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![Figure 7B](image)

Conversely, deletion of the potential 6mA methyltransferase, *dam1-1*, decreases H3K4me2 levels in *spr-5* mutant worms (Figure 7A). Consistent with the possibility of crosstalk between H3K4L and adenine N6 methylation, *nrm-1* (growth rate), *unc-9* (obesity), and *unc-38* (developmental delay), were all restored to wild-type levels in *spr-5* mutants when treated with 6mA. (B) Knockdown of H3K8me3 binding protein, *eap-1*, suppresses the elevated 6mA levels detected in *spr-5* mutant worms as assessed by dot blots. A longer exposure showing 6mA levels in WT worms is shown in Figure S7C.

Tables

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### Table 2. Drug Concentrations that Cause Spicule Protraction in 90% of Males

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Genotype</th>
<th>Levamisole*</th>
<th>Arecoline*</th>
<th>Nicotine*</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wild-type</td>
<td>2 μM</td>
<td>1 mM</td>
<td>258 μM</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>unc-38</em></td>
<td>&gt;1 μM</td>
<td>n.d.</td>
<td>n.d.</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>unc-29</em></td>
<td>&gt;1 μM</td>
<td>n.d.</td>
<td>n.d.</td>
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<td><em>unc-38; unc-29</em></td>
<td>&gt;1 μM</td>
<td>500 μM</td>
<td>338 μM</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>unc-38</em>; <em>egl-30</em></td>
<td>n.d.</td>
<td>&gt;10 μM</td>
<td>&gt;6 μM</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>egl-30</em></td>
<td>35 μM</td>
<td>1 mM</td>
<td>489 μM</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>egl-19(n582)</em></td>
<td>3.7 μM</td>
<td>&gt;10 μM</td>
<td>1.4 μM</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>unc-68</em></td>
<td>&gt;1 μM</td>
<td>2 μM</td>
<td>&gt;6 μM</td>
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<td><em>unc-38; syEx469[pmyo-3::unc-38]</em></td>
<td>20 μM</td>
<td>n.d.</td>
<td>n.d.</td>
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<td><em>unc-68; syEx475[pmyo-3::unc-68]</em></td>
<td>15 μM</td>
<td>n.d.</td>
<td>101 μM</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>egl-19(n582); syEx468[pmyo-3::egl-19]</em></td>
<td>n.d.</td>
<td>1 μM</td>
<td>567 μM</td>
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For each concentration, 20-100 males were tested.

- Seven concentrations between 100 nM and 1 mM were tested.
- Five concentrations between 10 μM and 10 mM were tested.
- Five concentrations between 1 μM and 6 mM were tested.

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