

## Reporting Summary

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- The exact sample size ( $n$ ) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
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### Software and code

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Data collection

CytExpert Software v2.4 (Beckman Coulter);  
MiSeq Control Software v2.6 (Illumina);  
NovaSeq Control Software v1.7 (Illumina);  
HiSeq Control Software v3.4 (Illumina).

Data analysis

FCS express v7 (DeNovo Software);  
CHOPCHOP v3 (<https://chopchop.cbu.uib.no/>);  
Fastqc v0.11.9 (<https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>);  
Trim\_Galore v0.6.6. ([https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/trim\\_galore/](https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/trim_galore/));  
Bismark read mapper Methylation caller tool v0.23.0;  
R package MethyKitv1.16.1;  
STAR v2.7.6a;  
R package Subread package v2.0.1;  
GRCm38 murine reference genome and Gencode v M25 annotation ([https://www.gencodegenes.org/mouse/release\\_M25.html](https://www.gencodegenes.org/mouse/release_M25.html));  
R package sva v3.38.0;  
R package DESeq2 v1.30.0;  
R package bsseq v1.26.0;  
R package DSS v2.44.0;  
R package ChIPpeakAnno v3.24.2;  
GraphPad Prism v9 (GraphPad Software);  
bowtie2 v2.2.5;

BBMap v39.01 ([sourceforge.net/projects/bbmap/](https://sourceforge.net/projects/bbmap/));  
 Trimmomatic v0.39 (<http://www.usadellab.org/cms/?page=trimmomatic>);  
 CRISPResso2 v2.2.8;  
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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A description of any restrictions on data availability
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All data are available in the main text, extended data, or supplementary materials. Data from RNA-seq, WGMS, and targeted bisulfite sequencing have been deposited on the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database (accession number: GSE226209). Data from RNA-seq, WGMS, and targeted amplicon sequencing have been analyzed using GRCm38 murine reference genome and Gencode v M25 annotation ([https://www.gencodegenes.org/mouse/release\\_M25.html](https://www.gencodegenes.org/mouse/release_M25.html)).

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Reporting on sex and gender

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Population characteristics

Recruitment

Ethics oversight

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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## Life sciences study design

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Sample size

Data exclusions

Replication

Randomization

Blinding

further reducing the risk of eventual operator biases.

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### Methods

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## Eukaryotic cell lines

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| Cell line source(s)                                               | Hepa 1-6 (CRL-1830) were purchased from ATCC; primary murine hepatocytes from C57BL/6 male mice were purchased from Biopredic International.        |
| Authentication                                                    | The Hepa 1-6 and the primary murine hepatocytes were purchased and used just upon arrival. No authentications were performed.                       |
| Mycoplasma contamination                                          | The Hepa 1-6 cell line and its derivative, as well as the primary murine hepatocytes, were used upon testing negative for Mycoplasma contamination. |
| Commonly misidentified lines (See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register) | No misidentified lines were used in this study.                                                                                                     |

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| Laboratory animals      | Eighth week-old C57BL/6N female mice were purchased from Charles River Laboratories (Calco, Italy)                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Wild animals            | No wild animals were used in this study.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Reporting on sex        | Sex was not considered in the study design.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Field-collected samples | The study did not involve samples collected from the field.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Ethics oversight        | Procedures involving animal handling and care followed national and international law and policies and were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (Authorization nos. 604/2020-PR and 233/2022-PR, provided by the Italian Ministry of Health). |

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## Plants

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| Seed stocks           | Not applicable to this study |
| Novel plant genotypes | Not applicable to this study |
| Authentication        | Not applicable to this study |

### Plots

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### Methodology

Sample preparation

Hepa 1-6 were detached using trypsin, blocked in full medium, centrifuged and resuspended in PBS.

Instrument

CytoFLEX S (Beckman Coulter) and FACSAria™ Fusion Cell Sorter (BD Biosciences).

Software

Flow cytometry was performed using CytoFLEX S (Beckman Coulter) and raw data were analyzed using FCS express (DeNovo Software).

Cell population abundance

Sorted cells: >100.000 cells; purity >95% by CytoFLEX S analysis.

Gating strategy

Cell aggregates and debris were excluded by gating cells on the diagonal of FSC-H/FSC-A plot. Then, viable cells were defined as FSC-high and SSC-low population. Wild-type Hepa 1-6 was used to set gates for tdTomato-negative cells.

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