	0	YES
MTA3	49	0	YES	0	0	YES
RAI1	49	1	0	YES	0	0
CHD8	50	0	0	YES	0	0
KDM5A	51	0	0	0	0	YES
ING2	54	1	0	0	0	0
KDM4A	56	0	YES	0	0	0
RSF1	56	0	0	0	0	0
FXR2	57	1	YES	0	0	0
MYST3	58	0	0	0	0	0
MYST1	59	0	0	0	0	0
ORC1	59	1	0	YES	0	0
KDM5C	60	0	0	YES	0	0
CBX2	63	3	0	YES	0	0
BAZ1B	66	1	YES	0	0	0
MLL3	66	3	0	0	0	0
MORF4L1	66	0	0	0	0	0
TRIM33	67	2	0	YES	0	0
KDM5B	68	0	0	0	0	0
WHSC1	68	1	0	0	0	0

AKAP1	69	1	0	0	0	0
NSD1	70	0	YES	YES	0	0
TDRD9	71	0	YES	0	0	0
TRIM24	72	1	YES	YES	0	0
CBX4	73	0	0	0	0	0
FXR1	74	2	0	0	0	0
SETDB1	74	2	0	0	0	0
MLL2	76	2	0	0	0	YES
ING4	77	6	0	0	0	0
SP100	80	3	0	0	0	0
ASH2L	81	3	YES	0	0	YES
PBRM1	81	1	YES	0	0	YES
HDGF	85	9	0	0	0	0
CHD3	86	1	0	0	0	0
ASXL1	89	2	0	YES	0	0
DNMT3L	89	3	0	0	0	0
LBR	90	0	YES	YES	0	0
SND1	93	2	0	0	0	0
CHD7	98	2	0	YES	0	0
ING1	102	8	0	YES	0	0
MTA2	102	0	0	0	0	0
CBX1	104	0	0	0	0	0
SMARCC2	104	0	0	0	0	YES
UHRF1	116	4	0	0	0	0
CHD4	129	0	0	0	0	YES
SUV39H1	133	2	0	0	0	0
CBX3	145	0	0	0	0	0
SMARCC1	152	0	0	0	0	YES
MTA1	166	13	0	0	0	0
ATRX	173	4	0	YES	0	0
KAT5	195	0	0	0	0	YES
CBX5	196	0	0	0	0	0
PSIP1	218	0	0	0	0	0
TRIM28	221	1	0	0	0	0
TP53BP1	226	2	0	0	0	0
AIRE	229	3	YES	YES	0	0
SMN2	281	20	0	YES	0	0
DNMT3A	302	8	YES	YES	0	0
DNMT3B	331	9	YES	YES	0	0
MSH6	337	5	0	YES	0	YES
SMN1	359	8	0	YES	0	0
MLL	417	9	0	0	0	0
DNMT1	516	14	0	YES	0	0
FMR1	636	20	0	YES	0	0
RAG2	671	5	0	YES	0	0

					Chemical	
	PubMed	Patents	GWAS	OMIM	Probes	shRNA
SETDB2	12	0	0	0	0	0
MBD6	13	0	0	0	0	0
BAZ2B	15	0	YES	0	0	0
MBD5	19	0	0	YES	0	0
TET3	20	1	YES	0	0	0
BAZ2A	31	0	YES	0	0	0
TET1	36	2	0	0	0	0
TRDMT1	42	0	YES	0	0	0
MBD1	61	1	0	0	0	0
MBD4	67	0	0	0	0	0
MBD3	71	0	0	0	0	0
SETDB1	74	2	0	0	0	0
DNMT3L	89	3	0	0	0	0
MBD2	95	7	0	0	0	0
TET2	121	3	YES	YES	0	0
IDH2	179	10	0	YES	0	0
DNMT3A	302	8	YES	YES	0	0
DNMT3B	331	9	YES	YES	0	0
IDH1	337	20	0	YES	YES	0
MECP2	436	16	0	YES	0	0
DNMT1	516	14	0	YES	YES	0



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Chemical Probe Poly-specificity: 1-BRD2, BRD3, BRD4 2-BRPF1,BRD1/BRPF2,BRPF3 3-BRD7,BRD9 4-BAZ2A,BAZ2B 5-CREBBP/EP300 6-SMARCA4,PB1 http://www.thesgc.org/chemical-

probes/epigenetics

Supp FIGURE 2 a



Supp FIGURE 2 b



Supp FIGURE 2 c



Supp FIGURE 2 d



Supp FIGURE 2 e



Supp FIGURE 2 f



Supp FIGURE 2 g