

**Identification and Characterisation of  
Differentially Methylated Regions  
within the human  
Major Histocompatibility Complex**

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## Abstract

DNA methylation is one of several epigenetic marks capable of modulating genome function. Alterations to the temporal or spatial patterns of DNA methylation give rise to differentially methylated regions (DMRs). DMRs can arise during normal development and can be associated with specific tissues (tissue-specific DMRs, tDMRs) as well as during the development of aberrant phenotypes (phenotype specific DMRs, pDMRs) and in many cases can be implicated in the aetiology of complex diseases.

This dissertation describes an array-based assay for the unbiased identification and characterisation of DMRs (both tDMRs and pDMRs) within the human Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC). The MHC, a 4Mb region on chromosome 6, is an ideal model system for studying DMRs as it is gene dense and associated with many complex diseases including immune-linked diseases as well as cancer.

I identified and characterised 55 MHC loci as tDMRs of which about 27% could be correlated with tissue specific gene expression. This implicates DNA methylation as an additional regulatory layer in the control of MHC loci. DNA methylation was also found to be associated with the regulation of genes involved in the MHC class I antigen processing and presentation pathway. Cell lines that displayed the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype, which is a common disease phenotype, were tested for the presence of pDMRs. I identified two pDMRs that were correlated with the down-regulation of the *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8* genes and 14 pDMRs associated with *PSMB9* up-regulation. Three DMRs were identified within the TNF gene cluster which may contribute to the development of the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype. Finally, two DMRs within the promoter regions of the *PSMB8* and *B2M* genes showed strong correlation with low expression levels. These findings are consistent with previous studies supporting the notion that transcriptional gene silencing promotes DNA hypermethylation or vice versa. The former implies that, in some cases, DNA hypermethylation may be the consequence rather than the cause of gene silencing.

The genomic features and functional aspects of some of the identified DMRs were tested and it was shown that DNA methylation inhibitors can restore parts of the MHC class I pathway that were silenced by hypermethylation.

The results presented in this thesis support the role of DNA methylation in phenotypic plasticity. They complement the extensive amount of genetic data available for the MHC and open the way for the development of integrated (epi)genetic approaches to complex phenotypes and common diseases.

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### Abbreviations

5-aza-CR	5-Azacytidine
5-aza-CdR	5-Aza-2'-deoxycytidine
5m-CpG	methyated CpG at 5-carbon position of cytosine
aCGH	array comparative genomic hybridization
ASM	allele specific DNA methylation
bp	base pair
BAC	bacterial artificial chromosome
B2M	$\beta$ 2-microglobulin
BSA	bovine serum albumin
°C	degrees Celcius
CANX	calnexin
CALR	calreticulin
CGI	CpG island
ChIP	chromatin immunoprecipitation
CNV	Copy Number Variation
CpG	cytidine-guanosine dinucleotide
CIITA	MHC class II transactivator
Cy3	Cyanine 3-dCTP
Cy5	Cyanine 5-dCTP
DMR (tDMR, pDMR)	Differentially Methylated Region (tissue-specific-, phenotype-specific)
DMSO	dimethyl sulphoxide
DNMT	DNA methyltransferase
dNTP	2'-deoxyribonucleoside 5'-triphosphate
ds	double stranded
EBV	Epstein-Barr Virus
ECR	Evolutionary Conserved Region
EDTA	ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid
ER	Endoplasmatic Reticulum

FBS	Foetal Bovine Serum
GA	Genetic Analyser
HCMV	human cytomegalovirus
HERV	human endogenous retrovirus
HEP	Human Epigenome Project
HLA	human leukocyte antigen
HSP	heat shock protein
ICF	immunodeficiency syndrome
IFN	interferon
kb	kilobase pairs
LB	Luria-Bertani broth
LD	linkage disequilibrium
LINE	long interspersed nuclear element
LITAF	lipopolysaccharide-induced TNF- $\alpha$ factor
LM-PCR	Ligation Mediated PCR
LPS	lipopolysaccharide
LRES	long range epigenetic silencing
LTR	long terminal repeat
MeDIP	Methylated DNA Immunoprecipitation
MBD	methyl binding domain
$\mu$ g	microgram
MHC	Major Histocompatibility Complex
min	minute
ml	millilitre
$\mu$ l	microlitre
$\mu$ M	micromolar
mM	millimolar
mm	millimetre
NAHR	non-allelic homologous recombination
NRM	nurim
MVP	Methylation Variable Position
NCBI	National Centre for Biotechnology Information
ncRNA	non-coding RNA
ng	nanogram



PAC	P1 artificial chromosome
PBS	phosphate buffer saline
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
RFX	regulatory factor X
rpm	revolutions per minute
RRBS	Reduced Representation Bisulphite Sequencing
RT-PCR	Real Time PCR
SAM	S-adenosyl-methionine
SDS	sodium dodecyl sulphate
sec	second
SNP	Single Nucleotide Polymorphism
ss	single stranded
SSC	saline sodium citrate
TNF	Tumour Necrosis Factor
TSS	Transcription Start Site
Tris	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane
U	unit
UCSC	University of California Santa Cruz
UTR	untranslated region
WTCCC	Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium
WGA	whole genome association

## **Chapter 1**

### General Introduction

## 1.1 Introduction

One of the major challenges in genetics today is to understand the causes of complex diseases. Complex diseases refer to disorders that do not follow Mendel's laws of inheritance (Mendel, 1950; Wang et al., 2005). Such diseases are considered to derive from multiple heritable and environmental factors. Cancer, schizophrenia, diabetes, lupus and cardiovascular diseases are a few representative examples. Identifying the basis of complex diseases will be of great medical relevance (Kiberstis, 2002; Kiberstis, 2002; L, 2002; Lander and Schork, 1994).

In recent years, a lot of attention has been given to the genetic components of such diseases. Large, collaborative studies have been focused on the identification of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) (The International HapMap Project, 2003; WTCCC, 2007) and copy number variation (CNVs) (Beckmann et al., 2007; Redon et al., 2006) that could be associated with human diseases and eventually lead to new therapies. However, to date only a few genetic variants have a significant and replicated association to complex diseases indicating that other factors in addition to genetic variation may contribute to complex phenotypes.

Recent advances in high-throughput epigenomics (mapping of genome-wide epigenetic modifications) (Bernstein et al., 2007), have led to the concept of epigenetic variation which is now also considered to play an important role in the development of complex diseases (Hatchwell and Greally, 2007; van Vliet et al., 2007). A number of studies, including this thesis aim to elucidate the role of epigenetics in the context of such phenotypes.

I used the major histocompatibility complex (MHC) region (Horton et al., 2004), a 4Mb region on human chromosome 6, as a model system to elucidate the role of DNA methylation (the best-studied epigenetic mark to date) in the regulation of MHC loci. The MHC has been chosen because it is associated with susceptibility to more complex

diseases than any other region within the human genome (Lechler, 2000). Unravelling the epigenetic code of the MHC will give further insights into the impact of epigenetics in complex phenotypes.

## **1.2. The Major Histocompatibility Complex - MHC**

The major histocompatibility complex (MHC) is a 4Mb region on the short arm of human chromosome 6 (6p21.3) (Horton et al., 2004). It is one of the most gene-dense and highly polymorphic regions of the human genome and it is associated with many complex diseases including infectious, autoimmune and inflammatory diseases as well as cancer, and it is important in transplant medicine.

The classical MHC is divided into three classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. Figure 1.1 shows the gene map of the MHC region indicating the order of the three classes (I, III, II) and their relative sizes as well as the genes encoded within each class. The concept of the extended MHC (xMHC) (although not discussed any further within this thesis) was recently established based on the finding that linkage disequilibrium (LD) and MHC-related genes exist outside the boundaries of the classical 4Mb MHC region (Horton et al., 2004).

### *1.2.1 MHC encoded genes*

The gene map of the MHC region was completed and reviewed recently (Horton et al., 2004). The classical MHC comprises 224 gene loci, of which more than 57% are thought to be expressed. At least 10% of the MHC genes have functions related to the immune system. The MHC is divided into three regions in the following order: telomere – class I, class III, class II - centromere (figure 1.1):

### i. MHC class I region

This region has a size of about 2Mb and contains the three main MHC class I genes, *HLA-A*, *HLA-B* and *HLA-C*, which are highly polymorphic and members of the immunoglobulin superfamily (Lawlor et al., 1990). They present intracellular antigen peptides to the T-cell receptors of cytotoxic T-cells. Antigens, in order to be presented to the cell surface, go through a pathway called the antigen presenting pathway (Hewitt, 2003). These genes are expressed by most somatic tissues at varying levels. The MHC class I region also harbours the non-classical class I genes, *HLA-E*, *-F* and *-G*, which are less polymorphic and display a more restricted tissue expression compared to the classical genes (Geraghty, 1993). *HLA-G* is the only class I gene expressed in foetal trophoblast cells and may play a role in the maternal tolerance of the foetus (Loke and King, 1991; Parham, 1996). The MHC class I like genes *MICA* and *MICB* (Stephens, 2001) and a plethora of pseudogenes (Geraghty, 1993; Le Bouteiller, 1994) are also encoded within this region.

### ii. MHC class II region

The class II region, 880 kb in size, contains one gene every 40kb on average. This class, similar to class I, encodes members of the immunoglobulin superfamily *HLA-DP*, *-DQ*, *-DR* and pseudogenes (the classical MHC class II genes) (Andersson et al., 1987). However, these genes are expressed as heterodimers only on specialised antigen-presenting cells such as macrophages, B cells and some T cells. The former engulf and internalise exogenous antigens which are then presented to helper T cells by class II members of the immunoglobulin superfamily. The non-classical class II genes, *HLA-DM* and *-DO*, are not expressed on the cell surface, but form heterotetrameric complexes involved in peptide exchange and loading onto classical class II molecules (Alfonso and Karlsson, 2000).

The class II region also encodes *PSMB8*, *PSMB9*, *TAP1*, *TAP2* and *TAPBP*. The products of these genes are involved in the MHC class I antigen processing and presentation machinery (Androlewicz, 1999; Lehner and Trowsdale, 1998; van Endert, 1999).

### iii. MHC class III region

This is a very gene dense region of about 100 kb and contains at least 70 genes with diverse functions (Aguado, 1996). Examples of class III genes are *C2* and *C4* which are members of the complement system. *C2* and *C4* gene products mediate phagocytosis and lysis of bacterially infected cells leading to inflammatory response. Members of the tumour necrosis family, *TNF- $\alpha$* , *LTA* and *LTB*, which are cytokines that control inflammation, are also encoded within this region (Gruss and Dower, 1995). Three heat shock proteins (HSP) are also encoded in the class III region. They are involved in stress-induced signalling of immune responses mediating the elimination of damaged, infected or malignant cells (Gleimer and Parham, 2003)

### *1.2.2 MHC Polymorphism*

HLA class I and class II genes are highly polymorphic (Robinson et al., 2003) and *HLA-B* has been reported to be the most polymorphic gene in the human genome (Mungall et al., 2003). The extensive polymorphism of the MHC loci is believed to enhance immune defence by broadening the array of antigenic peptides available for T-cell recognition. MHC encoded molecules govern immune responses by presenting antigen peptides to T-cells (figure 5.2). Genetic polymorphism within the MHC region also facilitates variable susceptibility to MHC-linked diseases as well as to pathogens (Goulder and Watkins, 2008). Single nucleotide polymorphisms are the most common type of variation within the MHC. Recently, four-independent re-sequencing projects have significantly expanded our knowledge of variation within the MHC (Horton et al., 2008; Raymond et

al., 2005; Shiina et al., 2006; Smith et al., 2006). However, polymorphism is not restricted to genetic variation (SNPs). Structural copy number variation (CNVs) (Redon et al., 2006) also exist within the MHC (Stewart et al., 2004). More specifically, two hyper-variable regions have been reported to have CNVs: (i). the RCCX region (within the MHC class III region) which contains duplications of *C4*, *TNXA*, *CYP21A1P* and *STK19P* pseudogenes (Chung et al., 2002; Yang et al., 1999), and (ii). the *DRB* locus (within the MHC class II region) between *HLA-DRB1* and *HLA-DRB9* which shows haplotype-specific rearrangements (Marsh, 2000) .

In addition, polymorphism resulting from the presence or absence of retroviral sequences (LINEs, Alu, HERV, LTR, MER and SVA) (Stewart et al., 2004) has been observed. The retroviral insertions are often located either in the *HLA-DR* region or near the MHC class I genes, possibly promoting molecular evolution. Recently a HERV-derived gene, *HCP5*, has been implicated in HIV-1-host interaction (Fellay et al., 2007).

### 1.2.3 MHC-linked diseases

The MHC is associated with many diseases including most if not all autoimmune diseases (Lechler, 2000). A representative list of MHC-linked diseases is given in table 1.1. In most of the cases listed, the disease causing mutation/variation is not yet known. Disease-causing and disease-associated genes are indicated in table 1.1.

The involvement of the MHC in many complex diseases was confirmed further by whole genome association (WGA) studies (WTCCC, 2007). A recent study has shown that MHC-class I mediated events, mainly involving a *HLA-B* locus, contribute to the aetiology of type I diabetes, which is an autoimmune disease (Nejentsev et al., 2007), whereas the role of three other polymorphic MHC loci (*HLA-B*, *HLA-C* and *ZNRD1*) were reported to influence the host response to HIV-1 (Fellay et al., 2007). The latter supports the role of the MHC in conferring resistance to infectious diseases.

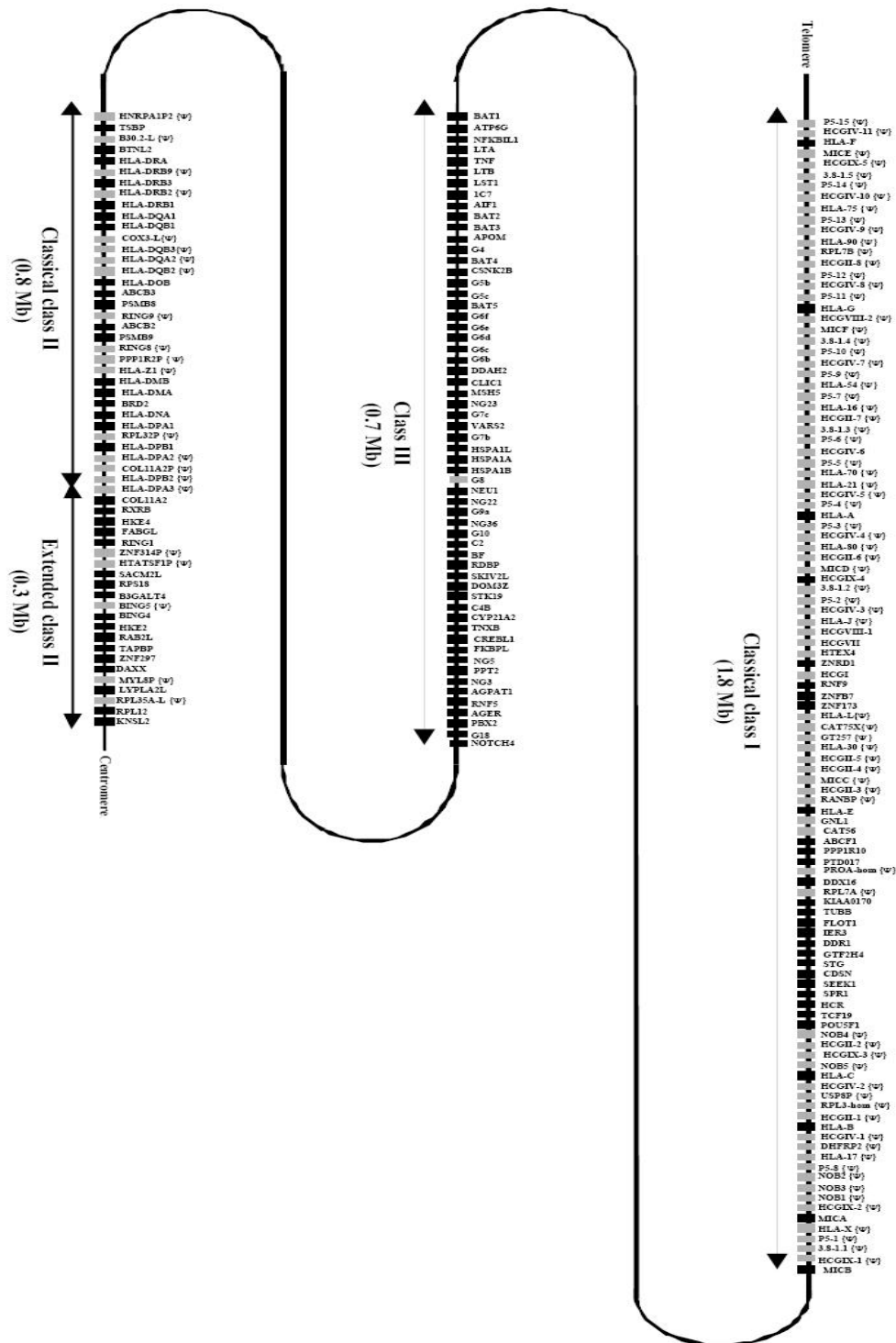


Figure 1.1. **Gene map of the human MHC.** Genes are displayed in order from telomere to centromere but are not drawn to scale. Solid black boxes indicate the loci that have been



investigated by the HEP (see below). {Ψ} indicates the presence of a pseudogene. Figure was taken from Novik et al. (Novik et al., 2002).

### 1.2.3.1 Future challenges in studying MHC-linked diseases

The MHC provides a prototype for the study of complex diseases. Although past studies have generated extensive data for the genetics of the MHC resulting in important contributions to medicine (de Bakker et al., 2006; Rioux and Abbas, 2005; Vyse and Todd, 1996), further studies are necessary to improve our understanding of the causes of MHC-linked diseases. As summarised in figure 1.2, complex MHC-linked diseases, like autoimmune diseases, are the result of complex interactions between genetic, epigenetic and environmental factors. Epigenetic factors include DNA methylation, histone modifications and non-coding RNAs (see below).

Elucidating the epigenetic code of the MHC can be expected to be highly beneficial to biomedical research.

### *1.2.4 MHC and Epigenetics – What is known so far*

Emerging evidence suggests that epigenetic events are associated with the regulation of MHC gene expression. This is based on the below findings:

- i. The MHC class II transactivator (CIITA) and the regulatory factor X (RFX) proteins serve as focal points for recruiting histone modifying enzymes to MHC class II promoters, whereby CIITA itself is regulated by DNA methylation, histone modifications and ncRNAs (Wright and Ting, 2006; Zika and Ting, 2005).
- ii. Treatment of melanoma and esophageal cell lines with the DNA methylation inhibitor 5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine (see below) led to restoration of MHC class I expression (which is suppressed in these cell lines), implicating DNA

methylation in the expression of MHC class I genes (Maio et al., 2003; Nie et al., 2001; Serrano et al., 2001)

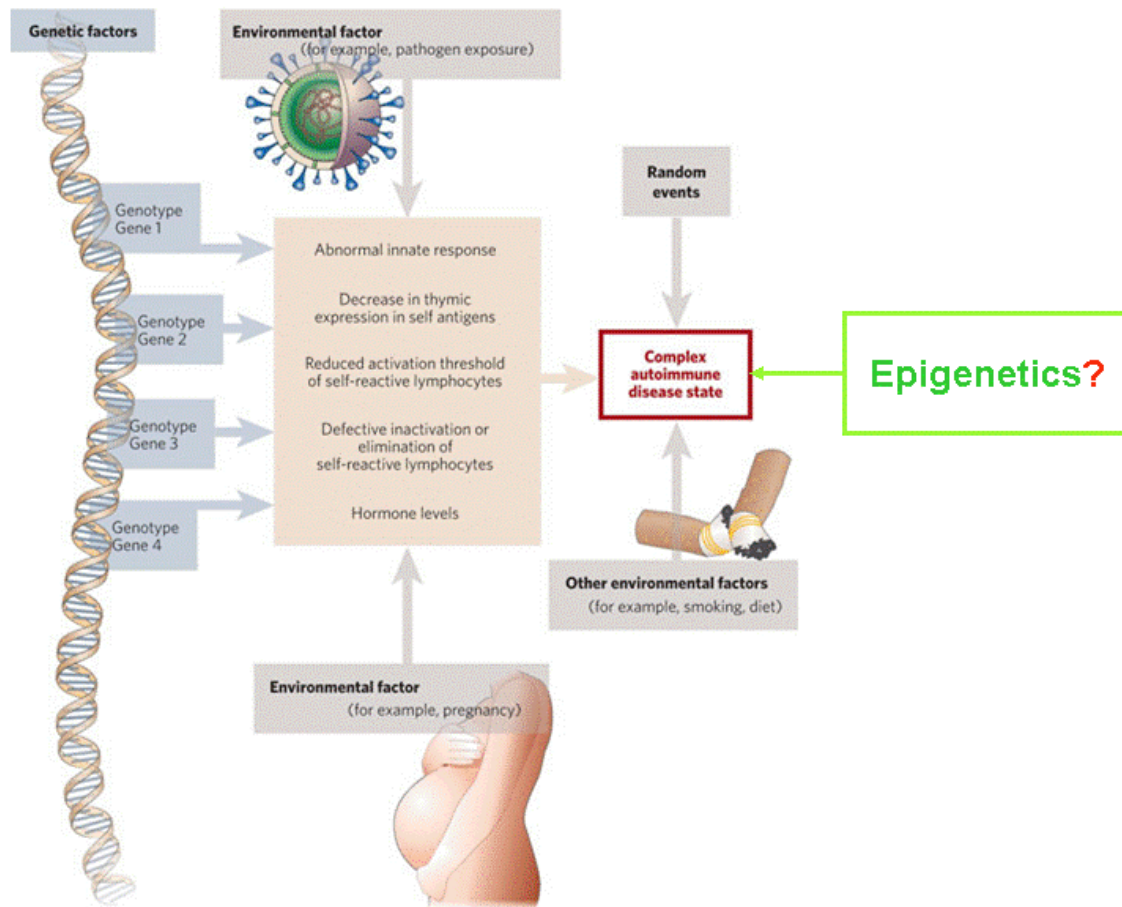


Figure 1.2. **Autoimmune diseases caused by complex traits.** In complex traits, the clinically recognised disease state results from interactions between multiple genotypes and the environment. Recently the role of epigenetics in such complex diseases has been implicated. The question mark next to 'epigenetics' reflects that the contribution of epigenetics is still not well understood. A lot of current studies aim to elucidate the impact of genetics, epigenetics and environmental factors in susceptibility, disease progression and clinical management. Figure was taken (with some modifications) from Rioux and Abbas (Rioux and Abbas, 2005).

<b>MHC class I region</b>	
<i>HLA-G</i>	Associated with <i>Pemphigus vulgaris</i> in Jewish patients
<i>HLA-A</i>	Associated with autoimmune diseases; for example, birdshot chorioretinopathy
<i>HLA-E</i>	Associated with type 1 <i>Diabetes mellitus</i> ; also influences age of onset of disease
<i>MDC1</i>	Associated with inadequate DNA damage responses owing to MDC1-deficiency
<i>CDSN</i>	Causes hypotrichosis simplex of the scalp
<i>PSORS1C1</i>	Associated with psoriasis
<i>PSORS1C2</i>	Associated with psoriasis
<i>O6orf18</i>	Associated with psoriasis
<i>HLA-C</i>	Associated with autoimmune diseases; for example, psoriasis
<i>HLA-B</i>	Associated with autoimmune diseases; for example, ankylosing spondylitis or Behcet disease
<i>MICA</i>	Associated with autoimmune diseases; for example, rheumatoid arthritis and coeliac disease
<i>MICB</i>	Associated with coeliac disease
<b>MHC class III region</b>	
<i>NFKBIL1</i>	Associated with rheumatoid arthritis
<i>LTA</i>	Associated with myocardial infarction
<i>TNF</i>	Associated with septic shock, cerebral malaria
<i>LTB</i>	Associated with infective/inflammatory diseases
<i>NCR3</i>	Associated with impairment of NK cell function in HIV-1 infected patients
<i>BAT2</i>	Associated with influence on age at onset of type 1 <i>Diabetes mellitus</i>
<i>NEU1</i>	Causes type I and II sialidosis
<i>C2</i>	Causes C2 deficiency
<i>C4B</i>	Causes C4 deficiency
<i>C4A</i>	Causes C4 deficiency
<i>CYP21A2</i>	Causes several disorders owing to 21-hydroxylase deficiency
<i>TNXB</i>	Causes Ehlers–Danlos syndrome (hypermobility type) owing to tenascin X deficiency
<i>AGER</i>	Associated with amplification of inflammatory responses in rheumatoid arthritis
<b>MHC class II region</b>	
<i>HLA-DR</i> loci	Associated with autoimmune diseases; for example, rheumatoid arthritis, type 1 and type 2 <i>Diabetes mellitus</i>
<i>HLA-DQ</i> loci	Associated with autoimmune diseases; for example, narcolepsy
<i>TAP2</i>	Causes bare lymphocyte syndrome type I owing to TAP2-deficiency; associated with various diseases; for example, rheumatoid arthritis
<i>TAP1</i>	Causes bare lymphocyte syndrome type I owing to TAP1-deficiency; associated with various diseases; for example, vitiligo in Caucasian patients that are young in age at onset
<i>BRD2</i>	Associated with juvenile myoclonic epilepsy
<i>HLA-DP</i> loci	Associated with autoimmune diseases; for example, chronic beryllium disease

Table 1.1. **Genes in the MHC in which variation has a relationship to disease.** Table was taken from Horton et al. (Horton et al., 2004)

- iii. The HEP study has shown that at least 10% of the MHC loci analysed show tissue-specific methylation patterns, implicating DNA methylation in tissue-specific expression of MHC genes (Rakyan et al., 2004).
- iv. A non-coding RNA (microRNA), encoded by human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) during infection, might regulate the expression of a 'stressed-induced' MHC gene (*MICB*) (Stern-Ginossar et al., 2007).
- v. It should be noted that extensive the genetic polymorphism within the MHC makes the latter an ideal region for studying interaction between the genome and the epigenome and the formation of heptypes (see section 1.3.7.1). It can be postulated that SNPs that result to gain or loss of one or more critical CpG sites may affect the overall methylation profile of a locus. Alternatively, non-CpG SNPs located within an epigenetically sensitive regulatory element may also influence the epigenetic make-up of a region.

Based on the above observations I reasoned that epigenetics may be important in the regulation of genes encoded within in the MHC, and hence be associated with MHC-linked phenotypes.

In the following sections I introduce the concept of epigenetics, refer in detail to DNA methylation and epigenetic variation in the form of differentially methylated regions (DMRs), and discuss how DMRs can be linked to complex phenotypes. The rationale of my study, which aimed to identify DMRs within the MHC, is given in the last section of this chapter.

## 1.3 Epigenetics

### 1.3.1 Definition

The term epigenetics was first introduced by Conrad Waddington in 1942 (Waddington, 1942). It was used to describe the interactions of genes with their environment “to bring a phenotype into being”. Today epigenetics refers to mitotically and, in some cases, meiotically heritable states of gene expression that are not due to changes in the DNA sequence (Allis et al., 2007). The Greek prefix ‘epi-’ implies features that are “in addition” to genetics, and this is reflected in the current definition.

### 1.3.2 Epigenetic Modifications in Mammalian Genomes

Epigenetic modifications are stable modifications of the DNA or chromatin that do not alter the primary nucleotide sequence. They can alter the functions of associated genes by modulating DNA accessibility, protein recruitment and chromatin structure (figure 1.3a).

Histones are the major protein component of chromatin. The core histones, including H2A, H2B, H3 and H4, make up the nucleosome and are subjected to post-translational modifications at specific positions within the amino-terminus of their tails. These modifications include for instance acetylation, methylation, phosphorylation and ubiquitination (figure 1.3b) and they are correlated with chromatin accessibility and transcriptional activity or repression (Berger, 2007; Kouzarides, 2007).

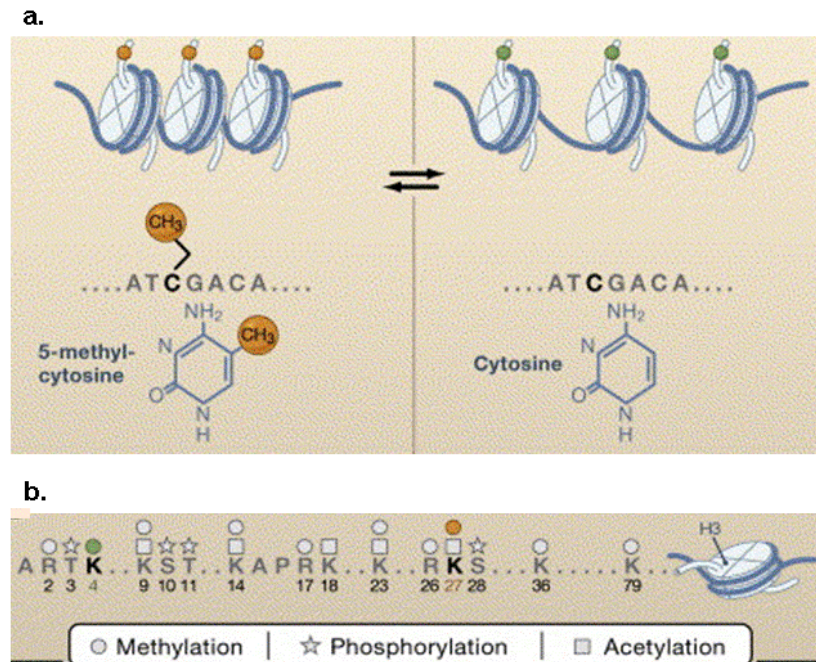


Figure 1.3. **DNA methylation and histone modifications.** Cytosine methylation is the only known covalent modification of DNA in mammals. In contrast, histones are subject to different combinations of modifications, including acetylation, methylation, phosphorylation and ubiquitination. Part a. illustrates the structure and effects of cytosine methylation (repressive/orange, activating/green). Part b. illustrates the diversity of histone H3 modifications. Figure was taken from Bernstein et al., (Bernstein et al., 2007).

DNA methylation is a covalent modification of the 5-carbon position of cytosine. The reaction involves the addition of a methyl group (figure 1.3a) and it is catalysed by DNA methyltransferases (DNMTs) with S-adenosyl-methionine (SAM) as the methyl donor (figure 1.4). In mammals this occurs predominantly in the context of cytidine-guanosine (CpG) dinucleotides (Bird, 2002) but non-CpG methylation has also been reported in certain cell types, and is common in plants (Finnegan and Kovac, 2000; Grandjean et al., 2007; Ramsahoye et al., 2000).

Recently, non-coding RNAs (ncRNAs) have been recognised as an additional component associated with epigenetic modulation and have been reported to be

involved in X-chromosome inactivation, chromatin structure, DNA imprinting and DNA demethylation (Costa, 2005).

DNA methylation is the epigenetic mark studied in this thesis and is discussed in more detail in the following sections.

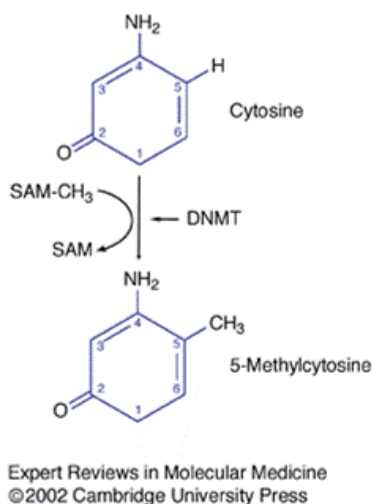


Figure 1.4. **Mechanism of DNA methylation.** 5-Methylcytosine is produced by the action of the DNA methyltransferases (DNMT 1, 3a or 3b), which catalyse the transfer of a methyl group (CH<sub>3</sub>) from S-adenosylmethionine (SAM) to the 5-carbon position of cytosine.

### 1.3.3 DNA methylation in mammals

DNA methylation is the most stable epigenetic modification known to date. Cytosine methylation patterns are propagated through cell division and this involves the action of specific DNA methyltransferases (DNMT1) (Bird, 2002; Goll and Bestor, 2005). Methylation patterns are established during early mammalian development starting with the paternal genome undergoing active demethylation shortly after protamine-histone exchange in the male pro-nucleus. The maternal genome also undergoes demethylation probably through a passive DNA replication mechanism (Reik et al., 2001; Santos et al., 2002). Genome-wide methylation levels increase rapidly in the blastocyst by the action of the *de novo* DNA methyltransferases DNMT3A and DNMT3B (Bestor, 2000) which

ultimately lead in the formation of methylation patterns found in adult somatic cells. These physiological patterns of cytosine methylation can be disrupted to cause disease, the best-studied example being cancer, in which abnormal methylation is common and implicated in pathologic events such as silencing of tumour-suppressor genes (Robertson, 2005). In addition to DNMT1, DNMT3A and DNMT3B a fourth DNA methyltransferase, DNMT2, is known to date. DNMT2 has low methyltransferase activity *in vitro* and its absence has no discernable effect on DNA methylation levels (Bestor, 2000).

In mammalian somatic cells, DNA methylation occurs at the 5-carbon position of cytosine at CpG dinucleotide (5m-CpG) sites (figures 1.3a and 1.4). About 70% of CpGs are methylated (hypermethylated), amounting to about 1% of total DNA bases in the human genome (Ehrlich et al., 1982). In normal somatic cells, 5m-CpG sites predominantly occur in repetitive DNA elements, satellite DNAs, non-repetitive intergenic DNA and exons. Regions with high G+C and CpG content, termed CpG islands (Cross and Bird, 1995; Klose and Bird, 2006), have been considered to be mostly unmethylated. CpG islands cover about 0.7% of the human genome and contain 7% of the CpG sites. The unmethylated status of CpG islands, at least in the germ line, protects them from CpG depletion caused by spontaneous deamination of methylated cytosines. The mismatch repair system can accurately recognize and correct the deamination product of cytosine bases (uracil), but not the deamination product of methyl-cytosine (thymine). About 60% of human gene promoters are associated with CpG islands whereas there are about 8,500 autosomal non-promoter CpG islands within the human genome (Hubbard et al., 2007).

Recent studies indicate that a subset of promoter CpG islands are subjected to *de novo* methylation during normal development and tumourigenesis (Meissner et al., 2008), and this has been reported to be associated with repression of CpG island-promoters



(Eckhardt et al., 2006; Estecio et al., 2007; Jones and Baylin, 2002; Khulan et al., 2006; Rakyan, 2008; Weber et al., 2007). Concerning non-promoter CpG islands only 27% were found to be unmethylated compared to 67% of promoter CpG islands that are constitutively unmethylated (Rakyan et al., 2008). Correlation with expression data suggested that approximately half of the currently annotated non-promoter CpG islands are likely to have similar functions as promoter CpG islands (see below).

#### *1.3.4 Function of DNA methylation*

In mammals, DNA methylation plays a vital role in a diverse range of cellular functions, including tissue-specific gene expression, imprinting, X-chromosome inactivation, cell differentiation and the regulation of chromatin structure (Bird, 2002). It is also associated with many diseases including cancer and ageing (Robertson, 2005).

Mechanistically, a methylated cytosine (frequently referred as the fifth base) can be recognised by a number of regulatory proteins and alter the transcriptional potential of genomic regions. DNA methylation has been mainly implicated with transcriptional repression especially when it occurs within promoter regions or in close proximity to the transcription start sites (TSS) of genes (Bird, 2002). However, recent evidence suggest that it also facilitates transcription when it occurs downstream of promoter regions within gene bodies. Recent studies have shown a positive correlation between gene-body DNA methylation and gene expression (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Rakyan, 2008; Rakyan et al., 2004). This is consistent with data generated for the X-chromosome where hypomethylation at gene promoters and hypermethylation of gene bodies was associated with active transcription (Hellman and Chess, 2007). DNA methylation is also involved in the global maintenance of the genome, protection against mobile elements and inhibition of cryptic transcription. These will be discussed below.

##### *i. DNA methylation and gene expression silencing*

There are two basic models that underpin the relationship between DNA methylation of promoter regions and gene silencing (figure 1.5):

1. Direct model – DNA methylation represses transcription by directly blocking the recruitment of transcriptional activators to the cognate DNA sequence (Watt and Molloy, 1988).
2. Indirect model – additional factors, like the methyl binding domain (MBD) containing proteins, including MeCP2, MBD1 and MBD2, that bind to methylated DNA are required for the recruitment of transcription repression complexes (figure 1.5) (Ballestar et al., 2003; Ballestar and Wolffe, 2001).

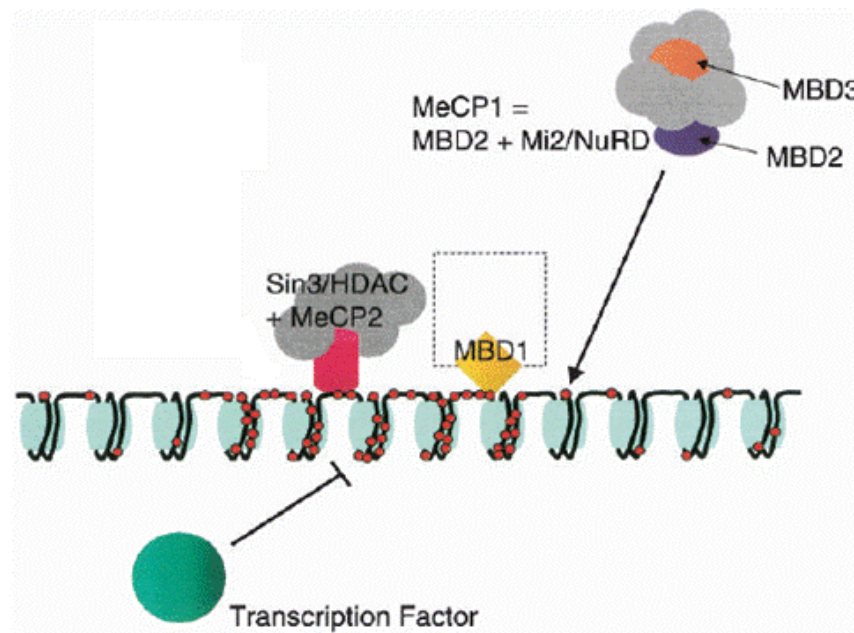


Figure 1.5. **Transcriptional repression by DNA methylation.** A stretch of nucleosomal DNA is shown with all CpGs methylated (red circles). Below the diagram is a transcription factor that is unable to bind its recognition site when it is methylated. The top of the diagram illustrates protein complexes that can be attracted by methylation, including the methyl-CpG binding protein MeCP2 (plus the Sin3A histone deacetylase complex), the MeCP1 complex comprising MBD2 plus the NuRD corepressor complex, and the uncharacterized MBD1 complex. MeCP2 and MBD1 are chromosome bound proteins, whereas MeCP1 may be less tightly bound (reviewed in (Bird, 2002). Figure was taken from Bird (Bird, 2002).

It is also worthy of mention that there are several lines of evidence supporting the notion that DNA methylation does not mediate silencing of active promoters but rather affects

genes with low transcriptional activity, suggesting that DNA methylation is a secondary event during the gene silencing process (Bird, 2002; Clark and Melki, 2002; Stirzaker et al., 2004; Turker, 2002). Examples of *de novo* methylation by DNMTs following gene inactivation include methylation of genes that are already silenced during X-inactivation, and hypermethylation of *GSTP1* CpG island promoter which is initiated by a combination of gene silencing and spreading of DNA methylation. This is consistent with a recent study looking for changes in methylation patterns upon differentiation proposing a “Use it or Lose it” model. According to this model, genes with low levels of transcriptional activity in a given cell type are likely to be locked in this state by DNA methylation (Meissner et al., 2008). This can be the result of changes in the balance of chromatin modifying enzymes (e.g. decreased H3K4 de-methylase activity) due to transcriptional silencing. It has been shown that DNA methylation is in inverse correlation with methylation of H3K4 (Meissner et al., 2008).

ii. *Inhibition of cryptic transcription initiation*

DNA methylation within coding regions has been confirmed by many recent studies (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Meissner et al., 2008; Rakyan et al., 2008; Rakyan et al., 2004; Weber et al., 2007). One potential role for intragenic methylation could be inhibition of cryptic transcription initiation outside gene promoters (Zilberman et al., 2007). It is possible that the transcription machinery itself disrupts chromatin structure and exposes cryptic initiation sites to be methylated (Carrozza et al., 2005).

iii. *Protection against mobile elements*

In mammalian genomes, most repetitive DNA sequences are found to be methylated (Rollins et al., 2006). Work in *Dnmt1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice supports the notion that methylation leads to silencing of repeats (Walsh et al., 1998), and hence to immobilization of mobile elements which is important to insure genomic integrity.

iv. *Maintenance of genome stability*

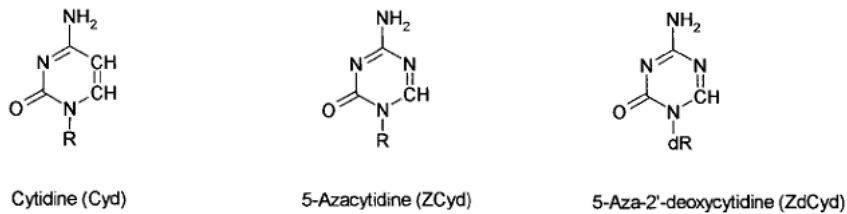
Several lines of evidence indicate that global hypomethylation can lead to increased genomic instability in mammalian cells. In human cell lines, deletion of DNMTs induces chromosomal abnormalities (Chen et al., 2007) and partial loss of DNMT3b is linked to the immunodeficiency (ICF) syndrome, which is characterised by chromosomal rearrangements in centromeric regions (Xu et al., 1999). Global hypomethylation in the gene bodies and repetitive elements is a well known characteristic of human cancer cells. This phenomenon has been linked to increased chromosomal instability and tumour progression (Eden et al., 2003), and it was also shown to precede copy number changes in gastrointestinal cancer (Suzuki et al., 2006).

### *1.3.5 DNA methylation inhibition assay*

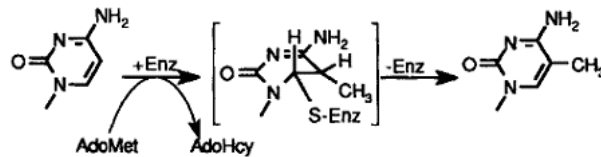
The correlation between loss and gain of DNA methylation, and activation and repression of transcription of the associated genes can be verified by the use of DNA methyltransferase inhibitors. One class of methylation inhibitors are nucleoside analogues which have a modified cytosine ring attached to either a ribose or deoxyribose moiety (Jones and Taylor, 1980) (figure 1.6a). These analogues can be metabolised into nucleotides, and hence incorporated into DNA and/or RNA (Li et al., 1970). Treatment of cultured cells with such analogues can lead to loss of DNMT activity, as the latter becomes irreversibly bound to the analogues, resulting in passive loss of DNA methylation (figure 1.6b). Two cytosine analogues, 5-Azacytidine (5-Aza-CR) and 5-Aza-2'-deoxycytidine (5-Aza-CdR) are commonly used in cell culture DNA methylation studies and they have been widely studied for cancer treatment (Christman, 2002; Yoo and Jones, 2006). Both 5-Aza-CR and 5-Aza-CdR were recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administrator (FDA) (with the clinical names Vidaza and Decitabine respectively) for treatment of myelodysplastic syndrome, a preleukemic disease (Gal-Yam et al., 2008; Kaminskas et al., 2005; Kantarjian et al., 2007).

Cells cultured in the presence of 5-Aza-CdR incorporate it into DNA during DNA replication which leads into the formation of stable covalent complexes between the DNA molecule and DNMTs (Santi et al., 1983). The modification at the C5 position prevents the release of the enzyme (figure 1.6.c). This prevents further methylation of the genome and results to progeny cells with reduced DNA methylation.

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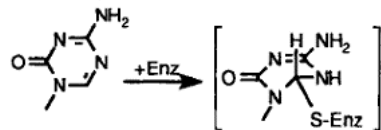


Figure 1.6. **DNA methylation inhibitors.** Cytidine analogues have a modified cytosine ring, preventing methylation. Part a. Structure of cytosine and its 5-aza analogues. R=ribose, dR=deoxyribose. Part b. Methylation of cytosine at the 5-carbon position. Part c. DNMTs bind irreversibly to cytosine analogues and block DNA methylation. Figure was taken from Christman (Christman, 2002).

### 1.3.6 Methodologies for detection of DNA methylation

Many methods of DNA methylation analysis have been developed over the years. DNA methylation detection approaches are based on one of three techniques: bisulphite conversion, digestion with methylation-sensitive restriction enzymes and affinity purification (reviewed in (Beck and Rakyan, 2008; Weber and Schubeler, 2007;

Zilberman and Henikoff, 2007). Bisulphite sequencing and the immunoprecipitation approach for capturing methylated DNA are introduced below and used extensively for the work described within this thesis.

#### 1.3.6.1 Bisulphite Sequencing

The gold standard approach for methylation analysis is 'bisulphite sequencing'. Bisulphite sequencing involves treating DNA with sodium bisulphite to convert unmethylated cytosines to uracils (figure 1.7). Converted DNA is subjected to PCR amplification using primer sets corresponding to the regions of interest. Primers are specific for converted DNA and do not contain CpG sites. The last step involves conventional DNA sequencing; unmethylated cytosines will be read as thymine, while methylated cytosines will be read as cytosine (Frommer et al., 1992) (figure 1.7).

Typically in tissue samples, because they contain a mixture of different cells, methylation levels for a specific CpG site appear to be heterogeneous. Hence, it is necessary to quantify the proportion of methylated CpG sites under investigation after bisulphite sequencing. An algorithm called ESME was developed as part of the Human Epigenome Project (HEP) (see below) and was applied to estimate methylation levels from signal ratios of the corresponding sequence traces (Lewin et al., 2004). It has been demonstrated that this method can detect differences in methylation rates of 20% highly accurately.

Recently bisulphite conversion has been adapted for large scale DNA methylation analysis. Meissner and colleagues have developed a bisulphite conversion-based method called reduced representation bisulphite sequencing (RRBS) (Meissner et al., 2005) which was successfully combined with next generation sequencing technology (Meissner et al., 2008). In a similar manner bisulphite converted DNA was subjected to deep sequencing using an Illumina Genetic Analyser (GA) for the analysis of the A.

*thaliana* methylome (methylC-seq) (Lister et al., 2008). Bisulphite conversion has also been combined with microarray platforms for large-scale methylation analysis (Adorjan et al., 2002; Gitan et al., 2002; Reinders et al., 2008).

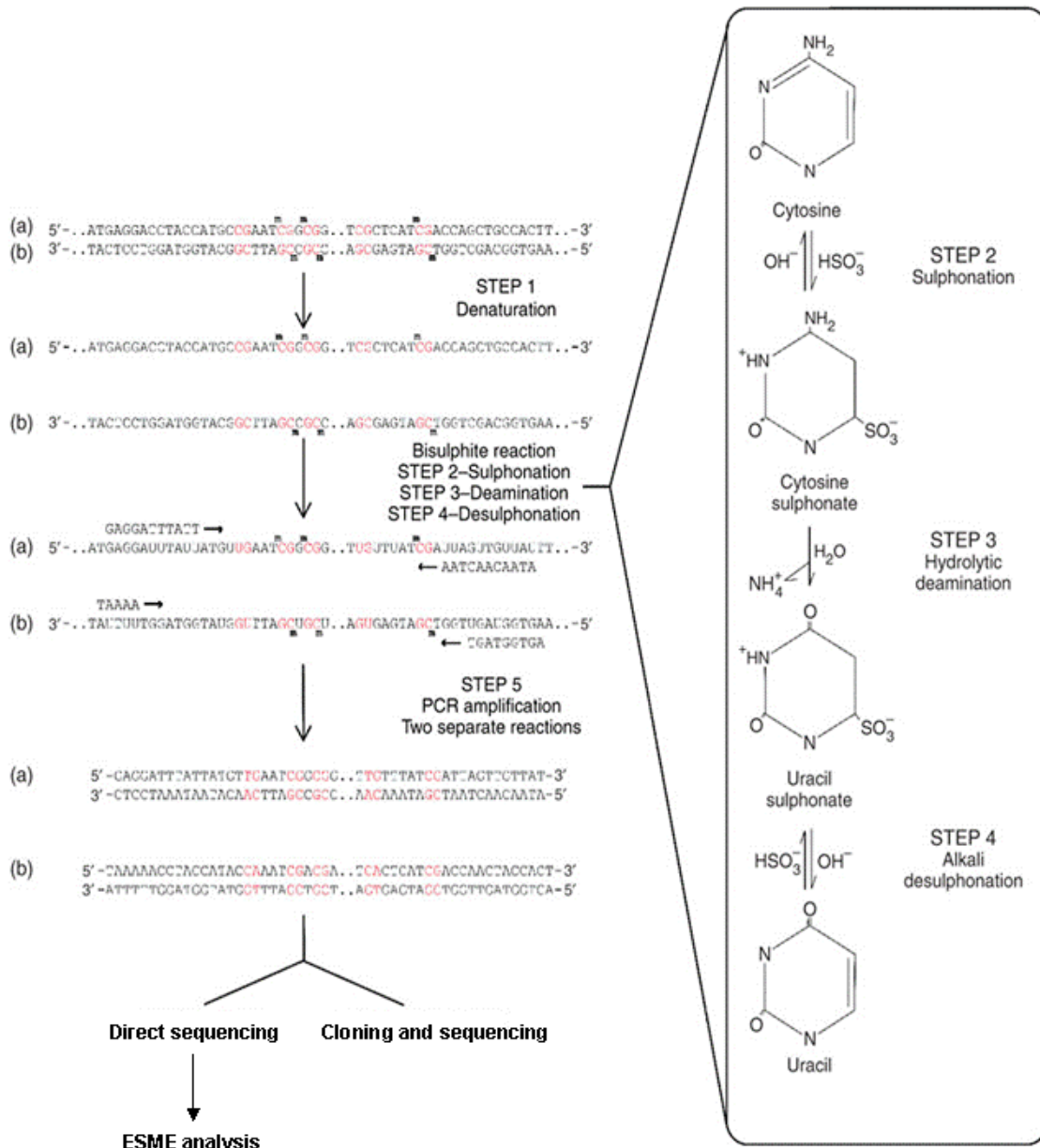


Figure 1.7. **Bisulphite conversion.** An example DNA sequence, 5' to 3' orientation, with the complementary plus (a) and minus (b) DNA strands is shown. The CpG sites are colored red and methylation of a CpG site is indicated by <sup>m</sup>CpG. After denaturation, the DNA is single stranded and each strand, a and b, can be amplified independently with strand-specific bisulphite-specific primers to determine

the methylation state of each strand. Example strand-specific and bisulphite-specific PCR primers are indicated above and below the DNA strands (in reality, primers are longer). In the forward primers, the cytosine bases are replaced by thymine bases and, in the reverse primers, the guanines (complementary base to cytosine) are replaced by adenine residues. Detailed design parameters of the bisulphite-specific PCR primers are given in section 2.2.3.1. After PCR amplification, methylation of the CpG sites in the target sequence can be determined by either direct PCR sequencing of the product or cloning and sequencing. Figure was taken (with some modifications) from Clark et al. (Clark et al., 2006).

### 1.3.6.2 Methylated DNA Immunoprecipitation – MeDIP

Methylated DNA Immunoprecipitation (MeDIP) has been developed recently (Keshet et al., 2006; Weber et al., 2005) and since then has been used extensively especially for large-scale methylation studies (see below). In the MeDIP assay, a monoclonal antibody against methylated cytosines is used to enrich methylated DNA fragments. In brief, genomic DNA is fragmented to an average size between 300 and 600 bp and denatured to generate single-stranded DNA fragments. Methylated single-stranded DNA fragments are immunoprecipitated after incubation with an antibody that has affinity for the methyl group of methylated cytosines (figure 1.8).

The immunoprecipitated DNA can be used for the analysis of the methylation status of a particular genomic region by employing specific primers. However, the importance of this technique is underlined by the fact that MeDIP can be easily adapted for large-scale or even genome-wide methylation analysis studies (figure 1.8). MeDIP has already been combined with microarray technologies to generate methylation profiles in cancer and normal tissue samples (Illingworth et al., 2008; Keshet et al., 2006; Mohn et al., 2008; Rakyan et al., 2008; Weber et al., 2005; Weber et al., 2007; Zhang et al., 2008; Zhang et al., 2006; Zilberman et al., 2007). Recently MeDIP was combined with next-generation sequencing technology leading to the first mammalian methylome (Down et al., 2008). Human sperm DNA was used for this purpose. Such advances in methylation profiling are promising great potential for future studies of DNA methylation in humans.



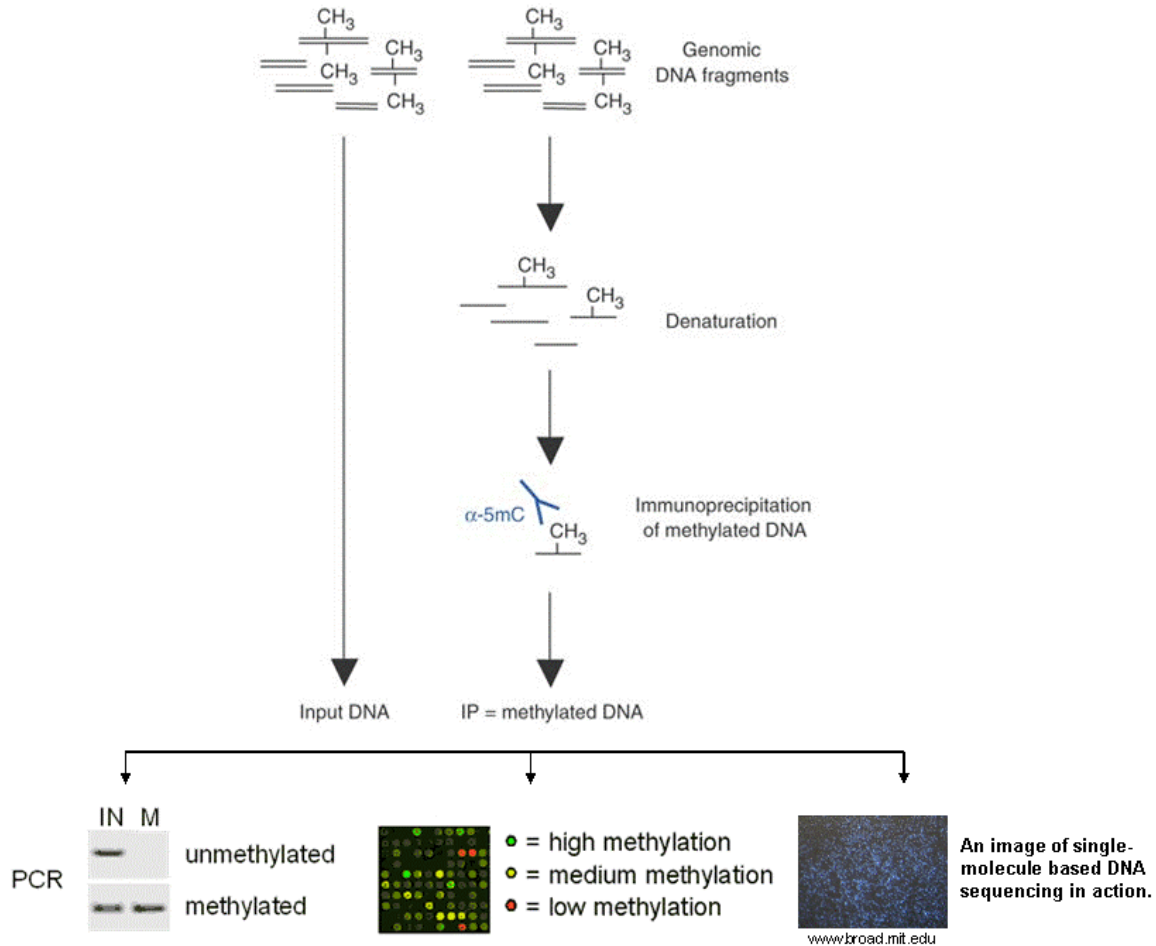


Figure 1.8. **Methylated DNA immunoprecipitation (MeDIP)**. Denatured genomic DNA of desired fragment length (generated by restriction or sonication) is incubated with an antibody directed against 5-methylcytosine (α-5mC), and methylated DNA is isolated by immunoprecipitation. Enrichment of target sequences in the methylated fraction can be quantified by standard DNA detection methods such as PCR, by comparing input (IN) to MeDIP (M) DNA, microarrays (MeDIP-chip) or by next generation sequencing technology (MeDIP-seq). Figure was adapted from Weber et al (Weber et al., 2005).

### 1.3.7 Epigenetic variation in humans

The diversity of human phenotypes is the result of genetic and epigenetic variation and the interaction of these two biological variables with the environment (Hoffmann and Willi, 2008; Jaenisch and Bird, 2003). Although a number of studies have focused on studying genetic variation (Beckmann et al., 2007), the scale and significance of epigenetic variation has only begun to be elucidated (Rakyan and Beck, 2006).

The need to consider epigenetic alongside genetic variation in the context of complex diseases, has been highlighted by: (i). the finding of disease discordance in monozygotic twin studies (especially those living in the same environment) and (ii). the confirmation that epigenetic factors play a decisive role in the aetiology of many of human diseases (Robertson, 2005). To this effect the first systematic effort for cataloguing epigenetic variation was launched in 1999 (Beck et al., 1999). The resulting Human Epigenome Project (HEP) aimed to identify methylation variable positions (MVPs), which are akin to SNPs, promising to advance the understanding and diagnosis of human diseases. Following HEP, recent advances in epigenome mapping (Beck and Rakan, 2008; Mendenhall and Bernstein, 2008) were beneficial in conducting large-scale comprehensive epigenetic studies looking for epigenetic variation. These studies are expected to have a high impact on our understanding, diagnosis and treatment of complex diseases in the next few years.

#### 1.3.7.1 Differentially Methylated Regions - DMRs

The most frequent and stable form of epigenetic variation is differential DNA methylation. Alterations to the temporal or spatial patterns of DNA methylation which are indicative of local changes in genome functionality can lead to the formation of differentially methylated regions (DMRs). DMRs can vary in size from a few to hundreds or thousands of base pairs and, based on context, can be associated with: (i). specific tissues or cell types (tissue specific DMRs – tDMRs) and (ii). specific phenotypes or disease conditions (phenotype specific DMRs – pDMRs).

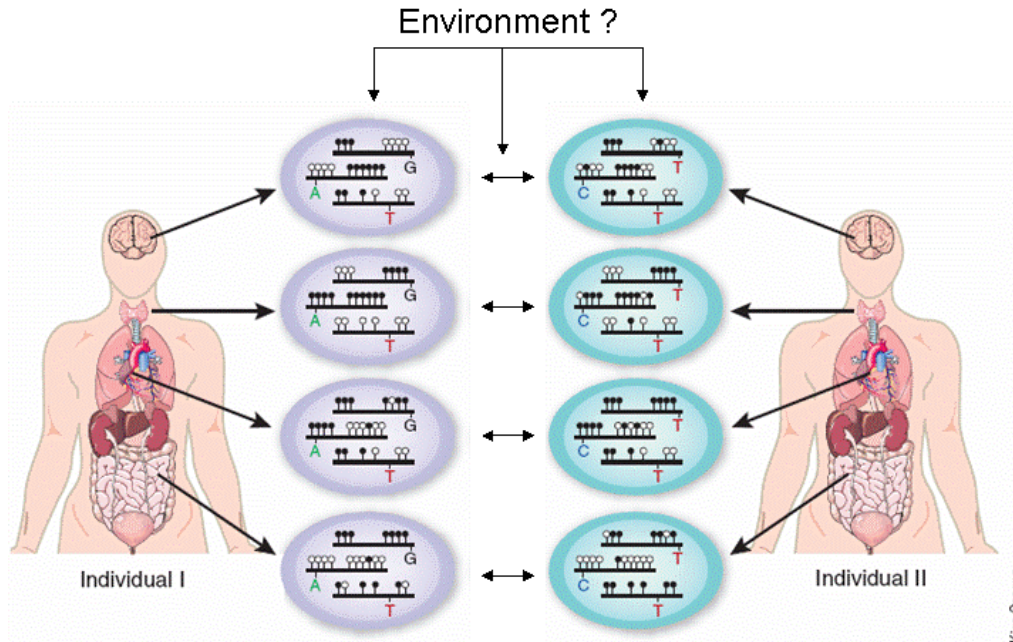


Figure 1.9. **DNA methylation heterogeneity among individuals and cell types.** Cell type-specific and tissue-specific DNA methylation are illustrated by organ-to-organ variations in the clusters of methylated CpGs within the same individual. Despite overall consistency in tissue-specific DNA methylation patterns, variations in these patterns exist among different individuals. Methylated CpGs are indicated by a filled circle and unmethylated CpGs by an open circle. SNPs are indicated by the corresponding base. The potential role of the environment in heterogeneous methylation patterns is also indicated. Figure was adapted from Brena et al. (Brena et al., 2006).

#### *i. Tissue specific DMRs - tDMRs*

tDMRs refer to methylation differences between different cell types with otherwise identical genetic material (figure 1.9). Several large scale DNA methylation studies have started to catalogue such tissue-specific methylation differences (tDMRs) (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Illingworth et al., 2008; Rakyan et al., 2008; Rakyan et al., 2004; Shiota, 2004; Weber et al., 2007). Identification of tDMRs at a genome-wide scale will eventually lead to a better understanding of the role of DNA methylation in setting up and maintaining tissue-specific expression patterns. Comparison of tDMRs within gene loci and gene expression profiles suggested that tDMRs are involved in regulating tissue-specific gene expression. Interestingly, the majority of tDMRs were not within the 5'UTRs of genes but

rather in exons and introns of functionally diverse genes whereas a significant proportion of them found to overlap with evolutionary conserved, non-protein coding regions (ECRs). The latter supports the notion that tDMRs may have a functional role beyond the mere control of transcription via promoter methylation.

One interesting question arising from the existence of tDMRs is the mechanism by which they occur. Large-scale analysis using pluripotent cells suggest that they may arise at early stages of development processes. Comprehensive DNA methylation studies using ES and lineage committed cells (Bibikova et al., 2006; Farthing et al., 2008; Meissner et al., 2008; Mohn et al., 2008) will give insights into whether epigenetic marks in early development have a primary role in determining tissue-specific expression patterns and hence tissue-specific identities.

ii. *Phenotype specific DMRs – pDMRs*

pDMRs reflect epigenetic variation within cell types from the same origin between different individuals (figure 1.9). Based on the source of this variability inter-individual DMRs can be divided into two classes:

1. DMRs that are driven by genetic variation. Variation in DNA methylation levels can be affected by genetic variation directly by the introduction or removal of CpG sites, or indirectly by the introduction of sequences (e.g. repeat elements or transposons) (Lippman et al., 2004) that affect methylation in *cis*. It has been shown that in Beckwith-Wiedeman syndrome (BWS) patients, specific haplotypes within the IGF2 locus have been associated with loss of methylation (Murrell et al., 2004), supporting the notion that the genotype can act synergistically with the epigenotype. This led to the introduction of the term 'hepitype' which combines the contribution of a haplotype and an epitype to a given phenotype (Murrell et al., 2005). This concept was further supported by a recent study reporting allele-specific DNA methylation (ASM) at 16 SNP-tagged loci distributed across various chromosomes (Kerkel et al., 2008). The authors of this paper introduced

the term 'epihaplotype', which is akin to 'hepitype' (Murrell et al., 2005), to describe sequence-dependent DNA methylation patterns. These findings can be useful for fine mapping and interpretation of non-coding RNAs and for their association with complex diseases.

2. DMRs that are generated by stochastic events independently of genetic variation. Such DMRs can arise due to errors during DNA replication. Stochastic events that lead to variation in DNA methylation patterns can occur in cell culture condition (*in vitro*) or *in vivo* during ageing. This is supported by a recent study reporting epigenetic differences between aging monozygotic twins (Fraga et al., 2005). However, as this study did not examine the same individuals serially over time, it is not clear if the methylation differences observed occurred over time or were present historically. A subsequent study found no age-related variation in DNA methylation, but again this study did not track the same individuals over time.(Eckhardt et al., 2006). Such DMRs can lead, in many cases, to cancer development (the single leading risk factor for cancer is age) and they may explain the adult onset of a number of complex, non-malignant diseases (Feinberg, 2004; Feinberg, 2008).

These stochastic events can be influenced by the environment. It has been reported that decreased grooming and nursing by rat mothers reduced DNA methylation at a glucocorticoid receptor gene promoter in the hippocampus of the offspring, resulting in increased stress response in later life (Weaver et al., 2004). This example demonstrates how environmental stimuli during childhood could affect phenotypic outcomes in later life through the epigenome. This might have great relevance to phenotypic differences observed between monozygotic twins growing up in different environments.

### 1.3.7.2 DMR identification goes global in the human genome

The first large scale study for DMR identification was launched in 1999 by Stephan Beck and colleagues (Beck et al., 1999). The Human Epigenome Project (HEP) aimed to generate methylation data for selected regions of the human genome in both normal and disease tissues by bisulphite sequencing (see above) using locus specific PCR primers. HEP has generated DNA methylation profiles for three human chromosomes (6, 20 and 22) in 12 different tissues revealing novel insights in tissue specificity of DNA methylation patterns (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Rakyan et al., 2004).

Since then, and as DMRs and epigenetic variability in general have been recognised as an important factor in determining genome functionality, other large-scale efforts have emerged aiming for systematic mapping of the human epigenome. Both bisulphite sequencing and MeDIP-technology (see above) have been adapted to be used with microarray and next-generation sequencing platforms. Application of MeDIP together with illumina GA platform led to the first human methylome (Down et al., 2008). Figure 1.10 summarises major landmarks from the launch of the HEP (1999) to the first human methylome (2008).

It is now clear that global DNA methylation profiling has come of age. Continuous efforts in comprehensive cataloguing of DMRs in multiple tissues and cell types as well as during differentiation and phenotype development will provide a broad basis for future studies aiming to understand how the (epi)genome functions in health and disease.

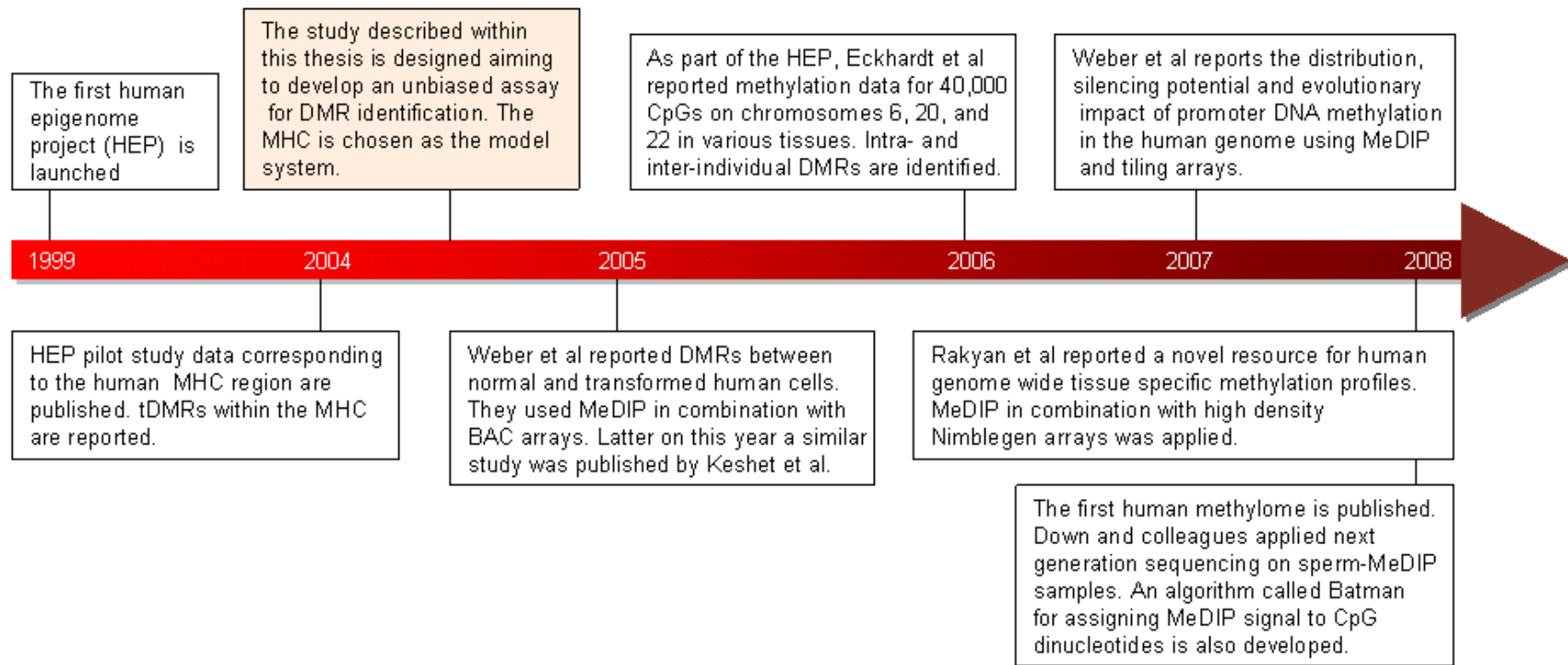


Figure 1.10. Selected landmarks in large-scale DNA methylation studies and DMR identification in the human genome.

## 1.4 Rationale of my thesis

The aim of this project was to identify and characterise differentially methylated regions (DMRs) that can contribute to phenotypic plasticity. This study was designed in April 2005. At that time the HEP pilot study had been published, reporting the existence of DMRs within the MHC region and Weber and colleagues had at this time developed MeDIP. MeDIP was used in combination with BAC arrays (100 kb resolution) for methylation profiling and, more specifically, for the identification of DMRs between normal and cancer samples (figure 1.10) (Weber et al., 2005).

In this context, I chose to use the MHC as a model system and develop a higher resolution array-based assay for the unbiased identification of DMRs. The assay involved MeDIP in combination with an MHC tiling array covering the whole MHC at 2kb resolution (chapter 3). This assay was used to perform two screens: (1). tDMR screen, looking for DMRs associated with specific tissues (chapter 4) aiming to give insights in the role of DNA methylation in tissue specific gene expression, and (2). pDMR screen, looking for DMRs associated with a particular phenotype (chapter 5) and aiming to elucidate the role of epigenetic variation in complex diseases. The phenotype I tested is the MHC class I down-regulation (MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype).

Both screens were successful, verifying further the implication of DMRs, and of epigenetic variation, in the regulation of MHC loci and hence in MHC-linked phenotypic plasticity.

In addition, I performed DNA methylation and gene expression analysis of genes that may be implicated in the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype and are encoded outside the MHC region (chapter 6). The findings of this analysis verify further the complexity of MHC-linked phenotypes.

Finally I discuss and summarise my findings (chapter 7) and discuss future directions for studies to elucidate complex diseases associated with the MHC region.



In summary the work described within this thesis supports the notion that epigenetic variation plays a decisive role in the development of normal and aberrant phenotypes and hence it should necessarily be considered, together with genetic variation, as an important factor when studying complex diseases.

## **Chapter 2**

### Materials & Methods

## 2.1 Materials

### 2.1.1 Reagents (listed in alphabetical order)

#### Antibodies

5-methylcytidine, purified (Eurogentec)

#### Chemicals

All chemicals used for this thesis were purchased from Sigma.

#### Enzymes

AmpliTaq Gold Polymerase (Applied Biosystems)

EcoRI (New England Biolabs)

Proteinase K (Roche)

Ribonuclease A (Sigma)

T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs)

T4 DNA polymerase (New England Biolabs)

#### Fluorophores

Cyanine 3-dCTP (Perkin Elmer)

Cyanine 5-dCTP (Perkin Elmer)

#### Primer Pairs

All primers were purchased from Sigma. List and sequences of primer pairs are provided in Appendix table 2.1. The table section numbers are referenced in the relevant sections of this thesis.

#### Other Reagents

Big Dye (Applied Biosystems)

dNTP set - 100mM each (GE Healthcare)

Dynalbeads M-280 Sheep-anti mouse IgG (DynaLBiotech)

Human Cot1 DNA (Invitrogen)

Human Genomic DNA (Roche)

SYBR Green MasterMix Plus (Eurogentec)

Yeast tRNA (Invitrogen)

### 2.1.2 Commercial kits

BD Advantage–GC Genomic PCR BD (Biosciences)

DNeasy Tissue Kit (QIAGEN)

Expand Kit (Roche Diagnostics)

EZ-meth Kit (Genetix)

PCR purification Kit (QIAGEN)

RNeasy Mini Kit (QIAGEN)

TOPO TA cloning kit (Invitrogen)

Transcriptor First Strand cDNA synthesis Kit (Roche)

Zymo DNA clean up concentrator-5 (Genetix)

### 2.1.3 Solutions & Buffers (listed in alphabetical order)

Note: HPLC water was used to prepare solutions & buffers

10mM dNTP                    10mM each dNTP (dCTP, dATP, dGTP, dTTP)

(mix for PCR)

10 x dNTP                    0.5mM dCTP

(mix for DNA labelling) 2mM each of dGTP, dTTP and dATP

2 x IP buffer                    20mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0)

280mM NaCl

0.1% Triton X-100

EcoRI buffer                    New England Biolabs

GTE buffer                    20% Glucose

1M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0

	0.1M EDTA
<u>Hybridization buffer</u>	2 x SSC
	50% deionised formamide
	10 mM Tris-Cl (pH 7.4)
	5% dextran sulphate
	0.1% Tween-20
<u>Proteinase K buffer</u>	10mM Tris-Cl (pH 7.8)
	5mM EDTA
	0.5% SDS
<u>Wash solution 1</u>	2 x SSC
	0.03% SDS
<u>Wash solution 2</u>	0.2 x SSC
<u>Wash solution 3</u>	1 x PBS
	0.05% Tween 20 (Sigma)
<u>Precipitation Mix</u>	100ml 96% ethanol
	200 $\mu$ l 3M sodium acetate
	400 $\mu$ l 0.1mM EDTA
<u>Sequencing Reaction Buffer (x4)</u>	
	0.32M Tris Base pH 9.0
	0.006M MgCl <sub>2</sub>
	9.9% Tetramethylene Sulfone (Sigma)
	0.18% Tween-20 (Sigma)
	5.9% glycerol
	1.0% formamide
<u>1x Restriction Enzyme Buffer 2</u>	New England Biolabs

50 mM NaCl  
10 mM Tris-HCl  
10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>  
1 mM Dithiothreitol  
pH 7.9 at 25°C

25mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> Applied Biosystems  
10 x PCR Gold buffer Applied Biosystems  
100 x BSA New England Biolabs

Phosphate Buffer Saline (PBS) pH 7.4

137mM NaCl  
2.7mM KCl  
10mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>  
2mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>

10 x Tris-borate EDTA electrophoresis buffer (TBE) pH 8.3

0.9M Tris-borate  
20mM EDTA

10 x TE (Tris-EDTA) buffer pH: 8.0

100mM Tris-Cl  
10mM EDTA

LB medium

10 mg/ml Bacto-tryptone  
5 mg/ml yeast extract  
10 mg/ml NaCl  
pH 7.4

LB plates

LB medium  
15 g/l agar

## 75 µg/ml Ampicillin

*2.1.4 DNA used for tDMR screen – chapter 4*

Human DNA samples from healthy individuals were obtained from AMS Biotechnology (Oxon, UK), Analytical Biological Services (Wilmington DE, USA) and from the MHC Haplotype Project (Turner et al., 2008). Samples included DNA extracted from two tissues (liver and placenta) and two cell types (CD8<sup>+</sup> lymphocytes and sperm). Additional information on those samples is summarized in Table 2.1.

Donor Information						
Index	Tissue	Replicate	Age (yrs)	Sex	Ethnicity	Supplier
1	Liver	1	37	M	Caucasian	ABS, Wilmington, DE, USA
2	Liver	2	29	M	Caucasian	BCI, Haywatd, CA, USA
3	Placenta	1	29 (mother)	F	Caucasian	ABS, Wilmington, DE, USA
4	Placenta	2	31 (mother)	F	Caucasian	ABS, Wilmington, DE, USA
5	Sperm	1	20-49	M	Caucasian	MHC Haplotype Project (Turner et al., 2008)
6	Sperm	2	20-49	M	Caucasian	MHC Haplotype Project (Turner et al., 2008)
7	T-cells CD8 <sup>+</sup>	1	41	M	Caucasian	ABS, Wilmington, DE, USA
8	T-cells CD8 <sup>+</sup>	2	27	F	African American	ABS, Wilmington, DE, USA

Table 2.1. **Tissues and cell types used in this study.**

ABS: Analytical Biological Services

BCI: BioChain Institute

*2.1.5 Cell Lines used for pDMR screen – chapter 5*

Cancer cell lines K562, MCF7, 578T, H69, CCRF-CEM, Colo-205, MDA-MB-231, MDA-MB-361 and T47D were provided by the Cancer Genome Project (Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute). The EBV-transformed B-lymphoblastoid cell lines GM10851 and GM15510 were provided by Nigel Carter (The Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute).

### 2.1.6 Cell Culture Media and Reagents

#### Cell Culture Media

All media listed in table 2.2 apart from Iscoves Modified DM were purchased from Invitrogen. Iscoves Modified DM was purchased from LGC Promochem.

#### Cell Culture Reagents

Insulin solution from bovine pancreas (Sigma-Aldrich)

5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine (Sigma-Aldrich)

Foetal Bovine Serum - FBS (Invitrogen)

Penicillin/Streptomycin (Invitrogen)

Dimethyl Sulphoxide - DMSO (Sigma-Aldrich)

Non-essential amino acids (Invitrogen)

D-(+)-Glucose Solution (Sigma-Aldrich)

Sodium bicarbonate (Sigma-Aldrich)

Trypsin/EDTA solution (Invitrogen)

### 2.1.7 Bacterial Clones

Recombinant pUC plasmid clones were used for the construction of the MHC array (section 2.2.7). These clones were generated at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute as part of the HapMap project (The International HapMap Project, 2003). In total 1662 clones were selected. These clones cover the entire MHC (approximately 4Mb). Clones corresponding to gaps and controls were generated as described in section 2.2.7.2. Clone names and genome coordinates of their respective inserts can be found in appendix table 2.2.



*2.1.8 Key World Wide Web addresses*

<b>Website</b>	<b>Address</b>
Ensembl	<a href="http://www.ensembl.org/index.html">http://www.ensembl.org/index.html</a>
GNF - Atlas of Gene Expression	<a href="http://expression.gnf.org/cgi-bin/index.cgi">http://expression.gnf.org/cgi-bin/index.cgi</a>
HUGO gene nomenclature	<a href="http://www.genenames.org/index.html">http://www.genenames.org/index.html</a>
Primer3	<a href="http://frodo.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/primer3/primer3_www.cgi">http://frodo.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/primer3/primer3_www.cgi</a>
Reverse Complement	<a href="http://www.bioinformatics.org/sms/rev_comp.html">http://www.bioinformatics.org/sms/rev_comp.html</a>
The Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute	<a href="http://www.sanger.ac.uk">http://www.sanger.ac.uk</a>
UCSC genome browser	<a href="http://genome.ucsc.edu/">http://genome.ucsc.edu/</a>
Vega	<a href="http://vega.sanger.ac.uk/index.html">http://vega.sanger.ac.uk/index.html</a>
zPicture	<a href="http://zpicture.dcode.org/">http://zpicture.dcode.org/</a>

## 2.2 Methods

### 2.2.1 Tissue Culture

#### 2.2.1.1 Culturing of Cell Lines

All cell lines were cultured in media with 10% foetal bovine serum and 1% penicillin-streptomycin solution. Table 2.2 provides the information about the media and supplements used for each cell line. All cell lines had the media changed every two days.

Cell Lines	Media	Supplements	Growth Properties
K562	Iscove's Modified DM		suspension
MCF7	Eagle's MEM	0.01mg/ml bovine insulin 0.1 x non essential amino acids	adherent
T47D	RPMI-1640	0.01mg/ml bovine insulin 2mM L-glutamine 1.5 g/L sodium bicarbonate 4.5 g/L glucose 10 mM HEPES 1.0 mM sodium puruvate	adherent
578T	DMEM	0.01mg/ml bovine insulin	adherent
Colo 205	RPMI-1640		mixed
CCRF-CEM	RPMI-1640	2mM L-glutamine 1.5 g/L sodium bicarbonate 4.5 g/L glucose 10 mM HEPES 1.0 mM sodium puruvate	suspension
MDA-MB-231	Leibovitz's L-15		adherent
MDA-MB-361	Leibovitz's L-15		loosely adherent
H69	RPMI-1640	2mM L-glutamine	suspension
GM10851	RPMI-1640	10 mM HEPES	suspension
GM15510	RPMI-1640	10 mM HEPES	suspension

Table 2.2 **List of all cell lines used.** Note: All cell lines were grown under 5% CO<sub>2</sub> at 37°C in flasks with vented caps (Corning). Only exceptions were MDA-MB-231 and MDA-MB-361 which were cultured in 100% air and in flasks with plug seal caps (Corning).

Once cell growth was confluent, the following steps were taken:

#### Adherent Cell Lines

1. Culture medium was removed using sterile 2ml aspirating pipette attached to vacuum trap.
2. Monolayer of cells was washed with PBS

3. Cells were trypsinised using trypsin/EDTA solution. Flask was placed in 37°C incubator for 5 min. Equal volume of 10% FBS medium was added to inactivate trypsin.
4. Cells were transferred into 50 ml Falcon tubes and harvested at 1700 rpm for 5 min.
5. Cell pellet was washed once with PBS.
6. Cells were counted with a haemocytometer with a 0.1 mm sample depth under a light microscope (Olympus).
7. Cell pellet was suspended in medium and moved to a bigger flask, split into more flasks, cryo-preserved or used for DNA/RNA extractions as described later in this chapter.

#### Suspension Cell Lines

A similar procedure, as for adherent cell lines, was followed but excluding steps 2 and 3.

##### 2.2.1.2 Cell cryo-preservation

Cell pellet was resuspended to  $10^6 - 10^7$  cells/ml in 10% (v/v) DMSO in 10% FCS culture medium, and transferred into polypropylene cryo-tubes. Cryo-tubes were placed in a freezing vessel primed with 250 ml Isopropanol and stored at -70°C overnight. Finally cryo-tubes were transferred to the gas phase of a liquid nitrogen vessel (-180°C) for permanent storage.

##### 2.2.1.3 5-Aza-2'-Deoxycytidine Treatment

Cell lines MCF7 and 578T were treated with 5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine as described below. 5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine was always added fresh to the media.

### MCF7 cells

1 x 10<sup>5</sup> MCF7 cells were plated into a 100mm dish (Corning) and, 24h later (day 1), they were treated with 0, 0.8, 2.4, 4.8 and 9.6 μM 5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine (Sigma-Aldrich). The culture was then replenished with fresh drug-containing medium every 48h. DNA and RNA were isolated from the drug treated culture on day 6 as described in sections 2.2.1.4 and 2.2.1.5

### 578T cells

4 x 10<sup>5</sup> MCF7 cells were plated into a 100mm dish (Corning) and, 24h later (day 1), they were treated with 0, 4 and 8 μM 5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine (Sigma-Aldrich). The culture was then replenished with fresh drug-containing medium every 48h. DNA and RNA were isolated from the drug treated culture on day 6 as described in sections 2.2.1.4 and 2.2.1.5

#### 2.2.1.4 DNA extraction and manipulation

Total genomic DNA was extracted from all cell lines listed in table 2.2. DNA extraction was performed using the DNeasy Tissue Kit in accordance with the manufacturer's protocol. Approximately 5x10<sup>6</sup> cells were used for each DNA extraction. The concentration of the DNA was determined using a Nanodrop (using 1 OD<sub>260</sub>=50μg ds DNA).

The integrity of DNA was confirmed by visualization on 1.5% agarose gels using ethidium bromide staining.

#### 2.2.1.5 RNA manipulation

All reagents for RNA work were prepared with Diethylene Pyrocarbonate (DEPC) treated water. Bench surfaces and lab ware were cleaned before use with RNAseZap (Ambion).

#### 2.2.1.5.1 RNA extraction

Total RNA was prepared from all cell lines listed in table 2.2 using the RNeasy Mini kit in accordance with the manufacturer's protocol. RNA was eluted with 35  $\mu$ l of DECP-treated water.

The integrity of the RNA was confirmed by visualization on 1.5% agarose gels using ethidium bromide staining. The concentration of RNA was determined by using a Nanodrop (using 1 OD<sub>260</sub> = 40 $\mu$ g RNA).  $A_{260}/A_{280}$  ratios were also calculated for each sample. Samples with ratios smaller than 1.7 or greater than 2.1 were discarded.

#### 2.2.1.5.2 cDNA synthesis

cDNA was synthesised from total RNA (1 $\mu$ g) using Transcriptor First Strand cDNA synthesis Kit. Anchored-oligo(dT)<sub>18</sub> primers were used to prime the cDNA synthesis. The synthesis was completed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The resulting cDNA was diluted to 10ng/ $\mu$ l and was stored at -20°C.

#### 2.2.2 Methylated DNA Immunoprecipitation (MeDIP)

MeDIP was done essentially as described before (Keshet et al., 2006; Weber et al., 2005) with some modifications as described below.

##### 2.2.2.1 Sonication of genomic DNA

10 $\mu$ g of genomic DNA resuspended in 100 $\mu$ l of water, was randomly sheared to fragments of 300 to 1000 bp using a Virtis sonicator on full power. DNA was sonicated twice for 75 sec with 1 min incubation on ice in between.

The size of fragments was confirmed by visualization on 1.5% agarose gels stained with ethidium bromide (section 3.3.1).

2.2.2.2 Immunoprecipitation - pDMR screen (chapter 5).

1. 4 µg of sheared genomic DNA resuspended in 240 µl of water were denatured for 10 min at 95-100°C and then placed on ice for 5 min.
2. 250 µl of 2 X IP buffer and 10 µl of 5MeC-mAb (10µg) were added to the DNA sample and incubated at 4°C with slow rotation for 2 hours.
3. 30 µl of Dynabeads were washed twice with 700 µl of 1 X IP buffer.
4. Dynabeads were magnetically captured using a magnetic rack.
5. DNA-5MeC-Ab sample was added to the pre-washed beads and incubated at 4°C with slow rotation for two hours.
6. Dynabeads were magnetically captured and washed three times with 700µl of 1 x IP buffer.
7. Dynabeads were resuspended in 200 µl of Proteinase K buffer and 2 µl of proteinase K was added to the solution.
8. Solution was incubated at 50°C for 2 hours with rotation in a hybridization oven.
9. Dynabeads were magnetically captured and sample was removed using a P200 gilson pipette.
10. 700 µl of binding buffer (Zymo kit) was added to the sample.
11. Sample was applied to a filter column (Zymo kit) and centrifuged for 10 sec at maximum speed.
12. Filter columns were washed twice with wash buffer (Zymo kit)
13. Immunoprecipitated DNA was eluted twice with 15 µl water (1 min incubation at room temperature prior to centrifugation).
14. The DNA concentration was determined with a NanoDrop (using 1 OD<sub>260</sub> = 33µg ssDNA)

### 2.2.2.3 Immunoprecipitation - tDMR screen (chapter 4).

For this screen (due to restricted DNA availability) MeDIP and input DNA was amplified by ligation-mediated PCR (LM-PCR) (Oberley et al., 2004) following the procedure below:

1. 2.5 µg sheared DNA was incubated with 1 X buffer 2, 10 X BSA, 1.2µl dNTP mix (10mM each), 3 Units of T4 DNA polymerase and distilled water to a final volume of 120µl for 20 minutes at 12°C.
2. The reaction was cleaned up using a Zymo-5 kit according to the manufacturer's instructions but the final elution was done in 30µl of TE buffer pH 8.5.
3. The adaptors JW102 (5'-gcggtgacccgggagatctgaattc-3') and JW103 (5'-gaattcagatc-3') were ligated to the cleaned-up DNA by incubation overnight at 16°C in a reaction containing 40 µl adaptor mix (50µM each), 6 µl T4 DNA ligase 10 X buffer, 5 µl T4 DNA ligase (400U/µl) and distilled water to a final volume of 100µl.
4. DNA was cleaned up as described above.
5. To fill in the overhangs, the sample DNA was incubated at 72°C for 10 min with 1µl dNTP mix (10mM each), 5µl 10 X AmpliTaq Gold PCR buffer, 3µl MgCl<sub>2</sub> (25mM), 5U AmpliTaq Polymerase and distilled water to a final volume of 50µl.
6. DNA was cleaned up as described above.
7. 50 ng of the ligated DNA sample was set aside as the input fraction.
8. 1.2 µg of the ligated DNA sample was denatured for 10 min at 100°C and then placed on ice for 5 min.
9. Immunoprecipitation was performed in 1 X IP buffer and 3 µl of 5-MeC-mAb with incubation at 4°C with slow rotation for 2 hours.
10. 10 µl Dynabeads (6.7 x 10<sup>8</sup> beads/ml) were washed in 1 X IP buffer according to the manufacturer's instructions and, added to the DNA-antibody mixture and then incubated at 4°C with slow rotation for 2 hours.

11. The Dynabead-Ab-DNA mixture was washed three times with 500  $\mu$ l IP buffer and finally resuspended in 100  $\mu$ l of Proteinase K buffer.
12. 1 $\mu$ l of proteinase K (50 U/ml) was added and incubated at 50°C for 2 hours with rotation.
13. The sample was cleaned up using a Zymo kit-5 (using 700  $\mu$ l binding buffer).
14. The DNA concentration was determined with a NanoDrop (using 1 OD<sub>260</sub> = 33 $\mu$ g ssDNA) and diluted to 1 ng/ $\mu$ l.
15. Two separate LM-PCRs were performed for IP and input fraction respectively. LM-PCR was performed in a final volume of 50 $\mu$ l containing 10  $\mu$ l distilled water, 10  $\mu$ l Advantage-GC buffer, 10  $\mu$ l GC- melt, 3.1  $\mu$ l 25 mM Mg(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 5  $\mu$ l JW-102 primer (10  $\mu$ M), 1.4  $\mu$ l dNTPs, 1  $\mu$ l Advantage-GC polymerase and 10  $\mu$ l DNA (1ng/ $\mu$ l). Reaction conditions were as follows: 1 cycle at 95°C for 2 min for initial denaturation, 20 cycles at 94°C for 30 sec, 68°C for 3 min and 1 cycle at 68°C for 10 min.
16. After LM-PCR, the reactions were cleaned up using a QIAquick PCR Purification kit and eluted with 50 $\mu$ l of water (pre-heated to 50°C).

### *2.2.3 Bisulphite Sequencing*

#### 2.2.3.1 Primer Design

1. Primers were designed to complement bisulphite treated DNA
2. Primers were designed using primer 3 (Rozen and Skaletsky, 2000)
3. Primers were designed to be 22 bp long (where possible), to have about 30-40% GC content and a melting temperature around 58°C. All primers were designed to contain at least two C to U transitions as a marker of successful bisulphite treatment and to exclude CpG sites, where methylation can vary. Primer sets were further designed to yield amplicons of 300 to 400 bp in size.

The complete list of all primer pair sequences is provided in appendix table 2.1.

#### 2.2.3.2 Bisulphite treatment



Genomic DNA (500 ng) was subjected to sodium bisulphite conversion using the EZ DNA methylation Kit according to the manufacturer's instructions. Elution step was performed with 20  $\mu$ l elution buffer. The basis of bisulphite treatment is described in chapter 1 (section 1.3.6.1).

#### 2.2.3.3 PCR amplification of bisulphite treated DNA

20 ng of bisulphite converted DNA was used for each PCR. Reactions (25  $\mu$ l) were set up in 96-well plates (Applied Biosystems) and contained 17.5  $\mu$ l water, 1 x AmpliTaq Gold buffer, 2  $\mu$ l primer mix (10 mM each), 2mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5  $\mu$ l dNTP mix (10 mM each) and 1U of AmpliTaq Gold. The thermal cycling conditions were as follows:

- i. 95°C for 5 min
- ii. 94°C for 30 sec
- iii. 57°C for 1 min
- iv. 72°C for 1 min
- v. steps ii to iv were repeated 40 times
- vi. 72°C for 5 min

PCR products were confirmed by visualization on 1.5% agarose gels using ethidium bromide staining. PCR products were cleaned up using Millipore PCR filter plates as follows. After adding 40  $\mu$ l of water to the PCR reactions, they were loaded into the filter plate. Plate was placed on a vacuum manifold (10 mmHg for 12 min). Subsequently, 25  $\mu$ l of water were loaded on the filter plate. After vortexing the plate for 10 min, purified PCR products were retrieved by aspiration.

#### 2.2.3.4 Sequencing

Cleaned PCR fragments were sequenced from both ends using the dideoxy chain terminator method (Sanger et al., 1977), with V3.1 Bigdye terminator chemistry.

Sequencing reactions (10  $\mu$ l) were set up in 96 well plates and contained 0.5  $\mu$ l Big Dye, 2  $\mu$ l sequencing reaction buffer, 3  $\mu$ l primer (3 $\mu$ M), 4 $\mu$ l of cleaned PCR product (section 2.2.3.3) and 2.5  $\mu$ l water. Thermal cycling conditions were as follows: 1min at 96°C and 45 cycles at 96°C for 10 sec; 50°C for 10 sec; 60°C for 2 min.

Sequencing clean up was performed as follows:

1. 10 $\mu$ l water was added to the samples (total 20  $\mu$ l).
2. 50  $\mu$ l of precipitation mix was added, plate was sealed and agitated briefly
3. Plate was centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 20 min at 4°C.
4. Supernatant was tipped off and plate was drained by placing it upside down on tissue paper.
5. 100  $\mu$ l of chilled 70% ethanol was added to each well.
6. Plate was centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 3 min at 4°C.
7. Steps 4-6 were repeated.
8. Plate was centrifuged upside down on a tissue at 250 rpm for 1 min.
9. Plate was left unsealed in the dark for an hour to evaporate any residual ethanol.
10. Plate was given to the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute sequencing facilities.

Sequencing reactions were analyzed on 3730 ABI sequencing machines (Applied Biosystems, USA).

#### 2.2.3.5 ESME analysis

Quantitative methylation rates were estimated from bisulphite sequence traces using the ESME software (Lewin et al., 2004). ESME estimates, at any given CpG site, the average methylation level from all the copies of DNA amplicons generated during PCR and is therefore, compared to sub-cloning, a more accurate representation of

methylation levels. ESME calculates quantitative methylation values from signal proportions represented by different dyes in four-dye sequence trace files after correcting for imbalanced and over-scaled signals, incomplete bisulphite conversion, quality problems and base-call artefacts. ESME is useful for estimating methylation levels in samples with heterogeneous methylation levels (e.g. human tissues) and it has been used extensively by the HEP (see also section 1.3.6.1) (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Rakyan et al., 2004).

#### *2.2.4 Quantitative real-time PCR*

##### 2.2.4.1 Primer Design

Primer pairs for all qRT-PCR assays were designed with Primer 3. The amplicons generated by these primers were 100 to 200 bp long. Primer pairs used for expression studies were designed for regions across intron-exon boundaries to avoid false positives arising from amplification of contaminating genomic DNA. The complete list of primer sequences is provided in appendix table 2.1.

##### 2.2.4.2 qRT-PCR amplification

qRT-PCR was performed using an ABI Prism 7300 Sequence Detection System, using Optical MicroAmp 96-well plates and optical adhesive covers (Applied Biosystems). For each qRT-PCR reaction (total volume of 13.5  $\mu$ l), 6.5  $\mu$ l SYBR Green PCR master mix and 2.5  $\mu$ l primer mix (1.5  $\mu$ M each.) were used. 15 ng of cDNA and 30 ng of DNA were used for expression and MeDIP validation assays respectively.

Reaction conditions were as follows: 1 cycle at 50°C for 2 minutes, 1 cycle at 95°C for 10 minutes, 40 cycles at 95°C for 15 sec and at 60°C for 1 minute. Reactions were done in triplicates.

##### 2.2.4.3 qRT-PCR assay data analysis

The efficiency, reproducibility and dynamic range of the assay was determined by constructing a standard curve using serial dilutions of a known template every time a new primer pair was used. Primer pairs were used only if efficiency of the assay was 90 to 100%, the slope of the curve around 3.0 and the Ct values for all technical replicates were similar. The presence of non-specific products was identified by constructing melting curves for each primer pair at 0.1°C intervals between 60°C and 95°C.

#### MeDIP validation assay

To evaluate the relative enrichment of target sequences after MeDIP, the  $C_t$  of the MeDIP fraction was normalized (for each sequence tested) to the  $C_t$  of the input ( $\Delta C_t$ ). Subsequently I normalised the  $\Delta C_t$  of each target sequence to the  $\Delta C_t$  of an unmethylated control sequence ( $\Delta\Delta C_t$ ). Finally I calculated the enrichment as follows:

$$E = 2^{-\Delta\Delta C_t}$$

#### Expression assay

Gene expression in the cancer cell lines used in this study was determined in relation to a reference gene. As reference, the *ubiquitin C* gene (*UBC*) was used. (Vandesompele et al., 2002). Additional housekeeping genes (*RPL13A* and *GAPDH1*) were also tested and based on validation experiments *UBC* was assessed to be an adequate representative (figure 2.1). The EBV-transformed cell lines GM10851 and GM15510 were used as controls for normal *UBC* expression.

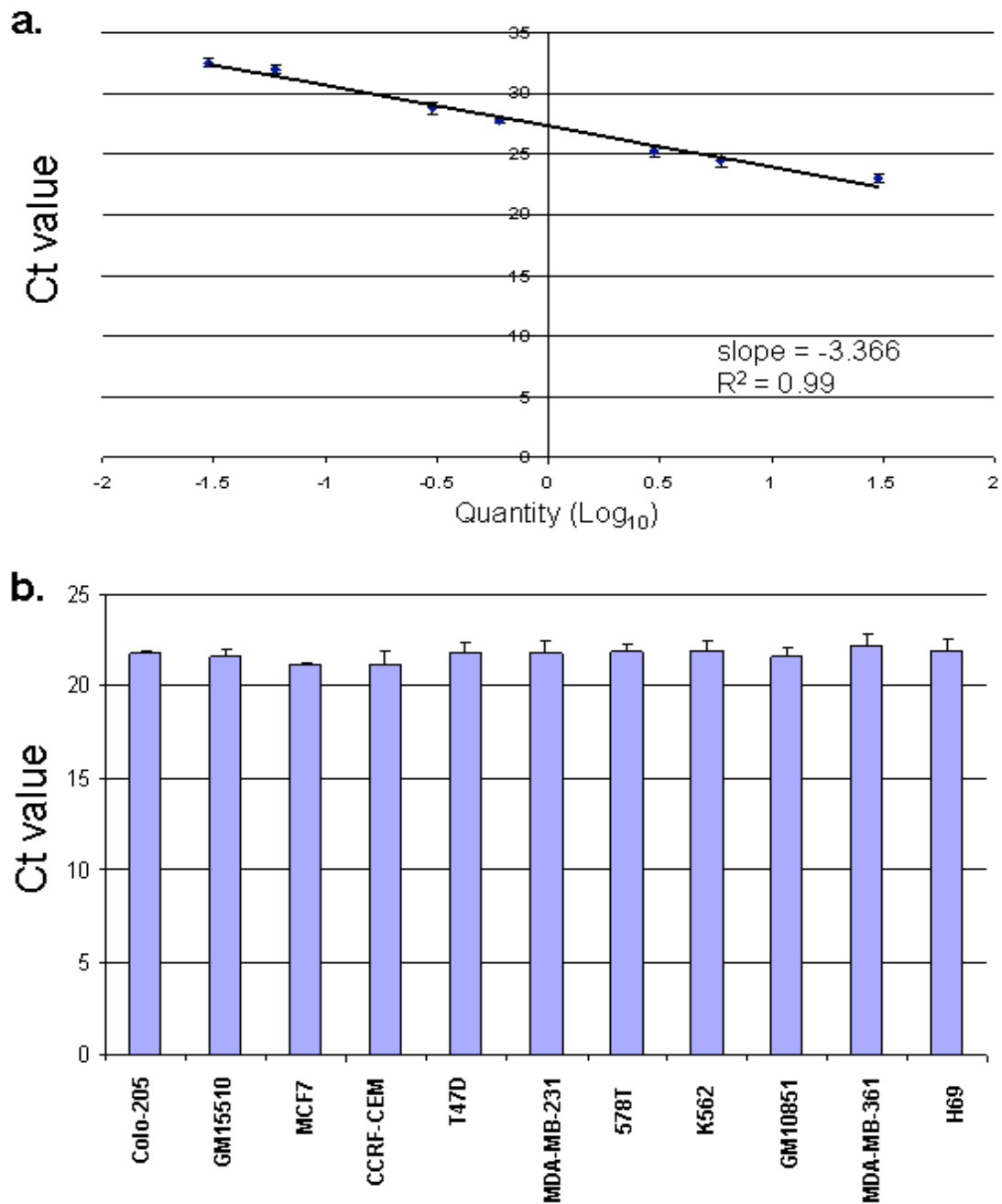


Figure 2.1 **Validation of UBC primers.** a). UBC detection by RT-PCR. UBC was detected by serial dilutions of human genomic DNA. The figure shows a standard curve generated from the real time amplification plot. Figure shows the average of three independent experiments. The efficiency of the reaction was 99% ( $R^2=0.99$ ) b). UBC detection in various cell lines. UBC detection by RT-PCR was performed on 15ng cDNA originated by the 11 cell lines tested for the pDMR screen (chapter 5). In all cases UBC detected within the same range of PCR cycles (Ct value close to 22 in all cases). Figure shows the average of three independent experiments for each cell line.

The relative difference in expression level of a target gene in cancer cell lines (test sample) compared to the EBV-transformed cell lines (controls) was determined as follows:

First the  $C_T$  of the target gene was normalized to the  $C_T$  of the reference gene for both test sample and control sample as follows:

$$\Delta C_{T(\text{test})} = C_{T(\text{target, test})} - C_{T(\text{ref, test})}$$

$$\Delta C_{T(\text{control})} = C_{T(\text{target, control})} - C_{T(\text{ref, control})}$$

Second, the  $\Delta C_T$  of the test sample was normalised to the  $\Delta C_T$  of the control as follows:

$$\Delta\Delta C_T = \Delta C_{T(\text{test})} - \Delta C_{T(\text{control})}$$

Finally the expression ratio was calculated as follows:

$$2^{-\Delta\Delta C_T} = \text{Normalised expression ratio}$$

### 2.2.5 Bacterial Cloning

Cloning of PCR fragments was performed using the TOPO TA Cloning Kit following the manufacture's protocol. Briefly, 1 $\mu$ l of PCR product was added to a mixture containing 4 $\mu$ l water, 1 $\mu$ l salt solution (1.2 M NaCl, 0.06 M MgCl<sub>2</sub>) and 0.083 $\mu$ l TOPO vector. After 30 min incubation at room temperature 25 $\mu$ l of TOPO chemically competent cells were added to the mixture. Cells were heat-shocked for 45 sec at 42°C and 150 $\mu$ l of SOC medium was added immediately to the cells. Cells were grown for 1h (37°C, 200 rpm) before plating onto LB-amp plates.

### 2.2.6 Mini-preps of plasmid DNA

A single colony was inoculated into 1ml of LB broth containing ampicillin and grown overnight at 37°C at 320 rpm. For this purpose sterile 96 deep well blocks (2ml capacity) were used. On the following day the cells were pelleted for 2 min at 4000 rpm and resuspended in 120 $\mu$ l GTE buffer on ice. After ensuring complete resuspension of the pellet 120 $\mu$ l NaOH/SDS and 120 $\mu$ l KoAc were added to the cells.

140µl of the cell lysates were removed from the bottom of each deep well and dispensed into a Costar filter plate, which was placed on top of a Costar 3365 storage plate containing 140µl of 100% isopropanol, per well. Plates were centrifuged for 15 min at 400rpm and 4°C. Filter plate was discarded and isopropanol tipped-off. After addition of 100µl of 70% ethanol to the wells and 5 min centrifugation (4000rpm, 4°C) the plate was dried. Finally plasmids were dissolved by adding 60µl of water in each well.

### *2.2.7 Restriction Digests*

Restriction digests of plasmid DNA (up to 10µg) were carried out using 1 x EcoRI buffer and 20 units of EcoRI enzyme. Samples (20µl reaction) were incubated at 37°C for 2 hours, and the resulting digest was confirmed by agarose gel electrophoresis.

### *2.2.8 Colony PCR*

Following bacterial transformation (section 2.2.5) individual colonies were picked using sterile toothpicks and resuspended in 25µl PCR reaction buffer. For this purpose 96 well plates kept on ice were used. M13 forward and reverse primers were used for colony PCR. PCR conditions were as follows:

- i. 95°C for 8 min
- ii. 94°C for 30 sec
- iii. 55°C for 30 sec
- iv. 72°C for 1 min
- v. Steps ii to iv repeated 30 times
- vi. 72°C for 10 min

PCR products were confirmed by agarose gel electrophoresis and staining with ethidium bromide.

### 2.2.9 MHC tile path array

#### 2.2.9.1 Generation of amino-linked probes

A total of 1747 overlapping plasmid clones were used to generate the array. Of those, 1662 clones (average insert size 2 kb) were picked from the HapMap chromosome 6 library (The International HapMap Project, 2003) and 85 clones were generated by cloning gap-spanning PCR amplicons (average insert size 332 bp). In addition, I generated and included 43 PCR-derived clones as controls. Generation of gap and control clones is described in the following section (2.2.9.2).

Double-stranded amino-linked amplicons were generated from each clone using vector-specific PCR in 50 mM KCl, 5 mM Tris pH 8.5 and 2.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> (10 min at 95°C; followed by 35 cycles of 95°C for 1 min, 60°C for 1.5 min, 72°C for 7 min; and a final extension of 72°C for 10 min - Forward primer 5'-CCCAGTCACGACGTTGTAAAACG-3'; Reverse primer 5'-AGCGGATAACAATTTACACAGG-3'). In order to generate strand-specific array probes, two separate PCR reactions were performed for each clone, in one case using a 5'-aminolinked primer for the forward strand, and in the other case, for the reverse strand. After quality assessment of the products by gel electrophoresis, spotting buffer was added directly to a final concentration of 250 mM sodium phosphate pH 8.5, 0.00025% w/v sarkosyl, 0.1% sodium azide, and the products were filtered (Multiscreen-GV filter plates, Millipore).

#### 2.2.9.2 Gap closure and control clones

As mentioned in the previous section (2.2.9.1) 85 gap and 45 control clones were generated. Using the appropriate primer pair (appendix table 2.1.1.1), amplicons corresponding to gap regions and control regions were generated by PCR. For this purpose commercially available human genomic DNA was used. Generation of clones for the gaps and controls was performed as described in section 2.2.5 and



2.2.6. Successful cloning amplicons confirmed by restriction digestions (2.2.7) and colony PCR (2.2.8)

#### 2.2.9.3 Array printing and processing

Array printing and processing were performed at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute Microarray Facility as follows:

1. Array probes were printed onto amino binding slides (Motorola) at 20-25°C, 40-50% relative humidity using a MicroGrid II arrayer (Biorobotics/Apogent Discoveries).
2. The array probes were printed in a 24 block format with spots in duplicates.
3. The slides were transferred into a microscope slide rack and placed in a humid chamber (NaCl saturated with water in an air-tight container) and incubated for 24-72 hours at room temperature.
4. The slides were removed from the humidity chamber and immersed in a 1% (w/v) solution of ammonium hydroxide and incubated for 5 minutes with gentle shaking.
5. The slides were then transferred to a solution of 0.1% (w/v) sodium dodecyl sulphate and incubated for 5 min with gentle shaking.
6. The slides were briefly rinsed in Milli-Q ddH<sub>2</sub>O (Milli-Q plus 185 purification system) at room temperature and then placed in 95°C Milli-Q ddH<sub>2</sub>O for 2 minutes to completely denature the bound DNA elements resulting to single-stranded strand-specific array probes.
7. The slides were transferred to ice-cold Milli-Q ddH<sub>2</sub>O and then briefly rinsed two times in Milli-Q ddH<sub>2</sub>O at room temperature.
8. The slides were dried by spinning at 180 g for 5 min.
9. The slides were stored in a slide box and kept at room temperature in a cool dry place until used.
10. The final slide consists of 24 blocks (19 x 20) and a total of 7832 probes.

### 2.2.10 Microarray hybridization

Fluorescent labelling was performed using a modified Bioprime labelling kit in a 130.5  $\mu$ l reaction (topped up with distilled water) containing 100 ng DNA, 15  $\mu$ l dNTP mix (2 mM dATP, 2 mM dTTP, 2 mM dGTP, and 0.5 mM dCTP), and 1.5  $\mu$ l Cy5/Cy3 dCTP (1mM). The reactions were purified using Micro-spin G50 columns (Pharmacia-Amersham) in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Reference and test samples were combined and precipitated with 55  $\mu$ l of 3 M sodium acetate (pH 5.2) in 2.5 volumes of ethanol with 90  $\mu$ g human C<sub>0</sub>t1 DNA. The DNA pellet was resuspended in hybridization buffer (see Materials) containing 300  $\mu$ g yeast tRNA. Hybridization was performed for 24 hours at 37°C on a MAUI hybridization platform. Finally, the arrays were washed serially in wash solution 1 for 5 min at room temperature, in wash solution 1 for 5 min at 60°C, four times in wash solution 2 for 20 min at room temperature, in wash solution 3 for 10 min at room temperature and finally in HPLC water for 10 min at room temperature. Subsequently the arrays were dried (by centrifugation – 3 min at 800 rpm) and stored in the dark.

### 2.2.11 Microarray Scanning

Microarrays were scanned using a ScanArray Express HT scanner (PerkinElmer) as follows:

1. Cy3 and Cy5 images at 5  $\mu$ m resolution were acquired using the ScanArray 4000 confocal laser-based scanner (Perkin-Elmer) at laser power of 100% and a photo multiplier tube (PMT) value of 75% and 70% respectively. All arrays were scanned using the same parameters to avoid introducing another variable as part of the scanning process.
2. The software ScanArray Express (Perkin Elmer) was used to quantify the fluorescent intensities of the spots using the fixed circle quantisation and the TOTAL normalization method. This software can automatically locate the spot position on the

scanned image of the array to obtain the signal intensity values. Mean intensity ratios (intensity-background) were reported for each spot representing an array element.

### *2.2.12 Microarray Data Analysis*

For each sample we analysed two biological replicates. All hybridizations were performed with fluorochrome-reversed pairs of two-colour labelled probes (two dye swaps as technical replicates). For the purpose of this analysis I treated the forward and reverse probes as replicates. Hence, for each sample tested, I obtained 16 measurements derived from quadruplicate spots on 4 array hybridizations (two biological replicates plus dye swaps). Fluorescence intensities were determined using the ScanArray Express software (PerkinElmer). Fusion of dye-swap and biological replicate results and subsequent analyses were performed using R packages from Bioconductor (Gentleman et al., 2004). For each probe, log-ratios were normalised within arrays using a Local Linear Regression (loess) which is efficient in removing dye effects (Smyth and Speed, 2003) and average intensities were normalised between arrays (Yang, 2003) leaving previously normalised ratios unchanged. Dye-swapped samples and biological replicates were defined in a design matrix where rows represent samples (observations) and columns represent effects of interests (parameters). Subsequent analyses were performed according to the design matrix by fitting a gene-wise generalised linear model to log-ratios with the generalised least squares method. This analysis takes advantage of the correlation structure arising from the four duplicated spots (Smyth, 2005) which is expected to be constant. Finally, ranking of the features according to their evidence of discrepancy between effects as defined in the design matrix, was performed by using empirical Bayes methods (Smyth, 2004) where moderated t-statistics test each individual effect equal to zero. Estimated p-values were subjected to multiple testing by using the False Discovery Rate (FDR) method (Benjamini, 1995). A threshold of p-value < 0.001 was used.

This analysis was performed by Dr. Gregory LeFebvre at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute.

### *2.2.13 Identification of genomic features of DMRs*

I used the Application Programme Interface (API) to extract the features that are in the Ensembl functional genomics dataset. The whole chromosome 6 was scanned using a 2 kb sliding window in 1 kb steps. For each window, I counted the number of each type of feature within the bounds of the window. This way, a discrete probability distribution was generated, which, for a randomly selected window, determines how likely is to observe a certain number of features.

Windows that overlap an assembly gap were ignored, as this would bias the results.

For each DMR and for feature type, I used the feature count and the probability distribution to calculate:

1. The probability that a random window of that size would have exactly that number of features.
2. The probability that a random window of that size would have more or the same number of features (the right-hand tail of the distribution: if this value is small, it would suggest that the feature is enriched); 95% confidence interval was used.
3. The probability that a random window of that size would have less or the same number of the feature (the left-hand tail of the distribution: if this value is small, it would suggest that the feature is depleted); 95% confidence interval was used.

It should be noted that the probability distribution was generated for a 2 kb window, but DMRs were not exactly 2 kb, so some scaling was done to allow for this difference, i.e. if a DMR was 4 kb and had 6 features, then for a 2 kb window it would be scaled to 3 features.

This analysis was performed by Dr. Stephen Rice at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute.

## **Chapter 3**

Development and validation of an array-based assay for  
the identification of DMRs

### 3.1 Introduction

The availability of genomic sequences of various organisms, including human, has provided an important resource in the effort of understanding biological functions. This resource has been exploited extensively by micro-array technology, including the development of DNA tiling arrays (Bertone et al., 2005; Hoheisel, 2006; Mockler et al., 2005; Yazaki et al., 2007). DNA tiling arrays represent a complete tile path of non-repetitive DNA over a locus, complex, chromosome or entire genome at various sequence resolutions. The exclusion of repetitive elements and other non-unique sequences from tiling array designs aims to reduce non-specific background signals that mask the signal resulting from specific probe hybridization. Probes used for the construction of such arrays can be partially overlapping, tiled end to end or may be spaced at regular intervals. DNA tiling arrays have enabled the discovery of novel transcribed sequences and transcription factor binding sites and, during the past few years, they have led the way for DNA methylation profiling.

DNA methylation analysis techniques, including bisulphite conversion, methylation sensitive restriction and immunoprecipitation (reviewed in (Beck and Rakyán, 2008; Weber and Schubeler, 2007; Zilberman and Henikoff, 2007) have been adapted successfully to be used in combination with DNA tiling arrays (Illingworth et al., 2008; Keshet et al., 2006; Mohn et al., 2008; Rakyán et al., 2008; Rakyán, 2008; Weber et al., 2005; Weber et al., 2007; Zhang et al., 2008; Zhang et al., 2006; Zilberman et al., 2007). The first array-based methylome has already been reported for *Arabidopsis thaliana* (Zhang et al., 2008; Zhang et al., 2006), and recently, by using Nimblegen array platforms, comprehensive genome-wide DNA methylation data have been generated for several human tissues (Rakyán et al., 2008).

My objective was to develop an unbiased tiling array-based assay for the identification of differentially methylated regions (DMRs) within the MHC region. DMRs refer to temporal or spatial patterns of DNA methylation and can be indicative of local changes in genome functionality (see section 1.3.7). To this end:

- (i). I constructed and validated a tiling path micro-array covering the MHC region on chromosome 6.
- (ii). I optimised and validated a protocol for the immunoprecipitation of methylated DNA fractions (MeDIP).
- (iii). I tested the application of the MHC tiling array for DMR identification in combination with MeDIP.

### 3.2 MHC tiling array

#### 3.2.1 Chemistry of the MHC tiling array.

The construction of the MHC tiling array was based on the 5'-amino-link array surface chemistry developed at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute (Dhami et al., 2005) which allows single strands of DNA derived from double stranded PCR products to be retained on the surface of the micro-array slide. This is accomplished by the incorporation of a 5'-amino-linked modification at the end of one strand of a double stranded PCR product using modified primers (either forward or reverse). The 5'-amino-linked modification facilitates a covalent bond between the modified strand and the surface of the slide. Upon slide processing, the strand attached to the slide is retained, whereas the unmodified strand is removed. The single stranded DNA molecules attached at one end of the surface of the slide provide an ideal substrate for hybridization with labelled DNA samples (figure 3.1).

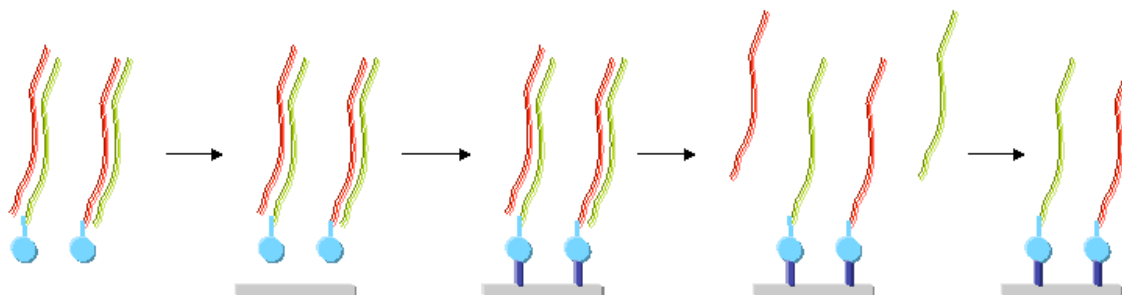


Figure 3.1. **Diagrammatic representation of processing of single-stranded array probes.** Double-stranded PCR products (red/green denote forward and reverse strands respectively) containing a 5'-amino-linked modification on one strand (blue sphere) are arrayed onto the surface of the slide (grey bar). Covalent attachment occurs via the 5'

amino-link (dark blue line) and the slide surface. Denaturation of the PCR product renders them single-stranded and suitable as hybridization substrates.

### 3.2.2 Generation and quality control of MHC array probes

The probes were designed to cover the entire MHC region as a minimally overlapping tile path, with appropriate controls. For this purpose I used the freely available clones from the HapMap project (The International HapMap Project, 2003). A total of 1747 overlapping plasmid clones were used to generate the array. Of those, 1662 clones (average insert size 2 kb) were picked from the HapMap chromosome 6 library and 85 clones were generated by cloning gap-spanning PCR amplicons (average insert size 332 bp). Some repeat-rich regions (about 12 kb in total) proved to be refractory to PCR amplification, and are thus missing from the array. Therefore, the total coverage represents 99.67% of the MHC region. It should be noted that at the time of the array design, the average probe size (2kb) was adequate as a comparable resolution was also used (e.g. the ENCODE project; The ENCODE project 2004). The main advantage of using the clones from the HapMap project was that all probes could be generated with the same primer set (section 2.2.9), making the process of array construction reproducible and economical.

In addition, I generated and included 43 PCR-derived clones as controls, covering: i) CpG islands of *BRCA1*, *GSTP1*, *RARB2* and *MLH1* genes as controls for studying methyl-binding domain (MBD) proteins (Ballestar et al., 2003), ii) imprinted regions (*H19*, *IGF2*, *KvDMR1*, *HSIGF2G*, *IGF2RDMR2* and *DMR0*) (Lewis and Murrell, 2004), as controls for studying imprinted regions (work in progress by Adele Murrell) iii) gene poor regions of chromosome 6; iv) matrix attachment regions of the  *$\beta$ -globin* gene cluster (Ottaviani et al., 2008); v) loop-associated DNA of the *PRM2* gene; vi) promoter regions of the *GAPDH* and *IRF1* genes; vii) replication origin of the *LB2* gene; viii) replication origin-lacking region of the  *$\beta$ -globin* locus; and ix) DNAase I-hypersensitivity sites of the  *$\beta$ -globin* locus control region. Controls iii to viii were used



to study higher-order structure such as matrix attachment regions (MARs) within the MHC (Ottaviani D., et al., 2008) Ten genes from the *Arabidopsis thaliana* genome (spotted in replicates, distributed across the array) that can be used to assign DNA barcodes as internal controls were also included. In addition, 192 Cy3 spots were printed on each array that can be used for calibration and orientation. MHC probe coordinates and primer sets used for the generation of gap-spanning and control clones are provided in appendix tables 2.1 and 2.2. Except for the Cy3 spots, none of the other controls were used for the analysis described in this thesis, but may be useful for other types of analyses.

In order to generate strand-specific array probes, two separate PCR reactions were performed for each clone using universal M13 primers: one reaction using a 5'-amino-linked primer for the forward strand, and one using a 5'-amino-linked primer for the reverse strand.

The array probes were assessed visually by agarose gel electrophoresis (figure 3.2).

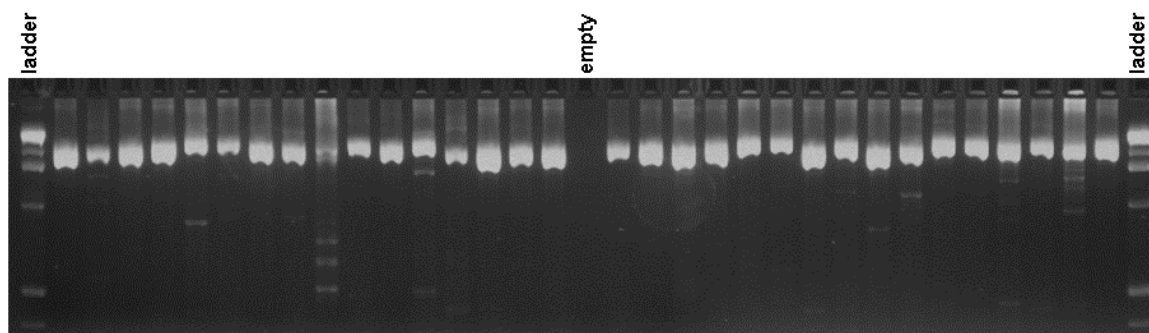


Figure 3.2. **Quality control of PCR-amplified probes.** All probes were electrophoresed on agarose gels and their bands were scored visually. Probes were electrophoresed on 2.5% agarose 1xTBE gels and visualized with ethidium bromide (a representative gel is shown).

Finally, the identity of randomly selected 240 clones (15 % of total) was confirmed by re-sequencing. Of the clones tested 7 failed to match to the expected reference sequences. From this partial analysis, I extrapolate that about 97% of the probes are correct and should be informative. Table 3.1 summarizes the characteristics of the array probes.

	No. of MHCclones	No. of probes spotted on the array		
		forward	reverse	total
No of MHC probes	1747	3494	3494	6988
No. of control probes	43	86	86	172
Cy3 spots				192
Arabidopsis regions				480
<b>Total No. of array probes</b>				<b>7832</b>

Table 3.1. **Summary of MHC tiling array probes.** The table lists the total number of probes used for the array construction. Probes were validated visually by agarose gel electrophoresis and by re-sequencing. In total 7832 probes were spotted on the array.

### 3.2.3 Validation of the MHC tiling array

In total 7832 probes were spotted to produce the 2kb MHC tile path array (table 3.1). Initial validation of the array was performed directly after spotting. The quality of array spots was tested using Cy3 dye and only those arrays that had less than 2% of the total spots not fluorescing or merged were used further.

The quality of array probes was further validated by performing input to input hybridization. Fragmented genomic DNA (average size 300 – 1000 bp) was labeled with Cy3 and Cy5 dyes and hybridized on the MHC tiling array. Calculation of  $\log_2$  ratios (Cy3/Cy5) showed values very close to zero (figure 3.3a) indicating absence of hybridization variation within the array probes. On the other hand, when MeDIP to input hybridization was performed (see below) the range of  $\log_2$  ratio was between 2 and -2 (figure 3.3b), as expected.

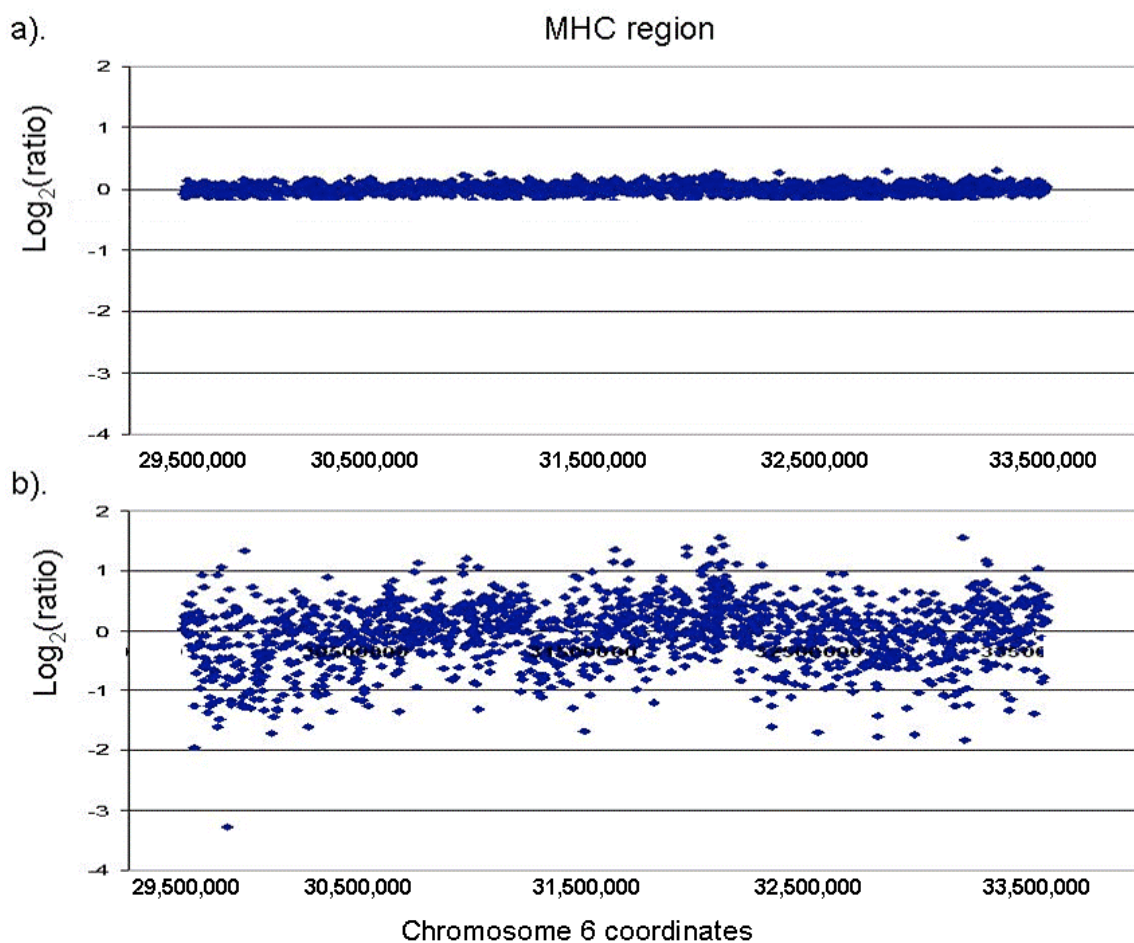


Figure 3.3. **Hybridization variation.** a) Input versus input hybridization of sperm DNA. b). MeDIP versus input hybridization on sperm DNA. Plotted are  $\log_2$ -transformed hybridization ratios against the linear map position of the MHC probes.  $\log_2$  ratios of input to input hybridization are close to zero whereas ratios corresponding to MeDIP to input hybridization range from 2 to -2.

#### 3.2.4 Repetitive elements

Compared to most commercial and custom tiling arrays, the MHC tiling array also contains repeat elements, allowing such sequences to be analysed as well if desired. Figure 3.4a shows the distribution and frequency of repeat sequences within the probes on the array. About 9% of the probes have low (0-5%) repeat content and around 11% have high (95-100%) repeat content. The majority (80%) of probes have a random repeat content ranging from 6-94%. For studies that are not designed to interrogate repeat sequences (as in the study presented here) I show that repeat sequences can be efficiently blocked by the addition of human Cot-1 DNA during

hybridization (Figure 3.4b). Human Cot-1 DNA is commonly used to block non-specific hybridization in microarray screening. It is derived from placental DNA, about 50 to 300 bp in size and is enriched for repetitive DNA sequences such as the *Alu* and *Kpn* family members (Marx et al., 1976). I compared the probe intensities of the Cy5 channel for two hybridizations, one with and the other without Cot-1 DNA. In the presence of Cot-1 DNA, the intensities of repeat-containing probes are clearly reduced to the same level detected for repeat-free probes, indicating that undesired repeat signals can be blocked and that the unique parts of repeat-containing probes remain to be informative and can be kept for further analysis.

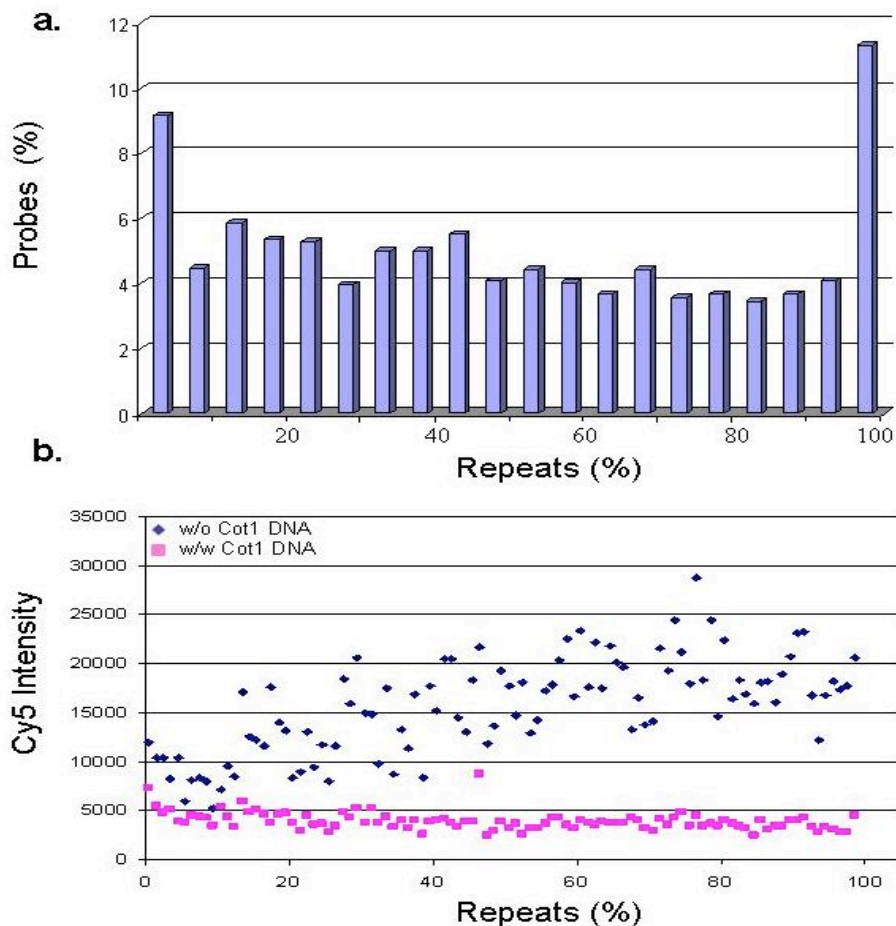


Figure 3.4. **Distribution and suppression of repeat sequences.** (a) Distribution and frequency of repeat sequences within probes on the array. (b). Suppression of repeat-specific signal using Cot1 DNA. Two independent hybridizations were carried out using genomic DNA extracted from CD8<sup>+</sup> lymphocytes. In both experiments total DNA was labelled with Cy5 dye.

Only in one of these was unlabelled Cot1 DNA added. In the hybridization without Cot1 DNA, Cy5 intensity increases almost linearly with repeat density until it reaches a plateau (around 25,000 Cy5 intensity). In the presence of Cot1 DNA, Cy5 intensity of highly repetitive probes is comparable to those of repeat-free probes.

### 3.3 MeDIP optimization and validation

Immunoprecipitation-based protocols for methylation analysis, methylated DNA immunoprecipitation (MeDIP) and methyl-cytosine immunoprecipitation (mCIP), were developed independently by two groups (Keshet et al., 2006; Weber et al., 2005). Both protocols are very similar and both were used as a point of reference while optimising the immunoprecipitation protocol for this study. In order to avoid confusion I refer to this technique as MeDIP in this thesis. MeDIP was first described in August 2005 and since then it has been used to generate comprehensive methylation profiles in mammals and plants as well as for DMR detection in cancer cells (Keshet et al., 2006; Rakyan, 2008; Weber et al., 2005; Zhang et al., 2006; Zilberman et al., 2007). In brief the MeDIP assay involves immunoprecipitation of methylated DNA fragments using an antibody that binds specifically to methylated cytosines. MeDIP was described in detail in section 1.3.6.2. In the below section I refer to the critical genomic DNA fragmentation step (3.3.1) and validation of MeDIP by quantitative real time qPCR (3.3.2).

#### 3.3.1 Genomic DNA fragmentation

The first step of the MeDIP assay is genomic DNA fragmentation. Fragmentation of genomic DNA was performed by sonication. Sonication gives random, overlapping target fragments and clear interpretation of data (figure 3.5).

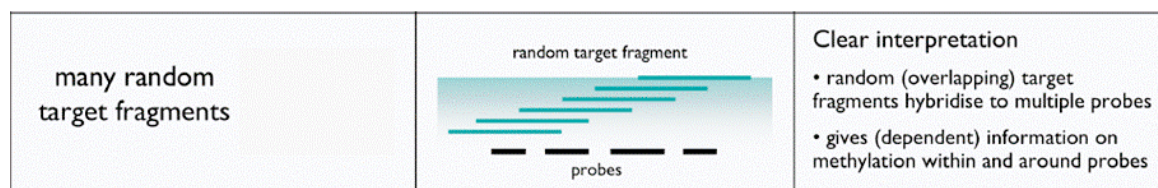


Figure 3.5. **Relationship between target fragments and array probes in methylation analysis.** Figure was adopted from Thorne (Thorne NP, 2006).

After sonication the size of the fragmented DNA ranges from 300 to 1000 bp (figure 3.6). It was important to keep the size range constant for all MeDIP experiments performed for this study.

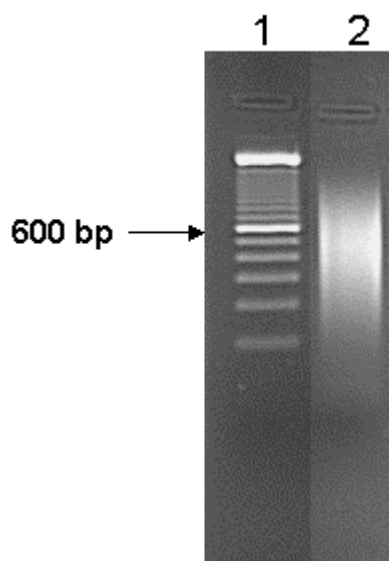


Figure 3.6. **Fragmentation of genomic DNA.** Genomic DNA was fragmented by sonication using a Virtis sonicator to generate fragments of a size range from 300 to 100bp. 500 ng of sonicated DNA was loaded onto a 2% agarose gel (lane 2). Size of fragmented DNA was estimated using 100bp ladder as a size marker (lane 1). Average size of DNA fragments is about 600bp, as indicated.

### 3.3.2 Validation of MeDIP

Enrichment of methylated DNA in the MeDIP fraction can be measured by qRT-PCR. I validated MeDIP by performing qRT-PCR to test the enrichment of regions with varying CpG densities for which the methylation status was known from the Human Epigenome Project (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Rakyan et al., 2004). It should be noted that CpG sites are unequally distributed within mammalian genomes and that the number of CpGs within a target region as well as their methylation status can influence target sequence enrichment in the MeDIP fraction. I showed that following

MeDIP methylated regions are enriched approximately proportionally to their CpG densities, and no significant enrichment irrespective of CpG density was observed for unmethylated regions (figure 3.7a).

Using a threshold of  $\geq 5$ -fold enrichment, the MeDIP assay is therefore sensitive for regions of  $\geq 1\%$  CpG density. Using this threshold (actual enrichment range was 5-80 fold), I generated DNA methylation profiles of the entire MHC as described below.

In some cases (tDMRs screen, chapter 4) I had to introduce an amplification step while performing MeDIP assay due to limited starting DNA material. A ligation mediated PCR (LM-PCR) step was introduced as described previously (Oberley et al., 2004). In brief, the LM-PCR technique involves blunt ending of the fragmented DNA, ligation of a uni-directional double stranded oligo-nucleotide linker, and finally PCR amplification of the resultant DNA population after MeDIP. qRT-PCR analysis on MeDIP-LM-PCR DNA (post\_LM-PCR) revealed similar enrichment for both methylated and unmethylated fractions as for non-amplified MeDIP fractions (pre\_LM-PCR) (figure 3.7a,b), indicating that LM-PCR does not introduce an amplification bias. This was further supported by comparison of pre- and post-LM-PCR MeDIP-array analysis on the MHC-tile path array (see below).

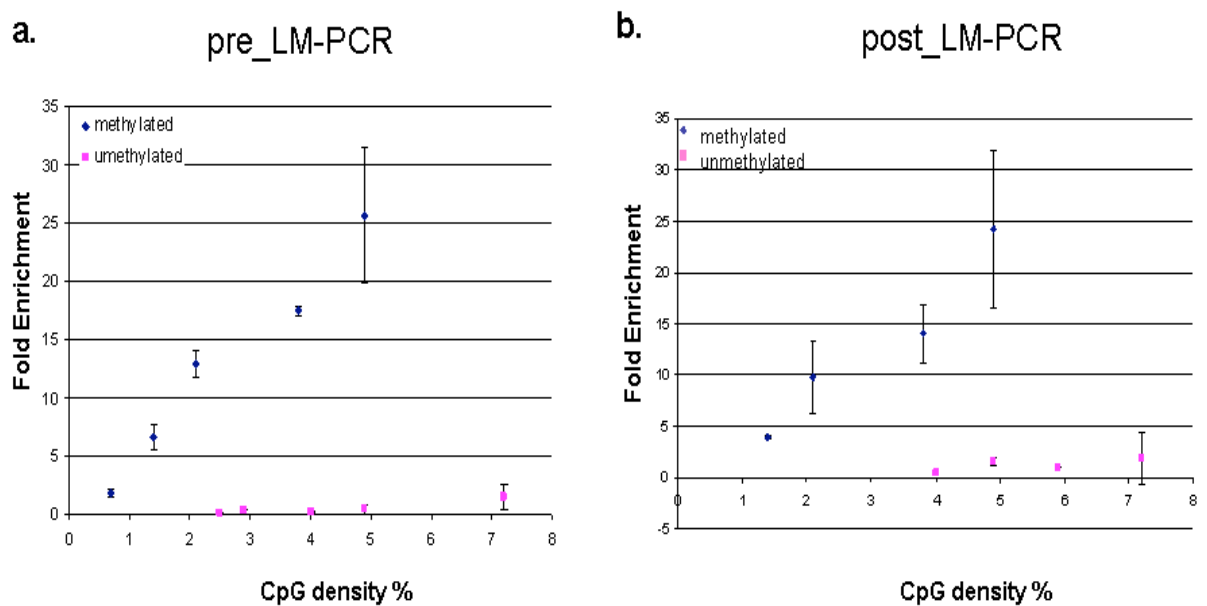


Figure 3.7. **Correlation between enrichment after MeDIP and CpG density.** Control sequences that are methylated, unmethylated or lack CpG sites were selected from HEP. MeDIP was done using liver genomic DNA. The relative enrichment of the MeDIP versus input fractions was calculated based on qRT-PCR data. Graph a. validation of MeDIP without amplification step. Graph b. Validation of MeDIP after amplification by LM-PCR. In both cases a specific and efficient enrichment of methylated over unmethylated fractions was shown. Enrichment of methylated and unmethylated fractions lies between the same range for both pre- and post-LM-PCR samples. The error bars indicate the variance of two independent measurements. Methylated amplicons display an approximately linear dependency on CpG density.

### **3.4 Application of the MHC tiling array for methylation analysis.**

The MHC tiling array has been designed to be compatible with chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP), methylated DNA immunoprecipitation (MeDIP), array comparative genomic hybridization (aCGH) and expression profiling, inclusive of non-coding RNAs. In this section I demonstrate the utility of the MHC tiling path array for methylation analysis and DMR identification.

I used the array in conjunction with MeDIP. After performing MeDIP, MeDIP-enriched fractions and input fractions were differentially labelled with Cy3 and Cy5 and hybridized on the MHC tiling array. Following completion of appropriate quality control experiments DMRs were identified and validated.

In the next sections I describe how normalization of the array data was performed, how the quality of array hybridizations was tested and finally how I identified and validated DMRs.

#### *3.4.1 Normalization of MHC tiling array data*

Microarray screening can be affected by multiple sources of variation including array construction process, preparation of samples, hybridization process and the quantification of spot intensities (Repsilber and Ziegler, 2005). Normalization of array data attempts to remove such variation which might affect the outcome of the subsequent analysis.



Normalization usually applies to the  $\log_2$  ratio of Cy3 and Cy5 intensities (corrected for the background) which will be:  $M = \log_2 \text{Cy3} - \log_2 \text{Cy5}$ . The log-intensity of each spot is:  $A = (\log_2 \text{Cy3} + \log_2 \text{Cy5})/2$ , a measure of the overall brightness of a spot. For the normalization of the MeDIP-MHC array data I applied local linear regression (loess) (Smyth and Speed, 2003) which fits a robust local regression to the relation between M and A. The normalized M values is the original one minus the loess fitted one, and thus should correct for spatial effects and for effects related to intensity. Figure 3.8 shows how data differ before and after normalization (MA plots).

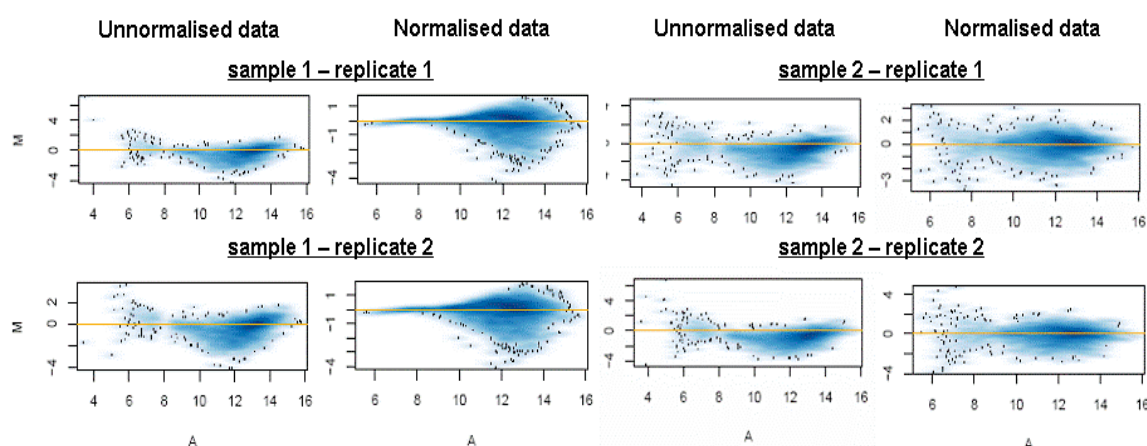


Figure 3.8. **Normalization within arrays.** Figure illustrates MA plots generated for four hybridization experiments. MeDIP-enriched and input fractions from a single sample were co-hybridized to each array. MA plots for two different samples and two biological replicates of each sample are shown. M represents the  $\log_2$  ratio of the Cy3 and Cy5 intensities and A represents the  $\log_2$  geometric mean of the Cy3 and Cy5 channel intensities.

#### 3.4.2 MeDIP-MHC tiling array hybridization quality control

Methylation analysis across the MHC was performed by using the MHC tiling array in combination with MeDIP. I tested the reproducibility of this approach. I used DNA extracted from sperm (two biological replicates) and I performed MeDIP and the MHC array hybridization for each of the DNA samples before and after LM-PCR (see above). In both cases the correlation coefficient between biological replicates was high ( $R^2 > 0.82$ ) (figure 3.9a and b). In addition, I tested if LM-PCR introduces a bias in the methylation analysis. I compared hybridizations of pre- and post-LM-PCR

samples (sperm DNA) and showed that LM-PCR does not have a major effect on the analysis ( $R^2 = 0.88$ ) (figure 3.9c). Finally fluorochrome-reversed pairs of 2-colour labelled probes (dye swaps) were performed for LM-PCR samples. It has been shown that using standard direct labelling techniques introduce a bias to incorporation of the dye during the labelling reaction. In order to test for this I compared dye-swap hybridizations (figure 3.9d) and I found that the correlation coefficient was at least 0.72 ( $R^2 = 0.72$ ).

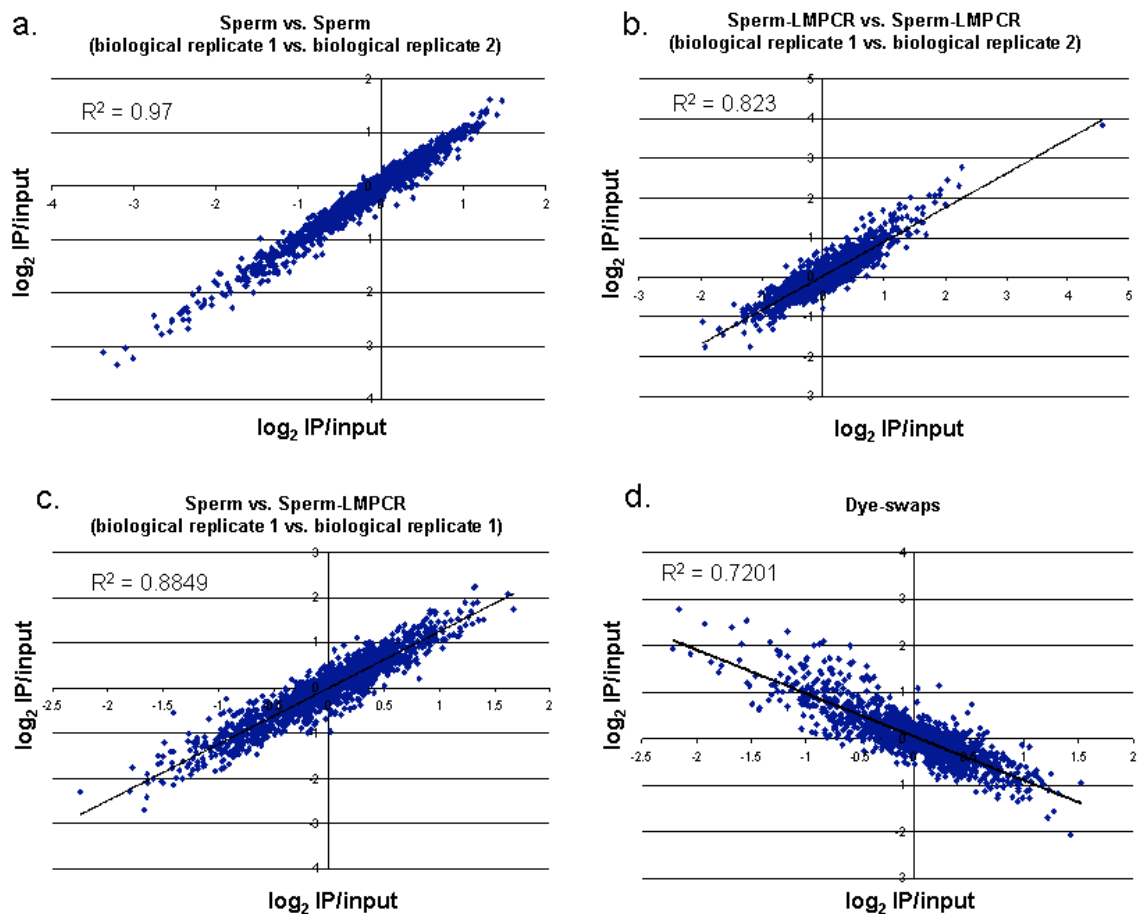


Figure 3.9. **Comparisons of MHC tiling array hybridizations.** Scatter-plots show: a). Comparison of biological replicates; b). Comparison of biological replicates after LM-PCR; c). Comparison of profiles pre- and post-LMPCR; d). Comparison of Dye swaps after LM-PCR. In all comparisons sperm DNA was used. Correlation coefficients are given for each comparison.

### 3.4.3 DMR identification and validation

The efficiency of immunoprecipitation in MeDIP depends on the density of methylated CpG sites, which vary greatly within any given mammalian genome, making it difficult to distinguish variations in enrichment from confounding CpG density effects (Weber et al., 2005; Weber et al., 2007). Hence, until recently, it has not been possible to estimate absolute methylation levels from MeDIP-array experiments. The on-going development of a novel algorithm employing a Bayesian de-convolution strategy to normalize MeDIP array data for CpG density is likely to overcome this current limitation in the near future (Down et al., 2008).

Determining absolute methylation values along the MHC region was beyond the scope of this study. I aimed to identify DMRs between samples. To this end I followed an experimental design as shown in figure 3.10. DMRs were identified by performing direct pair-wise comparisons and by applying t-test statistics. A threshold of p-value < 0.001 was employed.

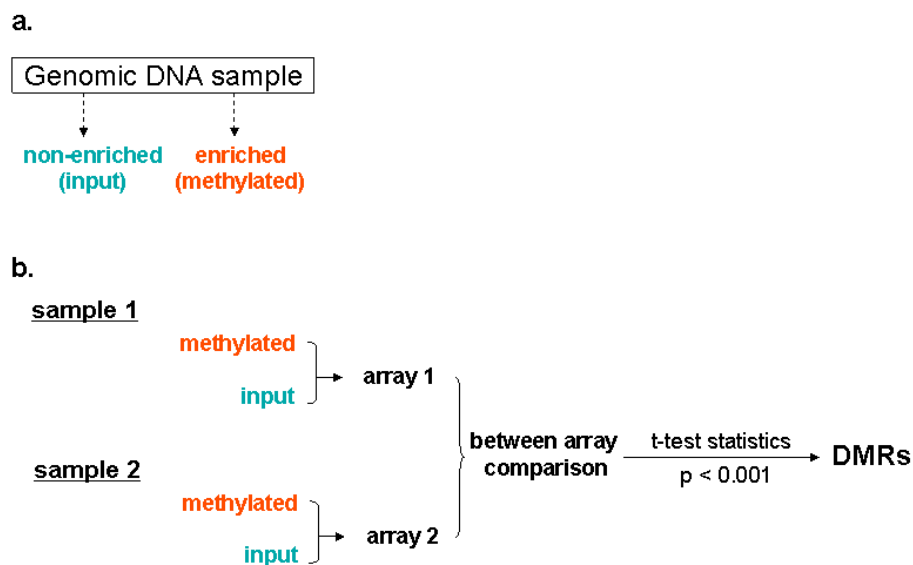


Figure 3.10. **Design of approach for calling DMRs.** (a). Target fractions after MeDIP experiment. (b). Calling of DMRs. For DMR identification, comparisons between arrays were performed. Significance of methylation differences between samples was calculated by t-test statistics. A threshold of p-value < 0.001 was used.

This approach was applied successfully for the identification of tDMRs and pDMRs (chapters 4 and 5). The approach was validated further by correlating the tDMRs identified by this study with tDMRs identified by an additional independent study, the Human Epigenome Project (HEP) (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Rakyan et al., 2004). DMRs were also validated by bisulphite sequencing. In all cases, DMR status could be confirmed, indicating that the array is suitable for DMR identification (chapter 4 and 5).

### **3.5 Discussion**

The array reported in this chapter is the first genomic tiling array (2kb resolution) of the entire MHC. Commercially available tiling arrays usually exclude repeat sequences and therefore cover only about 50% of the genomic sequence. At the time of array design, whole-genome tiling arrays that included the MHC were constructed from P1 artificial chromosomes (PACs) and bacterial artificial chromosomes (BACs), resulting in a resolution of approximately 100 Kb. By utilizing a public clone resource, the MHC array was generated at a fraction of the costs associated with commercial arrays, albeit at lower resolution than is now achievable with these platforms. The array is compatible with standard array processing and scanning platforms and contains 7832 features. Of these 6988 correspond to the MHC region on chromosome 6. According to quality control experiments I performed, 97% of the probes can be informative for analysis of the MHC region. Upon request, the MHC array is freely available from the Microarray Facility at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute.

The array has been designed to be compatible with chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP), methylated DNA immunoprecipitation (MeDIP), array comparative genomic hybridization (aCGH) and expression profiling, inclusive of non-coding RNAs.

In this chapter I described how the array can be used for methylation analysis. To this end, MeDIP was optimised and validated showing its efficiency for

immunoprecipitation of methylated genomic fragments (300-1000bp) with at least 1% CpGs.

The utility of the MHC array in conjunction with MeDIP for DMR identification was tested and validated. This approach allows DMR identification at 2kb resolution and used for the identification of tissue and phenotype specific DMRs as described in chapters 4 and 5 respectively.

### **3.6 Conclusion**

I have generated and validated a genomic tiling array and I have demonstrated its utility for DNA methylation profiling and the identification of DMRs when combined with MeDIP. Chapters 4 and 5 describe the application of this approach for tDMR and pDMR identification respectively.

## **Chapter 4**

### Tissue-specific DMR (tDMR) screen

## 4.1 Introduction

Tissue specific gene expression in higher eukaryotes involves the activation or silencing of transcription at the appropriate time, and at the right genomic location during cell differentiation. Gene expression is controlled by promoter sequences located immediately upstream of the transcription start site (TSS) of a gene, and by additional regulatory elements located close to the gene that they control, or at a certain distance, or even on a different chromosome (figure 4.1) (Maston et al., 2006).

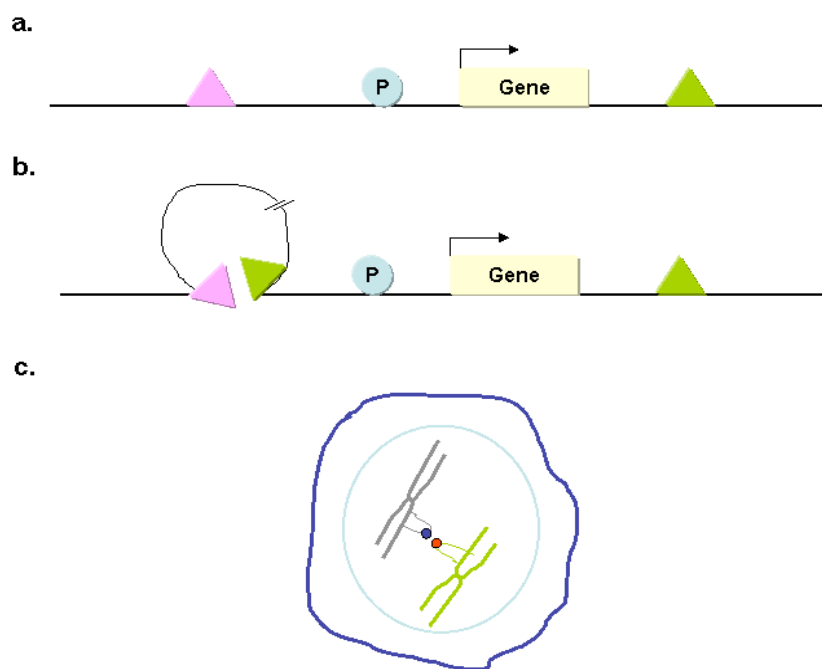


Figure 4.1 **Regulation of gene expression.** a. Linear view of gene regulation. The promoter (P) near the start of a gene provides the minimal information needed for gene expression. The function of the promoter is supplemented by enhancers or silencers farther away (triangles), where regulatory proteins bind to activate or repress transcription of the gene (arrow). b. The looping model of gene regulation. Proteins binding to control regions (triangles) scan through large portions of DNA, looping the intervening region out, until they find the relevant gene. c. Genes from different chromosomes might come into contact when the chromatin containing them loops out from their chromosome 'territory'. Figure was adapted (with some modifications) from Kioussis D., 2005 (Kioussis, 2005).

What determines the gene expression pattern that uniquely defines different tissues with otherwise identical genetic material remains a fundamental biological question.

Landmark publications in the mid-1970s speculated on the role of differential methylation of CpG sites in tissue specific gene expression (Holliday and Pugh, 1975; Riggs, 1975). However this idea remained controversial as a number of studies failed to correlate promoter methylation with expression of known tissue specific genes (Walsh and Bestor, 1999; Warnecke and Clark, 1999). It was almost 20 years later when a study by Futscher BW., et al (Futscher et al., 2002) showed that promoter methylation of the MASPIN gene controls its cell type specific expression.

It is of note that all studies referenced above looked only at the methylation patterns of the promoters of genes with known tissue specific gene expression. However, it should be kept in mind that expression is not controlled solely by promoter regions (figure 4.1). Hence, a different way to investigate if there is a contribution of DNA methylation in tissue specific gene expression is to first identify regions with tissue specific methylation patterns (tDMRs), and subsequently try to correlate them with tissue-specific gene expression.

Advances in methylation analysis technology (section 1.3.6) have eased the way for tDMR identification. Large-scale studies were reported during the past few years that aimed to identify tissue-specific methylation patterns (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Illingworth et al., 2008; Rakyan et al., 2004). One such study, the Human Epigenome Project (HEP), was launched in 1999 and aimed to systematically analyse DNA methylation in the regulatory regions of all known genes in most major tissues and cell types using bisulphite sequencing (Beck et al., 1999). About 25% of the amplicons investigated by the HEP were tDMRs. Interestingly, tDMRs present within CpG islands (CGIs) were located several kilobases away from the nearest annotated genes (Eckhardt et al., 2006). This possibly explains why previous studies reported few tissue specific methylation patterns.

However, when my study was designed (April 2005), only data from the pilot HEP study were available (figure 1.10) (Rakyan et al., 2004). The latter has generated DNA methylation data for about 2.5% of the human MHC region. A significant



proportion (10%) of the MHC loci analysed showed tissue-specific DNA methylation patterns.

In this chapter I will describe a more comprehensive study looking for tDMRs within the entire MHC region. This was part of an effort to identify epigenetic control elements that may be involved in the regulation of MHC genes. For this purpose I generated a MHC tiling array, which I used in combination with MeDIP to enable me to generate methylation data for about 97% of the MHC region (chapter 3). Four samples, also tested as part of the HEP study, were used. In the following sections I present the tDMRs I identified and their characteristics, including correlation with tissue-specific gene expression.

#### **4.2 Samples used for the tDMR screen.**

For the tDMR screen, DNA extracted from two tissues (liver and placenta), CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocyte cells and sperm was used. Two biological replicates of each sample were tested (table 2.1)

These samples were chosen because they have been used previously for methylation analysis across the MHC as part of the HEP study (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Rakyan et al., 2004). Based on HEP, MHC associated tDMRs are present within these tissues. Based on previous studies failing to identify significant sex-specific DNA methylation differences on autosomes (excluding imprinted regions) and the MHC (Rakyan et al., 2004, Weber et al., 2005, Eckhardt et al., 2006), the samples studied here were not controlled for sex.

#### **Tissue-specific DNA methylation profiles of the MHC**

Comprehensive methylation profiles of the MHC region were generated using the MHC tiling array in conjunction with Methylated DNA Immunoprecipitation (MeDIP). For this purpose, DNA extracted from 2 tissues (liver and placenta), CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes and sperm was used (section 4.2). I co-hybridised each immunoprecipitated sample with its corresponding untreated sheared control DNA on

the MHC array and analysed the data as described in chapters 2 and 3. Methylation profiles along the MHC region in the four samples tested are shown in figure 4.2.

At this (megabase) resolution, three main observations can be made: (i) The overall profiles correlate significantly ( $0.83 < R^2 < 0.93$ ), suggesting few or no large-scale (>100 Kb) differences in DNA methylation, except perhaps in liver, where some regions appear to be lower in methylation than in other tissues. (ii) As expected from the MeDIP validation qRT-PCR data (figure 3.7) (although CpG density was analysed here), the profiles correlate very well with C+G content, clearly demarcating the boundaries of the MHC class I, II, III and extended class II regions. (iii) The profiles further show the vast improvement in coverage compared to the 253 amplicons, analysed as part of the Human Epigenome Project (Rakyan et al., 2004).

These profiles were used for the identification of tDMRs within these four samples as described in the following section (section 4.4).

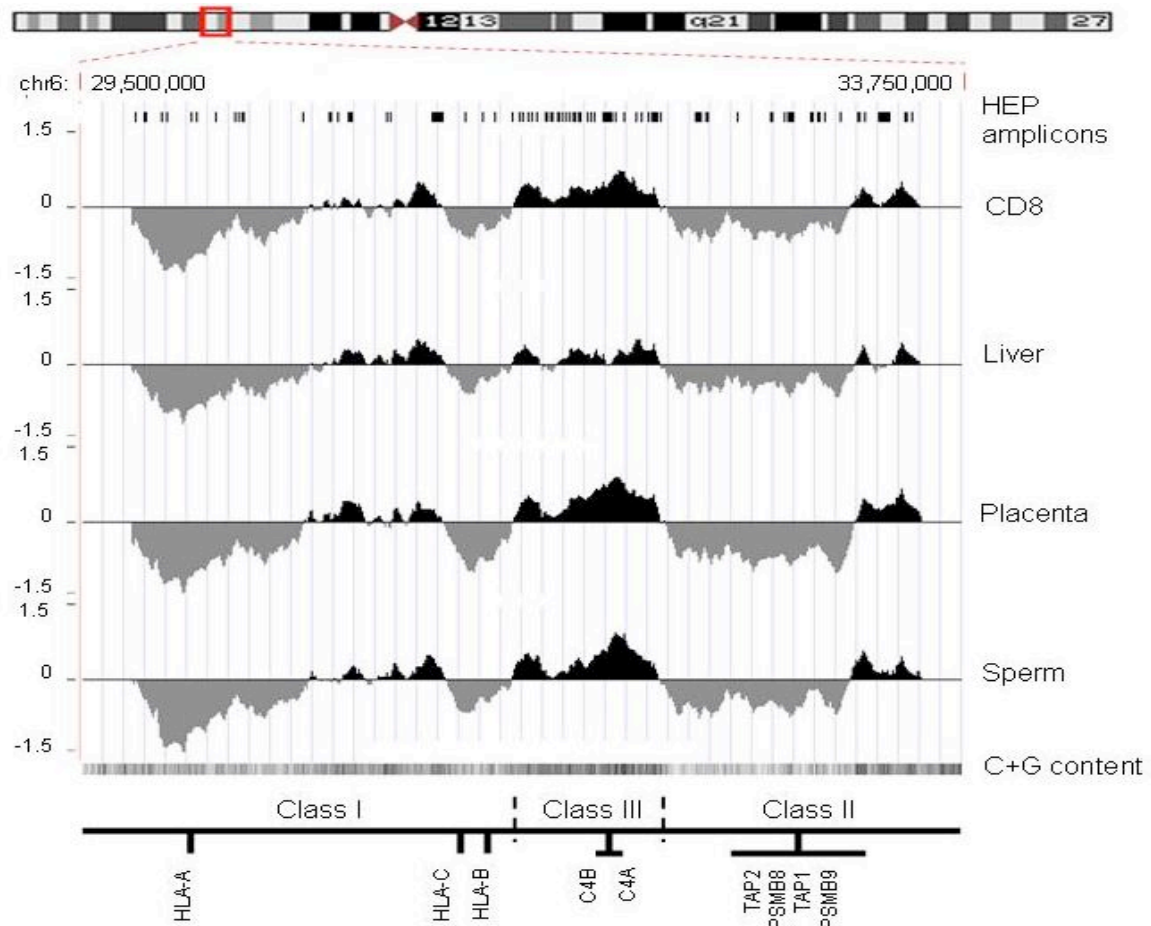


Figure 4.2 **DNA methylation profiles of the MHC.** For each of the four samples tested (CD8<sup>+</sup> lymphocytes, liver, placenta, sperm), the log<sub>2</sub> signal ratios (MeDIP/input) were uploaded as individual tracks to the UCSC genome browser using the 'smooth' function. Regions enriched or depleted in DNA methylation are shaded in black and grey, respectively. Also shown are the locations of HEP amplicons and a track of the C+G content (the darker the shading, the higher the C+G content). For orientation, the approximate positions of the MHC class I, II and II subregions and some landmark genes are indicated.

#### 4.4 tDMR identification

For the identification of tDMRs, I performed pair-wise comparisons (six in total – CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes versus placenta, liver versus placenta, placenta versus sperm, CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes versus sperm, liver versus sperm, and liver versus CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes) of the array-derived DNA methylation profiles (section 4.3). At 2 kb, the probe resolution was not high enough to determine if more than one tDMR was contained within a probe or if positive, adjoining probes were part of the same tDMR. Therefore, each differentially methylated probe was considered to be a separate tDMR. According to this definition, I identified a total of 90 putative tDMRs of which 35 were present in more than one comparison (Figure 4.3; Appendix table 4.1).

According to the pair-wise analyses, sperm is most frequently differentially methylated which agrees with the findings of the Human Epigenome Project. The majority of tDMRs identified in sperm are hypomethylated compared to the other samples (65% of tDMRs in placenta-sperm comparison; 93% of tDMRs in CD8<sup>+</sup>-sperm comparison; 32% of tDMRs in liver-sperm comparison). It is known that DNA extracted from sperm is hypomethylated compared to somatic cell DNA (Farthing et al., 2008; Reik, 2007; Schaefer et al., 2007). Notable exceptions are the tDMRs identified in the complement region which seem to be less methylated in liver than any of the other samples. DMRs within this region are discussed further in section 4.6.

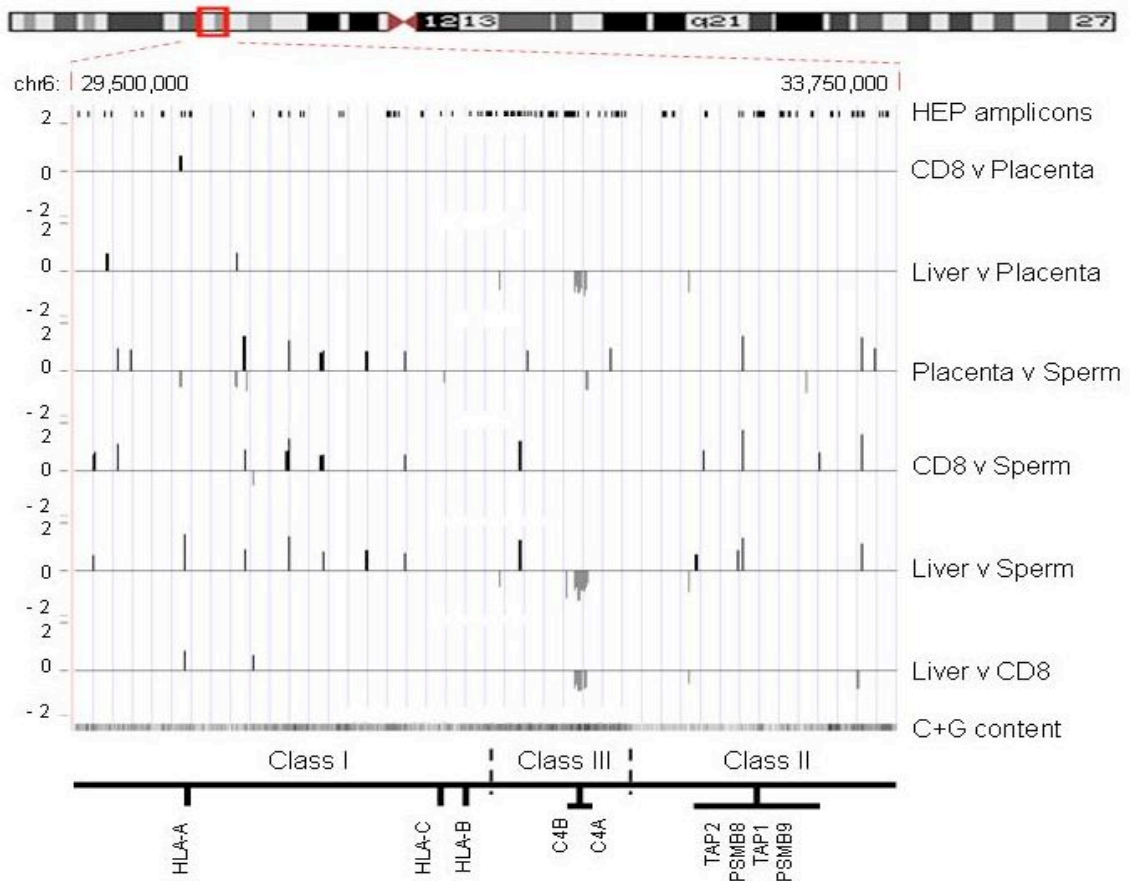


Figure 4.3 **tDMRs within the MHC region**. Pair-wise comparisons (six in total) of the MHC array-derived DNA methylation profiles were performed using t-statistics. A threshold of  $p$ -value  $< 0.001$  was used. In total 90 putative tDMRs were identified. Vertical axis shows the  $\log_2$  ratio of the two corresponding methylation profiles. Each line represents a tDMR (average size 2kb). Black lines represent tDMRs more methylated in one sample compared to the other (the identities of the pair-wise comparisons are given on the right) whereas grey lines represent less methylation. The majority of tDMRs are present in comparisons with sperm. The locations of HEP amplicons, a track of the C+G content and the approximate positions of the MHC class I, II and III subregions and some landmark genes are also indicated. The Class III region encoding for C4 genes seems to be less methylated in liver.

#### 4.5 Validation of tDMRs

In this section I describe the validation of the tDMRs reported in the previous section (section 4.4). This was done in two steps:

4.5.1. I randomly selected six tDMRs and subjected them to independent methylation analysis using bisulphite DNA sequencing.

4.5.2. I correlated the tDMRs identified by my analysis with the corresponding HEP data (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Rakyan et al., 2004).

#### *4.5.1 Validation of tDMRs by bisulphite sequencing.*

I randomly selected six tDMRs, irrespective of their functional relevance, and I subjected them to bisulphite sequencing analysis. The latter is an independent method for methylation analysis (section 1.3.6.1). While with the MeDIP-MHC tiling approach I could only identify methylation differences between two samples (DMRs) (chapter 3), bisulphite sequencing analysis assigns absolute methylation values for each CpG site within a region of about 300- 400 bp. Hence, it is not appropriate to directly compare data generated by the two approaches. However, it is possible to compare relative methylation differences between two samples based on data generated independently by the two methods.

Figure 4.4 shows the genomic locations of the six tDMRs (a), their methylation status based on comparison of their respective MeDIP array profiles (b) and their absolute methylation values based on bisulphite sequencing (c). In all six cases, the bisulphite sequencing results were consistent with the array data, indicating that that the array is suitable for the identification of tDMRs.

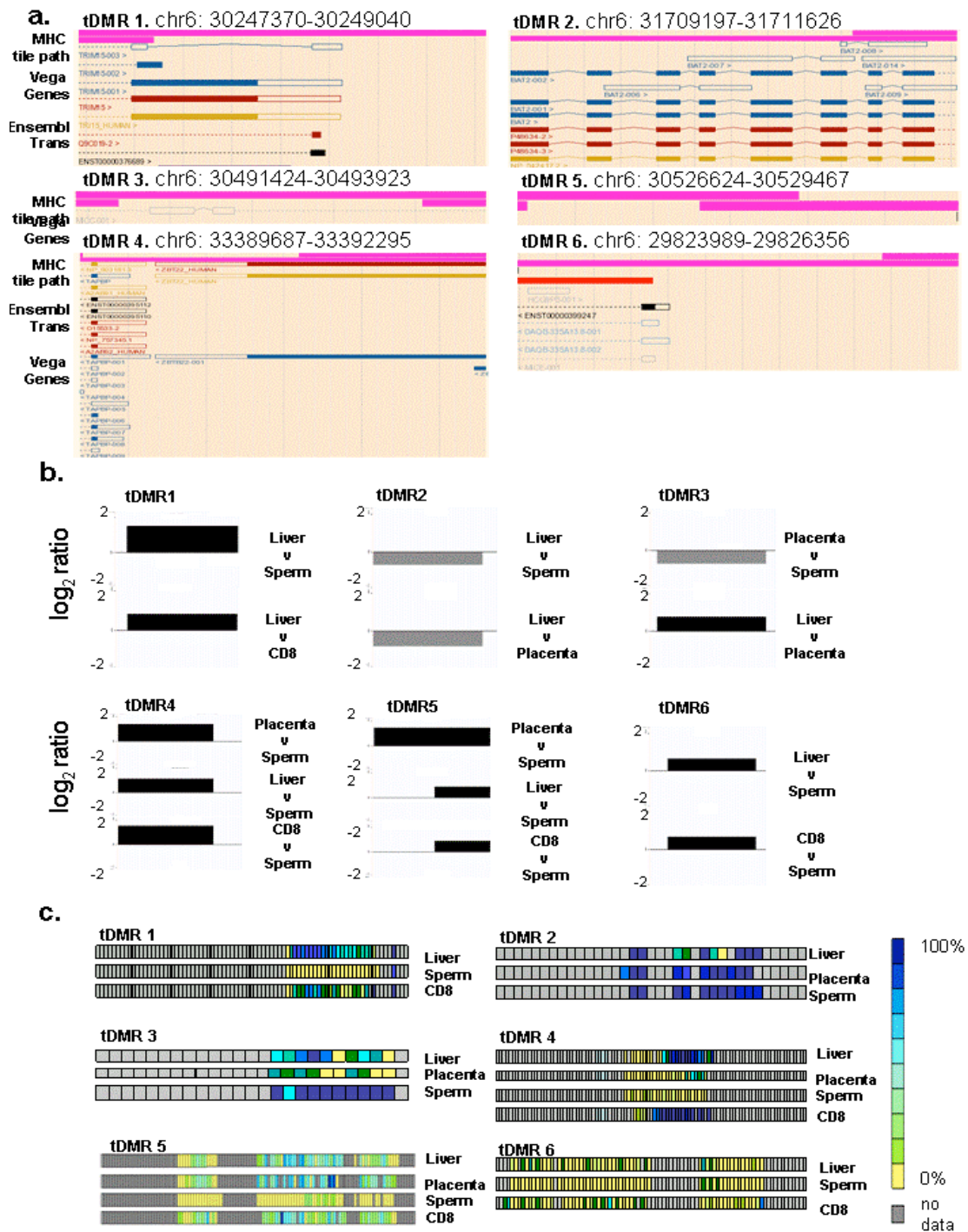


Figure 4.4 **tDMR validation**. Six tDMRs were randomly selected and subjected to bisulphite sequencing analysis. a. Genomic location and associated Ensembl annotation of the six tDMRs. The given chromosome 6 coordinates refer to the tiles (pink track) involved in the formation of these tDMRs. b. tDMR status based on pair-wise comparisons of the  $\log_2$  MeDIP enrichment ratios of the indicated tissues/cell types. Black boxes represent tDMRs that are more methylated in sample 1 of the comparison and grey boxes represent tDMRs that are more methylated in sample 2 of the comparison. c. Absolute DNA methylation values of individual CpG sites in tDMRs based on bisulphite sequencing analysis. Because of assay and or technical limitations, bisulphite data could only be obtained for about 50% of the CpG

sites involved in the putative tDMRs. Each square represents a CpG site. The colour code indicates methylation values as calculated by ESME (section 2.2.3). Grey squares indicate CpG sites for which no data could be obtained. Based on this analysis, bisulphite data essentially agree with array data in all cases. It should be noted that I have not performed a systematic analysis defining the smallest size of a DMR that can be identified using the MeDIP-MHC array approach. Therefore, it is not certain if the three CpG sites that appear to be less methylated in liver-tDMR2 are sufficient for detection. It is possible that additional CpG sites are hypomethylated in liver (tDMR2) but bisulphite sequencing analysis was not successful for all CpG sites within this tDMR. Correlation of tDMRs identified by this study with tDMRs identified by MeDIP-chip (Nimblegen arrays - 50bp resolution) (Rakyan et al., 2008) will be informative in determining the minimum number of differentially methylated CpG sites to determine a tDMR. At the time this thesis was written there data were not available.

#### *4.5.2 Correlation with HEP data*

As part of the HEP study, a total of 253 unique amplicons corresponding to regulatory exonic and intronic regions associated with 90 MHC-genes were analysed for DNA methylation levels in multiple tissues and cell types (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Rakyan et al., 2004). Of these, 57 amplicons were from liver, sperm, placenta and CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes, the tissues/cell types used here. As it was noted in the previous section and in chapter 3, directly correlating methylation levels of these 57 values with the corresponding MeDIP-MHC tiling array data it is not possible. For this reason I only compared the 55 non-redundant tDMRs (see section 4.7) identified by my analysis with the tDMRs identified by the HEP. There was only one HEP tDMR overlapping with a tDMR identified by my analysis (figure 4.5). Based on MeDIP-MHC array data, this region (chr6:33,389,694-33,391,696) is less methylated in sperm compared to the other samples (figure 4.5a) and this agrees with the HEP values (figure 4.5b).

Eleven additional tDMRs were identified by the HEP within the four samples tested in this study. These tDMRs failed to be identified by the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach probably due to the low resolution (2kb) of the MHC tiling array. Hence, it is possible that the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach is not sufficient to detect DMRs smaller than 300 bp (300 bp is the average size of bisulphite sequencing amplicons;

section 2.2.3). On the other hand with the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach I have managed to identify 54 additional tDMRs that were not reported by the HEP study. This may reflect the lower coverage of the MHC region by the HEP (2.5%) compared to my study (97%).

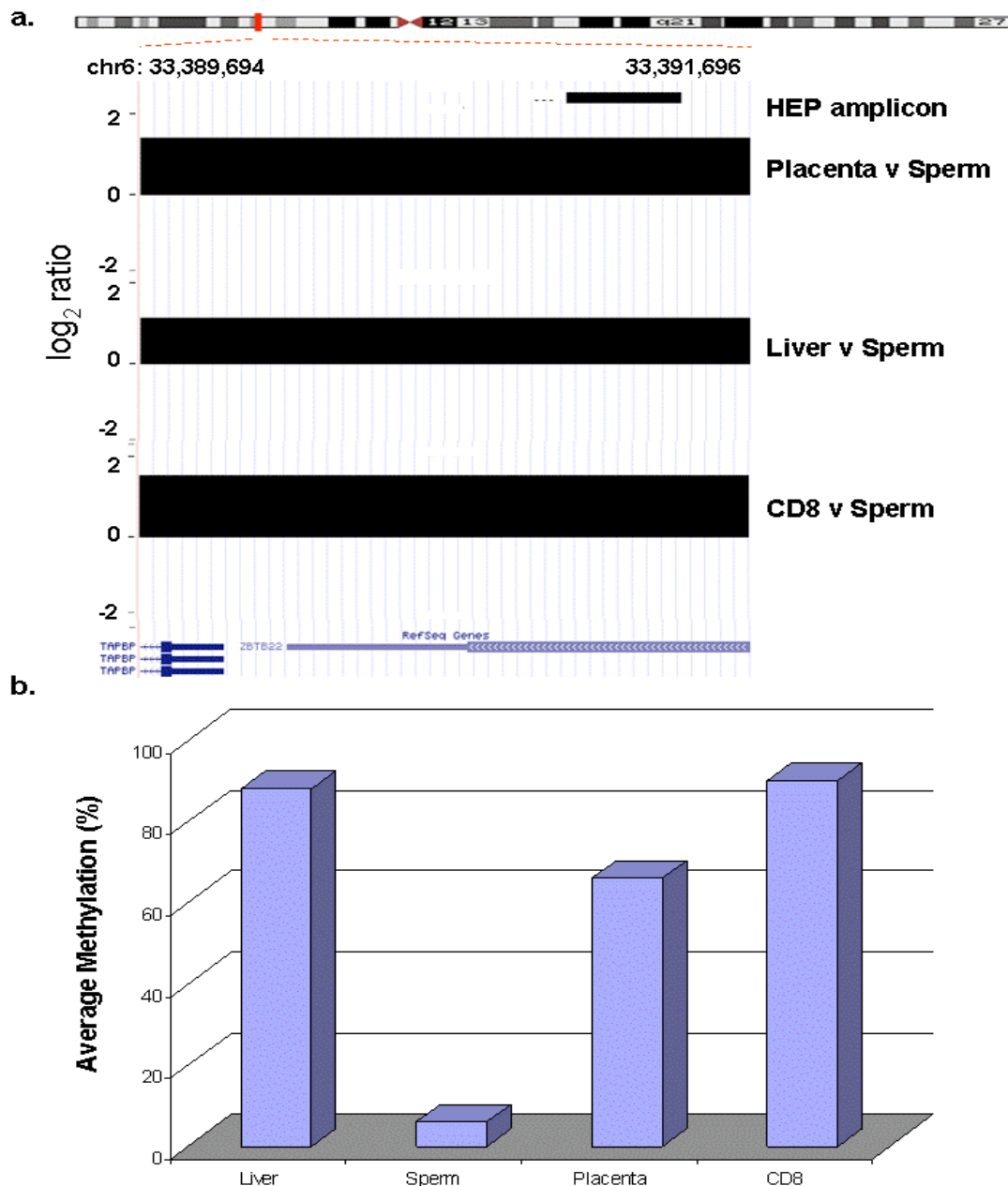


Figure 4.5 **Example of a tDMR identified by both HEP and MeDIP-MHC tiling array studies.** Comparisons of methylation profiles between samples (liver, placenta, sperm and CD8) identified a tDMR common to both studies. a. tDMR status based on pair-wise



comparisons of the  $\log_2$  MeDIP enrichment ratios of the indicated tissues/cell types. Black boxes represent a tDMR that is more methylated in sample 1 of the comparison. b. Average methylation values based on HEP data. Absolute methylation levels of each CpG within the HEP amplicon (HEP amplicon ID: 536) were calculated using ESME (Lewin et al., 2004). Average methylation values for all CpGs in each of the four samples are indicated. Sperm is clearly less methylated compared to the other samples.

#### 4.6 Correlation of tDMRs with expression data

I correlated the tDMRs with gene expression using data publicly available from the Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation Gene Expression Atlas database. This database contains whole-genome mRNA expression data obtained using human U95A Affymetrix microarray chips and mRNA extracted from a number of tissues, including liver, placenta and CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes (sperm was not included in this database) (Su et al., 2002). I identified the probes on the U95A Affymetrix which corresponding MHC loci overlapping with tDMRs according to the liver versus placenta, liver versus CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes and CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes versus placenta comparisons described above. Seven such probes were identified and the genomic features of the corresponding tDMRs are shown in Table 4.1 (see below). One of the probes (Affymetrix ID 40766\_at that corresponds to C4A and C4B transcripts) shows a high inverse correlation between expression and methylation at these loci (Figure 4.6). Both loci are highly expressed and hypomethylated in the liver.

#### 4.7 Non-redundant tDMRs

35 out of the 90 identified putative tDMRs were observed in more than one comparison (Figure 4.3; Appendix Table 4.1). Hence, there are 55 loci (average size 2kb), within the MHC region, that according to this study show tissue-specific methylation levels. I define these 55 loci as non-redundant tDMRs (to reflect the non-redundancy at the sequence level) and show their genomic locations in Figure 4.7a and Table 4.1. Based on this definition, about 3% of the MHC loci (average size 2kb)

show tissue specific methylation patterns. This is lower than what was found in the HEP study. According to HEP, 10% of the MHC loci analysed were characterised as tDMRs although only 2.5% of the MHC was tested. This difference can be due to: (i). array resolution and may indicate that there are additional tDMRs which the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach failed to identify; or (ii). the eight additional samples tested by the HEP study (Eckhardt et al., 2006).

The C4 complement region is the region within the MHC with the highest density of non-redundant tDMRs (18) (Figure 4.7b). As discussed in the previous section, these tDMRs show inverse correlation with C4A and C4B expression patterns.

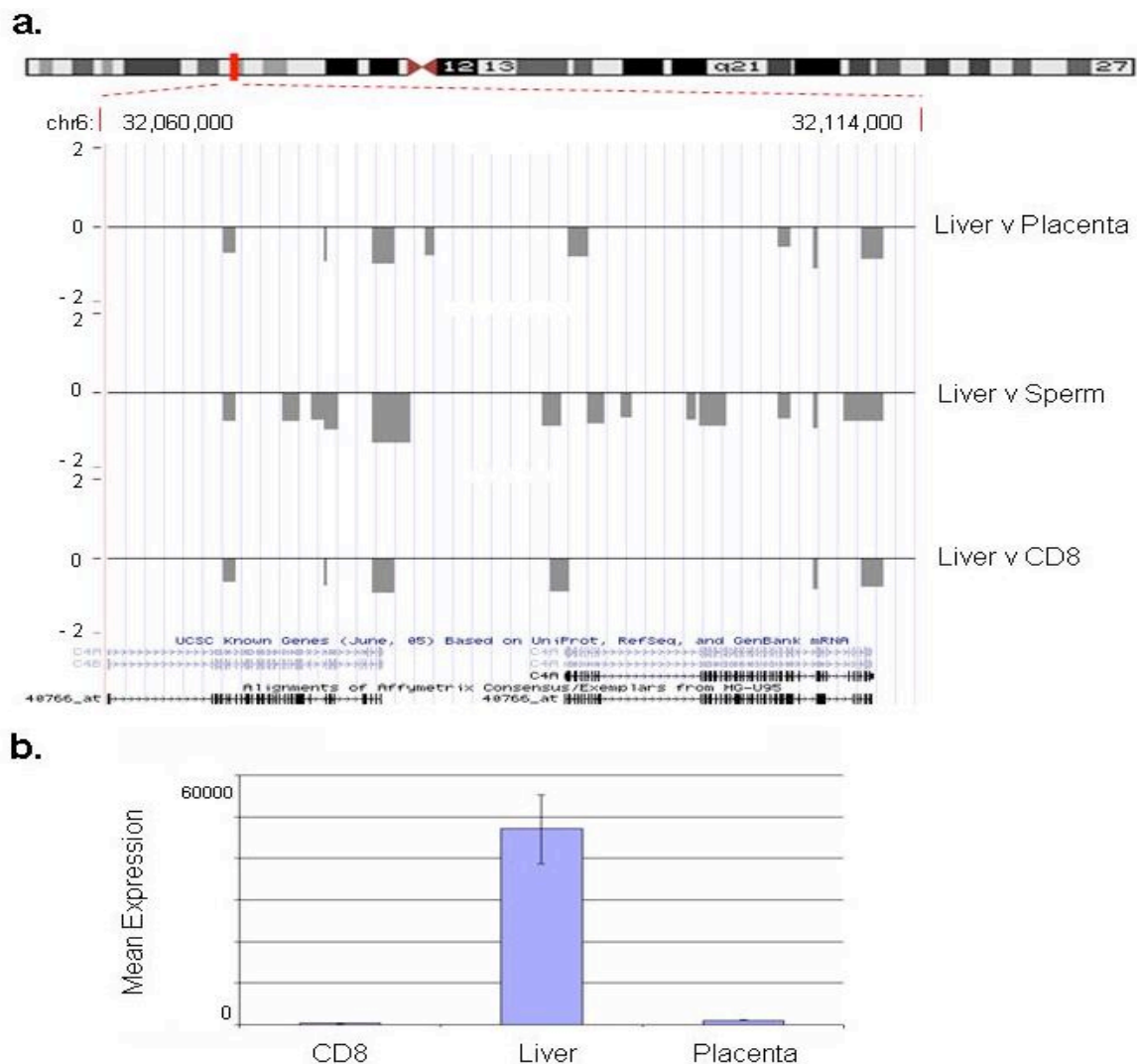


Figure 4.6. **Example of tDMRs correlating with tissue-specific gene expression.** a) tDMRs within the region encoding the C4A and C4B genes. Vertical axis shows the  $\log_2$  ratio

of the two corresponding methylation profiles. Grey lines indicate regions (average size 2 kb) that are less methylated in liver compared to the other samples (placenta, sperm, CD8). Known genes and Affy\_U95 expression array probes within this region are also shown. b). Expression of C4A and C4B. Graph shows the mean expression values of the probe corresponding to C4A and C4B (Affy\_ID: 40776\_at) transcripts in three samples tested: CD8, liver, placenta. C4A and C4B transcripts are highly expressed in liver tissue only. Data were taken from the GNF SymAtlas.

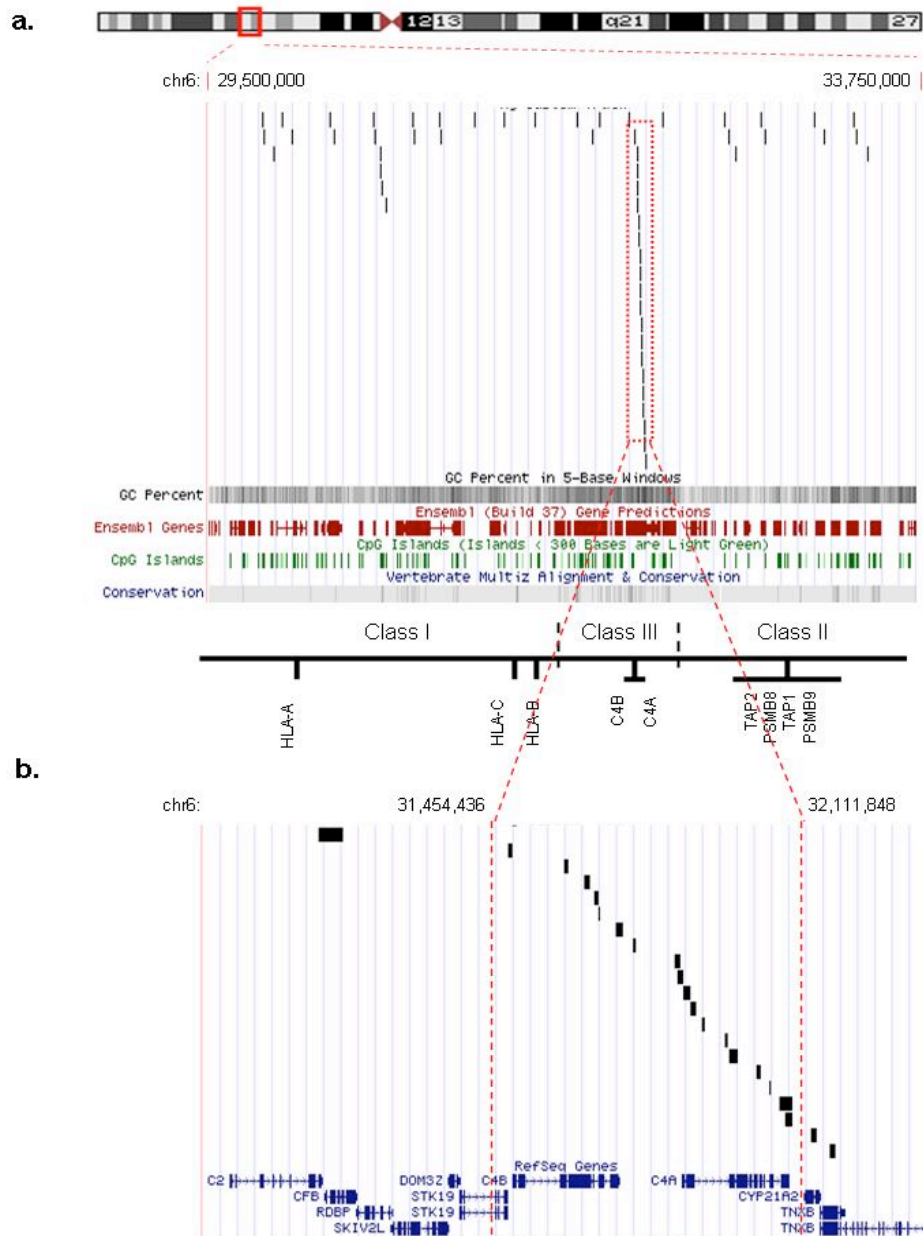


Figure 4.7 **Non-redundant tDMRs within the MHC region.** a. Screen-shot showing the locations of 55 non-redundant tDMRs identified in the MHC region after uploading of the data to the UCSC genome browser. Each vertical black line represents a putative tDMR. The high density of 18 tDMRs within the C4A and C4B complement region is clearly visible (boxed with

red dotted line). Tracks showing C+G content, Ensembl genes, CpG islands and conservation are also shown. b. Enlargement of the C4A and C4B complement region showing the 18 overlapping or adjacent tDMRs (delimited by red dotted lines) which could be part of one large tDMR spanning the entire C4 complement region.

#### **4.8 Genomic features of non-redundant tDMRs**

To characterize the potential functionality of the 55 non-redundant tDMRs reported in the previous section, I analyzed them for a number of genomic features using the ENSEMBL functional build (Hubbard et al., 2007), as described in section 2.2.11. The result of this analysis is summarized in Table 4.1 and figure 4.8. I found the majority (39) of these tDMRs to map to intragenic regions and the minority (16) to map to intergenic regions. While repetitive elements were overrepresented within the intergenic tDMRs (44%), DNase I sites and evolutionary conserved elements (ECRs) were overrepresented within the intragenic tDMRs (15%). Furthermore, only 2% of the tDMRs contained transcription start sites (TSS) and about 7% CpG islands and RNA polymerase II binding sites. In all, 21% of the tDMRs contained features significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) associated with regulation, such as CpG islands, DNase1 and RNA polII binding sites, TSSs and ECRs. Although only few other epigenetic data are yet publicly available for the MHC, I also analyzed the tDMRs for features associated with epigenetic function. Based on this analysis, 6 (11%) tDMRs have insulator protein (CTCF) binding sites, 13 correlated with the transcription-activating histone marks (H3K4me2, H3K36me3, H3K4me3 and H3K4me1) and two with the transcription-silencing mark H4K20me1. Interestingly, 54% of the H3K4me3 sites overlapping with both intragenic and intergenic tDMRs appeared to be close to DNaseI sites. Presence of both H3K4me3 and DNaseI sites indicates promoter regions. Finally, two tDMRs were associated with the histone variant H2AZ.

	chr6 coordinates (NCBI_35)	TSS	CTCF	H4K20me1	PoIII	H3K4me2	H3K36me3	H3K4me3	DnaseI	H3K4me1	CpG island	ECR	H2AZ	repeats %	CpG%
1	29823989-29826356		x					x	x		x		x	28.63	2.94
2	30000805-30003606				x			x	x					12.6	9.28
*3	30228982-30231712													26.44	2.64
*4	30247370-30249040		x					x	x		x			4.73	9.1
*5	30565890-30568365			x	x		x	x						11.95	4.77
6	30721858-30724158							x					x	5.91	10.52
7	30731648-30734384													42.71	2.27
8	30891136-30893651													95.08	5.24
9	31709197-31711626											x		79.93	5.01
*10	31803609-31806450		x					x	x			x		0	2.88
11	31841070-31843352											x		0	11.05
12	32020686-32023216											x		18.4	5.61
13	32056738-32058031	x												6.57	3.935
*14	32067481-32068550													0	3.09
*15	32071709-32072864													0	5.61
16	32073608-32074514													0	5.02
17	32074474-32074660													13.67	3.97
*18	32077678-32079121													0	5.35
*19	32081199-32081780													19.53	5.4
20	32088659-32090434													0	3.685
*21	32088718-32090526													0	3.41
*22	32090749-32092076													1.96	4.22
23	32092057-32093147													0	2.38
24	32094350-32095101													100	1.33
25	32098656-32099323													100	3.59
26	32099573-32100214													0	3.875
*27	32104734-32105602													0	5.29
*28	32107212-32107398													0	5.35
29	32109195-32110435													9.995	5.6
*30	32110416-32111859													19.53	5.4
31	32115381-32116535											x		0	7.27
32	32119000-32120024											x		0	7.61
33	32223988-32226638							x			x			4.19	11.09
34	32659407-32660508							x	x		x			9	5
35	32817677-32820582													20.44	2.96
36	32836042-32838492													9.42	7.26
37	33192620-33193912		x											32.79	6.5
*38	33372651-33375048			x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		10.93	8.76
39	33389687-33392295				x			x				x		2.3	7.51
40	29830203-29832660													6.08	7.77
41	29889483-29892066													21.2	4.15
42	29937894-29939594													38.78	2.48
43	30484481-30486798													96.59	1.04
44	30491424-30493923													1.4	2
45	30526624-30528439							x	x					3.54	7.33
46	30527803-30529467		x					x						3.54	6.73
47	30534798-30537070													42.42	1.26
48	30881555-30884300													98.55	4.27
49	31092038-31094660													74.72	7.51
50	31270669-31273172		x					x						4.59	2.75
51	31454436-31456982													8.59	5.84
*52	32590480-32591619													44.47	2.11
53	32622631-32625110													91.09	5.97
54	33132309-33134479								x					24.37	1.01
55	33450625-33452501													84.66	2.88

Table 4.1. **Genomic features of non-redundant tDMRs.** A total number of 55 non-redundant putative tDMRs (see text for definition – section 4.7) were identified. tDMRs are divided into 2 groups: intragenic and intergenic and their co-ordinates on chromosome 6 are provided. Enrichment of genomic features, including CpG islands, DNaseI sites, TSSs, ECRs, CTCF binding sites, RNA PolII binding sites, H4K20me1, H3K4me2, H3K4me3, H3K36me3 and

H2AZ was tested and marked by symbol 'x' if enrichment was statistically significant ( $P < 0.05$ ). Percent CpG and repeat density were also determined and are shown for each tDMR. tDMRs 14 – 30 (intragenic) and 12 (intergenic) are mapping to the region encoding for C4A and C4B genes. Asterisks indicate the tDMRs that overlap with Affy\_U95 expression array probes.

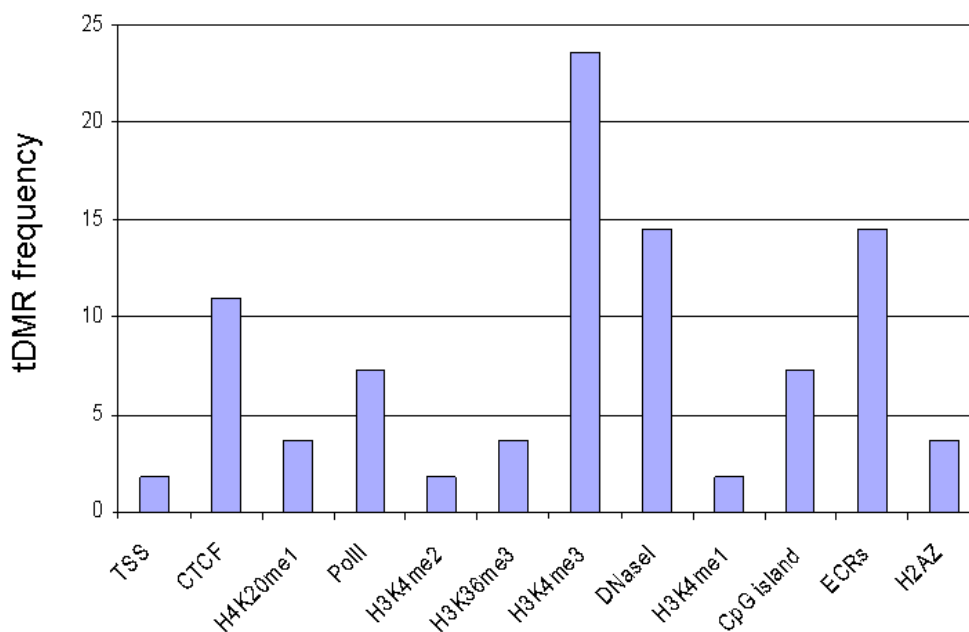


Figure 4.8. **Genomic features of putative tDMRs.** Proportion of putative tDMRs overlapping with genomic features. Histone mark H3K4me3 has the highest frequency whereas TSS, H3K4me2 and H3K4me1 have the lowest.

#### 4.9 Discussion

I used the MHC-tiling array for DNA methylation profiling of four samples previously used for the HEP study: two tissues (liver and placenta), CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes and sperm. Comparison of these profiles allowed me to identify 55 putative, non-redundant tDMRs (90 in total). From these, I randomly selected 10% (6 tDMRs) for validation by an independent method. In all cases, tDMR status could be confirmed, indicating that the array is suitable for DNA methylation analysis and DMR identification. While the analysis carried out here is informative with respect to differential methylation between samples, it did not allow assigning absolute DNA methylation values to each tDMR. This is not a shortcoming of the array but a

limitation of the MeDIP assay which is highly dependent on CpG density as discussed in chapter 3 and illustrated in figure 3.7. Therefore, it was not possible to directly compare my data to the HEP data which, in any case, only cover about 2.5% of the MHC. Only one tDMR was identified by both studies. The on-going development of a novel algorithm employing a Bayesian de-convolution strategy to normalize MeDIP array data for CpG density is likely to overcome this current limitation in the near future (Down et al., 2008). For the same reason as mentioned above, the limited number of samples did not allow me to analyse the data for inter-individual variation which was observed in the HEP (Rakyan et al., 2004) and other studies (Flanagan et al., 2006).

I also correlated gene-associated tDMRs with expression data of the cognate genes available from the GNF SymAtlas. I found a strong correlation within the region encoding, for instance, the fourth component of the human complement (C4). C4 is an essential factor of the innate immunity and consists of two isoforms (C4A and C4B) that differ only in five nucleotides (Szilagyi et al., 2006). C4A and C4B are examples of copy number variants (CNVs) in the human genome. I show that regions within the 5'-UTR, 3'-UTR and the gene body of C4A and C4B are less methylated in liver than in sperm, placenta and CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes. As these two genes are expressed only in liver, it is possible that DNA methylation is the underlying mechanism controlling their expression. At this point, sensitivity and specificity should also be considered. While sensitivity is not an issue in this case (the experimental design normalizes for the genotype of the sample DNA), specificity is. As neither my array nor the Affymetrix U95 array can discriminate between C4A and C4B (which are more than 99% identical), it was not possible to ascertain whether or not these two loci are differentially methylated in this case. Selective hypermethylation is a known mechanism for silencing of duplicated genes (Rodin and Riggs, 2003).

Finally, genomic features associated with the 55 putative tDMRs were identified. Interestingly, only 21% of the tDMRs overlap with known genomic features. It is

possible that the rest of the tDMRs either do not have any genomic function or they are associated with novel genomic features and control elements that may be interesting to investigate further.

#### **4.10 Conclusion**

Using MeDIP, I have demonstrated the application of the MHC tiling array for DNA methylation profiling and the identification of tissue-specific differentially methylated regions (tDMRs). Based on the analysis of two tissues and two cell types, I identified 90 tDMRs within the MHC and described their characterisation. Its successful application for DNA methylation profiling indicates that this array represents a useful tool for molecular analyses of the MHC in the context of medical genomics. In the following chapter I describe its application for the investigation of a MHC class I phenotype which is commonly associated with cancer (Seliger et al., 2002; The International HapMap Project, 2003).



## **Chapter 5**

Phenotype-specific DMR (pDMR) screen

## 5.1 Introduction

The MHC is associated with many complex diseases including infectious, autoimmune and inflammatory diseases as well as cancer. In many cases, their aetiologies are polygenic and involve genetic, epigenetic and environmental factors (de Bakker et al., 2006; Garcia-Lora et al., 2003; Rioux and Abbas, 2005; Vyse and Todd, 1996). Although past studies have generated extensive data for the genetics of the MHC (Horton et al., 2008; Nejentsev et al., 2007; Stewart et al., 2004; Traherne et al., 2006) resulting in important contributions to medicine, further studies are necessary to better understand the causes of such diseases.

My main aim was to elucidate the role of differentially methylated regions (DMRs) (see chapter 1) within the MHC in the context of a phenotype that is associated with defects in the MHC class I processing and presentation pathway (Chang et al., 2003; Groothuis et al., 2005; Parham, 2005).

MHC class I molecules have two critical functions: 1. to bind small (8-10mer) peptides derived from protein antigens, and 2. to present bound peptides to T-cell receptors (Flutter and Gao, 2004; Held and Mariuzza, 2008). They are cell surface glycoproteins consisting of two subunits (figure 5.1): a highly polymorphic heavy chain ( $\alpha$ -chain) encoded by one of the three classical MHC loci *HLA-A*, *HLA-B* and *HLA-C* and a non-polymorphic light chain ( $\beta$ -chain) called  $\beta$ 2-microglobulin (B2M) encoded outside the MHC. Proper folding of MHC class I molecules requires the formation of three disulfide bonds, one in the  $\alpha$ 3 immunoglobulin domain, one in the  $\alpha$ 2 immunoglobulin domain and one in the  $\beta$  chain (figure 5.1).

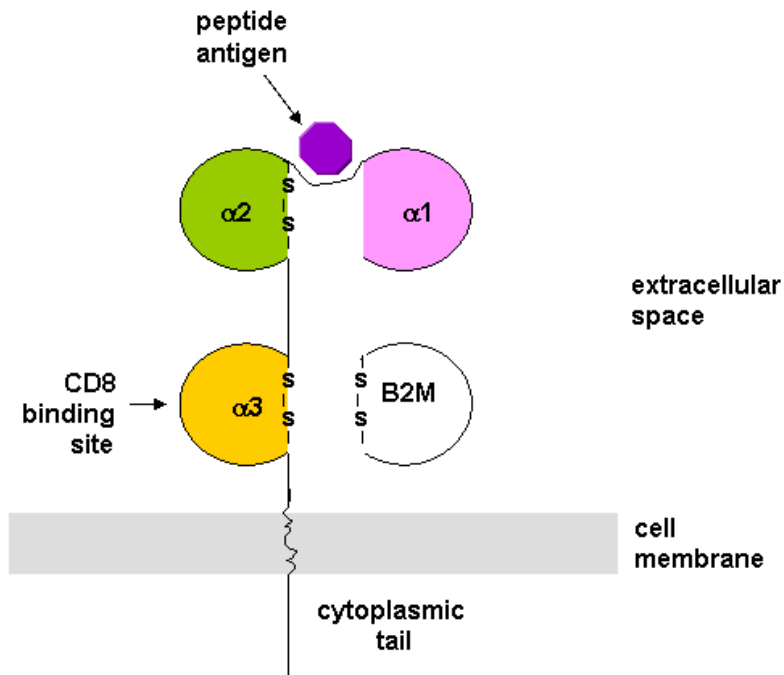


Figure 5.1. **MHC class I molecule.** Diagram of the MHC class I heavy chain associated with B2M and a peptide antigen presented on the cell surface. The heavy chain, also referred as  $\alpha$  chain, is a 43kDa transmembrane glycoprotein consisting of three extracellular domains  $\alpha 1$ ,  $\alpha 2$  and  $\alpha 3$ .  $\alpha 1$  and  $\alpha 2$  are polymorphic and form a deep groove where the peptide antigen can bind. B2M which represents the light chain, has a molecular weight of 12 kDa and is non-polymorphic. The disulfide bonds (-S-S-) are also shown.

The peptide-MHC class I complexes are assembled in the endoplasmatic reticulum (ER) while going through a multifactorial pathway called the MHC class I pathway (Hewitt, 2003; Pamer and Cresswell, 1998). The latter involves at least eight components in addition to HLA-A, HLA-B, HLA-C and B2M: PSMB8, PSMB9, TAP1, TAP2 and TAPBP which are encoded within the MHC as well as the non-MHC encoded proteins ERp57, calnexin (CANX) and calreticulin (CALR) (figure 5.2). The components of the MHC class I pathway are discussed in more detail in sections 5.3 and 6.2.

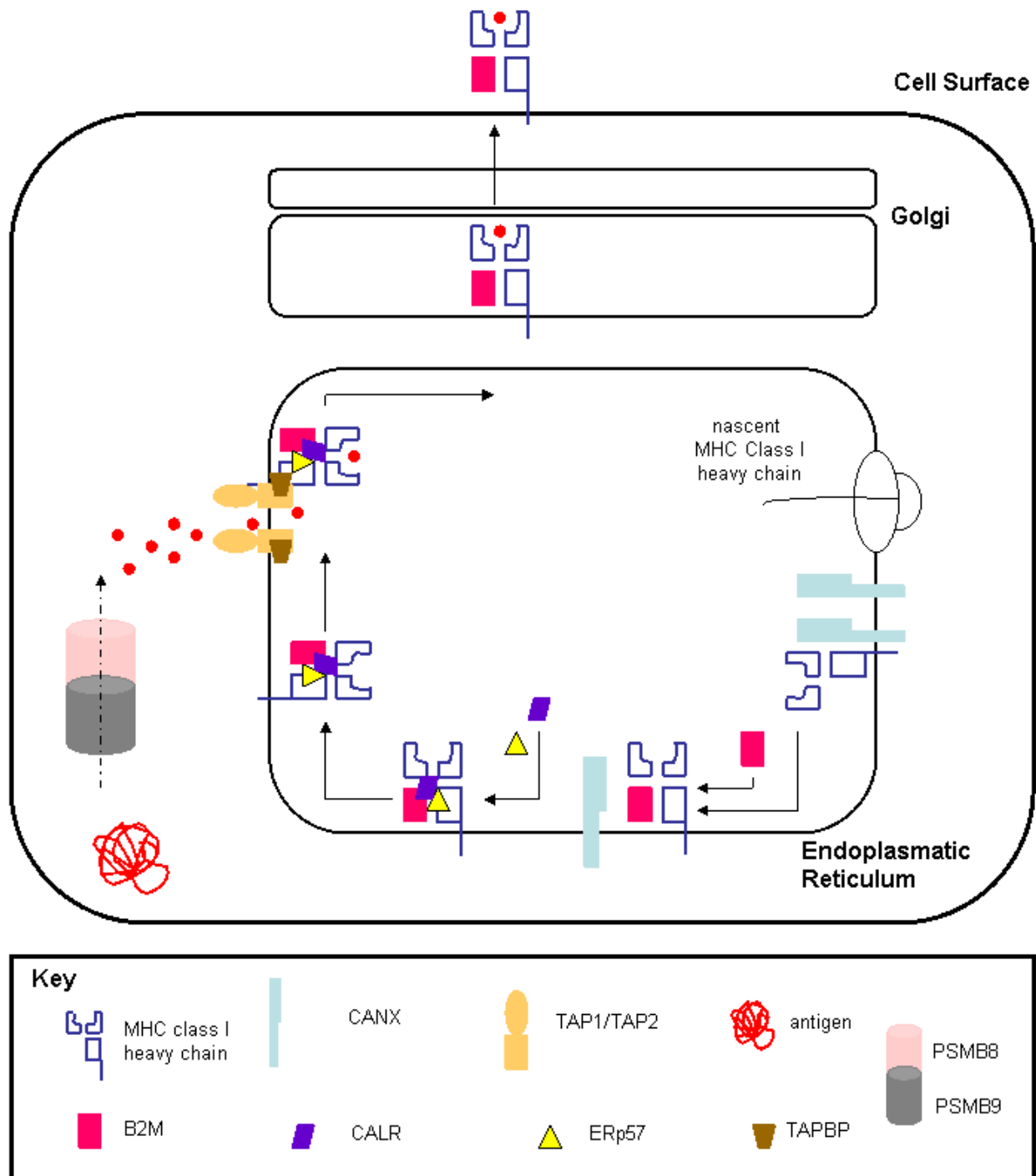


Figure 5.2 **MHC class I antigen presentation pathway.** Antigens are proteolytically processed in the cytosol by the proteasome (PSMB8/PSMB9). Peptides generated by the proteasome are translocated into the ER lumen by TAP. MHC class I molecules (heavy chain and associated B2M) fold and assemble in the ER lumen with the aid of the ER chaperones CANX, CALR and ERp57. The complex of MHC class I

molecules, chaperones, TAP and TAPBP facilitates peptide binding. Peptide-loaded MHC class I molecules dissociate from TAP and are transported through the secretory pathway to the cell surface.

In cases where any of the MHC class I pathway components are defective, intracellular MHC class I molecules (figure 5.1) can be subjected to unfolding and degradation resulting into MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotypes (Hughes et al., 1997). Such phenotypes have been reported to be associated with many MHC related diseases including cancer where immune evasion can occur through repression of antigen presentation (Chang et al., 2003; de Visser et al., 2006). Although the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype has been studied extensively, the underlying mechanism(s) remain unclear. Recent studies have implicated DNA methylation in the expression of MHC class I genes in cancer but their analysis was restricted to promoter regions only (Fonsatti et al., 2007; Fonsatti et al., 2003; Manning et al., 2008; Nie et al., 2001).

I aimed to pursue a more comprehensive study of the role of DNA methylation in the MHC class I pathway. For this, I used the samples described in section 5.2 and performed an analysis that can be divided into three parts:

Part 1. Expression analysis of the genes *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *HLA-C*, *TAP1*, *TAP2*, *PSMB8*, *PSMB9* and *TAPBP* which I call candidate genes (section 5.3). These genes are encoded within the MHC and are involved in the MHC class I antigen presentation pathway. The effect of inhibition of DNA methylation in the expression of these eight genes was also tested (section 5.4)

Part 2. Identification of differentially methylated regions (DMRs) between cell lines displaying the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype (nine cancer cell lines) and two control cell lines (sections 5.5.1 and 5.5.2). To this end I used the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach (chapter 3).

Part 3. Data generated under parts 1 and 2 were combined to identify:

(i). DMRs that can be associated with the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype (section 5.5.3). I call these DMRs phenotype-specific DMRs (pDMRs).

(ii). DMRs overlapping with the coding regions of the eight candidate genes that may be hypermethylated as the result of low transcriptional levels (section 5.6). Low transcriptional activity has been reported to drive DNA hypermethylation in some instances (Bird, 2002; Meissner et al., 2008).

(iii) Prominent DMRs within the MHC region which, although not associated with the MHC class I phenotype, may be important for the regulation of MHC genes in general (section 5.7).

This analysis is described in more detail in the following sections.

## 5.2 Samples used for pDMR screen

For the pDMR screen I used samples with abnormal expression levels of one or more of the genes involved in the MHC class I antigen presentation pathway. I used cancer cell lines for two reasons: i. MHC class I phenotype is known to be associated with many cancer types; ii cancer cell lines were easy to obtain and work with. Based on published data (Blanchet et al., 1992) and availability, nine cancer cell lines were chosen for this screen. As positive controls for MHC class I pathway gene expression, two peripheral blood EBV-transformed cell lines (GM15510 and GM10851) were selected. Table 5.1 shows the characteristics of each of the cell lines chosen.

	<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Tissue</b>	<b>Disease</b>	<b>Levels of MHC class I expression</b>
<b>T47D</b>		54	female	duct	carcinoma	low
<b>578T</b>	Caucasian	74	female	breast	carcinoma	
<b>H69</b>	Caucasian	55	male	lung	carcinoma	low
<b>Colo-205</b>	Caucasian	70	male	colon	adenocarcinoma	high
<b>CCRF-CEM</b>	Caucasian	4	female	blood	leukemia	low
<b>MCF7</b>	Caucasian	69	female	breast	adenocarcinoma	
<b>MDA-MB-231</b>	Caucasian	51	female	breast	adenocarcinoma	high
<b>MDA-MB-361</b>	Caucasian	40	female	breast	adenocarcinoma	intermediate
<b>K562</b>	Caucasian	53	female	bone marrow	leukemia	low
<b>GM15510</b>				blood	-	normal
<b>GM10851</b>	Caucasian	52	male	blood	-	normal

Table 5.1 **Characteristics of cell lines used in the pDMR screen.** The indicated expression status is based on published protein analysis (Blanchet et al., 1992). Empty boxes indicate that the corresponding information was not available.

MHC class I molecules are expressed in a wide range of tissues and cell types, including the tissues of origin of the cell lines selected here (Lechler, 2000). Although cancer cell lines are known to frequently display karyotypic variability (Roschke et al., 2003) this should not affect the methylation analysis as my experimental design (MeDIP-enriched versus total DNA) normalizes for the given genotype (chapter 3).

Finally, it should be noted that the two EBV transformed cell lines (GM15510 and GM10851), although normal with respect to the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype, are expected to have modified methylation patterns compared to the primary cells from which they have been established. EBV virus has been shown to activate DNA methyltransferase activity by increasing the expression of DNMTs (Flanagan, 2007; Tsai et al., 2002).

### **5.3 Relative expression of MHC class I pathway genes encoded within the MHC**

There are eight genes involved in the MHC class I pathway that are encoded within the MHC region: *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *HLA-C*, *TAP1*, *TAP2*, *PSMB8*, *PSMB9* and *TAPBP*. All eight genes are encoded within the MHC. Previous studies have shown that genes involved in the same pathway (e.g. members of the TGF-beta signalling pathway) as well as genes encoded within the same chromosomal band (e.g. 4Mb band of chromosome 2q.14.2) can be epigenetically silenced (Frigola et al., 2006; Hinshelwood et al., 2007). These studies support the notion that the eight genes investigated here maybe regulated concordantly by epigenetic mechanisms. These genes are discussed in more detail below:

#### *HLA-A*, *HLA-B* and *HLA-C* genes

Each of these genes encodes an  $\alpha$ -chain of a class I molecule (figure 5.1). They are the most polymorphic human loci known to date (de Bakker et al., 2006; Horton et al., 2008; Traherne et al., 2006). It has been proposed previously that promoter methylation of these three loci may be involved in their down-regulation in cancer cells (Nie et al., 2001; Serrano et al., 2001).

#### TAP and PSMB genes

These genes are encoded within a tight cluster in the MHC class II region. The products of the two *TAP* genes, *TAP1* and *TAP2*, are members of the ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporter superfamily (Townsend and Trowsdale, 1993). They form a complex in the endoplasmatic reticulum (ER) membrane that translocates peptide antigens from the cytoplasm into the lumen of the ER (figure 5.2) (Androlewicz and Cresswell, 1994; Kelly et al., 1992).

The *PSMB* genes, *PSMB8* and *PSMB9*, encode components of the proteasome (figure 5.2) (Gaczynska et al., 1993; Glynne et al., 1991). *PSMB9* has been implicated in proteolytic digestion of cytoplasmic proteins. Production of *PSMB8* and *PSMB9* components has been shown to alter the proteolytic activity of the proteasome to favour antigen peptides capable of binding to the peptide groove of MHC class I molecules (figures 5.1 and 5.2).

*TAP1* and *PSMB9* share a bidirectional promoter (Wright et al., 1995). This is a minimal 593bp region which is sufficient for concurrent expression in both directions which implicates that these two genes are controlled simultaneously by common elements.

In cancer cells and human papilloma virus 16-associated tumours, epigenetic induction of MHC class I surface expression has been shown to be associated with the up-regulation of the following genes: *TAP1*, *TAP2*, *PSMB8* and *PSMB9* (Manning et al., 2008; Setiadi et al., 2007).

#### TAPBP

*TAPBP* is encoded within the class II region of the MHC. Its product acts as a chaperone that facilitates the association of MHC class I molecules with peptide antigens (figure 5.2) (Lauvau et



al., 1999). *TAPBP* has been shown to be epigenetically regulated in melanoma cells (Khan et al., 2008)

### 5.3.1 Expression analysis

According to published data MHC class I molecules show differential levels of expression and abundance at the surface of the cells I chose to use (Blanchet et al., 1992) (table 5.1). I analysed further the expression levels of all MHC encoded genes (eight genes) involved in the MHC class I pathway. To this end I performed quantitative real time PCR and calculated the difference in total mRNA levels of each of the eight genes between the cancer and the two normal EBV-transformed cell lines (shared controls). At this point it should be noted that all these genes have multiple isoforms. In order to simplify the analysis, primers were designed to capture all possible isoforms of each of the eight genes. Analysis of the data was done as described in section 2.2.4.3.

According to my data, *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8* were down-regulated in all cancer cell lines, in both biological replicates (figure 5.3), relative to the two controls (fold difference >1.5). *HLA-C* mRNA levels were close to normal in three cancer cell lines (CCRF-CEM, Colo-205 and MDA-MB-361; fold difference <1.5) and reduced in the rest six. *TAP2*, *PSMB9* and *TAPBP* levels were normal only in the T47D cell line and down regulated in the rest, apart from *PSMB9* which was the only gene that showed about 2-fold up-regulation in one cancer cell line (CCRF-CEM). Expression data are shown in figure 5.3 and are summarised in table 5.2.

With few exceptions, the eight MHC genes tested in this section seem to be co-ordinately down-regulated in almost all cancer cell lines tested. This finding agrees with previous publications (Johnsen et al., 1998; Meissner et al., 2005; Romero et al., 2005) and indicates that the eight MHC genes may share a common regulatory pathway. This is further supported by studies

showing that treatment of antigen presenting cells with the cytokines INF- $\gamma$  or TNF- $\alpha$  induces coordinated changes at different steps of the MHC class I processing and presentation pathway (Dejardin et al., 1998). In addition, it has been shown previously that treatment of cancer cell lines with DNA methylation inhibitors resulted in up-regulation of MHC class I molecules, suggesting that DNA methylation plays a role in the regulation of MHC class I pathway genes (Fonsatti et al., 2007; Fonsatti et al., 2003; Nie et al., 2001).

Epigenetic modifications have the potential to target expression of multiple genes simultaneously. This can be done either by the epigenetic silencing or up-regulation of a common regulatory factor involved in expression of all genes that are part of the same pathway, or by simultaneous aberrant alterations of epigenetic marks at loci of multiple genes involved in the same pathway or encoded in the same chromosomal region (Frigola et al., 2006; Hinshelwood et al., 2007). I attempted to investigate the role of DNA methylation in the concordant silencing of genes involved in the MHC class I pathway as described in the following sections.

	<i>HLA-A</i>	<i>HLA-B</i>	<i>HLA-C</i>	<i>TAP1</i>	<i>TAP2</i>	<i>PSMB8</i>	<i>PSMB9</i>	<i>TAPBP</i>
<b>T47D</b>	-	-	-	-	+/-	-	+/-	+/-
<b>MDA-MB-231</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>MDA-MB-361</b>	-	-	+/-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>CCRF-CEM</b>	-	-	+/-	-	-	-	+	-
<b>Colo-205</b>	-	-	+/-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>H69</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>578T</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>K562</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>MCF7</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5.2. **Summary of MHC encoded MHC class I pathway gene expression.** Relative expression levels were calculated for all cancer cell lines and each of the eight genes involved in the class I pathway compared to two normal control cell lines. Symbol – indicates reduced expression levels; + indicates upregulation and +/- denotes that the expression of the corresponding gene is similar in both cancer and

control cell lines. Only differences greater than 1.5 fold (in both biological replicates, figure 5.3) were considered to be significant.

Figure 5.3. **Relative expression of MHC encoded MHC class I pathway genes.** mRNA levels of *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *HLA-C*, *TAP1*, *TAP2*, *PSMB8*, *PSMB9* and *TAPBP* were determined by quantitative RT-PCR. After normalizing expression to *UBC* (section 2.2.4.3), the fold change in expression levels was calculated relative to the two normal EBV-transformed cell lines (shared controls). Figure shows data corresponding to two biological replicates. The mean of three technical replicates (for each biological replicate) is shown.

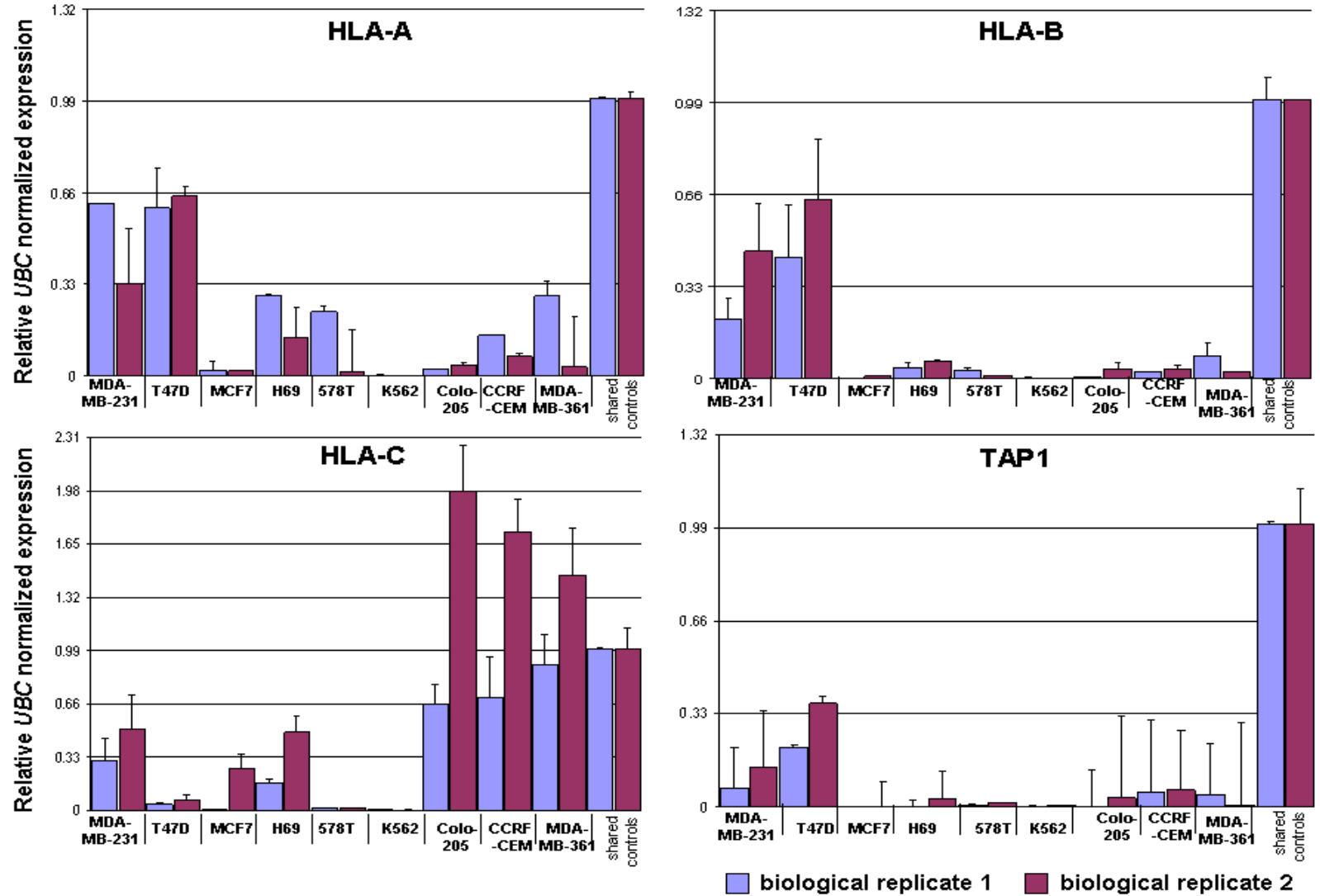


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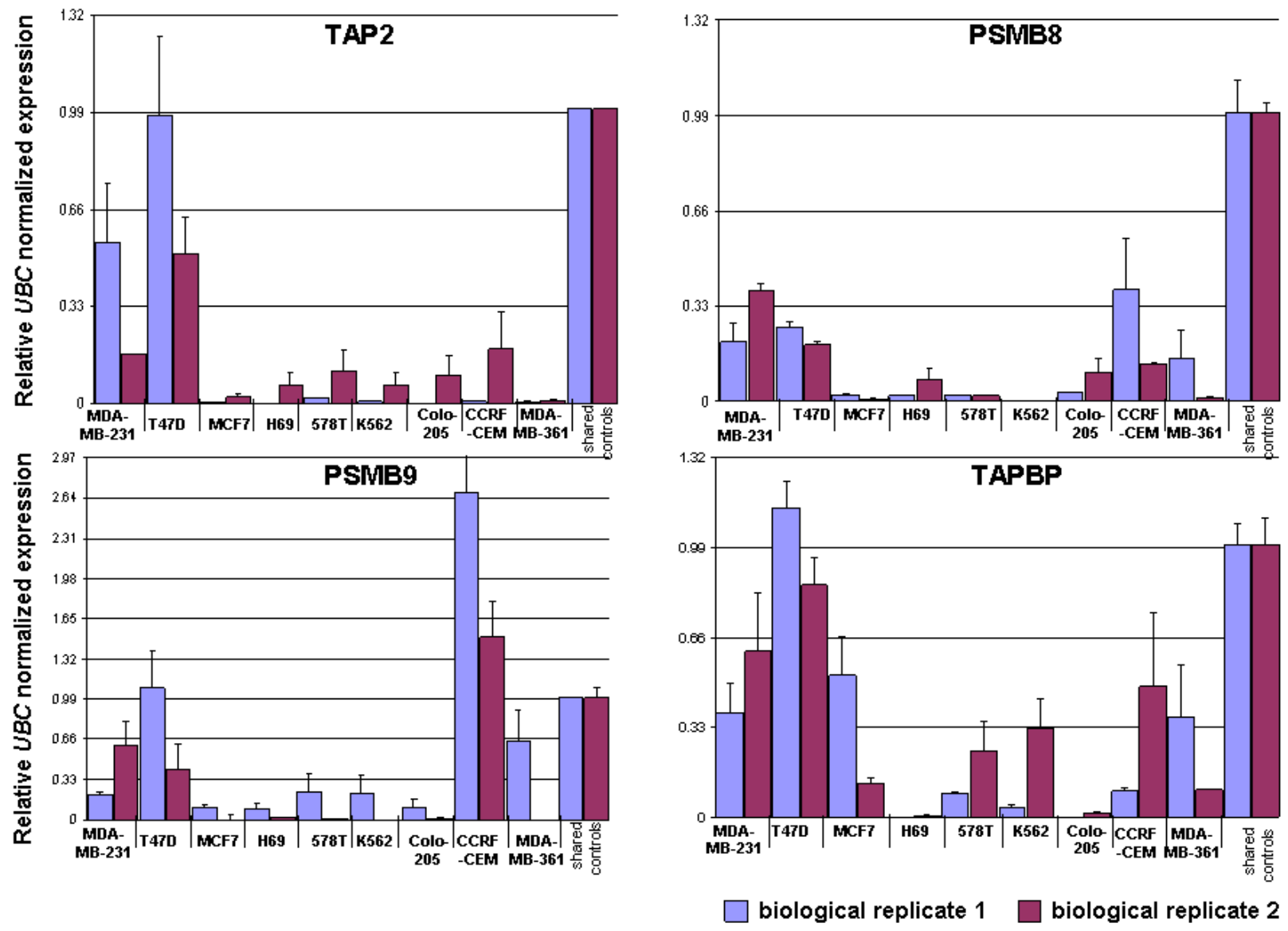


Figure 5.3

#### 5.4 Effect of DNA methylation inhibition on MHC encoded class I pathway genes

DNA methylation has been shown to co-ordinately change the expression of multiple genes in a chromosomal segment as well as genes involved in the same pathway (Frigola et al., 2006; Hinshelwood et al., 2007). The eight genes under investigation in this chapter are encoded within the same chromosomal band and are all involved in the same pathway, the MHC class I presentation pathway. According to my expression analysis (section 5.3) MHC-encoded MHC class I pathway genes are co-ordinately expressed.

I sought to investigate the effect of DNA methylation on the down-regulation of MHC class I pathway genes. For this I selected two cancer cell lines with the lowest expression of MHC class I pathway genes (MCF7 and 578T; figure 5.3) and treated them with increasing doses of the DNA methyltransferase inhibitor 5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine (5-aza-CdR) (sections 1.3.5 and 2.2.1.3.5). Real time qPCR analysis of MHC class I pathway gene expression revealed that 5-aza-CdR treatment can induce a marked increase of expression for most of the genes, in a dose-dependent manner (figure 5.4). In MCF7 cells, expression of all eight genes was up-regulated compared to untreated cells. The most dramatic effect was on the expression of the *PSMB8* gene (~6000-fold increase) whereas *TAPBP* and *TAP2* gene expression levels were the least affected (4-fold and 9-fold increase respectively) (figure 5.4a). In 578T cells, methylation inhibition affected mainly the expression of *HLA-A* and *HLA-C* (20-fold increase) followed by *PSMB8* (6-fold increase). Treatment had no effect on the expression of the *TAP2* and *TAPBP* genes whereas for the rest of the genes, a small increase (4-fold) in mRNA levels was observed (figure 5.4b).

Although the degree of expression restoration of the MHC class I pathway genes varies between MCF7 and 578T cells, it is clear that 5-aza-CdR can co-ordinately up-regulate

genes involved in the pathway. Hence, this implicates a role for DNA methylation in the regulation of MHC class I genes.

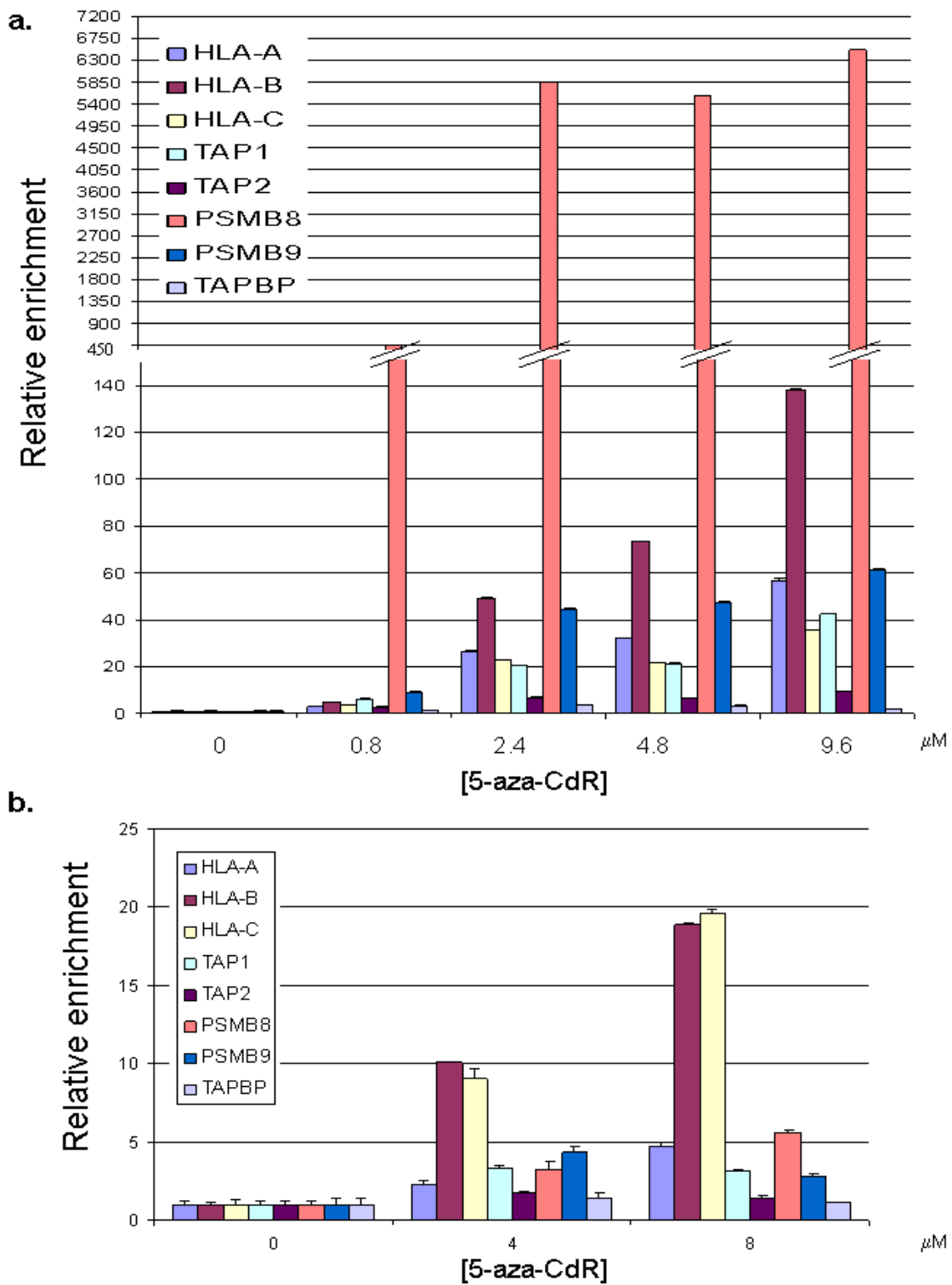


Figure 5.4. **Restoration of gene expression after DNA methylation inhibition in two cancer cell lines.** mRNA levels of *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *HLA-C*, *TAP1*, *TAP2*, *PSMB8*, *PSMB9* and *TAPBP* were determined in MCF7 (a) and 578T (b) in both untreated and 5-aza-CdR treated cells. After normalizing expression to *UBC*, the fold change in expression was calculated relative to untreated cells (0  $\mu$ M 5-aza-CdR). The mean of six measurements (two biological replicates and three technical replicates for each) is shown in part a. The mean of three technical replicates is shown in part b.

At this point it is worth mentioning that, although the DNA demethylation capabilities of 5-aza-CdR are well characterised, this drug may exhibit alternative mechanisms of transcription reactivation. It has been shown for instance that 5-aza-CdR can induce expression of genes lacking CpG methylation (Scott et al., 2006; Soengas et al., 2001) and that it can be associated with H3K9 demethylation (Coombes et al., 2003; Fahrner et al., 2002; Nguyen et al., 2002). Also, as 5-aza-CdR is a global demethylation agent, 5-aza-CdR assays are not efficient to confirm that methylation of a specific genomic region affects expression of a gene. Therefore, the possibility that other epigenetic marks, as well as DNA methylation, and that demethylation of potential control regions outside the MHC may have an effect on MHC class I regulation should not be ignored.

Following verification of the role of DNA methylation in the concordant down-regulation of MHC class I pathway genes I sought to investigate further if aberrant DNA methylation patterns within the MHC region are involved in this phenotype.

### **5.5 MHC DMRs associated with the MHC class I phenotype**

The main aim of this chapter was to investigate if there are DMRs within the MHC that could be associated with the expression of MHC class I genes encoded within the MHC. To this end:

5.5.1 I generated methylation profiles for all eleven cell lines used here (table 5.1) by using the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach (chapter 3).

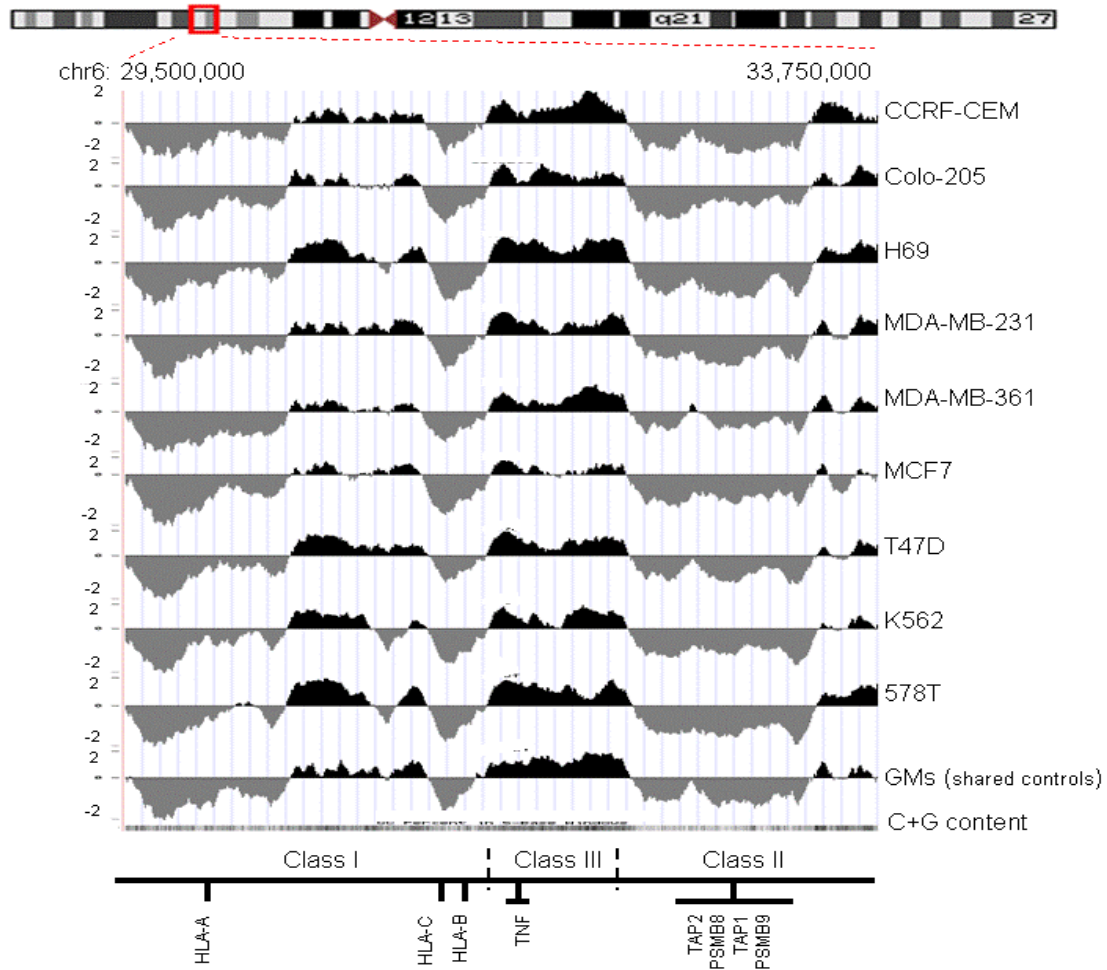


5.5.2 I identified methylation differences between each of the nine cancer cell lines (table 5.1) and the shared controls. Methylation differences between two samples are referred to as DMRs.

5.5.3 I correlated the DMRs (5.5.2) with expression data based on the analysis described in section 5.3. DMRs that showed an association with expression data were called phenotype specific DMRs (pDMRs).

#### *5.5.1 Generation of DNA methylation profiles within the MHC region*

I generated methylation profiles for all eleven cell lines tested using the MHC tiling array in combination with MeDIP as described in chapter 3. In accordance to what was observed in chapter 4, the overall methylation profiles along the MHC are very similar in all 11 cell lines tested (figure 5.5). The profiles show similar patterns with the C+G content across the MHC region. Although MeDIP enrichment profiles do not allow absolute DNA methylation values to be called, they enable detection of relative methylation differences between samples (Keshet et al., 2006; Weber et al., 2005). These profiles were used to identify methylation differences between the shared control cell lines and the cancer cell lines tested here and subsequently for pDMR identification as described below.



**Figure 5.5 DNA methylation profiles of the MHC.** For each of the 11 cell lines tested the log<sub>2</sub> signal ratios (MeDIP/input) were uploaded as individual tracks to the UCSC genome browser using the ‘smooth’ function. For each sample the mean of two biological replicates was calculated. GMS-normal refers to the average values corresponding to the two control cell lines GM10851 and GM15510. Regions enriched or depleted in DNA methylation are shaded in black and grey, respectively. Also shown is a track of the C+G content (the darker the shading, the higher the C+G content). The approximate positions of the MHC class I, II and II subregions and some landmark genes are indicated.

### 5.5.2. DMRs between the cancer cell lines and shared controls

I identified differentially methylated regions (DMRs) between each of the nine cancer and the two normal EBV-transformed cell lines. The analysis for DMR identification was done in a similar manner as for tDMR identification (chapter 4).

At this point it is worth mentioning that the control cell lines originate from peripheral blood whereas the cancer cell lines originate from a variety of tissues (table 5.1). Hence, it should be expected that some of the DMRs are due to tissue-specific differences between the control and the corresponding cancer cell line. I reasoned that I should remove from the DMR list those DMRs that have already been characterised as tDMRs by the tDMR screen (chapter 4). Of the DMRs identified, 18 overlapped with tDMRs. These 18 DMRs were removed from further analysis. Their coordinates are given in appendix table 5.1. The genomic location of the remaining DMRs is shown in figure 5.6 (coordinates are in appendix table 5.2). A total of 552 putative DMRs were identified, of which 139 were present in multiple comparisons whereas 144 were identified only once. Hence 283 loci (average size 2kb) within the MHC region show methylation differences between the cancer cell lines and the two shared controls. I defined these 283 loci as non-redundant putative DMRs (to reflect the non-redundancy at the sequence level) in a similar manner as described in section 4.7 (non-redundant tDMRs). Figure 5.6 shows the location of the non-redundant DMRs as well as the 55 non-redundant tDMRs identified in chapter 4. The five fold difference between the number of the non-redundant DMRs and non-redundant tDMRs may be the outcome of more pair-wise comparisons (nine in the pDMR screen and six in the tDMR) in the pDMR screen.

The cell line with the most DMRs is MCF7 (141 DMRs) and the cell line with the least DMRs (43 DMRs) is T47D. The CCRF-CEM cell line, which is the only cancer cell line of the same tissue source as the shared controls (table 5.1), has 46 DMRs.

All of the 283 non-redundant DMRs are candidate methylation regulatory elements for the MHC class I<sup>+</sup> phenotype. In the following section I filtered this list of DMRs further to identify those that show the highest co-occurrence with the phenotype under investigation.

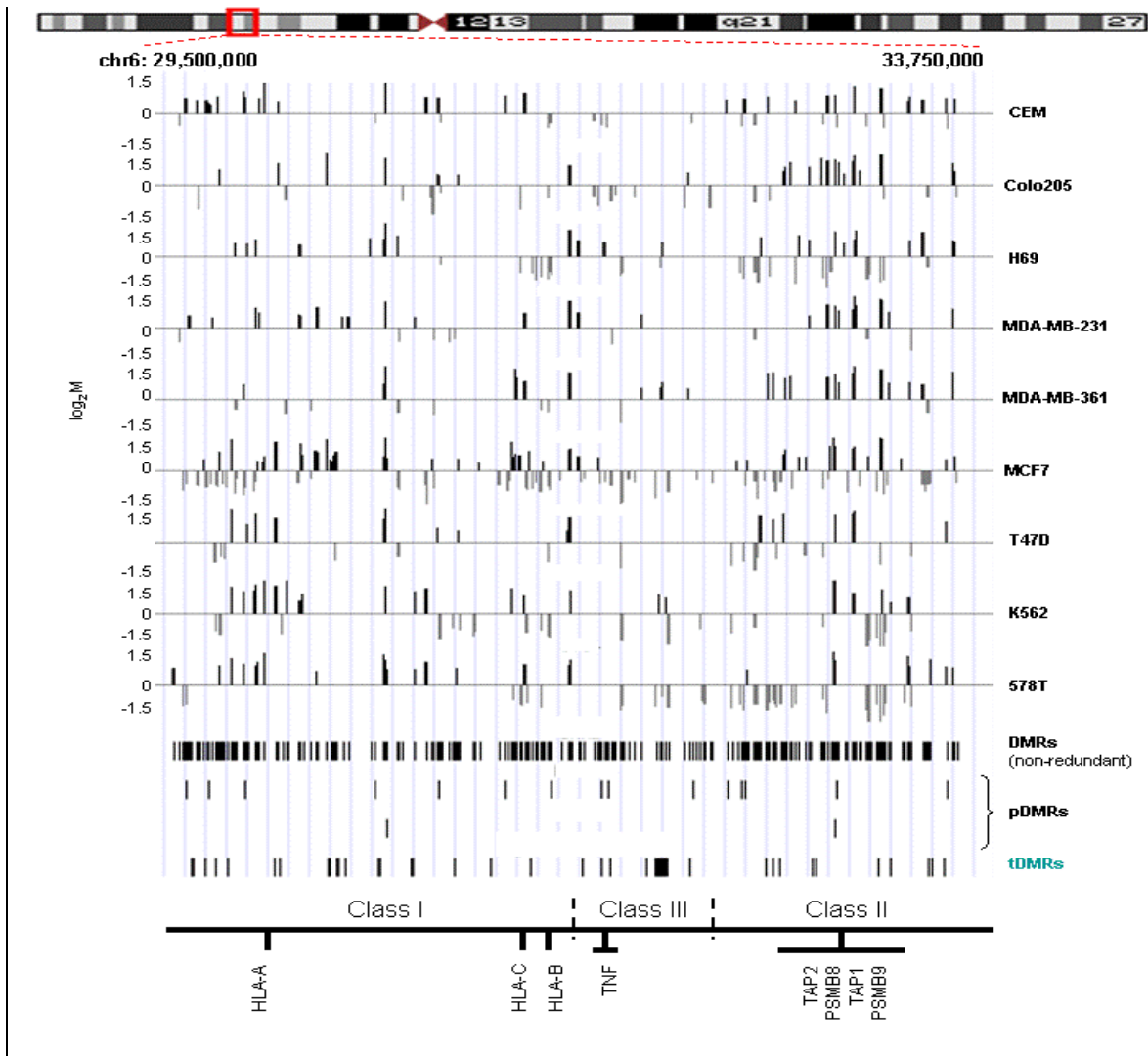


Figure 5.6 **DMRs identified between the cancer cell lines and shared controls.** Pair-wise comparisons (nine in total) of the MHC array-derived DNA methylation profiles were performed using t-statistics. A significance threshold p-value  $< 0.001$  was used. Genomic location of DMRs identified for each pair-wise comparison (cancer cell line versus the mean values of the shared controls GM15510 and GM10851) are shown. The vertical axis shows the  $\log_2$  ratio of the two corresponding methylation profiles (ie cancer cell line versus shared controls). Each line represents a DMR (average size 2kb). Black lines represent DMRs that are more methylated in cancer compared to the control cell lines (the identities of cancer cell lines within each comparison are given on the right) whereas grey lines represent less methylated DMRs. A track of the C+G content and the approximate positions of the MHC class I, II and II sub-regions and some landmark genes are also indicated. The genomic location of the 283 non-redundant DMRs (section 5.5.2) and 55 non-redundant tDMRs (section 4.7) are shown as black lines (average size 2kb). The pDMRs identified in section 5.5.3 are also shown. Upper track shows the 14 pDMRs

associated with *PSMB9* up-regulation whereas the lower track shows the two pDMRs associated with *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *PSMB8* and *TAP1* down-regulation.

### 5.5.3 pDMR identification

In the previous section I presented the DMRs between each of the nine cancer cell lines that display the MHC class I<sup>+</sup> phenotype and shared normal control cell lines. In this section I analysed which of these DMRs can be highly linked with the MHC class I<sup>+</sup> phenotype and hence called pDMRs.

This analysis was based on the expression analysis described in section 5.3. I aimed to identify the DMRs that could be connected with the expression of each of the eight genes involved in the MHC class I pathway and encoded within the MHC region (table 5.2; figure 5.3). The genes *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8* are down-regulated in all nine cancer cell lines compared to shared controls (>1.5 fold difference). I reasoned that MHC-DMRs linked with their expression should be present in all nine comparisons (figure 5.6). In a similar manner, *HLA-C* associated DMRs should be present in all but the CCRF-CEM, Colo-205 and MDA-MB-361 cell lines. *TAP2* and *TAPBP* DMRs should be present in all cell lines apart from T47D. Finally DMRs associated with *PSMB9* down-regulation should be present in MDA-MB-231, MDA-MB-361, Colo-205, H69, 578T, MCF7 and K562 comparisons. DMRs present only in CCRF-CEM comparison could be associated with *PSMB9* up-regulation (table 5.2).

#### 5.5.3.1 pDMRs associated with *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8* expression

There are two putative pDMRs that can be associated with the expression of *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8* genes (figure 5.6). Interestingly, one of these DMRs overlaps with the bidirectional promoter of *TAP1* and *PSMB9* (figure 5.7a) (Wright et al., 1995). This pDMR is hypermethylated in all cancer cell lines compared to the shared controls and, because of its genomic location it can have a putative role in the regulation of

*TAP1*. Although this pDMR could also regulate the *PSMB9* gene, it seems that this is not the case as this pDMR is present in all cell lines, including those expressing *PSMB9* at normal levels (figure 5.3). The methylation status of the genomic region corresponding to this pDMR was verified further in all cell lines tested by bisulphite sequencing (figure 5.7b). These data show that about 10 CpG sites within this DMR are hypermethylated in all cancer cell lines. In the K562 cell line there are 20 additional CpG sites that are hypermethylated but these cannot be correlated with expression patterns (*TAP1* is downregulated in all cell lines, not only in K562 cells). About 36% of CpG sites within this pDMR were refractory for bisulphite sequencing analysis. Bisulphite sequencing analysis normally fails due to: i. failure in designing primers specific for bisulphite converted DNA (see section 1.3.6.1) and ii: poor quality of sequence traces corresponding to bisulphite converted DNA.

I attempted to verify further the role of the hypermethylation of the 10 CpG sites reported above. To this end I performed bisulphite sequencing analysis of DNA extracted from 5-aza-CdR treated MCF7 cells (section 5.4). This analysis revealed a 5-fold reduction in methylation levels of the 10 CpG sites after inhibition of DNA methylation (figure 5.7c). This result in combination with the expression analysis in 5-aza-CdR treated cells (section 5.4), where the expression of the *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8* genes is up-regulated (figure 5.4), indicates that methylation levels of these 10 CpG sites may be involved in the regulation of *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *PSMB8* and *TAP1* genes.

Interestingly, although these 10 CpG sites are located within the *TAP1/PSMB9* promoter, they do not overlap with any known control element within this region (figure 5.8). Instead they are located downstream of the start codon and TSS of *PSMB9*. It is possible that I have identified a new regulatory element within the promoter region. Functional analysis experiments, which are discussed in section 7.4.1, are required to verify further this possibility.

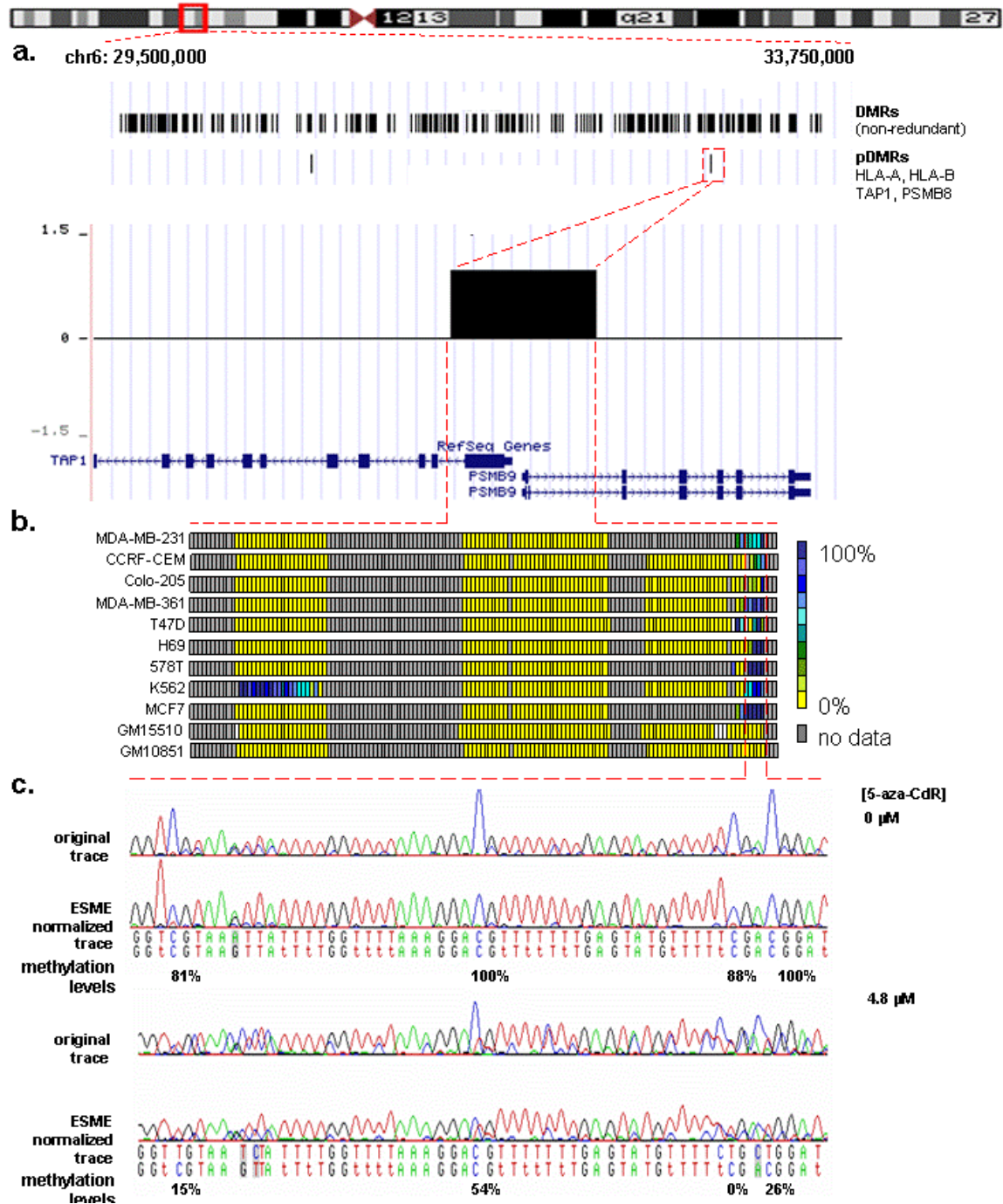
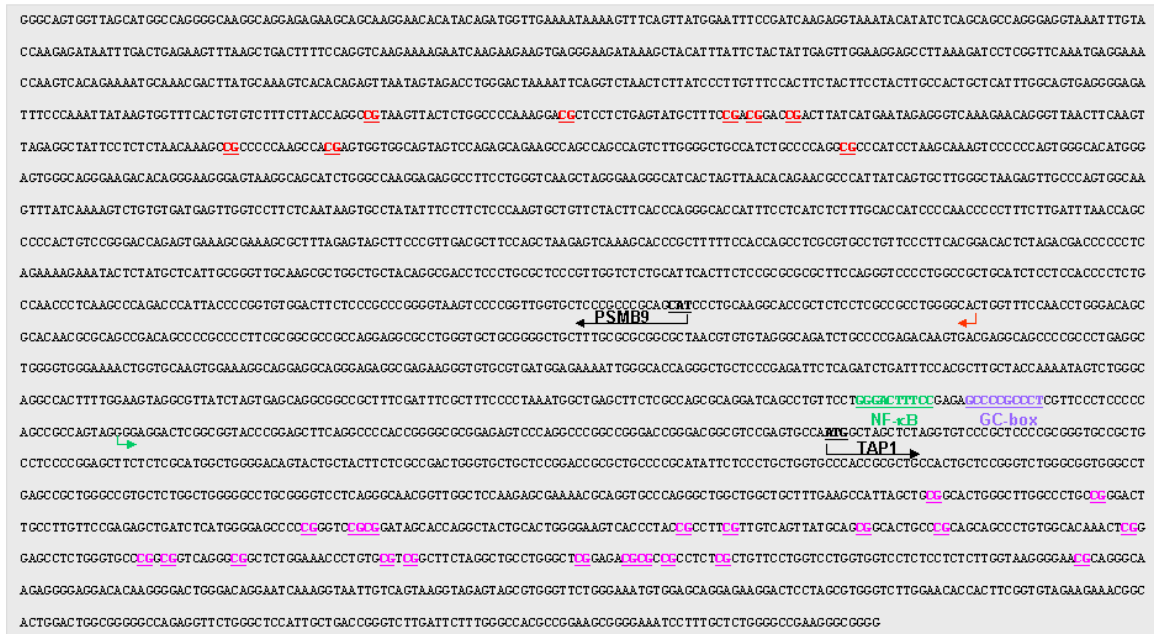


Figure 5.7. **A pDMR within the *TAP1/PSMB9* bidirectional promoter.** A pDMR within the *TAP1/PSMB9* promoter was associated with the down-regulation of *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8* but not *PSMB9*. According to MeDIP-MHC array data this pDMRs is hypermethylated in all cancer cell lines compared to the shared controls. a. Genomic location of the pDMR. b. The methylation patterns within this pDMR were verified by bisulphite sequencing. Each square represents a CpG site. The colour code indicates methylation percentage as calculated by ESME analysis (section 2.2.3). c. Effect of 5-aza-CdR. DNA extracted from MCF7 5-aza-CdR treated

and untreated cells, was subjected to bisulphite sequencing analysis. Methylation of the 10 CpG sites that were found to be hypermethylated (b) in cancer cell lines was tested. Traces corresponding to 5-aza-CdR treated and untreated samples as well as traces before and after ESME normalization (section 2.2.3.5) are shown. Concentration of 5-aza-CdR used is indicated. Upon 5-aza-treatment methylation values drop around 5-fold (on average). A representative part of the sequencing data generated is shown.



**Figure 5.8. Sequence of the DMR overlapping with the *TAP1/PSMB9* bidirectional promoter**  
 The ATG translation start codons are indicated by a black arrow and the gene name. The most prominent transcription start sites are depicted by red and green arrows for PSMB9 and TAP1 respectively. Two functional transcription factor binding sites defined in Wright et al (Wright et al., 1995) are indicated. Green letters correspond to NF-kB and purple to GC-box binding sites. The ten CpG sites hypermethylated in all cancer cell lines are coloured red. The CpG sites hypermethylated only in the K562 cell line are coloured pink.

The second pDMR overlaps with the coding and 3'UTR regions of Nurim (NRM) which is an inner nuclear membrane (INM) protein (figure 5.9) (Holmer and Worman, 2001; Rolls et al., 1999). To date, there are no data implicating NRM in the MHC class I pathway indicating that I might have identified a novel control element for the expression of



members of the MHC class I pathway. However, further experiments are required to prove or refute this possibility.

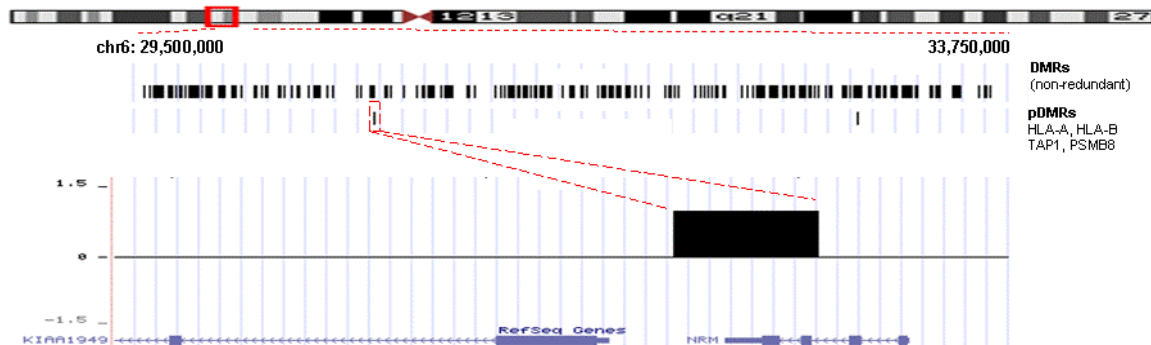


Figure 5.9. **pDMR associated with *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8* expression.** Pair-wise comparisons between each of the cancer cell lines and the two shared controls identified a putative pDMRs at the NMR loci in the MHC class I region. This pDMR is hypermethylated in all cancer cell lines compared to the shared controls. Tracks, also show the 283 non-redundant DMRs and the 2 pDMRs associated with *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *PSMB8* and *TAP1*, were uploaded to the UCSC browser.

It is worth mentioning that none of these two pDMRs can be connected directly with the expression of *HLA-A*, *HLA-B* and *PSMB8* genes but this does not exclude the possibility that they regulate the expression of these genes. It is known that transcriptional control elements can regulate expression of genes within a distance on the same chromosomal band or even on different chromosomes (figure 4.1) (Maston et al., 2006).

#### 5.5.3.2. pDMRs associated with *TAP2*, *TAPBP*, *HLA-C* and *PSMB9* expression

According to this analysis there are no pDMRs within the MHC associated with the expression of *TAP2*, *TAPBP* and *HLA-C*. Based on data of 5-aza-CdR treatment (section 5.4), expression levels of *TAP2* and *TAPBP* were the least affected. Hence it is possible that DNA methylation is not involved in the regulation of these two genes and that is why no pDMR was found to be associated with them. On the other hand *HLA-C* has been shown to be up-regulated after 5-aza-CdR treatment. It is possible that due to array

resolution I was not able to detect all pDMRs, particularly small pDMRs. Alternatively, the expression of *HLA-C* may be controlled by other epigenetic marks, for example histone marks. 5-aza-CdR has already been associated with H3 lysine 9 methylation (Coombes et al., 2003; Fahrner et al., 2002; Nguyen et al., 2002). Mapping histone marks across the MHC by performing Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP) in combination with the MHC tiling array will be informative on this matter.

Finally, 14 DMRs were present only in the CCRF-CEM cell line (figure 5.10). CCRF-CEM is the only cancer cell line in this study that shows increased levels of *PSMB9* mRNA (figure 5.3). Hence these 14 DMRs can be connected with *PSMB9* up-regulation and hence can be characterised as pDMRs. Although all of the 14 pDMRs can be equally important, the one overlapping with the coding and 3'UTR region of the *PSMB9* gene is the most likely to control *PSMB9* up-regulation. A previous study has shown that 3'UTR hypomethylation is associated with gene silencing (Shann et al., 2008). However, it is possible that the combination of 3'UTR hypomethylation together with 5'UTR hypermethylation, which is the case for the *PSMB9* gene in the CCRF-CEM cell line, leads to transcription activation (figures 5.10).

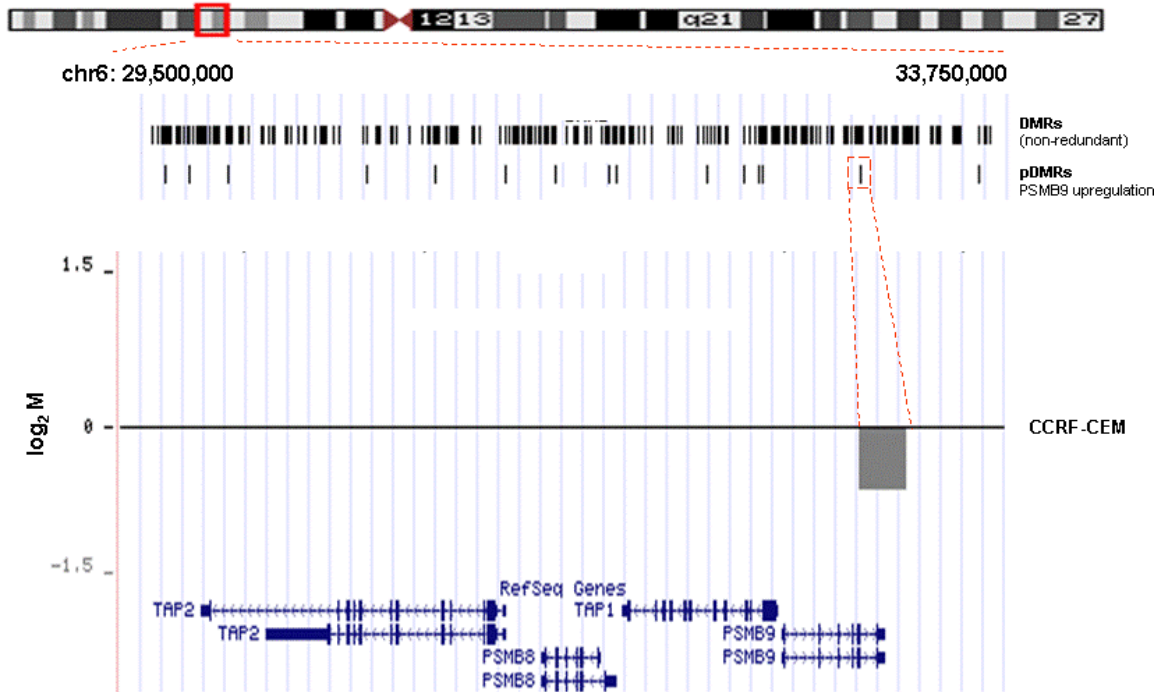


Figure 5.10. **pDMRs associated with *PSMB9* up-regulation.** 14 DMRs present only in the CCRF-CEM comparison were associated with *PSMB9* up-regulation. Of these the one overlapping the 3'UTR of *PSMB9* is the most likely to control expression of the gene. It seems to be less methylated in CCRF-CEM as shown in the lower part of the figure. RefSeq genes are also shown. Tracks showing the genomic location of DMRs were uploaded to the UCSC genome browser.

In summary, in this section I describe the identification of two pDMRs associated with the down-regulation of *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8* as well as of 14 pDMRs associated with the up-regulation of *PSMB9*. One interesting question arising from pDMR identification is the mechanism that drives their formation during the development of a phenotype, in this case the MHC class I phenotype. As it was discussed in the general introduction of this thesis (chapter 1), there is supporting evidence suggesting that DNA methylation is the result of low transcriptional activity. This implies that DNA methylation is a secondary event during the process of gene silencing (Bird, 2002; Clark and Melki, 2002; Turker, 2002).

In the following section I attempt to correlate increasing methylation levels with reduction of transcriptional activity.

### **5.6 DNA methylation and levels of transcriptional activity**

It has been proposed that gene silencing is a gradual and evolving process that induces promoter DNA methylation at a very late stage of the transcriptional silencing process (Bird, 2002; Clark and Melki, 2002; Turker, 2002). This is consistent with recent data suggesting a “Use it or Lose it” model (Meissner et al., 2008). Based on this model, genes with low levels of transcriptional activity in a given cell type are susceptible to be locked into this state by DNA methylation. In an attempt to investigate this possibility further I identified all the DMRs (section 5.5.2) that overlap with the eight MHC encoded genes involved in the MHC class I pathway and I correlated them with the corresponding expression levels (section 5.3; figure 5.3). Although all candidate genes are down-regulated in almost all cases (figure 5.3), the level of down-regulation differs between cell lines.

Based on this analysis there is: (i). one DMR overlapping with the bidirectional promoter of *TAP1* and *PSMB9* which is present in all cell lines and hence cannot be correlated with differential expression levels. (ii). one DMR present within the *HLA-B* locus which is not correlated with expression levels and hence it is not discussed further within this thesis and (iii). a DMR overlapping with the promoter of *PSMB8* gene which is present in three cell lines: 578T, MCF7 and K562 (figure 5.11a). Interestingly these three cell lines are those with the lowest *PSMB8* expression levels compared to the rest (figures 5.3 and 5.11c). I tested this DMR further as described below.

### 5.6.1 DMRs overlapping with the *PSMB8* promoter region

In three cancer cell lines (578T, K562, MCF7), a DMR was identified within the 5'UTR of the *PSMB8* gene (figure 5.11a). Bisulphite sequencing analysis confirmed that this region is heavily methylated in these three cell lines (figure 5.11b). As the *PSMB8* gene is down-regulated in all cancer cell lines (figures 5.3 and 5.11c) this DMR does not qualify as pDMR based on the analysis described in section 5.5.3. However it is important to note that 578T, K562 and MCF7 show the lowest expression levels of *PSMB8* compared to the rest of cancer cell lines (figure 5.11c) and this may be linked to the proposal that gene silencing is a gradual and evolving process that induces promoter DNA methylation (Clark and Melki, 2002; Meissner et al., 2008; Turker, 2002). Hence, I speculate that this can be the case for the silencing event of the *PSMB8* gene. Initially *PSMB8* silencing is the result of factor(s) other than DNA methylation. When transcription levels fall below a threshold (relative expression < 0.05) (figure 5.11c) induces an increase in local methylation and this could explain the high levels of methylation in the 578T, K562 and MCF7 cell lines. Treatment of MCF7 cells with 5-aza-CdR reduces methylation of the *PSMB8* DMR 5-fold (on average) (figure 5.11d) and this is in inverse correlation with the expression levels of the *PSMB8* gene in 5-aza-CdR treated cells (figure 5.4). Treatment of additional cell lines, other than MCF7, 578T and K562, with methylation inhibitors would be informative. The expectation is that treatment with 5-aza-CdR should not have an effect on the expression levels of the *PSMB8* gene in cell lines lacking the DMR within the *PSMB8* 5'UTR.

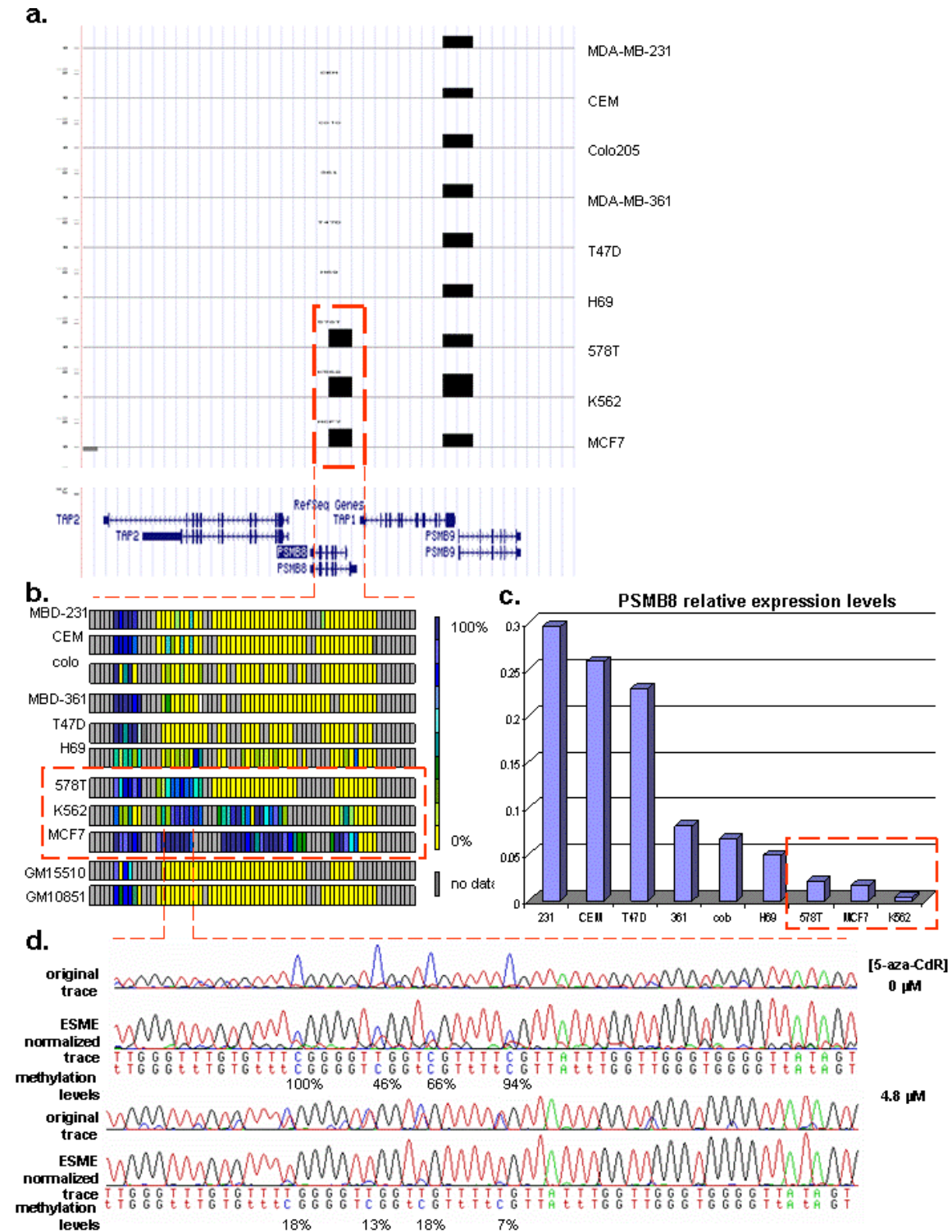


Figure 5.11 **DMRs within the PSMB8 promoter.** Pair-wise comparisons between the cancer and the shared control cells revealed a DMR within the *PSMB8* promoter in the cell lines 578T, K562 and MCF7.(a). DMRs identified by the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach. The red box indicates the DMR within the *PSMB8* promoter. The pDMR within the *TAP1/PSMB9* promoter (discussed in

section 5.5.3.1; figure 5.7) is also shown. Tracks were uploaded to the UCSC browser. Vertical axis shows the  $\log_2$  ratio of the cancer versus normal cell line profile. Identity of the corresponding cancer cell line is shown on the right. (b). DMR overlapping with *PSMB8* was validated further by bisulphite sequencing analysis. Each square represents a CpG site. The colour code indicates methylation percentage as calculated by ESME analysis. (c). Relative expression levels for *PSMB8* in the nine cancer cell lines (taken from figure 5.3). Red box indicates the three cell lines (K562, 578T, MCF7) with the lowest *PSMB8* levels (fold enrichment  $<0.05$ ). Graph was reproduced using data shown in figure 5.3. (d). DNA extracted from MCF7 5-aza-CdR treated and untreated cells, was subjected to bisulphite sequencing analysis. Traces corresponding to 5-aza-CdR treated and untreated samples as well as traces before and after ESME normalization are shown. Concentration of 5-aza-CdR used is indicated. Upon 5-aza-CdR treatment methylation values dropped 5-fold. A representative part of the sequencing data generated is shown.

### 5.7 Prominent DMRs within the MHC region

One of the great advantages of the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach compared to the bisulphite sequencing strategy, which followed by the HEP pilot study for the MHC region and covered only 2% of the MHC, is that it allows the unbiased methylation analysis of the complete MHC region, albeit at 2kb resolution. I wished to look for prominent DMRs within the MHC which, although they were not found to be associated with the MHC class I phenotype, may be important in the regulation of MHC genes in general.

To this end I used the list of DMRs that resulted by the analysis described in section 5.5.2 (pair-wise comparisons of DNA methylation profiles of cancer cell lines versus the shared controls) (appendix table 5.2) and I looked for DMRs present in the majority of comparisons. The most prominent DMRs were present in the tumour necrosis factor (TNF) cluster in the MHC class III region. These DMRs are discussed in the following sections.

### 5.7.1 The tumour necrosis factor cluster

The tumour necrosis factor (TNF) cluster contains genes for three cytokines (LTA, TNF- $\alpha$  and LTB) and is located in the MHC class III region (figure 1.1). These cytokines play multiple roles in the development and function of the immune system (Aggarwal et al., 2002; McDevitt et al., 2002). The regulation of expression of these genes is complex: transcription is controlled in a tissue- and stimulus-specific manner (Falvo et al., 2000; Falvo et al., 2000; Tsai et al., 1996). Recent evidence has shown that the *TNF- $\alpha$*  gene is epigenetically regulated. More specifically, it has been shown that in K562 cell (which is one of the cancer cell lines tested here), the promoter region of *TNF- $\alpha$*  is hypermethylated (Sullivan et al., 2007). According to the same study K562 cells do not produce TNF- $\alpha$  upon lipopolysaccharide (LPS) treatment. LPS is one of the major inducers of TNF production both *in vivo* and *in vitro* (Dumitru et al., 2000).

The analysis conducted under section 5.5.2 revealed three DMRs within the TNF cluster, overlapping with the *LTA*, *TNF- $\alpha$*  and *LTB* genes. In the following sections I studied these DMRs further and, more specifically, I explored how they can be associated with the expression of the corresponding genes.

### 5.7.2 DMRs within the TNF cluster

According to the MHC array analysis (5.5.2) the gene body of *TNF- $\alpha$*  is hypermethylated in all cancer cell lines except CCRF-CEM. The *TNF- $\alpha$*  promoter region is hypermethylated in all but two cancer cell lines (K562 and CCRF-CEM). DMRs were also identified in some cell lines within the gene bodies of *LTA* and *LTB* (figure 5.12a). The DMRs identified within the TNF cluster were validated further by bisulphite sequencing (figure 5.12b), which agrees with the array data. The two EBV-transformed cell lines GM10851 and GM15510 (shared controls) appear to be unmethylated. CCRF-



CEM cells are either unmethylated or less methylated compared to the rest of the cancer cell lines within the regions tested. In addition, according to bisulphite sequencing data and previous studies the *TNF- $\alpha$*  promoter in K562 cells is hypermethylated. However the MeDIP-MHC approach failed to detect the corresponding DMR in these cells. This can be due to lower methylation levels in K562 cells compared to the other cancer cell lines (except CCRF-CEM). The lower methylation levels observed for K562 cells may not be sufficient to be detected by my experimental approach (MeDIP-MHC tiling array). Methylation values for the CpG sites within these DMRs, which were found to be refractory to bisulphite sequencing analysis, may be informative in this context

It was interesting to observe that the region overlapping with the *TNF- $\alpha$*  promoter-DMR contains the binding site for the transcription factor termed lipopolysaccharide-induced TNF-a factor (LITAF). LITAF is a regulatory element that has been shown to mediate LPS-induced *TNF- $\alpha$*  gene expression in THP-1 cells (Tang et al., 2003). Hence it is possible that the DMR identified within the promoter of *TNF- $\alpha$*  plays a role in the regulation of this gene. In a similar manner the additional DMRs identified within the TNF cluster, although they do not overlap with promoters of the *LTA* and *LTB* genes, may regulate their transcription.

In the following section I attempt to investigate how the three DMRs discussed herein may affect transcriptional levels of the corresponding genes.

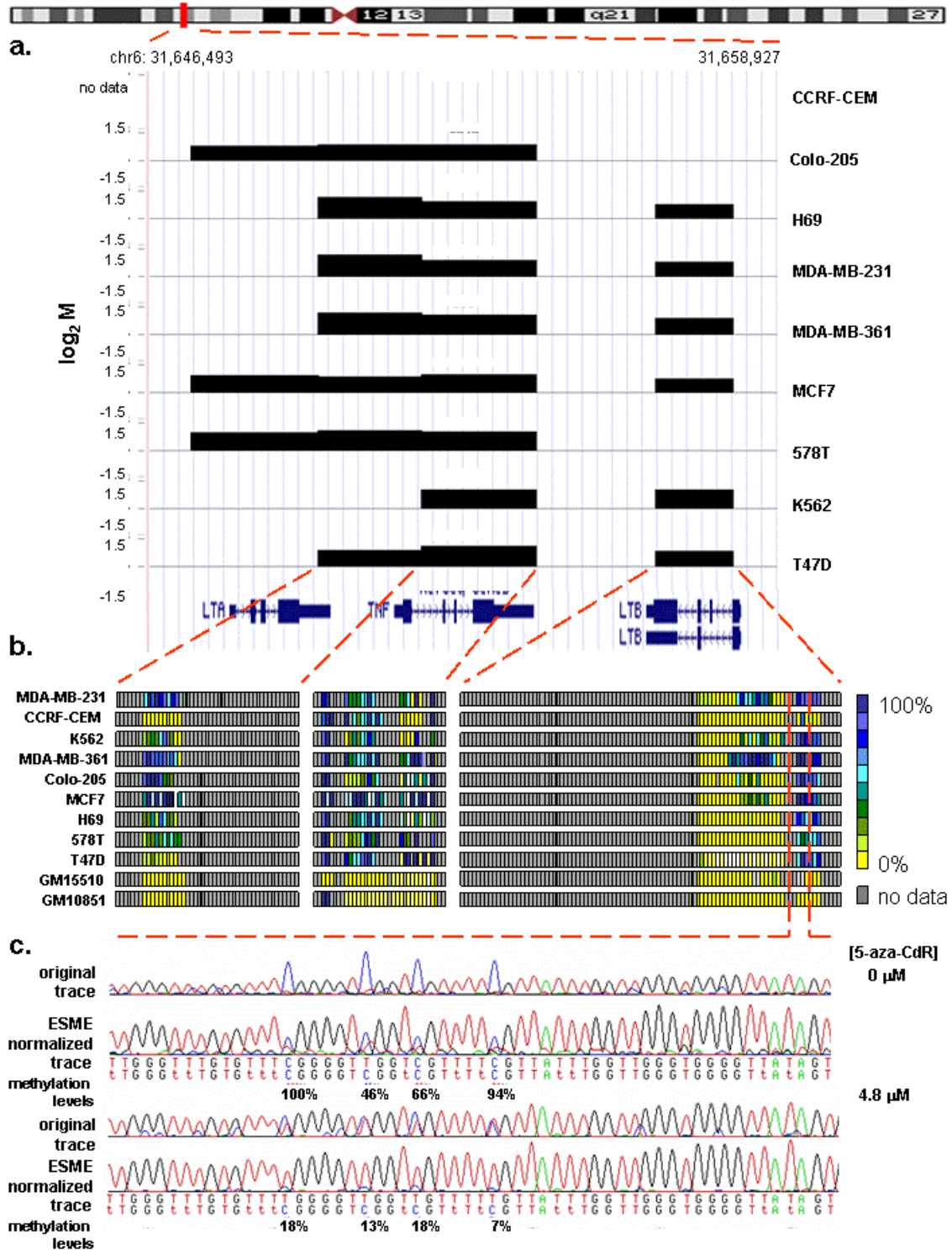


Figure 5.12. **DMRs within the TNF cluster.** Pair-wise comparisons between the cancer and control cell lines revealed four DMRs within the TNF cluster. a. Tracks were uploaded to the UCSC genome browser. Vertical axis shows the log<sub>2</sub> ratio of the cancer versus normal cell line profile. b. DMRs overlapping with the *TNF-α* promoter, *TNF-α* gene body and *LTB* were validated

further by bisulphite sequencing analysis. Each square represents a CpG site. The colour code indicates methylation percentage as calculated by ESME analysis. c. Effect of 5-aza-CdR. DNA extracted from MCF7 5-aza-CdR treated and untreated cells, was subjected to bisulphite sequencing analysis. Traces corresponding to 5-aza-CdR treated and untreated samples as well as traces before and after ESME normalization are shown. Concentration of 5-aza-CdR used is indicated. Upon 5-aza-CdR-treatment, a 5-fold reduction (on average) in methylation levels was observed. A representative part of the sequencing data generated is shown.

### 5.8.3 Expression of TNF cluster genes and correlation with DMRs

To correlate the DMRs identified in the previous section with mRNA levels of the *LTA*, *LTB* and *TNF- $\alpha$* , the expression of these genes in the cancer cell lines was compared to the shared controls. To this end, I performed real time qPCR using primer sets corresponding to *LTA*, *LTB* and *TNF- $\alpha$*  cDNAs respectively. Differences in expression between each of the cancer cell lines and the two shared controls were calculated as described in section 2.2.4. In all cancer cell lines all three genes were down-regulated (fold >1.5) compared to the two controls (figure 5.13)

Interestingly, the expression of *TNF- $\alpha$*  and *LTB* was about 4.5 fold higher in the CCRF-CEM line compared to the other cancer cell lines and this may explain the lower methylation levels in CCRF-CEM (figure 5.12a,b).

The correlation of low expression levels of genes encoded within the TNF cluster with the DMRs presented in the previous section suggests that DNA methylation may be a transcription regulator for these genes. In order to test this further, expression of *LTA*, *TNF- $\alpha$*  and *LTB* was determined in 5-aza-CdR treated MCF7 and 578T cells as it was done above for the MHC class I pathway genes (section 5.4). 5-aza-CdR was capable of inducing expression of *TNF- $\alpha$* , *LTA* and *LTB* in both cell lines although the effect was

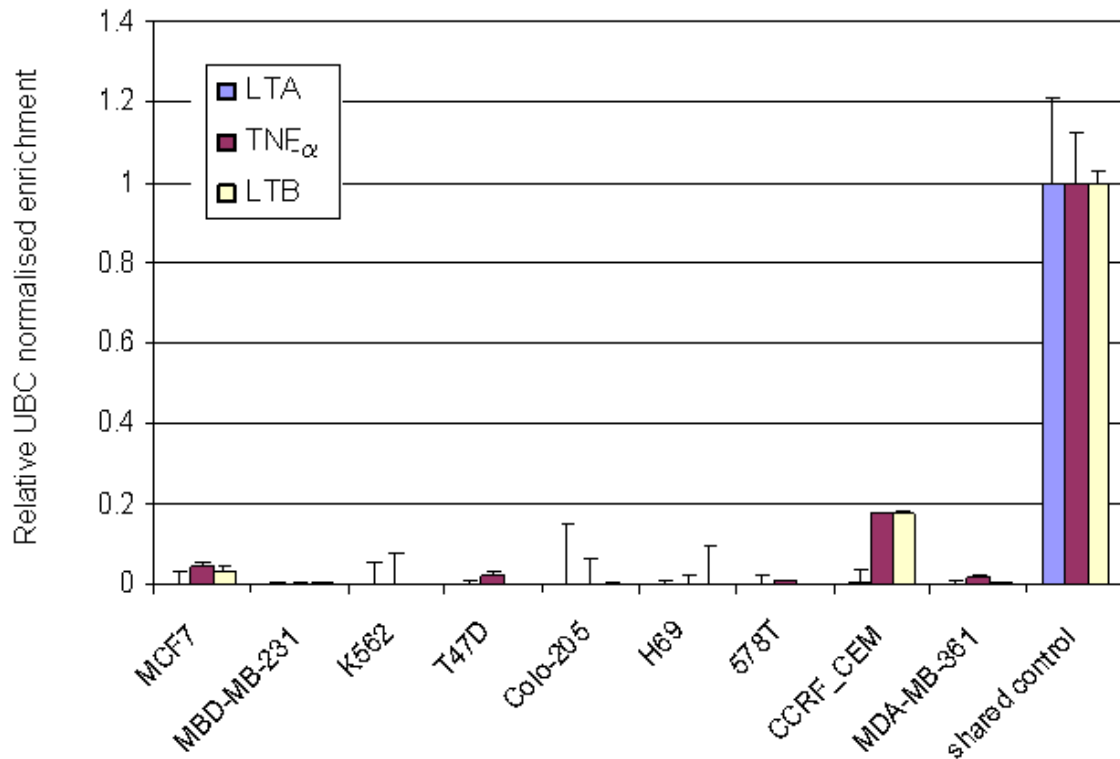


Figure 5.13. **Relative expression of TNF cluster genes.** mRNA levels of *LTA*, *TNF- $\alpha$*  and *LTB* were determined by quantitative RT-PCR. After normalizing expression to *UBC* (section 2.2.4.3) the fold change in expression levels was calculated relative to the two EBV transformed control cell lines (shared controls). Figure shows the mean of data corresponding to two biological replicates and three technical replicates of each (six measurements in total).

more significant in the MCF7 cell line (figure 5.14). In addition, bisulphite sequencing data corresponding to DNA extracted from 5-aza-CdR treated cells confirmed that methylation levels were decreased in the TNF cluster DMRs (figure 5.12c) following inhibition of DNA methylation.

At this point I would like to mention that *TNF- $\alpha$*  together with interferon- $\gamma$  (IFN- $\gamma$ ) are two cytokines known to be involved in regulation of MHC class I molecules (Johnson, 2003; Johnson and Pober, 1994; Ohmori and Hamilton, 1995). In the next section, I discuss how methylation of the *TNF- $\alpha$*  promoter can be correlated with the expression of genes involved in the MHC class I pathway.

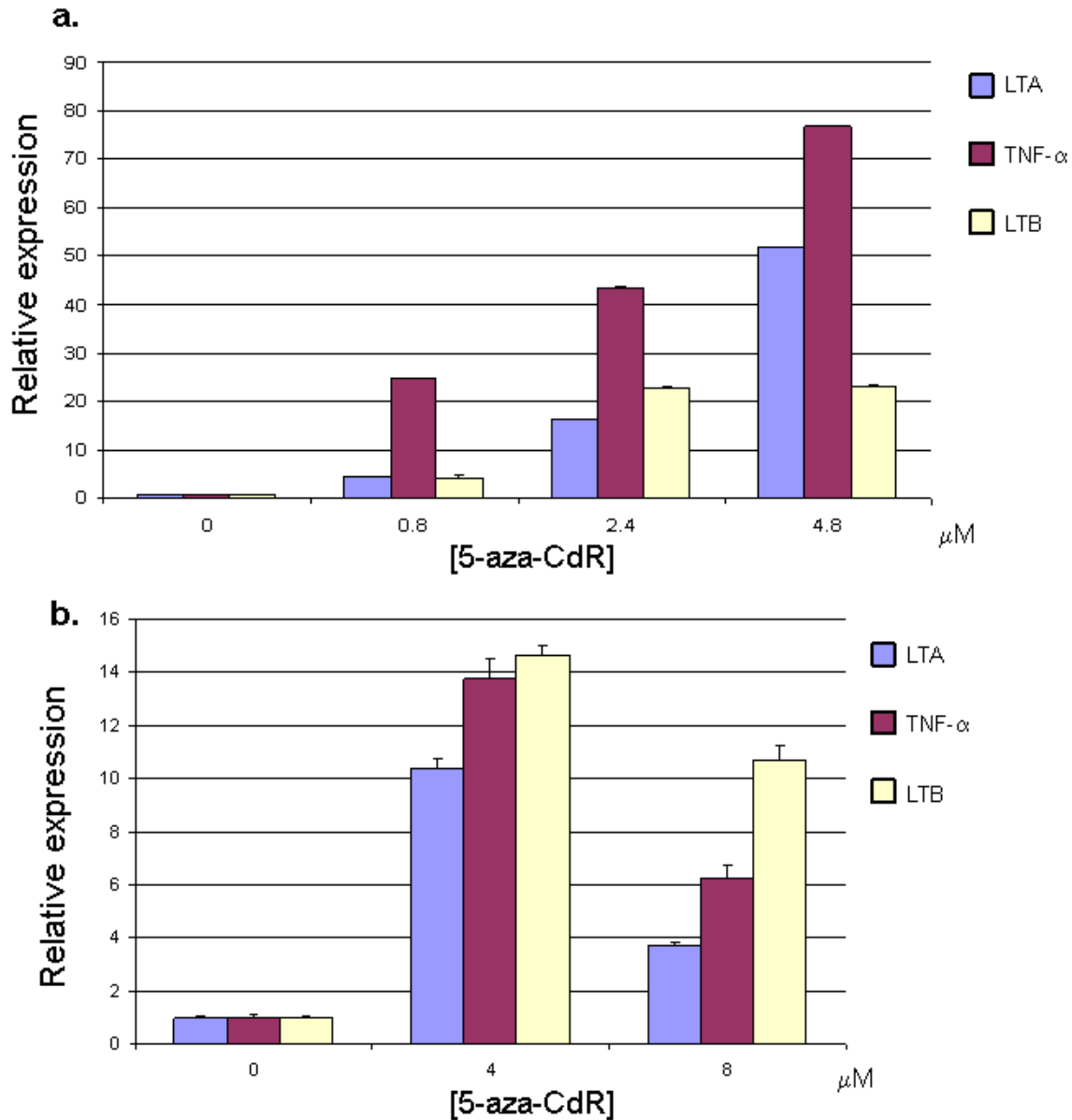


Figure 5.14 **TNF-cluster gene expression after DNA methylation inhibition in two cancer cell lines.** mRNA levels of *LTA*, *TNF- $\alpha$*  and *LTB* were determined in MCF7 (a) and 578T (b) in both untreated and 5-aza-CdR treated cells. After normalizing expression to *UBC*, the fold change in expression was calculated relative to untreated cells (0  $\mu\text{M}$  5-aza-CdR). The mean of six measurements (two biological replicates and three technical replicates for each) is shown in part a. The mean of three technical replicates is shown in part b.

## 5.8 Discussion

Previous studies provided supportive evidence for a role of DNA methylation in the regulation of genes involved in the MHC class I pathway (Fonsatti et al., 2007; Fonsatti et al., 2003; Nie et al., 2001). In this chapter I aimed to elucidate this further. Specifically, I attempted to test if DNA methylation within the MHC region is involved in the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype. This is associated with many diseases. Hence elucidating the mechanism that leads to this phenotype can contribute to diagnosis and treatment.

My data confirmed the concordant down-regulation of the eight MHC class I pathway genes encoded within the MHC region in the nine cancer cell lines (displaying the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype) used, compared to two shared controls (EBV-transformed cell lines). Treatment of two cancer cell lines (MCF7 and K562) with a DNA methyltransferase inhibitor (5-aza-CdR) revealed that changes in DNA methylation patterns in the cancer cell lines may lead to the concordant aberrant expression of the eight genes.

I used the MeDIP-MHC tiling path assay, which I developed, to investigate if there are any DNA methylation regulatory elements within the MHC region that may control the expression levels of the *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *HLA-C*, *TAP1*, *TAP2*, *TAPBP*, *PSMB8* and *PSMB9* genes. The advantage of this approach is that it allows for unbiased detection of DMRs within the complete MHC region. The MHC was one of the first genomic regions in which higher order chromatin architecture was shown to affect gene expression (Christova et al., 2007; Volpi et al., 2000). Consistent with this, a recent study using the tiling array I developed, has shown the existence of chromatin loops within the MHC which act as insulators for the transcription of MHC genes (Ottaviani, 2008). This indicates that the expression of MHC genes is not controlled solely by local control elements, but also by more distant regulatory elements (figure 4.1). Hence, it was important to expand this study beyond the methylation analysis of the eight loci implicated in the MHC class I pathway.

My analysis revealed 283 candidate DMRs that could be involved in the control of the expression of these genes. Correlation of these DMRs with relative expression levels of the eight candidate genes identified two DMRs that can be linked with *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *PSMB8* and *TAP1* down-regulation and 14 DMRs that can be linked with the up-regulation of *PSMB9*. I defined these DMRs phenotype-specific, pDMRs, to reflect their concordance with the phenotype under investigation.

Of the two pDMRs associated with *HLA-B*, *HLA-B*, *PSMB8* and *TAP1*, one is located within the *TAP1/PSMB9* bidirectional promoter and can be linked to the expression of the *TAP1* gene. Interestingly, it could not be associated with the expression of *PSMB9* because this pDMR was present in cell lines expressing this gene at normal levels (figures 5.3 and 5.7). It is possible that different elements within the promoter region control the two genes separately. More work has to be done to further elucidate this matter. Further bisulphite sequencing analysis, to reveal all the CpG sites with differential methylation patterns, and functional analysis (e.g. deleting the region with the promoter that contains the key CpG sites) will be informative. The second pDMR (NRM locus) cannot be linked directly to any of the genes of the MHC class I pathway (figure 5.9) but it may be part of a genomic loop that controls MHC genes. Chromatin loops have been associated with the MHC region (Ottaviani, 2008).

In a similar manner, although the 14 pDMRs associated with the *PSMB9* up-regulation could not be linked directly with *PSMB9* expression (only one was located within its coding region) may be equally important for the regulation of the *PSMB9* gene.

My analysis did not reveal any pDMRs associated with *HLA-C*, *TAP2*, *TAPBP* and *PSMB9* down-regulation despite the fact the 5-aza-CdR treatment increases *HLA-C* and *PSMB9* expression in both cell lines tested (578T and MCF7) (figure 5.4). This can be explained by: i) the MHC tiling array resolution (2kb) (I have not performed any systematic analysis to define the number of CpG sites required to be differentially

methyated in order for a DMR to be detected), and ii). the possibility that other epigenetic marks (e.g. histone modification) may control the expression of these two genes. It has been shown that histone deacetylase inhibitors induce *TAP* and *TAPBP* genes (Khan et al., 2008).

The identification of a validated DMR within the *PSMB8* promoter in three cell lines (578T, K562 and MCF7) which show the lowest expression for *PSMB8* (enrichment < 0.05) allowed me to speculate that the hypermethylation observed may follow the silencing of the gene by other factors as it has been proposed by previous studies (Clark and Melki, 2002; Meissner et al., 2008; Turker, 2002). Hence, it is possible that the *PSMB8* promoter DMR is not the cause but rather the consequence of gene silencing. Treatment of cell lines other than MCF7, K562 and 578T with methylation inhibitors will be informative.

Finally three DMRs that could be correlated with expression of genes within the TNF cluster were identified, demonstrating the advantage of the unbiased MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach. This agrees with previous data showing the *TNF- $\alpha$*  expression to be controlled epigenetically (Sullivan et al., 2007). My data will be informative for future studies aiming to further elucidate the regulation of the *LTA*, *TNF- $\alpha$*  and *LTB* genes.

It is worth mentioning that *TNF- $\alpha$* , together with *IFN- $\gamma$* , is a cytokine known to be an immune modifier acting on the MHC class I processing and presentation pathway by inducing expression of the *PSMB8*, *PSMB9*, *TAP1*, *TAP2* and MHC class I genes. A kB-like element within the promoter of these genes is responsible for the response upon *TNF- $\alpha$*  stimuli (Johnson and Pober, 1994). The connection of the DMRs within the TNF cluster and the MHC class I phenotype is discussed further in the final discussion (chapter 7) of this thesis.



## 5.9 Conclusion

A pDMR screen aiming to identify DMRs within the MHC region associated with the MHC class I phenotype was conducted. For this purpose the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach was employed. In total 16 pDMRs were identified and validated further. The presence of a DMR within the *PSMB8* promoter in cells expressing this gene at the lowest level indicated that, in some cases, DNA methylation may be a secondary event during the process of gene silencing. Finally, three DMRs were identified within the TNF cluster, providing a broad basis for better understanding of how genes within this cluster are controlled. The data generated within this chapter will be of great value for future studies regarding MHC associated phenotypes.

## Chapter 6

MHC class I pathway genes not encoded within the MHC

## 6.1 Introduction

To date there are at least 12 known genes whose products are involved in the MHC class I antigen presentation pathway. This was discussed in chapter 5. The aim of the pDMR screen (chapter 5) was to identify DMRs within the MHC region on the human chromosome 6 which can be associated with the MHC class I<sup>+</sup> phenotype. However as four of the genes involved in the pathway are not encoded within the MHC region, there may be additional genomic regions (outside the MHC) for which methylation patterns may be important. In order to investigate this further I performed expression and DNA methylation analyses for these four genes: beta-2 microglobulin (*B2M*), *ERp57*, *calnexin (CANX)* and *calreticulin (CALR)*. I studied these genes using the same cell lines as for the MHC encoded genes (chapter 5). The experimental approach employed in this chapter involved use of real time qPCR and bisulphite sequencing.

## 6.2 Non-MHC encoded MHC class I pathway components

B2M is an invariant small polypeptide chain referred to as the 'light' chain and is encoded on chromosome 15 at location 42,790,967 – 42,797,651. For stable expression on the cell surface, MHC class I molecules are always associated with B2M. In the absence of B2M, MHC class I molecules are not stably expressed on the cell surface (Hughes et al., 1997).

ERp57 is a member of the protein disulphide isomerase (PDI) family of thiol oxidoreductases (Garbi et al., 2007). Recent studies have shown that, together with TAPBP, it is an essential structural component required for the stable assembly of the MHC peptide-loading. ERp57 and TAPBP are involved in the formation of disulfide bonds of MHC class I molecules (figure 5.1) (Garbi et al., 2006; Kienast et al., 2007). *TAPBP* is encoded on chromosome 15 at location 41,825,882 – 41,852,093.

CALR is a calcium binding lectin that recognises N-linked glycans bearing a terminal glucose residue, an intermediate in oligosaccharide maturation, present on incompletely folded ER glycoproteins. CALR associates with MHC class I dimers and interacts poorly with free MHC class I heavy chains. *CALR* deletion results in low cell surface MHC class I expression (Culina et al., 2004). *CALR* is encoded on chromosome 19 at location 12,910,392 – 12,916,274.

CANX is an endoplasmatic reticulum (ER) lectin similar to CALR (Williams and Watts, 1995). One difference is that the latter can bind to newly synthesised MHC class I heavy chains as well. *CANX* is encoded on chromosome 5 at location 179,058,536-179,091,243.

### 6.3 Expression analysis of *B2M*, *ERp57*, *CRT* and *CANX* genes

Expression analysis of these four genes was done in the same way as for the MHC-encoded MHC class I pathway genes (section 5.3.1). According to this analysis *B2M* is the only gene that is down-regulated (fold >1.5) in all cancer cell lines. *ERp57*, *CALR* and *CANX* showed almost normal expression levels in most of the cell lines, except for few cases (three cell lines for *CALR* and *CANX* and one cell line for *ERp57*) where a up-regulation (fold > 1.5) was observed in some cell lines (figure 6.1).

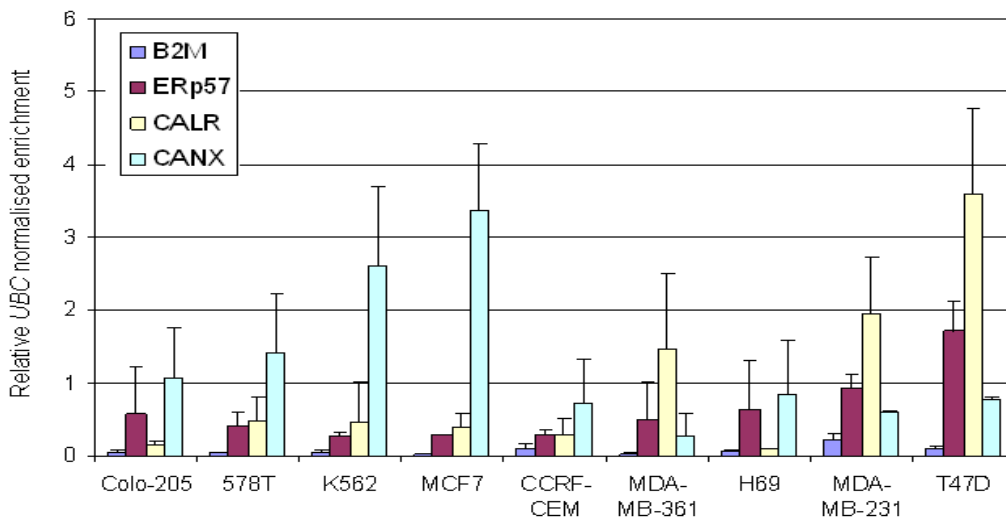


Figure 6.1. **Relative expression of non-MHC encoded MHC class I pathway genes.** mRNA levels of *B2M*, *ERp57*, *CALR* and *CANX* were determined by quantitative RT-PCR. After normalizing expression to UBC (section 2.2.2.4.3) the fold change in expression levels was calculated relative to the two control cell lines. Figure shows data corresponding to two biological replicates and three technical replicates of each (six measurement in total).

Expression analysis for these genes was also performed on mRNA extracted from MCF7 and 578T cells that were treated with 5-aza-CdR, as described in chapter 5 (section 5.4). Methylation inhibition affected only the expression of *B2M* in MCF7 cells. Specifically, expression of *B2M* increased in a 5-aza-CdR dose-dependent manner up to 9-fold (figure 6.2). This effect is very similar to that corresponding to the *TAP2* gene (figure 5.4) in MCF7 cells.

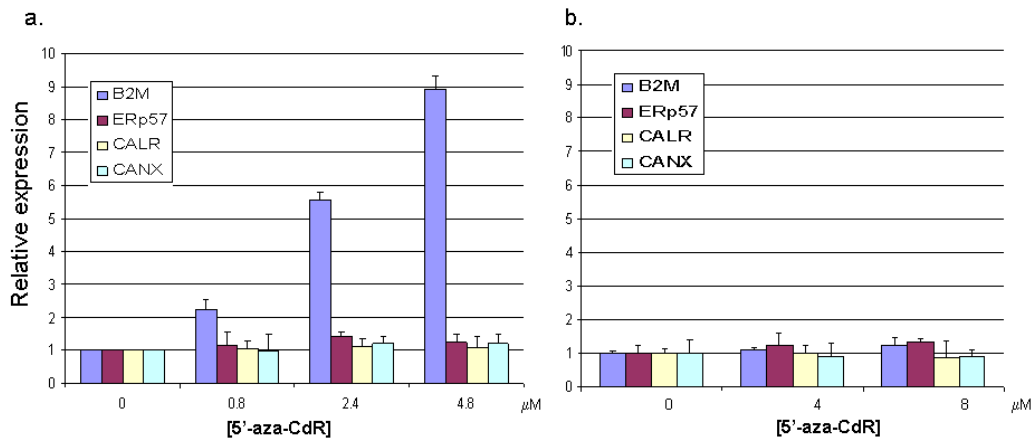


Figure 6.2: **Gene expression after DNA methylation inhibition in two cancer cell lines.** mRNA levels of *B2M*, *ERp57*, *CANX* and *CALR* were determined in MCF7 (a) and 578T (b) in both untreated and 5-aza-CdR treated cells. After normalizing expression to UBC, the fold change in expression was calculated relative to untreated cells. The mean of six measurements (two biological replicates and three technical replicates for each) is shown in part a. The mean of three technical replicates is shown in part b.

Hence, it is possible that DNA methylation is implicated only in *B2M* expression and only in MCF7 cells. As 5-aza-CdR treatment has no effect on *B2M* expression in 578T, it is likely that different cancer cell lines exploit different mechanisms to silence the same genes. Treating additional cell lines with the methylation inhibitor would be

informative. In an effort to elucidate this further I studied methylation across the encoding region of the *B2M* gene as described in the following section.

#### **6.4 Methylation analysis of the *B2M* gene.**

*B2M* is encoded within a 7kb region on chromosome 15 and has four exons (figure 6.3a). It has a CpG island covering about 200 bp of the 5'UTR, the first exon and about 500bp of intron 1. I aimed to generate bisulphite sequencing data for all CpG sites within the *B2M* gene. Methylation data for 20% of the CpG sites covering the whole gene were generated (figure 6.3b).

According to these data there are 3 CpGs in the 5'UTR and 8 CpGs at the end of intron 1 and beginning of exon 2, which are hypermethylated in all cancer cell lines compared to the shared controls. Their methylation status was tested after 5-aza-CdR treatment (see section 5.4) and in all cases methylation dropped to 20% (figure 6.3c). Although, the hypermethylation of these sites could be correlated with *B2M* expression, 5-aza-CdR treatment has no effect on *B2M* expression levels in 578T cells (figure 6.2). Hence, I cannot conclude that DNA methylation affects *B2M* expression.

However, it is worth noting the 9-fold increase of *B2M* mRNA levels following 5-aza-CdR treatment of MCF7 cells. Interestingly, this cell line is the only one that is hypermethylated close to the CpG island in intron 1 (figure 6.3a,b) and also has the lowest level of *B2M* expression compared to other cell lines (figure 6.1). A similar observation was made in chapter 5 for the *PSMB8* gene (section 5.6). It is possible that down-regulation of the *B2M* gene below a certain threshold leads to additional methylation, but treatment of additional cell lines with methylation inhibitors is necessary to verify this speculation.

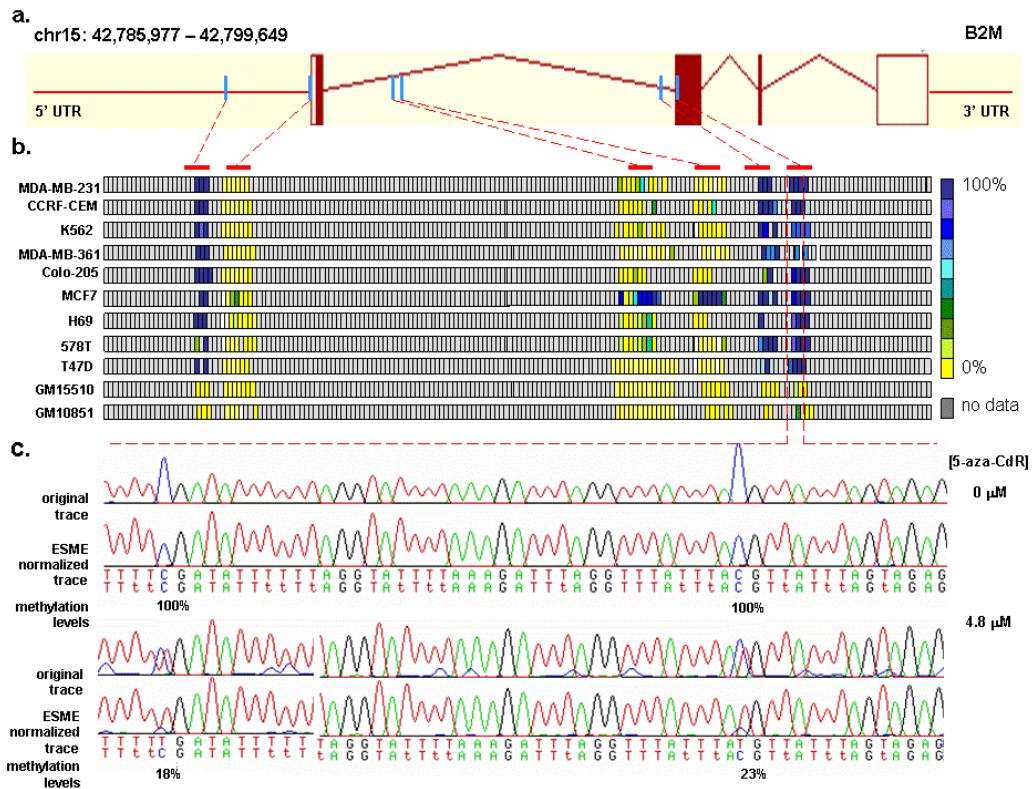


Figure 6.3. **Methylation analysis of the *B2M* gene.** Methylation analysis of six regions (average size 300-400bp) covering parts of the *B2M* gene was performed by bisulphite sequencing. (a). Diagram of the *B2M* gene. Regions (six in total) analysed by bisulphite sequencing are indicated by blue lines. (b). *B2M* methylation analysis data. Each square represents a CpG site. Total number of CpG sites within the *B2M* gene is shown. The colour code indicates methylation percentage as calculated by ESME analysis. (c). Methylation levels after 5-aza-CdR treatment. DNA extracted from MCF7 5-aza-CdR treated and untreated cells were subjected to bisulphite sequencing analysis. Data were analysed using ESME. Traces corresponding to 5-aza-CdR treated and untreated samples as well as traces before and after ESME normalization values are shown. Concentration of 5-aza-CdR used is indicated. Methylation values for each CpG are shown. This figure shows a representative part of the sequencing data generated corresponding for the amplicon in exon-2.

## 6.5 Discussion

In this chapter the four genes, *B2M*, *ERp57*, *CANX* and *CALR*, involved in the MHC pathway and encoded outside the MHC, were analysed. Expression analysis revealed that only *B2M* is down-regulated in the nine cancer cell lines tested. Treatment of two cell lines with DNA methylation inhibitors resulted in *B2M* up-regulation in only one (MCF7). Bisulphite sequencing analysis revealed methylation

differences between the cancer cell lines and the shared controls. However, because of no induction of expression in 578T cells after 5-aza-CdR treatment, methylation within the *B2M* gene could not be correlated with expression. The induction observed in MCF7 5-aza-CdR treated cells may be explained by an MCF7-specific silencing mechanism involving DNA methylation; different cancer cell lines may use different mechanisms for gene silencing.

*ERp57*, *CANX* and *CALR* did not show down-regulation in the cell lines studied here and did not respond to 5'-aza-CdR treatment. Hence their methylation status was not studied further. The slight up-regulation of these genes in some of the cell lines may contribute to the MHC class I<sup>+</sup> phenotype. Further experiments including inhibition of expression of these genes and studying the effect on MHC class I<sup>+</sup> phenotype will be informative.

## 6.6 Conclusion

*B2M*, *ERp57*, *CANX* and *CALR*, are genes encoded outside the MHC region, but their products are involved in the MHC class I pathway. Expression analysis revealed that only the *B2M* gene was down-regulated in the cell lines displaying the MHC class I<sup>+</sup> phenotype.



## **Chapter 7**

### General Discussion

## 7.1 Introduction

In this chapter, data from chapters 3, 4, 5 and 6 are discussed in the context of recent studies concerning the epigenetics and regulation of MHC gene expression. A discussion on array-based assays for the identification of differentially methylated regions (DMRs) (chapter 3) is followed by discussions on the two DMR screens I performed (tDMR and pDMR screens) and are described in chapters 4, 5 and 6. Plans for future work following the work described in this thesis are also presented.

Finally, I introduce and discuss: (i). the phenomenon of Long Range Epigenetic Silencing (section 7.5), and (ii). the association between recombination hotspots and epigenetic events (section 7.6). These two concepts, although not discussed before in this thesis, are both relevant to the MHC region and should be considered for future MHC-related studies.

## 7.2 Array-based assay for DMR identification

I constructed a 2kb genomic tiling array of the entire MHC region. At the time of the array design, whole genome tiling arrays were constructed from PACs and BACs resulting in an approximate resolution of 100kb (Fiegler et al., 2006). Although commercial arrays are now available at much higher resolution (5 - 50mers), the MHC tiling array is still of great value today, as it can be used for multiple applications and is freely available from the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute Microarray facility.

With respect to applications, the array is compatible with chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP), methylated DNA immunoprecipitation (MeDIP), array comparative genomic hybridization (aCGH) and expression analysis. It can be used to: (i). generate histone modification and DNA methylation maps, (ii). to study structural variation (CNVs) and (iii). to generate gene expression profiles and strand-specific transcript maps along the MHC. Hence, this platform in combination with the abundant data regarding single

nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) within the MHC, is a great resource for studying how genetic and epigenetic variation interact and how this interplay affects expression patterns which could eventually result in MHC-linked complex diseases.

This array has been used here for DNA methylation analysis and DMR identification and, by another group, for the identification of chromatin loops within the MHC (Ottaviani, 2008), underlining the multiple-purpose design of this array.

### 7.2.1 Future directions

Today, oligonucleotide tiling arrays with increasingly high probe densities and improved coverage, resolution and cost-effectiveness have enabled high-resolution studies of cytosine methylation when combined with MeDIP. Such arrays have already been used for the completion of the first high-resolution analysis of the *A. thaliana* methylome (Zhang et al., 2008). In addition, the development of a novel algorithm employing a Bayesian de-convolution strategy to normalize MeDIP array data can be expected to further increase the potential of high-resolution arrays for DNA methylation analysis (Down et al., 2008).

Hence, if I were to decide on my experimental approach today, I would have taken a different path. I would either develop a higher resolution array covering the MHC region or use deep sequencing of MeDIP- or bisulphite-treated DNA as it was described recently (Down et al., 2008; Meissner et al., 2008) and is discussed in the general introduction of this thesis (chapter 1).

In conclusion, the development of the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach for DMR detection was highly innovative and demanding at the time it was established and remains to be a valuable resource for MHC-related studies.

### 7.3 tDMR screen

#### 7.3.1 tDMRs within the MHC

Following the publication of the HEP pilot study (Rakyan et al., 2004) I performed the tDMR screen aiming to generate more comprehensive tissue-specific methylation data within the MHC. I identified 55 tDMRs, of which 54 were not identified by the HEP study, emphasizing the advantage of my unbiased assay covering the whole MHC region. However, I failed to identify 11 tDMRs reported by the HEP. The reason for this may be the limited resolution (2kb) of my MHC tiling array compared to bisulphite sequencing (1 bp resolution) used by the HEP. Today, this limitation could be overcome by higher resolution microarrays.

#### 7.3.2 Genomic Features of tDMRs

Our understanding of the biological function of DNA methylation in mammals has been growing steadily over the last few years but is still far from complete. Identification of genomic regions with known and as yet unknown features that show differential methylation patterns is expected to give further functional insights into DNA methylation. To this end, a number of large-scale and genome-wide DNA methylation studies have been conducted aiming to identify DMRs in normal and disease-associated samples (Eckhardt et al., 2006; Keshet et al., 2006; Rakyan et al., 2008; Weber et al., 2005; Weber et al., 2007). One of the most striking findings of these studies is that DMRs are not always present in 5'UTRs or in close proximity to TSSs of genes, supporting the notion that DNA methylation has a functional role beyond the mere control of transcription through promoter methylation.

In this context and by using the annotation provided by the Ensembl genome browser, I extracted the genomic features overlapping with the 55 MHC loci characterised as

tDMRs. More specifically, I reported the genomic features mapping within the genomic boundaries of the tDMRs (average size 2kb).

In agreement with what has been reported in other studies, only one of the tDMRs identified within this study overlaps with a TSS and only two with RNA polII binding sites. Based on my analysis, H3 lysine 4 tri-methylation (H3K4me3) is the most highly correlated genomic feature with differential DNA methylation. According to a recent publication, DNA methylation is in strong inverse correlation with H3K4me3 (Meissner et al., 2008) indicating that histone marks may drive the formation of DNA methylation patterns. Generation of maps for histone marks across the MHC using the MHC tiling array may therefore be informative in this context and may give further insights into the interplay between histone marks and DNA methylation. Histone marks and DNA methylation are the two major components defining the epigenome.

### *7.3.3 Copy number variation and DNA methylation*

As part of the analysis conducted for the tDMR screen (chapter 4), I correlated the tDMRs overlapping with MHC transcripts with the corresponding expression data available from the GNF atlas of gene expression. This analysis revealed that tDMRs within the *C4A* and *C4B* loci show inverse correlation with *C4A* and *C4B* expression levels, implicating DNA methylation in the mechanism regulating their expression.

*C4A* and *C4B* genes are located in the MHC class III region, show more than 99% sequence similarity and are examples of copy number variants (CNVs) in the human genome. In the Caucasian population 55% of the MHC haplotypes have the 2-locus *C4A*-*C4B* configuration and 45% have an unequal number of *C4A* and *C4B* genes. This indicates that MHC haplotypes are subjected to duplications/deletions within the region encoding for *C4A* and *C4B* loci (Blanchong et al., 2001).

Gene duplication is commonly regarded as the main evolutionary mechanism towards the gain of a new gene function (Jiang et al., 2007). It has been suggested that epigenetic silencing protects newly born duplications from degradation to pseudogenes (Rodin and Riggs, 2003), leading to functional divergence between duplicated genes. This is further supported by the notion that the frequency of young gene duplicates is higher in organism that have cytosine methylation (*H. sapiens*, *M. musculus* and *A. thaliana*) than in organisms that do not have methylated genomes (*S. cerevisiae*, *D. melanogaster*, and *C. elegans*) (Lynch and Conery, 2000).

Based on the above and on my data, I have reasoned that duplicated genes with otherwise normal expression levels may be silenced by DNA methylation. This is supported by association studies reporting that gene duplications are not always in positive correlation with gene expression (Stranger et al., 2007). In this context and in collaboration with Vardhman Rakyan, I have already generated methylation data for a number of samples used for the CNV project (Redon et al., 2006). Analysis and correlation of these data with the available CNV, HapMap (SNPs) and expression data for these samples is expected to provide great insights into how DMRs, CNVs and SNPs interact to form complex phenotypes. In addition, this analysis may provide further insights into the evolutionary mechanism that lead to the generation of new genes by duplication.

#### 7.3.4 Future directions

While acknowledging the progress that has been made in DNA methylation profiling technology, the tDMR screen (using the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach) can be followed up by additional experiments as described below:

- i. Recently the term 'population epigenetics' was introduced (Richards, 2008) underlining one of the greatest challenges in the field of epigenetics at moment: the determination of

the proportion of natural epigenetic variation in the human population. Understanding the significance of epigenetic polymorphism requires: (i). systematic approaches cataloguing epigenetic variation across the genome, including cytosine methylation and histone tail modifications and (ii). association of epigenetic variability with changes in local gene expression. Analyses of samples from different human populations, different tissues and cell types as well as from different phenotypes are necessary.

In this context, I would analyse additional tissue types and biological samples. This will allow the identification of additional tDMRs and the estimation of inter-individual variability in DNA methylation levels which has been reported for the MHC region (Rakyan et al., 2004) as well as in germ cells (Flanagan et al., 2006) and repetitive elements (Sandovici et al., 2005).

At this point I would like to mention that currently there are a lot of large collaborative projects both in the USA and in Europe that aim to determine and elucidate the significance of epigenetic variation in the human population (Jones and Martienssen, 2005; Qiu, 2006).

ii. Although most of the genes in the MHC class I and III regions are expressed in all somatic cell types, MHC class II gene expression is largely restricted to antigen presenting cells. Cytokines such as IFN- $\gamma$  can induce expression of classical MHC class II genes and up-regulate genes in the MHC class I and III regions (Boehm et al., 1997; Rohn et al., 1996). It is also known that epigenetic events, including histone marks and non-coding RNAs (Wright and Ting, 2006), can control MHC class II gene expression. These epigenetic events were shown to be induced by IFN- $\gamma$  (Morris et al., 2002; Pattenden et al., 2002). It would be interesting to investigate further the role of DNA methylation in the selective expression of MHC class II molecules and how DNA methylation patterns change upon treatment with cytokines. To this end, it would be informative to apply the MeDIP-MHC tiling array approach to cell lines either expressing

or not expressing the classical MHC class II genes (*HLA-DP*, *-DQ*, and *-DR*), aiming to identify DMRs associated with MHC class II expression.

## 7.4 pDMR screen

### 7.4.1 pDMRs within the MHC

I identified two pDMRs that could be associated with the MHC class I<sup>+</sup> phenotype. Of those only one was found to be overlapping with two of the genes involved in the MHC class I antigen and presentation pathway. This pDMR maps to the bidirectional promoter of the *TAP1/PSMB9* genes. Interestingly, this pDMR could not be associated with *PSMB9* down-regulation as it is also present in cell lines expressing this gene. Therefore, this pDMR is likely to be associated with the *TAP1* gene only. In addition, it was found to be associated with the down-regulation of the *HLA-A*, *HLA-B* and *PSMB8* gene expression levels. A second pDMR (within the *NMR* locus) was also associated with the down-regulation of these four genes: *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8*.

Although the association is high, proving the functional connection between the two pDMRs and the expression of the four genes is complicated due to our limited knowledge regarding the functional role of DNA methylation. It is possible that hypermethylation blocks a distant control element for *HLA-A*, *HLA-B*, *TAP1* and *PSMB8* genes (figure 4.1). This is possible to occur in a genomic region like the MHC where chromatin loops are known to be associated with transcriptional regulation (Ottaviani, 2008). Deletion of the two regions containing the two pDMRs and subsequent expression analysis would be an experimental approach to investigate this possibility. In addition chromatin conformation capture (3C) assay (Dekker et al., 2002) can be employed to test the interaction of distant regions within the MHC. This approach has been used previously to show that DMRs within the imprinted genes *Igf2* and *H19* interact (Murrell et al., 2004). The regulatory role of these pDMRs could be further



verified by experiments looking for factors binding to these regions. A DNase footprinting assay would detect any DNA-protein interactions within the corresponding regions. Subsequent mass-spectrometric analysis could be used to reveal the identity of these proteins. Finally, additional bisulphite sequencing analysis may also be necessary to identify the exact CpG sites within these pDMRs that undergo differential methylation.

Interestingly, no pDMRs were identified within the coding regions of *HLA-A*, *-B* and *-C* genes. According to a previous publication, the promoters of these three genes are hypermethylated in human oesophageal squamous cell carcinomas (Nie et al., 2001) that display the HLA class I<sup>+</sup> phenotype. The authors of this paper claimed that hypermethylation of the promoter regions of the *HLA-A*, *HLA-B* and *HLA-C* genes is a major mechanism of transcriptional inactivation. This deviation can be explained by: (i). the fact that DNA hypermethylation of MHC class I genes is a specific characteristic of oesophageal squamous cells (not tested here); (ii). the low MHC tiling array resolution (2kb); and (iii). the high sequence similarity (>80%) between MHC class I genes; it is possible that co-hybridization of highly similar DNA molecules is masking the effect of differential methylation. I have attempted to perform methylation analysis of the promoters of *HLA-A*, *-B*, and *-C* genes but was not successful in designing bisulphite primers that were locus-specific; MHC class I loci are highly polymorphic.

#### 7.4.2 DMRs within the TNF cluster

I have identified three DMRs within the TNF cluster that can be associated with the expression of *LTA*, *LTB* and *TNF- $\alpha$*  genes. This agrees with previous data showing that *TNF- $\alpha$*  expression is controlled epigenetically (Sullivan et al., 2007). I showed that in addition to the *TNF- $\alpha$*  promoter, the gene bodies of *TNF- $\alpha$* , *LTB* and *LTA* were hypermethylated in the majority of the cell lines tested. Hypermethylation of multiple loci within the TNF cluster can happen either simultaneously or it can follow a spreading

model for DNA methylation (Clark and Melki, 2002; Turker, 2002). Based on this model, hypermethylation of the TNF cluster can be a two-step process. Initially, CpG sites within the 5'UTR of *TNF- $\alpha$*  may be hypermethylated by *de novo* methylation (5m-CpG seeds). Subsequently, these 5m-CpG seeds may act as foci for methylation spreading to distal 5' and 3' CpG sites, resulting in the observed hypermethylation of the *TNF- $\alpha$* , *LTA* and *LTB* gene bodies. Additional functional studies are required to verify this model.

Interestingly, the DMRs within the *TNF- $\alpha$*  loci are also associated with the HLA class I phenotype. *TNF- $\alpha$* , together with *IFN- $\gamma$* , is a cytokine known to be an immune modifier acting on the MHC class I processing and presentation pathway by inducing expression of the *PSMB8*, *PSMB9*, *TAP1*, *TAP2* and MHC class I genes. A kB-like element within the promoter of these genes is responsible for the response upon *TNF- $\alpha$*  stimulation. *TAPBP* and *B2M* are known not to respond to *TNF- $\alpha$*  (Dovhey et al., 2000; Johnson, 2003; Johnson and Pober, 1994).

It is possible that the up-regulation I observed in MHC class I gene expression levels after 5-aza-CdR treatment is the result of demethylation of the TNF cluster and subsequent up-regulation of *TNF- $\alpha$* . This speculation is supported by the fact that *B2M* and *TAPBP* do not respond significantly to 5-aza-CdR treatment. However as *HLA-C*, *PSMB9* and *TAP2* show normal expression levels in some cell lines with reduced *TNF- $\alpha$*  expression, further experiments are required before I can draw a conclusion. Also, there is one cell line (CCRF-CEM) that shows up-regulation of the *PSMB9* gene; interestingly CCRF-CEM displays higher levels of *TNF- $\alpha$*  gene expression compared to the other cell lines tested here.

It has been reported that *TNF- $\alpha$*  acts in synergy with interferons for the transcriptional activation of the MHC class I heavy and light chain genes (Johnson and Pober, 1994). Hence, it should be expected that in the absence of *TNF- $\alpha$*  (as it is the case for the cell

lines tested here) other cytokines would be sufficient to stimulate MHC class I expression and presentation. One such cytokine is IFN- $\gamma$  which is the most prominent inducer of MHC class I expression.

It would have been interesting to analyse the expression levels of *IFN- $\gamma$*  in the cell lines tested here. Recent evidence implicates epigenetics in the regulation of *IFN- $\gamma$*  expression as well (Schoenborn et al., 2007; Spilianakis and Flavell, 2007) indicating that the two cytokines, TNF- $\alpha$  and IFN- $\gamma$ , may be down-regulated simultaneously by DNA hypermethylation. Methylation analysis of the *IFN- $\gamma$*  gene in the cell lines tested here should clarify this matter.

Finally, previous studies using MCF7, T47D and MDA-MB-231 cells (cell lines tested here) have shown that stimulation of MHC class I molecules was induced by IFN- $\gamma$  or TNF- $\alpha$  (Dejardin et al., 1998) treatment. Hence, it is possible that low expression of the two cytokines (possibly due to promoter hypermethylation) in combination with pDMRs or other epigenetic modifications in the MHC region result in the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype. It may be informative to treat the cancer cell lines tested here with TNF- $\alpha$  and IFN- $\gamma$ . If my speculation is correct, this treatment should have similar effects as 5-aza-CdR on the expression levels of my candidate genes. Combined treatment with 5-aza-CdR and TNF- $\alpha$ /IFN- $\gamma$  should result in an additive effect on expression levels of genes involved in the MHC class I pathway.

#### *7.4.3 Transcriptional silencing and DNA hypermethylation*

It has been proposed that gene silencing is the critical precursor of DNA methylation, as it may change the dynamic interplay between *de novo* methylation and demethylation of

CpG islands and tilts the balance in favour of DNA hypermethylation (Clark and Melki, 2002; Turker, 2002). This model can be used to explain hypermethylation in the promoter regions of the *PSMB8* and *B2M* genes in the cell lines tested here that show the lowest expression levels for the corresponding genes. However, this is only a speculation made based on the presence of hypermethylated DMRs in cell lines with the lowest expression levels.

It would be interesting to follow up the impact of gene silencing to methylation patterns. This has already been done for a number of genes, including the *GSTP1* and *RASSF1A* (Song et al., 2002; Strunnikova et al., 2005) but further more systematic approaches are required to confirm the ability and the requirements for gene silencing to drive *de novo* methylation. This would give further mechanistic insights in *de novo* methylation that is observed in many diseases including cancer.

#### 7.4.4 Future directions

The findings of the pDMR screen are consistent with the notion that DNA methylation is involved in the development of the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype. In order to further support my findings, the following experiments could be performed:

- (i). treatment of additional cell lines with and without the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype with methylation inhibitors.
- (ii). I would take advantage of recent developments in microarray technology and perform similar analysis using high-resolution (e.g. 50bp resolution) arrays, as it was discussed above. Using these array-platforms it may be possible to identify additional pDMRs and ease the effort to identify the exact CpG sites that undergo aberrant methylation in samples with the MHC class I<sup>-</sup> phenotype.
- (iii). study genetic variation (SNPs and CNVs) within the MHC region for the same samples tested under (ii). Meta-analysis of such genetic data with methylation data will

allow the identification of ‘hepitypes’ linked with MHC phenotypes. Hepitypes were introduced recently and refer to genetic haplotypes which when combined with specific methylation patterns (epitypes) may contribute to the development of a phenotype (Murrell et al., 2005). Sequence-dependent allele specific methylation patterns (hepitypes) were recently identified in normal individuals (Kerkel et al., 2008) as well as in individuals with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) (Raval et al., 2007). This analysis can also be implemented by expression analysis. Such meta-analysis can be expected to have great medical relevance for the diagnosis and treatment of MHC-linked diseases.

(iv) While the system and analysis described above is suitable to identify pDMRs and study their underlying mechanisms in cell lines, primary tissue samples will need to be analysed to confirm the involvement of such pDMRs in clinical samples displaying the same or similar phenotype.

### **7.5 Long Range Epigenetic Silencing**

A recent study suggested that epigenetic changes in cancer are not always local but can be global encompassing large-scale chromosomal regions, resulting in concordant repression of large regions of DNA (Long Range Epigenetic Silencing – LRES) (Frigola et al., 2006). LRES was observed in a 4Mb band on chromosome 2q14.2. In a similar manner, LRES could be involved in the concordant silencing of multiple MHC (a 4Mb region on chromosome 6) loci. More comprehensive DNA methylation analysis, in combination with histone marks and expression profiling would be informative with respect to LRES within the MHC region.

### **7.6 Recombination hotspots and epigenetic events**

Although not experimentally tested within this thesis, it has been shown that epigenetic events can be implicated in controlling events of recombination hotspots during meiosis. Meiotic recombination between highly similar duplicated sequences (non-allelic

homologous recombination, NAHR) generates deletions, duplications, inversions and translocations that frequently result in genomic disorders (Turner et al., 2008). It has been shown that in males, the presence of meiotic recombination hotspots is not influenced by genomic sequence but rather by distal regulatory elements or epigenetic events (Neumann and Jeffreys, 2006). The latter may control accessibility of these hotspots. The MHC class II region represents a prominent region where such hotspots have been detected (Kauppi et al., 2005).

Studying how epigenetic events within the MHC influence this phenomenon will be the basis for future studies regarding genomic disorders that are the result of genomic rearrangements as well as for studies aiming to elucidate the evolution of the MHC region.

## **7.7 Conclusion**

This thesis describes the most comprehensive DNA methylation analysis of the human MHC region to date. I developed and used an unbiased array-based assay for the detection of differentially methylated regions (DMRs) that can be associated with particular tissues (tDMRs) and particular phenotypes (pDMRs). The study presented here, underlines the important role of epigenetic variation in phenotypic plasticity.

Current advances in epigenome mapping technologies and the various epigenome projects that have been established recently (Jones and Martienssen, 2005; Qiu, 2006) are expected to give critical insights into the interplay between the genotype, the epigenotype and the environment and serve as catalyst for future studies on human complex diseases.



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## Appendix

Table 2.1

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2.1.1	MHC tiling array primers		
2.1.1.1	<i>gaps</i>		
	primer name	forward primer	reverse primer
	stSG1159307	TGGTCATGGGCTGTCTGTAA	CTGTGCCATCTCTTTCTGTC
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	stSG1159311	TCTGATTGGTCCAAGGAAGG	TGATGCTCTTGTTCAGGTCG
	stSG1159312	GCCTTGTCTTTCTCCTGCAC	GACTTCGCTCTGACACCTCC
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stSG1159386	TTTGGCTGTGTGTCTGCTTC	GGCATTGTTGTCTCCAGTT
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<i>controls</i>		
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F	AATAATCCTTTTGTCTCTCCAC	TCCCATCAGCATAAATAAGTA
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GP8.1	TTCTTTGCTTTGTTCTCATT	GATTTCCATTCCCTTTGTA
GP11.2	TTCTTGGAGTTAGAGGTTG	TCCAAGCTATTTGATTTCCA
GP12.1	GTAAGAAAAATGGCCAAGAA	AGCTATGCAAGAGTTCAATC
LB4	GGCTGGCATGGACTTTCATTTAG	GTGGAGGGATCTTCTTAGACATC
BG7	GCATTTAATGGGAAGGCAAA	GAATTCCTTCCGAAATGGA
GAPDH	CGGCTACTAGCGTTTTACG	AAGAAGATGCGGCTGACTGT
<b>2.1.2</b>	<b>Bisulphite Sequencing</b>	
	<b>Primers</b>	
2.1.2.1	<i>Chapter 4 - tDMR validation</i>	
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		<b>reverse primer</b>
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	2Liver_2	tgggTtTtagTttagggTTT
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		tccattcccattAAaCaAAa



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	5Sperm_5	gagggtggggaagTTta	tcccctAccatctccattcc
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	6Sperm_2	ggggTTtTagaaagaTtggttg	cccttttAcaccccaAAAa
	6Sperm_3	gaTTtgagaaTttggTtgg	caaatctAAcactAAccacataAcca
	6Sperm_4	gggtgatTaaaaggTTaaggaggT	AAAaAcccacttttactAcacactAA
2.1.2.2	<i>Chapter 5 - pDMR validation</i>		
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	PSMB8_promoter_3	ttgtgtggaTaagggTagga	AaccacaAAacactacaAttctct
	PSMB8_promoter_4	gtgtgatgtTtggTTaggT	tcctcAcaccccaAAAActcc
	PSMB8_promoter_5	ggaagTTTTtaggatgTaggg	ttcccaaAacaccacacac
	TAP1/PSMB9_promoter_1	aatggagTTTtagaaTTtTggTTTT	ctAttcctAAcctAAAtAcctctcc
	TAP1/PSMB9_promoter_2	aaaagtgTTgTTTtagaTtatttgg	ctAAAaactAAttccaacctAAAac
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	TAP1/PSMB9_promoter_5	agggTtggTtggTtggTttg	tccccttAtAcctcccctct
	TAP1/PSMB9_promoter_6	tTgggTaggTTaTtttgaag	AaaAaAcaAtactAtccccaAcca
	TAP1/PSMB9_promoter_7	ttggTagtgaggggagattTT	cttccctAcccactcccatA
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	TNF- $\alpha$ _2	ggttgaggggtTtgaagga	cccctccacctatActcc
	TNF- $\alpha$ _3	ggagggagagagggagagg	tttctctcctcttcaAAatca
	TNF- $\alpha$ _4	tgatTTgaagaggagagaaaa	caAAccaAacaAAcaAccaA
	LTA_1	TaggggagagaggggtggagT	Atcccaactttcctcaaatcc
	LTA_2	gggttgaggggaaaagTtgt	aaAaAcctccaAAacctccaA
	LTA_3	Ttgggtgggagagtgat	cccctAaaaaaacctcctca
	LTB_1	gTtgggaTtTtggggaag	ActccaActAcccactca

2.1.2.3	LTB_2	ggatggggagTTtgattTT	ccccttAtAtctcctctcctcttc		
	<i>Chapter 6 - B2m primers</i>				
	<b>primer name</b>	<b>forward primer</b>	<b>reverse primer</b>		
	B2m_1	aTTaggTattgtggaggTtTtT	AcacttAccttAAacccaAccaa		
	B2m_2	TtgaaggataTaagaagTaagaaagg	caAActAAaAAcacattaaAAActAccc		
	B2m_3	tggtTtAaggaTttatgtgTttg	cccaacccccctcatAttttc		
	B2m_4	TTtggTTaaTatggtgaagTTtgg	tcctcaacaAtcttAAtaaccatctt		
	B2m_5	ggtaTaaagtTagagaggggtTtgg	tctcattccattAcccaAActAAa		
	B2m_6	ttTaaaatggaggtggTttggt	tccacttttcaattctctctcc		
2.1.3	<b>RT qPCR Primers</b>				
2.1.3.1	<i>MeDIP validation</i>				
	<b>primer name</b>	<b>forward primer</b>	<b>reverse primer</b>	<b>Methylation status</b>	<b>%CpG</b>
	11185.0	CGCTTTGTTTCTGCTCCTTT	GCAACTCTGATGCACCTCAA	methylated	0.7
	11821	TGACAGCCTGTGAGAGCAAG	AGCGAAGCCAGTCTATCAGC	methylated	1.4
	6583	CACTCACCGTCCAGCTATCA	CTCCCTGACCTCCATCTTCA	methylated	2.1
	11851	CCAAGAGGGCTCCCTAGAAG	ATTTGGAAGGGACCTTGCTT	methylated	2.9
	6165.0	CCCTCAGTTCCTACCTCCAA	AGTTACGTGGACTCGGCAAT	methylated	3.8
	4994.0	GGGAATATAAGGAGCGCACA	TCGGTAAAACGGTCAGGTC	methylated	4.9
	9066.0	GCGTAATGAGTGTGGGGATT	GAGGACGCCTTTGTCATTGT	unmethylated	2.5
	8804.0	CGAGGCGTGAGTTATTCCTG	CTCTTGTTGGCTGAGCTCCTT	unmethylated	2.9
	5132.0	AAGGTGCCCAATTCAAGGTA	CTTCCCCACCAGTCTTGAAA	unmethylated	4.0
	13663.0	CCGCCATCATGCTAATTT	AACGAGCTAGGATTGGCTGA	unmethylated	4.9
	9710.0	TTCAGCAGTCTCTGGAGT	CTGGACACAGCTGATGGGTA	unmethylated	5.9
	13478.0	TGAGAGCGGATGACAGATTG	GGTCCCTCCCTTTTCTGTCT	unmethylated	7.2
2.1.3.2	<i>Expression Analysis</i>				
2.1.3.2.1	<i>Chapter 5 - MHC genes</i>				
	<b>primer name</b>	<b>forward primer</b>	<b>reverse primer</b>		
	HLA-A	CGTGATGTGGAGGAGGAAGA	AAGCTGTGAGGGACACATCA		
	HLA-B	ACCAGAGCGAGGCCGGG	GTGTCCGCSCGGTCCAG		
	HLA-C	CGCGCGGAGTCCRAGAGG	GTGTCCGCSCGGTCCAG		
	TAP1	CACTTGCAGGGAGAGGTGTT	ATCACTCAGGGTGGACGTGT		
	TAP2	GGCTGCTTACCTACACCAT	TGAGTTCAGCTCCCCGTCT		
	TAPBP	GCTTCATGGCTGAGGAGGT	CACGAACCAACACTCGATCA		
	PSMB8	CTGGCTGTGCAGCAGACTGT	GCTGCCGACACTGAAATACGT		
	PSMB9	GAGGAACCTCCACTTGTTTTGG	CCCAGCCAGCTACCATGAGA		

2.1.3.2.2	LTA	CCACCCTACACCTCCTCCTT	GCAGTGAGTTCTGCTTGCTG
	TNF- $\alpha$	CCCCAGGGACCTCTCTCTAA	CAGCTTGAGGGTTTGCTACA
	LTB	GAGGACTGGTAACGGAGACG	GGGCTGAGATCTGTTTCTGG
	UBC_control	ATTTGGGTCGCGGTTCTTG	TGCCTTGACATTCTCGATGGT
	Chapter 6 - non-MHC genes		
	<b>primer name</b>	<b>forward primer</b>	<b>reverse primer</b>
	B2M	TGACTTTGTCACAGCCCAAG	AGCAAGCAAGCAGAATTTGG
	ERp57	AGCAAAGGTTGATTGCACTG	AGCACCTGCTTCTTCACCAT
	CANX	TGAAGAAGATGGTGGCACTG	CGTGGCTTTCTGTTTCTTGG
	CALR	GAGCATATCCCTGACCCTGA	GGCTTCCACTCACCCCTGTA
UBC_control	ATTTGGGTCGCGGTTCTTG	TGCCTTGACATTCTCGATGGT	

Table 2.1 Primer sets used within this thesis.

Table 2.2

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Table 2.2. Names and chromosome 6 coordinates (NCBI\_35) of the clones used for the MHC tiling array.

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4	31709197	31711626	-0.872107	0.000162	59	30484481	30486798	-0.714068	0.00025428
5	32056738	32058031	-0.963175	8.14E-05	60	30491424	30493923	-0.778861	9.83E-05
6	32067481	32068550	-0.714901	2.81E-05	61	30526624	30528439	1.490191	6.55E-05
7	32074474	32074660	-0.912389	3.39E-05	62	30534798	30537070	-0.911697	0.00026108
8	32077678	32079121	-0.978122	8.72E-06	63	30731648	30734384	1.29065	3.22E-06
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13	32110416	32111859	-0.85967	1.67E-05	68	31454436	31456982	-0.553736	0.00091332
14	32590480	32591619	-0.958434	1.65E-05	69	31841070	31843352	0.871871	0.00070662
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16	30565890	30568365	0.635978	9.96E-05	71	32223988	32226638	0.943871	0.00025358
17	32056738	32058031	-0.803751	0.000119	72	32836042	32838492	1.499562	1.61E-06
18	32067481	32068550	-0.654797	3.71E-05	73	33132309	33134479	-0.987847	0.00050575
19	32074474	32074660	-0.743694	0.000274	74	33389687	33392295	1.426845	1.69E-07
20	32077678	32079121	-0.919853	4.12E-05	75	33450625	33452501	0.965143	0.00027171
21	32088718	32090526	-0.886511	0.000224		CD8 v SPERM			
22	32107212	32107398	-0.831638	3.15E-07	76	Start.coord	End.coord	M	P.Value
23	32110416	32111859	-0.766263	3.65E-06	77	29823989	29826356	0.686032	0.00080629
24	32590480	32591619	-0.619532	0.000469	78	29830203	29832660	0.802217	0.00065693
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38	32071709	32072864	-0.756704	1.40E-05					
39	32073608	32074514	-0.71949	0.000216					
40	32074474	32074660	-0.987143	5.42E-05					
41	32077678	32079121	-1.333444	2.96E-09					
42	32088659	32090434	-0.884048	0.000159					
43	32092057	32093147	-0.82539	0.000796					
44	32094350	32095101	-0.677409	0.000259					
45	32098656	32099323	-0.730227	8.63E-05					
46	32099573	32100214	-0.875286	4.03E-05					
47	32104734	32105602	-0.713212	1.34E-05					
48	32107212	32107398	-0.944333	1.47E-07					
49	32109195	32110435	-0.770992	0.000114					
50	32119000	32120024	-0.570658	0.000326					
51	32590480	32591619	-0.95534	1.51E-06					
52	32622631	32625110	0.658602	0.000744					
53	32817677	32820582	0.844115	9.91E-06					
54	32836042	32838492	1.38817	3.03E-06					
55	33389687	33392295	1.15599	2.62E-06					

**Table 4.1 tDMRs within the MHC region.** A total of 90 tDMRs were identified. Six pair-wise comparisons were performed and, in total, 90 tDMRs were identified using t-statistics. tDMRs of

each comparison and their co-ordinates on chromosome 6 are provided. M values which are equivalent to the  $\log_2$  ratio of the two corresponding methylation profiles in each comparison are shown. A threshold of p-value <0.001 was used. P-values of the 90 tDMRs are provided.

Clone name	chromosome 6 coordinate (NCBI_35)	
	6S17_2_149n23	30527803
6S17_2_213f19	30881555	30884300
6S17_2_580e24	29937894	29939594
6S17_2_705l03	33192620	33193912
S6A_2_188l24	33450625	33452501
S6A_2_367m01	31841070	31843352
S6A_2_454k03	30247370	30249040
S6A_2_48e04	32088718	32090526
S6A_2_50m21	29889483	29892066
S6A_2_707o03	32836042	32838492
S6C_2_161i01	30000805	30003606
S6C_2_310e17	30228982	30231712
S6C_2_736m04	30721858	30724158
S6C_3_122j09	30526624	30528439
stSG1159328	32079102	32080248
stSG1159349	32098656	32099323
stSG1159370	32115381	32116535
stSG1159388	36659407	32660508

Table 5.1 **DMRs common in both tDMR and pDMR screen.** A total of 18 DMRs identified in section 5.5.2 had been identified as tDMRs in chapter 4. These DMRs were removed from any further analysis for the pDMR screen (chapter 5).

**Table 5.2**

<b>CCRF-CEM</b>					
	<b>Clone Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>M-value</b>	<b>p-value</b>
<b>1</b>	mtp_S6C_2_295c12	29767842	29770217	-0.56719	0.0002804
<b>2</b>	stSG1159305	29799299	29800711	0.690492	4.07E-07
<b>3</b>	mtp_S6A_2_349p03	29852518	29854940	0.595634	0.0007958
<b>4</b>	mtp_6S17_2_523e17	29899083	29901168	0.598125	0.0007759
<b>5</b>	mtp_6S17_2_333l22	29908506	29911028	0.480597	0.0004993
<b>6</b>	mtp_S6A_2_427m23	29921905	29924681	0.416954	0.0005401
<b>7</b>	mtp_S6C_2_233b21	29952327	29954750	0.763758	0.0003412
<b>8</b>	mtp_S6C_2_252b19	30081271	30083717	0.994879	2.07E-05
<b>9</b>	mtp_S6A_2_302b02	30083166	30085450	0.738726	5.81E-06
<b>10</b>	mtp_S6C_2_651k20	30152988	30155591	0.688175	0.0004019
<b>11</b>	mtp_6S17_2_550d16	30178743	30181378	1.397924	1.10E-08
<b>12</b>	mtp_S6C_2_724m20	30243167	30246046	0.558438	0.0007535
<b>13</b>	mtp_6S17_2_432i09	30711444	30713962	-0.46115	0.000808
<b>14</b>	mtp_S6A_2_126l05	30763012	30765292	1.62006	2.00E-10
<b>15</b>	mtp_6S17_2_130a06	30958243	30959538	0.732888	1.50E-06

16	mtp_6S17_2_261e17	31016455	31019006	0.709016	3.54E-05
17	mtp_S6C_2_24m19	31030830	31033294	-0.42393	2.04E-05
18	mtp_6S17_2_641j16	31335975	31338861	0.807199	0.0001693
19	mtp_S6C_2_437h19	31431405	31434315	0.926176	7.47E-06
20	mtp_S6C_2_323p21	31544177	31546543	-0.66098	0.0003248
21	mtp_S6A_2_285a02	31558217	31560371	-0.46492	0.0006089
22	mtp_6S17_2_406p23	31765370	31767911	-0.37426	0.0003661
23	mtp_S6A_2_474a15	31801630	31803851	-0.55334	0.0006669
24	mtp_S6C_2_47j02	31830687	31833596	-0.65185	0.0003632
25	mtp_S6A_2_139f17	32238133	32240410	-0.46266	0.0003004
26	mtp_S6A_2_518p02	32404753	32407328	0.625894	0.0007431
27	mtp_S6A_3_52o24	32476215	32479059	-0.60195	0.0001485
28	mtp_6S17_2_455p07	32491122	32493607	0.667301	6.70E-05
29	mtp_S6C_2_291o13	32539196	32541992	-0.561	0.0003876
30	mtp_S6A_2_718o07	32605193	32606885	0.768783	4.42E-05
31	mtp_S6C_2_766n01	32733611	32736437	0.606751	0.0004482
32	mtp_6S17_2_707a20	32872192	32874816	-0.49818	0.0008148
33	mtp_6S17_2_304j21	32890054	32892994	0.814173	0.000167
34	mtp_S6A_3_29p07	32928521	32931366	0.837205	0.000581
35	mtp_S6A_2_366i02	32934213	32936868	-0.64186	0.0002129
36	mtp_6S17_2_118i14	33020486	33022969	1.241087	4.06E-07
37	mtp_S6C_2_512f05	33077075	33079961	-0.59716	0.0001125
38	mtp_S6C_2_495i17	33146226	33148958	1.064771	3.58E-05
39	mtp_S6C_2_261i05	33148418	33151260	1.14691	0.0002159
40	mtp_6S17_2_109i12	33162178	33164006	-0.67207	1.90E-05
41	mtp_S6C_3_128c17	33281188	33283958	0.57968	0.0009564
42	mtp_S6C_2_551e11	33286034	33288603	0.761003	0.0002226
43	mtp_S6A_2_353i24	33348267	33350788	0.630111	1.54E-05
44	mtp_S6C_2_420g20	33462560	33465285	0.69955	7.90E-05
45	mtp_S6C_2_437e15	33469103	33471584	-0.71327	5.05E-05
46	mtp_6S17_2_537i09	33501985	33503886	0.667891	0.0002164
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	<b>Clone Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>M-value</b>	<b>p-value</b>
47	mtp_S6A_2_126i05	30763012	30765292	1.21117	1.35E-08
48	mtp_6S17_2_118i14	33020486	33022969	1.326516	1.38E-08
49	mtp_6S17_2_577d11	30991536	30994461	-1.35874	2.84E-07
50	mtp_S6C_2_176n16	33493246	33495524	0.969393	3.85E-07
51	mtp_S6C_2_591j16	31649837	31652271	0.889856	1.26E-06
52	mtp_S6C_2_724m20	30243167	30246046	0.978553	2.24E-06
53	mtp_S6A_2_742g13	32710133	32712269	1.019544	3.51E-06
54	mtp_S6A_2_99j22	33015774	33018132	1.067542	5.12E-06
55	mtp_S6C_2_291o13	32539196	32541992	-0.81429	8.32E-06
56	mtp_S6A_3_29p07	32928521	32931366	1.142544	8.69E-06
57	mtp_S6C_2_525h16	31410804	31413338	-1.13893	8.94E-06
58	mtp_S6A_2_247f17	32609013	32611396	-0.74061	9.92E-06
59	mtp_6S17_2_75k18	30283371	30285180	-0.71881	1.59E-05
60	mtp_S6C_2_495i17	33146226	33148958	1.217834	1.73E-05
61	mtp_S6A_2_366o15	32203258	32205842	-1.07394	2.17E-05
62	mtp_S6C_2_256g20	29960874	29962955	0.687232	2.35E-05



63	mtp_S6C_2_494b13	32680961	32683760	0.621659	2.64E-05
64	mtp_6S17_2_304j21	32890054	32892994	1.080267	2.66E-05
65	mtp_6S17_2_163a14	33374801	33377421	-0.55412	3.12E-05
66	mtp_6S17_2_558f04	31651482	31654336	0.887192	4.93E-05
67	mtp_S6A_2_19j15	32941867	32944276	1.024239	5.56E-05
68	mtp_S6C_2_261i05	33148418	33151260	1.370677	7.68E-05
69	mtp_6S17_2_406p23	31765370	31767911	-0.5321	9.63E-05
70	mtp_S6C_2_728o04	31784795	31786680	-0.96111	9.87E-05
71	mtp_6S17_2_227c12	33018847	33021797	0.788601	0.0001023
72	mtp_6S17_2_537l09	33501985	33503886	0.615933	0.000138
73	mtp_6S17_2_461g23	30844326	30847065	-0.74669	0.0001416
74	mtp_S6A_2_550c18	31647311	31649827	0.816073	0.0002
75	mtp_6S17_2_333n04	32323976	32326426	-1.07325	0.000231
76	mtp_6S17_2_491n23	29863681	29866461	-1.14484	0.0002416
77	mtp_S6C_2_309c03	32972559	32975260	0.508227	0.0002526
78	stSG1159389	33161371	33162818	-0.6743	0.0002961
79	mtp_S6A_2_738e03	33045191	33047466	0.651116	0.0003096
80	mtp_S6A_2_155a02	32926466	32928563	0.659656	0.000343
81	mtp_6S17_2_150b10	31962270	31964146	-0.54269	0.0003518
82	mtp_S6C_2_323p21	31544177	31546543	-0.60766	0.0003693
83	mtp_S6C_2_468h02	30981054	30983803	-0.57288	0.0003835
84	mtp_S6C_2_106h13	31021804	31024362	0.434185	0.0003983
85	mtp_S6C_2_169c05	31112554	31114212	0.462286	0.0004366
86	mtp_S6A_2_593o01	30994321	30996758	-0.6159	0.0005327
87	mtp_6S17_2_705p22	33513248	33516058	-0.55752	0.000537
88	mtp_S6C_2_126m01	32689045	32691474	0.813405	0.0005809
89	mtp_6S17_2_689o12	30989831	30991848	-0.62209	0.0006024
90	mtp_6S17_2_503c16	32803977	32805579	0.797316	0.0006535
91	mtp_S6C_2_405j01	30476804	30479649	1.467248	0.0006538
92	mtp_S6A_2_401f24	31867881	31870208	-0.45313	0.0006707
93	mtp_S6A_2_495n14	32859507	32861730	1.215167	0.0007131
94	mtp_S6C_2_173a10	31012161	31014603	0.491818	0.0007713
95	mtp_6S17_2_355b09	32805771	32808229	0.736536	0.0008333
96	mtp_S6C_2_24m19	31030830	31033294	-0.36284	0.0008357
97	mtp_S6C_2_630p01	31849432	31852366	-0.76832	0.0009198
98	mtp_S6A_2_42g10	32222119	32224613	0.556036	0.0009527
99	mtp_6S17_2_77b10	33150708	33153101	0.83274	0.0009703
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	<b>Clone Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>M-value</b>	<b>p-value</b>
100	mtp_S6A_2_617f24	30758534	30760818	1.81176	4.18E-09
101	mtp_S6A_2_126l05	30763012	30765292	1.228218	7.13E-09
102	mtp_6S17_2_109l12	33162178	33164006	-1.08565	1.21E-08
103	mtp_S6C_2_591j16	31649837	31652271	1.188759	2.58E-07
104	mtp_S6A_3_28g11	30818455	30821315	0.92168	5.53E-07
105	mtp_6S17_2_707a20	32872192	32874816	-1.00553	1.51E-06
106	mtp_6S17_2_124e21	33142984	33145436	-1.10912	1.58E-06
107	mtp_S6A_2_152g09	31513524	31515946	-0.94512	1.98E-06
108	mtp_6S17_2_278p22	32751956	32754798	0.959251	3.85E-06
109	mtp_S6A_2_353i24	33348267	33350788	1.087473	4.87E-06

110	mtp_S6C_2_754f14	32557020	32559661	-1.18712	8.06E-06
111	mtp_S6C_2_291o13	32539196	32541992	-0.73957	8.35E-06
112	mtp_6S17_2_558f04	31651482	31654336	0.953425	8.97E-06
113	mtp_6S17_2_522h15	32906204	32908888	-0.71227	1.31E-05
114	mtp_S6A_3_29p07	32928521	32931366	1.116248	1.70E-05
115	mtp_S6A_2_724m04	30350008	30351777	0.52074	2.68E-05
116	mtp_S6A_2_584b12	32736096	32738289	-1.24846	4.48E-05
117	mtp_S6C_2_323p21	31544177	31546543	-1.05423	5.82E-05
118	mtp_S6C_2_309c03	32972559	32975260	0.589118	7.68E-05
119	mtp_6S17_2_537I09	33501985	33503886	0.657134	8.15E-05
120	mtp_S6C_3_114o20	31466903	31470124	-0.78067	8.48E-05
121	mtp_S6C_2_599m10	32471036	32473567	-0.76463	8.70E-05
122	mtp_S6A_2_200a10	32888310	32890611	-1.44944	9.58E-05
123	mtp_6S17_2_579I12	33025410	33027740	1.150113	0.0001153
124	mtp_6S17_2_111f06	30134479	30136131	0.758627	0.0001167
125	mtp_S6A_2_485e09	30754016	30756025	0.779481	0.000131
126	mtp_S6A_2_245f06	31562288	31564901	-0.84827	0.0001339
127	mtp_S6A_2_247f17	32609013	32611396	-0.91501	0.0001496
128	stSG1159333	32083780	32085032	-0.52852	0.0001612
129	mtp_6S17_2_355b09	32805771	32808229	0.749548	0.0002615
130	mtp_6S17_2_34d21	30687802	30690256	0.817429	0.0002806
131	mtp_S6A_2_673h09	30034394	30036661	0.606668	0.0002892
132	mtp_S6C_2_35n12	31904599	31907111	-0.62012	0.0003299
133	mtp_6S17_2_172f10	31815961	31818685	0.63943	0.0003398
134	stSG1159311	31903338	31904796	-0.77202	0.0003435
135	mtp_6S17_2_227c12	33018847	33021797	0.599893	0.0003601
136	mtp_S6C_2_176n16	33493246	33495524	0.710887	0.0004165
137	mtp_S6C_2_525h16	31410804	31413338	-0.77281	0.0004209
138	mtp_S6A_2_755o05	31487731	31490992	-1.08131	0.0004368
139	stSG1159344	32094951	32095618	0.638461	0.0004405
140	mtp_S6A_2_607b18	31892543	31894559	-0.87294	0.0004616
141	mtp_S6C_2_494h24	32566224	32568770	0.857864	0.0004902
142	mtp_S6C_2_249g19	33090674	33093215	-0.83823	0.0005037
143	mtp_S6A_2_203I11	33082017	33084690	-1.03336	0.0005155
144	mtp_6S17_2_40d18	31553280	31555425	-0.70576	0.0005245
145	mtp_6S17_2_203n20	31689689	31692751	0.723136	0.0006501
146	mtp_S6C_2_567I15	32484275	32487774	-1.01229	0.0006631
147	mtp_S6A_3_77e12	30096934	30100100	0.56266	0.0006754
148	mtp_6S17_2_118i14	33020486	33022969	0.767671	0.0006897
149	mtp_S6A_2_693p14	33144119	33146299	-1.19236	0.0007169
150	mtp_S6C_2_551e11	33286034	33288603	0.719353	0.000776
151	mtp_6S17_2_283o09	31656398	31658063	0.78074	0.0007777
152	mtp_6S17_2_163a14	33374801	33377421	-0.5063	0.0008214
153	mtp_S6A_2_365I07	30756515	30758800	0.560907	0.0008969
154	mtp_S6C_2_24m19	31030830	31033294	-0.39812	0.0009504
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	<b>Clone Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>M-value</b>	<b>p-value</b>
155	mtp_S6A_2_126I05	30763012	30765292	1.18811	8.13E-08
156	mtp_S6C_2_591j16	31649837	31652271	1.201073	1.10E-07

157	mtp_S6C_2_495i17	33146226	33148958	1.301633	6.97E-07
158	mtp_6S17_2_118i14	33020486	33022969	1.428598	1.30E-06
159	mtp_6S17_2_227c12	33018847	33021797	0.972723	2.94E-06
160	mtp_6S17_2_111f06	30134479	30136131	0.894931	4.03E-06
161	mtp_6S17_2_707i19	31995564	31998405	0.594004	2.85E-05
162	mtp_6S17_2_558f04	31651482	31654336	0.892191	3.20E-05
163	mtp_S6A_2_200e21	33187152	33188915	0.722338	3.66E-05
164	mtp_S6C_2_261i05	33148418	33151260	1.261192	4.43E-05
165	mtp_S6C_2_176n16	33493246	33495524	0.847578	4.59E-05
166	mtp_S6C_2_291o13	32539196	32541992	-0.55691	4.64E-05
167	mtp_6S17_2_304j21	32890054	32892994	1.032476	5.42E-05
168	mtp_S6C_2_295c12	29767842	29770217	-0.65879	5.82E-05
169	mtp_S6A_3_29p07	32928521	32931366	1.000062	5.92E-05
170	mtp_S6C_2_63h24	33292021	33293767	-1.0433	6.56E-05
171	mtp_S6A_2_19j15	32941867	32944276	0.791763	7.30E-05
172	mtp_6S17_2_337o24	30903401	30906093	0.486788	0.0001157
173	mtp_S6C_2_651k20	30152988	30155591	0.692531	0.0001259
174	mtp_S6A_2_593o01	30994321	30996758	-0.56731	0.0001529
175	mtp_S6A_2_617f24	30758534	30760818	0.991063	0.0001707
176	mtp_S6A_2_572p22	31854646	31857207	-0.76015	0.0002103
177	mtp_6S17_2_579i12	33025410	33027740	1.01135	0.00025
178	mtp_S6C_2_296n21	33152888	33155357	0.638952	0.0002898
179	mtp_S6C_2_242j03	30825368	30827875	-0.65592	0.0003419
180	mtp_S6A_3_59i07	30555778	30557696	0.513929	0.0003455
181	mtp_S6A_2_724m04	30350008	30351777	0.550353	0.0003629
182	mtp_6S17_2_747i02	31067896	31070375	-0.67933	0.0004386
183	mtp_6S17_2_283o09	31656398	31658063	0.814487	0.0004443
184	mtp_6S17_2_203n20	31689689	31692751	0.688619	0.0005062
185	mtp_S6C_2_242e07	29814777	29817114	0.555024	0.0005125
186	mtp_S6A_2_403c13	30433512	30435982	0.927802	0.0005354
187	mtp_6S17_2_355b09	32805771	32808229	0.550376	0.0006068
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221	mtp_6S17_2_558f04	31651482	31654336	1.084652	0.000283
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229	mtp_6S17_2_707l19	31995564	31998405	0.500099	0.0006637
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231	mtp_S6C_2_269h18	30404296	30406670	-0.52764	0.0008381
232	mtp_S6A_2_19j15	32941867	32944276	0.760213	0.0009152
233	mtp_S6A_2_200e21	33187152	33188915	0.730549	0.0009207
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405	mtp_S6C_2_461d02	31014145	31016926	0.635657	0.0004075
406	mtp_S6C_2_672h21	30822901	30825493	-0.68673	0.0004805
407	mtp_S6C_2_495l17	33146226	33148958	1.027689	0.0005442
408	mtp_S6C_2_351b16	32644074	32646662	-0.79282	0.0005524
409	mtp_S6A_2_485e09	30754016	30756025	1.032661	0.0005525
410	mtp_S6C_2_417b10	30023644	30025314	1.463841	0.0007582
411	mtp_6S17_2_583k01	30231506	30234359	1.10007	0.0007721
412	mtp_S6A_3_30g20	32533849	32536651	-0.70346	0.0008137
413	mtp_S6A_2_693p14	33144119	33146299	-1.03754	0.0008252
414	mtp_6S17_2_403h19	29945051	29947511	-0.58579	0.0008952
415	mtp_S6C_2_754f14	32557020	32559661	-0.74717	0.00096
416	mtp_S6A_2_99j22	33015774	33018132	1.27525	0.0009647
417	mtp_S6C_2_63h24	33292021	33293767	-0.67812	0.0009838
418	mtp_S6C_2_482e09	29967686	29969637	-0.69363	0.0009839
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419	mtp_6S17_2_550d16	30178743	30181378	1.813617	3.27E-09
420	mtp_S6A_2_203l11	33082017	33084690	-1.57977	1.59E-08
421	mtp_S6A_2_63e09	30288220	30290560	1.814325	6.36E-08
422	mtp_S6A_3_29p07	32928521	32931366	2.342967	1.24E-07
423	stSG1159377	32124830	32125663	-1.42949	3.88E-07
424	mtp_S6A_2_215a19	33169768	33172038	-0.86194	4.87E-07
425	mtp_6S17_2_111f06	30134479	30136131	1.302455	5.14E-07
426	mtp_S6C_2_249g19	33090674	33093215	-1.25453	2.13E-06
427	mtp_6S17_2_134i19	31024896	31027536	-0.93995	2.71E-06
428	mtp_S6C_2_252b19	30081271	30083717	0.996822	3.04E-06
429	mtp_6S17_2_130a06	30958243	30959538	1.1478	3.17E-06
430	mtp_6S17_2_40d18	31553280	31555425	-1.13414	3.90E-06
431	mtp_S6C_2_35n12	31904599	31907111	-1.24066	7.09E-06
432	mtp_S6A_2_126l05	30763012	30765292	1.238969	7.19E-06
433	stSG1159311	31903338	31904796	-1.26344	9.72E-06
434	mtp_S6A_2_577p21	30363052	30365623	0.874226	1.27E-05
435	mtp_6S17_2_337o24	30903401	30906093	0.995116	1.69E-05
436	mtp_S6A_2_152g09	31513524	31515946	-0.79528	1.81E-05
437	mtp_S6A_2_607b18	31892543	31894559	-1.2635	2.33E-05
438	mtp_S6A_2_571b17	32918067	32920344	1.734007	3.04E-05
439	mtp_S6C_2_417b10	30023644	30025314	1.208653	4.14E-05
440	mtp_6S17_2_283o09	31656398	31658063	1.033447	4.32E-05
441	mtp_S6C_2_495l17	33146226	33148958	1.321642	6.85E-05
442	mtp_6S17_2_558f04	31651482	31654336	1.040009	7.24E-05



443	mtp_6S17_2_124e21	33142984	33145436	-1.24287	8.26E-05
444	mtp_S6A_2_352g13	32278686	32281326	-0.72338	9.16E-05
445	mtp_6S17_2_206g17	30264102	30266980	-0.94293	9.17E-05
446	mtp_6S17_2_583k01	30231506	30234359	1.260341	0.0001286
447	mtp_S6A_2_422n17	32430334	32433086	-0.89926	0.0001517
448	mtp_S6C_2_512f05	33077075	33079961	-0.83076	0.0001791
449	mtp_S6A_2_693p14	33144119	33146299	-1.55943	0.0001888
450	mtp_S6C_2_323p21	31544177	31546543	-0.89927	0.0002395
451	mtp_6S17_2_47d01	31192661	31195203	-0.84057	0.0002441
452	mtp_S6C_2_446o03	30129527	30132152	1.038804	0.000261
453	mtp_6S17_2_154o06	31185615	31188154	-1.0366	0.0002681
454	mtp_S6A_2_99j22	33015774	33018132	0.929407	0.0002871
455	mtp_S6A_2_180o24	31441096	31443372	-0.87963	0.0003012
456	stSG1159329	32080229	32081243	0.844391	0.0003174
457	mtp_6S17_2_283h21	31023710	31026101	-1.19789	0.0003211
458	mtp_S6C_2_291o13	32539196	32541992	-0.65126	0.0003295
459	mtp_S6A_2_540a21	31087638	31089814	-0.66246	0.0003502
460	mtp_S6C_3_128c17	33281188	33283958	0.705128	0.0003914
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462	mtp_6S17_2_676f20	31118993	31121827	-0.76444	0.0004221
463	mtp_S6A_2_594m04	33159764	33161477	-1.61745	0.0004365
464	mtp_S6A_2_29i03	33130078	33132394	-1.13731	0.0004972
465	stSG1159389	33161371	33162818	-1.63193	0.0005346
466	mtp_S6A_2_434k14	29965444	29967775	-0.98072	0.0005607
467	mtp_S6C_2_261i05	33148418	33151260	1.101245	0.0005824
468	mtp_6S17_2_403h19	29945051	29947511	-0.80451	0.0006158
469	stSG1159367	32111840	32112986	0.721595	0.0006469
470	mtp_6S17_2_106c06	33010869	33013520	-0.76766	0.000657
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473	mtp_S6C_2_109m03	33079784	33082134	-0.87375	0.0008087
474	mtp_S6A_2_724m04	30350008	30351777	0.580665	0.0008155
475	mtp_S6C_2_437h19	31431405	31434315	0.79726	0.0008557
476	mtp_6S17_2_806h02	33194560	33196721	0.503952	0.0008652
477	mtp_S6C_2_63h24	33292021	33293767	-0.81228	0.0008962
478	mtp_6S17_2_707a20	32872192	32874816	-0.62536	0.0009228
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	<b>Clone Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>M-value</b>	<b>p-value</b>
479	mtp_S6A_2_77114	29741918	29744577	0.763344	0.0004559
480	mtp_S6C_2_33f20	29784008	29786547	-0.96811	0.0007055
481	mtp_S6C_2_296i15	29805657	29808379	-0.91	5.92E-05
482	mtp_S6C_2_256g20	29960874	29962955	0.87112	0.0001627
483	mtp_S6C_2_417b10	30023644	30025314	1.209422	7.52E-05
484	mtp_S6C_2_252b19	30081271	30083717	0.942966	0.0001421
485	mtp_6S17_2_111f06	30134479	30136131	0.871317	2.89E-05
486	mtp_6S17_2_214d05	30146157	30148833	1.046351	8.81E-08
487	mtp_6S17_2_550d16	30178743	30181378	1.450958	4.60E-08
488	mtp_6S17_2_624p03	30428243	30430343	0.625393	0.0007955
489	mtp_S6A_2_485e09	30754016	30756025	1.364416	2.16E-05

490	mtp_S6A_2_126l05	30763012	30765292	1.140752	2.78E-06
491	mtp_6S17_2_494h12	30767990	30770760	0.711924	0.0001308
492	mtp_6S17_2_337o24	30903401	30906093	0.724276	8.92E-06
493	mtp_6S17_2_130a06	30958243	30959538	1.052614	6.86E-08
494	mtp_6S17_2_575h02	31100296	31102131	0.763887	0.0005684
495	mtp_S6A_3_76a07	31376096	31377899	-0.68428	0.0006986
496	mtp_S6A_2_205l16	31410312	31412594	-0.74116	0.0008045
497	mtp_S6C_2_525h16	31410804	31413338	-0.89887	9.83E-05
498	mtp_S6C_2_315o12	31419326	31421777	-0.94361	0.0007341
499	mtp_S6C_2_437h19	31431405	31434315	0.930959	0.0007604
500	mtp_S6A_2_596o19	31442467	31444925	-0.83344	0.0006928
501	mtp_S6A_2_152g09	31513524	31515946	-1.03619	4.78E-06
502	mtp_S6C_2_591j16	31649837	31652271	0.900304	3.18E-05
503	mtp_6S17_2_558f04	31651482	31654336	1.128676	1.35E-05
504	mtp_6S17_2_283o09	31656398	31658063	0.848681	0.0005942
505	mtp_S6A_2_607b18	31892543	31894559	-1.30215	2.30E-05
506	mtp_S6C_2_35n12	31904599	31907111	-0.94557	0.0004561
507	mtp_S6C_2_173b09	32063457	32066073	-0.9907	8.76E-05
508	stSG1159344	32094951	32095618	-0.54195	0.0006025
509	stSG1159377	32124830	32125663	-1.03526	3.58E-05
510	mtp_S6A_2_528m17	32288063	32290295	-0.77037	0.0001326
511	mtp_6S17_2_700n22	32293344	32295765	-0.88109	5.29E-05
512	mtp_6S17_2_601o04	32298082	32300874	-0.86989	0.0009984
513	mtp_S6A_2_422n17	32430334	32433086	-1.06942	2.06E-06
514	mtp_S6C_2_599m10	32471036	32473567	-0.8953	0.0002523
515	mtp_S6C_2_567l15	32484275	32487774	-1.15683	0.0004177
516	mtp_S6A_2_69d24	32487094	32489228	-1.00168	0.0005821
517	mtp_6S17_2_536j18	32505710	32507577	0.681998	0.0001884
518	mtp_S6C_2_291o13	32539196	32541992	-0.89436	0.0002175
519	mtp_S6C_2_542d02	32552075	32554386	-0.89816	0.0006355
520	mtp_S6C_3_125f11	32592713	32595798	-1.18136	0.0001557
521	stSG1159380	32601273	32601860	-1.26308	0.0005372
522	mtp_S6A_2_247f17	32609013	32611396	-0.80472	0.0001054
523	stSG1159384	32633359	32634474	-0.71199	0.0005897
524	mtp_S6C_3_129n21	32637066	32640334	-0.87328	7.72E-05
525	mtp_S6C_2_442e02	32642241	32644714	-0.79022	0.0009418
526	mtp_S6C_2_351b16	32644074	32646662	-1.01415	0.0001885
527	mtp_S6C_2_158k03	32666007	32668413	-0.88331	0.0004025
528	mtp_6S17_2_540i21	32716744	32719125	-1.03478	9.01E-05
529	mtp_S6C_2_247i11	32720216	32722920	-0.99852	0.0001093
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531	mtp_S6C_2_29d18	32870242	32872810	-0.66463	0.0003428
532	mtp_S6A_2_200a10	32888310	32890611	-1.42085	0.0005849
533	mtp_S6A_2_571b17	32918067	32920344	1.532234	0.0001507
534	mtp_S6A_3_29p07	32928521	32931366	1.122592	2.15E-05
535	mtp_S6A_2_203l11	33082017	33084690	-1.16469	0.0001271
536	mtp_S6C_2_249g19	33090674	33093215	-1.53323	0.0001774
537	mtp_S6A_2_113b04	33097613	33099941	-1.17848	3.34E-05
538	mtp_S6A_2_29i03	33130078	33132394	-0.90704	0.0001379

539	mtp_6S17_2_124e21	33142984	33145436	-1.5521	5.18E-06
540	mtp_S6A_2_693p14	33144119	33146299	-1.56936	0.0001033
541	mtp_S6A_2_594m04	33159764	33161477	-1.32693	3.88E-05
542	stSG1159389	33161371	33162818	-1.40478	3.20E-07
543	mtp_6S17_2_109l12	33162178	33164006	-1.45179	1.06E-06
544	mtp_S6A_2_215a19	33169768	33172038	-0.86117	4.32E-06
545	mtp_S6A_2_33i07	33260428	33262435	-0.82609	0.0005795
546	mtp_S6C_2_141a12	33279164	33281784	1.292865	9.87E-05
547	mtp_S6C_3_128c17	33281188	33283958	0.861494	1.32E-05
548	mtp_S6C_2_551e11	33286034	33288603	0.83157	0.0002175
549	mtp_S6C_2_63h24	33292021	33293767	-0.98491	0.0004232
550	mtp_6S17_2_205b08	33387409	33389702	1.150282	3.40E-05
551	mtp_S6C_2_420g20	33462560	33465285	0.840402	6.72E-05
552	mtp_S6C_2_176n16	33493246	33495524	0.790378	9.14E-06

Table 5.2 **DMRs between each of the cancer cell lines and the shared controls.** Chromosome 6 coordinates (NCBI\_35), M- and p-values are given.