**A genome-wide relay of signalling-responsive enhancers drives hematopoietic specification** 

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# **Supplementary Information**

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### **1. Supplementary Figures**



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Overlap of plasmid libraries with ATAC-Seq Peaks

	<b>ATAC-Sea Peaks</b>		<b>pDONR</b>		pSKB	
	Promoter Distal		Promoter	Distal	Promoter	Distal
ES	14184	35358	98.4%	85.1%	98.0%	80.8%
HB	14449	32159	99.1%	96.8%	98.9%	92.9%
HE <sub>1</sub>	14070	34351	98.4%	97.4%	97.6%	89.5%
HE <sub>2</sub>	14259	34784	98.3%	96.8%	97.0%	84.4%
HP	14125	33878	99.2%	98.3%	97.6%	84.1%









**Supplementary Fig**. **1: Number of stage specific enhancer and promoter fragments scoring positive in the assay.** a,b) Sorting and analysis of cells with activated reporter construct, a) example of detection of enhancer activity as compared to the minimal promoter for ESCs and HB, b) representative sorting picture for all differentiation stages used for all FACS experiments and gating strategy for enhancer reporter library (right panel), c) Outline of the filtering pipeline, d) Overlap of the coverage of ATAC-Seq sites in the two plasmid libraries pDONR and pSKB for the different differentiation stages; e) total number of distal and promoter fragments scoring either positive or negative recovered in the assay, f) Number of distal and promoter ATAC-sites recovered in two replicates of the assay (for more details see Supplementary Notes). (g) Median number of enhancer positive fragments per ATAC site.





HE1 HF2 HP

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**Supplementary Fig. 2: Enhancer characteristics.** a) Example of a hypothetical ATAC site showing 4 possible outcomes for the specification of different types of open chromatin fragments and their correlation with the YFP signal. Fragments are labelled as scoring negative if they do not stimulate reporter gene activity, fragments are labelled as unknown if they are present in the original ATAC-Seq library but are neither present in the positive nor the negative fraction. b) Percentage of promoter ATAC sites containing at least one fragment scoring positive in our assay Source data are provided as a Source Data file. c) Number of distal fragments scoring positive in our assay overlapping with H3K27Ac marked chromatin

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sites (Data from Goode at el., 2016)<sup>1</sup>. d) Number of distal fragments scoring positive in our assay found in the VISTA database; e) size of positive and negative distal fragments detected in the assay. N=between 8,430 and 101,943 distal enhancer screen fragments (see Supplementary Fig. 1e for individual numbers) (line shows median value, boxes show the interquartile ranges and the whiskers indicate 1.5 x interquartile range, no outliers shown) Source data are provided as a Source Data file. f) overlap of distal fragments scoring positive in our assay with open chromatin sites in the hemogenic endothelium of mouse embryos (data from <sup>2</sup> ). g) Examples of individually validated enhancer elements from left to right. *Sparc* enhancer (Chr11:55405590-55406032), *Eif2b3* enhancer (Chr4: 117056629-117057073), *Hspg2* enhancer element (Chr4:137478251-137478690), *Pxn* enhancer element (Chr5:115530006-115530483). Data are presented as mean values +/-SD. Dots showing individual values for n=3 biologically independent experiments. Source data are provided as a Source Data file. Binary code represents if a DHS is present (1) or not present (0) in each cell type.



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Active distal fragments

Active promoter fragments

Clustering of Z-Score values

**Supplementary Fig. 3: Dynamics of TF binding motif enrichment in cell type specific accessible chromatin sites, enhancer and promoter elements.** a) Number of stage specific ATAC peaks and ATAC fragments with enhancer activity co-localizing with stage specific ATAC sites, b) TF binding motif enrichment analysis of distal and promoter fragments scoring positive in our assay (active) using the HOMER software<sup>3</sup>. c) TF binding motif enrichment analysis of enhancer fragments scoring positive in our assay (active) derived from ubiquitous and stage specific ATAC sites. Position-weight matrices used for this analysis can be found in Supplementary Table 1 in Supplementary Notes. d) Overview over the motif colocalization analysis (Fig. 3).



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Percentage of ATAC peaks from serum free culture overlapping with ATAC peaks from serum culture



**Supplementary Fig. 4: Identification of cytokine responsive enhancer elements.** a) Percentage of ATAC peaks from serum free differentiation culture overlapping with ATAC peaks from serum differentiation cultures (n=2). b) number of cytokine-responsive distal and promoter ATAC-peaks containing fragments scoring positive in our assay as compared to the total number of distal and promoter ATAC sites; c-e) Motif enrichment analysis of all distal ATAC peaks irrespective of enhancer activity in the presence and absence of the indicated cytokines, c) overview of motif enrichment strategy, d-e): TF binding motif enrichment in distal ATAC peaks that are increased (d) or decreased (e) in the presence of the indicated cytokines. Z-scores were calculated by rows. Position-weight matrices used for this analysis can be found in Supplementary Table 1 in Supplementary Notes.

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**Supplementary Fig. 5: VEGF suppresses blood progenitor development**. a) Representative FACS analysis of cKIT+ cells stained with antibodies against Tie2 and CD41 in the presence and absence of VEGF highlighting the percentage of HE1, HE2 and HP cells in the cultures. b) Proportion of HE1, HE2 and HP cells after VEGF was withdrawn at different times during differentiation culture from the beginning of blast culture onwards. Data are represented as mean values +/-SD. Dots showing individual values for n=3 biologically independent experiments. P-values were calculated using two-sided Student's t-test. Source data are provided as a Source Data file. c-e) Comparison of ATAC-Seq profiles of cells grown in medium with all cytokines (in duplicate) and where VEGF was omitted (-VEGF). The two-fold-difference in peak height was calculated for each peak for each condition using the average of the duplicates and all plots were centered to the peak summit. Peaks were then plotted according to the fold difference to highlight All cytokine and -VEGF specific peaks. The location of individual motifs in the open chromatin regions is plotted alongside. Right panels: Enriched binding motifs for the indicated TFs in the peaks specific for each condition. Motif enrichment analysis in the specific peak populations was performed with HOMER with all enriched motifs displayed passing P<0.01 threshold significance (P values calculated using a hypergeometric test in HOMER<sup>3</sup>. Position-weight matrices used for this analysis can be found in Supplementary Table 1 in Supplementary Notes.



**Supplementary Fig. 6: Single cell RNA-Seq analysis of hemogenic endothelium cultures with and without VEGF. a)** Marker gene distribution in the different clusters shown in Fig.7a. b,c) Expression levels of the indicated marker genes in ES-derived immature and mature cell populations from All Cytokine (b) and VEGF omission (c) cultures, demonstrating the purity of the clusters. d) Pseudotime trajectory analysis of cells derived from All Cytokine (d, +VEGF) and VEGF omission cultures (-VEGF) of the clusters depicted in Fig. 7b. e) Number of VEGF responsive genes linked to VEGF-responsive enhancer elements as measured by a 2-fold change in the ATAC-Seq signal. Expression was measured by using aggregated single cell expression values for the purified HE1 and HE2 populations using a threshold of 0.25 Log2 fold change as the currently accepted threshold for sc data.



**Supplementary Fig. 7. Interaction between TEAD4 and AP-1 factors at the** *Galnt1* **enhancer - AP-1 is required for TEAD4 binding and enhancer activity.** a) UCSC browser screenshot showing the binding of TEAD4 to the *Galnt1* enhancer with or without expression of a Doxycycline inducible dominant negative FOS (dnFOS) peptide. The *Galnt1* enhancer is highlighted with a grey bar. The *Ino80* gene is constitutively expressed and *Galnt1* was shown to be co-regulated with the presence and absence of a DHS at this enhancer<sup>4</sup>. dnFOS expression resulted in a greater than 2-fold decrease in peak height b) *Galnt1* mRNA

expression with and without dnFOS induction (merged duplicate microarray data<sup>20</sup>). Source data are provided as a Source Data file. c) Mean normalized (Seurat log normalized) *Galnt1* mRNA expression in the HE1 / HE2 populations as measured by scRNA-Seq and violin plots of *Galnt1* mRNA expression value for HE1, HE2 and HP populations cultured with and without VEGF (see below) from 6 clusters for n=2266 cells. Violin plot of expression value with black line representing the median, red dot the mean and black dots the spread of the data. d) Genome Browser screenshot depicting binding of the indicated transcription factors at the different developmental stages to the *Galnt1* enhancer. Note that this enhancer is bound by RUNX1 in the HP which binds to a site overlapping with the TEAD::AP-1 element. Data from Goode et al.  $5$  and Obier et al. $6$  e) Reporter gene activity driven by wild type and mutated *Galnt1* enhancer elements in the presence and absence of the VEGF measured as median fluorescence of all cells. The horizontal line represents the highest baseline measured in the presence of VEGF. Data are presented as mean values +/-SD. n=3 biologically independent experiments. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

## **2. Supplementary Notes**





## **Supplementary Notes Table 2: Primers used to add Gateway ® linkers to ATAC-Seq material**



### **Supplementary Notes Table 3: Synthesised enhancer sequences**



## **Supplementary Notes Table 4: PCR primers used for amplifying target enhancers from the**

## **mouse genome and adding Gateway ® sites**





#### **Supplemental Discussion of the Methodology**

Our high-throughput genome-wide enhancer screening method enables the integration of sequences harbouring open chromatin regions into a safe harbour site, allows tracking of enhancer activities in a differentiating population of cells and to study how enhancer activities change as the cells differentiate and respond to signals. Previous methods using open chromatin region-based libraries did not use single integration sites and only studied one cell type<sup>7</sup>. A paper using of the integration system we employed studied only limited genomic regions<sup>8</sup>. We do however acknowledge certain limitations of the method.

By integrating the reporter cassette into the HPRT locus we ensure that the reporter is in open chromatin throughout differentiation, however, this does of course not recapitulate the topology of the endogenous locus for a particular enhancer. It should be noted, however, that this same limitation applies to most other high throughput enhancer screening approaches including the widely used STARR-Seq techniques<sup>9</sup>. To overcome this limitation, we filter all reporter fragments by the chromatin status of their endogenous locus. We have recovered multiple cis-regulatory elements in our screen which have been studied by gene targeting of endogenous loci by other groups. These include the Tal1 -40kb enhancer<sup>10</sup>, the +9.5 Gata2 enhancer<sup>11</sup>, the -14kb PU.1 enhancer<sup>12</sup>, numerous elements of the Sox2 "super enhancer $^{\prime\prime}$ <sup>13</sup> and multiple enhancers from the ES cell stage identified by CRISPR screen<sup>14</sup>. However, note that (i) we were able to recover individual elements and validate their predicted activity, (ii) use such elements to identify the transcription factors contributing to their activity, (iii) identify which elements are developmentally regulated and (iv) which ones respond to signalling. Our resource provides ample data to validate other important cisregulatory elements by mutagenesis and genomic editing.

Another limitation shared with techniques such as STARR-Seq is the proximity of the fragments being tested for enhancer activity to the minimal promoter. Within chromatin, Zuin, et al.<sup>15</sup> have shown that proximity to a promoter has a significant effect on the level of enhancer activity. However, their research looks at enhancer proximity on a kilobase level, far beyond what is possible within reporter assays such as ours or STARR-Seq. We identify elements with the potential to stimulate transcription but cannot measure quantitative contribution of a single element within a single locus. This can only be done by genomic editing. But now we know where to edit.

By performing large transfection and cell culture experiments (500  $\times$  10<sup>6</sup> cells per replicate) and using CRISPR/Cas9 to increase integration efficiency we achieve coverage of up to at least 50% of distal open chromatin regions and even more promoter regions as compared to what we find in the original library. However, the integration efficiency of the reporter cassette into the HPRT locus is still a limiting factor of the overall method and the reason large-scale transfections are required. We believe, however, that the advantages of being able to integrate a reporter and monitor enhancer activation throughout differentiation outweighs the technical challenges in performing the experiments.

Finally, we are also aware of the potential issues around using ATAC fragments as an input to the screen. Due to the nature of TN5 cutting at open chromatin the cloned fragments will mostly be sub fragments of an entire putative enhancer. This may mean that in some cases we miss enhancers either because a fragment is not long enough to cover the required transcription factor motifs for the enhancer to be active or because the fragment does not cover the correct part of the open chromatin site. However, we can mitigate some of these problems by introducing a size selection step. In addition, the data have the nevertheless the potential to be used to dissect activity in individual enhancers by studying the negative and positive fragment sequences. Note that the popular ATAC-STARR-Seq method also makes use of similar input material<sup>16</sup> with potential similar issues.

**Supplementary Notes Figures and Figure Legends**The model depicted in Figure 8 displays the core signalling and transcription factor network regulating the balance between endothelial and hemogenic fate much of which is based on what is known from the literature in terms of functional requirements for the different factors, including our own data. The following figures represent a summary of the data which we have published before to demonstrate the direct involvement of the different factors in regulating the expression of the genes encoding these factors. In Supplemental Figures 1 - 3 we have pooled ChIP, chromatin and enhancer profile data for the most important genes (*Notch1, Sox17, Runx1* and *Dlk1)* based on the data from Goode et al., 2016<sup>5</sup> and Obier et al, 2016<sup>6</sup> and this study. These summaries show in fine detail the developmental regulation of the different genes and the relay of transcription factors binding to them during ES cell differentiation in serum forming the basis of the network.

**Figure legend for Supplementary Notes Figure 1 - 3:** UCSC browser screenshot of the indicated genes with the top panel showing the major transcripts. The position of ATAC-Seq fragments overlapping with promoters and enhancers scoring positive in our assay is indicated by small vertical bars for the five indicated differentiation stages. ChIP data for HB, HE and HP stages are shown below with a different colour code for each stage. Developmental-stage specific cis-elements are highlighted by boxes or grey bars. Figure S1 also shows the annotation of previously characterized elements described in Nottingham et al., 2007<sup>17</sup>. The binding TEAD and AP-1 (JUN, FOS) is indicated by a horizontal box. The proximal promoter is indicated by a box to the left of enhancer 1.



**Supplementary Notes Figure 1: Enhancer activity, chromatin structure and developmentally regulated transcription factor binding at the** *Runx1* **locu**s.



**Supplementary Notes Figure 2: Enhancer activity, chromatin structure and developmentally regulated transcription factor binding at the** *Sox17* **locus.**



**Supplementary Notes Figure 3: Enhancer activity, chromatin structure and developmentally regulated transcription facto binding at the** *Notch1* **locus.**



**Supplementary Notes Figure 4: The S***parc* **enhancer is VEGF responsive.** a) Activity of the *Sparc* enhancer element highlighted in b) in the presence and absence of VEGF at the different developmental stages. Data are presented as mean values +/-SD. Dots showing individual values for n=3 biologically independent experiments. P values calculated using two-sided Student's t-test. b) Presence of absence of the ATAC-Seq site marking the indicated enhancer region at the different developmental stages and cytokine conditions.



**Supplementary Notes Figure 5: The** *Pxn* **enhancer is VEGF responsive.** a) Activity of the *Pxn*  enhancer element highlighted in b) in the presence and absence of VEGF at the different developmental stages. Data are presented as mean values +/-SD. Dots showing individual values for n=3 biologically independent experiments. P values calculated using two-sided Student's t-test. b) Presence of absence of the ATAC-Seq site marking the indicated enhancer region at the different developmental stages and cytokine conditions.



**Supplementary Notes Figure 6: The** *Hspg2* **enhancer is VEGF responsive.** a) Activity of the *Hspg2* enhancer element highlighted in b) in the presence and absence of VEGF at the different developmental stages. Data are presented as mean values +/-SD. Dots showing individual values for n=3 biologically independent experiments. P values calculated using twosided Student's t-test. b) Presence of absence of the ATAC-Seq site marking the indicated enhancer region at the different developmental stages and cytokine conditions.

**a)**

# +23 kb *RUNX1* enhancer (2)

### CAGCAAGGAGCGATGGAGGGATGGTGTGAGGAGG**AGACAGGAAGG**GAGGCGGTGACACAGGCCTTCAC

#### **GATA RUNX**

AGGGCCGCTGCAGCTAGGAACTGCTGCAAAAGCAAGCTGCCCAC**GTTATCA**GTGGCGCGCAGGCC**TGCGGTTT**TCTCGC

**GCC** 

TAL1 **TEAD**

TCTTGCAACCCGGCTTCAACTGCCGGTTTATTTTTCGACAAACAGGATGCC**TCCATCTGAG**GCTGTCA**GCAT**C**CCAGG**C

G AA

TCTTTGAGAAGAAAAGAGGTAGTGAGGGCCCCACCCTAGAGCCCAGCCGGGAGGGGTGGGTGAGAGGTCCTGTTTCTAG

E-box (TCF3)

ATGCTTCCCAGAGAAGTGAGAACCTA**GCAGGTG**CAGTGGCCAGGGTTCAGGAGCGTGTCAGGAA

*RUNX1* +3.7 Enhancer (3)

**b)**

chr16:92822182-92822601

 RBPJ TAL1------ AGTTCCTGGGAGTCTCAGTCGAGTCTTATCGTCTTGCTTAGGCAGACTAA**GTGGGAA**C**CTG**GTGTGGG  $---TRAD--$ --GATA RUNX1----RUNX1 GC**GATAGA**GGGGGAAAGGAGCTCCC**TGTGGTAGACCACATTCTTT**TTGCGTGCCAGTGTCTCAGATGC  $SOX17$ TGGCCCGACTCTCACGAGAAAG**GGAACAATGG**CTTGCTTGGTTCCCCATCTCTGTTTTCTCCCGTTTC games and the contract of the CACAGTGGTATCAGGCTGAAAGTGAGTTACAGGTTTCCTCCTGCGAGGATTGCTGGGAC**TGATAAAG**T TEAD ACCATCCCAGGAGGAAAACAAGATGCTG**AAATTACAGG**CAGAAGCAGCCACCAGTGAGGAGCCCTAGG G A AGTGGCAGGCTGTGGTGTGGGGGGCCAGGA

**Supplementary Notes Figure 7: Wild type** *RUNX1* **enhancer sequences and mutant elements.** Sequence of the +23 kb enhancer (a) and the +3.7 kb enhancer (b) with indicated

binding motifs. The position and nature of mutations in the +23 element are depicted under the motif.



**b)**

# *DLK1* Enhancer 1



# **Supplementary Notes Figure 8: Chromatin alterations at the** *Dlk1* **locus indicate the position of VEGF responsive enhancer elements.**

a) UCSC browser screenshot of the *Dlk1* locus with the top panel showing the major transcripts. The position of ATAC-Seq fragments overlapping with distal enhancer elements is indicated by small vertical bars for the five indicated differentiation stages. VEGF responsive enhancer elements are highlighted with a grey shade. b) Sequence of enhancer 1 with indicated binding motifs.

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