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## **CHD7 and Runx1 interaction provides a braking mechanism for hematopoietic**

## **differentiation**

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## 1 **Abstract**

2 Hematopoietic stem and progenitor cell (HSPC) formation and lineage differentiation involve  
3 gene expression programs orchestrated by transcription factors and epigenetic regulators.  
4 Genetic disruption of the chromatin remodeler chromodomain-helicase-DNA-binding protein 7  
5 (CHD7) expanded phenotypic HSPCs, erythroid, and myeloid lineages in zebrafish and mouse  
6 embryos. CHD7 acts to suppress hematopoietic differentiation. Binding motifs for RUNX and  
7 other hematopoietic transcription factors are enriched at sites occupied by CHD7 and  
8 decreased RUNX1 occupancy correlated with loss of CHD7 localization. CHD7 physically  
9 interacts with RUNX1 and suppresses RUNX1-induced expansion of HSPCs during  
10 development through modulation of RUNX1 activity. Consequently, the RUNX1:CHD7 axis  
11 provides proper timing and function of HSPCs as they emerge during hematopoietic  
12 development or mature in adults, representing a distinct and evolutionarily conserved control  
13 mechanism to ensure accurate hematopoietic lineage differentiation.

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## 15 **Significance**

16 Hematopoiesis involves the control of gene expression that regulates the processes of  
17 proliferation and differentiation. We found that the chromatin remodeler CHD7 controls the  
18 differentiation process. Knockdown or knockout of CHD7 leads to enhanced hematopoietic  
19 differentiation in zebrafish and mice, suggesting that CHD7 acts as a brake on gene expression  
20 associated with terminally differentiated blood cells.

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## 23 **Introduction**

24 Hematopoiesis is established in three waves at different anatomic sites in all vertebrate  
25 embryos. The first, primitive wave takes place in the yolk sac and generates primitive

26 erythrocytes, macrophages and megakaryocytes. In the second, definitive wave, hematopoietic  
27 progenitor cells (HPCs) differentiate from hemogenic endothelium in the yolk sac and dorsal  
28 aorta (1), and in the placenta, vitelline, and umbilical arteries in mice and humans (2). The third  
29 wave, also derived from hemogenic endothelium in the dorsal aorta, vitelline and umbilical  
30 arteries, produces hematopoietic stem cells (HSCs).

31 A large-scale *in vivo* reverse genetic screen targeting zebrafish homologs of 425 human  
32 chromatin factors with antisense oligonucleotide morpholinos to identify genes controlling  
33 embryonic hematopoietic stem and progenitor cell (HSPC) formation uncovered chromodomain-  
34 helicase-DNA-binding protein 7 (Chd7) as the only factor that increased the expression of both  
35 primitive and definitive hematopoietic genes, including *runx1*, when inhibited (3). The CHD class  
36 of ATP-dependent chromatin remodeling enzymes alters nucleosome structure and has been  
37 implicated in the maintenance of mouse embryonic stem cells, mammalian development, DNA  
38 damage response, and transcription regulation (4). Autosomal dominant *CHD7* mutations cause  
39 the inherited CHARGE and Kallmann syndromes (5). Mutations and copy number variations of  
40 *CHD7* have been found in hematologic and other cancers (6).

41 RUNX1 is a master transcription factor absolutely required for hemogenic endothelial  
42 specification and the endothelial to hematopoietic cell transition in zebrafish and mice (7-12).  
43 Loss of RUNX1 in adult HSCs results in HPC and myeloid lineage expansion and lymphoid  
44 lineage depletion (13). Here, we show that CHD7 genetically interacts with RUNX1 during  
45 hematopoietic ontogeny and adult hematopoiesis, and disruption of CHD7 leads to enhanced  
46 hematopoietic differentiation.

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## 51 Results

### 52 CHD7 negatively regulates hematopoietic development.

53 Morpholino (MO) knockdown of *chd7* in zebrafish embryos (*chd7* morphants) increased  
54 the expression of primitive erythroid-specific  $\beta$ -globin *e3* (*hbbe3*) at 17 hours post-fertilization  
55 (hpf), and definitive hematopoietic markers *myb* and *runx1* in the dorsal aorta (DA) at 36 hpf (SI  
56 Appendix, Fig. S1A-D). Markers of hematopoietic mesoderm at 10-12 hpf (*tal1* and *lmo2*) were  
57 elevated in *chd7* morphants, while earlier expression of the pan-mesodermal markers *ntla* and  
58 *eve1*, and the early hematopoietic marker *drl* at 6 hpf were normal (Fig. 1A and SI Appendix,  
59 Fig. S2A). Markers of primitive erythroid (*gata1*, *gata2*, *hbbe3*) and myeloid cells (*mpx* and  
60 *spi1b*) were increased in the posterior lateral mesoderm, and expression of definitive myeloid  
61 (*myb*) and erythroid (*hbae1*, *hbbe1*) markers were elevated in the caudal hematopoietic tissue  
62 (CHT), a site of HSPC colonization (Fig. 1A,B and SI Appendix, Fig. S2A). Expression of  
63 endothelial *kdr1* was normal, and analysis of *Tg(kdr1:EGFP) chd7* morphants showed no  
64 increase in GFP<sup>+</sup> endothelial cells (SI Appendix, Fig. S1E,F). Hence, *chd7* regulates both  
65 primitive and definitive hematopoietic lineage gene expression in the zebrafish embryo. The  
66 increased expression of hematopoietic genes correlated with enhanced hematopoiesis. *chd7*  
67 *Tg(myb:EGFP)* morphants had 1.6-fold more *myb:EGFP*<sup>+</sup> cells in the DA and 2.8-fold more in  
68 the posterior tail region than control embryos (Fig. 1C). Similar increases were observed in two  
69 other hematopoietic transgenic lines, *Tg(lmo2:DsRed)* and *Tg(itga2b:EGFP)* (SI Appendix, Fig.  
70 S1G), and in an independent study (14). We confirmed a reduction of *rag1* expression in the  
71 thymus indicative of a decrease in T lymphocyte progenitors (SI Appendix, Fig. S2A), which was  
72 attributed in a previous study to severely impaired thymus organogenesis (14). We conclude  
73 that *chd7* negatively regulates HSPC formation in the zebrafish embryo.

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75 To determine if the function of CHD7 in hematopoiesis is conserved in the mouse, we  
76 measured the number of phenotypic HSPCs in the aorta-gonad-mesonephros (AGM) region

77 of *Chd7* mutant embryos. HSPCs in mouse embryos briefly accumulate as clusters of  
78 Runx1<sup>+</sup>CD31<sup>+</sup>Kit<sup>+</sup> cells attached to luminal endothelial cells in the major caudal arteries,  
79 peaking in number at embryonic day (E) 10.5 (15). Germline deletion of CHD7 caused a  
80 developmental delay by E10.5 and lethality by E11.5 (16), preventing accurate assessment of  
81 AGM hematopoiesis in null embryos. Therefore, we enumerated Runx1<sup>+</sup>CD31<sup>+</sup>Kit<sup>+</sup>  
82 hematopoietic cluster cells in *Chd7*<sup>+/−</sup> embryos, which are viable, and in embryos with *Chd7*  
83 alleles deleted by Cre driven by vascular endothelial cadherin (*Cdh5*) regulatory sequences  
84 (*Cdh5-Cre*) (SI Appendix, Fig. S3A). There was a significant increase in Runx1<sup>+</sup>CD31<sup>+</sup>Kit<sup>+</sup>  
85 cells in the AGM region of *Chd7*<sup>fl/fl</sup>;*Cdh5-Cre* embryos and a trend towards increased numbers  
86 in *Chd7*<sup>+/−</sup> embryos (Fig. 1D,E). The numbers of definitive erythroid and myeloid progenitors in  
87 the yolk sac of mutant embryos were also increased (Fig. 1F), but lymphoid progenitor  
88 numbers in the AGM, umbilical and vitelline arteries (A+U+V) were lower (Fig. 1G). The  
89 number of primitive erythroid progenitors in the yolk sac was not altered (Fig. 1H). We  
90 conclude that CHD7 restrains the numbers of definitive erythroid and myeloid progenitors  
91 differentiating from the yolk sac and phenotypic HSPCs in the AGM region in both zebrafish  
92 and mouse embryos.

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#### 94 **CHD7 functions to regulate myeloid output from HSCs.**

95 We evaluated the hematopoietic function of CHD7 in the mouse by excising *Chd7*  
96 alleles with *Vav1-Cre* (SI Appendix, Fig. S3A,B). CHD7 is most highly expressed in long term  
97 repopulating HSCs (LT-HSCs) (SI Appendix, Fig. S3C), but deletion of CHD7 did not  
98 significantly affect the percentages of phenotypic LT-HSCs (CD48<sup>−</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup> lineage<sup>−</sup>Sca1<sup>+</sup>Kit<sup>+</sup>  
99 (LSK)) or restricted hematopoietic progenitors (HPC-1, CD48<sup>+</sup>CD150<sup>−</sup>LSK), although there was  
100 a significant increase in CD48<sup>−</sup>CD150<sup>−</sup> LSK cells, which contain several populations of  
101 multipotent progenitors (MPPs) (17) (Fig. 2A). The frequency of functional CHD7 deficient LT-  
102 HSCs in both whole BM and in purified CD48<sup>−</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup>LSK cells, determined by limiting dilution

103 transplants, was increased >2-fold when donor contribution to Mac1<sup>+</sup> peripheral blood (PB) cells  
104 was scored (Fig. 2B,C). In contrast, no significant increase in LT-HSC frequency was detected  
105 when donor contribution to CD48<sup>+</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup>LSK cells in the recipient BM was scored (SI  
106 Appendix, Fig. S3D), suggesting that CHD7 does not affect the frequency of LT-HSCs, but  
107 constrains the myeloid lineage output of LT-HSCs and potentially other downstream  
108 progenitors. Serial transplantation of BM cells revealed no differences between control and  
109 CHD7 deficient HSCs by the fourth transplant, thus CHD7 deficient LT-HSCs had normal self-  
110 renewal capacity (SI Appendix, Fig. S3E,F). There were no differences in proliferation,  
111 quiescence, or apoptosis between CHD7 deficient and control LT-HSCs, MPPs, or HPC-1s in  
112 adult mice (SI Appendix, Fig. S3G-I). The frequencies of phenotypic LT-HSCs and HPC-1s were  
113 not differentially affected by stress induced by 5-fluorouracil injection (SI Appendix, Fig. S3J).  
114 We conclude that CHD7 loss does not negatively impact most functional properties of LT-HSCs.

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116 Gene expression profiling did, however, reveal differences between control and CHD7  
117 deficient LT-HSCs. Ingenuity Pathway Analysis determined that genes upregulated in CHD7  
118 deficient LT-HSCs were significantly associated with hematopoietic system development and  
119 function, immune cell trafficking, cell to cell signaling and interaction, and cellular movement  
120 (Fig. 2D and Supplementary Dataset 1,2). Genes representative of each blood lineage,  
121 including erythroid (*Hbb-b1*, *glycophorins*), myeloid (*Mpo*, *Lyz1*, *Alox5*), and lymphoid (*Thy1*)  
122 were upregulated in CHD7 deficient LT-HSCs (Fig. 2E, Supplementary Dataset 1), suggesting  
123 that CHD7 deficiency results in LT-HSCs that are more primed for multilineage differentiation.  
124 Additional evidence that CHD7 constrains myeloid lineage differentiation include an elevated  
125 frequency of differentiated Gr1<sup>+</sup>Mac1<sup>+</sup> cells in the liver of E14.5 *Chd7*<sup>+/-</sup> fetuses (SI Appendix,  
126 Fig. S4A) and in adult BM and spleen of *Chd7*<sup>fl/fl</sup>; *Vav1-Cre* mice (SI Appendix, Fig. S4B), and  
127 increased numbers of granulocyte/monocyte progenitors in culture (SI Appendix, Fig. S4C). We

128 conclude that CHD7 deficient LT-HSCs are more primed for differentiation, particularly of  
129 myeloid lineage cells.

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### 131 **CHD7 cooperates with the RUNX1 transcription factor.**

132 To determine how CHD7 regulates hematopoietic genes, we performed chromatin  
133 immunoprecipitation followed by sequencing (ChIP-seq) to identify CHD7 occupied loci in the  
134 murine 416B HPC line (18) (Supplementary Dataset 3). CHD7-occupied gene regions are  
135 DNaseI hypersensitive and co-localize with multiple hematopoietic transcription factors (19)  
136 (Fig. 3A-D). Ets, Runx, and Gata motifs were enriched at CHD7 bound sites, suggesting that  
137 CHD7 functions in part through key hematopoietic transcription factors to regulate  
138 hematopoiesis (Fig. 3E). Given that RUNX1 was shown to interact with CHD7 (20), we  
139 performed ChIP-seq to determine if RUNX1 influenced CHD7 occupancy. We were unable to  
140 generate a RUNX1 deficient HPC line, so instead used a Tet-inducible, neomorphic *CBFB-*  
141 *MYH11* fusion gene to block RUNX1 activity (SI Appendix, Fig. S5A). CBF $\beta$ -SMMHC (encoded  
142 by *CBFB-MYH11*) blocks RUNX1 activity, in part, by sequestering it off the DNA (21). Upon  
143 induction of *CBFB-MYH11* expression (+Dox), we identified peaks with >4-fold decreases in  
144 RUNX1 binding (Fig. 3F and SI Appendix, Fig. S5B). Of the 3,036 peaks that lost RUNX1  
145 binding, 1,043 (34.4%) showed >2-fold and 270 (8.9%) >4-fold loss in CHD7 binding (Fig. 3F  
146 ii,iii), as illustrated for the *Evi5* gene (Fig. 3G). In contrast, of the 10,045 RUNX1 peaks that did  
147 not decrease upon *CBFB-MYH11* expression, only 781 (7.8%) showed >2-fold and 65 (0.6%)  
148 >4-fold CHD7 binding loss (Fig. 3F ii,iv). These results are reproducible and indicate that CHD7  
149 is selectively lost from regions of the genome where RUNX1 binding is attenuated  
150 (Supplementary Dataset 4). This observation is supported by short-term analysis of  
151 CRISPR/Cas9 knockouts for CHD7 and RUNX1 in which initial gene expression changes when  
152 either gene is perturbed are positively correlated (SI Appendix, Fig. S5C and Supplementary  
153 Dataset 5), and consistent with previous data showing that ~30% of genes that are differentially

154 expressed in *CBFB-MYH11*-expressing cells upon CHD7 loss are direct RUNX1 targets (20).  
155 Consequently, CHD7 and RUNX1 function together on target genes important for  
156 hematopoiesis in HPCs at the genomic level.

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### 158 **CHD7 physically interacts with RUNX1.**

159 We independently identified CHD7 in an unbiased mass spectrometry screen for  
160 proteins that interact with RUNX1 and its non-DNA binding partner CBF $\beta$  (Fig. 4A and Table  
161 S1). We and others confirmed the interaction of endogenous CHD7 with RUNX1 and CBF $\beta$  by  
162 co-immunoprecipitation in a cell line that expresses high levels of all three proteins (20) (Fig.  
163 4B). CHD7 binds the activation domain of RUNX1, as RUNX1 proteins with deletions impinging  
164 on the activation domain do not immunoprecipitate CHD7 (Fig. 4C-E). Thus, the RUNX1  
165 activation domain, which is essential for RUNX1 function (22), mediates the interaction with  
166 CHD7.

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168 We functionally mapped domains in CHD7 responsible for its ability to constrain definitive  
169 hematopoiesis. Overexpression of human CHD7 (hCHD7) mRNA (23) suppresses HPCs in the  
170 CHT of zebrafish embryos (Fig. 4F). We injected five different hCHD7 truncation mutants (24)  
171 into zebrafish embryos to determine which mutant (mut) proteins could suppress *myb/runx1*  
172 expression. Only hCHD7 mut 5 lacking the N-terminal portion of the ATPase/helicase domain  
173 failed to suppress *myb/runx1* expression, whereas deletion of the chromodomains (mut 6) or the  
174 SLIDE/SANT/BRK domains (mut 2-4) had no effect (Fig. 4G,H, SI Appendix, Fig. S2B). The  
175 catalytically dead mutant (23) hCHD7<sup>K999R</sup> also failed to suppress *myb* expression in the CHT  
176 (Fig. 4F, Appendix, Fig. S2B). The ability of CHD7 to suppress hematopoiesis requires its  
177 ATPase/helicase activity.

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179 **CHD7 genetically interacts with RUNX1 to regulate hematopoiesis.**

180 We tested if CHD7 and RUNX1 genetically interact. We observed an increased  
181 percentage of Gr1<sup>+</sup>Mac1<sup>+</sup> cells in the spleen of *Runx1*<sup>+/-</sup>;*Chd7*<sup>+/-</sup> compared to *Chd7*<sup>+/-</sup> mice,  
182 suggesting that CHD7 represses adult myelopoiesis in collaboration with RUNX1 (Fig. 5A). We  
183 also identified a genetic interaction during embryonic hematopoiesis. In the absence of RUNX1,  
184 primitive erythropoiesis in the murine yolk sac is delayed, as evidenced by an increase in  
185 immature Ter119<sup>lo</sup>Kit<sup>-</sup> cells and a commensurate decrease in mature Ter119<sup>hi</sup>Kit<sup>-</sup> cells (Fig.  
186 5B,C). This delay is more pronounced in embryos heterozygous for the neomorphic *Cbfb*-  
187 *MYH11* allele (*Cbfb*<sup>+M</sup>) (Fig. 5C). The dominant negative effect of the *Cbfb*<sup>M</sup> allele requires  
188 RUNX1, as it is suppressed by RUNX1 deficiency (*Cbfb*<sup>+M</sup>;*Runx1*<sup>-/-</sup>) (25) (Fig. 5B). Deletion of  
189 either one or both *Chd7* alleles (*Chd7*<sup>+/-</sup> or *Chd7*<sup>-/-</sup>) did not alter the percentages of Ter119<sup>lo</sup>Kit<sup>-</sup>  
190 and Ter119<sup>hi</sup>Kit<sup>-</sup> cells, but in *Cbfb*<sup>+M</sup> embryos, loss of *Chd7* partially restored primitive  
191 erythrocyte differentiation (Fig. 5B,C). Since either loss of *Runx1* or *Chd7* can suppress the  
192 *Cbfb*<sup>M</sup> allele, they both function in the same genetic pathway and are required for the  
193 neomorphic activity of the *CBFB-MYH11* fusion gene. This is consistent with a previous study  
194 showing loss of CHD7 delays leukemogenesis caused by *CBFB-MYH11* (20).

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196 We also examined the functional relationship between *chd7* and *runx1* during embryonic  
197 hematopoiesis in the zebrafish. Definitive hematopoiesis in the DA of zebrafish embryos is  
198 impaired by a *runx1*<sup>w84x</sup> mutation that truncates the Runx1 protein (26). Knockdown of *chd7* in  
199 *runx1*<sup>w84x/w84x</sup> embryos did not restore *myb* expression in the DA, as *runx1* is necessary for  
200 HSPC development, *myb* expression, and CHD7 activity (Fig. 5D). Therefore, we tested the  
201 effect of *runx1* overexpression on CHD7 activity. Ectopic expression of *hCHD7* mRNA  
202 decreases *myb* expression in the CHT, while overexpression of *runx1* from an inducible heat  
203 shock promoter increases *myb* mRNA levels as expected (Fig. 5E). When *hCHD7* mRNA was

204 expressed in the context of heat shock induced *runx1*, the ability of *runx1* to increase *myb*  
205 expression was suppressed (Fig. 5E). Altogether, the data indicate that *chd7* functions to inhibit  
206 *runx1* activity during embryonic hematopoiesis.

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## 210 Discussion

211 We uncovered a novel mechanism in hematopoietic differentiation in which the activity of  
212 the key transcription factor RUNX1 is regulated by the chromatin-remodeling enzyme CHD7.  
213 Expression of CHD7 is not blood specific; nonetheless it functions to negatively regulate several  
214 stages of embryonic and adult hematopoiesis that are well conserved from zebrafish to mouse.  
215 Loss of CHD7 enhances HSPC formation and lineage differentiation, particularly of the myeloid  
216 lineage. In adult mice, CHD7 deficient LT-HSCs have a gene expression profile suggestive of a  
217 primed state that promotes multilineage differentiation, indicating that the enhanced myeloid cell  
218 contribution originates from the LT-HSC. Genomic analysis of CHD7 occupancy suggests that it  
219 can cooperate with multiple hematopoietic transcription factor genes. Here, we demonstrate that  
220 CHD7 genetically and physically interacts with RUNX1 through the RUNX1 transactivation  
221 domain, and that RUNX1 recruits CHD7 to a subset of its target genes. The outcome of the  
222 interaction between RUNX1 and CHD7 depends on the developmental context. RUNX1 and  
223 CHD7 have opposing effects during HSPC formation from hemogenic endothelium, with RUNX1  
224 promoting and CHD7 dampening the process. In the adult, however, RUNX1 and CHD7 both  
225 function to restrict myeloid lineage output from LT-HSCs (27, 28). This may have more to do  
226 with RUNX1's opposing functions in determining myeloid progenitor numbers in the embryo  
227 versus the adult, as we show here that in multiple contexts, in zebrafish embryos, mouse  
228 embryos, and adult mice, CHD7 appears to constrain the differentiation of myeloid lineage cells.

229           Distinct functions and mechanisms for CHD7 have been described in different cell types  
230 and developmental stages. In murine ES cells, CHD7 is associated with active chromatin and  
231 actively transcribed genes, yet its dominant activity is to suppress gene expression (29). In  
232 contrast, CHD7 primarily augments gene expression in pre-leukemic HSPCs expressing the  
233 CBFβ-MYH11 protein (20). CHD7's function in embryonic and adult hematopoiesis is similar to  
234 what has been observed in ES cells, i.e. that it primarily dampens the expression of actively  
235 transcribed genes.

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237           Mutational analysis showed that the catalytic activity of the ATPase/helicase domain is  
238 required for CHD7 to suppress *myb* expression in zebrafish embryos. Other domains such as  
239 the chromodomains and SANT domain, which are required for CHD7's ATPase/helicase activity  
240 *in vitro* and are mutated in CHARGE syndrome (24), were not required to repress embryonic  
241 hematopoiesis. A possible explanation for this paradox is overexpression of CHD7 lacking  
242 chromodomains or the SANT domain may bypass the stricter requirement for these domains in  
243 biochemical assays using purified proteins, or *in vivo* where CHD7 is present at physiological  
244 levels. ATP binding may be necessary for the ATPase/helicase domain to interact with other  
245 proteins. An example of this is the RNA helicase UAP56, which must bind ATP to interact with  
246 U2AF in spliceosome assembly (30). Five proteins detected in our CHD7 pulldown are known to  
247 be part of, or interact with, the Mi-2/NuRD repressive complex, thus loss of ATP binding by  
248 CHD7 could impair the recruitment of repressors at enhancers or gene bodies to regulate gene  
249 transcription, leading to increased expression of RUNX1 and other hematopoietic transcription  
250 factor targets. A third possibility is there may be multiple ways by which CHD7 is recruited to  
251 chromatin and catalysis is activated; in developmental hematopoiesis proteins such as RUNX1  
252 may substitute for the chromodomains and SANT domain to recruit CHD7 to chromatin and  
253 stimulate its enzymatic activity. Future work elucidating the molecular mechanism of how CHD7  
254 navigates the chromatin to regulate transcription will provide additional insights into how

255 epigenetic regulators function with transcription factors to promote appropriate lineage  
256 differentiation.

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## 259 **Materials and Methods**

### 260 **Animal models.**

261 Zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) Tübingen strain were bred and maintained according to  
262 institutional animal care and use committee guidelines at Boston Children's Hospital.  
263 Morpholino sequences were: *chd7* exon 3: ACTCGTTTATACTCTACACGTACCT; *chd7* exon 4:  
264 TTACAAGCAAGTTTACCTGAAC ACC (Gene Tools, LLC). *Chd7* morpholinos were  
265 resuspended in nuclease-free water, and equal amounts of each morpholino were combined  
266 (12-15ng) for microinjection at the single cell stage. Standard control morpholino from Gene  
267 Tools was used. Fish lines *Tg(myb:EGFP)*, *Tg(lmo2:dsRed)*, *Tg(itga2b:EGFP)*, *Tg(kdrl:RFP)*,  
268 *Tg(kdrl:EGFP)*, *Tg(hsp70:runx1;cmlc:dsRed)*, and *runx1<sup>w84x/4</sup>* were previously described (26, 31-  
269 36).

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271 Mouse 129S1/SvImj and C57BL6/J strains were bred and maintained according to  
272 institutional animal care and use committee guidelines at University of Pennsylvania.  
273 Generation of the murine *Chd7* targeting vector and electroporation into C57BL/6J ES cells was  
274 performed by InGenious Targeting Laboratory, Ronkonkoma, NY (details available upon  
275 request). Chimeric mice were mated to 129S1/SvImj x C57BL6/J F1 mice, and progeny  
276 backcrossed to C57BL/6J mice for 6 generations. Primers for *Chd7* genotyping were JMH61:  
277 AAAATGTGGATCTCTCTCCAACT, JMH65:TTATTTTCTTGAGACAAGGCCTCAC, JMH66:  
278 GGTAACACAC TCCTTTAAACCCAGA. *Vav1*-Cre mice were provided by Thomas Graf (37).

279 *Runx1<sup>+/-</sup>* (*Runx1<sup>tm1Spe</sup>*), *Cbfb<sup>+M</sup>* (*Cbfb<sup>tm1hc</sup>*), *Cdh5-Cre*, and  *$\beta$ -actin-Cre* mice were described  
280 previously (28, 38-40). Both male and female animals were used for experiments.

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## 282 **Embryo staining and microscopy.**

283 Whole mount *in situ* hybridization on zebrafish embryos fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde  
284 was performed as described previously (41) with a minimum of two independent replicates  
285 performed for each staining. Ratios represent number of embryos with indicated phenotype/total  
286 number scored. Stained embryos were imaged using a Nikon stereoscope with a Nikon Coolpix  
287 4500 camera or Zeiss camera. Embryos mounted in glycerol were imaged on a Nikon E600  
288 compound microscope. Confocal imaging was performed on a Zeiss spinning disk confocal  
289 microscope using Volocity (PerkinElmer) or ZEN (ZEISS) software for image acquisition.

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291 Whole mount immunostaining of mouse embryos were processed as described (15).  
292 Primary antibodies used were rabbit anti-mouse CD117 (Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# 14-1171-  
293 82,, RRID:AB\_467433), rat anti-mouse CD31 (BD Biosciences Cat# 550274, RRID:AB\_393571), and  
294 rabbit anti-human/mouse RUNX1 (Abcam Cat# 2593-1, RRID:AB\_1580795). Secondary antibodies  
295 were purchased from Invitrogen: goat anti-rat Alexa Fluor 647 (Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# A-  
296 21247, RRID:AB\_141778), goat-anti rat Alexa Fluor 555 (Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# A-21434,  
297 RRID:AB\_2535855), and goat anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 488 (Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# A-11006,  
298 RRID:AB\_2534074). Images were collected on a Zeiss LSM 710 confocal microscope equipped  
299 with 488-, 543- and 633-nm wavelengths and a 20x immersion objective (Plan-Apochromat  
300 25x/0.8 NA). Data were acquired using Zeiss ZEN 2011 and processed using FIJI software (42),  
301 LOCI Bio-Formats Importer (<http://dev.loci.wisc.edu/fiji/>) and the cell counter plugin (version 29  
302 February 2008, Kurt De Vos, <http://rsb.info.nih.gov/ij/plugins/cell-counter.html>). To count  
303 hematopoietic clusters, 2 to 3 micron thick Z-sections were collected.

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305 **Transplantation Assays.**

306 Limiting dilution transplantations were performed using total bone marrow cells and  
307 sorted CD48<sup>-</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>neg</sup>Sca1<sup>+</sup>Kit<sup>+</sup> cells from *Chd7<sup>ff</sup>* or *Chd7<sup>ff</sup>;Vav1-Cre* mice (C57BL/6J),  
308 along with 2x10<sup>5</sup> total bone marrow competitor cells (129S1/SvImJ x B6.SJL-  
309 *Ptprc<sup>a</sup>PepC<sup>b</sup>/BoYJ F1*) into 9 Gy lethally irradiated recipients (B6.SJL-*Ptprca Pepcb/BoyJ* (B6-  
310 LY5.2/Cr)). To purify CD48<sup>-</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>neg</sup>Sca1<sup>+</sup>Kit<sup>+</sup> donor cells, bone marrow cells were  
311 lineage depleted using biotinylated antibodies to CD3, CD5, CD19, B220, Gr1, Mac1 and anti-  
312 biotin MACS beads on a MACS column (Miltenyi Biotec), then stained with lineage antibodies  
313 (B220, Gr1, Mac1, CD3e, Ter119; eFlour450), Sca1 PerCP/Cy5.5, Kit APC-eFlour780, CD48  
314 APC, CD150 PE-Cy7 and sorted on a BD FACSAria.

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316 For serial transplantation, 2 x 10<sup>6</sup> total BM donor cells were transplanted into lethally  
317 irradiated B6-LY5.2/Cr recipient mice without competitors as described above. At 4 months, 2  
318 x 10<sup>6</sup> BM cells from each primary recipient were transplanted into secondary B6-LY5.2/Cr  
319 recipients. The transplant was carried out until tertiary recipients were transplanted into fourth  
320 B6-LY5.2/Cr recipients.

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322 Positive engraftment was scored three different ways: 1) ≥1% of all cell lineages in PB  
323 were donor-derived at 4 months post-transplantation; 2) ≥1% Mac1<sup>+</sup> cells in PB were donor-  
324 derived at 4 months post-transplantation; 3) ≥1% CD48<sup>-</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup>LSK cells in BM were donor-  
325 derived. ELDA (43) R statistical software was used to assess differences between paired sets  
326 of limiting dilution analyses to give the estimate of functional LT-HSC numbers.

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328 To assess response to stress, 150 mg/kg 5-fluorouracil (FU) (Sigma) was injected  
329 intravenously and HSCs were analyzed 7 days later by flow cytometry (27).

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331 **Progenitor Assays.**

332 Myeloid methylcellulose assay using bone marrow and fetal cells was described  
333 previously (44). Embryonic lymphoid T and B progenitors assays using OP9 and OP9-DL1  
334 stromal cells were performed as described (45, 46). L-Calc (Stem Cell Technologies) was used  
335 to calculate the progenitor frequencies.

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337 **RNA isolation, microarray processing, and analysis.**

338 Mouse genome 1.0 arrays were used to perform microarray analysis of *Chd7<sup>fl/fl</sup>* and  
339 *Chd7<sup>fl/fl</sup>;Vav1-Cre* CD48<sup>-</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup>LSK cells. Following lineage depletion, CD48<sup>-</sup>  
340 CD150<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>neg</sup>Sca1<sup>+</sup>Kit<sup>+</sup> cells were sorted directly into TRIzol LS (Ambion, 10296028). cDNAs  
341 were generated using the Nugen WT-Ovation Pico system with Exon Module 3 (Nugen, 3300  
342 and 2000-12) and were hybridized to Affymetrix Mouse 430v.2 chip (Affymetrix Mouse Gene  
343 2.0ST). Intensity CEL files were normalized with the Robust Multichip Average (RMA) algorithm.  
344 Expression value fold change cutoff was set at 2-fold and p-value set as 0.05 for Ingenuity  
345 Pathway Analysis (IPA) using default parameters.

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347 MouseGene 2.0 ST arrays were used to perform microarray analysis of LT-HSCs (CD48<sup>-</sup>  
348 CD150<sup>+</sup>CD34<sup>-</sup>LSK) ST-HSCs (CD48<sup>-</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup>CD34<sup>+</sup>LSK), and MPPs (CD48<sup>+</sup>CD150<sup>-</sup>CD34<sup>+</sup>LSK)  
349 populations from 8 week old C57BL6J mice for *Chd7* expression. Differentially expressed genes  
350 were assessed as those with at least a log fold expression change of 1 and an FDR based  
351 adjusted p-value of <0.1.

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353 CHD7 deletion mutants cloned in pcDNA3.1 vector (24) were used to synthesize mRNA  
354 for microinjection in zebrafish embryos. Constructs were linearized with AvrII (NEB), then  
355 purified by ethanol precipitation after phenol:chloroform extraction for mRNA synthesis using  
356 mMessage mMachinE T7 Ultra kit (Ambion).

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360 **Flow cytometry.**

361 Flow cytometry was performed on BD LSRII or FACSAria, and data were analyzed with  
362 Flowjo (Tree Star Inc.). For analysis of *Tg(kdrl:EGFP)* embryos, embryos were manually  
363 dissociated in PBS containing Liberase (Sigma-Aldrich), then washed and filtered in 0.9X  
364 PBS/2% FBS.

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366 Monoclonal antibodies used for analysis of adult and embryonic blood cells in mice were  
367 as described above (27) with the following additions/exceptions: CD19 (BD Biosciences Cat#  
368 561738, RRID:AB\_10893995), CD71 (BD Biosciences Cat# 553266, RRID:AB\_394743). FACS  
369 staining of the embryonic peripheral blood was performed as described previously (47, 48). For  
370 fetal liver HSPC analysis, lineage antibodies included CD3, CD5, CD19, B220 and Gr1, but not  
371 Mac1.

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373 **Cell cycle, proliferation, and apoptosis analysis.**

374 Mouse BrdU assays were performed as described previously (27). Antibodies to Ki-67  
375 (BioLegend Cat# 652405, RRID:AB\_2561929) and Annexin V (Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# 88-  
376 8005-72, RRID:AB\_2575162) were used to analyze proliferation and apoptosis.

377

378 **RT- and qPCR.**

379 Pools of 20 to 50 embryos were homogenized in TRIzol, and RNA extracts were prepared  
380 according to the manufacturer's protocol (Life Technologies). Genomic DNA was removed with  
381 TURBO DNA-free kit (Ambion), followed by cDNA synthesis using SuperScript III First Strand  
382 synthesis kit according to the manufacturer's protocol (Life Technologies). Primers used for RT-

383 PCR were: *chd7 ex2* forward: 5'-GGGCACCTACTACCAATCA-3', *chd7 ex4* reverse: 5'-  
384 GCCTCTTTCTTGGTGCTGTT-3', *chd7 ex3* forward: 5'-TCCCAAGACACCCAAAGAAC-3', *chd7*  
385 *ex5* reverse: 5'-GCCTCTTTCTTGGTGCTGTT-3', *ef1a* forward: 5'-ATCTACAAATGC  
386 GGTGGAAT-3', *ef1a* reverse: 5'-ATACCAGCCTCAAACCTCACC-3'. qPCR was performed using  
387 SsoFast EvaGreen Supermix on a BioRad C1000 CFX-384 real-time PCR machine. qPCR  
388 primers used were: *myb* forward: 5'-CCGACAGAAGCCGGATGA-3', *myb* reverse: 5'-  
389 TGGCACTTCGCCTCAACTG-3', *runx1* forward: 5'-CGTCTTCACAAACCCTCCTCAA-3', and  
390 *runx1* reverse: 5'-GCTTTACTGCTTCATCCGGCT-3'. <sup>Δ</sup>Ct values were normalized to *ef1a*.

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### 392 **Western blot and LC-MS/MS protein identification.**

393 Nuclear extracts from murine T-ALL cell line 720 (49) were incubated with protein A Dynabeads  
394 coupled with anti-CHD7 (Abcam Cat# ab31824, RRID:AB\_869129), RUNX1 (Millipore Cat# PC284,  
395 RRID:AB\_2254229), CBF $\beta$  ( $\beta$ 141.1, Speck lab), Flag (Sigma-Aldrich Cat# A2220,  
396 RRID:AB\_10063035) or CHD4 (Abcam Cat# ab72418, RRID:AB\_1268107) antibodies overnight at  
397 4°C or at room temperature for 1 hour.

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399 For LC-MS/MS, FLAG-tagged CBF $\beta$  was expressed in and immunoprecipitated from extracts of  
400 the 720 T-ALL cell line (49). The CBF $\beta$  immunoprecipitates will contain RUNX subunits and  
401 other RUNX-CBF $\beta$  interacting proteins. As a control, a FLAG-tagged CBF $\beta$  containing two  
402 amino acid substitutions that decrease RUNX1 binding (50) was immunoprecipitated as a  
403 negative control to subtract out proteins that bound to FLAG-CBF $\beta$  in the absence of RUNX.  
404 Identification of protein-protein interactors was performed by excision of regions of SDS-PAGE-  
405 separated immunoprecipitates, in-gel digestion and peptide shotgun sequencing as described  
406 (51). Briefly, gel regions were destained to clarity, dehydrated, digested with trypsin, extracted  
407 and analyzed by LC-MS/MS on an LTQ Orbitrap mass spectrometer. The resulting MS/MS

408 spectra were data searched using the SEQUEST algorithm (52) against a mouse proteome  
409 database (International Protein Index; IPI) and curated to a <1% false discovery rate (FDR)  
410 using the target-decoy strategy (53). Proteins were required to have a minimum of 3 peptides to  
411 be declared as a positive identification.

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### 413 **ChIP-sequencing.**

414 ChIP-seq and DNase I hypersensitivity mapping in 416B cells was performed as described  
415 previously (19, 54). *De novo* motif analysis was performed using HOMER (55).

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### 417 **RNA-sequencing.**

418 Transcriptional profiles of 416B cells expressing sgRNAs were analyzed using a protocol based  
419 on the Smart-Seq2 system (56) with the following modifications: pools of 75 cells expressing  
420 each sgRNA were sorted into 96-well plates containing lysis buffer, and cDNA was amplified  
421 with 13 PCR cycles. Each experimental condition was analyzed in quadruplicates. Illumina  
422 sequencing was performed on a HiSeq 4000 instrument. Reads were aligned against mouse  
423 reference genome GRCm38/mm10 using GSNAP, and those overlapping exons (ENSEMBL  
424 m38.81) were counted using HTSeq (57). Differential gene expression was performed using the  
425 DESeq2 package (58).

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### 427 **Cell lines.**

428 To generate CFBF-MYH11 expressing cells, the mouse myeloid progenitor cell line 416B was  
429 co-transfected with: 1) a plasmid containing the tetracycline transcription silencer (tTS), the  
430 tetracycline transactivator (rtTA) and blasticidin resistance under the control of a Ef1 $\alpha$  promoter  
431 and 2) a plasmid containing the entire Cbfb-Myh11 type A cDNA in frame with an F2A element  
432 and mCherry protein under the control of a tetracycline responsive element. As control, cells  
433 were alternatively transfected with a plasmid lacking the Cbfb-Myh11 cDNA. Transposase

434 PL623 (59) (kindly donated by Pentao Liu, Sanger Institute, Cambridge) was also transiently  
435 expressed to promote simultaneous stable integration of the constructs. Plasmids were  
436 transfected into 416B cells by electroporation using a BioRad electroporator (220V, 900  $\mu$ F).  
437 After 24 hours, cells were selected in 1  $\mu$ g/ml of blasticidin (InvivoGen). After 14 days, mCherry-  
438 negative single cells that did not stain with DAPI (Sigma) were sorted into 96-well plates using a  
439 BD Influx sorter and cultured for typically 2 weeks. Clonal cultures were then tested for induction  
440 and expression levels of Cbfb-Myh11 using 1  $\mu$ g/ml of doxycycline. Induction of Cbfb-Myh11 for  
441 ChIP experiments, performed in replicate, was confirmed by flow cytometry for mCherry  
442 expression on a BD Fortessa.

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444 416B cells expressing Cas9 protein were obtained by transduction with pKLV2-EF1a-Cas9Bsd-  
445 W lentivirus (Addgene #68343) and selected with 10  $\mu$ g/ml of blasticidin (InvivoGen). Three  
446 different *Chd7* and one *Runx1* sgRNAs were cloned into the Perturb-seq GBC library backbone  
447 (Addgene #85968), and lentivirally transduced BFP<sup>+</sup>7AAD<sup>-</sup> cells were sorted after 4 days by flow  
448 cytometry for RNA-seq or genotyping. Efficiency of CRISPR editing was confirmed by high-  
449 throughput sequencing of genomic DNA from 2x10<sup>5</sup> cells. Targeting sgRNAs sequences were:  
450 *Chd7* sgRNA1 – AGACGCCAATCCGTTCCCG, *Chd7* sgRNA2 –  
451 TGGTACCTGAACGGCCCGG, *Chd7* sgRNA3 – GACATGCCCATAAACGAACG, *Runx1*  
452 sgRNA1 – GCGCACTAGCTCGCCAGGG.

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454 All cell lines were tested negative for mycoplasma contamination.

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456 **Statistics.**

457 Quantitative data is shown as mean  $\pm$  s.d. with *P* values calculated using unpaired two-tailed  
458 Student's *t*-test or analysis of variance (ANOVA). No statistical method was used to

459 predetermine sample size. The experiments were not randomized. The investigators were not  
460 blinded to allocation during experiments and outcome assessment.

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**Figure 1.** *Chd7* negatively regulates embryonic hematopoiesis. **A**, *Chd7* knockdown increases expression of hematopoietic mesodermal precursor, primitive erythroid and myeloid but not early mesoderm genes. Representative embryos for whole mount *in situ* hybridization are shown, with additional genes shown in Appendix, Fig. S2. Regions of blood development are highlighted in red in the embryo schematic. Red arrows and arrowheads, increase. Grey arrows, no change. Scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m. Replicates: 2. **B**, *Chd7* knockdown increases expression of definitive HSPC and definitive myeloid and erythroid genes. Same descriptions as in panel a. **C**, *Chd7* knockdown in *Tg(myb:EGFP)* embryos increases EGFP<sup>+</sup> cells in the dorsal aorta (DA) and tail region (left), quantified in graph (right) (n=53-55). Representative embryos shown from 3 independent replicates. **D**, *Chd7* deletion in mice increases Runx1<sup>+</sup>CD31<sup>+</sup>Kit<sup>+</sup> hematopoietic clusters detected by confocal imaging of E10.5 *Chd7*<sup>+/+</sup>, *Chd7*<sup>+/-</sup>, and *Chd7*<sup>fl/fl</sup>; *Cdh5-Cre* AGM regions. Representative clusters shown. i, one somite pair (sp) area; ii, individual cluster. **E**, Quantification of data from panel D (n=7-13). One-way ANOVA, Dunnett's multiple comparison test; # = comparator. **F**, Increased number of burst forming unit–erythroid (BFU-E) and granulocyte/monocyte progenitors (CFU-GM) in E10.5 *Chd7*<sup>+/-</sup> yolk sacs (n=8-14). GEMM, granulocyte/erythrocyte/monocyte/megakaryocyte progenitors. **G**, Reduced number of lymphoid progenitors in E10.5 *Chd7*<sup>+/-</sup> embryos (n=10-12). A+U+V =AGM, umbilical and vitelline arteries. **H**, Left: the number of erythroid progenitors (EryP) in the yolk sac of *Chd7*<sup>fl/fl</sup>; *Cdh5-Cre* embryos is not altered (n=14-15). Right: Both *Chd7*<sup>fl</sup> alleles were deleted in 65% of the colonies, and one allele was deleted in 27% of the colonies, thus *Cdh5-Cre* was active in the majority of EryP or their precursors (n=colonies from 6-8 yolk sacs). All graphs show mean  $\pm$  s.d., unpaired two-tailed *t*-test unless otherwise specified.

**Figure 2.** CHD7 regulates hematopoiesis cell autonomously. **A**, *Chd7* deficiency does not affect phenotypic LT-HSCs. Flow cytometry of LT-HSCs (CD48<sup>-</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup>), MPPs (CD48<sup>-</sup>CD150<sup>-</sup>), and HPC-1s (CD48<sup>+</sup>CD150<sup>-</sup>) from Lin<sup>neg</sup>Sca1<sup>+</sup>Kit<sup>+</sup> (LSK) bone marrow populations (left),

quantified in bar graph (right) (n=6-7). Mean  $\pm$  s.d., unpaired two-tailed *t*-test. **B**, Schematic diagram of mouse limiting dilution transplantation experiments. **C**, The frequency of functional CHD7 deficient LT-HSCs was increased 2-fold in whole BM (left) and in purified CD48<sup>-</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup>LSK cells (right) when  $\geq 1\%$  donor contribution to Mac1<sup>+</sup> PB was scored at 4 months. LT-HSC frequency was calculated by ELDA (n=7-14 recipients per dose). **D**, Loss of CHD7 increases multilineage hematopoiesis. The top functional categories for genes upregulated in CHD7 deficient mouse LT-HSCs were enriched for hematopoietic related functions by IPA. Clusters of individual functional gene annotations (squares) belonging to each category are labeled numerically. Replicates: 4. **E**, Heatmap of representative lineage specific genes upregulated in CHD7 deficient CD48<sup>-</sup>CD150<sup>+</sup>LSK cells.

**Figure 3.** CHD7 cooperates with hematopoietic transcription factors to regulate hematopoiesis. **A**, CHD7 binding distribution in the murine 416B HPC cell line by ChIP-seq. Replicates: 2. **B**, Gene track of CHD7 binding overlaps with DNaseI hypersensitive sites at the *Tal1* gene. **C**, Overlap of CHD7 binding and DNaseI hypersensitive sites. **D**, Overlap of CHD7 binding and hematopoietic transcription factors. **E**, CHD7 binding sites are highly enriched for Ets, Runx, and Gata motifs by HOMER motif analysis. **F**, CHD7 binding is selectively lost from genomic regions where RUNX1 binding is attenuated by CFBF-MYH11. CFBF-MYH11 expression was induced in myeloid progenitor cells by doxycycline (Dox). RUNX1 occupancy in a i) control clone and ii) *CBFB-MYH11* expressing clone. Loss of CHD7 occupancy is iii) higher in regions of >4-fold RUNX1 occupancy loss and iv) minimally changed in regions of <2-fold RUNX1 occupancy loss. Black dotted line, no change (n.c.). Grey line, 2-fold change. Red line, 4-fold change. Replicate experiment shown in Appendix, Fig. S4B. **G**, Gene tracks showing loss of RUNX1 and CHD7 binding to *Evi5* (red arrows) in Dox induced *CBFB-MYH11* expressing cells.

**Figure 4.** CHD7 interacts with Runx1 and restrains RUNX1 activity. **A**, Scheme for identifying RUNX1-CBF $\beta$  interacting proteins in a murine T-ALL cell line. FLAG-tagged CBF $\beta$  containing two amino acid substitutions (red stars) that decrease RUNX1 binding was used as a negative control. **B**, CHD7 co-immunoprecipitates RUNX1-CBF $\beta$  but not CHD4 in murine T-ALL cells. I, input; S, depleted supernatant following immunoprecipitation; IP, immunoprecipitate. **C**, Deletions impinging on the RUNX1 activation domain decrease the interaction between RUNX1 and CHD7. CHD7 was immunoprecipitated, and Western blots probed with antibodies to CHD7 or FLAG. F-RUNX1, FLAG-RUNX1;  $\Delta$  deleted amino acids; F, vector expressing FLAG alone. Arrows indicate CHD7 (top panel) or full length and internally deleted RUNX1 proteins (bottom panel). **D**, C-terminal RUNX1 deletions. **E**, Summary of RUNX1 mapping experiments. RD, DNA and CBF $\beta$ -binding Runt domain; AD, transactivation domain; ID, inhibitory domain. **F**, Expression of *hCHD7* but not the catalytically dead mutant *hCHD7*<sup>K999R</sup> in zebrafish embryos reduces *myb* expression in the CHT by whole mount *in situ* hybridization. Representative embryos shown. Blue arrows, decrease. Grey arrows, no change. Scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m. Replicates: 2. **G**, Mutation mapping of *hCHD7* domains show the ATPase/helicase domain is required to suppress *myb* and *runx1* expression in the CHT. Same descriptions as in panel F. **H**, Summary of hCHD7 mapping experiments. FL, full length. CD, chromodomain. HD, ATPase/helicase domain. SL/SD/BD, SLIDE/SANT/BRK domains. y, yes; n, no. Quantification of results from panels F, G are in Appendix, Fig. S2B.

**Figure 5.** CHD7 interacts genetically with RUNX1 to regulate hematopoiesis. **A**, *Chd7* and *Runx1* interact genetically to repress myelopoiesis in the spleen of adult mice by flow cytometric analysis (n=4). **B**, Restoration of primitive erythrocyte maturation with *Chd7* deletion in *Cbfb*<sup>M</sup> embryos with peripheral blood analysis by flow cytometry (n=6-42). Representative plots shown. Simplified genotypes are: *Chd7*<sup>+/-</sup> = *Chd7*<sup>+ff</sup>;  $\beta$ -actin-Cre, *Chd7*<sup>-/-</sup> = *Chd7*<sup>ff</sup>;  $\beta$ -actin-Cre, *Cbfb*<sup>+M</sup> =

*Cbfb*<sup>+MYH11</sup>;β-actin-Cre. **C**, *Chd7* or *Runx1* deletion partially restores normal maturation of primitive erythrocytes in E10.5 embryos expressing the dominant neomorphic *Cbfb*-MYH11 allele (*Cbfb*<sup>M</sup>). All values were significantly different as compared to *Cbfb*<sup>+M</sup>. ANOVA and Dunnett's multiple comparison test. **D**, Expansion of myb<sup>+</sup> HSPCs in *chd7* morphant (MO) embryos is suppressed in *runx1*<sup>w84x</sup> mutants expressing truncated Runx1. Whole mount *in situ* hybridization of representative embryos shown, with phenotypic results quantified in bar graph (right). \**p* < 0.01 by Chi-square test. Red arrows, increase. Blue arrows, decrease. Scale bar = 50 μm. Replicates: 2. **E**, Overexpression of *hCHD7* suppresses the expansion of myb<sup>+</sup> HSPCs caused by heat-shock induced *runx1* overexpression. Same descriptions as in panel D.









