Temporal regulation of the cell cycle in the Drosophila wing during metamorphosis

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Distinct states of cell cycle exit:



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Drosophila metamorphosis – remarkably cool, and complicated





Cell shape/identity

Hair differentiation

Cell cycle changes

Morphological changes

The transition to G0 in the fly wing



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Temporal events are regulated by the hormone Ecdysone



Ashburner 1989

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How do we manipulate cell cycle exit?



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Common "lockdown" models

Key cell cycle genes recruited to periphery/constitutive heterochromatin VanSteensel Lab

Key cell cycle genes silenced by PRC or HP1 heterochromatin formation

Dynlacht, MacLellan Labs

Origins become inaccessible Crescenzi Lab

Regulatory element accessibility + RNAseq during metamorphosis

FAIRE-seq (Formaldehyde-Assisted Isolation of Regulatory Elements)



Chromatin accessibility changes at the nab locus during larval->pupal stages



UNCHANGED

Distribution of Distance from Peaks to Nearest TSS

DYNAMIC AT 24H

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DYNAMIC AT 44H





Chromatin accessibility changes at cell cycle genes after cell cycle exit



...but few chromatin accessibility changes at most other cell cycle genes





Cyclin B

PCNA

CycA

Chromatin accessibility changes at the few "Generals", not the many "Soldiers"



Adding exogenous CycE+Stg to E2F bypasses G₀

Bypassing G0 in the fly wing using E2F+CycE+Stg > 44 hr APF



What drives the changes in accessibility at cell cycle genes in G0?

Many questions remain:

- What happens to accessibility when we bypass G0? (cause or consequence?)
- How does Mi-2 impact chromatin accessibility at cell cycle genes?
- Does preventing changes in accessibility lead to a more flexible G0 state?
- Can we reverse an established G0 state and re-open the inaccessible spots?

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