Supplemental data

Cdk4 deficiency augments *Myc***-driven lymphomagenesis via a Foxo1-Rag1/Rag2 pathway that provokes genomic instability**

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Supplemental Figure S1. Phenotype of lymphomas arising in E_{μ -*Myc*;*Cdk4^{-/-}* transgenics is comparable to those} arising in E_u-Myc transgenics. (A) Cells from the lymph nodes (LN) of the indicated mice (at 7 weeks of age) were stained with antibodies to B220, CD24, CD43, BP-1, or IgM and FACS analyses were performed. Percentages indicate cells in the gated live cell populations (data for CD43 and BP-1 are not shown). Using all markers, more than 90% of cells from the LN of E_{μ} -*Myc*;*Cdk4^{-/-}* mice are B220+ (arrows), whereas LN of *Cdk4*^{+/+}, *Cdk4*^{-/-}, and E_{μ} -*Myc*; Cdk4^{+/+} mice had only 34-40% total B220+ B cells. Results shown are representative of those obtained from 8 different mice in each cohort. Statistical analyses are provided in Figure 1C**.** (**B**) Cells were isolated from the enlarged LN of the indicated mice ≥ 12 weeks of age and were stained with antibodies to B-cell markers (B220, CD24, CD43, BP-1 and IgM) and analyzed by FACS. As in E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{+/+} mice, all cells from the lymphomas derived from Eu-*Myc*;*Cdk4^{-/-}* mice are B220+, confirming their B cell nature and were either immature or mature B cell lymphoma (see also Supplemental Table S2). Results shown are representative of those obtained from 8 different lymphomas for each cohort. *n*=8, mean±SD, *p*>0.5.

Supplemental Figure S2. (**A**) *Cdk4* heterozygosity accelerates Myc-induced lymphomagenesis. Kaplan-Meier survival curves of *Cdk4*+/+, *Cdk4*+/-, Eµ-*Myc*;*Cdk4*+/+, and Eµ-*Myc*;*Cdk4*+/- littermates. *n* represents the numbers of mice in each group. Horizontal line indicates ages of surviving mice. *p*<0.05. The Eµ*-Myc*;*Cdk4+/* cohort had a mean mortality of 13 weeks, whereas the Eµ*-Myc*;*Cdk4+/+* littermates display a typical survival curve, with a mean mortality of 18 weeks. **(B)** Cdk4 expression is significantly reduced in E_{μ -Myc; Cdk4^{+/-}} lymphoma cells and Cdk6 expression is not altered by *Cdk4* deficiency of E_H-Myc lymphomas. Lymphomas from Eµ-*Myc*;*Cdk4*+/+, *Myc*;*Cdk4*+/- and Eµ-*Myc*;*Cdk4*-/- mice were assessed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies. The data shown are representative of three repeat analyses and similar findings were manifest in premalignant E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{+/+}, E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{+/-} and E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{/-} B cells.

Supplemental Figure S3. Cdk4 deficiency does not affect the apoptotic index of premalignant Eµ-*Myc* B cells. (**A**) Premalignant B cells were isolated from bone marrow and spleens of 4-6 week-old *Cdk4+/+, Cdk4-/-,* Eµ-*Myc;Cdk4+/+* and Eµ-*Myc;Cdk4-/-* littermates and the apoptotic index was determined by FACS analyses of B220+ B cells by staining with anti-Annexin V-FITC and propidium iodide (PI)*. Top*, representative FACS analyses for the indicated littermates are shown. (**B**) Quantification of the % Annexin-V+ B220+ B cells is shown for the indicated cohorts (*n=5; mean ±SD,* p*>0.5*)*.*

Supplemental Figure S4. (**A**) Levels of Cdk4 and c-Myc protein in precancerous bone marrow B220+ B-cells (*left panels*) or lymphomas (*right panels*) of E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{+/+} or E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{-/-} mice. Lysates from the LN of *Cdk4+/+* and *Cdk4-/-* littermates served as controls. Note that Cdk4 deficiency did not affect the elevated expression of the c-Myc transgene in E_{μ}-Myc B cells. Data shown is representative of three independent experiments and of six samples from each cohort. (**B**) The Cdk4 deficiency does not affect the proliferative status of premalignant Myc-expressing B cells. The indicated mice (4-6 weekold littermates) were injected with BrdU and after 12 hr bone marrow and spleen were harvested and the % BrdU+ B220+ B cells were determined by FACS. As expected Eµ-*Myc* B cells have marked increases in the numbers of B cells in cycle. However, this was not affected by *Cdk4* status.

Supplemental Figure S5. (**A**) *Cdk4* status does not affect the expression of the autophagy substrate p62/Sequestrin. MACS-purified B220+ B cells of 4-6 week old wild type, *Cdk4-/-,* Eµ-*Myc*;*Cdk4*+/+ and Eµ-*Myc*;*Cdk4^{-/-}* mice were cultured with or without chloroquine (CQ, 50 μM, Sigma) for 24 hr, and lysates then assessed by immunoblotting with anti-p62 antibody (MBL). Levels of p62/Sequestrin, a *bona fide* cargo of autophagosomes, were very low in B cells from all cohorts, and p62 levels were not affected by *Cdk4* status. However p62 levels were greatly induced, as expected, by chloroquine, which disrupts degradation of autophagosomal cargo by the lysosome. Data shown are representative of three independent analyses**.** (**B**) Cdk4 status does not affect senescence in Myc-expressing B cells. MACS-purified B220+ B cells of 4- 6 week old wild type, Cdk4^{-/-}, E_H-Myc;Cdk4^{+/+} and E_H-Myc;Cdk4^{-/-} mice were stained with senescenceassociated β-galactosidase (SA-β-gal) as described [\(1](#page-22-0)). Note that while there was a modest increase in the number of SA-β-gal-positive Eµ-*Myc* B cells there were no effects of Cdk4 deficiency. (*n*=5 random fields, 50-100 cells for each field, mean ±SD, *p*>0.5).

Supplemental Figure S6. E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{-/-} lymphomas express elevated levels of B cell malignancyassociated genes. Real-time qPCR analyses of the expression of the indicated genes from lymphomas arising in individual E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{+/+} (white rectangles) versus E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{-/-} (black rectangles) transgenics ($n=9$ for each cohort) is shown. As is evident, most E_H-Myc;*Cdk4^{-/-}* lymphomas expressed increased levels of *Wnt16*, *c-Raf* and *Tcf3*, *Tcf4*, *Pax5*, and/or *Bcl6* transcripts.

Supplemental Figure S7. Enforced co-expression of Rag1 and Rag2 expression augments tumorigenic potential of E_H-Myc lymphoma. (A) Overexpression of Rag1 and Rag2 in E_H-Myc lymphoma cells. E_H-*Myc*;*Cdk4*^{+/+} lymphoma cells ($n=3$ independent lymphomas) were transduced with MSCV-IRES-Puro control virus or were co-transduced with MSCV-Rag1-IRES-Puro (MSCV) and MSCV-Rag2-IRES-Hygro (MSCV-Rag1/Rag2) retroviruses. Lysates were then prepared from tranduced cells and assessed by immunoblotting with antibodies for Rag1, Rag2 and Actin. **(B)** Transduced E_H-Myc lymphoma cells were transplanted into 6-8 week-old syngeneic C57Bl/6 recipients via tail vein injection and animals were observed daily for the development of lymphoma. Time to lymphoma onset is shown and is defined as the occurrence of palpable cervical or peripheral lymph nodes, at least 5 mm in one dimension. As is evident enforced co-expression of Rag1 and Rag2 augmented the tumorigenic potential of E_u-Myc lymphoma (*n*=15, *p* < 0.01)*.*

Supplemental Figure S8. (**A**) Cdk4 deficiency does not affect the steady state levels of Foxo3 or of pS253- Foxo3a or pS318/321-Foxo3a. Premalignant and neoplastic E₄-Myc; Cdk4^{+/+} and E₄-Myc; Cdk4^{-/-} B220+ B cells were assessed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies. Results shown are representative of three independent experiments. (**B**) Foxo1 harbors a putative Cdk4 phosphorylation site. A conserved putative Cdk4 motif is present in the forkhead domain of human, mouse and rat Foxo1, similar to the motif found in retinoblastoma protein (Rb), a Cdk4 substrate. Ser329 in man is Ser326 in mouse. (**C**) *In vitro* kinase assays using recombinant CyclinD/Cdk4 complexes and wild type (WT) Foxo1 or a Foxo1-S329A mutant fused to GST (GST-Foxo1). Note that wild type Foxo1 and Foxo1-S249A (a mutant that cannot be phosphorylated by Cdk2, ref. [\(2\)](#page-21-0)) are phosphorylated by Cdk4, whereas Foxo1-S329A is weakly phosphorylated by Cdk4. (**D**) Lysates from E_{μ} -*Myc*;*Cdk4*^{+/+} and E_{μ} -*Myc*;*Cdk4^{-/-}* lymphoma expressing human GFP-Foxo1 fusion proteins were immunoprecipitated with GFP antibody and levels of GFP-pS329-Foxo1 levels were determined. Levels of total GFP-Foxo1, Cdk4 and Cdk2 were also determined. (E) E_{μ} -*Myc;Cdk4^{+/+}* lymphoma expressing GFP-Foxo1 or GFP-Foxo1-S329A were assessed for localization of GFP-Foxo1 proteins. *Left panels*, GFP fluorescence; *Middle panels*, DAPI, *Right panels*, merge. Quantification of GFP-Foxo1 (*top graph*) or GFP-Foxo1-S329A (*bottom graph*) is shown at right (bar graphs). C, Cytoplasm; N, nucleus; C+N: C+N, cyt and nuc. Average of triplicate experiments is shown (*n*=100 for each cell type).

Supplemental Figure S9. Restoring Cdk4 expression does not affect the tumorigenic potential of Eµ-*Myc*;*Cdk4^{-/-}* lymphoma. (A) Eµ-*Myc*;*Cdk4^{-/-}* lymphoma cells were transduced with MSCV-IRES-Puro (MSCV) or MSCV-Cdk4-IRES-Puro (MSCV-Cdk4) retroviruses and transduced (Puro resistant) tumor cells were assessed by immunoblotting with antibodies that detect Cdk4 and Actin. (**B**) Lymphoma onset in recipients transplanted with E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{-/-} lymphoma transduced with MSCV *vs.* MSCV-Cdk4 retroviruses. Lymphoma onset is defined as the occurrence of palpable cervical or peripheral lymph nodes, at least 5 mm in one dimension. Statistical evaluation of tumor onset data is based on the log-rank (Mantel-Cox) test for comparison of the Kaplan-Meier event-time format, and on the unpaired *t* test for comparison of means and SD. *n* = 12; *p*>0.5.

Supplemental Figure S10. Increased Cdk4 expression does not affect the tumorigenic potential of human B lymphoma cells (**A**) Raji or Daudi Burkitt lymphoma cells were transduced with MSCV-IRES-Puro (MSCV) or MSCV-CDK4-IRES-Puro (MSCV-CDK4) retroviruses and transduced tumor cells were assessed by immunoblotting with antibodies that detect CDK4 and Actin. (**B, C**) Lymphoma onset in *Nude* recipient mice transplanted with Raji (B) or Daudi (C) lymphoma cells transduced with MSCV *vs.* MSCV-CDK4 retroviruses. Lymphoma onset is defined as the occurrence of palpable cervical or peripheral lymph nodes, at least 5 mm in one dimension. Statistical evaluation of tumor onset data is based on the log-rank (Mantel-Cox) test for comparison of the Kaplan-Meier event-time format, and on the unpaired *t* test for comparison of means and SD. *n* = 10; *p*>0.5.

Supplemental Figure S11. (**A**, **B**) Knockdown of CDK4 augments genomic instability in human BL tumors. Lymphomas arising in *Nude* mice following transplant of control Ramos (**A**) and CA46 (**B**) BL cells or these BL cells stably expressing control RNAi or CDK4 RNAi were assessed from chromosomal alterations by karyotype analyses. Numbers of aberrant chromosomes are indicated. (**C**) Silencing CDK4 impairs the tumorigenic potential of MCF7 human ER+ breast cancer cells. *Top*, western blot of MCF7 cells with stable knockdown of CDK4. These MCF7 cells, those bearing control RNAi and untransfected parental MCF7 cells were transplanted (via subcutaneous injection) into 6-8 week-old *Nude* mice treated with B-estradiol slow-release pellets. 8 weeks after transplantation tumor sizes were determined (*n*=6 mice for each group; mean ± SD; **p*<0.005). Representative images of tumors in the three cohorts are shown.

Supplemental Figure S12. Comparison of CDK4 expression in human B lymphoma versus other cancer types by immunohistochemistry analyses. Among all B cell lymphoma samples approximately 90% human B lymphoma samples have no or very low CDK4 expression (see Supplementary Table S5), whereas CDK4 levels were moderate-to-high in all liposarcomas or osteosarcomas analyzed. Magnification 400X.

Supplemental Figure S13. Comparison of the effects of knockdown of CDK4 (by stable expression of RNAi) *vs.* treatment with the CDK4/CDK6 inhibitor PD0332991, on the tumorigenic potential of human Burkitt lymphoma (BL) cells. (**A**) Knockdown of CDK4 in the human Ramos BL cells. There were no changes in the levels of CDK6 following CDK4 knockdown by CDK4-RNAi. Surprisingly, treatment with PD0332991 inhibited the levels of both CDK4and CDK6. (**B**) Cell growth curve *ex vivo*. The cell lines (wild type Ramos BL cells, and these cells expressing stable CDK4-RNAi or harboring control-RNAi) were plated at a density of 2x10⁵ cells per well of a 96-well plate. PD0332991 (0.5-1 μ M) or vehicle were added daily and cell number was determined at the indicated intervals (n=5 for each cohort). (C) 5x10⁶ Ramos BL cells (wild type, CDK4 knockdown or control RNAi) were transplanted into 6-8 week-old *Nude* mice. A cohort of recipient mice were treated with PD00332991 or vehicle when average tumor volume per experimental cohort reached 100 mm (refs. [3](https://webmail.osumc.edu/owa/?ae=PreFormAction&a=Reply&t=IPM.Note&id=RgAAAADO%2feW3ML1LRZY1a6RA8ldmBwDkRLvLyifFRLJp%2bjpqNptFAAAAWvT0AAD3vrdo7QJmTZUu26gTB7h0AAoNwlDnAAAJ#_ENREF_3), [4](https://webmail.osumc.edu/owa/?ae=PreFormAction&a=Reply&t=IPM.Note&id=RgAAAADO%2feW3ML1LRZY1a6RA8ldmBwDkRLvLyifFRLJp%2bjpqNptFAAAAWvT0AAD3vrdo7QJmTZUu26gTB7h0AAoNwlDnAAAJ#_ENREF_4), approximately 10 day following inoculation). Knockdown of CDK4 augmented the tumorigenic potential of lymphoma cells, while treatment with the PD0332991 inhibitor impaired tumorigenic potential (p=0.019). The contrasting effects of PD0332991 may reflect its dual activity versus CDK4 and CDK6, which appears to provoke unique vulnerabilities (refs. [4-7](https://webmail.osumc.edu/owa/?ae=PreFormAction&a=Reply&t=IPM.Note&id=RgAAAADO%2feW3ML1LRZY1a6RA8ldmBwDkRLvLyifFRLJp%2bjpqNptFAAAAWvT0AAD3vrdo7QJmTZUu26gTB7h0AAoNwlDnAAAJ#_ENREF_4)), or that it has targets in addition to CDK4 and CDK6, as limited kinase profiling (38 kinases) has been performed with this inhibitor (8). In accord with this notion, there were marked effects of PD0332991 on the steady state levels of both CDK4 and CDK6 in treated cells, suggesting a broader effect on signaling kinases. Similar findings were observed in studies with CA46 BL cells (not shown).

Supplemental Table S1

Generation of E_H-Myc; Cdk4¹⁻ mice. To test the role of Cdk4 in Myc-driven lymphomagenesis, E_H-*Myc*; *Cdk4^{-/-}* mice were generated. Female E_H-*Myc*; *Cdk4^{+/-}* had reduced fecundity and died relatively early in life (though not as early as female Cdk4-deficient E_H-Myc mice, not shown). Thus, female *Cdk4*^{+/-} mice were crossed to male E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{+/-} transgenics to generate the desired cohorts: E_H-*Myc*;*Cdk4*+/+, Eµ-*Myc*;*Cdk4*+/-, Eµ-*Myc*;*Cdk4*-/-*, Cdk4*+/+ and *Cdk4*-/- mice. Of 1896 mice produced by intercrossing, 118 Eµ-Myc; Cdk4^{-/-} mice were born, which were used for the experiments presented herein.

Phenotype of lymphomas arising in E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{+/+} *vs.* E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{-/-} mice.

Lymphomas arising in 18 E_H-Myc;Cdk4^{+/+} and 16 E_H-Myc;Cdk4^{-/-} mice were immunophenotyped by flow cytometry using antibodies that detect B220, CD43, BP-1, CD24 and IgM.

Aberrant chromosome number and genomic instability in E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{t-} vs. E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{+/+} lymphoma

B220+ cells purified from lymphomas arising in E_{*H*}-Myc; Cdk4^{+/+} and E_H-Myc; Cdk4^{+/-} littermates (6 random pairs) were analyzed by karyotyping (see Figure 3A and 3B for typical metaphase spreads). Chromosome (Chr) regions that were prone to genomic instability (deletions, translocations, etc) and total number of aberrant chromosomes per lymphoma are also described in the legend to Figure 3.

Augmented activity of the Rag1/Rag2 complex in Eu-*Myc*;*Cdk4^{-/-}* lymphomas and in Rag1/Rag2-expressing E_u-Myc lymphomas provokes cleavage and deletions at fortuitous RSSs within the *Bcl11b* gene.

(**D**) **Lymphomas arising in recipient mice engrafted with Eμ-***Myc* **HSCs transduced with MSCV-***Rag1* **and MSCV-***Rag2* **virus**

Rag1/Rag2-mediated breakpoints in the *Bcl11b* loci are clustered in a region between *Bcl11b* intron 1 and intron 3 ([9,](#page-21-1) [10\)](#page-21-2). A nested PCR assay was performed to detect internal deletions in the *Bcl11b* major breakpoint region as described ([9,](#page-21-1) [10](#page-21-2)), using the intron 1 F1 primer (5'-GGCTGAATTTACAGGATGAGG-3') and the R1 primer (5'-ACTGGAGTTTCCGATGGCC-3') of intron 3 ([11](#page-21-3), [12](#page-21-4)). **+** indicates breakpoint junction (positive PCR product). **-** indicates no breakpoint junction (no PCR product). As noted, 5 of the 6 lymphomas arising in recipient mice engrafted with Eµ-*Myc* HSCs engineered to co-express Rag1 and Rag2 yielded PCR products (**B**), while only one of the lymphomas arising in recipient mice engrafted with Eµ*-Myc* HSCs transduced with vector-only (control) had such a breakpoint (**A**). Notably, there are more internal deletions of *Bcl11b* manifest in Eµ-*Myc*;Cdk4-/- (**D**) versus Eµ-*Myc*;Cdk4+/+ lymphomas (**C**). DNA sequences of the breakpoint junctions of *Bcl11b* deletions in these lymphomas are provided. Non-germline sequences are indicated in the center: N, non-templated; P, palindromic nucleotides. Underlined sequences indicate the conserved heptamer and a related cryptic motif, CA repeats. As expected, the sequencing of the PCR products revealed the presence of cryptic sequences recognizable by the Rag1/Rag2 recombinases near the breakpoints; *i.e.,* the heptamer sequence CACAGTG in intron 3 and a cryptic Rag1/Rag2 recognition sequence, CACA, in intron 1 (underlined) (12-14).

Immunohistochemical analyses of CDK4 expression of in human B cell lymphoma subtypes

Abbreviations: MALT-NHL, Malt-non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL); FL, [Follicular Lymphoma](http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=fl%20%20lymphoma&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&ved=0CC4QFjAA&url=http%253A%252F%252Fwiki.clinicalflow.com%252FCases%252FCase_List%252FMature_B-Cell_Neoplasms_(general)%252FFollicular_Lymphoma_(FL)&ei=DVZrUMuWOcXz0gGU4oCQCQ&usg=AFQjCNF4aWzN-xgMqbv3XtqyVL60N6_2bg); DLBCL, Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; BL, [Burkitt Lymphoma; c](http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=bl%20lymphoma&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&ved=0CDkQFjAB&url=http%253A%252F%252Fwiki.clinicalflow.com%252Findex.php%253Ftitle%253DCases%252FCase_List%252FMature_B-Cell_Neoplasms_(general)%252FBurkitt)HL, Classical Hodgkin lymphoma; LPHL [Lymphocyte-Predominant Hodgkin's Lymphoma](http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=lphl%20lymphoma&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&ved=0CCkQFjAB&url=http%253A%252F%252Fjco.ascopubs.org%252Fcontent%252F26%252F3%252F434.full&ei=mldrUPFCxfDSAZbBgcAC&usg=AFQjCNGCXnBomjo9P9bht45R_syipUeiOA).

CDK4 Staining: ±, no staining; +, weak staining; ++, moderate staining; +++, strong staining; and ++++, very strong staining.

Note: approximately 61% of the tested Non-Hodgkin lymphoma samples (68 of 112 NHL, including 42 DLBCL, 15 FL, 7 MALT-NHL, and 4 MALT-NHL) have high levels of c-Myc expression compared that B cells in control normal human LN.

Supplemental Methods

RNA preparation and real-time PCR. Total RNA was prepared from lymphoma cell lines and frozen tumors using TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). First-strand cDNA was synthesized from total RNA with SuperScript (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Real-time quantitative RT-PCR (qRT-PCR) analysis was performed on the ABI Prism 7000 sequence detection system (Applied Biosystems). The specific primers are as follows: *Rag1*, (CTGCAGACATTCTAGCACTC (5' primer) and AACTGAAGCTCAGGGTAGAC (3' primer); *Rag2*, CCTTCAGTGCCAAAATAAGA (5' primer) and TCATTAAGTGAGAAGCCTGGT (3' primer); *CD19***,** AATCCACGCATTCAAGTCCAG (5' primer) and GAGCCCTCCTCGCTGTCTG (3' primer); *p27*, CAGCTTGCCCGAGTTCTACT (5' primer) and GAGTTTGCCTGAGACC CAAT (3' primer); *Arf*, GCTCTGGCTTTCGTGAACATG (5' primer) and TCGAATCTGCACCGTAGTTGAG (3' primer)**,** *Wnt16***,** CTCGGATGATGTCCAGTACG (5' primer) and TCATGGCTAGCAGGACTCTG (3' primer); *c-Raf*, CATTGTTCAGCAGTTTGGCT (5' primer) and CATTGACCACAGTCCTTTGC (3' primer); *Tcf3*; CAGACACAGTCTCAGCAGCA (5' primer) and GGGCTATCACAAGGCTTCTC (3' primer); *Tcf4,* TTTGCCGTCTTCAGTCTACG (5' primer) and GCATGAAGAAGGAGCTAGGG (3' primer); *Pax5*, GATTCTTGGAGGTTCCCCAAC (5' primer) and GGGCTGCAGGGCTGTAATAG (3' primer)**;** *Bcl6*, GAGAAGCCATACCCCTGTGA (5' primer) and TGCACCTTGGTGTTTGTGAT (3' primer); *p53*, CGGGTGGAAGGAAATTTGTA (5' primer) and TGGATGGTGGTATACTCAGAGC (3' primer). The relative expression levels were calculated using the Comparative Cycle Threshold (CT) Method (2−∆Ct) (Applied Biosystems).

 The modified sequence of anti-Cdk4 siRNA was 5'AGCAACCACTGGAGGTGAAGT 3'. RNAi-resistant Foxo1-RE constructs, as well as Foxo1-siRNA were generated as described ([2,](#page-21-0) [15](#page-21-5)).

*Retrovirus and pLentvirus preparation.*Retrovirus stocks were generated according to the manufacturer's protocol, and viral supernatants were collected 48 hr later and filtered before use as described previoulsy ([1,](#page-22-0) [16](#page-21-6)). The pLentivirus preparation and infection in cells were performed following the protocol of the BLOCKiT[™] Lentiviral RNAi (Invitrogen) with minor modifications. Briefly, after obtaining high titer stocks from 293T

packaging cells, lymphoma cells were transduced in 24-well plates by resuspending the cells (5x10⁴ cells/ well) in 0. 5 ml of virus supernatants. The plate was then centrifuged at 4°C at 1800 rpm for 45 min. 12 hr after infection the medium was changed to virus-free RPMI 1640 containing 10% FBS, and antibiotic selection (2-5 µg/ml blasticidin) was initiated following an additional 2-day recovery. After cell selection and expanding for one week, expression level of each target gene was analyzed by immunoblotting or qRT-PCR.

Chromatin immunoprecipitation. Thymocytes were fixed for 10 min at room temperature with 10% formaldehyde. After incubation, glycine was added to a final concentration of 0.125 M to "quench" the formaldehyde. Cells were pelleted, washed once with ice-cold PBS, and then lysed. The lysates were pelleted, resuspended and sonicated to reduce DNA length to between 500 and 1000 base pairs. Chromatin was precleared with protein A agarose beads for 1 hr and then incubated with 5 μg of Foxo1 antibody (Santa Cruz Biotechnology) overnight or control rabbit IgG. Immune complexes were precipitated with protein A agarose beads, washed, and eluted in 100 μl of TE with 0.5% SDS and 200 μg/ml proteinase K. Precipitated DNA was further purified by phenol/chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation and analyzed by quantitative PCR (qPCR). The primers used to analyze Foxo1 binding to regulatory elements (Erag1–Erag3) in the *Rag1*-*Rag2* locus ([17-20](#page-21-7)) were: Erag1, ACACCCTAAATGGGCCGTGAAC (5' primer) and CAGAACCCGAGGGCTTAGCATT (3' primer); Erag2, AACTTCCTCCAGCAGGCGATCT (5' primer) and ACCCATTTCCAAGCAGGAGAGG (3' primer); Erag3, AAGCCTCTCTTTGTACCCAACCTCAC (5' primer) and TTGACTGTCAGTTCAGCCAAAGGAAT (3' primer).

For *CDK4* amplification analysis**,** genomic DNA was obtained from frozen material of the lymphoma cases using proteinase K/RNase treatment and phenol/chloroform extraction. At least three replicates of 40 ng genomic DNA were subjected to qPCR analysis to assess *CDK4* copy number. Sequences of the *CDK4* detection probe and primers were followed the methods previously described ([21](#page-22-1), [22\)](#page-22-2). *CDK4* –forward: 5′- CATGTAGACCAGGACCTAAGGACA-3 and *CDK4* reverse: 5′-GATCGTTTCGGCTGGCAA-3′.

The *CDK4* probe 5′-CTGGACAAGGCACCCCCACCA-3′ was labeled with 6-carboxyfluorescein as the reporter dye and 6-carboxytetramethylrhodamine as the quencher fluorescent and 3′ phosphorylated to prevent elongation during PCR be used for *CDK4* gene expression analysis. The primers and probe used in

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the real-time PCR DNA *CDK4* copy number analyses were used for *CDK4* expression analysis as all the

oligonucleotides were designed in an exonic region of the *CDK4* gene (([21](#page-22-1)).

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