### **Supplementary Information**

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### The histone chaperone NAP1L3 is required for haematopoietic stem cell maintenance and differentiation

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#### Supplementary Figure 1. Nap113 downregulation impairs colony-forming capacity.

A. qPCR analysis showing Nap113 mRNA levels (normalized to Hprt) of sorted LSK HSCs transduced with an shRNA against Nap113 (Nap113 shRNA), or a control vector (SC shRNA). The data is represented as the mean  $\pm$ s.e.m, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.005 (unpaired t-test), n=3. **B** and **C**. Bar graph showing the total colony numbers (B), and colony numbers of CFU-GM and CFU-GEM (C), formed from LSK HSCs transduced with Nap113 shRNA (Nap113 shRNA) or a control vector (SC shRNA) after ten days of clonal growth in methylcellulose. \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.005, \*\*\*\*p<0.001 (unpaired t-test), n=3.



## Supplementary Figure 2. Nap113 downregulation impairs maintenance of murine HSCs and blood lineage regeneration.

Percentage of donor derived LSK HSCs (A), or mature donor cells; CD11b+ myeloid (B), NK1.1+ NK cells (C), Gr-1+ granulocytes (D), and CD19+ B cells (E), transduced with shRNAs against Nap113 or a control vector isolated from the bone marrow of recipient mice eight weeks after transplantation. The bone marrow cells were analysed by flow cytometry. p<0.05, p<0.01 (unpaired t-test), n=3.



# Supplementary Figure 3. shRNA-mediated downregulation results in significant reduction in protein levels of NAP1L3.

Three independent flow cytometry plots showing quantification of intracellular NAP1L3 protein levels from sorted (Lin-CD34+CD38-) UCB HSCs transduced with an shRNA vector against NAP1L3 (NAP1L3 shRNA) or a control vector (SC shRNA). The mean of the MFI of the three independent experiments are shown in Figure 3B.



#### Supplementary Figure 4. Enforced expression of NAP1L3 do not affect expression of HOXA genes.

A. qPCR analysis of mRNA levels of genes showing changes in expression in RNA-Seq data of CD34+ HSPC UCBs cells transduced with a lentiviral vector expressing NAP1L3 (OE NAP11L3), relative to control cells transduced with an empty vector (OE empty vector), 72 hours post transduction. The data is represented as the mean  $\pm$ s.e.m., ns= non significant, \*p<0.05 , \*\*p<0.01 , \*\*\*p<0.0015 (unpaired t-test), n=3. **B-E.** Flow cytometric quantification of mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of intracellular NAP1L3 (B), HOXA3 (C), HOXA5 (D) and HOXA9 (E), protein levels, of CD34+ HSPC UCBs cells transduced with shRNA against NAP1L3 or cells transduced with control vectors, 72 hours post transduction.