transposable elements. Integration with our transcriptome assembly reveals that transcription correlates accurately with DNA methylation and accounts for approximately 85–90 % of the methylome. We generate a mouse model in which transcription across the locus is abrogated in oocytes, resulting in failure of DNA methylation establishment at all CpGs of this locus. ChIP analysis in oocytes reveals H3K4me2 enrichment at the imprinted control region when transcription is ablated, establishing a connection between transcription and chromatin remodeling at CpG islands by histone demethylases.

Conclusions: By precisely defining the mouse oocyte transcriptome, this work not only highlights transcription as a

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Abbreviations

bp: base pair, BS: bisulfite sequencing; CGI: CpG island; ChIP: chromatin immunoprecipitation; CNCI: Coding-Non-Coding Index; CPC: Coding Potential Calculator; DNAme: DNA methylation; DNMT: DNA methyltransferase; dpp: days post-partum; E: embryonic day; ESC: embryonic stem cell; FGO: fully grown oocyte; FPKM: fragments per kilobase of transcript per million mapped reads; GO: growing oocyte; HyperD: hypermethylated domain; HypoD: hypomethylated domain; igDMR: imprinted germline differentially methylated regions; ncRNA: non-coding RNA; NGO: non-growing oocyte; PCR: polymerase chain reaction; PGC: primordial germ cell; RABT: reference annotation-based transcript; RNA-Seq: RNA sequencing; RRBS: reduced representation bisulfite sequencing; TE: transposable element; TSS: transcription start site; UCSC: University of California, Santa Cruz.

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