# **Supplementary information**

# **High throughput screening identifies SOX2 as a Super Pioneer Factor that inhibits DNA methylation maintenance at its binding sites.**

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 **Supplementary Figure 1**

#### **Supplementary Figure 1. Experimental approach.**

(**a**) Schematic representation of the Hi-TransMet approach. A library of targeting plasmids each containing the same bacterial DNA fragment, (FR1) represented by a grey line, but a different motif (colored rectangles) and barcodes (dashed boxes) and flanked by *LoxP* sites (triangles) were transfected into ESCs containing the RMCE site together with a plasmid expressing CRE recombinase. This leads to the replacement of the selection cassette (Hygromycin/Thymidine Kinase) by the bacterial fragment. Ganciclovir treatment selects the cells that underwent recombination. Genomic DNA is extracted from successfully recombined cells and treated with sodium bisulfite. (**b**) Sequence of the bacterial fragment FR1 used in this study. Primer sequences for Bisulfite PCR and library preparation are indicated in green. US\_Primer is the upstream primer pair, DS\_Primer is the downstream primer pair (please refer to text for further details). Edits to the original sequence<sup>42</sup> are indicated in dark blue (additions) and light blue (changes of position). The fragment was inserted into the RMCE donor plasmid by directional cloning using the restriction enzymes BamHI and HindIII (flags); motifs were later inserted by directional cloning with SphI and NheI (flags).



# **Supplementary Figure 2. Common endogenous PF-binding sites exhibit low methylation levels in ESCs.**

Heat map of methylation levels 3kb around the center of mouse aggregate cistromes, the peaks of routinely identified binding sites for different PFs in several cell types.



## **Supplementary Figure 3.** *In silico* **analysis of different restriction site-barcodemotif combinations.**

Score of transcription factors predicted using HOMER tool for all restriction sitebarcode-motif combinations. Black and gray dots are all TFBS predicted for WT and Sc sequences, respectively. TFBSs assigned to WT sequences are represented by red (top strand) and orange (bottom strand) dots.





## **Supplementary Figure 4**

## **Supplementary Figure 4. Hi-TransMet library preparation and molecular barcoding.**

(**a**) Hi-TransMet library preparation. Step 1, UMI assignment. A target-specific reverse primer, including a UMI tag (colored Ns) and a library barcode (black) is annealed to the bisulfite-converted DNA and the target sequence is extended. Step 2, non-barcoded amplification. A short PCR amplification is performed using forward target-specific primers and a reverse universal primer. Step 3, addition of sequencing adapters by PCR amplification. Unused primers and primer dimers are removed between each step. The region of interest surrounding the motifs is PCR amplified using two sets of universal primers, upstream and downstream of the motifs, covering about 500 bp flanking the binding sites. (**b**) Overview of the bioinformatic pipeline.







## **Supplementary Figure 5. Overall methylation levels on FR1 fragment in WT ESCs, NPs and TET TKO ESCs.**

(**a**) Mean ratio of CpG methylation in WT ESCs, NPs and TET TKO ESCs measured at FR1 fragments containing Sc motifs (n=26). P-values (two-tailed paired t-test, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*\*p<0.0001): NPs/-SssI vs ESCs/-SssI: p=1.59E-07; NPs/+SssI vs ESCs/+SssI: p=0.0025; TET-TKO/+SssI vs ESCs/+SssI: p=1.01E-0.5; TET-TKO/+SssI vs NPs/+SssI: p=0.1527. (**b**) Mean ratio of non CpG methylation (CHG+CHH) in WT ESCs, NPs and TET TKO ESCs measured at FR1 fragments containing Sc motifs (n=26). P-values (two-tailed paired t-test, \*\*\*p<0.001, \*\*\*\*p<0.0001): NPs/-SssI vs ESCs/-SssI: p=0.0010; NPs/+SssI vs ESCs/+SssI: p=1E-07; TET-TKO/+SssI vs ESCs/+SssI: p=0.0002; TET-TKO/+SssI vs NPs/+SssI: p=2.65E-05. In both panels (**a**) and (**b**) data are represented as box plots where the middle line is the median, the lower and upper hinges correspond to the  $25<sup>th</sup>$  and the 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles, the lower whisker extends from the lower hinge to the smallest value and the upper whisker extends from the upper hinge to the biggest value not bigger than the  $75<sup>th</sup>$  percentile plus 1.5 IQR (inter-quartile range). For all panels, source data are provided as a Source data file.





**b**

 **Supplementary Figure 6**

## **Supplementary Figure 6. siRNA knockdown of OCT4 and SOX2 in ESCs containing FR1 with WT OCT4SOX2 motif, +SssI condition.**

**(a)** Reduction of OCT4 and SOX2 mRNA levels normalized to expression of the reference housekeeping gene Snrpd3, 72h post siRNA transfection. Results are presented as mean + SD of n=3 biologically independent replicates. P-values (2-way ANOVA, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001, \*\*\*\*p<0.0001): Oct4mRNA\_siOct4a+b p=1.79E-09, Sox2mRNA\_siOct4a+b p=0.0228, Oct4mRNA\_siSox2a+b p=0.0004, Sox2mRNA\_siSox2a+b p=4.71E-06, Oct4mRNA\_siAll p=9.49E-11, Sox2mRNA\_siAll p=3.60E-05. **(b)** Reduction of OCT4 and SOX2 protein levels, 72h post siRNA transfection. Western blot was performed on one of the three biologically independent knockdown experiments. Actin housekeeping gene is used as a loading control "All": siOCT4a+siOCT4b+siSOX2a+siSOX2b. N.T: non targeting siRNA. Ø: non-transfected. For both panels, source data and uncropped blots are provided as a Source Data file.





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 **Supplementary Figure 7**

#### **Supplementary Figure 7. Differentiation into neuronal progenitors.**

(**a**, **b**) Heatmaps representing methylation percentages around WT and Sc motifs in the FR1/-SssI condition (**a**) and FR1/+SssI (**b**). (**c**) qPCR validation of NP differentiation by analysis of ESC-specific (Oct4, Nanog and Sox2) and NP-specific markers (FoxA1, Pax6 and Sox9). Data are shown as mean+SEM or n=3 biologically independent experiments. Source data are provided as a Source data file.

**ATACseq in OCT4SOX2 ESCs ATACseq in CTCF ESCs**

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**Supplementary Figure 8. ATAC-Seq in ESCs at OCT4SOX2 and CTCF binding sites in FR1.**

(**a**,**b**) MA plots following analysis of differential ATAC-seq peaks using the DESeq2 analysis software. As expected, there are very few changes in chromatin accessibility across the genome of the (**a**) FR1 OCT4SOX2 ESCs (WT and Sc, +/- SssI) and (**b**) FR1 CTCF ESCs (WT and Sc, -SssI). Genome browser tracks (mean values across replicates) of the ATAC-seq data for all conditions at the *Zfp345* locus.

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*chr1:180,921,381-180,940,878 Lefty1*

**b**

#### **Supplementary Figure 9. ChIP-Seq for OCT4 and SOX2 in ESCs.**

(**a**) PCA analysis of the Oct4 and Sox2 ChIPseq data from FR1 OCT4SOX2 ESCs. As shown, the third replicate of the Sox2 ChIP is of poor quality and was therefore not used for the subsequent analysis of TF binding at the FR1 locus. (**b**) Representative genome browser tracks (mean values across replicates) of the ChIPseq data across the *Lefty1* locus.

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**Supplementary Figure 10** 

#### **Supplementary Figure 10.** *In vitro* **replication assay.**

(**a-b**) Schematic representation of the *in vitro* replication assay. FR1 or FR2 bacterial DNA fragments are cloned into the SV40 replication vector containing an origin of replication. The resulting plasmid is *in vitro* methylated using the SssI methyltransferase. Plasmid is then incubated with the TF of interest, then replication occurs in the presence of HeLa S240 cell extract, T-Antigen, biotin-dUTP, dNTPs, rNTPs, TF and 3H-SAM. Biotinylated, replicated DNA is purified by immunoprecipitation using streptavidin beads. (**c**) DpnI digestion of the nonreplicated plasmid is used to assess the completion of the replication reaction in all DNA replication experiments. (**d**) DNA methylation is maintained during *in vitro* DNA replication. –SssI and +SssI plasmids were incubated in HeLa extracts in the presence of SAM[3H] and in the presence or absence of T-Ag. DNA was purified and SAM[3H] measured by scintillation counting. Graph shows CPM - background. (**e**) 5% of the reaction is used to assess TF binding by EMSA with titrations covering a broad concentration range for all DNA replication experiments. In all cases, binding was confirmed. For all panels, source data are provided as a Source data file.

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## **c**

**FR1-replication efficiency (biotin/EtBr)**

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**FR2-replication efficiency (biotin/EtBr)**

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## **Supplementary Figure 11. SOX2 inhibits DNMT1-dependent maintenance of DNA methylation during replication**

(**a**) *In vitro* replication assay to assess the effect of SOX2 binding to FR1 containing SOX2-only motif on the DNMT1-dependent maintenance of DNA methylation during replication. Methylation levels following replication are measured based on the integration of radioactively labeled methyl group during replication. Results are presented as mean + SD of n=5biological replicates and analyzed as radioactive signal in the presence of SOX2 relative to the signal in absence of SOX2. P values (one sample t-test, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.001): SOX2\_WT 370nM p=0.1026, 555nM p=0.0004; SOX2\_Sc 370nM p=0.4521, 555nM=0.0491, two-tailed unpaired t-test. (**b**) Bisulfite Sanger sequencing analysis of the FR1 containing SOX2, CTCF, FOXA1 or NFY motif in absence or presence of replication (+/- T-Ag) and the PF (+/- PF, 555nM). Vertical bars correspond to CpG positions, and the color code corresponds to the percentage of methylation calculated for each CpG with a minimum coverage of 10 bisulfite reads. (**c**) Replication efficiency of FR1 and FR2 probes containing OCT4SOX2 motif as measured by the ratio of replicated DNA (biotin) to total DNA extracted from the reaction (EtBr). Results are presented as mean + SD of n=5 (hSOX2 samples) or n=3biologically independent replicates (hOCT4 and hOCT4+hSOX2 samples). The small decrease in DNA replication with high concentrations of TFs was not statistically significant. Because we calculate the ratio of incorporated SAM[3H] (DNA methylation) to incorporated biotin-dUTP (DNA replication), these differences will not affect the interpretation (**figure 7**) P-values (two-tailed unpaired t-test, \*\*p<0.01, \*p<0.05): FR1\_OCT4+SOX2 600nM: 0.0063, FR2 OCT4+SOX2 600nM: 0.0179. For all panels, source data are provided as a Source data file.

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 **Supplementary Figure 12**

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#### **Supplementary Figure 12. ChIP validation of PF binding**

(**a-f**) Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) to validate CREB (**a**), NANOG (**b**), NFY (**c**), NRF1 (**d**), SOX2 (**e**) and REST (**f**) binding in ESCs and NPs. ESCs containing FR1 and individual motifs were isolated from the pool of transfected cells. When indicated, ESCs were differentiated into NPs. Results are shown as mean + SEM of n=4 (CREB\_NP\_WT/±SssI, CREB\_NP\_Sc/-SssI) or n=3 (all other conditions) biologically independent replicates. Binding of selected TFs at their motifs in the FR1 fragment is indicated as % input, that is, the enrichment of IP signal (normalized over input signal) at a selected locus. Enrichment at WT sites is estimated relative to their corresponding Sc site. In most cases, enrichment at WT motif is higher than at Sc ones. Moreover, enrichment at CREB WT motif is higher in NPs than is ESCs. Pvalues (two-tailed unpaired t-test): CREB\_WT\_NPs/-SssI vs Sc\_NPs/-SssI p=0.013; CREB\_WT\_ESCs/-SssI vs WT\_NPs/-SssI p=0.01; CREB\_WT\_ESCs/+SssI vs WT\_NPs/+SssI p=0.013; SOX2\_WT/-SssI vs SOX2\_Sc/-SssI p=0.026; REST\_WT\_ESCs/-SssI vs Sc\_ESCs /-SssI p=0.012; REST\_WT\_ESCs/+SssI vs Sc\_ESCs/+SssI p=0.008. (**g-h**) SOX2 (**g**) and OCT4 (**h**) ChIP in ESCs and NPs containing the OCT4SOX2 motif. Results are shown as mean + SEM of n=4 (SOX2\_ESCs\_OCT4SOX2\_WT/+SssI and SOX2\_ESCs\_OCT4SOX2\_Sc/+SssI) or n=3 (all other conditions) biologically independent replicates. Binding of selected TFs at their motifs in the FR1 fragment is indicated as % input, that is, the enrichment of IP signal (normalized over input signal) at a selected locus. Enrichment at WT sites is estimated relative to their corresponding Sc site, and enrichment in ESCs is estimated relative to enrichment in NPs. For all panels, source data are provided as a Source data file.

#### **Supplementary Tables**

# **Supplementary Table 1**. **List of PFs selected for RMCE screening**. DNA binding domains are reported as indicated in the Human TFs database (http://humantfs.ccbr.utoronto.ca/)<sup>103</sup>. For each factor, the main references for: pioneering activity; sensitivity or binding to methylated DNA; suspected DNA demethylation capacity and/or suspected or proven interactions with TETs and DNMTs are indicated.

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## **Supplementary Table 2. List of WT and Sc PF motifs and barcodes.**

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## **Supplementary Table 3. Table summarizing identified PPFs and SPFs in ESCs**

## **and NPs.**

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### **Supplementary Table 5. Hi-TransMet library preparation primers.** UMI-primers in step 1, where is N is random nucleotide and X indicates the barcode sequence.

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