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The data discussed in this work have been deposited in NCBI's Gene Expression Omnibus and are accessible through GEO Series accession number GEO: GSE157073, GSE115169, GSE70486, GSE125116.

Source data are provided with this paper.

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Sample size	No specific methods were used for sample size determination. No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample size. Sample size are based on lots of previous publications and our previous experience, which is the most optimal to generate statistically significant results. All experiments were carried out at least three times. For each experiment, three biologically independent samples unless otherwise stated. Sample size for all the presented experiments was determined to be at least 3 to provide sufficient data for downstream analysis.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded
Replication	For each experiments the number of biological independent sample is reported in the figure legend. In vitro studies are represented at least 3 independent reproducible studies.
Randomization	All samples and animals were analysed and allocated randomly.
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Antibodies used	<p>Mouse monoclonal anti FLAG® M2 antibody, Sigma-Aldrich Cat# F3165, clone:M2,1:3000;RRID:AB_259529</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti GAPDH, ZSGB-BIO Cat# TA-08,clone:OTI2D9,1:5000; RRID:AB_2747414</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti GFP, EASYBIO Cat# BE2001,clone:N/A, 1:2000; RRID:AB_2864742</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti Histone H3, Abcam Cat# ab10799,clone:10799,1:10000; RRID:AB_470239</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti SMAD2/3, CST Cat# 8685,clone:D7G7;1:1000 RRID:AB_2864743</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti SMAD4, Santa Cruz Cat# sc-7966,clone:B-8,1:1000; RRID:AB_627905</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti CDH1, CST Cat# 3195,clone:24E10,1:1000; RRID:AB_2291471</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti FOXA2, CST Cat# 8186,clone:D56D6,1:200; RRID:AB_2864746</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti GLUT1,Beyotime Cat# AF1015,clone:N/A, 1:1000; RRID:AB_2864747</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti GLUT3, Abclonal Cat# A4137,clone:N/A, 1:1000; RRID:AB_2863194</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti HA Millipore, Cat# 04-902,clone:DW2, 1:2000; RRID:AB_1977526</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti Phospho-SMAD2/3, CST Cat# 8828,clone:D27F4,1:1000; RRID:AB_2864749</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti SMAD2,CST Cat# 5339, clone:D43B4,1:3000; RRID:AB_2864750</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti T/Brachyury, Abcam Cat# 209665, clone:EPR18113,1:200; RRID:AB_2864751</p> <p>Rabbit polyclonal anti TRIM33, Bethyl Laboratories Cat# A301-060A; 1:1000,RRID:AB_2208024</p> <p>IF488-Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG(H+L),huaxingbio,1:1000</p> <p>Dylight 488-Donkey Anti-Goat IgG(H+L),huaxingbio,1:1000</p> <p>DyLight594-Goat Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L),huaxingbio,1:1000</p>
Validation	<p>All antibodies were used according to the manufacturers' recommendations. All the companies provide quality certificates for the antibodies used in the study. Each antibody was first tested with different dilutions, and optimal dilution ratios used in the study are stated in the methods section.</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti FLAG® M2 antibody, Sigma-Aldrich Cat# F3165; RRID:AB_259529,https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/US/en/product/sigma/f3165</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti GAPDH, ZSGB-BIO Cat# TA-08; RRID:AB_2747414,http://www.zsbio.com/product/TA-08</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti GFP, EASYBIO Cat# BE2001; RRID:AB_2864742,http://www.bioeasytech.com/product/2392.html?goods_id=4377</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti Histone H3, Abcam Cat# ab10799; RRID:AB_470239,https://www.abcam.com/Histone-H3-antibody-mAbcam-10799-ChIP-Grade-ab10799.html</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti SMAD2/3, CST Cat# 8685; RRID:AB_2864743,https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/smad2-3-d7g7-xp-rabbit-mab/8685</p> <p>Mouse monoclonal anti SMAD4, Santa Cruz Cat# sc-7966; RRID:AB_627905,https://datasheets.scbt.com/sc-7966.pdf</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti CDH1,CST Cat# 3195; RRID:AB_2291471,https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/e-cadherin-24e10-rabbit-mab/3195</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti FOXA2, CST Cat# 8186; RRID:AB_2864746,https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/foxa2-hnf3b-d56d6-xp-rabbit-mab/8186?_1652559350699&Ntt=8186&thead=true</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti GLUT1, Beyotime Cat# AF1015; RRID:AB_2864747,https://m.beyotime.com/Manual/AF1015%20Glucose%20Transporter%20GLUT1%20Rabbit%20Monoclonal%20Antibody.pdf</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti GLUT3, Abclonal Cat# A4137; RRID:AB_2863194, https://abclonal.com/Datasheet/Antibodies/A4137.pdf</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti HA Millipore, Cat# 04-902; RRID:AB_1977526, https://www.emdmillipore.com/US/en/product/Anti-HA-Tag-Antibody-clone-DW2-rabbit-monoclonal,MM_NF-04-902?ReferrerURL=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bing.com%2F&bd=1</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti Phospho-SMAD2/3, CST Cat# 8828; RRID:AB_2864749, https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/phospho-smad2-ser465-467-smad3-ser423-425-d27f4-rabbit-mab/8828</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti SMAD2,CST Cat# 5339; RRID:AB_2864750,https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/smad2-d43b4-xp-rabbit-mab/5339</p> <p>Rabbit monoclonal anti T/Brachyury, Abcam Cat# 209665; RRID:AB_2864751,https://www.abcam.com/brachyury--bry-antibody-epr18113-ab209665.html?productWallTab=ShowAll</p> <p>Rabbit polyclonal anti TRIM33, Bethyl Laboratories Cat# A301-060A; RRID:AB_2208024, https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/TRIM33-TIF1gamma-Antibody-Polyclonal/A301-060A</p> <p>IF488-Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG(H+L),huaxingbio,http://www.huaxingbio.com/pd.jsp?id=176&nSL=%5B5%2C6%2C7%5D#keyword=488-Goat+Anti-Rabbit+IgG&_pp=0_35</p> <p>Dylight 488-Donkey Anti-Goat IgG(H+L),huaxingbio,http://www.huaxingbio.com/pd.jsp?id=180&nSL=%5B5%2C6%2C7%5D#keyword=DyLight+488-Donkey+Anti-Goat+IgG&_pp=0_35</p> <p>DyLight594-Goat Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L),huaxingbio,http://www.huaxingbio.com/pd.jsp?id=185&nSL=%5B5%2C6%2C7%5D#keyword=DyLight594-Goat+Anti-Mouse+IgG&_pp=0_35</p>

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Mouse ES cell lines E14Tg2a.IV ,HEK293T and HepG2 were purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC; https://www.atcc.org:443/)
Authentication	All the cells were authenticated using short-tandem repeat (STR) profiling by the provider ATCC.
Mycoplasma contamination	Cells were routinely tested for mycoplasma, and we confirm that every cell used in this study was found negative.

Commonly misidentified lines
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No commonly misidentified cell lines were used.

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Laboratory animals

C57BL/6J mouse strains were obtained from Laboratory Animal Research Center in Tsinghua University. Female mice were used between ages 6-8 weeks of age. Mouse strains were housed at 20-22 degree with 12h:12h light:dark cycles at 50-60% humidity. The animal experiments that were conducted as part of this research were completed in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Tsinghua University Animal Care and Use Committee and were in compliance with the relevant ethical regulations regarding animal research.

Wild animals

The study did not involve wild animals.

Field-collected samples

The study did not involve samples collected in the field.

Ethics oversight

All animal procedures were approved by Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of Tsinghua University.(IACUC:16-XQR2)

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Flow Cytometry

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Methodology

Sample preparation

For flow based sorting or the GFP positive cells,mESCs were digested with 0.25% Trypsin-EDTA and resuspended in 0.2 mL PBS. For flow studies of BiFC assay,the methods are provided in the Methods section.

Instrument

BD Calibur flow cytometer,BD FACS ArialI

Software

Data were collected and analyzed using FlowJo software.

Cell population abundance

For flow based sorting, the GFP positive cells(25%) were sorted out by FACS.

Gating strategy

For flow based sorting of the GFP positive cells, parental cells without plasmid transfection were used to define negative cell populations and set gates for analysis. For flow studies of BiFC, we use same cells without plasmid transfection for defining negative cell populations and set gates for analysis

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