

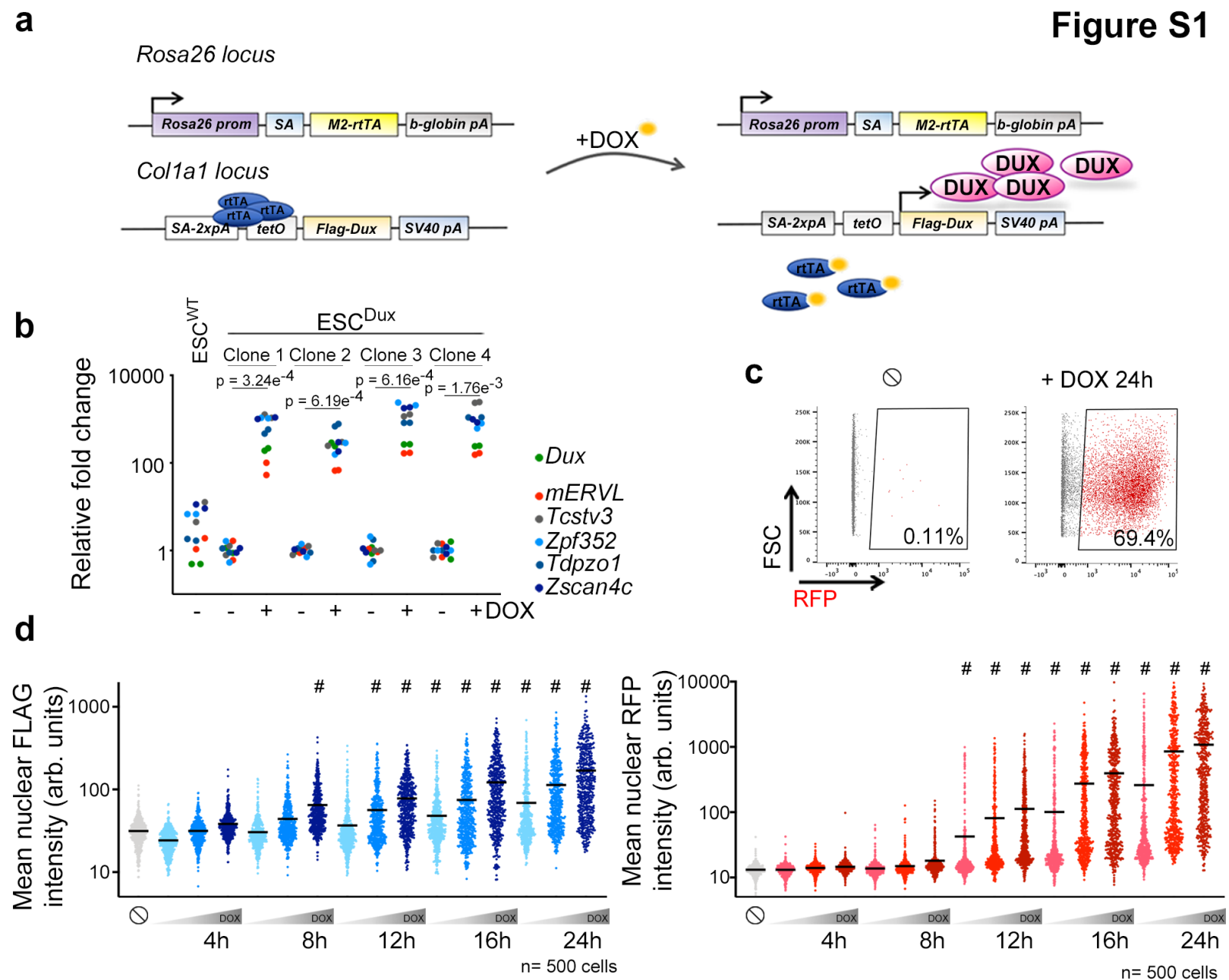
## **Supplementary Information:**

Supplementary information includes 11 Supplementary Figures and 1 Supplementary Table.

## **CTCF is a Barrier for 2C-like Reprogramming**

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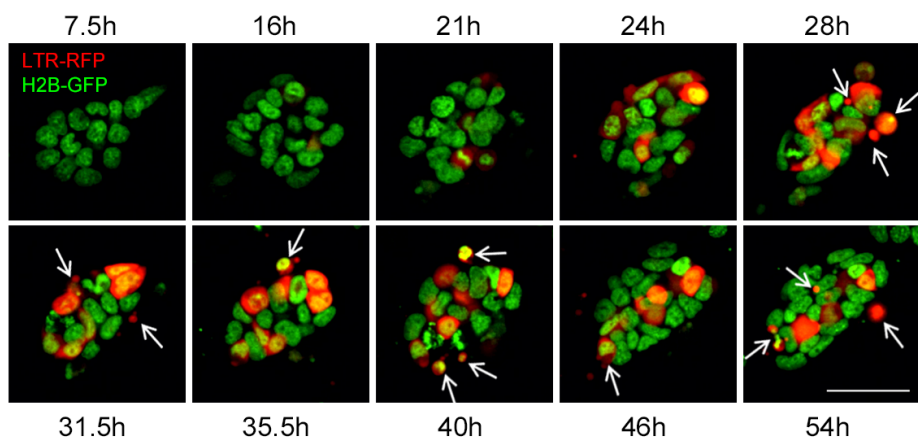
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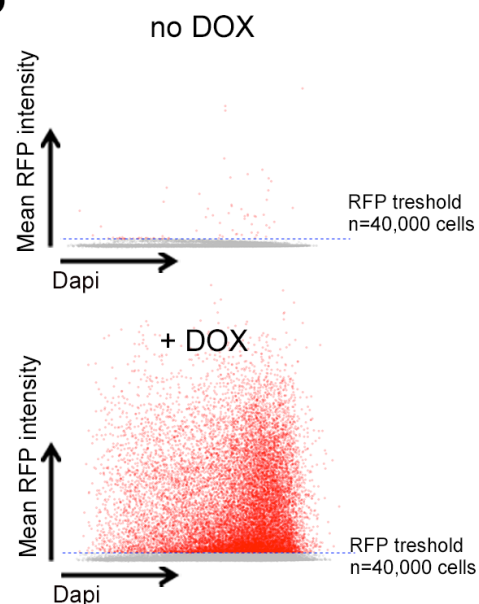
**Supplementary Fig. 1: ESC<sup>DUX</sup> recapitulated all 2C-like features upon DOX-induction. a,** Schematic representation of the two-allele system used to generate ESC<sup>DUX</sup>. DUX cDNA was placed under the control of a tet-responsive sequence (tetO) at the *Col1a1* locus while rtTA is expressed from the *Rosa26* locus<sup>11</sup>. **b,** Graph showing the relative fold change (log<sub>10</sub>) expression of six 2C associated genes in ESC<sup>DUX</sup> untreated or treated with 300ng/ml DOX for 24 hours. Four ESC clones were tested but two were selected for further downstream analyses. Real-time PCR reactions were performed by duplicate and one representative experiment is shown. GAPDH expression was used to normalize gene expression. All genes were considered as a group for statistical analysis. p values are shown from two-tailed paired *t*-tests. **c,** Flow cytometry analysis performed in untreated or DOX-treated (300ng/ml) LTR-RFP reporter ESC<sup>DUX</sup> for 24 hours. Percentages of RFP<sup>+</sup> are included within the plots. ∅=No treatment. **d,** HTI quantification of FLAG (left plot) and RFP (right plot) expression in untreated or dox-treated for the indicated times with different DOX concentrations in *LTR-RFP* reporter ESC<sup>DUX</sup>. Center lines indicate mean values. In **(c, d)**, one representative experiment is shown but at least two independent experiments using multiple clones were performed. n=500; # = p<0.001 in two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests when compared to untreated ESC. DOX concentrations used: 150, 300 and 600 ng/ml.

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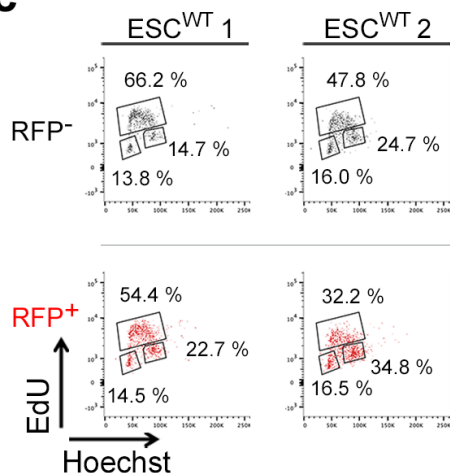
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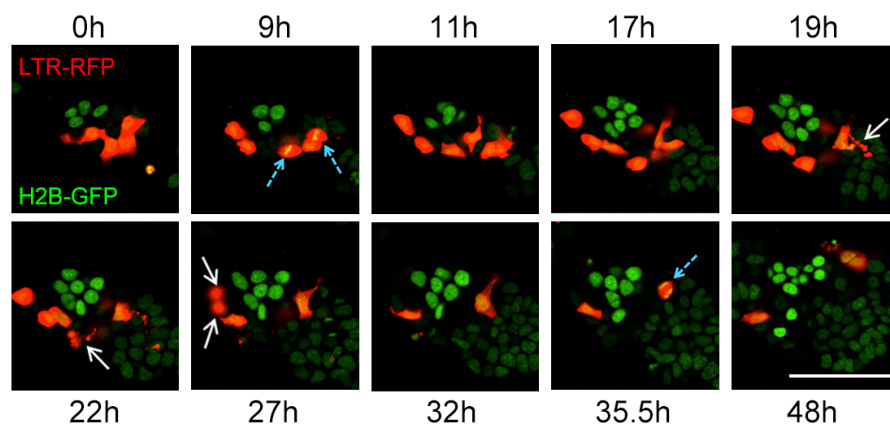
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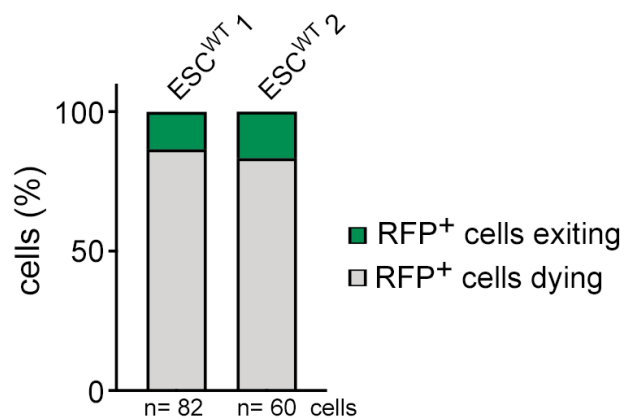
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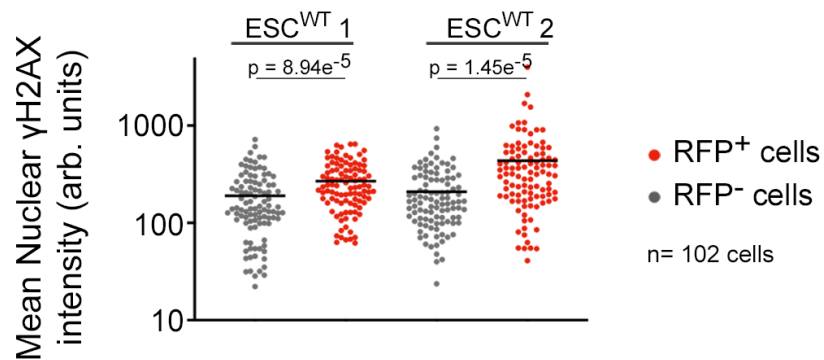
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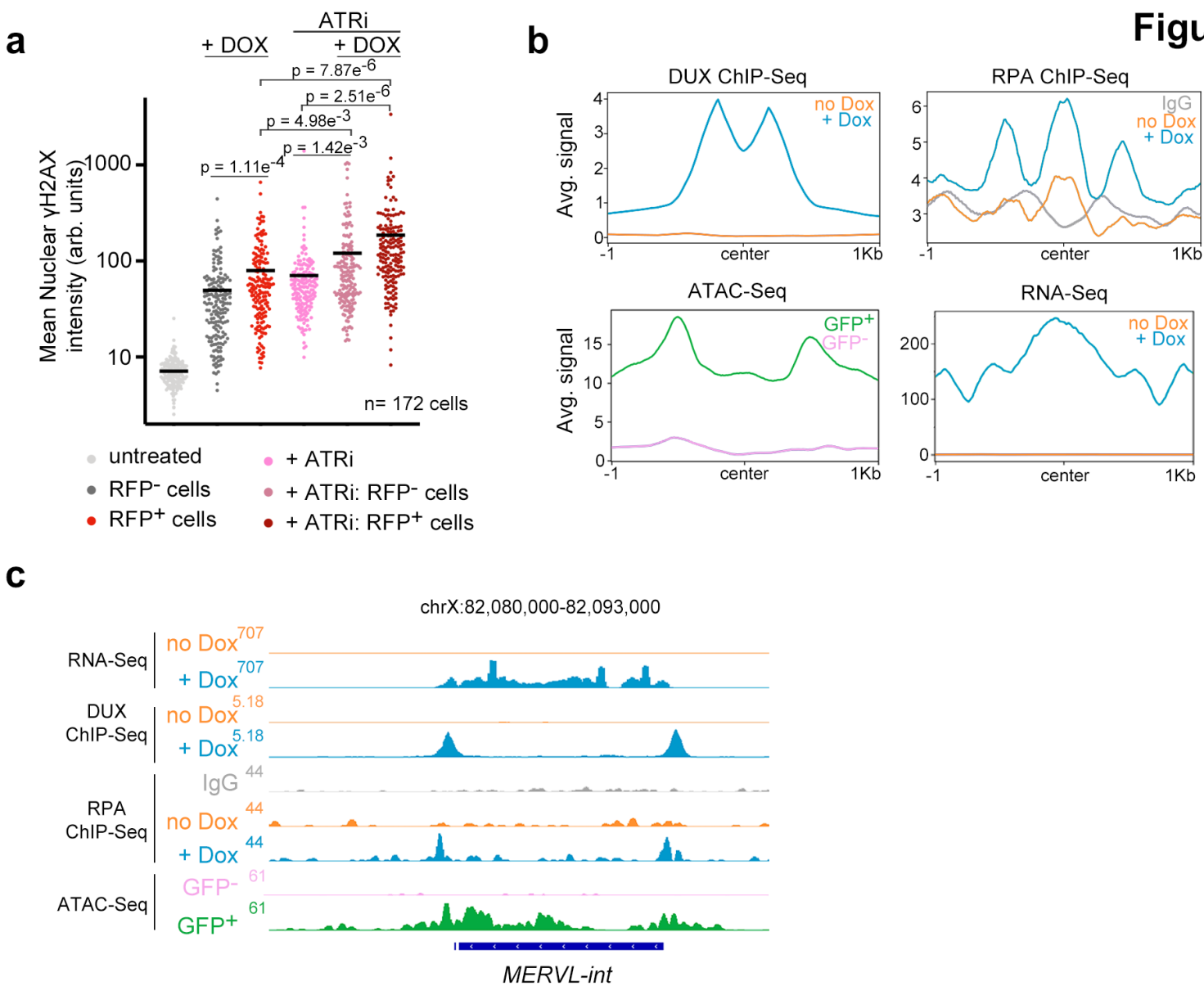


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**Supplementary Fig. 2: Endogenous 2C-like cells showed G2 arrest and increased  $\gamma$ H2AX.** **a,** Representative images obtained from a time lapse experiment where LTR-RFP reporter ESC<sup>DUX</sup> expressing H2B-GFP were treated with 300ng/ml DOX and imaged at the indicated timepoints. Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m. White arrows show dying RFP<sup>+</sup> ESC. Two independent experiments were performed with two ESC clones with similar results but one representative is shown. **b,** Dot plots showing cell distribution based on DNA content and RFP expression in LTR-RFP reporter ESC<sup>DUX</sup> treated with 300ng/ml DOX for 24 hours. **c,** Flow cytometry analysis of the cell cycle distribution in two wild type LTR-RFP reporter ESC lines (R1 and G4 ESC). Cells were split in RFP<sup>-</sup> or RFP<sup>+</sup> subpopulations and percentages for each phase of the cells cycle are included. One representative experiment is shown but at least two independent experiments were performed. **d,** Representative images obtained from a live cell time lapse experiment where LTR-RFP reporter R1 ESC expressing H2B-GFP were followed over time. Indicated times showed the time when recording started. Two independent wild type LTR-RFP reporter ESC lines (R1 and G4) were imaged in two independent experiments but only one representative ESC line (R1) is shown. White arrows showed RFP<sup>+</sup> ESC undergoing cell death. Blue dashed arrows showed RFP<sup>+</sup> ESC undergoing cell division. Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m. **e,** Plot showing the percentage of endogenous cycling 2C-like cells in two wild-type ESC lines that successfully exit from the totipotent-like state and return to pluripotency or undergo cell death. Quantification was performed by following the fate of a total of 82 and 60 2C-like cells per cell line in the time-lapse experiments from **(d)**. **f,** HTI quantification of  $\gamma$ H2AX in two wild type LTR-RFP reporter ESC lines (R1 and G4 ESC). Cells were split in RFP<sup>-</sup> and RFP<sup>+</sup> subpopulations. Center lines indicate mean values. n=102; p values are

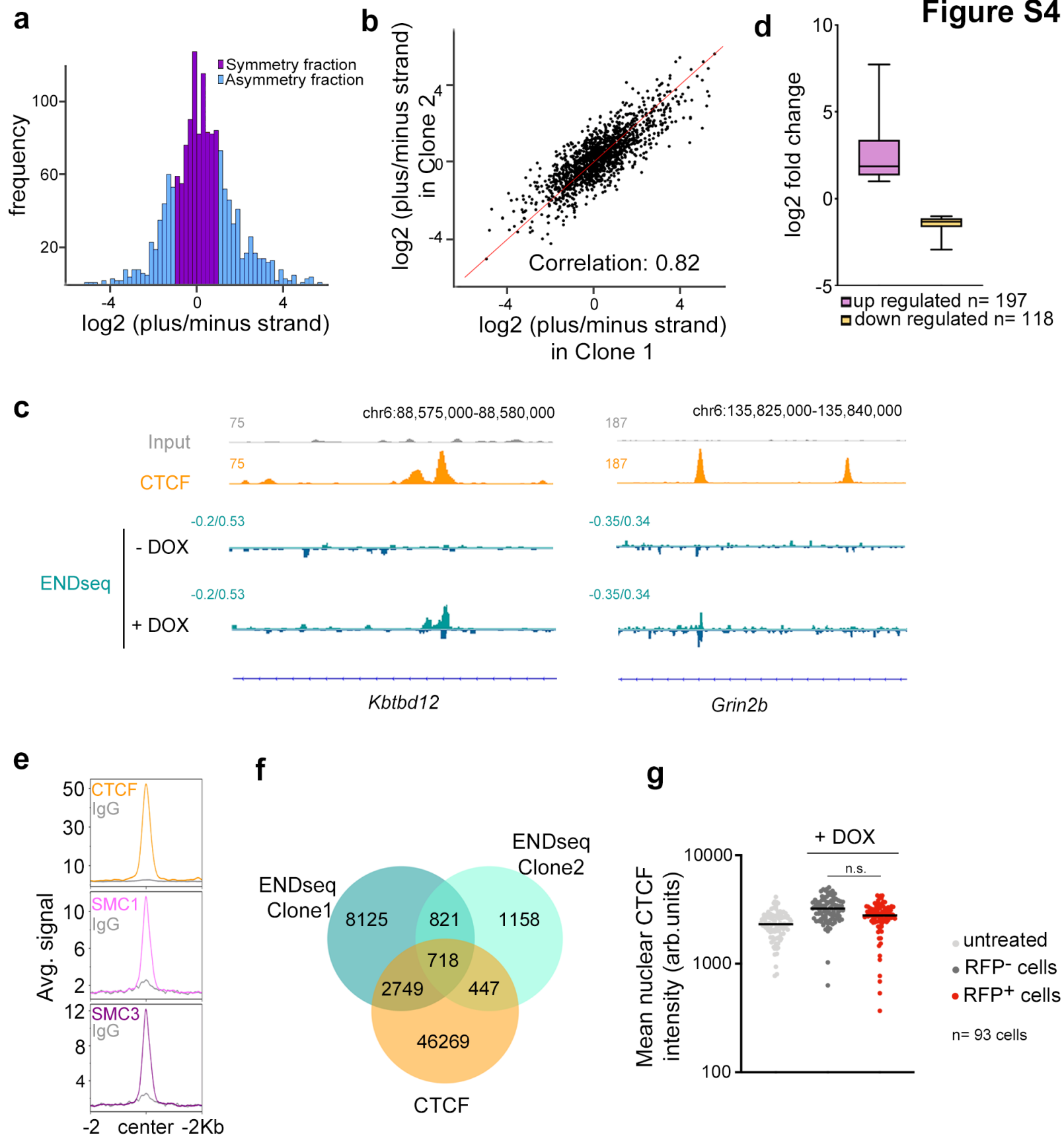
shown from two-tailed unpaired  $t$ -tests. One representative experiment is shown but two independent experiments were performed.

**Figure S3**

**Supplementary Fig. 3: Transcription-dependent RS induced by DUX expression.** **a**, HTI quantification of  $\gamma$ H2AX in LTR-RFP reporter ESC<sup>DUX</sup> treated with 300ng/ml DOX and/or with 1 $\mu$ M ATR inhibitor (ATRi) for 24 hours. Center lines indicate mean values. Cells were split in RFP<sup>-</sup> or RFP<sup>+</sup> and data is representative of at least two independent experiments performed in two different clones. n=172; p values are shown from two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests. Only statistics for relevant comparisons are shown. **b**, Average read density plots (RPKM) showing RPA, DUX occupancy and RNAseq read counts from untreated or 300ng/ml or 1 $\mu$ g/ml DOX-treated DUX expressing ESC (our data and <sup>5</sup>). ATACseq signal is shown from GFP<sup>-</sup> or GFP<sup>+</sup> cells sorted 1 $\mu$ g/ml DOX-treated LTR-GFP reporter ESC<sup>DUX</sup> <sup>5</sup>. Plots were generated using the 1000 MERVL genomic features with the highest level of bound DUX<sup>5</sup>. **c**, Genome browser tracks showing RPA, DUX occupancy, RNAseq read counts and ATACseq signal in the region surrounding a representative MERVL unit.



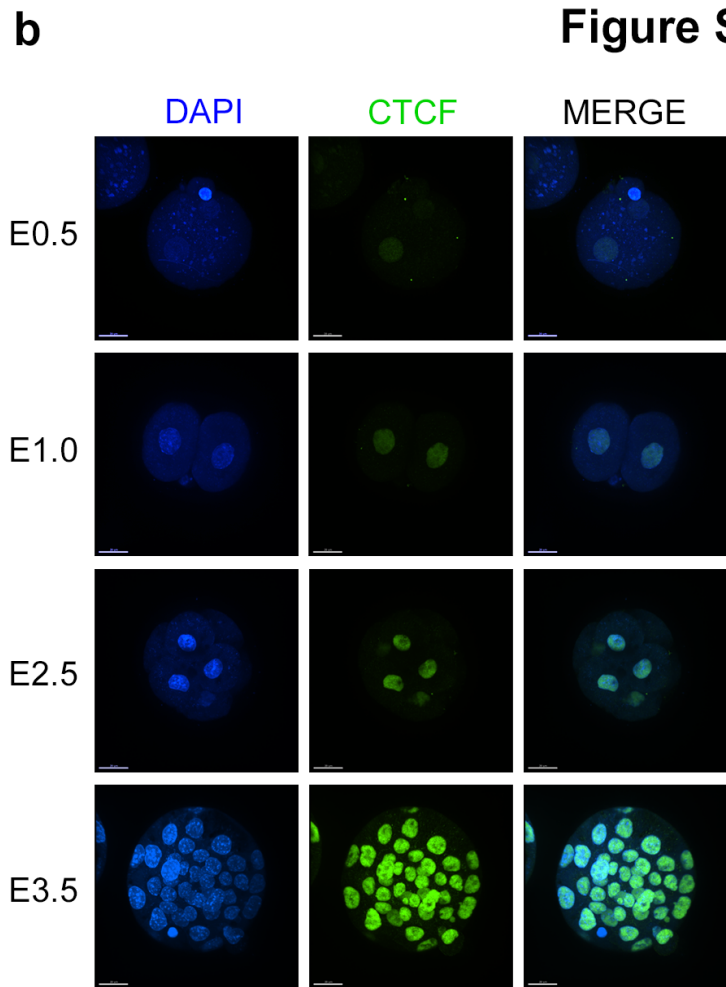
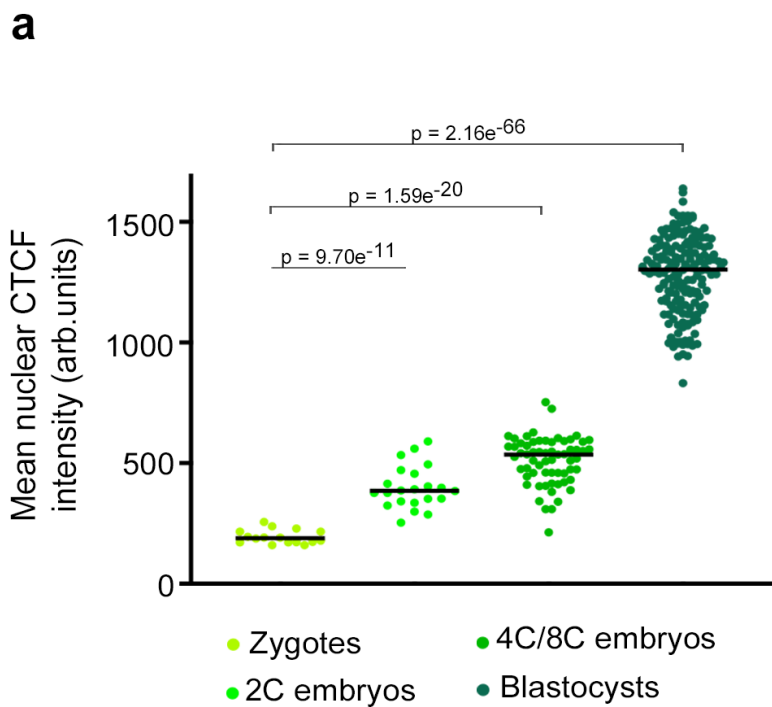
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**Supplementary Fig. 4: CTCF is enriched in END-seq sites.**

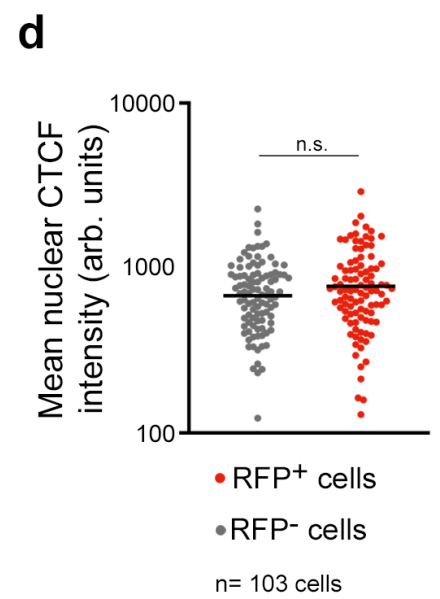
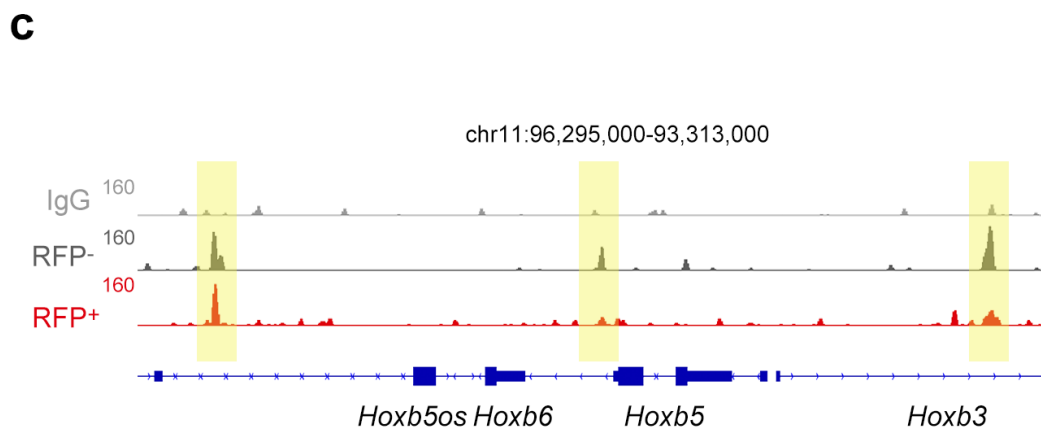
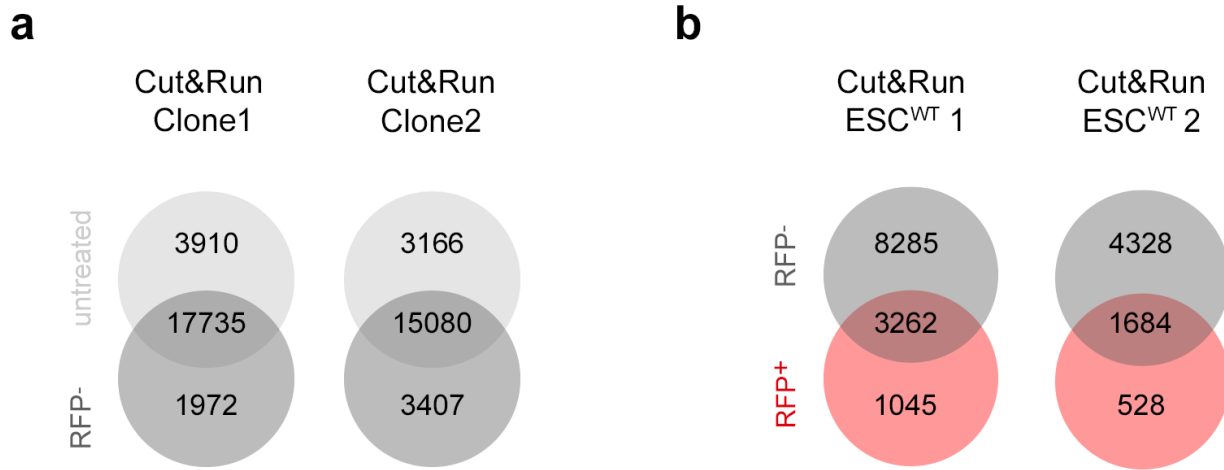
**a**, Histogram plot showing the frequency of single (asymmetric fraction) or double (symmetric fraction) strand breaks observed within the END-seq peaks. Ratio between the signal intensity per strand was used to define symmetric or asymmetric END-seq peaks. **b**, Plot showing the level of correlation between the type of DNA lesions (single or double strand breaks) observed in two independent ESC<sup>DUX</sup> clones. Pearson correlation value is shown. **c**, Genome browser tracks showing END-seq signal in untreated and 300ng/ml DOX-treated ESC<sup>DUX</sup> at the indicated genome location. One representative single (left panel) or double (right panel) end break is shown. Input (IgG) is shown as a background reference control. **d**, Box and whisker plot showing the relative fold change (log<sub>2</sub>) in genes differentially expressed (a total of 314 genes) between wild-type and DUX-expressing ESC located near END-seq sites (Supplementary Table 5). Center line indicates the median, box extends from the 25<sup>th</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles and whiskers show Min to Max values. Data was obtained from<sup>5</sup>. **e**, Plots showing CTCF<sup>20</sup>, SMC1 and SMC3<sup>21</sup> enrichment at the set of 1539 END-seq sites identified in DOX-treated ESC<sup>DUX</sup>. Input (IgG) is also shown as a background reference control. **f**, Venn diagram showing the number of END-seq and CTCF overlapping peaks between the two ESC<sup>DUX</sup> clones analyzed. Peak calling for CTCF binding sites in ESC was obtained from<sup>20</sup>. **g**, HTI quantification of CTCF in untreated or 600ng/ml DOX-treated ESC<sup>DUX</sup> for 24 hours. Cells were split into RFP<sup>+</sup> or RFP<sup>-</sup> subpopulations. Center lines indicate mean values. n=93; n.s.=non-significant in two-tailed unpaired *t*-test. Representative data from one ESC<sup>DUX</sup> clone is shown but two independent clones were analyzed.

Figure S5



**Supplementary Fig. 5: CTCF expression levels increase during embryonic development. a,** Graph showing CTCF mean nuclear intensity in mouse embryos at different developmental stages, Zygotes (E0.5, 8 embryos), 2C (E1.0, 11 embryos), 4C/8C (E2.5, 14 embryos) and blastocysts (E3.5, 7 embryos). p values are shown from two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests. **b,** Representative images from the mouse embryos described in (a). Scale bar, 20 $\mu$ m.

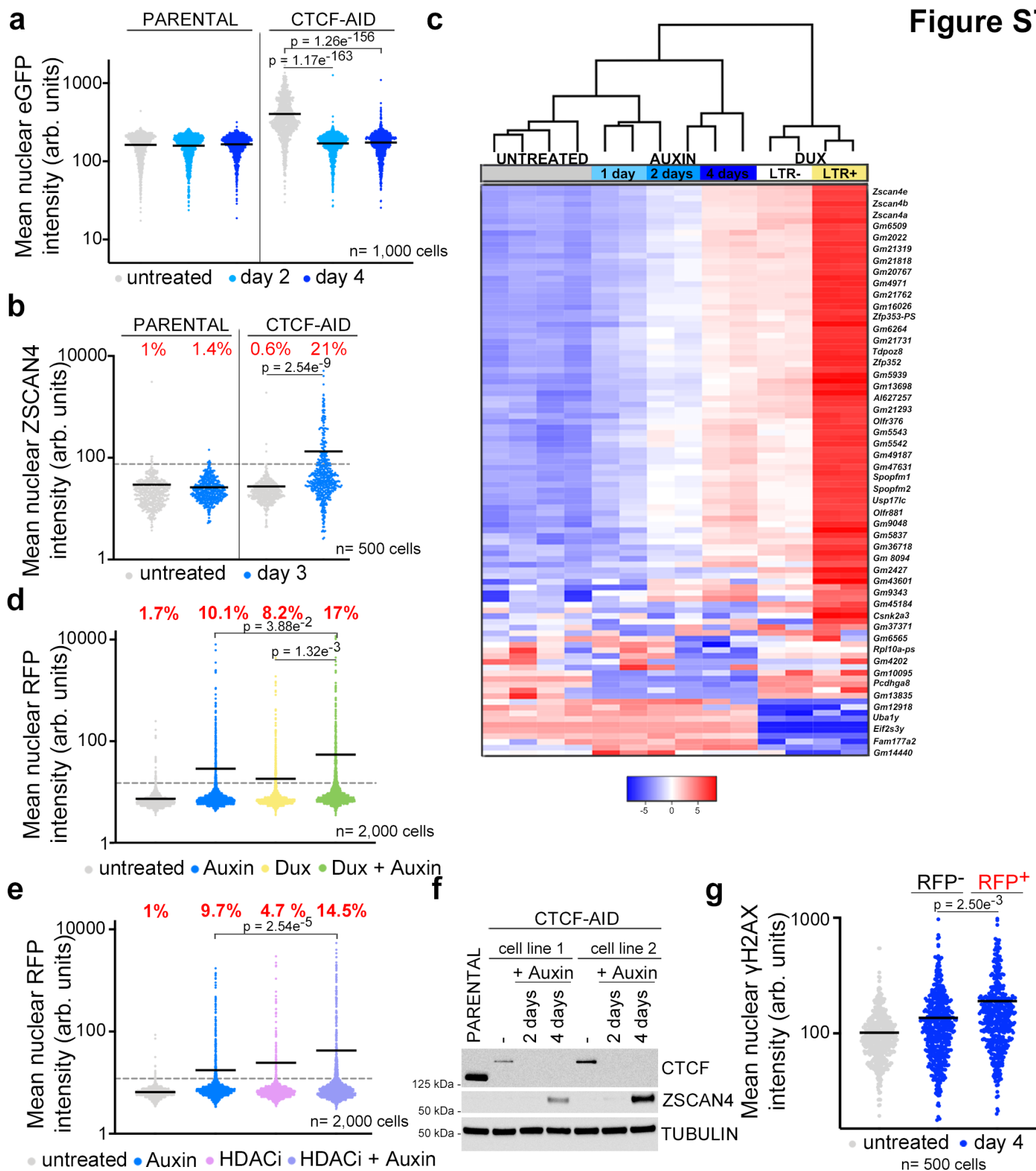
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**Supplementary Fig. 6: Endogenous 2C-like cells showed a reorganized CTCF binding landscape.**

**a**, Venn diagram showing the number of CTCF peaks detected in untreated and RFP<sup>-</sup> sorted cells from two independent DOX-treated ESC<sup>DOX</sup> clones. **b**, Venn diagram showing the number of CTCF peaks detected in RFP<sup>-</sup> and RFP<sup>+</sup> sorted cells from two wild type ESC lines. **c**, Genome browser tracks showing CTCF occupancy at the indicated genome location in one representative wild-type cell line. Input (IgG) is shown as a background reference control. **d**, HTI quantification of CTCF in wild-type LTR-RFP reporter ESC. Cells were split into RFP<sup>+</sup> or RFP<sup>-</sup> subpopulations. Center lines indicate mean values. n=103; n.s.=non-significant in two-tailed unpaired *t*-test. Representative data from one wild-type ESC clone is shown but two independent clones were analyzed.

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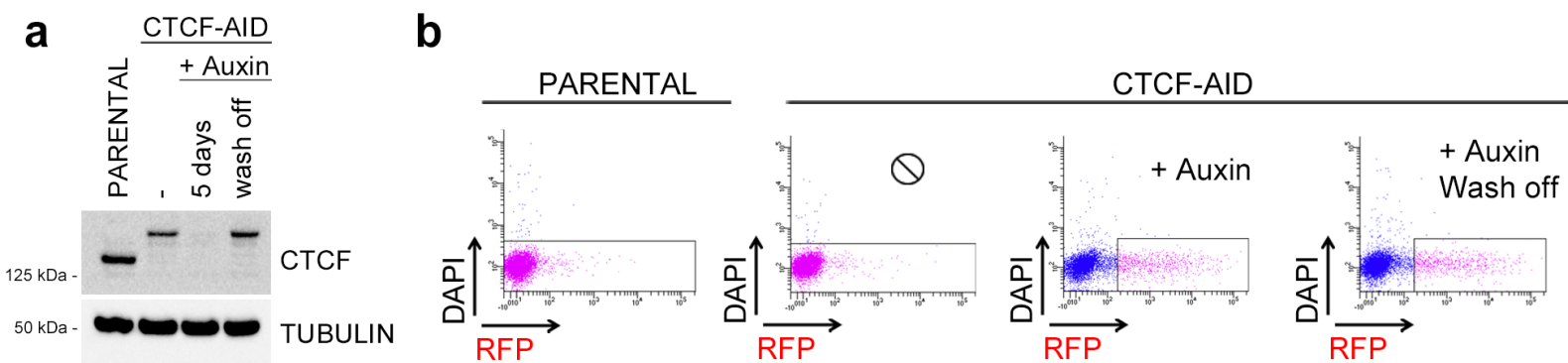


**Supplementary Fig. 7: CTCF depletion induces spontaneous 2C-like conversion in ESC.** **a**, HTI quantification of GFP in untreated or auxin-treated for two and four days parental and ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>. Center lines indicate mean values. n=1000; p values are shown from two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests. **b**, HTI quantification of ZSCAN4<sup>+</sup> cells in untreated or auxin-treated for three days parental and ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>. Center lines indicate mean values. Percentages of ZSCAN4<sup>+</sup> cells above the threshold are indicated. n=500; p values are shown from two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests. **c**, Heatmap generated from RNAseq data from untreated or auxin-treated ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> at different time points<sup>23</sup> together with wild-type or DUX-expressing ESC<sup>5</sup>. DUX-expressing ESC were sorted in GFP<sup>+</sup> or GFP<sup>-</sup> as a result of the activation of the LTR-GFP reporter<sup>5</sup>. Heatmap shows the top 50 most differentially expressed genes. Note that auxin-treated ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> for four days still contain a high number of non-reprogrammed ESC. **d, e** HTI quantification of RFP<sup>+</sup> cells in untreated or auxin-treated for four days *LTR-RFP* reporter ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> expressing DUX (**d**) or treated with a histone deacetylase inhibitor (**e**) where indicated. ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> were infected with pCW57.1-mDUX-CA (Addgene 99284) and induced with 300ng/ml DOX. Center lines indicate mean values. n=2000; p values are shown from two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests. Percentages of RFP<sup>+</sup> cells above the threshold are indicated. **f**, Western blot analysis of the indicated proteins performed in two newly generated KH2-ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> treated with auxin for 2 and 4 days. Parental ESC were used to show the smaller size and higher levels of CTCF. Tubulin levels are shown as a loading control. Two ESC cell lines are shown but 4 ESC lines from 2 different genetic backgrounds were generated and confirmed. **g**, HTI quantification of  $\gamma$ H2AX in untreated or auxin-treated for four days in *LTR-RFP* reporter ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>. Auxin-treated cells were split based in RFP<sup>+</sup> and RFP<sup>-</sup>. Center lines indicate mean values. n=500; p values are shown from two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests. For **(a)**, **(b)**, **(d)**, **(e)**, **(f)**



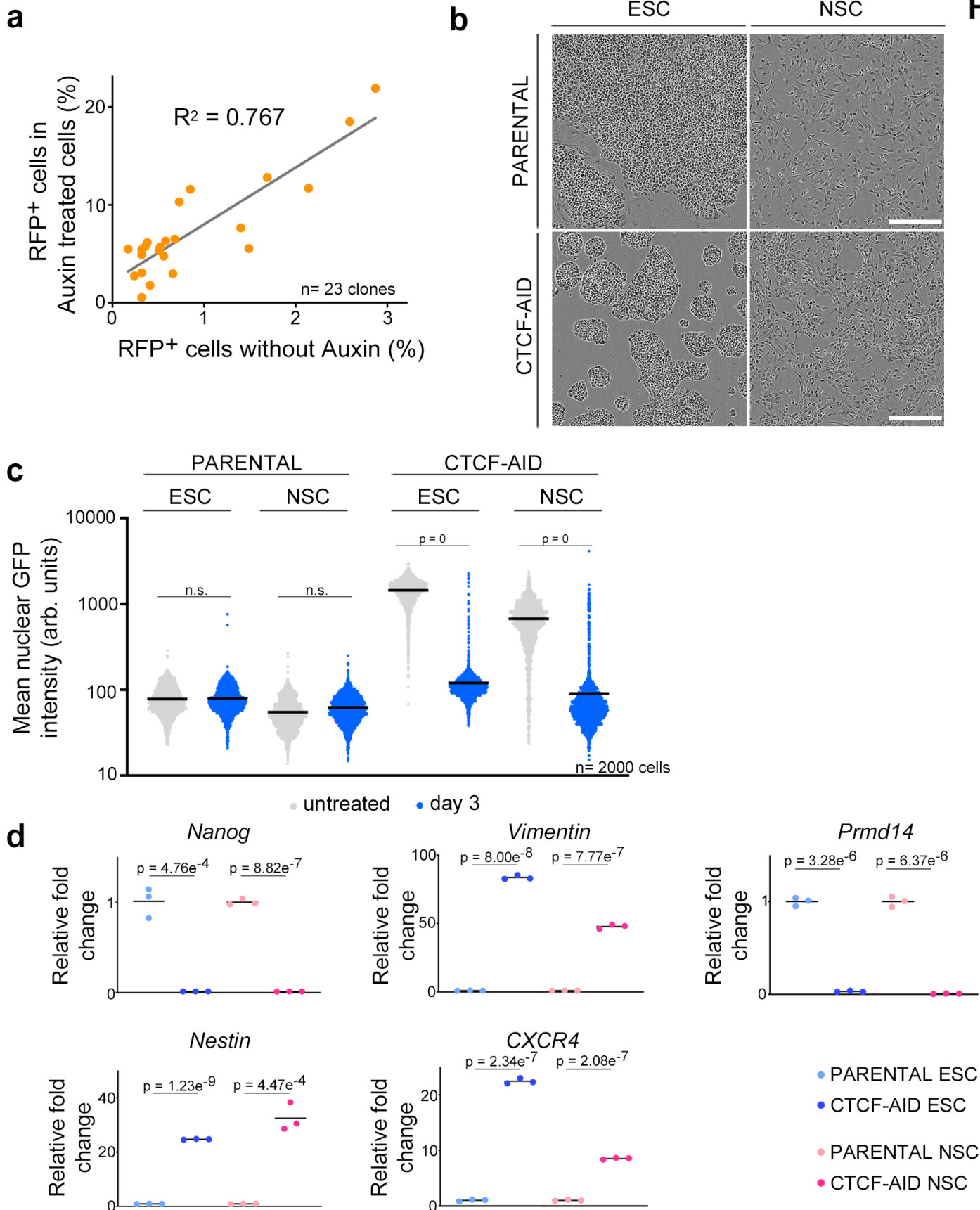
and (g), three (a, b and g) or two (d, e and f) independent experiments were performed with similar results but one representative experiment is shown.

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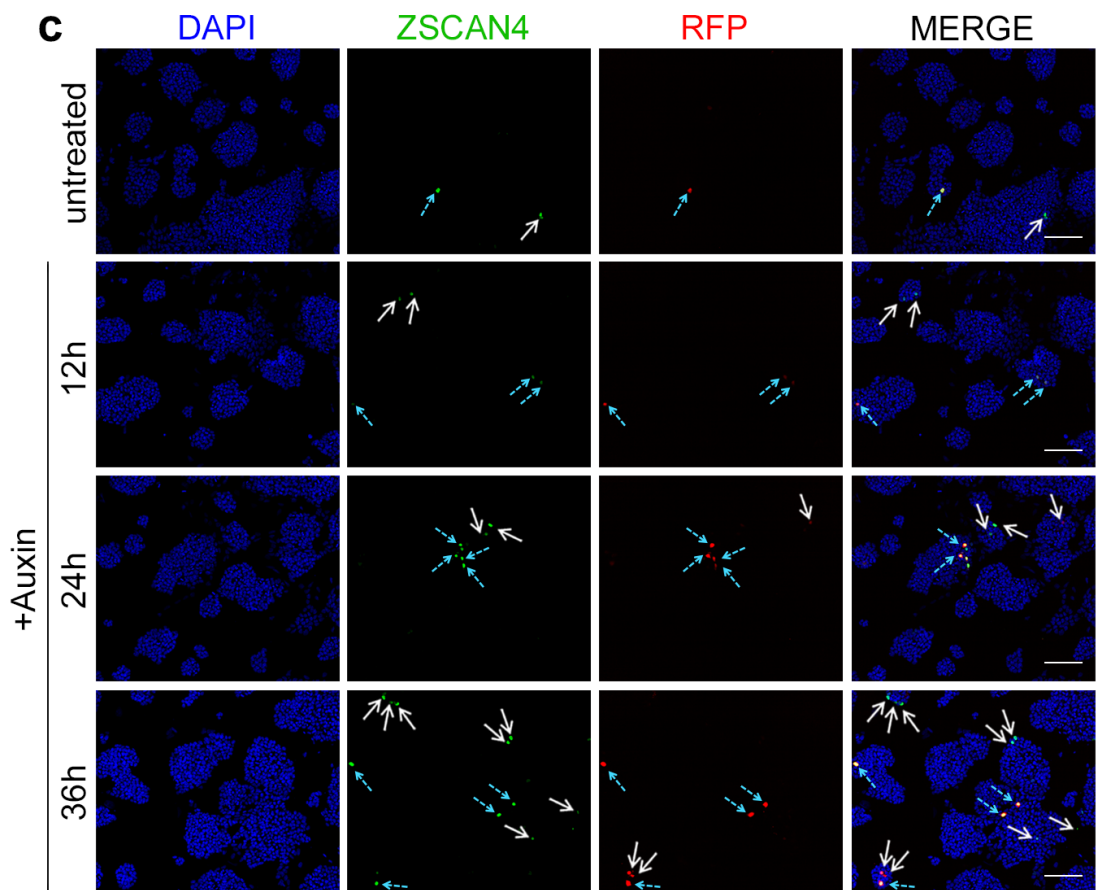
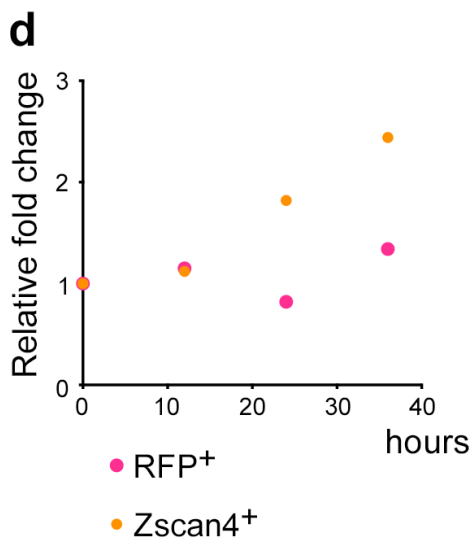
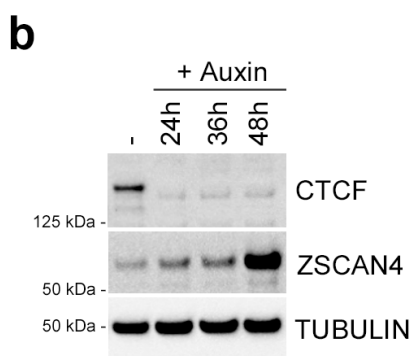
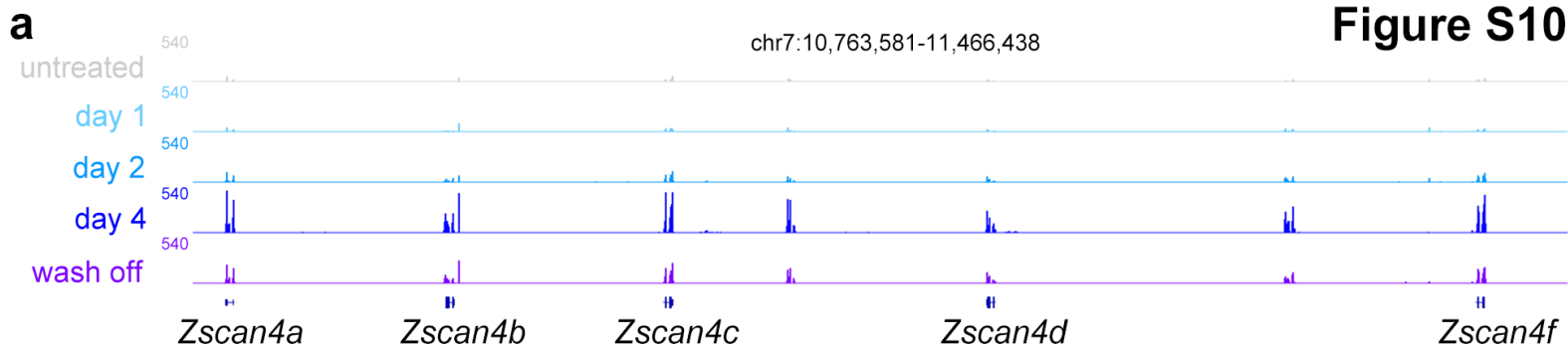


**Supplementary Fig. 8: Re-expression of CTCF promotes silencing of the transcriptional 2C-program.** **a**, Western blot analysis of CTCF performed in untreated or auxin-treated for five days in parental ESC or ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>. Wash off sample include ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> treated four days with auxin plus 18 hours without auxin. Tubulin levels are shown as a loading control.  $\emptyset$ =No treatment. **b**, Flow cytometry plots generated from samples described in **(a)**. Gating shows the actual RFP<sup>+</sup> cells sorted for the experiment. For **(a and b)** two independent experiments were performed with similar results but one representative is shown.

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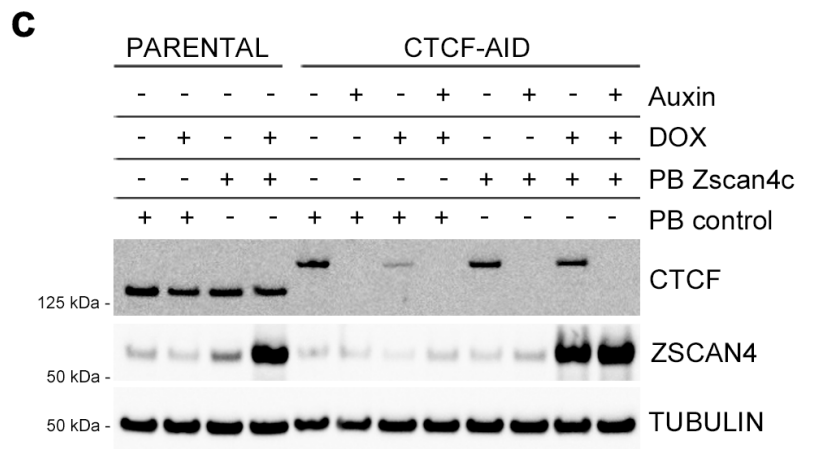
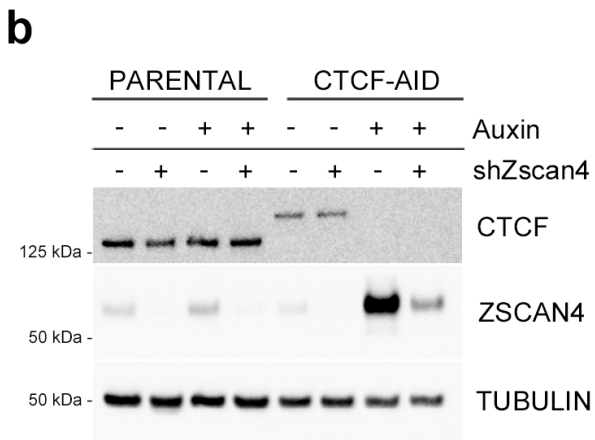
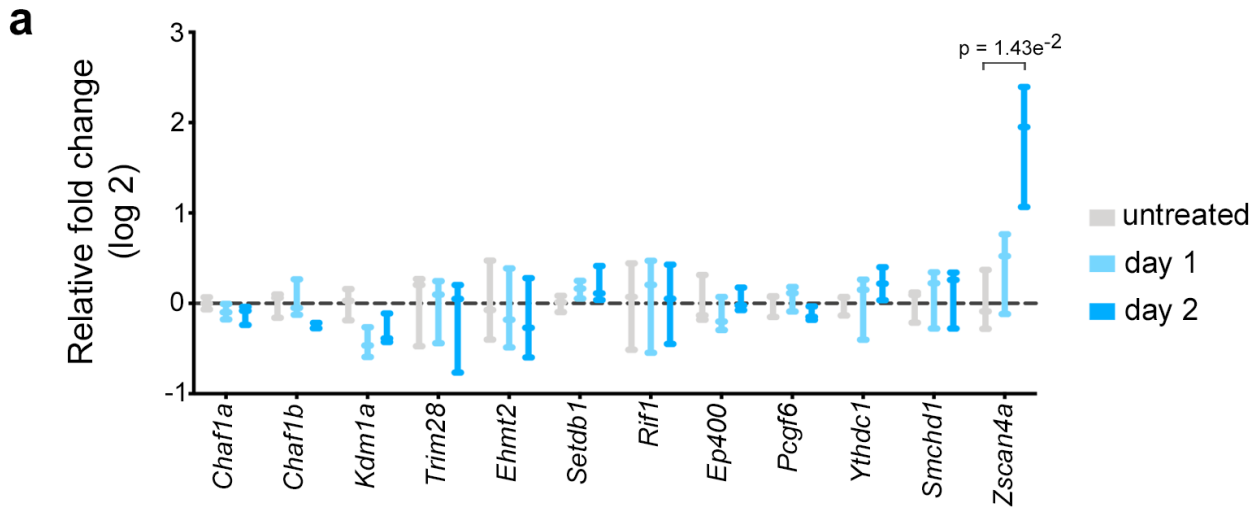


**Supplementary Fig. 9: Epigenetic and/or transcriptional roadblocks prevent 2C-like conversion in CTCF-depleted ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>.** **a**, Graph showing the percentage of endogenous 2C-like cells in a total of 23 subclonal ESC lines derived from the parental ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>. Cells were untreated or auxin-treated for four days. A linear regression analysis was performed, and the regression coefficient (R) is shown. **b**, Representative bright-field images from paraformaldehyde-fixed ESC, NSC, ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> and NSC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>. Scale bar, 200 $\mu$ m. **c**, HTI quantification of GFP in ESC, NSC, ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> and NSC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> untreated or treated with auxin for four days. Center lines indicate mean values. p values are shown from two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests. n.s.= non-significant. Three independent experiments were performed but one representative is shown. **d**, Graphs showing the relative fold change (log<sub>2</sub>) expression of pluripotent genes expressed in ESC (*Nanog* and *Prdm14*) and NSC associated markers (*Cxcr4*, *Nestin* and *Vimentin*) in ESC, NSC, ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> and NSC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>. p values are shown from two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests. Center line indicates the mean. Reactions were performed by triplicate in two independent experiments.



**Supplementary Fig. 10: ZSCAN4 expression is necessary for efficient 2C-like conversion upon CTCF depletion.** **a**, Genome browser tracks showing RNAseq RPKM read count at the ZSCAN4 cluster in the indicated samples. **b**, Western blot analysis of CTCF and ZSCAN4 performed in untreated or auxin-treated for the indicated hours in ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>. Tubulin levels are shown as a loading control. **c**, Representative immunofluorescence images from ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> treated with auxin for one or two days showing ZSCAN4<sup>+</sup> cells and ZSCAN4<sup>+</sup>; LTR-RFP<sup>+</sup> cells. Scale bar, 200 $\mu$ m. White arrows indicate single ZSCAN4<sup>+</sup> or LTR-RFP<sup>+</sup> cells. Blue dashed arrows indicate double ZSCAN4<sup>+</sup>; LTR-RFP<sup>+</sup> cells. **d**, Graph showing the relative fold-change in the number of ZSCAN4<sup>+</sup> or LTR-RFP<sup>+</sup> cells related to time=0 (untreated ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>) at the indicated timepoints (12, 24 and 36 hours) after the addition of auxin. Average value from triplicates is shown. In **(b-d)** two independent experiments were performed but only one representative is shown.

**Figure S11**





**Supplementary Fig. 11:**

**a**, Graph showing the relative fold change (log<sub>2</sub>) in the expression of the indicated known regulators involved in 2C-like conversion in ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup> untreated or auxin-treated for one or two days. Three independent values per gene are shown. Data was obtained from RNAseq datasets<sup>27</sup>. p value is shown from two-tailed unpaired *t*-test. **b**, Western blot analysis of CTCF and ZSCAN4 performed in untreated or auxin-treated for four days in parental ESC or ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>. ESC were infected with lentiviruses expressing siRNAs against ZSCAN4 where indicated. Tubulin levels are shown as a loading control. **c**, Western blot analysis of CTCF and ZSCAN4 performed in untreated or auxin-treated for four days in parental ESC or ESC<sup>CTCF-AID</sup>. ESC were transfected with PiggyBac (PB) control or expressing ZSCAN4 where indicated. 1μg/ml DOX was added to induce PB-induced expression. Tubulin levels are shown as a loading control. For **(b and c)** two independent experiments with similar results were performed but only one representative is shown.

**Supplementary Table 1: List of primers.**

<b>Primers (qPCR)</b>	forward	reverse
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ZSCAN4C	TCTTTCTGGTTGGCAGCTTT	GCCAGGCTTCTGTCAAGAAC
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TCSTV3	ACCAGCTGAAACATCCATCC	CCATGGATCCCTGAAGGTAA
SP110	CACCTGCAAACAAGAAAGCA	AACTCCATGTCCAGGTGAGG
TDPOZ1	GCCCTTGATTTCAATGCCTA	CACTTTCGGCTCCAAGAAAG
DUB1	GCCTTCAAGTGCACAGACAA	GATGTCCAGGAAGCGATCAT
EIF1Ad8 (GM8300)	AACAGGCGCAGAGGTAAGAAA	GCACAGCCTCCTTACACCAT
NANOG	CAGGTGTTTGAGGGTAGCTC	CGGTTTCATCATGGTACAGTC
PRDM14	CACTCCCGAAGTACCACGAT	CCCACCTCTGACCACTGATT
VIMENTIN	TGAAGGAAGAGATGGCTCGT	TCCAAGCAGCTTCTGTAGGT
NESTIN	CTCGAGCAGGAAGTGGTAGG	GCCTCTTTGGTTCCTTTCC
CXCR4	GGGTCATCAAGCAAGGATGT	GGCAGAGCTTTTGAAGTTGG
<b>Primers (Cloning)</b>		
LTR-NotI-F (Cloning LTR sequences into the PiggyBac construct)	CGATGCGGCCGCGCTGTAGTGGTTATTCTGGTTGTC	
LTR-EcoRI-R (Cloning LTR sequences into the PiggyBac construct)	CGGAGAATTCAAGCTTTGTGCACTGAATCACCT	
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