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“Le doute n'est pas une état bien agréable, mais l'assurance est un état ridicule.”

“Doubt is an unpleasant condition, but certainty is absurd.”

- Voltaire

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

3D	Three dimensional
ac	acetyl
ACC	Acetyl coenzyme A carboxylase
Antp	Antennapedia
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate
BCL11B	B-cell leukemia 11A
BHC80	BRAF histone deacetylase complex 80
BRAF35	BRCA2 (Breast cancer type 2 susceptibility protein) associated factor 35
C-	Carboxy-
Cas9	CRISPR-associated endonuclease 9
CDK1	Cyclin-dependent kinase 1
CDK2AP1	Cyclin-dependent kinase 2 associated protein 1
cDNA	coding DNA
CENPB	Centromere protein B
CHD	Chromodomain-helicase-DNA-binding protein
CHES-1	Checkpoint suppressor 1
ChIP	Chromatin immunoprecipitation
ChIP-seq	ChIP sequencing
CoREST	Co-repressor of RE1 silencing transcription factor
CRISPR	Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats
CROT	Carnitine O-octanoyltransferase
CtBP	C-terminal-binding protein
CZ	Cortical zone
d	Drosophila-
D-mef2	Drosophila Myocyte-specific enhancer factor 2
dCas9	'Dead' Cas9 (inactive mutant)
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DOC1	Deleted in oral cancer 1
ds	Double stranded
dsRNA	Double stranded RNA
E-box	Enhancer box
e.g.	Exempli gratia (for example)
E2F2	E2-promoter binding factor 2
ebd1	Earthbound 1
EBF	Early B-cell factor
Echs1	Enoyl coenzyme A hydratase 1
EGFP	Enhanced green fluorescent protein

ELM2	Egl-27 and MTA1 homology 2 domain
et al.	Et alii (and others)
etc.	Et cetera (and so forth)
fa2h	Fatty acid 2 hydroxylase
FOG	Friend of GATA
G1	Gap 1 phase
G2	Gap 2 phase
G9a	Gene 9a in class III region of human major histocompatibility complex
GAGA	(GA) _n motif
GATA	(T/A)GATA(A/G) motif
GATAD2A/B	GATA zinc finger domain-containing 2A/B
Gcm	Glial cells missing
GFP	Green fluorescent protein
GO	Gene Ontology
GST	Glutathione S-transferase
H2A	Histone 2A
H2B	Histone 2B
H3	Histone 3
H4	Histone 4
HA	Hemagglutinin
HDAC	Histone deacetylase
Hh	Hedgehog
hhF4f	Hedgehog enhancer fragment 4f
i.e.	Id est (that is)
ibid.	Ibidem (in the same place)
IP	Immunoprecipitation
JAK	Janus kinase
kDa	Kilodaltons
L(3)mbt	Lethal (3) malignant brain tumor
L2	Second larval instar
L3	Third larval instar
LDB	LIM (Lin-11, Isl-1 and Mec-3) domain-binding protein
LINT	L(3)mbt interacting
Lint-1	L(3)mbt interacting protein 1
LMO2	LIM (Lin-11, Isl-1 and Mec-3) domain only 2
LSD1	Lysin-specific demethylase 1
Luc	Luciferase
Lz	Lozenge
M	Mitosis
MBD	Methyl-CpG-binding domain

MBT	Malignant brain tumor
Mcad	Medium-chain specific acyl coenzyme A dehydrogenase
mCherry	Monomeric Cherry
me	methyl
Mec	MEP-1 complex
MeCP2	Methyl-CpG-binding protein 2
MEP-1	MOG (Masculinization of the germ line) interacting and ectopic P-granules
Mi-2	Mitchell 2
mRNA	Messenger RNA
MSN-C	Misshapen-mCherry
MTA	Metastasis-associated protein
MZ	Medullary zone
N-	Amino-
NuRD	Nucleosome remodeling and deacetylation
OAZ	Olf/EBF-associated zinc finger factor
Olf	Olfactory neuronal transcription factor
p55	Chromatin assembly factor 1 subunit of 55 kDa
p66	Transcriptional repressor of 66 kDa
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PHD	Plant homeodomain
PI	Propidium iodide
Pnr	Pannier
pRB	Retinoblastoma protein
PSC	Posterior signaling center
RBAP	Retinoblastoma-associated protein
RE1	Neuron-restrictive silencer element 1
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RNA-seq	RNA sequencing
RNAi	RNA interference
ROS	Reactive oxygen species
RPD3	Reduced potassium dependency 3
RT-qPCR	Reverse transcriptase quantitative PCR
RUNX	Runt-related transcription factor
S2	Schneider 2
Sall4	Spalt-like 4
SANT	Swi3, ADA2, N-Cor and TFIIIB domain
Sf9	Spodoptera frugiperda cell line clone 9
SFMBT1	Scm (Sex combs on midleg) related gene containing four MBT domains
SIRT1	Silent mating type information regulation 2 homolog 1

SLC	SFMBT, LSD1 and CoREST complex
Srp	Serpent
SSNC	Second site non-complementation
STAT	Signal transducer and activator of transcription
SWI/SNF	Switching defective/Sucrose non-fermenting
TSS	Transcription start site
Ttk88	Tramtrack 88
Ush	U-shaped
Zeb2	Zinc finger E-box binding homeobox 2
ZFP	Zinc finger protein
Zn	Zinc
ZNF	Zinc finger protein

Abbreviations of amino acids and nucleotides follow the standard single-letter code.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. *Cell identity and transcription*

With few exceptions, every somatic cell of a eukaryotic organism contains the same genetic information which is encoded in its DNA. The identity, morphology, and function of a given cell are largely determined by the activation status of its genes, which ultimately constitutes a cell type-specific proteome. A cell's transcriptome, the set and quantity of its expressed genes, even allows to infer its identity (Ye & Sarkar, 2018). In fact, recent advances in single-cell RNA sequencing make it possible to assign cell types solely on the basis of their expression profiles and even to discover novel cell types (examples: Cattenoz et al., 2020, Cho et al., 2020; Fu et al., 2020). Aside from genes that are needed for fundamental cellular functions, so-called housekeeping genes, the genome encodes factors that are required only in certain cell types or during particular processes. The formation of a specialized cell requires both: The activation of cell type-specific genes as well as repression of genes that are not necessary for the respective tissue. During lineage specification these expression patterns are established.

This is facilitated with the help of lineage-specific transcription factors. These DNA-binding proteins repress or activate the transcription of genes that are pivotal in shaping cell identity and function. The presence, absence, amount, and combination of cell type-specific transcription factors thus engineers lineage-appropriate gene expression (Nowic et al., 2010; Kato & Igarashi, 2019).

1.2. *Chromatin structure and gene expression*

DNA resides tightly packed inside the nucleus and is organized in a condensed structure, called chromatin. At its most basic level, the negatively charged DNA winds around a complex of eight basic histone proteins (two copies of histones H2A, H2B, H3, and H4), assembling the nucleosome core particle (Luger et al., 1997). Interactions between nucleosomes and addition of structural proteins, as well as RNA organize the genome into more compacted structures (Woodcock & Ghosh, 2010; Li & Reinberg, 2011). Cellular processes that operate on DNA, like replication, DNA damage repair, or gene transcription, have to contend with this barrier of packaging. Thus, the efficiency of these processes is influenced by the local chromatin environment (Michael & Thomä, 2021). This becomes especially important in differentiation, during which transcription factors have to overcome and change the chromatin structures that occlude their target genes (Rodrigues et al., 2021).

Chromatin composition and structure can be modulated by different means: Covalent modification of histones and repositioning of nucleosomes are among the best-studied alterations and will be further discussed below. Additional changes comprise the covalent modification of DNA (Greenberg & Bourc'his, 2019), incorporation of non-

canonical nucleosomes that contain histone variants (Henikoff & Smith, 2015), and reorganization of the genome in the 3D nuclear space (Peterson et al., 2021). These structural changes can impinge on gene expression and play a role in regulating developmental processes. Thus, chromatin modifiers exerting these changes are often implicated in differentiation.

1.3. Histone modification and chromatin remodeling

Histone proteins can be covalently modified, mostly on their N- and C-terminal tails that protrude from the nucleosome, but also on the lateral surface of the octamer (Bannister & Kouzarides, 2011; Lawrence et al., 2016). Most prominent are the methylation and acetylation of lysine and arginine residues, the phosphorylation of serine, threonine, and tyrosine residues as well as the ubiquitylation of lysine residues, although there is a plethora of additional covalent modifications known (Zhao et al., 2015). Which histone modifications are present at a given genomic region depends on the genomic element (i.e. promoter, enhancer, gene body, etc.), the activation status of the gene as well as on the general chromatin environment. The following loose classification of selected modifications can be applied: Transcriptionally inactive gene promoters and heterochromatic regions are marked by methylation of H3K9 and H3K27me3. Transcriptionally active regions are associated with H3K4me3 (promoters), H3K36me3 (gene body), or H3K4me1 (enhancers). Histone acetylation generally correlates with relaxed chromatin states and is enriched at active, accessible regions (Bannister & Kouzarides, 2011, Zhao et al., 2015; Morgan & Shilatifard, 2020).

The deposition and removal of histone modifications is facilitated by specialized enzymes (e.g. histone methyltransferases and demethylases, histone acetyltransferases and deacetylases). The specificity towards a particular modification varies: Some enzymes are capable of catalysing the modification of multiple substrates, while others are highly specific for their target residue (Lu, 2013, Marmorstein & Trievel, 2009).

Histone modifications influence chromatin structure directly as well as indirectly. Acetylation and phosphorylation can impact nucleosome integrity by masking the positive charge of histones, thus weakening DNA-histone interactions and increasing DNA accessibility. Modified histone residues can also serve as interaction platforms for chromatin modifiers or even disable their binding (Bannister & Kouzarides, 2011). For example, the N-terminal tail of histone H3 is bound by the mammalian Nucleosome Remodeling and Deacetylation (NuRD) complex. This interaction, however, is impaired upon methylation of H3K4 (Nishioka et al., 2002).

A more direct change in chromatin architecture is achieved by ATP-dependent chromatin remodelers. These enzymes can incorporate, evict, exchange or slide nucleosomes along the genome. Chromatin remodelers actively change the local nucleosome density and thereby restrict or enhance the accessibility of certain DNA loci for the transcriptional machinery and other gene regulatory factors. These processes

consume energy, thus remodeling enzymes are capable of hydrolyzing ATP (Clapier et al., 2017).

1.4. Developmental functions of the chromatin regulator NuRD

Most chromatin modifiers are part of protein complexes. Their mode of action is best evaluated in the context of their interacting subunits. One interesting example is the Nucleosome Remodeling and Deacetylation complex (NuRD), which combines two enzymatic activities: The first one being mediated by the ATP-dependent chromatin remodelers CHD3/Mi-2 α , CHD4/Mi-2 β or CHD5, the second one exerted by the histone deacetylases HDAC1 and HDAC2. NuRD is highly conserved in eukaryotes. I will mostly focus on the *Drosophila melanogaster* version of the complex (dNuRD), which contains the dMi-2 remodeling ATPase as well as dRPD3, a histone deacetylase. Additional subunits provide structural features and contribute to the interactions of NuRD with chromatin and further proteins. These include GATAD2A/B (*dp66*), CDK2AP1 (*dDOC1*), MTA1/1/3 (*dMTA1-like*), RBAP46/48 (*dp55*) and MBD2/3 (*dMBD-like*). Their *Drosophila* homologs are mentioned in italics. NuRD is primarily associated with transcriptional repression but was also shown to maintain higher levels of gene expression (Basta & Rauchman, 2015; Lai & Wade, 2011; Denslow & Wade, 2007).

CHD4/dMi-2 and NuRD are important regulators of differentiation (Hota & Bruneau, 2016; Basta & Rauchman, 2015). They influence cell fate decisions in a wide number of tissues ranging from the formation of the hair follicle epithelium to differentiation of B-lymphocytes and *Drosophila* spermatogenesis (Kashiwagi et al., 2007; Loughran et al., 2017; Kim et al., 2017). Even during the first steps of lineage diversification, the differentiation of mouse embryonic stem cells (ESCs), NuRD is involved. Here, NuRD seems to enable differentiation by maintaining transcriptional heterogeneity as well as keeping cells committed to a specific lineage once they enter differentiation (Signolet & Hendrich, 2015; Burgold et al., 2019). It emerges that CHD4/NuRD functions to ensure timely and lineage-appropriate gene expression and thereby plays a crucial role in numerous developmental processes.

Neither dMi-2 nor other dNuRD complex subunits are reported to show sequence-specific DNA binding activity. Rather, the complex is recruited to chromatin by other means, specifically by transcription factors. In *Drosophila* testes, the zinc finger protein Kumgang tethers dMi-2 to highly expressed germline genes (Kim et al., 2017). In a macrophage-related cell line treated with the steroid hormone ecdysone the ecdysone receptor recruits dMi-2 to ecdysone-responsive genes and prevents their excessive expression (Kreher et al., 2017). Both examples highlight how the transcriptional regulation of developmental pathways depends on the interplay of transcription factors with the general chromatin modifier dNuRD.

2.

USH REGULATES HEMOCYTE-SPECIFIC GENE EXPRESSION, FATTY ACID METABOLISM AND CELL CYCLE PROGRESSION AND COOPERATES WITH dNURD TO ORCHESTRATE HEMATOPOIESIS

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2.1. Introduction

2.1.1. Hematopoiesis and immunity in *Drosophila melanogaster*

Differentiation of progenitor cells into mature specialized cell types is accompanied by changes in their gene expression profiles. During this process, the transcription of genes that maintain multipotency is reduced while simultaneously expression of factors specific for the intended mature cell type has to be established. We used the *Drosophila* hematopoietic system to study the role of a transcriptional regulator that functions during blood cell development.

Drosophila melanogaster harbors three blood cell types that can all originate from a common multipotent precursor and take part in the cellular immune response. The macrophage-like plasmatocytes are capable of phagocytosis, enabling them to clear the organism from infectious material like bacteria and viruses as well as apoptotic bodies during development. Crystal cells, named after their crystal-like inclusions, produce an enzyme that catalyses the production of melanin. This polymeric molecule is used for wound closure and encapsulation of foreign objects that threaten the organism, a process called melanization. Lamellocytes represent a very rare blood cell type that is only produced under extreme stress conditions like parasite infestation (Letourneau et al., 2016; Vlisidou & Wood, 2015; Gold & Brückner, 2014). Recent single-cell transcriptomic analyses of hemocytes have revealed relatively cohesive and uniform populations of crystal cells and lamellocytes. The plasmatocyte lineage, on the other hand, displayed a high degree of diversity. This population can be divided into sub-groups of specialized cells that potentially undertake distinct functions based on their gene expression profiles (Cattenoz et al., 2020, Cho et al., 2020; Fu et al., 2020). These studies even identified novel hemocyte populations, thereby expanding the classical dogma of three distinct *Drosophila* hemocyte lineages.

Hematopoiesis occurs at different stages in *Drosophila* development as well as upon immune challenge. In the embryonic head mesoderm, blood cell progenitors divide and finally commit to the plasmatocyte or crystal cell lineage. Production of lamellocytes does not occur in the embryo. Embryonic plasmatocytes migrate through the organism and are present throughout *Drosophila* life. In the larval stage, embryonic plasmatocytes can still be found in circulation and in sessile pockets as “tissue macrophages” (Gold & Brückner, 2014). Additionally, larvae maintain a central hemocyte-producing organ: the lymph gland. Supervised by the posterior signaling center (PSC), a stem cell-like niche, blood cell precursors in the medullary zone (MZ) are kept in their progenitor state. The cortical zone (CZ) of the lymph gland contains differentiated and differentiating hemocytes. Various triggers, including mechanical, nutritional, and immunogenic stresses can stimulate blood cell differentiation in the lymph gland. Finally, during metamorphosis, the lymph gland disintegrates, thereby releasing its hemocytes into circulation (Grigorian et al., 2011). Thus, adult flies contain hemocytes of both embryonic and larval origin (Cattenoz et al., 2020; Letourneau et al., 2016; Vlisidou & Wood, 2015; Gold & Brückner, 2014).

Parasitic wasps (e.g. of the *Leptopilina* genus) deposit their eggs into *Drosophila* larvae which provide a source of nutrition for the developing wasp (Kim-Jo et al., 2019). This infestation triggers an immune response in the larva: Sessile as well as lymph gland prohemocytes undergo proliferation and differentiation and are released into circulation. Since the parasitic wasp eggs are too big for plasmatocyte-mediated phagocytosis, inactivation of the invader relies on lamellocytes, which envelop the egg. An orchestrated, step-wise process that involves all three blood cell types results in the close encapsulation of the wasp egg with layers of plasmatocytes, lamellocytes, and melanin. Melanization produces reactive oxygen species (ROS) and these radicals are thought to ultimately kill the invader (Letourneau et al., 2016; Vlisidou & Wood, 2015).

2.1.2. *U-shaped*, a transcriptional regulator of hematopoiesis

The transcriptional mechanisms that underlie hemocyte differentiation during development and upon stress are complex and require the crosstalk of several transcription factors. For instance, hemocytes and hemocyte precursors are characterized by the expression of *Serpent* (*Srp*), a GATA-type transcription factor. Subsequent co-expression of *Glial cells missing* (*Gcm*) initiates plasmatocyte differentiation, whereas co-expression of the *RUNX* protein *Lozenge* (*Lz*) directs cells towards the crystal cell lineage (Vlisidou & Wood, 2015; Fossett et al., 2001a; Fossett & Schulz, 2001b; Lebestky et al., 2000). The expression and/or activity of these transcription factors is developmentally regulated and also responds to external stimuli, e.g. immune challenge. Many signaling pathways have been identified to transmit cues for progenitor maintenance or differentiation, thereby influencing the transcriptome of developing hemocytes (Le-

tourneau et al., 2016; Fossett, 2013). However, there is limited knowledge about the genomic targets that are regulated by the final effectors of these cascades.

One of these effectors is the transcriptional co-factor U-shaped (Ush). Its name stems from the morphology of Ush loss-of-function embryos (Nüsslein-Volhard & Wieschaus, 1980). The *ush* gene encodes a multi-zinc finger protein (four CCHH and five CCHC type Zn fingers) whose length ranges from 1175 to 1212 amino acids, depending on the isoform (Cubadda et al., 1997; FlyBase 06/2021). The protein interacts with the N-terminal Zn-finger of GATA factors, in particular Pannier (Pnr; Haenlin et al., 1997; Tokusumi et al., 2007) and Srp (Walzer et al., 2002). GATA/Ush complexes are thought to bind GATA motifs in the DNA and influence gene expression (ibid.). Pnr-dependent roles of Ush were observed during cardiogenesis (Fossett et al., 2000; Tokusumi et al., 2007) as well as sensory organ development (Cubadda et al., 1997; Haenlin et al., 1997). Interestingly, in both cases, Pnr and Ush regulate gene expression by influencing the function of specific enhancers (*D-mef2* and *achaete/scute*, respectively). However, transcriptional regulation by Ush is best studied in hematopoiesis where it functions together with Srp.

Ush is expressed in embryonic prohemocytes but its expression decreases progressively during lineage specification. In fact, the reduction of Ush levels is required to allow crystal cell differentiation (Fossett et al., 2001a; Fossett & Schulz, 2001b; Muratoglu et al., 2006; Muratoglu et al., 2007; Fossett, 2013). In larval lymph glands, Ush is found in prohemocytes of the medullary zone as well as in differentiating hemocytes in the cortical zone. Crystal cells and plasmatocytes show lower Ush levels, while it is absent in the lamellocyte population. Importantly, Ush is also not expressed in cells of the PSC (Gao et al., 2009; Tokusumi et al., 2010). In the lymph gland, Ush is required to maintain the prohemocyte pool and to prevent progenitors from differentiating.

As a safeguard of differentiation, Ush resides at the vertex of a complex signaling network. Its expression is regulated by pathways such as JAK/STAT (Sorrentino et al., 2007; Gao et al., 2009), Toll (Gao et al., 2016), and Hedgehog (Hh; Baldeosingh et al., 2018). These cascades ensure constant expression of Ush in the MZ to maintain the progenitor state of prohemocytes. The Ush cis-regulatory module contains GATA as well as RUNX motifs and both Srp and Lz, respectively, are required for Ush activation in the lymph gland (Muratoglu et al., 2006). Interestingly, together with Srp, Ush represses its own transcription, creating a negative feedback loop that is counterbalanced by Lz- and Srp-mediated activation (Muratoglu et al., 2007). This complex network illustrates the need for precise regulation of Ush levels in prohemocytes. In fact, different levels of Ush expression influence cell fate decisions of hemocyte progenitors: While a 50% reduction of Ush expression allows generation of plasmatocytes and crystal cells, production of lamellocytes requires a complete loss of Ush expression (Gao et al., 2009; Fossett, 2013).

Aside from regulating its own expression, only few Ush targets have been identified using reporter gene assays and genetic interaction studies in the hematopoietic system. These include the hemocyte genes *croquemort* (Walzer et al., 2002), *lz* (Muratoglu et al., 2007), *hh* (Tokusumi et al., 2010), and *E-cadherin* (Gao et al., 2013). However, we still lack comprehensive information about additional Ush-regulated genes.

Ush does not contain any discernible catalytic domains. To influence transcription and possibly modulate the chromatin environment, it cooperates with additional co-factors. In its cardiogenic function, the Pnr/Ush complex binds to the co-repressor CtBP (C-terminal-binding protein) to inhibit gene expression (Tokusumi et al., 2007). It is currently unclear whether other transcriptional co-factors are required for Ush's function in hematopoiesis.

Thus, the objective of this study was to elucidate the Ush-regulated transcriptome as well as identifying transcriptional regulators that cooperate with Ush during hematopoiesis.

2.2. Synopsis of results

I have studied the molecular function of Ush in *Drosophila* Schneider 2 (S2) cells. This cell line originates from 20-24 hour old embryos (Schneider, 1972) and is considered to resemble a hemocyte precursor population (Rämet et al., 2002). To evaluate the expression of Ush in this cell line I depleted the protein via RNA interference (RNAi). I used Western blot of extracts derived from S2 cells that had been transfected with a double stranded RNA (dsRNA) targeting Ush as well as with a non-targeting dsRNA against EGFP. Lysates of these cells were analyzed using a Ush-specific antibody (Fossett et al., 2001a) (Fig. 1A). The antibody detected several peptides, two of which were not observed in dsUsh-treated cell lysates, indicating that Ush proteins are expressed in S2 cells. Using a CRISPR/Cas9-based approach (Böttcher et al., 2014) we inserted a GFP- and a FLAG-tag sequence in the genome of S2 cells positioned at the 3'-end of the Ush gene (Fig. S1A). Western blot of these lysates again revealed two differentially migrating bands containing GFP- or FLAG-tags (Fig. 1A). I concluded that Ush is expressed in S2 cells and hypothesized that at least two polypeptides can be generated from the Ush locus.

Ush cooperates with GATA transcription factors (Fossett, 2013; Waltzer et al., 2002; Haenlin et al., 1997) and is thought to regulate gene expression. I considered that this might be achieved by Ush binding to chromatin. Therefore I decided to examine the genome-wide occupancy of Ush. To this end, we performed ChIP-seq in a Ush-GFP expressing cell line. We found Ush to preferentially occupy promoters and intronic sequences (Fig. 1B). Histone post-translational modifications marking promoters (H3K4me3 and H3K27ac) or enhancers (H3K4me1 and H3K27ac) were enriched at Ush peaks. Conversely, we found that Ush-bound regions were mostly devoid of

H3K27me3 (Fig. 1C). A metagene analysis revealed that the Ush signal peaks at approximately 135 bp upstream of the TSS of genes and then rapidly decreases within the gene body (Fig. 1D). Thus Ush is most highly enriched over the nucleosome-free region and the -1 nucleosome (Radman-Livaja et al., 2010). Compared to mammalian genomes the *Drosophila* genome is very gene dense which entails that enhancer sequences are often located within introns. The enrichment of Ush at intronic regions and the co-occurrence of enhancer-typical histone marks argues that Ush binds to enhancers. These observations suggest that Ush occupies regulatory sequences (promoters and enhancers) and advocate for a function in gene regulation at the level of transcription. In fact, several transcription factor binding motifs were enriched at Ush-occupied regions (Fig. 1E). These include promoter-associated motifs like GAGA, the Initiator sequence, and E-boxes. Interestingly, the most highly enriched sequence was the GATA-motif that can be recognized by GATA transcription factors. Given that Ush physically and genetically interacts with GATA factors (Waltzer et al., 2002) we proposed a function for Ush in GATA-factor regulated transcription.

To gain insight into Ush-mediated gene regulation we performed transcriptome analysis upon Ush depletion. S2 cells were transfected with dsRNA against Ush and EGFP as a control (see Fig. 1A), RNA was isolated and subjected to RNA sequencing. We detected a large number of genes that were significantly deregulated in Ush-depleted cells. Most of these exhibited higher expression levels (1268), whereas a smaller fraction (560) showed decreased expression upon Ush-depletion (Fig. 2A). At 51.3% percent of the derepressed genes we found one or more regions that were occupied by Ush in our ChIP-seq experiment. 31.3% of genes that showed reduced expression upon Ush depletion were also bound by the Ush protein (Fig. 2B). This suggests that Ush might indeed regulate the expression of a large number of genes by occupying their regulatory regions. Those genes define a set of direct targets. It is noteworthy that Ush seems to act primarily as a transcriptional repressor but can also have activating functions on a subset of genes.

Ush has been implicated in the differentiation of hemocytes in *Drosophila* embryos and larvae (Fossett & Schulz, 2001b; Sorrentino et al., 2007; Tokusumi et al., 2010). To address whether this biological function is reflected in gene networks that Ush regulates I performed Gene Ontology (GO) term analysis (Fig. 2C). In fact Ush-regulated genes associated significantly with the GO term “Innate Immune System” (R-DME-168249) supporting the hypothesis that, also in cultured S2 cells, Ush regulates genes involved in hemocyte function. Importantly, this illustrates that the biological activity of Ush can be evaluated on the basis of its transcriptional activity. I found two other groups of GO terms that were highly enriched among Ush-regulated genes: GO terms that I grouped as “cell cycle” terms (“cell cycle process” (GO:0022402) and “regulation of cell cycle process” (GO:0010564)) and GO terms that I summarized under “lipid metabolism” (“organic acid catabolic process” (GO:0016054), “Metabolism

of lipids” (R-DME-556833) and “beta-Oxidation” (M00087)). Most genes included in the categories “hemocyte-related” and “lipid metabolism” were upregulated upon Ush knockdown (84% and 82% respectively) whereas the expression of most cell cycle related genes seemed to be dependent on Ush (72%) (Fig. 2D). I selected five genes per category and verified their response to Ush depletion using RT-qPCR (Fig. 2E). Some, but not all of these genes were occupied by Ush according to our ChIP-seq data (Table S1), so the results obtained here may reflect direct as well as indirect consequences of Ush RNAi. Genes involved in hemocyte function and differentiation showed medium to strong derepression upon Ush-depletion. Notably, pro-mitotic genes like *Aurora B*, *CDK1*, *polo* and *Cyclin B* showed lower expression in Ush-depleted cells whereas expression of *CHES-1*, an anti-proliferative transcription factor (Huot et al., 2014; Ahmad et al., 2012), increased. This suggests that Ush coordinates a transcriptional program that is required for proliferation. Similarly, genes involved in the catabolism of fatty acids (*Mcad*, *Echs1*, *CROT*, *fa2h*) are mostly repressed by Ush whereas the key enzyme of fatty acid synthesis, *ACC*, requires Ush for appropriate expression. These observations show that Ush regulates gene networks underlying biological processes in a coordinated fashion.

This prompted me to investigate whether these biological processes are indeed affected in Ush-depleted cells. To this end, cells were transfected with control dsRNA (dsLuc) and two different dsRNA constructs targeting Ush (dsUsh #1 & #2). We observed a strong decrease in proliferation of cells that had been depleted of Ush (Fig. 3A). This decrease was not due to cells undergoing cell death since Ush-depleted cells did not display decreased viability (Fig. 3B). Instead, Ush-depleted cells seemed to accumulate in G2/M phase, shown by PI-staining with subsequent flow cytometry (Fig. 3C, 3D, Fig. S7). Their inability to transition through M-phase was accompanied by reduced expression of the mitotic cyclins A and B (Fig. 3E). These results suggest that, although Ush-depleted cells still replicate their DNA, they are not able to enter or transition through mitosis. Taken together with our RNA-seq results I speculate that this dependence on Ush for successful mitosis is in part due to transcriptional regulation of pivotal cell cycle genes.

The previous paragraph has highlighted Ush’s ability to modulate transcriptional programs in S2 cells. An analysis of the domain structure, however, revealed no apparent catalytic activities that are frequently found in chromatin regulators (Fig. 4B). It is therefore unlikely that Ush influences gene expression by catalyzing an enzymatic reaction. Ush manipulates gene expression at two different levels: It seems to be a negative as well as a positive regulator of transcription. Moreover, it uses these abilities on distinct gene classes in a coordinated fashion. I hypothesized that for one protein to facilitate these functions it would need to (a) increase its diversity (e.g. by gen-

erating various protein isoforms) and/or (b) employ different epigenetic regulators, like chromatin-modifying enzymes, in different transcriptional contexts.

The Ush gene gives rise to at least three protein products, which are possibly generated by alternative splicing and/or alternative promoter usage (Fig. 4A & 4B). The majority of the sequence (1175 amino acids) is shared between all polypeptides and includes all nine zinc finger domains. The three isoforms only differ in their N-terminal sequences. Ush-D does not possess a unique N-terminus. Ush-A contains 16 and Ush-B 23 amino acids N-terminal to the common sequence. Since Ush-A and Ush-B N-termini also share a 9 amino acid stretch, this results in 7 amino acids unique to Ush-A and 14 amino acids unique to Ush-B (Fig. 4B). Our transcriptomic analysis detected reads emanating from Ush-A as well as Ush-B-specific exons (Fig. S3). The multiple polypeptides that we observed in S2 cells by Western blot therefore likely represent different Ush isoforms.

I hypothesized that the diverse functions of Ush might be mediated by proteins that interact with it and subsequently manipulate transcription. To uncover Ush-associated proteins I analyzed a published dataset of protein-protein interactions (Guruharsha et al., 2011). Here the authors overexpressed almost 5000 HA-tagged proteins in *Drosophila* S2 cells and determined associated factors using mass spectrometry after anti-HA immunoprecipitation. They identified 12 Ush-binding proteins, six of which (namely dDOC-1, dMBD-like, dp66, dMTA1-like, dRPD3, dMi-2) can be found in the *Drosophila* Nucleosome Remodeling and Deacetylation (dNuRD) complex, a chromatin-associated multiprotein assembly that is involved in transcriptional regulation. We have also found Ush in an unbiased proteomic screen for dMi-2 interacting proteins using IP with subsequent mass spectrometry (data not shown). We performed immunoprecipitation of endogenously FLAG-tagged Ush. Subunits of the dNuRD complex indeed coprecipitated with Ush-FLAG, whereas dMEP-1, which forms a separate complex together with dMi-2 (dMec), was not recovered in Ush-FLAG precipitates (Fig. 4C). We therefore concluded that Ush interacts with the dNuRD complex. Anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation of endogenously FLAG-tagged dMi-2 (Fig. S1C-E) confirmed this observation (Fig. 4D). Remarkably, only one of the two Ush-specific bands coprecipitated with dMi-2. Using a RNAi construct targeting the unique 5'-end we identified this band as Ush-B. Upon specific depletion of the Ush-B isoform we did no longer detect a dMi-2/Ush interaction (Fig. 4D). This indicates that dNuRD associates primarily with Ush-B and I speculated that this interaction is likely mediated by the Ush-B-specific N-terminal sequence.

The Ush-B N-terminus contains a short conserved motif. This 9 amino acid long sequence is also found in a group of mammalian transcription factors (Fig. 4E). Most of them, as Ush, contain multiple zinc finger domains and harbor the conserved motif at their N-terminus. The conserved sequence was first identified to be important for the repressive function of the mouse FOG1 protein and was therefore named "FOG

repression motif” (Svensson et al., 2000; Lin et al., 2004). This short peptide directly contacts mammalian NuRD. In fact, many proteins containing this sequence have been shown to associate with the complex (Gao et al., 2010; Wu et al., 2016; Dubuissez et al., 2016; Kloet et al., 2018; Yang et al., 2018). A GST-fusion protein containing the first 45 amino acids of mouse FOG1 was able to bind to dNuRD but not to other chromatin regulators in *Drosophila* cell and embryo nuclear extracts (Fig. 4F), highlighting the conserved nature of this interaction. We generated synthetic peptides derived from FOG1 and Ush N-termini, scrambled versions of these peptides, and peptides where a basic stretch that is crucial for dNuRD binding was mutated (Hong et al., 2005) (Fig. 4G). Titrating these peptides into our GST interaction assay we observed that FOG1 and Ush wild type peptides competed with the Ush/dNuRD interaction whereas mutant and scrambled peptides had no effect (Fig. 4H). Notably, the FOG1 peptide seemed to be a more potent competitor than the Ush peptide. Addition of this peptide to co-immunoprecipitation experiments also efficiently abrogated the interaction of Ush-FLAG with dNuRD in soluble nuclear extract (Fig. 4I). In summary, we have identified the *Drosophila* NuRD complex as an interactor of a distinct Ush isoform, Ush-B. This interaction is mediated by the FOG repression motif residing in the unique Ush-B N-terminus.

In contrast to Ush, the dNuRD complex harbors known enzymatic activities that are able to modulate gene expression: The chromatin remodeling ATPase dMi-2 as well as the histone deacetylase dRDP3. I therefore hypothesized that Ush might, at least partly, exert its gene regulatory function by employing dNuRD. I used a cell line expressing endogenously GFP-tagged dMi-2 to study its genomic distribution via anti-GFP ChIP-seq and compared it to that of Ush. We obtained a dataset with high similarity to published genome-wide dMi-2 ChIP datasets that had been generated using different antibodies (Fig. S4). 53.8% of all identified dMi-2 binding sites also contained a Ush peak, while 64.9% Ush binding sites were co-occupied by dMi-2 (Fig. 5A). Peaks with high enrichment of Ush also showed a tendency for higher dMi-2 signal (Fig. 5B). We also identified regions with exclusive Ush or dMi-2 binding (Fig. 5C). Sites with exclusive Ush occupancy were found at promoters and introns whereas “dMi-2 only” regions were predominantly enriched in promoters. Loci that were bound by both factors showed an enrichment of promoters and intronic sequences (Fig. 5D). “Ush only” peaks showed high H3K4me1 signals but low levels of H3K4me3 and H3K27me3. This argues that these loci contain active enhancers. Sites occupied by dMi-2 only, on the other hand, displayed enrichment of H3K4me3 which is indicative of active promoters. Here, H3K4me1 and H3K27me3 profiles were decreased. Ush and dMi-2 cooccupied regions were decorated with H3K4me1 as well as H3K4me3 containing nucleosomes but devoid of the H3K27me3 mark (Fig. 5E). This suggests that Ush and dMi-2 come together at regulatory elements in the genome and opens up the potential for these factors to cooperate in regulating transcription.

We have identified three groups of Ush-dependent genes: genes encoding cell cycle regulators, genes coding for factors involved in fatty acid metabolism, and hemocyte-related genes. I considered that if dMi-2 contributed to the regulation of Ush-dependent genes, mRNA levels in these groups would also likely respond to depletion of dMi-2. Furthermore, depletion of the dNuRD-interacting Ush isoform, Ush-B, should also affect their expression.

To address this, dMi-2-regulated genes were determined by sequencing the transcriptome of S2 cells upon RNAi-mediated depletion of dMi-2. The expression of 945 genes was significantly changed compared to cells treated with control dsRNA (Fig. 6A). One third of these genes (322 genes, 34.1%) showed decreased mRNA levels whereas two thirds (623 genes, 65.9%) displayed increased expression upon dMi-2 depletion. This suggests that dMi-2 has positive as well as negative effects on gene transcription and is in line with observations made with mammalian CHD4 (de Dieuleveult et al., 2016; Reynolds et al., 2013). I performed Gene Ontology term analysis on dMi-2-regulated genes (Fig. 6B) and identified GO terms associated with development to be enriched (“post-embryonic development” (GO:0009791) and “cell part morphogenesis” (GO:0032990)). This supports a role for dMi-2 in fly development and agrees well with previous reports (Kreher et al., 2017). Strikingly, the term “Innate immune response” (GO:0045087) was among the ten most highly enriched GO terms, indicating that dMi-2 impacts the expression of genes important for hemocyte function. GO terms linked to regulation of cell cycle or lipid metabolism were not found to be enriched.

Depletion of Ush-B had only mild effects on the S2 cell transcriptome: 85 genes were differentially expressed in cells transfected with dsRNA directed against Ush-B. The mRNA levels of 47 Ush-B-responsive genes (55.3%) increased upon depletion (Fig S5). Conversely, 38 genes (44.7%) showed lower expression (Fig. S5). Due to the low number of deregulated genes, algorithmic GO term analysis did not yield meaningful results. However, I was able to associate 18 Ush-B-dependent genes with hemocyte-related functions based on their biological activity and/or expression patterns (Fig. S5-S6 and Table S2). Only very few genes could be linked to functions in lipid metabolism or cell cycle (2 and 4 genes respectively; Table S2).

The expression of representative genes from each group was evaluated by RT-qPCR upon RNAi of dMi-2 or Ush-B (Fig. 6C). I chose the same set of genes that I validated previously to be susceptible to the simultaneous depletion of all Ush isoforms (Fig. 2E). Most of the hemocyte-related genes inspected here responded significantly to depletion of dMi-2 and Ush-B. The cell cycle regulators tested were not affected and expression of genes relevant to lipid metabolism showed only mild alterations upon depletion of Ush-B or dMi-2. I, thus, reasoned that the contribution of dMi-2/dNuRD to Ush-mediated transcriptional regulation is most prominent in the group of

hemocyte-related genes. Cell cycle regulators and lipid metabolism genes, on the other hand, do not seem to rely on dNuRD or Ush-B for their appropriate expression.

Indeed, depletion of Ush-B, dMi-2, or the dNuRD complex subunit dMTA1-like did not lead to alterations in cell cycle (Fig. 3D, Fig. S7A). Also, levels of mitotic cyclins did not change in these cells (Fig. 3E), indicating that Ush-dependent cell cycle effects are not mediated by the Ush-B/dNuRD assembly.

Based on our expression analysis we conjectured that Ush and dNuRD might cooperate in regulating hemocyte-specific functions and/or hematopoiesis in *Drosophila*. We used two complementing approaches to study this relationship *in vivo*.

In the primary lobes of the lymph gland, the main larval hematopoietic organ, cells of the ‘posterior signaling centre’ (PSC) secrete signaling molecules that keep hemocytes of the medullary zone in a progenitor state (Jung et al., 2005). Thus, the PSC is considered a stem cell niche. The homeotic gene *Antennapedia* (*Antp*) specifies this niche and is frequently used as a marker for cells of the PSC (Mandal et al., 2007). Prohemocytes in the medullary zone of the lymph gland do not produce certain signaling polypeptide ligands themselves but receive them from the PSC. The expression of Hedgehog (Hh), one of the signaling proteins, is regulated by an enhancer residing in its first intron (Tokusumi et al., 2010; Baldeosingh et al., 2018). The enhancer is active in the PSC but repressed in other parts of the lymph gland and this repression requires Ush. Concomitantly Ush is not detectable in the PSC but is expressed in cells of the medullary zone. The *Hh* enhancer activity can be monitored using a reporter gene assay where a minimal enhancer fragment (hhF4f) controls the expression of a GFP transgene (Tokusumi et al., 2010). In lymph glands of larvae carrying the reporter, GFP-positive cells are found exclusively in the PSC and are marked by *Antp* expression (Fig. 7A). Upon RNAi-mediated depletion of Ush or in larvae carrying a homozygous Ush mutation GFP signal is detected in cells located in the medullary zone (Fig. S7). The colocalization of Ush and dMi-2 on regulatory genomic elements that we have identified in S2 cells prompted us to investigate dMi-2’s involvement in Hh enhancer function in the lymph gland. We directed the expression of a dMi-2 RNAi construct to the medullary zone in lymph glands of larvae carrying the hhF4f-GFP reporter. We detected expression of GFP in prohemocytes of the medullary zone indicating that dMi-2 is indeed required for proper silencing of the Hh enhancer in these cells (Fig. 7B). Using the same experimental setup we depleted the dNuRD complex subunit dMTA1-like from medullary zone prohemocytes. Also in lymph glands from these larvae, GFP-positive cells were observed outside of the PSC (Fig. 7C). Taken together, these data suggest that the dNuRD complex is implicated in the repression of a Hh enhancer during larval hematopoiesis. Since this enhancer also responds to Ush depletion, we propose that the Ush/dNuRD assembly is required to restrain Hh expression in larval prohemocytes.

Prohemocytes give rise to three distinct blood cell populations: Plasmotocytes, crystal cells, and lamellocytes. The latter are virtually absent in *Drosophila* larvae and are only produced upon parasite infestation or other extreme stress conditions (Sinenko et al., 2012; Tokusumi et al., 2018). Ush prevents the spontaneous differentiation of lamellocytes in unstressed larvae (Gao et al., 2009). Larvae carrying two mutant copies of the *ush* gene display an increased number of circulating lamellocytes (Fig. 7G), while one intact copy of *ush* is sufficient to keep the lamellocyte count close to wild type level (Fig. 7D; Gao et al., 2009). This fact can be exploited to identify genetic interactors, factors that act in the same pathway together with Ush. In a so-called ‘second site non-complementation’ (SSNC) assay *ush* heterozygotes are used as a sensitized background and crossed with flies carrying a heterozygous mutation in a candidate gene. In case of a genetic interaction, a phenotype is detected in transheterozygotes, while no effect is seen in both single heterozygotes. We crossed flies heterozygous for dNuRD complex subunits with *ush* heterozygotes and examined circulating lamellocytes in transheterozygous progeny. In our experimental setup, these specialized hemocytes are marked by expression of a mCherry transgene which is controlled by a lamellocyte-specific enhancer regulating the *misshapen* gene (Tokusumi et al., 2009). The *misshapen-mCherry* construct (MSN-C) is also active in larval muscle which is marked by arrowheads (Fig. 7D-7G). We quantified the phenotype penetrance by counting the number of larvae that displayed a more than 10-fold increase in circulating lamellocytes.

Transheterozygous larvae with only one functional *ush* and one functional *dMTA1-like* allele showed an elevated level of circulating lamellocytes (Fig. 7E). Also, larvae with only one functional *ush* and one functional *dp66* allele produced increased numbers of lamellocytes (Fig. 7F). In this manner we tested four different dNuRD complex subunits for their genetic interaction with Ush. Each factor was evaluated using two different mutant alleles (Fig. 7H and Table S3). We set a routinely used threshold of 40% to count the penetrance of a crossed genotype as robust genetic interaction. The penetrance in *ush/dMTA1-like* and *ush/dp66* transheterozygous larvae passed this threshold in both tested alleles. In single *dMTA1-like* or *dp66* heterozygotes the penetrance did not exceed background levels. Both *dMi-2* mutant alleles produced increased lamellocyte levels when crossed into a *ush* heterozygous background, though the penetrance was below 40%. Double heterozygotes of *ush* and the *Drosophila* histone deacetylase dRPD3 showed high penetrance levels. However, one mutant allele also led to a phenotype penetrance higher than 40% in single heterozygous larvae. Thus, the genetic interaction of dRPD3 and Ush remains undefined. dRPD3 is part of many gene regulatory complexes. It is, therefore, possible that the effects we observed in heterozygous but also transheterozygous larvae are not emanating from an altered dNuRD function specifically.

Based on the genetic interaction of Ush with the dNuRD-specific factors dMTA1-like and dp66 we concluded that Ush likely cooperates with dNuRD to restrict the spontaneous differentiation of lamellocytes in unstressed larvae.

2.3. Discussion

2.3.1. Transcriptional regulation by Ush

Prior to the work described here, our understanding of Ush's capacity to regulate gene expression was mainly informed by *in vivo* studies in *Drosophila* embryos and larvae (Cubadda et al., 1997; Haenlin et al., 1997; Waltzer et al., 2002; Tokusumi et al., 2010). Using mutation analysis, genetic interaction, and reporter gene assays Ush has been implicated in the transcriptional control of a small number of genes relevant to hemocyte differentiation (Tokusumi et al., 2010; Gao et al., 2013). In part, this effect in gene expression has been assigned to Ush cooperating with GATA factors, such as Serpent and Pannier (Haenlin et al., 1997; Waltzer et al., 2002). Our data significantly expands this notion. We uncover Ush-regulated genes in hemocyte-derived S2 cells on a genome-wide scale and show that Ush impinges on the expression of more than 1700 genes (Fig. 2A). Among the Ush-regulated transcriptome we find classical hemocyte genes, like *Lozenge* and *atilla* (Cattenoz et al., 2020), whose expression depends on Ush (Fig. 2E). This is in line with observations during hematopoietic differentiation in the embryo. Here, Ush levels gradually decrease, thereby allowing the expression of hemocyte-specific factors (Gao et al., 2009; Fossett, 2013). Derepression of these genes upon reduction of Ush expression can be simulated in our RNAi approach in cell culture.

Beyond that, Ush regulates genes involved in other biological processes, particularly genes encoding for cell cycle regulators and enzymes involved in fatty acid metabolism (Fig. 2C). It is noteworthy that Ush does not only have repressive potential but also enables transcription. This finding becomes especially apparent in the regulation of crucial cell cycle genes, such as *Cyclin B*, or the mitotic kinases *Aurora B*, *CDK1*, and *polo* (Fig. 2D-2E).

Ush binds to more than 7000 sites in the *Drosophila* genome which are associated with regulatory regions, such as promoters and enhancers. On these sites, the GATA motif is highly enriched (Fig. 1). This observation provides unbiased and genome wide evidence that Ush associates with regions that are potentially bound by GATA factors. So far, this concept was based on biochemical and genetic interaction data of Ush and GATA factors as well as reporter gene assays (Haenlin et al., 1997; Fossett et al., 2000; Waltzer et al., 2002). In mammalian genomes the GATA sequence often occurs together with E-boxes generating a composite site. This sequence combination can provide a platform to assemble LMO2/LDB complexes resulting in chromatin looping

and transcriptional activation (Wilkinson-White et al., 2011; Love et al., 2014). Since we also observed an enrichment of the E-box motif among Ush bound regions (Fig. 1E), I speculate that GATA/E-box paired motifs might be potential Ush target sites. Overall, our results indicate that rather than controlling a small gene set, Ush seems to be a major regulator of transcription with wide ranging functions in hemocyte-specific gene expression, proliferation, and lipid metabolism.

2.3.2. *Ush isoforms and the FOG repression motif*

We have, for the first time, detected the expression of multiple Ush isoforms in *Drosophila* S2 cells (Fig. 1A-1B, Fig. S3) and identified a FOG repression motif at the N-terminus of Ush-B (Fig. 4B). This conserved amino acid sequence appears in a number of vertebrate zinc finger transcription factors (Lin et al., 2004), notably also in the mammalian Ush homologs FOG1 and FOG2 (Hong et al., 2005; Roche et al., 2008). The motif confers interaction with the NuRD complex by directly contacting MTA and RbAp proteins (Roche et al., 2008). The FOG1-interacting residues of RbAp48 are conserved in the *Drosophila* homolog dp55 (Lejon et al., 2011). Moreover, the region of mouse MTA-1 that contacts FOG2 is conserved in dMTA1-like (Roche et al., 2008). We hypothesize that Ush associates with dNuRD by binding to dp55 and dMTA1-like. The interaction can be efficiently dissociated by competitive peptides harboring the FOG repression motif sequence (Fig. 4G-4I). This suggests that the N-terminus of Ush-B is crucial for dNuRD binding and I consider it unlikely that additional domains in the Ush protein contribute significantly to this interaction. This is supported by the fact that other Ush isoforms, which only deviate from Ush-B in their N-termini, do not co-immunoprecipitate with dMi-2 (Fig. 4D).

It has to be noted that peptides derived from the mouse FOG1 N-terminus show a higher potential in competing with the Ush/dNuRD interaction than peptides derived from Ush-B N-termini (Fig 4H). This observation opens up the possibility that amino acids outside of the classical FOG repression motif (H₂N-MSRRKQxxP; Lin et al., 2004) are able to modulate the affinity towards NuRD. In fact, a patient-derived mutation neighbouring the FOG repression motif of mouse Zeb2 (ZEB2R22G) abrogates its interaction with the NuRD complex (Wu et al. 2016). Additionally, post translational modifications of residues within the motif, specifically phosphorylation of Serin 2 in the BCL11B N-terminus, can impact its association with NuRD (Dubuissez et al., 2016).

A GST-fusion containing the FOG repression motif was able to purify NuRD complexes from extracts of rat cardiocytes and mouse erythroleukemia cells in one-step pulldown experiments (Roche et al., 2008; Hong et al., 2005). This suggests that the motif has evolved solely to interact with NuRD and that it does not associate significantly with other nuclear proteins. The generation of proteins containing this sequence may present a way of specifically involving NuRD in biological functions conferred by the respective factor. In interacting with NuRD, its catalytic capacities and its impact

on gene expression could be utilized on genomic targets of a FOG repression motif containing protein. To what extent a classical recruitment model can be applied here, will be subject to discussion in a separate section below.

We show that Ush cooperates with dNuRD in ensuring hemocyte-related gene expression, while impinging on cell cycle and lipid metabolism without employing dNuRD. This diversification is achieved by adding a FOG repression motif to the N-terminus of one Ush isoform (Ush-B) via alternative splicing and/or alternative promoter usage. Interestingly, in mouse erythroid cells different FOG1 proteins are produced by translation from alternative start codons. The longer FOG1 isoform contains the FOG repression motif whereas the shorter protein lacks this NuRD interaction domain (Snow et al., 2009). Likewise, the murine FOG2 gene can give rise to an isoform that lacks the FOG repression motif (Dale et al., 2007). Thus, diversification of FOG-like proteins to enable or disable NuRD interaction appears to be an evolutionary conserved principle.

Besides U-shaped, we have identified only one other protein encoded in the *Drosophila* genome that contains a N-terminal FOG repression motif: OAZ, a homolog of Olf/EBF-associated zinc finger factors. This protein is involved in the formation of posterior spiracles, which are part of the larval tracheal system (Krattinger et al., 2007). OAZ is not expressed in S2 cells but, due to its FOG repression motif, I speculate that it might cooperate with dNuRD during *Drosophila* development. In mammals, the EBF-interacting proteins Zfp423 and Zfp521 also contact NuRD via their N-terminal FOG repression motif, thereby contributing to transcriptional regulation (Liao, 2009). This raises the possibility for a conserved role of the dNuRD complex in EBF (*Drosophila* collier)-regulated transcription that relies on FOG repression motif containing proteins.

2.3.3. NuRD recruitment by FOG repression motif containing proteins

Ush binds to over 7000 genomic regions which are highly enriched for GATA motifs. More than half of these Ush binding sites are also occupied by dMi-2 and both proteins are implicated in the regulation of hemocyte-related gene expression. Moreover, we find an interaction of the Ush-B isoform with the dMi-2-containing dNuRD complex, which requires a short conserved motif in the Ush-B N-terminus. Taken together, these observations strongly evoke a hierarchical recruitment model in which GATA factors associate with DNA and tether Ush proteins to their target sites. This process requires the interaction of their Zinc finger domains (Chlon & Crispino, 2012). Ush-B N-termini then bind to dNuRD thereby recruiting it to the respective regions. A similar scenario has been proposed for the mammalian Ush-homologs FOG1 (Hong et al., 2005; Gao et al., 2010) and FOG2 (Roche et al., 2008) as well as for other proteins containing a FOG repression motif. Examples are ZFP296 (Kloet et al., 2018), Zeb2 (Verstappen et al., 2008; Wu et al., 2016), or ZFP827 (Conomos et al., 2014; Yang et al., 2018). A short FOG1 N-terminal peptide fused to dCas9 has even been used to

artificially tether NuRD to gene promoters resulting in the establishment of a repressive chromatin environment (O'Geen et al., 2017). Our work suggests that this mechanism of NuRD recruitment might already have existed in a common ancestor of vertebrates and *Drosophila*.

Despite the plethora of studies that invoke the above mentioned recruitment model, this concept has recently been challenged: In mouse embryonic stem cells, Sall4 is found to be associated with the majority of NuRD complexes due to its N-terminal FOG repression motif. Surprisingly, knock-out of Sall4 did not lead to dissociation of NuRD from most regions that were co-occupied by Sall4 and NuRD in wild type cells (Miller et al., 2016). I, too, conducted ChIP-qPCR experiments in *Drosophila* S2 cells addressing the Ush-dependent occupancy of dMi-2 and dMTA1-like at Ush/dNuRD target genes. Upon depletion of Ush-B I did not detect decreased dNuRD signal at the examined regions (data not shown). These observations suggest that the association of NuRD with FOG repression motifs is not alone sufficient to define its chromatin localization. I agree with the notion that FOG repression motif containing proteins can contribute to tethering NuRD to genomic sites; the motif fused to dCas9 is even sufficient to *de novo* recruit NuRD (O'Geen et al., 2017). However, the efficiency of this artificial recruitment was highly variable across cell types and target sites, suggesting that the FOG repression motif is presumably not the sole determinant of NuRD occupancy. Another example highlights this non-essential but merely contributive function of FOG1 in NuRD recruitment: In mouse erythroid cells NuRD is present at several GATA1 target genes (e.g. *Kit* and *Gata2*) even in absence of GATA1/FOG1 and its association with these loci only slightly increases upon induced GATA1/FOG1 occupancy (Miccio et al., 2010). At intricately structured regulatory regions, the NuRD complex likely engages in a multitude of associations with transcription factors, nucleosomes and other chromatin-bound proteins. Interfering with one of these interactions (e.g. by depleting a FOG repression motif containing protein) might not suffice to fully evict NuRD. The number and affinity of additional interactions at a respective locus might determine, how much NuRD residence depends on the presence of a FOG repression motif containing protein.

It is tempting to assume that the sole function of transcription factor/NuRD associations is to facilitate recruitment. While that is certainly one task, interactions with or within the NuRD complex can also confer regulation of its activity. For instance the *Drosophila* Ecdysone receptor is able to recruit dMi-2 to its response elements while simultaneously activating dMi-2 remodeling activity (Kreher et al., 2017). Moreover, the association of the MTA-1 ELM2 domain with histone deacetylases is implicated in the regulation of HDAC activity (Millard et al., 2013). A potential influence of FOG repression motif containing proteins on NuRD enzymatic activities would be an interesting subject to investigate.

2.3.4. *Ush* and hemocyte proliferation

Our study uncovers the *Ush*-regulated transcriptome in S2 cells. To our surprise we found a substantial number of genes involved in cell cycle regulation misexpressed upon *Ush* depletion. The majority of these genes require *Ush* for their expression (Fig. 2C-2D). Among the *Ush*-dependent cell cycle regulators we find crucial pro-proliferative factors like the mitotic kinases Aurora B, CDK1 and polo as well as Cyclin B (Fig. 2E). The expression changes upon *Ush* depletion are concomitant with a significant decrease in proliferative capacity and an accumulation of cells in G2/M-phase (Fig. 3). We conclude that *Ush* is required for cell cycle progression in S2 cells and attribute this role partly to the transcriptional regulation of pivotal pro-mitotic genes.

In the *Drosophila* embryo, mutations in the *ush* gene can influence the number of cardinal and pericardial cells as well as hemocytes. Embryos with reduced *Ush* activity display an increased number of cardiocytes whereas overexpression of *Ush* in the mesoderm leads to a reduction in cardinal cell number (Fossett et al., 2000). During embryonic hematopoiesis *Ush* represses the production of crystal cells (Fossett et al., 2001a). Both examples point out that *Ush* negatively regulates the number of differentiated cells. However, in using the term “production”, the authors leave open whether they assign this effect to proliferation or differentiation processes (Fossett et al., 2001a).

Another indication that *Ush* acts in hemocyte proliferation has been reported in larval lymph glands. Larvae with two non-functional *Ush* alleles (*ush^{vx22}/ush^{r24}*) display hypertrophy of lymph gland hemocytes in the third instar (Sorrentino et al., 2007). Also here, *Ush* inhibits overproduction of cells. In the L2 stage this effect was not observed (Sorrentino et al., 2007). An independent investigation of the same allele combination showed abnormal production of lamellocytes in lymph glands and the authors attribute this to *Ush*'s function in the suppression of lamellocyte differentiation (Tokusumi et al., 2010). Gao and colleagues detected an increased number of proliferating (phospho-H3 positive) prohemocytes in lymph glands from early L3 larvae carrying *ush* loss of function alleles (*ush^{vx22}/ush^{r24}*). Targeted depletion of *Ush* from prohemocytes by cell type-specific RNAi, however, did not lead to increased proliferation (Gao et al., 2016). Using RNAi-mediated depletion of *Ush* or inactivation by a different allele combination (*ush^{r24}/ush^{r24}*), we were unable to recapitulate the drastic hyperproliferation phenotype described by Sorrentino and colleagues (Fig. S8). On the contrary, we observed substantial hypoproliferation of cultured S2 cells (Fig. 3). This cell culture system enables us to investigate cell autonomous effects in a homogeneous embryonic hemocyte precursors line. Thus, the proliferation defects upon *Ush* depletion are more likely the consequence of an intrinsic disturbance of cascades rather than the effect of signals emitted by regulatory cell types. It is important to keep in mind, however, that S2 cells in culture may not completely recapitulate the behavior of prohemocytes in the embryo.

The discrepancies discussed above suggest that the function of Ush in cell cycle progression is highly context dependent. It appears that Ush affects proliferation differently in embryonic vs. larval hematopoiesis, L2 vs. L3 lymph glands, cultured cells vs. complex hematopoietic organs. To decipher the role that Ush plays in hemocyte proliferation, it would be helpful to study the aberrant signaling and the transcriptomic changes that arise from Ush loss of function in the organism on a single cell level. This might shed light on the complex intercellular communication networks and their changes upon Ush inactivation during embryonic and larval hematopoiesis.

Hypotheses aiming to interpret the proliferation phenotypes observed upon Ush loss of function often involve the gene regulatory capacity of Ush and its associated GATA factors. Studies on mammalian Ush homologs FOG1 and FOG2 highlight their non-transcriptional roles: Murine GATA-1 interacts with the pRb/E2F2 complex which leads to its sequestration and ultimately inhibits proliferation. In presence of FOG1, GATA-1 is competed off the complex, enabling phosphorylation of pRb and subsequent cell cycle progression (Kadri et al., 2009; Kadri et al., 2015). This function of FOG1 may not immediately rely on changes in FOG1/GATA-1 target gene expression and characterizes FOG1 as a pro-proliferative factor. Mammalian FOG2 contains a putative pRb-interacting motif (LXCXD), thereby possibly impinging on cell cycle progression by directly contacting pRb (Goupille et al., 2017). The *Drosophila* GATA factor Srp contains a LX(C/S)XE motif that is theoretically capable of interacting with retinoblastoma proteins (Kadri et al., 2009). Although it is not known whether functions of FOG proteins that involve pRb and E2F homologs are conserved, this transcription-independent influence on cell division may provide an additional layer at which Ush could be subject to context-dependent manipulation.

The dependency of S2 cell proliferation on Ush poses the question whether the protein itself is a cell cycle regulator. It would be interesting to investigate whether Ush expression levels change or whether the protein is post-translationally modified in a cell cycle-dependent manner. Moreover, since this function of Ush seems to be independent of the dNuRD complex (Fig. 3D-3E, Fig. 6C), it is still unclear if there are other cofactors required to ensure cell cycle progression.

The presented data demonstrate how products from a single gene, *U-shaped*, can tackle diverse functions (hematopoiesis, proliferation, lipid metabolism) by delegating these tasks to different isoforms. It furthermore shows how Ush commissions a ubiquitous epigenetic regulator, dNuRD, to participate in a subset of its functions by using a conserved, isoform-specific interaction motif.

2.4. Contribution statement

Most of the molecular and cell biological experiments were performed by me. Bioinformatic analyses were conducted by Dr. Robert Liefke, if not stated otherwise. Together with Prof. Dr. Alexander Brehm I conceptualized the study and designed most of the experiments. In particular, I have made the following contributions to this project:

- Establishment of an endogenous tagging protocol in *Drosophila* S2 cells, characterization of cell lines expressing endogenously tagged U-shaped and dMi-2 by Western blot and genomic DNA PCR (Fig. 1A, Fig. S1). Here, I collaborated with Julianne Funk and Prof. Dr. Klaus Förstemann.
- Execution of ChIP experiments that were analyzed by next generation sequencing (Fig. 1, Fig. 5, Fig. S2, Fig. S4). Illumina sequencing was operated by Dr. Andrea Nist and Prof. Dr. Thorsten Stiewe.
- Analysis of U-shaped occupancy at transcriptional start sites (Fig. 1D).
- Execution of RNAi experiments in S2 cells for RNA-sequencing, RT-qPCR and experiments addressing Ush function in cell cycle (Fig. 2, Fig. 3, Fig. 6, Fig. S3). Here, I was supported by Samuel Shoup.
- Gene Ontology term analysis of deregulated genes (Fig. 2C-D, Fig. 6B, Fig. S5-S6).
- Verification of gene deregulation upon depletion by RT-qPCR (Fig. 2E, Fig. 6C)
- Propidium iodide staining of S2 cells following RNAi and cell cycle analysis (Fig. 3C-D, Fig. S7). Here, Dr. Hartmann Raifer provided technical assistance.
- Observation of mitotic cyclin levels upon protein depletion using Western blot (Fig. 3E)
- Expression of GST-fusion proteins and GST pulldown assays, immunoprecipitation of FLAG-tagged U-shaped. Both interaction assays were combined with a competition approach using synthetic peptides (Fig. 4). Here, I collaborated with Julianne Funk (Fig. 4C-4D, 4H), Dr. Lea Albert and Prof. Dr. Olalla Vázquez (peptide synthesis).

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3.

DISTINCT CoREST COMPLEXES ACT IN A CELL-TYPE-SPECIFIC MANNER

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3.1. Introduction

Initially identified in human cell lines (Andrés et al., 1999), homologs of the transcriptional co-repressor CoREST (co-repressor of RE1 silencing transcription factor) have since been discovered in many organisms, including *Xenopus leavis*, *Drosophila melanogaster*, and *Caenorhabditis elegans*. CoREST homologs exhibit a remarkably conserved function: They inhibit the expression of genes specific for neuronal tissues in cell types or developmental stages that do not require these factors (Lakowski et al., 2006, Maksour et al., 2020). In part, this repression is achieved together with sequence-specific transcription factors which interact with CoREST. The current model states that these proteins recruit CoREST to gene regulatory elements, thereby exerting transcriptional inhibition. Interestingly, CoREST is expressed in neural as well as non-neural tissues, suggesting that it allows the expression of neuronal genes in the brain, whereas it represses these genes in other tissues (Andrés et al., 1999; Dallman et al., 2004; Sáez et al., 2015; Maksour et al., 2020).

CoREST proteins are characterized by their common domain structure: They contain an N-terminal ELM2 (Egl-27 and MTA1 homology 2) domain as well as two SANT (SWI3, ADA2, N-Cor and TFIIB) domains, although there are isoforms reported that lack the second SANT domain (Lakowski et al., 2006; Dallman et al., 2004; Sáez et al., 2015). Combinations of these domains occur in a number of chromatin regulators and are thought to establish contacts with histone tails, DNA and other proteins (Boyer et al., 2004).

Mammalian genomes encodes three paralogous *CoREST* genes (*rcor1*, *rcor2* & *rcor3*) that give rise to multiple polypeptides. These protein products share an overall domain architecture and transcriptionally repressive potential. However, the mode and extent of repression differs between paralogs, probably due to altered interactions with co-repressor proteins. Moreover, mammalian CoREST paralogs and isoforms

show differential expression patterns across tissues, further contributing to their specialization (Barrios et al., 2014; Sáez et al., 2015; Maksour et al., 2020).

Several studies have identified CoREST-containing protein assemblies in mammals, the LSD1/CoREST complex probably being the best-studied one. Its core is composed of CoREST as well as the histone modifying enzymes LSD1 (H3K4 demethylase), and HDAC1/2 (histone deacetylases), which are able to create a transcriptionally repressive chromatin environment. This assembly exerts the classical CoREST task: It represses neuronal genes in non-neuronal cells. Furthermore, BHC80, BRAF35, ZNF217, and CtBP1 are described as stable complex subunits (You et al., 2001; Humphrey et al., 2001; Hakimi et al., 2002; Shi et al., 2005; Lee et al., 2005). Additional co-repressors, such as MeCP2 (Lunyak et al., 2002) and components of the SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling complexes (Battaglioli et al., 2002), can interact with CoREST and participate in LSD1/CoREST-mediated repression. An altered version of the LSD1/CoREST complex, which contains the histone deacetylase SIRT1 and the histone methyltransferase G9a, contributes to the repression of genes that respond to Notch signaling (Mulligan et al., 2011). These examples highlight the broad diversity of mammalian LSD1/CoREST assemblies, which are all based on a common CoREST-LSD1-HDAC core. This core acquires a variety of co-repressors, thereby engaging in specific repressive functions. CoREST and LSD1 have been shown to form another distinct assembly that does not harbor any HDACs, but contains the MBT domain protein SFMBT1. This so-called SLC complex (SFMBT, LSD1, and CoREST) regulates the cell cycle-dependent expression of histone genes (Zhang et al., 2013). It is worth noting that the majority of studies that identified CoREST-containing protein assemblies either focused on CoREST1 or did not distinguish between CoREST paralogs or isoforms. Thus, there might be a variety of CoREST complexes yet to be discovered.

In contrast to mammalian genomes, *Drosophila melanogaster* harbors a single *dCoREST* gene. Its transcripts undergo alternative splicing, giving rise to at least three different polypeptides. Based on the length of their amino acid sequences, these protein isoforms are referred to as dCoREST-L (Long), dCoREST-M (Medium) and dCoREST-S (Short). dCoREST is expressed ubiquitously in the *Drosophila* embryo with the small isoform being found predominantly in the central nervous system (Dallman et al., 2004).

dCoREST was identified as a subunit of the LINT (dL(3)mbt interacting) complex, which encompasses the MBT domain protein dL(3)mbt as well as dLint-1, a protein that contains a PHD finger-like domain (Meier et al., 2012). LINT is thought to bind to promoters of germ-line specific genes and inhibit their expression in larval brain tissue, cultured embryonic cells and somatic cells of the *Drosophila* ovary (Janic et al., 2010; Richter et al., 2011; Meier et al., 2012; Coux et al., 2018).

Little is known about other dCoREST-containing complexes in the fruit fly. Co-immunoprecipitation experiments in a *Drosophila* cell line and adult ovaries are indicative of an assembly containing dCoREST, dLSD1, and the histone deacetylase dRPD3, which might be reminiscent of the mammalian LSD1/CoREST complex (Dallman et al., 2004; Lee & Spradling, 2014). However, the subunit composition of the *Drosophila* version of this complex and its potential for transcriptional regulation has not been investigated comprehensively.

Here, we systematically study the composition and function of dCoREST-containing complexes using an embryonic *Drosophila melanogaster* cell line as well as *in vivo* models.

3.2. Synopsis of results

We characterized dCoREST-containing protein complexes in *Drosophila melanogaster*, using cultured S2 cells as a model. These cells express the medium and long isoform of dCoREST, while dCoREST-S is not detectable (Dallman et al., 2004). Size exclusion chromatography of nuclear extracts revealed that dCoREST is not only part of the LINT complex, but also exists in other protein assemblies, some of which might only contain one of the two dCoREST isoforms, dCoREST-M or dCoREST-L (Fig. 1B). Novel dCoREST-interacting proteins were characterized using immunoaffinity purification followed by mass spectrometry. We identified the previously described interaction partners dL(3)mbt, dLint-1, dRPD3, and dLSD1 (Meier et al., 2012; Dallman et al., 2004) as well as novel factors such as dG9a (Fig. 1C-1D & Table S1). To further assign these proteins to distinct dCoREST-assemblies, we conducted a multitude of biochemical experiments. In particular, FLAG-tagged proteins (FLAG-dLSD1, FLAG-dCoREST-M, or FLAG-dCoREST-L) were overexpressed in S2 cells and immunopurified. Immunoprecipitates were analyzed by Western blot and mass spectrometry. This revealed the existence of a dLSD1 complex that contains dRPD3 and seems to specifically interact with the larger dCoREST-L isoform (Fig. 2, Fig. S1 & Table S2-S3).

Since dCoREST-L contains a 234 amino acid insertion between its two SANT-domains, which is not present in dCoREST-M (Fig. 1A), we suspected that this sequence might be responsible for the isoform-specificity observed in the dLSD1-containing complex. To address this, I used a recombinant system to study the interaction of dCoREST isoforms with dLSD1. I generated baculoviruses containing dCoREST-M, dCoREST-L, or dLSD1 coding sequences and infected Sf9 insect cells with combinations of these viral expression vectors. Western blot analysis of anti-dCoREST immunoprecipitates showed that dLSD1 associates with dCoREST-L while only a small amount of dLSD1 co-precipitates with dCoREST-M (Fig. S2). This supports the notion that the dCoREST-L-specific insert is mainly responsible for its occurrence in the

dLSD1-containing complex. Moreover, the detection of interactions in this recombination system suggests that these might indeed occur directly between dCoREST-L and dLSD1 proteins.

The methyltransferase dG9a coprecipitated with both dCoREST isoforms (Fig. 2B), which led us to hypothesize that this protein might be distinct from the dLSD1/dCoREST complex. To identify components of a putative dG9a-containing dCoREST complex, a GFP epitope sequence was inserted at the 3' end of endogenous dG9a alleles using a CRISPR/Cas9 approach (Böttcher et al., 2014). Co-immunoprecipitation and size exclusion chromatography experiments revealed that the dG9a complex is distinct from LINT and also separates from dLSD1-containing assemblies (Fig. 3 & Fig. S4). Rather dG9a seems to form a complex with dCoREST-M and dRPD3.

Our biochemical data suggests the existence of at least three dCoREST-containing complexes that share a common dCoREST/dRPD3 deacetylation module, but differ in accessory subunits (Fig. 8):

- (1) dLSD1/dCoREST complex (containing dCoREST-L, dRPD3, and dLSD1),
- (2) LINT complex (containing both dCoREST isoforms, dRPD3, dLint-1, and dL(3)mbt),
- (3) dG9a/dCoREST complex (containing both dCoREST isoforms, dRPD3, and dG9a).

These assemblies might, of course, contain additional proteins that were not identified in our study.

Since the three dCoREST complexes harbor various proteins with chromatin-regulatory functions (Rudolph et al., 2007; Richter et al., 2011; Meier et al., 2012; Stabell et al., 2006), we asked whether they indeed bind to chromatin and, if so, whether their genomic binding sites overlapped according to the complex compositions. Using CRISPR/Cas9-mediated GFP-tagging of endogenous proteins (Fig. S3) and anti-GFP ChIP sequencing we determined the chromatin occupancy of dCoREST and signature subunits of each complex (dLSD1, dL(3)mbt, and dG9a) in *Drosophila* S2 cells. dCoREST was found predominantly on promoters, supporting its role in transcriptional regulation (Fig. 4A). We detected a large number of dL(3)mbt binding sites (4777), 73.4% of which were also occupied by dCoREST. Fewer dLSD1 and dG9a peaks were observed (1080 and 1601, respectively). Since most of dCoREST occupied regions were also bound by dL(3)mbt (73.6%), but less were shared with dLSD1 (17.6%) or dG9a (18.6%), we hypothesized that LINT is the predominant chromatin-bound dCoREST complex in S2 cells (Fig. 4B). Only few genomic sites were shared between dL(3)mbt and dLSD1 or dL(3)mbt and dG9a, suggesting that the three dCoREST-containing complexes bind to distinct chromatin regions (Fig. 4C-D).

All dCoREST assemblies that we identified contain chromatin modifying enzymes. This suggests that they take part in the regulation of gene transcription. To address this, we compared the transcriptomes of S2 cells upon depletion of dCoREST complex subunits. Simultaneous interference with the expression of both dCoREST isoforms lead to the deregulation of 696 genes most of which seemed to be repressed by

dCoREST (668 genes, 96%). The depletion of proteins residing in the dLSD1/dCoREST and the dG9a/dCoREST assemblies had only mild effects on gene expression in hemocyte-derived S2 cells (dCoREST-L RNAi: 8 genes deregulated; dLSD1 RNAi: 18 genes deregulated; dG9a RNAi: 10 genes deregulated). However, we observed misexpression of many genes upon depletion of LINT complex components (dLint-1 RNAi: 407 genes deregulated; dL(3)mbt RNAi: 640 genes deregulated). Again, most of these genes were derepressed upon depletion of dLint-1 (373 genes, 91.6%) and dL(3)mbt (584 genes, 91.3%) and substantially overlapped with dCoREST-repressed genes (Fig. 5A-5C & Fig. S5). Functionally LINT seems to inhibit lineage-inappropriate gene expression, especially the transcription of germ line-specific genes (Fig. 5D, Fig. S6-S7; Meier et al., 2012). Taken together we show that, in S2 cells, dCoREST acts predominantly in the context of the LINT complex. This is reflected in both, its widespread chromatin occupancy as well as its function as a transcriptional regulator.

So far, our functional characterization of dCoREST was informed by studying *Drosophila* S2 cells, which are derived from embryonic hemocyte precursors. In a next step, we aimed to describe the developmental function of dCoREST complexes *in vivo* using two different examples of differentiation processes: Firstly, the differentiation of wing veins and, secondly, *Drosophila* spermatogenesis. This was approached by observing phenotypic changes in the respective organs upon RNAi-mediated depletion of dCoREST and its associated factors. We observed that loss of dCoREST leads to defects in wing vein development. However this phenotype was not recapitulated upon depletion of dLSD1, dL(3)mbt, or dG9a, suggesting that this particular function of dCoREST is not mediated by one of the complexes we identified (Fig. S8-S9).

During spermatogenesis, chromatin undergoes major structural changes. As a consequence, the *Drosophila* male reproductive system is prone to the disturbance of many chromatin regulators (Rathke et al., 2014). Depletion of dCoREST in germ cells led to male infertility. Male flies with reduced levels of dL(3)mbt, dLint-1, or dG9a were still able to generate offspring. In contrast, flies containing dLSD1-depletion constructs also exhibited an infertility phenotype (Fig. 6A & Fig. S10-S11). We concluded that dCoREST is required for male fertility and that this function can be attributed specifically to the dLSD1/dCoREST complex. LINT or dG9a/dCoREST complexes do not seem to be essential in this context. We further observed a severe reduction of mature sperm in testes of dCoREST- and dLSD1-depleted males (Fig. 6B-6C). To determine whether this developmental defect is due to altered gene expression, we analyzed the transcriptome of dCoREST- and dLSD1-depleted testes using RNA-seq. We found a large number of genes derepressed in these testes compared to controls (dCoREST RNAi: 1721; dLSD1 RNAi: 1300). On the contrary, only few genes seemed to depend on dCoREST or dLSD1 for their appropriate expression (dCoREST RNAi: 61; dLSD1 RNAi: 125).

We determined 1091 genes that were co-repressed by both, dCoREST and dLSD1, thus, defining a gene set repressed by the dLSD1/dCoREST complex in *Drosophila* testes (Fig. 7). Interestingly these genes were enriched in Gene Ontology (GO) terms associated with neuronal differentiation and function (Fig. S12).

We hypothesize that the dLSD1/dCoREST complex restricts the expression of neuronal genes in the germ line and is required for proper spermatogenesis.

3.3. Discussion

3.3.1. Cell type specificity of dCoREST-containing complexes

We have uncovered the existence of three dCoREST-containing complexes in *Drosophila melanogaster*: LINT, dLSD1/dCoREST, and dG9a/dCoREST. These assemblies all share a common deacetylase core, consisting of dRPD3 and one dCoREST isoform. The three complexes vary in accessory subunits (dL(3)mbt, dLSD1, dG9a) that convey chromatin-binding or histone-modifying activities and are believed to support the inhibition of gene expression. We found that the repression of lineage-inappropriate genes in certain cell types or tissues largely depends on one specific dCoREST-complex while being barely affected by the depletion of components from other dCoREST-complexes: S2 cells seem to be particularly sensitive to ablation of LINT complexes, while the function of male germ cells was diminished only upon depletion of dLSD1/dCoREST complex subunits. The expression levels of dLSD1 (dLSD1/dCoREST complex subunit) and dL(3)mbt (LINT complex subunit) in testis vs. S2 cells do not correlate with this selective dependency. In fact, less dLSD1 expression is detected in testes compared to S2 cells, whereas dL(3)mbt mRNA levels are higher in testes than in S2 cells (FlyAtlas, 03/2021). Moreover, we show that, at least in S2 cells, all three complexes are present, can be biochemically separated, and exist as distinct entities on chromatin. In larval brain tissue, the signature subunits of the dLSD1/dCoREST assembly are expressed (Meier et al., 2012), yet it is unclear whether they form a complex. Thus, the surprising selective requirement of certain complexes in certain cell types can not be sufficiently explained by the expression level of characteristic subunits or even by the presence of the complex as a whole. This poses the question at which level the lineage-specific function of the three assemblies is regulated.

We postulate that dCoREST-containing complexes predominantly act on chromatin. One level of lineage-specific regulation could comprise transcription factors that facilitate recruitment of defined dCoREST-complexes. These recruiters would need to act in a cell type-specific manner and be dedicated to tethering the relevant dCoREST-containing complex to its targets. Ttk88, a dCoREST-interacting transcription factor, has been suggested to be one such protein in non-neuronal tissues (Dallman et al., 2004). It remains to be determined whether Ttk88 exhibits complex-specific interactions with dCoREST and if the interaction shows lineage specificity. Our list of dCoR-

EST interactors in S2 cells (Table S1) holds additional putative transcription factors, like the CENPB-type DNA-binding protein earthbound (*ebd1*) which facilitates transduction of Wingless-signaling in *Drosophila* flight muscles (Benchabane et al., 2011). Determining whether *ebd1* interacts with a particular dCoREST complex could shed light on a possible role of dCoREST complexes in this tissue.

Since different dCoREST complexes contain different dCoREST isoforms, regulation on the level of alternative splicing is conceivable. Only dCoREST-L is present in the dLSD1/dCoREST complex while dCoREST-M is the predominant isoform in dG9a/dCoREST and LINT (Fig. 2 & Fig. 3; Meier et al., 2012). The inclusion of exons that encode the inter-SANT linker in dCoREST-L could shift the balance of complexes towards dLSD1/dCoREST. Likewise, skipping of these exons produces comparatively more dCoREST-M protein, possibly resulting in increased formation of LINT and dG9a/dCoREST complexes. This scenario, of course, relies on the premise that the amount of the other dCoREST-complex subunits is not limiting. It is worth noting that disturbing the ratio of dCoREST-L to dCoREST-M can also lead to unusual complex compositions: For instance, high exogenous overexpression of dCoREST-L in S2 cells led to its inclusion in the LINT complex. In this example, even dLSD1 was detected in LINT-specific fractions after two-step ion exchange chromatography (Mačinković, unpublished observation). It is unclear whether the expression levels achieved in this experimental setup reflect observable splicing equilibria in any fly tissue. However, it highlights that there might be a certain fluidity regarding the composition of dCoREST-containing complexes that may be influenced by the relative levels of dCoREST isoforms (Meier & Brehm, 2014).

Protein-protein interactions can be modulated by covalent modifications of crucial amino acid residues. For instance, human LSD1 is dimethylated at Lysin 114 (K114me₂) which triggers its interaction with CHD1 (Metzger et al., 2016). This modification does not influence the association with CoREST1 and, moreover, Lysin 114 is not conserved in the *Drosophila* LSD1 homolog. However, this example highlights the paradigm of interactions that depend on post-translational modifications. I used the iProteinDB database (Hu et al., 2019) to predict residues in dCoREST-M and dCoREST-L that might potentially be covalently modified. Multiple putative phosphorylation sites were identified and most of them are located within the first 80 amino acids of the dCoREST N-terminus which is common to all dCoREST isoforms (data not shown). Characterizing different modification patterns of dCoREST and its associated factors in testis and S2 cells would be an interesting starting point to address the relevance of post-translational modifications in dCoREST complex assembly.

3.3.2. Significance of dCoREST as subunit of chromatin-modifying complexes

There seems to be a remarkable dichotomy of dCoREST-containing complexes in gene regulation: LINT represses germ line-specific genes in larval brain tissue (Janic et al., 2010; Meier et al., 2012), whereas dLSD1/dCoREST inhibits expression of neuronal genes in testis (Fig. 6, Fig. 7 & Fig. S12). Although dCoREST is present in both cell types, it permits the transcription of lineage-appropriate genes in one case while repressing these gene sets when they are deemed lineage-inappropriate. Despite the need for tissue specific regulation, which has been discussed above, this juxtaposition accentuates that the observed dCoREST function is largely dependent on its interacting factors. This evokes the idea that dCoREST might acts as a scaffold onto which enzyme complexes can assemble.

Besides merely providing interaction surfaces, two regions of dCoREST have the potential to enhance the activity of its associated enzymes. Mammalian ELM2-SANT1 tandem domains interact with class I HDACs and are required to stimulate the deacetylation reaction (Millard et al., 2013). Since we find the *Drosophila* HDAC1/2 homolog dRPD3 in all three dCoREST complexes, it is conceivable that one task of dCoREST is to keep dRPD3 in an active state. It would be interesting to assess whether genes that require dCoREST for their repression also depend on dRPD3 activity. A region of human CoREST1 that includes the second SANT domain and the inter-SANT linker contacts LSD1 and directs its demethylation activity towards nucleosomes (Yang et al., 2006). While free LSD1 is active on histone octamers, it is only able to demethylate nucleosomes in complex with CoREST (Shi et al., 2005). The domain that binds to human LSD1 is conserved in dCoREST-L but not in dCoREST-M which might explain why we do not find dLSD1 in complexes that contain only minor amounts of the longer dCoREST isoform (Fig. 2, Fig. S2 & Fig. S13; Meier et al., 2012).

Related to its stimulatory impact on enzyme activity, CoREST may also serve as a bridging factor that stabilizes catalytic protein complexes on their substrates. Recent structural studies have addressed the positioning of the LSD1/CoREST complex on the nucleosome with surprising discrepancies: One structure reveals the catalytic domain of LSD1 close to the nucleosome core with the CoREST SANT2 domain and HDAC1 in a rather distant position (Song et al., 2020). The second study finds the LSD1 amine oxidase domain mostly engaged with extranucleosomal DNA while observing the LSD1 tower and CoREST SANT2 domains in direct contact with histones and nucleosomal DNA (Kim et al., 2020). The latter observation especially highlights the importance of CoREST in mediating the interaction with the nucleosome. Although mammalian CoREST1 is particularly reminiscent of dCoREST-L (Fig. S13), the SANT2 domain is also found in dCoREST-M. It is therefore possible that this isoform might contribute to positioning LINT and dG9a/dCoREST complexes on nucleosomal substrates.

3.4. Contribution statement

I have made the following contributions to this project:

- Generation of baculoviruses harboring dCoREST-M, dCoREST-L and dLSD1 cDNA (Fig. S2)
- Recombinant expression of proteins in Sf9 cells using baculoviral infection (Fig. S2)
- Execution of immunoprecipitation and Western blot experiments (Fig. S2)
- Establishment of an endogenous tagging protocol in *Drosophila* S2 cells using CRISPR/Cas9
- Establishment of a ChIP-seq protocol using anti-GFP Nano-Trap resin

4. SUMMARY

In this thesis I am addressing the function of two transcriptional cofactors (U-shaped and dCoREST) and their interplay with epigenetic modifiers to regulate lineage-specific gene expression.

Firstly, I shed light on the molecular functions of the hemocyte regulator U-shaped. I provide genome wide data supporting that Ush binds to regulatory elements and that it regulates the expression of a large number of genes including factors implicated in hemocyte function, cell cycle, and lipid metabolism. Ush maintains the proliferative capacity of embryonic hemocyte precursors. I show that different isoforms of Ush are expressed in *Drosophila* S2 cells and that one of them interacts with the dMi-2/dNuRD complex using a conserved N-terminal peptide. Indeed, Ush and dMi-2 cooccupy many genomic sites. While being dispensable for the regulation of genes implicated in cell cycle and lipid metabolism, dMi-2 is required specifically for the repression of hemocyte-related genes. Moreover, Ush and dNuRD coregulate enhancer activity in larval lymph glands and cooperate in repressing hemocyte differentiation *in vivo*.

Secondly, I and my coworkers identify protein complexes containing the transcriptional corepressor dCoREST. We show that dCoREST exists in at least three complexes: LINT, dLSD1/dCoREST, and dG9a/dCoREST. Each of these assemblies is composed of a shared histone deacetylase core that contains dRPD3 and one or more dCoREST isoforms alongside complex-specific regulatory subunits. Genome wide transcriptomics led us to conclude that different complexes exert lineage-specific functions: While LINT is required for the repression of germ line-specific genes in a hemocyte progenitor cell line, the dLSD1/dCoREST complex inhibits the transcription of neuronal genes in the *Drosophila* germ line.

Taken together, this study adds to the notion that the regulatory capacity of ubiquitous chromatin modifiers can be narrowed down to specific lineages by engaging with lineage-specific transcriptional cofactors, their isoforms, and distinct complexes.

5. ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

In der vorliegenden Arbeit befasse ich mich mit der Rolle zweier transkriptioneller Kofaktoren (U-shaped und dCoREST) und wie deren Zusammenspiel mit epigenetischen Regulatoren gewebespezifische Genexpression beeinflusst.

Zunächst beleuchte ich die molekulare Funktionsweise des Hämozyten-spezifischen Proteins U-shaped. Meine genomweiten Daten lassen darauf schließen, dass Ush an regulatorische Elemente bindet und die Expression einer Vielzahl von Genen reguliert. Darunter befinden sich insbesondere Faktoren, die bei der Funktion von Hämozyten, während des Zellzyklus oder im Fettstoffwechsel eine wichtige Rolle spielen. Tatsächlich erhält Ush das proliferative Potential von embryonalen Blut-Vorläuferzellen aufrecht. Ich weise die Expression mehrerer U-shaped-Isoformen in *Drosophila* S2 Zellen nach und zeige, dass eine bestimmte Isoform mit dem dMi-2/dNuRD-Komplex mittels eines konservierten, N-terminalen Peptids interagiert. In der Tat koloalisieren Ush und dMi-2 an vielen Stellen im Genom. Während dMi-2 nicht an der Regulation von Zellzyklus- und Fettstoffwechsel-Genen beteiligt ist, wird es insbesondere für die Repression von Hämozyten-spezifischen Genen benötigt. Darüberhinaus koregulieren Ush und dNuRD die Aktivität eines Enhancers in Lymphdrüsen von *Drosophila* Larven und inhibieren gemeinsam die Differenzierung von Hämozyten.

Des Weiteren identifizieren wir Proteinkomplexe, die den transkriptionellen Korepressor dCoREST enthalten. Wir weisen die Existenz dreier dCoREST-enthaltender Komplexe nach: LINT, dLSD1/dCoREST und dG9a/dCoREST. Diese bestehen aus einem gemeinsamen Histondeacetylase Kernmodul, welches dRPD3 und eine oder mehrere dCoREST-Isoformen enthält. Jeder Komplex beinhaltet außerdem spezifische regulatorische Untereinheiten. Unsere genomweiten Transkriptomanalysen lassen auf gewebespezifische Funktionen der verschiedenen Komplexe schließen: Während LINT die Repression von Keimbahn-spezifischen Genen in einer Hämozyten-Vorläuferzelllinie veranlasst, hemmt der dLSD1/dCoREST-Komplex die Transkription neuronaler Gene in der *Drosophila* Keimbahn.

Zusammenfassend unterstützt diese Arbeit die Auffassung, dass die regulative Kapazität ubiquitärer Chromatin-Regulatoren in verschiedenen Zelltypen durch zwei verschiedene Mechanismen gesteuert werden kann: Erstens, durch die Ausbildung von Proteinkomplexen mit unterschiedlicher Zusammensetzung und Funktion sowie, zweitens, durch die Interaktion mit gewebespezifischen transkriptionellen Kofaktoren und deren Isoformen.

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APPENDIX

I. Publications

“Ush regulates hemocyte-specific gene expression, fatty acid metabolism and cell cycle progression and cooperates with dNuRD to orchestrate hematopoiesis”

“Distinct CoREST complexes act in a cell-type-specific manner”

II. List of academic teachers

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Ush regulates hemocyte-specific gene expression, fatty acid metabolism and cell cycle progression and cooperates with dNuRD to orchestrate hematopoiesis

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Abstract

The generation of lineage-specific gene expression programmes that alter proliferation capacity, metabolic profile and cell type-specific functions during differentiation from multipotent stem cells to specialised cell types is crucial for development. During differentiation gene expression programmes are dynamically modulated by a complex interplay between sequence-specific transcription factors, associated cofactors and epigenetic regulators. Here, we study U-shaped (Ush), a multi-zinc finger protein that maintains the multipotency of stem cell-like hemocyte progenitors during *Drosophila* hematopoiesis. Using genome-wide approaches we reveal that Ush binds to promoters and enhancers and that it controls the expression of three gene classes that encode proteins relevant to stem cell-like functions and differentiation: cell cycle regulators, key metabolic enzymes and proteins conferring specific functions of differentiated hemocytes. We employ complementary biochemical approaches to characterise the molecular mechanisms of Ush-mediated gene regulation. We uncover distinct Ush isoforms one of which binds the Nucleosome Remodeling and Deacetylation (NuRD) complex using an evolutionary conserved peptide motif. Remarkably, the Ush/NuRD complex specifically contributes to the repression of lineage-specific genes but does not impact the expression of cell cycle regulators or metabolic genes. This reveals a mechanism that enables specific and concerted modulation of functionally related portions of a wider gene expression programme. Finally, we use genetic assays to demonstrate that

includes raw reads from RNA-seq experiments (3 replicates each: dsEGFP, dsUsh, dsMi-2; 4 replicates each: dsEGFP, dsUsh-B) and ChIP-seq experiments (1 replicate each: Ush-GFP input, Ush-GFP ChIP, dMi-2-GFP input, dMi-2-GFP ChIP). For RNA-seq the following analysed data are provided: Normalised counts (dsEGFP, dsUsh & dsMi-2 replicates), differentially expressed genes (dsEGFP vs. dsUsh; dsEGFP vs. dsMi-2), Normalised counts (dsEGFP & dsUsh-B replicates), differentially expressed genes (dsEGFP vs. dsUsh-B). Coverage tracks of Ush and dMi-2 ChIP-seq experiments as well as corresponding inputs are available for two different *Drosophila* genome versions (bigWig files for dm3 and dm6).

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Ush and NuRD regulate enhancer activity during hemocyte differentiation *in vivo* and that both cooperate to suppress the differentiation of lamellocytes, a highly specialised blood cell type. Our findings reveal that Ush coordinates proliferation, metabolism and cell type-specific activities by isoform-specific cooperation with an epigenetic regulator.

Author summary

In multicellular organisms common progenitors differentiate into various kinds of specialised cells. During differentiation metabolic profiles and proliferation potentials are progressively adjusted and cell type-specific traits are established by the coordinated activation and inactivation of genes. Here we study U-shaped (Ush), a conserved gene regulator that acts during macrophage differentiation in *Drosophila melanogaster*. We uncover that Ush coordinates the activation and inactivation of three differentiation-related gene groups, thereby modulating lipid metabolism, promoting cell division and maintaining a progenitor state. These functions are conferred by different Ush protein isoforms and their associated co-factors. One such co-factor, the nucleosome remodeling and deacetylation complex dNuRD, contributes to progenitor state maintenance but is not required for other Ush-regulated processes. This exemplifies how a single gene regulator can simultaneously influence different aspects of cellular differentiation by employing protein isoforms and isoform-specific co-regulator interactions.

Introduction

Establishment of gene expression programmes during differentiation involves a close cooperation between lineage-specific transcription factors and ubiquitously expressed epigenetic regulators. Transcription factors often possess sequence-specific DNA binding activities to target specific genes. There, they interact with epigenetic regulators, such as histone modifying enzymes or nucleosome remodelers, which alter chromatin structure. This facilitates the establishment and maintenance of appropriate levels of transcription. The molecular details of this interplay are complex and incompletely understood.

During hematopoiesis multipotent stem cells differentiate into diverse lineages to produce the many different blood cell types. Lineage-specific expression of RUNX1, PU.1 and GATA transcription factors play a prominent role in guiding these cell fate decisions [1]. These sequence-specific transcription factors cooperate with a host of cofactors and epigenetic regulators to establish lineage-appropriate gene expression programmes [2]. Many of the key regulators of hematopoiesis are conserved between vertebrates and invertebrates. *Drosophila* possesses a simple hematopoietic system that is composed of only three differentiated cell types [3]. The macrophage-like plasmatocytes make up the bulk of *Drosophila* hemocytes. The rarer crystal cells perform special roles in melanisation. Finally, the ultra-rare lamellocytes are only produced in significant numbers under extreme stress conditions. All three cell types can be derived from a common hemocyte precursor. Given its simplicity, *Drosophila* has proven to be an excellent, genetically tractable model to uncover fundamental principles of hematopoiesis.

Like its mammalian homolog FOG1, U-shaped (Ush) is a transcriptional cofactor that cooperates with GATA transcription factors to regulate key decisions during *Drosophila* hematopoiesis [4–8]. Ush and FOG1 do not bind DNA and are recruited to their sites of action by sequence-specific GATA transcription factors. Genetic studies support the view that Ush acts with the GATA transcription factor Serpent to maintain pluripotency of hemocyte progenitors

and suppress their differentiation [9–13]. Changes in Ush levels govern cell fate choice: The stem cell-like pro-hemocytetes express high levels of Ush. Ush expression is downregulated to lower levels as pro-hemocytetes differentiate into plasmacytes and crystal cells and completely shut off during lamellocyte differentiation [10]. Previous analyses have identified a small number of Ush-regulated genes critical for the repression of hemocyte differentiation [14]. It is not known if Ush is dedicated to the regulation of these genes or if it controls more extensive transcriptional programmes. Moreover, the potential interplay between Ush and epigenetic regulators has not been studied.

Here, we use ChIP-seq and RNA-seq to determine genomewide Ush-occupied chromatin regions and Ush-regulated genes in the hemocyte-derived S2 cell line. Ush associates predominantly with promoters and enhancers at thousands of loci that are enriched for GATA binding sites. It regulates the expression of more than 1,800 genes which designates Ush as a major transcriptome regulator. Bioinformatic analyses uncover both activating as well as repressive functions of Ush. Ush uses these opposing activities to coordinately regulate distinct sets of genes: genes with hemocyte-related functions, genes that encode key enzymes of fatty acid metabolism and genes coding for critical cell cycle regulators. These findings suggest that Ush does not only control the expression of hemocyte-specific genes, as implied by prior genetic studies, but that it also shapes the metabolic profile and maintains the proliferative potential of hemocytes. Indeed, prolonged depletion of Ush abrogates cell division and results in a pronounced G2/M block as detected by flowcytometric analysis.

Biochemically, we identify two major Ush isoforms. We use a variety of protein interaction assays to demonstrate that only the Ush-B isoform interacts with subunits of the Nucleosome Remodeling and Deacetylation (NuRD) complex *in vitro* and *in vivo*. Their interaction depends on a short N-terminal sequence specific for Ush-B. This sequence is related to the FOG repression motif with which FOG1 interacts with mammalian NuRD [15]. Thus, we have identified an evolutionary conserved, peptide based interaction mode between FOG1/Ush and NuRD. ChIP-seq highlights extensive colocalisation of Ush and the NuRD ATPase subunit dMi-2 on chromatin suggesting that the Ush/NuRD complex occupies thousands of regulatory sequences. RNA-seq analysis of the transcriptomes of dMi-2 and Ush-B-depleted cells identifies a common set of Ush-B/dMi-2 repressed genes with hemocyte-specific functions. By contrast, genes encoding enzymes involved in fatty acid metabolism and cell cycle regulation are not significantly affected by Ush-B/dMi-2. Accordingly, dMi-2 and Ush-B-depletion does not significantly affect the cell cycle profile of S2 cells. Thus, a specific Ush isoform and its specific interaction with an epigenetic regulator make a dedicated contribution to the regulation of only one of the three gene classes controlled by Ush.

Finally, we have used genetic loss-of-function approaches to define the roles of Ush and NuRD during hematopoiesis *in vivo*. We show that Ush as well as NuRD subunits are required for the restriction of enhancer activity in the lymph gland and that Ush and NuRD cooperate in the suppression of stress-induced lamellocytes.

Transcriptional factors make use of selective coregulators to establish and maintain cell lineage specific transcription programmes during mammalian hematopoiesis [2]. Our data substantially elaborates this paradigm by revealing alternative splicing and isoform-specific interactions as mechanisms to guide selective coregulator usage.

Results

Ush associates with promoters and enhancers

We used hemocyte-derived S2 cells as a model to define the molecular functions of Ush. Western blot analysis of whole cell extracts verified expression of Ush in S2 cells (Fig 1A, left panel).

An established Ush antibody reacted with several polypeptides (lane 1; [6]). The antibody signals for polypeptides with apparent molecular masses of 180 kDa and 220 kDa, respectively, were abrogated upon treatment of S2 cells with double stranded RNA directed against the 3' portion of the Ush mRNA (lane 2). This suggests that S2 cells express at least two different isoforms of Ush or that the protein is post-translationally modified. We employed a CRISPR approach to insert GFP- or FLAG-tag coding sequences at the 3' end of the Ush gene (S1A and S1B Fig). Western blot analysis of nuclear extracts from these cell lines using GFP or FLAG antibody likewise detected two major polypeptides (Fig 1A, right panel).

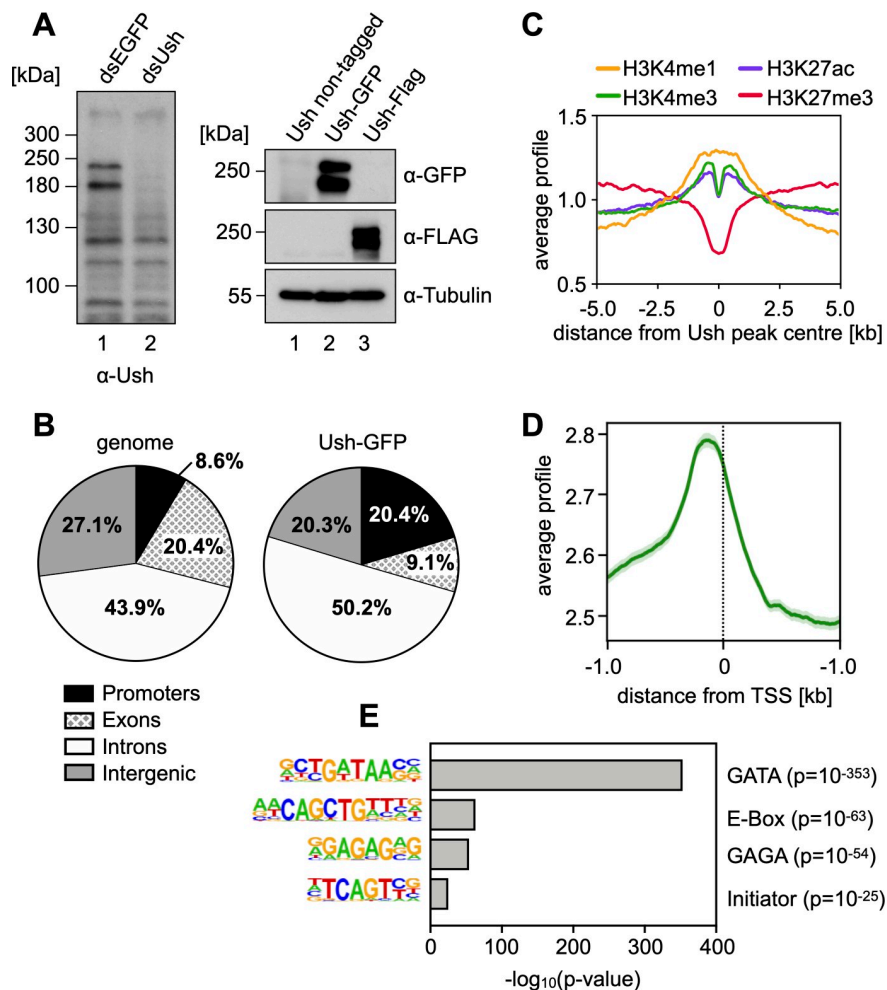


Fig 1. Ush is expressed in S2 cells and binds to regulatory elements. **A** Left panel: S2 cells were transfected with control dsRNA (dsEGFP) or dsRNA against Ush (dsUsh) and harvested after four days. Whole cell lysates were probed on Western blot using an antibody against Ush. Right panel: A GFP- or FLAG-tag sequence was inserted at the 3' end of the Ush gene in S2 cells using CRISPR/Cas9-mediated genome editing. Nuclear extracts of control cells and cells expressing Ush-GFP or Ush-FLAG was probed on Western blot using a GFP or FLAG antibody. Tubulin signal serves as loading control. **B** Genomic distribution of Ush-GFP binding sites identified by anti-GFP ChIP-seq. Fraction of Ush peaks found in each genomic location are shown in the right chart. Fractions of genomic locations in the *Drosophila* genome serve as reference (left chart). **C** Distribution of histone modifications surrounding Ush-bound regions. Signals of H3K4me1 (yellow), H3K4me3 (green), H3K27ac (blue) and H3K27me3 (red) are displayed within a region of 10 kb surrounding Ush peaks. **D** Distribution of Ush occupancy at transcription start sites (TSS). Average Ush binding (green) was evaluated in a 2 kb region surrounding all genomic TSS. Standard error is depicted in light green. **E** Analysis of DNA sequence motifs enriched at Ush binding sites. The enriched motif is depicted on the left and the corresponding transcription factor on the right. The $-\log_{10}(p\text{-value})$ for the enrichment of each motif is plotted and p-values are indicated on the right.

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We next determined the genomewide chromatin binding pattern of Ush by anti-GFP chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by high throughput sequencing (ChIP-seq). This identified 7012 genomic regions bound by Ush-GFP. Ush occupied sites were strongly enriched in promoters and moderately enriched in introns, which in the *Drosophila* genome often harbour enhancers (Fig 1B). Ush-bound regions were positively correlated with higher levels of H3K4 monomethylation (H3K4me1), H3K4 trimethylation (H3K4me3) and H3K27 acetylation (H3K27ac) - three histone modifications that are characteristic for active promoters (H3K4me3 and H3K27ac) and enhancers (H3K4me1 and H3K27ac) (Fig 1C). By contrast, Ush-occupied sites were on average depleted of H3K27 trimethylated (H3K27me3) nucleosomes, which are predominantly associated with genes that are stably silenced by Polycomb complexes PRC1 and PRC2. Concordant with histone modification patterns, elevated Ush levels were found directly upstream of transcriptional start sites (TSS), suggesting that Ush occupies gene promoter sequences (Fig 1D). A motif analysis revealed that Ush bound regions are in fact enriched for transcription factor binding sites, including GATA-, E-box-, GAGA- and Initiator motifs (Fig 1E). Of these the GATA motif was by far the most strongly enriched motif consistent with the established genetic and physical interactions between Ush and GATA transcription factors [4–8].

Collectively, these results suggest that Ush preferentially occupies gene regulatory sequences such as promoters and enhancers and that it is predominantly associated with transcription factors such as GATA factors. However, our findings also hint towards a possible complex formation with bHLH transcription factors, GAGA factor and general transcription factors binding to the initiator element. Given the high number of Ush bound genes we hypothesised that Ush plays a significant role in regulating the S2 transcriptome.

Ush is a major regulator of transcription

We depleted Ush from S2 cells by RNAi using a double stranded RNA that targets all Ush isoforms (Fig 1A). We then performed RNA-seq to analyse the resulting transcriptome changes. The levels of 1828 transcripts were significantly changed in Ush-depleted cells (adj. $p < 0.01$) supporting the hypothesis that Ush is a major transcriptional regulator. The majority of these transcripts (1268) was upregulated following Ush depletion suggesting that Ush predominantly represses transcription (Fig 2A). Nevertheless, a significant number (560) of differentially expressed genes were downregulated in Ush depleted cells indicating that Ush can also activate or maintain higher levels of transcription.

Comparison of the RNA-seq and ChIP-seq datasets revealed that approximately half of Ush-repressed genes (651 of 1268, 51%) and one third of Ush-activated genes (175 of 560, 31%) contain a Ush ChIP-seq peak in the promoter or gene body (Fig 2B). These 826 genes are, therefore, likely to be direct transcriptional targets of Ush.

Ush regulates genes with hemocyte, metabolic and cell cycle functions

A gene ontology analysis of Ush regulated genes revealed strong enrichment of three main classes of genes: (1) genes involved in hemocyte functions (139 genes), (2) genes involved in lipid and fatty acid metabolism (199 genes) and (3) genes involved in the cell cycle (176 genes) (Fig 2C and 2D).

Our finding that Ush regulates genes involved in hemocyte functions agrees well with previous genetic work: Ush has long been established as a dosage-dependent repressor of hemocyte differentiation in *Drosophila* [10]. In the embryo Ush antagonises the expression of the transcription factor Lozenge (Lz) which is essential for crystal cell differentiation [5,6,16]. Crystal cell differentiation is accompanied by reduced Ush expression and consequent derepression of

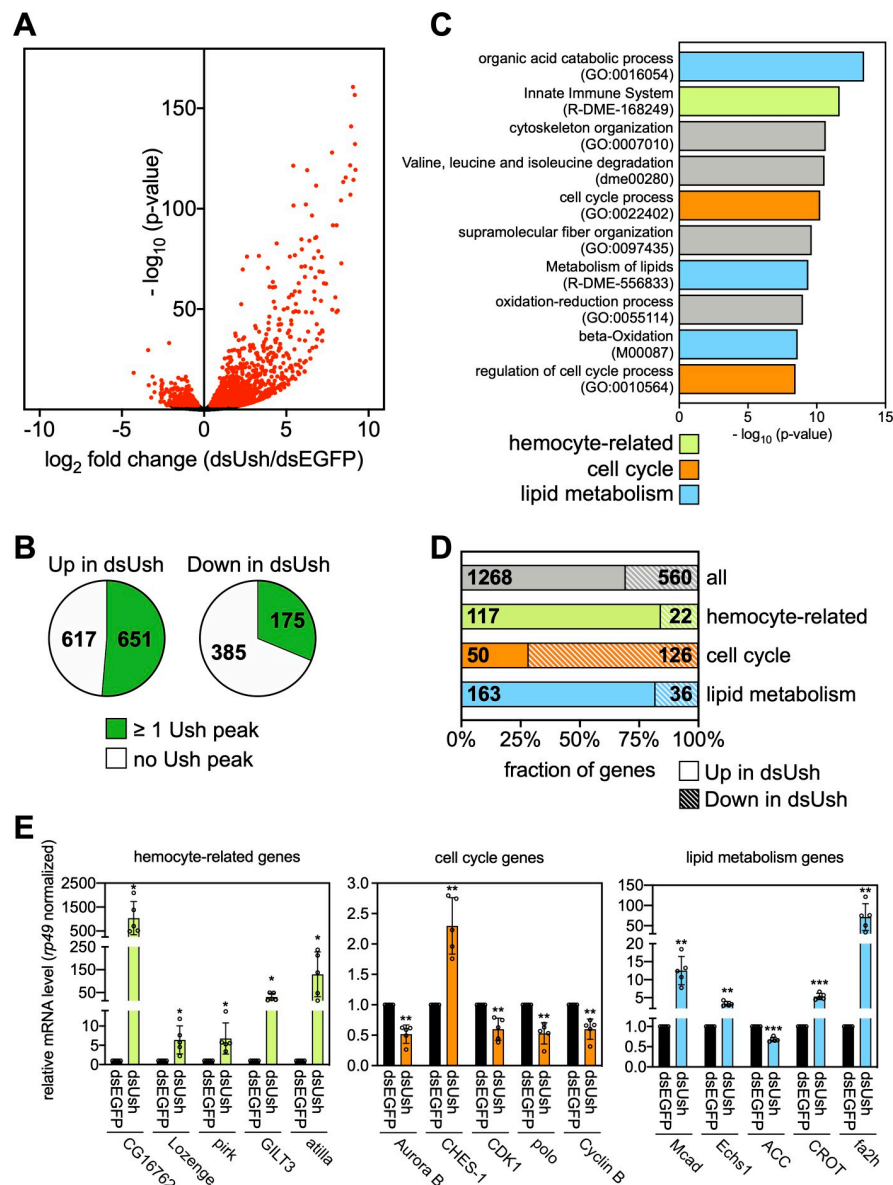


Fig 2. Ush regulates the S2 cell transcriptome. **A** Volcano plot of deregulated genes upon depletion of Ush in S2 cells. The $-\log_{10}$ (p-value) is plotted against the \log_2 fold change of counts per gene in Ush-depleted (dsUsh) vs. control cells (dsEGFP). Red dots represent significantly deregulated genes ($\text{adj. } p < 0.01$) obtained from biological triplicates ($n = 3$). **B** Enrichment of Ush at Ush-regulated genes. Fraction of genes repressed (left chart) or activated by Ush (right chart) that contain at least one Ush peak is indicated in green. **C** Gene ontology analysis of Ush-regulated genes. GO terms associated with lipid metabolism (blue), hemocyte-specific functions (green) and cell cycle (orange) are highlighted respectively. **D** Genes contributing to the three GO term classes were divided into a Ush-activated (shaded) and a Ush-repressed (solid) fraction. The entirety of all Ush-regulated genes serves as reference (grey). Gene numbers in each fraction are indicated. **E** Representative genes from all three gene classes were analysed upon depletion of Ush (dsUsh) by RT-qPCR. Gene names are indicated below. Expression was calculated relative to control treated cells (dsEGFP) and normalised using the mRNA levels of *rp49*. Error bars represent the standard deviation from biological replicates ($n = 5$) (T-test: *** $p < 0.001$, ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$). Individual values of each replicate are displayed as circles.

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lz. Indeed, we find that the *lz* gene is bound by Ush and derepressed following Ush depletion suggesting that it is a direct target of Ush (Figs 2E and S2). This demonstrates that genetic relationships identified in fly embryos are recapitulated in S2 cells.

Unexpectedly, Ush also regulates a large number of genes which are involved in lipid metabolism and cell cycle control. Notably, cell cycle genes were mostly dependent on Ush for their robust expression while hemocyte- and metabolism-related genes were mostly repressed by Ush (Fig 2D). This suggests that the repressing and activating activities of Ush are predominantly used to control distinct transcription programmes that are modulating different cellular outcomes including hemocyte-specific functions, metabolic profile and cell cycle progression.

We selected representative genes from each class to confirm their regulation by Ush by RT-qPCR following Ush depletion (Fig 2E). Some of these genes had Ush ChIP-seq peaks within gene body and/or promoter and are, therefore, putative direct targets (CG16267, *pirk*, *GILT3*, *Lozenge*, *CHES-1*, *Cyclin B*, *Mcad*, *Echs1*, *ACC*, *fa2h*). Others were not bound by Ush and represent genes that might be indirectly regulated by Ush (*Attila*, *AurB*, *CDK1*, *polo*, *CROT*) (S1 Table). The levels of all five mRNAs encoding genes with hemocyte-related functions were increased by factors between five fold and about one thousand fold. Four cell cycle genes were downregulated upon Ush knockdown. These include important positive regulators of mitosis such as *CDK1*, *polo*, *Cyclin B* and *Aurora B*. By contrast, the forkhead transcription factor *CHES-1*, which in mammals has anti-proliferative activity, showed increased RNA expression [17]. *Mcad* (an acyl CoA dehydrogenase), *Echs1* (Enoyl coenzyme A hydrolase), *fa2h* (fatty acid 2-hydroxylase) and *CROT* (a carnitin acyl transferase) collaborate in the degradation of fatty acids and the production of NADH, FADH₂ and acetyl CoA. The levels of RNAs encoding these enzymes all increase upon Ush depletion. By contrast, levels of the RNA encoding acetyl CoA carboxylase (*ACC*), a key enzyme of fatty acid synthesis, decrease.

Thus, Ush appears to regulate different cellular processes in a coordinated fashion. It increases the expression of genes required for progression through mitosis and decreases the expression of an anti-proliferative gene. Likewise, it favours the expression of enzymes essential for fatty acid degradation while simultaneously lowering the expression of an enzyme that catalyses a key step in fatty acid synthesis.

Ush is essential for cell cycle progression

A prediction from these observations is that proliferation should be adversely affected in Ush depleted cells. We simultaneously depleted all Ush isoforms by RNAi using two alternative double stranded RNAs. Compared to control cells that were treated with double stranded RNA targeting luciferase, Ush depletion dramatically decreased proliferation (Fig 3A). These cells were still viable which suggests that the observed reduction in cell number was not due to cell death (Fig 3B). We subjected S2 cells to flow cytometry after PI staining of DNA to determine the cell cycle profiles of control cells and Ush-depleted cells. Compared to control cells, Ush-depleted cells showed a pronounced reduction of cells with a 2n DNA complement and an accumulation of cells with a 4n complement. This suggests that Ush-depleted cells can replicate their genome but fail to enter or proceed through mitosis (Fig 3C and 3D). We then asked if this apparent G2/M block was accompanied by changes in the levels of mitotic cyclins which are required for progression into M phase. Again, we used two independent double stranded RNAs to deplete all Ush isoforms and determined Cyclin A and Cyclin B protein levels by Western blot (Fig 3E). Protein concentrations of both cyclins were reduced in Ush-depleted cells (compare controls in lanes 1 and 2 with lanes 3 and 4). Given that Ush depletion also results in a decrease of Cyclin B mRNA levels (Fig 2E) these data indicate that Ush promotes progression through the cell cycle, at least in part, by supporting the transcription of mitotic cyclins.

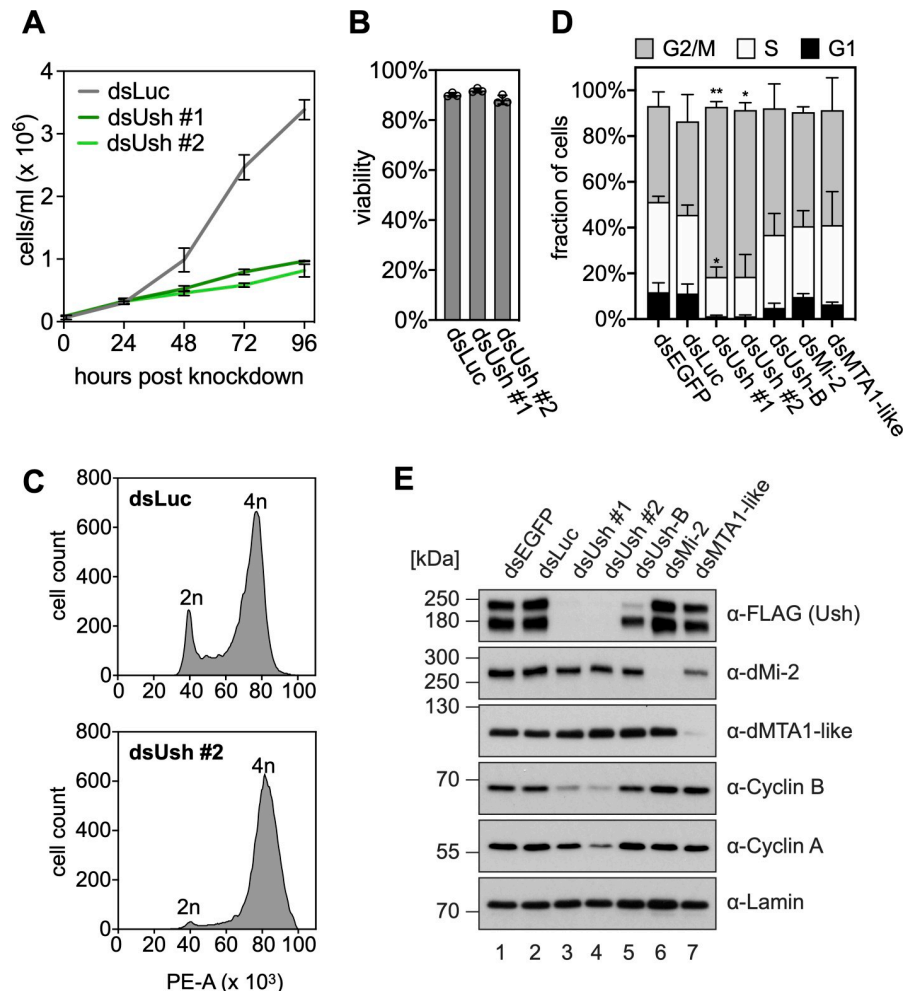


Fig 3. Ush is necessary for cell cycle progression. **A** Proliferation assay of S2 cells upon depletion of Ush. Cells were transfected with control dsRNA (dsLuc, grey) or with two different dsRNA constructs directed against Ush (dsUsh #1 in dark green, dsUsh #2 in light green). Cell numbers were determined every 24 hours. Error bars represent the standard deviation from biological triplicates ($n = 3$). **B** Viability assay of S2 cells upon depletion of Ush. Viability of cells transfected with control dsRNA (dsLuc) or dsRNA constructs targeting Ush (dsUsh #1 and dsUsh #2) was measured 96 hours post transfection. Error bars represent the standard deviation from biological triplicates ($n = 3$) and individual values are indicated with circles. **C** Flow cytometry following PI-staining of Ush-depleted (dsUsh #2) and control S2 cells (dsLuc). dsRNA-transfected cells were fixed, stained with PI and subjected to flow cytometry. Histograms show the number of cells plotted against the PI signal (Area of PE channel). The diploid cell population (2n) and cells that have undergone replication (4n) are indicated. **D** Quantification of cell populations obtained from flow cytometry of PI-stained cells upon depletion of indicated proteins (G1 phase: black, S phase: white, G2/M phase: grey). Error bars represent the standard deviation from biological triplicates ($n = 3$) (T-test: ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$). **E** Western blot of whole cell extracts from S2 cells expressing endogenously FLAG-tagged Ush upon depletion of the proteins indicated above. Antibodies used for detection are indicated on the right. Lamin signal serves as loading control.

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Ush isoforms

How can Ush support the transcription of cell cycle genes and at the same time repress the transcription of many lipid metabolism- and hemocyte-related genes? We considered the possibilities that the activating and repressing functions of Ush are mediated by different Ush isoforms and/or association with different cofactors.

Indeed, the Ush gene structure predicts the expression of at least five different mRNAs generated by usage of alternative promoters and by alternative splicing (Figs 4A and S3). These mRNAs encode three Ush proteins that share a 1175 amino acids region at their C-termini which encompasses nine zinc fingers (Fig 4B). The three Ush isoforms differ in their unique short N-termini. Isoform Ush-D gives rise to a 1175 amino acid protein. Isoforms Ush-A and Ush-C produce two identical proteins which possess an additional 16 amino acid N-terminal extension (from hereon referred to as Ush-A) that is not present in Ush-D. Ush-B and Ush-E generate two identical proteins with a 23 amino acid N-terminal extension (from hereon referred to as Ush-B). As illustrated in Fig 4B, the first 7 and 14 amino acids of Ush-A and Ush-B, respectively, are unique to these isoforms. Our transcriptome data demonstrates expression of exons encoding both of these unique N-termini providing support for the expression of at least two different Ush protein isoforms in S2 cells (S3 Fig). If Ush isoforms do indeed possess isoform-specific functions they are likely to be mediated by these short N-terminal sequences.

An unbiased, large scale proteomic screen has previously identified several candidate interactors of Ush in S2 cells [18]. These include 6 subunits of the dNuRD complex. We immunoprecipitated nuclear extracts from S2 cells expressing FLAG-tagged Ush to verify these interactions (Figs 1A and 4C). Western blot analysis of the immunoprecipitate demonstrated that several subunits of the dNuRD complex coprecipitate with Ush. Importantly, dMEP-1, the signature subunit of the dMi-2-containing dMec complex, was not recovered [19]. This suggests that Ush specifically associates with the dNuRD complex but not with the dMec complex.

We also asked if immunoprecipitation of dMi-2 would coprecipitate Ush. Again, we used a CRISPR approach to add a FLAG-tag to the C-terminus of endogenous dMi-2 (S1C–S1E Fig). Western blot analysis of anti-FLAG immunoprecipitates from nuclear extract of these cells revealed that only the slower migrating of the two major Ush polypeptides coprecipitated with dMi-2 (Fig 4D, compare lanes 2 and 5). We used Ush isoform-specific RNA interference to identify Ush isoforms. The slower migrating isoform was efficiently depleted when cells were treated with double stranded RNA targeting an RNA region specific for Ush-B (lane 3). Immunoprecipitation of dMi-2-FLAG from nuclear extracts of Ush-B depleted cells failed to coprecipitate Ush protein (lane 6). We conclude that dMi-2 specifically forms a complex with the Ush-B isoform.

Inspection of the unique N-terminal sequence of Ush-B revealed that the first 9 amino acids are identical to the FOG repression motif (Fig 4E). This motif mediates interaction between several zinc finger transcription factors, including FOG1, and NuRD in mammalian cells [15,20–24]. We hypothesised that this motif does also mediate the interaction between Ush-B and dNuRD and that such a peptide-based NuRD binding mechanism is conserved between mammals and *Drosophila*. To test this hypothesis we incubated a GST fusion containing the N-terminus of mouse FOG1 (amino acids 1–45) with nuclear extracts of *Drosophila* S2 cells and *Drosophila* embryos (Fig 4F). All five dNuRD subunits we assayed interacted with GST-FOG1 but not with the GST control. We did not detect binding of the dMec subunit dMEP-1, the dMi-2 paralogue dCHD3 which does not assemble into a dNuRD complex and several components of other repressive chromatin regulating complexes (dPc, dE(z), dLSD1).

In order to compare the affinity of dNuRD for binding the FOG1 and Ush N-termini we designed 15 amino acid peptides derived from the FOG1 and the Ush-B N-termini (FOG1-wt, Ush-wt; Fig 4G). In addition, we generated mutant versions of these peptides where three amino acids important for binding of mammalian NuRD to FOG1 were changed (FOG1--mut, Ush-mut) [15]. As an additional control we used FOG1 and Ush-B peptides with scrambled sequences. We then competed binding of dNuRD to the GST-FOG1 fusion with these

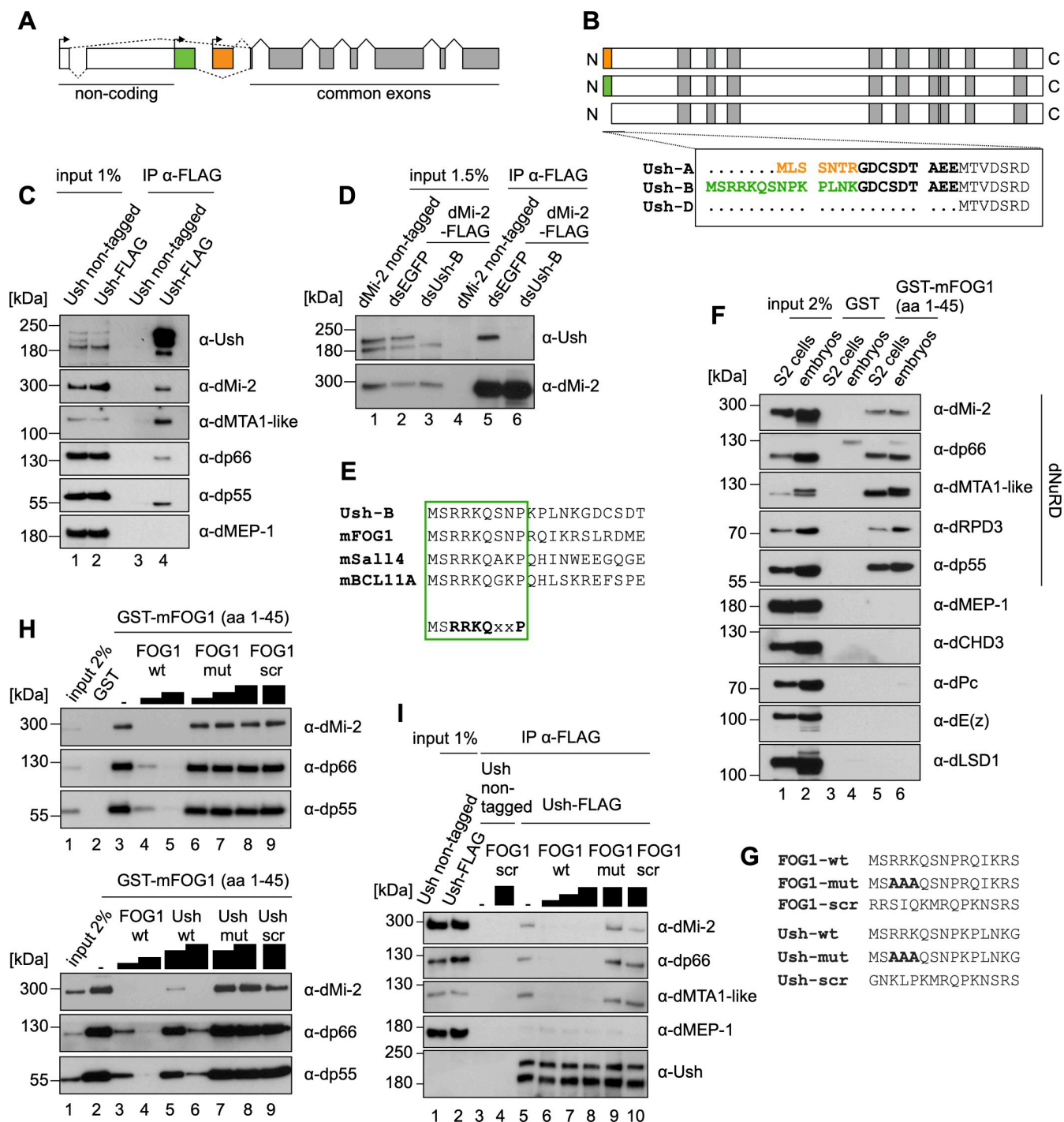


Fig 4. The Ush isoform Ush-B interacts with NuRD via a conserved N-terminal motif. **A** Schematic structure of the Ush gene locus. Boxes represent exons and the connecting lines indicate splicing events (dashed lines: alternative splicing). Exons marked in grey are common to all Ush isoforms. (Sections of) exons marked in white are untranslated. Possible transcriptional start sites are indicated by arrows. **B** Scheme of polypeptides generated from the Ush gene. Zinc finger domains are marked in grey. Sequences in the box indicate the N-termini of Ush proteins emanating from five possible Ush mRNAs. Isoform specific N-termini are marked in orange and green. **C** Anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation of nuclear extract from control and Ush-FLAG expressing cells. Antibodies used for examination of co-precipitation by Western blot are indicated on the right. **D** Anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation of nuclear extract from control and dMi-2-FLAG expressing cells following Ush-B depletion (dsUsh-B) or cells transfected with control dsRNA (dsEGFP). Co-precipitation of Ush was determined by Western blot. **E** Sequence alignment of the Ush-B N-terminus with N-terminal sequences from murine proteins containing the FOG repression motif (in bold letters below). **F** GST pulldown from nuclear extracts of S2 cells or *Drosophila* embryos using the first 45 amino acids of murine FOG1 fused to GST (GST-mFOG1 (aa 1-45)) or control bait (GST). Interacting proteins were analysed by Western blot against NuRD complex components

(specified on the right) and additional chromatin-regulating proteins. Antibodies used for immuno-detection are indicated on the right. **G** Sequences of peptides derived from FOG1 and Ush-B N-termini that were used in competition experiments. **H** GST pulldown assays from S2 cell nuclear extracts using the GST-mFOG1(1-45) fusion protein. Pulldown reactions were performed in presence of different concentrations of the indicated peptides (FOG1 derived peptides: top panel; Ush-B derived peptides: bottom panel). Interaction of NuRD with the GST-fusion was detected by Western blot using antibodies indicated on the right. **I** Anti-FLAG immunoprecipitation of nuclear extract from control and Ush-FLAG expressing cells in presence of FOG1 derived peptides. The identity of peptides and the amount used is indicated above. Antibodies used for examination of co-precipitation by Western blot are indicated on the right.

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peptides (**Fig 4H**). Both the FOG1-wt and Ush-wt peptides efficiently abrogated binding of the dNuRD subunits dMi-2, dp66 and dp55 to GST-FOG1. A higher excess of Ush-wt peptide was required for complete inhibition of binding suggesting that the affinity of the FOG1-wt peptide for binding to dNuRD is higher than the affinity of the Ush-wt peptide under our experimental conditions. Importantly, the mutant versions of both peptides as well as the scrambled controls did not compete for binding.

We next sought to test if FOG repression motif containing peptides are able to disrupt dNuRD/Ush complexes that have formed *in vivo*. We carried out FLAG-immunoprecipitation from nuclear extracts of S2 cells expressing FLAG-tagged Ush in the absence or presence of FOG1-wt, FOG1-mut or scrambled peptides and then analysed the immunoprecipitates by Western blot (**Fig 4I**). The FOG1-wt but not the FOG1-mut or the scrambled peptides disrupted the dNuRD/Ush complex.

These results suggest that the FOG repression motif present in the N-terminus of Ush is critical for binding dNuRD. Moreover, residues within the FOG repression motif that are essential for binding mammalian NuRD complexes are also critical for contacting the *Drosophila* NuRD complex. Taken together our analysis has revealed a highly conserved, peptide-based mechanism that mediates an isoform-specific interaction between Ush and dNuRD.

dMi-2 and Ush co-occupy many sites on chromatin

We asked if Ush and dNuRD do not only interact in solution but are also associated on chromatin. We determined the genomewide chromatin binding of dMi-2-GFP by ChIP-seq. This identified 8459 peaks. Comparison of this dataset with two dMi-2 ChIP-seq profiles generated previously using two different dMi-2 antibodies demonstrated a highly similar binding pattern between the datasets (**S4 Fig**).

Comparison of our Ush-GFP and dMi-2-GFP ChIP-seq datasets uncovered a remarkable degree of co-localisation of the two proteins. About two thirds (64.9%) of Ush peaks overlapped with dMi-2 peaks (**Fig 5A**). Moreover, regions with strong Ush binding generally also displayed elevated dMi-2 binding (**Fig 5B**). Visual inspection of Ush and dMi-2 ChIP-seq profiles confirmed co-occupancy at many promoters, introns and intergenic regions (**Fig 5C**) while also revealing regions that are exclusively occupied by only one of the two factors (**Fig 5C, first panel**). We then assigned Ush/dMi-2 co-occupied regions as well as “Ush-only” and “dMi-2-only” ChIP-seq peaks to genomic regions (**Fig 5D**). Ush-only peaks show a strong preference of introns. dMi-2-only peaks on the other hand are most strongly enriched at promoters. Co-occupied regions show preferential association with both promoters and introns. In agreement with these findings analysis of histone marks at Ush-only peaks revealed a strong enrichment of H3K4me1, a histone modification that is characteristic for enhancers (**Fig 5E**). dMi-2-only peaks contained high levels of H3K4me3, a hallmark of active promoters. Co-occupied regions displayed elevated levels of both H3K4me1 and H3K4me3.

Collectively, these results supports the hypothesis that Ush/NuRD complexes act at regulatory regions such as promoters and enhancers.

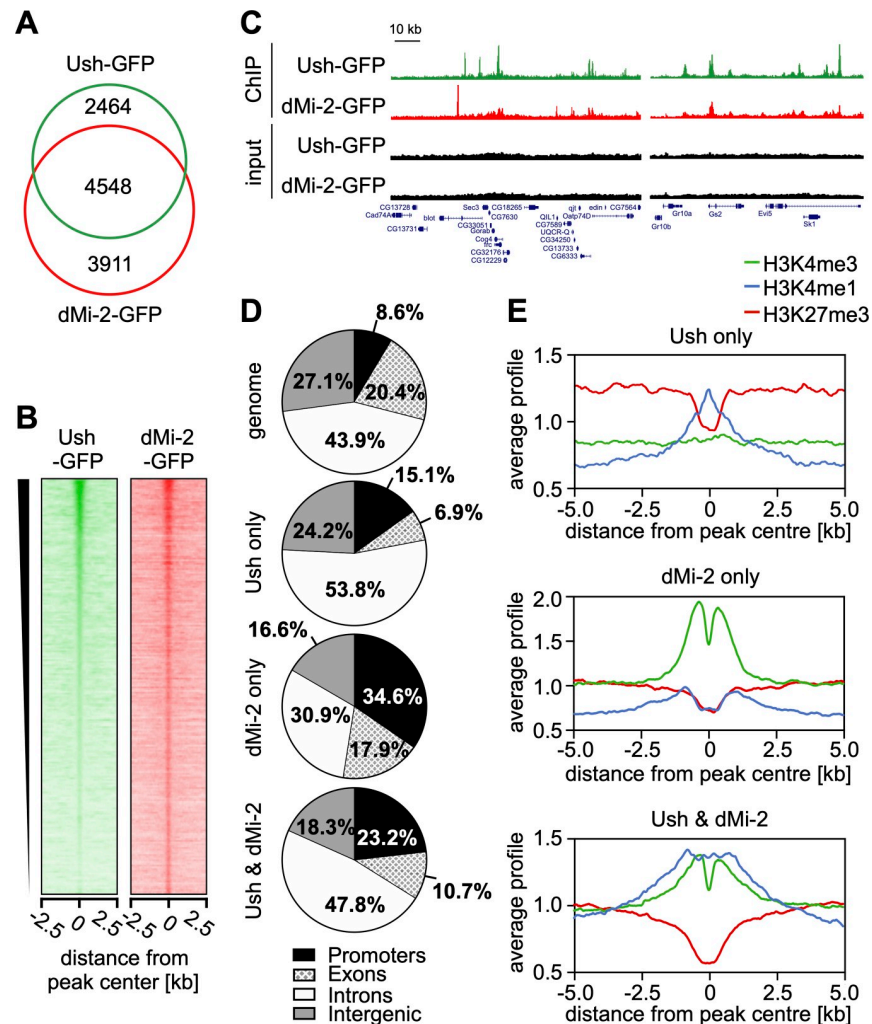


Fig 5. Ush and dMi-2 co-localise on chromatin. **A** Venn diagram of loci bound by Ush-GFP (green) and dMi-2-GFP (red) determined by anti-GFP ChIP-seq. Numbers of peaks are indicated in each section. **B** Heatmap of Ush-GFP and dMi-2-GFP signals centred at Ush-bound regions and sorted by Ush signal intensity. A region of 5 kb surrounding the Ush peak is displayed. **C** Genome browser snapshots of exemplary regions displaying Ush (green) and dMi-2 (red) occupancy. Input signals are shown in black. Location of genes is displayed below with boxes indicating exons. Scale bar represents a distance of 10 kb. **D** Genomic distribution of regions identified by anti-GFP ChIP-seq that were bound by Ush only, dMi-2 only or by both Ush and dMi-2 (indicated on the left). Fraction of peaks found in each genomic location are displayed. Fractions of genomic locations in the *Drosophila* genome serve as reference (top chart). **E** Distribution of histone modifications surrounding regions bound by Ush only (top), dMi-2 only (middle) or both Ush and dMi-2 (bottom). Signals of H3K4me3 (green), H3K4me1 (blue) and H3K27me3 (red) are displayed within a region of 10 kb surrounding peak centres.

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Taken together these results suggest that Ush and dNuRD are indeed associated on chromatin. The Ush/dNuRD complex binds regulatory sequences indicating that Ush-B and dNuRD might cooperate in the regulation of transcription.

Ush-B and dMi-2 regulate hemocyte-related genes

We have identified three classes of genes that display significant expression changes when all Ush isoforms are depleted simultaneously: genes related to hemocyte functions, genes encoding enzymes of the lipid metabolism and genes involved in cell cycle progression. We sought

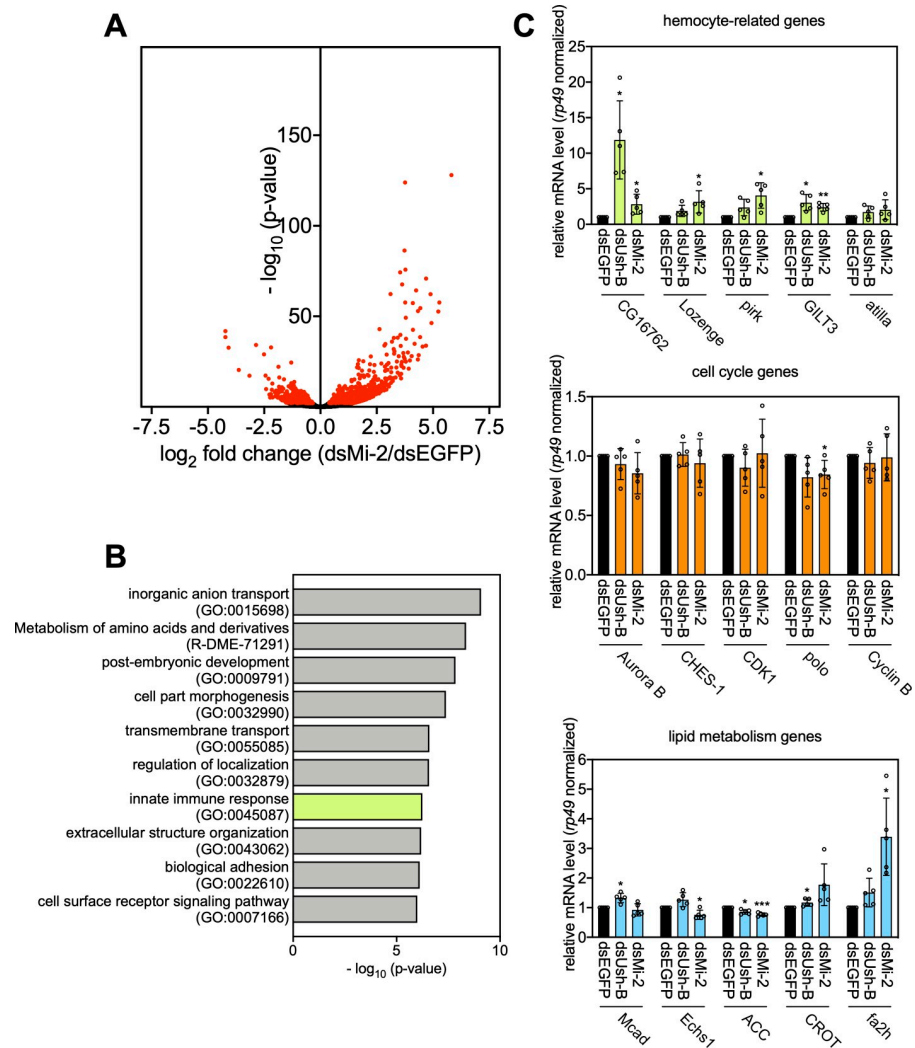


Fig 6. dMi-2 and Ush-B regulate genes associated with hemocyte functions. **A** Volcano plot of deregulated genes upon depletion of dMi-2 in S2 cells. The $-\log_{10}$ (p-value) is plotted against the \log_2 fold change of counts per gene in dMi-2-depleted (dsMi-2) vs. control cells (dsEGFP). Red dots represent significantly deregulated genes ($\text{adj. } p < 0.01$) obtained from biological triplicates ($n = 3$). **B** Gene ontology analysis of dMi-2-regulated genes. GO terms associated with hemocyte functions are highlighted in green. **C** Representative genes from all three gene classes regulated by Ush were analysed upon depletion of dMi-2 (dsMi-2) and Ush-B (dsUsh-B) by RT-qPCR. Gene names are indicated below. Expression was calculated relative to control treated cells (dsEGFP) and normalised using the mRNA levels of rp49. Error bars represent the standard deviation from biological replicates ($n = 5$) (T-test: *** $p < 0.001$, ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$). Individual values of each replicate are displayed as circles.

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to determine the contribution of Ush-B/dNuRD to these three transcription programmes. We depleted dMi-2 by RNAi and used a double stranded RNA specifically targeting the Ush-B isoform to deplete Ush-B (Fig 3D). We then measured changes to the transcriptome by RNA-seq. dMi-2 depletion led to significant changes in the levels of 945 transcripts ($\text{adj. } p < 0.01$; Fig 6A). A gene ontology analysis identified a number of GO terms associated with a wide range of biological processes (Fig 6B). These included “post-embryonic development” and “cell part morphogenesis” in agreement with the established role of dMi-2 in several differentiation processes [25–27]. GO terms related to the cell cycle or lipid metabolism were not strongly enriched. However, the GO term “innate immune response” was among the top 10 most strongly enriched GO terms.

Depletion of Ush-B had a comparatively mild impact on the transcriptome. 85 transcripts showed significant expression changes (adj. $p < 0.05$; **S5 and S6 Figs** and **S2 Table**). A significant fraction of these (18 genes, 21%) were either associated with GO terms related to immune response or macrophage function, have established roles in hemocyte biology or show specific expression in hemocytes. By contrast, only very few of the Ush-B regulated genes appeared to be involved in cell cycle regulation and/or could be related to metabolic pathways (**S5 and S6 Figs** and **S2 Table**).

We used RNAi and direct RT-qPCR to verify these results on representative hemocyte-related, metabolism and cell cycle genes (**Fig 6C**). Both depletion of Ush-B and dMi-2 resulted in increased expression of most hemocyte-related genes tested. By contrast, none of the genes encoding cell cycle regulators displayed drastic changes in expression after Ush-B or dMi-2 knockdown. Also, with the exception of *fa2h* which was upregulated upon dMi-2 depletion, and *ACC* which showed marginal expression changes in Ush-B or dMi-2 depleted cells, none of the lipid metabolism related genes responded to lowering the concentrations of Ush-B or dMi-2.

Taken together these results suggest that the Ush-B/dNuRD complex makes a contribution to the transcriptional programme that governs hemocyte functions but does not impinge on the transcriptional programmes regulating cell cycle and lipid metabolism. In a broader sense, these findings highlight how transcription cofactors make use of isoforms and isoform specific interactions with chromatin regulators to differentially regulate distinct gene expression programmes.

Ush-B/dNuRD complex does not regulate the cell cycle

Unlike the simultaneous depletion of all Ush isoforms, the specific depletion of Ush-B or dMi-2 did not result in significant changes in the levels of cell cycle related transcripts. We, therefore, hypothesised that the Ush-B/dNuRD complex is not essential for cell proliferation. Indeed, neither isoform specific depletion of Ush-B, nor depletion of dMi-2 or the dNuRD subunit dMTA1-like produced the pronounced G2/M block observed following simultaneous depletion of all Ush isoforms (**Figs 3D** and **S7**). Although the percentage of cells in G2/M appeared to be somewhat increased and that of cells in G1 decreased these changes were not significant. Also, unlike simultaneous depletion of all Ush isoforms, depletion of Ush-B, dMi-2 or dMTA1-like did not alter protein expression levels of Cyclin A or Cyclin B (**Fig 3E**). We conclude that progression through the cell cycle does not rely on the Ush-B/dNuRD assembly. It is likely guided by other Ush isoforms or depends on redundant functions of several isoforms.

Ush/dNuRD regulate hemocyte differentiation *in vivo*

While neither Ush-B nor dMi-2 depletion resulted in significant changes to genes encoding enzymes of the lipid metabolism and cell cycle genes, their depletion did lead to changes in the expression of several genes related to immune functions in the hemocyte-derived S2 cell line. This suggests that Ush-B/dNuRD contributes to the establishment and/or maintenance of specific functions of hemocytes. We, therefore, hypothesised that Ush-B/dNuRD might play a role in the regulation of hemocyte differentiation *in vivo*.

We have previously demonstrated that Ush restricts the activity of a *Hedgehog* enhancer in lymph glands, an important organ that limits hemocyte differentiation in L3 larvae [14,28,29]. Lymph glands are divided into a posterior signaling center (PSC), a medullary zone (MZ) containing hemocyte progenitors and a cortical zone (CZ) composed of differentiating and differentiated hemocytes. Cells in the PSC are secreting *Hedgehog* (Hh) which keeps the hemocyte

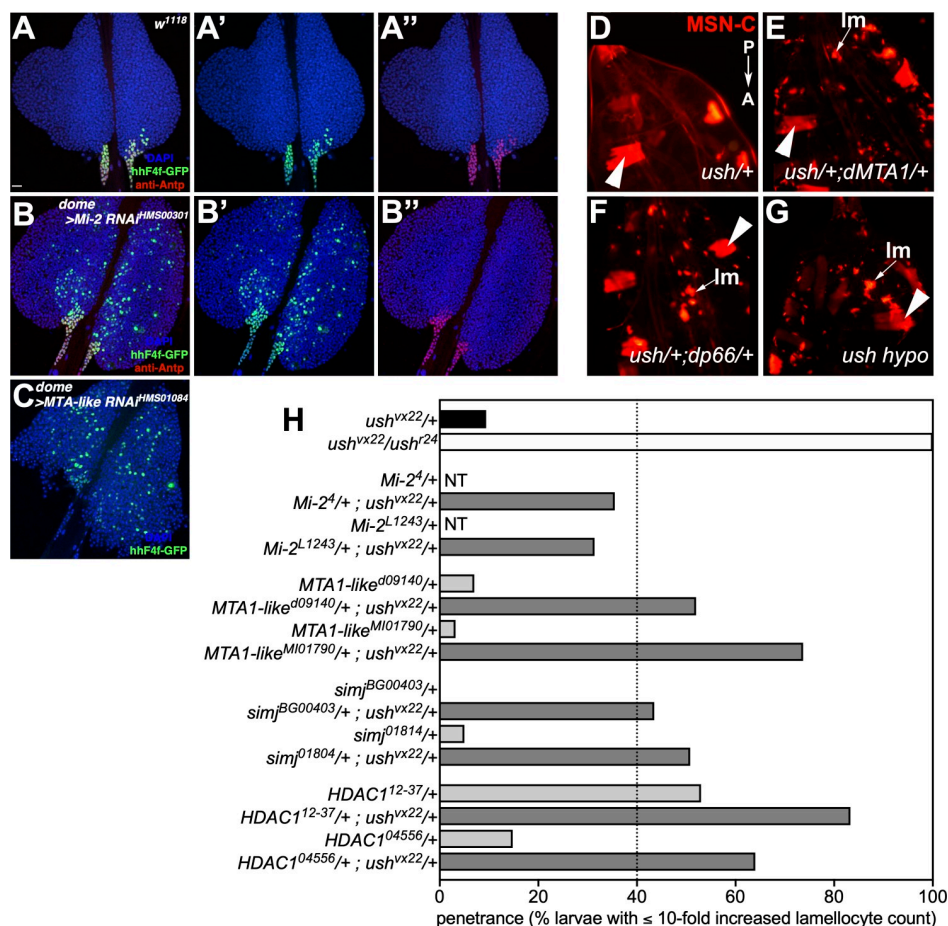


Fig 7. Ush and NuRD regulate a hemocyte-specific enhancer and lamellocyte differentiation in *Drosophila* larvae. A-C Lymph glands isolated from wild type larvae (A), larvae that express a dsRNA against dMi-2 (B), or dMTA1-like (C) under control of the domeless promoter (dome) active in the medullary zone. All larvae carry a construct, reporting the activity of a minimal *Hedgehog* enhancer by GFP expression (hhF4f-GFP; green). PSC is marked using immunostaining of Antennapedia (Antp; red). D-H Panels showing the dorsal view of the posterior region of late 3rd instar larvae. The orientation is from top to bottom: posterior (P) to anterior (A). Lamellocyte (Im) differentiation is blocked in *ush* heterozygotes (D). In contrast, *ush/+*;dMTA1-like/+ (E) and *ush/+*;dp66/+ (F) double heterozygotes show lamellocyte differentiation. Likewise, *ush^{vx22/r24}* (*ush* hypo; G) shows lamellocyte differentiation. Lamellocytes express the MSN-cherry fluorescent transgene (MSN-C) and are marked with arrows. Larval muscles also express MSN-C and are marked with large arrowheads. Penetrance of the lamellocyte differentiation phenotype was quantified in H. Only larvae with a more than ten fold increased lamellocyte count were considered. Genotypes of respective crosses are indicated below. For each NuRD allele two different mutant strains were tested as single heterozygotes (light grey) or double heterozygous along with *ush^{vx22}* (dark grey). Dashed line indicates the arbitrary cut-off for identification of genetic interactors. NT: not tested.

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progenitors in the MZ in a quiescent state and prevents their premature differentiation. *Hh* expression in PSC cells is driven by an enhancer located in the first intron of the *Hh* gene [14]. Ush, which is expressed in the MZ but not in the PSC, is required for shutting off this enhancer in the MZ and CZ, thereby limiting expression to the PSC. Accordingly, Ush loss of function results in spurious *Hh* enhancer activity in the MZ and the CZ [14] (S8 Fig). We asked if dNuRD, like Ush, was also involved in *Hh* enhancer repression. We used a fly strain carrying a GFP reporter under control of an *Hh* enhancer fragment to address this question. In lymph glands GFP activity is restricted to cells of the PSC as demonstrated by expression of the PSC marker Antennapedia (Antp) (Fig 7A). We used the UAS/GAL4 system to deplete dMi-2 by

RNAi in the MZ (*dome>dMi-2 RNAi*). This resulted in the detection of GFP positive cells throughout the MZ and CZ (Fig 7B). Importantly, Antp expression remained restricted to the PSC demonstrating that PSC cells had not migrated into the MZ and CZ. We obtained the same result upon downregulation of the dNuRD subunit dMTA1-like (Fig 7C). These results establish that dNuRD is required to repress *Hh* enhancer activity in cells of the MZ and CZ and suggest that a Ush/dNuRD complex limits *Hh* expression to the PSC.

Next, we sought to determine if dNuRD cooperates with Ush to affect cell lineage decisions during hematopoiesis. In L3 larvae, Ush functions to suppress lamellocyte differentiation in absence of an appropriate trigger such as the injection of parasitic wasp eggs into the larva.

Whereas Ush hypomorphic (*ush^{vx22/r24}*) larvae exhibit aberrant differentiation of progenitors into lamellocytes, a single wild type copy of Ush (*ush* heterozygotes) is sufficient to block lamellocyte differentiation [11,13]. In the past, we have exploited this situation to perform second-site non-complementation (SSNC) screens to identify factors that genetically cooperate with Ush in blocking lamellocyte differentiation [30,31]. In SSNC singular heterozygotes display a wild-type phenotype, whereas animals doubly heterozygous for two different genes exhibit a mutant phenotype.

We have constructed a fly stock that enables us to rapidly assay for SSNC with *ush* [28]. This stock carries a *ush* null allele (*ush^{vx22}*) and the *misshapen-mCherry* (*MSN-C*) fluorescent reporter gene on the same chromosome. *MSN-C* is a marker for lamellocytes [32] and allowed us to rapidly identify larvae with increased numbers of lamellocytes using fluorescence microscopy. *MSN-C* is also constitutively active in larval muscle and serves as a marker for larvae that carry the *ush^{vx22}*, *MSN-C* chromosome (Fig 7D–7G). In a screen setting, we routinely use an arbitrary level of at least 40% penetrance of the lamellocyte phenotype in double heterozygotes to identify robust genetic interactors. While this is less than penetrance levels typically observed for *ush* hypomorphs (70% to 100%), it is significantly greater than penetrance levels observed in negative controls (9.4%; Fig 7H and S3 Table). Here, we performed SSNC assays by combining *ush^{vx22}* with mutant alleles of four dNuRD subunits: dMTA1-like, dp66 (*simj*), dRPD3 (HDAC1) and dMi-2 (Fig 7H and S3 Table). For each dNuRD subunit we carried out the assay with two independent mutant alleles. In all combinations we identified larvae with dramatically increased numbers of circulating *MSN-C*-positive lamellocytes (Fig 7F and 7G). Three of the four dNuRD complex subunits tested (dMTA1-like, dp66/*simj* and dRPD3/HDAC1), exhibited a greater than 40% penetrance when carried as double heterozygous with *ush* (Fig 7H and S3 Table). The two dMi-2 alleles exhibited 35% and 27% penetrance, respectively. While this was significantly greater than the control, it was less than the 40% penetrance we routinely use as a cut off.

We then tested if heterozygous alleles of the three dNuRD complex subunits that showed a robust genetic interaction with *ush* could produce lamellocytes when carried as singular heterozygotes in a *ush* wild-type background. Both alleles of dMTA1-like and dp66/*simj* exhibited minimal lamellocyte differentiation with a penetrance less than that of the control (Fig 7H and S3 Table). This strongly suggests that dMTA1-like and dp66 cooperate with Ush to block lamellocyte differentiation. In contrast, one of the two dRPD3/HDAC1 alleles tested exhibited a greater than 50% penetrance when carried as a singular heterozygote (Fig 7H and S3 Table). Currently, we do not understand the basis for this effect. Taken together with the fact that dRPD3 is not only a dNuRD subunit but exists in several other histone deacetylase complexes we cannot derive a clear conclusion as to the involvement of dRPD3 in lamellocyte differentiation. Nevertheless, the SSNC analysis identifies a robust genetic cooperation between *ush* and at least two dNuRD subunits, dMTA1-like and dp66, in blocking lamellocyte differentiation.

Taken together, our results demonstrate a function of Ush and dNuRD in regulating enhancer activity during hematopoiesis. Furthermore, we reveal that at Ush and dNuRD genetically cooperate in cell lineage commitment.

Discussion

Ush regulated transcription programmes

Ush genetically and physically interacts with GATA transcription factors to govern hemocyte differentiation during *Drosophila* hematopoiesis [6,7,13,14]. Ush has been demonstrated to modulate the expression of reporter genes and a small number of genes encoding hematopoietic regulators. However, the transcription programme controlled by Ush has not been defined on a genomewide level. We have determined genomewide binding sites of Ush and identified the genes regulated by Ush in the hemocyte-derived S2 cell line.

Ush binds more than 7,000 genomic locations and modulates the transcription of more than 1,800 genes. This demonstrates that, rather than being dedicated to the control of a small number of hematopoietic master regulators, Ush is a major regulator of the S2 transcriptome. We find that Ush bound regions are dramatically enriched for GATA sites on a genomewide level. This expands genetic and biochemical data that suggest that Ush cooperates with GATA transcription factors [6–8,13,14]. However, the binding sites for several other transcription factors are also strongly enriched in Ush bound regions. Interestingly, these include the E-box, a binding site for helix-loop-helix transcription factors. In mammals, composite GATA/E-box sites where the two elements are separated by 10 or less base pairs play a prominent role in determining lineage-specific gene expression during hematopoiesis [2]. These composite sites are bound by multisubunit transcription factor complexes containing GATA1, the Ush homolog FOG1, the basic helix-loop-helix transcription factors TAL1 and E47 and/or other hematopoietic regulators including LMO2 and LDB1. Our data suggest that similar composite GATA/E-box sites function in the *Drosophila* genome. In addition to GATA motifs and E-boxes, the GAGA and initiator sequences are present with high frequency in Ush-occupied regions. However, it remains to be demonstrated that Ush indeed forms complexes with these transcription factors and that together they regulate gene expression.

Our analysis of Ush regulated genes revealed that Ush modulates the expression of genes with hemocyte-related functions. S2 cells were derived from a primary culture of late embryos. They are believed to represent pro-hemocytes that are in the process of differentiating into macrophage-like plasmatocytes. Embryonic pro-hemocytes have the potential to either differentiate into plasmatocytes or into crystal cells [3]. Ush is expressed at high levels in pro-hemocytes but Ush expression is downregulated as pro-hemocytes differentiate into plasmatocytes and crystal cells. Differentiation into crystal cells relies on the expression of the Runx family transcription factor Lozenge (Lz). Our analysis reveals that reduction of Ush expression by RNAi in S2 cells derepresses *lz*. This suggests that the genetic suppression of crystal cell differentiation by Ush is based, at least in part, on its transcriptional repression of the crystal cell master regulator Lz [12].

Unexpectedly, we have also identified a large number of genes involved in lipid metabolism and cell cycle regulation that likewise require Ush to maintain their appropriate expression levels. Ush appears to be able to both positively and negatively affect gene regulation and it uses these opposing activities to coordinately regulate cellular functions at the transcriptional level.

Ush regulates fatty acid metabolism

An illustrative example is provided by Ush's coordinated regulation of fatty acid metabolism. Several genes encoding enzymes of the beta-oxidation pathway that degrades fatty acids are

repressed by Ush. By contrast, the acetyl CoA carboxylase gene which encodes the key enzyme driving fatty acid synthesis requires Ush for its full expression. Accordingly, Ush appears to limit fatty acid degradation while it simultaneously promotes fatty acid synthesis. Interestingly, polarisation of mammalian macrophages is accompanied by the coordinated activation of fatty acid degradation in certain contexts [33]. This suggests that the transcriptional regulation of fatty acid metabolism by Ush might contribute to a metabolic profile that counteracts differentiation.

Ush regulates the cell cycle

Ush also regulates cell cycle genes in a coordinated fashion. The RNA levels of several genes encoding proteins essential for the entry into and progression through mitosis are maintained at appropriate levels by Ush. This transcriptional regulation has functional significance since Ush depleted cells have strongly decreased proliferative capacity and exhibit a pronounced G2/M block. Ush is expressed in proliferating pro-hemocytes but downregulated in terminally differentiated plasmotocytes, crystal cells and lamellocytes [6]. We speculate that Ush supports the expansion of pro-hemocytes. Conversely, downregulation of Ush during lineage determination might allow these cells to exit the cell cycle for terminal differentiation. The human Ush homolog FOG1 has also been proposed to play a pro-proliferative role when overexpressed in NIH 3T3 cells [34,35]. However, this does not appear to involve the transcriptional regulation of cell cycle genes.

Ush isoforms

Eukaryotes expand the diversity of their proteome by expressing multiple mRNA isoforms from the same protein coding gene. These can be generated by alternative splicing or the use of alternative transcriptional start sites. Indeed, more than 90% of human protein coding transcripts are estimated to be alternatively spliced. Functionally distinct isoforms of transcriptional regulators increase the capacity for fine-tuning transcriptional control. However, the molecular mechanisms by which different isoforms of transcriptional regulators contribute to gene expression are only beginning to be unravelled. Here, we have revealed that Ush is expressed in distinct isoforms that differ in their N-termini in S2 cells. We show that an N-terminal sequence unique to the Ush-B isoform mediates interaction with the dNuRD chromatin remodeling complex.

This dNuRD binding peptide is closely related to the FOG repression motif originally identified as a NuRD binding site in the mouse hematopoietic regulator FOG1 [15]. Related motifs are found in several other NuRD binding zinc finger proteins including FOG2, Sall4 and BCL11A. Importantly, dNuRD binds to both the N-terminus of Ush as well as to the N-terminus of FOG1. This demonstrates that this peptide based NuRD binding mechanism has been highly conserved in evolution.

Ush is the first *Drosophila* protein found to possess a dNuRD binding FOG repression motif. We have identified a second protein with an N-terminal FOG repression motif in the *Drosophila* proteome by sequence analysis, the O/E-associated zinc finger protein (OAZ). OAZ is not expressed in S2 cells and its relationship with dNuRD is unknown. Nevertheless, this finding hints that also in *Drosophila* the FOG repression motif is utilised in several proteins to mediate NuRD interaction.

In mammals FOG repression motif peptides have been shown to contact two NuRD subunits, RbAp46/RbAp48 and MTA1/2/3 but not the CHD4 ATPase [15,36]. Likewise, the *Drosophila* Mi-2 ATPase does not appear to directly bind the FOG repression motif given that the dMi-2-containing dMec complex does not bind to Ush or FOG repression motif peptides. We

propose that the FOG repression motif directly contacts dp55 (the homolog of RbAp46/RbAp48) and/or dMTA1-like. This hypothesis is supported by the observation that FOG repression motif mutations that disrupt binding to RbAp48 and MTA1/2/3 likewise abrogate binding to dNuRD [15,23].

It is interesting that the FOG1 peptide used in our study binds with higher affinity to dNuRD than the Ush peptide even though the FOG repression motif contained within both peptides is identical. This suggests that amino acids outside of the FOG repression motif contribute to dNuRD binding. It is also possible that interaction between dNuRD and Ush is modulated by post-translational modification within or in the vicinity of the FOG repression motif *in vivo*. Indeed, phosphorylation of serine residue 2 within the FOG repression motif has previously been shown to lower NuRD binding [37].

Impact of Ush-B/dNuRD on transcription in S2 cells

Specific depletion of Ush-B by RNAi had a mild effect on the S2 transcriptome compared to the simultaneous depletion of all Ush isoforms. In principle, it is possible that Ush-B occupies a smaller set of genomic loci compared to other isoforms. We consider this to be unlikely. A large number of Ush bound regions contains binding sites for GATA transcription factors that have been implicated in recruiting Ush to chromatin. GATA transcription factors interact with zinc fingers that are shared in all Ush isoforms which should, therefore, be recruited equally well to all GATA transcription factor occupied sites. We consider it more likely that Ush-B and other Ush isoforms both contribute to gene regulation. In this scenario, Ush-B depletion does only change the transcript levels of genes that require high concentrations of Ush for their repression or that are particularly dependent on Ush-B and the Ush-B/dNuRD complex. Many of these Ush-B depletion-sensitive genes have hemocyte-related functions. Indeed, progressive downregulation of Ush drives gene expression changes that are required for the differentiation of specialised hemocytes such as plasmatocytes, crystal cells and lamellocytes *in vivo*. Unlike cell cycle and metabolism genes, these genes appear to be uniquely sensitive to modest reduction of overall Ush expression levels obtained by selective depletion of Ush-B. Moreover, these genes are also repressed by dMi-2 suggesting that they are, indeed, targets of the Ush-B/dNuRD complex. This suggests that the Ush-B/dNuRD complex is particularly important for regulating the transcription of genes characteristic for macrophage function.

Ush and dNuRD cooperate in hemocyte differentiation *in vivo*

Hematopoiesis in *Drosophila* occurs at various developmental stages including embryogenesis and larval development. Our results have revealed that Ush and dNuRD mould the metabolism, proliferation and hemocyte-related functions of S2 cells by maintaining an extensive gene expression programme. S2 cells are derived from embryonic hemocytes indicating gene regulatory roles for Ush and dNuRD during embryonic hematopoiesis. Our genetic loss-of-function analyses show that Ush and dNuRD also regulate hematopoiesis at later developmental stages. In particular, we have shown that Ush and dNuRD subunits are required to restrict *Hedgehog* enhancer activity to cells of the posterior signaling center in lymph glands of L3 larvae. This result suggests that Ush and dNuRD actively modulate gene expression programmes also at the larval stage. Moreover, Ush and dNuRD suppress lamellocyte differentiation in unstressed larvae. We do not yet know to which extent the different Ush isoforms are required for lamellocyte suppression. However, the finding that mutations in dNuRD subunits result in excessive lamellocyte differentiation only in a genetic background with reduced Ush activity demonstrates genetic cooperativity between Ush and dNuRD. This is consistent with the hypothesis that a Ush-B/dNuRD complex is active during larval hematopoiesis.

The function of dNuRD in hematopoiesis identified by our work solidifies the important role of this complex as a regulator of differentiation in *Drosophila*. We have previously shown that dMi-2 cooperates with transcription factors such as Tramtrack 69 or Kumgang to determine cell lineages in different developmental settings ranging from neurogenesis to spermatogenesis [25–27,38]. In each of these scenarios a different lineage-specific transcriptional regulator (Tramtrack 69, Kumgang, Ush) utilises the ubiquitously expressed dMi-2 complex to establish lineage- and stage-appropriate gene expression programmes.

Although the process of hematopoiesis in *Drosophila* is far less complex than in mammals, Ush and FOG1 play remarkably similar roles in suppressing certain hematopoietic lineages. FOG1 facilitates erythroid and megakaryocyte differentiation while suppressing mast cell differentiation. While high Ush levels in hemocyte progenitors counteracts differentiation into all three *Drosophila* hemocyte cell types, intermediate Ush levels are sufficient to suppress crystal cell and lamellocyte differentiation but compatible with differentiation of plasmatocytes [10]. Both FOG1 and Ush cooperate with NuRD using a highly conserved short peptide motif. Thus, our study identifies the FOG1/Ush-NuRD complex as an ancient component of the machinery regulating hematopoiesis.

Cell lineage differentiation relies on a finely orchestrated series of events that change cell morphology and function at multiple levels. These include division of stem cells, the proliferation of progenitors, their withdrawal from the cell cycle for terminal differentiation, the timely expression of lineage-specific genes and the generation of changing metabolic profiles that are appropriate for each stage of differentiation. By coordinately regulating the transcription of cell cycle genes, genes encoding metabolic enzymes and genes performing macrophage-specific functions Ush simultaneously controls several cellular activities that are relevant to the differentiation process. A classical ‘master regulator’ of differentiation sits on top of a hierarchy and directs the expression of downstream transcription factors that in turn generate gene expression profiles committing cells to a certain lineage. By contrast, Ush appears to be more “hands-on” and directly regulates the expression of different types of genes that are key for diverse processes impinging on differentiation.

Materials and methods

Cell culture

Drosophila melanogaster S2 and S2[Cas9] cells (S2 cells expressing the Cas9 nuclease from *Streptococcus pyogenes*; generous gift from Klaus Förstemann, Munich) were cultured in Schneider’s *Drosophila* Medium (2172001, Gibco) supplemented with 10% (v/v) fetal bovine serum (FBS; F7524, Sigma) and 1% (v/v) Penicillin-Streptomycin (15140122, Gibco). Cell lines were grown under standard conditions at 26°C.

Endogenous tagging using CRISPR/Cas9

CRISPR/Cas9-based insertion of epitope-tag sequences into the genome of *Drosophila* S2 cells was performed as previously described (Bottcher et al., 2014). DNA sequences coding for GFP- or FLAG-tags were inserted at the 3’ end of the coding region of the U-shaped or dMi-2 gene locus, leading to expression of C-terminally tagged proteins.

In brief, S2 cells stably expressing the Cas9 nuclease (S2[Cas9] cells) were transfected with double stranded linear DNA constructs (1) encoding for sgRNA and (2) providing a template for homologous recombination (HR). Both of these constructs were generated by PCR using gene specific primers (S4 Table). The sgRNA sequences were designed to target Cas9 as close to the respective STOP codon as possible with respect to the nearest available protospacer adjacent motif (PAM) (targeting sequences: CATTGAGAAAGCCAGCTG (Ush) and

TCGAATAATTCCGGCGTCT (dMi-2)). Homologous recombination templates were amplified from plasmids containing GFP- or FLAG-tag sequences including a STOP codon as well as a resistance marker under control of a copia promoter. This insert was amplified using primers containing 60 bp sequences homologous to regions directly up- and downstream of the original STOP codon. In particular, HR templates for C-terminal tagging of U-shaped were amplified using the following plasmids: pSK23 (GFP-tag & Puromycin resistance marker; Addgene #72851) and pSK25 (2xFLAG-tag & Puromycin resistance marker; Addgene #72853). HR templates for C-terminal tagging of dMi-2 were amplified using the following plasmids: pMH3 (GFP-tag & Blasticidin resistance marker; Addgene #52528) and pMH4 (2xFLAG-tag & Blasticidin resistance marker; Addgene #52529).

To favour double strand break repair by HR, the protein amount of key enzymes involved in non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) and microhomology-mediated end joining (MMEJ) was lowered by transfecting S2[Cas9] cells with 1 µg/ml dsRNA targeting lig4 (NHEJ) and mus308 (MMEJ) transcripts. After three days, cells were transfected with HR and sgRNA templates using FuGENE HD transfection reagent (E2311, Promega). Four days post transfection cells were transferred to medium containing 2 µg/ml Puromycin (540411, Merck) or 10 µg/ml Blasticidin (A11139, Gibco) respectively. Cells were kept under selection for at least 14 days or until non-resistant control cells declined.

To retrieve monoclonal cells, cells were serially diluted in 96 well plates. Monoclonal cells were expanded and screened by PCR on genomic DNA using primers flanking the insertion site.

RNA interference in *Drosophila* S2 cells, proliferation and viability assay

Double-stranded RNA (dsRNA) was synthesised using the MEGAscript T7 kit (AMB1334, Invitrogen) according to manufacturer's instructions. In brief, dsRNA was generated using T7 Polymerase *in vitro* transcription from PCR amplicons obtained with T7 minimal promoter containing primers using a cDNA template from S2[Cas9] cells. 10–15 µg of dsRNA was added to 0.3×10^6 S2[Cas9] cells in a total of 3 ml Schneider's *Drosophila* Medium. For different cell numbers, the amount of dsRNA and medium was scaled accordingly. Cells were harvested for RNA isolation four days post transfection and for cell cycle analysis and protein extraction three days post transfection.

To monitor proliferation, cells were re-seeded immediately after transfection. The cell density was determined from three independent dsRNA transfections every 24 hours using a hemocytometer. Cell viability was determined four days post transfection by measuring cell dilutions on a CASY Cell Analyser (OMNI Life Science).

Cell cycle analysis by flow cytometry

Cell cycle distribution of *Drosophila* cell lines was analysed as described in [39] with minor changes. In brief, cells were harvested, washed and resuspended in 500 µl PBS. While vortexing cells were fixed by the addition of 5 ml ice cold 95% (v/v) ethanol. One day prior to analysis cells were rehydrated in PBS for 5 min on ice, washed and finally resuspended in 1 ml PBS. 25 µl of RNase A digestion mix (10 mM PIPES/NaOH pH 6.8, 100 mM NaCl, 2 mM MgCl₂, 0.25 mM EDTA, 0.2% (w/v) Triton X-100, 100 µg/µl RNase A) and 50 µl propidium iodide solution (0.5 mg/ml propidium iodide in 38 mM sodium citrate) were added and DNA was stained overnight at 4°C with rotation.

Flow cytometry was performed on an ARIA III cytometer (BD) with DIVA 8.0.2 software. After gating the cells of interest in an FSC-A/SSC-A plot debris and doublets were excluded with an PE-Area vs. PE-Width Plot. Measurements were taken from three independent dsRNA transfections where 10,000 cells were counted per replicate. For visualisation and

record of the PI-signal a histogram for the PE-channel (excitation 561 nm) was used with a 582/15 bandpass filter. For analysis of the recorded signals the exported fcs (3.0) files were loaded in FlowJo (10.6.1). The Watson Pragmatic algorithm was used for computation of G1, S and G2/M fractions [40].

Preparation of protein extracts

For whole cell extracts cells were washed in PBS and lysed in RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, 1% (w/v) NP-40, 0.5% (w/v) sodium deoxycholate, 0.1% (w/v) SDS, 10% (v/v) glycerol, 1 mM DTT) for 20 min with rotation at 4°C followed by freeze/thaw lysis in liquid nitrogen. Lysates were cleared by centrifugation at 21,100 g and 4°C for 20 min. The protein content was determined using DC Protein Assay (5000112, Biorad) according to manufacturer's instructions.

Nuclear extracts were obtained by washing cells in PBS followed by hypotonic lysis in buffer B (10 mM Hepes/KOH pH 7.6, 10 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM DTT) for 15–20 min with rotation at 4°C. Nuclei were pelleted by centrifugation at 4,500 g and 4°C for 15 min. Nuclear proteins were extracted in buffer C (20 mM Hepes/KOH pH 7.6, 420 mM NaCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.2 mM EDTA, 25% (v/v) glycerol, 1 mM DTT) for 30 min with rotation at 4°C. Extracts were cleared by centrifugation at 21,100 g and 4°C for 45 min. The protein content was determined via Bradford method using Protein Assay (5000006, Biorad) according to manufacturer's instructions.

Nuclear extract from *Drosophila* embryos (TRAX) was obtained as previously described [41].

RT-qPCR and RNA-seq

Total RNA was isolated using the peqGOLD Total RNA Kit (12-6834-02, Peqlab) together with the peqGOLD DNase I Digestion Kit (732-2982, Peqlab) and the integrity of RNA was evaluated on a 1.2% Agarose/TAE gel. For RT-qPCR cDNA was prepared from 1 µg of total RNA using the SensiFAST cDNA Synthesis Kit (BIO-65054, Bioline) and analysed by qPCR using the SensiFast SYBR Lo-ROX Kit (BIO-94050, Bioline) according to manufacturer's instructions together with gene-specific primers (S4 Table). Amplification reactions were measured in triplicates on a Stratagene Mx3000P thermocycler (Agilent Technologies) and the mean values were calculated according to the $\Delta\Delta C_t$ method using the mRNA levels of Rp49 as a normalisation reference. mRNA expression was calculated relative to samples treated with a non-targeting dsRNA against GFP. Error bars represent the standard deviation from five biological replicates.

For RNA sequencing the total RNA from three independent dsRNA transfections was isolated. The integrity of RNA was assessed on an Experion StdSens RNA Chip (Bio-Rad). RNA-seq libraries were prepared using a TruSeq Stranded mRNA Library Prep kit (Illumina). Libraries were quantified on a Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies) and sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 1500 platform, rapid-run mode, single-read 50 bp (HiSeq SR Rapid Cluster Kit v2, HiSeq Rapid SBS Kit v2, 50 cycles) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

SDS-PAGE and Western blot

Proteins were electrophoretically separated on a SDS-polyacrylamide gel (SDS-PAGE) and then transferred onto activated polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) membranes (T830.1, Roth) by Western Blotting in Pierce Western Blot Transfer Buffer (35040, Thermo Fisher Scientific). Membranes were saturated in Blocking buffer (PBS, 0.1% (w/v) Tween-20, 5% (w/v) non-fat dry milk) for 1 h at room temperature and subsequently incubated with the respective

antibody dilution in Blocking buffer overnight at 4°C. After washing the membranes four times for 5 min at room temperature in Washing buffer (PBS, 0.1% (w/v) Tween-20) appropriate HRP-coupled secondary antibodies (anti-mouse IgG (NA931, GE Healthcare), anti-rabbit IgG (NA934, GE Healthcare), anti-rat IgG (31470, Thermo Fisher Scientific), anti-guinea pig IgG (706-035-148, Jackson ImmunoResearch)) were applied in Blocking buffer for 2 h at room temperature. After four washing cycles for 5 min in Washing buffer Western blot signals were detected by chemiluminescence using the Immobilon Western Blot Chemiluminescence HRP substrate (WBKLS0500, Millipore).

Antibodies and antisera were used in the following dilutions: Ush (1:5,000; (Fossett et al., 2001)), GFP (1:5,000; clone [3H9] from Chromotek), FLAG (1:8,000; clone M2 from Sigma), Tubulin beta (1:8,000; clone KMX-1 from Merck Millipore), dMi-2 (1:8,000; [42]), dMTA1-like (1:10,000; [38]), Cyclin B (1:5,000; clone F2F4 from DSHB), Cyclin A (1:1,000; clone A12 from DSHB), Lamin Dm0 (1:5,000; clone ADL67.10 from DSHB), dp66 (1:10,000; [43]), dp55 (1:20,000; [44]), dMEP-1 (1:10,000; [38]), dRPD3 (1:10,000; [42]), dCHD3 (1:10,000; [45]), dPc (1:50,000; [46]), dE(z) (1:1,000; [47]), dLSD1 (1:5,000; [48]).

Peptide Synthesis and usage in competition assays

Peptides were synthesised in a 10 µmol scale (0.25 mmol/g) following the standard solid phase peptide synthesis (SPPS) methodology, using Fmoc-amino acids and Oxyma/DIC as coupling agents. Final deprotection and cleavage from the solid support was performed with 1.5 ml of cleavage cocktail: 94 TFA/1 TIS/ 2.5 DODT/2.5 H₂O for 3 h. Obtained peptides were purified at 25°C by preparative reverse phase (RP)-HPLC performed on a PLC 2020 personal purification system (Gilson) with a preparative Nucleodur C18 HTec-column (5 µm, 250 × 16 mm; Macherey Nagel) and a flow rate of 10 ml/min. Detection of the signals was achieved with a UV detector at 220 nm wavelength. The eluents were MilliQ H₂O and MeCN with addition of 0.1% TFA applied at a gradient of 5–40% MeCN.

Peptides were diluted and concentrations were determined according to [49]. The following concentrations were used in interaction assays: 3.5 µM, 7.0 µM, 14.0 µM (FOG1 peptides) and 17.5 µM, 35 µM (Ush peptides) in GST pulldown assays; 1.0 µM, 2.0 µM, 3.0 µM FOG1 peptides in immunoprecipitation assays.

Co-Immunoprecipitation of epitope-tagged proteins

1 mg of nuclear extract was diluted 1:4.2 with buffer C-0 (20 mM Hepes/KOH pH 7.6, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.2 mM EDTA, 25% (v/v) glycerol, 0.131% (w/v) NP-40, 1 mM DTT) and adjusted to 1 ml final volume with buffer C-100 (20 mM Hepes/KOH pH 7.6, 100 mM NaCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.2 mM EDTA, 25% (v/v) glycerol, 0.1% (w/v) NP-40, 1 mM DTT). 5 U/ml of Benzonase was added (70664, Millipore), samples were incubated for 1 h at 4°C with rotation and diluted extracts were cleared of contingent precipitates by centrifugation (15 min, 21,100 g, 4°C). 25 µl of GFP-Trap Agarose (gta, ChromoTek) or ANTI-FLAG M2 Affinity Gel (A2220, Sigma) was blocked in buffer C-100 containing 1 mg/ml BSA and 1% (w/v) fish skin gelatin for 1 h at 4°C with rotation and then added to the diluted extracts. Immunoprecipitation was carried out overnight at 4°C with rotation. The resin was washed four times with 1 ml IP150 buffer (25 mM Hepes/KOH pH 7.6, 150 mM NaCl, 12.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.1 mM EDTA, 10% (v/v) glycerol 0.1% (w/v) NP-40, 1 mM DTT) and finally resuspended in SDS-PAGE loading buffer (50 mM Tris/HCl pH 6.8, 2% (w/v) SDS, 10% (v/v) glycerol, 0.1% (w/v) bromophenol blue, 100 mM DTT). Immunoprecipitates were analysed by SDS-PAGE and Western blot.

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation followed by next-generation sequencing (ChIP-seq)

10⁸ S2[Cas9] cells expressing endogenously tagged proteins were cross-linked with 1% Formaldehyde for 10 min at RT with agitation. Fixation was quenched by addition of Glycine to a final concentration of 240 mM and incubation for 10 min at RT with agitation. After two times washing in PBS cells were lysed in 1 ml of ChIP Lysis buffer (50 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 10 mM EDTA, 1% (w/v) SDS, 1 mM DTT) for 10 min on ice. Chromatin was sheared by sonication in the Bioruptor UCD-200TM-EX (Diagenode) supplied with ice water in three cycles over 30 min. Each cycle lasted for 10 min with 10x 30 s intervals of sonication at high power followed by 30 s without sonication to ensure proper cooling. Cell debris were pelleted by centrifugation (20 min, 21,100 g, 4°C) and the supernatant containing fragmented chromatin was stored at -80°C. The fragment size was monitored by decrosslinking 50 µl of chromatin-containing lysate in presence of RNase A (400 ng/µl; A3832, Applichem) and Proteinase K (400 ng/µl; 7528.1, Roth) for 3 h at 55°C followed by 65°C overnight. DNA was purified using the QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (28106, Qiagen) and fragment sizes were evaluated on a 1.2% Agarose/TAE gel.

For one ChIP reaction 140 µl of chromatin lysate was pre-cleared by diluting it 1:10 in ChIP IP buffer (16.7 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 1.2 mM EDTA, 167 mM NaCl, 1.1% (w/v) Triton X-100, 0.01% (w/v) SDS, 1 mM DTT) and addition of 40 µl Protein A Sepharose resin (nProtein A Sepharose 4 Fast Flow, 17-5280, GE Healthcare) that had been blocked for 1 h in ChIP Blocking buffer (ChIP Low salt buffer containing 2 mg/ml BSA and 2% (w/v) fish skin gelatin). After incubation at 4°C for 1 h with rotation, beads were collected (centrifugation for 10 min at 21,100 g and 4°C) and the supernatant was added to 25 µl of blocked GFP-Trap Agarose (gta, ChromoTek).

Immunoprecipitation (IP) took place overnight at 4°C with rotation followed by extensive washing: Three times with 1 ml of ChIP Low salt buffer (20 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 2 mM EDTA, 150 mM NaCl, 1% (w/v) Triton X-100, 0.1% (w/v) SDS, 1 mM DTT), three times with 1 ml of ChIP High salt buffer (20 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 2 mM EDTA, 500 mM NaCl, 1% (w/v) Triton X-100, 0.1% (w/v) SDS, 1 mM DTT), once with 1 ml of ChIP LiCl buffer (10 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 250 mM LiCl, 0.1% (w/v) NP-40, 1 mM DTT) and finally twice with TE buffer (10 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA). Each washing step was carried out at 4°C for 5 min with rotation and the resin was pelleted in between by centrifugation (4 min, 400 g, 4°C).

Cross-linked protein-DNA complexes were eluted twice from the resin in 250 µl ChIP elution buffer (100 mM NaHCO₃, 1% (w/v) SDS) for 20 min at RT with rotation. The resin was pelleted by centrifugation (3 min, 1,200 g, RT) and the eluate was removed. After the second elution cycle the resin-buffer suspension was incubated at 95°C for 10 min, the resin was pelleted and both eluates were pooled. 14 µl of pre-cleared chromatin was added to 500 µl of ChIP elution buffer as “input” sample. 40 µM of NaCl was added to IP and input samples and protein-DNA complexes were decrosslinked overnight at 65°C with agitation. 40 mM Tris/HCl pH 6.8, 1 mM EDTA and 40 ng/µl Proteinase K (7528.1, Roth) was added to each sample and proteins were digested at 45°C for one hour with agitation. The DNA was purified using QIAquick PCR purification kit (28106, Qiagen).

Purified DNA from up to six ChIP reactions was pooled, concentrated (Concentrator 5301, Eppendorf) and quantified using the Qubit dsDNA High-Sensitivity Assay Kit (Q32851, ThermoFisher scientific). Libraries were generated from 1 ng of DNA using the MicroPlex Library Preparation Kit v2 (C05010012, Diagenode) according to manufacturer's instructions. The amplified libraries were purified using AMPure XP beads (A63880, Beckman Coulter) and eluted in TE buffer.

The quality of sequencing libraries was controlled on a Bioanalyzer 2100 using the Agilent High Sensitivity DNA Kit (Agilent). Pooled sequencing libraries were quantified with digital polymerase chain reaction (PCR) (QuantStudio 3D, Thermo Fisher) and sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 1500 platform, rapid-run mode, single-read 50 bp (HiSeq SR Rapid Cluster Kit v2, HiSeq Rapid SBS Kit v2, 50 cycles) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

GST pulldown assay

pGEX2T-mFOG1(1-45) [15] or pGEX4T1 expression constructs were transformed into an *E. coli* BL21DE3 strain (C2527H, NEB). The culture was expanded and expression was induced at an OD₆₀₀ of 0.7 with 0.4 mM IPTG. After 24 h at 18°C bacteria were harvested, washed with PBS and resuspended in PBS/Triton (PBS containing 1% (w/v) Triton X-100). For lysis, cells were sonicated 12 times for 12 s on an ultrasonic homogenizer (HD2200, Bendelin electronics) at 25% output while keeping the suspension on ice in between. The suspension was frozen in liquid nitrogen and thawed on ice three times before cell debris were pelleted by centrifugation at 4°C and 27,000 g for 30 min. GST-fusion proteins were coupled to Glutathione Sepharose 4 Fast Flow (17-5132-01, GE Healthcare) for 2 h at 4°C with rotation. Unbound proteins were removed by washing three times with PBS/Triton and twice with PBS for 5 min at 4°C with rotation. The amount of GST-fusion protein bound to the Sepharose resin was evaluated by comparison to a BSA standard on a Coomassie stained SDS-PA gel.

GST pulldown interaction assays were performed using 10–20 µg of GST fusion proteins and 1 mg of S2 cell nuclear extract or TRAX per pulldown reaction. The resin was blocked for 1 h at 4°C with rotation in GST Pulldown Buffer containing 1 mg/ml BSA and 1% (w/v) fish skin gelatin. Binding took place overnight at 4°C with rotation in 1 ml GST Pulldown buffer (25 mM Hepes/KOH pH 7.6, 150 mM KCl, 12.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.1 mM EDTA, 20% (v/v) glycerol 0.1% (w/v) NP-40, 1 mM DTT). The resin was washed four times with 1 ml GST Pulldown buffer for 5 min at 4°C with rotation followed by centrifugation (4 min, 1,500 g, 4°C). Interacting proteins were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and Western blot.

Fly stocks

The w¹¹¹⁸ served as the wild-type control. The following stocks were obtained from the Bloomington stock center: w¹¹¹⁸;MTA1-like^{d09140}/TM6B,Tb¹,y¹ w^{*};MTA1-like^{MI01790},w¹¹¹⁸;simj^{BG00403}/TM6B,Tb¹,simj⁰¹⁸¹⁴ry⁵⁰⁶,y¹ w^{*};HDAC1¹²⁻³⁷/TM6B,Tb¹,HDAC1⁰⁴⁵⁵⁶ry⁵⁰⁶/TM3,ry^{RK}Sb¹Ser¹,Mi-2⁴red¹e⁴/TM6B,Sb¹Tb¹ca¹,y¹ w¹¹¹⁸;Mi-2^{L1243}/TM3,Ser¹. The dome-GAL4 line was a gift from U. Banerjee (UCLA). y w^{67c23};ush^{VX22}/CyO y⁺ and y w^{67c23};ush^{R24}/CyO y⁺, the misshapen-mCherry (MSN-C) and the hhF4f-GFP fluorescent reporter transgene stocks have been described previously [11,14,32]. The y w;ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/CyO y⁺ was created using standard recombination procedures. Larvae were cultured at 23°C and late 3rd instar wandering larvae were assayed for lamellocyte differentiation. Fluorescent microscopy was conducted using a Zeiss Axioplan microscope.

Second site non complementation assays

Larvae were cultured at 23°C and late 3rd instar wandering larvae were assayed for lamellocyte differentiation. Larvae were placed on a slide with a drop of PBS and observed under fluorescent microscopy using a Zeiss Axioplan microscope. Only larvae with MSN-C fluorescent reporter transgene expression were scored.

Hh enhancer reporter assay in larval lymph glands

The dome-Gal4 line was crossed with appropriate hhF4f-GFP;UAS-RNAi lines, mid-third instar larvae were collected and lymph glands were dissected lymph glands. Immunostaining was performed as described previously [14]. The following antibodies were used to identify PSC cells: mouse anti-Antp (primary antibody; 1:100; 4C3, Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank); Alexa 555-conjugated mouse IgG antibody (secondary antibody; A28180, Thermo Fisher Scientific). Cell nuclei were stained with DAPI (Invitrogen). Immunostained samples were analysed with a Nikon A1R laser-scanning confocal microscope.

Bioinformatical analysis

ChIP-Seq data were aligned to *Drosophila* Genome dm3, using bowtie2 [50]. Bigwig files were obtained using Galaxy/deepTools [51] normalised to genome Coverage. Data were visualised in the UCSC genome browser [52]. Data analysis was performed using Galaxy [53], Cistrome [54] and Bioconductor/R [55]. Peaks were identified using MACS2 [56] with the following settings: Set lower mfold bound = 5; Set upper mfold bound = 50; Band width for picking regions to compute fragment size = 300; Peak detection based on = q-value; Minimum FDR = 0.05. Overlap between peaks was obtained using the Venn Diagram tool within Galaxy/Cistrome platform. Peaks were considered overlapping at ≥ 1 common nucleotide. Enriched motifs were identified using HOMER [57]. Heatmaps were obtained using Galaxy/deepTools. Overlap with genomic features was determined using “CEAS: Enrichment on chromosome and annotation” [58] within the Galaxy/Cistrome platform. Profiles of the histone marks were obtained using Galaxy/deepTools. Following public datasets were used: H3K4me1 (GSM2259983, GSM2259984), H3K4me3 (GSM2259985, GSM2259986), H3K27ac (GSM2259987, GSM2259988) [59], H3K27me3 (GSM2776903) [60], Mi-2 modeENCODE (GSM1147259, GSM1147260), Mi-2 (ERR1331728, ERR1331729) [26]. Transcription start site (TSS) annotation was obtained from the UCSC table browser and coverage profiles were calculated using Galaxy/deepTools.

RNA-Seq data were aligned to *Drosophila* transcriptome using RNA Star (2.7.2b) [61]. Counts per gene were determined using FeatureCounts (1.6.4) [62]. Differentially expressed genes and normalised reads were determined using DeSeq2 (2.11.40.6) [63]. Gene ontology analysis on significantly deregulated genes (adj. $p < 0.01$) was performed using the Metascape tool (version 3.5, 2019-08-14, [64]) on “Express Analysis” settings. Additional GO terms and transcript expression patterns were obtained from FlyBase (version FB2019_06) and the Berkeley *Drosophila* Genome Project (release 3, 2019-06-04) respectively.

Supporting information

S1 Fig. Insertion of GFP- or FLAG-tag sequences at *Ush* and *dMi-2* 3' ends using CRISPR/Cas9. **A** Schematic representation of the *Ush* gene locus before (top) and after insertion of GFP (middle) and FLAG (bottom) tagging constructs. Black boxes represent exons, black (broken) lines represent introns. The inserted tag sequences (GFP: green, FLAG, red) and selection marker (promoter: ochre, Puromycin resistance: orange) are highlighted. The positions of primers used for genotyping of *Ush* alleles are indicated with purple arrowheads. **B** PCR from genomic DNA of control cells and cells modified to express GFP- or FLAG-tagged *Ush*, respectively. Insertion of the tag sequence followed by a Puromycin selection marker is monitored using primers surrounding the 3' end of the coding region within the *Ush* gene. Non-tagged alleles give rise to a 216 bp amplicon, GFP- and FLAG-tagged alleles result in 1991 bp and 1311 bp fragments respectively. **C** Schematic representation of the *dMi-2* gene locus before (top) and after insertion of GFP (middle) and FLAG (bottom) tagging constructs. Black boxes

represent exons, black (broken) lines represent introns. The inserted tag sequences (GFP: green, FLAG, red) and selection marker (promoter: light blue, Blastidicin resistance: dark blue) are highlighted. The positions of primers used for genotyping of Ush alleles are indicated with purple arrowheads. **D** PCR from genomic DNA of control cells and cells modified to express GFP- or FLAG-tagged dMi-2, respectively. Insertion of the tag sequence followed by a Blastidicin selection marker is monitored using primers surrounding the 3' end of the coding region within the Ush gene. Non-tagged alleles give rise to a 200 bp amplicon, GFP- and FLAG-tagged alleles result in 1737 bp and 1077 bp fragments respectively. **E** Nuclear extracts of control cells and cells expressing endogenously tagged dMi-2-GFP or dMi-2-FLAG was probed on Western blot using antibodies against dMi-2, GFP or FLAG. Tubulin signal serves as loading control.

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S2 Fig. Ush occupancy at the *lozenge* and the *atilla* gene locus. **A** Genome browser snapshots of the *lozenge* (*lz*) (top) and the *atilla* (bottom) gene locus displaying Ush occupancy (green) determined by Ush-GFP ChIP-seq. Input signals are shown in black. Location of genes is displayed below with boxes indicating exons.

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S3 Fig. Expression of Ush isoforms in S2 cells. **A** Genome browser snapshots of the Ush gene locus displaying RNA-seq coverage in S2 cells from biological triplicates. Exons encoding unique N-termini are highlighted in green (Ush-B specific) and orange (Ush-A specific).

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S4 Fig. Comparison of dMi-2 ChIP-seq datasets. **A** dMi-2 ChIP-seq peaks obtained in this study were ranked and signals were compared to two other datasets (Kreher et al., 2017 and modENCODE ID 5070) in a region of 5 kb surrounding the respective peak. **B** Genome browser snapshots of an exemplary region displaying dMi-2 occupancy (red: this study; ochre: Kreher et al., 2017; blue: modENCODE ID 5070). Input signals of this study are shown in black. Location of genes is displayed below with boxes indicating exons.

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S5 Fig. Ush-B repressed genes. Tables of genes that are significantly upregulated (adj. $p < 0.05$) upon depletion of Ush-B. Gene symbols are indicated along with the respective fold change relative to cells transfected with control dsRNA (dsEGFP). Respective $-\log_{10}(p\text{-values})$ are indicated in the last row. Coloured boxes mark genes associated with hemocyte functions or are specifically expressed in *Drosophila* hemocytes (green), genes associated with cell cycle (orange), and genes involved in lipid metabolism (blue).

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S6 Fig. Ush-B activated genes. Tables of genes that are significantly downregulated (adj. $p < 0.05$) upon depletion of Ush-B. Gene symbols are indicated along with the respective fold change relative to cells transfected with control dsRNA (dsEGFP). Respective $-\log_{10}(p\text{-values})$ are indicated in the last row. Coloured boxes mark genes associated with hemocyte functions or are specifically expressed in *Drosophila* hemocytes (green), genes associated with cell cycle (orange), and genes involved in lipid metabolism (blue).

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S7 Fig. Cell cycle profiles upon depletion of Ush or NuRD complex components. **A** Flow cytometry following PI-staining of S2 cells upon dsRNA-mediated depletion of indicated proteins. dsRNA-transfected cells were fixed, stained with PI and subjected to flow cytometry. Histograms show the number of cells plotted against the PI signal (Area of PE channel). The

diploid cell population (2n) and cells that have undergone replication (4n) are indicated. Transfection of dsEGFP and dsLuc served as control. Two different dsRNA constructs against Ush (all isoforms) were used (dsUsh #1 & dsUsh #2). **B** Viability assay of S2 cells upon depletion of indicated proteins. Viability of cells transfected with control dsRNA (dsEGFP and dsLuc) or dsRNA constructs targeting Ush (dsUsh #1 and dsUsh #2), Ush-B, dMi-2 and dMTA1-like was measured 96 hours post transfection. Error bars represent the standard deviation from biological triplicates (n = 3) and individual values are indicated with circles. (TIF)

S8 Fig. *Hedgehog* enhancer activity upon loss of Ush expression. Lymph glands isolated from larvae that express a dsRNA against Ush in the medullary zone (A), or from larvae that carry homozygous Ush mutant alleles (B). All larvae carry a construct, reporting the activity of a minimal *Hedgehog* enhancer by GFP expression (hhF4f-GFP; green). (TIF)

S1 Table. Occupancy of Ush and dMi-2 at Ush-regulated genes. Representative Ush-regulated genes of each gene class (investigated in Figs 2E and 6C) are listed. Columns 3 and 4 indicate binding of Ush and dMi-2 to the respective gene loci detected by anti-GFP ChIP sequencing (see Figs 1 and 5). (PDF)

S2 Table. Genes deregulated upon Ush-B RNAi. List of genes that show significant changes (adj. p < 0.05) upon depletion of Ush-B. Gene identifiers, fold changes and p-values of each gene are listed. Genes were sorted into the groups “hemocyte-related” (green), “cell cycle” (orange) or “lipid metabolism” (blue) according to the references given in columns 10 and 11. (PDF)

S3 Table. Ush and dNuRD regulate lamellocyte differentiation in *Drosophila* larvae. Total numbers of examined larvae and penetrance levels of increased lamellocyte counts associated with Fig 7H. Genotypes and the affected dNuRD complex subunit are listed in columns 1-2. (PDF)

S4 Table. Oligonucleotides used in this study. List of all oligonucleotides and primers used in this study. Sequences and applications are given. References are indicated in column 5. (PDF)

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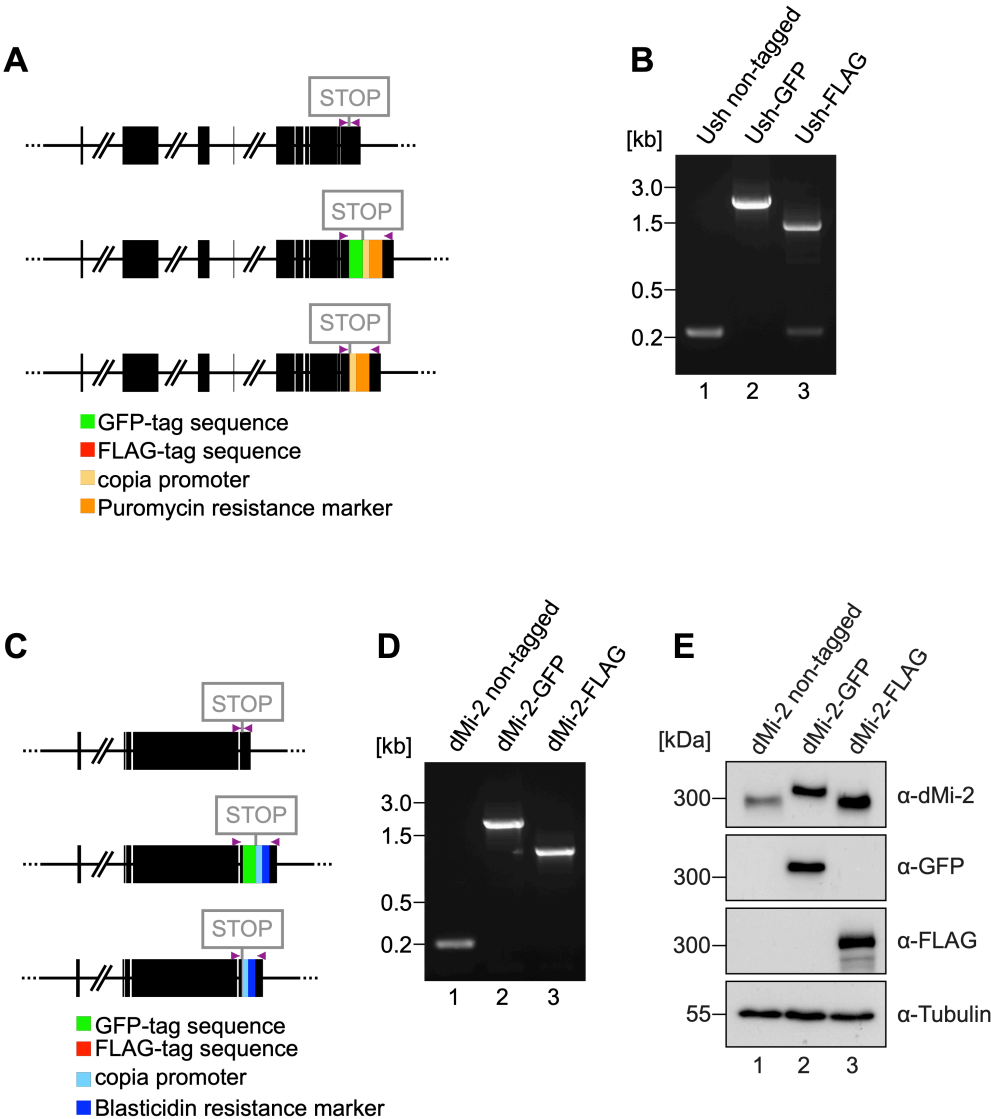
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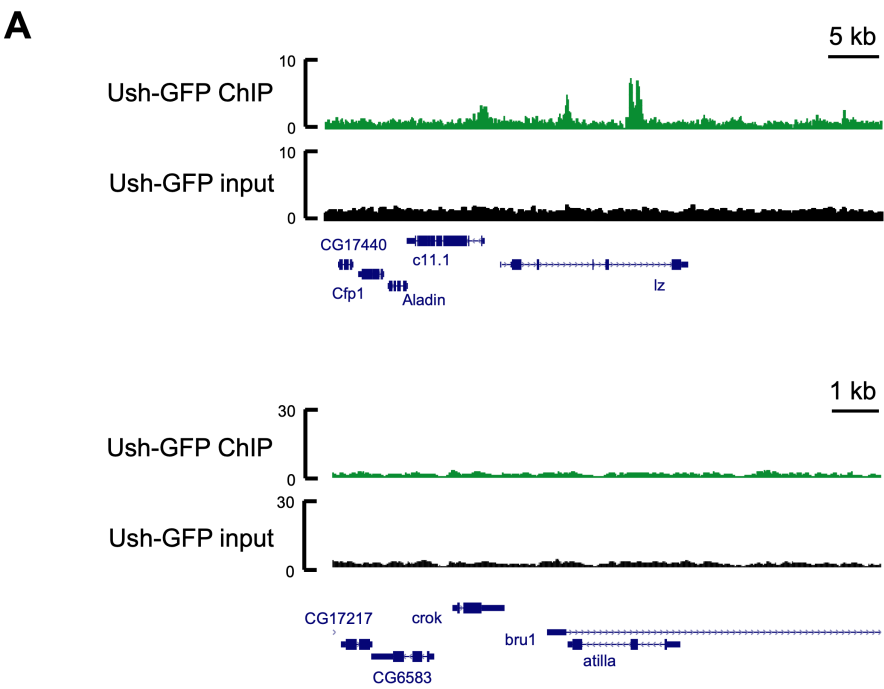
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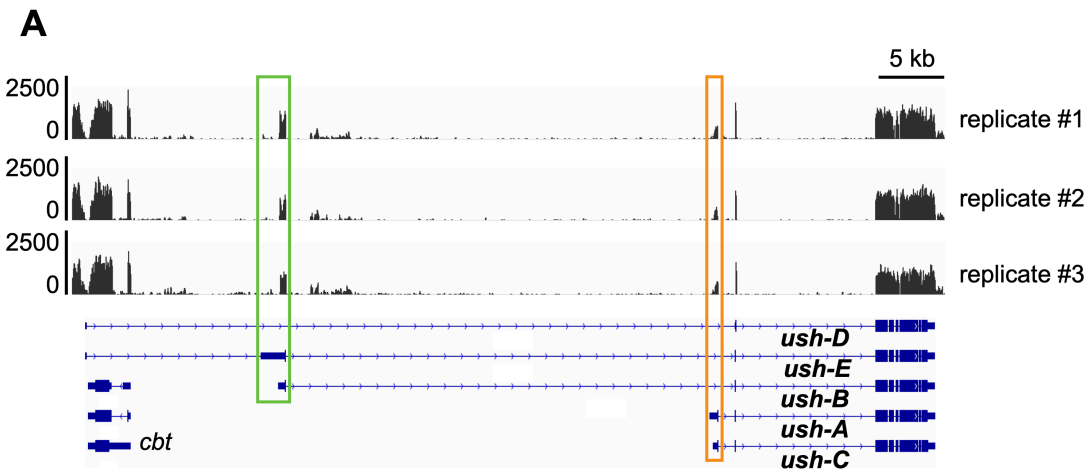
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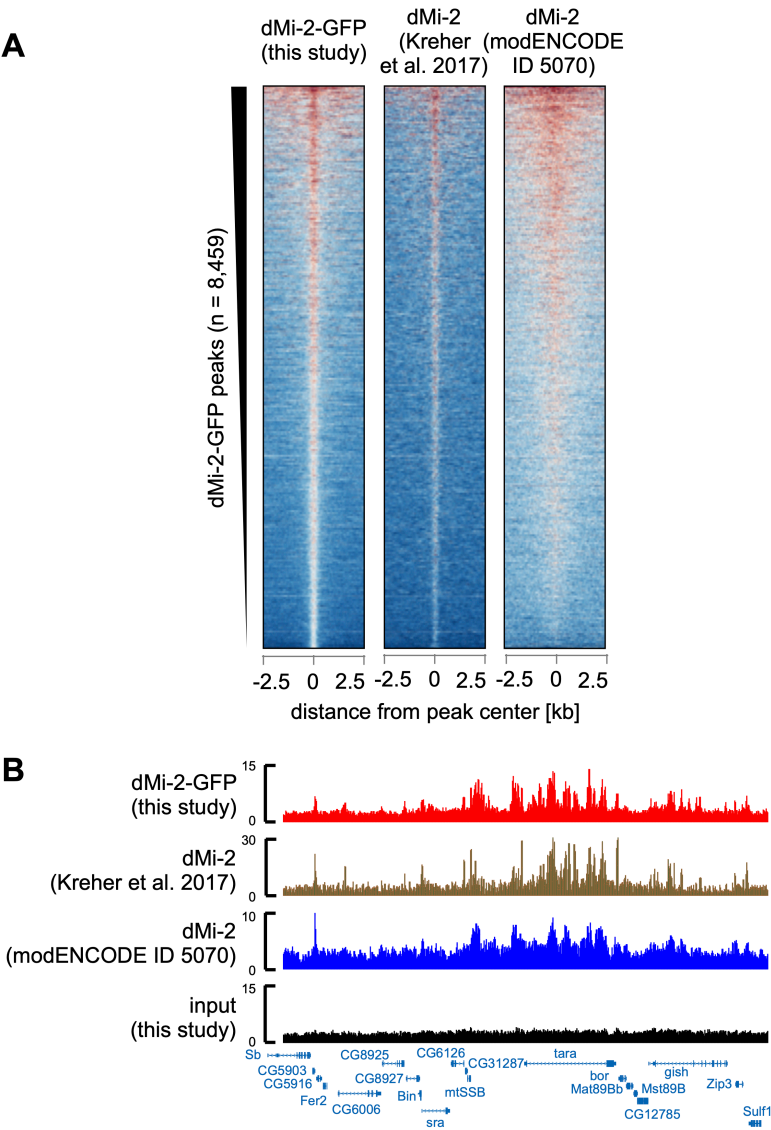
Supplementary Figure 2



Supplementary Figure 3



Supplementary Figure 4



Supplementary Figure 5

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	axo	1.97	3.37		CG10737	1.53	2.37
	CG14879	1.88	2.72		CG30069	1.52	2.14
	CG12075	1.83	2.74		CG32280	1.51	1.64
	RpL18	1.82	3.46		IP3K1	1.45	3.29
	pirk	1.80	2.29		Pmp70	1.45	3.57
	Cyp310a1	1.74	2.74		CG3408	1.43	1.36
	CG8312	1.74	2.13		Rac1	1.43	1.79
	GILT3	1.73	1.77		CD98hc	1.40	1.55
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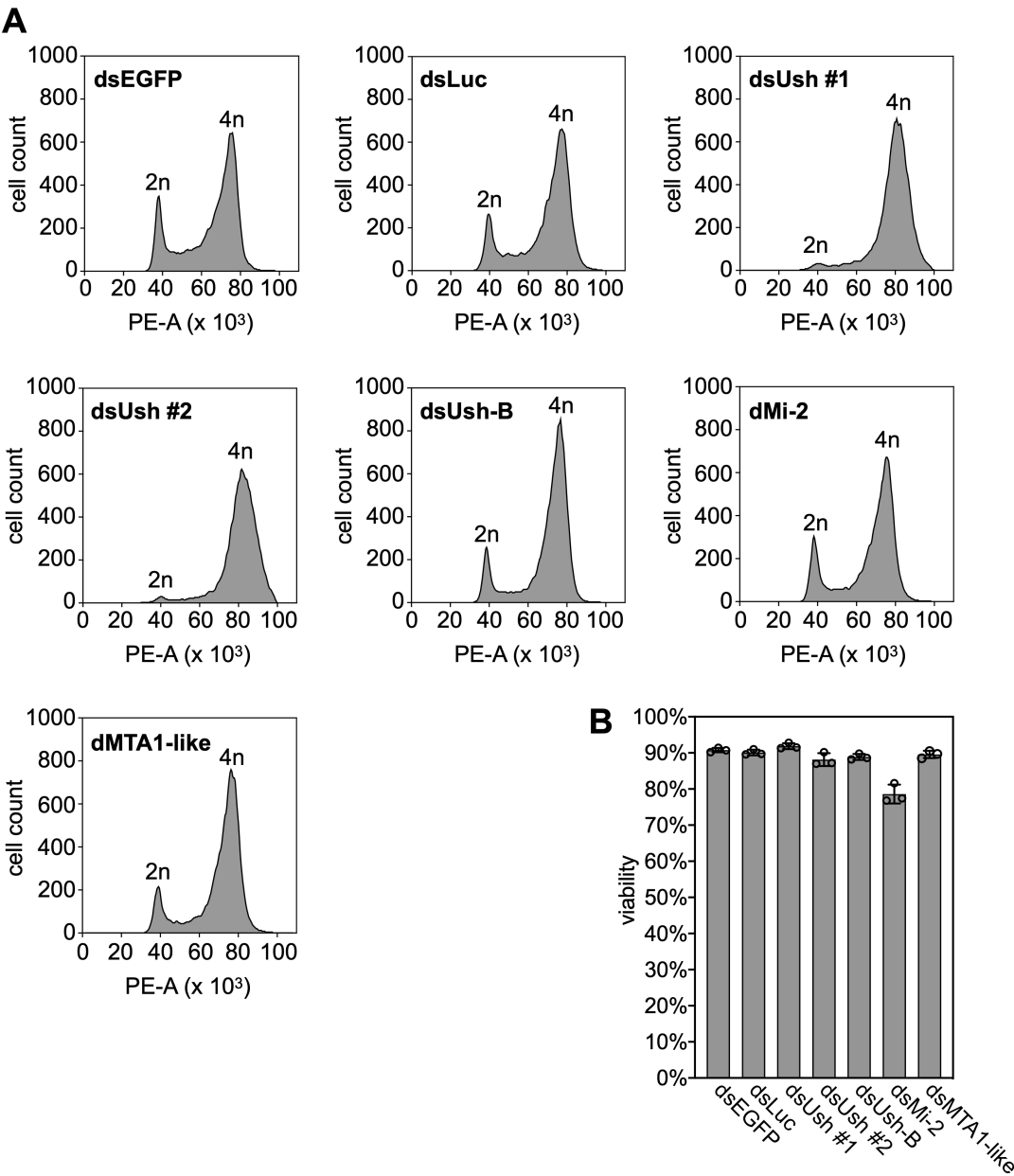
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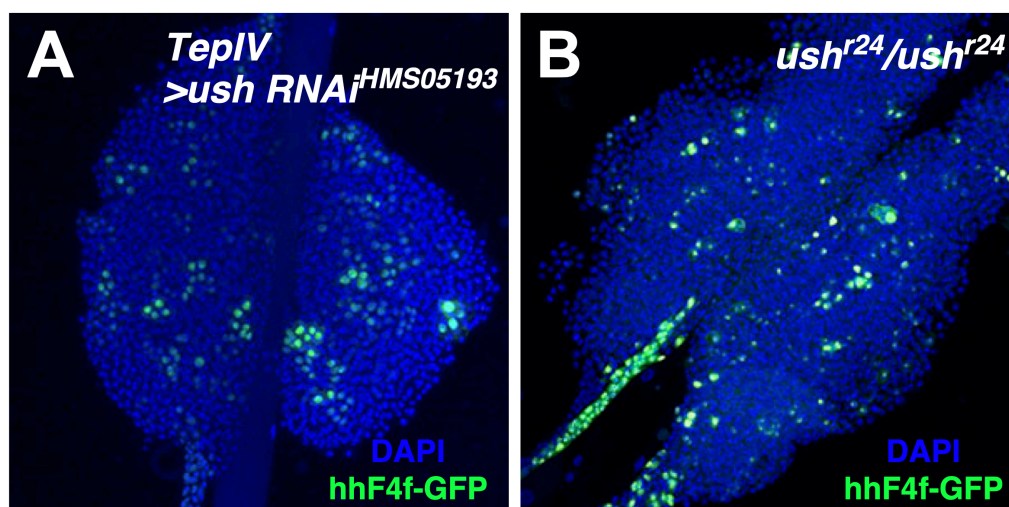
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Supplementary Figure 7



Supplementary Figure 8



		annotated peak within promoter and/or gene body	
Genes validated by RTqPCR	category	Ush-GFP	dMi-2-GFP
CG16267	hemocyte-related	yes	yes
pirk	hemocyte-related	yes	yes
GILT3	hemocyte-related	yes	no
Lozenge	hemocyte-related	yes	no
atilla	hemocyte-related	no	no
AurB	cell cycle	no	no
CHES-1	cell cycle	yes	yes
CDK1	cell cycle	no	yes
polo	cell cycle	no	yes
Cyclin B	cell cycle	yes	yes
Mcad	lipid metabolism	yes	yes
Echs1	lipid metabolism	yes	yes
ACC	lipid metabolism	yes	yes
CROT	lipid metabolism	no	no
fa2h	lipid metabolism	yes	yes

hemocyte-related	cell cycle	lipid metabolism	gene symbol	FlyBase ID	log ₂ (FC dsUsh-B/dsEGFP)	FC dsUsh-B/dsEGFP	-log ₁₀ (p-value)	p-value	FlyBase GO_Biological Function / additional references	expression pattern (BDGP)
<div>X</div>	<div>X</div>		N	FBgn00004647	-0.652	0.64	1.65	2.26E-02	regulation of crystal cell differentiation (GO:0042689); lamellocyte differentiation (GO:0035171); negative regulation of lamellocyte differentiation (GO:0035204); crystal cell differentiation (GO:0042688); larval lymph gland hemopoiesis (GO:0035167); embryonic crystal cell differentiation (GO:0035165); regulation of mitotic cell cycle (GO:0007346); positive regulation of G1/S transition of mitotic cell cycle (GO:1900087); hemocyte proliferation (GO:0035172); embryonic hemopoiesis (GO:0035162); positive regulation of cell population proliferation (GO:0008284); positive regulation of crystal cell differentiation (GO:0042691)	
<div>X</div>	<div>X</div>		kay	FBgn0001297	0.331	1.26	1.35	4.50E-02	positive regulation of biosynthetic processes of antibacterial peptides active against Gram-negative bacteria (GO:006964); positive regulation of peptidoglycan recognition protein signaling pathway (GO:0061059); regulation of cyclin-dependent protein serine/threonine kinase activity involved in G2/M transition of mitotic cell cycle (GO:0031660)	plasmatocytes A (stage 11-12)
<div>X</div>		<div>X</div>	Cyt-b5-r	FBgn00000406	0.775	1.71	1.75	1.79E-02	lipid metabolic process (GO:0006629)	procrystal cells (stage 11-12), crystal cells (stage 13-16)
<div>X</div>			Col4a1 / Cg25c	FBgn00000299	-1.289	0.41	6.57	2.71E-07		plasmatocytes A (stage 11-12), plasmatocytes (stage 13-16)
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<div>X</div>			CG5397	FBgn0031327	-1.068	0.48	3.84	1.44E-04		plasmatocytes (stage 13-16)
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<div>X</div>			Traf4	FBgn0026319	-0.681	0.62	1.73	1.86E-02	defense response to Gram-negative bacterium (GO:0050829)	
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<div>X</div>			CD98hc	FBgn0037533	0.489	1.40	1.55	2.83E-02		
<div>X</div>			Rac1	FBgn0010333	0.520	1.43	1.79	1.64E-02	hemocyte development (GO:0007516); immune response-regulating cell surface receptor signaling pathway involved in phagocytosis (GO:0002433); hemocyte migration (GO:0035099); melanotic encapsulation of foreign target (GO:0035011)	
<div>X</div>			Phk-3	FBgn0035089	0.616	1.53	1.56	2.74E-02	response to bacterium (GO:0009617)	
<div>X</div>			p38c	FBgn0267339	0.690	1.61	1.33	4.64E-02	response to bacterium (GO:0009617)	
<div>X</div>			Ugt36Bc	FBgn0040260	0.742	1.67	1.56	2.74E-02		crystal cell SA (stage 9-10), procrystal cells (stage 11-12), crystal cell (stage 13-16)
<div>X</div>			GILT3	FBgn0039098	0.790	1.73	1.77	1.70E-02	Involved in the immune response to bacterial infection (Kongton et al., 2014)	
<div>X</div>			Cyp310a1	FBgn0032693	0.801	1.74	2.74	1.83E-03		plasmatocytes A (stage 11-12), plasmatocytes (stage 13-16)
<div>X</div>			pirk	FBgn0034647	0.847	1.80	2.29	5.07E-03	negative regulation of peptidoglycan recognition protein signaling pathway (GO:0061060)	
	<div>X</div>		mre11	FBgn0020270	-0.365	0.78	1.77	1.70E-02	mitotic G2 DNA damage checkpoint (GO:0007059); intra-S DNA damage checkpoint (GO:0031573)	
	<div>X</div>		14-3-3epsilon	FBgn0020238	0.451	1.37	1.79	1.62E-02	mitotic cell cycle checkpoint (GO:0007093); regulation of mitotic nuclear division (GO:0007088)	
		<div>X</div>	Pmp70	FBgn0031069	0.539	1.45	3.57	2.72E-04	long-chain fatty acid import into peroxisome (GO:0015910)	
			CG5849	FBgn0038897	-0.975	0.51	3.33	4.65E-04		
			Tsp42Ed	FBgn0029507	-0.889	0.54	2.53	2.97E-03		
			IncRNA:CR44458	FBgn0265651	-0.879	0.54	2.72	1.90E-03		
			kek1	FBgn0015399	-0.855	0.55	3.06	8.76E-04		
			ATP8B	FBgn0037989	-0.854	0.55	2.26	5.55E-03		
			CG34034	FBgn0054034	-0.822	0.57	3.37	4.22E-04		
			CG8008	FBgn0033387	-0.729	0.60	1.55	2.83E-02		

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			mahe	FBgn0029979	-0.722	0.61	3.15	7.07E-04		
			Pf ^{dn} 5 / CG7048	FBgn0038976	-0.714	0.61	1.59	2.58E-02		
			Arc2	FBgn0033928	-0.668	0.63	1.75	1.79E-02		
			Pdfr	FBgn0260753	-0.665	0.63	1.59	2.58E-02		
			CG3448	FBgn0035996	-0.640	0.64	1.53	2.94E-02		
			CG31777	FBgn0051777	-0.634	0.64	1.59	2.55E-02		
			CG18088	FBgn0032082	-0.627	0.65	2.84	1.44E-03		
			unc-13	FBgn0025726	-0.582	0.67	2.14	7.22E-03		
			Rab23	FBgn0037364	-0.574	0.67	1.55	2.84E-02		
			GstE2	FBgn0063498	-0.568	0.67	1.64	2.30E-02		
			CG12868	FBgn0033945	-0.534	0.69	3.06	8.76E-04		
			ver	FBgn0262524	-0.471	0.72	3.71	1.94E-04		
			Bin1	FBgn0024491	-0.469	0.72	3.60	2.48E-04		
			Tsp42Ee	FBgn0029506	-0.445	0.73	1.53	2.95E-02		
			Marc / CG1665	FBgn0033451	-0.415	0.75	1.35	4.46E-02		
			IscU	FBgn0037637	-0.407	0.75	4.14	7.28E-05		
			Lst8	FBgn0264691	-0.397	0.76	1.58	2.64E-02		
			DNAI ^{lg4} / Lig4	FBgn0030506	-0.344	0.79	1.58	2.64E-02		
			CG33169	FBgn0053169	-0.342	0.79	1.35	4.46E-02		
			CG11436	FBgn0029713	-0.319	0.80	1.59	2.55E-02		
			CG4239	FBgn0030745	-0.313	0.80	1.79	1.64E-02		
			CG6171	FBgn0026737	-0.300	0.81	1.35	4.47E-02		
			muc	FBgn0283658	0.218	1.16	1.64	2.30E-02		
			TBCB	FBgn0034451	0.282	1.22	1.55	2.83E-02		
			CG1354	FBgn0030151	0.293	1.23	2.51	3.09E-03		
			CysRS / Aats-cys	FBgn0027091	0.363	1.29	1.72	1.92E-02		
			elF3d1 / eIF-3p66	FBgn0040227	0.371	1.29	1.40	4.02E-02		
			CG17746	FBgn0035425	0.376	1.30	1.56	2.74E-02		
			TyrRS /Aats-tyr	FBgn0027080	0.389	1.31	1.75	1.77E-02		
			bbc	FBgn0033844	0.390	1.31	1.64	2.30E-02		
			SCaMC	FBgn0052103	0.431	1.35	1.61	2.46E-02		
			ThrRS / Aats-thr	FBgn0027081	0.483	1.40	1.36	4.37E-02		
			AsnS	FBgn0270926	0.484	1.40	1.35	4.48E-02		
			CG3408	FBgn0036008	0.520	1.43	1.36	4.34E-02		
			IP3K1	FBgn0032147	0.541	1.45	3.29	5.11E-04		
			CG32280	FBgn0052280	0.595	1.51	1.64	2.30E-02		
			CG30069	FBgn0050069	0.605	1.52	2.14	7.22E-03		
			CG10737	FBgn0034420	0.612	1.53	2.37	4.23E-03		
			ATP ^{syndelta}	FBgn0028342	0.614	1.53	1.48	3.35E-02		

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			CG8563	FBgn0035777	0.665	1.59	1.75	1.77E-02		
			CG42458	FBgn0259935	0.675	1.60	1.36	4.34E-02		
			CG4872	FBgn0030799	0.691	1.61	2.26	5.55E-03		
			AdamTS-A	FBgn0286071	0.700	1.62	1.37	4.29E-02		
			nkd	FBgn0002945	0.727	1.66	1.53	2.96E-02		
			lncRNA:CR44138	FBgn0264987	0.728	1.66	1.53	2.94E-02		
			CG3655	FBgn0040397	0.729	1.66	1.55	2.83E-02		
			path	FBgn0036007	0.731	1.66	1.58	2.62E-02		
			CG42324	FBgn0259224	0.738	1.67	1.58	2.64E-02		
			CG1077	FBgn0037405	0.748	1.68	1.63	2.37E-02		
			CG4611	FBgn0035591	0.774	1.71	3.37	4.22E-04		
			CG8312	FBgn0037720	0.796	1.74	2.13	7.33E-03		
			RpL18	FBgn0035753	0.860	1.82	3.46	3.44E-04		
			CG12075	FBgn0030065	0.869	1.83	2.74	1.84E-03		
			CG14879	FBgn0038419	0.908	1.88	2.72	1.92E-03		
			axo	FBgn0262870	0.978	1.97	3.37	4.22E-04		
			CG3246	FBgn0031538	0.983	1.98	3.37	4.22E-04		
			comm2	FBgn0041160	1.841	3.58	17.62	2.42E-18		

NuRD complex subunit	Genotype crossed to <i>y w; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/CyO y+</i> or <i>y w; MSN-C</i>	genetic background (selected based on <i>MSN-C</i> , <i>y</i> and/or <i>Tb</i> phenotypic markers)	number of <i>MSN</i> larvae tested	number of <i>MSN</i> larvae with $\geq 10\times$ <i>Im</i> *	% larvae $w/\geq 10\times$ <i>Im</i> *	Estimated penetrance
	<i>w¹¹¹⁸</i>	<i>y w; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+</i>	32	3	9.4	9.4
	<i>y; ush²⁴/CyO y+ #</i>	<i>y w; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/ush²⁴</i>	14	14	100.0	100.0
dMTA-1like	<i>w¹¹¹⁸; MTA1-like^{d09140}/TM6B, Tb¹ +</i>	<i>w¹¹¹⁸/yW; MSN-C/+; MTA1-like^{d09140}/+</i>	28	2	7.1	7.1
		<i>w¹¹¹⁸/yW; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+; MTA1-like^{d09140}/+</i>	48	25	52.1	52.1
	<i>y¹ w[*]; MTA1-like^{Mi01790} **</i>	<i>y w; MSN-C/+; MTA1-like^{Mi01790}/+</i>	31	1	3.2	3.2
		<i>y w; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+; MTA1-like^{Mi01790}/+</i>	38	28	73.7	73.7
dp66	<i>w¹¹¹⁸; simj^{BG00403}/TM6B, Tb¹ +</i>	<i>w¹¹¹⁸/yW; MSN-C/+; simj^{BG00403}/+</i>	26	0	0.0	0.0
		<i>w¹¹¹⁸/y w; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+; simj^{BG00403}/+</i>	39	17	43.6	43.6
	<i>simj^{p1814} ry⁵⁰⁶ **</i>	<i>y w/+; MSN-C/+; simj^{p1814} ry⁵⁰⁶/+</i>	40	2	5.0	5.0
		<i>y w/+; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+; simj^{p1814} ry⁵⁰⁶/+</i>	61	31	50.8	50.8
dRpd3	<i>y¹ w[*]; HDAC1¹²⁻³⁷/TM6B, Tb¹ *</i>	<i>y w; MSN-C/+; HDAC1¹²⁻³⁷ /+</i>	30	15	50.0	50.0
		<i>y w; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+; HDAC1¹²⁻³⁷ /+</i>	42	35	83.3	83.3
	<i>HDAC1¹⁰⁴⁵⁵⁶ ry⁵⁰⁶/TM3, ry^{RK} Sb¹ Ser¹ ++</i>	<i>y w/+; MSN-C/+; HDAC1¹⁰⁴⁵⁵⁶ ry⁵⁰⁶ /+ AND y w/+; MSN-C/+; TM3, ry^{RK} Sb¹ Ser¹ /+</i>	27	2	7.4	14.8
		<i>y w/+; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+; HDAC1¹⁰⁴⁵⁵⁶ ry⁵⁰⁶ /+ AND y w/+; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+; TM3, ry^{RK} Sb¹ Ser¹ /+</i>	53	17	32.1	64.2
dMi-2	<i>Mi-2⁴ red¹ e⁴/TM6B, Sb¹ Tb¹ ca¹ +</i>	<i>y w/+; MSN-C/+; Mi-2⁴ red¹ e⁴/+</i>	NT	NT	NT	NT
		<i>y w/+; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+; Mi-2⁴ red¹ e⁴/+</i>	45	16	35.6	35.6
	<i>y¹ w¹¹¹⁸; Mi-2^{L1243}/TM3, Ser¹ ++</i>	<i>y w; MSN-C/+; Mi-2^{L1243}/+ AND y w; MSN-C/+; TM3, Ser¹/+</i>	NT	NT	NT	NT
		<i>y w; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+; Mi-2^{L1243}/+ AND y w; ush^{VX22}, MSN-C/+; TM3, Ser¹/+</i>	51	8	15.7	31.4

*Estimated number of lamellocytes (Im)

#To identify animals with the *ush²⁴/ush^{VX22}*, *MSN* genotype, larvae with yellow mouth hooks were selected.

+The *Tb* balancer chromosome is easily distinguished from the *MTA-1* like chromosome.

***Homozygous viable

++Heterozygous, which assumes only 50% of the animals that carry the *ush*; *MSN-mCherry* chromosome are double heterozygotes and thus, the estimated penetrance may be twice the value of the % larvae with increased lamellocyte differentiation.

NT: not tested

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sgRNA_scaffold	GTTTAAAGAGCTATGCTGGAAACAGCATAGCAAGTTAAATAAGGCTAGTCCGTTATCA ACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCGAGTCGGTGC	general sgRNA template synthesis	endogenous tagging
U6-promotor_s	GCTCACTGTGATTGCTCCTAC	general sgRNA template synthesis	endogenous tagging
sgRNA_as	gcttattctcAAAAAAGCACCGACTCGGTGCCACT	general sgRNA template synthesis	endogenous tagging
lig4_RNAi_s	taatacgactcactatagggCCCAATGATCCAAAAGTGTTTTGCA	generation of dsRNA against lig4	endogenous tagging
lig4_RNAi_as	taatacgactcactatagGGAAGTAGGATGCCCTTCGCGA	generation of dsRNA against lig4	endogenous tagging
mus308_RNAi_s	taatacgactcactatagggGCTGGGACTCCACCGGAAAG	generation of dsRNA against mus308	endogenous tagging
mus308_RNAi_as	taatacgactcactatagggTACCGTCGCCGTCACGTAATG	generation of dsRNA against mus308	endogenous tagging
CRISPR_Mi2_Ct	cctattttcaatttaacgtcgTCGAATAATTCCGGCGTCTggtttaagagctatgctg	sgRNA synthesis dMi-2 C-term	endogenous tagging of dMi-2
Mi2_Ctag_s	TTTGCCAACTTTTCGGCCACAGTTTCTCGGTGCCCGCCAGCTATCGAATAATTCCGGCG TCggatcttccggatggctcgag	generation of homology donors for dMi-2	endogenous tagging of dMi-2
Mi2_Ctag_as	TTGAGTAAAGTATATTTGTCATGGAATACGAATGCTCTTAACATAGATATTGAGGAGAT GCgaagttcctattctctagaaagtataggaaacttccatatg	generation of homology donors for dMi-2	endogenous tagging of dMi-2
Mi2_PCR_C_us_s	tgccagcattcacgagcggaccg	genotyping of cell lines containing tagged dMi-2 alleles	endogenous tagging of dMi-2
Mi2_PCR_C_ds_as	gtgggtgtgcaggtgtgttacccgtg	genotyping of cell lines containing tagged dMi-2 alleles	endogenous tagging of dMi-2
CRISPR_ush_Ct	cctattttcaatttaacgtcgCATTTGAGAAAAGCCAGCTGgtttaagagctatgctg	sgRNA synthesis Ush C-term	endogenous tagging of Ush
ush_Ctag_s	GGCCTGGTCGGCGGACACGGCCAGCAGAGAAGAACAGAAAAACCTGCAGGAGGGCGCCA TTggatcttccggatggctcgag	generation of homology donors for Ush	endogenous tagging of Ush
ush_Ctag_as	GAAGCACGTGTAAATACCACTCAAGCTGCTTGCGCTGGCCTCCCAACCGCAGCTGGCTT TCgaagttcctattctctctagaaagtataaggaaacttccatatg	generation of homology donors for Ush	endogenous tagging of Ush
ush_PCR_us_s	AGTCCGAAATCACCTGGGGCGGAGG	genotyping of cell lines containing tagged Ush alleles	endogenous tagging of Ush
ush_PCR_ds_as	GAGGCTAGGATTTCGATTGTTTCGA	genotyping of cell lines containing tagged Ush alleles	endogenous tagging of Ush
EGFP-T7-RNAi-fw	gaattaatacgactcactatagggagAGCTGGACGGCGACGTAA	generation of dsRNA against EGFP	RNAi
EGFP-T7-RNAi-rv	gaattaatacgactcactatagggagACTTTGTACAGCTCGTCCATG	generation of dsRNA against EGFP	RNAi
Luc-T7-RNAi-fw	taatacgactcactatagggCTGGTTCCTGGAAACAAATTGC	generation of dsRNA against Luciferase	RNAi
Luc-T7-RNAi-rv	taatacgactcactatagggTGACGAACGTGTACATCGA	generation of dsRNA against Luciferase	RNAi
Ush-T7-RNAi-1-fw	taatacgactcactatagggCAGCCCCAAGCACTCCG	generation of dsRNA against Ush (#1)	RNAi
Ush-T7-RNAi-1-rv	taatacgactcactatagggGCTGTAGGAGCACTGG	generation of dsRNA against Ush (#1)	RNAi
Ush-T7-RNAi-2-fw	taatacgactcactatagggACACTTCCCTGGACAAACCTG	generation of dsRNA against Ush (#2)	RNAi
Ush-T7-RNAi-2-rv	taatacgactcactatagggAGTTGTGGTAGATGCCCTG	generation of dsRNA against Ush (#2)	RNAi
Mi-2-T7-RNAi-fw	taatacgactcactatagggTTAACTCGCTGACCAAAGGCT	generation of dsRNA against dMi-2	RNAi
Mi-2-T7-RNAi-rv	taatacgactcactatagggATATCGTTGTGGGATTCCA	generation of dsRNA against dMi-2	RNAi
Ush-B-T7-RNAi-fw	taatacgactcactatagggGCTTCGAAACGGACGTCCTTTA	generation of dsRNA against Ush-B	RNAi
Ush-B-T7-RNAi-rv	taatacgactcactatagggGGGCAATCAATGCGATTACT	generation of dsRNA against Ush-B	RNAi
MTA-T7-RNAi-fw	taatacgactcactatagggCAGAACCGGAGACAAACAAA	generation of dsRNA against dMTA1-like	RNAi
MTA-T7-RNAi-rv	taatacgactcactatagggTGGAACTTTAGAGCGCGATT	generation of dsRNA against dMTA1-like	RNAi

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rp49-RT-fw	TGTCC TTCAGCTTCAAGATGACCATC	amplification of rp49 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
rp49-RT-rv	CTTGGGCTTGCGCCATTGTG	amplification of rp49 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
CG16762-RT-fw	GGTATCGATGCCGACTTCC	amplification of CG16762 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
CG16762-RT-rv	TGGAGCCCACATTGGCA	amplification of CG16762 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
lz-RT-fw	CGAATTGGTGCGCACGAG	amplification of Lozenge cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
lz-RT-rv	CCCGGATGGTGACATAGGTG	amplification of Lozenge cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
pirk-RT-fw	AGCGGCGATGCCAAGAAAAAG	amplification of pirk cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
pirk-RT-rv	GCTCCGTGCCGTATCGTTAG	amplification of pirk cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
GILT3-RT-fw	CAAGGCGGGGTTCTACAACA	amplification of GILT3 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
GILT3-RT-rv	TCCGAATGTCCAGGGTCTCAA	amplification of GILT3 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
atilla-RT-fw	AAACAAAGTGATTTTTCGTGCTCCT	amplification of atilla cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
atilla-RT-rv	CGCGGATGTTAGAGGCAGA	amplification of atilla cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
AurB-RT-fw	TACGGACAGCCATACGATTGGAG	amplification of Aurora B cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
AurB-RT-rv	ACCAGATAGTGCAGTGGCG	amplification of Aurora B cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
CHES-1-RT-fw	CAGTGAGGAGAA TCACAACATCAC	amplification of CHES-1 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
CHES-1-RT-rv	CTGAGCCGCACTCCACAA TC	amplification of CHES-1 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
Cdk1-RT-fw	CCGCGATCAGAGAAATTTTCGTTG	amplification of Cdk1 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
Cdk1-RT-rv	GAGGTCCATCGATAGGAATTCAAAG	amplification of Cdk1 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
polo-RT-fw	TCTGCACGACGCCATTACCG	amplification of polo cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
polo-RT-rv	AGAAATTCGGGGCTTTCGGTT	amplification of polo cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
CycB-RT-fw	CCCCTAAAGTTACAGTCAAGTCC	amplification of Cyclin B cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
CycB-RT-rv	CTGAAACTCCCCATCACGGGT	amplification of Cyclin B cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
Mcad-RT-fw	GTTTGGATCATTTTCGCTGGCA	amplification of Mcad cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
Mcad-RT-rv	CAGCAAGCTTGTTGAGGAAC	amplification of Mcad cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
Echs1-RT-fw	ATCGGCACCCCACTCCAATCT	amplification of Echs1 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
Echs1-RT-rv	CTTGCGATCGGCCGTGGAG	amplification of Echs1 cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
ACC-RT-fw	ACAAGATTGGCTTCCCCGTAATG	amplification of ACC cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
ACC-RT-rv	GCTTGAACTTGGCGGAACAG	amplification of ACC cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
CROT-RT-fw	TGCATAAAGAAATTGCTCCCAC	amplification of CROT cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
CROT-RT-rv	TTGTTGGATGACGCCCTCAG	amplification of CROT cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
fa2h-RT-fw	GATAGTATGGAGCACCTAGTGGAC	amplification of fa2h cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR
fa2h-RT-rv	CCAAGGGTCAAA GAGACGCA	amplification of fa2h cDNA fragment in qPCR	RT-qPCR

Distinct CoREST complexes act in a cell-type-specific manner

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ABSTRACT

CoREST has been identified as a subunit of several protein complexes that generate transcriptionally repressive chromatin structures during development. However, a comprehensive analysis of the CoREST interactome has not been carried out. We use proteomic approaches to define the interactomes of two dCoREST isoforms, dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M, in *Drosophila*. We identify three distinct histone deacetylase complexes built around a common dCoREST/dRPD3 core: A dLSD1/dCoREST complex, the LINT complex and a dG9a/dCoREST complex. The latter two complexes can incorporate both dCoREST isoforms. By contrast, the dLSD1/dCoREST complex exclusively assembles with the dCoREST-L isoform. Genome-wide studies show that the three dCoREST complexes associate with chromatin predominantly at promoters. Transcriptome analyses in S2 cells and testes reveal that different cell lineages utilize distinct dCoREST complexes to maintain cell-type-specific gene expression programmes: In macrophage-like S2 cells, LINT represses germ line-related genes whereas other dCoREST complexes are largely dispensable. By contrast, in testes, the dLSD1/dCoREST complex prevents transcription of germ line-inappropriate genes and is essential for spermatogenesis and fertility, whereas depletion of other dCoREST com-

plexes has no effect. Our study uncovers three distinct dCoREST complexes that function in a lineage-restricted fashion to repress specific sets of genes thereby maintaining cell-type-specific gene expression programmes.

INTRODUCTION

Multisubunit protein complexes that regulate chromatin activity often form families of related complexes that share a set of core subunits (1). This common core can associate with different accessory subunits to yield alternative complexes with new functionality.

The *RE1 silencing transcription factor* (REST) cooperates with the *corepressor of REST* (CoREST) to silence neuron-specific genes in non-neuronal cell types (2). CoREST is an integral component of multi-subunit *lysine-specific demethylase 1* (LSD1) complexes which modify nucleosomes by histone deacetylation and demethylation to repress transcription (3–7). The precise composition of LSD1/CoREST complexes differs depending on cell type and purification conditions. However, several core subunits have been identified in independent studies (5,6). These include CoREST, LSD1, histone deacetylases HDAC1 and HDAC2, CtBP1, ZNF217, BHC80 and BRAF35.

CoREST and LSD1 are also part of distinct molecular assemblies. Together with SFMBT1 they form the *SFMBT1-LSD1-CoREST* (SLC) complex which represses histone genes in a cell-cycle-dependent manner (8). In addi-

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tion, LSD1 and CoREST coexist with SIRT1 in a complex that represses Notch target genes (9).

The co-existence of LSD1 and CoREST in all of the complexes described above suggests that these two proteins form a core that can associate with different accessory subunits. So far, LSD1 and CoREST have not been demonstrated to exist in separate complexes in mammals.

Both CoREST and LSD1 are conserved in *Drosophila*. Genetic studies imply that they cooperate in the differentiation of wing structures and ovarian follicle cells by regulating signalling pathways including Notch and DPP/TGFβ (9–12). These observations suggest that *Drosophila* LSD1/CoREST complexes exist that are similar to their mammalian counterparts. In support of this notion, dLSD1 and dCoREST interact when overexpressed in S2 cells and both proteins are associated in ovary extracts (12,13). However, dLSD1/dCoREST complexes are poorly characterized. Indeed, several subunits of mammalian LSD1/CoREST complexes do not have apparent homologues in *Drosophila* (e.g. ZNF217, BHC80 and BRAF35) raising questions about the existence and subunit composition of putative dLSD1/dCoREST complexes.

The only *Drosophila* CoREST-containing complex biochemically characterized to date is the L(3)mbt-interacting (LINT) complex which functions to prevent the expression of lineage-inappropriate genes in both ovaries and in Kc cells (14,15). LINT consists of dL(3)mbt, the dL(3)mbt-interacting protein 1 (dLint-1), the histone deacetylase dRPD3 and dCoREST (15). Notably, dLSD1 is not a stoichiometric subunit of LINT and is not required to repress LINT target genes (15). The existence of additional dCoREST complexes has not been systematically analysed.

The *dCoREST* gene expresses two major isoforms by alternative splicing, dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M (Figure 1A; (13)). Both isoforms contain an ELM2 domain and two SANT domains. dCoREST-L is characterized by a 234 amino acid insertion in the linker that is separating the two SANT domains that is absent in dCoREST-M. It is unknown, if these two isoforms reside in different complexes or are fully redundant.

In this study, we systematically define the interactome of dCoREST in *Drosophila* cells. We use gel filtration, immunoaffinity purification, mass spectrometry and reconstitution from recombinant subunits to identify three distinct dCoREST-containing complexes: the LINT complex described above, a stable dLSD1/dCoREST complex and a dG9a/dCoREST complex. Whereas LINT subunits and dG9a interact with both dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M, dLSD1 displays a striking isoform specificity and associates exclusively with dCoREST-L. We employ ChIP-seq and RNA interference combined with RNA-seq to systematically identify the genome-wide distribution of dCoREST complexes and their target genes. Strikingly, our results identify LINT as the major effector of dCoREST-mediated transcriptional repression in macrophage-like S2 cells, whereas spermatogenesis and maintenance of a germ line-specific gene expression programme rely exclusively on the dLSD1/dCoREST complex. Collectively, our data support the model that different cell lineages employ specific dCoREST complexes to generate and maintain their cell-type-specific transcriptional programmes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Cell culture

Spodoptera frugiperda Sf9, *Drosophila melanogaster* S2 and *D. melanogaster* S2[Cas9] (kind gift from Klaus Förstemann, Munich) cell lines were maintained in Sf-900 medium (Gibco) and Schneider's medium (Gibco), respectively, supplemented with 10% (v/v) Fetal calf serum (Sigma) and 1% (v/v) Penicillin-Streptomycin (Gibco) under standard conditions (26°C).

Nuclear extract preparation

S2 cells were harvested, washed in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) and resuspended in three volumes of low salt buffer (10 mM Hepes pH 7.6, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM KCl, 1.0 mM dithiothreitol (DTT)). After incubation on ice for 10 min, cells were collected by centrifugation at 21 100 × g for 1 min at 4°C. The supernatant was discarded, and nuclei were resuspended in 1.5 volumes of high salt buffer (20 mM Hepes pH 7.6, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 420 mM NaCl, 0.2 mM ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), 20% (v/v) glycerol, 1.0 mM DTT). The suspension was incubated for 20 min on ice and subsequently centrifuged at 21 100 × g for 30 min at 4°C. The supernatant (nuclear extract) was aliquoted, frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at –80°C.

Preparation of nuclear extract from *Drosophila* embryos was done as described previously (16).

The protein concentration of nuclear extracts was determined using Protein Assay Dye Reagent (Bio-Rad) according to the manufacturer's instructions using BSA (Roth) as a standard.

Gel filtration

A total of 1 mg of S2 nuclear extract or embryo (0–12 h after egg deposition) nuclear extract were applied to a Superose 6 HR 10/30 gel filtration column (GE Healthcare) using a 200-μl sample loading loop on an Äkta purifier system (GE Healthcare). Samples were resolved in 10 mM Hepes pH 7.6, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 300 mM KCl, 0.5 mM EGTA and 10% (v/v) glycerol and 0.5 ml fractions were collected with a F9-R fraction collector following the manufacturer's instructions. Fractions were precipitated using 5 μl Strat-a-Clean resin (Agilent) or immunoprecipitated using GFP-Trap® (Chromotek) and subjected to western blot analysis. Elution volumes of proteins with known molecular weights were determined using the Gel Filtration Calibration Kit (GE Healthcare) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Co-immunoprecipitations

Anti-GFP (Chromotek) co-immunoprecipitation of fractions (0.5 ml) collected after gel filtration was performed according to the manufacturer's instructions. The fractions were diluted 1:1 with 10 mM Hepes pH 7.6, to lower the salt concentration of KCl to 150 mM and incubated with 25 μl of equilibrated GFP-Trap® overnight at 4°C. Unbound proteins were removed by washing four times with IP-150 buffer (25 mM Hepes pH 7.6, 12.5 mM MgCl₂, 150

mM NaCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, 10% (v/v) glycerol, 0.1% (v/v) NP-40) for 5 min, and the bound proteins were eluted by incubating the beads with 30 μ l of 1 \times NuPAGE[®] LDS Sample Buffer (Invitrogen). A total of 20 μ l of the eluate was analysed by western blot.

For co-immunoprecipitation of endogenous dCoREST, anti-CoREST rabbit polyclonal antibody was cross-linked to Protein G Sepharose (GE Healthcare) and co-immunoprecipitation was performed as previously described (17). In brief, four independent cross-linking reactions were prepared using 30 μ g of anti-CoREST rabbit polyclonal antibody or 30 μ g of IgG (Normal Rabbit IgG, Cell Signalling) and 70 μ l of Protein G Sepharose (GE Healthcare). Additionally, the beads were blocked for 1 h with 1% Gelatin from cold water fish skin (Sigma) and 0.2 mg/ml Albumin from chicken egg white (Sigma). Cross-linked beads were incubated overnight with 6 mg of S2 nuclear extract. Unbound proteins were removed by washing three times with high salt buffer supplemented with 0.05% NP-40 (Fluka) for 5 min, followed by washing with high salt buffer and finally two washes with 50 mM (NH₄)HCO₃ (Roth). About 10% of the affinity-purified material was electrophoresed and analysed by silver staining (SilverQuest[™] Staining Kit, Invitrogen) and the rest was subjected to LC-MS/MS analysis.

Anti-FLAG (Sigma) co-immunoprecipitation was performed according to the manufacturer's instructions in high salt buffer. A total of 200 μ l of anti-FLAG[®] M2 Affinity Gel was equilibrated and blocked for 1 h with 1% Gelatin from cold water fish skin (Sigma) and 0.2 mg/ml Albumin from chicken egg white (Sigma) in high salt buffer. A total of 10 mg of S2 nuclear extract was incubated overnight with 200 μ l of beads. Unbound proteins were removed by washing three times with high salt buffer supplemented with 0.05% NP-40 (Fluka) for 5 min, followed by washing with high salt buffer and finally two washes with 50 mM (NH₄)HCO₃ (Roth). 10% of the affinity-purified material was electrophoresed and analysed by silver staining (SilverQuest[™] Staining Kit, Invitrogen), 10% of the affinity-purified material was electrophoresed and analysed by western blot. The rest (80%) was subjected to LC-MS/MS analysis.

LC-MS/MS analysis

LC-MS/MS sample preparation and analysis was carried out according to methods described in (18). Briefly, after immunoaffinity purification, beads were washed with 50 mM (NH₄)HCO₃ and incubated with 10 ng/ μ l Trypsin in 1 M urea, 50 mM (NH₄)HCO₃ for 30 min, washed with 50 mM (NH₄)HCO₃ and the supernatant was digested overnight in the presence of 1 mM DTT. Digested peptides were alkylated and desalted prior to LC-MS/MS analysis.

For LC-MS/MS purposes, desalted peptides were injected in an Ultimate 3000 RSLCnano system (Thermo), separated in a 15-cm analytical column (75 μ m ID home-packed with ReproSil-Pur C18-AQ 2.4 μ m from Dr Maisch) with a 50-min gradient from 5 to 60% acetonitrile in 0.1% formic acid. The effluent from the HPLC was directly electrosprayed into a Qexactive HF (Thermo) operated in data dependent mode to automatically switch be-

tween full scan MS and MS/MS acquisition. Survey full scan MS spectra (from m/z 375–1600) were acquired with resolution $R = 60\,000$ at m/z 400 (AGC target of 3×10^6). The 10 most intense peptide ions with charge states between 2 and 5 were sequentially isolated to a target value of 1×10^5 , and fragmented at 27% normalized collision energy. Typical mass spectrometric conditions were: spray voltage, 1.5 kV; no sheath and auxiliary gas flow; heated capillary temperature, 250°C; ion selection threshold, 33,000 counts. MaxQuant 1.5.2.8 was used to identify proteins and quantify by iBAQ with the following parameters: Database, Uniprot.0803.Dmelanogaster.20180723; MS tol, 10ppm; MS/MS tol, 20ppm; Peptide FDR, 0.1; Protein FDR, 0.01 Min. peptide Length, 5; Variable modifications, Oxidation (M); Fixed modifications, Carbamidomethyl (C); Peptides for protein quantitation, razor and unique; Min. peptides, 1; Min. ratio count, 2. Identified proteins were analysed in Perseus with a *t*-test adjusted for multiple comparisons.

Antibodies

dCoREST (G. Mandel), dLSD1 (dSu(var)3–3; G. Reuter) and dG9a (M. Yamaguchi) antibodies were generous gifts. Rabbit polyclonal anti-dL(3)mbt, anti-dLint-1, anti-dMi-2 (anti-dMi2-Nterm), anti-dRpd3 and anti-MstF77 antibodies have been previously described (15,19). Anti-beta-Tubulin (clone KMX-1), anti-FLAG rabbit polyclonal antibody and anti-FLAG M2 agarose were purchased from Millipore and Sigma Aldrich, respectively. Anti-GFP was purchased from Chromotek.

HRP linked anti-Mouse IgG (Amersham, NA931), anti-rabbit IgG (Amersham, NA934) or anti-rat IgG (Invitrogen, 31470) secondary antibodies were used to visualize western blot signals by chemiluminescence using the Immobilon Western Chemiluminescence HRP substrate (Millipore, WBKLS0500).

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation

Exponentially growing S2[Cas9] cells (1×10^8) expressing GFP-tagged proteins were cross-linked with 1% Formaldehyde (Roth) for 10 min at room temperature. Cross-linking was stopped by adding Glycine to a final concentration of 240 mM and incubating samples for 10 min at room temperature. Cells were then washed twice in PBS and lysed in 1 ml of ChIP Lysis buffer (50 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 10 mM EDTA, 1% (w/v) SDS, 1 mM DTT) for 10 min on ice. Chromatin was sheared by sonication in a Bioruptor UCD-200TM-EX (Diagenode) supplied with ice water. Three sonication cycles were applied, each cycle lasting for 10 min with 30 s intervals of sonication at high power interrupted by 30 s of resting. Cell debris were pelleted by centrifugation (20 min, 21 100 \times g, 4°C) and the supernatant containing fragmented chromatin was stored at -80°C . The fragment size was monitored by decrosslinking 50 μ l of chromatin-containing lysate in the presence of RNase A (400 ng/ μ l, Applichem) and Proteinase K (400 ng/ μ l, Applichem) for 3 h at 55°C followed by 65°C over night. DNA was purified using the QIAquick PCR purification kit (Qiagen) and the fragment size was evaluated on a 1.2% Agarose/TAE gel.

For ChIP 1 ml of chromatin lysate was precleared by 1:10 dilution in ChIP IP buffer (16.7 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 1.2

mM EDTA, 167 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT) and addition of 285 μ l Protein A Sepharose resin (GE Healthcare) that had been blocked for 1 h in ChIP Blocking buffer (ChIP Low salt buffer containing 2 mg/ml BSA and 2% (w/v) Gelatin from cold water fish skin). After incubation at 4°C for 1 h with rotation, beads were precipitated (centrifugation for 10 min, 21 100 \times g, 4°C) and the supernatant was added to 200 μ l of blocked GFP-Trap.

Immunoprecipitation took place over night at 4°C with rotation followed by washing: 3 \times with 15 ml of ChIP Low salt buffer (20 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 2 mM EDTA, 150 mM NaCl, 1% (w/v) Triton X-100, 0.1% (w/v) SDS, 1 mM DTT), 3 \times with 15 ml of ChIP High salt buffer (20 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 2 mM EDTA, 500 mM NaCl, 1% (w/v) Triton X-100, 0.1% (w/v) SDS, 1 mM DTT), 1 \times with 15 ml of ChIP LiCl buffer (10 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 250 mM LiCl, 0.1% (w/v) NP-40, 1 mM DTT), 2 \times with TE buffer (10 mM Tris/HCl pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT). Each washing step was performed at 4°C for 5 min with rotation and the resin was precipitated in between by centrifugation (4 min, 400 \times g, 4°C).

Crosslinked protein–DNA complexes were eluted twice from the resin in 500 μ l ChIP Elution buffer (100 mM NaHCO₃, 2% (w/v) SDS) for 20 min at RT with rotation followed by 10 min incubation at 95°C. Pooled eluates were 1:1 diluted with 100 mM NaHCO₃. As ‘input’ sample, 14 μ l of precleared chromatin was added to 250 μ l of ChIP Elution buffer and diluted 1:1 with 100 mM NaHCO₃. 5 M NaCl was added to the samples to the final concentration of 40 μ M. Protein–DNA complexes were decrosslinked over night at 65°C with agitation. 40 mM Tris/HCl pH 6.8, 1 mM EDTA and 40 ng/ μ l Proteinase K (Applchem) was added to each sample and proteins were digested at 45°C for 1 h with agitation. The DNA was purified using QIAquick PCR purification kit (Qiagen) and the concentration was determined using Quant-iT™ dsDNA High-Sensitivity Assay Kit according to the manufacturer’s instruction.

ChIP-seq

Libraries for ChIP-seq analysis were prepared from 500 pg of DNA using MicroPlex Library Preparation Kit v2 (diagenode) following manufacturer’s instructions including library size selection using AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter). The quality of sequencing libraries was controlled on a Bioanalyzer 2100 using the Agilent High Sensitivity DNA Kit (Agilent). Pooled sequencing libraries were quantified with digital polymerase chain reaction (PCR) (QuantStudio 3D, Thermo Fisher) and sequenced on the NextSeq 550 platform (Illumina) using a high output v2.5 flow cell and 50 base single reads.

Raw Illumina sequence reads were aligned to *D. melanogaster* genome (BDGP6.dm6, ucsc) with the Bowtie2 tool and peak calling was performed with the MACS2 callpeak tool using the Galaxy Server of University of Giessen (default settings). Peaks were filtered using fold change values ≥ 4 and pileup values ≥ 35 . Genomic distribution of the peaks was analysed using CEAS: Enrichment on chromosome tool and diagrams were generated using the Venn Diagram tool of Cistrome Galaxy server.

RNAi treatment in cell culture

RNA interference experiments were performed as in (1,20). Briefly, double-stranded RNA was generated by T7 Polymerase *in vitro* transcription from PCR amplimers generated with T7 promoter-containing primers (Supplementary Table S4) using MEGAscript™ T7 Transcription Kit (ThermoFischer) according to the manufacturer’s instruction. Double-stranded RNAs (15 μ g) were transfected into S2 cells (1.2×10^6 cells) using Effectene (Qiagen), and the cells were harvested 3 to 4 days after transfection. The efficiency of knock-down was confirmed by qPCR and western blot analysis.

Fly lines and crosses

RNA interference experiments in flies were performed using stocks from the VDCR RNAi Library (<http://stockcenter.vdrc.at/control/main>) carrying RNAi transgenes under UAS control (VDCR RNAi #: dCoREST – 34179; – 34180 and –104900; dLSD1 – 106147; dL(3)mbt – 104563; dLint-1 – 105932; dG9a – 25473; dCHD3 – 102689; CG9973 – 102273; CG2083 – 110549). For knockdown experiments the GAL4-driver strains *engrailed*-GAL4 (wing) and *bam*-GAL4 (germ line) were used, respectively. All flies were collected as virgins before setting up the crosses. Flies were kept at 26°C in a fly incubator.

RNA-seq analysis

Total RNA from *Drosophila* S2 cells was isolated using the peqGOLD Total RNA Kit (S-Line, peqlab) according to manufacturer’s instructions. Total RNA from dissected *Drosophila* testes was isolated using the TRIzol (Invitrogen) reagent according to the manufacturer’s protocol. Following chloroform extraction, ethanol precipitation and DNase digestion, RNAs were purified using a RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen).

RNA integrity was assessed on an Experion StdSens RNA Chip (Bio-Rad). RNA-seq libraries were prepared using a TruSeq Stranded mRNA Library Prep kit (Illumina). Libraries were quantified on a Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies) and were sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 1500 platform, rapid-run mode, single-read 50 bp (HiSeq SR Rapid Cluster Kit v2, HiSeq Rapid SBS Kit v2, 50 cycles) according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

For transcriptome analysis, sequenced reads were aligned to the *D. melanogaster* genome (Ensembl revision 89) using STAR (version 2.4.1a) (21). Fragments per kilobase per million (FPKM) were calculated based on the total raw read count per gene and length of merged exons. For the study with cultured S2 cells, differential expression was assessed using DESeq2 (version 1.12.3) (22). To investigate differential gene expression of pooled *Drosophila* testes, logFC values were calculated between the log2 medians of each group after a constant of 1/60 to avoid undefined algorithms. For both analyses, genes that did not yield a minimum raw count of 50 and a minimum FPKM of 0.3 in at least two samples were discarded due to insufficient coverage. Of the remaining genes, genes were considered differentially expressed if the absolute of the log2 FC was at least 1

(twofold induction/repression) and in case of DESeq2 analysis if the corrected *P*-value was less or equal 0.05.

Phase contrast microscopy and immunofluorescence staining

Triple-bam-GAL4 female virgins (bam-GAL4/bam-GAL4;CyO/Sp;Sb/Bam-GAL4) were crossed with males of appropriate RNAi-lines (CoREST: VDRC-34179/GD and Su(var)3-3: VDRC-10647/KK). Offspring were raised in standard conditions (26°C).

For dissection and imaging up to 1-day old males were used. Only males that were non-Sb (i.e. carried 2xbam-GAL4) were selected. Used undriven RNAi lines as controls (up to 1-day old).

Dissected testes in PBS and mounted whole unfixed testes on lysin-coated slides in PBS were imaged at 10× and 20× magnification in phase contrast using a Leica DMR microscope equipped with Quantifire-X1 camera (Intas Science Imaging Instruments). For imaging spermatocytes testes were squashed by removing PBS from under the coverslip.

Images were processed and assembled in GIMP and Inkscape.

Immunofluorescence staining of squashed testis was carried out essentially as described before (19,23,24).

RESULTS

Different dCoREST-containing protein complexes

Alternative splicing produces two main isoforms of dCoREST in macrophage-like S2 cells: dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M (13). dCoREST-L contains a unique 234 amino acid insertion in the linker region separating the two SANT domains that is absent in dCoREST-M (Figure 1A). We have previously shown that both dCoREST isoforms associate with the malignant brain tumour (MBT) domain-containing protein dL(3)mbt, dLint-1 and the histone deacetylase dRPD3 to form the dL(3)mbt-interacting (LINT) complex (15). We hypothesized that additional dCoREST-containing complexes exist. We used gel filtration of nuclear extracts from S2 cells to test this hypothesis. Indeed, only a minor fraction of dCoREST coeluted with the LINT signature subunit dL(3)mbt (Figure 1B). The bulk of dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M eluted in fractions with high apparent molecular mass (>440 kDa) that contained little or no detectable dL(3)mbt. This suggests that dCoREST is a component of additional protein complexes other than LINT. In addition, we observed that dCoREST-L (main peak in fraction 25) and dCoREST-M (main peak in fraction 19) do not peak in the same fractions indicating that isoform-specific complexes might exist.

We used an antibody recognising both dCoREST isoforms to affinity purify dCoREST-interacting proteins from S2 nuclear extract (13). SDS-PAGE followed by silver staining revealed several proteins that specifically co-purified with dCoREST-L/M but were not detected in controls (Figure 1C; compare lane 3 with lanes 1 and 2). Mass spectrometry analysis (LC-MS/MS) identified 373 proteins as putative dCoREST interactors (Supplementary Table S1). All four components of the LINT complex (dL(3)mbt, dLint-

1, dRPD3 and dCoREST) were strongly enriched in the immunoprecipitate (Figure 1D).

An isoform-specific dLSD1/dCoREST complex

In mammalian cells, CoREST is an integral part of the LSD1/CoREST complex (3–7).

In S2 cells, dCoREST-L and dLSD1 can interact when both proteins are overexpressed suggesting that this interaction is conserved between vertebrate and invertebrate species (13). Indeed, our purification of endogenous dCoREST enriched three potential subunits of a putative *Drosophila* LSD1/CoREST complex: dLSD1, dCoREST and the HDAC1/2 homologue dRPD3 (Figure 1D, Supplementary Table S1).

We generated an S2 cell line allowing the inducible expression of FLAG-tagged dLSD1 (Figure 2A). FLAG-affinity purification from nuclear extracts of induced cells revealed that dLSD1 co-purified dRPD3 and dCoREST-L. Whilst this result does not allow us to judge to what extent these interactions are stoichiometric it strongly supports the existence of a dLSD1/dCoREST complex. Strikingly, dCoREST-M was not detected in the dLSD1 immunoprecipitate suggesting that dLSD1 binds dCoREST in an isoform-specific manner.

We next established two S2 cell lines for inducible expression of FLAG-tagged dCoREST-L and FLAG-tagged dCoREST-M, respectively (Supplementary Figure S1). dLSD1 was not detected in the FLAG-dCoREST-M immunoprecipitate by western blot (Figure 2B). By contrast, dLSD1 efficiently co-purified with FLAG-tagged dCoREST-L. This isoform-specificity of the dLSD1 interaction was not observed for subunits of the LINT complex: dL(3)mbt, dLint-1 and dRPD3 all co-precipitated with both dCoREST isoforms. We also subjected FLAG-dCoREST-L and FLAG-dCoREST-M immunoprecipitates to LC-MS/MS analysis. In agreement with the western blot result, the LINT subunits dL(3)mbt and dRPD3, and to a lesser extent also dLint-1, were enriched in the FLAG-dCoREST-L immunoprecipitate (Figure 2C and Supplementary Table S2). Likewise, all three LINT subunits were also enriched in the dCoREST-M immunoprecipitate (Figure 2D and Supplementary Table S3). By contrast, dLSD1 was significantly enriched in the dCoREST-L interactome only.

Finally, we generated baculoviruses expressing recombinant dLSD1, dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M. Pairwise co-infection of Sf9 cells followed by co-immunoprecipitation confirmed that dLSD1 preferentially interacts with dCoREST-L (Supplementary Figure S2). Thus, the isoform-specific interaction of dLSD1 with dCoREST-L can be recapitulated with recombinant proteins.

In summary, our results support the hypothesis that dLSD1 and dCoREST-L, but not dLSD1 and dCoREST-M, form a stable complex.

A novel dG9a/dCoREST complex

In addition to LINT subunits and dLSD1, we identified the H3K9-specific methyltransferase dG9a as one of the most abundant interaction partners of endogenous dCoREST (Figure 1D and Supplementary Table S1). dG9a was

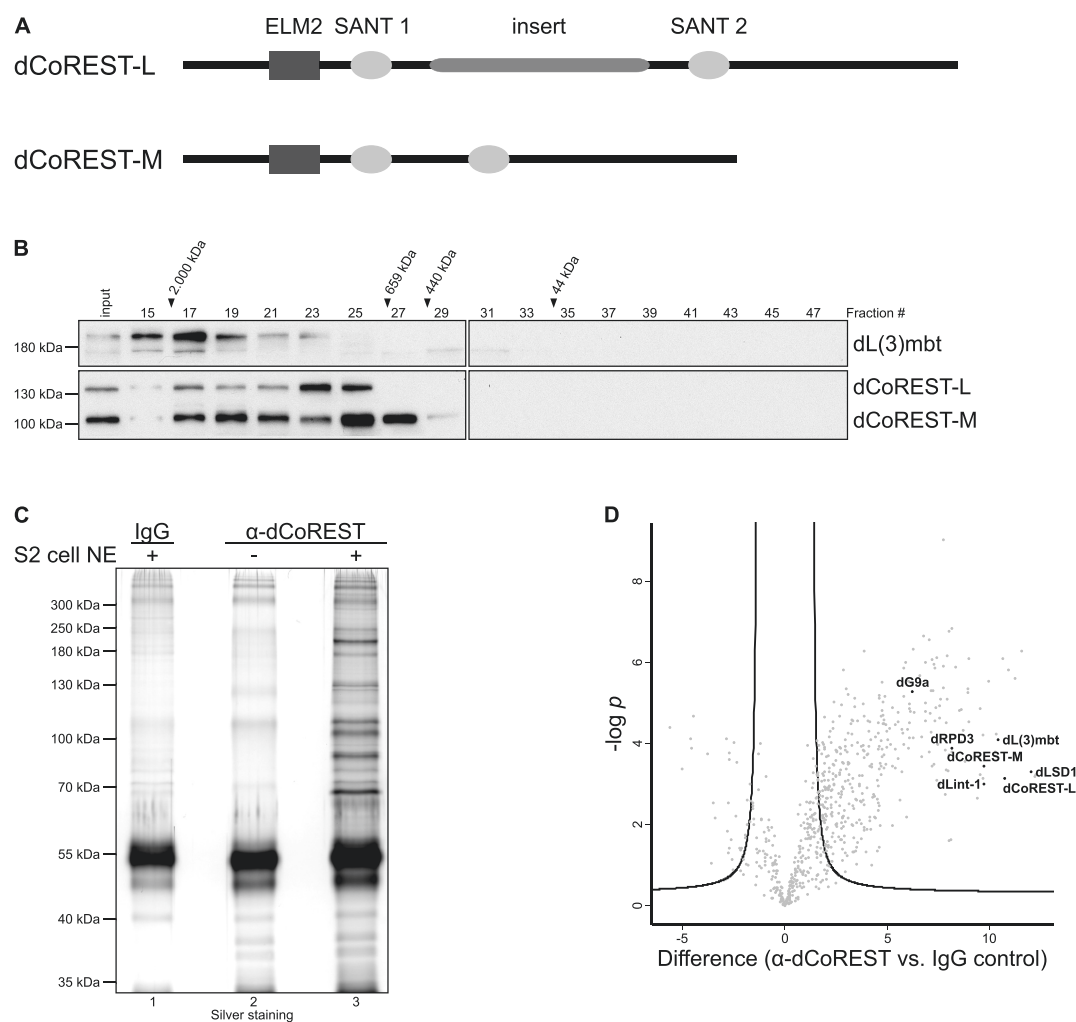


Figure 1. Purification of dCoREST interactors. (A) Schematic representation of the two major CoREST protein isoforms in *Drosophila*, dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M. Black rectangles depict ELM2 domains and grey ovals indicate SANT domains. The thick grey line represents a 234 amino acid insert unique to dCoREST-L. (B) Nuclear extract from S2 cells was fractionated over a Superose 6 column. Fractions were analysed by western blot using the antibodies indicated on the right. Fraction numbers and molecular mass standards are denoted on top. Input: 5% of extract loaded onto the column. (C) Nuclear extracts from S2 cells were subjected to IgG (lane 1) or anti-CoREST (lane 3) affinity purification and the bound material was analysed by sodium dodecyl sulphate-polyacrylamide gelelectrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) and silver staining. As an additional control anti-dCoREST antibody not incubated with nuclear extract was loaded (lane 2). (D) Volcano plot with $-\log_{10} P$ -values (y-axis) and \log_2 iBAQ fold-difference (x-axis) after comparison of anti-CoREST affinity purification versus IgG control. The point labeled 'dCoREST-M' was derived from peptides common to dCoREST-M and dCoREST-L. The point labeled 'dCoREST-L' was derived from peptides mapping the insert region that is exclusive to dCoREST-L. The complete list of the interacting proteins is presented in Supplementary Table S1 ($n = 4$, FDR = 0.01, $s_0 = 2$).

also detected by western blot following the immunoprecipitation of both FLAG-tagged dCoREST isoforms (Figure 2B).

To confirm this interaction we used CRISPR/Cas to add a sequence encoding a GFP-tag to the 3' end of the endogenous dG9a coding sequence (Supplementary Figure S3 and Table S5). Purification of the resulting dG9a-GFP fusion verified both dCoREST isoforms as well as dRPD3 as interactors of dG9a (Figure 3A). By contrast, neither dL(3)mbt nor dLSD1 were recovered to a significant extent. These results suggest that dG9a is not part of the LINT or dLSD1/dCoREST complexes but forms a separate assembly with dCoREST and dRPD3.

We next asked if dG9a forms a stoichiometric complex with dCoREST. We analysed dG9a-GFP purified from nu-

clear extracts by SDS-PAGE and silver staining (Figure 3B). This resulted in the co-purification of four polypeptides ranging in apparent molecular masses from 250 to 300 kDa. These masses correspond well to the mass expected for dG9a-GFP. We do not currently know if these polypeptides represent isoforms of dG9a, posttranslationally modified dG9a, degradation products or, indeed, interaction partners. It is clear, however, that this purification did not reveal polypeptides with apparent molecular masses similar to those of dCoREST-L, dCoREST-M or dRPD3 arguing that the bulk of dG9a is not associated with dCoREST and dRPD3. We considered the possibility that addition of the GFP moiety to the C-terminus of endogenous dG9a might disrupt interactions with dCoREST and dRPD3. Therefore, we used CRISPR/Cas to cre-

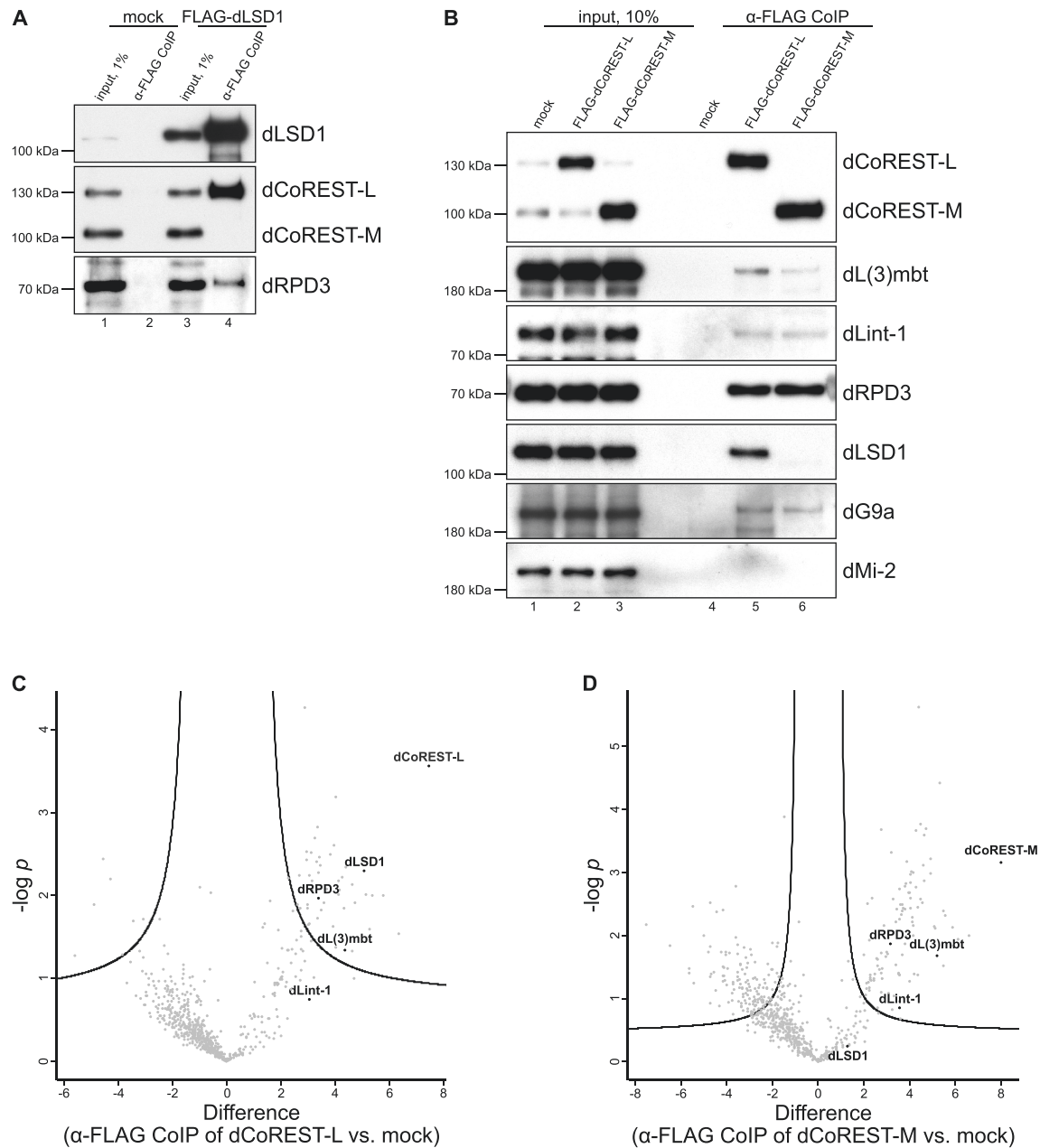


Figure 2. dLSD1 is an isoform-specific dCoREST-L interactor. **(A)** Nuclear extracts from control S2 cells (mock, lanes 1 and 2) and S2 cells stably expressing FLAG-dLSD1 (lanes 3 and 4) were precipitated with anti-FLAG antibody (lanes 2 and 4) and analysed by western blot using the antibodies indicated on the right (lanes 2 and 4). Lanes 1 and 3: 1% input. **(B)** Nuclear extracts from control S2 cells (mock, lanes 1 and 4), S2 cells stably expressing FLAG-dCoREST-L (lanes 2 and 5) or FLAG-dCoREST-M (lanes 3 and 6) were precipitated with anti-FLAG antibody (lanes 4 to 6) and analysed by western blot using antibodies indicated on the right (lanes 4–6). dMi-2 served as a negative control. Lanes 1–3: 10% input. **(C and D)** Volcano plot with $-\log_{10}$ P -values (y -axis) and \log_2 iBAQ fold-difference (x -axis) between the mock control and either the FLAG-CoREST-L affinity purification (C) or the FLAG-CoREST-M affinity purification (D). The complete list of the interacting proteins is presented in Supplementary Tables S2 and 3. ($n = 4$, FDR = 0.2, $s_0 = 1$).

ate two additional cell lines expressing endogenous dG9 with a FLAG-tag at the N-terminus and C-terminus, respectively. Again, anti-FLAG affinity purification followed by SDS/PAGE and silver staining failed to detect interaction partners with apparent molecular masses similar to those of dCoREST or dRPD3 (data not shown). In conclusion, these results identify a dG9a/dCoREST complex but also make clear that the majority of dG9a

molecules in nuclear extract are not associated with this complex.

Our proteomic analyses suggest that at least three distinct dCoREST histone deacetylase complexes exist in *Drosophila* which share a common dCoREST/dRPD3 core and are characterized by specific accessory subunits: the LINT complex, a dLSD1/dCoREST complex and a dG9a/dCoREST complex. To provide further support for

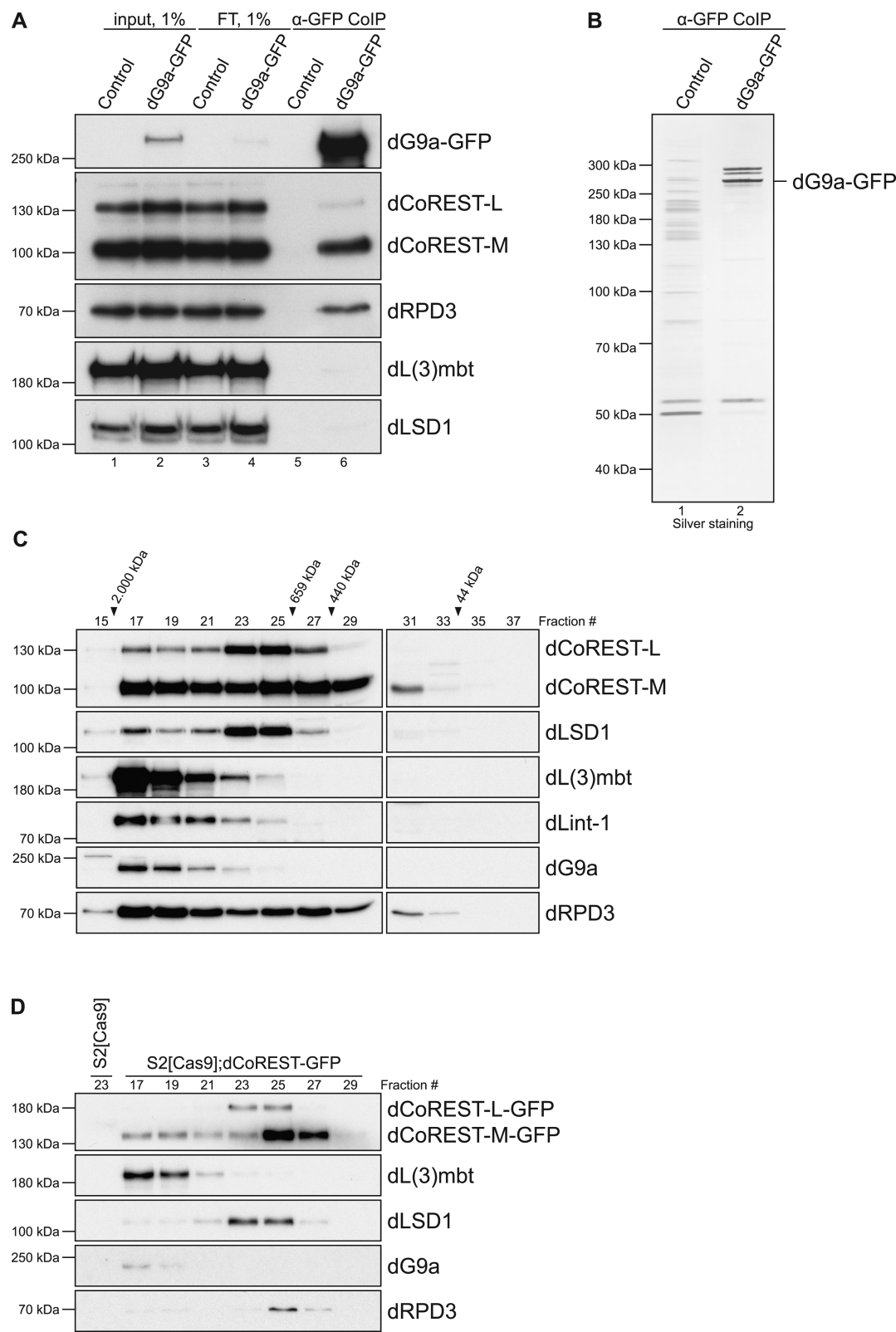


Figure 3. dG9a is a novel dCoREST-interacting protein. (A) Nuclear extracts from control S2[Cas9] cells (lanes 1, 3 and 5) and a dG9a-GFP tagged S2[Cas9] cell line (lanes 2, 4 and 6) were precipitated with anti-GFP antibody (lanes 5 and 6) and analysed by western blot using the antibodies indicated on the right. Lanes 1 and 2: 1% input. Lanes 3 and 4: 1% flow through. (B) SDS-PAGE and silver staining of anti-GFP immunopurified nuclear extracts from control S2[Cas9] cells (lane 1) and a dG9a-GFP tagged S2[Cas9] cell line (lane 2). (C) A total of 1 mg of nuclear extract from S2 cells was fractionated over a Superose 6 column. Fractions were analysed by western blot using the antibodies indicated on the right. Fraction numbers and molecular mass standards are denoted on top. (D) A total of 1 mg of nuclear extract from S2[Cas9];dCoREST-GFP cells was fractionated over a Superose 6 column. Fractions were co-immunoprecipitated using GFP-Trap resin and analysed by western blot using the antibodies indicated on the right. Fraction numbers and molecular mass standards are denoted on top. Fraction #23 from non-tagged parental S2[Cas9] cells was used as a control.

this hypothesis we determined the gel filtration profile for dCoREST, dLSD1, dL(3)mbt, dLint-1, dG9a and dRPD3 using S2 nuclear extract (Figure 3C) and embryo nuclear extract (Supplementary Figure S4). In both cases, dCoREST-L, dCoREST-M and dRPD3 were detected in several fractions representing a broad range of apparent molecular masses (440 to 2000 kDa) in agreement with the notion that these proteins are components of several distinct complexes. dLSD1 and dCoREST-L co-eluted in the same peak fractions (fractions 25 and 19 (S2 nuclear extract); fractions 22 and 23 (embryo nuclear extract) further supporting the hypothesis that dLSD1 and dCoREST-L form a complex. By contrast, dL(3)mbt and dLint-1 peaked in fraction 26 (S2 nuclear extract) and fraction 27 (embryo nuclear extract). dG9a co-eluted with these LINT subunits in S2 nuclear extract (fraction 26) but not in embryo nuclear extract (peak fraction 20). Next, we separated nuclear extracts of S2 cells expressing GFP-tagged dCoREST by gel filtration, immunoprecipitated fractions with GFP antibody and analysed the immunoprecipitates by western blot (Figure 3D). This verified that the dCoREST interaction partners did not only co-elute with dCoREST but were indeed physically associated with dCoREST in their respective gel filtration fractions.

Taken together, three dCoREST-containing complexes can be separated by both immuno-precipitation and gel filtration. This strongly suggests that the dLSD1/dCoREST-L, the LINT and the dG9a/dCoREST complexes can exist as distinct entities. In addition, the similarity of gel filtration profiles derived from S2 nuclear extract and embryo nuclear extract indicates that these complexes are present in different cell types.

Chromatin binding by dCoREST complexes

Our biochemical studies suggest that three separate dCoREST complexes exist in nuclear extract of S2 cells. In order to assess if these assemblies are also associated with chromatin we performed ChIP-seq analyses. We employed CRISPR/Cas-mediated genome editing to generate S2 cell lines expressing GFP-tagged dCoREST, the LINT subunit dL(3)mbt, dLSD1 and dG9a, respectively (Supplementary Figure S3 and Table S5). This allowed us to determine the genome-wide binding profiles for these proteins by ChIP-seq using the same antibody (anti-GFP) in each case. We identified 4855 dCoREST bound sites in the *Drosophila* genome. dCoREST binding sites are greatly enriched in promoters implying a role in the regulation of transcription (Figure 4A). About 73.6% of dCoREST sites are also bound by dL(3)mbt (Figure 4B and D). By contrast, only 17.6 and 18.6% of dCoREST sites are co-occupied by dLSD1 and dG9a, respectively. This suggests that on chromatin the LINT complex is more abundant than either dLSD1/dCoREST or dG9a/dCoREST complexes. About 73.4% of all dL(3)mbt sites are also bound by dCoREST (Figure 4B and D). By contrast, only 10.2 and 7.3% of all dL(3)mbt sites are co-occupied by dLSD1 and dG9a, respectively (Figure 4C). This further supports the notion that the LINT complex is largely distinct from dLSD1/dCoREST and dG9a/dCoREST assemblies. dCoREST is associated with 79.0% of all dLSD1

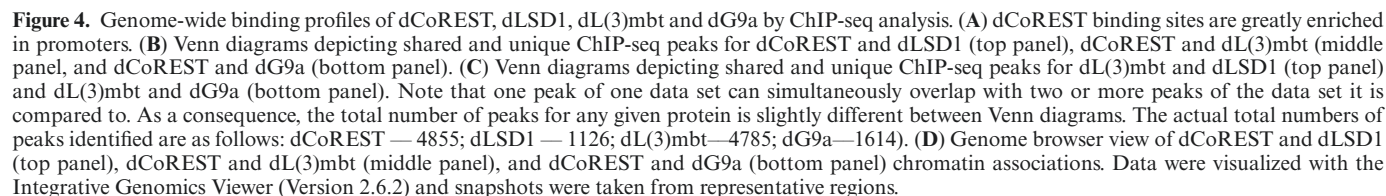
binding sites (Figure 4B and D). This is in agreement with the notion that the majority of dLSD1 molecules bind chromatin as part of the dLSD1/dCoREST complex and demonstrates that the dLSD1/dCoREST complex associates with chromatin. About 59.0% of all dG9a binding sites are also bound by dCoREST (Figure 4B and D). Whilst this indicates that more than half of dG9a molecules bind chromatin as part of a dG9a/dCoREST assembly it is clear that a significant fraction of dG9a (41.0%) associates with chromatin independently of dCoREST. In conclusion, the comparison of chromatin binding profiles supports the notion that the three dCoREST complexes that we have defined by analysing soluble nuclear extract do indeed form on chromatin.

Gene regulation by CoREST-containing complexes in S2 cells

All three dCoREST complexes identified in our study contain histone modifying enzymes (dRPD3, dLSD1, dG9a) expected to generate closed chromatin structures and to repress gene transcription. Moreover, dCoREST complexes associate predominantly with promoter sequences. Therefore, we next asked what contributions the three dCoREST complexes would make to regulating the transcriptome of S2 cells. We used RNAi-mediated depletion followed by RNA-seq to address this question. S2 cells were treated with double stranded RNAs targeting EGFP (control) and two double stranded RNAs directed against dCoREST. One of these RNAs corresponded to a region shared by both L- and M-isoforms and efficiently depleted both dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M simultaneously (Figure 5A, lane 2). The other RNA hybridized to the insert unique to dCoREST-L and downregulated the dCoREST-L isoform specifically (Figure 5A, lane 3). We noted that depletion of dCoREST-L for four days resulted in slightly reduced western blot signals for most proteins tested suggesting an unspecific effect of dCoREST-L RNAi-treatment on the expression or stability of many proteins (Figure 5A, lane 3). We, therefore, shortened the RNAi treatment to three days (Figure 5A, lanes 8–10). Under these conditions the simultaneous depletion of both dCoREST isoforms as well as the depletion of dCoREST-L alone specifically decreased dLSD1 protein levels without affecting the levels of other proteins. This suggests that dCoREST-L binding to dLSD1 contributes to dLSD1 stability. As we have reported previously, depletion of dL(3)mbt had a similar destabilising effect on dLint-1 ((15); Figure 5A, lane 6).

Simultaneous depletion of both dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M upregulated 668 protein coding genes by a factor of 2.0 or more ($\log_2FC \geq 1$) as determined by RNA-seq (Figure 5B). A much smaller number of genes (28) were downregulated. This supports the hypothesis that dCoREST complexes predominantly function to repress transcription. Importantly, 483 (68%) of the genes that change expression upon dCoREST knockdown are bound by dCoREST as determined by ChIP-seq analysis suggesting that these genes are direct targets of dCoREST repressor complexes.

To determine to what extent the three individual dCoREST complexes contribute to gene regulation we analysed



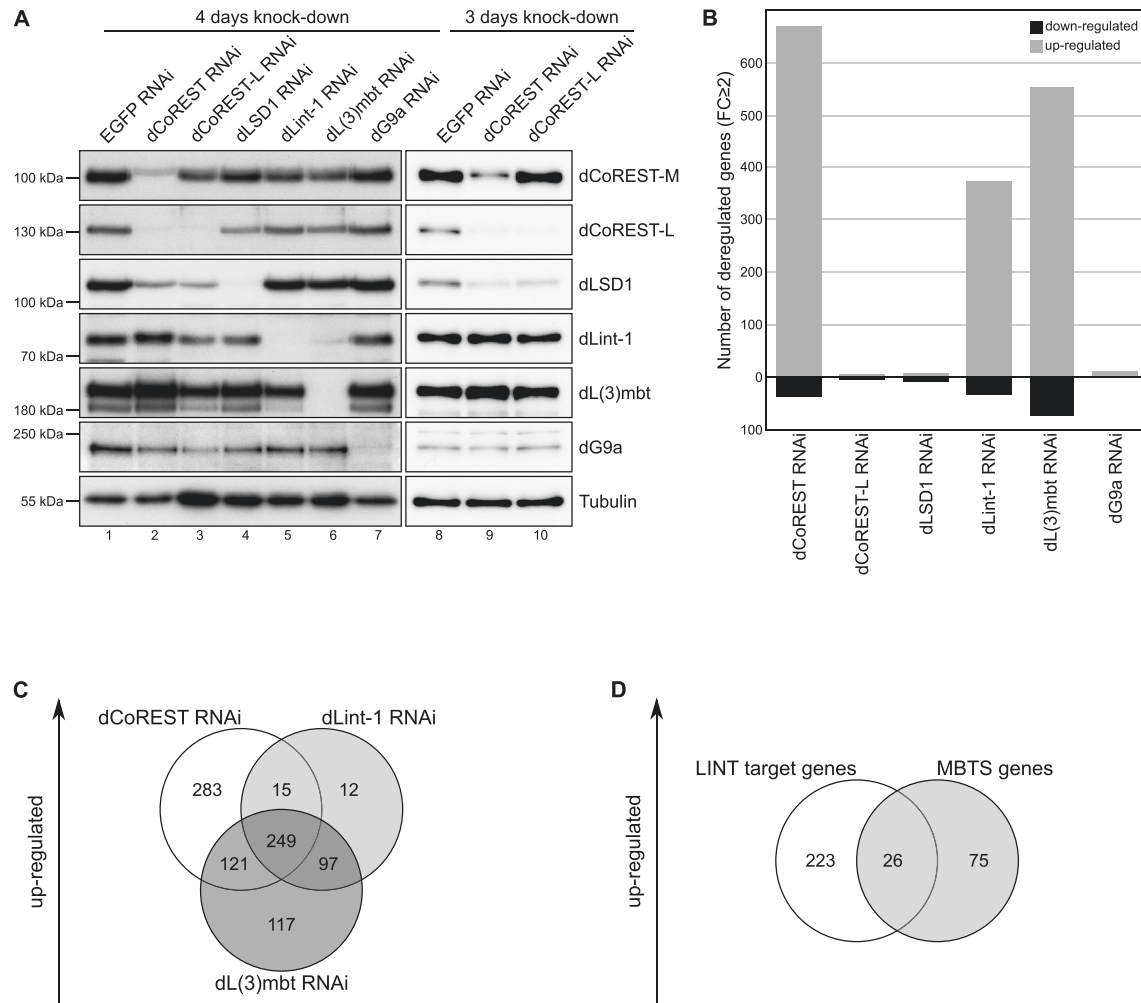


Figure 5. The LINT complex is a major repressor of transcription in S2 cells. S2 cells were treated with dsRNA directed against EGFP, dCoREST, dCoREST-L, dLSD1, dLint-1, dL(3)mbt and dG9a. (A) Nuclear extracts of RNAi treated S2 cells were subjected to western blot and analysed using antibodies indicated on the right. (B) RNA from these cells was analysed by RNA-seq. The diagram depicts the numbers of down- and upregulated genes (fold change ≥ 2) using transcript levels of EGFP RNAi treated cells as a reference ($n = 3$). (C) Venn diagram of genes upregulated upon dCoREST, dL(3)mbt and dLint-1 knockdown (fold change ≥ 2.0 , adj. $P \leq 0.05$). (D) Venn diagram comparing LINT-repressed genes and malignant brain tumour signature (MBTS) genes.

transcriptomes after depletion of complex-specific subunits (Figure 5A).

Specific depletion of dLSD1 resulted in only few genes being misexpressed (Figure 5B; eight genes upregulated, ten genes downregulated). Likewise, very few genes were misregulated in S2 cells specifically depleted of dCoREST-L (four genes upregulated, four genes downregulated). These results are reminiscent of weak transcriptional effects of LSD1 depletion that have been reported previously: for example, RNAi-mediated depletion of LSD1 in mouse ES cells results in only a weak derepression of LSD1 target genes that does not exceed a factor of 2-fold (29). Therefore, we lowered the threshold of our analysis and considered genes misexpressed by a factor of 1.5 or more ($\log_2\text{FC} \geq 0.58$). This, indeed, increased the number of dLSD1-repressed genes to 113 and the number of dCoREST-L-regulated genes to 41 (Supplementary Figure

S5). Importantly, 78% of genes upregulated by dCoREST-L depletion were likewise upregulated by dLSD1 depletion suggesting that these genes are indeed repressed by a dLSD1/dCoREST-L complex. Nevertheless, it is clear that the dLSD1/dCoREST-L complex controls a comparatively small proportion of dCoREST-regulated genes in S2 cells even though 853 genomic sites are co-occupied by dCoREST and dLSD1.

Similar to what we observed after depletion of dLSD1, dG9a depletion upregulated only few genes by a factor of 2.0 or more (Figure 5B; 10 genes upregulated, 0 genes downregulated). In this case, including genes that were misregulated by a factor of 1.5-fold or more did not markedly increase the number of affected genes (18 genes upregulated, 16 genes downregulated). We conclude that dG9a does not play a major role in regulating gene transcription in S2 cells.

In stark contrast to the moderate to weak effects of depleting dLSD1/dCoREST complex and dG9a/dCoREST complex-specific subunits, depletion of LINT-specific subunits changed the expression levels of hundreds of genes by a factor of 2.0 or more (Figures 5B; dL(3)mbt: 584 genes upregulated, 56 genes downregulated; dLint-1: 373 genes upregulated, 34 genes downregulated). This suggests that the LINT complex is responsible for the regulation of a large fraction of dCoREST-dependent genes in S2 cells, in agreement with the LINT complex being the predominant chromatin-associated dCoREST complex as demonstrated by ChIP-seq analysis. In support of this hypothesis we find a high degree of overlap between genes that are derepressed by dCoREST, dL(3)mbt or dLint-1 depletion (Figure 5C). A total of 249 genes were upregulated when either dL(3)mbt, dLint-1 or dCoREST was targeted and we consider these to be high confidence LINT targets. Moreover, 385 genes were upregulated in at least two of the three knockdowns. Thus, approximately half of the dCoREST-regulated genes appear to be repressed by the LINT complex. We note that 283 genes are upregulated in dCoREST-depleted cells but neither in dL(3)mbt nor in dLint-1 depleted cells (Figure 5C). At present it is unclear if this is a consequence of a differential requirement for LINT complex subunits at subsets of LINT target genes or if these genes represent targets of as yet unidentified dCoREST complexes.

LINT represses germ line genes in S2 cells

dL(3)mbt and LINT have previously been implicated in the repression of *malignant brain tumour signature* (MBTS) genes. MBTS genes encode mostly germ line-specific proteins that are upregulated in brain tumours of *l(3)mbt* mutant larvae (14–15,30–31). In addition, dL(3)mbt regulates a group of genes targeted by the Salvador-Warts-Hippo (SWH) pathway (31). In agreement with our previous results obtained in Kc cells, LINT-repressed genes in S2 cells included a significant proportion of MBTS genes (26 out of 101) but none of the SWH targets (Figure 5D).

A gene ontology (GO)-term analysis of the 249 high confidence LINT-repressed genes revealed a number of terms that were significantly enriched (Supplementary Figure S6). These included genes linked with the GO-terms “germ line stem cell symmetric division” and “synapsis”. Together with our finding that many of the germ line-specific MBTS transcripts are upregulated upon knockdown of LINT subunits, this indicates that LINT functions to repress genes involved in germ cell differentiation in S2 cells.

We had previously determined LINT target genes in Kc cells by microarray analysis (15). Based on the comparative analysis of their transcriptomes, both Kc cells and S2 cells are believed to be derived from embryonal macrophages and LINT might be expected to repress similar sets of genes in both cell lines (32). Indeed, comparison of the LINT regulated genes in Kc and S2 cells revealed a significant degree of overlap (Supplementary Figure S7).

In conclusion, our analyses suggest that LINT shapes the transcriptomes of macrophage-derived cell lines by preventing the inappropriate expression of genes characteristic of other cell types.

Depletion of dCoREST disrupts wing vein differentiation

In order to gain insight into the roles of different dCoREST complexes during fly development we performed RNA interference using the UAS/GAL4 system (33). We investigated two developmental systems, wing and testis, both of which have been shown to be sensitive to mutation or deregulation of several chromatin regulators (10,34–35). For example, RNAi-mediated depletion of dCoREST and dLSD1 throughout the wing imaginal disc has been demonstrated to result in ectopic vein phenotypes (10,36). We used the *engrailed*-GAL4 driver line to direct expression of UAS-shRNA constructs to the posterior half of the developing wing. Indeed, we observed vein phenotypes with high penetrance (100%) when dCoREST was targeted by RNAi (Supplementary Figure S8). Depletion of dLint-1 caused a strong deformation of wing shape that largely precluded an analysis of vein phenotypes. The molecular basis for the dLint-1 phenotype is currently unclear. Whilst depletion of dL(3)mbt, dLSD1 and dG9a did result in vein phenotypes with lower penetrance (<20% of wings analysed), such low penetrance phenotypes were also observed in the driver line (*en*-GAL4) and when RNAi was directed against transcripts unrelated to dCoREST complexes (dChd3, CG9973 and CG2083; Supplementary Figure S8). We therefore conclude that low penetrance vein phenotypes are unlikely to be a specific consequence of depletion of these dCoREST complex subunits. We considered the possibility that the lack of specific phenotypes caused by dL(3)mbt, dLSD1 and dG9a depletion was due to insufficient expression of RNAi constructs. We therefore repeated all crosses and phenotype analyses at an elevated temperature (30°C) known to enhance expression in the UAS-GAL4 system (37). This resulted in an enhancement of the severity of the dCoREST and dLint-1 RNAi phenotypes but still failed to produce specific wing alterations when dL(3)mbt, dLSD1 or dG9a were targeted (Supplementary Figure S9). However, measurement of dL(3)mbt, dLSD1 and dG9a RNA levels in wing discs by qPCR revealed no or only mild RNAi-mediated reductions of expression, precluding us from evaluating the role of these proteins in wing development (data not shown).

Taken together, these results suggest that in our experimental system dCoREST is critical for wing vein differentiation. However, they do not inform on which individual or which combination of the three dCoREST complexes is playing a role.

dLSD1/dCoREST is essential for spermatogenesis

Several of the dCoREST interactors identified in this study have been linked to the regulation of germ cell differentiation: Homozygous dLSD1 mutant females fail to produce oocytes and male flies are infertile (12,38–39). Similarly, mutations in dL(3)mbt, dLint1 and dG9a produce ovary defects and female sterility (14,40). We sought to systematically compare the importance of LINT, dLSD1/dCoREST and dG9a/dCoREST complex subunits for spermatogenesis and male fertility. Towards this end we used the *bag of marbles* (*bam*) GAL4 driver strain to direct expression of RNAi constructs to germ cells. We first compared

three different RNAi lines expressing shRNA constructs expected to simultaneously downregulate both dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M. Indeed, dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M mRNA expression in testes was reduced to levels ranging from 10 to 35% when these responder lines were crossed to *bam* driver lines (Supplementary Figure S10). Male progeny resulting from these crosses was infertile in agreement with our previous findings (34). This is consistent with the hypothesis that dCoREST-containing complexes are essential for fertility. We then set up a series of crosses to knock down dCoREST, dLSD1, dL(3)mbt, dLint-1 or dG9a in developing male germ cells. To verify efficiency of these knock downs we analysed RNA prepared from testes by qPCR (Supplementary Figure S11 and Table S6). mRNA expression of all RNAi targets was efficiently reduced. We then crossed virgin females with control males or RNAi-depleted males to assess male fertility. Out of 11 lines tested, only dCoREST and dLSD1-depleted males failed to generate offspring (Figure 6A). The fertility of males depleted of dL(3)mbt, dLint-1 or dG9a was indistinguishable from that of controls. This suggests a differential role of dCoREST complexes in male fertility: The dLSD1/dCoREST complex appeared to be essential for fertility whereas both LINT and dG9a/dCoREST complexes seemed dispensable.

Indeed, analysis of testes morphology by phase contrast microscopy revealed that seminal vesicles of control testes contained sperm, whereas seminal vesicles of dCoREST and dLSD1-depleted testes were empty (Figure 6B, panels 1, 2 and 3). Premeiotic spermatocytes did not show any obvious defects (panels 1', 2' and 3'). In addition, post meiotic spermatids identified by their flagella extending along a large part of the testis were present in both control and RNAi-depleted testes. This suggests that defects manifest at later stages such as spermatid nuclei elongation, histone-protamine exchange, individualization of sperm or release into the seminal vesicle.

We used immunofluorescence microscopy to identify possible alterations caused by dCoREST and dLSD1 depletion at postmeiotic stages (Figure 6C). During spermiogenesis round spermatid nuclei elongate (canoe stage), individualize and eventually form mature sperm. Histones are removed from DNA and degraded during the canoe stage. Concomitantly protamines and Mst77F are expressed to replace histones in mature sperm (23,28). dCoREST or dLSD1 knockdown did not affect this histone-to-protamine switch as judged by the timely expression and chromatin association of Mst77F. However, spermatid nuclei failed to elongate and no mature, elongated sperm were detected. As hardly any transcription takes place after meiotic divisions, these defects likely are a consequence of aberrant gene regulation during the spermatocyte phase (28). The striking similarity of the phenotypes produced after both dCoREST and dLSD1 knockdowns further strengthens the hypothesis that it is the dLSD1/dCoREST complex that is essential for the cellular processes that govern nuclei elongation.

The dLSD1/dCoREST complex did not appear to be a major regulator of gene transcription in macrophage-like S2 cells (Figure 5). Nevertheless, we hypothesized that it might regulate gene expression during germ cell development. We prepared RNA from *bam>>dCoREST*

RNAi, *bam>>dLSD1* RNAi and control testes and analysed their transcriptomes by RNA-seq. In both, dCoREST-depleted and dLSD1-depleted testes, a large number of genes was activated by a factor of 2.0 or more ($\log_2FC \geq 1$; dCoREST-depleted testes: 1721 genes up-regulated, 61 genes downregulated; dLSD1-depleted testes: 1300 genes upregulated, 125 genes downregulated) (Figure 7A). Importantly, 1091 genes were upregulated in both scenarios which corresponds to 63% of all dCoREST-repressed genes and 84% of all dLSD1-repressed genes (Figure 7B). We consider these genes to be high confidence targets of the dLSD1/dCoREST complex. GO-term analysis of these identified 20 GO-terms that were over-represented (Supplementary Figure S12). Eight of these were associated with genes involved in neuron development and function. These findings are consistent with the hypothesis that the dLSD1/dCoREST complex is required to prevent the inappropriate expression of neuron-specific genes in the male germ line.

Collectively, our results demonstrate that dCoREST functions to maintain cell-type-specific gene expression profiles in both macrophage-like S2 cells and in the male germ line. However, to do so different dCoREST complexes are used in a cell-type-specific manner.

DISCUSSION

Multisubunit protein complexes that regulate chromatin often exist as families of complexes with related subunit composition (1). Typically, a set of shared core subunits can associate with diverse complex-specific accessory subunits. Accessory subunits endow complexes with specific functionality by regulating the enzymatic activities of core subunits, adding new enzymatic, nucleosome or RNA binding activities and/or by influencing the targeting to specific genome regions.

Whereas extensive complex families have recently been described for PRC1, PRC2 and SWI/SNF, the number of complexes containing the CoREST repressor that have been identified is comparatively small: In mammalian cells, the bulk of CoREST appears to reside in complexes with LSD1 (6,8,12). Although several studies have found that CoREST can bind additional chromatin regulators it is not clear if these interactions reflect the existence of additional, stable CoREST complexes or are the products of transient binding events. In *Drosophila*, dCoREST and dLSD1 have been shown to interact in ovary extracts and when both proteins are overexpressed in S2 cells (12,13). We have previously identified dCoREST as a subunit of the dL(3)mbt interacting LINT complex (15). In the current study we have used proteomic approaches to systematically determine and characterize the interactome of dCoREST in S2 cells.

Using gel filtration, immunoaffinity purification, mass spectrometry and co-immunoprecipitation approaches we have identified three distinct dCoREST-containing complexes (Figure 8). All three of these complexes contain a heterodimeric core composed of dCoREST itself (either the -L or the -M isoform) and the histone deacetylase dRPD3. This core can associate with additional subunits and histone modifying activities to form either the LINT complex,

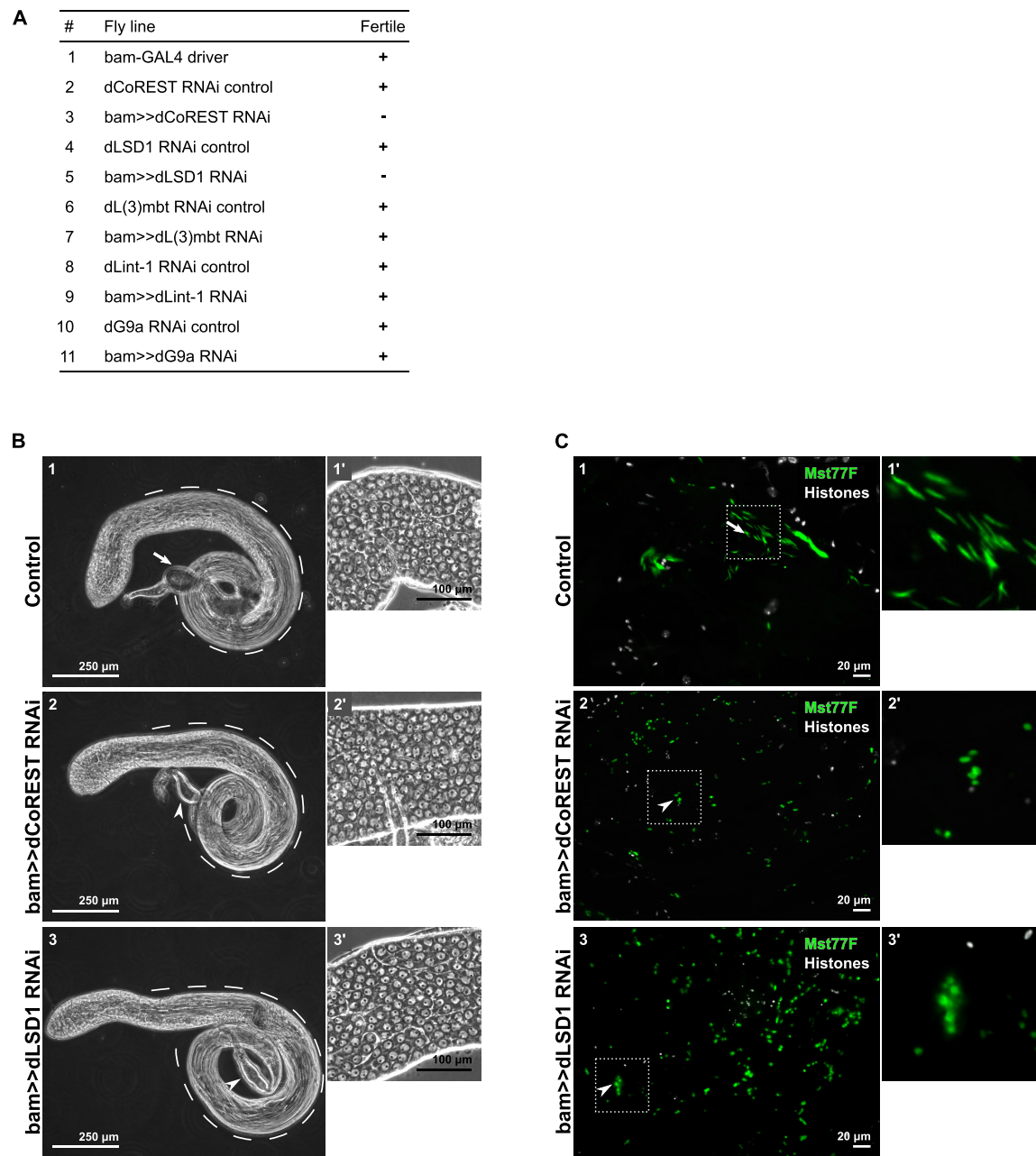


Figure 6. dLSD1/dCoREST complex is essential for spermatogenesis. (A) Male fertility tests of control flies and flies in which dCoREST or its interactors were depleted by RNAi ($n = 10$). Only bam>>dCoREST RNAi and bam>>dLSD1 RNAi flies produced no offspring (-). (B) Phase contrast images of 1 day old testes from control flies (1 and 1'), bam>>dCoREST RNAi flies (2 and 2') and bam>>dLSD1 RNAi flies (3 and 3'). Post-meiotic spermatids identified by their flagella extending along a large part of the testis (marked by dashed line) were visible in all testes. Seminal vesicles of control testes (arrow in panel 1) contained sperm, seminal vesicles of RNAi depleted testes were empty (arrowheads in panels 2 and 3). Phase contrast microscopy of spermatocytes of indicated crosses (1', 2' and 3') showed no visible defects. Scale bars: 250 μ m (1, 2 and 3) and 100 μ m (1', 2' and 3'). (C) Knockdown of dCoREST and dLSD1 leads to post-meiotic spermatid nuclei elongation defects. Histones (white) and the spermatid-specific protein Mst77F (green) were visualized by immunofluorescence in post-meiotic spermatid nuclei of control testes (1 and 1') and upon RNAi in bam>>dCoREST RNAi (2 and 2') and bam>>dLSD1 RNAi (3 and 3') testes. Scale bars: 20 μ m.

a dLSD1/dCoREST complex or a dG9a/dCoREST complex. LINT contains the signature subunits dL(3)mbt and dLint-1, the dLSD1/dCoREST complex is defined by the histone demethylase dLSD1 and the dG9a/dCoREST complex harbours the H3K9 histone methyltransferase dG9a. Thus, all three dCoREST complexes identified in our study have the potential to generate repressive chromatin struc-

tures by altering the histone methylation and acetylation status of nucleosomes.

Importantly, the three dCoREST complexes can be separated by immunoprecipitation and gel filtration under mild conditions suggesting that they indeed exist as distinct assemblies in the nucleus. Moreover, ChIP-seq analysis has demonstrated that the majority of dCoREST bound sites

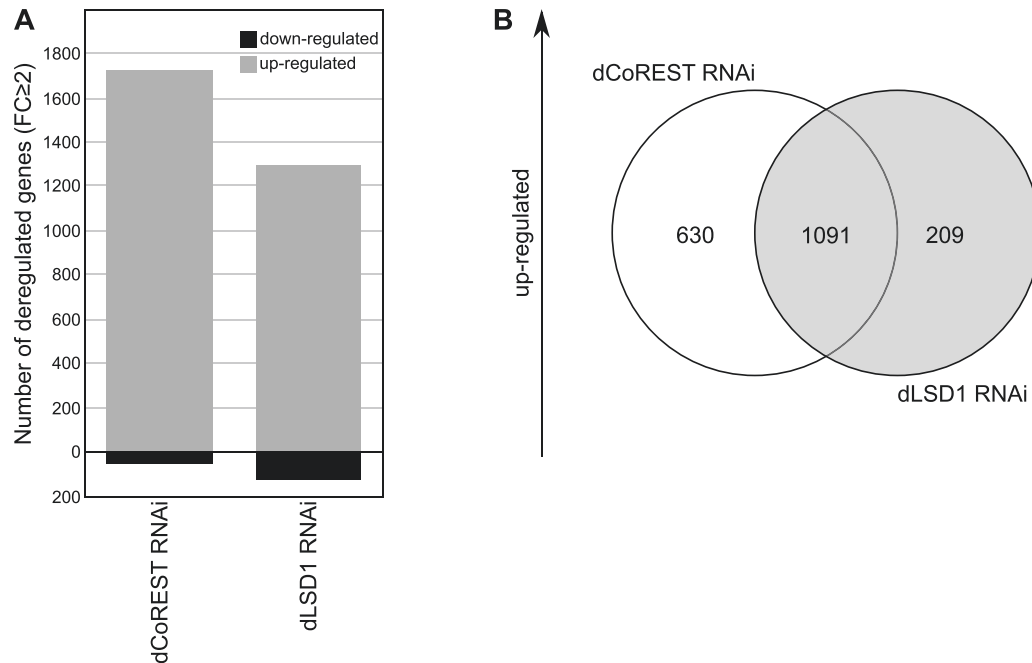


Figure 7. dLSD1/dCoREST complex is a major repressor of transcription during spermatogenesis. (A) Bar diagram showing the number of up- and downregulated protein coding genes of testes depleted for dCoREST or dLSD1 as determined by RNA-seq (total 850 testes from at least three biological replicates per condition). (B) Venn diagram showing comparison of dCoREST and dLSD1 up-regulated genes (fold change ≥ 2.0 , adj. $P \leq 0.05$).

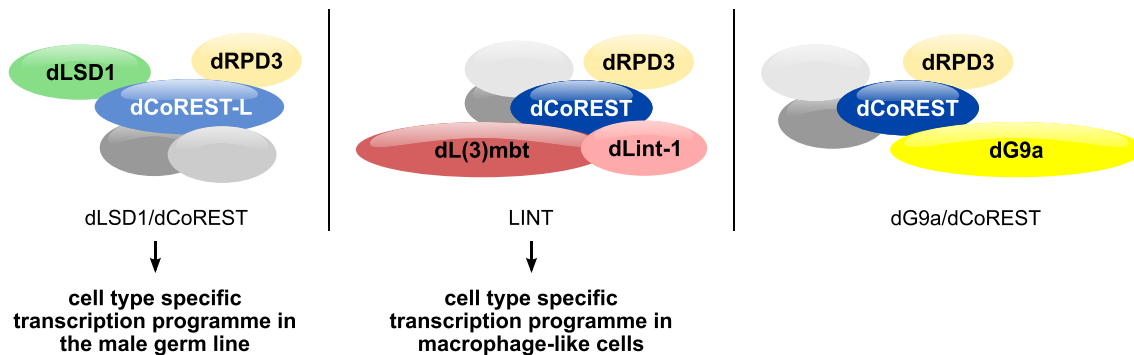


Figure 8. Schematic representation of different dCoREST complexes in *Drosophila*. Three distinct dCoREST containing complexes share a common dCoREST/dRPD3 core. The dLSD1/dCoREST complex is dCoREST isoform-specific and regulates transcription in the male germ line. The LINT complex is a major repressor of transcription in macrophage-like cells. The targets of the dG9a/dCoREST complex are unknown.

are co-occupied by dL(3)mbt but not by dLSD1 or dG9a further supporting the notion that the complexes associate as independent entities with chromatin. Our proteomic screens for dCoREST interactors have identified additional proteins with established roles in chromatin regulation that we have not yet characterized further. This leaves open the possibility that additional dCoREST-containing complexes might exist.

dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M differ in a 234 aa insertion between the SANT domains that is present in dCoREST-L but not in dCoREST-M (Figure 1A). Our results suggest that both isoforms can be integrated into the LINT and dG9a/dCoREST complexes. By contrast, reciprocal co-immunoprecipitation and reconstitution experiments demonstrate that only dCoREST-L but not dCoREST-M can form a complex with dLSD1. This

agrees well with the prior observation that dLSD1 co-immunoprecipitates preferentially with dCoREST-L in ovary extracts. What determines the isoform specificity of this interaction? The structure of a complex formed by fragments of human CoREST and human LSD1 has been solved (41). This structure shows that the interaction surface of CoREST that contacts LSD1 is composed of a part of the region separating the two SANT domains and the second SANT domain itself. Sequence alignment of dCoREST-L with human CoREST reveals conservation across the entire LSD1 contact region (Supplementary Figure S13). The N-terminal part of this region is formed by the dCoREST-L-specific insertion that is missing in dCoREST-M. Thus, a potential explanation for why dCoREST-M cannot stably interact with dLSD1 is that an essential part of the interaction surface is missing in this isoform.

Although human CoREST is also expressed in different alternative splice forms, the strict isoform-specific dLSD1 interaction that we have identified in *Drosophila* does not appear to be conserved: all three major human CoREST isoforms interact with LSD1 (42).

Regulation of alternative splicing is an important mechanism for shaping cell-type-specific proteomes in higher metazoans. It is conceivable that the relative abundance of the three dCoREST complexes in different cell types could be modified by regulating alternative splicing of the dCoREST transcript: increased expression of dCoREST-M at the expense of dCoREST-L would be expected to result in a higher proportion of LINT and dG9a/dCoREST complexes (which can incorporate both isoforms) and a concomitant decrease in dLSD1/dCoREST complex levels. Indeed, the relative expression levels of dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M are significantly different in S2 cells and embryo extracts (compare e.g. Figures 1B, 3C and Supplementary Figure S4), suggesting that regulation of dCoREST expression at the level of alternative splicing might occur.

We have analysed the role of dCoREST complexes in wing development and spermatogenesis and in regulating transcription in the macrophage-like S2 cell line and in the male germ line. In all these settings lowering the expression of dCoREST complexes by RNAi depletion of their shared dCoREST subunits has profound effects on differentiation and changes the transcription of hundreds of genes. In both macrophage-like cells and male germ cells the number of upregulated genes exceeds the number of downregulated genes by a factor of 20-fold or higher. This suggests that dCoREST complexes are important regulators of differentiation in a variety of developmental settings and that they contribute to the maintenance of cell-type-specific transcription programmes predominantly by acting as repressors of transcription.

S2 cells and the male germ line respond with remarkable specificity to the inactivation of individual dCoREST complexes: In macrophage-like S2 cells, depletion of LINT complex signature subunits derepresses hundreds of genes whereas depletion of dLSD1, the dLSD1/dCoREST complex-specific dCoREST-L isoform or dG9a has only minor effects. It remains possible that dLSD1, dCoREST-L and dG9a depletion does lead to small expression changes of weakly expressed genes that our analysis has not been able to detect. In addition, it is possible that dCoREST-L depletion is compensated by dCoREST-M, e.g. by increased binding of dCoREST-M containing complexes to dLSD1/dCoREST-L bound regions. In any case, our study identifies LINT as an important repressor of genes that are inappropriate for macrophages such as the germ line-specific MBTS genes. Our results call into question whether dLSD1 and dG9a play important roles in regulating transcription in macrophage-like cells at all, at least under our experimental conditions, even though they are clearly associated with chromatin and occupy more than a thousand sites. An interesting parallel to our results is the finding that LSD1 knockdown does not result in major transcriptional effects in mouse ES cells (29). This is consistent with the hypothesis that also in mammals the ubiquitous LSD1/CoREST complex regulates transcription in a cell type-restricted manner.

In stark contrast to our results in S2 cells, depletion of dLSD1 (and depletion of dCoREST) results in the derepression of more than 1000 genes in the male germ line, the disruption of spermiogenesis and infertility. Amongst the genes repressed by dLSD1/dCoREST many appear to be specific for non-germ line lineages such as neurons. Depletion of LINT subunits or dG9a has no effect on spermatogenesis. Indeed, LSD1 plays also an important role in mammalian spermatogenesis: The SLC complex containing LSD1, CoREST and SFMB1 is highly expressed in mouse spermatocytes (8). Moreover, LSD1 and SFMB1 colocalize at meiotic chromosomes. Conditional ablation of LSD1 expression in mouse testis results in misexpression of genes involved in stem cell and progenitor maintenance and differentiation, defective meiosis, complete loss of mature sperm and infertility (43,44). Although these studies did not directly address the role of CoREST these data are consistent with an important role of LSD1/CoREST complexes in spermatogenesis that is remarkably conserved between mouse and fly.

Unlike the LINT and dLSD1/dCoREST complexes for which we have identified important functions as transcriptional regulators in S2 cells and the male germ line, respectively, dG9a depletion did not produce significant effects in any of our experimental systems. These findings agree with earlier studies that have shown that although dG9a is abundantly expressed in the male germ line, dG9a mutants do not display a reduction of H3K9 methylation levels in germ cells (45,46). Moreover, dG9a is a non-essential gene and dG9a null mutants display mostly behavioural phenotypes (47–50). Defects of dG9a deficient flies have been reported under various conditions of stress (50–52). It is conceivable, that the dG9a/dCoREST complex is important in cell types that have not been analysed in our study or exerts its most prominent effects only under particular stress conditions.

A simple explanation for the cell-type- and lineage-specific differences in dCoREST complex function revealed in our study would be a potential differential expression of dCoREST complex signature subunits in S2 cells and testis. Indeed, on the RNA level G9a expression is only moderate in S2 cells and low in testis (Fly Atlas, *data not shown*), thus, providing a potential explanation for the weak effects on transcription when dG9a is depleted in these cells. However, on the protein level, dG9a has been demonstrated to be abundantly expressed in testis (45,46). dLSD1 expression is much higher in S2 cells, where the dLSD1/dCoREST complex represses only few genes, compared to testis, where the dLSD1/dCoREST complex is a major repressor of transcription and essential for spermatogenesis. In addition, dLINT-1 expression is higher in testis compared to S2 cells even though depletion of LINT has no effect on spermatogenesis. Taken together, these observations suggest that differences in dCoREST complex repression activity cannot be easily attributed to differences in expression levels.

How is dCoREST complex activity confined to particular cell types and lineages? It is possible that cell-type-specific post-translational modifications of dCoREST complexes activate or inactivate their functions. Alternatively, gene repression by dCoREST complexes might be dependent on cell-type-specific transcription factors that recruit dCoREST complexes to chromatin. These cell-type-specific

transcription factors would specifically interact with one of the dCoREST complexes, potentially by contacting one of their signature subunits, and recruit this complex to sets of genes that need to be silenced in the given cell type. Indeed, we have recently identified such a mechanism involving the germ line-specific transcription factor Kungang and the chromatin regulator dMi-2 that is responsible for the repression of hundreds of genes in the male germ line (34).

Our study has identified a set of distinct histone deacetylase complexes that are built around a dCoREST/dRPD3 core which have the potential to generate repressive chromatin structures by altering nucleosome acetylation and methylation. These complexes serve to repress lineage inappropriate genes, such as neuronal genes in the male germ line or germ line-specific genes in macrophage-like cells and often play critical roles in differentiation. We have revealed an unexpected division of labour amongst these complexes with individual dCoREST complexes being dedicated to preventing inappropriate gene expression in specific cell lineages and cell types.

In a broader sense, our study adds to the growing appreciation that chromatin regulating complexes are not all purpose machines that exert the same functions in all cell types but, instead, that they are tailored by the inclusion of specific accessory subunits to perform distinct cell type- and lineage-specific roles. Future analyses will aim to define the molecular mechanisms by which this specificity is achieved.

DATA AVAILABILITY

Data generated in this study are available as follows: IP/MS data at ProteomeXchange, identifier PXD014857 (MS identification of dCoREST interactors); raw ChIP-seq data have been deposited in the ArrayExpress database at EMBL-EBI (www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress) under accession number E-MTAB-8341; raw RNA-seq data have been deposited in the ArrayExpress database at EMBL-EBI (www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress) under accession number E-MTAB-7440 (S2 cells) and E-MTAB-7439 (*Drosophila* testes).

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Supplementary Data are available at NAR Online.

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL AND METHODS

Cas9 gene editing and transfections

Endogenous dCoREST, dLSD1, dL(3)mbt, and dG9a were epitope-tagged using CRISPR/Cas9: Four days before transfection, S2[Cas9] cells were first transiently depleted of the essential NHEJ-factor Lig4 and the MMEJ-factor Mus308 via RNAi to favour homologous recombination. U6-sgRNA template and homologous recombination template (for the introduction of the GFP-tag at the C-terminus and the puromycin resistance cassette) for tagging were generated as described in (17) and transfected into cells. After four days, puromycin-resistant cells were selected in 2.5 µg/ml puromycin for two weeks. Monoclonal cell lines were prepared by serial dilution and clones were analysed by PCR and Western blot. Primers used to generate PCR products are listed in Supplementary Table S5.

For introduction of transgene by stable transfection, plasmids expressing full-length FLAG-tagged dCoREST-L, dCoREST-M or dLSD1 under control of a metallothionein promoter were co-transfected with pBS-Puro (which confers resistance to puromycin) into S2 cells as described previously (16). In brief, a total of 7.4×10^6 S2 cells were seeded in 10 cm plates (Sarstedt). The next day cells were transfected with 30 µg of pRmHa-3 plasmid containing the coding sequence of full-length FLAG-tagged dCoREST-L, dCoREST-M or dLSD1 under control of the metallothionein promoter and 1.5 µg of the pBS-Puro by calcium-phosphate transfection. Medium was exchanged 24 hours after transfection. After three days cells were split and selected in 10 µg/ml puromycin for three weeks. Transgene expression was induced by adding CuSO₄ to a final concentration of 100 µM and nuclear extracts were prepared 24 hours later and analysed by Western blot.

Protein expression in Sf9 cells and co-immunoprecipitation

Baculoviruses expressing dCoREST-L, dCoREST-M and dLSD1 were generated with the Bac-to-Bac Baculovirus Expression System (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Sf9 cells were harvested 72 hours after infection and lysed by three freeze/thaw cycles in Lysis buffer (20 mM Hepes pH 7.6, 200 mM KCl, 10% (v/v) glycerol, 0.1% (v/v) NP-40). Lysates were cleared by centrifugation (30 min, 17,000 x g, 4 °C).

200 µl of Sf9 extracts with comparable amounts of the target proteins were mixed with 1 ml of IP150-buffer (25 mM Hepes pH 7.9, 150 mM NaCl, 12.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.1 mM EDTA, 10% (v/v) glycerol, 0.1% (v/v) NP-40). 3 µl of antibody (anti-dCoREST, (13)) was added to each sample and the reaction was rotated for two hours at 4 °C. Protein G Sepharose 4 Fast Flow beads (GE Healthcare) were blocked for one hour with 0.5 mg/ml BSA and 1% (w/v) Gelatin from cold water fish skin. 20 µl of blocked beads were added to each IP reaction and rotated for one hour at 4 °C. Immune complexes were precipitated by centrifugation (4 min, 1,500 x g, 4 °C) and washed four times with 1 ml of IP150-buffer. Precipitates were eluted with SDS-loading buffer and analyzed by SDS-PAGE and Western Blot.

RNA isolation and qPCR

RNA isolation was performed using the peqGOLD Total RNA Kit (S-Line, peqlab) according to the manufacturer's instructions from three independent RNAi experiments in S2 cells or from a pool of 50 testes from 3 independent crosses. RNA was additionally treated with DNase I (peqGOLD DNase I Digest Kit, peqlab) according to the manufacturer's instruction. Upon quantification (NanoDrop; Thermo Scientific), cDNA synthesis was carried out in triplicate from 0.2 µg (testis) or 1.0 µg (S2 cells) of isolated RNA using the SensiFAST™ cDNA Synthesis Kit (Bioline) according to the manufacturer's protocol. cDNA was diluted ten times for further use in qPCR reactions. qPCR was performed using the SensiFAST™ SYBR® Lo-ROX Kit (Bioline) on a Mx3000P cycler (Agilent Technologies) according to the instruction manual. Calculations were done according to (23). Data presented in the graphs represent mean values of three biological (S2 cells) or three technical (testes) replicates with standard deviation. For determination of RNA expression in testes, testes from several independent crosses were pooled prior to RNA preparation. Primer sequences are listed in Supplementary Table S6.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Supplementary Table S1. List of proteins identified by LC-MS/MS analysis in the anti-CoREST co-immunoprecipitation experiment (n=4, FDR=0.01, s0=2).

Supplementary Table S2. List of proteins identified by LC-MS/MS analysis in the anti-FLAG co-immunoprecipitation experiment of FLAG-dCoREST-L (n=4, FDR=0.2, s0=1).

Supplementary Table S3. List of proteins identified by LC-MS/MS analysis in anti-FLAG co-immunoprecipitation experiment of FLAG-dCoREST-M (n=4, FDR=0.2, s0=1).

Supplementary Table S4. List of primers used for amplification of the templates for dsRNA synthesis by *in vitro* transcription.

No.	Name	Sequence
1	EFGP-RNAi-fw	gaattaatacgactcactatagggAGAGCTGGACGGCGACGTAA
2	EFGP-RNAi-rv	gaattaatacgactcactatagggAGACTTGTACAGCTCGTCCATG
3	dCoREST-RNAi-fw	taatacgactcactatagggCATTCGCTCAGTTTTCTGACG
4	dCoREST-RNAi-rv	taatacgactcactatagggCCACCGAAATGTACTCCTCC
5	dCoREST-L-RNAi-fw	taatacgactcactatagggAAGATTTGCAACGTGGTCTG
6	dCoREST-L-RNAi-rv	taatacgactcactatagggTTCGCCAAATAGAGACTGG
7	dLSD1-RNAi-fw	taatacgactcactatagggAAAGAAACGTCAATCACCCG
8	dLSD1-RNAi-rv	taatacgactcactatagggCCTCTTCGTTGGGTGTCATT
9	dL(3)mbt-RNAi-fw	taatacgactcactatagggGTTGGTTTGGGTGCTGTCTT
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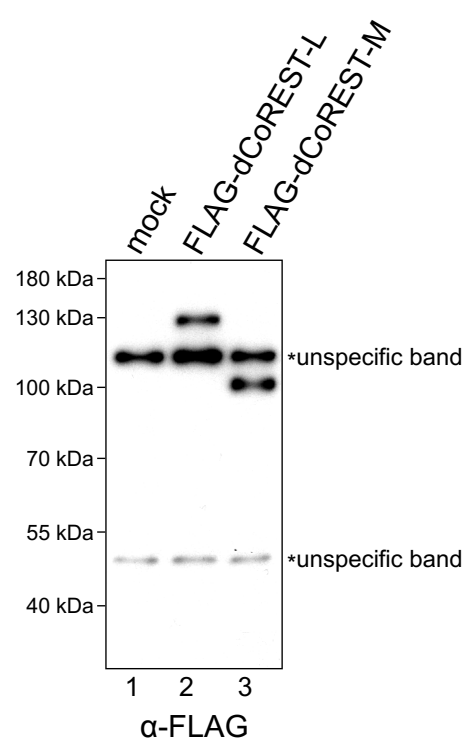
Supplementary Table S5. List of primers used in CRISPR/Cas9 tagging experiments.

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2	Sense dCoREST	GCGAAGAAAATCGCGCTCAGCACCGGAGGCGGAAGCAGCGTCGCAGAGTTCCTGGCCAACGGATCTTCCGGATGGCTCGAG
3	Antisense dCoREST	ATGTTATGTATCGGTATATATCTATGCGTGCATATATATCGCGAGTGAACACGTCGCTCCGAAGTTCCTATTCTCTAGAAAGTATAGGAACTTCCATATG
4	dCoREST-GFP-seq_fw	TCTCTTCTCCTCCTCCACAG
5	dCoREST-GFP-seq_rv	CGTCCCCCAAACATCAATC
6	Crispr dLSD1	CCTATTTTCAATTTAACGTCGAACAATGTATTTAGCGTGAGTTTAAGAGCTATGCTG
7	Sense dLSD1	TCGTCAAAGAAGTCGGAGGAGAATTCAAACCTCAAACACTGCCGACTCTACGGAGCTACAGGGATCTTCCGGATGGCTCGAG
8	Antisense dLSD1	CAAACTAAACGCTCTAGGAGTAAC TGCTGGGGACCAAATGCATCACGCTAAATACATTGGAAGTTCCTATTCTCTAGAAAGTATAGGAACTTCCATATG
9	dLSD1-GFP-seq_fw	CCCAATCTATCTGACTCCTC
10	dLSD1-GFP-seq_rv	TTACAGCGGCCTAGCTTCGT
11	Crispr dL(3)mbt	CCTATTTTCAATTTAACGTCGCCCTTGCGCACGTCCTCTTGTTTAAGAGCTATGCTG
12	Sense dL(3)mbt	TCCGACGGCGATGTGGCGATGGTGCCGATGGAAGTGCGCACGCCCTTGCGCACGTCCTCTGGATCTTCCGGATGGCTCGAG
13	Antisense dL(3)mbt	GGTGCAACAAAATAATCTTATAAATCAATCAACGGAAGCGGATGCCTGGTATCCGGAGTCGAAGTTCCTATTCTCTAGAAAGTATAGGAACTTCCATATG
14	dL(3)mbt-GFP-seq_fw	ATGGGGATGGCGATTGTGAA
15	dL(3)mbt-GFP-seq_rv	ATAATACCCGAATGGGCCGA
16	Crispr dG9a	CCTATTTTCAATTTAACGTCGGAGAAAATTGGACACGCGTGTTTAAGAGCTATGCTG
17	Sense dG9a	GCACCGGAAAATGAAACGGGAACGCTGTCGTCTACAAATACGGAGAAAATTGGACACGCGGGATCTTCCGGATGGCTCGAG
18	Antisense dG9a	TTTTATTTGTTGGATGAGACTGTGAAATCTGCAATCATCTCAGGTTTAGGTGGTTT TAGCGAAGTTCCTATTCTCTAGAAAGTATAGGAACTTCCATATG
19	dG9a-GFP-seq_fw	CACCGGAAAATGAAACGGGA
20	dG9a-GFP-seq_rv	ACCGGGCTTCGATAACGATT

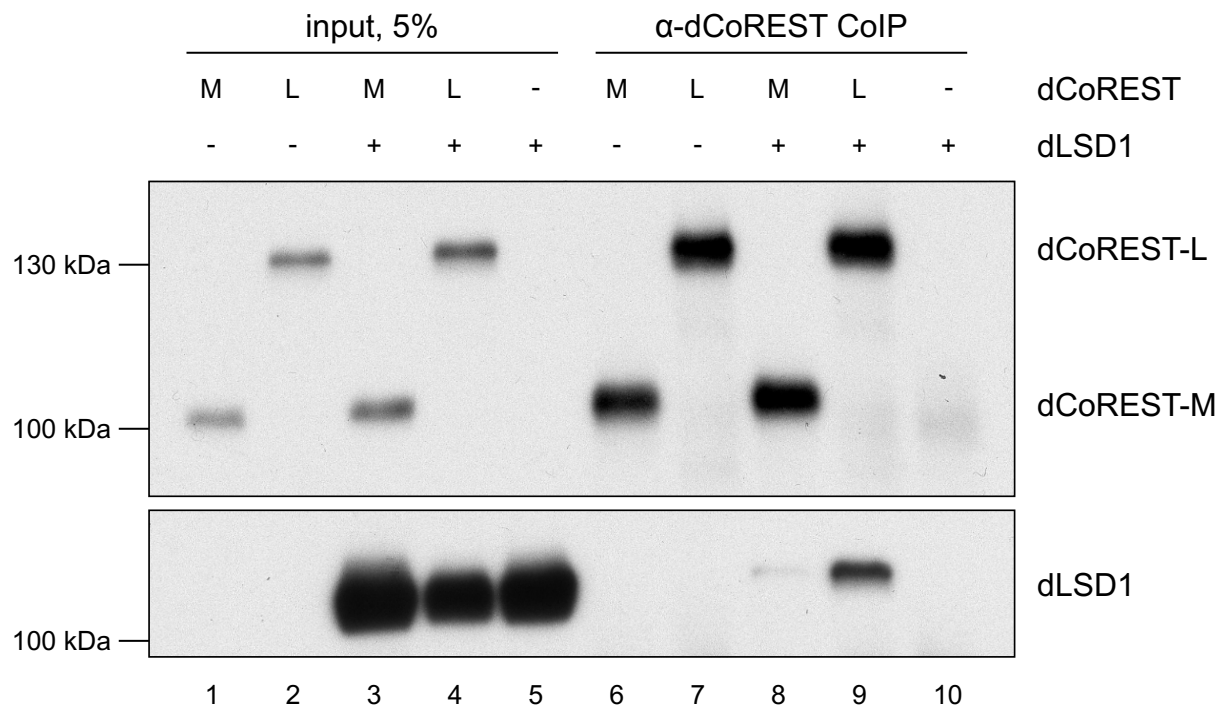
Supplementary Table S6. List of primers used for qPCR gene expression analysis.

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12	dLint-1-RT1-rv	CTCAAAGAGGCCGAGGAAC
13	dLint-1-RT2-fw	CCGTGAAGCTGAAGGAGAAC
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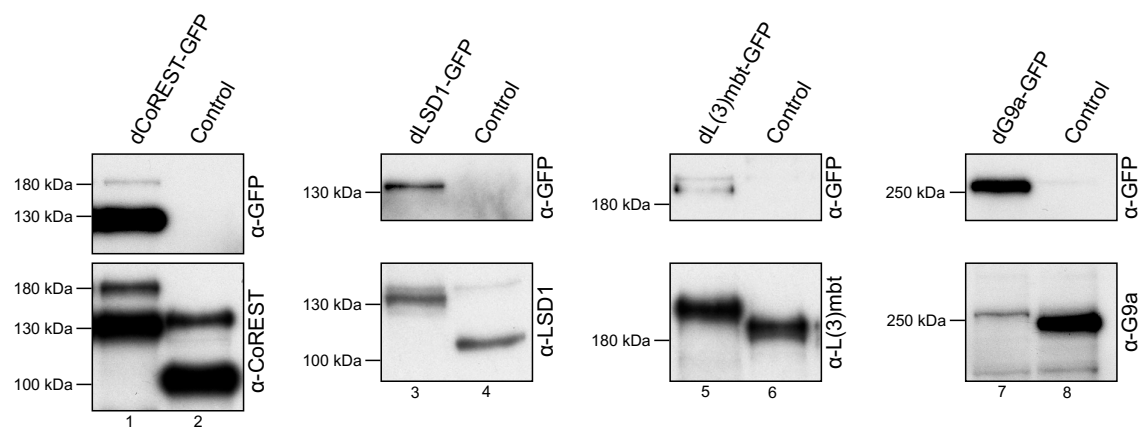
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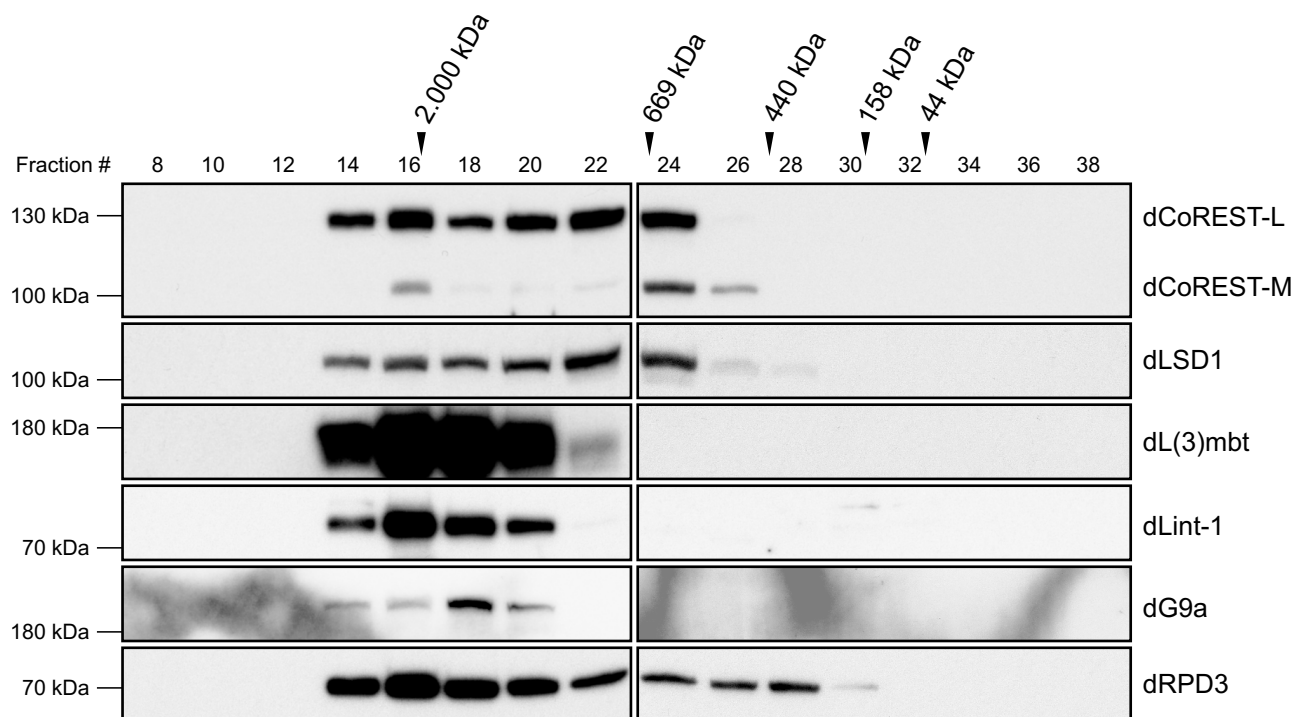
Supplementary Figure S1. Stable expression of FLAG-dCoREST-L and FLAG-dCoREST-M in S2 cells. Nuclear extracts from control cells (mock, lane 1) and cells stably expressing FLAG-dCoREST-L (lane 3) and FLAG-dCoREST-M (lane 4) were analysed by anti-FLAG Western blot.



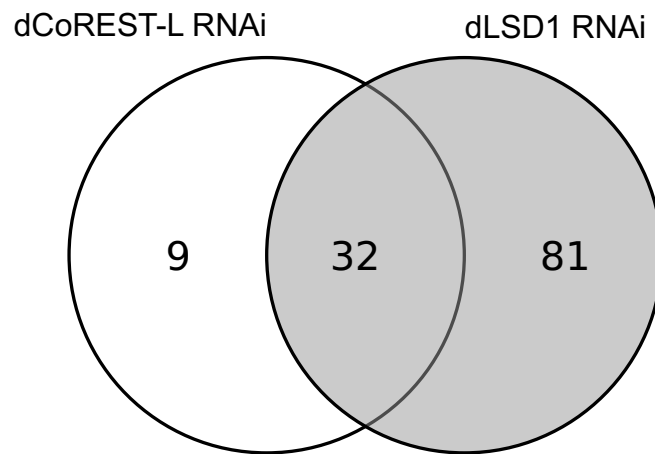
Supplementary Figure S2. dLSD1 preferentially interacts with dCoREST-L. Sf9 cells were co-infected with recombinant baculoviruses directing the expression of dLSD1, dCoREST-L and/or dCoREST-M, as indicated on top. Extracts were immunoprecipitated with anti-CoREST antibody and analysed by Western blot using the antibodies indicated on the right. Lanes 1-5: 5% input.



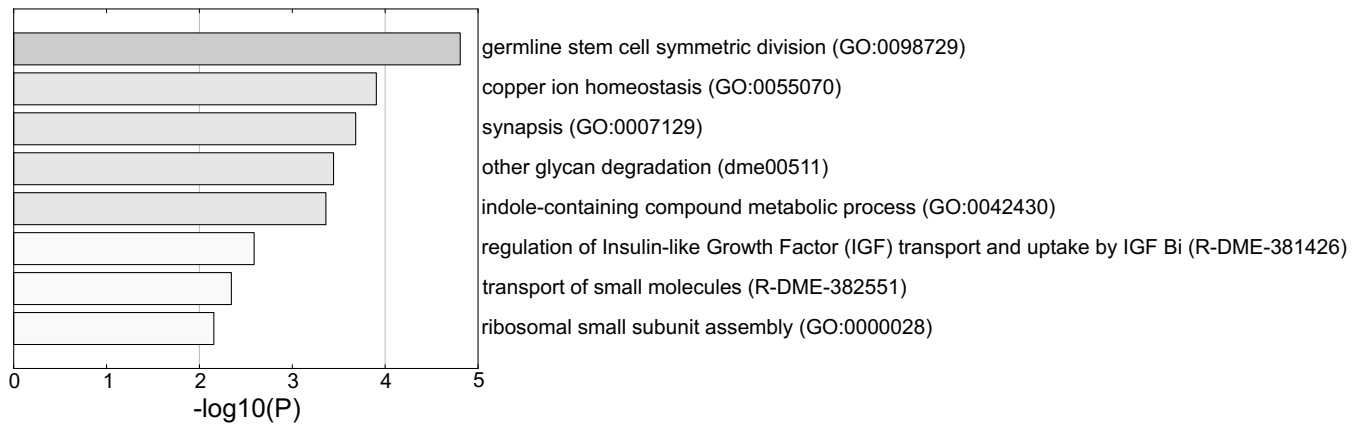
Supplementary Figure S3. Endogenously tagged cell lines were analysed by Western blot using anti-GFP antibody or antibody corresponding to the analysed protein. Note that in the dCoREST-GFP cell line both dCoREST isoforms are present.



Supplementary Figure S4. Nuclear extract from *Drosophila* embryos (1 mg) was fractionated over a Superose 6 column. Fractions were analysed by Western blot using the antibodies indicated on the right. Fraction numbers and molecular mass standards are denoted on top.

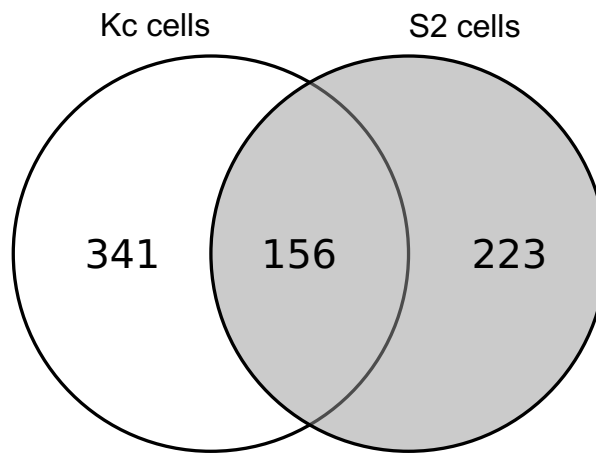


Supplementary Figure S5. Comparison of dCoREST-L and dLSD1 upregulated genes in S2 cells that are changed by a factor of 1.5 or more. Venn diagram comparing dCoREST-L and dLSD1 upregulated genes with fold change of 1.5 ($\log_2FC \geq 0.58$, adj. $p \leq 0.05$).

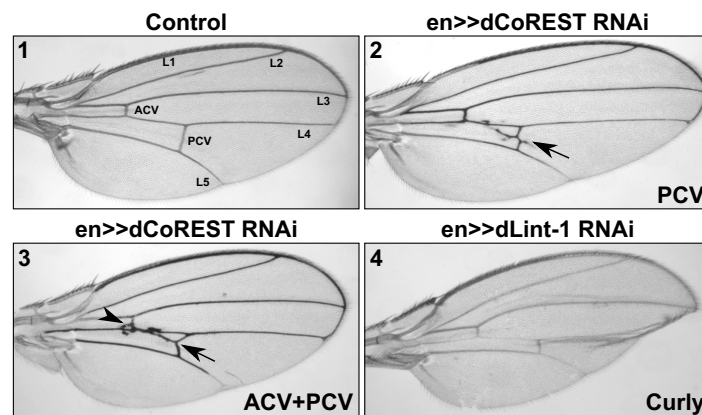
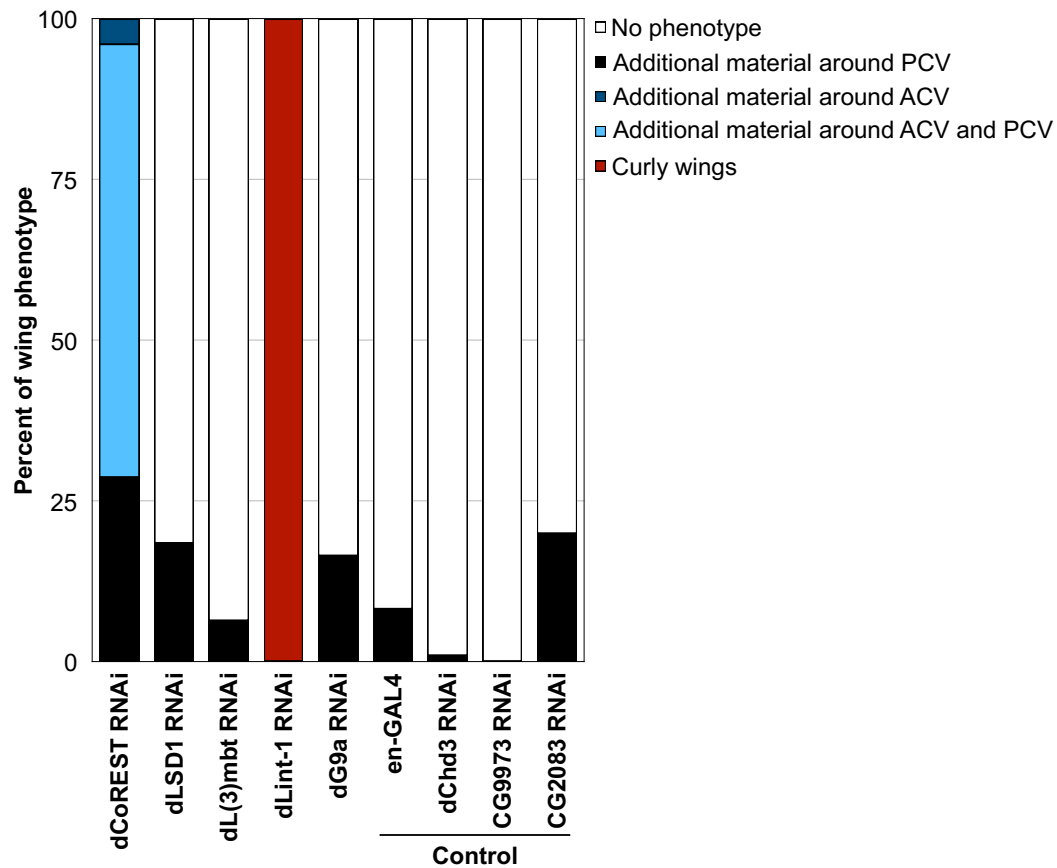


Supplementary Figure S6. Gene Ontology term enrichment analysis of LINT-repressed genes. GO analysis was performed using the Metascape tool.

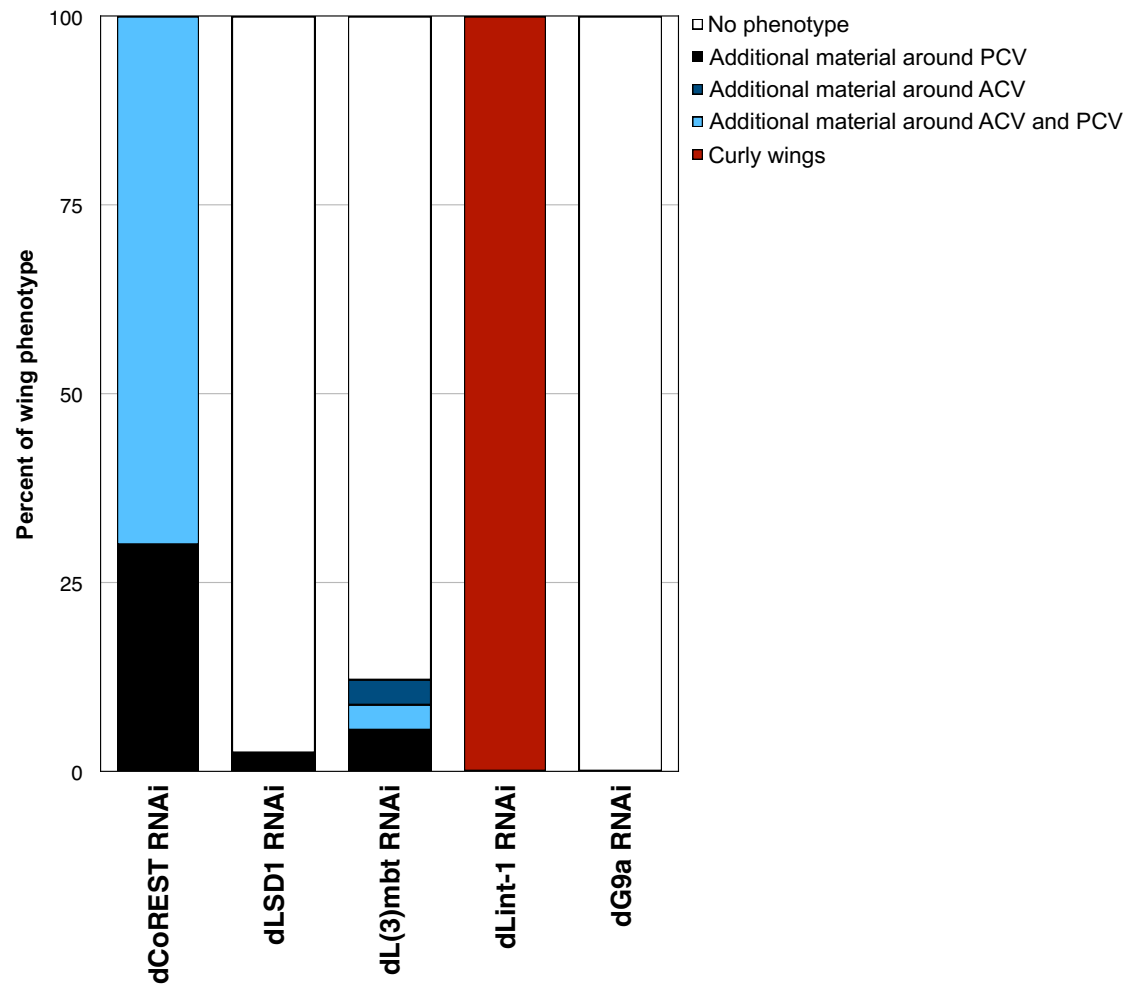
LINT target genes



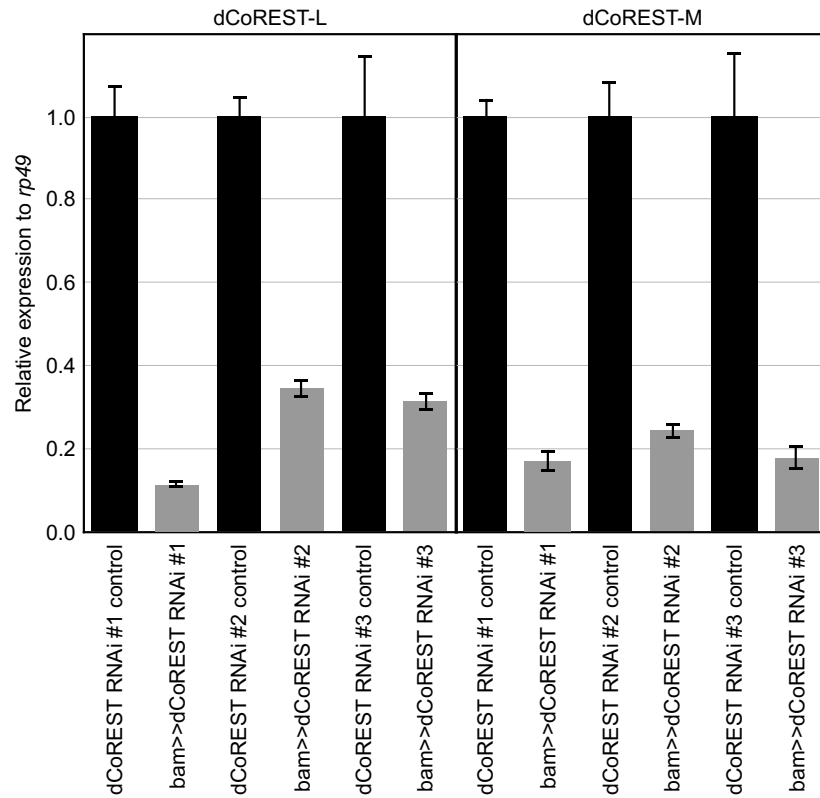
Supplementary Figure S7. Overlap of LINT target genes in Kc and S2 cells. Venn diagram of LINT target genes in Kc cells (microarray; (15)) and S2 cells (RNA-seq; this study) (fold change ≥ 2.0 , adj. $p \leq 0.05$).



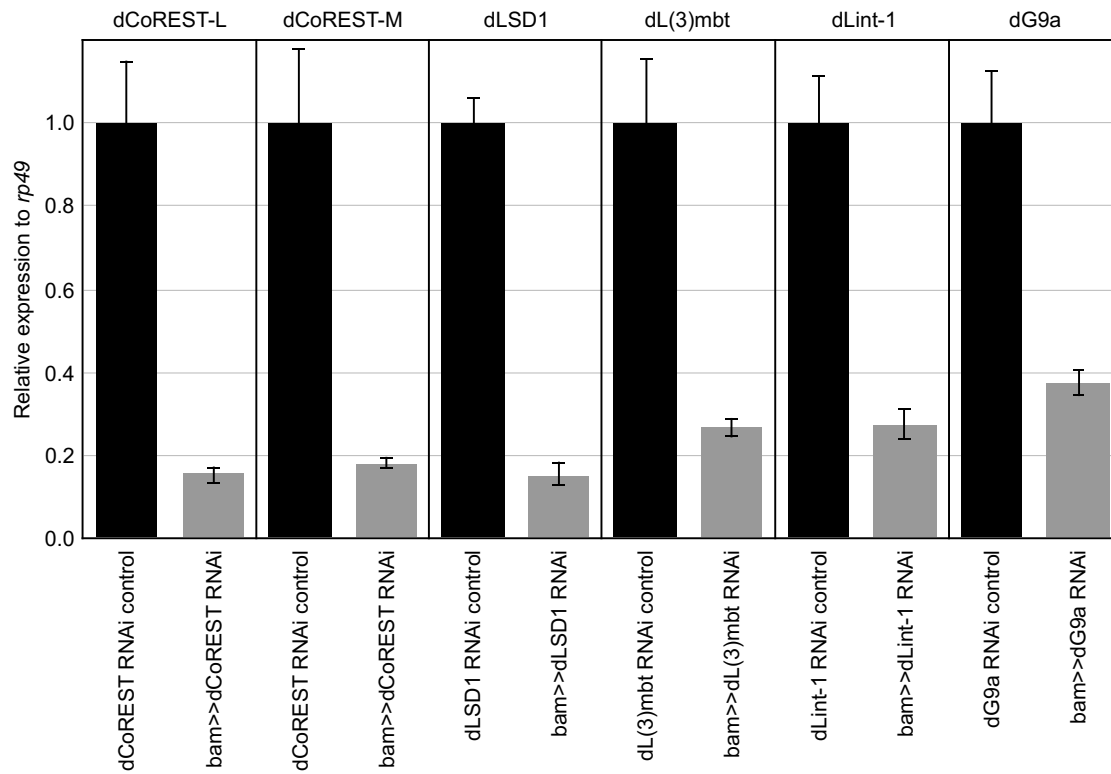
Supplementary Figure S8. Depletion of dCoREST disrupts wing vein differentiation. Upper panel: Graph showing the distribution (in %) of posterior crossvein (PCV, black), anterior crossvein (ACV, dark blue), combined ACV and PCV (light blue), and Curly (red) phenotypes upon depletion of dCoREST, dLSD1, dL(3)mbt, dLint-1, and dG9a in fly wing discs. Depletion of dChd3, CG9973, CG2083 as well as en-GAL4 driver flies served as controls. Lower panels: Examples of phenotypes: The positions of longitudinal veins (L1 to L5), ACV and PCV in wild type wings are shown in panel 1. PVC phenotypes are characterised by formation of additional PCV material around the PCV vein (panel 2; arrow). ACV and L4 phenotypes are characterised by formation of additional vein material around ACV and L4 (panel 3; arrow head). A combined ACV, L4 and PCV phenotype is shown in panel 3. The characteristic dLint-1 RNAi curly wing phenotype is shown in panel 4.



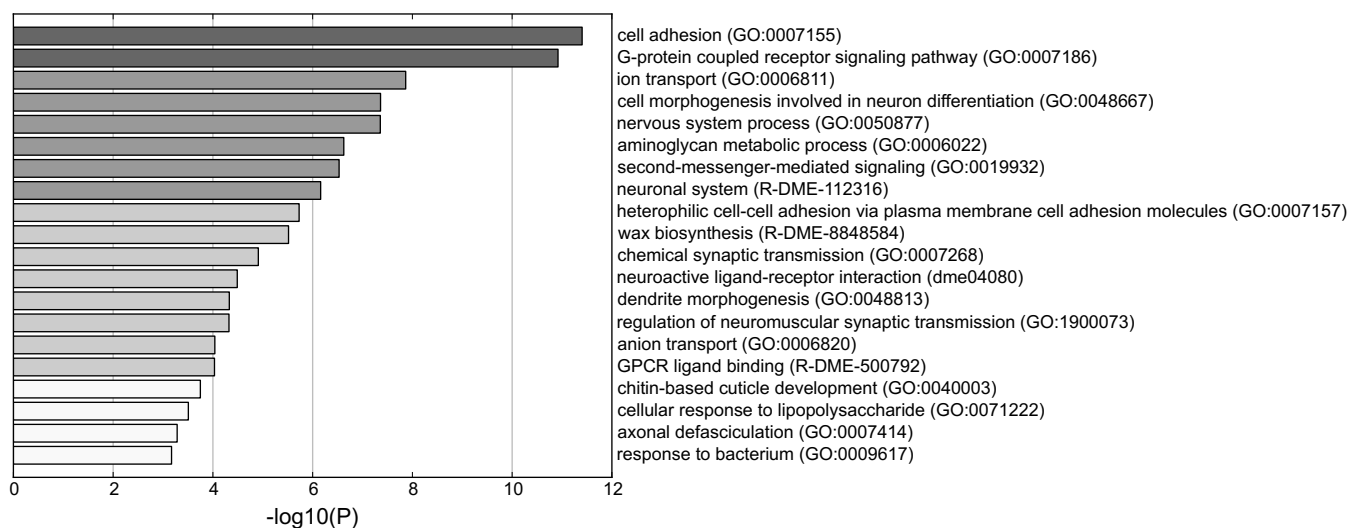
Supplementary Figure S9. Distribution of phenotypes in fly wings of flies raised at an elevated temperature of 30 °C. Graph showing the distribution (in %) of PCV (black), ACV (dark blue), combined ACV and PCV (light blue), and Curly (red) phenotypes upon depletion of dCoREST, dLSD1, dL(3)mbt, dLint-1, and dG9a in fly wing discs at 30 °C.



Supplementary Figure S10. Efficiency of RNAi knockdowns of dCoREST in fly testes. (A) qPCR analysis of dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M expression in three bam-GAL4 driven dCoREST RNAi fly lines. RNA levels in control testes were set to 1 and RNA levels in RNAi-depleted testes are depicted relative to the level in corresponding controls.



Supplementary Figure S11. qPCR analysis of dCoREST-L, dCoREST-M, dLSD1, dL(3)mbt, dLint-1 and dG9a expression in *bam>>*RNAi fly lines. RNA levels in control testes were set to 1 and RNA levels in RNAi-depleted testes are depicted relative to the level in corresponding controls.



Supplementary Figure S12. Gene Ontology term enrichment analysis of dCoREST and dLSD1 co-repressed genes. GO analysis was performed using the Metascape tool.

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dCoREST-M	-----	263
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dCoREST-M	-----KIQK----NRQVMEQLDKECETI	282
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dCoREST-L	NVDDVLSKPAAANTESAQPRISARWLPDEIQVALLAIREYGKNFPTIAKV VATKTEAHVR	576
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Supplementary Figure S13. Alignment of LSD1 binding interface of human CoREST with dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M. Multiple sequence alignment of hCoREST, dCoREST-L and dCoREST-M was generated with the ClustalW program. hCoREST amino acids that directly interact with LSD1 are in red (according to (39)). Identical residues are highlighted in yellow, similar residues are highlighted in blue.

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2.0965533339233	3.0933190553	spIQ9V4C8IHCF_DROME	spIQ9V4C8_Q9V4C8	Hcf	7	7	7	7	6.7	6.7	6.7	160.18	0	50.677	11340000	8	18.153581	18.942745	18.123434	17.520065	16.455235	16.251501	15.975695	15.671154
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Supplementary Table S2

Differenc e	-LOG(P- value)	Majority protein IDs	Uniprot	GN	Peptides	Razor + unique peptides	Sequenc e coverag e [%]	Unique + razor sequenc e coverag e [%]	Unique sequenc e coverag e [%]	Mol. weight [kDa]	Q-value	Score	Intensity	MS/MS Count	iBAQ dCoRES T-L_r1	iBAQ dCoRES T-L_r2	iBAQ dCoRES T-L_r3	iBAQ dCoRES T-L_r4	iBAQ mock_r1	iBAQ mock_r2	iBAQ mock_r3	iBAQ mock_r4
7.4381184	3.56244516	tr C7LAG1	C7LAG1	CoRest	48	48	55.3	55.3	55.3	87.314	0	323.31	39818000	151	24.86003	24.55256	25.46323	23.82036	18.56383	16.74950	18.78959	14.84077
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4.6184513	1.32582177	tr E1JUM9	tr E1JUM9	P48149	5	5	57.7	57.7	57.7	14.771	0	42.894	63134000	13	21.44465	20.09261	20.62586	18.80303	16.37790	15.33967	19.68090	11.09388
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3.6913208	2.07461802	tr X2J5G6	tr X2J5G6	RpL7	21	21	50.4	50.4	50.4	29.552	0	323.31	41721000	62	22.88382	22.73272	23.30910	21.58888	18.75551	17.78347	21.49355	17.71672
3.5933165	1.91020285	sp Q2415	sp Q2415	RpL29	4	4	26.3	26.3	26.3	8.9202	0	322.01	18163000	11	24.38389	24.30089	24.85081	22.66170	19.28708	19.35194	23.09072	20.09429
3.4912643	1.82079906	tr Q9VHE	tr Q9VHE	RpL34b	9	9	33.9	33.9	33.9	18.431	0	74.712	43652000	38	25.08107	24.73995	25.28520	24.14429	21.32865	19.33969	24.08090	20.53620
3.4457364	2.36308795	sp Q9VNE	sp Q9VNE	RpL13A	9	9	36.6	36.6	36.6	23.647	0	106.94	21908000	26	22.16625	21.81460	22.52864	21.53012	18.17874	17.24441	20.69981	18.13370
3.4216284	2.45985769	sp P55841	sp P55841	P55841	15	15	51.9	51.9	51.9	19.173	0	323.31	46708000	42	23.49020	23.21258	23.78526	23.18078	19.64526	18.75345	22.07600	19.50759
3.3779473	2.27779818	tr IM9PCC	tr IM9PCC	O18640	15	15	35.7	35.7	35.7	35.618	0	154.16	34063000	33	21.94016	22.03975	22.61654	19.70939	17.12060	18.27353	19.38256	18.01737
3.3707032	1.96480391	sp Q9451	sp Q9451	Rpd3	20	20	35.7	35.7	35.7	58.33	0	244.87	64486000	84	23.03338	22.17383	22.74829	22.24620	20.14444	18.20824	21.17218	17.19402
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3.3460278	1.72419574	tr X2JCS6	tr X2JCS6	P46223	15	15	45.8	45.8	45.8	30.731	0	117.06	46982000	35	23.45174	23.09956	23.69115	22.30602	19.73823	17.78372	22.54778	19.09462
3.3258194	2.40484189	tr E2QD65	tr E2QD65	P39018	19	19	75.6	75.6	75.6	17.291	0	323.31	85495000	73	24.24023	23.62533	24.27504	23.16401	20.23759	19.51395	22.49755	19.75225
3.2405028	2.69068731	tr Q9VDH	tr Q9VDH	RpS30	3	3	9.1	9.1	9.1	14.585	0	58.801	27200000	19	23.97149	23.11594	24.11505	23.94118	20.06579	19.49257	22.28240	19.79756
3.1435422	2.06333737	tr IM9PHM	tr IM9PHM	Q9V534	13	13	46.8	46.8	46.8	21.664	0	96.117	35704000	44	23.49643	23.06702	23.64844	22.10763	19.49257	18.64318	22.08098	19.52861
3.1364574	2.17445821	sp P4109	sp P4109	RpL18A	13	13	61	61	61	21.029	0	180.29	69679000	56	24.00641	23.67141	24.29698	23.09166	20.04206	19.26837	22.67191	20.53829
3.1044521	2.51767175	tr Q9V9M	tr Q9V9M	RpL21	13	13	67.9	67.9	67.9	18.476	0	115.98	50224000	37	24.21955	23.55133	24.40645	23.05366	20.24272	20.31904	22.38360	19.86782
3.0573987	2.24005472	sp Q9V3G	sp Q9V3G	Q9V3G1	16	16	52	52	52	27.892	0	163.67	51464000	58	23.20427	22.89905	23.62287	23.15435	19.70086	18.79004	22.16195	19.99810
3.0462942	1.65489582	tr Q9VLT7	tr Q9VLT7	RpL36A	4	4	23.1	23.1	23.1	12.501	0	25.202	64626000	9	22.65669	21.85190	22.33989	20.95759	18.64586	17.06392	21.46528	18.44584
3.0122733	1.64580995	tr X2JC35	tr X2JC35	P49630	6	6	45.2	45.2	45.2	13.502	0	55.059	16761000	21	23.53848	23.41222	23.82764	22.58989	19.93272	19.18386	23.12899	19.07357
2.9832210	1.84227932	sp P4109	sp P4109	RpS18	10	10	52.6	52.6	52.6	17.611	0	81.816	24585000	27	22.68886	21.83811	22.81481	22.16241	18.81588	17.66191	21.68363	19.41009
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2.9404351	2.52531918	tr X2JC82	tr X2JC82	Hsp27	5	5	28.6	28.6	28.6	23.616	0	37.404	65899000	12	20.61144	19.78628	19.62376	18.98632	16.09060	17.11156	18.12933	15.91496
2.9377923	2.42185873	sp Q9VTP	sp Q9VTP	RpL10Ab	10	10	41.5	41.5	41.5	24.273	0	130.58	18360000	20	21.91469	21.81127	22.34470	21.35509	18.60512	18.16118	20.72000	18.18828
2.8787989	4.25728650	tr X2JEM4	tr X2JEM4	RpS28b	6	6	84.6	84.6	84.6	7.4766	0	64.378	57576000	26	25.49121	25.00465	25.37095	25.38469	21.94034	22.55646	23.12742	22.11209
2.7117791	1.84239696	tr IM9NE6	tr IM9NE6	Hsp23	8	8	63.4	63.4	63.4	20.629	0	59.397	17228000	21	22.15418	20.79867	21.57334	20.40696	17.37254	18.11314	20.53876	18.06160
2.6749277	2.23916757	sp P0918	sp P0918	RpL4	33	33	65.8	65.8	65.8	45.025	0	323.31	84496000	101	23.02062	22.85130	23.33728	22.30251	19.90624	19.47716	21.97837	19.45024
2.6012005	1.88821035	sp O1679	sp O1679	RpL3	20	20	42.8	42.8	42.8	46.915	0	158.29	48265000	41	22.35447	21.87597						

Supplementary Table S3

Differenc e	-LOG(P- value)	Protein IDs	Majority protein IDs	Uniprot	GN	Peptides	Razor + unique peptides	Unique peptides	Sequenc e coverag e [%]	Unique razor sequenc e coverag e [%]	Unique sequenc e coverag e [%]	Mol. weight [kDa]	Q-value	Score	Intensity	MS/MS Count	iBAQ dCoRES T-M_r1	iBAQ dCoRES T-M_r2	iBAQ dCoRES T-M_r3	iBAQ mock_r1	iBAQ mock_r2	iBAQ mock_r3	iBAQ mock_r4	
7.969058	3.147671	sp Q59E3 sp Q59E3 Q59E36	CoRest	47	47	47	47	47	65.4	65.4	65.4	62.695	0	323.31	65907000	165	26.05606	26.48805	24.98815	25.69959	19.68136	17.73112	19.49638	14.44676
6.588722	1.991098	tr Q9W4W tr Q9W4W Q9W4W7	EG:100G1	7	7	7	7	7	20.9	20.9	20.9	49.227	0	53.265	11029000	18	19.20800	20.67202	20.05045	20.87395	15.29927	9.59540	17.50471	12.05015
6.121305	1.939974	sp Q9VB1 sp Q9VB1 Q9VB14	RpS10a	3	2	2	2	2	10.4	10.4	10.4	18.23	0	12.423	23620000	3	19.43418	19.27129	19.11039	19.08568	14.93101	10.47290	16.98437	10.02804
5.845893	2.125736	sp P02515 sp P02515 P02515	Hsp22	5	5	5	5	5	36.2	36.2	36.2	19.763	0	29.857	78276000	10	20.14904	19.69693	21.28523	21.09506	17.96617	15.65993	14.04689	11.16968
5.816309	1.835228	tr Q9VR42 tr Q9VR42 Q9VR42	Dmel CG3	1	1	1	1	1	2.3	2.3	2.3	69.277	0.005772	5.5766	37691000	2	18.77792	18.36499	18.35848	17.62106	11.01804	8.959096	16.93018	12.94991
5.539577	2.316067	tr IM9NEQ tr IM9NEQ Q9VVG3	RpS10b	9	9	8	8	8	56.9	56.9	56.9	17.878	0	73.727	20768000	25	22.29874	22.47595	21.89126	22.06926	15.22844	14.84935	20.35853	16.14059
5.458860	1.517167	sp Q9XZT sp Q9XZT Q9XZT7	Taf10b	4	4	4	4	4	30.8	30.8	30.8	15.784	0	25.754	37767000	5	21.58247	21.68418	19.66087	20.37994	13.50840	18.62478	10.98875	10.98875
5.446409	2.383152	sp P04355 sp P04355 P04359	RpL32	11	11	11	11	11	70.9	70.9	70.9	16.02	0	119.52	31119000	39	23.84115	24.00290	22.82045	23.26570	19.11981	16.68797	20.78835	15.54843
5.312375	4.413707	sp P38975 sp P38975 P38979	sta	17	17	17	17	17	60.4	60.4	60.4	30.228	0	150.91	17563000	65	25.34938	25.23063	24.87764	24.79639	19.34516	19.22578	21.17803	19.25557
5.188701	1.669831	tr Q9VB52 tr Q9VB52 Q9VB52	l (3)mbt	21	21	21	21	21	17.5	17.5	17.5	162.96	0	192.04	50094000	48	18.77375	21.36238	20.49658	21.04079	17.55524	13.93838	18.04692	11.37815
5.105300	2.117553	tr IM9PB84 tr IM9PB84 P31009	RpS2	9	9	9	9	9	31.8	31.8	31.8	28.899	0	89.899	26886000	28	21.95450	22.20332	21.37999	21.79582	16.43407	14.51415	20.39675	15.56745
5.073268	2.133425	tr A8Y560 tr A8Y560 O17445	RpL15	17	17	17	17	17	39.7	39.7	39.7	24.325	0	118.02	34286000	40	23.61806	23.83335	22.35917	22.61775	18.24548	16.65717	21.38905	15.84355
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4.640739	2.866802	tr IM9NE68 tr IM9NE68 P02516	Hsp23	12	12	12	12	12	63.4	63.4	63.4	20.629	0	127.4	59130000	40	23.92361	23.87239	22.49140	22.50132	17.37254	18.13716	20.65447	18.06160
4.634196	3.588769	tr Q9VNB5 tr Q9VNB5 Q9VNB9	RpL35A	18	18	18	18	18	67.5	67.5	67.5	17.655	0	193.73	10948000	72	25.01363	25.24731	24.19655	24.46070	19.74326	18.88920	21.54094	20.20800
4.569625	3.113701	sp P55841 sp P55841 P55841	RpL14	16	16	16	16	16	68.1	68.1	68.1	19.173	0	206.52	10024000	53	25.17964	24.95091	23.92669	24.18033	19.68988	18.81249	21.89895	19.55773
4.529190	2.517319	tr X2J5G6 tr X2J5G6 P32100	RpL7	25	25	25	25	25	67.9	67.9	67.9	29.552	0	323.31	67150000	77	23.93948	23.90912	22.82909	23.02314	18.63403	17.78347	21.51619	17.65039
4.470671	3.768183	tr IM9PEA6 tr IM9PEA6 O76927	RpS21	15	15	15	15	15	100	100	100	9.1672	0	288.75	49246000	42	24.88105	25.02875	24.76222	24.46594	19.14919	19.84294	21.59555	20.66761
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4.127035	2.989071	tr X2JDU0 tr X2JDU0 P50882	RpL9	11	11	11	11	11	48.9	48.9	48.9	21.392	0	82.121	33537000	36	23.33469	23.25322	22.55037	22.87520	18.29786	18.21390	20.88866	18.10492
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4.102300	2.209667	tr X2JC35 tr X2JC35 P49630	RpL36	6	6	6	6	6	53.9	53.9	53.9	13.502	0	50.026	32188000	28	24.79009	25.04576	23.76324	24.11537	19.93272	19.18386	23.11518	19.07357
4.083422	3.014790	sp P48588 sp P48588 P48588	RpS25	10	10	10	10	10	53	53	53	13.201	0	93.435	30952000	34	24.00727	24.13602	24.03069	24.16568	18.92564	19.20626	21.93804	19.93603
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3.985576	1.276020	sp Q7KBL sp Q7KBL Q7KBL8	ix	1	1	1	1	1	9	9	9	21.147	0	12.846	9807300	1	17.82811	18.30794	17.42061	17.06728	15.38566	11.01550	17.43257	10.84791
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3.922082	1.958758	tr X2JCS6 tr X2JCS6 P46223	RpL7A	19	19	19	19	19	60.5	60.5	60.5	30.731	0	226.72	69563000	57	24.10605	24.41886	23.08112	23.47988	19.82429	17.78372	22.69493	19.09462
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3.812670	2.825774	sp Q9VTP sp Q9VTP Q9VTP4	RpL10Ab	10	10	10	10	10	43.8	43.8	43.8	24.273	0	291.9	32701000	26	23.185							

3.7070574	2.4332834	trIM9PHIM	trIM9PHIM	Q9V534	RpL18	18	18	18	55.3	55.3	55.3	55.3	21.664	0	121.9	49537000	62	23.962251	24.246772	23.068941	23.312990	19.479174	18.597652	22.115657	19.570245
3.6793076	2.4817444	trIQ9VZJ3	trIQ9VZJ3	Q9VZJ3	Rod5	5	5	5	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	63.537	0	32.536	14646000	9	20.478524	20.358204	21.035904	19.578554	16.867614	15.406071	18.641424	15.818857
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