Investigation of inter-individual epigenetic variability in bovine clones: a high throughput study

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(Santos et al., 2003)











Are there genes specifically affected by epigenetic perturbations in clones ?



(Hiendleder et al., 2004)



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The proportion of methylated probes per chromosome is higher in chromosomes 18 (and X in females)







Local methylation / Global chr18 methylation :





Hypermethylation of chromosome 18 is restricted to the portion syntenic to Human chr19

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Identification of 16432 regions of interest of \geq 2 consecutive probes







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Age-related DMR : cloning erases age-related differences observed in controls





Cloning-related DMR : clones behave like adults independently of their age





Validation by pyrosequencing on 5 DMR representing 49 CpG (average methylation per DMR)



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New tools (microarray + bioinformatic pipeline) for high throughput epigenetic analysis in cattle

New insights into the bovine methylome (hypermethylation of chromosome 18)

Identification of regions with epigenetic signatures associated to age and/or cloning

- Hypermethylation of perinatal animals compared to adults
- Age-specific epigenetic signatures are disrupted by cloning



- Relationships both with gene expression and specific phenotypes in liver ?
- Design of a new generation microarray integrating MeDIP-seq results (in progress)
- > Analysis other tissues and other environmental changes

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