



30 **SUMMARY/ABSTRACT**

31 Mammalian sex chromosomes encode homologous X/Y gene pairs that were retained on  
32 the male Y and escape X chromosome inactivation (XCI) in females. Inferred to reflect X/Y-pair  
33 dosage sensitivity, monosomy X is a leading cause of miscarriage in humans with near full  
34 penetrance. This phenotype is shared with many other mammals but not the mouse, which offers  
35 sophisticated genetic tools to generate sex chromosomal aneuploidy but also tolerates its  
36 developmental impact. To address this critical gap, we generated X-monosomic human induced  
37 pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs) alongside otherwise isogenic euploid controls from male and  
38 female mosaic samples. Phased genomic variants of these hiPSC panels enable systematic  
39 investigation of X/Y dosage-sensitive features using *in vitro* models of human development.

40 Here, we demonstrate the utility of these validated hiPSC lines to test how X/Y-linked  
41 gene dosage impacts a widely-used model for the human syncytiotrophoblast. While these  
42 isogenic panels trigger a *GATA2/3* and *TFAP2A/C* -driven trophoblast gene circuit irrespective of  
43 karyotype, differential expression implicates monosomy X in altered levels of placental genes,  
44 and in secretion of placental growth factor (PIGF) and human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG).  
45 Remarkably, weighted gene co-expression network modules that significantly reflect these  
46 changes are also preserved in first-trimester chorionic villi and term placenta. Our results suggest  
47 monosomy X may skew trophoblast cell type composition, and that the pseudoautosomal region  
48 likely plays a key role in these changes, which may facilitate prioritization of haploinsufficient  
49 drivers of 45,X extra-embryonic phenotypes.

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## 59 INTRODUCTION

60 Placental female mammals maintain dosage parity of most X-linked genes with males via X  
61 chromosome inactivation (XCI), a process which independently evolved long non-coding RNAs  
62 (eutherian *XIST*, metatherian *Rsx*) to silence one of two X chromosomes (1). This dosage-  
63 compensation strategy was likely necessitated by attrition of the proto-Y in the heterogametic  
64 male germline of ancestral mammals following acquisition of the male-determining factor (*SRY*)  
65 (2). Yet, because some sex-chromosomal genes were selected to resist Y-attrition and escape XCI,  
66 thereby maintaining expression from two active copies in males and females alike (3),  
67 mammalian development is likely sensitive to proper dosage of these “X/Y-pair” genes (4).

68 This multi-genic dosage-sensitivity is perhaps best reflected in the pronounced rarity of live-  
69 born monosomy X in mammals that feature a long pseudo-autosomal region (PAR). Present on X  
70 and Y, the PAR is maintained via meiotic recombination in the male germline, and likewise  
71 escapes XCI in females (5). In contrast, mice feature a short PAR, as well as comparatively few XCI  
72 “escapee” genes overall (6, 7), and tolerate monosomy X with very little developmental impact  
73 (8, 9).

74 Human monosomy X (45,X) causes Turner syndrome (TS, ~1:2500 live births), which ranges  
75 from full penetrance of short stature and early, often pre-pubertal ovarian failure, to other  
76 skeletal and craniofacial changes, lymphedema of hands and feet, cardiovascular defects, and  
77 impaired hearing in about half of TS patients (10, 11). Yet, most monosomy X pregnancies result  
78 in miscarriage, estimated to account for 6-11% of all spontaneous terminations (12–15). Because  
79 the rate of detectable mosaicism for euploid cells in live-born TS is very high (~50%), but very low  
80 (~0.5%) in karyotypic follow-up of miscarried monosomy X, Hook and Warburton compellingly  
81 hypothesized zygotic monosomy X to be near-invariably lethal *in utero*, and that live-born TS  
82 results from mitotic sex chromosome loss in early embryos, which gave rise to either detectably  
83 mosaic TS, or TS with cryptic (e.g. confined placental) mosaicism (15).

84 Conversely, this would suggest that in absence of placental mosaicism, homogeneously 45,X  
85 extra-embryonic tissues would be defective in supporting conceptuses to term. Because this  
86 phenotype is not shared with the mouse, new mammalian and human *in vitro* models are needed  
87 to address this important question. While two prior reports of 45,X human embryonic and

88 induced pluripotent stem cell (hiPSC) lines pointed to lower expression of some placental genes  
89 in non-directed (embryoid body) differentiation (16, 17), the impact of monosomy X on relevant  
90 *in vitro* models of human extra-embryonic development has not been assessed.

91 To address this important question in a widely-used hiPSC-based model of the primitive  
92 syncytiotrophoblast (STB) (18, 19), we derived 45,X hiPSCs alongside isogenic euploid control  
93 lines from mosaic samples. This enables us to largely exclude the impact of autosomal variation,  
94 and leverage phased genome sequencing to quantify allele-specific dosage contributions from X  
95 and Y. While these hiPSCs trigger a *GATA2/3*, *TFAP2A/C*-mediated gene circuit (20) irrespective  
96 of karyotype, differentially-expressed genes indicate monosomy-X alters the balance between  
97 cytotrophoblast (CTB), STB and extravillous trophoblast (EVT) markers. These changes are also  
98 reflected in secretion of human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) and placental growth factor (PIGF),  
99 and correlated gene modules are preserved in late first-trimester and term placentas. Together,  
100 our study represents the largest single source of 45,X hiPSC and isogenic euploid control lines to-  
101 date, and provides a first direct assessment of how monosomy X may impact human trophoblast-  
102 relevant gene networks.

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## 104 **RESULTS**

105 Because the low rate of term pregnancy with 45,X conceptuses may reflect a selective  
106 bottleneck, we turned to a post-developmental model of sex chromosome loss, namely aging, as  
107 a source of mosaic human monosomy X, which by age 75 increases to ~45% and ~0.45% in males  
108 and females, respectively (21–23). In total, we reprogrammed mosaic fibroblasts from four  
109 donors (three female, one male) and validated the resulting clones in systematic fashion (Fig. 1A).  
110 Two of the female samples resulted in exclusively X-monosomic or euploid hiPSC lines, as  
111 determined by tandem repeat PCR or copy-number quantitative PCR (qPCR) at X-linked loci (data  
112 not shown). These lines were not pursued further, as our analysis aimed to exclude effects of  
113 autosomal genetic variation by comparing 45,X to matched isogenic euploid control lines of the  
114 same donor. In contrast, female (AG05278) and male (AG09270) samples resulted in both euploid  
115 and 45,X hiPSC clones (XO, XO2/8/9) from each donor (aged 65 & 67). Karyotyping (Fig. S1A)  
116 further ruled out three male-derived clones with chromosome (chr) 12 trisomy or duplications.  
117 Finally, all remaining male and female-derived lines passed high-resolution cytogenetic testing

118 (CytoSNP-850k) to rule out any other genomic copy-number variation (CNV). No other CNV calls  
119 (at minimal CNV resolution of 400 kb) were made in AG09270-derived lines, and a single 440 kb  
120 duplication in neuron-specific *OPCML* was found in all AG05278-derived hiPSCs lines and donor  
121 fibroblasts, yielding a final set of eight hiPSC clones with validated karyotypes (Fig. 1B).

122 We next characterized XCI in female-derived 46,XX clones (XX6, XX19, XX23), to confirm intact  
123 X dosage compensation. Loss of *XIST* expression is common in standard hiPSC culture, and can  
124 lead to progressive reactivation of the inactive X (Xi), referred to as Xi erosion (24, 25). We  
125 recently reported a prevalent and contiguous Xi DNA hypomethylation trajectory after loss of  
126 *XIST* expression, which we validated in two of our 46,XX (XX19/23) lines over six months of  
127 continuous passage (26). However, in early-passage and differentiation experiments described  
128 herein, all three 46,XX clones expressed *XIST* at or above female fibroblast WI-38-equivalent  
129 levels by qPCR (Fig. 1C), and by fluorescence *in-situ* hybridization (FISH) (Fig. 1D). As expected  
130 based on our and prior reports, these early passages reflect heterogeneity for *XIST* levels and  
131 associated H3K27me3-deposition on the Xi (Fig. 1E). We therefore confirmed that X-linked CpGs  
132 that best reflect Xi erosion (26) remain largely hypermethylated in all three hiPSCs lines (Infinium  
133 MethylationEPIC), indicating intact XCI maintenance inclusive to all early hiPSC passages (XX6 <  
134 p21, XX19 < p9, XX23 < p11) used in experiments described herein (Fig 1F). To enable allele-  
135 specific assessment of XCI across individual samples in subsequent RNA-seq experiments, we also  
136 performed linked-read whole-genome sequencing on the 10X Genomics platform (phased WGS  
137 to ~30x coverage), yielding a catalogue of 76,737 heterozygous variants that distinguish the X  
138 chromosomes in female-derived lines (Fig. S1B). In the mRNA-seq experiments below, we  
139 leverage these phased variants (1,056 in exons, 3' and 5' UTRs) to determine that all female 45,X  
140 clones maintained the same parental X chromosome, and to quantify escape from XCI and X  
141 reactivation.

142 We confirmed high expression of pluripotency markers by immunofluorescence (IF)  
143 staining for OCT4 and SSEA4, and low expression of markers associated with germ layer  
144 differentiation by 3' mRNA sequencing (Fig. S2A,B). All 45,X hiPSC lines expressed high levels of  
145 pluripotency genes *SOX2* and *DNMT3B* and low levels of lineage-specific genes, equivalent to  
146 their respective euploid control lines, and in line with the few 45,X lines described previously (17,

147 27–29). Several methods for derivation of trophoblast-like (TBL) cell fates from hiPSCs have been  
148 reported in recent years (reviewed in (30)), starting from either pre-implantation blastocyst-like  
149 (naïve or ground state) (31, 32), post-implantation epiblast-like (or primed) (18, 33, 34), or  
150 intermediate (extended/expanded) (35, 36) human pluripotency states. We chose a well-  
151 characterized TBL-induction method compatible with primed hiPSCs (18, 33), to ensure our  
152 validated karyotypes and DNA methylation (Fig. 1) were stably maintained. These requirements  
153 ruled out TBL-induction from naïve hiPSCs, which can suffer increased genome instability relative  
154 to primed hiPSCs (37, 38), and genome-wide loss of DNA methylation (39, 40) that includes  
155 imprinted genes (41), to which extra-embryonic development is highly dosage-sensitive (42–45).

156 Primed hiPSCs were differentiated to TBL cell fates by exposure to BMP4 and inhibition of  
157 TGFb1/activin/nodal signaling over 8 days. This widely used “BAP” (BMP4, A83-01, PD173074)  
158 model (18, 33, 34, 36, 46–48) is thought to reflect the primitive STB (18, 48), as BMP4 activates  
159 a conserved trophectodermal transcription factor (TF) circuit via *GATA2/3* and *TFAP2A/C* (20, 49,  
160 50). All BAP-treated lines formed flat epithelial sheets that gave rise to mononuclear HLA-G<sup>+</sup> cells  
161 (Fig. S3A), or progressively fused to form large syncytiated cells, seen as clustered nuclei inside  
162 Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ATPase-marked membranes (Fig. 2A). These syncytia expressed high levels of the hCG  
163 beta subunit, which is only produced by the fused STB upon implantation and is important for  
164 endometrial receptivity and maternal immune suppression (51, 52). Abnormal hCG  
165 concentrations have been associated with adverse pregnancy outcomes, including intrauterine  
166 demise and fetal growth restriction (IUGR), as well as pre-eclampsia (53, 54). All BAP-treated  
167 cells secreted high levels of hCG, with a moderate but statistically significant decrease in 45,X  
168 lines (XO, XO2/8/9) relative to their isogenic euploid controls by ELISA (Fig. 2B). Another  
169 important protein secreted from the STB, placental growth factor (PlGF) is a member of the  
170 vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) family, and known to be critical for proper placental  
171 angiogenesis (55). PlGF levels were also lower in 45,X relative to their isogenic euploid controls,  
172 a decrease that was statistically significant in the female panel (XX19/23 euploid vs. XO2/8/9),  
173 and in comparing all 45,X to XX19/23 and XY samples (Fig. 2C, Mann-Whitney-U  $p = 9.2e-05$ ).

174 Female euploid XX6 TBL cells however, secreted less hCG and PlGF, and fused at a lower rate  
175 than XX19/23 lines (Fig. S3B), pointing to differences among 46,XX euploid lines addressed below.

176 Fusion indices were determined in unbiased fashion via computational analysis of DNA content  
177 (Hoechst staining), and revealed no other differences that rose to statistical significance.  
178 Likewise, differences in transwell migration rates missed the significance threshold (Fig. S3C),  
179 suggesting no overt karyotype-driven differences in this important trophoblast function (56, 57).  
180 All BAP-treated lines also gave rise to migratory cells that expressed the EVT marker HLA-G with  
181 similar, albeit variable frequency (Fig. S3D).

182 To develop a more comprehensive understanding for how monosomy X may impact TBL cell  
183 fates, we performed mRNA-seq in four independent rounds of BAP differentiation. We first  
184 assessed the BMP4-induced TF circuit triggered via *GATA2/3* and *TFAP2A/C* (20), all four of which  
185 were robustly expressed (>13 vst, variance-stabilizing counts, roughly approaching log<sub>2</sub>-scaled  
186 counts). XX19/23 and XY lines expressed moderately higher levels (log<sub>2</sub>FC 0.2-0.9, p.adj ≤ 0.05)  
187 of *TFAP2A*, *PGF* and *HLA-G* than their isogenic 45,X counterparts, which was not true for XX6  
188 however (Fig. 2D). Of the TFs responding to the *GATA2/3* & *TFAP2A/C* quartet (20), matching  
189 decreases in the male and female-derived panels were confined to a handful of transiently  
190 expressed TFs, except for *MEIS1* and *EPAS1*, which were modestly decreased in 45,X lines (Fig.  
191 S4A).

192 Next, we rigorously compared expression levels of lineage markers identified in single-cell  
193 RNA-seq studies of early human and macaque embryos (58–60). A subset of the human pre-  
194 gastrulation lineage markers (59) were re-classified recently based on single-cell RNA-seq from  
195 post-gastrulation macaque embryos (60) to resolve human TE, epiblast and amniotic lineages  
196 (61). As expected, we find that levels of both trophectoderm (TE)-associated gene sets (58, 61)  
197 significantly exceed levels of all other human lineage-associated gene sets in our BAP-treated  
198 cells (Fig. S4B,C) with a median differential of +1.5-2 vst counts (~4-fold difference, see methods).  
199 We also assessed all original gene sets (58–60) against the re-classified (TE, E-AM, and EPI)  
200 markers (61), and again find that both distinct TE gene sets far exceed levels of genes associated  
201 with all other lineages, and that early STB markers (59) represent the next-highly expressed set  
202 in our data (Fig. S4C). This is important in regards to a number of purported markers of the human  
203 amnion, which despite remaining poorly defined at present, have led to the suggestion that BAP  
204 treatment of primed hiPSC induces an amniotic rather than TE cell fate (62, 63). Yet, recent



205 publications acknowledge that both naïve (+AP without BMP4) (62) and primed (36, 61) (+BAP)  
206 hiPSCs adopt TBL cell fates, and new work suggests that human trophoblast cells may  
207 differentiate through a transient amnion-like intermediate (61, 64). Our data across the full  
208 breadth of lineage-associated markers demonstrate that all of our BAP-treated lines reflect a  
209 predominantly TE and early STB-like expression profile (Fig. S4B,C).

210 Transcriptome-wide principal component (PC) analysis indicates that 45,X and euploid  
211 BAP-treated samples are clearly distinct, segregating along PC1 and PC2 largely by karyotype and  
212 donor, respectively (Fig. 2E). Surprisingly however, the XX6 euploid samples cluster with their  
213 otherwise isogenic 45,X samples (XO2/8/9), mirroring their relative decrease in hCG and PIGF  
214 levels (Fig. 2B,C). Because the predominant TS hypothesis posits a haploinsufficiency of genes  
215 that escape XCI and were maintained on the Y, we next assessed allele-resolved and overall  
216 expression of PAR genes, interspersed X-Y gene pairs (“Pair”), and X-specific genes without Y-  
217 homolog. Overall, our phased variants covered 451 X-linked genes previously assessed in a large  
218 human GTEX study and meta-analysis (65), with sufficient allelic read depth to unambiguously  
219 call XCI status for up to 226 genes. A total of 166 genes were called (inactive/escape) across all 3  
220 isogenic 46,XX lines, revealing excellent agreement overall (Fig. S5A). Of the 60 escapees we  
221 identified by allelic expression (lesser allele fraction, LAF  $\geq$  0.1, binomial  $p \leq$  0.05), 38 had  
222 previously been shown to escape XCI (65), and 4/22 remaining genes escaped across all three  
223 46,XX lines (*POLA1*, *KLHL4*, *TMEM164*, *MBNL3*). Another 6/18 remaining genes escaped in at least  
224 two 46,XX lines (*FTX*, *SMS*, *AMMECR1*, *AMOT*, *STK26*, *IRAK1*), with the remainder reaching the  
225 escapee threshold in only a single line. Of the latter, only *MBTPS2* (in XX23), and *MID1*, *FAM199X*,  
226 *ELF4* and *MIR503HG* (in XX19) escaped partially (max. LAF  $\leq$  0.3) and were also overexpressed  
227 relative to 45,X samples. Three of these genes (*IRAK1*, *MBTPS2* and *SMS*) have been reported to  
228 variably escape in human placental samples (66, 67). Overall, these data indicate that aside from  
229 new escapee candidates and partial reactivation of at most four genes in one line, all three 46,XX  
230 lines faithfully maintained XCI over the course of these experiments.

231 These allele-resolved mRNA-seq data also reveal that the active X (Xa) in XX19 and XX23 is the  
232 same X retained in all female-derived 45,X lines, whereas this copy was chosen as the Xi in the  
233 XX6 line (Fig. S5B, see flipped A and B allele counts for each gene). Curiously, seven escapees



234 common to XX19 and XX23 were expressed only from the Xa in the XX6 line, including validated  
235 escapees *MXRA5* (68), *PUDP* (69, 70), *STS* (71) and *SMS* (66), as well as *STK26*, *AMMECR1* and  
236 *AMOT* (72–74). We next queried levels of *XIST* and three other XCI-relevant non-coding RNAs to  
237 determine whether there was an association with this decreased level of escape in XX6 samples.  
238 As in hiPSC RT-qPCR (Fig. 1), *XIST* levels were higher in XX6 than XX19/23 TBL cells, but missed  
239 the significance threshold (Fig. 2F,  $p_{\text{adj}} = 0.22$ ). There was no difference in two other X-linked  
240 non-coding RNA levels (*XACT*, *JPX*) amongst these female euploid TBL cells, but XX19/23-specific  
241 escapee *FTX* was expectedly higher than in XX6.

242 In standard differential expression, each of the XX19/23-specific escapees was also  
243 significantly lower in the XX6 line ( $p_{\text{adj}} \leq 0.05$ ,  $\text{abs}(\log_2\text{FC}) \geq 0.3$ ), whereas only XX6-specific  
244 escapee *SMC1A* was significantly higher (Fig. S5C). We also found many of PAR and X/Y pair  
245 (“Pair”) genes to be significantly decreased in XX6 relative to XX19 and XX23 euploid lines (Fig.  
246 3A, S5C). Because the relative difference ( $\log_2\text{FC}$  panel and boxed vst differential heatmap) in  
247 these groups of escapees between XX6 and 45,X samples (XO2/8/9) was less pronounced than  
248 between XX19/23 and these X-monosomic lines (Fig. 3A, Fig. S5C), it was plausible that escapees  
249 across the XX6 Xi were repressed, rather than *cis*-acting variants reducing escape in each of these  
250 genes individually. In line with this interpretation, the X was significantly hypermethylated in XX6  
251 hiPSC relative to XX19/23 lines (Fig. 3B), and >10% of X-linked promoter CpGs were differentially  
252 hypermethylated in the XX6 line (Fig. 3C,D). Importantly, this pattern most closely matches  
253 chromosomal probe density, and is significantly different (Kolmogorov Smirnov, KS test Fig. 3C)  
254 from the transition-specific trajectory we previously reported during Xi erosion (26). These data  
255 indicate that relative to XX19/C23, the XX6 Xi is hypermethylated (Fig. 3D, median +0.15 in DMP  
256  $\beta$  value) across its entire length, including over differential escapees, and may suggest that  
257 variance in *XIST* levels contributes to variable escape. In summary, while differential and allelic  
258 expression analyses demonstrate that XCI remained virtually intact across all three female  
259 euploid TBL sets, XX6 samples revealed excessive repression of escapees across the Xi, relative  
260 to XX19 and XX23. Whether the mechanism of this repression rests on genetic variants boosting  
261 *XIST* expression, spreading or silencing will be addressed elsewhere.

262 The observation that XX6 TBL clustered with 45,X cells and phenocopied their significant  
263 decrease in hCG and PIGF secretion may reflect the consequences of their reduced escape from  
264 XCI, consistent with the haploinsufficient monosomy X hypothesis. We therefore included XX6  
265 samples as a separate condition labeled by Xa identity (female-derived: Xa1 vs. Xa2, male: Xa3)  
266 throughout this analysis. Median expression of PAR, Pair and X-specific escapees in XX19 & XX23  
267 (“Xa1\_fem\_XX”) but not XX6 (“Xa2\_fem\_XX”) is significantly higher than in female 45,X  
268 (“Xa1\_fem\_X”) lines, which is also true for PAR genes in the male panel (Fig. 3E, normalized to  
269 autosomal median). Comparing X:autosome (X:A) ratios across gene categories (Fig. 3F), we also  
270 find that genes subject to XCI are fully dosage compensated across male and female samples (X:A  
271 fpkm ratio of 1). This is consistent with the Xa hyperactivation hypothesis (75, 76), which posits  
272 that single-copy X-linked genes evolved to match transcription of autosomal genes that are  
273 expressed from two alleles. Interestingly, PAR, Pair and X-specific escapees are expressed at  
274 significantly higher levels (X:A fpkm ratio > 1), even when present in single-copy in 45,X samples.  
275 This result suggests that genes that evolved to escape XCI tend to also be expressed from the Xa  
276 well above average autosomal gene levels.

277 We then performed a systematic assessment of differentially expressed genes (DEGs),  
278 comparing: (1) isogenic X1 female euploid and 45,X samples (“fXO”), (2) isogenic male euploid  
279 and 45,X (“mXO”), and (3) a non-isogenic male euploid to female XO samples (“XY-fXO”).  
280 Altogether over 5000 genes were found to be differentially expressed ( $p_{\text{adj}} \leq 0.05$ ,  $\text{abs}(\log_2\text{FC})$   
281  $\geq 0.3$ ) in at least two of these comparisons (Fig. 4A). As expected, these DEGs clustered samples  
282 by karyotype, but also featured highly significant overlap and concordance in direction (Fig. 4A),  
283 including 936 concordant DEGs out of 1283 common to all three comparisons (73% concordant,  
284 sign test  $p = 8.2 \times 10^{-285}$ ). We next performed gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA), ranking genes  
285 by their individual fXO, mXO or XY-fXO DESeq2 Wald statistic, or the mean of their quantile-  
286 normalized scores (“aveXO”). As an additional control, we also ranked genes by the Wald statistic  
287 comparing karyotypically-identical 45,X samples across donors (“XOXO”). Expectedly, chrY and  
288 chrXp22 were recovered as significantly reduced in male XY-relative and all comparisons,  
289 respectively, alongside other chromosomal region-specific enrichments (Fig. S6). Among the  
290 computational modules of MsigDB, the placental gene module (#38) was the top gene set

291 reduced in across all 45,X comparisons, and from a large human fetal single-cell RNA-seq dataset  
292 (77), three trophoblast-related gene sets are among the 15 most commonly reduced lineage-  
293 associated sets (Fig. S6). Interestingly, the Wikipathway (Fig. 4B), Reactome (Fig. S6), Hallmark  
294 and other MsigDB collections, point to impaired NRF2, cholesterol metabolism and estrogen  
295 signaling, all of which are important for placental function (71, 78–80). These terms were also  
296 significantly enriched in a recent transcriptome analysis of primary EVT and CTB (81), alongside  
297 gene sets relating to the cell cycle. Indeed, several of our significantly increasing terms related to  
298 the primary cilium (Fig. 4B: ‘Ciliopathies’, ‘Joubert Syndrome’; Fig. S6: ‘Anchoring of the Basal  
299 Body’, ‘BBSome-mediated cargo-targeting to cilium’ among others). The scale of this enrichment  
300 is clearly appreciable in the biological process (BP) and cellular component (CC) gene ontologies  
301 (GO), where proliferation, splicing and translation related categories are generally upregulated  
302 in 45,X TBL cells, but the two top terms (BP: ‘Cilium assembly’, ‘Cilium organization’, CC:  
303 ‘Centriole’ and ‘Ciliary basal body’) represent the primary cilium by some margin (Fig. 4C, Fig. S6).  
304 Among down-regulated gene sets, we find terms relating to the lysosome, autophagy,  
305 transmembrane transport, immunity, lipid and steroid metabolic processes among others (Fig.  
306 S6). The contrast between increased ciliary genes and decreased lysosomal genes in both female  
307 45,X (Fig. 4D) and male 45,X (Fig. 4E) is particularly striking. Recent reports show the primary  
308 cilium is important for proper human trophoblast invasion and migration (82, 83). The primary  
309 cilium also has an inverse relationship with NRF2 (84–86), and NRF2 can activate PIGF expression  
310 directly (87). Indeed, NRF2 has been linked with birth outcomes in humans (78, 80) and mouse  
311 (79, 88–90). Likewise, cellular hallmarks of autophagy have been reported in late first trimester  
312 placenta (91, 92), and impaired autophagy has been implicated in recurrent and early miscarriage  
313 (93, 94).

314 To further clarify the relationships between these biological processes, we performed  
315 standard expression-trait correlation, and weighted co-expression network analyses (WGCNA)  
316 (95). First, we assessed how the levels of cell cycle and cell type markers (Fig. S4B,C), as well as  
317 PAR, Pair, X-specific, and all combined escapees (“All”), correlated with hCG and PIGF secretion  
318 (in matched RNA-seq & ELISA experiments, Fig. 2). “All” escapee, and PAR gene levels in  
319 particular, were highly and significantly correlated with hCG and PIGF secretion, as well as STB

320 and EVT cell fates (Fig. 5A), whereas markers of cell cycle, CTB, and other proliferative cell fates  
321 correlated with each other. Unsurprisingly, STB and EVT cell fates anti-correlate with cell cycle  
322 and CTB markers, as STB and EVT arise from proliferative CTB but exit the cell cycle upon,  
323 respectively, fusion (96, 97) and maturation (81, 98).

324 Next, we performed WGCNA across all 32 BAP samples, which cleanly segregated by  
325 karyotype, except for XX6 samples that expectedly clustered with their 45,X counterparts (Fig.  
326 S7A). Plotted over DeSEQ2's Wald scores, and gene-specific Pearson coefficients with hCG and  
327 PIGF levels (Fig. 5B), we observe a signed network of 16 modules that separates genes into two  
328 groups: Group 1 genes (left side) largely correlate with DEGs increasing in 45,X samples and anti-  
329 correlate with hCG and PIGF secretion, whereas group 2 genes (right side) co-correlate with DEGs  
330 decreasing in 45,X and hCG and PIGF levels. Strikingly, group 1 genes correlate with cell cycle and  
331 CTB markers and anti-correlate with STB and EVT markers, whereas the inverse is true for group  
332 2 genes. These data suggest that the network is shaped by mutually exclusive cell fates. To  
333 determine which specific modules were significantly driven by the contrast between euploid vs.  
334 45,X expression, we quantified the degree and significance of their preservation in a subset of  
335 exclusively 45,X samples and a mixed control dataset of equal size. Preservation (Z) scores of  
336 modules representing over two-thirds of all genes show a decrease by 20-80 standard deviations  
337 in the 45,X-only dataset relative to the mixed karyotype set (Fig. S7B). Correlating each module  
338 to traits of interest (Fig. 5A), we find the same set of modules to be strongly anti- or co-correlated  
339 with euploidy, PAR expression, hCG & PIGF secretion (Fig. S7C).

340 To test whether these modules are recovered in independent BAP and primary placental  
341 samples, we performed module preservation analysis against RNA-seq datasets from another  
342 hiPSC-based BAP model, for pre-eclampsia (99), first trimester chorionic villi samples (CVS) (69),  
343 and two WGCNA studies on placental samples at term (100, 101). Remarkably, the same 45,X –  
344 euploid contrasting modules (Fig. S7B,C) are also moderately to highly preserved in primary  
345 placental samples, irrespective of (fetal) sex or birth weight categories (Fig. 5C). Because higher  
346 CTB and cycling markers correlated with monosomy X in our WGCNA modules (Fig. S7C) and  
347 standard correlation analysis (Fig. 5A), we interpret this high level of preservation to reflect  
348 variable cell type composition (eg. CTB vs. STB) that is inherent in the sampling of first trimester

349 CVS, and term placenta. Sampling of any primary tissue is necessarily variable in cell type  
350 composition, and this variance is frequently captured in WGCNA (102). Here, in the context of  
351 our BAP model, gene modules preserved in CVS and placental samples may suggest that  
352 monosomy X hinders or delays commitment of cycling BAP-derived CTB-like cells to post-mitotic  
353 STB and EVT cell fates, thereby increasing CTB marker representation and continued expression  
354 of cycling markers. Indeed, our WGCNA modules are most strongly preserved in the first-term  
355 trimester CVS, in which proliferation and cell fate commitment are likely even more variable than  
356 in term placenta (Fig. 5).

357 We also tested whether modules were over-represented for gene sets assessed in the  
358 differential expression analysis. We recovered many similar terms (Fig. S8) relating to cell cycle  
359 and primary cilium (blue, yellow), translation, autophagy and metabolism (brown, yellow),  
360 membrane-anchored signaling pathways (green), immune regulation (midnightblue),  
361 adipogenesis and the lysosome (turquoise). Among the human fetal single-cell cell type terms,  
362 we again find three trophoblast gene sets (brown, turquoise), overall indicating strong overlap  
363 with enriched terms from differential expression (Fig. 4, S6), but providing module-level  
364 resolution of cellular functions.

365 Finally, to implicate the dosage of specific X/Y-linked gene classes in TBL differentiation,  
366 we first tested which modules featured an over-representation of PAR, Pair or X-specific  
367 escapees. The green module was significantly enriched ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) for all escapees as one class  
368 (“allESC”), escapees without Y-homolog (X-specific), and X-linked X/Y pair genes, whereas PAR  
369 genes were most over-represented in the black and turquoise modules. This latter module was  
370 of particular interest because it was also highly enriched for genes from MsigDB’s placental gene  
371 module (#38) and human fetal EVT markers (Fig. S8), correlated strongly with TE, STB and EVT  
372 markers identified across numerous early human embryonic studies, as well as hCG and PIGF  
373 levels, and best reflected euploidy and escape from XCI (Fig. 5B, S7C). Importantly, the turquoise  
374 module was also the most preserved in first trimester and term placental RNA-seq samples (Fig.  
375 5C).

376 To identify potential X-linked drivers strongly associated with specific modules, we  
377 determined the degree of correlation between each individual gene with its module eigengene

378 (averaged module expression profile across samples). Raising this coefficient (kME) to the same  
379 power as the network, and plotted over the degree of connectivity between genes, we find that  
380 PAR gene *ZBED1* is the top X/Y-linked hub gene in the turquoise module, ranking 272th of 3559  
381 genes (kME = 0.92) in the module overall. Additionally, other PAR genes (*PPP2R3B*, *GTPBP6*,  
382 *AKAP17A* and *CD99* > 0.8 kME) and escapees repressed in XX6 ranked highly in this module (kME  
383 0.86 – 0.7 for *AMOT*, *PUDP*, *SMS* & *STS*). In summary, our WGCNA analysis indicates that PAR  
384 expression most strongly reflects placental gene expression in the TBL (BAP) model, and may  
385 serve to prioritize a core set of X/Y-linked genes for follow-up in other *in vitro* models of human  
386 extra-embryonic development.

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## 388 **DISCUSSION**

389 As a leading cause of spontaneous termination in humans (15), monosomy X can serve as  
390 a penetrant genetic model for miscarriage. Few genome-wide association studies on  
391 spontaneous or recurrent miscarriage have been published to-date (103–105), which face the  
392 additional challenge of accounting for and excluding embryonic/fetal karyotypic changes (106,  
393 107). Characterizing the impact of monosomy X using *in vitro* human cell models may therefore  
394 provide a complementary approach towards implicating cellular functions and pathways in  
395 miscarriage.

396 The hiPSC BAP model (18) used herein has previously revealed sex-divergent expression  
397 patterns (46), addressing another important question in trophoblast biology (108–110). In  
398 contrast, we applied this model to identify TBL cellular phenotypes and expression signatures  
399 that are common to the absence of the Xi or Y (rather than sex-divergent), to better understand  
400 the consequences of this compound haploinsufficiency. We also rigorously validated the BAP  
401 model by comparing expression of markers identified across a range of independent early human  
402 and primate embryonic studies (58–61, 96), to find TE and STB markers to be the predominantly  
403 expressed lineage-associated gene sets in our experiments (Fig. S4).

404 Importantly, we find secretion of STB-produced hCG and PlGF is significantly decreased in  
405 45,X cells compared to isogenic euploid controls (Fig. 2B,C). Although differences in STB fusion  
406 index or the fraction of HLA-G<sup>+</sup> cells did not rise to statistical significance (Fig. S3), *PGF* and *HLA-*



407 G transcript levels, respective markers of STB and EVT, were also reduced significantly in 45,X  
408 samples (Fig. 2D). This is relevant because misregulation of HLA-G alone can result in miscarriage  
409 (111), and significantly lower PIGF levels have previously been reported in X-monosomic first  
410 trimester pregnancies (112, 113).

411 Two related insights emerged from the larger pattern of global 45,X-associated expression  
412 changes: 1.) Among significantly enriched gene sets undergoing concordant changes in male -and  
413 female-derived 45,X samples (Fig. 4), we find increased proliferation-associated terms (primary  
414 cilium, DNA replication, splicing, translation) and decreased terms related to maturing STB and  
415 EVT cellular functions (transmembrane transport, immune-regulation, and metabolism), which  
416 included lysosomal processes like autophagy. 2.) Likewise, standard correlation and WGCNA  
417 reveals cell cycle and CTB markers correlate with genes that increase in 45,X samples, whereas  
418 STB and EVT markers correlate and cluster with genes that decrease in 45,X relative to euploid  
419 TBL cells (Fig 5). Because both STB and EVT cells derive from CTB, but must exit the cell cycle upon  
420 fusion or maturation, the correlation between monosomy X and cell cycle / CTB markers (Fig.  
421 5A,B, S7D) suggests 45,X TBL cells are still skewing towards actively cycling CTB at the end of the  
422 8-day BAP differentiation, which may explain their lower secretion of hCG and PIGF (Fig. 2).

423 While the molecular basis of this delay in committing to STB or EVT cell fates remains unclear,  
424 our WGCNA indicates that PAR genes in general, and *ZBED1* specifically, are strongly positively  
425 correlated and well connected inside the turquoise placental gene module (Fig. 5D, S7C,D). This  
426 module was also the top preserved gene module in RNA-seq studies of term placenta and  
427 especially first trimester CVS (Fig. 5C), which are likewise heterogenous in respective CTB vs. STB  
428 and EVT contributions due to sampling. Intriguingly, *ZBED1* does regulate proliferation (114) and  
429 is expressed in human placenta, with higher levels in post-mitotic STB expression than CTB (115).

430 Our study highlights promising areas for follow-up in future *in vitro* work and study of primary  
431 samples. For example, it is unclear whether higher expression of primary cilia components merely  
432 reflects the higher frequency of ciliary re-synthesis in cycling 45,X cells, or altered function of this  
433 important signaling organelle. While mouse trophoblasts lack cilia, human trophoblast carry cilia  
434 (82, 83), and cilia regulate autophagy and NRF2 (86, 116). Curiously, lysosomal genes were widely  
435 down-regulated in 45,X BAP samples (Fig. 4), and impaired autophagy has previously been



436 implicated in recurrent miscarriage (92–94, 117). Whether placental autophagy is de-regulated  
437 in miscarried 45,X conceptuses specifically, and whether cell fate proportions are altered in such  
438 45,X-associated CVS or placental samples, would therefore be of particular interest towards  
439 understanding why human monosomy X terminates early.

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478 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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480 **Figure 1: A.)** Schematic of reprogramming and hiPSC characterization. **B.)** Cytogenetic  
481 characterization (CytoSNP-850k, Illumina) of hiPSC clones used in this study. **C.)** *XIST* expression  
482 by RT-qPCR as a percentage of *GAPDH* (Mann-Whitney-U test p-values). **D.)** *XIST* FISH (left) and  
483 H3K27me3 immunofluorescence (IF, right) images of three 46,XX hiPSC lines. **E.)** Quantification  
484 of *XIST*<sup>+</sup> (left) and H3K27me3<sup>+</sup> (right) cells. **F.)** X chromosome DNA methylation levels across all  
485 three XX clones at two passages inclusive to all experiments reported herein, as well as XY hiPSC  
486 data from (118). Depicted probes indicate methylated DNA fraction ( $\beta$  value) labeled by  
487 associated transitions (1 through 5) and change in DNA methylation during Xi erosion (from (26)).  
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489 **Figure 2: A.)** IF images of TBLs stained for hCGb and membrane-marking Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ATPase, nuclei  
490 counterstained with Hoechst. **B.)** hCG ELISA results in mIU/mL media per ug of RNA harvested  
491 from the same well. **C.)** PIGF ELISA results in pg/mL per ug of RNA, as in B. Mann-Whitney-U tests  
492 p-values reported in B and C compare 45,X samples to otherwise isogenic euploid controls (as  
493 denoted by brackets). **D.)** TBL RNA-seq vst counts of genes relevant to BAP-induced cell fates,  
494 plotted by line. **E.)** Principal component analysis (PCA) of 45,X and otherwise isogenic euploid  
495 control TBL RNA-seq data. Respective symbols and colors indicate karyotype and cell line. **F.)** TBL  
496 RNA-seq vst counts of X-linked non-coding RNA genes relevant to XCI by cell line.  
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498 **Figure 3: A.)** Median-vst normalized expression values for PAR, Pair (X-linked X/Y pair gene) and  
499 X-specific escapee genes (as identified in Fig. S5). Heatmap columns denote lines, with XX6  
500 expression values highlighted (black bordered box). Three left-most barplot panels report lesser  
501 allele fraction (LAF) as determined by phased RNA-seq. Three centered barplot panels report the  
502 estimated log<sub>2</sub>-scaled fold-change in expression (Log<sub>2</sub>FC) comparing 45,X samples to isogenic  
503 euploid controls (XX19/23 or XX6 for female-donor derived lines, or XY for male-derived lines).  
504 **B.)** Distribution of DNA methylation ( $\beta$ ) values across X (top) and autosomes (bottom) in XX23,  
505 XX19 and XX6 lines, relative to published male control hiPSCs (118). Differences in median tested  
506 for significance by Mann-Whitney U test, with p-values listed above or below brackets. **C.) Left:**  
507 Chromosomal distribution of: differentially methylated probes (DMP) comparing XX6 to isogenic  
508 euploid XX19 and XX23 lines (red), DMPs previously identified in the first transition of Xi erosion  
509 (blue), and all probes on the MethylationEPIC array (black). **Right:** Kolmogorov–Smirnov (KS) test  
510 p-value and distance comparing XX6 DMP density across X to background distribution of all X-  
511 linked probes on the array, and Xi erosion transition-specific DMPs identified in (26). **D.) Left:**  
512 Difference in DMP  $\beta$ -value comparing XX19/23 to XX6 hiPSCs. Dashed line indicates the median  
513 change ( $\beta +0.15$ ). **Right:** Fraction of DMPs with significantly greater (“up”) or lower (“dn”)  $\beta$ -value  
514 in XX6 relative to XX19/23 hiPSCs on X and autosomes. **E.)** Autosomal-median vst normalized  
515 expression of X-linked genes subject to XCI (‘Silenced’), relative to autosomal, X-specific  
516 escapees, PAR and X-linked PAIR genes, across all five conditions. Mann-Whitney U test p-value  
517 indicates significant difference from female-derived 45,X (“Xa1\_fem\_X”) samples. **F.)** Gene-  
518 length normalized expression (FPKM) comparing each class of genes in E.) to each other within  
519 each condition (see text). X:Autosome ratio for each class of genes denoted next to each boxplot.  
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521 **Figure 4: A.)** Sample-level median-vst normalized expression (“vst diff.”) of all differentially  
522 expressed genes (DEGs, DESeq2  $p_{\text{adj}} \leq 0.05$ ,  $\text{abs}(\log_2\text{FC}) \geq 0.3$ ) in 45,X lines relative to their  
523 isogenic euploid controls (“fXO”, mXO”), and between female-derived 45,X and male 46,XY  
524 replicates (“XY-fXO”). Number of overlapping and concordant DEGs identified in all three (top) or  
525 any two comparisons listed as a fraction alongside calculated p-value (sign test), left of barplot  
526 panels that report the DESeq2 Wald statistic. DEGs concordant across comparisons annotated in  
527 dark grey, discordant DEGs in light grey, in the heatmap-adjacent column. **B.)** Gene-set  
528 enrichment analysis (GSEA) against the Wikipathway collection (via MsigDB) for each comparison  
529 (“fXO”, “mXO”, “XY-fXO”), as well as a gene list re-ranked by the average Wald statistic from all  
530 three quantile-normalized sets (“aveXO”), and control comparison between male- and female-  
531 derived 45,X samples (“XOXO”). Bubble position, color and size, denote the signed log<sub>10</sub>-scaled  
532 GSEA  $p_{\text{adjust}}$ , the normalized enrichment score, and the number of core genes driving the  
533 enrichment, respectively, and are plotted opposite of abbreviated Wikipathway titles. **C.)**  
534 Semantic similarity-driven clusters and aggregated titles of biological process (BP) terms of the  
535 gene ontology (GO) enriched in GSEA (“aveXO”). Node colors and sizes denote signed log<sub>10</sub>-  
536 scaled GSEA  $p_{\text{adjust}}$  value and number of corresponding genes, respectively. **D.)** GSEA-enriched  
537 GO terms (beige) relevant to cilia, lysosomes, or autophagy and corresponding genes colored by  
538 “fXO” Wald statistic (red or blue for up- or downregulated DEGs in 45,X samples, grey for non-  
539 DEGs). **E.)** as in D.) for “mXO” Wald score-based GSEA terms.

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541 **Figure 5: A.)** Significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) expression correlation coefficients ( $\rho$ ) between different  
542 escapee gene classes (All, PAR, X/Y-pair gene, and escapees lacking a Y homolog), and secreted  
543 PIGF and hCG levels, as well as cycling (119) and cell type markers from early human embryonic  
544 studies (58, 60, 61, 96), suffixed by first-author’s last initial (.W, .X, .Z, .C). Cell fates abbreviated  
545 for cyto-TB (CTB), early amnion (E-AM), epiblast (EPI), extravillous TB (EVT), mixed (MIX),  
546 primordial endoderm (PE) and syncytio-TB (STB). **B.)** Signed network from WGCNA plotted over  
547 module assignments, DESeq2 Wald stats (fXO, mXO, XY-fXO, and aveXO; up in red, down in blue),  
548 and Pearson correlation ( $r$ ) with PIGF and hCG levels, as well as with median-normalized marker  
549 sets labeled as a in (A). **C.)** Permutation-based Z summary statistic for preservation of modules  
550 from B.) in another BAP dataset (99), (sex-stratified) first trimester chorionic villi sampling (CVS)  
551 (69), and two studies of term placenta (100, 101), the latter of which was further stratified by  
552 sex, birthweight or randomized (“rand”) to control datasets of similar size. **D.)** kME correlation  
553 coefficient of each escapee gene with its assigned module eigengene (heatmap), and enrichment  
554 analysis (log<sub>10</sub>-scaled p-value, Fisher test) for module assignment of various escapee gene  
555 classes. Region (PAR vs. NPX) and reported XCI status annotated on the left as in Fig. S5A.

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## 565 MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 566 *Reprogramming and iPSC culture*

567 Fibroblasts were reprogrammed into hiPSCs at the UConn Stem Cell Core, using the CytoTune  
568 iPSC 2.0 Sendai Reprogramming kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA). All hiPSC clones  
569 were initially cultured on mitotically inactive mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) in standard  
570 human iPSC media (80% DMEM/F12, 20% Knockout Serum Replacement, 1% Glutamax, 1% Non-  
571 Essential Amino Acids, 0.1%  $\beta$ -Mercaptoethanol, and 8ng/mL FGF), and maintained by weekly  
572 mechanical passaging. Subsequently, hiPSCs were transitioned to mTESR media (Stem Cell  
573 Technologies, Cambridge, MA), grown on extracellular matrix (Geltrex, Thermo Fisher, Waltham,  
574 MA), and passaged weekly with EDTA.

### 575 *Cytogenetic analysis and DNA methylation profiling*

576 Karyotype analysis was performed on 20 GTG banded metaphase cells at the UConn  
577 Center for Genome Innovation. Cytogenomic analysis was performed at the UConn Center for  
578 Genome Innovation on the CytoSNP-850k v1.2 (Illumina) platform, using phenol-chloroform  
579 extracted genomic DNA.

580 For DNA methylation analysis, genomic DNA from euploid 46,XX cells was bisulfite-  
581 converted using the EZ DNA Methylation Kit (Zymo Research, Irvine, CA), labeled and hybridized  
582 using the Infinium Methylation EPIC BeadChip Kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA) following standard  
583 protocol of each manufacturer, and scanned on a NextSeq 550 system. The data were analyzed  
584 using the minfi R package with IlluminaNormalization (120). Probes with a UCSC\_RefGene\_Group  
585 designation of TSS1500, TSS200, or 5\_UTR were designated as promoter probes. Differentially  
586 methylated probes (DMPs) characterized previously (26) and associated with specific transitions  
587 during Xi erosion were queried (in Fig. 1F). New DMPs distinguishing XX6 from XX19/23 were  
588 called via minfi ( $p$ -value  $\leq 0.05$ ). KS distances and KS test significance were calculated comparing  
589 the gaussian probe densities across the X chromosome for each probe set (all X-linked Infinium  
590 MethylePIC probes, and transitions 1-5 from (26)). Change in DNA methylation ( $\beta$  value) was  
591 calculated as the difference between the mean XX6 probe  $\beta$  and the mean XX19/23 probe  
592  $\beta$  value.

### 593 *DNA sequencing and phasing*

594 High molecular weight (HMW) genomic DNA was prepared following cell lysis in 10%  
595 sarcosyl/5uM NaCl/100uM EDTA/100uM Tris pH 8 with 1mg/mL Proteinase-K, and incubation at  
596 55°C overnight. After RNA digestion (20ug/mL RNase-A) for 30 minutes at 37°C, HMW genomic  
597 DNA was isolated by phenol chloroform extraction in Phase-Lock Gel Heavy tubes (Quantabio,  
598 Beverly, MA), and precipitated in 70% ethanol, washed in 70% ethanol, and re-solubilized in 10  
599 mM Tris pH8, 0.1 mM EDTA (Te). The HMW-gDNA was sequenced to  $\sim 30x$  coverage, following  
600 library preparation on the 10X Genomics Linked-Read platform at the UConn Center for Genome  
601 Innovation. LongRanger (10X Genomics) was used for read alignment and phasing of variants  
602 genome-wide. X-linked phased variants were supplied alongside RNA-seq data to obtain A and B  
603 allele counts for X chromosome genes using phASER (121).

### 604 *RT-qPCR*

605 Reverse transcription was performed using the iScript gDNA Clear cDNA Synthesis Kit (Bio-  
606 Rad, Hercules, CA). Quantitative PCR was performed on the resulting cDNA using the iTaq

607 Universal SYBR Green Supermix (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA) with the primers XIST\_F:  
608 CTCCAGATAGCTGGCAACC; XIST\_R: AGCTCCTCGGACAGCTGTAA; GAPDH\_F:  
609 CTGGGGCTGGCATTGCCCTC; GAPDH\_R: GGCAGGGACTCCCCAGCAGT.

#### 610 *Trophoblast Differentiation*

611 TBLs were differentiated from hiPSC as described (18) with minor modifications. Briefly,  
612 confluent hiPSC clones cultured in mTeSR were dissociated with Accutase and plated at 50,000  
613 cells/well of a 6well plate in mTeSR with 10uM Y-27632 (Tocris Bioscience, Bristol, UK) for one  
614 day. Then media was changed to mouse embryonic fibroblast conditioned media (MEF-CM),  
615 supplemented with 8ng/uL human basic FGF (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and 10uM Y-27632. The  
616 following day, media was switched to BAP differentiation media, which consisted of MEF-CM  
617 with 10ng/mL BMP4 (Peprotech, Rocky Hill, NJ), 1uM A83-01 (Stem Cell Technologies) and 0.1uM  
618 PD173074 (Stem Cell Technologies). Media was changed daily until day 8 when cells and  
619 supernatant were harvested for RNA collection, IF, or ELISA, respectively. For ELISA, supernatants  
620 were diluted 1:1,000 for the hCG ELISA (GenWay Biotech, San Diego, CA) and 1:50 for the PIGF  
621 ELISA (R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN).

#### 622 *Immunocytochemistry*

623 Immunocytochemistry was performed on the hiPSCs using the PSC-4 Marker  
624 Immunocytochemistry Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A24881). For immunocytochemistry of  
625 trophoblast markers after eight days of BAP differentiation, cells were fixed in 4% PFA for 30  
626 minutes at 4°C, washed with 0.1% Triton-X, permeabilized with 0.5% Triton-X for 5 minutes.  
627 Following blocking in 5% normal goat serum/2% BSA/0.1% Tween-20, cells were incubated  
628 overnight at 4°C with rabbit monoclonal ATPase antibody (Abcam, ab76020, 1:500), mouse  
629 monoclonal HLA-G antibody (Abcam, ab52455, 1:500) or mouse hCGb antibody (ThermoFisher,  
630 MA-35020, 1:100). Slides were then washed twice in 0.1% Tween-20, incubated with AlexaFluor-  
631 555 Goat-anti-Mouse and AlexaFluor-647 Goat-anti-Rabbit Secondary Antibodies (Thermo Fisher  
632 Scientific, Waltham, MA, both at 1:500) for 1 hour at room temperature. Cells were washed twice  
633 in 0.1% Tween-20, stained with Hoechst-33342, and mounted with ProLong Gold Mounting  
634 Medium. Fluorescent images were taken on an EVOS Auto FL Cell Imaging System (Thermo Fisher  
635 Scientific, Waltham, MA).

#### 636 *Fusion Index*

637 The fusion index was calculated by automated analysis of Hoechst-stained images using  
638 CellProfiler (122). Nuclei were identified as objects, and recorded by their integrated intensity  
639 and size, using hiPSCs to provide an empirical null distribution representing unfused cells. Using  
640 the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of the null distribution as an integrated intensity cutoff, TBL nuclei with greater  
641 or equal to 99<sup>th</sup> percentile intensity were designated as fused. This threshold was additionally  
642 normalized by the difference in median intensity to account for differences in staining or  
643 illumination. The fusion index was calculated by dividing the integrated intensities of all fused  
644 objects by the total integrated intensity.

#### 645 *Transwell Migration Assay*

646 The trophoblast differentiation was performed in Corning BioCoat Matrigel Invasion  
647 Chambers (Corning, NY) with 8 µm pores. 50,000 iPSCs were plated on the top of each chamber  
648 and differentiated, fixed and stained as described above. The migration index was calculated by

649 dividing the total DNA integrated intensity of the bottom by the sum of integrated intensity on  
650 the top and bottom of the transwell.

### 651 *RNA Sequencing*

652 RNA was extracted from iPSCs using the PureLink RNA Mini Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific,  
653 Waltham, MA). For 3'mRNA-seq, libraries were prepared using the Quant-seq 3' mRNA Library  
654 Prep Kit FWD (Lexogen, Greenland, NH) and single-end 75bp reads were sequenced on the  
655 NextSeq 500 (Illumina, San Diego, CA). Genes queried for hiPSC identity were listed on the  
656 TaqMan hPSC Scorecard Assay (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA). For standard mRNA-seq,  
657 libraries were prepared at the UConn Center for Genome Innovation using the Illumina Strand  
658 mRNA Kit and 100bp paired-ends reads were sequenced to an average depth of 40 million  
659 reads/replicate on the NovaSeq (Illumina, San Diego, CA).

### 660 *Allelic RNA-seq, differential expression, GSEA and WGCNA*

661 Read pairs were trimmed using cutadapt v2.7 (123), aligned to the human genome (hg38)  
662 with hisat v2.2.1 (124), and quantified against GENCODE version 36 (125), with featureCounts  
663 v2.0 from the Rsubread package (126). For escapee calls based on phased linked read variants  
664 from linked-read sequencing, A and B allele counts from phaser (121) were tabulated by cell line  
665 across replicates, and 46,XX allelic counts were adjusted for each gene based on the absent allele  
666 count in 45,X replicates and relative total allelic read depth in 45,X and 46,XX replicates. Escapee  
667 calls were made using a binomial test (lesser allele fraction,  $LAF > 0.1$ ,  $p \leq 0.05$ ) for all X-linked  
668 genes with a minimal allelic read count to identify escapees with  $LAF \geq 0.2$  (power of 0.9, given a  
669 read error rate of 0.01).

670 For differential expression using DESeq2 (127), count tables were filtered for genes with  
671 sufficient expression (10 count average, with 20 counts in at least 2 samples). Surrogate variables  
672 were estimated using the sva package (128), and added to the DESeq2 design, which compared  
673 conditions based on Xa identity (female-derived: Xa1, Xa2, male-derived: Xa3) and monosomy X  
674 (45,X vs. 46,XX or 46,XY). Gene-set enrichment analysis (GSEA) using clusterProfiler (129) was  
675 performed on all genes ranked by DESeq2's Wald statistic in three separate conditions, as well as  
676 the average of their quantile-normalized Wald scores to ensure equal weighting. GSEA terms  
677 were abbreviated and plotted using clusterProfiler, across a range of p.adj thresholds (all  $\leq 0.1$  in  
678 the aveXO GSEA) to accommodate plot size limitations. Weighted gene co-expression network  
679 analysis (WGCNA) was performed on vst counts for all genes with Entrez geneid (130), using the  
680 WGCNA package (95), as a signed hybrid network using the biweight midcorrelation raised to a  
681 soft thresholding power of 16 (scale-free topology fit  $\geq 0.85$ ). Modules were correlated to  
682 normalized hCG and PIGF ELISA values, and to averaged early embryonic lineage marker sets,  
683 which were median vst normalized to ensure equal weights across all sets. Module preservation  
684 analysis was performed with the WGCNA package against published BAP (99), CVS (69) and term  
685 placenta (100, 101) RNA-seq datasets. Enrichment analysis of escapee gene class across WGCNA  
686 modules applied a hypergeometric test ( $p \leq 0.05$ ). Enrichment analysis of gene sets across  
687 WGCNA modules was performed using the compareCluster function of the clusterProfiler  
688 package (129).

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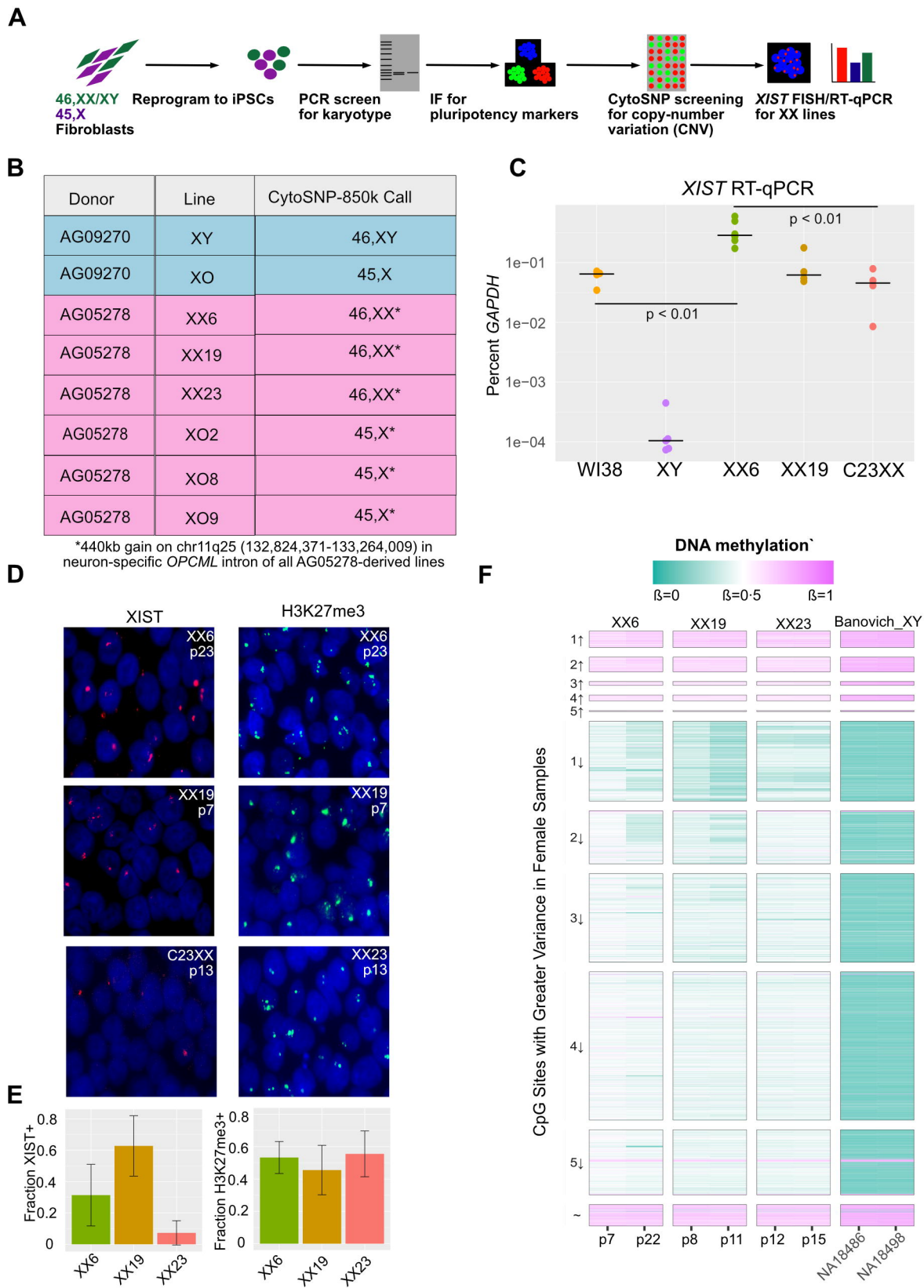
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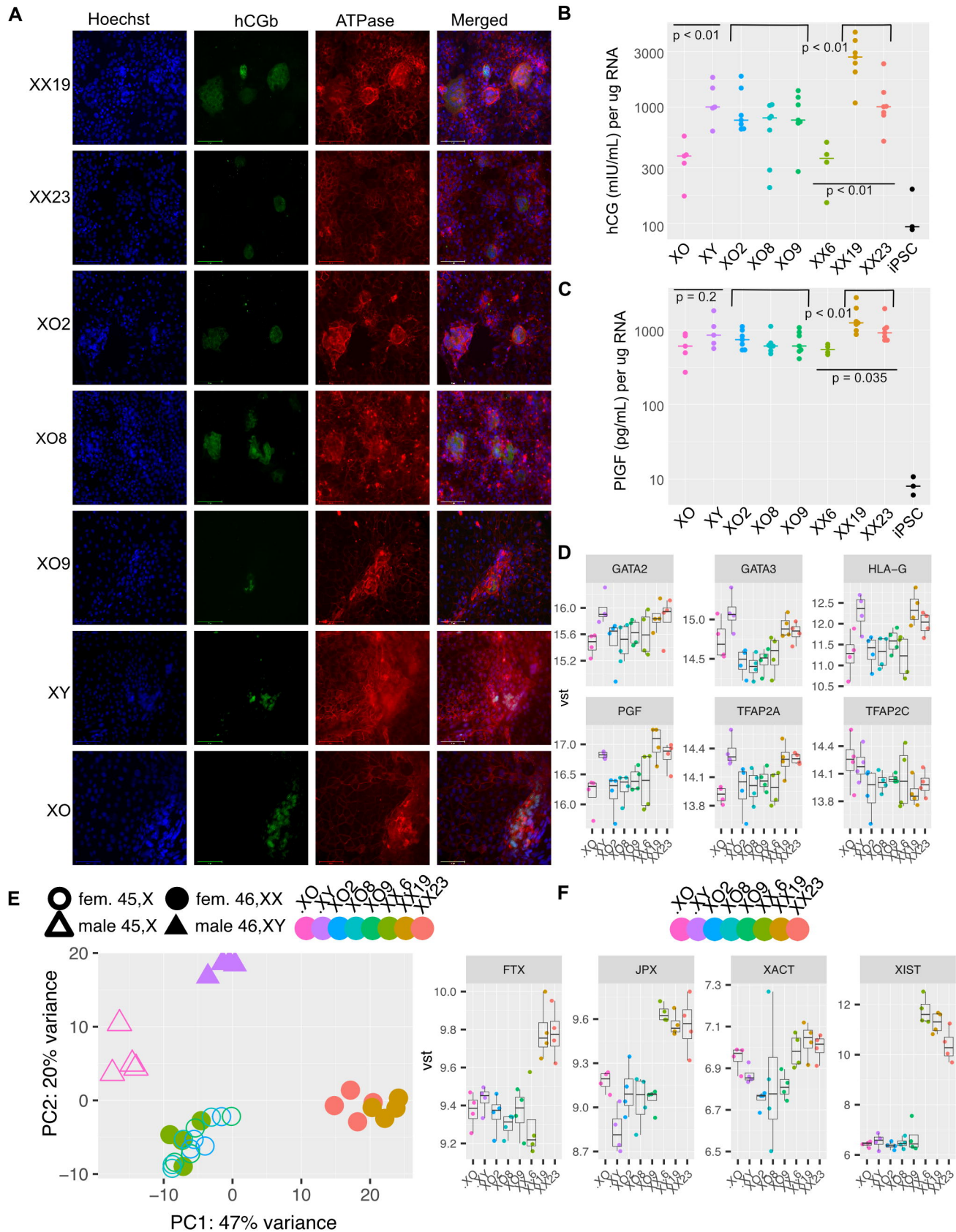


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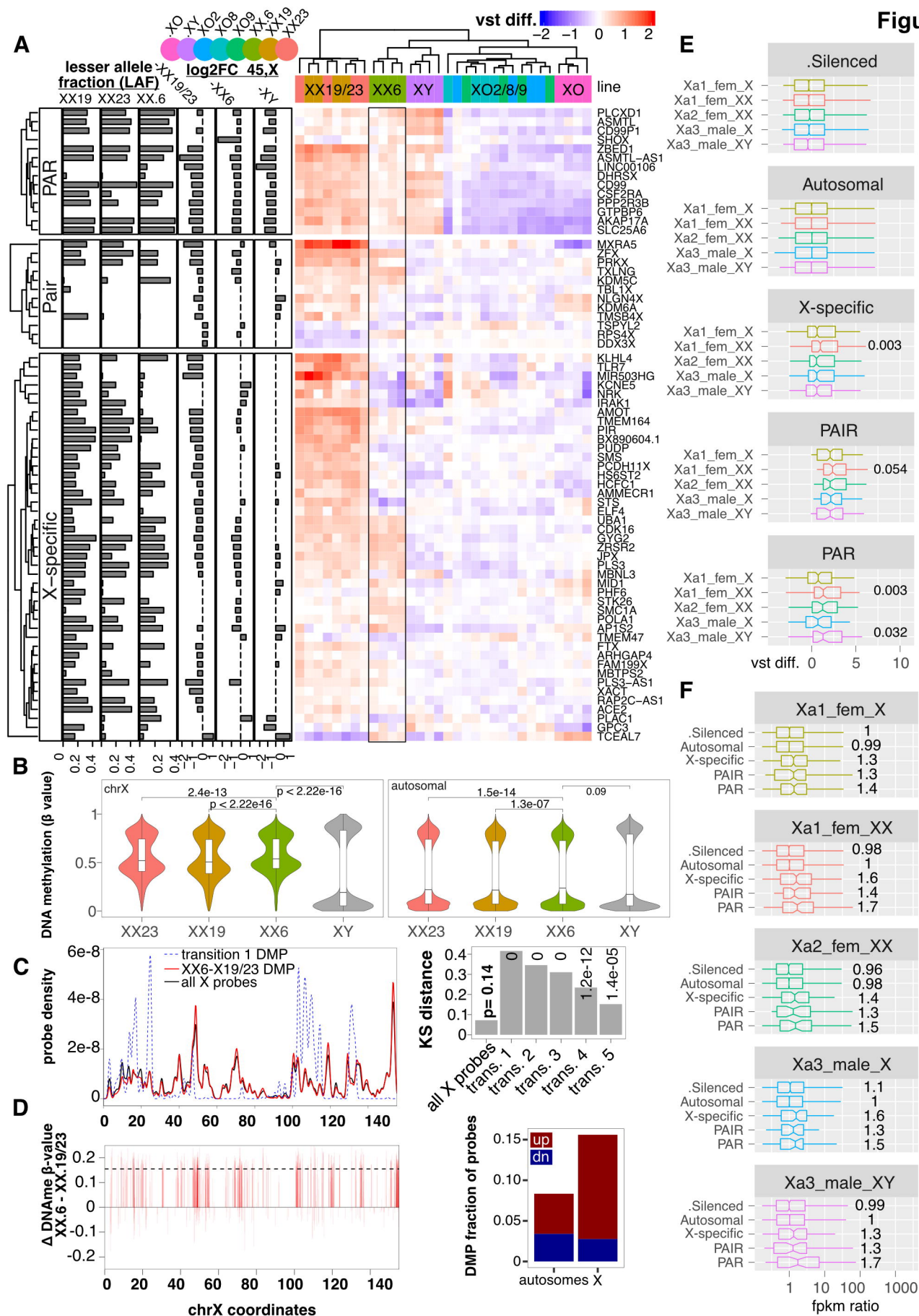




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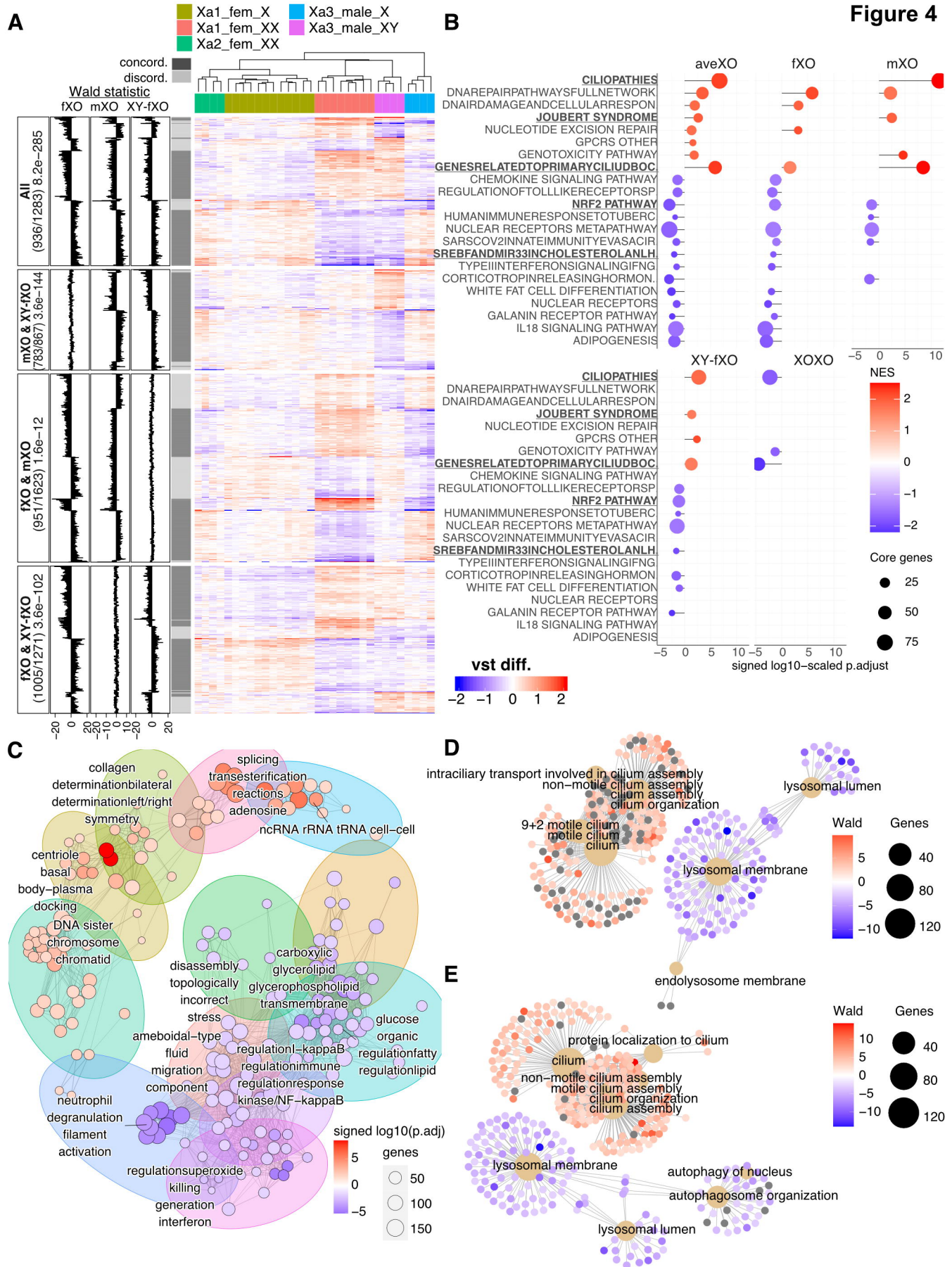


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