**Histone modification is associated with simultaneous optimization of gene expression level and noise**

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