

## **Expanded View Figures**

## Figure EV1. Heat map of differentially expressed genes in upper layers of P2 *Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Emx1<sup>IRESCre</sup>* compared with control neocortex.

Heat map showing 79 upregulated genes (green) and 58 downregulated genes (red) in upper neocortical layers of conditional  $Emx1^{RESCre}$ ; $Bcl11a^{F/F}$  mutants (Bcl11a cKO) compared with controls at postnatal day 2.



Figure EV2. Gene ontology enrichment analysis of differentially expressed genes in upper layers of P2 Bcl11a<sup>FIF</sup>;Emx1<sup>IRESCre</sup> compared with control neocortex. Graph shows selected GO terms for biological process, GO term accession numbers, fold enrichment, and P-value. Data were obtained by GO overrepresentation test using PANTHER.

## Figure EV3. Selected candidate downstream target genes of Bcl11a in superficial cortical layers at early postnatal development.

- A Volcano plot showing differentially expressed (DE) genes in laser-microdissected cortical layers 2–4 of Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Emx1<sup>IRESCre</sup> neocortex compared with controls. DE genes not significantly changed (fold change < 1.5; P > 0.05) are shaded black. Cdh6, Cdh12, Efna5, Pcdh9, Cdh13, Flrt2, Flrt3, and Slit2 are highlighted in green.
  B Relative mRNA expression levels of selected DE genes determined by quantitative real-time PCR in laser-microdissected cortical tissue of P2 Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Emx1<sup>IRESCre</sup> and
- control brains (n = 4). Graph represents mean  $\pm$  s.e.m.; Student's t-test; \*P < 0.05; \*\*P < 0.01; \*\*\*P < 0.01.
- C RNA in situ hybridization of selected DE genes with decreased expression in P2 Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>.Emx1<sup>IRESCre</sup> compared with control neocortex.
- D RNA in situ hybridization of selected DE genes with increased expression in P2 Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Emx1<sup>IRESCre</sup> compared with control neocortex.

Data information: Scale bar, 50 µm.





Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Emx1<sup>IRESCre</sup> Control в \*\* \*\*\* \*\*\* relative mRNA levels 3 2 Coln12 0 Efnas cdh6 Pcdh9 com13 FIRZ FIRS Slitz





## Figure EV4. Relative Bcl6 expression is unchanged in deep cortical layers of *Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Emx1<sup>/RESCre</sup>* compared with control neocortex.

- A Immunohistochemistry of Bcl6 (red), Bcl11b (green), and Tbr1 (blue) in P2 Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Emx1<sup>IRESCre</sup> and control neocortex. Bcl6 and Tbr1 expressions are downregulated, while Bcl11b expression is upregulated in Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>; Emx1<sup>IRESCre</sup> compared with control neocortex. Nuclei are stained with Dapi (white).
- B Relative quantification of Bcl6<sup>+</sup>, Bcl11b<sup>+</sup>, and Tbr1<sup>+</sup> cells in  $Bcl11a^{F/F}$ ;  $Emx1^{RESCre}$  and control neocortex (n = 4).
- C Numbers of Bcl11b<sup>+</sup> or Tbr1<sup>+</sup> cells that coexpress Bcl6 are normal in  $Bcl11a^{F/F}$ ;  $Emx1^{IRESCre}$  compared with control neocortex (n = 4).

Data information: All graphs represent mean  $\pm$  s.e.m.; Student's t-test; \*\*P < 0.01; \*\*\*P < 0.001. Scale bar, 50  $\mu m.$ 



Figure EV5. Increased cell death in Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Nex<sup>Cre</sup> and overlapping differentially expressed genes in upper cortical layers of Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Emx1<sup>IRESCre</sup> and Bcl6<sup>F/F</sup>; Nex<sup>Cre</sup> compared with controls.

- A Immunohistochemistry of cleaved caspase 3 (CC3) shows that the number of CC3<sup>+</sup> cells is increased in P5 Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Nex<sup>Cre</sup> compared with control neocortex.
- B Quantification of the experiment shown in (A).
- C Venn diagram showing the number of overlapping differentially expressed (DE) genes in P2 Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>; Emx1<sup>/RESCre</sup> and P5 Bcl6<sup>F/F</sup>; Nex<sup>Cre</sup> upper cortical layers.

D, E Relative mRNA expression levels of the overlapping DE genes *Foxo1*, *Ldb2*, and *Socs2* as well as *Trp53* determined by quantitative real-time PCR in lasermicrodissected cortical tissue of P2 *Bcl11a<sup>F/F</sup>;Emx1<sup>RESCre</sup>* compared with control brains (D) or P5 *Bcl6<sup>F/F</sup>;Nex<sup>Cre</sup>* compared with control brains (E).

Data information: All graphs represent mean  $\pm$  s.e.m.; n = 4; Student's t-test; \*P < 0.05; \*\*P < 0.01; \*\*\*P < 0.001. Scale bar, 500  $\mu$ m.