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Figure S1

annexin-V

Figure S1. Maintenance of the HSPC compartments and their reconstitution capacities requires *Bptf* **expression.**

(A) Hematopoietic cell subtypes shown in main Figure 1A, with their expression dataset obtained from a published study (Bock et al., 2012). **(B)** *Bptf* expression (microarray probe: 1427311_at) during hematopoietic development according to the "Gene Expression Commons" dataset (Seita et al., 2012). **(C)** Effect of *Bptf* knockdown by either of the two validated shRNA (left panel) on colony formation (right). Plotted in the right panel were mean \pm SD (n= 3 biological replicates) of CFU colonies derived from 300 of the LSK cells stably transduced with empty vector control (EV) or shRNA. Statistical analysis was determined by two-tailed Student's t-test: *, p<0.05; **, p<0.01. **(D)** A representative FACS scheme detecting either the wild-type competitor-derived CD45.1+ cells or the donor-derived CD45.2+ cells. Shown are *Bptff/f;Mx1*-cre+ (*BptfcKO*) donor-derived cells analyzed five weeks after cre induction among the LSK and LT-HSC (LSK/CD150+/CD48-) subpopulations in the BM. **(E)** Typical FACS plots of the donorderived CD45.2+ cells, either from *Bptf^{tf}* or *Bptf*^{ckO} mice, in the indicated BM cells eight weeks after cre induction. **(F)** Summary of average percentages of the donor-derived CD45.2+ cells, either from the control *Bptff/f* (n=4) or *BptfcKO* (n=4) mice, among the indicated spleen cells eight weeks after cre induction. **(G-H)** Summary (panel **G;** n=3 mice) and FACS plot (panel **H**) of the annexin-V+ apoptotic cells among the LSK populations at the indicated time point after cre induction.

Figure S2

q value= 0.236

Figure S2. RNA-seq profiling identifies an unappreciated, BPTF-dependent transcriptional activation program that includes a crucial 'stemess' regulatory node consisting of several HSC master regulators.

(A) Summary of read counts from RNA-sequencing (RNA-seq) profiles of the control (*Bptf^{t/f}*) and *Bptf^{ckO}* (*Bptf^{t/f};Mx1*-cre) LSK cells that were sorted from 5 mice (in two biological replicates) on day 10 after cre induction.

(B) Analysis of the deregulated genes with the Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) tool identifies the significant perturbation (p<10E-47) of the shown molecular pathway that is related to cancer and development. Green and red show the down- and up-regulated genes, respectively, in the *Bptf^{ckO}* LSK cells relative to *Bptf^{ff}* controls, with genes categorized according to their subcellular localizations.

(C) GO analysis reveals the indicated gene pathways among the transcripts found upregulated in the *BptfcKO* LSK cells relative to *Bptff/f* controls.

(D-E) GSEA reveals enrichment of the indicated gene signature in the *Bptff/f* versus *Bptf^{cKO}* LSK cells isolated from mice after cre induction.

Figure S3

B Summary of LSK cell ATAC-seq read tags

Figure S3. BPTF potentiates chromatin accessibility of key HSC 'stemess' TF genes.

(A) ChIP-seq profiles showing H3K4me3 and the chromatin inputs at the indicated gene in HPC-7 cells, as well as the ATAC-seq profiles among the control versus *Bptf^{cKO}* LSK cells that were sorted on day 7 after cre induction. For cross-sample comparison, the scales of profiles are normalized with total sequencing read counts.

(B) Summary of read counts from ATAC-sequencing (ATAC-seq) profiles of the control (*Bptf^{f/f}*) and *Bptf^{cKO}* (*Bptf^{f/f};Mx1*-cre) LSK cells on day 7 after cre induction.

(C) Comparison of global DNA accessibility among the *Bptf*^{*KO*} (y-axis) versus *Bptf^{f/f}* (xaxis) LSK cells on day 7 after cre induction. Plotted at x- and y-axis are ATAC-seq read counts for each called individual peak in log2 transformation of per million sequencing depth.

Figure S4. *Bptf* **loss in the hematopoietic compartment causes severe defects in the reconstitution capacities of HSPCs, anemia and leukopenia.**

(A) Summary of averaged cell numbers of the indicated splenic cell populations isolated from the control (*Bptf^{t/f}*, n=3) and *Bptf^{cKO}* (n=4) mice, as analyzed by FACS.

(B-D) Complete blood cell counts of peripheral blood collected from the *Bptf^{cKO}* mice and control (*Bpt^{t^{/f}*)</sub> littermates (n=4 mice) at the indicated time after cre induction.}

Table S2. Primer information. Related to Figure 1, 3 and 4.

Supplemental Methods

Mouse. Genotyping information for *Bptff/f* and *Mx1*-cre alleles is available from the Jackson Laboratory. CD45.1+ B/6 congenic mice (B6-LY5.2/Cr) were purchased from NCI Frederick Mouse Repository. UNC-Chapel Hill Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approved all animal experiments.

Bone marrow transplantation (BMT) and in vivo competitive reconstitution assay. Total BM cells isolated from femur and tibia of donor (CD45.2+) and competitor (CD45.1+) b/6 mice were treated with the ACK lysis buffer (0.15 M NH4Cl, 10 mM KHCO3, 0.1 mM EDTA [pH 7.2]) to remove red blood cells. An equal amount mixture of unfractionated donor and competitor BM cells was transplanted via tail veil injection into the lethally irradiated, congenic CD45.1+ b/6 recipient mice (irradiated with a single dose of 1,000 rads; carried out by the Animal Studies Core affiliated to UNC Cancer Center). Stable engraftment of donor (CD45.2+) and competitor (CD45.1+) BM cells was monitored by FACS analysis of the peripheral blood (PB) cells. Briefly, about 20ul of PB was collected from tail veil nick, subject to ACK lysis, and stained with antibodies of CD45.2-APC (ebioscience, cat# 17-0454) and CD45.1-FITC (ebioscience, cat# 11- 0453). To induce gene deletion, the experimental BMT cohort (i.e. engrafted with *Bptff/f;Mx1-cre* donor BM cells) and control cohorts (i.e. engrafted with *Bptff/f* alone or the heterozygous *Bptff/w;Mx1-*cre donor BM cells) were subject to poly(I:C) injection as described before (Li et al., 2011). The percentages of donor(CD45.2+)-derived and competitor(CD45.1+)-derived cells were analyzed with FACS in the PB or BM. For FACS of LSK cells, about 10 million total BM cells were harvested and stained with FITC-labeled antibody cocktail for lineage markers (CD11b-FITC [eBioscience 11-0112- 82], Gr1-FITC [eBioscience 11-5931-82], CD3e-FITC [eBioscience 11-0031-82],

Ter119-FITC [eBioscience 11-5921-82], B220-FITC [eBioscience 11-0452-82], CD8a-FITC [eBioscience 11-0081-82], CD5-FITC [eBioscience 11-0051-81], CD2-FITC [eBioscience 11-0021-81], CD4-FITC [eBioscience 11-0042-82]), cKIT-APC (BD Biosciences 561074), SCA1-PE-Cy7 (BD Biosciences 558162), CD150-PE (eBioscience 12-1502), CD48-PerCP-Cy5.5 (BioLegend 103422), CD45.2-Alexa Fluor 700 (eBioscience 56-0454-82), and CD45.1-APC-eFluor 780 (eBioscience 47-0453-82). Samples were analyzed with a LSRII machine (BD Biosciences; UNC flow core).

Flow cytometry (FACS) analysis and cell sorting. Total BM cells were isolated from the femur and tibia of mice. FACS-based analysis of lineage-/SCA-1+/cKIT+ (LSK) cells and long-term hematopoietic stem cells (LT-HSC) were carried out using LSRII (BD Biosciences; UNC flow core) as previously described (Poulos et al., 2016; Xie et al., 2014). For sorting of LSK cells, total BM cells harvested from the femur, tibia and pelvis of 5 mice were combined and subject to c-KIT-APC+ selection (Miltenyi biotec). The obtained c-Kit positive selected cells are incubated with a lineage marker cocktail consisting of B220-FITC, CD11b-FITC, Gr1-FITC, CD3e-FITC, Ter119-FITC, CD8a-FITC, CD5-FITC, CD2-FITC and CD4-FITC (purchased from eBioscience as listed above), as well as the SCA-1-PE-Cy7 antibodies (BD Biosciences 558162), for 30 minutes. Sorting of LSK cells was carried out by the UNC flow core with a FACSAria II machine. For assaying apoptosis, the cells were incubated with Annexin-V FITC (Cell Signaling #6592) and analyzed as described before (Xie et al., 2014; Xu et al., 2015).

RNA-sequencing (RNA-seq) and data analysis. RNA-seq raw data were first trimmed to remove the Illumina adapters by using a custom script (UNC HTSF/Genomics core and UNC Cancer Center Bioinformatics core), and then mapped to the mouse reference genome using the HISAT2 with default parameters (Kim et al., 2015). Gene expression levels were quantified with featureCounts (Liao et al., 2014) with default parameters that discarded multi-mapping reads. Raw gene counts were normalized, and differential expression calculated using DESeq2 with "betaPrior" turned on (Love et al., 2014). The MA plot of gene expression data was generated using the DESeq2 table and R.

Cells. HPC-7 cells, a cell line mimicking HSPCs (a kind gift of Prof. Leif Carlsson, Umeå University, Sweden), were cultured and maintained as previously described (Dahl et al., 2008; Wilson et al., 2010).

ChIP-sequencing (ChIP-seq). ChIP-seq was carried out as described before (Lu et al., 2016; Xu et al., 2015). The H3K4me3 antibody used for ChIP-seq was purchased from Abcam (ab8580).

ATAC-seq. ATAC-seq was carried out with the Epicentre Tn5 transposome and Illuminia kit according to the manufacturer protocol.

ATAC-seq data analysis. ATAC-seq reads were aligned to the mouse genome (mm9) using the software BWA (version "0.7.15-r1140") and default parameters (Li and Durbin, 2010). The software MACS2 (Feng et al., 2012) was used for calling peaks from the individual replicates, with the "--nomodel --extsize 150 –q 0.1" option. The read counts within the called peaks were used for comparison across samples.

Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA), Gene Ontology (GO) analysis, and Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA). DESeq2 normalized counts were used for GSEA by the javaGSEA program (Subramanian et al., 2005) with default parameters. Briefly, GSEA with the Molecular Signature Database as well as customized gene sets was carried out according to providers' instructions as described before (Lu et al., 2016; Xu et al., 2015). GO was carried out as previously described (Lu et al., 2016; Xu et al., 2015). For IPA, the deregulated genes identified by RNA-seq were uploaded and analyzed using the online IPA tool (www.qiagenbioinformatics.com) to determine the perturbed molecular networks.

RT-qPCR and ChIP-qPCR. RT-qPCR and ChIP-qPCR was carried out to examine the gene expression changes and genomic binding, respectively, as described before (Lu et al., 2016; Xu et al., 2015). Primer information was provided in supplemental table S2. BPTF antibodies (Bethyl #A300-973 and Millipore #ABE24) were used in ChIP assays.

Colony formation unit (CFU) assay. 300 of LSK cells freshly sorted from BM were mixed with the methylcellulose medium (StemCell Technologies; MethoCult GF M3434) and plated in triplicate as carried out before (Lu et al., 2016; Xu et al., 2015). For replating, approximately 5,000 cells isolated from cell colonies in the previous plating were seeded again in the same semi-solid medium. CFUs were counted every 10 days post-plating. Identity of each colony was defined by morphology according to manufacturer's specifications (StemCell Technologies).

shRNA and gene knockdown. The pLKO lentiviral constructs with the *Bptf* specific shRNA were purchased from Sigma (see below tables) and validated in our previous work (Zhou et al., 2016). HEK293 cells were used for producing virus as previously described (Lu et al., 2016; Xu et al., 2015).

Statistics. Data are presented as the mean \pm SD of at least three independent experiments. Statistical analysis was performed with two-tailed Student's t test for comparing two sets of data with assumed normal distribution.

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