Space-time logic of liver gene expression at sublobular scale

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Abstract

The mammalian liver performs key physiological functions for maintaining energy and

metabolic homeostasis. Liver tissue is both spatially structured and temporally

orchestrated. Hepatocytes operate in repeating anatomical units termed lobules and

different lobule zones perform distinct functions. The liver is also subject to extensive

temporal regulation, orchestrated by the interplay of the circadian clock, systemic signals

and feeding rhythms. Liver zonation was previously analyzed as a static phenomenon and

liver chronobiology at the tissue level. Here, we use single-cell RNA-seq to investigate

the interplay between gene regulation in space and time. Categorizing mRNA expression

profiles using mixed-effect models and smFISH validations, we find that many genes in

the liver are both zonated and rhythmic, most of them showing multiplicative space-time

effects. Such dually regulated genes cover key hepatic functions such as lipid,
carbohydrate and amino acid metabolism. In particular, our data suggest that rhythmic
and localized expression of Wnt targets may be explained by rhythmic Wnt signaling
from endothelial cells near the central vein. Core circadian clock genes are expressed in
a non-zonated manner, indicating that the liver clock is robust to zonation. Together, our
comprehensive data reveal how liver function is compartmentalized spatio-temporally at
the sub-lobular scale.

Introduction

The liver is a vital organ maintaining body physiology and energy homeostasis. The liver
carries out a broad range of functions related to carbohydrate and lipid metabolism,
detoxification, bile acid biosynthesis and transport, cholesterol processing, xenobiotics
biotransformation, and carrier proteins secretion. Notably, the liver performs catabolic
and anabolic processing of lipids and amino acids and produces the majority of plasma
proteins[1]. Liver tissue is highly structured on the cellular scale, being heterogeneous in
both cell-type composition and microenvironment[2]. In fact, liver tissue is made up of
millions of repeating anatomical and functional subunits, called lobules, which in mice
contain hepatocytes arranged in 12-15 concentric layers with a diameter of about 0.5mm[3].
On the portal side of the lobule, blood from the portal vein and the hepatic arteriole enters
small capillaries called sinusoids and flows to the central vein. This is accompanied with
gradients in oxygen concentration, nutrients and signaling along the porto-central axis,
with the latter notably involving the Wnt pathway[4,5]. Due to this polarization, hepatocytes
in different layers perform separate functions, a phenomenon termed *liver zonation*[1,6].

Recently, we combined single-cell RNA-sequencing (scRNA-seq) of dissociated
hepatocytes and single-molecule RNA fluorescence in situ hybridization (smFISH) to
reconstruct spatial mRNA expression profiles along the porto-central axis[7]. This analysis
revealed an unexpected breadth of spatial heterogeneity, with ~50% of genes showing
spatially non-uniform patterns. Among them, functions related to ammonia clearance,
carbohydrate catabolic and anabolic processes, xenobiotics detoxification, bile acid and
cholesterol synthesis, fatty acid metabolism, targets of the Wnt and Ras pathways, and
hypoxia-induced genes were strongly zonated.

In addition to its spatial heterogeneity, the liver is also highly dynamic
temporally. Chronobiology studies showed that temporally gated physiological and
metabolic programs in the liver result from the complex interplay between the
endogenous circadian liver oscillator, rhythmic systemic signals, and feeding/fasting
cycles[8,9,10]. An intact circadian clock has repeatedly been demonstrated as key for healthy
metabolism, also in humans[11]. Temporal compartmentalization can prevent two opposite
and incompatible processes from simultaneously occurring, for example, glucose is
stored as glycogen following a meal and is later released into the blood circulation during
fasting period to maintain homeostasis in plasma glucose levels. Functional genomics
studies of the circadian liver were typically performed on bulk liver tissue[12].
In particular, we and others showed how both the circadian clock and the feeding fasting
cycles pervasively drive rhythms of gene expression in bulk, impacting key sectors
of liver physiology such as lipid and steroid metabolism[13–15].

Here, we asked how these spatial and temporal regulatory programs interact on
the level of individual genes and liver functions more generally. In particular, can
zonated gene expression patterns be temporally modulated on a 24 h time scale? And
conversely, can rhythmic gene expression patterns observed in bulk samples exhibit sub-
lobular structure? More complex situations may also be envisaged, such as time-
dependent zonation patterns of mRNA expression (or, equivalently, zone-dependent
rhythmic patterns), or sublobular oscillations that would escape detection on the bulk
level due to cancelations. On the physiological level, it is of interest to establish how
hepatic functions might be compartmentalized both in space and time. To study both the
spatial and temporal axes, we performed scRNA-seq of hepatocytes at four different
times along the 24 h day, extending our previous approach[7,16] to reconstruct spatial
profiles at each time point. The resulting space-time patterns were statistically classified
using a mixed-effect model describing both spatial and temporal variations in mRNA
levels. In total, ~5000 liver genes were classified based on their spatio-temporal
expression profiles, and a few representative profiles were further analyzed with smFISH.
Overall, this approach helped to elucidate the richness of space-time gene expression
dynamics of the liver and provides a comprehensive view on how spatio-temporal
compartmentalization is utilized in the mammalian liver.

Results

Single-cell RNA-seq captures spatiotemporal gene expression patterns in mouse liver

To investigate spatio-temporal gene expression patterns in mouse liver, we sequenced mRNA from liver cells obtained from 10 mice at 4 different times of the day (ZT = 0h, 6h, 12h and 18h, two to three replicates per time point). We here focused on hepatocytes by enrichment of cells according to size and *in silico* filtering, yielding a total of 19663 cells (several filtering steps are involved, Methods). To validate that the expected axes of variation are present in the scRNA-seq data, we generated a low-dimensional representation of all cells (t-SNE projections) and colored cells either by their position along the centro-portal axis (layers) (Figure 1A) or time (Figure 1B). This revealed that known portally and centrally expressed transcripts, such as *Cyp2f2* (Figure 1C) or *Cyp2e1* (Figure 1D), respectively, mark cells in opposite regions of the projections. Likewise, time-of-day expression varied along an orthogonal direction, as shown for the *Elovl3* gene peaking at ZT0 (Figure 1E).

To reduce the complexity of the spatial variation in mRNA levels, we here introduced eight different lobule layers to describe gene expression along the centro-portal axis. For this, we adapted our previous method[16], with the modification that only transcripts that did not vary across time points were used as landmark zonated genes (Methods). The resulting reconstructed mRNA expression profiles yielded 80 (8 layers over 10 mice) data points for each transcript. These reconstructions faithfully captured reference zonated genes, with both central, and portal, expression (Figure 1F), such as *Glul,* and *Ass1*, respectively. The reconstructions also included reference core clock and rhythmic output genes, such as *Bmal1* (also named *Arntl*) and *Dbp*, with large differences in expression across the time points, and peaking at the expected times (Figure 1G). Finally, genes showing both zonated and rhythmic mRNA accumulation were found (Figure 1H), with both central (*Elovl3*) or portal (*Pck1*) expression patterns, and with specific peak times. Since most of the zonated profiles showed exponential shapes, and gene expression changes typically occur on a log scale[17], we log-transformed the data for further analysis (Methods, Figure 1F and Supplementary Figure 1A).

Space-time mRNA expression profiles can be categorized according to zonation and rhythmicity

Next, we investigated if zonated gene expression patterns can be dynamic along the day, or conversely whether temporal expression patterns might be zone-dependent. To select a reliable set of reconstructed mRNA expression profiles for subsequent analyses, we first discarded lowly expressed genes, as well as genes with significant biological variability across replicate liver samples. This yielded 5058 spatio-temporal gene expression profiles (Supplementary Figure 2A). An exploratory analysis of variance clearly identified zonated genes, rhythmic genes, and fewer genes showing variability along both axes, with known zonated and rhythmic genes distributed as expected (Figure 2A).

To identify possible dependencies between spatial and temporal variations, we built a mixed-effect linear model[18] for the space-time mRNA profiles, which extends harmonic regression to include a spatial covariate (Figure 2B). In this model, rhythms are parameterized with cosine and sine functions, while spatial profiles are represented with (up to second order) polynomials. In its most complex form, the model uses nine parameters describing spatially modulated oscillations, and one intercept per mouse (Methods). When some of the parameters are zero, the model reduces to simpler mRNA profiles, for example purely spatial or purely temporal expression profiles (Figure 2C). We then used model selection[19] to identify the optimal parameterization and category for each gene (Methods). *In fine*, we classified each mRNA profile into one of five types of patterns (Figure 2C). If only the intercept is used, the profile will be classified as flat (F). If only time-independent zonation parameters are retained, the predicted profile will be purely zonated (Z). If only layer-independent rhythmic parameters are retained, the predicted profile will be purely rhythmic (R). If only layer-independent rhythmic parameters and time-independent zonation parameters are retained, the profile is classified as independent rhythmic-zonated (Z+R). If at least one layer-dependent rhythmic parameter is selected, the profile will be termed interacting (ZxR). This classification revealed that, overall, about 30% of the mRNA profiles were zonated (Z, Z+R and ZxR) and about 20% were rhythmic (R, Z+R and ZxR) (Figure 2D). The peak times of these rhythmic transcripts were highly consistent with bulk chronobiology data[20]

(Supplementary Figure 2B). This analysis is available as a web-app resource along with
the corresponding data (https://czviz.epfl.ch).

Interestingly, we found that 7% of the analyzed genes in the liver were both zonated and
rhythmic. Such dually regulated transcripts represent 25% of all zonated transcripts, and
36% of all rhythmic transcripts, respectively. The previously shown *Elovl3* transcript,
involved in fatty acid elongation, and *Pck1*, a rate limiting enzyme in gluconeogenesis,
are prototypical Z+R genes (Figure 1H). Gluconeogenesis requires acetyl-CoA produced
via β-oxidation. As mice are in a metabolically fasted state towards the end of the light
phase (~ ZT10) and oxygen needed for β -oxidation is most abundant portally[21] this
process indeed needs to be both spatially and temporally regulated. Similarly, fatty acids
production occurs during periods of excess energy and glycolysis (~ ZT18) and is located
around the central vein[22]. The dual regulation of these genes may therefore ensure
optimal liver function under switching metabolic conditions.

Dually regulated genes were mostly Z+R, with only a minority of ZxR patterns.
The average expression across categories showed that rhythmic genes are more lowly
expressed on average than genes in the other categories, likely reflecting shorter half-
lives (Figure 2E and Supplementary Figure 2C). Together, we found that mRNA
expression of many zonated genes in hepatocytes is not static, and is in fact
compartmentalized both in space and time.

Properties of dually zonated and rhythmic mRNA profiles
The majority of dually regulated genes are Z+R, which denotes additive (in log) space-
time effects, or dynamic patterns where slopes or shapes of spatial patterns do not change
with time (Figure 2C). On the other hand, fully dynamic patterns (ZxR) are rare.
Comparing the proportions of central, mid-lobular (peaking in the middle of the porto-
central axis) and portal genes among the purely zonated genes (Z), and independently
zonated and rhythmic genes (Z+R), did not reveal significant differences (Figure 3A),
suggesting that rhythmicity is uncoupled with the direction of zonation. Similarly,
comparing the phase distribution among the purely rhythmic genes (R) and the Z+R
genes did not show a significant difference (Figure 3B), indicating that zonation does not
bias peak expression time.

Moreover, oscillatory amplitudes were uncorrelated with the zonation slopes in
Z+R genes (Figure 3C). However, we observed that large slopes (>1 or < -1,
corresponding to fold changes of at least two between central and portal layers) are only
associated with medium and large temporal amplitudes (>0.2, corresponding to >0.4 log2
fold change in time), as illustrated by *Elovl3*, *Rnase4* or *Pck1* (Supplementary Figure
3A). Conversely, many genes show small slopes and large amplitudes, as illustrated by
Hsp90aa1, *Thrsp*, *Lpin1* (Supplementary Figure 3A).

Finally, for ZxR genes with potentially more complex space-time patterns, we
investigated whether the spreads in amplitudes and peak times across the layers were
linked (Figure 3D). This revealed that all ZxR profiles showed small spreads in peak
times (<1h) but larger amplitude spreads (>0.1, log2). This phenomenon, illustrated by
Sds, *Mt1* and *Cyp7a1* (Supplementary Figure 3B), indicates that amplitude modulation is
the main factor for classification as ZxR.

smFISH analysis of space-time mRNA counts
To substantiate the RNA-seq profiles, we performed single RNA molecule fluorescence
in situ hybridization (smFISH) experiments on a set of selected candidate genes with
diverse spatio-temporal patterns. smFISH provides a sensitive, albeit low-throughput
measurement of mRNA expression. We selected the core-clock genes *Bmal1* and *Per1*,
classified as R in the RNA-seq analysis, *Elovl3* for Z+R, and *Acly* for the ZxR categories.
Purely zonated genes (Z) were already well studied with smFISH[7]. The reconstructed
scRNA-seq and smFISH profiles were consistent, though with minor discrepancies.
Bmal1 (~ZT0) and *Per1* (~ZT12) phases were nearly identical in both experiments, and
the rhythms did not depend on the lobular position (Figure 4A). *Elovl3* is both centrally
biased and rhythmic in RNA-seq and smFISH, even though the amplitude of the
oscillations appeared lost on the portal side in the FISH experiment, presumably due to
low expression and thus low signal-to-noise (Figure 4B). Finally, *Acly* showed a pattern
in smFISH data which validates its classification as ZxR, especially since the amplitude
is lower on the portal side where the transcript is more highly expressed (Figure 4C).

Space-time logic of hepatic functions and activity of signaling pathways

We next used our classification to understand the spatio-temporal dynamics of hepatic

functions and signaling pathways in the liver. Given the prevalence of zonated gene

expression profiles, we first analyzed if the circadian clock is sensitive to zonation. We

found that profiles of reference core-clock genes (Supplementary Figure 4) were assigned

to the rhythmic only category (R), except for *Cry1* and *Clock* that were assigned to Z+R,

but with high probabilities also for R (Supplementary Tables S1 and S4). This suggests

that the circadian clock is largely non-zonated and therefore robust to the heterogenous

hepatic microenvironment.

We then systematically explored enrichment of biological functions in the R, Z,

and Z+R categories using DAVID[23] (Supplementary Table S2). Gene clusters related to

the circadian clock were clearly enriched in the R category, however, no other functions

stood out as purely rhythmic. Functions of zonated genes have been described previously

[7,24], here, our analysis of Z only genes highlighted that processes related to protein

secretion were highly enriched in portal genes, constituents of ribosomes were strongly

biased centrally, as were many P450 enzymes involved in oxidation of steroids, fatty

acids and xenobiotics. Among the dually regulated Z+R genes, lipid metabolism stood

out as the most enriched function, with about two thirds of central and one third of portal

gene expression, showing peak times that were mostly between ZT9 and ZT21 (Figure

5A). Moreover, peroxisome related genes peaked in a similar interval with a marked

preference for central patterns (Figure 5B). Lastly, genes linked with protein

glycosylation peaked throughout the day and showed more portal patterns, presumably

linked to portally biased protein secretion (Figure 5C). A similar analysis of enrichment

in KEGG pathways, using a more exhaustive collection of backgrounds sets (Table S3)

confirmed that rhythmic gene expression is spatially flat for core clock function, but

zonated (Z+R) for other hepatic functions.

Next, we investigated genes targeted by reference signaling pathways previously

implicated in zonation[7]. Specifically, we considered genes targeted by the Wnt, Ras and

hypoxia pathways. As expected, the three pathways where strongly enriched in zonated

genes (Supplementary Figure 5, column B5). In agreement with ref[7], both the positive

targets of Wnt and the negative targets of Ras are strongly enriched in central genes,

while the negative and positive targets, respectively, are strongly enriched in portal genes

(Supplementary Figure 5, column B4). However, no such bias was found for hypoxia.
Regarding day vs. night expression, the Wnt and hypoxia targets displayed strong bias,
while Ras did not (Supplementary Figure 5, column B1). Moreover, Wnt targets (both
positive and negative) as well as positive targets of hypoxia showed rhythms
preferentially peaking during the day (Supplementary Figure 5, column B2). Among the
Z+R genes, the enrichment patterns of central (noted Z^C+R) and portal (Z^P+R) genes
were similar during night and day (Supplementary Figure 5, column B3). On a finer
temporal scale (Figure 6A), the rhythmic targets (R and Z+R) of Wnt and hypoxia
showed a common pattern of temporal compartmentalization: the negative targets tended
to be enriched around ZT0 (dark-light transition) and underrepresented around ZT14,
while the positive targets were enriched around ZT10 and underrepresented around ZT20
(until about ZT3 for Hypoxia). Ras targets, positive or negative, did not exhibit
significant temporal bias.

Finally, we asked whether the temporal oscillations in the expression of Wnt-
activated genes might correlate with temporal oscillations in the Wnt morphogens
produced by pericentral liver endothelial cells (LECs). To this end, we performed
smFISH experiments and quantified the expression of the Wnt ligand *Wnt2*, as well as the
Wnt antagonist *Dkk3* (Figure 6B). Consistent with the enrichment of peak times in
positive Wnt targets (Figure 6A), we found that *Wnt2* expression in LECs exhibited non-
uniform expression around the clock, with a significant trough at ZT18 (p=0.0007,
Kruskal-Wallis). Although differences in *Dkk3* expression were not significant (p=0.3),
the observed median expression was lowest at ZT12, when the expression of pericentral
Wnt-targets is the highest.

Discussion

Recent genome-wide analyses of zonated gene expression in mouse and human liver[7,25]
uncovered a rich organization of liver functions in space at the sublobular scale, while
chronobiology studies of bulk liver tissue revealed a complex landscape of rhythmic
regulatory layers orchestrated by a circadian clock interacting with feeding-fasting cycles
and systemic signals[15,26–28]. Here, we established how these two regulatory programs
intertwine to shape the daily space-time dynamics of gene expression patterns and

physiology in adult liver by extending our previous scRNA-seq approach[7]. We found that
liver function uses gene expression programs where many genes exhibit
compartmentalization in both space and time.

We chose to focus on the parenchymal cells in the liver, the hepatocytes, for
which smFISH data on landmark zonated genes was readily available, which enabled
reconstructing spatio-temporal mRNA profiles from scRNA-seq[7]. Our approach may be
extended to other cell types in the liver; in fact, static zonation mRNA expression profiles
have been obtained for LEC, using a paired-cell approach[16]. In addition, *ab initio*
reconstruction methods such as diffusion pseudo time[25] or novoSpaRc[29] could be used for
spatially sparse cell types with no available zonated marker genes, e.g. stellate or resident
immune Kupffer cells.

To study whether the observed space-time expression profiles may be regulated
by either liver zonation, 24h rhythms in liver physiology, or both, we developed a mixed-
effect model, combined with model selection. This enabled classifying gene profiles into
five categories representing different modes of spatio-temporal regulation, from flat to
wave-like. To validate these, we performed smFISH in intact liver tissue, which showed
largely compatible profiles although some quantitative differences were observed. These
differences most likely reflect the limited sensitivity of RNA-seq, uncertainties in the
spatial analysis of smFISH in tissues, as well as known inter-animal variability in the
physiologic states of individual livers, notably related to the animal-specific feeding
patterns[20].

Together, this temporal analysis confirms that a large proportion of gene
expression in hepatocytes is zonated[7] or rhythmic[30], and in addition reveals marked
spatio-temporal regulation of mRNA levels in mouse liver (Z+R and ZxR genes,
comprising 7% of all detected genes according to our criteria). This means that zonated
gene expression patterns can be temporally modulated on a circadian scale, or
equivalently, that rhythmic gene expression patterns can exhibit sub-lobular structure.
The dominant mode for dually regulated gene was Z+R, which corresponds to additive
effects of space and time in log, or multiplicate effects in the natural coordinates, and
describes genes expression patterns that are compartmentalized in both space and time. In
other words, such patterns are characterized by shapes (in space) that remain invariant

with time, but whose amplitudes are rhythmically rescaled in time. Or equivalently, the

oscillatory amplitude (fold change) and phases are constant along the lobular coordinate,

but the mean expression is patterned along the lobule. Such multiplicative effects could

reflect the combined actions of transcriptional regulators for the zone and rhythm on

promoters and enhancers of Z+R genes. Indeed, gene expression changes induced by

several regulators combine multiplicatively[17]. The non-zonated expression of the core

clock genes we identified is compatible with such a uniform non-zonated multiplicative

effect. Note that though the (relative) shape of Z+R patterns is invariant in time,

threshold-dependent responses that would lie downstream of such genes would then

acquire domain boundaries which can shift in time. Finally, space-time waves of gene

expression (ZxR) were also observed, but to a much lesser extent, and usually with larger

amplitude than phase modulation along the lobular layers.

In addition to previously discussed zonated functions[7], pathway analysis revealed

that expression of ribosome protein genes is higher centrally, which, together with the

previously noted zonation of proteasome components[7] could indicate that protein

turnover is higher in the pericentral lobule layers. This higher turnover could preserve

protein function in the stressed low-oxygen and xenobiotics-rich pericentral

microenvironment. *Fatty acid metabolism* appears complex[31]: Z+R genes involved in

fatty acid oxidation/degradation (*Acl1*, *Acox1*, *Ehhadh*, *Hacd3*, *Hadh*, *Hadhb*) are

expressed centrally and peak around ZT12-ZT18, while *fatty acid elongation* genes either

central (*Elovl3*) or portal (*Fasn*, *Elovl5*), peaking at different times of day. Interestingly,

we found that expression of circadian clock transcripts is robust to metabolic zonation

and is the only function showing an over-representation of rhythmic but non-zonated

genes.

It was previously shown that Wnt signaling can explain the zonation of up to a

third of the zonated mRNAs[7]. Wnt ligands are secreted by pericentral LECs[4,5] and form a

graded spatial morphogenetic field. As a result, and as observed in our enrichment

analysis (Supplementary Figure 5), Wnt-activated genes were pericentrally-zonated,

whereas Wnt-repressed genes periportally-zonated. Our smFISH analysis suggested that

temporal fluctuations in the expression of key ligands by pericentral LECs might account

for oscillatory and zonated hepatocyte gene expression.

In summary, we demonstrate how liver gene expression can be quantitatively
investigated with spatial and temporal resolution and how liver function is
compartmentalized along these two axes. In particular our data suggest two scenarios:
multiplicative effects of spatial and temporal regulators, and temporal regulation of
spatial regulators such as WNTs.

Data availability

GEO

345 All data is deposited in GEO with accession code GSE145197 (reviewer token xxxx).

Web-application

347 The whole dataset along with the analysis is available online as a web-application at the
348 URL https://czviz.epfl.ch/. The application was built in Python using the library *Dash by*
349 *Plotly* (version 1.0).

Material and methods

Animals and ethics statement

All animal care and handling were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use
Committee of WIS and by the Canton de Vaud laws for animal protection (authorization
VD3197.b). Male C57bl6 mice aged of 6 weeks, housed under reverse-phase cycle and
under ad libitum feeding were used to generate sc-RNA-seq data of hepatocytes and
single-molecule RNA-FISH (smFISH). Male mice between 8 to 10 weeks old, housed
under 12:12 light-dark cycle, and having access to food only during the night (restricted-
feeding) were used for smFISH of circadian clock genes.

Hepatocytes isolation and single-cell RNA-seq

Liver cells were isolated using a modified version of the two-step collagenase perfusion
method of Seglen[31]. The tissue was digested with Liberase Blendzyme 3 recombinant
collagenase (Roche Diagnostics) according to the manufacturer instructions. To enrich
for hepatocytes, we applied a centrifuge step at 30g for 3 min to pull down all
hepatocytes while discarding most of the non-parenchymal cells that remained in the sup.
We next enriched for live hepatocytes by percoll gradient, hepatocytes pellet was

resuspend in 25 ml of PBS, percoll was added for a final concentration of 45% and mixed

with the hepatocytes. Dead cells were discarded after a centrifuge step (70g for 10min)

cells were resuspended in 10x cells buffer (1x PBS, 0.04% BSA) and proceeded directly

to the 10x pipeline. The cDNA library was prepared with the 10X genomics Chromium

system according to manufactures instructions and sequencing was done with Illumina

Nextseq 500.

Filtering of raw scRNA-seq data

The initial data analysis was done in R v3.4.2 using Seurat v2.1.0[32]. Each expression

matrix was filtered separately to remove dead, dying and low quality cells. We firstly

only kept genes that were expressed in at least 5 cells in any of the ten samples. We then

defined a set of valid cells with more than 500 expressed genes and between 1000 and

10000 unique molecular identifiers (UMIs) and secondly an additional expression matrix

with cells having between 100 and 300 UMIs which was used for background estimation.

Other UMI-filters have been tried, but yielded equal or less reliable profiles. The mean

expression of each gene was then calculated for the background dataset and subtracted

from the set of valid cells. This was subsequently filtered to only include hepatocytes by

removing cells with expression of non-parenchymal liver cell genes. Next, the cells were

filtered based on the fraction of mitochondrial gene expression. First, expression levels in

each cell were normalized by the sum of non-mitochondrial and non-major urinary

protein (*Mup*) genes. Indeed, as mitochondria are more abundant in periportal

hepatocytes, the expression of mitochondrial genes is higher in this area[33]; and since

these genes are very highly expressed, including them would reduce the relative

expression of all other genes based on the cell's lobular location. *Mup* genes are also

highly abundant and mapping their reads to a reference sequence is unreliable due to their

high sequence homology[34]. Then, to assess the quality of the selected sets of cells, we

computed the anti-correlation between the expression levels of *Cyp2e1* and *Cyp2f2*, two

strongly and oppositely zonated genes, across all cells. Cells with 9-35% mitochondrial

gene expression yielded the best quality, and we used these as input for the spatial

reconstruction algorithm.

Spatial reconstruction of zonation profiles from scRNA-seq data

Choice of landmark genes.

The reconstruction algorithm relies on *a priori* knowledge about the zonation of a small set of landmark genes to infer the location of the cells. Ref[7] used smFISH to determine the zonation pattern *in situ* of 6 such landmark genes and used them to reconstruct the spatial profiles of all other genes at a single time point. Since we here aimed at reconstructing zonation profiles at different time points, we could not rely on those landmark genes, which might be subject to temporal regulation. Therefore, we used an alternative strategy where we selected landmark zonated genes from Ref[7] (q < 0.2), with the additional constraints that those should be highly expressed (mean expression in fraction UMI of more than 0.01% and less than 0.1%), and importantly vary little across mice and time. Specifically, we calculated the variability in the mean expression (across all layers) between all mice for every gene and removed genes with >= 10% variability. This yielded 27 central (*Akr1c6, Alad, Blvrb, C6, Car3, Ccdc107, Cml2, Cyp2c68, Cyp2d9, Cyp3a11, Entpd5, Fmo1, Gsta3, Gstm1, Gstm6, Gstt1, Hpd, Hsd17b10, Inmt, Iqgap2, Mgst1, Nrn1, Pex11a, Pon1, Psmd4, Slc22a1, Tex264*); and 28 portal (*Afm, Aldh1l1, Asl, Ass1, Atp5a1, Atp5g1, C8a, C8b, Ces3b, Cyp2f2, Elovl2, Fads1, Fbp1, Ftcd, Gm2a, Hpx, Hsd17b13, Ifitm3, Igf1, Igfals, Khk, Mug2, Pygl, Sepp1, Serpina1c, Serpina1e, Serpind1, Vtn*) landmark genes.

Reconstruction algorithm.

The reconstruction algorithm is based on the algorithm in Ref[7] and was used in the modified version from Ref[16]. The procedure was applied independently on each mouse, yielding ten spatial gene expression profiles for each gene, given as fraction of UMI per cell.

Spatiotemporal analysis of liver gene expression profiles

Data

Each profile for the 14678 genes includes 8 layers from the pericentral to the periportal zone and 4 time points: ZT0 (n=3 biological replicates from individual mice), ZT6 (n=2),

428   ZT12 (n=3) and ZT18 (n=2). The expression levels (noted as x) are then log-transformed

429   as follows:

$$y = log_2(x + \Delta) - B \quad (i)$$

The offset $\Delta = 10^{-4}$ buffers variability in lowly expressed genes, while the shift $B =$

$-log_2(11 \times 10^{-5})$ changes the scale so that $y = 0$ corresponds to about 10 mRNA

copies per cell (we expect on the order of 1M mRNA transcripts per liver cell).

Reference genes

For ease of interpretation (Figure 2 and Supplementary Figure 2), we used a set of

reference circadian genes and a set of reference zonated genes, highlighted in several

figures.

The reference core circadian clock and clock output genes are the following: *Bmal1,*

Clock, Npas2, Nr1d1, Nr1d2, Per1, Per2, Cry1, Cry2, Dbp, Tef, Hlf, Elovl3, Rora, Rorc.

The reference zonated genes are the following: *Glul, Ass1, Asl, Cyp2f2, Cyp1a2, Pck1,*

Cyp2e1, Cdh2, Cdh1, Cyp7a1, Acly, Alb, Oat, Aldob, Cps1.

Gene expression variance in space and time

To analyze variability in space and time (Figure 2A) we computed, for each gene, the

spatial variance V_x and the temporal variance V_T. Let $y_{x,t,j}$ represent the expression

profile, with j the replicate index, $t \in \{1,2,...,N_t\}$ the time index, and $x \in \{1,2,...,N_x\}$

the layer index. Then, V_x and V_T are computed as follows:

$$V_X = \frac{1}{N_t}\sum_t \frac{\sum_x[\sum_j(y_{x,t,j} - \frac{1}{N_x}\sum_x y_{x,t,j})]^2}{N_j^2 N_x} \quad (ii)$$

$$V_T = \frac{1}{N_x}\sum_x \frac{\sum_t[\sum_j(y_{x,t,j} - \frac{1}{N_t}\sum_t y_{x,t,j})]^2}{N_j^2 N_t} \quad (iii)$$

Thus, the spatial variance V_x is computed along the space (and averaged over the

replicates) for each time condition, and then averaged over time. The procedure is

similar, symmetrically, for V_t.

Genes filtering

For the analyses in Figure 2, we selected transcripts that were reproducible between

replicates, as well as sufficiently highly expressed (see scatterplot in Supplementary

Figure 2A). To assess reproducibility across replicates, we computed the average relative

variance of the spatiotemporal profiles over the replicates:

$$V_J = \frac{\frac{1}{N_x N_t}\Sigma_{x,t}\left[\frac{1}{N_j}\Sigma_j\left(y_{x,t,j} - \frac{1}{N_j}\Sigma_j\, y_{x,t,j}\right)^2\right]}{\frac{1}{N_x N_t N_j}\Sigma_{x,t,j}\left[(y_{x,t,j} - \frac{1}{N_x N_t N_j}\Sigma_{x,t,j}\, y_{x,t,j})^2\right]} \quad (iv)$$

We considered genes with values below 50% (Supplementary Figure 2). To filter lowly

expressed genes, we required the maximum expression level across layers and time

points (fraction of UMIs) to exceed 10^{-5} which corresponds to y = 0 or about 10 copies of

mRNA per cell. While this kept most of the reference zonated and circadian genes, the

filtering selected a total of 5085 genes, used for all analyses presented in Figures 2-5. In

addition, we systematically discarded *Cyp2a4* and *Cyp2a5* from analyses, as these genes

are not discernable from scRNA-seq due to their highly similar sequences.

Mixed-effect model for spatiotemporal mRNA profiles

Since the data is longitudinal is space (8 layers measured in each animal), modelling the

space-time profiles require the use of mixed-effect models. To systematically analyze the

spatiotemporal mRNA profiles, we used a parameterized function. Specifically, the

model uses sine and cosine functions for the time, and polynomials (up to degree 2) for

space. Possible interaction between space and time are described as space-dependent

oscillatory functions, or equivalently, time-dependent polynomial parameters. Our model

for the transformed mRNA expression *y* reads:

$$y_{x,t,i} = \mu_i + \mu(x) + a(x)\cos(\omega t) + b(x)\sin(\omega t) + \varepsilon_{x,t,i} \quad (v)$$

473 Here t is the time, x the spatial position along the liver layers, and $i \in \{1,2,...,10\}$ the

474 animal index. This function naturally generalizes harmonic regression, often used for

475 analysis of circadian gene expression[20], by introducing space-dependent coefficients:

$$\begin{cases} \mu(x) & = & \mu_0 + \mu_1 P_1(x) + \mu_2 P_2(x) \\ a(x) & = & a_0 + a_1 P_1(x) + a_2 P_2(x) \\ b(x) & = & b_0 + b_1 P_1(x) + b_2 P_2(x) \end{cases}$$

Here, P_1 and P_2 are the Legendre polynomials of degrees 1 and 2, respectively; μ_0, μ_1

and μ_2 represent the static zonation profile, a_0 and b_0 represent the global (space-

independent) rhythmicity of the gene, while a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 represent layer-dependent

rhythmicity. $\varepsilon_{x,t,j}$ is a Gaussian noise term with standard deviation σ. In addition to the

fixed-effect parameters described so far, we also introduced a mouse-specific random-

effect μ_i (with zero mean). This parameter groups the dependent layer measurements

(obtained in the same animal) and thereby properly adjusts the biological sample size for

the rhythmicity analysis.

Phases φ (related peak times t through $t = \varphi * 24/2\pi$) and amplitudes A, for each

profile can then be computed for any layer from the coefficients $a(x)$ and $b(x)$:

$$\varphi(x) = arctan2\big(b(x), a(x)\big) \qquad A(x) = \sqrt{a(x)^2 + b(x)^2} \qquad (vi)$$

486 We also note that an equivalent writing of the model formulates the problem in terms of

487 time-dependent zonation parameters instead of space-dependent rhythmicity:

$$y_{x,t,i} = \mu_i + \mu_0(t) + \mu_1(t)P_1(x) + \mu_2(t)P_2(x) + \varepsilon_{x,t,i} \qquad (vii)$$

488 where:

$$\begin{cases} \mu_0(t) &=& \mu_0 + a_0\cos(\omega t) + b_0\sin(\omega t) \\ \mu_1(t) &=& \mu_1 + a_1\cos(\omega t) + b_1\sin(\omega t) \\ \mu_2(t) &=& \mu_2 + a_2\cos(\omega t) + b_2\sin(\omega t) \end{cases}$$

In this study, we fixed $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{24\,h}$ since the animals were entrained in a 24 h light-dark

cycle and the low time resolution would prevent us from studying ultradian rhythms.

The model parameters, including the variance of the random effects and Gaussian noise

strength σ, are estimated for each gene using the *fit* function from the Python library

StatsModels (version 0.9.0). Nelder-Mead was chosen as the optimization method, and

the use of a standard likelihood was favored over the REML likelihood to allow for

model comparison[35]. To prevent overfitting of the gene profiles, we added a noise offset

$\sigma_0 = 0.15$ [log_2] to the estimated noise σ, in the expression of the likelihood function used

in the mixed-effect model optimization.

Depending on the gene, the model presented in (v) and (vii) may be simplified by

setting all or some of the (fixed) parameters to 0. For example, a non-oscillatory gene

profile would normally have non-significant a_j and b_j parameters. In practice,

considering the fixed effects, 2^9 sub-models of various complexity can be generated.

However, we added a few reasonable requirements to reduce the number of models. First,

the intercept μ_0 must be present in every model. Similarly, the parameters a_0 and b_0,

providing a global rhythm, must be present in every rhythmic model. Finally, the

parameters a_j and b_j for j=0,1,2 must be paired to ensure a proper phase definition (*vi*).

The models can then be classified in different categories, depending on the retained (non-

zero) parameters (Figure 2C):

• The model comprising only the intercepts μ_0 and μ_i, termed flat (F).

• The models comprising only the intercepts and zonation parameters: $\mu_1$and/or μ_2,
511   termed purely zonated (Z).

512   • The models comprising only the intercepts and rhythmic parameters: a_0 and b_0,
513   termed purely rhythmic (R).

514   • The models comprising only the intercepts, zonated parameters and rhythmic
515   parameters: μ_1 and/or μ_2, and a_0, b_0, termed independent (Z+R).

516   • The models comprising interaction parameters: a_j and b_j for *j*=1,2, termed
517   interacting (ZxR).

Note that, since the random-effect parameter μ_i is interpreted as a correction for the data

rather than a predictive parameter, it is systematically used for the fits, but not plotted in

the final retained profiles (e.g. Figures 1, Supplementary Figure 1).

The Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) is then used for model selection, enabling to

choose the best model for a given gene profile. It appears that, for some profiles, several

competing models can result in very close BIC values (see e.g. the discussion on *Clock*

and *Cry*1 in the Results). Therefore, if some models have a relative difference of less than

1% in their BIC (sorted by increasing order), we systematically keep the one with the

highest number of parameters. We assign probabilities to the different categories (F, Z, R,

Z+R and ZxR), computed as Schwartz BIC weights[36] (Supplementary Table S4). All best

fits with their parameter values are listed in Supplementary Table 1.

Comparison of peak times with the dataset from Atger et al.

We compared our rhythmically classified genes with those obtained from the data in[20].

These data consist of bulk liver RNA-seq data sampled every 2 hours for 24 hours, with 4

replicates per time condition. Thus, there are two main differences between our current
and that dataset. First, we can only compare the genes for which rhythmicity is not
changing across layers, *viz.* the R and Z+R categories. Secondly, our dataset has a lower
temporal resolution, with fewer replicates per time point, meaning that the statistical
power for the detection of rhythmic genes is higher in ref[20]. We therefore did not
compare genes found as flat in our dataset.
To assess gene rhythmicity from ref[20], we used harmonic regression on the log-
transformed profiles as previously. Using the same notation as above, we define the two
following models:

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\begin{cases}
y_{t,i} &= \mu + \varepsilon & (ix) \\
y_{t,i} &= \mu + a\cos(\omega t) + b\sin(\omega t) + \varepsilon & (x)
\end{cases}
$$

542 We then fit eq. $(viii)$ and eq. (ix) to every transcript, and, for each of them, keep the
543 model with the lowest BIC. Transcripts for which eq. (ix) is favored are assigned to the
544 flat category (F), while transcripts for which eq. (x) is favored are assigned to the
545 rhythmic category (R). We then compare the phases and amplitudes of the transcripts
546 classified as rhythmic in both datasets, and compute the circular correlation coefficient[37].
547
KEGG and DAVID pathway Enrichment analysis
Functional annotation clustering from DAVID[23] for the three categories Z, R, Z+R was
ran with standard parameters, using the above set of 5002 selected genes as background
set.
We also studied the enrichment of KEGG pathways using hypergeometric tests. In
practice, if a background set contains N genes, among which K belong to the category Y,
and if a given pathway contains n genes, then the p-value corresponding to an enrichment
of k genes is the probability of observing at least k genes from the pathway which belong
to the category Y, that is (for a right-sided test):

$$
p(x \geq k) = \sum_{x=k}^{n} \frac{\binom{K}{x}\binom{N-K}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}} \quad (xi)
$$

557 FDR is then adjusted running the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure on the resulting set of
558 p-values, for each category (zonated, rhythmic, etc.) separately. For clarity, a value z is
559 also computed alongside as:

$$z = \frac{k - \frac{K}{N}n}{\frac{K}{N}n} \ (xii)$$

This value must be interpreted as the relative difference between the observed number of

genes k in the pathway belonging to Y, and the expected value if the distribution was

similar as the one from the background.

332 KEGG pathways were tested against KEGG genome T01002. To exclude too

specific and too general pathways, pathways having less than 3 or more than 500 genes in

common with our dataset were discarded from the analysis.

smFISH

Analysis of Z+R and ZxR genes (Stellaris smFIH probes)

Preparation of probe libraries, hybridization procedure and imaging conditions were

previously described[16]. smFISH probe libraries were coupled to TMR, Alexa594 or Cy5.

Cell membranes were stained with alexa fluor 488 conjugated phalloidin (Rhenium

A12379) that was added to GLOX buffer[38]. Portal node was identified morphologically

on DAPI images based on bile ductile, central vein was identified using smFISH for Glul

in TMR, included in all hybridizations. For zonation profiles, images were taken as scans

spanning the portal node to the central vein. Images were analyzed using ImageM[38].

Quantification of zonation profiles in different circadian time point were generated by

counting dots and dividing the number of dots in radial layers spanning the porto-central

axis by the layer volume. Central vein niche NPCs were identified by co-staining of

Aqp1, Igfbp7 and Ptprb. The central vein area was imaged and the images were analyzed

using ImageM. We counted dots of Wnt2 and Dkk3 expression in NPCs lining the central

vein and removed background dots larger than 25 pixels. We then divided the dot count

by the segmented cell volume. In total 489 NPCs from 120 central veins of 2 mice

(ZT0,6,12,18) were imaged and a Kruskal-Wallis test based on the mean mRNA dot

concentration in each cell was performed to compare the timepoints.

Temporal analysis of circadian genes (RNA scope smFISH probes)

smFISH of R genes were done on fresh-frozen liver cryosections (8μm) embedded in

O.C.T Compound (Tissue-Tek; Sakura-Finetek USA), sampled every three hours (ZT0 to

ZT21). RNAscope® probes for *Bma1l* mRNA (Mm-Arntl*,* catalog #: 438748-C3) and

Per1 mRNA (Mm-Per1, catalog #: 438751) were used, according to the manufacturer's

instructions for the RNAscope Fluorescent Multiplex V1 Assay (Advanced Cell

Diagnostics). To detect the central vein, an immunofluorescence of Glutamine Synthetase

(ab49873, Abcam, diluted 1:2000 in PBS/BSA 0.5%/Triton-X0.01%) was done together

with smFISH. Nuclei were counterstained with DAPI and sections were mounted with

ProLong™ Gold Antifade Mountant. Liver sections were imaged with a Leica DM5500

widefield microscope and an oil-immersion x63 objective. Z-stacks were acquired

(0.2μm between each Z position) and mRNA transcripts were quantified using ImageJ, as

described previously in ref[26]. Pericentral (PC) and Periportal (PP) veins were manually

detected based on Glutamine Synthetase IF or on bile ducts (DAPI staining). The

Euclidean distance between two veins and the distance from the vein of each mRNA

transcript were calculated. mRNA transcripts were assigned to a PP or PC zone if the

distance from the corresponding vein was smaller than one-third of the distance between

the PP and PC veins (ranging from 50 to 130μm).

Wnt2 and Dkk3 expression in LEC

Preparation of probe libraries, hybridization protocol and imaging conditions were

previously described[16]. The *Aqp1, Igfbp7 and Ptprb* probe libraries were coupled to

TMR, the *Wnt2* library was coupled to *Cy3* and the *Dkk3* library was coupled to *Cy5*. Cell

membranes were stained with alexa fluor 488 coupled to phalloidin (Rhenium A12379)

that was added to GLOX buffer[38]. The central vein was identified based on

morphological features inspected in the DAPI and Phalloidin channels and presence of

Wnt2-mRNA (detected by smFISH). Endothelial cells were identified by co-staining of

Aqp1, *Igfbp7* and *Ptprb*. The central vein area was imaged and the images were analyzed

using ImageM[38]. We counted dots of *Wnt2* and *Dkk3* expression (corresponding to single

mRNA molecules) in endothelial cells lining the central vein and removed background

dots larger than 25 pixel3. We then divided the dot count by the segmented cell volume.

In total 516 endothelial cells from 120 central veins of at least 2 mice per time point.

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Figure captions

Figure 1. A scRNA-seq approach to space-time gene expression patterns in mouse liver.

(A-E) *t*-SNE visualizations of the scRNA-seq data (19663 hepatocytes from n = 10 mice). Individual cells are colored by the lobule layer (A), Zeitgeber time (B), expression levels of the zonated genes *Cyp2f2* and *Cyp2e1* (C-D), or the circadianly regulated gene *Elovl3* (E).

(F-H) Reconstructed spatial profiles (lobule layers 1-8) of selected zonated but temporally static genes (F, top: *Glul* pericentrally (PC) expressed, bottom: *Ass1* periportally (PP) expressed); rhythmic but non-zonated genes (G, top: *Bmal1* peaking at ZT0, bottom: *Dbp*, peaking at ZT6-12); zonated and rhythmic genes (H, Top: *Elovl3*, bottom: *Pck1*). Expression levels correspond to fraction of total UMI per cell in linear scale. Log-transformed profiles are in Supplementary Figure 1. Dots in F-H represent data points from the individual mice.

Figure 2. Space-time mRNA expression profiles categorized with mixed-effect
models.

(A) Spatial and temporal variation for each mRNA transcript profile, calculated as
standard deviations (SD) of log2 expression along spatial or temporal dimensions
(Methods). Colored dots correspond to reference zonated genes (orange) and reference
rhythmic genes (blue) (Methods).

(B) Generalized harmonic regression model for spatio-temporal expression profiles
describing a static but zonated layer-dependent mean $\mu(x)$, as well as layer-dependent
rhythmic amplitudes ($a(x)$ and $b(x)$). All layer-dependent coefficients are modeled as
second order polynomials; i denotes the biological replicates. μ_i are random effects
needed due to the asymmetric experimental design of the study (Methods).

(C) Schema illustrating the different categories of profiles. Depending on which
coefficients are non-zero (Methods), genes are assigned to: F (flat), Z (purely zonated), R
(purely rhythmic), Z+R (additive zonation and rhythmicity), ZxR (interacting zonation
and rhythmicity). Graphs emphasize either zonation (top), with the x-axis representing
layers, or rhythmicity (bottom), with the x axis representing time (ZT). Right side of the
panel: an example of fit (*Elovl3*).

(D) Number of transcripts in each category.

(E) Boxplot of the mean expression per category shows that the zonated genes (Z, Z+R
and ZxR) are more expressed than flat (F) and rhythmic genes (R). Complex modulated
genes (ZxR) are the most expressed (median).

Figure 3. Properties of dually zonated and rhythmic mRNA profiles

(A) Proportions of pericentral (green) and periportal (blue) transcripts are similar in Z
and Z+R. Mid-lobular genes (orange) are rare (<2%).

(B) Peak time distribution of rhythmic transcripts are similar in R and Z+R categories.

(C) Effect sizes of zonation (slope) *vs.* rhythmicity (amplitude) in Z+R genes.

(D) Magnitude of time shifts (delta time, in hours) *vs.* amplitude gradient (delta
amplitude, in log2) along the central-portal axis in ZxR genes.

Figure 4. smFISH analysis of rhythmic and zonated transcripts.

(A): smFISH (RNAscope, Methods) of the core clock genes *Bmal1* and *Per1* (both in R

category) in liver slices sampled every 3 hours. **Left:** representative images at ZT0,

ZT06, ZT12 and ZT18 for *Bmal1*. Pericentral veins (CV) and a periportal node (PN) are

marked. Scale bas is 50µm. Endothelial cells lining the PC and cholangiocytes

surrounding the PP were excluded from the quantification. mRNA transcripts and nuclei

were detected in PN and PC zones (Methods). **Right:** Temporal profiles of *Bmal1I* and

Per1 from smFISH (top, quantification of the number of mRNA transcripts at 8 time

points ZT0 to ZT21, every 3 hours, shaded area indicate SD across images), in PN and

PC regions, and scRNA-seq (bottom, shaded areas is SD across mice).

(B-C) smFISH (Stellaris, Methods) for *Elovl3* (Z+R) and *Acly* (ZxR). smFISH

quantifications were made for ZT0 and ZT12 (Methods). Left: representative images at

ZT0, ZT12 for *Elovl3* (B) or *Acly* (C). Pericentral veins (CV) and a periportal node (PN)

are marked. Scale bar - 20µm. Right: quantified profiles for each gene in the two time

points (top), prediction of profiles at four time points base on the scRNA-seq (bottom).

Figure 5. Space-time logic of compartmentalized hepatic functions for Z+R genes.

(A-C) Polar representations of central (left) and portal (right) genes from three

prominently enriched pathways in the Z+R category (Table S2). Peak expression times

are arranged clockwise (ZT0 on vertical position) and amplitudes (log2, values indicated

on the radial axes) increase radially. q indicates significance of enrichment (Bonferroni

adjusted).

Figure 6. Wnt-targets correlates with *Wnt2* expression.

(A) Enrichment/depletion of genes targeted by the Wnt, Ras and Hypoxia pathways with

respect to the rhythmic genes (R and Z+R) peaking at different time of the day (window

size: 3h). Colormap show p-values (two-tailed hypergeometric test): red (blue) areas

indicate times of the day for which there are more (less) pathways genes peaking than

expected.

(B) Left: Representative smFISH images of *Wnt2* and *Dkk3* expression in endothelial

cells at ZT0 (top) and ZT18 (bottom), nuclei are stained in blue (DAPI) and cell

membrane in grey (phalloidin). Scale bars, 20 µm; inset scale bars 5 µm; CV = central

vein. Right: Quantitative analysis of smFISH images (516 cells of 120 central veins of at

least two mice per time point. mRNA expression is in smFISH dots per μm^3.

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Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3

Figure 4

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Figure 6

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Hypoxia⁻ / Hypoxia⁺

0:00 · 3:00 · 6:00 · 9:00 · 12:00 · 15:00 · 18:00 · 21:00

Ras⁻ / Ras⁺

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Wnt⁻ / Wnt⁺

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P-value of depletion (blue) and enrichment (red)

0 — 0.2 — Non-significant — 0.2 — 0

B

ZT0 — CV — 1 — 2

ZT18 — CV — 1 — 2

● Dkk3
● Wnt2

Dkk3 — GLM fit — PV = 0.30

Expression [um^{-3}]

0 · 6 · 12 · 18

Wnt2 — GLM fit — PV = 7×10^{-4}

Expression [um^{-3}]

Time (h)

0 · 6 · 12 · 18