

# NoRC:HDAC:DNMT methylates cytosine of the rRNA genes

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## Introduction

Reactome is open-source, open access, manually curated and peer-reviewed pathway database. Pathway annotations are authored by expert biologists, in collaboration with Reactome editorial staff and cross-referenced to many bioinformatics databases. A system of evidence tracking ensures that all assertions are backed up by the primary literature. Reactome is used by clinicians, geneticists, genomics researchers, and molecular biologists to interpret the results of high-throughput experimental studies, by bioinformaticians seeking to develop novel algorithms for mining knowledge from genomic studies, and by systems biologists building predictive models of normal and disease variant pathways.

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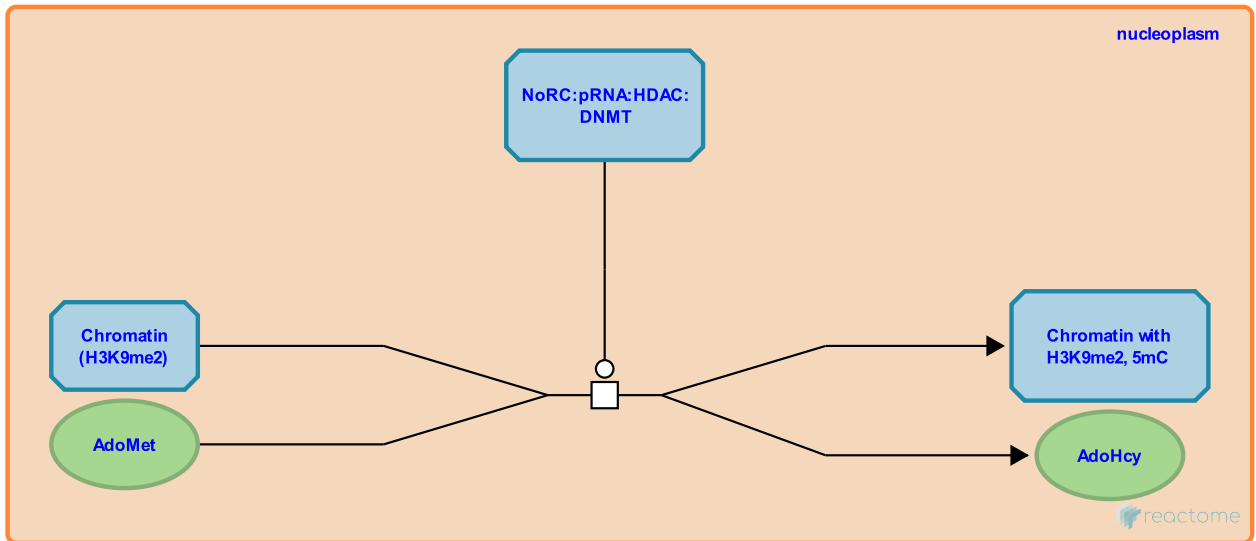
**NoRC:HDAC:DNMT methylates cytosine of the rRNA genes** ↗

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-5227490

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** nucleoplasm

**Inferred from:** [NoRC:intergenic spacer:Hdac:Dnmt complex methylates cytosine in the rRNA genes \(Mus musculus\)](#)



From research with human cells (Espada et al. 2007) and inferences from mouse cell models, cytosine residues in the main promoter of silenced rRNA gene copies are methylated by DNMT1 and DNMT3B. DNMT3B directly binds a triple helix formed by pRNA and the main promoter of rDNA. The methylated cytosines prevent binding of the UBF transcription factor, thus preventing transcription of silenced rRNA gene copies. Histone deacetylation is required for DNA methylation.

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