

GENETICS

THE OTHER WAY AROUND

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One of my favorite pictures is the [Orangenesser](#) by Baselitz – his speciality is to paint his subjects the other way around to free the subject from its content (this is at least what art curators say).

DNA inversion rearrangements seem to be also more frequent in the human genome as previously thought, see the following [PNAS preprint](#):

Three such regions ... on chromosomes 3, 15, and 19, were analyzed. ... The results obtained indicate that recurrent genomic rearrangements occur at relatively high frequency in somatic cells. Interestingly, the rearrangements studied were significantly more abundant in adults than in newborn individuals, suggesting that such DNA rearrangements might start to appear during embryogenesis or fetal life and continue to accumulate after birth.

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