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technologies, including RNAi screens, are integrated to provide insight into the signal transduction networks that control the DNA damage response in stem- and cancer cells.