

tation of the recorded spectral data, the MaxQuant software version 1.2.2.5 (Max Planck Institute) was used, with a multiplicity of 2 for dimethyl labelling⁵³. An FDR of 0.01 was applied on the peptide and the protein level, and an Andromeda-based search was performed using a mouse International Protein Index database (ipi.MOUSE.v3.84.fasta). Mass spectrometric measurement data were log-transformed regarding the heavy/light ratios using the R-statistical software (R Foundation for Statistical Computing). Three replicates were used to calculate mean values and significance levels using the Wilcoxon test. All identifications with a $-\log_{10}$ -transformed *P* value > 1 were considered significant.

Chromatin immunoprecipitation. Chromatin immunoprecipitation was performed according to Young and colleagues⁵⁴ with minor modifications. 1×10^7 cells were fixed for 20 min in a 1% formaldehyde solution. The fixation was stopped with 0.1 M glycine, the cell pellet was lysed and sonicated in 300 μ l buffer LB3⁵⁴ (Bioruptor Sonicator, two cycles of 15 min each at high power in pulsed mode (30 s on, 30 s off)). 30 μ l of 10% Triton X-100 was added and the sample was centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 10 min at 4 °C. The supernatant was removed and an aliquot was retained as the input DNA sample. For immunoprecipitation, 140 μ l of the supernatant was mixed with 50 μ l of Dynabeads Protein G (Life Technologies/Invitrogen), pre-coated with 5 μ g of an H3K4me3 antibody (A5051-001P, Diagenode) or an H3K27me3 antibody (39155, Active Motif) and incubated at 4 °C overnight. After incubation, the beads were magnetically separated from the supernatant, washed and eluted. After reverse-crosslinking, RNaseA and proteinase K digestion⁵⁴, the DNA was extracted with phenol/chloroform, and used as a template for qPCR. Sequence information of the specific primers used is available upon request. Enrichments were calculated according to the $\Delta\Delta C_t$ method, with Prame as endogenous control, and the input as calibrator. The values of the relative enrichments for the 4-OHT/ADR-treated samples were divided by the corresponding ADR sample values.

Statistical evaluation. On the basis of previous experience with the E μ -Myc transgenic mouse lymphoma model, sample sizes typically reflect three to five individual primary tumours as independent biological replicates. All quantifications from staining reactions (for example, immunostainings or SA- β -gal assays) reflect at least three samples with at least 100 events counted (typically in three different areas) each. For assessing long-term outcome after *in vivo* treatments, six or more tumour-bearing animals per arm were used. No statistical method was used to pre-determine sample size. No data were excluded, all probes/animals that met proper experimental conditions were included in the analysis. For purposes of tumour-initiation assays, a transplanted mouse scored positive if a palpable lymphadenopathy developed at any time point during the observation period of 100 days. The tumour initiation data were analysed using the ELDA (Extreme Limiting Dilution Analysis) software package at <http://bioinf.wehi.edu.au/software/elda/> (ref. 55) with a confidence interval of 95%. Unless stated otherwise, data are presented as arithmetic means \pm standard deviation (s.d.) and statistical analyses were based on paired or unpaired two-sided *t*-tests. The data not following a normal distribution (by Kolmogorov–Smirnov test) were analysed by unpaired *t*-test with Welch's correction. Similar variance between groups was not assumed. *P* < 0.05 was considered statistically significant. The whisker plot boxes indicate the first and third quartiles with median, and the upper and lower bars minimum and maximum values. For GSEA, the non-parametric Kolmogorov–Smirnov test was applied. Significant enrichment was accepted when *P* < 0.05 and FDR < 0.25, thus using the default significance levels for the method.

Data availability. Microarray datasets produced in our laboratory and analysed in this study are available at the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) repository of the National Center for Biotechnology Information, under the accession numbers GSE31099 and GSE44355, for control;*Bcl2* and *Suv39h1*^{−/−}; *Bcl2* lymphomas, respectively. Source Data for Figs 1–4 and Extended Data Figs 1–10 are provided with the online version of this paper. All other datasets generated during this study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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