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A proteomic chronology of gene expression through the cell cycle in human myeloid leukemia cells

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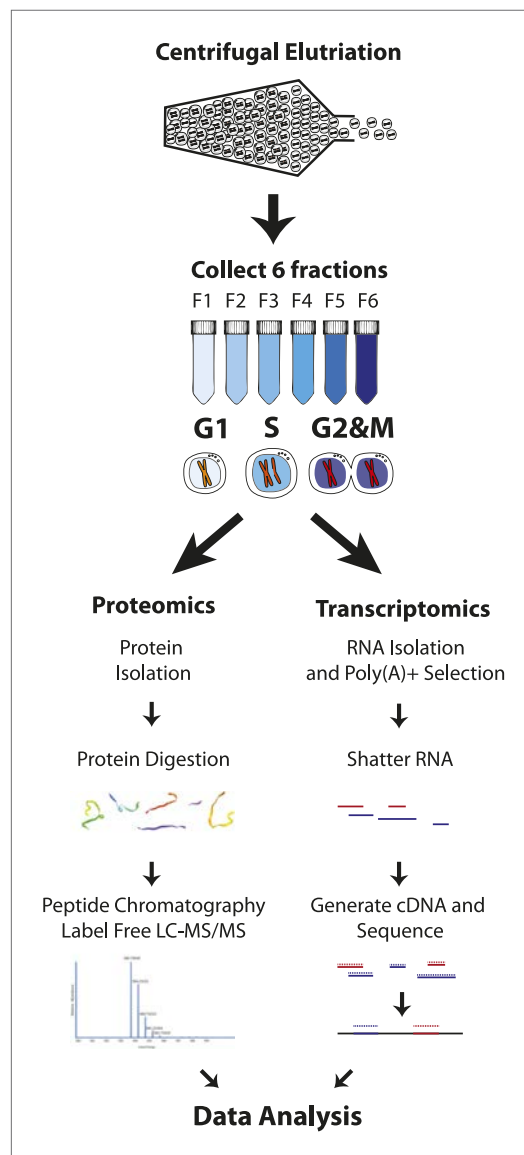


Figure 1. Experimental workflow. NB4 cells were harvested and fractionated by cell size using centrifugal elutriation. Six fractions were collected and processed separately for transcriptomics and proteomics. For proteomics, cells were lysed and digested with either Lys-C or Lys-C/trypsin. Peptides were then separated by two orthogonal modes of chromatography prior to analysis using an Orbitrap mass spectrometer. Data normalization, peak picking, database searching, peptide and protein identification were performed using the MaxQuant software suite. For transcriptomics, cells from the six fractions were pooled into three (G1, S, and G2&M-enriched fractions). Total RNA was extracted, and subjected to poly(A)+ tail selection. Poly(A)+ transcripts were shattered, reverse transcribed to establish cDNA libraries, which were sequenced using Illumina paired-end sequencing technology. Reads were aligned to the human genome (build hg19) using TopHat, and then used for quantitative gene expression analysis of known protein coding genes using Cufflinks.

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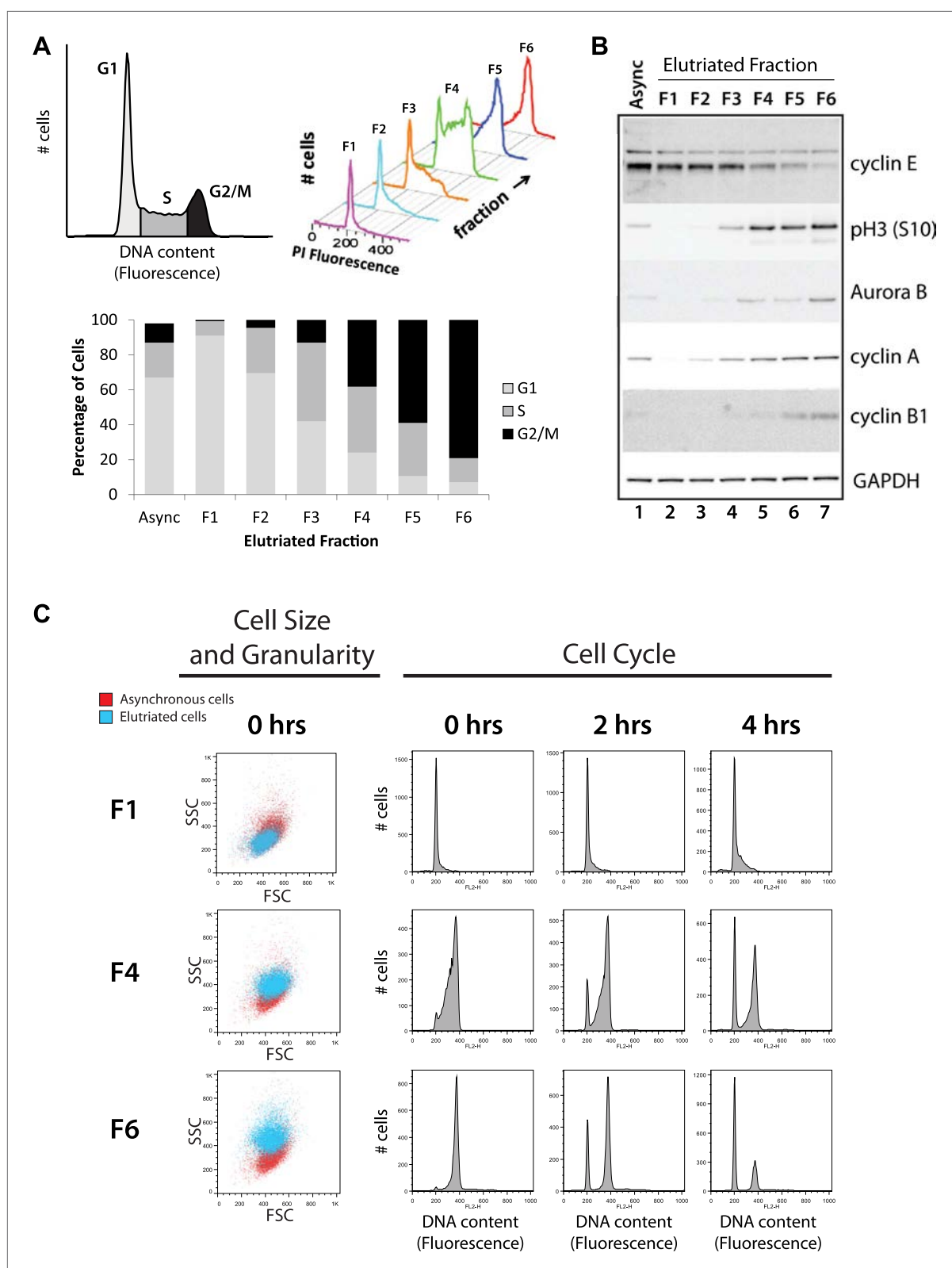


Figure 2. Validation of cell cycle enrichment by centrifugal elutriation. (A) Cells from asynchronous cells (top left) and each elutriation fraction (top right) were stained with a DNA-binding fluorescent dye and analyzed with flow cytometry. Proportions of cells in each cell cycle phase (bottom) were estimated using the Watson model. Fractions 1 and 2 (F1 and F2) are enriched in G1, fractions 3 and 4 (F3 and F4) are enriched in S, and fractions 5 and 6 (F5 and F6) are enriched in G2/M. (B) Western blot analysis of cell cycle proteins in elutriated fractions. (C) Flow cytometry analysis of cell size and granularity (left) and cell cycle distribution (right) for asynchronous cells and elutriated fractions at 0, 2, and 4 hours. *Figure 2. Continued on next page*

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are enriched in G2 and M phase (G2&M). (B) Immunoblot analyses of the protein lysates for known cell cycle phase-specific markers (cyclin E, phospho-Histone H3 S10, aurora kinase B, cyclin A, and cyclin B1) are consistent with previous literature and the enrichment profiles in (A). (C) Forward scatter and side scatter plots (first column) and cell cycle distributions (remaining columns) for three representative fractions post inoculation (F1, F4, and F6). The forward and side scatter plots for each elutriated fraction are shown in cyan, and are directly compared with the same plot for asynchronous cells, which is shown in red. Cell cycle distributions of the three fractions are measured directly after elutriation (0 hr), and 2 and 4 hr after inoculation into tissue culture medium. Note that the cell cycle distributions shown includes cells with <2N DNA content.

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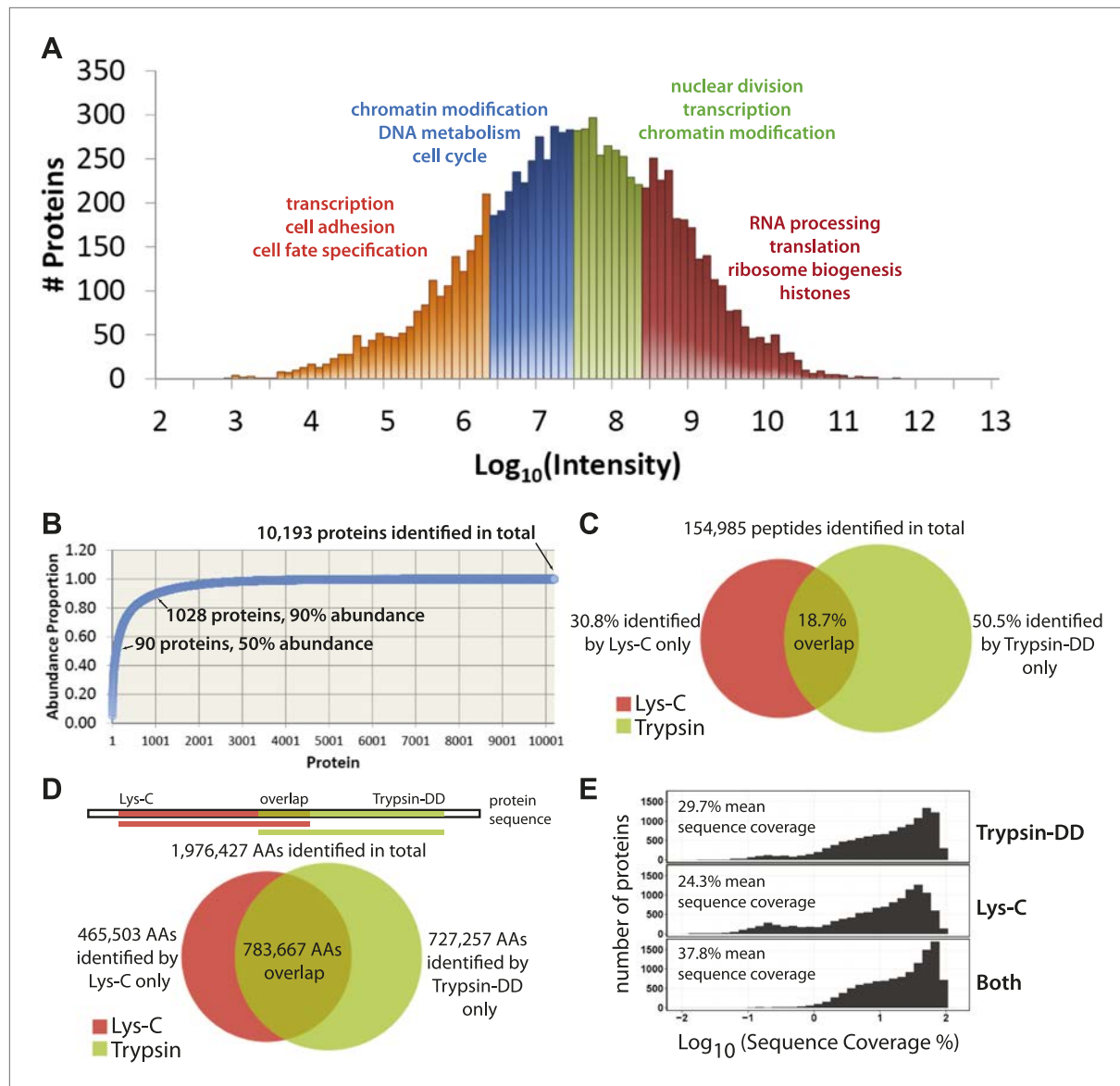


Figure 3. Quantitative, in-depth characterization of a myeloid leukemia proteome. (A) A histogram of log-transformed protein abundance (iBAQ-scaled protein intensities). Quartile regions are shown in different colors, and enriched gene ontology terms (p<0.01) are shown above each region. (B) A cumulative plot of protein abundance, as estimated using iBAQ-scaled intensities. In total, 10,193 proteins were identified with at least two supporting peptides per protein. Protein abundances follow an exponential increase, with 90 proteins (0.9%) constituting 50% of the bulk protein mass, and 1028 proteins (10%) constituting 90% of the bulk protein mass. The remaining protein identifications (9075 or 89.1%) comprise less than 10% of the bulk protein mass in NB4 cells. (C and D) Venn diagrams showing the total number of sequence-unique peptides (154,985) and amino acid coverage (1,976,427 AAs identified in total) identified by Lys-C and Trypsin. (E) Histograms of sequence coverage for Trypsin-DD, Lys-C, and Both methods. The x-axis is $\text{Log}_{10}(\text{Sequence Coverage } \%)$ and the y-axis is number of proteins.

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(1,976,427) split by digestion method. Lys-C increases the number of peptides identified by 44% relative to Trypsin-DD. Amino acid coverage was calculated by mapping sequences back to an assembled proteome. Over 30% of the amino acids detected using Lys-C digestion reside in sections of protein sequences that are complementary to Trypsin. In summary, complementary digestion methods substantially increase the overall sequence coverage, as shown in (E). Combining data from both methods boosts the mean sequence coverage to 37.8% with comprehensive proteome depth of over 10,000 proteins.

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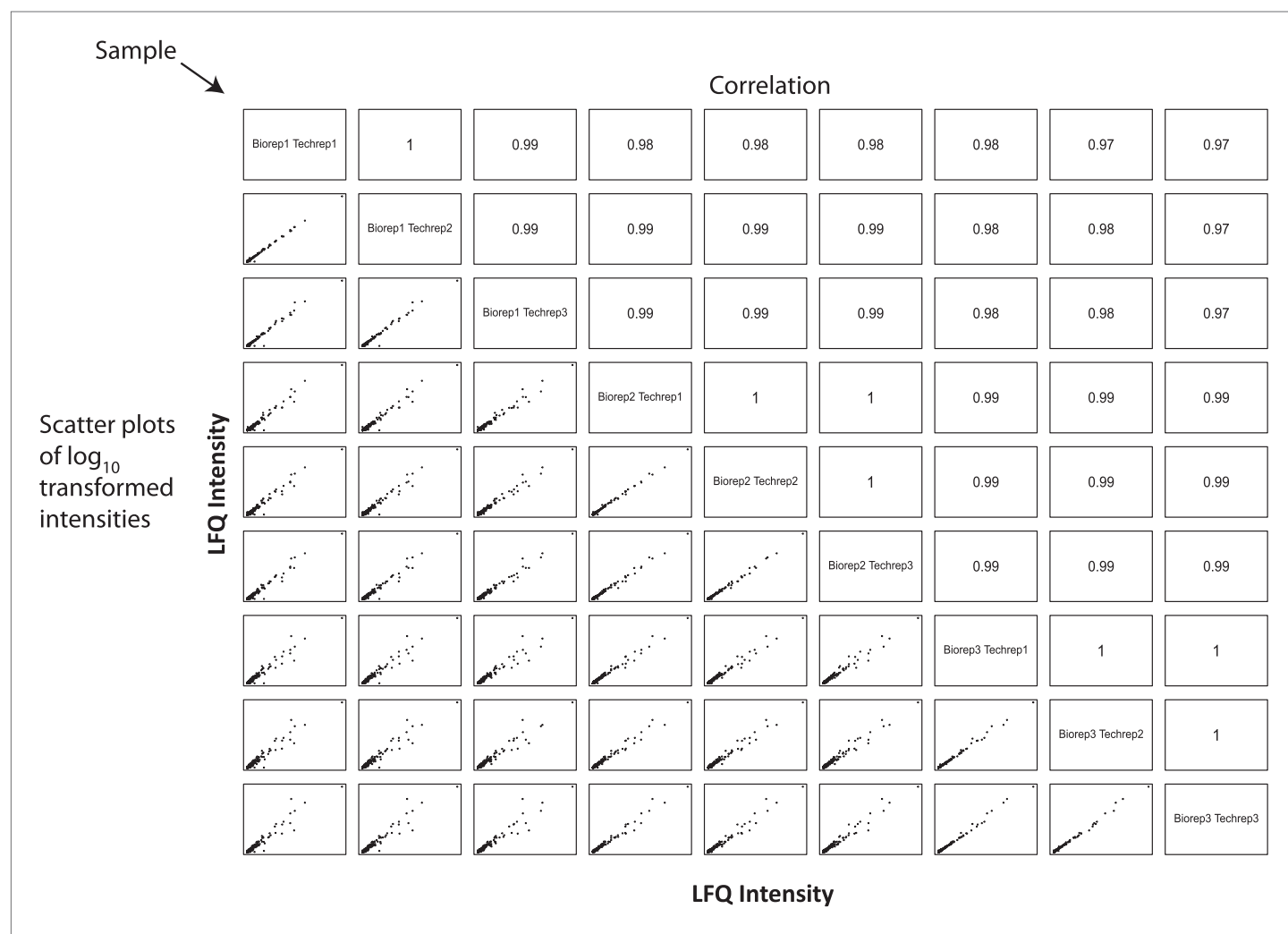


Figure 3—figure supplement 1. Estimation of technical and biological variances among replicates indicates highly reproducible protein quantitation.

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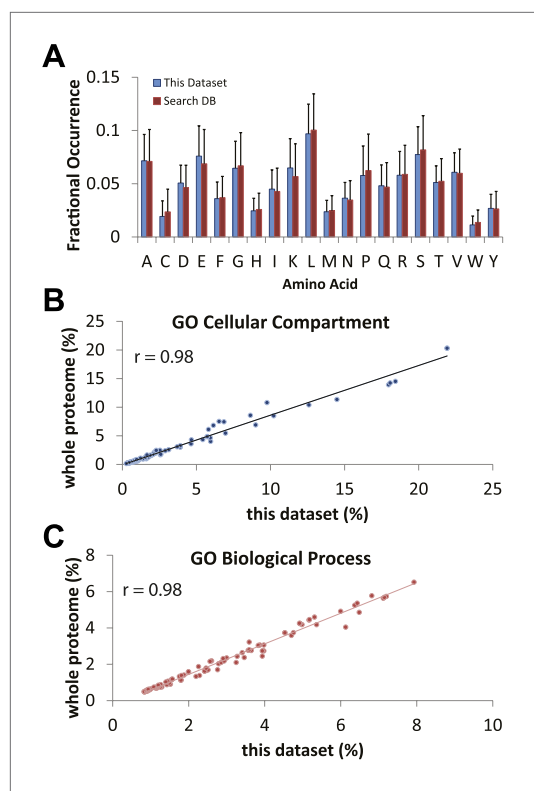
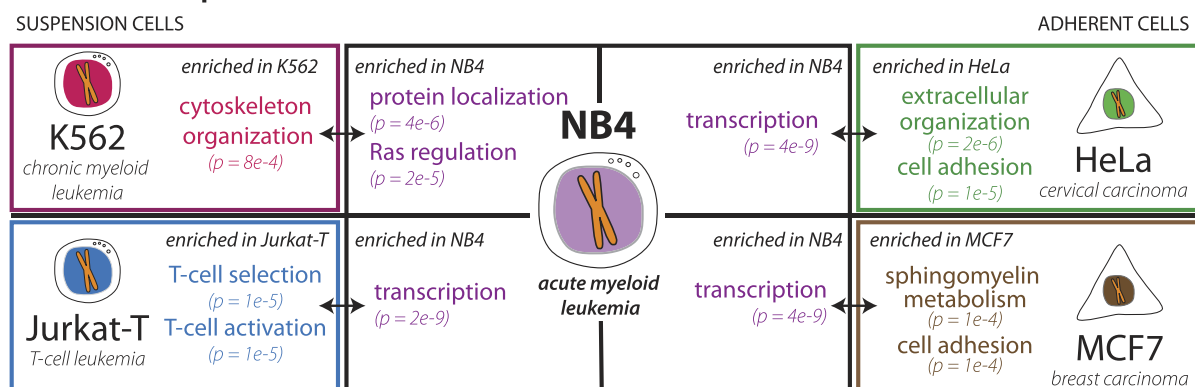


Figure 3—figure supplement 2. Comparison of expected versus observed amino acid and gene ontology frequencies reveals no major detection bias in the proteomics data set.

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A

Pairwise comparisons of enriched GO-terms



B

Network analysis of myeloid cell-specific proteins

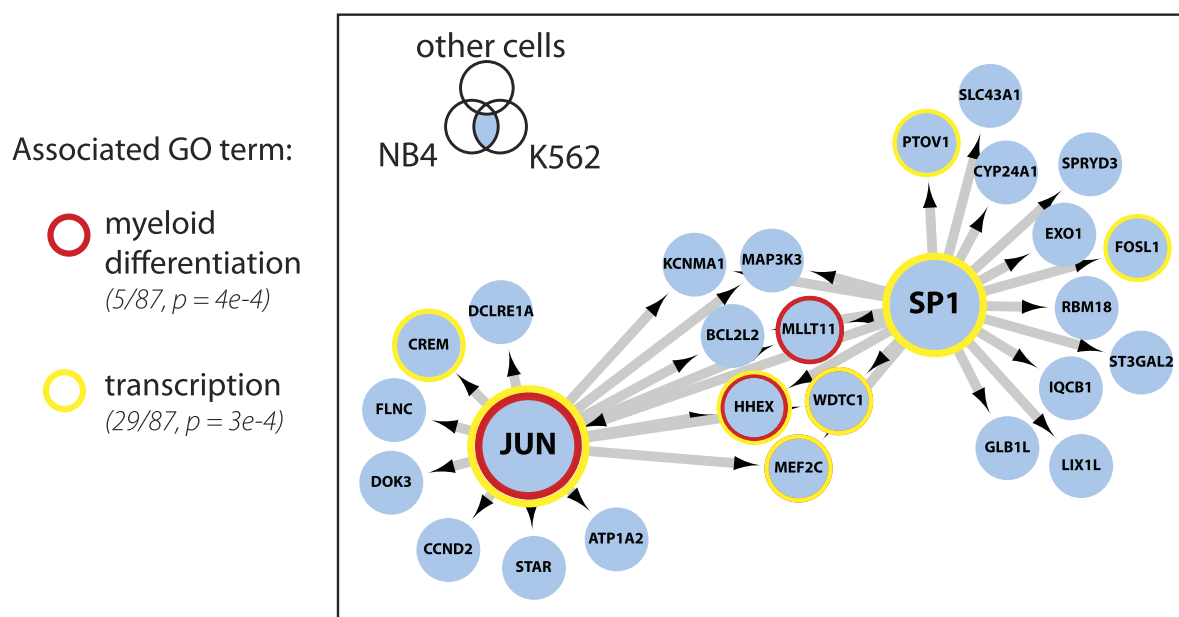


Figure 4. Identification of myeloid-specific factors in the NB4 proteome. **(A)** Pairwise comparisons between the NB4 proteome (this study, acute myeloid leukemia) and K562 (chronic myeloid leukemia), Jurkat-T (T-cell leukemia), HeLa (cervical carcinoma), and MCF7 (breast carcinoma) proteomes published by Geiger et al. (2012). Enriched gene ontology terms and the enrichment p-values are shown for each pairwise comparison. The observed cell-line specific gene ontology enrichments are consistent with the developmental origins of the cell lines (immune vs epithelial), and culturing conditions (suspension vs adherent). The NB4 proteome is highly enriched in transcription factors when compared to cell lines that are not in the myeloid lineage (Jurkat-T, HeLa, and MCF7), implying that there is set of shared transcription factors between NB4 and K562 that may be myeloid-specific. **(B)** A transcriptional regulatory network analysis of proteins identified in myeloid cells (NB4 and K562). Arrows connect transcription factors with their predicted gene substrates (MSigDB). JUN and SP1 appear to be regulatory hubs that can regulate the expression of numerous NB4- and K562-specific genes (Friedman, 2002). Together, these data highlight a protein group that may have important transcriptional regulatory activity in myeloid cells. Circles indicate genes that are annotated as being involved in myeloid differentiation (red) or transcription (yellow).

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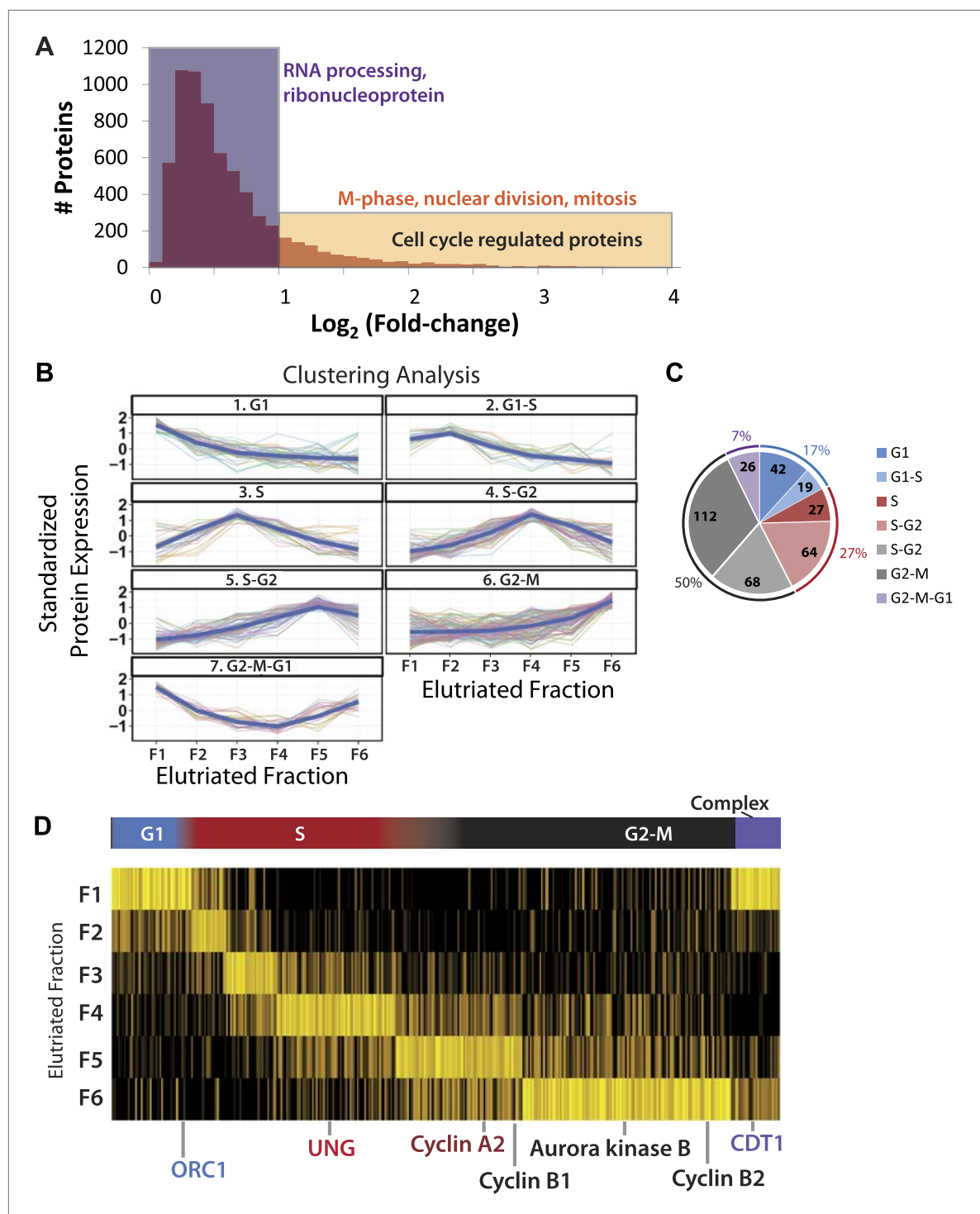


Figure 5. Identification of cell cycle-regulated proteins. **(A)** The fold change in label free intensities between any two fractions are shown as a histogram. To identify cell cycle-regulated proteins, an arbitrary fold change cutoff of 2.0 (1.0 in the log_2 -transformed axis) was set, as indicated by the border between the orange and blue boxes. Highly significant enriched gene ontology terms ($p < 0.01$) are shown above each group. A twofold change is sufficient to enrich for cell cycle related gene ontology terms, such as M-phase, nuclear division, and mitosis. **(B)** Clustering of the 358 cell cycle-regulated proteins identified in **(A)**. Scaled protein intensity profiles were clustered by the phase of maximum expression, with the exception of a small minority of proteins that peaked in multiple phases. Graph titles indicate the phase that is enriched in that fraction. **(C)** The number of cell cycle-regulated proteins split by cluster. Half of the cell cycle-regulated proteins are maximally expressed in the G2&M phase of the cell cycle. **(D)** Scaled intensities are depicted as a heat map. Each vertical line represents a cell cycle-regulated protein, and the shading indicates the intensity (bright yellow being the most intense). Cell cycle regulators established in the literature are highlighted along the bottom of the heat map, and include cyclins A2, B1, B2, and CDT1.

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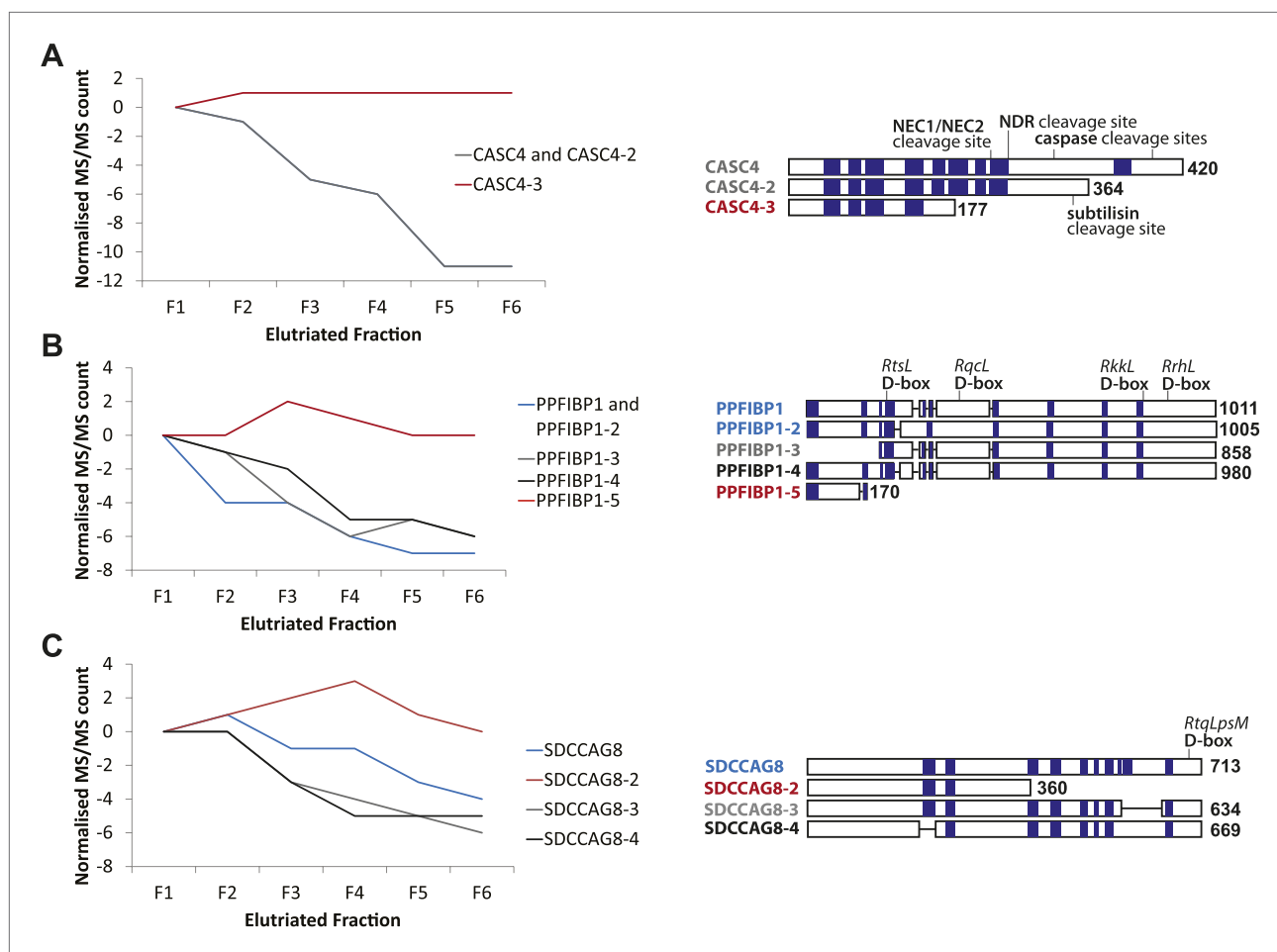


Figure 6. CASC4, PPFIBP1, and SDCCAG8 are examples of ORFs that encode multiple splice isoforms that behave differently across the cell cycle. Protein spectral count profiles across the six elutriated fractions for three open reading frames (ORFs) showing protein-level isoform-specific cell cycle variation: CASC4 (A), PPFIBP1 (B), and SDCCAG8 (C). Isoform sequences are shown schematically above each graph. Sequence regions for which direct peptide evidence was detected are shaded in blue, and sequence motifs known to be important in post-translational regulation are indicated.

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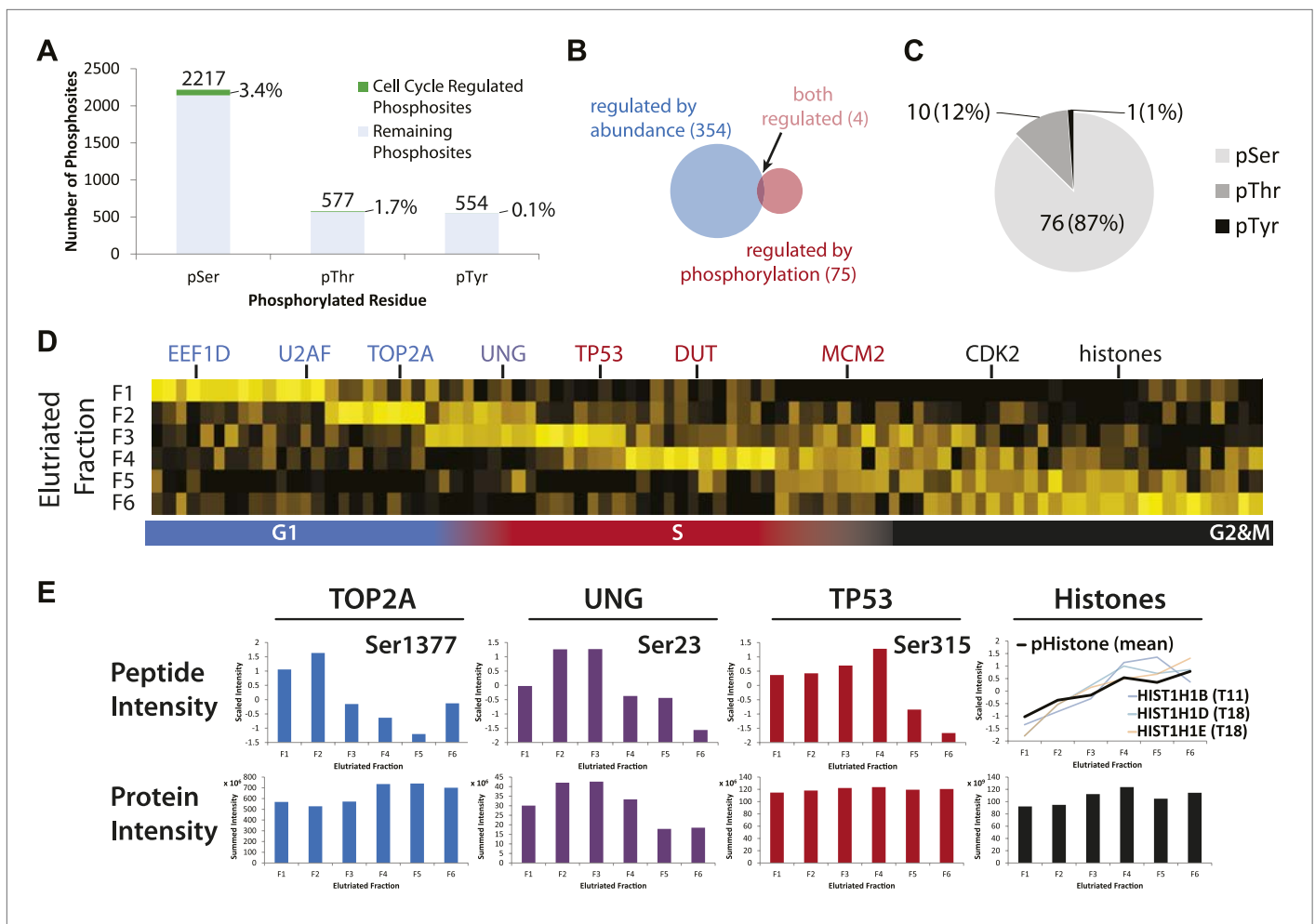


Figure 7. Identification of cell cycle-regulated phosphopeptides. **(A)** A total of 2761 phosphorylation sites were identified without phosphopeptide enrichment, which are shown split by residue (Ser, Thr, and Tyr). Cell cycle regulated phosphosites are shown in green. The numbers on top of each bar indicate the total number of pSer, pThr, and pTyr residues detected, respectively. The proportions of cell cycle-regulated pSer, pThr, and pTyr, relative to the total pSer, pThr, and pTyr sites detected respectively, are shown as percentages. **(B)** Overlap between proteins whose abundances are cell cycle regulated and proteins whose phosphorylation is cell cycle regulated. **(C)** A breakdown of cell cycle-regulated phosphosites by residue. The number and the percentage of phosphosites relative to the total number of cell cycle regulated phosphosites are shown. **(D)** Scaled phosphopeptide intensity profiles plotted as a heatmap. Representative cell cycle-regulated phosphorylations that are established in the literature are shown along the top of the heatmap. **(E)** Scaled phosphopeptide and summed protein intensity profiles for four cell cycle regulated phosphorylated proteins (TOP2A, UNG, TP53, and histones). The peptide intensity graphs are annotated with the mapped phosphorylation site. For histones, several phosphopeptide profiles (light purple, light blue, and light orange) and the average (black) are shown on the same graph. The total histone intensity is calculated as the sum of all histones identified.

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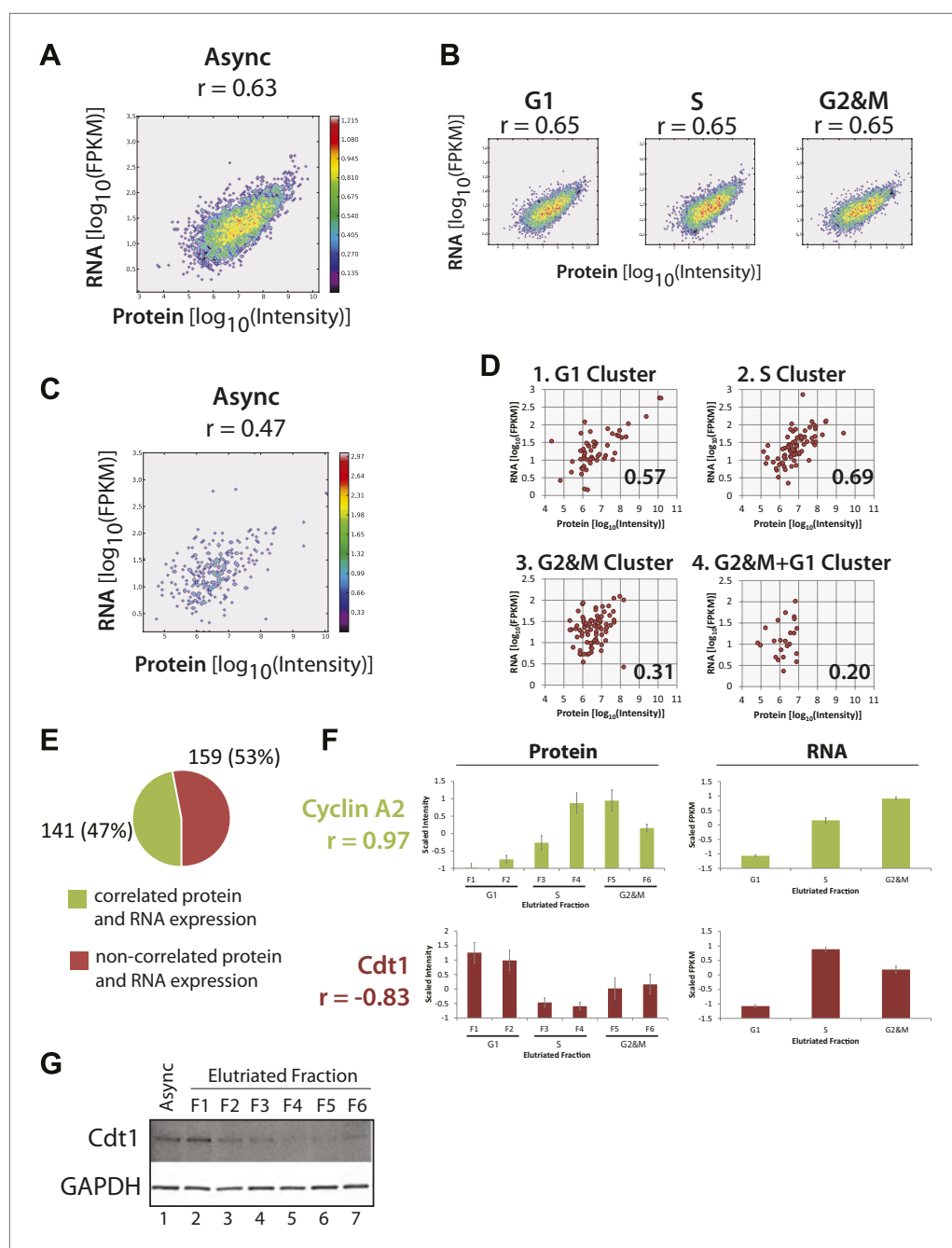


Figure 8. Correlation of protein and RNA levels across the cell cycle. Log-transformed, iBAQ-scaled protein intensities and log-transformed FPKM values (RNA) from asynchronous cells (**A**) and cell cycle fractions (**B**). RNASeq data are expressed as Fragments Per Kilobase of exon per million fragments Mapped (FPKM), which is a proxy for RNA copy number. Histone genes were removed from the analysis due to the absence of poly(A)+ tails in histone-encoding messages. Each graph is annotated with the calculated Spearman correlation coefficients (r). (**C**) Correlation of the protein and mRNA abundances in asynchronous cells of the 358 proteins whose abundances are cell cycle regulated ($r = 0.45$). (**D**) The same data shown in (**C**), but split by protein clusters as described in **Figure 5**. (**E**) Correlation of the expression profiles of the 358 cell cycle regulated proteins and their associated transcripts. Genes were classified into two groups based on protein and RNA expression correlation (Pearson's correlation coefficient greater than or equal to 0.5). (**F**) Cyclin A2 and Cdt1 are examples highlighted from the groups in (**E**). Protein and RNA abundance standard errors were calculated from the variance in scaled **Figure 8**. Continued on next page

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peptide intensities and biological replicates, respectively. (G) Immunoblot analysis of Cdt1 and GAPDH protein expression across asynchronous and elutriated NB4 cells.

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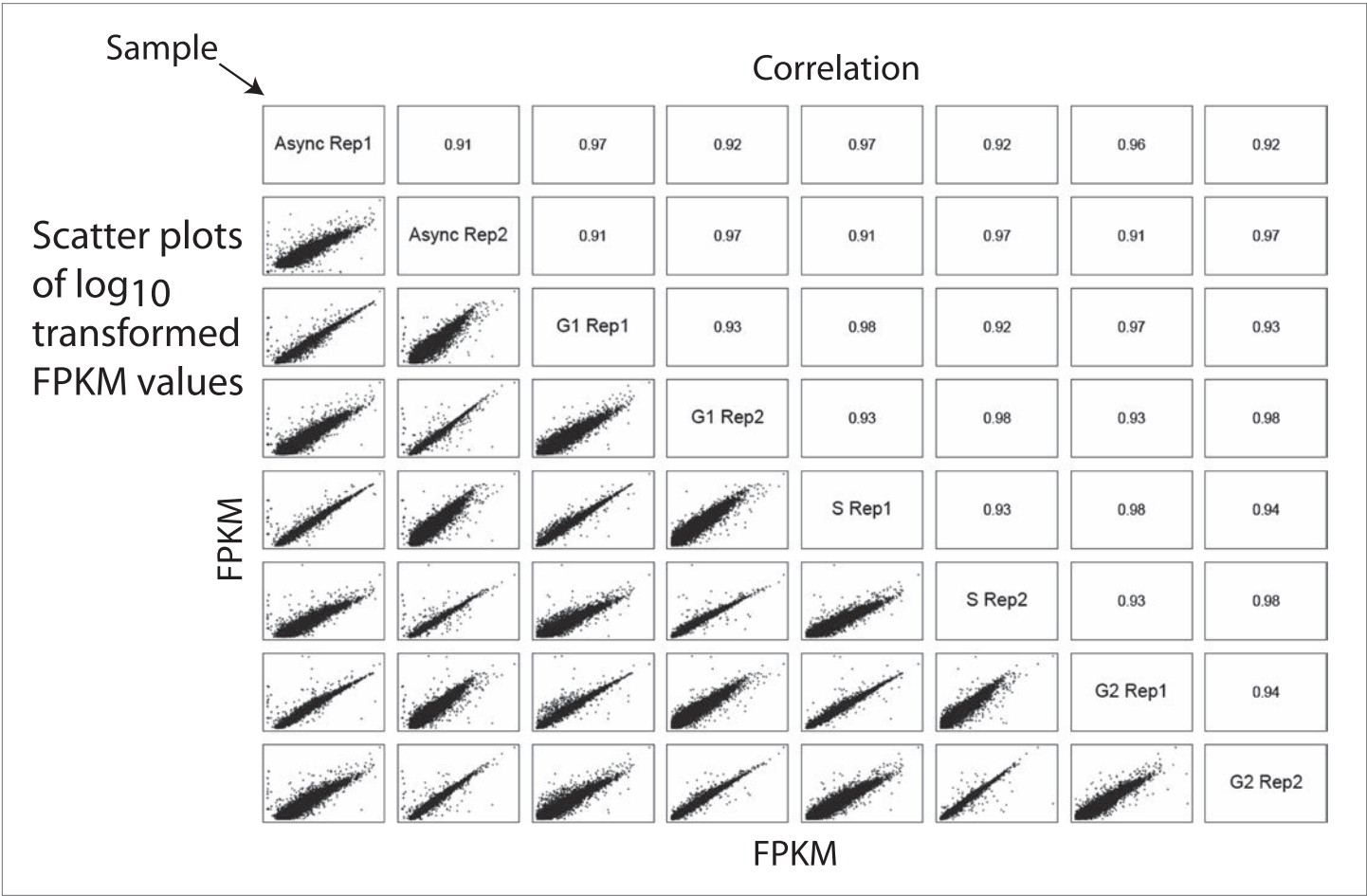


Figure 8—figure supplement 1. Analysis of technical and biological variance among duplicates reveals highly reproducible RNA quantitation.

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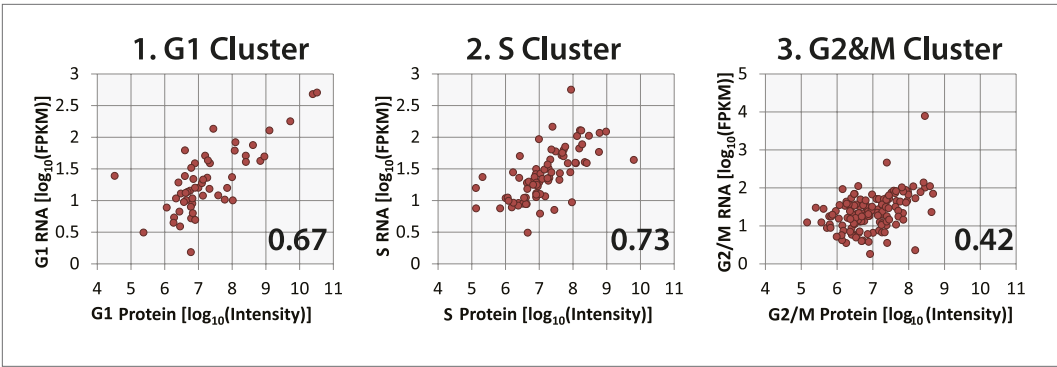


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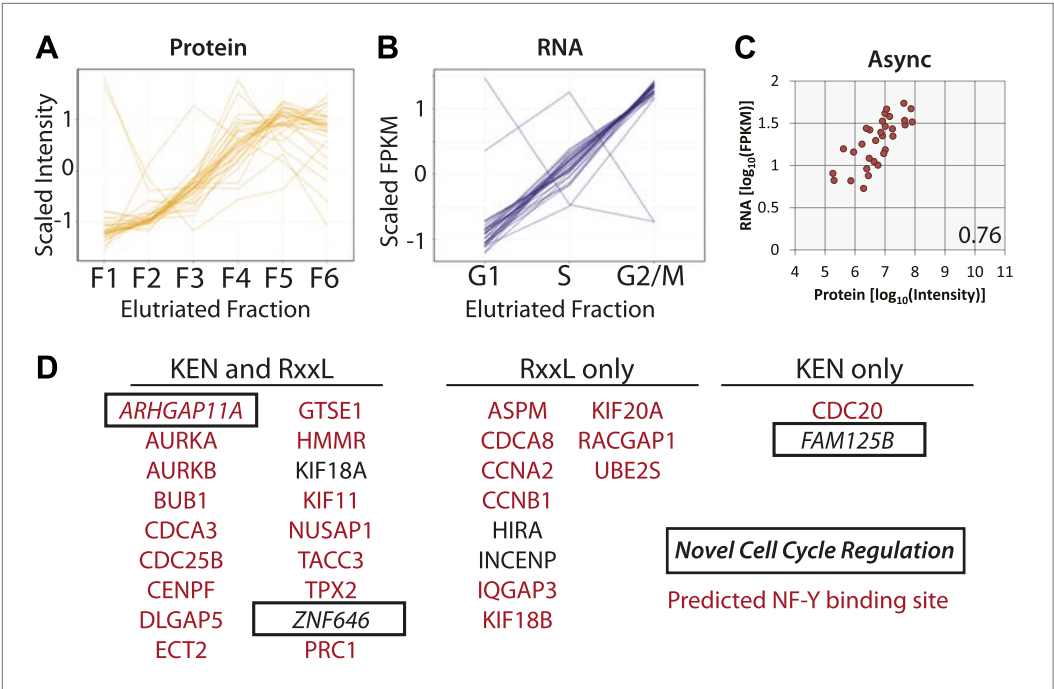


Figure 9. Protein and RNA levels are correlated for the specific subset of cell cycle-regulated proteins whose cognate mRNA change by 1.5-fold. Of the 358 proteins whose abundances are cell cycle regulated, the cognate mRNA of 31 proteins also changes across the elutriated fractions by more than 1.5-fold. Scaled protein (A) and mRNA expression profiles (B) are shown as line graphs for these 31 genes, respectively. (C) Comparison of protein and mRNA abundances in asynchronous cells reveals a Spearman correlation of 0.76. (D) 27 of the 31 genes have predicted NF-Y binding sites in their promoters, and all 31 encode proteins containing a KEN or D-box sequence degen. KEN-motifs are especially enriched (>eightfold enrichment, compared to 7% expected by random chance). Three genes have not been previously annotated as being cell cycle regulated: FAM125B, ZNF646, ARHGAP11A.
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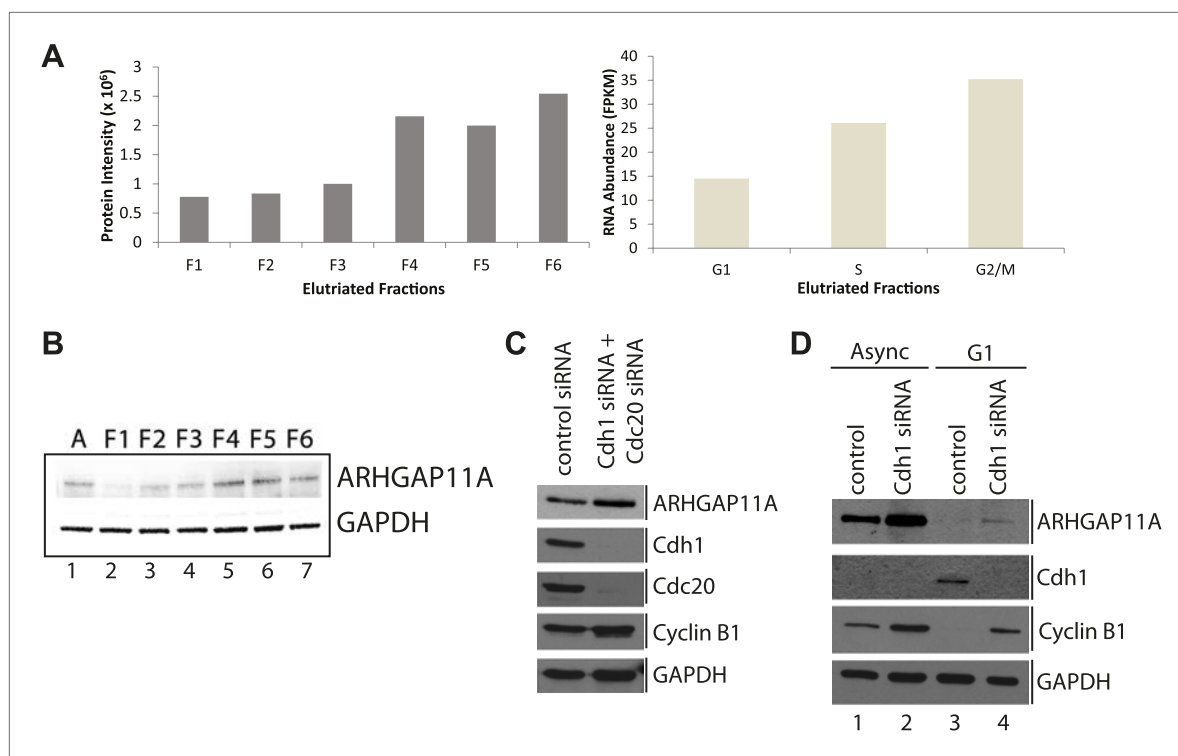


Figure 10. Identification of ARHGAP11A as a cell cycle regulated protein and a substrate of the APC/C. **(A)** MS and RNA-Seq quantitation for ARHGAP11A protein (left) and mRNA (right), respectively. **(B)** Immunoblot analysis of ARHGAP11A (HPA antibody) and GAPDH protein expression across asynchronous and elutriated NB4 cells. **(C)** Lysates from U2OS cells treated with either a non-targeting control siRNA (lane 1) or siRNAs targeting Cdh1 and Cdc20 (lane 2) were probed for levels of ARHGAP11A, Cdh1, Cdc20, cyclin B1, and GAPDH by immunoblot. **(D)** Asynchronous or serum-starved RPE-1 cells were treated with either a non-targeting control siRNA or an siRNA against Cdh1. Lysates were then probed with antibodies against ARHGAP11A (Bethyl antibody), Cdh1, cyclin B1, and GAPDH.

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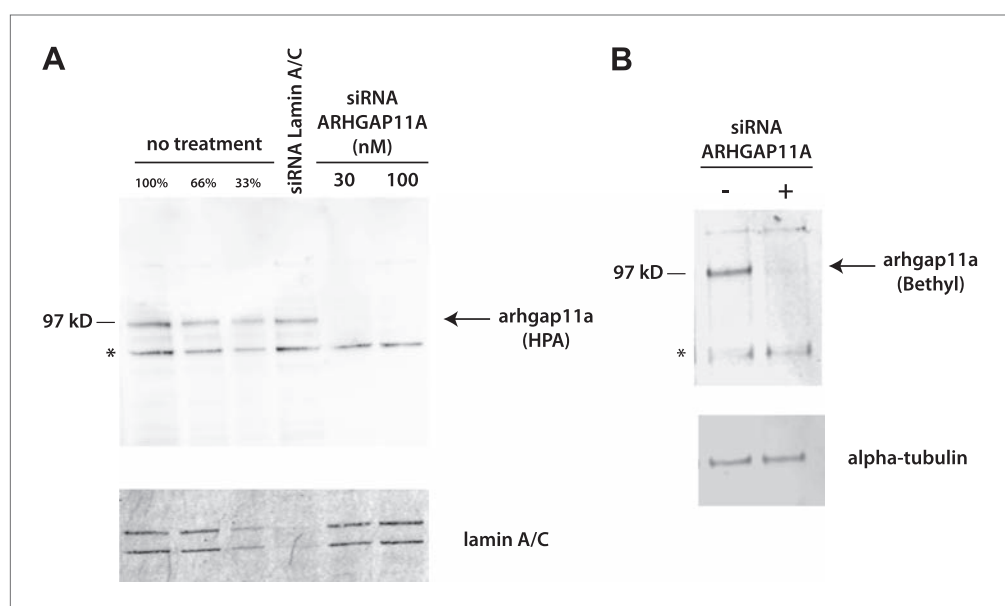


Figure 10—figure supplement 1. Validation of anti-ARHGAP11A antibodies by siRNA-based depletion of ARHGAP11A protein.

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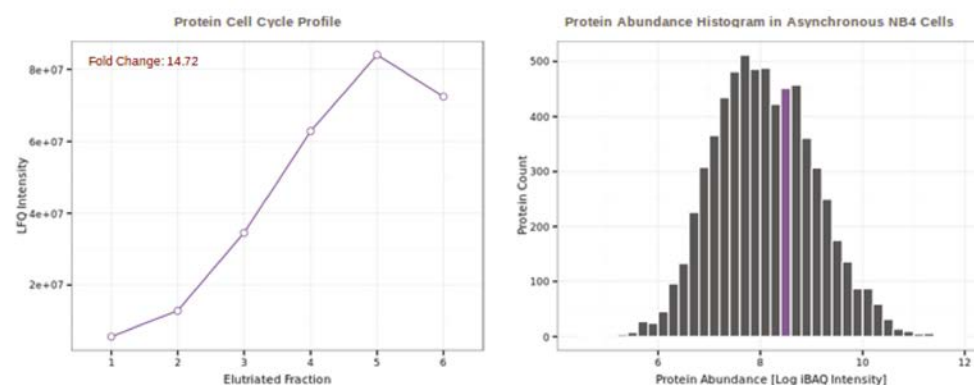
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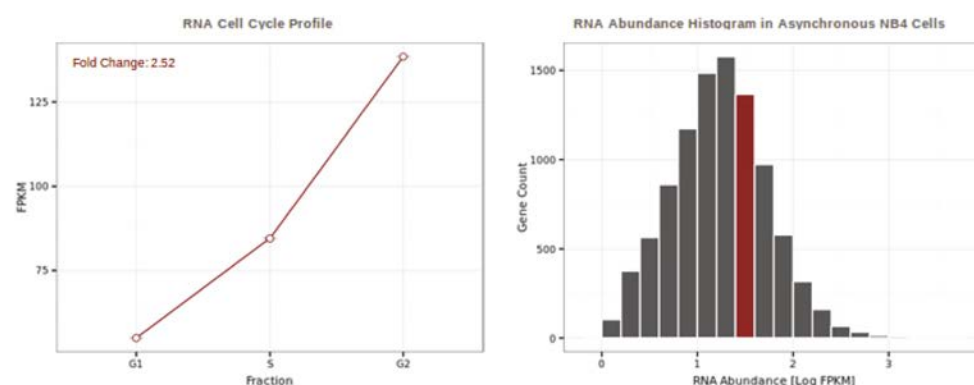


Figure 11. The Encyclopedia of Proteome Dynamics, a fully searchable, open-access online repository of proteome data. Quantitative protein and RNA data from this study are available through the Encyclopedia of Proteome Dynamics (EPD). A screenshot of the EPD is shown, which displays protein and mRNA expression profiles across the elutriated fractions, the calculated Pearson correlation coefficient between the protein and mRNA profiles, and protein and mRNA abundances in asynchronous cells for cyclin B1 (CCNB1_HUMAN).

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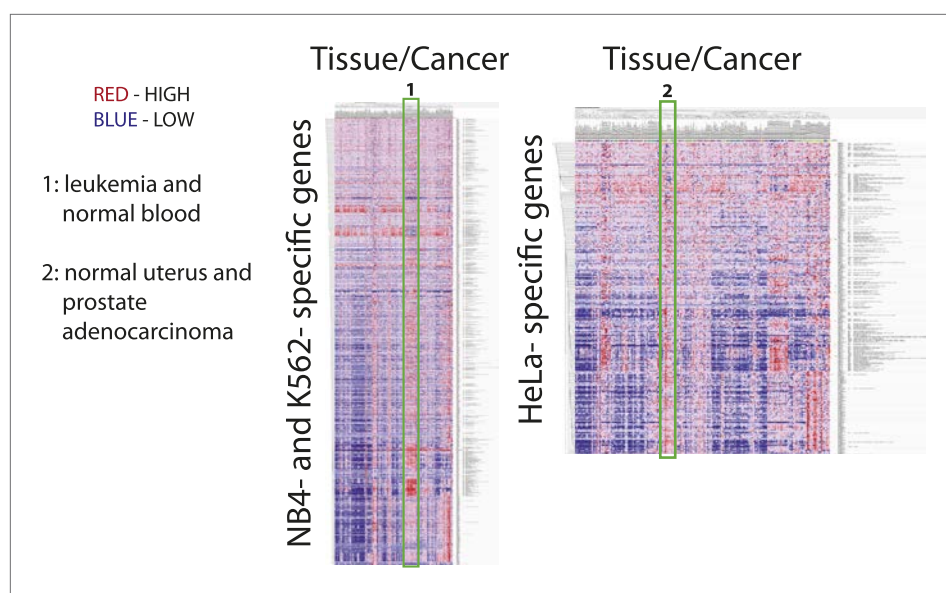


Figure 12. Many cell-line specific genes are overexpressed in tumors and normal tissues that are associated with the developmental origin of the cell line. mRNA expression heatmaps from the Broad Global Cancer Map for NB4- and K562- specific genes (left) and HeLa-specific genes (right). Each heatmap has tissue along the horizontal axis and gene along the vertical axis. Vertical red streaks indicate that many genes are similarly overexpressed in a particular tissue. Many NB4- and K562-specific genes are overexpressed in lymphoid, leukemia, and normal hematopoietic tissues, whereas HeLa-specific genes are overexpressed in normal uterine tissues and prostate tumors.
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