Supplementary Information

H3K9 methylation drives resistance to androgen receptor–antagonist therapy in prostate cancer

One sentence summary: H3K9me3 enables antiandrogen resistance.

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Supplementary Figures

Figure S1

Figure S1. Forward genetic screen identified EHMT1 as a crucial mediator of enzalutamide resistance in prostate cancer. A) Graphical representation of the VBIM integration site into the EHMT1 gene. VBIM-tagged transcripts were first selected using a 50nt barcode and then aligned to the human genome hg.38. The integrative genomics viewer (IGV) snapshot shows that the identified VBIM-tagged reads mapped to the first codon of exon 2 of the EHMT1 isoform1 excluding only the 6 N-terminal amino acids of the protein that belong to exon 1. B) Schematic representation of the overexpression lentiviral construct encoding EHMT1 lacking the first 6 Nterminal aa (EHMT1ΔN6). C) Cell growth analysis of LNCaP cells lentiviral transduced with empty vector (EV) or EHMT1 $\Delta N6$ construct, followed by treatment with vehicle or Enz (10 μ M) for 21 days. The differences in cell growth were determined by CellTiter-Glo luminescent cell viability assay. D) Immunoblots showing the expression of indicated histones in lentivirally transduced LNCaP cells overexpressing control, EHMT1iso1 and EHMT1iso2 constructs. Total Histone H3 was used as a loading control.

Figure S2. Chronic Enz treatment leads to accumulation of H3K9me3 in prostate cancer cell line models. A) Heatmap representing relative abundance of histone modifications determined by mass spectrometry in LNCaP cells treated with DMSO (Veh) or Enz $(10 \mu M)$ for 48 hours or 168 days. The color in each cell represents z-score derived from relative abundance of each modification across samples, measured in three technical replicates. B) Principal component analysis (PCA) showing separation of samples described in (B) based on the first principal components. C) Immunoblot analysis of H3K9 methylation marks on histone extracts purified from VCaP cells treated with vehicle or Enz (1µM) for 48 hours or 78 days. D) Histone immunoblot analysis on whole cell extracts from LAPC4 cells treated with vehicle or Enz (10µM) for 50 days. E) ChIP-qPCR analysis of H3K9me3 levels at the indicated REs in VCaP versus VCaP EnzR cells. F) Same as E except V16D versus 49F^{ENZR} cells were used. V16D is an enzalutamide sensitive CRPC cell line developed from LNCaP cells and its derivative cell line, 49FENZR was developed by multiple serial transplantation of the enzalutamide-resistant tumors in athymic male mice. G) GSEA plots showing gene signatures associated with heterochromatin along with corresponding statistical metrics in LNCaP cells treated with Enz (10µM) versus DMSO (Veh) for 84 days.

Figure S3

Figure S3. Modulating the expression of H3K9 methyltransferases affects the global levels of H3K9 methylation. A) Immunoblots showing the expression of ectopically expressed H3K9 methyltransferases and H3K9 methylation marks in LNCaP cells. B) Immunoblots showing the expression of H3K9 methyltransferases and H3K9 methylation marks in LNCaP cells lentivirally transduced with guide RNAs or shRNA targeting the indicated H3K9 methyltransferase, or a nontargeting control gRNA.

Figure S4. Genetic or pharmacologic inhibition of H3K9 tri-methylation strongly sensitizes cells to Enz. A-B) Cell growth analysis of LNCaP cells treated with DMSO (Veh) or chaetocin (25, 50 and 100nM) for 72 hours by IncuCyte live cell monitoring in Enz-naïve or Enz-pretreated LNCaP cells treated with Veh or Enz (10μ) . Statistical differences between groups were determined by unpaired *t*-test and error bars represent SEM. Cells in (B) were pretreated with Enz (10μ M) for 90 days before initiation of the experiment. C-E) Immunoblots (C), cell growth as monitored by IncuCyte live cell imaging (D), and representative crystal violet stained images (E) of of LNCaP cells that were lentivirally transduced to express empty vector, H3.1WT, or H3.1K9M. Data in (D) represent mean \pm SEM in fold change, n= 3 technical repeats. Cells in (E) were compared for response to Enz $(10 \mu M)$ or DMSO at the indicated study endpoints. F-G) Immunoblots and (F) cell growth analysis by colony formation assay (G) in VCaP cells lentivirally transduced with empty vector, H3.1WT, or H3.1K9M. Cells were treated for the indicated time periods with DMSO (Veh) or Enz (1µM). H) Crystal violet-stained representative images of Enznaïve LNCaP cells expressing sgRNAs against the indicated CBX proteins or a non-targeting sgRNA, after treatment with Enz $(10 \mu M)$ or DMSO (Veh) for the indicated time periods.

Figure S5. Elevated level of H3K9 methyltransferases is associated with poor outcomes in prostate cancer patients. A) Kaplan–Meier plots of estimated survival time based on the

combined Z-score of transcript levels of all the H3K9 methyltransferases (as indicated) in mCRPC tumor biopsies from SU2C (n=158) and Royal Marsden Hospital (RMH, n=94) cohorts. P values were calculated from a Cox proportional hazards model to determine differences in outcome between patients with high (pink) and low (green) expression. B) Same as A, except patients were stratified based on transcript levels of EHMT1/2. C) Same as A, except the patients were stratified based on transcript levels of SUV39H1, SUV39H2 and SETDB1.

Figure S6

Figure S6. Enz resistance attenuates the expression of IFN-stimulated genes (ISGs) and retroelements (REs) in prostate cancer cells. A) RT-qPCR results showing the relative expression of the ISGs and *KLK3* in LNCaP cells treated with Enz (10 µM, at indicated time

points) or vehicle and LNCaP EnzR cells. B) Same as A, except RT-qPCR results showing the relative expression of the indicated retroelement transcripts. Results are representative of three biological repeats, performed in triplicates. P-value calculated using one-way ANOVA.

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Figure S7. Enz resistance occurs with blockade of the activation of interferon signaling and retroelements in prostate cancer cells. A) RT-qPCR results showing the relative expression of the ISGs and REs in VCaP cells treated with vehicle or Enz (at indicated doses for 7 days) and VCaP EnzR cells. B) Same as A, except V16D cells were treated with vehicle or Enz (at indicated dose for 28 days) and 49F^{ENZR}. V16D is an enzalutamide sensitive CRPC cell line developed from LNCaP cells and its derivative cell line, $49F^{ENZR}$ was developed by multiple serial transplantation of the enzalutamide-resistant tumors in athymic male mice. Results are representative of three biological repeats, performed in triplicates. P-value calculated using one-way ANOVA.

Figure S8. AR blockade and androgen-deprivation therapies induce interferon signaling pathways in prostate cancer cell lines and patient tumors. A-C) GSEA plots showing gene signatures associated with interferon pathways, IL6 signaling and viral mimicry gene signatures along with corresponding statistical metrics in (A) LNCaP cells treated with Enz (10μ M) for 40 days as compared to the vehicle control, (B) LAPC4 cells treated with Enz (10μ) for 48 h as

compared to the vehicle control (GSE135879) and in (C) patient tumors subjected to androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) (GSE150368). Briefly, six paired pre- and post-ADT PCa lesions were obtained from patients with locally advanced prostate cancer who received neoadjuvant ADT (bicalutamide 50 mg per day and goserelin and 3.6 mg every 4 weeks with 2 cycles). Tissues were obtained from prostate biopsy before and after treatment.

Figure S9

Figure S9. Enz treatment leads to formation of endogenous dsRNA.

A) Immunostaining for dsRNA in LNCaP cells treated with vehicle (DMSO) or Enz (10µM) for 72 h. Scale bar represents 20 µm. B) Dot plot representing quantification for dsRNA quantities as mean fluorescence intensity in LNCaP cells treated as indicated in panel (A).

Figure S10

Figure S10. Loss of ADAR1 activity in combination with Enz treatment leads to accumulation of dsRNA and abrogates proliferation of prostate cancer cells. A) Immunostaining for dsRNA in LNCaP cells treated with vehicle (DMSO), Enz (10µM) and 8- Azaadenosine (ADAR1 inhibitor) alone or in combination for 72 h. Scale bar represents 20 μ m. B) Immunostaining for ADAR1 using LNCaP cells that were lentivirally transduced to express shRNAs targeting ADAR1 or a non-targeting control. β-actin was used as a loading control. C-D) Cell growth analysis and representative crystal violet stained images using the same cells as in B. The cells were pretreated with Enz for 2 weeks before seeding them and treating them at the indicated time points. Treatment endpoints were compared using an unpaired *t*-test.

Figure S11. dsRNA-induced IFN signaling triggers GR expression. A) Immunoblots of whole cell extracts from LNCaP cells, showing the expression of GR and IFN pathways regulators and products, 48 hours after transfection with poly I:C or poly dA:dT, at concentrations of 10, 100 or 1000 ng/ml. B) RT-qPCR analysis of transcript levels of NR3C1 and the indicated ISGs, 6 or 24 hours post-transfection with poly I:C or poly dA:dT as in (A). Results are representative of three biological repeats, performed in triplicates. Error bars represent SD.

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Figure S12. Transcript levels of H3K9MTs inversely correlate with those of GR and ISGs in biopsies from patients with metastatic CRPC. A) Heatmaps representing the relative transcript levels (acquired with Capture RNA-seq platform) of GR, ISGs and H3K9MTs in biopsies from SU2C mCRPC patient cohorts (n=212). B) Pearson correlation analysis of GR mRNA levels (NR3C1) with ISGs (plots in magenta) and H3K9 methyltransferases and readers (plots in violet). r indicates the linear correlation and blue lines represent the linear fit coefficient. Significance of correlation was calculated using *t*-test.

Figure S13. Genetic or pharmacological inhibition of H3K9 methyltransferases induces the expression of retroelements in Enz-resistant (EnzR) prostate cancer cells. A) RT-qPCR results showing the relative expression of the indicated retroelement transcripts in LNCaP EnzR cells with stable knockout of SUV39H1 along with knockdown of SUV39H2 as compared to non-targeting control. B) Same as A, except LNCaP EnzR cells were treated with indicated concentrations of UNC0638 (EHMT1/2 inhibitor) and F5446 (SUV39H1 inhibitor), alone or in combination as compared to vehicle control. Results are representative of three biological repeats, performed in triplicates. P-value calculated using an unpaired *t*-test in panel A and one-way ANOVA in panel

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Figure S14. Pharmacological targeting of SUV39H1 and EHMT1/2 induces the expression of interferon-stimulated genes and retroelements in Enz-resistant (EnzR) prostate cancer cells. A) RT-qPCR results showing the relative expression of the ISGs and REs in VCaP EnzR cells treated with indicated concentrations of F5446 (SUV39H1 inhibitor) and UNC0638 (EHMT1/2 inhibitor). B) Same as A, except 49FENZR cells were treated with indicated concentration of F5446 (SUV39H1 inhibitor) as compared to vehicle control. $49F^{ENZR}$ is a derivative of enzalutamide sensitive V16D cells and was developed by multiple serial transplantation of the enzalutamide-resistant tumors in athymic male mice. Results are representative of three biological repeats, performed in triplicates. P-value calculated using oneway ANOVA in panel A and an unpaired *t*-test in panel B.

Figure S15

Figure S15. H3K9MTs regulate the Enz-mediated GR expression levels. A-B) Immunoblots showing overexpression efficacy (A) and RT-qPCR analysis (B) of GR levels in LNCaP cells that were lentivirally transduced to overexpress the indicated H3K9 methyltransferase after treatment with Enz $(10 \mu M)$ or DMSO (Veh) for 40 days. C-D) Immunoblots (C) and RT-qPCR analysis (D) of GR expression levels in LNCaP cells that were lentivirally transduced to express guide RNAs or shRNAs targeting the indicated H3K9 methyltransferase, or a non-targeting control gRNA. Significance was calculated using two-way ANOVA; error bars represent SD. Results are representative of two biological repeats performed in triplicate.

Supplementary Methods

Lentiviral transduction, gene overexpression, knockdown, and knockout

Lentiviral particles were produced by co-transfection of 293T cells with lentivectors and the packaging plasmids psPAX2 and pMD2.G (Addgene, plasmids #12261 and #12259). The medium was changed 6 h post-transfection. Supernatants were collected 24 to 72h after transfection, passed through 0.45 µM filters and concentrated 100 times using PEG-it virus precipitation solution (System Bioscience, #LV825A-1). Cells transduced with concentrated lentivirus were selected 48 h later with the following antibiotics until all untransduced control cells were dead: $1 \mu g/ml$ puromycin (Gibco, #A1113803), 10 µg/ml blasticidin (Invivogen, #ant-bl-05), 100 µg/ml zeocin (Invitrogen, #ant-zn-05).

pDual lentivectors (a kind gift from Dr. David Escors, Fundacion Miguel Servet, Spain) which drive the expression of a transgene under the SFFV promoter and a selection marker under the ubiquitin promoter, were used for stable overexpression of H3K9MTs. pLKO.1 plasmids expressing shRNAs against SUV39H2 (TRCN0000011057 and TRCN0000006938), IFNAR1 (TRCN0000059014), ADAR1 (TRCN0000301036 and TRCN0000336886) and or the nontargeting shRNA (SHC002) were obtained from Sigma.For CRISPR-Cas9-assisted gene knockouts, guide RNAs were designed using the online CRISPR guide selection tools at crispr.mit.edu (site no longer active) or Benchling (https://benchling.com), and cloned into the lentiCRISPRv2 (Addgene, Plasmid#52961). The sgRNA oligos and target sequences for each gene are listed in **Table S1**. LentiCRISPRv2-MAVS was a kind gift from Dr. Susan Weiss (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA).

Cell growth and proliferation assays

For growth monitoring by crystal violet assay, 1 to $2x10⁵$ cells were seeded in 6-well plates 24 h prior to initiation of treatment. Cells were replenished with fresh media containing DMSO or Enz $(5-10 \mu M)$ every 3 days, without disturbing the attached monolayer. Cells in the Enz group were usually pre-treated with Enz for 14 to 90 days before seeding, as specified in the pertinent figure legends. At treatment endpoints, medium was gently aspirated from the wells, then 2 mL fixing/staining solution (0.1% crystal violet, 1% formaldehyde [37%], 1% methanol in PBS) was added to each well, followed by incubation at room temperature for 15 min. Plates were washed by dipping into a bucket of water filled with a gentle stream of tap water, air-dried and then imaged with the ChemiDoc imaging system (Bio-Rad). Differences in cell growth between experimental groups were quantified using a colorimetric assay. Crystal violet dye in each well was eluted by adding 4 mL 10% acetic acid and incubating for 30 min at room temperature with gentle agitation. The dissolved dye was further diluted 1:4 and optical density was measured at 590 nm using a SpectraMax i3x microplate reader (Molecular Devices).

Cell proliferation was monitored using the IncucyteZoom live-cell analysis system (Essen Bioscience). Briefly, 10⁴ cells were seeded in 12-well plates and imaged every 3 h. Media supplemented with treatment compounds were refreshed every 3 days. The percentage of cell confluence was estimated from an average of 9 images/well at each time point and presented as mean \pm SEM.

Immunoblotting

Whole cell extracts were prepared using RIPA lysis buffer (Sigma, R0278) containing Halt phosphatase and protease inhibitor cocktail (Thermo Fisher, 78440) and 20 cycles of sonication with the Diagenode Bioruptor on the high setting (30 s on/30 s off). Cytoplasmic, nuclear, and chromatin-bound fractions then were extracted using a subcellular fractionation kit (Pierce, 78840). The chromatin-bound pellets were washed twice with ice-cold PBS, before sonicating for 20 cycles at the high setting. Core histones were isolated using a histone purification kit (Active Motif, #40026) following the manufacturer's instructions. Lysate protein quantities were then measured using the Pierce BCA Protein Assay Kit (#23225). Lysates were mixed with 4X Laemmli buffer and heated at 95° C for 5 min to denature. Samples were separated on 8% to 12% SDS-polyacrylamide gels and wet-transferred to 0.45µM PVDF membranes (Millipore, #IPVH00010) which were then blocked with 5% skimmed milk in TBS-T (0.1% Tween 20 in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.6, and 150 mM NaCl) for 1 h at room temperature. Membranes were incubated with desired concentrations of primary antibodies in blocking buffer overnight at 4^oC. After TBS-T washes, membranes were incubated with HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG (Thermo Scientific, TK274616) or anti-mouse IgG (GE Healthcare, NXA931) secondary antibodies diluted in blocking buffer for 1 h at room temperature. Bound antibodies were visualized by the ECL systems (LumiGLO, #5430-0040 or LumiGLO Reserve, #5430-0051, Seracare).

The primary antibodies consisted of: SETDB1 (Proteintech, 11231-1-AP), SUV39H1 (Cell Signaling, #8729), SUV39H2 (Abcam, #ab190870), EHMT1 (Bethyl Laboratories, #A301-642A), EHMT2 (Proteintech, #66689-1-Ig; Cell Signaling, #3306), KDM3A (Proteintech, #12835-1-AP), KDM4A (Bethyl Laboratories, #A300-861A), KDM4B (Bethyl Laboratoris, #A301-478A), CBX1 (Cell Signaling, #8676), CBX3 (Cell Signaling, #2619), CBX5 (Cell Signaling, #2616), MeCP2 (Cell Signaling, #3456), GR (BD Biosciences, #611227), pSTAT1 pY701(Cell Signaling, #9167), pSTAT3 pY705(Cell Signaling, #9145), pSTAT3 pS727(Cell Signaling, #9134), pTBK1 pS172 (Cell Signaling, #5483; Abcam, #ab109272), pIRF3(Cell Signaling, #37829), MAVS(Cell Signaling, #24930), ISG15 (Proteintech, #15981-1-AP), IFIT1 (Proteintech, #23247-1-AP),

IFNB1 (Cell Signaling, #73671, PSA (Cell Signaling, #5361), ADAR1 (Cell Signaling #8124) ACTB (Cell Signaling, #2409), GAPDH (Cell Signaling, #2118), cyclophilin B (Cell Signaling, #43603), histone H3 (Abcam, #ab1791; Cell Signaling, #4499), H3K9me1(Abcam, #ab8896), H3K9me2(Cell Signaling, #4658), H3K9me3 (Abcam, #8898; Active Motif, #39062), H3K9ac (Cell Signaling, #9649), H3K9M (Cell Signaling, #78087).

Quantitative RT-PCR

Total RNA was extracted from cells using TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen, #15596018) or RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen, # 74106) following manufacturer's protocol. cDNA was made from 1µg RNA using iScript cDNA Synthesis Kit (Bio-Rad, # 1708890). Quantitative PCR (qPCR) analysis was performed in an ABI 7500 Real-Time PCR machine (Applied Biosystems) using iTaq Fast SYBR Green Supermix with ROX (Bio-Rad, # 172-5101). Primers were designed with Primer3 online tool [\(https://bioinfo.ut.ee/primer3-0.4.0/\)](https://bioinfo.ut.ee/primer3-0.4.0/) and synthesized with Integrated DNA Technologies, Inc. (IDT). Relative quantities of each transcript were determined by first normalizing to *RPLP0* levels and then, vehicle treated control cells. All shown gene expression studies are a representative of three biological repeats, performed in technical triplicates using the primers listed in **Table S2**.

RNA-seq data analysis

Libraries were prepared using Roche Kapa mRNA HyperPrep strand specific sample preparation kits from 200ng of purified total RNA according to the manufacturer's protocol on a Beckman Coulter Biomek i7. The finished dsDNA libraries were quantified by Qubit fluorometer, Agilent TapeStation 2200, and RT-qPCR using the Kapa Biosystems library quantification kit according to manufacturers' protocols. Uniquely dual indexed libraries were pooled in equimolar ratios and sequenced on an Illumina NovaSeq 6000 with paired-end 50bp reads by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Molecular Biology Core Facilities. Reads were aligned to the UCSC hg19 reference

genome, and gene counts were quantified using STAR (v2.5.1b) (1). Normalized gene expression in fragments per kilobase million (FPKM) was calculated using cufflinks (v2.2.1) (2) and in transcripts per kilobase million (TPM) using adapted code (3, 4). RNA-seq analysis was performed using the VIPER pipeline (5).

Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA)

For GSEA, gene expression data were derived from either our own study or publicly available datasets (GSE135879 and GSE150368, GSE99381). The expression data between two different phenotypes were compared using the gene sets obtained from the Molecular Signatures Database (MSigDB, v7.2) (6).

ChIP-seq data generation and analysis

ChIP-seq analysis was performed on Enz-naïve LNCaP cells treated either with vehicle or Enz 10 μ M for 120 h, and on Enz-resistant cells maintained in media containing Enz 10 μ M. Briefly, cells were fixed with 1% formaldehyde for 15 min followed by quenching with 0.125 M glycine. Chromatin was obtained by adding lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8, 1% SDS, 10 mM EDTA), followed by disruption with a Dounce homogenizer. The cell lysates were sonicated using Bioruptor from Diagenode, shearing the DNA to an average length of 300-500 bp. The input DNA was prepared by treating aliquots of chromatin with proteinase K and RNase along with heat for de-crosslinking followed by ethanol precipitation. The resulting DNA was resuspended and quantified on a NanoDrop spectrophotometer. For each condition, \sim 40 µg of chromatin was precleared using protein A agarose beads (Invitrogen) and immunoprecipitation was performed using 4 µg antibody against H3K9me2 (Active Motif, #39239) and H3K9me3 (Active Motif, #39161). The immuno-complexes were then washed and eluted from the beads followed by subjecting them RNase A and Proteinase K treatment. The reverse crosslinking was performed by

incubating the samples at 65° C overnight, and ChIP DNA was purified by phenol-chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation. qPCR reactions were carried out in triplicate on specific genomic regions using SYBR Green Supermix (Bio-Rad). The resulting signals were normalized for primer efficiency by carrying out qPCR for each primer pair using input DNA.

Illumina sequencing libraries were prepared from input and ChIP DNAs by the standard consecutive enzymatic steps of end-polishing, dA-addition, and adaptor ligation. Steps were performed on an automated system (Apollo 342, Wafergen Biosystems/Takara). After a final PCR amplification step, the resulting DNA libraries were quantified and sequenced on Illumina's NextSeq 500 (75 nt reads, single end). Reads were aligned consecutively to the human genome (hg38) (7). Duplicate reads were removed, and only uniquely mapped reads (mapping quality \geq 25) were used for further analysis. Human alignments were extended in silico at their 3′-ends to a length of 200 bp, which is the average genomic fragment length in the size-selected library and assigned to 32-nt bins along the genome. The resulting histograms (genomic "signal maps") were stored in BigWig files. Peak locations were identified using the SICER algorithm (8) at a cutoff of FDR 1E-10 and a max gap parameter of 600 bp. Peaks that were on the ENCODE blacklist of known false ChIP-Seq peaks were removed. Signal maps and peak locations were used as input data in Active Motif's proprietary analysis program, which creates Excel tables containing detailed information on sample comparison, peak metrics, peak locations, and gene annotations.

Repeat element annotations of ChIP-seq data

The catalogues of peaks generated as described above were further filtered to produce stringent signatures of peaks associated with different treatment conditions by applying a minimum fold change threshold of 1.5 in the read count signal compared to each of the other two groups. Peak filtration was performed separately for H3K9me2 and H3K9me3 datasets. These were then

annotated based on associations with genomic features using the R package ChipSeeker (9), paired with annotations from the TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38.knownGene Bioconductor package.

The RepeatMasker UCSC genome track was used to locate repeats in the genome, and peaks were then mapped to overlapping repeats using these annotations (10). Class and family annotations were then used to calculate both the raw overlaps and normalized overlaps (percent of peaks mapping to a repeat class/family) to examine whether certain categories of repeats were overrepresented using the genomation R package. Heatmaps of genomic features were visualized using the genomation R package. Once filtered peak sets were derived, data were normalized to rpm and 10 kb regions, with the peak midpoint at the center, and the genomic intervals were visualized using the genomation R package. RPM values were binned into 400 windows of 25bp each.

dsRNA Immunofluorescence

Cells were grown on glass coverslips and fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde. The cells were washed thrice with PBS, followed by permeabilization with 0.3% Triton X-100 in PBS (PBS-T) for 10 min at room temperature. Cells were then blocked with 5% normal goat serum in PBS-T for 2 h at room temperature and incubated with primary antibody (SCICONS anti-dsRNA mAb J2, Cat# 10010200, 1:400) overnight at 4°C. The cells then were washed 3 times in PBS and incubated with fluorophore-conjugated anti-mouse secondary antibody (CST anti-mouse IgG Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate, Cat#4408, 1:1200) for 1h to 2 h at room temperature. The cells were again washed 3 times with PBS and counterstained with DAPI. The coverslips were mounted on glass slides using Vectashield (Vector Laboratories). The ADAR1 inhibitor, 8-Azaadenosine used in the immunofluorescence experiments was procured from MedChemExpress (Cat. No.: HY-115686). Images were acquired using a Leica TCS-SP8-AOBS inverted confocal microscope (Leica Microsystems, GmbH, Wetzlar, Germany). For quantification, the images were acquired at 63X magnification and mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) for dsRNA was determined using the pipeline derived from the CellProfiler image analysis software (11).

Histone mass spectrophotometry procedures and data analysis

Bulk histones were acid-extracted from frozen cell pellets, propionylated, and trypsin-digested as described previously (12). Briefly, histones were extracted by incubating samples at room temperature for 1 h in 0.2M sulfuric acid with intermittent vortexing. Histones were then precipitated by the addition of trichloroacetic acid (TCA) on ice, and recovered by centrifugation at $10,000 \times g$ for 5 min at 4^oC. The pellet was then washed once with 1 mL cold acetone/0.1% HCl and twice with 100% acetone, and then air-dried in a clean hood. The histones were propionylated by adding 1:3 v/v propionic anhydride/2-propanol and incrementally adding ammonium hydroxide to keep the pH near 8, and subsequently dried in a SpeedVac concentrator. The pellet was then resuspended in 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate and adjusted to pH 7-8 with ammonium hydroxide. The histones were then digested with trypsin resuspended in 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate overnight at 37°C and dried in a SpeedVac concentrator. The pellet was resuspended in 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate and propionylated a second time by adding 1:3 v/v propionic anhydride/2-propanol and incrementally adding ammonium hydroxide to keep the pH near 8, and subsequently dried in a SpeedVac concentrator. Histone peptides were resuspended in 0.1% TFA in H2O for mass spectrometry analysis.

Mass spectrometry samples were analyzed on a triple quadrupole (QqQ) mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific TSQ Quantiva) directly coupled with an UltiMate 3000 Dionex nanoliquid chromatography system. Peptides were first loaded onto an in-house packed trapping column (3cm×150μm) and then separated on a New Objectives PicoChip analytical column (10

cm×75 μm). Both columns were packed with New Objectives ProntoSIL C18-AQ, 3μm, 200Å resin. The chromatography gradient was achieved by increasing percentage of buffer B from 0 to 35% at a flow rate of 0.30 μl/min over 45 min. Solvent A was 0.1% formic acid in water, and B was 0.1% formic acid in 95% acetonitrile. The QqQ settings were as follows: collision gas pressure of 1.5 mTorr; Q1 peak width of 0.7 (FWHM); cycle time of 2 s; skimmer offset of 10 V; electrospray voltage of 2.5 kV. Targeted analysis of unmodified and various modified histone peptides was performed. This entire process was repeated 3 separate times for each sample.

Raw MS files were imported and analyzed in Skyline with Savitzky-Golay smoothing (13). All Skyline peak area assignments for monitored peptide transitions were manually confirmed. A minimum of 3 peptide transitions were quantified for each modification. For each monitored amino acid residue, each modified (and unmodified) form was quantified by first calculating the sum of peak areas of corresponding peptide transitions; the sum of all modified forms was then calculated for each amino acid to represent the total pool of modifications for that residue. Finally, each modification was then represented as a percentage of the total pool of modifications. This process was carried out for each of the three separate mass spec runs, and the raw data provided in the data delivery spreadsheet corresponds to the mean and standard deviation of the resulting three values from this analysis for each modified and unmodified form of the corresponding amino acid residue. To generate the heatmaps found in the data delivery spreadsheet, for each individual modification and each unmodified form, the data for each sample was converted to the fraction of the sum across all samples to display relative abundances across the sample group, and then conditionally formatted in Excel using the default red/white/blue color scheme. The hierarchical clustering heatmap was generated in R using the "pheatmap" function with default settings. The PCA plot was also generated in R using the first two principal components to generate an XY plot.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Sequences of gRNA oligos cloned into lentiCRISPRv2

Nucleotides sequences in bold and italic indicate the gRNA target sequences.

Table S2. Primers used for qPCR analysis

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