## SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Surface molecule	Fluorochrome	Clone	Manufacturer		
Anti-mouse antibodies					
B220	PerCP	RA3-6B2	BD		
CD4	Alexa700	L3T4	eBioscience		
CD38	Alexa700	90	eBioscience		
CD83	Biotin	Michel19	Biolegend		
CD86	Alexa488*	GL1	eBioscience		
CXCR4	PE	2B11	eBioscience		
CXCR5	FITC	2G8	BD		
FAS	PE-Cy7	Jo2	BD		
GL-7	FITC	GL-7	BD		
lgκ	FITC	187.1	BD		
lgλ <sub>1-3</sub>	FITC	R26-46	BD		
MHC II (I-Ab)	FITC	AF6-120.1	BD		
Anti-human antibodies	5				
CCR6	PE	29-2L17	Biolegend		
CD3	FITC	UCHT1	Beckman Coulter		
CD19	PE-Cy7	SJ25C1	BD		
CD23	FITC	EBVCS2	eBioscience		
CD27	FITC	M-T271	BD		
CD38	PerCP-Cy5.5	HIT2	Biolegend		
CD44	FITC	IM7	eBioscience		
CD69	FITC	FN50	BD		
CD77	FITC	38-13	AbD Serotec		
CD83	Biotin	HB15e	Biolegend		
CD86	Pacific Blue	IT2.2	Biolegend		
CXCR4	PE	12G5	Biolegend		
CXCR5	Alexa488	RF8B2	Biolegend		
lgD	FITC	IA6-2	BD		
lgD	V450	IA6-2	BD		
lgκ	FITC	G20-193	BD		
lgλ	FITC	1-155-2	eBioscience		
MHC-II (HLA-DR)	APC-Cy7	L243	BD		
Secondary reagents					
Other a travelation					

 Table S1. List of antibodies used in flow cytometry.

\* conjugated to fluorochrome in our laboratory

Surface molecule	Fluorochrome	Clone	Manufacturer		
Anti-mouse antibodies					
AID	Purified	mAID-2	eBioscience		
Bcl6 (N3)	Purified	Rabbit	Santa Cruz		
		polyclonal	Biotechnology		
Mouse IgH+L	Biotin	Horse	Vector		
		polyclonal	Laboratories		
Anti-human antibodie	S				
AID	Purified	mAID-2	eBioscience		
CD23	Alexa488*	1B12	Novocastra		
CD83	Purified	1H4b	Abcam		
CD86	APC	IT2.2	Biolegend		
CXCR4	PE	12G5	Biolegend		
lgD	Biotin	IA6-2	BD		
lgD	FITC	IA6-2	BD		
Secondary reagents					
Streptavidin	Alexa647		Invitrogen		
Rat IgG	Biotin	Donkey	Southern Biotech		
		polyclonal			
Streptavidin	СуЗ		Jackson		
			Immunoresearch		
Streptavidin	Alexa647		Invitrogen		

**Table S2.** List of antibodies used in immunofluorescence microscopy.

\* conjugated to fluorochrome in our laboratory using Zenon kit (Invitrogen)

Table S3. Sequencing of V	regions from	human light and	dark zone cells.
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	No. of Sequences	Mutations/ Base Pair	Mutations/ V-region	p-value*	Replacement/ Silent Ratio	p-value*	
LZ pooled	37	0.0439	13.63	0.444	3.11	0.397	
DZ pooled	36	0.0496	14.60		2.73		
LZ Pt. 1	13	0.0385	16.33	0.852	4.07	0.088	
DZ Pt. 1	12	0.0407	12.00		3.13		
LZ Pt. 2	15	0.0373	10.93	0.303	2.81	0.820	
DZ Pt. 2	14	0.0501	14.71		2.68		
LZ Pt. 3	9	0.0627	18.44	0.787	2.77	0.556	
DZ Pt. 3	10	0.0588	17.30		2.53		
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\* Student's T-test; Pt: patient

Table S4. Full list of genes included in each of the gene signatures constructed.

(Microsoft Excel spreadsheet)

## Table S5. Overlap between selected gene sets from the GSEA database and the

common human/mouse signatures light and dark zone signatures.

			Overlap analysis ( <i>Hs</i> and <i>Mm</i> combined)		GSEA analysis (individually by species)		
Gene Sets	Description	Up in	k/K	p-value (overlap) <sup>§</sup> *	NES ( <i>Hs/Mm</i> )	Nominal p-value ( <i>Hs/Mm</i> )*	FDR q-value ( <i>Hs/Mm</i> )*
C2.CGP							
BASSO_CD40_SIGNALING_UP	Gene upregulated by CD40 signaling in Ramos cells (EBV- negative Burkitt's lymphoma)	LZ	0.31	0	2.92/2.81	0/0	0/0
DIRMEIER_LMP1_ RESPONSE_EARLY	Genes upregulated in B2264- 19/3 cells (primary B lymphocytes) within 30-60 min after activation of LMP1	LZ	0.39	0	2.77/2.67	0/0	0/0
SCHUHMACHER_MYC_ TARGETS_UP	Genes upregulated in P493-6 cells (Burkitt's lymphoma) induced to express MYC	LZ	0.19	8.02E-13	2.65/1.58	0/0.010	0/0.071
BROCKE_APOPTOSIS_ REVERSED_BY_IL6	Genes upregulated in INA-6 cells (multiple myeloma, MM) by re-addition of IL6 after its initial withdrawal for 12h.	LZ	0.11	1.07E-12	1.69/2.09	0/0	0.044/0.001
C3.TFT							
V\$NFKAPPAB_01	Motif GGGAMTTYCC, matches annotation for NFKB/RELA	LZ	0.10	7.46E-08	1.75/2.11	0/0	0.025/0.001
V\$SRF_01	Motif ATGCCCATATATGGWNNT, matches annotation for SRF	LZ	0.11	0.004	1.81/1.48	0/0.009	0.011/0.199
V\$STAT_01 (STAT6)	Motif TTCCCGKAA; matches annotation for STAT6	LZ	0.06	0.005	1.45/1.76	0.001/0	0.248/0.014
C5.BP							
CELL_CYCLE_PROCESS	Gene Ontology GO:0022402	DZ	0.18	0	2.89/2.10	0/0	0/0.009
MITOTIC_CELL_CYCLE	Gene Ontology GO:0000278	DZ	0.20	0	2.75/2.05	0/0	0/0.008
MICROTUBULE_CYTOSKELETON_ ORGANIZATION_AND_ BIOGENESIS	Gene Ontology GO:0000226	DZ	0.24	2.50E-06	2.65/1.83	0/0.002	0/0.044
CYTOKINESIS	Gene Ontology GO:0000910	DZ	0.32	7.46E-06	2.48/2.04	0/0	0/0.007

k/K: fraction of the total gene set contained within the common human/mouse signature; NES: Normalized enrichment score; FDR: False discovery rate; CGP: chemical and genetic perturbations (knowledge-based); TFT: transcription factor motifs (computational); BP: Gene Ontology, biological processes; Mm: *Mus musculus*; Hs: *Homo sapiens*; LZ: light zone; DZ: dark zone. \* "0" indicates p-value below the minimum calculated by the algorithm.



**Figure S1. Flow cytometry analysis of human and mouse light zone/dark zone B cells.** (A) Gating strategy for identifying LZ and DZ cells in GCs from human tonsil (top) and mouse lymph nodes and spleen (bottom). (B) Distribution of human GC B cells according to expression of CXCR4 and CD86. (C) Low

expression of CD23, CD69, and CCR6 by human GC B cells.



Figure S2. Comparison of LZ/DZ profiles obtained by flow cytometry and *in situ* photoactivation. (A) Correlation of fold differences between LZ and DZ cells sorted based on anatomical position (photoactivation, X-axis; data from Victora et al (2010)) and on expression of CXCR4 and CD83 (Surface Phenotype, Y-axis). To minimize noise from probes with trace or no signal, only the ~10 thousand probes with mean raw expression >100 in both datasets are plotted. (B) Gene set enrichment analysis of the expression of LZ and DZ gene signatures obtained by photoactivation or by sorting in the reciprocal datasets. Nominal and adjusted P-values and false discovery rates are all below the detection level (<0.001) for all comparisons.



Figure S3. A common set of genes distinguishes LZ and DZ B cells in mouse and human. (A) *Right*: Heatmaps showing differential expression in LZ and DZ of genes whose changes in expression are not conserved between species, or do not follow the same trend in both mouse and human. Colors indicate fold change between one zone and the opposite zone from the same sample (human) or pool (mouse). *Left*: Absolute expression of the same genes in mouse and human. (B) Gene set enrichment analysis overlaying the mouse and human LZ and DZ gene signatures (as shown in Fig. 3) on datasets derived from the opposite species. Nominal and adjusted P-values and false discovery rate are all below the detection level (<0.001) for all comparisons.



Figure S4. Definition of a common LZ/DZ gene signature for mouse and human and its relationship to different B cell lymphomas. (A) Genes in the low-stringency (1.33-fold cutoff) mouse and human LZ/DZ signatures were first matched to their homologues in the opposite species by Official Gene Symbol. Genes that could not be matched (the fraction in grey in the charts) were discarded. The overlap between the two gene sets thus obtained was defined as the common human/mouse signature. A smaller, more stringent version of this signature (1.5-fold cutoff) was used for clustering analysis. See Table S2 for the full signatures. (B) Expression pattern of ABC and GCB signature genes/probesets (Alizadeh et al., 2000; Rosenwald et al., 2002)) across human LZ and DZ samples. (C) GSEA enrichment plots for ABC or GCB gene signatures in LZ/DZ gene expression profiles (Normalized enrichment scores, 1.25 and 1.03, respectively. P-values, 0.15 and 0.41). (D) Hierarchical clustering of GC-derived B-NHL and various lymphoid cell lines based on the expression of genes in a "compound pathway signature." In this case, the samples analyzed correspond to tumoral B cells purified from primary lymphoma cases by magnetic bead isolation (all samples have been previously reported in GSE2350, Gene Expression Omnibus database). Cases are color-coded. DLBCL, Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma. BL, Burkitt's Lymphoma. FL, Follicular Lymphoma, HL, Hodgkin Lymphoma. (PT, primary tumors. CL, cell lines). LCL, lymphoblastoid cell lines. All Hodgkin lymphoma samples correspond to established cell lines.



Figure S5: Pathway-based Hierarchical Clustering identifies 3 subgroups of aggressive mature B-NHL based on their resemblance to LZ/DZ GC B-cells. (A) Consensus clustering (200 bootstraps) of the aggressive mature B-NHL case series described by Hummel et al (2006), according to the expression pattern of a "compound pathway signature" differentiating LZ and DZ GC B-cells. Shown is

the clustering image with k=3 (no significant improvement of the CDF was observed with higher k values). (B) Distribution of molecular Burkitt Lymphomas (mBL) and non-molecular (non-mBL) cases, as defined by Hummel et al (2006), among the 3 different subgroups identified by the consensus clustering analysis depicted in (A). The p-value shown refers to the significance of the distribution of the three subclasses in Hummel et al (2006) (mBL, intermediate, non-mBL) among the three consensus clustering subgroups (Chi-squared test). (C) Hierarchical clustering of mature B-NHL lymphoma cases described by Hummel et al (2006) (see also Fig. 6). Clusters are highlighted for clarity, and are built based on the expression pattern of all genes included in the "compound pathway signature." Because of the relevance of c-Myc-activated gene programs in the biology of Burkitt's lymphoma and their enrichment in LZ GC B-cells, an additional signature (described in Table S3) was included in the analysis. Note the discordant behavior of this signature in normal DZ B cells and DZ-like aggressive B-NHL (= molecular BL).