



Eukaryotic Coupled Dinucleotide Contents Modulate Structural DNA Properties

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ABSTRACT

Dinucleotides are known as determinants for different primary and physiochemical properties of DNA and for restricting affinities of proteins to DNA. It is known that these properties, such as stiffness, and bound proteins, such as transcription factors, have an impact on crucial biological processes like transcription regulation and 3D chromatin organization. As a result, the question arises as to how the vastly different dinucleotide contents of eukaryotic chromosomes can still provide consistent properties that result in comparable functions and three-dimensional conformations. In this study, we test the hypothesis that coupled dinucleotide contents moderate each other's effects by influencing properties in opposite directions. We discovered sets of correlated and anti-correlated dinucleotide contents after analysing all chromosomes of eukaryotic species and taking into account bias from coding sequences and enhancers. We estimated the effects of this coupling on DNA properties by employing computational models. We viewed that as particularly unadulterated A/T dinucleotides known to impact histone situating and pertinent mediators and that the Roll property, which is known to impact histone partiality of DNA, is ideally directed. Through regulation of histone occupancy or other mechanisms, we conclude that dinucleotide contents may indirectly influence transcription and chromatin 3D conformation.

Keywords: sequence analysis; DNA dinucleotides; DNA properties

INTRODUCTION

Dinucleotide frequencies in genomic sequences are not random, so they cannot be reproduced by randomly shifting nucleotides within a sequence. This is a well-established fact. When considering the effects of known constraints on longer coding sequences this observation holds true. Because of this, non-coding sequences, for example, exhibit a preference for particular dinucleotide contents.

In addition, it has long been known that the state of the chromatin strongly influences the transcription of genes. Hetero- and chromatin are distinct in terms of chromatin density and, consequently, histone occupancy. Physical contacts between far-off chromatin segments have also recently been found to be important for transcriptional regulation in eukaryotes. The chromatin polymer's physical bending properties are an important factor that can support or repress the formation of the chromatin loops necessary for these contacts. For instance, shifting the energetic costs of bending the chromatin into a loop configuration could shift the formation of these loops. Besides, the length and leave point of linker between histones likewise appears to assume a key part in deciding this association of chromatin. The bare linker has

a strong negative electric charge because it is not bound to histones. Repulsive forces between segments and relatively sequences, which are frequently found in linker, result in extremely stiff and frequently intrinsically bent chromatin segments. The specific physical properties of linker DNA and the effects of histone occupancy on chromatin properties are important determinants of chromatin organization and transcriptional regulation when taken together. Many relevant DNA properties, such as stiffness, were found to be linked to dinucleotide frequencies, which was not surprising given the selection for particular dinucleotide contents. Dinucleotide context has been shown to have an impact on hundreds of physical, structural, and conformational properties of DNA molecules as well as DNA repair and DNA bending. Different investigations discovered that these DNA properties were significant for key elements of DNA, particularly the limiting of proteins including restricting affinities for record factors and histones as well as stage partition. In addition, the binding of transcription factors and the bending properties of chromatin are both determined by nucleosome occupancy. Moreover, record factors, for example, the transcriptional repressor CTCF, control the record of adjacent qualities as well as central members in models

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for chromatin association circle expulsion models. Therefore, in addition to the chromatin's physical properties, it is believed that the functional structures known as topologically associated domains are determined by the binding of particular proteins, particularly transcription factors. Dinucleotide contents appear to have an impact on numerous factors that determine transcription regulation and three-dimensional chromatin conformation. As a result, the contents of dinucleotides may have an indirect effect on these fundamental biological functions.

DISCUSSION

Dinucleotide content, on the other hand, can vary significantly between eukaryotic genomes and even between chromosomes in the same genome. If dinucleotides have a significant impact on structural properties, it stands to reason that different dinucleotide contents would also have an impact on these properties. Again, these significant variations in properties, such as bendability or histone affinity, ought to have a significant impact on the global conformation of chromatin. This stays conversely, with the overall perception that the standards of association in eukaryotes are very much preserved. For example, the presence of Smidgens chromatin compartments and chromosomal regions of practically identical size and chromatin thickness [1].

Since the dinucleotide contents that determine these properties can change, this observation can only be interpreted as indicating that structural properties have a significant impact on chromatin 3D organization. Showing up as an inconsistency, this is really conceivable if the impacts of some dinucleotides on specific properties are made up for by the contrary impacts of other dinucleotides. The properties might be kept within a range where normal functioning is possible and energetically feasible due to these opposite influences. A correlated high abundance of other dinucleotides could influence the flexibility in the opposite direction to compensate for this potentially hazardous effect if, for instance, there was a high content of one dinucleotide that would shift the flexibility of chromatin to a level where the whole chromatin polymer (e.g., chromosome or smaller structure such as would collapse and therefore could not form a functional 3D conformation [2].

This compensation would necessitate an evolutionary-conserved relationship (coupling) of dinucleotide contents between eukaryotic chromosomes, observable as correlated dinucleotide contents, assuming that the properties of chromatin necessary for normal function and the influences of dinucleotides do not differ between species. Dinucleotide content correlations between chromosomes from eukaryotic species are the focus of our investigation in this article. To exclude other sources, such as higher abundances of genes or regulatory sequences on the respective chromosomes, we examine the identified correlations. Using independent predictive *in silico* models, we conclude that these correlated dinucleotide contents have an effect on the physical, structural, and conformational properties of DNA.

For each of the analyzed chromosomes, we calculated the effect of dinucleotide content on physical and conformational DNA properties. For more information on the calculation, see shows that. Although the changes were statistically significant, the majority were minor in comparison to the initial. Although it is impossible to rule out the possibility that even minute adjustments to the physical or structural properties of DNA could have a significant impact on

the conformation or function of the chromatin, our conclusion is that larger adjustments to DNA properties will most likely have a greater impact on DNA conformation and function. As a result, we concentrated on significant changes to DNA properties greater than 10% of the original value [3].

We started with the idea that the contents of evolutionary coupled dinucleotides influence DNA properties to support or establish functional chromatin organization. The existence of correlations and/or anticorrelations between dinucleotide contents on eukaryotic chromosomes is the first prediction derived from this hypothesis. Numerous dinucleotide pairs showed the expected correlations, as shown in Figures 1 and 2, Table S2. Since grouping imperatives from known useful components bigger than one nucleotide, not really applicable for physical or underlying DNA properties, could likewise make sense of the noticed connections, we checked for relationships among's dinucleotides and the abundancies of qualities, coding successions [4].

While a significant number of correlated and anticorrelated dinucleotide pairs remained without such an explanation, we discovered that many of the observed correlations between dinucleotide contents could be the result of associated constraints. Dinucleotide pairs can have a significant impact on DNA properties if there is a correlation with these CDS, genes, or enhancers. In point of fact, it was discovered that certain properties of DNA can predict regulatory. As a result, our hypothesis regarding the function of dinucleotide coupling may still be supported by a correlation between associated dinucleotides and enhancers or genes. We decided to exclude all corresponding dinucleotide pairs from the subsequent analysis because our analysis is unable to distinguish between correlations resulting from other sequence constraints independent of DNA properties and those resulting from DNA properties. Due to CDS, gene, or enhancer sequence constraints, this rather conservative filtering prevents false positive results [5].

Correlations with the length of the respective chromosomes were also examined. A correlation of dinucleotides with chromosomal length could provide a first hint as to their relevance for 3D chromatin organization because larger chromosomes could potentially form larger, higher numbers or more complex functional large-scale chromatin structures. The majority of dinucleotides that were found to be correlated with chromosomal length were also found to be anticorrelated with genes, and vice versa allowing for a binary classification of dinucleotides based on their correlations with genes and their anti-correlation with chromosomal length. Although a comprehensive analysis is beyond the scope of this article, the observation may suggest that chromosomal length in eukaryotes is correlated with the content [6].

CONCLUSION

Based on data from publicly accessible databases our analysis was carried out on data that we had previously published in. Using GenBank we added genome sequences of five additional species to the dataset to fill in some phylogenetic gaps. The manual and all of the Python and C programs used in this article, including the visualization, can be found or in an associated repository although it was developed for Windows systems, the software can also be used on ones.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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