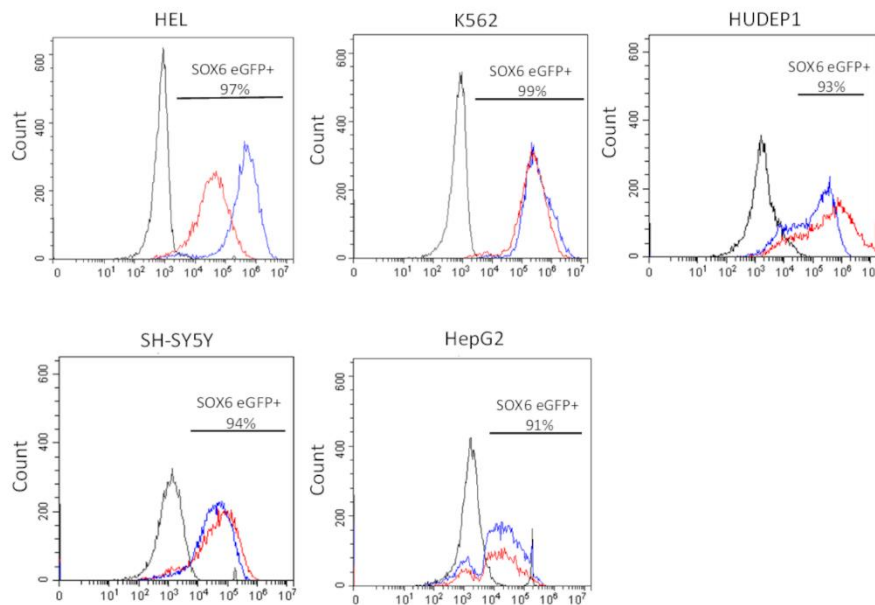


Repression of the oncofetal *LIN28B* gene by the transcription factor SOX6

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SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

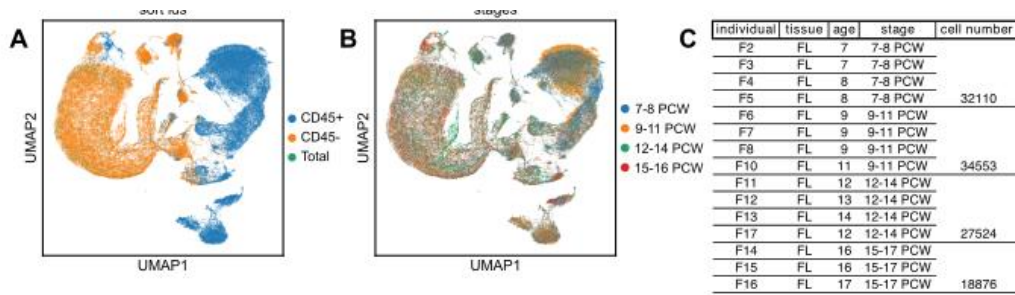
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Transduction efficiency. Transduction efficiency was assessed by Flow cytometry as the CSI-SOX6 expression vector contains a bicistronic Sox6-Flag-IRES-GFP cassette¹. x axis: Mean Fluorescence Intensity, y axis: cell count. Gray: untransduced cells. Red: GFP⁺ cells infected with the SOX6 overexpressing vector. Blue: GFP⁺ cells infected with the corresponding Empty Vector. HUDEP1 and HepG2 were transduced with an efficiency of about 60-70% and were then sorted to obtain the cell (>90%GFP⁺) populations used (above panels).

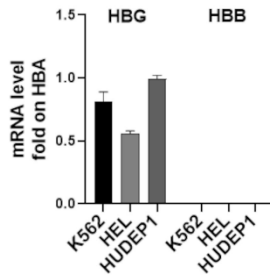
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Additional information to the human fetal liver hematopoiesis dataset (Popescu et al., 2019). **a**, UMAP labelled according to the fluorescence-activated cell sorting of CD45+ and – cells done prior to sequencing, indicating distinct lineages of hematopoiesis. **b**, UMAP indicating developmental stage of the derived cells. **c**, Table showing additional information about the scRNA-sequencing samples used for Figure 2 and for this figure. **d**, UMAP-blots of hemoglobin gene expression in human fetal liver (upper panels) and yolk sac (lower panels).

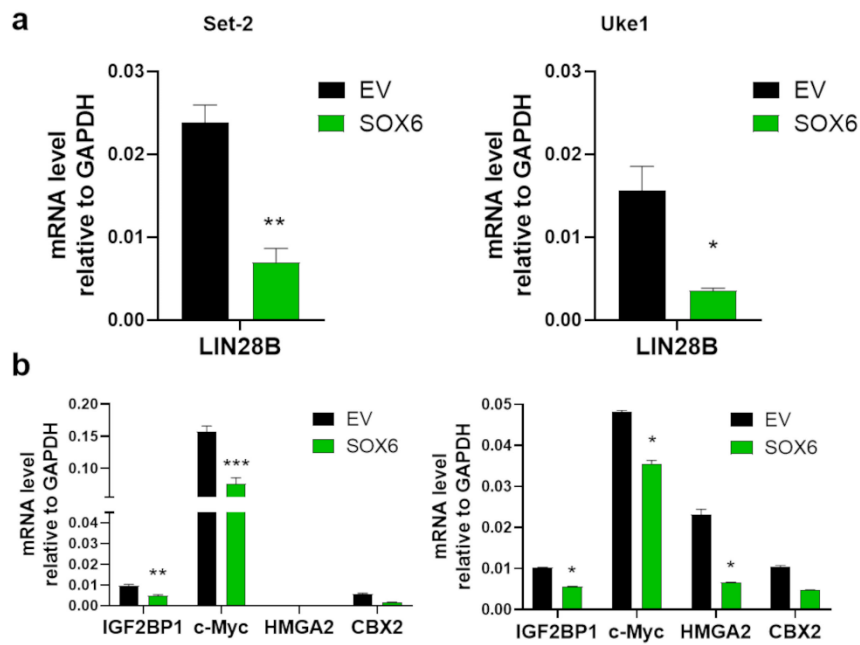
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K562, Hel and HUDEP1 cell represent embryo/fetal model of erythropoiesis.

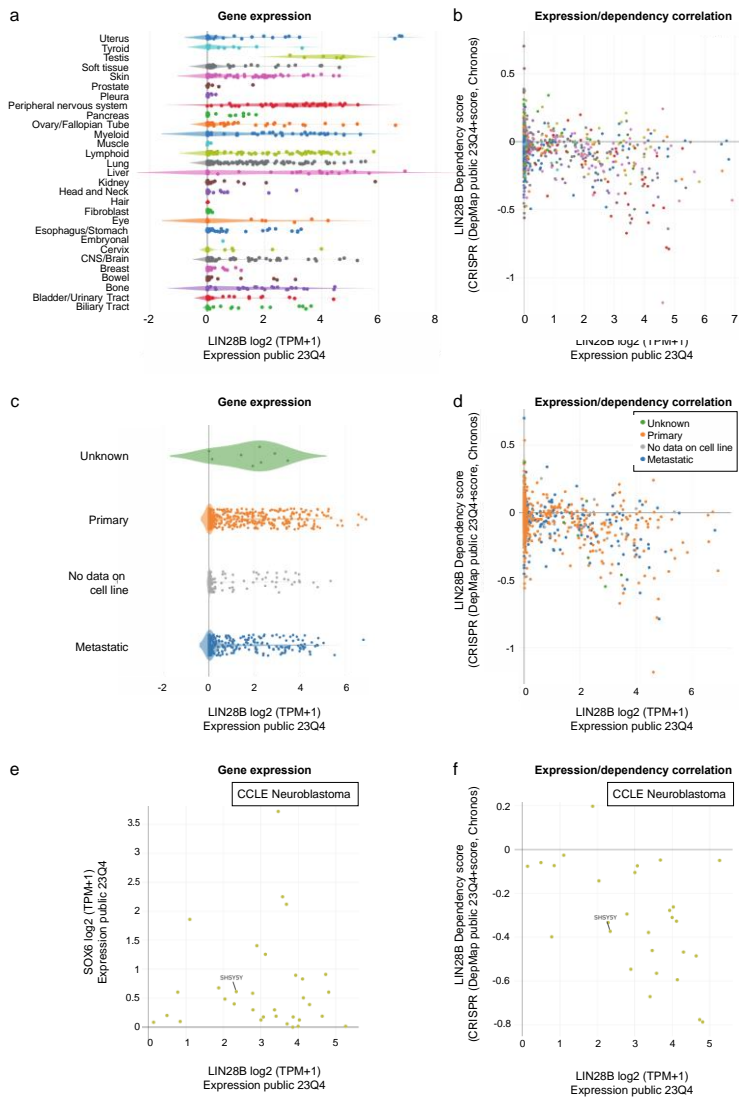
mRNA expression levels of fetal γ (HBG) and adult β (HBB) globin relative to α (HBA) globin. For all samples, RT-qPCR $n \geq 3$, error bars: standard error of mean.

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SOX6 directly represses *LIN28B* in Set-2 and Uke1 cells. Effect of SOX6 expression on *LIN28B* mRNA levels (a) and on representative Let-7 downstream targets (b).

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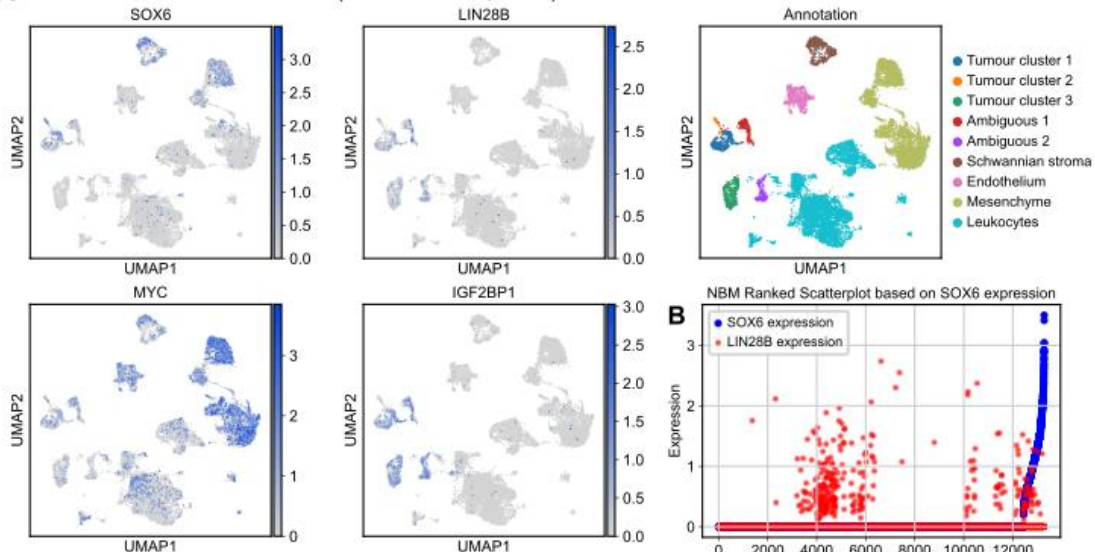
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LIN28B gene expression in cancer.

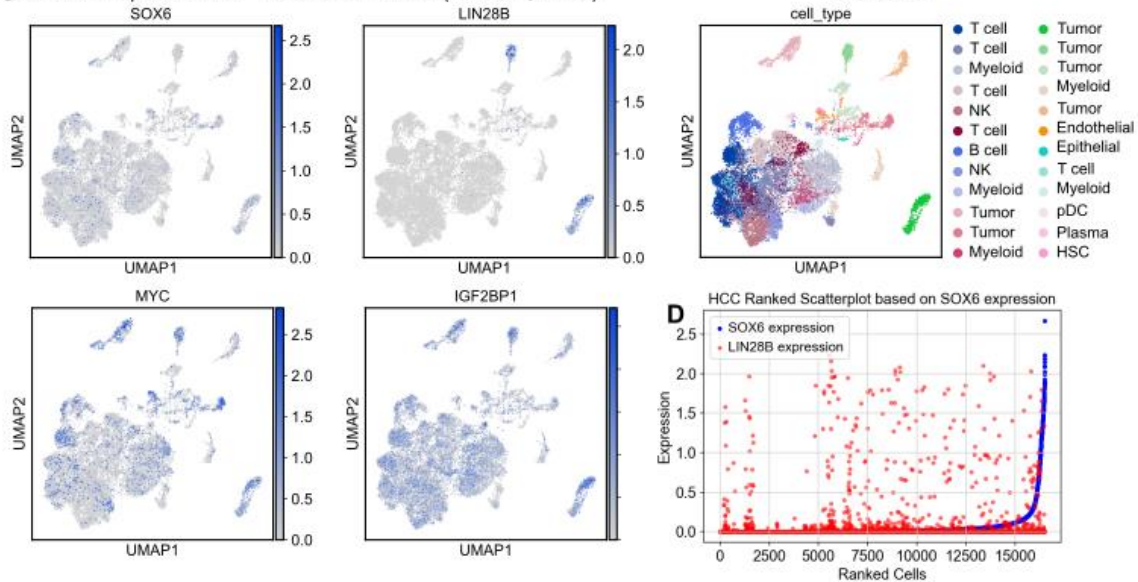
a, Expression of *LIN28B* from transcriptional profiling of human cancer cell lines of the indicated lineages (CCLE, Broad Institute) in DepMap. **b**, the dependency scores were calculated by Chronos (Dempster JM et al., 2021) for LIN28B CRISPR in CCLE lines shown in **a** and correlated to LIN28B gene expression levels in DepMap. **c**, Expression of *LIN28B* from transcriptional profiling of human cancer cell lines of the indicated tumor types (CCLE, Broad Institute) in DepMap. **d**, the dependency scores were calculated by Chronos. for LIN28B CRISPR in CCLE lines shown in (c) and correlated to LIN28B gene expression levels in DepMap. **e**, Expression of *LIN28B* and *SOX6* from transcriptional profiling of human cancer cell lines of the peripheral nervous system, neuroblastoma (CCLE, Broad Institute) in DepMap. **f**, the dependency scores were calculated by Chronos for LIN28B CRISPR in the CCLE neuroblastoma cell lines shown in **e** and correlated to LIN28B gene expression levels in DepMap. **a-f**: TPM (Transcripts Per Million). **b, d, f**: LIN28 Gene Effect (Chronos). CRISPR (DepMap Public 23Q4+Score, Chronos).

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A Human neuroblastoma scRNA (Kildisiute *et al.*, 2021)



C Human hepatocellular carcinoma scRNA (Lu *et al.*, 2022)

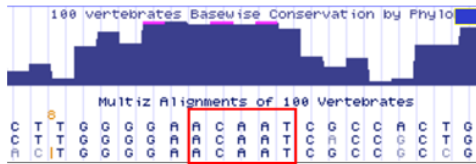


Single-cell RNA expression of SOX6, LIN28B, MYC, and IGF2BP1 in cancer.

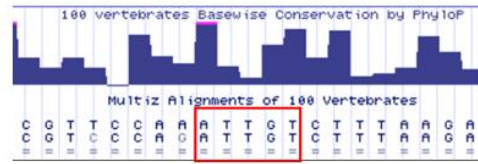
a,b, data from Kildisiute *et al.*, 2021. **a**, Single-cell RNA expression of *SOX6*, *LIN28B*, *MYC*, and *IGF2BP1* in 16498 cells derived from human neuroblastoma (NBM) biopsies. Clusters were associated with 9 cell types according to the expression of marker genes. Samples were derived from pretreated tumors biopsies, only including viable areas. **b**, ranked scatterplot sorting cells based on their expression of *SOX6* along the x-axis. The y-axis indicates the normalized expression of *SOX6* (blue) and *LIN28B* (red). **c,d**, data from Lu *et al.*, 2022 **c**, single-cell RNA expression of *SOX6*, *LIN28B*, *MYC*, and *IGF2BP1* in cells derived from human hepatocellular carcinoma biopsies. Clusters were associated with 23 cell types according to the expression of marker genes. Samples were derived from primary and relapsed tumors and adjacent liver from 10 individuals. **d**, ranked scatterplot sorting cells based on their expression of *SOX6* along the x-axis. The y-axis indicates the normalized expression of *SOX6* (blue) and *LIN28B* (red).

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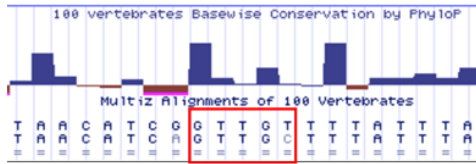
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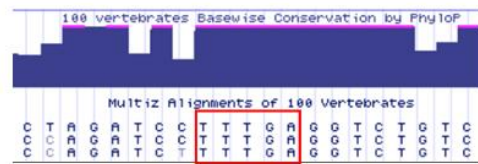
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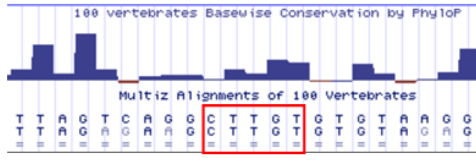
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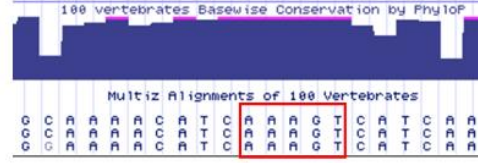
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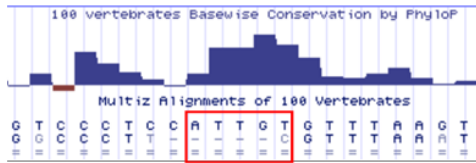
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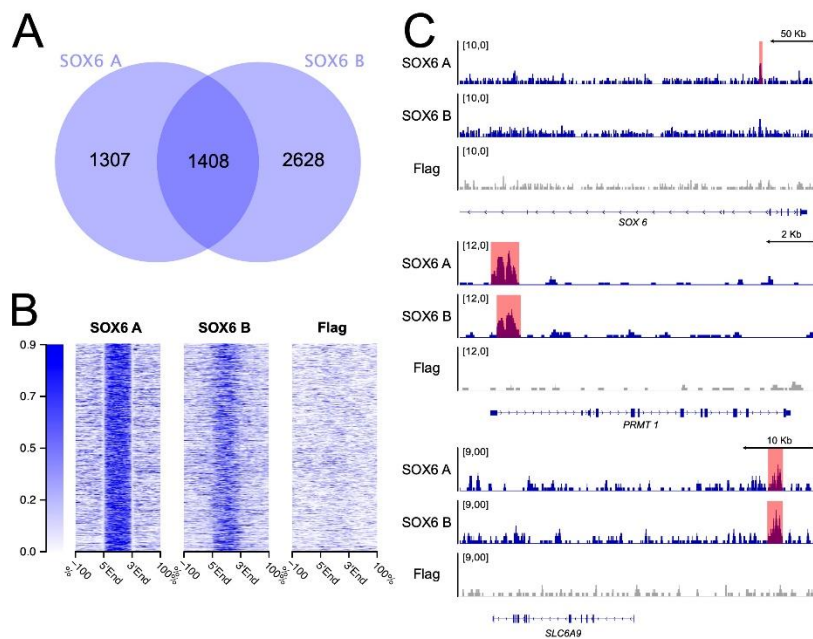


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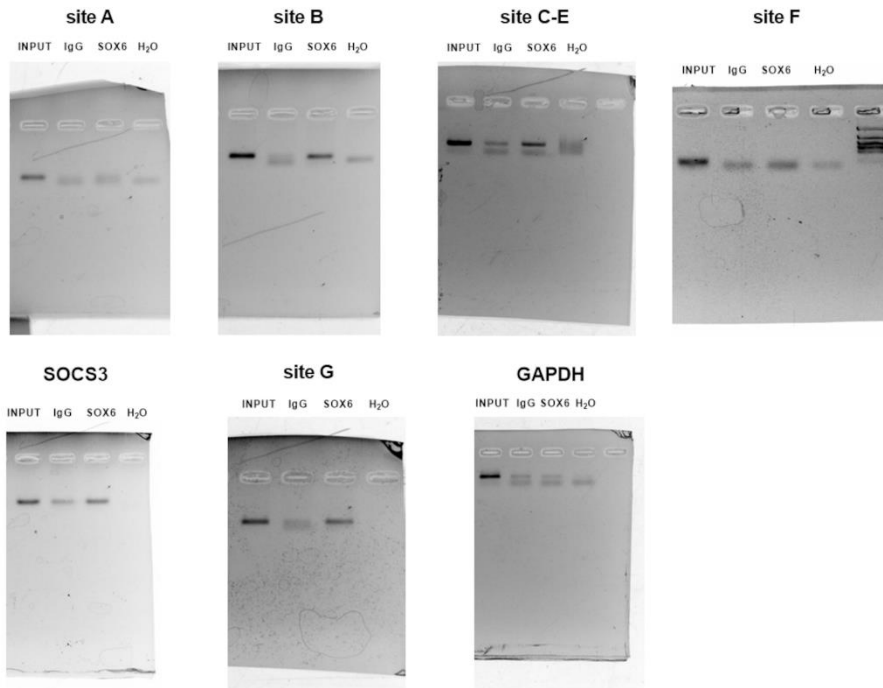
Evolutionary conservation of the *SOX6* consensus binding sites within the *LIN28B* locus, according to the UCSC genome browser (<https://genome.ucsc.edu/>). Human, mouse and chicken sequences are shown. Coordinates refer to the human assembly GRCh38/hg38. The sites order (from A to G) refers to the *Lin28B* locus map in Figure 5.

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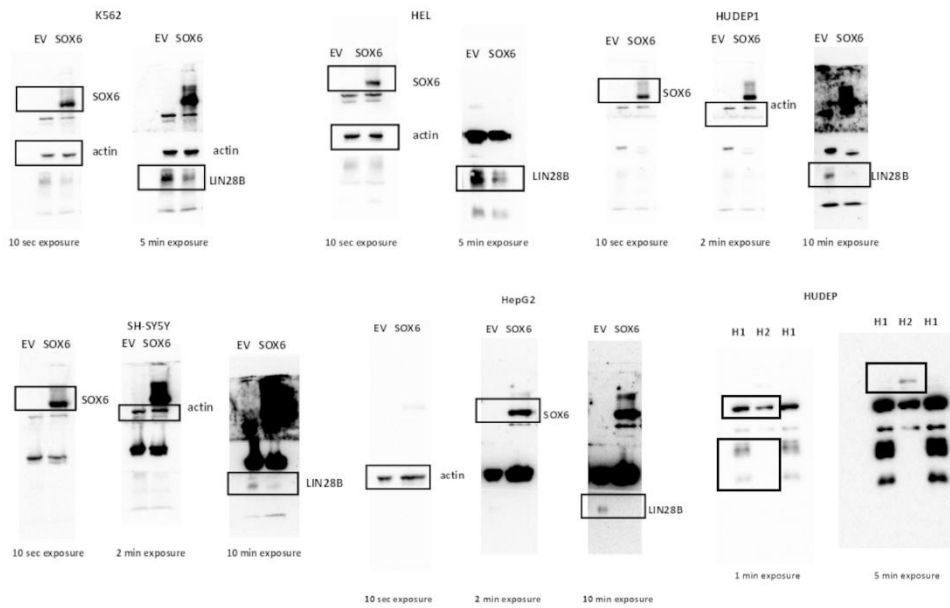
a, Venn diagram showing the number of peaks in the two replicates. The peaks present in both replicates are considered as reproducible, high-confidence events. **b**, Signal Enrichment plots for SOX6 showing common peaks from the two replicates. Signal entries in the heatmap are ordered by overall enrichment of the first profile on the left. **c**, Genomic coverage tracks obtained with CUT&RUN LoV-U targeting SOX6 representing the *SOX6*, *PRMT1* and *SLC6A9* loci and visualized with Integrative Genomic Viewer (IGV). From the top: two SOX6 replicates (SOX6 A and SOX6 B) with their respective negative control (anti-Flag).

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Uncropped gels corresponding to panel d of Figure 5 (Chromatin Immunoprecipitation)

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Uncropped Western blots filters corresponding to Figures 1, 3-4. Within boxes, the selected regions.

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Supplementary Table 1: Cell culture media composition and supplements

Cell line	MEDIUM	Supplements
K562	RPMI	Fetal Bovine Serum 10%
Hel	RPMI	Fetal Bovine Serum 10%
Set-02	RPMI	Fetal Bovine Serum 20%
Uke1	IMDM	Fetal Bovine Serum 10%
HepG2	DMEM	Fetal Bovine Serum 10%
SH-SY5Y	DMEM	Fetal Bovine Serum 10%
HUDEP1 ¹	IMDM	0.2% HSA (Human Serum Albumin); 0.1% Lipid Mixture; 300 µg/mL transferrin; 10 µg/mL insulin; 100 µM sodium pyruvate; 2 U/mL EPO (Erythropoietin); 100 ng/mL SCF (Stem Cell Factor); 1 µM dexamethasone; 2 µg/mL doxycycline.

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Supplementary Table 2: list of antibodies and reagents used in this study

Antibodies and reagents	Cat n°	Manufacturer
Anti-FLAG (ChIP)	F7425	Sigma-Aldrich
Anti-LIN28B human	4196	Cell Signaling
Anti-LIN28B mouse	BK5422	Cell Signaling
Anti-actin	47778	Santa Cruz
HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG	7074	Cell Signaling
Anti-SOX6	ab30455	Abcam
Anti-SOX6 (Western blot)	AB5805	Millipore
rlgG	PP64	Millipore
DMEM medium	ECB7501L	Euroclone
RPMI Medium 1640	ECB9006L	Euroclone
Phosphate-buffered saline (PBS)	ECB4004L	Euroclone
Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)	F7524	Sigma-Aldrich
L-glutamine	ECB3000D	Euroclone
Penicillin-Streptomycin	ECB3001D	Euroclone
Luminata Western HRP substrate	WBLUR0500	Millipore
High Capacity cDNA RT Kit	4368814	Applied Biosystems
Trypsin-EDTA	ECB3052D	Euroclone
SsoAdvanced Universal SYBR® Green	1725274	Bio-Rad
IMDM medium	P04-20250	PAN
HUMAN SERUM ALBUMIN	P06-27100	PAN
rh SCF	11343325	ImmunoTools
rh EPO	11344795	ImmunoTools
dexamethasone	D4902	Sigma-Aldrich
doxycycline	D9891	Sigma-Aldrich

Supplementary Table 3: list of primers used in RT-PCR and ChIP experiments
(A-G: human Lin28B locus)

Primers used for RT-PCR		
GENE	F/R	Sequence (5'-3')
h_LIN28B	F	GCGCATGGGATTTGGATTCA
	R	ACTTCCTAAACAGGGGCTCC
m_LIN28B	F	ACGGCAGGATTTACTGATGG
	R	GCACTTCTTTGGCTGAGGAG
m_LIN28A	F	AAGCGCAGATCAAAAGGAGA
	R	CTGATGCTCTGGCAGAAGTG
h_HMGA2	F	ACCCAGGGGAAGACCCAAA
	R	CCTCTTGCCGTTTTTCTCCA
h_IGF2BP1	F	TAGTACCAAGAGACCAGACCC
	R	GATTTCTGCCCGTTGTTGTC
m_GAPDH	F	ACCACAGTCCATGCCATCAC
	R	TCCACCACCCTGTTGCTGTA
h_GAPDH	F	ACGGATTTGGTCGTATTGGG
	R	TGATTTTGGAGGGATCTCGC
HBA	F	GAGGCCCTGGAGAGGATGTTCC
	R	ACAGCGCGTTGGGCATGTCGTC
HBB	F	TACATTTGCTTCTGACACAAC
	R	ACAGATCCCCAAAGGAC
HBG	F	CTTCAAGCTCCTGGGAAATGT
	R	GCAGAATAAAGCCTATC TTGAAAG
h_SOX6	F	GAGGCAGTTCTTTACTGTGG
	R	CCGCCATCTGTCTTCATA
m_SOX6	F	TTCCTCCTGCATGGAAAAC
	R	GATGCTGCCAGCTTTTTCTG
h_c-myc	F	CCTTGAGCTGCTTAGACG
	R	AAGTTCTCCTCCTCGTCGC
h_CBX2	F	GACAGAACCCGTCAGTGTCC
	R	GGCTTCAGTAATGCCTCAGGT

Primers used in Chromatin Immunoprecipitation experiments
(A-G: human Lin28B locus)

site A	F	CCTGCCCTATGTCCTCC
	R	CCATCTCTTTCCGGGG
site B	F	GTTTCATGGGGATGTAATTAGG
	R	CTAAAATCATGGGAGGGGGTTCG
site C-E	F	CCTCCCATGATTTTAGTCAGGC
	R	CGCCATTTTCATCTATGCTGACA
site F	F	GGAATTTGCTGTTTAGTAGG
	R	CCTGCCCTCAGATGTTGACC
site G	F	GGCAGTTTAAAGACCAG
	R	CTGATTCCAACAAACAC
GAPDH	F	CGGAGTCAACGGATTTGGTCGTAT
	R	AGCCTTCTCCATGGTGGTGAAGAC
SOCS3	F	CTC TCG GCA GAG GTT TAT GG
	R	TCA AGG AAT AGC CCT TGA GG

CUT&RUN (LoV-U)

CUT&RUN was performed according to the LoV-U protocol described in (Zambanini et al., 2022). Per each sample 500,000 HUDEP1 (SOX6-Flag expressing) were harvested. Cells were washed three times in Nuclear Extraction (NE) buffer (HEPES-KOH pH-8.2 [20 mM], KCl [10 mM], Spermidine [0.5 mM], IGEPAL [0.05%], Glycerol [20%], Roche Complete Protease Inhibitor EDTA-Free), then resuspended in 40 µl NE per sample and bound to 20 µl Magnetic ConA Agarose beads (ABIN6952467) equilibrated in binding buffer (HEPES pH-7.5 [20 mM], KCl [10 mM], CaCl₂ [1 mM], MnCl₂ [1 mM]). After incubation, nuclei and beads were resuspended for 5 minutes in EDTA wash buffer (HEPES pH-7.5 [20 mM], NaCl [150 mM], spermidine [0.5 mM] in Roche Complete Protease Inhibitor EDTA-Free (COEDTAFRO), + EDTA [0.2 mM]). Samples were divided in 200 µl PCR tubes and antibody incubation was performed in 200 µl wash buffer with 2 µl of anti-FLAG antibody (Cat. F7425, Sigma-aldrich) overnight (ON) at 4 °C on a rotator. After ON incubation, samples were washed five times in wash buffer and resuspended in 200 µl of pAG-MN buffer (wash buffer supplemented with pAG-MN [0.6 µg/ml]) for 30 minutes at 4 °C on a rotator. pAG/MNase was a gift from Steven Henikoff (Addgene #123461), expressed and purified as described previously (Meers et al., 2019a). Samples were washed five times, followed by digestion for 30 minutes in wet ice in 50 µl wash buffer with 2 mM CaCl₂. After 30 minutes, the digestion buffer was moved to new collection tubes and the reaction on the beads was stopped with 50 µl of 1X Urea STOP buffer (NaCl [100 mM], EDTA [2 mM], EGTA [2 mM], IGEPAL [0.5%], Urea [8.5 M]) and the samples were incubated for 1 hour at 4°C. Beads were collected on the magnetic rack, while the supernatant was mixed in the corresponding collection tube, where it was cleaned up twice using Mag-Bind TotalPure NGS beads (Cat. #M1327, Omega Bio- Tek) at 2X, and then resuspended in 20 µl Tris-HCl pH 7.5.

Library preparation and sequencing

Library preparation was performed using the KAPA Hyper Prep Kit for Illumina platforms (Cat. #KK8504, KAPA Biosystems) according to the manufacturer's guidelines with the following modifications. End repair and A-tailing was performed with 0.4 size reactions with 20 µl of purified DNA. The thermocycler conditions were set to 12 °C for 15 min, 37 °C for 15 min and 58 °C for 25 min to prevent thermal degradation of the shortest fragments. Adapter ligation was done with 0.4 size reactions. KAPA Dual Indexed adapters were used at 0.15 µM. A post-ligation clean-up was performed with Mag-Bind TotalPure NGS beads at 1.2X. Resuspension was done in 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0. Library amplification was performed with 0.5 size reactions. The cycling conditions were set as follows: 45 sec initial denaturation at 98 °C, 15 sec denaturation at 98 °C, 10 sec annealing/elongation at 60 °C, 1 min final extension at 72 °C, hold at 4 °C, with 13 cycles. After amplification, a post-amplification cleanup was performed with 1.2X beads. Libraries were then run on an E-Gel EX 2% agarose gel (Cat. # G402022, Invitrogen) for 10 min using the E-Gel Power Snap Electrophoresis System (Invitrogen). Bands of interest between 150 and 500 bp were cut out and purified using the QIAquick Gel Extraction Kit (Cat. #28706, QIAGEN) according to manufacturer's instructions. Libraries were quantified with the Qubit (Thermo Scientific) using their high sensitivity DNA kit (Cat #Q32854, Thermo Scientific), pooled and sequenced 36 bp pair-end on the NextSeq 550 (Illumina) using the Illumina NextSeq 500/550 High Output Kit v2.5 (75 cycles) (Cat. #20024906, Illumina). The CUT&RUN datasets (raw and processed files) have been deposited at ArrayExpress (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/>) under accession number E-MTAB-12800.

Data analysis

Trimming was performed using bbmap bbduk (Bushnell *et al*, 2017, version 39.0) removing adapters, artifacts, poly AT, G and C repeats. Reads were aligned to the hg38 genome with bowtie (Langmead *et al*, 2009, version 1.3.1) using options -v 0 -m 1 -X 500. Samtools (Li *et al.*, 2009), version 1.6) view, fixmate, markdup and sort were used to create bam files, mark and remove duplicates, and sort bam files. Mitochondrial reads were removed together with the Blacklist of problematic regions as described in Nordin *et al* (2022). Individual track bedgraphs were created using bedtools (Quinlan & Hall, 2010, version 2.30.0) genomecov on pair-end mode. Peaks were called using SEACR (MEERS *et al*, version 1.3) against the corresponding negative control using the options "norm, relaxed". Venn diagrams and overlap peak sets were created using Intervene (Khan & Mathelier, 2017, version 0.6.5). Motif analysis was done using Homer (Heinz *et al*, 2010, version 4.11) findMotifsGenome to find motifs in the hg38 genome using -size given. Peak set gene annotation was done using GREAT (McLean *et al*, 2010, version 4.0.4) with default parameters. Signal intensity plots were created using ngsplot (Shen *et al*, 2014, version 2.63) with options -N 2 -GO total -SC global.

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