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# Prepatterning of differentiation-driven nuclear lamin A/C-associated chromatin domains by GlcNAcylated histone H2B

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Dynamic interactions of nuclear lamins with chromatin through lamin-associated domains (LADs) contribute to spatial arrangement of the genome. Here, we provide evidence for prepatterning of differentiation-driven formation of lamin A/C LADs by domains of histone H2B modified on serine 112 by the nutrient sensor O-linked N-acetylglucosamine (H2BS112GlcNAc), which we term GADs. We demonstrate a two-step process of lamin A/C LAD formation during in vitro adipogenesis, involving spreading of lamin A/C–chromatin interactions in the transition from progenitor cell proliferation to cell-cycle arrest, and genome-scale redistribution of these interactions through a process of LAD exchange within hours of adipogenic induction. Lamin A/C LADs are found both in active and repressive chromatin contexts that can be influenced by cell differentiation status. De novo formation of adipogenic lamin A/C LADs occurs nonrandomly on GADs, which consist of megabase-size intergenic and repressive chromatin domains. Accordingly, whereas predifferentiation lamin A/C LADs are gene-rich, post-differentiation LADs harbor repressive features reminiscent of lamin B1 LADs. Release of lamin A/C from genes directly involved in glycolysis concurs with their transcriptional up-regulation after adipogenic induction, and with downstream elevations in H2BS112GlcNAc levels and O-GlcNAc cycling. Our results unveil an epigenetic prepatterning of adipogenic LADs by GADs, suggesting a coupling of developmentally regulated lamin A/C–genome interactions to a metabolically sensitive chromatin modification.

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Genome organization in eukaryotic interphase nuclei involves dynamic associations of chromatin with the nuclear lamina (Gay and Foiani 2015), a meshwork of intermediate filaments called A- and B-type lamins (Burke and Stewart 2013). Nuclear lamins interact with chromatin primarily through so-called lamin-associated domains (LADs) (Guelen et al. 2008). LADs have initially been identified by DamID (Guelen et al. 2008) and later by chromatin immunoprecipitation-sequencing (ChIP-seq) (Sadaie et al. 2013; Shah et al. 2013), with robust overlap (Lund et al. 2014) despite differences between the two methods. LADs cover ~0.1–10 Mb and are overall gene-poor and transcriptionally inactive (Guelen et al. 2008; Meuleman et al. 2013; Lund et al. 2014). Accordingly, LADs are enriched in histone modifications marking silent chromatin, including H3 lysine 9 di- or trimethylation (H3K9me2/3) (Guelen et al. 2008; Kind et al. 2013; Sadaie et al. 2013; Shah et al. 2013), in line with the heterochromatic environment at the nuclear periphery (Reddy et al. 2008; Mattout et al. 2011; Towbin et al. 2012; Solovei et al. 2013). Targeting and anchoring of loci at the nuclear periphery in *Caenorhabditis elegans* or mouse cells requires H3K9me2/3, H3K27me3, lamin A/C (in mammals), short DNA sequences, and protein factors (Towbin et al. 2012; Zullo et al. 2012; Harr et al. 2015), suggesting that the formation of LADs is tightly regulated.

In contrast to B-type lamins (lamins B1 and B2), which are restricted to the nuclear periphery, A-type lamins (lamins A and C, or lamin A/C, splice variants of the *LMNA* gene) also exist as a nucleoplasmic pool (Dechat et al. 2000, 2010; Kolb et al. 2011). This intranuclear pool of lamin A/C is dependent on the nucleoplasmic protein lamina-associated polypeptide LAP2, isoform alpha (LAP2; encoded by the *TMPO* gene), which directly binds lamin A/C (Dechat et al. 2000; Naetar and Foisner 2009). Nucleoplasmic lamin A/C and LAP2 affect retinoblastoma protein function (Johnson et al. 2004) and promote cell-cycle arrest in tissue progenitor cells (Naetar and Foisner 2009; Gotic and Foisner 2010; Gotic et al. 2010). Interestingly, LAP2 overexpression in mouse preadipocytes elicits adipogenic differentiation (Dorner et al. 2006), suggesting that maintenance of an intranuclear lamin A/C pool is important for adipogenesis. Nucleoplasmic lamin A/C appears therefore to be critical for differentiation of tissue progenitor cells and may play important roles regulating chromatin and gene expression in the nuclear interior (Dechat et al. 2010; Gesson et al. 2014).

Whereas most LADs seem to be conserved between cell types, others are cell-type-specific (Peric-Hupkes et al. 2010; Meuleman et al. 2013; Harr et al. 2015). Cell-type-specific facultative fLADs (also called variable vLADs) differ from constitutive cLADs by their higher gene density and lower A/T and LINE content (Meuleman

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et al. 2013). LAD variability has been attributed to shifts in LAD borders (Meuleman et al. 2013; Harr et al. 2015), which are flanked by regions of H3K27me3 (Guelen et al. 2008) that appear to be important for association with the nuclear lamina (Harr et al. 2015). A- and B-type lamins may also temporally interact with genes and regulatory regions during embryonic and somatic stem cell differentiation (Peric-Hupkes et al. 2010; Lund et al. 2013). Recent work shows that in adipose tissue stem cells (ASCs), proadipogenic gene promoters are released from lamin A/C after differentiation into adipocytes, whereas many nonadipogenic, lineage-specific promoters retain lamin association (Lund et al. 2013). A similar uncoupling of a myogenic promoter from *C. elegans* lamin is associated to muscle-specific gene activation (Mattout et al. 2011). These results suggest that subsets of nuclear lamin–genome interactions are under developmental regulation.

Cell metabolism is coupled to post-translational modifications of histones and chromatin remodeling proteins affecting chromatin structure and gene expression (Keating and El-Osta 2015). Metabolic intermediates often act as cofactors or substrates of histone modifying enzymes. The hexosamine biosynthetic pathway (HBP) is responsive to intracellular levels of amino acids, fatty acids, and carbohydrates (Hanover et al. 2012) and constitutes an important link between glucose metabolism and chromatin. Approximately 3%–5% of glucose taken up by the cell is directed to the HBP (Marshall et al. 1991) and converted to UDP-N-acetylglucosamine (UDP-GlcNAc), the donor of O-linked GlcNAc for O-GlcNAcylation of proteins. GlcNAcylation is catalyzed by the O-GlcNAc transferase OGT, while O-GlcNAcase (OGA) hydrolyzes O-GlcNAc (Gambetta and Müller 2015). All core histones can be GlcNAcyated (Zhang et al. 2011; Fong et al. 2012; Vella et al. 2013), indicating that chromatin organization is influenced by the OGT/OGA balance. GlcNAcylation of H2B on serine 112 (S112) has been reported to promote H2BK120 monoubiquitination (H2BK120ub1), suggesting a link to gene activity (Fujiki et al. 2011). Notwithstanding, localization of H2BS112 on the nucleosome surface raises the possibility that H2BS112GlcNAc promotes additional chromatin-associated processes.

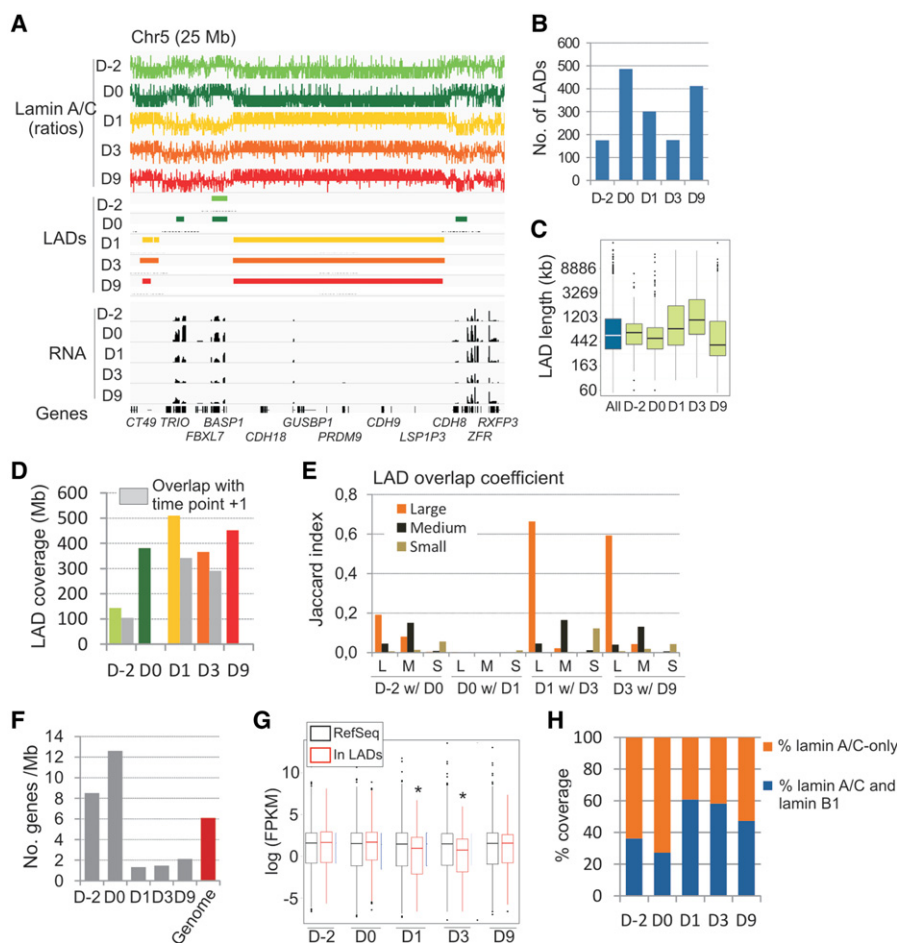
Here, we used an in vitro adipogenic differentiation system from human adipocyte progenitors (Shah et al. 2014) to address the relationship between H2B GlcNAcylation and association of lamin A/C with chromatin at key time points of adipogenesis. Our results suggest a coupling of developmentally regulated lamin A/C–genome interactions to H2BS112GlcNAc, a metabolically sensitive chromatin modification.

## Results

### Adipogenic differentiation reorganizes genome-wide lamin A/C–chromatin interactions

We first investigated the dynamics of A-type lamin interactions with the genome by ChIP-seq analysis of lamin A/C in ASCs at five stages of in vitro adipogenic differentiation. We examined (1) proliferating undifferentiated ASCs (2 d before adipogenic induction; D–2); (2) cell cycle-arrested undifferentiated ASCs on D0 (immediately before adipogenic induction); and (3) cells in the undergoing differentiations on D1, D3, and D9 after adipogenic induction (Supplemental Fig. 1A).

Using Enriched Domain Detector (EDD), an algorithm we developed for analysis of broad genomic domains of protein enrichment (Lund et al. 2014), we identify throughout differentiation approximately 200–500 lamin A/C LADs ranging from ~100 kb to ~10 Mb (Fig. 1A–C). We find that on D0, cells display a threefold



**Figure 1.** Lamin A/C LADs are reorganized by induction of adipogenic differentiation. (A) Lamin A/C ChIP-seq enrichment profiles showing ChIP/input ratios (scale  $-0.4$  to  $+0.4$  centered on 0), LADs mapped with EDD, and RNA-seq gene expression profiles (scale 0–1000 FPKM). (B) Number of LADs identified at each differentiation stage. (C) Median LAD lengths at all differentiation time points confounded (All) and at each time point. (D) Genome coverage by LADs (color bars) and conservation of LAD coverage between two consecutive time points (gray bars). (E) Coefficient of overlap of small, medium, and large LADs (Jaccard indices) with large (L), medium (M), and small (S) LADs between time points (x-axis). (F) Gene density within LADs and in the whole genome. (G) Median expression level of genes within LADs and of RefSeq genes: (\*)  $P < 10^{-5}$ ,  $t$ -test with Bonferroni correction. (H) Proportion of lamin A/C LAD coverage at each time point, which overlaps with lamin B1 LADs mapped by DamID in fibroblasts (Guelen et al. 2008).

increase in LAD number and coverage relative to D–2 cells (Fig. 1B, D) despite constant intracellular lamin A/C levels (Supplemental Fig. 1B). On D0, ASCs have notably reached cell-cycle arrest as a result of replating to confluency and growth factor removal 48 h earlier. Most lamin A/C–chromatin interactions in proliferating ASCs are maintained on D0 (Fig. 1D, D–2 gray bar), so we conclude that cell-cycle arrest, which precedes adipogenic induction, is accompanied by a net gain in LADs. This is consistent with the reorganization of chromatin that occurs after mitosis exit (Naumova et al. 2013).

Although EDD calls lamin A/C LADs conservatively, we also detect non-LAD regions of interspersed positive and negative bins of enrichment (see Fig. 1A); these can be interpreted as enriched and depleted lamin A/C–chromatin interactions that are distinct from truly depleted regions. It is at present unclear whether these “wobbly” areas represent noise caused by stochastic lamin–chromatin interactions or whether they have biological significance for the formation of LADs.

Genome-wide reorganization of lamin A/C–chromatin associations is not restricted to the preadipogenic phase. We find that within day 1 of stimulation with a proadipogenic cocktail (D0–D1 transition), lamin A/C–chromatin interactions are strikingly redistributed, with poor LAD overlap between undifferentiated and differentiated stages (D–2/D0 versus D1/D3/D9) (Fig. 1A,D, gray bars). This LAD redistribution is not elicited by mitotic disassembly and reassembly of the nuclear envelope, which could reset lamin–genome contacts (Kind et al. 2013), because ASCs do not divide once induced to differentiate (Supplemental Fig. 1C). Altogether, these changes reveal a genome-wide reorganization of lamin A/C–chromatin associations elicited by adipogenic induction.

The wide range of LAD sizes detected (Fig. 1C) suggests differences in behavior and genomic properties between LADs of various sizes during differentiation. To address this, we categorized LADs into small (<0.32 Mb), medium (0.32–1.13 Mb), and large (>1.1 Mb) domains based on their quantile size distribution (Supplemental Fig. 1D) and evaluated the extent to which these domains overlap between differentiation time points by computing Jaccard similarity coefficients. We find that small and medium LADs poorly overlap between differentiation time points (Fig. 1E), suggesting that they may represent unstable or stochastic lamin–chromatin interactions. The overlap between large LADs is minimal between proliferation (D–2) and cell cycle-arrested (D0) stages in undifferentiated cells, because most D0 LADs are not detected on D–2 (Fig. 1D). However, once large LADs form on D1, they are maintained thereafter (Fig. 1A,E).

We conclude that adipogenic commitment of human primary ASCs elicits high-order genome rearrangements through a large-scale reorganization of lamin A/C LADs. This involves a spreading of LADs after cell-cycle arrest and a genome-wide remodeling of LADs upon adipogenic induction.

### Gene content of LADs depends on LAD size and differentiation status

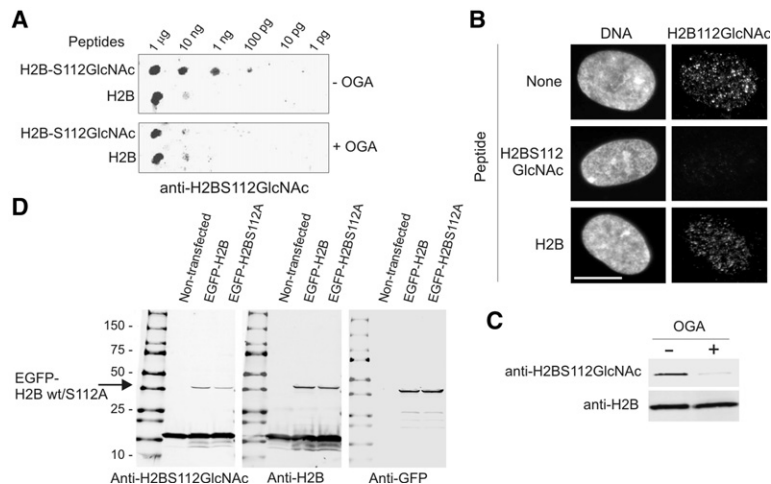
In line with earlier data on lamin B1 LADs (Guelen et al. 2008) and lamin A/C LADs (Lund et al. 2014), we find that lamin A/C LADs are overall gene poor; however, this is only after induction of differentiation (D1–D9). Indeed in undifferentiated cells, LADs are strikingly gene rich, averaging 9–13 genes/Mb (Fig. 1F; Supplemental Fig. 1E). RNA-seq shows that in undifferentiated ASCs, genes within LADs are expressed at the same level as all expressed RefSeq genes as a whole (Fig. 1G). In contrast, on D1 and D3, LADs

are gene poor (fewer than two genes/Mb) and genes within LADs are more weakly expressed than RefSeq genes (Fig. 1G). Thus, ASC LADs display genomic properties distinct from LADs of lineage-committed cells. Supporting this view, we further find that LADs in differentiated ASCs overlap with lamin B1 LADs (Guelen et al. 2008) to a greater extent than predifferentiation LADs (Fig. 1H). These results are consistent with a view that lamin A/C LADs can occur in different chromatin contexts in undifferentiated and differentiated cells, and lamin A/C association with genes does not always coincide with a transcriptionally repressed state.

### Domains of GlcNAcylated histone H2B constitute stable chromatin landmarks during adipogenic differentiation

Modifications in chromatin architecture during adipogenesis have been shown to be linked to cellular metabolic state (Siersbaek et al. 2012). This suggests that resetting of lamin A/C–genome associations upon adipogenic induction may be linked to metabolically linked chromatin modifications. To investigate this possibility, we mapped by ChIP-seq the profile of H2BS112GlcNAc (which we refer to as “H2BGlcNAc” here), as a putative nutrient sensor on chromatin (Hart 2014), using an antibody raised against an H2B peptide GlcNAcylated on S112.

We first evaluated the specificity of the anti-H2BS112GlcNAc antibody in several ways: (1) We show differential immunodetection sensitivity of immobilized H2BS112GlcNAc and control unmodified H2B peptides (Fig. 2A; Supplemental Fig. 2A); (2) anti-H2BS112GlcNAc immunoreactivity is abrogated after peptide incubation with recombinant OGA (Fig. 2A); (3) immunofluorescence analysis shows differential detection of H2BS112GlcNAc in a competition assay using an H2BS112GlcNAc or a control unmodified H2B competitor peptide (Fig. 2B); (4) incubation of an ASC lysate with recombinant OGA abrogates H2BS112GlcNAc, but not pan-H2B, immunoreactivity (Fig. 2C); (5) overexposure of anti-H2BS112GlcNAc Western blots from cell and nuclear lysates reveal no other detectable histones (Supplemental Fig. 2B), indicating that the antibody does not recognize unmodified or GlcNAcylated histones other than H2B; (6) expression of an EGFP–H2BS112A mutant, which cannot be GlcNAcylated on S112, leads to a weaker detection (but not abolishment) of EGFP–H2BS112A than wild-type EGFP–H2B using anti-H2BS112GlcNAc antibodies, whereas control immunoreactivity with anti-H2B or anti-GFP antibodies is not affected (Fig. 2D); thus, shifts in H2BGlcNAc detected by ChIP (see below) do not necessarily represent absolute changes in GlcNAcylated H2B levels; (7) moreover, ChIP-seq of H2BS112GlcNAc, pan-H2B, and of a control IgG reveals distinct enrichment profiles for pan- and modified H2B (Supplemental Fig. 2C; see also below); although we note some sites of coincidence between H2B and H2BS112GlcNAc (Supplemental Fig. 2B), we find that genome-wide, only 0.8% of H2BS112GlcNAc-enriched domains display pan-H2B enrichment, representing only 6.5 Mb of genome, which is negligible (Supplemental Fig. 2D); this indicates H2BS112GlcNAc domains are not merely due to H2B enrichment, in fact, 91% of the total area enriched in H2BS112GlcNAc relative to input chromatin is also enriched in H2BS112GlcNAc relative to pan-H2B (Supplemental Fig. 2E); and (8) this differential enrichment in H2B versus H2BS112GlcNAc was corroborated by independent ChIP-PCR validation of 20 loci, of which 16 were found to be enriched in H2BGlcNAc and four not enriched, based on ChIP-seq data (Supplemental Fig. 2F; Supplemental Table 1). These results collectively indicate that the H2BS112GlcNAc antibody recognizes a



**Figure 2.** Assessment of specificity of the anti-H2BS112GlcNAc antibody. (A) Immunoreactivity of the anti-H2BS112GlcNAc antibody on H2BS112GlcNAc and corresponding unmodified H2B peptides (KHAV5<sup>12</sup>EGTK) immobilized on nitrocellulose. Peptides were preincubated without or with 2 ng/μL recombinant OGA prior to immunodetection. (B) Immunofluorescence peptide competition assay using H2BS112GlcNAc and unmodified H2B peptides; immunodetection using anti-H2BS112GlcNAc. Scale bar, 10 μm. (C) Immunoblot of ASC extracts preincubated with 0 or 2 ng/μL recombinant OGA for 30 min. (D) Expression of an EGFP-H2BS112A mutant, but not a control wild-type EGFP-H2B, in HeLa cells reduces H2BS112GlcNAc immunoreactivity (left) without affecting detection of total H2B (middle) or EGFP (right).

GlcNAc epitope on H2BS112 despite some cross reactivity with unmodified H2B.

We identify throughout adipogenesis 600 to nearly 900 H2BGlcNAc-enriched domains, ranging from 60 kb to ~10 Mb, which we call GADs (Fig. 3A,B; Supplemental Fig. 3A,B). GADs primarily localize to intergenic regions and sharply demarcate clusters of transcribed genes (Fig. 3A). Accordingly, GADs are gene poor (Fig. 3C), and genes within GADs are repressed ( $P < 10^{-15}$  relative to all genes and genes outside GADs; Wilcoxon test) (Fig. 3D; Supplemental Fig. 3C). H2BS112GlcNAc has been proposed to be connected to H2BK120ub1 (Fujiki et al. 2011), a modification linked to transcription; however, ChIP-qPCR of H2BK120ub1 on 20 regions high or low in H2BGlcNAc in ASCs shows no obvious relationship between the two marks in this cell type (Supplemental Fig. 3D). H2BGlcNAc enrichment in intergenic regions does not result from increased density of H2B-bearing nucleosomes (see also above) because (1) it was corroborated when we determined enrichment of H2BGlcNAc over H2B in these regions ( $P = 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$ ; Wilcoxon test) but not in genes (Supplemental Fig. 3E); and (2) genes within regions enriched in H2BGlcNAc over H2B are not expressed (Supplemental Fig. 3F). Furthermore, overlap analysis reveals that large GADs (>1.13 Mb in size) (Fig. 3B) are overall maintained during adipogenic differentiation (Fig. 3E). Since features of GADs and of lamin B1 LADs are similar, we compared the overlap between GADs in ASCs and lamin B1 LADs in fibroblasts (Guelen et al. 2008). Data show that ~70% of GAD coverage is shared with lamin B1 LADs (Fig. 3F). ChIP-qPCR analysis confirms that in ASCs, lamin B1 occupies regions enriched in H2BGlcNAc but not in nonenriched regions (Fig. 3G).

### Adipogenic induction transiently elevates H2BGlcNAc levels and up-regulates glycolytic genes

Overall GAD conservation through differentiation does not preclude that H2BGlcNAcylation is dynamic. We find that adipogenic

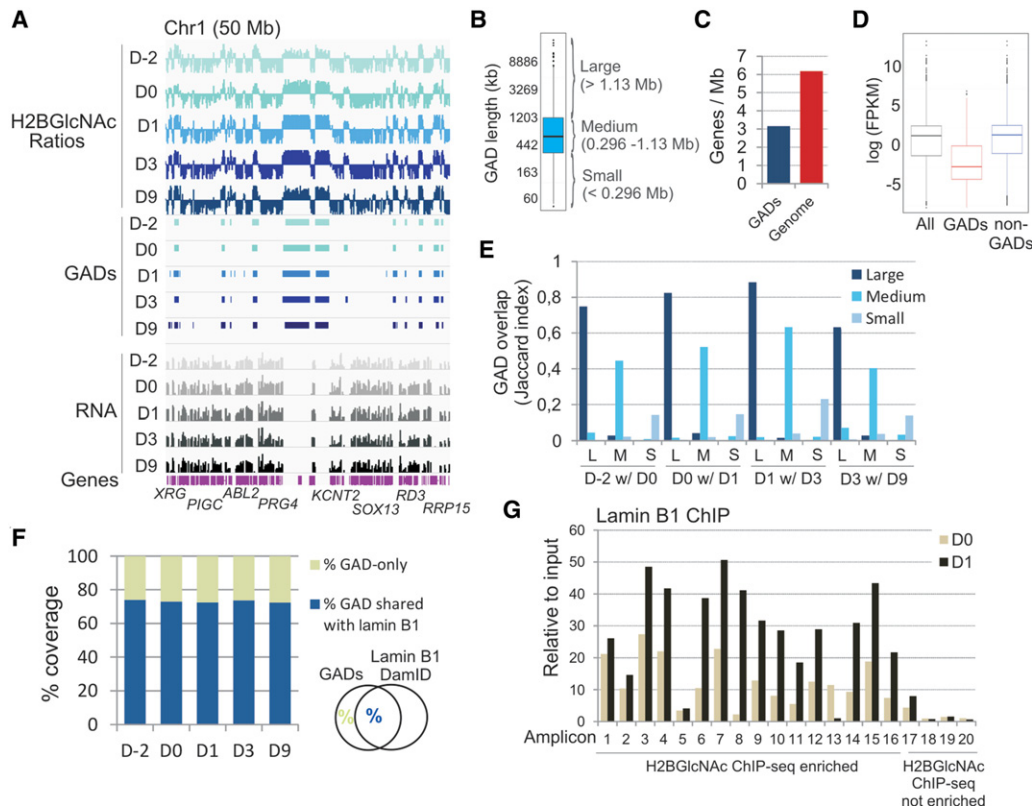
induction is manifested by a transient increase in GAD number and coverage between D0 and D1 (Supplemental Fig. 3A,B). Increased H2BGlcNAc enrichment is also shown by ChIP-qPCR (Fig. 4A) and mirrors transient elevations in total cellular H2BGlcNAc and O-GlcNAc levels (Fig. 4B; Supplemental Fig. 3G). ASC stimulation with each component of the adipogenic cocktail separately, which by itself does not elicit adipogenesis, failed to elevate O-GlcNAc or H2BGlcNAc (data not shown). Thus, the transient elevation in H2BGlcNAc results from the adipogenic stimulus, although a stress response cannot formally be ruled out. Concomitant with O-GlcNAc increase, levels of OGT and OGA proteins are also transiently up-regulated on D1 (Fig. 4B), providing evidence for enhanced O-GlcNAc cycling (Hart et al. 2007) in the early stages of adipogenesis.

Providing biological significance to the elevation in H2BGlcNAc in the transition from preadipogenic to adipogenic stages, gene ontology (GO) analyses show that the 2716 genes up-regulated

at the D0-D1 transition (Supplemental Fig. 4A) are for the most part involved in metabolic functions pertaining to cellular metabolic process including oxidation-reduction processes, lipid synthesis and glucose metabolism (Fig. 4C; Supplemental Fig. 4B; see Supplemental Table 2 for gene lists; Shah et al. 2014). The vast majority of these genes reside outside GADs on D0 (Fig. 4D; only 46 genes are in GADs at this stage), consistent with their expressed status on D0 (Supplemental Fig. 4C), and remain outside GADs throughout differentiation (Fig. 4D). Moreover, <10% of the 2716 up-regulated genes are in LADs on D-2, yet 752 are found in LADs on D0 (Fig. 4E), in line with the broad increase in LAD coverage after cell-cycle arrest (Fig. 1D). Remarkably however, these genes lose lamin A/C association on D1 (Fig. 4E), which coincides with their transcriptional up-regulation (Fig. 4F; Supplemental Fig. 4A).

Interestingly, adipogenic stimulation up-regulates hypoxia inducible factor 1, alpha subunit (*HIF1A*), which positively regulates the glucose transporter *SLC2A1* and genes of the glycolytic pathway (Supplemental Fig. 4D,E). *HIF1A* also up-regulates the pyruvate dehydrogenase *PDK4* gene, which inhibits mitochondrial pyruvate oxidation (Supplemental Fig. 4D,E). Consistent with our previous findings, the *PDK4* gene is de-GlcNAcyated concomitant to its activation on D1 (Fig. 4F); however, none of the glycolytic genes are marked by H2BGlcNAc on D0, as predicted from their expressed state (Fig. 4F; data not shown). Additionally, up-regulation of *PDK4* and of glycolytic genes on D1 consistently also correlates with loss of lamin A/C interaction from promoter regions (Fig. 4F, arrows), consistent with the exchange of LADs taking place at the D0/D1 transition. A 2-Mb window around these genes unveils the loss of lamin A/C association on D1 (*TP11*, *ENO1*, *LDHA*, *PGAM1*, *PFKL*), in a non-GAD context, and maintenance of these genes outside LADs and GADs throughout differentiation (Supplemental Fig. 5).

These results argue that the passage from quiescence to adipogenic commitment up-regulates the glycolytic pathway, a metabolic transition characterizing ASCs committed to adipogenesis



**Figure 3.** H2B GlcNAcylated domains (GADs) are maintained during adipogenic differentiation. (A) H2BGlcNAc ChIP-seq profiles (ChIP/input ratios, scale  $-0.4/+0.4$ ), GADs identified using EDD, and RNA-seq profiles (scale 0–1000 FPKM). (B) Median GAD length and partitioning based on quantile length distribution. (C) Gene density in GADs and in the whole genome. (D) Median expression level of genes within GADs, outside GADs, and in the whole genome (All). (E) Jaccard index of overlap of small, medium, and large GADs with large (L), medium (M), and small (S) GADs between consecutive differentiation time points (*x*-axis). (F) Percentages of GAD coverage shared with lamin B1 LADs identified in fibroblasts (Guelen et al. 2008). (G) ChIP-qPCR analysis of lamin B1 in ASCs on D0 and D1 of differentiation, at 20 loci shown by ChIP-seq to be H2BGlcNAcylated (amplicons 1–16) or not (amplicons 17–20) (see also Supplemental Fig. 2F).

in vivo (Shyh-Chang et al. 2013). Since the HBP is coupled to glycolysis, our data suggest a link between cellular metabolic state, lamin A/C–chromatin interactions, and changes in gene expression at an early stage of adipogenesis in a manner consistent with changes in H2BGlcNAc levels on D1.

#### De novo LADs formed on D1 of adipogenesis are nonrandomly established on GADs

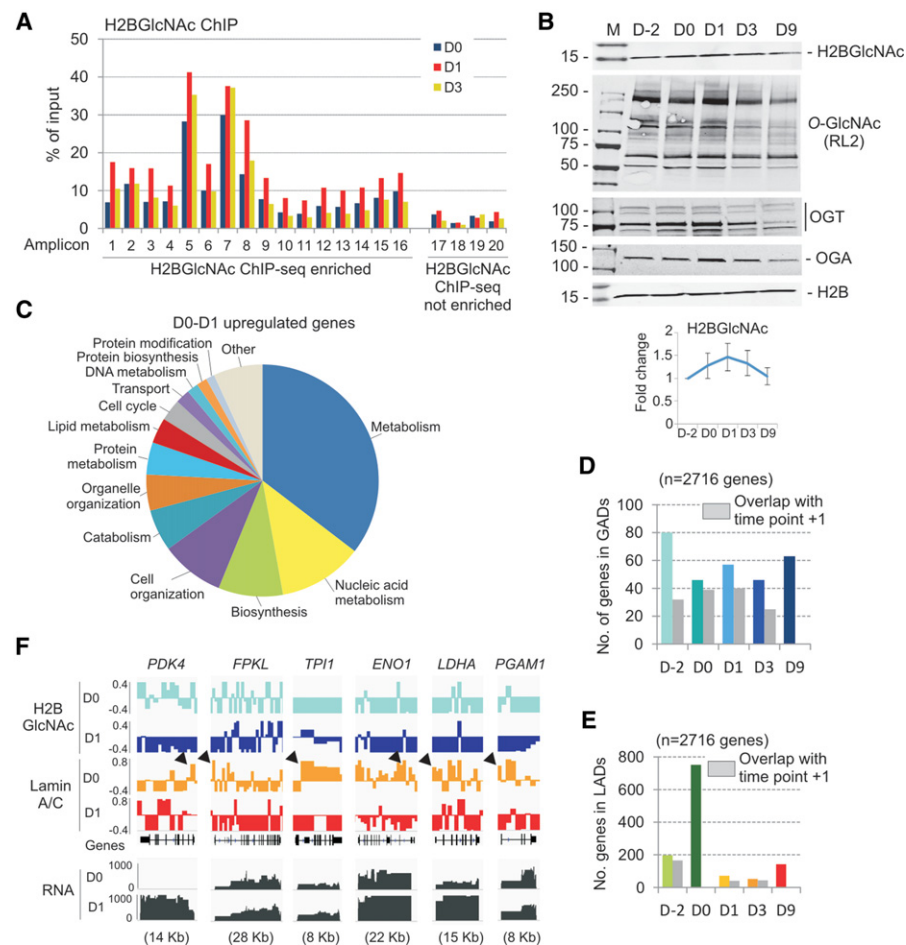
Several features of lamin A/C and H2BGlcNAc enrichment patterns during differentiation suggest that LADs and GADs may be functionally related. First, LADs formed on D1 strongly coincide with domains enriched in H2BGlcNAc (Fig. 5A). We find that 71% of de novo LAD coverage on D1 overlaps with domains that are H2BGlcNAcylated already on D0 (Fig. 5B). Monte Carlo simulations show that LAD formation on preexisting GADs is not random, but is rather highly significant ( $P = 9.98 \times 10^{-5}$ ) (Fig. 5B). This suggests that establishment of de novo lamin A/C–chromatin interactions on D1 of adipogenesis is prepatterned by domains of H2BGlcNAc. Formation of lamin A/C LADs on GADs on D1 is further demonstrated by the increase in the Jaccard index of overlap between LADs and GADs at this time point (Fig. 5C). In addition, genome-wide lamin A/C levels positively correlate with H2BGlcNAc levels when taking into account enrichment ratios rather than LADs and GADs (Fig. 5D). We conclude that lamin

A/C LAD formation after adipogenic induction occurs nonrandomly on GADs, consistent with a view of epigenetic prepatterned of de novo adipogenic lamin A/C LADs by GADs.

#### Chromatin states underlining removal and formation of LADs during differentiation

To provide insight into the interplay between LADs and GADs during differentiation, we identified chromatin states underlining GADs and the de novo formation of LADs in particular. We used ChromHMM (Ernst and Kellis 2012), a Hidden Markov Modeling algorithm, to model chromatin states from recurrent combinations of six histone modifications (H3K4me1, H3K4me2, H3K4me3, H3K27me3, H3K27ac, H3K36me3), insulator protein CCCTC-binding factor (CTCF), lamin A/C, and H2BGlcNAc. Histone H3 modifications and CTCF were previously mapped by ChIP-seq in human ASCs on D–2, D0, D3, and D9 of adipogenic differentiation in a separate study (Mikkelsen et al. 2010).

Using ChromHMM, we identify a 15-chromatin state model, i.e., 15 different combinations of chromatin marks characterizing the chromatin landscape of in vitro adipogenesis (Fig. 6A). From its composition in modified histones, CTCF, and lamin A/C, each chromatin state could be “annotated” into a given genomic feature (Fig. 6A). We identify four chromatin states (states 2, 3, 4, 15) containing lamin A/C (Fig. 6A): lamin A/C together with H3K36me3



**Figure 4.** Adipogenic induction results in up-regulation of metabolic genes, lamin A/C dissociation from these genes, and in a transient increase in H2BGlcNAc. (A) ChIP-qPCR analysis of H2BGlcNAc on enriched and nonenriched loci on D0, D1, and D3 of differentiation. (B) Western blot analysis of H2BGlcNAc, total O-GlcNAc (RL2 antibody), OGT, OGA, and H2B throughout differentiation. Graph shows mean H2BGlcNAc levels at each time point relative to D-2 (levels standardized to H2B; mean  $\pm$  SD of four experiments). (C) Gene ontology enrichment classification for the 2716 genes up-regulated on D1 (see Supplemental Fig. 4A,B). Note the high proportions of metabolic genes. (D,E) Localization of D0-D1 up-regulated genes in GADs (D) and lamin A/C LADs (E), and maintenance of these genes within GADs or LADs between consecutive differentiation time points (gray bars). (F) H2BGlcNAc and lamin A/C ChIP-seq profiles on *PDK4* and indicated glycolytic HIF1A-target genes. Arrows point to losses of lamin A/C from promoters, coinciding with transcriptional up-regulation of the genes. RNA-seq profiles are shown (scale 0–1000 FPKM).

(annotated as “lamin A/C on transcribed gene bodies”; state 2); lamin A/C alone (state 3); lamin A/C with H3K4me1/2/3 and/or H3K27ac (“lamin A/C on promoters and enhancers”; state 4); and lamin A/C with H2BGlcNAc and no other mark (state 15). This analysis reveals prominent chromatin features of lamin A/C LADs and indicates that a pool of lamin A/C associates with genes and gene regulatory elements, some of which are transcriptionally active.

Next, we identified changes in chromatin composition (chromatin states) within LADs as cells differentiate. We determined on D-2, D0, D3, and D9 of differentiation the relative abundance of each chromatin state in genomic elements predefined in ChromHMM (CpG islands, exons, genes, transcription start sites [TSS], transcription end sites [TES], and lamin B1 LADs) (Fig. 6B; Supplemental Fig. 6A). The data show that chromatin state enrichment patterns across the various genomic elements are similar in undifferentiated cells (D-2/D0); this includes patterns of the

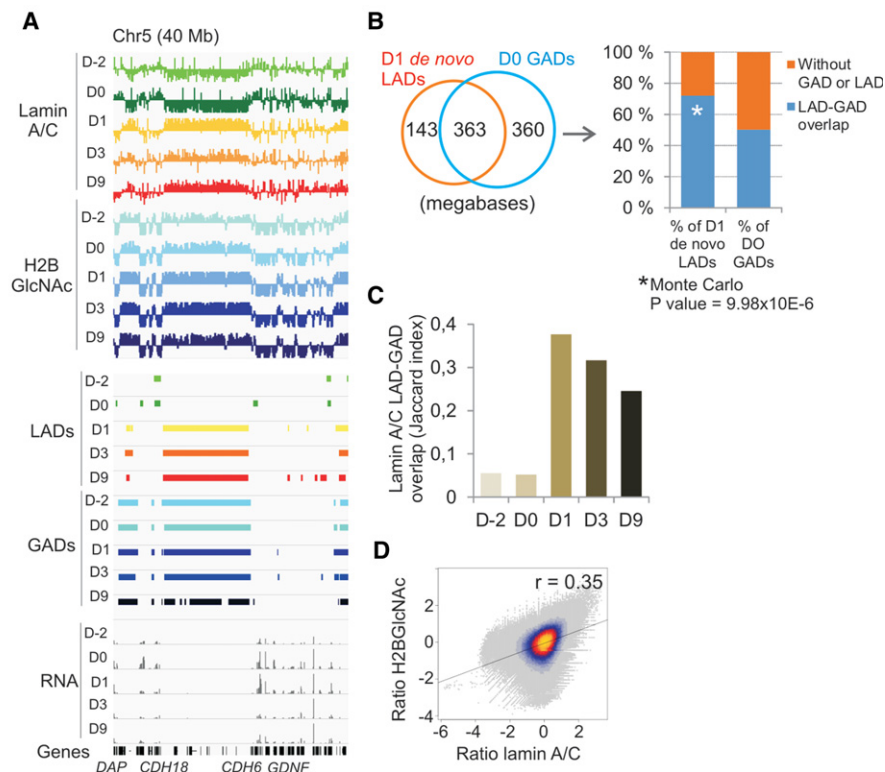
four lamin A/C-containing states (Supplemental Fig. 6A, green areas). On D3, however, we note a strong reduction of all lamin A/C-containing states on CpG islands, genes, exons, TSSs and TESs (Fig. 6B, red areas; Supplemental Fig. 6A-C). In contrast, there is an increase in enrichment of lamin A/C-containing states 2, 3, and 4 on genomic domains predefined in ChromHMM as “lamin B1 LADs” (Fig. 6B; yellow area). Supporting these results, we have earlier shown a significant increase in the fraction of lamin A/C LADs overlapping with lamin B1 LADs (see Fig. 1H). This importantly shows dissociation of lamin A/C from genic regions, including active promoter and enhancer elements, after induction of differentiation. De novo formation of lamin A/C LADs in contrast implicates gene-poor and repressed heterochromatin domains.

## Discussion

We provide evidence for a pre patterning of lamin A/C LADs by domains of GlcNAcylated H2B (GADs) during adipogenic differentiation of human primary adipocyte progenitors. We propose a model of a two-step process of lamin A/C LAD formation during adipogenesis (Fig. 6C). Our model entails spreading of LADs lamin A/C–chromatin interactions after the transition from progenitor cell proliferation to cell-cycle arrest and redistribution of these interactions through an exchange of LADs within hours of adipogenic induction. In undifferentiated cells, lamin A/C LADs are enriched in active genes and regulatory elements and do not necessarily involve GADs. However, post-differentiation LADs contain repressive chromatin features and strongly coincide with GADs.

As lamin A/C is found both at the nuclear periphery and in the nuclear interior (Dechat et al. 2010; Gesson et al. 2014), the heterochromatic versus euchromatic nature of lamin A/C–chromatin interactions evidenced in this study is likely influenced by the dual localization of A-type lamins: Peripheral LADs are enriched in heterochromatin (Guelen et al. 2008; Reddy et al. 2008), while nucleoplasmic LADs would be more euchromatic. Extending the dogma that LADs are mainly gene poor and transcriptionally inactive, our results indicate that lamin A/C LADs can be found both in active and repressive chromatin contexts, which can be influenced by cell differentiation status.

Remodeling of LADs after adipogenic induction raises the question of how this reorganization is orchestrated. Chromosome movements in response to changes in gene expression (Bickmore and van Steensel 2013) regulate radial positioning of loci and may contribute to forming de novo LADs (Harr et al. 2015). Alternatively, pools of lamin A/C may translocate to the nuclear



**Figure 5.** Lamin A/C LADs form de novo on chromatin domains pre-enriched in H2BGlcNAc within 1 day of adipogenic induction. (A) Browser views of LADs and GADs during adipogenic differentiation. (B) Venn diagram analysis of overlap of de novo LADs formed on D1 with preexisting D0 GADs maintained on D1 (in megabases): Data show that 71% of de novo LAD coverage overlaps with preexisting GADs, reflecting a nonrandom association (permutation  $t$ -test  $P$  value =  $9.98 \times 10^{-6}$ ), and this de novo association concerns 50% of GADs. (C) Jaccard index of overlap of lamin A/C LADs with GADs during differentiation. (D) Genome-wide H2BGlcNAc levels positively correlate with lamin A/C levels (D1).

periphery (Gesson et al. 2014), a process regulated by LAP2 (Naetar et al. 2008), and this could potentially generate new LADs. Interestingly, LAP2 also modulates the balance between tissue progenitor cell proliferation and differentiation (Dorner et al. 2006; Naetar and Foisner 2009; Gotic et al. 2010). This raises the possibility that LAP2-lamin A/C interactions, and the equilibrium between nucleoplasmic and peripheral pools of lamin A/C, participate in the regulation of cell fate including adipogenic differentiation (Dorner et al. 2006).

H2BS112GlcNAc emerges as a new epigenetic mark underlying lamin A/C associations with chromatin. However, since 50% of GADs do not harbor lamin A/C after differentiation, GADs are not the only component specifying lamin A/C LADs. Several factors including DNA sequences in LAD borders, transcription factors, histone modifiers, and repressive histone modifications regulate sequence positioning to the nuclear periphery in various cellular contexts (Towbin et al. 2012; Zullo et al. 2012; Kind et al. 2013; Harr et al. 2015). LADs have been shown to be enriched in H3K9me2/3 (Guelen et al. 2008; Kind et al. 2013; Harr et al. 2015) and targeting of sequences to the nuclear periphery in *C. elegans* requires H3K9 histone methyltransferase activity (Towbin et al. 2012). There is no evidence that the H3K9 methyltransferase G9a (encoded by *EHMT2*) is preferentially active at the nuclear periphery in human cells; however, G9a plays a role in promoting chromatin-lamina contacts (Kind et al. 2013). The overall repressed state of GADs identified in ASCs and their overlap with lamin B1 LADs is both

compatible with their enrichment in heterochromatin marked by H3K9me2/3. However, this may also speculatively reflect a cell-specific state since we find that lamin A/C LADs in undifferentiated ASCs contain active genes (Fig. 6C). It would be interesting to assess the role of H3K9me di- or trimethylation on the formation of adipogenic LADs on GADs.

Whether the Polycomb facultative heterochromatin mark H3K27me3 is also involved in adipogenic de novo lamin A/C LAD formation remains unknown but is a possibility, in light of its involvement (together with H3K9me2/3) in the formation of LADs in mouse cells (Harr et al. 2015). Interestingly, short DNA sequences (Zullo et al. 2012) located in LAD borders are important for chromatin-lamina interactions (Harr et al. 2015). LAD borders, but not LAD interiors, have been found to be enriched in H3K27me3 in human and mouse cells (Guelen et al. 2008; Simon et al. 2013; Harr et al. 2015), and abrogation of H3K27 methyltransferase EZH2 impairs LAD maintenance (Harr et al. 2015). Thus, in addition to H3K9me2/3 within LADs, H3K27me3 in LAD borders could be a key player in de novo lamin A/C LAD formation during differentiation (Fig. 6C). The role of protein O-GlcNAcylation in Polycomb-mediated gene repression in *Drosophila* (Gambetta and Müller 2014), although this remains

to be shown in mammals, and the discovery that O-GlcNAc is enriched at Polycomb response elements (Gambetta et al. 2009; Sinclair et al. 2009), suggest a view of an interplay between different histone modifications and the formation or maintenance of nuclear lamin-genome associations. Several levels of regulation involving combinations of multiple factors and H2BGlcNAc patterns may therefore determine lamin A/C-chromatin interactions elicited by differentiation in a cell- and tissue-specific manner.

Through several means of association of OGT with chromatin, GlcNAcylation is connected to multiple functions. In immortalized cell lines, OGT and H2BS112GlcNAc have been linked to transcriptional activity via targeting of OGT to chromatin by ten-eleven translocation enzymes (Chen et al. 2013; Deplus et al. 2013; Vella et al. 2013). However, none of the *TET* genes are expressed in ASCs or adipocytes (Shah et al. 2014), and we find no clear correlation between H2BGlcNAc and H2BK120ub1 (which is linked to transcriptional activity) in ASCs. Instead, at least in ASCs, GADs correspond to intergenic regions and silent chromatin. In line with our findings, OGT is implicated in gene silencing (Gambetta et al. 2009; Sinclair et al. 2009; Darwanto et al. 2010; Gambetta and Müller 2014), for instance by modulating stability and function of EZH2 (Chu et al. 2014), and through its recruitment to chromatin by transcriptional corepressors (Yang et al. 2002; Vella et al. 2013). Thus, distinct mechanisms may link OGT to chromatin and OGT activity toward histones in different cellular contexts experiencing different metabolic states.





and ligated into the *HindIII* and *SacII* cloning sites of pEGFP-C1 (Clontech). Plasmid encoding EGFP-H2B(S112A) was made from pEGFP-H2B by mutagenesis using the following primers: 5'-GCCAAGCAGCCCGTGGCCGAGGGTACTAAGG-3' and 5'-CCCTAGTACCCTCGGCCACGGCGTGTGGC-3'.

### OGA treatment of cell extract

ASCs were lysed in 20 mM Hepes/HCl, pH 8.2, 50 mM NaCl, 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, and a protease inhibitor mix for 25 min and sonication with a probe sonicator (Braun Biotech; 60% power, 0.5 sec intervals for 30 sec). Lysates were incubated for 30 min at room temperature with 2 ng/μL recombinant OGA (6779GH020, R&D Systems) and dissolved in 2× Laemmli buffer for SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting.

### Dot blot assay and immunoblotting

Synthetic H2B (residues 108–117) and H2BS112GlcNAc (residues 108–116 with S112GlcNAc) peptides (Abcam) were spotted on a nitrocellulose membrane, air-dried, and blocked with Odyssey blocking buffer (Licor). IRDye-800-coupled secondary antibodies and Odyssey imaging were used for visualization. For immunoblotting, proteins were separated by SDS-PAGE, blotted onto Immobilon-FL membranes (Millipore), and blocked with Odyssey blocking buffer. Proteins were visualized using IRDye-800- or IRDye-680-coupled antibodies (Licor) and by Odyssey imaging.

### Immunofluorescence and microscopy

Cells on coverslips were fixed with 3% paraformaldehyde for 15 min followed by 2 min in ice-cold methanol. Coverslips were blocked with 2% BSA, 0.1% Tween 20 in PBS (PBST-BSA) for 90 min, and incubated with primary antibodies overnight at 4°C. Coverslips were incubated with Cy2, Cy3 (Jackson ImmunoResearch), or Alexa 488, Alexa 594 (Life Technologies) coupled secondary antibodies for 30 min before washing with PBST-BSA and mounting with DAPI Fluoromount G (Southern Biotech). Images were acquired on an Olympus IX71 microscope fitted with the DeltaVision system or through a SuperApochromat 60X/1.35 objective on an Olympus FluoView 1000 confocal microscope. Images were processed with ImageJ v1.42q.

### Chromatin immunoprecipitation

Cells (10<sup>7</sup>/ChIP) were cross-linked with 1% formaldehyde for 10 min, lysed for 10 min in ChIP lysis buffer (1% SDS, 10 mM EDTA, 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, proteinase inhibitors, 1 mM PMSF), and sonicated 4 × 10 min in a Bioruptor (Diagenode) to generate 200–500 bp DNA fragments. After sedimentation at 10,000g for 10 min, the supernatant was collected and diluted 10 times in RIPA buffer (140 mM NaCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 0.5 mM EGTA, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% SDS, 0.1% sodium deoxycholate, 1 mM PMSF, protease inhibitors) (input chromatin). Chromatin was incubated overnight at 4°C with antibodies to lamin A/C (5 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells; Santa Cruz sc7292), lamin B1 (Abcam ab16048; 2.5 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells), H2BS112GlcNAc (Abcam ab130951; 2.5 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells), H2BK120ub1 (Cell Signaling 5546; 2.5 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells), H2B (Abcam ab1790; 2.5 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells), or with control IgGs (2.5 μg/10<sup>6</sup> cells) coupled to magnetic Dynabeads Protein A/G (Invitrogen). ChIP samples were washed four times in ice-cold RIPA buffer and incubated with 0.5 μg/mL RNase A for 20 min at 37°C. Crosslinks were reversed, and DNA was eluted for 6 h at 68°C in 50 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 5 mM EDTA, 1% SDS, and 50 ng/μL Proteinase K. DNA was purified and dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O. Sequencing libraries were prepared as per

Illumina protocol and sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 2500. For H2BS112GlcNAc ChIP, buffers were supplemented with 10 μM of the OGA inhibitor PugNAc (Sigma-Aldrich). ChIP DNA was also used as template for quantitative (q)PCR using primers to genic and intergenic regions (Supplemental Table 1). PCR was done using SYBR Green (BioRad) for 3 min at 95°C and 40 cycles of 30 sec at 95°C, 30 sec at 60°C, and 30 sec at 72°C.

### RNA sequencing and data analysis

RNA-seq data for D–2, D0, D3, and D9 of differentiation were published earlier (Shah et al. 2014) and downloaded from NCBI GEO GSE60237. RNA-seq data for D1 were generated as part of the same data set. Each RNA-seq data set was generated from duplicate differentiation experiments and sequence reads combined. RNA-seq reads were processed using Tuxedo (Trapnell et al. 2010). TopHat (Trapnell et al. 2012) was used to align reads with no mismatch against the hg19 reference genome with default settings, applying the Bowtie 2 (Langmead and Salzberg 2012) preset “very sensitive.” Cufflinks and cuffdiff were run using default settings and bias correction. Gene ontology analyses were done using GOSlim (Ashburner et al. 2000) and Gorilla (Eden et al. 2009) packages.

### ChIP-seq data processing and identification of LADs and GADs

All scripts were written in Perl (Stajich et al. 2002) or R (R Core Team 2015). H2BGlcNAc and lamin A/C ChIP-seq reads were mapped to hg19 using Bowtie v1.0.0 (Langmead et al. 2009) with default settings and option “-best” enabled. Note that using hg19 instead of the more recent GRCh38 annotation did not affect our conclusions because GRCh38 updated annotations for mitochondrial gene, centromeric, and other repeat regions, to which sequencing reads are not mapped. Mapped reads were used to call peaks using Enhanced Domain Detector (EDD) (Lund et al. 2014). Browser files were generated by getting a ratio of ChIP/input for each of 1-kb (H2BGlcNAc) or 10-kb (lamin A/C) bins with input normalized to the ratio of total ChIP reads/total input reads. Lengths of lamin A/C and H2BGlcNAc peaks (domains) were categorized small (below lower quantile), large (above upper quantile), and medium (inter-quantile range) (Supplemental Script 1). Gene density was determined by computing numbers of genes per megabase in LADs and GADs (Supplemental Script 2).

### Analysis of chromatin states

ChIP-seq data sets of histone marks and CTCF were from a previous study (Mikkelsen et al. 2010). Reads were remapped using Bowtie and peaks called using MACS v1.4.2 (Zhang et al. 2008). ChromHMM (Ernst and Kellis 2012) was used to identify chromatin states using the called peaks. Options were selected to learn a 15-state model using the Baum-Welch training algorithm (Miklós and Meyer 2005).

### Statistical analysis

Gene intersects were generated by using “intersectBed” from BEDTools v2.21.0 (Quinlan and Hall 2010) on gene lists from RNA-seq data and ChIP-seq peaks. Genome coverage, Jaccard indices, and overlap between GADs and LADs were calculated using “genomeCoverageBed,” “coverageBed,” and “BEDTools jaccard” (Quinlan et al. 2010) (Supplemental Scripts 3, 4). Significance of the overlap between GADs and LADs was calculated by performing 10,034 Monte Carlo simulations of randomly shuffling LADs along the genome using “shuffleBed” and generating a *P*-value based on the number of times the permutations were equally or

more extremely colocalized (Supplemental Script 5). Significance for difference in expression between genes within peaks, outside peaks, and RefSeq genes was determined by a Wilcoxon rank-sum test and Bonferroni corrected. Significance for difference in enrichment of predefined genomic regions in chromatin states was tested by generating a distribution of the difference in ratios of bases of a given state for the region, divided by the total bases of the chromatin state between the time points shuffled in a case-control manner, and a two-tailed *t*-test with the original value as the testing value.

### Data viewing

Browser views of gene tracks, ChIP-seq data, and chromatin states are shown using the Integrated Genomics Viewer (Robinson et al. 2011). Genes are from Illumina iGenomes gene annotation with UCSC source for hg19. All plots were generated using the ggplot2 or LSD libraries in R.

### Data access

The sequence data from this study have been submitted to the NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO; <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/>) under accession number GSE63346.

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