Appendix

Developmental cell death of cortical projection neurons is controlled by a Bcl11a/Bcl6-dependent pathway

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Appendix Figure S1. Specificity of Bcl6 antibody shown by immunohistochemistry

Immunohistochemistry of Bcl6 using guinea pig anti-Bcl6 antibody in P0 $Bcl6^{-/-}$ and wildtype neocortex. Bcl6 epxression is detectable in upper layers and at lower levels in deep layers of wildtype neocortex. In $Bcl6^{-/-}$ mutants Bcl6 expression is not detectable. Scale bar, 50 µm.



Appendix Figure S2. Western blot analysis of Cre-dependent DNA plasmids for overexpression of Bcl6 cDNA

(A) DNA plasmids used for transfection of HEK293 cells.

(B) Western blot analysis of total protein lysates shows that *CAG-LSL-Bcl6^{GFP}* plasmid expresses *Bcl6* only in the presence *CAG-Cre* plasmid. Note that GFP is expressed independent of *CAG-Cre*. Gapdh served as protein loading control.



Appendix Figure S3. In vitro knockdown of Foxo1 by shRNA

(A) DNA plasmids used for transfection of HEK293 cells.

(B) Western blot analysis of HEK293 cell co-transfected as indicated and probed using anti-FLAG and anti- β -actin antibodies. Foxo1-shRNA#2 and #4 reduce Foxo1 expression to a different extent (shRNA#2 < shRNA#4) 48 h after transfection.

(C) Quantification of the experiment shown in (B). The experiment was independently repeated 3 times. Results are expressed as mean \pm s.e.m.; one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test; * p < 0.05; ** p < 0.01.



Appendix Figure S4. Unchanged cell death in $Bcl11a^{F/+};Emx1^{IRESCre}$ compared to $Bcl11a^{+/+};Emx1^{IRESCre}$ neocortex

(A) Immunohistochemistry of cleaved caspase 3 (CC3) shows that the number of CC3⁺ cells is unchanged in P5 $Bcl11a^{+/+}$; $Emx^{IRESCre}$ compared to $Bcl11a^{F/+}$; $Emx^{IRESCre}$ neocortex.

(B) Quantification of the experiment shown in (A) (n = 4). Results are expressed as mean \pm s.e.m.; Student's t test; * p < 0.05. Scale bar, 500 μ m.