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Software and code

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Data collection

-fasterq-dump from sra-toolkit (v. 2.10) was used to obtain all public external raw sequencing datasets.
- BD FACSDiva (v. 8)- FACS acquisition on the LSR Fortessa.
- LASFX software (v. 3.7.3.23245) - for confocal image acquisition.
- NextSeq 1000/2000 Control Software (v. 1.4.1.39716) and NextSeq Control Software (v. 4.0.1.41).

Data analysis

quality control: fastqc (v.0.11.5) and multiqc (v. 1.8), trimmomatic (v. 0.39), cutadapt (v. 2.5);
mapping: BWA (v. 0.7.17-r1188) for ChIP-seq and SCAR-seq, STAR (v. 2.7.1a) for RNA-seq, deepTools (v. 3.0), macs2 (v. 2.2.4), danpos (v.2.2.2), DESeq2 (v 1.26), bedtools (v. 2.29), samtools (v. 1.9), TEcount (v. 2.1.3), TELocal (v.1.1.1); Data analyses: R (v. 4.3), bioconductor (v. 3.12), ggplot (v. 3.4.1), ChIP-seq: ChIPseeker (v. 1.26.2), ChIPpeakAnno (v. 3.24.2), edgeR (v. 3.32.1), DESeq2 (v. 1.30.1), csaw (v. 1.24.3), clusterProfiler (v 3.18.1), GSEA (v. 4.0.3). RNA-seq: DESeq2 (v. 1.30.1), clusterProfiler (v 3.18.1), GSEA (v. 4.0.3). scRNA-seq: cellranger (v.6.0.2), Seurat (v. 4.0.4), DoubletFinder (v. 2.0.3), SeuratWrappers (v. 0.3.0), velocyto (version 0.17.17), monocle3 (v. 1.0.0), velocyto.R (v. 0.6), scran (v. 1.18.7), Clustree (v. 0.4.3), scTE (v. 1.0.)

Scripts and instructions for data processing and analyses are available at: https://github.com/anderssonlab/Wenger_et_al_2023

FlowJo (v.10.4.2)
FCS Express 6.0 (v. 6.0).
GraphPad Prism (v. 9)

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Sequence data generated in this study have been deposited to NCBI GEO with the accession code GSE154391 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE154391>). Proteomics data that support the findings of this study have been deposited to ProteomeXchange via PRIDE with the accession codes PXD020326 and PXD030364.

We used the following data to analyze our genomic data:

We used as reference genome *Mus musculus* mm10 and the *Drosophila melanogaster* dm6.

for genome annotations we used GENCODE vM23 (https://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/genocode/Genocode_mouse/release_M23/genocode.vM23.annotation.gtf.gz).

ENCODE Black list (<https://storage.googleapis.com/encode-pipeline-genome-data/mm10/mm10.blacklist.bed.gz>).

Repeat subfamily annotations (https://labshare.cshl.edu/shares/mhammellab/www-data/TEtranscripts/TE_GTF/GRCm38_GENCODE_rmsk_TE.gtf.gz)

mESC OK-seq initiation zones (https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/samples/GSM3290nnn/GSM3290342/suppl/GSM3290342_Ok_IZ.txt.gz)

We re-analyzed the following mESC ChIP and RNA sequencing data:

H2AK119ub1 (GSE132752: GSM3891343 and GSM3891344, inputs GSM3891350, GSM3891351); H3K27me1 and H3K27me2 (GSE127117: GSM3625691 and

GSM3625689, input GSM3625706); H3K36me2 (GSE126864: SRR8601997, SRR86019978, SRR86019979, inputs SRR8602003, SRR8602004, SRR8602005);

H3K36me3 (ENCODE: GSM6373350 and GSM6373351, inputs GSM4051038, GSM4051039); SUZ12-KO RNA-seq (GSE127804); SETDB1-KO RNA-seq (BioProject

PRJNA544540) and SUV39H1/2-dKO RNA-seq (GSE57092).

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Life sciences study design

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| Sample size | No statistical method was used to predetermine sample size. ChIP/SCAR-seq experiments were performed in a minimum of 2 biological replicates to assure reproducibility according to the ENCODE ChIP guidelines (https://www.encodeproject.org/chip-seq/histone-encode4/). For RNA-seq we performed a minimum of 3 biological replicates or 2 biological replicates when comparing multiple mutant clones where the clones serve as biological replicates following the ENCODE RNA-seq guidelines (https://www.encodeproject.org/data-standards/encode4-bulk-rna/#standards). All other experiments involving quantification were performed in a minimum of 3 biological replicates according to the standard of the field. |
| Data exclusions | No samples were excluded from analysis. |
| Replication | All results were tested and confirmed with at least two independent biological experiments including 2 or more independent MCM2-2A, POLE4-KO, or MCM2-R ESC clones, to assure reproducibility of the results. The single-cell RNA-seq experiment was performed in thousands of cells in WT, MCM2-2A clone and MCM2-R clone. Note that replicate information for each experiment is provided in the figure legends and in a detailed list of all sequencing data generated in this study provided in Supplementary Table 1. |
| Randomization | No method of randomization was applied as the study does not involve a clinical trial or human subjects. All cell lines, WT, mutant and rescue cells were cultured together to reduce variability which is not the result of treatment/mutation. |
| Blinding | No blinding method was applied. Genomic, proteomic and cell cytometry analysis does not apply subjective measurement. Chimera analyses were performed and scored by two different individuals. |

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Materials & experimental systems

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Methods

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Antibodies

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| Antibodies used | <p>Target_Supplier name_Catalog number_Clone name_Lot number_Application</p> <p>H3K27me3_Cell Signaling_9733S_C36B11_14 and 16_ChIP</p> <p>H3K4me3_Cell Signaling_9751S_C42D8_10_ChIP</p> <p>H3K9me3_abcam_ab176916_EPR16601_GR3218257-2_ChIP</p> <p>H3K27ac_Epicyphe_13-0045_n/a_20120001-28_ChIP</p> <p>H4K20me0_abcam_ab227804_EPR22116_GR3269933-7_ChIP</p> <p>SUZ12_Cell Signaling_3737S_D39F6_8_ChIP</p> <p>Cytokeratin7_Santa Cruz_sc70936_5F282_LO210_IF</p> <p>Gata6 XP_Cell Signaling_5851_D61E4_2_IF</p> <p>Nanog_eBioscience_14-5761_eBioMLC-51_IF</p> <p>Otx2_R&D_AF1979_n/a_KNO0921031_IF</p> <p>Pecam APC conj. (CD31)_BD Pharmingen_551262_MEC 13.3_6133900_Flow Cytometry</p> <p>Tuj1_Covance_mms-435p-250_TUJ1_d13AF00117_IF</p> <p>Tubulin_abcam_ab6160_YL1/2_n/a_Western Blot</p> <p>POLE4_gift from S. Boulton_n/a_n/a_n/a_Western Blot</p> |
| Validation | <p>All commercial antibodies were validated by the suppliers. The antibody against POLE4 was home-made and validated by the Boulton lab (Bellelli et al, Mol Cell 2018). Additional information regarding specificity of the histone PTM antibodies used for ChIP is provided below.</p> <p>H3K27me3: The manufacturer has validated this antibody for ChIP using SimpleChIP Enzymatic Chromatin IP Kits and has determined the specificity by peptide ELISA. The manufacturer states: "The antibody does not cross-react with non-methylated, mono-methylated or di-methylated Lys27. In addition, the antibody does not cross-react with mono-methylated, di-methylated or tri-methylated histone H3 at Lys4, Lys9, Lys36 or Histone H4 at Lys20." In addition, this antibody is widely used and has >800 product citations.</p> <p>H3K4me3: The manufacturer has validated this antibody for ChIP using SimpleChIP Enzymatic Chromatin IP Kits and has determined the specificity by Western Blotting (use of competitor peptides). The manufacturer states: "This antibody shows some cross-reactivity with histone H3 that is di-methylated on Lys4, but does not cross-react with non-methylated or mono-methylated histone H3 Lys4. In addition, the antibody does not cross-react with methylated histone H3 Lys9, Lys27, Lys36 or methylated histone H4 Lys20." In addition, this antibody is widely used and has >350 product citations.</p> <p>H3K9me3: The manufacturer has validated this antibody for ChIP and has determined the specificity in a peptide array against 501 histone peptides (moderate cross-reactivity with 2 peptides: H3K4cr and H2BK20cr). In addition, this antibody was tested by Epicyphe in a SNAP-ChIP assay (spike-in of barcoded recombinant nucleosomes) and passed both the specificity and IP efficiency criteria (personal communication with Danielle Maryanski).</p> <p>H3K27ac: This antibody was validated by the manufacturer and meets the "SNAP-ChIP® Certified" criteria for specificity and efficient target enrichment in a ChIP experiment (<20% cross-reactivity across the panel, >5% recovery of target input). The manufacturer states: "This antibody reacts to H3K27ac and no cross reactivity with other lysine acylations in the EpiCypher SNAP-ChIP K-AcylStat panel, is detected. Antibody binding to H3K27ac in the context of phosphorylation at S28 (H3K27acS28ph) is inhibited to varying degrees in Luminex and ChIP."</p> <p>H4K20me0: The manufacturer has validated this antibody for ChIP and has determined the specificity in a peptide array (moderate cross-reactivity with R19me1, R19me2a and R23me1).</p> <p>SUZ12: The manufacturer has validated this antibody for ChIP using SimpleChIP Enzymatic Chromatin IP Kits and specify that the antibody can detects endogenous levels of SUZ12 protein.</p> <p>Cytokeratin7: Recommended by the manufacturer for detection of Cytokeratin 7 of mouse, rat, human, hamster, canine and porcine origin by WB, IP, IF, IHC(P) and FCM.</p> <p>Gata6: The manufacturer has validated this antibody for ChIP using SimpleChIP Enzymatic Chromatin IP Kits and is certified for the usage for cut&run, ChIP-seq, Flow cytometry, Immunofluorescence (IF) and Western Blot (WB) for detection of endogenous protein levels.</p> <p>Nanog: The manufacturer validated the specificity of the antibody using both relative expression comparing the Nanog protein levels using western blot in F9 cell line (cell line that is known to express NANOG) to other cell line which are known to be negative to Nanog.</p> |

The antibody was shown in multiple published research for IF and WB.

PECAM APC conj. (CD31): The manufacturer routinely test the antibody for its application in flow cytometry.

Tuj1: The antibody is verified by the manufacturer for WB and ICC and each lot is quality control tested by formalin-fixed paraffin embedded immunohistochemical staining.

Tubulin: The antibody is validated as Western Blot loading control by the manufacturer and its performance is guaranteed for Flow Cytometry, IF and IHC-P.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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| Cell line source(s) | E14JU cell line with a 129/Ola background was derived at the Brickman lab (Hamilton et al. 2013) |
| Authentication | The used cell line was not authenticated. |
| Mycoplasma contamination | All used cell lines were tested regularly for mycoplasma contamination and tested negative. |
| Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register) | No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study. |

Animals and other organisms

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| Laboratory animals | 8 C57BL/6NRj female mice (4 weeks) underwent super-ovulation to obtain morulae. Embryos background C57BL/6NRj were injected to 32 CD1 (RjOrk:SWISS) receptor female (9-13 weeks). |
| Wild animals | This study did not involve wild animals. |
| Field-collected samples | This study did not involve samples collected from the field. |
| Ethics oversight | All animal work was carried in accordance with European legislation. All work was authorized by and carried out under Project License 2018-15-0201-01520 issued by the Danish Regulatory Authority. |

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ChIP-seq

Data deposition

- Confirm that both raw and final processed data have been deposited in a public database such as [GEO](#).
- Confirm that you have deposited or provided access to graph files (e.g. BED files) for the called peaks.

Data access links
May remain private before publication. Sequencing data have been deposited to NCBI GEO under accession number GSE154391. Access: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE154391>; token: mfyjiwkudrkrrij. All ChIP-seq data are collected in the sub-series GSE154379.

Files in database submission

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Genome browser session
 (e.g. [UCSC](https://genome.ucsc.edu))

http://genome.ucsc.edu/s/nalcaraz/rep_chromatin_TC

Methodology

Replicates

Histone PTM ChIP-seq experiments for H3K27me3, H3K4me3, H3K9me3 and H3K27ac were performed in WT cells and 3 MCM2-2A clones (2 biological replicates). In addition, ChIP-seq for H3K27me3, H3K9me3 and H3K4me3 was performed in the rescue cell line MCM2-R and these experiments included WT cells, 1 MCM2-2A clone and 1 MCM2-R clone (3 biological replicates). The SUZ12 ChIP-seq experiment was performed in WT cells and 2 MCM2-2A clones (3 biological replicates).

Sequencing depth

| Experiment | Mapped_reads | Uniquely_mapped_reads | read_length | single/paired |
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Antibodies

Target_Supplier name_Catalog number_Clone Name_Lot number
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 H3K4me3_Cell Signaling_9751S_C42D8_10
 H3K9me3_abcam_ab176916_EPR16601_GR3218257-2
 H3K27ac_Epiccypher_13-0045_n/a_20120001-28
 SUZ12_Cell Signaling_3737S_D39F6_8

Peak calling parameters

macs2 parameters --nomodel -p 0.01 (H3K4me3, H3K27ac, SUZ12)
 and dregion (danpos2 package) with default parameters (H3K27me3, H3K9me3)

Data quality

ChIP-seq libraries were assessed with NFR, PBC1 and PBC2 scores for library complexity, cross correlation scores NSC, RSC, fingerprint plots and Fraction of reads in Peaks.

Software

For processing and peak calling the ENCODE ChIP-seq pipeline (version 1.3.6) was used. Briefly, adapters and low quality reads were filtered with cutadapt (version 2.5), reads were mapped to a hybrid mouse (mm10) and fly (dm3) genome with bwa, duplicate reads were removed with picard (version 2.20.7), ENCODE mm10 blacklist regions were masked and only reads with mapping quality above 30 were considered for further downstream analyses. For peak calling, macs2 was used for narrow histone marks and SUZ12, whereas dregion (from the danpos2 package) was used for calling peaks in broad histone marks.

Flow Cytometry

Plots

Confirm that:

- The axis labels state the marker and fluorochrome used (e.g. CD4-FITC).
- The axis scales are clearly visible. Include numbers along axes only for bottom left plot of group (a 'group' is an analysis of identical markers).
- All plots are contour plots with outliers or pseudocolor plots.
- A numerical value for number of cells or percentage (with statistics) is provided.

Methodology

Sample preparation

We used flow cytometry for cell cycle analysis of ESCs and for quantification of cell populations expressing marker genes before and after ESC differentiation. Details of the experimental procedures are provided in the methods section.

Instrument

Cell cycle analysis: BD Biosciences, BD FACS Calibur and LSR Fortessa; Differentiation experiments: BD Biosciences, LSR Fortessa

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| Software | Cell cycle data were collected with CellQuest Pro and analysed with FlowJo (v.10.4.2). Differentiation data were collected with FACS Diva and analyzed in FCS Express 6 (v. 6) . |
| Cell population abundance | For the cell cycle analysis mESC are known to have more than 60% cells in S-phase and 10-20% of cells in G1 and G2/M, comparable to our findings. During differentiation we followed gradual reduction in PECAM positive cells, being able to evaluate the subpopulation abundance change during differentiation. |
| Gating strategy | Cell cycle analysis: 1) FSC/SSC gates were used to define a homogeneous cell population, 2) H/A gates of propidium iodide (DNA content) was used to exclude doublets, 3) For gating EdU-positive cells, a no-EdU sample was used as negative control. (Supplementary Fig. 1) For differentiation analysis: 1) FSC/SSC gates were used to define a homogeneous cell population, 2) FSC H/FSC W gates were used to exclude doublets, 3) DAPI negative gate was used to select live population, 4) Specific surface marker fluorochrome (Pecam-APC) was used to analyze percentage of undifferentiated cells. (Supplementary Fig. 2) |

Tick this box to confirm that a figure exemplifying the gating strategy is provided in the Supplementary Information.