

Supplemental Data

Synergistic Function of E2F7 and E2F8 Is Essential for Cell Survival and Embryonic Development

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Supplemental Experimental Procedures

Electromobility Shift Assay (EMSA) for DNA Binding

EMSAs were performed as described before (Maiti et al., 2005). Briefly, E2F7 proteins were translated *in vitro* using the TNT Quick coupled transcription/translation system (Promega) following the manufacturer's protocol. The fragment of the adenoviral E2 promoter containing two E2F-binding sites was used as a probe for binding under conditions previously described. LightShift chemiluminescent EMSA kit (Pierce) was employed for visualization and detection.

Cell Proliferation Assay

To measure the proliferation of cre-treated *wild type* and $E2f7^{loxP/loxP}E2f8^{loxP/loxP}$ primary cells, 2×10^5 MEF cells were seeded in 60mm dishes and counted daily in triplicate for 7 days using a Beckton Dickson Coulter Counter.

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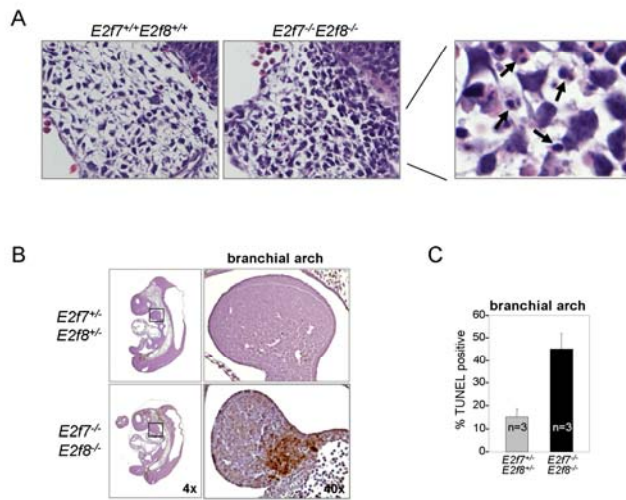


Figure S1. Inactivation of *E2f7* and *E2f8* Induces Massive Apoptosis in E9.5 Embryos

(A) H&E staining of E9.5 embryo mesenchymal tissues. The right panel highlights the nuclear morphology of mesenchymal cells in *E2f7*^{-/-}*E2f8*^{-/-} embryos; black arrows point to examples of pyknotic nuclei. (B) Formalin fixed sections of embryos with the indicated genotypes were analyzed by TUNEL assays. Far left panels: low magnification pictures of whole embryos. Right panel: high magnification images of representative areas demarcated by the box in the low magnification images. (C) Quantification of TUNEL-positive cells in the branchial arch areas is presented as the average \pm SD percentage of cells that are TUNEL-positive. Three sections per embryo and three different embryos for each genotype were analyzed.

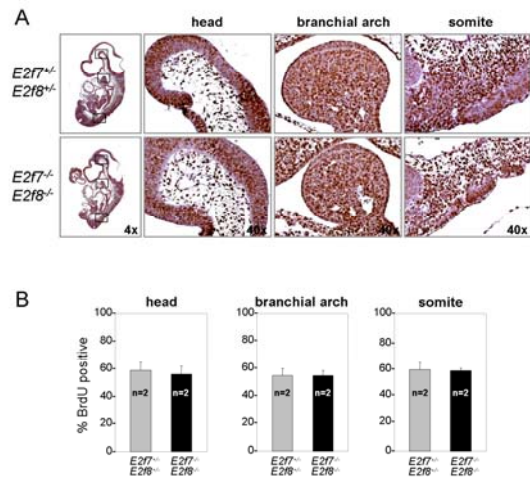


Figure S2. Inactivation of *E2f7* and *E2f8* Does Not Affect BrdU Incorporation In Vivo

(A) BrdU staining of embryos with the indicated genotypes. Far left panels: low magnification pictures of whole embryos. Right three panels: high magnification images of representative areas demarcated by the box in the low magnification images. (B) Quantification of proliferation in different tissue areas of embryos is presented as the average \pm SD percentage of cells that are BrdU-positive. Three sections per embryo and two different embryos were counted for each genotype group.

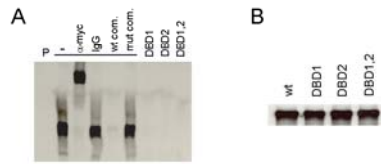


Figure S3. DNA Binding Mutations Abolish the DNA Binding Activity of E2F7

(A) EMSAs of *in vitro* translated myc-tagged *wild type* or mutant forms of E2F7 containing amino acid substitutions (Maiti et al., 2005) in the indicated DNA binding domains (DBD1, DBD2, DBD1,2) using a biotin-labeled E2 DNA probe. *In vitro* translated reactions of *wild type* E2F7 were incubated with mock buffer (-), anti-myc or IgG antibodies as indicated, or incubated with an unlabeled *wild type* (wt com.) or mutant E2 (mut com.) probe. (B) Western blot of *in vitro* translated *wild type* or mutant forms of myc-tagged E2F7 using anti-myc antibodies.

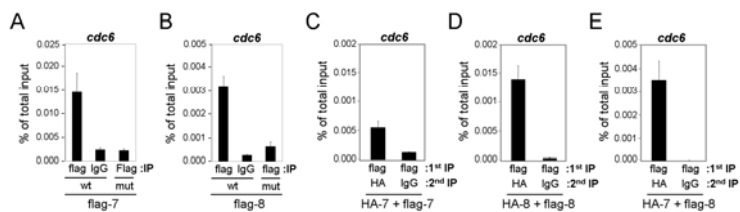


Figure S4. E2F7 and E2F8 Bind to the *cdc6* Promoter

(A-E) The same chromatin-immunoprecipitated DNA that was used and described in Figure 4F-J was amplified using primers specific for the *cdc6* promoter. Real-time PCR was performed in triplicate and cycle numbers were normalized to 1% of the input DNA.

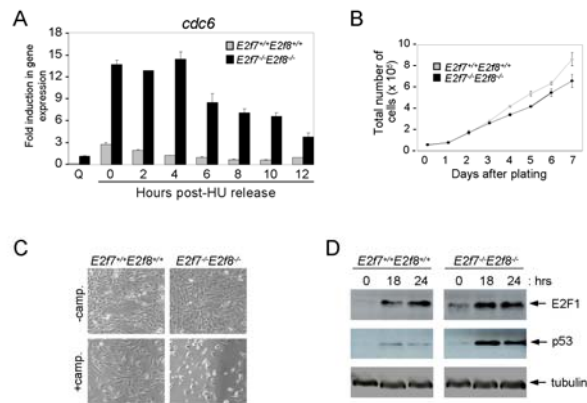


Figure S5. MEFs Deficient in *E2f7* and *E2f8* Are Hypersensitive to DNA Damage Induced Apoptosis

(A) Total RNA isolated from same synchronized MEFs samples as in Figure 4F was analyzed by real-time RT-PCR assays specific for *cdc6* expression. (B) Growth curve of cre-treated *E2f7^{+/+}E2f8^{+/+}* and *E2f7^{loxP/loxP}E2f8^{loxP/loxP}* MEFs. Cells were plated and viable cells counted daily in triplicate. For convenience, cre-deleted *loxP* alleles were labeled as (-/-). (C) Light microscopy images of MEFs treated as in Figure 4G at 72h. (D) Lysates derived from MEFs treated as in Figure 4G were analyzed by Western blotting using E2F1 and p53 specific antibodies. Tubulin-specific antibodies were used as an internal loading control.

Gene	Fold induction (log2)	Function	Reference
		Stress Related	
<i>Stc2</i>	3.91	hypoxia, nutrient response, calcium and phosphate homeostasis	Ito et al., 2004
<i>Ier3</i>	3.26	hypoxia response, apoptosis	Chen et al., 2006
<i>Pdk1</i>	2.96	hypoxia response, carbohydrate metabolism	Kim et al., 2007
<i>Bhlhb2</i>	2.92	hypoxia, genotoxic, DNA damage response, apoptosis	Olbryt et al., 2006
<i>Trib3</i>	2.83	hypoxia, nutrient response, insulin signaling and glucose homeostasis, apoptosis	Wu et al., 2007
<i>Ddit4</i>	2.74	hypoxia, DNA damage response, apoptosis	Schwarzer et al., 2005
<i>Ndr1</i>	2.64	hypoxia response, cell differentiation	Jin et al., 2002; Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Adm</i>	2.64	hypoxia response, angiogenesis	Olbryt et al., 2006
<i>Vldlr</i>	2.42	hypoxia response, lipid metabolism	Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Ndr1</i> // <i>Ndr1</i>	2.37	hypoxia response, cell differentiation	Jin et al., 2002; Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Ndr1</i>	2.37	hypoxia response, cell differentiation	Jin et al., 2002; Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Pfkfb3</i>	2.26	hypoxia response, glycolysis	Olbryt et al., 2006; Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Aldoc</i>	2.25	hypoxia response, glycolysis	Olbryt et al., 2006
<i>Bnip3</i>	2.20	hypoxia response, apoptosis	Olbryt et al., 2006; Kasper and Brindle, 2006; Martin-Rendon et al., 2007
<i>Pkp2</i>	2.17	hypoxia response, adhesion	Olbryt et al., 2006
<i>Maff</i>	2.16	hypoxia response, transcription	Chen et al., 2006; Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Stc1</i>	2.15	nutrient, hypoxia response, calcium homeostasis	Ito et al., 2004; Kasper and Brindle, 2006
<i>Eno2</i>	2.10	hypoxia response, glycolysis	Olbryt et al., 2006; Martin-Rendon et al., 2007
<i>Pfkfb3</i>	2.04	hypoxia response, glycolysis	Chesney et al., 2006
<i>Slc16a3</i>	2.03	hypoxia response, monocarboxylic acid transport	Ord et al., 2005
<i>Nppb</i>	2.00	hypoxia response, cardiovascular homeostasis	Olbryt et al., 2006
<i>Egln3</i>	1.98	hypoxia response, apoptosis	Kasper and Brindle, 2006; Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Slc2a3</i>	1.95	hypoxia response, glucose transport	Ragel et al., 2007; Zhang et al., 1999
<i>Pgm2</i>	1.92	hypoxia response, glycolysis	Manjunath et al., 1998
<i>2310056P07Rik</i>	1.91	hypoxia response	Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Rora</i>	1.90	including hypoxia response, cGMP metabolism, transcription	Zhu et al., 2006
<i>Krt19</i>	1.89	hypoxia response, cytoskeleton organization and biogenesis	Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Ero1l</i>	1.86	hypoxia response, oxidoreductase activity	Jin et al., 2002; Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Ankrd1</i>	1.85	hypoxia response, transcription corepressor activity	Samaras et al., 2006
<i>Mt1</i>	1.84	stress response, metal ion homeostasis	Emerson et al., 2000
<i>Sesn2</i>	1.79	hypoxia, DNA damage response, p53-dependent apoptosis	Budanov et al., 2004; Budanov et al., 2002
<i>Rad51l1</i>	1.74	DNA damage response, DNA repair	Thacker, 1999
<i>Mt2</i>	1.71	stress response, metal ion homeostasis	Emerson et al., 2000
<i>Flt1</i>	1.65	hypoxia response, angiogenesis	Kearney et al., 2004; Ahmed et al., 2000
<i>Slc2a1</i>	1.64	hypoxia response, glucose transport	Kasper and Brindle, 2006; Zhang et al., 1999
<i>P4ha1</i>	1.63	hypoxia response, protein metabolism	Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Pfkfb3</i>	1.61	hypoxia response, glycolysis	Kasper and Brindle, 2006; Kasper et al., 2005

Gene	Fold induction (log2)	Function	Reference
Stress Related (cont.)			
<i>Hk2</i>	1.60	hypoxia response, glycolysis	Olbryt et al., 2006; Kim et al., 2007
<i>P4ha2</i>	1.58	hypoxia response, protein metabolism	Kasper et al., 2005
<i>Tmem45a</i>	1.56	hypoxia response	Martin-Rendon et al., 2007
<i>Ddit3</i>	1.52	hypoxia, DNA damage response, p53-dependent apoptosis, transcription	Ragel et al., 2007; Jin et al., 2002; Liu et al., 2007
<i>Tnfaip3</i>	1.52	apoptosis	Beyaert et al., 2000
<i>Vegfa</i>	1.51	hypoxia response, angiogenesis	Olbryt et al., 2006; Ord et al., 2005; Kim et al., 2007; Martin-Rendon et al., 2007
Others			
<i>Klk1b22</i> /// <i>Klk1b9</i>	3.37	proteolysis	Chan et al., 1999
<i>Ppp1r3c</i>	2.59	glycogen metabolism	Printen et al., 1997
<i>BC064011</i>	2.28	NADH dehydrogenase, electron transport	
<i>Rgs11</i>	2.17	regulation of G-protein signaling	Giudice et al., 2001
<i>Uck2</i>	1.97	pyrimidine metabolism	van Rompay et al., 2001
<i>Aox4</i>	1.97	electron transport, oxidoreductase activity	
<i>Scmh1</i>	1.94	transcription corepressor activity	Tomotsune et al., 1999
<i>Dtprp</i>	1.90	decidual/trophoblast prolactin-related protein	Alam et al., 2006
<i>Plekha2</i>	1.80	phospholipid binding	Dowler et al., 2000
<i>A2m</i> /// <i>LOC677369</i>	1.73	protease inhibitor activity	van Leuven et al., 1992
<i>Dbp</i>	1.72	transcription, circadian rhythm	Gachon et al., 2006
<i>Smyd3</i>	1.71	chromatin modification, proliferation	Hamamoto et al., 2004
<i>Ndrp2</i>	1.68	nervous system development, differentiation	Nichols, 2003
<i>Punc</i>	1.66	neuronal cell adhesion	Yang et al., 2001
<i>Tcf15</i>	1.59	transcription	Siep et al., 2004
<i>St3gal1</i>	1.58	protein amino acid glycosylation	
<i>Pvr</i>	1.57	adhesion, migration	Ikeda et al., 2003
<i>Cbln3</i>	1.57	transneuronal signaling	Bao et al., 2006
<i>Loxl2</i>	1.54	oxidoreductase activity	Csiszar, 2001
<i>Pck2</i>	1.53	gluconeogenesis	Beale et al., 2007
<i>Upp1</i>	1.52	nucleotide catabolism, uridine metabolism	Cao et al., 2005
<i>Asah3l</i>	1.50	lipid metabolism, ceramide metabolism	
Unknown			
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<i>2610528A11Rik</i>	3.04	unknown	
<i>Ankrd37</i>	2.58	unknown	
<i>A330076H08Rik</i>	2.30	unknown	
<i>4930583H14Rik</i>	2.13	unknown	
<i>2900016B01Rik</i>	2.12	unknown	
<i>2700089E24Rik</i>	2.11	unknown	

Gene	Fold induction (log2)	Function	Reference
		Unknown (cont.)	
<i>BC062258</i>	2.10	unknown	
<i>2210418010Rik</i>	2.04	unknown	
<i>Gm129</i>	2.02	unknown	
<i>Zc3h6</i>	1.98	unknown	
---	1.93	unknown	
<i>Ppp1r3g</i>	1.89	unknown	
<i>4933409K07Rik</i> // <i>LOC545605</i> // <i>LOC665845</i>	1.87	unknown	
---	1.73	unknown	
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<i>5830408C22Rik</i>	1.68	unknown	
<i>C330008K14Rik</i>	1.61	unknown	
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<i>LOC676974</i>	1.56	unknown	
<i>B230112C05Rik</i>	1.55	unknown	
---	1.53	unknown	

Figure S6. Functional Annotation of Gene Expression

Genes are indicated with their gene symbols, medium Log2-differentials between *wild type* and *E2f7^{-/-}E2f8^{-/-}* samples, and gene functions (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez).

Based on their function annotations, 88 up-regulated genes are grouped in 3 categories and sorted in the descending order of Log2-differentials. References indicate previous reports for these genes function. For complete references list see Supplemental References.

Gene	Forward Primer	Reverse Primer
Genotyping		
<i>E2f7</i>	AGGCAGCACACTTGACACG	ACTTTTGGGACAGAGGTAGGA
		CCAAGATGAAGGCCGAGATGC TAC
<i>E2f8</i>	TAAAAAGCTTTGCGGTCGTT	AAGCCAACCTCGATGAATTG
		CTCGCATCATCGTCTGCTAA
Generating ISH Probes		
<i>E2f7</i>	TTGGCTTAGCGGGTAGGAGACG	GGCTGGCGGCGCTGATGAG
<i>E2f8</i>	GTCGAATTCGGTACACCCTCTCCAAACCA	GACTCTAGAACC CGGAGTACGGGAAGAAAT
Real-time RT-PCR		
<i>E2f7</i>	GCCAAGCAGGAAACAGAAGA	ACCGTGCCAACCACTACTGAT
<i>E2f8</i>	GAGAAATCCCAGCCGAGTC	CATAAATCCGCCGACGTT
<i>E2f1</i>	GCCCTTGACTATCACTTTGGTCTC	CCTTCCCATTTTGGTCTGCTC
<i>Cdc6</i>	AGTTCGTGCCCGCAAAGTG	AGCAGCAAAGAGCAAACCAGG
<i>Gadd45</i>	ACGACATCAACATCCTGCGG	CAAAGTCATCTCTGAGCCCTCG
<i>Noxa</i>	GATGAGGAGCCCAAGCCAACC	CCCAAACGACTGCCCCATACAA
<i>Pidd</i>	GCACCGTGTGAATCTCATTGC	CAGGAAGTGAACCCCGATAAAAG
<i>Ndrg1</i>	TCTTTGAGGCGAGGGAGAA	CAATGAAATCACACCACCA
<i>Eco1L</i>	CCGAAAAACTGATCGCAAT	CAGAAACAGGCACATTCCAA
<i>Pfkfb</i>	GGTTACTTGGCCTTGGTGAG	CGATTGCTCCTCAGACACA
<i>Slc2a3</i>	AACGTGCCCTCCTCCACTT	GCCCCTTCCATAGCAATCT
<i>Bnip3</i>	GGGTTTTCCCAAAGGAATA	GACCACCAAGGTAATGGTG
<i>Trib3</i>	ACTTGGCTGTGGGATTCAAG	GACTGTGGGCTGGGACTA
<i>Eomes</i>	GTGACAGAGCGGTGTGGAGG	AGAGGAGGCCGTTGGTCTGTGG
<i>Lectf1</i>	CACCAGCAGGAAGGAGAAAG	GGATTTACACCATGCCCAAG
Real-time ChIP-PCR		
<i>E2f1-promoter</i>	CTGCCTGCAAAGTCCC GGCCACTT	AGGAACCGCCGCGTTGTTCCCGT
<i>E2f1-exon1</i>	CGCCAGACGCCACTTCATC	TTCATCCCTCACTCATCAACAA
<i>Tubulin-promoter</i>	ATGGAGGGATGAATGGTTATGC	CTTTTTGGGCTGGCTCTTTTCC
<i>Cdc6-promoter</i>	AAAGGCTCTGTGACTACAGCCA	GATCCTTCTCAGTCTCTCACA

Figure S7. Primer Sequence Information for PCR Procedures