1 SUPPLEMENTAL METHODOLOGY

2 Lentiviral generation

Lentiviral particles were generated following our optimized protocol.¹ In brief, HEK293T cells were plated overnight to reach 80-85% confluency on the next day. Cells were then co-transfected with the viral expression vector plus packaging plasmids (pMD2.G and psPAX2, Addgene) using Lipofectamine 2000 (Life Technologies). At 48 h and 72 h thereafter, culture supernatants were collected and filtered through a 0.45-mm PVDF filter (Millipore). Viruses were further concentrated using PEG-it® Virus Precipitation Solution (System Biosciences).

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10 Plasmid generation

LOUP cDNA in pCMV-SPORT6 plasmid (Dharmacon) was sub-cloned into the lentiviral pCDH MSCV-MCS-EF1-copGFP expression vector that carries the copGFP marker (System Biosciences).
 Short hairpin RNAs (shRNA) targeting Renilla (shControl) and RUNX1-ETO (shRUNX1-ETO) were
 cloned into lentiviral vector containing GFP in an optimized 'miRE' context.² shRNA sequences are
 provided in Table S3.

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17 Generation of *LOUP*-depleted U937 cells (CRISPR/Cas9)

In order to deplete LOUP, we employed CRISPR/Cas9 genome-editing platform which introduces 18 small insertion and deletion (indel) mutations in the LOUP gene via the non-homologous end-joining 19 (NHEJ) DNA repair mechanism.^{3,4} FUCas9Cherry⁵ (Addgene) was used as expression vector to 20 21 generate mCherry-Cas9 lentiviral particles as described above. U937 cells were transduced with these particles using the TransDux® reagent (System Biosciences). Cas9-stable cells were then selected by 22 23 several rounds of Fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) sorting for mCherry positivity. LOUPtargeting sgRNAs were designed using Cas-Designer⁶ and cloned into the pLVx U6se EF1a sfPac 24 vector which carries eGFP (kind gift from Dr. Iannis Aifantis). To avoid disruption of the URE, known to 25

be critical for PU.1 induction,⁷ we designed single-guide RNAs (sgRNA) targeting two distinct regions of 26 the LOUP gene: (1) the LOUP intronic area downstream of the URE, and (2) the intronic area 27 immediately upstream of the second exon of the LOUP gene (~ 15 kb downstream from the URE). 28 Cas9-stable cells were then transduced with eGFP-sqRNA lentiviruses. Cells expressing high levels of 29 30 both eGFP and mCherry were FACS sorted, one cell per well, into 96-well plates. Genomic DNA from cell clones were isolated using DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit kit (QIAGEN) and used for PCR amplifying 31 CRISPR/Cas9 target sites. PCR products were sequenced and indel profile were analyzed by 32 Inference of CRISPR edits (ICE) software.⁸ Cell clones having homozygous indels were verified by 33 Sanger sequencing. Primer and sgRNA sequences are provided in Table S3. 34

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36 Cord blood CD34⁺ cell transduction and myeloid differentiation culture

Isolation and lentiviral transduction of human cord blood CD34⁺ cells were performed following 37 described protocols.^{1,9} Briefly, purified CD34⁺ cells were cultured in expansion culture (IMDM 38 supplemented with 20% BIT 9500 (Stem Cell Technologies, Vancouver), 100 ng/ml FLT3L, 100 ng/ml 39 SCF, 100 ng/ml TPO, 20 ng/ml IL-6 - all from Peprotech, Cranbury)) and transduced with lentiviral 40 particles using the TransDux® reagent (System Biosciences). Transduced cells were cultured in 41 42 myeloid differentiation culture (IMDM with 20% BIT 9500 (Stem Cell Technologies, Vancouver), 100 ng/ml SCF, 10 ng/ml FLT3L, 20 ng/ml IL-6, 20 ng/ml IL-3, 20 ng/ml GM-CSF, and 20 ng/ml G-CSF)) 43 and selected with 2 ug/ml puromycin. Cytospin slides of cultured cells were stained with Camco Stain 44 45 Pak (Cambridge Diagnostic). Images were acquired with a Nikon Eclipse microscope, 60/0.80 magnification and the SPOT Insight2 camera. 46

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48 Generation of CRISPR activation cells (CRISPRa)

sgRNAs targeting the region 500 bp upstream of the *LOUP* transcriptional start site were designed
 using Cas-Designer.⁶ The sgRNAs were then cloned into the pXR502 plasmid as previously
 described.¹⁰ K562 cells stably expressing dCas9-VP64 were generated via lentiviral delivery of dCas9 VP64-Blast¹¹ and Blasticidin selection. dCas9-VP64 stable cells were transduced with lentiviruses that

packaged the sgRNA-cloned pXR502 plasmids as previously described.¹⁰ One-day post-transduction,
 cells were selected with puromycin for 2-3 days before collection for analysis. sgRNA sequences are
 provided in Table S3.

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57 Plasmid transfections

58 K562 cells, in exponential growth, were electroporated with expression plasmids using program 59 T16, kit V (Lonza). Electroporated cells were incubated at 37°C overnight in a 5% CO2 incubator. The 60 next day, cells were changed to fresh medium. Cells were harvested at 48 h after electroporation.

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62 RUNX1-ETO inducible Tet-Off U937 cell culture

U937 cells with conditional RUNX1-ETO expression was previously established.^{12,13} Cells were 63 64 stably transfected with the tetracycline transactivator (tTA) under the control of a tetracycline responsive element and pUHD RUNX1-ETO (also called pUHD-AML1/ETO or pUHD-CBF2T1). Cells 65 were maintained in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS, 1mM L-glutamine, 0.5 µg 66 puromycin, 1 ug/ml G418, and 1 µg/ml of tetracycline. To induce RUNX1-ETO expression, cells were 67 washed in with RPMI 1640 blank medium to remove tetracycline before being cultured for 48 h in the 68 above-mentioned medium without tetracycline. Expression of RUNX1-ETO was confirmed by western 69 blot using AML1 antibody (#4334, Cell Signaling Technology) that is capable of detecting both RUNX1 70 and RUNX1-ETO. 71

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73 Cellular fractionation, RNA extraction, RT-PCR and qPCR analysis

Cultured cells were washed with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS). Total RNA was extracted with
 Trizol reagent (Invitrogen) or PureLink[™] RNA Mini Kit (Ambion) and treated with RNase-free DNase I
 (Roche) to remove contaminated genomic DNA. polyA⁻ and polyA⁺ RNAs were isolated from total RNA

77 using the Poly(A)Purist[™] MAG Kit (Ambion) following manufacturer's protocol. Isolation of RNA from subcellular fractions was performed as previously described¹⁴ with modifications. In brief, cells were 78 lysed in cytosolic lysis solution (10 mM HEPES pH 7.9, 1.5 mM MaCl2, 10 mM KCl, 0.5 % NP40, 1 mM 79 DTT plus protease and RNase inhibitors) for 10 minutes on ice. After centrifugation, the supernatant 80 81 was collected as the cytoplasmic fraction for cytosolic RNA isolation. After washing in cytosolic lysis solution, the nuclear pellet was used for nuclear RNA isolation. To collect nucleoplasm and chromatin 82 fractions, the nuclear pellet was further lysed with nuclear lysis solution (20 mM HEPES pH 7.9, 1.5 mM 83 MqCl2, 450 nM NaCl, 0.2 mM EDTA, 25% glycerol, 1 mM DTT, plus protease and RNase inhibitors). 84 After centrifugation, the nuclear-soluble fraction (nucleoplasm) was collected as supernatant and the 85 chromatin-associated fraction was collected as the pellet. RNAs from collected fractions were extracted 86 with Trizol reagent and treated with RNase-free DNase I (Roche). 87

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For RT-PCR, RNA was reverse-transcribed by using the SuperScript® III Reverse Transcriptase 89 90 (Invitrogen), Red Tag Pro Complete (Denville Scientific) was used to amplify designated amplicons. For qPCR assays, cDNA was generated by the QuantiTect Rev. Transcription Kit (Qiagen) which also 91 includes additional DNA contamination removal. iQ SYBR Green Supermix (Biorad) was used for PCR 92 quantitation in a RotorGene cycler (Corbett). Relative quantification was performed using the ddCt 93 method.¹⁵ To calculate LOUP transcript numbers per cell, LOUP DNA fragments amplified by RT-PCR 94 from HL-60 cDNA were cloned into the pSCAmpKan plasmid (Agilent). LOUP RNA fragments were in 95 vitro-transcribed by using a MAXIscript[™] Transcription Kit (Ambion). The RNA fragments were used to 96 generate a standard curve for absolute quantification in gRT-PCR assays. Primers and probes used for 97 all PCR assays are provided in Table S3. 98

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102 Fluorescence-activated cell sorting and analysis

103 Cell populations were isolated for RNA extraction as previously described.¹⁶ Briefly, mononuclear

104 cells were isolated from bone marrow, spleen and peripheral blood after lysing red blood cells with ACK

¹⁰⁵ lysis buffer.¹⁷ Single cell suspensions were stained with fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies (Biolegend

- and eBioscience) and FACS-sorted based on the following markers. LT-HSC: Lin⁻c-Kit⁺Sca-
- 107 1*CD150*CD48; ST-HSC: Lin⁻c-Kit⁺Sca-1*CD150⁻CD48⁺; LMPP: Lin⁻c-Kit⁺Sca-1*CD34⁺Flt3⁺; MEP: Lin⁻
- 108 c-Kit⁺Sca-1⁻CD34⁻CD16/32⁻; CMP: Lin⁻c-Kit⁺Sca-1⁻CD34⁺CD16/32⁻; GMP: Lin⁻c-Kit⁺Sca-1⁻

109 CD34⁺CD16/32⁺; Myeloid: Mac1⁺Gr1⁺. Myeloid surface marker staining and FACS analysis were

110 performed following previously described procedures.¹⁸ Cells were stained with PACBLUE-CD11b

111 (BioLegend). Stained cells were analyzed using LSRII flow cytometer (BD Biosciences) and FlowJo

112 software (Tree Star)

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114 Transcript mapping by P5-linker ligation and 3' RACE

The 5' end of the LOUP transcript was identified using the P5-linker ligation method as described 115 previously.¹⁹ Briefly, single-stranded cDNAs were generated from HL-60 polyA⁺ RNA by using 116 SuperScript III reverse transcriptase (Life Technologies) with LOUP-specific nested primer #1. Double-117 strand cDNAs were then synthesized from single-stranded cDNA using a SuperScript[™] Double-118 Stranded cDNA Synthesis Kit (Life Technologies) and blunt-ended by NEBNext End Repair Enzym 119 Module (New England Biolabs). After purification, these cDNAs were ligated with the P5-splinkerette 120 121 adapter and purified. All purification steps were done by using QIAguick PCR Purification Kit (QIAGEN). Ligated products were then purified and used as templates for PCR using a P5 primer and LOUP-122 specific nested primers #1 and #2 with Phusion Hot Start DNA polymerase (Finnzymes). P5-linker 123 124 ligation products were gel purified using a QIAgen Gel Extraction Kit (QIAGEN), sub-cloned into the 125 pSCAmpKan vector, and transformed into competent bacteria using a StrataClone Blunt PCR Cloning Kit (Agilent). The 3'RACE assay was performed using a 2nd Generation 5'/3' RACE Kit (Roche) 126 according to manufacturer's instructions. In brief, cDNA was generated from HL-60 polyA⁺ RNA using 127

128 oligo(dT)-anchor primer mix. Overlapping RACE products were then amplified from cDNA using an

anchor primer and *LOUP*-specific primers. RACE products were sub-cloned into the pSCAmpKan

130 vector and transformed into competent bacteria using a StrataClone Cloning Kit (Agilent). Plasmids

131 containing P5-linker and RACE products were purified from bacteria, sequenced, and assembled.

132 Primer information is in Table S3.

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134 Northern blotting

10 ug polyA⁻ and polyA⁺ RNAs were dissolved and heat denatured in sample buffer containing 135 formamide, MOPS and formaldehyde. Denatured RNAs were separated on a 1% denaturing agarose 136 gel containing formaldehyde, MOPS and EtBr, before being transferred to Brightstar-plus positively 137 charged nylon membrane (Life Technologies). The LOUP probe was PCR amplified with primers 138 139 described in Table S3. The PCR product was sub-cloned into cloned into the pSCAmpKan vector using a StrataClone PCR Cloning Kit (Agilent). The probe sequence was verified by Sanger sequencing. The 140 probe was released from the vector by restriction enzyme digestion and gene purification. The LOUP 141 probe was radiolabeled using the Random Primed DNA Labeling Kit (Roche). Northern blot analysis 142 was performed with ExpressHybTM Hybridization Solution (Clontech) following the manufacturer's 143 protocol. 144

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146 Quantitative Chromosome Conformation Capture (3C-qPCR)

3C-qPCR experiments were performed by adapting described methods.²⁰⁻²² Briefly, 1x10⁶ cells were crosslinked using 1% formaldehyde in PBS at room temperature for 10 minutes. The crosslinking reaction was stopped by adding 0.125 M Glycine and incubated for 5 minutes at room temperature followed by 15 minutes on ice. Crosslinked cells were then washed with ice-cold PBS and lysed in 3C lysis buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0; 10 mM NaCl; Igepal CA-630 0.2% (vol/vol); 1X protease inhibitor cocktail (Sigma)) with 15 Dounce homogenizer strokes. After centrifugation, nuclear pellets were

washed in 1x restriction enzyme buffer before being lysed with 0.1% SDS in 1x restriction enzyme 153 154 buffer at 65°C for 10 minutes. After incubation, the chromatin solution was supplemented with 1% Triton X-100 and digested by Apol restriction enzyme (New England Biolabs) at 37°C overnight with 155 rotation. The following day, 1.5% SDS was added to the reaction and enzyme activity was inhibited by 156 157 incubating at 65°C for 30 minutes. Nearby DNA ends of digested chromatin were joined by T4-ligase (New England Biolabs) at 16^oC for 2 h. Bound proteins, including histones, were removed by 158 proteinase K digestion at 65°C overnight. The DNA library was extracted by phenol/chloroform using 159 phase-lock gel tubes (5PRIME) and ethanol precipitation. RNA was removed by incubating 3C libraries 160 with RNase A (Lucigen) at 37°C for 15 minutes. TagMan real-time PCR guantifications of ligation 161 products were performed, using primers and probes as documented in Table S3. 162

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164 Chromatin Isolation by RNA Purification (ChIRP)

ChIRP assays were performed as previously described^{23,24} with additional modifications. Briefly, to 165 preserve RNA-chromatin interactions, cells were first crosslinked with 2 mM EGS at room temperature 166 for 45 minutes. After washing cells with ice-cold PBS, cells were further crosslinked with 3% 167 paraformaldehyde for 15 minutes at room temperature. The crosslinking reaction was guenched with 168 0.125 M glycine for 5 minutes at room temperature. Crosslinked cells were washed in ice-cold PBS and 169 lysed in sonication buffer (20 mM Tris pH 8, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% SDS, 1% Triton-X, 2 mM EDTA, 1 mM 170 PMSF) supplemented with cOmplete™, Mini Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Sigma-Aldrich) and 171 172 SUPERase In RNase Inhibitor (Invitrogen). After sonication and centrifugation, the supernatant containing sheared chromatin was collected and incubated with biotinylated anti-sense DNA tiling 173 probes in hybridization buffer (750 mM NaCl, 1% Triton, 0.1% SDS, 50 mM Tris-Cl pH 7.0, 1 mM 174 175 EDTA, 15% formamide, 1 mM PMSF) supplemented with cOmplete™, Mini Protease Inhibitor Cocktail and SUPERase In RNase Inhibitor. Hybridized chromatin fragments were captured using Dvnabeads™ 176 MyOne[™] Streptavidin C1 (Invitrogen). Captured chromatin fragments was either used for extracting 177 chromatin-bound RNA by Trizol reagent or for DNA isolation. Chromatin-bound LOUP was quantitated 178

179 from chromatin-bound RNA by qRT-PCR. Enrichment of the URE and the PrPr were evaluated by

180 qPCR. Probes used in the ChIRP assay were designed using the online probe designer at

181 <u>singlemoleculefish.com</u> and are listed in Table S3.

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183 DNA pull-down assay (DNAP)

DNAP was performed as described previously with minor modifications.²⁵ Briefly, the nuclear extract was pre-cleared with Dynabeads[™] MyOne[™] Streptavidin C1 for 30 minutes at 4°C then incubated overnight with biotinylated oligonucleotides in binding buffer (10 mM HEPES pH 7.9; 100 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl2, 1 mM EDTA, 10% glycerol, 1 mM DTT, 0.5% NP-40, 1 mM DTT) supplemented with 1x protease inhibitor cocktail (Sigma-Aldrich). Beads were washed with binding buffer then added to the binding reaction. After 1-hour incubation, beads were washed five times with binding buffer. DNAbound proteins were eluted from beads and subjected to SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting.

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192 RNA pull-down assay (RNAP) and RNA-Protein interaction prediction

RNAP were performed essentially as described previously²⁶ with few modifications. Briefly, 193 biotinylated RNA was in vitro-transcribed using the MAXIscript™ Transcription Kit (Ambion). The DNA 194 template was removed by DNAsel treatment. Transcribed RNA was purified using a RNeasy Mini Kit 195 (QIAGEN). Purified RNA was denatured by heating to 90°C for 2 minutes following incubation on ice for 196 2 minutes in RNA structure buffer (10 mM Tris pH 7, 0.1 M KCI, 10 mM MgCl2). Denatured RNA was 197 then shifted to room temperature for 20 minutes to form proper secondary structure. Nuclear extracts 198 199 were treated with RNase-free DNase I (Roche) to remove genomic DNA and pre-cleared with Dynabeads™ MyOne™ Streptavidin C1 or Streptavidin agarose beads (Invitrogen) in binding buffer I 200 201 (150 mM KCl, 25 mM Tris pH 7.4, 0.5 mM DTT, 0.5% NP40, 1 mM PMSF) supplemented with cOmplete[™], Mini Protease Inhibitor Cocktail, and SUPERase In RNase Inhibitor. Pre-cleared extracts 202 were then incubated with biotinylated RNAs in binding buffer I for 1 hour. Beads were washed with 203

binding buffer I then added to the binding reaction. After 1-hour incubation, beads were washed five
times with binding buffer I. RNA-bound proteins were eluted from beads and subjected to SDS-PAGE
and immunoblotting. For recombinant proteins (full-length RUNX1 (OriGene Technologies), and Runt
domain (MyBiosource)), binding buffer II (50 mM Tris-Cl 7.9, 10% Glycerol, 100 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl2,
10 mM β-ME, and 0.1% NP-40) was used.

In silico prediction of RNA-Protein interactions were performed using the catRAPID Fragments
 algorithm in which protein-RNA interaction propensities were predicted based on calculation of
 secondary structure, hydrogen bonding, and van der Waals contributions.²⁷ To identify RIP-seq peaks
 containing sequences similar to R1 or R2, a .bed file with coordinates and peak IDs was prepared.
 FASTA nucleotide sequences corresponding to the peaks were extracted by getfasta algorithm within
 The BEDtools suite.²⁸ Output files were as input for blast2sequences (http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/).
 Top blast hits were analyzed using catRAPID against RUNX1.

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217 **RNA Immunoprecipitation sequencing and qPCR (RIP-seq and RIP-qPCR)**

RIP was performed following a protocol reported by Hendrickson et al²⁹ with modifications. Briefly, 218 cells were crosslinked in 0.1% formaldehyde at room temperature for 10 minutes. The crosslinking 219 reaction was guenched for 5 min at room temperature with 0.125 M glycine. Crosslinked cells were 220 washed with ice-cold PBS. Cell pellet was lysed in RIPA lysis buffer (50 mM Tris (pH 8), 150 mM KCl, 221 0.1 % SDS, 1 % Triton-X, 5 mM EDTA, 0.5 % sodium deoxycholate, 0.5 mM DTT) supplemented with 222 protease inhibitor cocktail (Thermo Scientific) and 100 U/ml RNaseOUT™ (Invitrogen). After sonication, 223 cell lysate was pre-cleared by incubating with Dynabeads® Protein G (Invitrogen). Beads were then 224 captured and removed using a magnet. Pre-cleared lysate was incubated with anti-RUNX1 antibody or 225 IgG (Abcam) at 4°C for 2 hours before adding 50 µl of Dynabeads® Protein G to capture antibodies. 226 After washing, beads were kept at -20°C or proceeded to incubation with reverse-crosslinking buffer (3× 227 PBS (without Mg or Ca), 6% N-lauroyl sarcosine, 30 mM EDTA, 15 mM DTT) supplemented with 228 Proteinase K (Ambion) and RNaseOUT together with the input sample. Captured RNAs were extracted 229

with Trizol reagent. Contaminated DNA was removed from extracted RNA by DNAsel from RNase-Free
DNase Set (QIAGEN) then ribosomal RNA was removed using the Ribo-Zero[™] Magnetic Gold Kit
(Epicentre). RNA was further purified using RNeasy MinElute Cleanup Kit (QIAGEN). RNA quality was
determined using the RNA 6000 Pico Kit on a Bioanalyzer (Agilent). Purified RNA was used for qRTPCR as described elsewhere and cDNA library construction using the Truseq stranded total RNA
library prep kit (Illumina) according to the manufacturer's protocol. The libraries were pooled together
and subjected to pair-end sequencing on a Nextseq500 (Illumina) to achieve 2×40 bp reads.

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238 Chromatin Immunoprecipitation and qPCR (ChIP-qPCR)

ChIP was performed as previously described.³⁰ Briefly, 2x10⁶ U937 cells were crosslinked with 1% 239 formaldehyde (formaldehyde solution, freshly made: 50 mM HEPES-KOH; 100 mM NaCl; 1 mM EDTA; 240 241 0.5 mM EGTA; 11% formaldehyde) for 10 minutes at room temperature. The crosslinking reaction was stopped by incubating with 0.125 M glycine for 5 minutes at room temperature. Crosslinked cells were 242 washed twice with ice-cold PBS (freshly supplemented with 1 mM PMSF). The cell pellet was then 243 lysed for 10 minutes on ice and chromatin was fragmented by sonication (25 cycles, 30 seconds on, 60 244 seconds off, high power, Bioruptor). The chromatin solution was incubated with 10 µg antibody 245 overnight at 4°C. Protein A magnetic beads (NEB) were used to capture antibody-bound chromatin. 246 After washing, chromatin was reverse-crosslinked and treated with proteinase K overnight at 65°C. 247 Beads were then removed using a magnet and the chromatin solution was treated with RNase 248 treatment (Epicentre) for 30 minutes at 37°C. ChIP DNA was extracted with Phenol:Chloroform:Isoamyl 249 Alcohol 25:24:1, pH:8 (Sigma-Aldrich) and then precipitated with an equal volume of isopropanol in the 250 presence of glycogen. The DNA pellet was dissolved in 30 µl of TE buffer for gPCR analyses. Fold 251 enrichment was calculated using the formula 2^{(-ΔΔCt(ChIP/lgG))}. Primer sets used for ChIP-qPCR are listed 252 253 in Table S3.

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255 **RIP-seq and ChIP-seq data analyses**

RIP-seq samples were demutliplexed. Reads were deduplicated by Clumpify from the BBtools 256 suite, sourceforge.net/projects/bbmap/) with the parameters "dedupe spany addcount". Adaptor quality 257 trimming and filtering was performed by BBDuck from the BBtools suite with the parameters "ktrim=I 258 hdist=2". Low guality reads/bases were removed by Trimmomatic³¹ with the parameters: "LEADING:28 259 SLIDINGWINDOW:4:26 TRAILING:28 MINLEN:20". The processed reads were then aligned to Human 260 261 genome build 38 (hg38) by the STAR aligner ³² with the parameters "--outFilterScoreMinOverLread 0.05 --outFilterMatchNminOverLread 0.05 --outFilterMultimapNmax 30 --outSAMprimaryFlag 262 AllBestScore". Coverage maps were generated using bamCoverage (part of the deepTools suite³³ with 263 default parameters. Peak calling was performed using HOMER (v4.10).³⁴ RUNX1 peaks with at least 264 two-fold enrichment over IgG control were selected for annotation using HOMER. Peaks were assigned 265 to a gene locus by satisfying at least one of the following location criteria: a nearest transcription start 266 site, on a promoter, or on a transcript body. Ensemble 97 human gene CRCh38.p12 was used to 267 retrieve gene annotation information through Biomart in Ensembl.³⁵ For ChIP-seg and Dnase-seg data. 268 269 raw reads were downloaded from GEO (RUNX1 ChIP-seq in THP-1 cells: GSM2108052; RUNX1-ETO and H3K9Ac ChIP-seq, and Dnase-seq in Kasumi-1: GSE29222). Read guality were evaluated by 270 FastQC.³⁶ Where necessary, reads with low-quality were trimmed by trim galore.³⁷ Genome alignment, 271 272 coverage maps, and peak calling were performed using software packages as above. ChIP-seq peaks with at least ten-fold enrichment over surrounding 10 kb region were selected for annotation using 273 274 HOMER. BigWig files were uploaded and viewed via the UCSC genome browser.

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The following gene tracks were from published data deposited in GEO and were processed via the Cistrome pipeline.³⁸ H3K27ac overlay track includes monocytes (GSM2679933), THP-1 (GSM2544236), and HL-60 (GSM2836486). The H3K4me1 overlay track includes monocyte

(GSM2544250), and FL-60 (GSM2656460). The FSK4mer overlay track includes monocyte

279 (GSM1435532), HL-60 (GSM2836484) and THP-1 (GSM3514951). H3K4me3 overlay track includes

monocytes (GSM1435535), HL-60 (GSM945222), and THP-1 (GSM2108047). The DNAse-seq overlay

track includes monocytes (GSM701541) and HL-60 (GSM736595). RUNX1 ChIP-seq tracks include

282 CD34⁺ cells from healthy donors (GSM1097884), and an AML patient with FLT3-ITD and no other

defined mutations (GSM1581788). The CAGE track (reverse strand and max counts) was imported

²⁸⁴ from the FANTOM5 project.³⁹

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286 RNA sequencing data analysis (RNA-seq)

287 Raw sequencing reads (FASTQ files) of the Human Body Map data set were downloaded from

AEArrayExpress (E-MTAB-513). Read quality was assessed by FastQC.³⁶ Reads with low-quality were

trimmed by trim_galore.³⁷ The *LOUP* transcript was integrated into the Ensembl human cDNA catalog

²⁹⁰ GRCh38 and transcript levels were quantified against this catalog using the Salmon software.⁴⁰ AML

291 RNA-seq were downloaded from TCGA and transcript counts were determined. For RNA-seq track

visualization, the following RNA-seq raw data were downloaded from GEO: THP-1 (GSM1843218), HL-

293 60 (GSM1843216), CD34⁺ HSPC (GSM1843222), Monocyte (GSM1843224), and Jurkat

294 (GSM2260195). BigWig files were generated using packages as described in ChIP-seq and RIP-seq

analyses and viewed via the UCSC genome browser.

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297 Single-cell RNA-seq (scRNA-seq) data analyses

Raw fastq files data of mononuclear cells isolated from peripheral blood and bone marrow were

299 obtained from the 10x Genomics public datasets repository

300 (https://www.10xgenomics.com/resources/datasets/) and pooled together to maximize coverage of

301 hematopoietic cell lineages. Transcripts were mapped to the human transcriptome using Cell Ranger

302 (10x Genomics) with a custom hg38 gtf containing the LOUP transcript details. Subsequent analyses

303 were performed in R (v3.6.2) using the previously published Bioconductor workflow with minor

³⁰⁴ modifications.⁴¹ Filtering criteria were as below. First, cells with library sizes more than three median

absolute deviations (MADs) below the median library or four MAD's above the median library size were

filtered out. Second, cells with a total number of expressed genes (>= 1 read) more than three MADs 306 below the median total number of expressed genes or four MAD's above the median total number of 307 expressed genes were filtered out. Third, cells with a total percentage of expressed genes originating 308 from mitochondrial DNA more than eight MADs above the median were filtered out. A doublet score 309 310 was then computed to estimate the percentage of barcodes for two or more cells as previously described.⁴² Cells with a doublet score of 0.99 were excluded. Expression of each cell was normalized 311 by a size factor approach as previously described⁴³ resulting in log_2 (normalize expression) values. 312 Principle component and t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (tSNE) analyses revealed no 313 significant batch effects to be regressed out for the samples. To account for dropouts which are found 314 more frequently for genes with lower expression magnitude in scRNA-seg.⁴⁴ cells with undetectable 315 LOUP and PU.1 transcripts were referred as LOUP/PU.1⁻ and cells with detectable LOUP and PU.1 316 transcripts were referred as LOUP⁺/PU.1⁺. Expression data visualization was performed using SPRING 317 software.⁴⁵ Briefly, a graph of cells connected to their nearest neighbors in gene expression space was 318 319 determined. This was then projected into two dimensions using a force-directed graph layout. Identity of each cell was inferred using the Blueprint-Encode annotation which includes normalized expression 320 values of 259 bulk RNA-seq samples generated from pure and defined cell populations.^{46,47} This 321 annotation was integrated in the SingleR R package.⁴⁸ Annotated cells were grouped into major 322 definitive cell lineages as described in the text. Gene Ontology (GO) analysis was performed using the 323 Database for Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery functional annotation tool 324 325 (http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov). Significance of over-represented Gene Ontology biological processes 326 was examined based on -log₁₀ of corrected *p*-values from Bonferroni-corrected modified Fisher's exact test.⁴⁹ A list of enriched genes in LOUP⁺/PU.1⁺ group vs. LOUP⁻/PU.1⁻ group was generated using 327 SPRING software.⁴⁵ Upregulated genes (Z-score >1) was used for GO analysis. 328 329

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332 Prediction of coding potential with PhyloCSF

The cross-species multiple sequence comparisons result of 46 species (i.e., multiz100way) was

downloaded from the UCSC genome browser (<u>https://genome.ucsc.edu</u>). Guided by the GENCODE

335 gene annotation (ver. 28), the alignment of the longest isoform of each gene was extracted from

- alignments of cross-species multiple sequence comparisons. The alignment was analyzed by
- 337 PhyloCSF⁵⁰ with 58mammals mode. All possible coding reading frames on the same strand were
- 338 scanned. The maximal score was used.

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340 SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES







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FigS1



341 Figure S1. Identification of gene loci exhibiting concurrent RUNX1-RNA and -DNA interactions,

- 342 Related to Figure 1
- 343 (A) Workflow of RUNX1-RIP procedure. Ab: antibody.
- (B) Immunoblot detection of RUNX1 and actin proteins immunoprecipitated from THP-1 cell lysate
- using anti-RUNX1 antibody and Rabbit IgG isotype control.
- 346 (C) Bioanalyzer analysis of RNAs captured by anti-RUNX1 antibody and IgG control plus input RNAs.
- 347 (D) Analysis flowchart of RUNX1 RIP-seq and ChIP-seq analyses.
- 348 (E and F) Pie charts showing distribution of RUNX1 RIP-seq peaks and RUNX1 ChIP-seq peaks at
- 349 different genomic locations.
- 350 (G) Examples of the myeloid gene loci having both RUNX1 RIP peaks and RUNX1 ChIP-seq peaks
- 351 from THP-1 cells.



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FigS2

- 352 Figure S2. Transcript map and molecular features of *LOUP*, Related to Figure 2
- 353 (A) RT-PCR confirmation of exon-exon junction. Upper panel: Schematics of the PCR amplicon and
- 354 primer locations. Lower panels: DNA sequencing of PCR products from human (HL-60) and murine

355 (RAW264.7) cells.

- (B) Workflow of 5' end mapping by the P5-linker ligation method.
- 357 (C) P5-linker ligation assay determining the 5' end of LOUP transcript. Upper panel: DNA sequencing
- analysis showing locations of the P5-primer, P5-splinkerette, and transcription start site (TSS). Lower
- panel: Schematic diagram of the *PU.1* locus. Shown are the URE element with the two homology
- regions H1 and H2.
- 361 (D) Schematic diagram showing the relative genomic location of LOUP and two neighbor genes: PU.1
- and *SLC39A13* as well as exact locations on the UCSC genome browser track (top), the splicing
- 363 pattern of LOUP (middle), and resultant transcripts (bottom). E1: Exon 1, E2: Exon 2. E2a and E2b are
- exons derived from an additional splicing event within Exon 2. Exon boundaries were mapped by

365 3'RACE and RT-PCR.

- 366 (E) PhyloCSF analysis of LOUP and other known coding and noncoding genes. Shown are coding
- 367 potential scores.
- 368 (F) qRT-PCR analysis of *Loup* RNA in subcellular fractions isolated from RAW264.7 cells. Fraction
- ³⁶⁹ enrichment controls include *Malat1* (chromatin) and *Rps18* (cytoplasm) ⁵¹.
- 370 (G) qRT-PCR analysis of fraction enrichment controls including MALAT1 (polyA⁺) and RPPH1 (polyA⁻)
- 371 (right panel).
- 372 (H) Measurement of transcript numbers per HL-60 cell. Upper panel: Schematic diagram of amplified
- amplicons showing primer locations for non-spliced *LOUP* (FW2-RV) and spliced *LOUP* (FW1-RV).
- Lower panels: qRT-PCR with RNA standard curve for spliced and non-spliced forms.
- 375 (I) Left panel: qRT-PCR analysis of LOUP forms in the nucleus. Right panel: Fraction enrichment
- 376 controls include *MALAT1* (nucleoplasm) and *RPS18* (cytoplasm).
- 377 Error bars indicate SD (n=3). *p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001, ****p < 0.0001, *n.s*: not significant.



FigS3



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- Figure S3. Gene expression profiles in normal tissues and cell lineages, Related to Figure 3
- 379 (A and B) Transcript profiles of *SLC39A13* and *RUNX1* in human tissues. Shown are transcript counts
- 380 from the Illumina Body Map dataset. Error bars indicate SD (n=2).
- 381 (C) SRING plot analysis of the 10x Genomic scRNA-seq dataset showing color-coded definitive blood
- ³⁸² lineages using the Blueprint-Encode annotation.⁴⁸ Annotated cells in sub-populations were grouped into
- 383 major cell populations (see methods for details).
- (D) SRING plot analysis showing *LOUP* and *PU* RNA levels in each cell population. Upper panel:
- 385 Color-coded cell populations extracted from the SPRING plot (C). Middle and bottom panels: locations
- of individual cells expressing *LOUP* and *PU.1*, respectively (green dots).
- (E) Scatter plots for each blood cell lineage of the 10x Genomic scRNA-seq dataset showing the level
- of expression of *PU.1* mRNA versus the level of expression of *LOUP*. Each dot on the graph represents
- 389 an individual cell.
- 390 (F, G, and H) Transcript profiles of *LOUP* RNA, and *PU.1* and *RUNX1* mRNAs in blood cell lineages of
- the 10x Genomic scRNA-seq dataset. Each dot on the graph represents an individual cell.
- 392 (I) GO analysis for enrichment of biological processes using a list of genes upregulated in LOUP⁺/PU.1⁺
- 393 cells as compared to $LOUP^{L}/PU.1^{+}$ cells. Top enrichment GO terms are shown.



Schematic strategy for LOUP depletion by CRISPR/Cas9



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Indel composition and frequency analyses by ICE

Genomic DNA sequence at sg #D2 targeting region

clone N1 (control) CTAGACCAAAACACAAGATCA<u>GGTAACAAGTGGGCTAGTCTG</u>TGGAAGGGGAACTGGGCAGTTGTTTACCTTT Homologous clone L2a (sg #D2) CTAGACCAAAACACAAGATCA-----GGGAACTGGGCAACTGGGCAGTTGTTTACCTTT indels clone L2b (sg #D2) CTAGACCAAAACACAAGATCA<u>GGTAACAAGTGGGCTAGT---</u>GGAAGGGGAACTGGGCAGTTGTTTACCTTT

Green: upstream plus gRNA binding site Red: downstream of gRNA binding site

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394 Figure S4. Effects of gain and loss of *LOUP* expression, Related to Figure 4

395 (A) Schematic diagram showing the genomic location and transcript pattern of *LOUP*. Top diagram:

396 Location of LOUP gene relative to the URE and the PrPr. Shown are sgRNA-binding sites for LOUP

397 depletion using CRISPR/Cas9 technology (#D1 and #D2) and for LOUP induction by CRISPR/dCas9-

398 VP64 technology (#A1 and #A2), as well as shRNA binding site for *LOUP* knock-down. Distance from

the TSS of *LOUP* is indicated in bp. Middle diagram: Genomic locations of *LOUP* and its neighboring

400 genes, *SLC39A13* and *PU.1*, on the USCS genome browser track. Bottom diagram: The splicing

401 pattern of *LOUP*. E1: Exon 1, E2: Exon 2. E2a and E2b are exons derived from an additional splicing

402 event within Exon 2 (see also Figure S2D). White boxed area depicts a repetitive region (RR) of 670

403 bp. The schematic diagram underneath illustrates mature *LOUP* IncRNA containing the RR region. R1

404 and R2: two regions with high catRAPID *in silico* prediction interaction scores (see also Figure 6E).

(B) Schematic of strategy for *LOUP* depletion. Included is a FACS sorting scheme for isolation of cells
 expressing both mCherry (Cas9) and eGFP (sgRNAs).

407 (C and D) Inference of CRISPR edits (ICE) analyses for indel composition and frequency of

408 CRISPR/Cas9 cell clones. Top panels: Trace file segments of amplified genomic regions surrounding

409 sgRNA-binding sites (#D1 and #D2 LOUP sgRNAs) in the edited (upper panel) and the control (lower

410 panel) samples. Dotted red underline: Protospacer adjacent motif (PAM) sequence. Solid black

411 underline: guide sequences. Expected cut sites are denoted as vertical dotted lines. Bottom-left panel:

Indel efficiency analysis. Bottom-right panel: Indel distribution analysis. Dashed lines indicate deletion

413 length.

(E) Genomic PCR and Sanger sequencing confirmation of U937 cell clones with *LOUP* homozygous

415 indels (L2a and L2b) and control (N1).

416 (F and G) qRT-PCR expression analysis for *LOUP* (left panels) and *PU.1* (right panels). F) K562 cells

417 transiently transfected with LOUP cDNA or empty vector (EV) by electroporation. G) Kasumi-1 cells

stably transfected with *LOUP* cDNA or empty vector (EV) by lentiviral transduction.

(H) Edu incorporation was measured by flow cytometry for cell proliferation. U937 sgRNA cell clones

420 with *LOUP* indels (L2a and L2b) and controls (N1 and N2).

- 421 (I and J) Representative flow cytometry results of CD11b myeloid marker expression. I) U937 sgRNA
- 422 cell clones with LOUP indels (L2a and L2b) and controls (N1 and N2). J) Kasumi-1 cells stably
- 423 transfected with *LOUP* cDNA or empty vector (EV) by lentiviral transduction.
- 424 (K) qRT-PCR expression analysis for myeloid marker *CD11b*, macrophage marker *CD14*, and T-cell
- 425 marker *CD3* after knocking down *LOUP* in cord blood CD34⁺ HSPC cells following myeloid induction
- 426 with cytokines.
- 427 Error bars indicated SD (n=3), ***p* < 0.01; ****p* < 0.001; *****p* < 0.0001.



FigS5





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428 Figure S5. *LOUP* interacts with RUNX1, Related to Figure 6

(A) Immunoblot of RUNX1 and control proteins in nuclear and cytosol fractions from U937 cells.

430 (B) ChIP-qPCR analysis of RUNX1 occupancy at the URE and the PrPr. K562 dCas9-VP64-stable cells

- 431 infected with LOUP-targeting (#A1) or non-targeting (control) sgRNAs. PCR amplicons include the URE
- 432 (contains known RUNX1-binding motif at the URE), PrPr (contains putative RUNX1-binding motif in the
- 433 PrPr) and GENE DESERT (a genome region that is devoid of protein-coding genes).

434 (C and D) ChIP-qPCR analysis for occupancy of C/EBPα and PU.1 at the URE. *LOUP*-depleted U937

- 435 (sgLOUP, L2a) and control (sgControl, N1) clones were used. PCR amplicons include the URE
- 436 (contains known RUNX1-binding motif at the URE) and GENE DESERT (a genome region that is
- 437 devoid of protein-coding genes).
- 438 (E) Nucleotide identity plot generated from alignment of *LOUP* to itself using discontinuous megablast

439 algorithm from BLAST (http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/). Boxed area depicts a repetitive region (RR) of

440 670 bp. The schematic diagram underneath illustrates mature *LOUP* IncRNA containing the RR region

- 441 (F) Quantitation of RUNX1-*LOUP* interaction. Intensities of immunoblot bands from RNA pull-down
- 442 analysis (Bead: no RNA control; EGFP: EGFP mRNA control; AS: full-length antisense control; S: full-
- length sense, and RR: repetitive region) were analyzed by ImageJ software. Data are shown relative to
- 444 Bead (no RNA control samples). Error bars indicated SD (n=3).
- (G) *In silico* prediction of RR-RUNX1 interaction by catRAPID Fragments algorithm. R1 and R2: two
 regions with high interaction scores.

(H and I) Quantitation for RNAP binding analysis of R1 and R2 with recombinant full-length and Runt

- domain of RUNX1. Intensities of immunoblot bands from RNA pull-down analysis (Bead: no RNA
- 449 control; R1-AS (R1 antisense control); R1-S (R1 sense); and R2-S (R2 sense)) were analyzed by
- 450 ImageJ software. Data are shown relative to Bead (no RNA control samples).
- 451 Error bars indicated SD (n=3), *p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001, *n.s*: not significant.
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453 Figure S6. RUNX1-ETO inhibits *LOUP* expression, Related to Figure 7

- 454 (A) Transcript count for LOUP levels in AML patient samples (RNA-seq data was retrieved from TCGA
- 455 portal. NK: normal karyotype (n=87), t(8;21): t(8;21) karyotype (n=7); Mann-Whitney U test: ***p <

456 0.001, *****p* < 0.0001.

- (B) Scatter plot showing the correlation between *LOUP* and *PU.1* RNA levels measured by qRT-PCR.
- Each dot represents a human sample. CD34⁺: healthy subjects (green dots, n=7), NK: AML patients
- 459 with normal karyotype (blue dots, n=14), t(8;21): AML patients with t(8;21) karyotype (red dots, n=7).
- 460 Spearman's rank correlation coefficient (r) was computed.
- 461 (C) qRT-PCR expression analysis of *RUNX1-ETO* mRNA in tetracycline-inducible RUNX1-ETO-
- 462 expressing (Tet-Off) U937 cells (RUNX1-ETO +/-: with/without induction). Cells were transfected with
- empty vector (EV) and *LOUP* cDNA. Error bars indicate SD (n=3), *p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001; *n.s*: not

464 significant.

- (D) Immunoblot of RUNX1-ETO and actin control in tetracycline-inducible RUNX1-ETO-expressing
 (Tet-Off) U937 cells 48 h following tetracycline withdrawal.
- 467 (E and F) qRT-PCR expression analysis of *RUNX1-ETO* (left panel), *LOUP* RNA (middle panel) and
- 468 PU.1 mRNA (right panel). E) Kasumi-1 cells transfected with mismatch siRNA (siControl) and RUNX1-
- ETO targeting siRNA (siRUNX1-ETO). Error bars indicate SD (n=3), *p < 0.01, ***p < 0.0001. F)
- 470 Kasumi-1 cells transfected with Renilla-targeting shRNA (shControl) and RUNX1-ETO targeting shRNA
- 471 (shRUNX1-ETO). Error bars indicate SD (n=4), *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.
- (G) ChIP-qPCR analysis of H3K9Ac occupancy at the URE in U937 cells with inducible expression of
- 473 RUNX1-ETO (+/-: with/without induction). PCR amplicons include the URE (contains known RUNX1-
- 474 binding motif at the URE) and GENE DESERT (a genome region that is devoid of protein-coding
- 475 genes). Error bars indicate SD (n=3), *p < 0.05.
- (H) DNA pull-down assay showing binding of RUNX1-ETO to the RUNX1-binding motifs at the URE.
- 477 Proteins captured by biotinylated DNA oligo containing RUNX1-binding motif in U937 nuclear lysate
- 478 with inducible expression of RUNX1-ETO (+/-: with/without induction) were detected by immunoblot.

480 SUPPLEMENTAL TABLE LEGENDS

Table S1. List of myeloid genes, Related to Figure 1. 78 myeloid genes defined by their known
 roles in myeloid development or myeloid molecular markers.

Table S2. List of myeloid genes displaying both RUNX1-RIP and RUNX1-ChIP peaks, Related to

- 484 Figure 1. 15 myeloid genes displaying both RUNX1-RIP and RUNX1-ChIP peaks defined by their
- 485 known roles in myeloid development or myeloid molecular markers.
- **Table S3. Table of oligonucleotide information.** Primers, probes, and sgRNAs for various assays
- 487 used in this article.
- Table S4. List of enriched genes in *LOUP*⁺/*PU*.1⁺ cells, Related to Figure 3.
- Table S5. List of R1 with catRapid scores in RIP-seq data, Related to Figure 3.
- 490 Table S6. List of R2 with catRapid scores in RIP-seq data, Related to Figure 3.
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492 QUANTITATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

- In general, quantitation and statistical tests were performed using GraphPad Prism 8.0 software.
- 494 Data are shown as mean ± SD. The paired two-tailed Student's t-test (otherwise specified in respective
- 495 figure legends) was used to calculate statistical significance of differences between two experimental
- 496 groups. $p \le 0.05$ was considered statistically significant.
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498DATA SETS

- Data are available on the Gene Expression Omnibus database under GEO Series accession
 number GEO: <u>GSE140459</u>.
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502 CONTACT FOR REAGENT AND RESOURCE SHARING

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