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Fig. S1. Crossing Schemes to Generate Genotypes for Figure 1.

Crossing schemes used to generate the eight genotypes assayed in Figure 1B. Maternal and paternal genotypes are depicted above the boxes containing experimental genotypes. Experimental genotypes are indicated in both full and abbreviated forms.

$$\begin{array}{l}
\mathbf{Q} \xrightarrow{H3.3B^{K36R}, H3.3B^{0}, \text{ or } +}; \xrightarrow{H3.3A^{2\times 1.} a}{CyO, twiGFP} \times \mathbf{V} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{A}} \underbrace{\mathbf{A}}_{3.3B^{K36R}, H3.3B^{0}, \text{ or } +}; \underbrace{Df(2L)Bsc110}_{CyO, twiGFP}\\
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
H3.3A^{null} = \frac{+}{+}; \frac{H3.3A^{2\times 1.}}{Df(2L)BSC110}\\
H3.3K^{36R} = \frac{H3.3B^{K36R}}{H3.3B^{0}}; \frac{H3.3A^{2\times 1.}}{Df(2L)BSC110}\\
H3.3\Delta = \frac{H3.3B^{0}}{H3.3B^{0}}; \frac{H3.3A^{2\times 1.}}{Df(2L)BSC110}\\
\end{array}$$

Fig. S2. Crossing Schemes to Generate Genotypes for Figure 2.

Crossing schemes used to generate 3 genotypes assayed in Figure 2A. Annotated as in Fig. S1. Note to obtain an $H3.3A^{null}$ status for all, a deficiency (Df(2L)BSC110) was employed in trans to a null allele of H3.3A. Larvae were selected by GFP negative status.



Fig. S3. Crossing Schemes to Generate Genotypes for Figures 2, 3, and S5. Crossing schemes used to generate 4 genotypes assayed in Figures 2, 3, and S5. Annotated as in Fig. S1. (A) Crosses pertaining to $H3.3^{K26R}$ mutant and control. Note that the HisC locus is wild type. Experimental progeny were Cy and GFP negative. (B) Crosses pertaining to $H3.2^{K26R}$ mutant and control. Note that both If and CyO offspring were scored.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} Q & \frac{+}{+} & ; \frac{His\Delta, \ twiGal4}{CyO} & X & \swarrow & \frac{+}{+} & ; \frac{His\Delta, \ UAS:2xYFP}{CyO} & ; \frac{12xH3.2^{HWT}, \ 12xH3.2^{K36R}, \ or \ 12xH3.2^{K27R}}{12xH3.2^{HWT}, \ TM6B} & , \ or \ 12xH3.2^{K27R} \end{array}$$

$$H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{HWT} = \frac{+}{+}; \frac{His\Delta, twiGal4}{His\Delta, UAS:2xYFP}; \frac{12xH3.2^{HWT}}{+}$$

$$H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{K36R} = \frac{+}{+}; \frac{His\Delta, twiGal4}{His\Delta, UAS:2xYFP}; \frac{12xH3.2^{K36R}}{+}$$

$$H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{K27R} = \frac{+}{+}; \frac{His\Delta, twiGal4}{His\Delta, UAS:2xYFP}; \frac{12xH3.2^{K27R}}{+}$$

Fig. S4. Crossing Schemes to Generate Genotypes for Figures 4-7.

Crossing schemes used to generate 3 genotypes assayed in Figure 1B. Annotated as in Fig. S1. Note where applicable that to obtain an $H3.3A^{null}$ status, the $H3.3A^{2x1}$ allele is homozygous. All animals are in a $His\Delta$ plus 12x histone replacement transgenic background. Larvae were selected by YFP positive status.





Fig. S5. Ectopic expression of $H3.2^{K36R}$ Enhances Pc Transformations in Adults. Either $H3.2^{K36R}$ and control histone genotypes were combined with a heterozygous Pc³ mutation and scored for four characteristic PcG homeotic transformations. For full genetic scheme, see Fig. S2. T2-T1 (leg 2 to leg 1), T3-T1 (leg 3 to leg 4), A4-A5 (abdominal segment 4 to abdominal segment 5), and W-H (wing to haltere) transformations were scored for each genotype. Notably, for the $H3.2^{K36R}$ analyses, the HisC locus was heterozygous to allow animals to reach adulthood, producing a ratio of H3.2^{WT} to H3.2^{K36R} genes of ~10:1 (endogenous HisC locus contains ~110 genes). (A) To the left, a summary of the genetic scheme for the $H3.2^{K36R}$ and Pc^3 genetic interaction experiment, created using BioRender.com. To the right, % Transformed for 4 homeotic transformations is plotted for each genotype. N value for number of flies scored for the $H3.2^{K36R}$ genotype (n=55) and for the control (n=62). Note, for T2-T1 and T3-T1, each appendage was scored separately, effectively doubling the n value for these transformations. GraphPad Prism was used to calculate a χ^2 value for each transformation. Significance is abbreviated as: *=p<0.05, **=p<0.01, ***=p<0.001, ****=p<0.0001. (B) Image of a typical T2-T1 transformation for each genotype collected by scanning electron microscopy at 250x magnification.



Fig. S6. Bioinformatic Workflow for CUT&RUN Analysis.

CUT&RUN data were processed as in https://github.com/mckaylabunc/cutNrun-pipeline with minor modifications. Briefly, QC was performed with FastQC (fastqc/0.11.7) (114) and FastQ Screen (v0.11.1) (115). Reads were aligned with Bowtie2 (v2.3.4.1) (116) to the DM6 reference genome. SAMtools (v1.10) was used to remove duplicate reads and sort BAM files (117). BAM files were converted to BED files using BEDTools (v2.26) (113). These BED files were separated by fragment length (20-120bp, short fragments; 150-700bp, long fragments) and converted to separate fragment size binned BAM files. Bedgraphs were generated using BEDTools (v2.26) (113) and wigToBigWig (118) was used to convert BED files to bigWigs. BigWig files were RPGC (reads per genome coverage) normalized, and further transformed by z-normalization. Peak calling was performed using MACS2 (v2.1.2) (119) normalizing against an IgG control file.

Differential peak analysis was performed using featureCounts (110) and DESeq2 (v1.34.0) (111). Details for generating intervals for each differential analysis (broad domains-Fig 4B, concatenated short fragment peaks from supernatant-Fig S11, short fragment peaks with Pho binding- Figs. 5C&S10B) can be found in Fig. S8. All genotypes were included to build each DESeq2 model. After models were created, differential analysis was performed between specified genotype comparisons of interest. For broad domains (Fig. 4B), pellet reads of all fragment sizes were used for DESeq2 analysis. For PRE based analyses in Fig 5C, S10B, and S11, only short fragment (20-120bp) pellet reads were analyzed with DESeq2.

All heatmaps and metaplots were generated from pooled bigWigs for each genotype using the deepTools (v3.2.0) package (112) and the reference-point option, rather than scale-region. Details for reference-point selection can be found in Fig. S8. Details for which files and parameters were used to produce heatmaps and metaplots can be found in the *Bioinformatic Analyses* section of Materials and Methods. This figure was created using BioRender.com.



Fig. S7. Spearman Correlations for CUT&RUN Replicates

The deepTools (v3.5.1) package (112), was used to calculate Spearman correlations between bigWig files from CUT&RUN replicates. (A) Supernatant fraction (B) Pellet fraction. Spearman correlations between replicates from the same genotype are higher from within the pellet fraction.

DESeq2 Interval Selection





Fig. S8. Interval Selection for Bioinformatic Analyses.

BEDtools (v.2.3.0) (109) was used for intersecting and concatenating intervals from BED files generated from 1) Flybase Coordinate Converter Tool 2) MACS2 (119). (A) For DESeq2 analysis of broad domains (Fig. 4B), broad peaks output by MACS2 for each genotype were concatenated with Bedtoolsr (2.30.0-4) (120). Concatenated peaks were merged within 10kb to produce the broad domains used for the final analysis. (B) For narrow peak summit intervals in PRE analysis, short fragment supernatant narrow peak summits were extended +150bp. A master list concatenated from all four genotypes was further reduced by merging overlapping intervals, and used for the DESeq2 in analysis in Fig S11. For DESeq2 analyses of putative PRE regions with Pho binding capability, this list was intersected with Pho binding sites, and intervals overlapping Pho were analyzed in Fig 5C and S10B. (C) For heatmaps and metaplots in Fig4D-E, Pho binding regions from Brown and Kassis 2018 (59) were merged within 3kb with BEDTools (v.2.3.0). K27me3 MACS2 narrow peak summits + 150bp intervals from each control genotype that intersected these merged Pho intervals was compiled with BEDTools (v.2.3.0). Lists for both controls were intersected with BEDTools to generate a final list of "robust putative PREs" used for analysis in Fig. 4D. (D) For Figs. 5B & S10A metaplots, a master list of intervals from MACS2 narrow peak summits + 150bp for H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{HWT}, H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{K36R}, $H3.3A^{null}H3.2^{HWT}$, and $H3.3^{K36R}H3.2^{HWT}$ genotypes was concatenated. Overlapping intervals were merged. Merged intervals overlapping the "robust PREs" were used for subsequent metaplots. (E) For Figs. 5E-F, all unmerged Pho binding intervals (59) were sorted into 2 bed files by K27me3 status using the K27me3 broad domain peak annotation used for Fig. 4B with BEDTools (v.2.3.0). The Y chromosome was excluded for all analyses utilizing Pho binding data. This figure was created using BioRender.com.





Analyses from Fig. 4E&5B were repeated with z-score normalized bigWigs from individual replicates alongside pooled bigWigs to assess the degree of variability between samples within the same genotype. (A) For broad domain analysis of large fragments, there is little variability between replicates, and pooled replicates overlay cleanly with the majority of individual replicates if one replicate is slightly lower. (B) Signal from short fragment pellet reads is generally more variable between replicates making precise quantification difficult.



Fig. S10. H3K27me3 directed cleavage is unaltered at PREs in $H3.2^{K36R}$ mutants. (A) Metaplots of K27me3 directed CUT&RUN signal + 500bp around peak summits called from all 4 genotypes that overlap robust PREs intervals identified in Figure 4 (n=426), see Fig. S8 for details. Separate plots were generated for long and short fragments. The $H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{K36R}$ mutant is plotted alongside the $H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{HWT}$ control. (B) DESeq2 analysis for peak summit intervals identified from all 4 genotypes overlapping Kassis Pho binding sites genome-wide (n=985) for the $H3.3^{K36R}H3.2^{HWT}$ mutant vs. control, annotated as in Fig 5B.



Fig. S11. Differential Peak Analysis of All H3K27me3 Subnucleosomal Fragment Sized Peaks. DESeq2 differential analysis of all H3K27me3 short fragment peak summit intervals, irrespective of Pho status (n=4341). An M/A plot of these intervals for 1) $H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{K36R}$ mutant vs. $H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{HWT}$ control and 2) $H3.3^{K36R}H3.2^{HWT}$ mutant vs. $H3.3A^{null}H3.2^{HWT}$ control is shown (details in Fig. S8). Points with an adjusted p-value > 0.05 and a Log₂ fold change (Log₂FC) > |1| are colored (red = downregulated, blue = upregulated).



Fig. S12. Images Used for Staging Embryos in Figure 3.

(A) Stage 16 embryos of H3K36R mutant genotypes and controls were fixed and stained with anti-AbdB antibodies. Embryos were stained with anti-GFP antibodies to detect YFP for staging and genotype selection. For each embryo, a single slice from the anti-GFP channel was used for staging the embryos in Figure 3A. Scale bar = 50μ m. (B) Same as in A, except staging for embryos stained with anti-Ubx instead of anti-AbdB, and from the embryos depicted in Figure 3B.



Fig. S13. Classification of AbdB derepression phenotypes in Stage 16 embryos. (A) Stage 16 embryos were stained for AbdB, and maximum intensity Z-projections through the VNC were created and inspected for derepressed cells (see Fig.7 and methods for details). A horizontally stacked bar graph indicates percentages of each genotype falling into each category of phenotypic severity. For each genotype an n (left of graph) indicates the number of stage 16 embryos subjected to detailed image analysis . (B) Example images of stage 16 embryos falling into each category examined in A.



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Fig. S15._Embryos with Combined Mutation of $H3.3^{K36R}$ and $H3.2^{K36R}$ Exhibit Moderate Synergistic Derepression of ANTP. Stage 16 embryos of H3K36R mutant genotypes and controls were fixed and stained with anti-ANTP antibodies. Embryos were stained with anti-GFP antibodies to detect YFP for staging and genotype selection. Scale bar = 50μ m. (A) Representative Anti-ANTP staining for 5 genotypes. Brackets indicate the expected boundary of ANTP expression in wild type embryos. Filled arrows highlight individual cells exhibiting anterior derepression of ANTP. Black arrows indicate derepressed cells. Overall, individual H3.2 and H3.3 mutants closely resemble $H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{HWT}$ negative controls, while $H3.3^{K36R}H3.2^{K36R}$ were generally intermediate between $H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{HWT}$ and $H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{K27R}$ controls. (B) Single slice from anti-GFP channel staining YFP for same embryos in A depicting staging.

Nomenclature	Genotype
For Figure 1A	
Н₩Т/Н₩Т	<u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> ; <u>12xH3.2^{HWT}</u> HisΔ, UAS:YFP 12xH3.2 ^{HWT}
HWT/K36R	<u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> , <u>12xH3.2^{HWT}</u> HisΔ, UAS:YFP 12xH3.2 ^{K3GR}
K36R/HWT	<u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> ; <u>12xH3.2^{K36R}</u> HisΔ, UAS:YFP 12xH3.2 ^{HWT}
K36R/K27R	<u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> , <u>12xH3.2^{K36R}</u> HisΔ, UAS:YFP 12xH3.2 ^{K27R}
K36R/K9R	<u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> , <u>12xH3.2^{K36R}</u> HisΔ, UAS:YFP 12xH3.2 ^{K9R}
K27R/K36R	<u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> , <u>12xH3.2^{K27R}</u> HisΔ, UAS:YFP 12xH3.2 ^{K3GR}
K27R/HWT	<u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> , <u>12xH3.2^{K36R}</u> HisΔ, UAS:YFP 12xH3.2 ^{HWT}
K9R/HWT	<u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> ; <u>12xH3.2^{K9R}</u> HisΔ, UAS:YFP 12xH3.2 ^{HWT}
For Figures 1B, and 4-7	
H3.3A ^{null}	$\frac{+}{+}$; $\frac{H3.3A^{2\times 1}}{Df(2L)Bsc110}$; $\frac{+}{+}$
H3.3 ^{K36R}	$\frac{H3.3B^{K36R}}{H3.3B^{K36R}}; \frac{H3.3A^{2\times 1}}{Df(2L)Bsc110}; \frac{+}{+}$
Н3.3∆	$\frac{H3.3B^{0}}{H3.3B^{0}}; \frac{H3.3A^{2\times 1}}{Df(2L)Bsc110}; \frac{+}{+}$
H3.3 ^{wT} H3.2 ^{HWT}	<u>+</u> ; <u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> ; <u>12xH3.2^{HWT}</u> + ' HisΔ, UAS:YFP ' +
H3.3 ^{wt} H3.2 ^{k36R}	<u>+</u> ; <u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> ; <u>12xH3.2^{K36R}</u> + HisΔ, UAS:YFP +
H3.3 ^{null} H3.2 ^{HWT}	$\frac{+}{+}, \frac{H3.3A^{2x1}, His\Delta, twiGal4}{H3.3A^{2x1}, His\Delta, UAS:YFP}, \frac{12xH3.2^{HWT}}{+}$
H3.3 ^{K36R} H3.2 ^{HWT}	$\frac{H3.3B^{K36R}}{H3.3B^{K36R}} \stackrel{\cdot}{,} \frac{H3.3A^{2x1}, His\Delta, twiGal4}{H3.3B^{K36R}} \stackrel{\cdot}{,} \frac{12xH3.2^{HWT}}{H3.3A^{2x1}, His\Delta, UAS:YFP} \stackrel{\cdot}{,} +$
H3.3 ^{K36R} H3.2 ^{K36R}	$\frac{H3.3B^{K36R}}{H3.3B^{K36R}}; \frac{H3.3A^{2x1}, His\Delta, twiGal4}{H3.3B^{K36R}}; \frac{12xH3.2^{K36R}}{H3.3A^{2x1}, His\Delta, UAS:YFP}; +$
H3.3 ^{WT} H3.2 ^{K27R}	+ ; <u>HisΔ, twiGal4</u> ; <u>12xH3.2^{K27R}</u> + ; HisΔ, UAS:YFP +

Table S1. Shorthand nomenclature for genotypes used in this study.

A key is provided here for easy reference. The left column indicates the shorthand genotype used in the text and figures. The right column lists the full genotype with all relevant alleles and transgenes.

Table S2. DESeq2 Output for K27me3 CUT&RUN for Broad Domains. DESeq2 output accompanying Fig. 4B. Differential peak analysis by DESeq2 on broad H3K27me3 domains (details in Fig.S8) using all-fragment BAM files from the pellet fraction. Separate columns comparing H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{K36R} vs. H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{HWT} control and H3.3^{K36R}H3.2^{HWT} vs. H3.3A^{null}H3.2^{HWT} are included.

Table S3. DESeq2 Output for K27me3 CUT&RUN for Short Fragment Peak

Intervals Overlapping Pho. DESeq2 output accompanying Fig. 5C and S10B. Differential peak analysis by DESeq2 on short fragment peak intervals from H3K27me3 domains CUT&RUN that overlap Pho binding sites (details in Fig.S8) using small fragment BAM files from the pellet fraction. Separate columns comparing H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{K36R} vs. H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{HWT} control and H3.3^{K36R}H3.2^{HWT} vs. H3.3A^{null}H3.2^{HWT} are included.

Table S4. DESeq2 Output for All K27me3 CUT&RUN for Short Fragment Peak

Intervals. DESeq2 output accompanying Fig. S11. Differential peak analysis by DESeq2 on short fragment peak intervals from H3K27me3 domains CUT&RUN (details in Fig.S8) using small fragment BAM files from the pellet fraction. Separate columns comparing H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{K36R} vs. H3.3^{WT}H3.2^{HWT} control and H3.3^{K36R}H3.2^{HWT} vs. H3.3A^{null}H3.2^{HWT} are included.

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