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| Data collection | FACS data were acquired by BD FACSCalibur using Cell Analyzer Software. Western blot data were acquired by Licor Odyssey Fc Imaging System using software Image Studio ver. 4.0.   |
| Data analysis   | The statistical significance of CRISPR screen hits was calculated using the STARs algorithm v1.3. For RNAseq analysis, adaptor-trimmed Illumina reads for each individual library were mapped back to the human GRCh37.83 transcriptome assembly using STAR2.5.2b. DESeq2 was used to evaluate differential expression (DE). Gene ontology analysis was performed with Enrichr on-line tool. The FACS data were further analyzed with FlowJo (version V10). Heatmaps were generated by using a online tool- Morpheus ( <a href="https://software.broadinstitute.org/morpheus/">https://software.broadinstitute.org/morpheus/</a> ). All numerical and statistical data analysis were performed by Graphpad Prism 7. Confocal microscopy data analysis was performed by Zeiss Zen2012(Blue edition). The principle component analysis was performed using prcomp() function and visualized with ggplot2 (version 3.2.1) in R-3.5.2. |

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All relevant data supporting the findings of this study are available within the article and its supplementary information files, or from the corresponding author on request. The accession numbers for RNA-seq datasets reported in this paper are GSE136596, GSE136597, and GSE136609.

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| Sample size     | Power calculations were performed for pairwise comparisons of independent groups of quantitative data. Using group size of at least n=3 guarantees the power for a hypothesis test at the 5% significance. |
| Data exclusions | No data were excluded from the analysis.   |
| Replication     | All experiments were biologically repeated multiple times to verify the reproducibility of the results. Those results were consistent between different replicates.  |
| Randomization   | N/A. All the experiments were done in vitro.   |
| Blinding        | N/A. All the experiments were done in vitro.   |

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## Antibodies

### Antibodies used

Anti-LMP1(OT-21C), anti-EBNA1(OT1X), and anti-BMRF1(OT14E2) antibodies were obtained from Dr. Jaap Middeldorp. Anti-EBNA2(PE2) and anti-gp350(72A1) antibodies were obtained from Dr. Elliot Kieff. Anti-EBNA3C antibody(A10) was obtained from Dr. Michelle J. West.

Anti-UHRF1 (D6G8E, Cat#12387S), anti-DNMT1(D63A6, Cat#5032S), anti-BCL-6 (D4I2V, Cat#14895S), anti-TRAF1 (45D3, Cat#4715S), anti-RING1A(2820, Cat#2820S), anti-IRF4(Cat#4964S), anti-DNMT3B (Cat#57868S) and anti-H2AK119Ub1 (D27C4, Cat#8240T) antibodies were purchased from Cell Signaling Technology.

Anti-LMP2A(15F9, Cat# ab59028) were purchased from Abcam.

Anti-SCML2 (F-7, Cat# sc-271097), anti-LMP1-AF647(Cat#SC71023), and anti-BZLF1(BZ1, Cat# sc-53904) antibodies were purchased from Santa Cruz.

Anti-V5-tag (V5-10, Cat# V8012-50UG) and anti-Flag-tag(M2, Cat# F1804) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich.

Anti-DDX1(Cat#A300-521A-T) antibody was purchased from Bethyl.

Anti-histone H3K9me3 antibody(Cat#39161) was purchased from Active Motif.

Anti-UHRF1 (ChIP-grade, Cat#C15410258-100) was purchased from Diagenode.

ICAM1-PE(Cat#555511) was purchased from BD Bioscience.

CD10-APC (Cat#312210) was purchased from Biolegend.

### Validation

Anti-LMP1(OT-21C), anti-EBNA1(OT1X), anti-BMRF1(OT14E2), Anti-EBNA2(PE2),anti-BZLF1 (BZ1) and anti-gp350(72A1) antibodies are well known and widely used in the Epstein Barr virus field (eg. PMID: 26768848; PMID: 28514666; PMID: 31145756; PMID: 29709016; PMID: 28617871; PMID: 30052684; PMID: 27348612).

For antibodies against CRISPR screen hits (UHRF1, DNMT1, RING1, SCML2), we confirmed by western blot that a band at the expected molecular weight decreased in signal intensity upon expression of the guide RNA targeting the gene encoding the protein of interest. Anti-BCL-6 (D4I2V, Cat#14895S), anti-TRAF1 (45D3, Cat#4715S), anti-RING1A(2820, Cat#2820S), and anti-IRF4(Cat#4964S) were well validated for western blot by Cell Signaling Technology.

Anti-histone H3K9me3 antibody(Cat#39161) was validated for ChIP by Active Motif.  
 Anti-UHRF1 (ChIP-grade, Cat#C15410258-100) was validated for ChIP by Diagenode.  
 CAM1-PE(Cat#555511) was validated for FACS by BD Bioscience.  
 CD10-APC (Cat#312210) was for FACS by Biolegend.  
 Anti-V5-tag (V5-10, Cat# V8012-50UG) and anti-Flag-tag(M2, Cat# F1804) are well-known antibodies recognizing epitope tags.

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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| Cell line source(s)   | The BL cell lines MUTU I, MUTU III and KEM I were obtained from Dr. Jeffrey Sample. The BL cell lines P3HR-1 cl16, EBV +Akata, EBV- Akata and Daudi BL, and and EBV+ gastric carcinoma NUGC3 cells were obtained from Elliott Kieff. Rael BL cells were obtained from Lisa Giulino-Roth and Ethel Cesarman. JSC-1, BC-1, BCBL-1, and C666.1 cells were obtained from Bo Zhao. The B-ALL REH cell line was obtained from ATCC. GM12878 and GM11380 LCLs were obtained from the Coriell Institute for Medical Research. MUTU I, Rael and P3HR1 cells were authenticated by the Idexx CellCheck 9 - human STR Profile and Inter-species Contamination Test. |
| Authentication  | STR was used to confirm the identity of the MUTU, RAEL, and KEN I cell lines used in the manuscript.   |
| Mycoplasma contamination  | Cells were certified as mycoplasma-free using the MycoAlert kit (Lonza).   |
| Commonly misidentified lines (See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register) | No commonly misidentified lines were used in the study.  |

## Flow Cytometry

### Plots

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### Methodology

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| Sample preparation        | See page 17 "Flow cytometry analysis" section.  |
| Instrument                | BD FACSCalibur; BD FACSAria™ III sorter   |
| Software                  | BD Cellquest Pro was used for data collection. Flowjo X was used for data analysis.   |
| Cell population abundance | For the CRISPR screen, FACSsort was used to identify MUTU I Burkitt lymphoma cells that up-regulated ICAM1 and/or down-regulated CD10 as indicated in Figure 1 and S1. All the sorted cells were used for PCR amplification and next generation sequencing. For all validation studies, 10000 live cells were gated. Contour plot was used for the screen, and histogram was used for the validation studies. |
| Gating strategy           | Gating strategy was decided use of a known negative control samples (for instance, we used unedited MUTU I cells, which are low for ICAM-1, to set the ICAM-1 gate and then sorted for cells that upregulated ICAM1 abundance above this threshold). The same strategy was used to measure ICAM-1 abundance for screen hit validation and mechanistic studies.  |

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