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### Software and code

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Data collection No specialized software was used for data acquisition.

Data analysis The following previously described software were used in the data analysis and are described and cited in the Methods: ChIP-seq reads were aligned to hg19 genome with bowtie2 software (version 2.2.4). All peak calling was done with MACS2 (version 2.1.1) software. Bedtools (versions 2.25.0 and 2.29.2 when using -wao option) was used for genome arithmetics. Super-enhancers were calculated using the ROSE pipeline (version 0.1). ATAC-seq fastq files were processed using an in-house pipeline comprising of following pieces of software: TrimGalore (version 0.4.3), BWA aligner (version 0.7.15), Picard (version 2.9.2) and broad-peak calling by MACS2 (version 2.1.1). Fold change estimates for count data were calculated using the PsilFC function in R package lfc (version 0.2.1). Random enhancer STARR-seq paired end reads were combined using FLASH program version 1.2.11. For library complexity estimation, random STARR-seq library sequences were first clustered using Starcode program version 1.3. Both genomic and random STARR-seq library complexities were estimated using Preseq program version 2.0.0. Genomic STARR-seq reads were aligned to hg19 genome using bowtie2 (version 2.2.4) and peaks called with MACS2 (version 2.1.1) and IDR (version 2.0.3) programs. De novo motif mining for ATAC-seq and ChIP-seq peaks and functional enhancers was performed with HOMER software (version 4.10.3). From the sequences enriched by the STARR-seq experiments from random enhancer, random promoter random enhancer data and ATI assay and specific positions in the TSS-aligned random promoter STARR-seq sequences the de novo motif mining was done using the Autoseed program (as in Nitta et al, Elife 4, e04837, 2015). Additional de novo motif mining from random enhancer STARR-seq and random sequences scored by the random enhancer STARR-seq CNN model was conducted using STREME program (version 5.3.3). STARR-seq derived motifs were compared to known TF motifs using TOMTOM (versions 5.0.5 and 5.3.3 used for motif and random library, respectively). Human genome (hg19) coordinates of the SOX9 enhancer were calculated with the UCSC genome LiftOver tool from mouse mm9 coordinates (from <http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgLiftOver>). Random promoter-enhancer pairs were filtered for adapter sequences using cutadapt software version 1.9.1 and sequences mapping to the plasmid backbone according to bowtie2 were removed. Cutadapt was also used in mapping the TSS position based on template switching. PWM match scores to DNA were calculated using MOODS software (version 1.9.3). Logistic regression classifiers were implemented using the LogisticRegression function from scikit-learn library (version 0.21.3). Lasso regression models were implemented using LassoCV method in scikit-learn (version 0.24.1). Convolutional neural network (CNN)

classifiers were implemented using Keras (version 2.2.4-tf) with TensorFlow 1.14.0 backend. BWA aligner version 0.7.15-r1142-dirty was used in creating the extended blacklist for genomic machine learning analyses. DeepLift (version 0.6.12) was used to visualize the features the promoter STARR-seq trained CNN used for predicting promoter activity. Motif discovery from the random enhancer STARR-seq CNN model was conducted using TF-MoDISco program (version 0.5.14.1). TOMTOM version 5.4.1 was used to compare TF binding motifs learned by the CNN to de novo motifs from random enhancer STARR-seq sequences. FastQC software (version 0.11.2) was used for CAGE data quality control. CAGE reads were aligned to combined Phi X 174 and hg19 genomes with the BWA aligner (version 0.7.10-r789) and the CAGE mapped read clustering was done using paraclu software version 9. RNA-seq differential expression analysis was conducted using kallisto and sleuth program versions 0.46.1 and 0.30.0, respectively. Gene set enrichment analysis was done using preranked analysis with GSEA (version 4.1.0). SciPy (version 1.1.0) functions `stats.ttest_rel` and `stats.spearmanr` were used to compute paired Student's t-test and Spearman correlations, respectively.

All custom code central to the study used in the data analysis is described in the Methods and available at Zenodo with accession 10.5281/zenodo.5159644 as mentioned in the Code Availability Statement. The code is divided into six packages: 1) StarrTrack: Java code for processing motif STARR-seq library data; 2) AssignTSS: Perl script that assigns the TSS positions based on the template-switch data; 3) CountMotifPairs: Two R scripts that count motif match pairs from promoter enhancer pairs and motif match spacings and orientations from enhancers, respectively; 4) trainCNN: Python scripts for training the CNN classifiers; 5) trainLogReg: Python scripts for training the logistic regression classifiers; 6) trainReg: Python scripts for training the differential expression predictor.

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All sequence data generated in this study is available under GEO accession GSE180158. All pre-trained machine learning models are available at Zenodo with accession 10.5281/zenodo.5101420. Training, test, and validation data sets for the CNN models are available at Zenodo with accession 10.5281/zenodo.5101420. Genome browser session is available at UCSC portal with tracks for all genomic data sets generated in this study ([https://genome.ucsc.edu/s/kivioja/Sahu\\_et\\_al\\_Human\\_regulatory\\_elements](https://genome.ucsc.edu/s/kivioja/Sahu_et_al_Human_regulatory_elements)).

ENCODE blacklisted genomic regions for hg19 (accession ENCSR636HFF) were downloaded from ENCODE, RepeatMasker file for hg19 was downloaded using the UCSC table browser. The Eukaryotic Promoter Database (EPD) for human TSSs can be found from: [https://epd.epfl.ch/EPDnew\\_database.php](https://epd.epfl.ch/EPDnew_database.php). In addition, transcript annotations downloaded from Ensembl (GRCh37, release 101) were used. The saturation mutagenesis results of the TERT promoter can be found from: <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/75B2M>. GERP conservation scores for the hg19 reference genome can be found from: <http://mendel.stanford.edu/SidowLab/downloads/gerp/>. The following datasets were downloaded from the ENCODE portal: ATAC-seq (ENCSR042AWH, replicate 1), histone modification ChIP-seq experiments for H3K27ac (ENCSR000AMO), H3K27me3 (ENCSR000AOL), H3K9me3 (ENCSR000ATD), and H3K4me1 (ENCCFF424GUI), as well as ChIP-seq data sets for TP53 (ENCSR980EGJ), MED1 (ENCCFF493UFO), and MED13 (ENCCFF003HBS). ChIP-seq peak sets were also downloaded from GEO accession GSE104247. Super-enhancers for HepG2 were downloaded from <http://www.licpathway.net/sedb>. Previously published RNA-seq data used in the study is available at EGA (accession <https://ega-archive.org/studies/EGAS00001002966>).

Accession numbers for all data sets used in this study are also mentioned in Data Availability Statement.

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## Life sciences study design

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### Sample size

The achievable sample sizes in STARR-seq experiments are limited by cloning, cell culture and other steps of the large-scale experiments. The ultra-high complexities of the input libraries were verified using state-of-art computational tools as described in Methods. The reliability of the biological conclusions made from the achievable sample sizes was ensured by i) manual inspection of the genomic peaks, ii) replicate comparisons, iii) statistical testing, and iv) power analysis where appropriate. The numbers of the sequencing reads used in each analysis are listed in Supplementary Tables.

### Data exclusions

In all experiments, sequencing reads were filtered using defined quality parameters and the genomic reads overlapping with the ENCODE blacklisted regions were excluded. IRF3 ChIP-seq signals were weak in HepG2 cells based on the lack of peak overlaps with motif sites and the manual inspection of the top peaks, and they were excluded from the downstream analysis.

### Replication

STARR-seq experiments were performed in two replicates with random enhancer libraries in GP5d and HepG2 cells and with random promoter-enhancer libraries in GP5d cells; genomic STARR-seq experiments were performed in two replicates in HepG2 cells and in four different conditions in GP5d cells (wild type and TP53-null GP5d cells using both methylated and non-methylated input DNA libraries); experiments with random promoter-enhancer libraries in HepG2 and RPE1 cells had no replicates. RNA-seq experiments were performed in three replicates, ChIP-seq and ATAC-seq from one sample per condition.

Similar conclusions were obtained from independently generated data sets and the replicate experiments showed high concordance (Extended Data Figures 2a and 5a).

#### Randomization

Not applicable. Experiments were performed on uniform biological material i.e. commercial cell lines, so randomization for different experimental groups was not relevant for this study. Randomization of the sequencing reads for the purposes of specific statistical or computational analysis, such as for training, test, and validation sets used in the machine learning analyses, is described for each specific analysis in the Methods section.

#### Blinding

Analyses were performed using computational algorithms for large data sets of sequencing reads, and thus blinding of the investigators was not relevant for this study.

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### Materials & experimental systems

- n/a Involved in the study
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- ☐ ☒ Eukaryotic cell lines
- ☒ ☐ Palaeontology and archaeology
- ☒ ☐ Animals and other organisms
- ☒ ☐ Human research participants
- ☒ ☐ Clinical data
- ☒ ☐ Dual use research of concern

### Methods

- n/a Involved in the study
- ☐ ☒ ChIP-seq
- ☒ ☐ Flow cytometry
- ☒ ☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

## Antibodies

#### Antibodies used

H3K27ac, H3K9me3, and H3K27me3 (C15410196, C15410193, and C15410195, Diagenode, respectively); FOXA1 (#ab23738, Abcam); p53, HNF4a, IRF3 and CTCF [sc-126x (DO-1), sc-8987x (H-171), sc-33641x (SL-12), and sc-15914x (C-20), Santa Cruz, respectively]; SMC1 (A300-055A, Bethyl lab), and normal mouse, rabbit and goat IgG from Santa Cruz (#sc-2025, #sc-2027 and #sc-2028, respectively)

#### Validation

The anti-H3K27ac polyclonal antibody is raised in rabbit against the region of histone H3 containing the acetylated lysine 27 (H3K27ac), using a KLH-conjugated synthetic peptide. It is recommended for detecting H3K27ac in ChIP experiments in human by the manufacturer, and there is validation data and >50 citations available for this antibody on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.diagenode.com/en/p/h3k27ac-polyclonal-antibody-premium-50-mg-18-ml>).

The anti-H3K9me3 polyclonal antibody is raised in rabbit against the region of histone H3 containing the trimethylated lysine 9 (H3K9me3), using a KLH-conjugated synthetic peptide. It is recommended for detecting H3K9me3 in ChIP experiments in human by the manufacturer, and there is validation data and >30 citations available for this antibody on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.diagenode.com/en/p/h3k9me3-polyclonal-antibody-premium-50-mg>).

The anti-H3K27me3 polyclonal antibody is raised in rabbit against the region of histone H3 containing the trimethylated lysine 27 (H3K27me3), using a KLH-conjugated synthetic peptide. It is recommended for detecting H3K27me3 in ChIP experiments in human by the manufacturer, and there is validation data and >60 citations available for this antibody on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.diagenode.com/en/p/h3k27me3-polyclonal-antibody-premium-50-mg-27-ml>).

The anti-FOXA1 polyclonal antibody is raised in rabbit against the synthetic peptide within human FOXA1 aa 450 to the C-terminus (C terminal) conjugated to keyhole limpet haemocyanin. It is recommended for detecting FOXA1 in ChIP experiments in human by the manufacturer, and there is validation data and >100 citations available for this antibody on the manufacturer's website (<https://www.abcam.com/foxa1-antibody-chip-grade-ab23738.html?productWallTab=ShowAll>).

The anti-p53 (DO-1) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against a short amino acid sequence containing Ser315 phosphorylated p53 of human origin. It is a ChIP-grade antibody recommended for detecting human p53 by the manufacturer. There is validation data on the manufacturer's website, including 5780 citations for previous literature (<https://www.scbt.com/p/p53-antibody-do-1>).

The anti-IRF3 (SL-12) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against recombinant IRF-3 fusion protein corresponding to human IRF-3 (amino acids 56-427). It is a ChIP-grade antibody recommended for detecting human IRF3 by the manufacturer. There is validation data on the manufacturer's website, including 46 citations for previous literature (<https://www.scbt.com/p/irf-3-antibody-sl-12>).

The anti-HNF4a (H171) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against an epitope corresponding to amino acids 295-465 mapping at the C-terminus of HNF-4α of human origin. It is a ChIP-grade antibody recommended for detecting human HNF4a by the manufacturer. There is validation data on the manufacturer's website, including 71 citations for previous literature (<https://www.scbt.com/p/hnf-4alpha-antibody-h-171>).

The anti-CTCF (C-20) is a goat polyclonal antibody raised against an epitope mapping near the C-terminus of CTCF of human origin. It is a ChIP-grade antibody recommended for detecting human CTCF by the manufacturer with >20 citations available for this antibody (<https://www.citeab.com/antibodies/782679-sc-15914-ctcf-antibody-c-20>).

The anti-SMC1 is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against an epitope mapping between 1175 and C-terminus of SMC1 of human origin. It is recommended for detecting human SMC1 by the manufacturer with >180 citations available for this antibody (<https://www.bethyl.com/product/A300-055A/SMC1+Antibody>).

Normal IgGs from Santa Cruz are commonly used controls.

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Colon cancer cell line GP5d (Sigma #95090715), liver cancer cell line HepG2 (ATCC #HB-8065), retinal pigmented epithelial cell line hTERT-RPE1 (ATCC #CRL-4000).
Authentication	All cell lines were directly obtained from trusted vendors (ATCC, Sigma) and not from other laboratories, and only low-passage cells were used in the experiments. Cell lines were not authenticated.
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines tested negative for mycoplasma contamination upon purchase and were routinely monitored as per standard good laboratory practices.
Commonly misidentified lines (See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register)	Cell lines used in this study are not on the list of commonly misidentified cell lines

## ChIP-seq

### Data deposition

- ☒ Confirm that both raw and final processed data have been deposited in a public database such as [GEO](#).
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#### Data access links

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Raw and processed reads are available under GEO accession GSE180158.

#### Files in database submission

H3K27ac\_Mock\_HepG2\_ChIP\_10\_S10\_L1-2.fastq.gz  
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 HNF4a\_2\_GP5D\_vs\_rlgG2\_peaks.narrowPeak  
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[https://genome.ucsc.edu/s/kivioja/Sahu\\_et\\_al\\_Human\\_regulatory\\_elements](https://genome.ucsc.edu/s/kivioja/Sahu_et_al_Human_regulatory_elements)

## Methodology

### Replicates

The main findings of the study are based on the STARR-seq experiments, and ChIP-seq data for was used to support the conclusions. Due to the large number of different ChIP-seq data sets needed, we only used one replicate for each condition.

### Sequencing depth

Mapped reads for GP5d-TP53: total = 63021885; unique = 44989603  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-mlgG control for TP53: total = 40330794; unique = 28699379  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-FOXA1: total = 47301290; unique = 4007819  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-rlgG control for FOXA1: total = 49338820; unique = 43678360  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-CTCF: total = 32829873; unique = 28644653  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-glgG control for CTCF: total = 26247818; unique = 23128132  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-H3K27ac: total = 61776858; unique = 50807468  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-rlgG control for H3K27ac: total = 37885351; unique = 32031305  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-H3K9me3: total = 20163128; unique = 17797650  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-rlgG control for H3K9me3: total = 49338820; unique = 43678360  
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 Mapped reads for GP5d-rlgG control for H3K27me3: total = 31003987; unique = 22463136  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-HNF4a: total = 20180294; unique = 15124792  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-rlgG control for HNF4a: total = 48864528; unique = 30269040  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-SMC1: total = 41817385; unique = 36074245  
 Mapped reads for GP5d-rlgG control for SMC1: total = 49338820; unique = 43678360  
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### Antibodies

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### Peak calling parameters

Peak calling was performed using MACS2 with default parameters (narrow peaks were called for all samples except broad peaks for repressive histone modifications).

### Data quality

Correct TF motifs were discovered from the ChIP-seq peaks for all samples except IRF3 ChIP-seq in HepG2, and thus IRF3 data was not used in further analysis.

### Software

Bowtie2 (Langmead, & Salzberg, Nat Methods 9, 357-359, 2012)  
 MACS2 (Zhang et al., Genome Biol. 9, pp. R137, 2008)