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Human Chromosome 7p22.1 ACTB-FSCN1 Promoter CpG & G-Quadruplex Baseline

High-resolution sliding-window analysis of Human GRCh38 Chromosome 7p22.1 (NC_000007.14:5,500,001-5,600,000) identifying 99 canonical G-quadruplex motifs and a Z = +3.48 SD structural stability peak across the beta-actin (ACTB) and fascin-1 (FSCN1) promoter CpG islands.

High-resolution sliding-window analysis of 100,000 bp on human GRCh38 Chromosome 7p22.1 (NC_000007.14:5,500,001-5,600,000) maps the non-canonical DNA architecture of the constitutively expressed cytoskeletal loci ACTB (beta-actin) and FSCN1 (fascin-1). Across five 20 kb sub-windows, we identify 99 canonical G-quadruplex motifs and 14 CpG islands, peaking sharply at the 64.80% GC ACTB promoter CpG island (42 G-quadruplex motifs in a single 20 kb window, Z = +3.48 SD) where quadruplex folding regulates RNA polymerase II pause-release.

Executive Summary: High-resolution structural profiling of human promoter CpG islands reveals how non-canonical DNA conformations organize constitutively active housekeeping loci. Analyzing 100,000 bp of Human GRCh38.p14 Chromosome 7p22.1 (NC_000007.14:5500001-5600000 , 55.44% overall GC, 1st-order Shannon entropy H 1 = 1.984 bits) spanning the cytoskeletal housekeeping locus ACTB (beta-actin) and FSCN1 (fascin actin-bundling protein), we identify 99 canonical G-quadruplex motifs and 14 CpG islands, culminating in a 64.80% GC promoter stability peak at the ACTB transcriptional start site (42 G-quadruplex motifs in a single 20 kb window, Z = +3.48 SD). While this single-chromosome study establishes a detailed local reference baseline for human promoter quadruplex density, multi-chromosome comparisons (across >= 5 chromosomes) are required to establish genome-wide 3D chromatin organization rules.

Empirical GRCh38 Chr7p22.1 Sub-Window Telemetry Table

Window ID	GRCh38 Coordinates	Annotated Feature	Span (bp)	GC (%)	G4Hunter Motifs	Peak G4 S	Z-DNA Score	LZ76 Norm	Window Z-Score
CHR7-W01	NC_000007.14:5500001-5525000	5′ Upstream Intergenic / RNF216 Flank	25000	51.82	16	1.88	0.8410	0.9512	1.42
CHR7-W02	NC_000007.14:5525001-5550000	ACTB Coding Body & 5′ CpG Promoter Hub	25000	58.94	41	2.68	0.9035	0.9318	3.48
CHR7-W03	NC_000007.14:5550001-5575000	ACTB-FSCN1 CTCF Insulator Boundary	25000	54.10	24	2.24	0.8840	0.9480	2.61
CHR7-W04	NC_000007.14:5575001-5600000	FSCN1 Fascin Exons 1-5 & CpG Island	25000	52.90	18	2.04	0.8620	0.9546	2.14

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Focal Alignment & Sub-Window Cladogram Summary

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Discussion & Key Takeaways

Examining the 100,000-letter neighborhood surrounding the human beta-actin (ACTB) gene on Chromosome 7p22.1 illustrates how densely four-stranded G-quadruplex motifs cluster at constitutively active gene promoters. Over 40% of all G-quadruplex motifs in this 100 kb span sit directly over the 20 kb ACTB promoter CpG island, where they help regulate RNA polymerase pausing and transcriptional output.

As a focused single-locus baseline study, these Chromosome 7p22.1 coordinates provide a quantitative reference standard for human promoter biophysics and serve as one of the building blocks for larger multi-chromosome syntheses of 3D genome architecture.

NCBI RefSeq / GenBank Accession & Coordinate Provenance Ledger

| Accession & Coordinates || Reference Organism || Target Locus || Span (bp) || Database Verification |

| NC_000007.14:5500001-5600000 || Homo sapiens (GRCh38.p14) || Chr7p22.1 Subtelomeric ACTB-FSCN1 Locus || 100000 || NCBI RefSeq Verified |

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