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*Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.*

### Software and code

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#### Data collection

- Fluorescence images were collected with widefield and confocal microscopes using Zen Blue (2.3.69.1016) and Zen (black version) software (Zeiss)
- Western blot images were collected using Image Lab software (version 6.1.0 build 7) (Bio-Rad)
- Single-cell data was collected with 10X Cell Genomics Chromium System v2.0 chemistry (10X Genomics)
- FACS data was collected with FACS Diva software (BD Biosciences) and BD Aria II and BD Celesta instruments

#### Data analysis

- Fluorescence images were analyzed using:  
Zeiss Zen Blue (2.3.69.1016)  
Zeiss Zen (black version)  
Fiji/ImageJ (2.1.0/1.53i)  
Published MATLAB scripts (Sabari et al., 2018) were used for the analysis of RNA FISH with immunofluorescence. Custom python code was generated to curate random nuclear foci
- Fiji/ImageJ colocalization plugins (Bolte & Cordelières, 2006, Gilles et al., 2017) were used for IAP FISH-IF analysis
- FACS data was analyzed with FlowJo (v10.7)

- GraphPad Prism (v 9.2.0) was used for statistical analysis and barplot generation.

- PALM images were reconstructed and analyzed using MTT (Sergé et al., 2008) and qSR (Andrews et al., 2018).

- For NGS data analyses, the following softwares were used:

Seurat (version 3.2.3)

cutadapt (version 2.4)

STAR (version 2.7.5a)

StringTie (version 2.0.6)

Seqtk (version 1.3-r106)

SLAM-DUNK (version 0.4.1)

DeppTools bamCoverage (version 3.4.3)

bwa mem (version 0.7.17)

samtools (version 1.10)

gatk (version 4.1.4.1)

Spp (version 1.2.2)

MACS2 (version 2.1.2)

HOMER (version 4.10)

Treeview (version 3.0)

Ame (version 5.3.0)

Cell Ranger (version 4)

velocity (version 0.1.18)

scanpy (version 1.4.3)

pheatmap (version 1.0.12)

Coolpup.py (version 0.9.5)

All software versions and parameters are listed in the Methods.

Custom code available under : <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6521914>

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A list of figures that have associated raw data
- A description of any restrictions on data availability

All data is available in the supplementary materials. Sequence data were deposited at GEO under the accession number GSE159468. Mass spectrometry data were deposited at ProteomeXchange under the accession ID PDX021895. Plasmids generated in the study are available at Addgene.

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# Life sciences study design

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Sample size	No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample sizes. Sample sizes for qPCR, Mass spectrometry, RNA-FISH/IF, IF, FACS, ChIP-seq, RNA-seq, SLAM-Seq, and other sequencing technologies are consistent with current standards for sample sizes included controls in the published literature. Sample sizes are indicated in the figure panels or legends or in the Methods. For droplet experiments we imaged at least 10 independent fields of a view for each experimental condition based on current methodology in the field (Sabari et al., 2018; Boija et al., 2018). For RNA FISH with IF we imaged at least two fields of view (yielding 20+ nuclei and the number of detected foci indicated in figure panels) for each condition based on current practices in the field (Sabari et al., 2018, Boija et al., 2018).
Data exclusions	In rare instances, out of focus images were excluded in FISH-IF experiments.
Replication	All results obtained and reported in this study were reproducible across the replicates examined. The number of replicates per experiment has been described in the figures, legends, tables, main text or supplementary materials.
Randomization	Not relevant in this study. Samples were allocated as either wildtype/control group or chemical/genetic treatment group. Cell culture samples for every experiment were collected without a preconceived selection strategy. Embryos were also collected without a preconceived selection strategy or priority. All experiments were performed with appropriate controls. Controls are included in the individual figure panels.
Blinding	Blinding was not relevant for the experiments. However, our analytical pipeline for each experiment followed uniform criteria applied to all samples, allowing us to analyze our data in an unbiased manner.

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### Materials & experimental systems

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### Methods

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## Antibodies

Antibodies used

- Immunofluorescence experiments:

TRIM28 (ab22553; 1:200, Abcam)  
 OCT4 (ab19857; 1:200, Abcam)  
 NANOG (REC-RCAB002P-F; 1:400, CosmoBio)  
 KLF4 (AF3158; 1:200, R&D Systems)  
 SOX2 (ab79351; 1:200, Abcam)  
 GATA6 (AF1700; 1:200, R&D Systems)  
 GATA4 (sc-25310; 1:200, Santa Cruz)  
 SOX17 (AF1924; 1:200, R&D Systems)  
 SSEA-1 antibody (BioLegend 125609/125608; 1:1000)  
 IAP-GAG (MBS8566075; 1:100, MyBioSource)  
 MED1 (IF: Abcam ab64965 lot GR3326781-1)  
 MED23 (IF: Bethyl A300-425A lot no. 1)  
 Pol II-CTD (IF: Abcam ab817 lot GR3216482-4)  
 NRF1 (IF: Abcam ab55744 lot GR3334322-3)  
 NFYA (IF: Santa Cruz sc-17753 X lot F0916)  
 Goat anti-Rabbit-Alexa 488 (Thermo A11008 lot 2179202)  
 Goat anti-Mouse-Alexa 488 (Thermo A11001 lot 2189178)  
 Donkey anti-Rabbit-Alexa 488 (A21206, Invitrogen)  
 Donkey anti-Rabbit-Alexa647 (711-605-152, Jackson Immuno)  
 Donkey anti-Mouse-Alexa 488 (A21202, Invitrogen)  
 Donkey anti-Mouse-Alexa 647 (715-605-150, Jackson Immuno)  
 Donkey anti-Goat-Alexa 594 (A11058, Invitrogen)  
 Donkey anti-Goat-Alexa 647 (705-605-147, Jackson Immuno)

## -Western blotting experiments:

TRIM28 (ab22553; 1:500, Abcam)  
 ACTB (ab8226; 1:1000, Abcam)  
 OCT4 (ab19857; 1:500, Abcam)  
 OCT4 (sc-5279; 1:500, Santa Cruz)  
 HSP90 (BD610419; 1:4000, BD Biosciences)  
 SOX2 (ab79351; 1:500, Abcam)  
 HRP secondary (Jackson Immuno #115-035-174, 211-032-171)

## - FACS experiments:

SSEA-1 antibody (BioLegend 125609/125608; 1:1000)  
 PDGFRA (BioLegend 135923; 1:1000)

## -ChIP experiments:

Spike-in antibody (61686, Active Motif)  
 H3K9me3 (ab8898, Abcam)  
 H3K27ac (ab4729, Abcam)  
 Pol II-CTD (8WG16, BioLegend)  
 MED23 (A300-425A, Bethyl Lab)

## Validation

Antibodies used in immunofluorescence experiments were validated by comparing WT mESCs and mouse embryos. Antibody validation for IAP-GAG was performed with wild type 2C-8C stage mouse embryos.

All antibodies are validated by the provider and cited in numerous publications.

## -Western blotting experiments:

TRIM28 (ab22553; 1:500, Abcam) - mouse  
<https://www.abcam.com/kap1-antibody-20c1-ab22553.html>

ACTB (ab8226; 1:1000, Abcam) - mouse  
<https://www.abcam.com/beta-actin-antibody-mabcam-8226-loading-control-ab8226.html>

OCT4 (ab19857; 1:500, Abcam) - mouse  
<https://www.abcam.com/oct4-antibody-ab19857.html>

OCT4 (sc-5279; 1:500, Santa Cruz) - mouse  
<https://www.scbt.com/p/oct-3-4-antibody-c-10>

HSP90 (BD610419; 1:4000, BD Biosciences) - mouse  
<https://www.fishersci.com/shop/products/anti-hsp90-clone-68-bd-2/BDB610419>

SOX2 (ab79351; 1:500, Abcam) - mouse  
<https://www.abcam.com/sox2-antibody-9-9-3-ab79351.html>

## - FACS experiments:

SSEA-1 antibody (BioLegend 125609/125608; 1:1000) - mouse  
<https://www.biolegend.com/ja-jp/products/alexa-fluor-488-anti-mouse-human-cd15-ssea-1-antibody-4820>  
<https://www.biolegend.com/ja-jp/products/alexa-fluor-647-anti-mouse-human-cd15-ssea-1-antibody-4819>

PDGFRA (BioLegend 135923; 1:1000) - mouse  
<https://www.biolegend.com/ja-jp/products/brilliant-violet-421-anti-mouse-cd140a-antibody-17921>

## -ChIP experiments:

Spike-in antibody (61686, Active Motif)  
<https://www.activemotif.com/catalog/1091/chip-normalization>

H3K9me3 (ab8898, Abcam) - mouse  
<https://www.abcam.com/histone-h3-tri-methyl-k9-antibody-chip-grade-ab8898.html>

H3K27ac (ab4729, Abcam) - mouse  
<https://www.abcam.com/histone-h3-acetyl-k27-antibody-chip-grade-ab4729.html>

Pol II-CTD (8WG16, BioLegend) - mouse  
<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/punchout/search-results/purified-anti-rna-polymerase-ii-rpb1-antibody-11666>

MED23 (A300-425A, Bethyl Lab) - mouse  
<https://www.fortislife.com/products/primary-antibodies/rabbit-anti-crsp3-antibody/BETHYL-A300-423>

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- V6.5 mouse embryonic stem cells (mESCs), source: Konrad Hochedlinger lab</li> <li>- HEK293T, source: ATCC, Identifier: CRL-3216</li> <li>- Trim28-FKBP mESC, source: This paper (see Methods "Generation of the TRIM28-FKBP ESC line")</li> <li>- Trim28-FKBP mouse iPSC, source: This paper (see Methods "Generation of the TRIM28-FKBP iPSC line")</li> <li>- Trim28-FKBP mouse iPSC, inactivation of GFP (Nanog::GFP), source: This paper (see Methods "Inactivation of NANOG::GFP in the TRIM28-FKBP iPSC line")</li> <li>- Trim28-FKBP mESCs IAPEz knockdown, source: This paper (see Methods "Generation of shRNA knockdown mESC line for IAPEz and IAPEz/MMERVK10c/ /MMERVK9c/ MMETn")</li> <li>- Trim28-FKBP mESCs ERV knockdown, source: This paper (see Methods "Generation of shRNA knockdown mESC line for IAPEz and IAPEz/MMERVK10c/ /MMERVK9c/ MMETn")</li> <li>- Trim28-FKBP mESCs ERV-TKO, source: This paper (see Methods "Deletion of ERVs in the TRIM28-FKBP mESC line")</li> <li>- mESCs inducible ERVs, source: This paper (see Methods "Integration of PiggyBac transposon encoding Dox-inducible ERVs")</li> <li>- Trim28-FKBP mEpiSCs, source: This paper (see Methods "Differentiation of TRIM28-FKBP mESCs to EpiSCs (epiblast stem cells)")</li> <li>- Trim28-FKBP mNPCs, source: This paper (see Methods "Differentiation of TRIM28-FKBP mESCs to iXEN (induced extra-embryonic stem cells)", "Differentiation of TRIM28-FKBP mESCs to NPCs (neural progenitor cells)")</li> <li>- Trim28-FKBP iXEN, source: This paper (see Methods "Differentiation of TRIM28-FKBP mESCs to iXEN (induced extra-embryonic stem cells)")</li> </ul>
Authentication	The identity of HEK293T, parental V6.5 mESCs and iPSCs, and all cell lines derived from them has been validated using morphological characteristics, qPCRs, FACS, immunofluorescence, RNA-seq, and marker gene expression (where applicable), but have not been authenticated.
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines are negative for mycoplasma contamination and were regularly tested throughout the study.
Commonly misidentified lines (See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study.

## Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	Oocytes were isolated from B6D2F1 strain female mice (age 7 to 9 weeks, Envigo), sperm was isolated from B6/CAST F1 male mice (>2months of age) which were generated by breeding C57BL/6J strain female mice with CAST/EiJ strain males. Blastocysts were transferred into Hsd:ICR (CD-1) strain female mice of age 9-12 weeks (21-25g, Envigo) which had been mated with Vasectomized SW strain males of >1 age (Envigo). All mice were kept under SPF-conditions in individually ventilated cages at a temperature of 22 +/- 2 degree celcius and a humidity of 55% +/- 10% with a 12hr light/dark cycle (6am-6pm).
Wild animals	Wild animals were not involved in this study.
Field-collected samples	No samples were collected from the field.
Ethics oversight	All procedures follow strict animal welfare guidelines as approved by the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics (G0247/13-SGr1) and LAGeSO Berlin; Harvard University license numbers IACUC protocol (28-21).

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

## ChIP-seq

### Data deposition

- Confirm that both raw and final processed data have been deposited in a public database such as [GEO](#).
- Confirm that you have deposited or provided access to graph files (e.g. BED files) for the called peaks.

Data access links  
*May remain private before publication.* Datasets generated in this study have been deposited in the Gene Expression Omnibus under accession number GSE159468

## PROCESSED DATA FILES

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Genome browser session  
(e.g. [UCSC](#))

UCSC track hub: [http://ngs.molgen.mpg.de/ngsuploads/dept\\_meissner/Trim28\\_Submission.txt](http://ngs.molgen.mpg.de/ngsuploads/dept_meissner/Trim28_Submission.txt)

## Methodology

Replicates

ChIP-Seq experiments were performed with 2 replicates for RNAPII and MED23 and with 3 replicates for H3K27Ac and H3K9me3. PolyA, Total RNA-seq, and SLAM-TT-seq experiments were performed with 3 biological replicates.

Sequencing depth

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READS UNIQUELY ALIGNED MOUSE (mm10)

344164541 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 96585004 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 79503843 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep3  
 72703368 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 79715499 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 171498224 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep3  
 57983745 H3K9me3\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 111284700 H3K9me3\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 76982969 H3K9me3\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep3  
 102970188 H3K9me3\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 89778418 H3K9me3\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 114868841 H3K9me3\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep3  
 45427465 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 46429874 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 38190218 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep3  
 15313320 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 15313320 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 44597123 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep3  
 35279218 Pol2\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 39964121 Pol2\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 35342996 Pol2\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 14297274 Pol2\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 49903588 Med23\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 107669156 Med23\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 73871774 Med23\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 65622785 Med23\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 5610583 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_Pol2  
 2358339 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_Pol2  
 19483039 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_Med23  
 5433101 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_Med23

READS UNIQUELY ALIGNED DROSOPHILA (dm6)

44597123 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 11659503 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 11051087 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep3  
 9505642 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 10509582 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 22429630 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep3  
 10520245 H3K9me3\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 17902550 H3K9me3\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 13217409 H3K9me3\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep3  
 20398860 H3K9me3\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 20398860 H3K9me3\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 21341601 H3K9me3\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep3  
 11451871 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 11024536 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 9499176 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep3  
 4831231 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 9254723 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 13725562 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep3  
 16837010 Pol2\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 20002855 Pol2\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 18386451 Pol2\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 7731020 Pol2\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 1197237 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_Pol2  
 1197237 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_Pol2

Antibodies

RNAPII (8WG16; Biolegend)

Spike-in antibody (61686, Active Motif)

MED23 antibody (A300-425A; Bethyl Laboratories)

H3K27Ac (ab4729; Abcam)

H3K9me3 (ab8898; Abcam)



## Peak calling parameters

## MED23

Raw reads of treatment and input samples were subjected to adapter and quality trimming with cutadapt (version 2.4; parameters: --nextseq-trim 20 --overlap 5 --minimum-length 25 --adapter AGATCGGAAGAGC -A AGATCGGAAGAGC). Reads were aligned to the mouse genome (mm10) using bwa with the 'mem' command (version 0.7.17, default parameters). A sorted BAM file was obtained and indexed using samtools with the 'sort' and 'index' commands (version 1.10). Duplicate reads were identified and removed using gatk (version 4.1.4.1) with the 'MarkDuplicates' command and default parameters. Technical replicates of treatment and input samples were merged respectively using samtools 'merge'.

Peaks were called with reads aligning to the mouse genome using MACS2 'callpeak' (version 2.1.2; parameters --bdg --SPMR) using the input samples as control samples. Genome-wide coverage tracks for single and merged replicates normalized by library size were computed using bamCoverage (version: 3.4.3; parameters: --normalizeUsing CPM --extendReads).

## ALL OTHER

Raw reads of treatment and input samples were subjected to adapter and quality trimming with cutadapt (version 2.4; parameters: --nextseq-trim 20 --overlap 5 --minimum-length 25 --adapter AGATCGGAAGAGC -A AGATCGGAAGAGC). Reads were aligned separately to the mouse genome (mm10) and to the fly genome (D. Melanogaster, dm6) using bwa with the 'mem' command (version 0.7.17, default parameters). A sorted BAM file was obtained and indexed using samtools with the 'sort' and 'index' commands (version 1.10). Duplicate reads were identified and removed using gatk (version 4.1.4.1) with the 'MarkDuplicates' command and default parameters. Technical replicates of treatment and input samples were merged respectively using samtools 'merge'.

Peaks were called with reads aligning to the mouse genome only using MACS2 'callpeak' (version 2.1.2; parameters --bdg --SPMR) using the input samples as control samples. For H3K9me3 only, the '--broad' option was used. Genome-wide coverage tracks for single and merged replicates normalized by library size were computed using bamCoverage (version: 3.4.3; parameters: --normalizeUsing CPM --extendReads) and in addition normalized by the spike-in factor obtained from the reads aligning to the drosophila genome.

## Data quality

Quality of raw reads was assessed using FastQC. Reads were trimmed using cutadapt in order to remove low-quality bases and adapter content.

FRACTION ALIGNED TO MOUSE (mm10) - The fraction might deviate from the numbers noted above due to reads being excluded after the trimming process.

0.93 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 0.93 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 0.93 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep3  
 0.93 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 0.93 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 0.94 H3K27Ac\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep3  
 0.90 H3K9me3\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 0.91 H3K9me3\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 0.91 H3K9me3\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep3  
 0.89 H3K9me3\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 0.89 H3K9me3\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
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 0.89 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 0.89 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 0.89 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep3  
 0.91 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 0.90 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 0.84 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep3  
 0.75 Pol2\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 0.73 Pol2\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 0.73 Pol2\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 0.71 Pol2\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 0.99 Med23\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep1  
 0.99 Med23\_ESC\_DMSO\_rep2  
 0.99 Med23\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep1  
 0.99 Med23\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_rep2  
 0.91 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_Pol2  
 0.89 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_Pol2  
 0.99 input\_ESC\_DMSO\_Med23  
 0.98 input\_ESC\_dTAG\_24h\_Med23

## Software

cutadapt  
 bwa mem  
 samtools  
 gatk  
 MACS2  
 bamCoverage

## Plots

Confirm that:

- The axis labels state the marker and fluorochrome used (e.g. CD4-FITC).
- The axis scales are clearly visible. Include numbers along axes only for bottom left plot of group (a 'group' is an analysis of identical markers).
- All plots are contour plots with outliers or pseudocolor plots.
- A numerical value for number of cells or percentage (with statistics) is provided.

## Methodology

Sample preparation

Cells were blocked with 10% FCS for 15 minutes followed by incubation with primary antibody for one hour at 37 degree C. This was followed by two washes at room temperature for 10 minutes each and measured with the flow cytometer.

Instrument

BD FACS Celesta, BD FACS Aria II

Software

FACS Diva (BD Biosciences) for collection and FlowJo (v1.07) for analysis

Cell population abundance

For each sample, a population of at least 10,000-30,000 cells was obtained, and the overall cell population was calculated using forward and side-scatter patterns. The abundance of cells in a population is represented as the normalized mode.

Gating strategy

Gating for negative and positive population was determined with untreated or isotype controls.

- Tick this box to confirm that a figure exemplifying the gating strategy is provided in the Supplementary Information.