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Software and code

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Data collection

BD Fortessa X-20, BD Influx Cell Sorter, Hyperion Imaging System, Azure Biosystem, Fusion Lumos Orbitrap Mass Spectrometer, Novaseq, Hiseq

Data analysis

Flowjo v10, GraphPad Prism v9, Cellprofiler v4.2.4, HistoCat v1.761, MCD Viewer v1.0.560.6, R-package, DESeq2

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- A description of any restrictions on data availability

The data generated by this study are available in the manuscript and from the corresponding author on reasonable request. The accession number for the raw RNA-seq and CHIP-seq data reported in this paper is GEO: GSE150610 and EGAS00001005793. The alignment was performed using as a reference the human genome hg38 (genome assembly GRCh38.p13)

Raw Mass spectrometry data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium (accession number: PXD024112)

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	For in vitro studies, sample size was determined base on our previous experience. As a gold standard, minimum of n=3 was applied to all experiments performed with cell lines. Greater sample sizes were used for experiments with primary cells, largely based on the number of available samples. Number of biological replicates and sample size (n) is described in each figure legend. For animal studies sample size was chosen to comply with the 3R principles to minimize the number of mice used in the study.
Data exclusions	no exclusion criteria were applied
Replication	Sample size was chosen empirically and number of biological replicates and sample size (n) is described in each figure legend. In vivo 3 independent experiments were performed with multiple mice per group.
Randomization	For in vivo studies all mice were randomly allocated into each group without any pre-selection before the experiment. For in vitro studies no randomization was required as each dataset was internally controlled.
Blinding	For in vivo and in vitro studies investigators were not blinded. Automatic quantitative measures obtained by the relevant softwares used in this study did not require blinding. In addition, each experiment was performed using paired samples obtained from the same patient.

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Materials & experimental systems

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Methods

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

PE/Cyanine7 anti-human CD274 (B7-H1, PD-L1) [Clone: 29E.2A3] Biologend 329717 (1:100)
 APC anti-human CD274 (B7-H1, PD-L1) [Clone: 29E.2A3] Biologend 329708 (1:100)
 PE/Cyanine7 anti-human HLA-DR Biologend 307616 (1:300)
 APC anti-human HLA-DR eBioscience 17-9956-41 (1:300)
 PE anti-human CD8a Antibody [Clone: HIT8a] Biologend 300908 (1:50)
 APC/Cyanine7 anti-human CD4 Antibody [Clone: OKT4] Biologend 317418 (1:50)
 Anti-H3K27ac, clone: C15410196/pAb-196-050, Diagenode (1ug/IP)
 Pacific Blue anti-human CD3 Antibody [Clone: HIT3a] Biologend 300330 (1:50)
 Ms CD45 BUV395 30-F11 50ug BD 564279 (1:100)
 CD5-FITC BD 555352 (1:50)
 CD19-APC BD 555415 (1:50)
 Annexin-V APC Biologend 640941
 Ultra-LEAF™ Purified anti-human CD3 Antibody [Clone: OKT3] Biologend 317325
 Ultra-LEAF™ Purified anti-human CD28 Antibody [Clone: CD28.2] Biologend 302933
 Anti-CD19 (6OMP31)-142Nd Fluidigm 3142014D
 Anti-Human CD4 (EPR6855)-156Gd Fluidigm 3156033D
 Anti-Human CD8a (D8A8Y)-162Dy—25 µg Fluidigm 3162035D

Anti-Human PD-1 (EPR4877(2))-165Ho—25 µg Fluidigm 3165039D
 Anti-Ki-67 (B56)-168Er—25ug Fluidigm 3168022D
 Anti-Human PD-L1 (E1L3N)-150Nd—25 µg Fluidigm 3150031D
 Cell-ID™ Intercalator-Ir—125um Fluidigm 201192A
 Anti-Pan-Actin (D18C11)-175Lu—25 µg Fluidigm 3175032D
 Anti-Histone 3 (D1H2)-176Yb —25 µg Fluidigm 3176023D
 Human IFN-gamma R1 MAB (Clone 92101) R&D MAB6731-SP
 B-Actin-HRP Cell Signalling 5125s (1:5000)
 CIITA (7-1H), Monoclonal Antibody Insight Biotech SC-13556 (1:500)
 Anti-Human IGM Stratech Scientific 109-067-043
 Anti-hCD19-CD3 Invivogen BIMAB-HCD19CD3
 Anti PDL1 (Durvalumab) Stratech Scientific A2013-SEL

Validation

All antibodies are commercially available and tested by manufacturers with detailed specificity described on their websites. Proper negative controls were used to guarantee specificity.

PE/Cyanine7 anti-human CD274 (B7-H1, PD-L1) [Clone: 29E.2A3] Biologend <https://www.biologend.com/nl-be/products/pe-cyanine7-anti-human-cd274-b7-h1-pd-l1-antibody-8277>

APC anti-human CD274 (B7-H1, PD-L1) [Clone: 29E.2A3] Biologend 329708 <https://www.biologend.com/de-de/products/apc-anti-human-cd274-b7-h1-pd-l1-antibody-4376>

PE/Cyanine7 anti-human HLA-DR Biologend 307616 <https://www.biologend.com/fr-lu/products/pe-cyanine7-anti-human-hla-dr-antibody-2862>

APC anti-human HLA-DR eBioscience 17-9956-41 <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/HLA-DR-Antibody-clone-LN3-Monoclonal/17-9956-42>

PE anti-human CD8a Antibody [Clone: HIT8a] Biologend 300908 <https://www.biologend.com/fr-lu/products/pe-anti-human-cd8a-antibody-762>

APC/Cyanine7 anti-human CD4 Antibody [Clone: OKT4] Biologend 317418 <https://www.biologend.com/nl-nl/products/apc-cyanine7-anti-human-cd4-antibody-3658>

Pacific Blue anti-human CD3 Antibody [Clone: HIT3a] Biologend 300330 <https://www.biologend.com/fr-ch/products/pacific-blue-anti-human-cd3-antibody-6505>

Ms CD45 BUV395 30-F11 50ug BD 564279 <https://www.bdbiosciences.com/en-gb/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/buv395-rat-anti-mouse-cd45.564279>

CD5-FITC BD 555352 <https://www.bdbiosciences.com/en-au/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/fitc-mouse-anti-human-cd5.555352>

CD19-APC BD 555415 <https://www.citeab.com/antibodies/2412952-555415-bd-pharmingen-apc-mouse-anti-human-cd19>

Annexin-V APC Biologend 640941
 Ultra-LEAF™ Purified anti-human CD3 Antibody [Clone: OKT3] Biologend 317325 <https://www.biologend.com/nl-nl/products/ultra-leaf-purified-anti-human-cd3-antibody-7745>

Ultra-LEAF™ Purified anti-human CD28 Antibody [Clone: CD28.2] Biologend 302933 <https://www.biologend.com/it-it/products/ultra-leaf-purified-anti-human-cd28-antibody-7743>

CIITA (7-1H), Monoclonal Antibody Insight Biotech SC-13556 <https://datasheets.scbt.com/sc-13556.pdf>

Anti-H3K27ac, Diagenode, clone C15410196; <https://www.diagenode.com/en/p/h3k27ac-polyclonal-antibody-premium-50-mg-18-ml>

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

Mec1, Hg-3 (gift from IMS), Jeko1 (gift from DH), Lenti-x 293T (Takara 632180)

Authentication

No authentication test was performed

Mycoplasma contamination	Mycoplasma tests were performed every 3 months as per Institute's rules. All the tests were negative
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	Commonly misidentified lines were not used in this study

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	NOD.Cg-Prkdcscidll2rgtm1Wjl/SzJ (NSG) were bred and maintained in our facilities (Cambridge University Biomedical Services). Only male 8-10 weeks old were used. All mice were maintained in a standard SPF facility (12 light/12 dark cycle, 19-23°C with 40-60% humidity). These animal studies have been regulated under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2012 following ethical review by the University of Cambridge Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB-PPL number P846C00DB).
Wild animals	Wild animals were not involved in this study
Field-collected samples	Field-collected samples were not involved in this study
Ethics oversight	These animal studies have been regulated under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2012 following ethical review by the University of Cambridge Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB-PPL number P846C00DB)

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics	After patients' informed consent and in accordance with the Helsinki Declaration, peripheral blood was obtained from adult patients with a diagnosis of CLL or MCL for experiment with live cells. Patients of any age and sex were included in these studies. For clinical data patients from the CLL-H2 study (Stilgenbauer et al., 2009) or the CLL Consortium (Consortium et al., 2010) were re-analyzed.
Recruitment	Patients were recruited by the Cambridge Biobank staff during routine outpatient visits. The authors were not directly involved in the selection of patients enrolled in the study. Recruitment for the clinical study was specified in Stilgenbauer et al., 2009 and Consortium et al., 2010
Ethics oversight	Studies were approved by the Cambridgeshire Research Ethics Committee (07/MRE05/44)

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ChIP-seq

Data deposition

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

Data access links <i>May remain private before publication.</i>	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE150584 Token mhkdcaqybvcfpgb
Files in database submission	file for each conditions analyzed is available.
Genome browser session (e.g. UCSC)	https://eu-central-1.protection.sophos.com?d=ucsc.edu&u=aHR0cHM6Ly9nZW5vbWUtZXVby51Y3NjLmVkdS9zL1N0ZWxsYUNoYXJhbC90Qw==&i=NWZkyjRiODc3M2ZiN2EwZGZmZjA1YmJl&t=RmRsQ1ovTE1MRThnZGY4UGJzRHhBacWF0QzBjMmVhVWt4Z2h1TIRXcj0ST0=&h=00df0e2bab6b4746a30302f75304b343

Methodology

Replicates	5 paired patients were analyzed
Sequencing depth	Sequencing was conducted in pair-ended manner
Antibodies	H3K27ac antibody, Diagenode: C15410196 /pAb-196-050
Peak calling parameters	Peaks of the H3K27ac data were called as described (http://dcc.blueprint-epigenome.eu/#/md/methods)
Data quality	MACS2 was used for the peak calling of the samples
Software	deseq2 was used for the normalization of the peak counts

Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation

Cells were stained with fluorophore-labelled antibodies in 2% BSA in PBS according to the manufacturer's instructions. For apoptosis analysis, conjugated Annexin-V and DAPI were used for the detection of apoptotic cells according to the manufacturer's instructions. Cell cycle analysis was performed using the Click-iT™ EdU Alexa Fluor™ 647 Flow Cytometry Assay Kit (ThermoFisher Scientific) according to manufacturer's instructions

Instrument

FACS acquisition was performed using BD Fortessa x-20. All cell sorting was performed using BD Influx cell sorter

Software

Data acquisition was done using DIVA software and data analysis using FlowJo

Cell population abundance

FACS plots show the same population abundance.

Gating strategy

Dead cells, debris and doublets were excluded by SSC FCS and DAPI staining profile.

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