1 **PRDM14 controls X-chromosomal and global epigenetic reprogramming**

2 **of H3K27me3 in migrating mouse primordial germ cells**

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ABSTRACT

In order to prepare the genome for gametogenesis, primordial germ cells (PGCs) undergo extensive epigenetic reprogramming during migration towards the gonads in mammalian embryos. This includes changes on a genome-wide scale and additionally in females the remodeling of the inactive X-chromosome to enable X-chromosome reactivation (XCR). However, if global and X-chromosomal remodeling are related and which factors are important is unknown. Here we identify the germ cell determinant PR-domain containing protein 14 (PRDM14) as the first known factor that is instrumental for both global and X-chromosomal reprogramming in migrating mouse PGCs. We find that global upregulation of the repressive histone H3 lysine 27 trimethylation (H3K27me3) mark is PRDM14 dosage-dependent in PGCs of both sexes. When focusing on XCR, we observed that PRDM14 is required for removal of H3K27me3 from the inactive X-chromosome. Furthermore we show that global and X-chromosomal H3K27me3 reprogramming are functionally separable, despite their common regulation by PRDM14. Thereby we provide mechanistic insight and spatiotemporal resolution to the remodeling of the epigenome during mouse PGC migration and link epigenetic reprogramming to its developmental context *in vivo*.

INTRODUCTION

The germ cell lineage has the unique function of transmitting genetic and epigenetic information from one generation to the next. Mammalian germ cell development is an intricate process, which involves extensive changes to the epigenome before it is passed on by the gametes. In mice, germ cell development begins with specification of PGCs in the proximal epiblast. After specification, PGCs migrate through the hindgut in order to reach the genital ridges (future gonads), where they later undergo meiosis and sex-specific differentiation into eggs and sperm. During migration and colonialization of the gonads, the PGC epigenome is remodeled at multiple levels, which includes

global DNA-demethylation, erasure of genomic imprints, removal of histone

H3 lysine 9 dimethylation (H3K9me2) and a global increase of the PRC2

(Polycomb repressive complex 2)-associated H3K27me3 mark (Hajkova et

al., 2008; Leitch et al., 2013a; Reik and Surani, 2015; Saitou et al., 2012; Seki

et al., 2005; Seki et al., 2007). Around the same time, in female PGCs, the

inactive X-chromosome is reactivated by XCR, which involves downregulation

of the non-coding RNA Xist, the master regulator of X-inactivation, removal of

repressive epigenetic marks like H3K27me3 and reactivation of X-linked

genes (Chuva de Sousa Lopes et al., 2008; de Napoles et al., 2007; Payer,

2016; Sugimoto and Abe, 2007). Interestingly, H3K27me3 is therefore

removed from the inactive X-chromosome while it increases globally on

autosomes. It is currently unknown, how X-chromosomal and global

H3K27me3 reprogramming occur along the migration path of PGCs and if

they are functionally linked or are rather regulated independently of each

other.

XCR is a process linked to naïve pluripotency and germ cell fate (Pasque and

Plath, 2015; Payer and Lee, 2014). While XCR-kinetics have been

characterized during mouse and human germ cell development (Chuva de

Sousa Lopes et al., 2008; de Napoles et al., 2007; Guo et al., 2015; Sugimoto

and Abe, 2007; Tang et al., 2015), the molecular mechanisms are largely

unknown. Although many factors have been described, which are

instrumental in setting up the inactive chromatin configuration during X-

chromosome inactivation (Galupa and Heard, 2018; Moindrot and Brockdorff,

2016; Payer, 2017), little is known about the factors, which are functionally

important to reverse the inactive state during XCR. Identifying such X-

reactivation factors would be a key step towards revealing mechanistically

how epigenetic memory can be erased in the germ line. We and others have

shown that the transcriptional regulator PRDM14 plays a critical role in XCR in

the mouse blastocyst epiblast *in vivo* and during induced pluripotent stem cell

(iPSC) reprogramming (Payer et al., 2013) and epiblast stem cell (EpiSC) to

embryonic stem cell (ESC) conversion (Gillich et al., 2012) *in vitro*. In the

absence of PRDM14, downregulation of Xist and removal of the H3K27me3

mark from the inactive X-chromosome are perturbed, likely due to repressive

functions of PRDM14 on *Xist* and its activator *Rnf12/Rlim* (Ma et al., 2011;

Payer et al., 2013).

Besides being important for naïve pluripotency (Yamaji et al., 2013) and the

associated XCR, PRDM14 is also critical for germ cell development. *Prdm14-*

mutant mouse embryos show reduced PGC numbers (Yamaji et al., 2008),

and overexpression of PRDM14 in epiblast-like cells (EpiLCs) is sufficient to

induce germ cell fate *in vitro* (Nakaki et al., 2013a). Importantly, PRDM14 is a

regulator of global epigenetic changes both in pluripotent stem cells as well as

in PGCs (Nakaki et al., 2013b; Seki, 2018). In particular, it has been shown

that PRDM14 is responsible for the low global DNA-methylation levels

characteristic of naïve pluripotent stem cells and PGCs, both by repressing

DNA-methyltransferase genes, as well as by recruiting DNA-demethylases of

the Ten-eleven translocation (TET) family (Ficz et al., 2013; Grabole et al.,

2013; Leitch et al., 2013b; Okashita et al., 2014; Yamaji et al., 2008; Yamaji et

al., 2013). Besides controlling DNA-hypomethylation, PRDM14 is also

important for global remodeling of histone marks in pluripotent stem cells and

PGCs. During mouse preimplantation development, PRDM14 shows

asymmetric expression in blastomeres of the 4-cell embryo and has been

implicated in driving cells towards inner cell mass fate by recruiting CARM1, a

histone H3 arginine 26 (H3R26me2) methyltransferase (Burton et al., 2013).

In migrating PGCs, *Prdm14*-mutant mouse embryos fail to downregulate the

repressive H3K9me2 mark and its associated histone methyltransferase

GLP/EHMT1 (Yamaji et al., 2008), most likely because *Glp/Ehmt1* is a directly

repressed target gene of PRDM14 (Tu et al., 2016). The PGC-specific

upregulation of H3K27me3 on a global level is also impaired in *Prdm14-/-*

embryos (Yamaji et al., 2008) and genome-wide distribution of H3K27me3 is

misregulated in *Prdm14-/-* ESCs (Yamaji et al., 2013).

Despite the known importance of PRDM14 for epigenetic remodeling in the

germ cell lineage, how PRDM14 controls its different aspects *in vivo* is largely

unresolved: For example, it remains unknown, if PRDM14 is important for X-

chromosome reactivation also in female PGCs, and if this is coordinated with

genome-wide epigenetic changes occurring at that time. Furthermore no
information is available about the spatial distribution of germ cells along their
migration path towards the gonads during epigenetic reprogramming. To
address these questions, we investigated in this study epigenetic remodeling
of the polycomb-associated H3K27me3 mark and its dependency on
PRDM14 in migrating mouse PGCs. By using a whole-mount embryo staining
approach, we were able for the first time to collect spatiotemporal information
about the epigenetic reprogramming process in mouse PGCs in relation to
their migratory progress. We found that PRDM14 is critical both for X-
chromosomal removal as well as global upregulation of H3K27me3 in PGCs.
We furthermore find differences in PRDM14-dosage dependence and kinetics
of X-chromosomal and global H3K27me3 changes. While both events are
controlled by PRDM14, they do not depend on each other and therefore must
be regulated through different mechanisms. In summary, we describe here
how PRDM14 regulates key aspects of epigenetic changes in germ cells and
how this is linked with progression of germ cell migration and development.
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147 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**
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PRDM14 controls number and local distribution of PGCs during their
migration
To address the function of PRDM14 for PGC number and migration, we
immunostained whole mount embryonic day (E)9.5 mouse embryos from
$Prdm14^{+/-}$ x $Prdm14^{+/-}$ heterozygous crosses for AP2γ, a specific marker and
critical factor for PGC development (Nakaki et al., 2013a; Weber et al., 2010).
We found that migrating PGCs at this stage were spread throughout the
hindgut, and observed in $Prdm14^{-/-}$ embryos a strong depletion of PGCs or
even their absence (7/17 embryos), when compared to wildtype and
heterozygous littermates (Fig. 1A, S1, Table S1), which is consistent with a
previous study of this mouse line (Yamaji et al., 2008). Generally, PGC
numbers increased with developmental progression (somite number) in

Prdm14^{+/+} and *Prdm14^{+/-}* embryos, while it remained low in *Prdm14^{-/-}* embryos

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(Fig. 1B). This is not due to a general developmental delay of *Prdm14*-mutant

embryos at E9.5, as somite numbers were similar between different *Prdm14*

genotypes (Fig. S2A, Table S1).

In order to analyze the distribution of PGCs in more detail, we divided the

migration path along the hindgut into 4 quadrants (Fig. 1C); starting with

quadrant 1 (Q1) at the posterior end at the base of the allantois and finishing

with quadrant 4 (Q4) near the area where PGCs would exit the hindgut and

enter the genital ridges (future gonads). At E9.5, PGCs would be found mostly

in Q2 and Q3 in $Prdm14^{+/+}$ and $Prdm14^{+/-}$ embryos, while PGCs in $Prdm14^{-/-}$

embryos would be located predominantly in Q1 and Q2 (Fig. 1D, S2B). This

indicates that *Prdm14*-mutant PGCs might be delayed in migration, although

few of them can be also found in Q3 and Q4. In summary, *Prdm14*-mutant

embryos show a strong reduction in PGC-numbers and a defect in PGC

migration.

PRDM14 is required for global upregulation of H3K27me3 in migrating

PGCs

As PRDM14 has a role in the global epigenetic reprogramming occurring in

PGCs (Yamaji et al., 2008), we wanted to investigate in more detail its

function for upregulating the H3K27me3 mark, which is a hallmark of

migrating PGCs (Hajkova et al., 2008; Seki et al., 2005; Seki et al., 2007). We

therefore costained E9.5 embryos of different *Prdm14* genotypes with AP2γ

and H3K27me3 antibodies (Fig. 2A). We scored H3K27me3 as being

upregulated or non-upregulated in AP2γ-positive PGCs when compared to

surrounding somatic cells. It thereby became apparent that H3K27me3

upregulation was in direct relation to PRDM14 dosage, as about 78% of

wildtype PGCs had elevated H3K27me3 staining, while only 54% of

heterozygote and only 19% of Prdm14-null PGCs did (Fig. 2B, Table S1).

These differences were observed to a similar degree both in male and in

female embryos, indicating that PRDM14 controlled global H3K27me3 levels

in a sex-independent manner.

When we assessed H3K27me3 upregulation in relation to developmental
progression (somite number) at E9.5, we observed that H3K27me3 increased
with somite number in *Prdm14*[+/+] and *Prdm14*[+/-], but not in *Prdm14*[-/-] embryos
(Fig. 2C). Interestingly, H3K27me3 levels did not seem to vastly change in
PGCs within different quadrants of their migration path, indicating that global
H3K27me3 upregulation depends more on overall developmental progression
of the embryo than on the position of the PGCs along the hindgut (Fig. S3).
Overall, we conclude that global H3K27me3 upregulation in PGCs is
dependent on PRDM14 dosage and progresses with developmental stage at
equal rate in both sexes.

X-chromosomal H3K27me3-erasure during XCR in female PGCs is
dependent on PRDM14

In contrast to the global increase of H3K27me3, stands the erasure of
H3K27me3 from the inactive X-chromosome in female PGCs during the
process of XCR (Chuva de Sousa Lopes et al., 2008; de Napoles et al.,
2007). As these events occur around the same time and as XCR is controlled
by PRDM14 in mouse blastocysts and during iPSC reprogramming (Payer et
al., 2013), we wanted to know if PRDM14 is also required for XCR in PGCs.
Thus we scored the disappearance of the distinctive H3K27me3 accumulation
from the inactive X-chromosome ("H3K27me3-spot") in female PGCs in
embryos of different *Prdm14* genotypes (Fig. 3A). While about half of both
Prdm14 wildtype (52%) and heterozygous (51%) PGCs have erased the
H3K27me3-spot from the X, only around 23% of *Prdm14*-mutant PGCs have
lost the spot at E9.5 (Fig. 3B, Table S1). The erasure of the H3K27me3 spot
occurred progressively in *Prdm14*[+/+] and *Prdm14*[+/-] PGCs during their
migration along the hindgut, but did not increase with migration in *Prdm14*[-/-]
PGCs (Fig. 3C). In contrast to global H3K27me3 upregulation, removal of the
X-chromosomal H3K27me3-spot therefore did not seem to be PRDM14-dose
dependent and did not change substantially between E9.5 embryos of
different somite number (Fig. S4). Taken together, our results show that

similar to its role in the pluripotent epiblast and during iPSC reprogramming (Payer et al., 2013), PRDM14 is also a key factor for XCR in PGCs by promoting the loss of the X-chromosomal H3K27me3 mark.

X-chromosomal and global H3K27me3 reprogramming occur independently in female PGCs

H3K27me3 and its associated enzymatic complex, PRC2, are strongly enriched on the inactive X-chromosome in female cells. Therefore, we hypothesized, if this could act as a "sink" for PRC2, whereby global upregulation of H3K27me3 in PGCs would require first stripping PRC2 off the X-chromosome through XCR to make it available for acting elsewhere in the genome. In order to test this hypothesis, we investigated the relationship between X-chromosomal downregulation and global upregulation of H3K27me3 in female PGCs (Fig. 4, S5). If the inactive X were acting as a sink for PRC2, we would expect global H3K27me3 not to be upregulated in PGCs harboring an X-spot. However, when comparing within the different genotypes the fraction of PGCs which have lost or retained the X-chromosomal H3K27me3-spot, we did not detect any significant differences in global H3K27me3 upregulation (Fig. 4A). This indicates that losing the X-spot is not a general prerequisite for global H3K27me3 upregulation in female PGCs. Also the fact that $Prdm14^{+/+}$ and $Prdm14^{+/-}$ PGCs showed almost identical X-spot loss (52% in +/+ vs. 51% in +/-) but different global H3K27me3 upregulation levels (75% in +/+ vs. 56% in +/-), indicates that X-spot loss and global H3K27me3 upregulation are independent epigenetic events. In conclusion, while PRDM14 is both required for normal X-chromosomal and global H3K27me3 reprogramming in PGCs (Fig. 4B, S6), these events are mechanistically separable and do not depend on each other.

Summary and discussion

In this study, we have investigated the role of PRDM14 during epigenetic reprogramming in migrating mouse PGCs (summarized in Fig. 4B, S6). We thereby have uncovered multiple roles for PRDM14 during germ cell

development. Most importantly, we have identified PRDM14 to our knowledge
as the first factor with functional importance for XCR in the germ cell lineage.
In particular, we found that erasure of H3K27me3 mark from the inactive X-
chromosome, a key step during X-reactivation (Borensztein et al., 2017;
Chuva de Sousa Lopes et al., 2008; de Napoles et al., 2007; Mak et al.,
2004), occurred progressively during the migration of female PGCs and
required PRDM14. This observation is in line with the role of PRDM14 during
X-reactivation in the mouse blastocyst and during iPSC-reprogramming
(Payer et al., 2013).

Second, we uncovered that global H3K27me3 upregulation in PGCs is
dependent on PRDM14 in a dosage-sensitive manner, as $Prdm14^{+/-}$ and
$Prdm14^{-/-}$ PGCs showed a progressive defect. Interestingly, we observed that
H3K27me3 upregulation seemed to mostly depend on the developmental
stage of the embryo rather than the PGC position along the migratory path,
which is in contrast to the kinetics of X-specific H3K27me3 removal.

Another key finding from our study is that the global upregulation and X-
chromosomal depletion of the H3K27me3 mark seem to be controlled by
distinct mechanisms despite their common dependency on PRDM14. This is
based on several observations: First, global H3K27me3 upregulation is
sensitive to PRDM14 dosage, while X-specific H3K27me3 removal is not.
Second, global upregulation correlates with embryonic stage (somite number),
while X-chromosomal H3K27me3 loss occurs progressively during PGC
migration. Third, global H3K27me3 upregulation occurs with similar kinetics in
male and female embryos and is affected to a similar extent by loss of
PRDM14 in both sexes. Finally, X-chromosomal depletion of H3K27me3 does
not seem to be required for global H3K27me3 upregulation on a single-cell
level. How then could PRDM14 control H3K27me3 remodeling on autosomes
versus on the X-chromosome? On the global scale, previous studies
suggested that PRDM14 could directly interact with the PRC2 complex in
pluripotent stem cells and thereby facilitate its recruitment to PRDM14 target
genes (Chan et al., 2013; Yamaji et al., 2013) or that PRDM14 could activate
expression of the PRC2 component $Suz12$ (Grabole et al., 2013). More recent

studies however challenged this view and proposed that PRDM14 mainly acts

though its binding partner and co-repressor CBFA2T2/MTGR1 (Kawaguchi et

al., 2019; Nady et al., 2015; Tu et al., 2016), suggesting that PRC2 might be

recruited secondarily to PRDM14 targets. Regarding its X-chromosome-

specific role, we have previously shown that PRDM14 binds to regulatory

regions at *Xist* intron 1 and upstream of the *Xist*-activator *Rnf12* (Payer et al.,

2013) and thereby facilitates repression of *Xist* during XCR. As H3K27me3-

accumulation on the X-chromosome is *Xist*-dependent (Plath et al., 2003;

Schoeftner et al., 2006; Silva et al., 2003; Zhao et al., 2008), PRDM14 might

thereby regulate X-chromosomal H3K27me3-depletion by downregulating

Xist. The fact that H3K27me3-removal from the X-chromosome occurs

progressively in PGCs along their migration path, could speak in favor of a

cell-proliferation and replication-dependent, passive dilution mechanism,

similar as it has been proposed for global DNA-demethylation in PGCs

(Kagiwada et al., 2013; Seisenberger et al., 2012). Nevertheless, also active

mechanisms could play a role like removal of the mark by the H3K27me3-

demethylase KDM6A/UTX, which has a partial effect on H3K27me3-

demethylation during XCR in mouse blastocysts (Borensztein et al., 2017).

Finally, we have found that *Prdm14*[-/-] embryos displayed severely

compromised germ cell numbers as reported previously (Yamaji et al., 2008)

and a delay in PGC migration. This is in line with a recent study (Cheetham et

al., 2018), which found that genes implicated in cell migration are bound by

PRDM14 in PGC-like cells derived *in vitro*, suggesting that PRDM14 might be

directly involved in controlling PGC migration.

In summary, here we have shown that autosomal and X-chromosomal

reprogramming of H3K27me3 occur independently during PGC migration, but

that they rely both on the key germ cell factor PRDM14. By adding to our

understanding of the mechanisms underlying epigenetic changes required for

germ cell development *in vivo*, we provide a framework for assessing and

improving the quality of *in vitro*-derived gametes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Embryo isolation

Mouse care and procedures were conducted according to the protocols approved by the Ethics Committee on Animal Research of the Parc de Recerca Biomèdica de Barcelona (PRBB) and by the Departament de Territori i Sostenibilitat of the Generalitat de Catalunya.

Prdm14 mutant mice (Yamaji et al., 2008) were maintained in a predominant C57BL/6 strain background. *Prdm14* heterozygous mice were mated and resulting embryos were harvested from pregnant females at E9.5 and dissected from maternal tissues.

Whole mount immunostaining

The whole mount embryo immunostaining was performed as described in (Yamaji et al., 2008). The primary antibodies used were rabbit polyclonal anti-AP2γ (TCFAP2C) (Santa Cruz Biotechnology sc-8977) and mouse monoclonal anti-H3K27me3 (Active Motif 61707, clone MABI0323). The secondary antibodies used were donkey anti-rabbit IgG Alexa Fluor 488 and goat anti-mouse IgG Alexa Fluor 555 (Molecular Probes A21206 and A21424).

After the immunostaining, the somite number of every embryo was counted under the stereomicroscope. Then the embryo was split in two parts: the head was used for genotyping and the hindgut was dissected and mounted in Vectashield (Vector Laboratories) for observation with confocal microscopy.

Image capture and analysis

Bright field images of the whole embryos were captured on a stereomicroscope using the Leica application suite software (Leica Microsystems, Wetzlar, Germany). Fluorescence imaging of the hindguts was performed on an inverted Leica TCS SP5 confocal microscope using the Leica Application Suite Advanced Fluorescence software. Z-stack images (1.5

μm intervals) of the full hindgut were acquired. Color setting and image processing were performed in Fiji (Schindelin et al., 2012) and Volocity (PerkinElmer) software.

The location in the hindgut and both the H3K27me3 global levels and the presence of the X-spot of every AP2γ positive cell were recorded. The global nuclear intensity of H3K27me3 staining was classified as "upregulated" or "non-upregulated" after comparing it with the staining intensity of the surrounding somatic cells in the same focus plane. The total length of the hindgut was divided in four quadrants (Q1-Q4 from the tail tip to the genital ridges, Figure 1C) to ease the analysis of the location of AP2γ positive cells.

Prdm14 and sex genotyping

Prdm14 genotype was determined by polymerase chain reaction after image analysis. Primer sequences are detailed in (Yamaji et al., 2008).

The sex of the embryo was determined by the presence of the H3K27me3 spot corresponding to the silent X chromosome in somatic cells of female embryos (Plath et al., 2003).

Statistical analysis

Several E9.5 litters were collected and the results from all embryos were pooled and analyzed with IBM SPSS Statistics software. For qualitative variables χ^2 test was used, and for quantitative variables the non-parametric Kruskal–Wallis test was used. Pairwise comparisons with Bonferroni's correction were performed using the Mann–Whitney U test. For lineal regression modeling, R^2 coefficient was calculated. In all cases, $p<0.05$ was considered statistically significant.

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Fig. 1. *Prdm14$^{-/-}$* E9.5 embryos have reduced PGC numbers with altered
distribution along the hindgut. (A) Numbers of AP2γ-positive PGCs per
embryo across *Prdm14* genotypes. Means and confidence intervals are
shown. Kruskal-Wallis test was used for statistical comparison (p<0.001). (B)
Linear regression of AP2γ-positive PGC-numbers versus developmental stage
(somite number). R square values for *Prdm14* +/+, +/- and -/- embryos were
0.659, 0.514 and 0.001, respectively. (C) Image of a E9.5 mouse embryo with
PGCs (drawn green dots) migrating along the hindgut divided into four
quadrants (Q1 – Q4). Scale bar: 250 μm. (D) Distribution of PGCs along the
hindgut across *Prdm14* genotypes.

Fig. 2. PRDM14 dosage controls global H3K27me3-levels in migrating
PGCs in both sexes. (A) Representative images of AP2γ-positive PGCs with
upregulated and non-upregulated global levels of H3K27me3 across different
Prdm14 genotypes (PGC-nuclei are outlined in H3K27me3 images). Scale
bar: 10 *μ*m. Intensity values for each channel along the yellow lines are
plotted on the right. (B) Percentages of H3K27me3-upregulated and non-
upregulated PGCs across *Prdm14* genotypes in male and female embryos.
(C) Percentages of H3K27me3 upregulated and non-upregulated PGCs at
different developmental stages (somite number). Labels in each column
indicate number of PGCs analyzed. Chi-square test was used for statistical
comparisons (p<0.001).

Fig. 3. Erasure of H3K27me3-enrichment from the inactive X-
chromosome in migrating female PGCs is dependent on PRDM14. (A)
Representative images of AP2γ-positive PGCs with presence or absence of
H3K27me3-accumulation (H3K27me3 spot, white arrowheads) on the inactive
X-chromosome. PGC-nuclei are outlined in the H3K27me3 channel. Scale
bar: 10 *μ*m. (B) Percentage of H3K27me3 spot-positive and -negative PGCs

across *Prdm14* genotypes. Labels in each column indicate number of cells

analyzed. (C) Erasure of the H3K27me3-spot in PGCs of different *Prdm14*

genotypes during their migration along the hindgut divided in four quadrants

(Q1-Q4). Labels in each column indicate number of PGCs analyzed. Chi-

square test was used for statistical comparisons (p<0.001).

Fig. 4. Changes in both X-chromosomal and global levels of H3K27me3

in female PGCs require PRDM14 but are independent of each other. (A)

Relationship between X-chromosomal (bar graphs, % of PGCs per genotype)

and global (pie charts, % of PGCs per genotype within each H3K27me3

spot/no spot sub-category) levels of H3K27me3 in PGCs from female

embryos of different *Prdm14* genotypes. Chi-square test was used to

compare dependency of global of H3K27me3 upregulation on X-chromosomal

removal for each *Prdm14* genotype (n.s., not significant; *Prdm14$^{+/+}$* p=0.956,

Prdm14$^{+/-}$ p=0.499, *Prdm14$^{-/-}$* p=0.110). (B) Schematic summary of *Prdm14*

genotype effect on global and X-chromosomal H3K27me3 reprogramming in

mouse PGCs.

Figure 1

Figure 2

A

	DAPI	AP2γ	H3K27me3	Merge
Prdm14 +/+				
Prdm14 +/−				
Prdm14 −/−				

B

Female embryos

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n.s.

PGCs (%)

	+/+ n=9	+/− n=14	−/− n=6
NO X-spot	759	922	17
X-spot	703	871	58

Prdm14
(n embryos)

X-chromosomal
H3K27me3

NO X-spot
X-spot

C

Prdm14 +/+

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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
NO X-spot	56	200	151	14
X-spot	102	188	82	4

Prdm14 +/−

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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
NO X-spot	92	246	213	47
X-spot	131	277	138	33

Prdm14 −/−

n.s.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
NO X-spot	8	5		
X-spot	26	12	7	2

Hindgut location

Figure 3

Figure 4