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Our web collection on statistics for biologists contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection
Juicebox (juicer_tools_0.7.5.jar) was used for extracting hic chromosome matrices from .hic files with conversion to .npz sparse matrices. Cooler package in python (cooler 0.8.10) was used for extraction of hic chromosome matrices from .cool files with conversion to .npz sparse matrices.

Data analysis
Domain calls were made with 3dnetmod from https://bitbucket.org/creminslab/cremins_lab_tadsubtad_calling_pipeline_11_6_2021/. loops on hic were called from custom python code based on HIC Cup approach from Aiden and colleagues available https://bitbucket.org/creminslab/cremins_lab_loop_calling_pipeline_11_6_2021/. bowtie version 0.12.7 and samtools version 1.2 were used for Chipseq and Cut&Run fastq processing. MACS2 2.1.1.20160309 was used for peak calls. bedtools 2.15.0 was used for intersection of peaks with domain boundaries. openpython 4.2.0.32 (cv2 4.2.0) was used for APA pileup of domains. linalg class of numpy (numpy 1.16.6) was used for eigenvector decomposition and compartment calling in hic matrices. Custom scripts in python were used to access domain layer hierarchy and domain intersection with compartment and dots and subsequent boundary classification as well as Iz to closest boundary permutation test. For repliseq, the BIRCH clustering algorithm was used for Iz determination.

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- A list of figures that have associated raw data
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A full Data Access inventory is listed on p. 12 of the manuscript:

Data Availability Statement

All new raw data created in this manuscript has been uploaded to the 4D Nucleome portal and will be freely released for full distribution to the scientific community.

(1) Group 1: Sixteen-fraction Repli-seq data for H1 human ES cells:
- H1 human ES read depth fastq: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-sets/4DNE5XR8IILX/
- H1 human ES read depth normalized array for visualization: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DNF1EYEYFQ7C/
- H1 human ES read depth balanced normalized array for iZ calls: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DFI3NB6GHRK/
- H1 human ES Early, Early-mid, Late IZs on read depth normalized array: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF1RF7W2Z3H/

(2) Group 2: Sixteen-fraction Repli-seq data for Wild Type HCT116 cells:
- WT HCT116 raw fastq: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-sets/4DNE5NG2M5FG/
- WT HCT116 mitochondria normalized array for iZ calls: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DNF1PIQTM9J/
- WT HCT116 Early, Early-mid, Late IZs on mitochondria normalized array: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF19SK53YS/

(3) Group 3: Sixteen-fraction Repli-seq data for wild type and cohesin knock-down HCT116 pairing:
- Rad21 knock-down HCT116 raw: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-sets/4DNE592AUIJR/
- Rad21 knock-down HCT116 raw read depth normalized array for iZ calls: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF13ZMWGRT/
- Rad21 knock-down HCT116 Early, Early-mid, Late IZs on read depth normalized array: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF1FOH3H24N/

(4) Group 4: Sixteen-fraction Repli-seq data for wild type and WAPL knock-down HCT116 pairing:
- WAPL knock-down HCT116 raw: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-sets/4DNE572NE75L/
- WAPL knock-down HCT116 read depth normalized array for iZ calls: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF17L8B8QR/
- WAPL knock-down HCT116 Early, Early-mid, Late IZs on read depth normalized array: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF13ZMWGRT/

(5) Group 5: Sixteen-fraction Repli-seq data visualization
- WT HCT116 read depth normalized array for visualization: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF166NGWNOG/
- Rad21 knock-down HCT116 read depth normalized array for visualization: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF13ZMWGRT/
- WAPL knock-down HCT116 read depth normalized array for visualization: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF17L8B8QR/

(6) Hi-C for wild type and WAPL knock-down HCT116 pairing:
- WAPL KD HCT116 raw Hi-C: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-set-replicates/4DNE51JP4K21/
- WAPL KD HCT116 normalized balanced Hi-C matrices: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF1Y9S39F3/
- WAPL KD HCT116 Loops: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF17P7Q59H/
- WT HCT116 raw Hi-C: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-set-replicates/4DNE595T8M8Y/
- WT HCT116 normalized balanced Hi-C matrices: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF15MR78O6/
- WT HCT116 Loops: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF1QQL854/

(7) Two-fraction Repli-seq data for human iP5 wild type and two CRISPR engineered lines: raw data and processed log2(Early/Late) from three conditions
- WT human iP5 line Raw Data: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-sets/4DNE5DYES9QD/
- WT human iP5 line log2(Early/Late): https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF15WEY784/
- human engineered clone 1 80kb IZ deletion iP5 line Raw Data: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-sets/4DNE5E3WCUAQ/
- human engineered clone 1 80kb IZ deletion iP5 line log2(Early/Late): https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF1ZMB415V/
- human engineered clone 2 30kb control deletion iP5 line Raw Data: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-sets/4DNE5667WJ17/
- human engineered clone 2 30kb control deletion iP5 line log2(Early/Late): https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF1WDMF7HW/

(8) SC data for human iP5 wild type and two engineered lines:
- primer bed file, raw heatmaps and processed heatmaps from three conditions
- WT human iP5 line Raw Data: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-set-replicates/4DNE5LRDUPZ6/
- WT human iP5 line balanced 5C data: replicate 1: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF1XMB32ZB/; replicate 2: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF16BM12N/
- WT human engineered clone 1 80kb boundary deletion iP5 line Raw Data: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-set-replicates/4DNE539F1QQU/
- WT human engineered clone 1 80kb boundary deletion iP5 line balanced 5C data: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF1AP9P94BX/
- WT human engineered clone 2 30kb control deletion iP5 line Raw Data: https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-set-replicates/4DNE53PDMUHG/
- WT human engineered clone 2 30kb control deletion iP5 line balanced 5C data: replicate 1: https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DF17WZYHRP/;
4D Nucleome data analyzed for this manuscript:

1. Hi-C 2.5 data in H1 human ES cells:
   https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DNFI82R42AD/

2. 16 fraction Repliseq on H1-hESC Tier1 cells:
   https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-sets/4DNE5XRBlXL/

3. Hi-C in untreated HCT116 Rad21-mAID cells:
   https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DNF1FLDVASC/

4. Hi-C in auxin-treated for 360 minutes HCT116 Rad21-mAID cells:
   https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DNFILP99QJS/

5. CTCF H1 human ES Cut&Run:
   https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-set-replicates/4DNE51RQ6HPK/

6. Two-fraction Repli-seq for H1 human ES cells:
   https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DNFI82R42AD/

Processed data files for all Figures are provided as Supplementary Tables.

Reanalyzed data:

1. CTCF H1 human ES Cut&Run:
   https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-set-replicates/4DNE51RQ6HPK/

2. Rad21 human H9 ES ChIP-seq:
   https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE105028/

3. H1 human ES RNA-seq
   https://www.encodeproject.org/experiments/ENCSR537BCG/

4. Rad21 HCT116 ChIP-seq:
   https://www.encodeproject.org/experiments/ENCSR000BSB/

5. CTCF HCT116 ChIP-Seq
   https://www.encodeproject.org/experiments/ENCSR000BSE/

6. SNS-seq data:
   https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE37757

7. Hi-C WT HAP1:
   https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/series/GSE137nnn/GSE137372/hap1_wt_hic_20000_iced.matrix.gz
   https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/series/GSE137nnn/GSE137372/hap1_wt_hic_20000_ord.bed.gz

8. Hi-C HAP1 CLONE 21:
   https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/series/GSE137nnn/GSE137372/hap1_clone21_hic_20000_iced.matrix.gz
   https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/series/GSE137nnn/GSE137372/hap1_wt_hic_20000_ord.bed.gz

9. Hi-C in untreated HCT116 Rad21-mAID cells:
   https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DNF1FLDVASC/

10. Hi-C in H1 human ES 2.5
    https://data.4dnucleome.org/files-processed/4DNFI82R42AD/

11. 16 fraction Repliseq on H1-hESC Tier1 cells
    https://data.4dnucleome.org/experiment-sets/4DNE5XRBlXL/

Data links

1. ORM Data
   NCBI BioProject database accession PRJNA788726 http://genome.ucsc.edu/s/dsaulebe/ORM%20data%20HCT116

2. Two-fraction Repli-seq data for Blobel engineered lines: raw data and processed log2(Early/Late) from three conditions
   https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE190117

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| Sample size | N/A |
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| Data exclusions | N/A |
| Replication | The early IZ enrichment findings were reproduced with both 16 fraction Repli-seq and SNS-seq. The early IZ perturbation result upon cohesin knock-down was reproduced with two-fraction Repli-seq, sixteen-fraction Repli-seq, and single-fraction early S phase BrdU labeling and pull-down. |
| Randomization | N/A |
| Blinding | N/A |

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Methods

- ChiP-seq
- Flow cytometry
- MRI-based neuroimaging

Eukaryotic cell lines

| Cell line source(s) | H1 human ES cells, HCT116 cell line |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Authentication      | All cell lines and their stocks and their culture protocols have been authenticated by the 4D Nucleome and 4D Nucleome standards were used. |
| Mycoplasma contamination | The lines have been verified via the 4D Nucleome. |
| Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register) | N/A |