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Ciliates have been well-established as model organisms to investigate genetics and epigenetics. These single cell eukaryotes have two types of nuclei: germline micro- and somatic macronuclei. Some of the first epigenetic phenomena were described in these organisms, and research over the last few decades has elucidated mechanisms that underlie these phenomena. Ciliates helped pioneer the current understanding of RNA interference, both for siRNA-mediated silencing and for small RNA-directed chromatin modification and DNA rearrangements, which provide cells a powerful tool to transmit epigenetic information to sexual progeny. Progress in our understanding of molecular mechanisms came from classical genetics studies and from genomics, post-genomics and the recent advances in epigenomics technologies.

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