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- A description of any assumptions or corrections, such as tests of normality and adjustment for multiple comparisons
- A full description of the statistical parameters including central tendency (e.g. means) or other basic estimates (e.g. regression coefficient) AND variation (e.g. standard deviation) or associated estimates of uncertainty (e.g. confidence intervals)
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Software and code

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Data collection

cutadapt (version 2.4), BSMAP (version 2.90),GATK (version 4.1.4.1), MOABS (version 1.3.2), Nugene diversity adapter trimming (<https://github.com/nugentechnologies/NuMetRRBS>), NuDup (<https://github.com/nugentechnologies/nudup>), BWA (version 0.7.17), samtools (version 1.10), MACS2 (version 2.1.2), peakranger (version 1.18), deepTools (version 2.4.1), STAR (version 2.7.5a), stringtie (version 2.0.6), bowtie2 (version 2.3.5.1), HICExplorer (version 3.6), Nanopype (version 1.1.0), guppy (v4.0.11), minimap2 (v2.10) , nanopolish (v0.13.2)

- Western blot images were collected using Image Lab software (version 6.1.0 build 7) (Bio-Rad)
- Single cell clones (ESC+TSC) and TSC knockout clones (GFP+) were sorted with FACS Diva software (BD Biosciences, v8.0.1) using BD FACS Aria II and BD FACSAria Fusion
- Brightfield images were collected using the Z1 Axio Observer and Zen Blue (2.3.69.1016) software (Zeiss)

Data analysis

R (version 3.6.3), metilene (version 0.2-8), bedtools (version 2.29.2), deepTools (version 2.4.1), pheatmap (version 1.0.12), EnrichedHeatmap (1.19.2), RLM (version 1.0.0), DESeq2 (version 1.26.0)
Custom code is available at [10.5281/zenodo.7492144](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7492144).
- FACS data was analyzed with FlowJo (v10.7)
- GraphPad Prism (V 9.2.0) was used for the generation of bar plots and growth curves

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Data

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All manuscripts must include a [data availability statement](#). This statement should provide the following information, where applicable:

- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A list of figures that have associated raw data
- A description of any restrictions on data availability

Sequencing data that support the findings of this study have been deposited in the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) under accession code GSE166362. Previously published data sets that were re-analyzed here are available under the following accession codes: WGBS data sets for wild type as well as Polycomb knockout mouse epiblast and extraembryonic ectoderm were obtained from GSE137337. WGBS for wild type mESCs was used from GSE158460. ChIP-seq for H3K27me3 profiled in mESCs and respective input samples were obtained from GSE116603, GSE120376 and GSE49847. mESC RNAseq replicates are available under GSE159468. WGBS of E15 and E18 mouse placental tissue were obtained from GSE84350. Source data are either provided with this study or available at 10.5281/zenodo.7492144. All other data supporting the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample sizes but our sample sizes are similar to those reported in previous publications (Smith et al. Nature 2017, Schoenfelder et al. Nature Communications 2018, Haggerty et al. Nature Structural and Molecular Biology 2021, Kumar et al. Nature Cell Biology 2022). Sample sizes are indicated in the figure panels or legends.
Data exclusions	No data was excluded.
Replication	Four different TSC lines from two different labs and including female and male lines were profiled in order to confirm that TSCs exhibit an intermediate, stochastic methylome similar to that of the extraembryonic ectoderm. Single Eed, Rnf2, Dnmt3b, Tet3 and Kdm2b knockouts were generated (no replicates) and the effect of the Eed knockout was verified using an inhibitor for EZH2. The effect of DNMT1i on TSCs was replicated in two different lines and three different experiments within the TSC1 line (at different passages). MINUTE-ChIP experiments were performed in triplicates. RNAseq, ChIP-BS-seq and EED ChIP-seq experiments were performed in duplicates. For RRBS, WGBS and Nanopore experiments single replicates per sample or time point were generated. Sex-typing and Western Blots were repeated at least three times, co-immunoprecipitation of EED and other proteins were repeated at least two times (one representative shown in this study). All attempts at replication were successful.
Randomization	Our genomic analyses are independent of human intervention and analyze each sample equally and in an unbiased fashion. For experiments, no pre-selection was done on experimental vs control samples during culture, treatment, library synthesis, or sequencing stages.
Blinding	Blinding was not relevant for this study since this is not an intervention study. However, our analytical pipeline followed uniform criteria applied to all samples, allowing us to analyze our data in an unbiased manner.

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Materials & experimental systems

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Methods

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Antibodies used

Supplier name, catalog number, clone/lot number
 Western Blot and Co-IP/MS
 Rabbit anti-H3K27me3: Cell Signaling Technology, #9733S, C36B11
 Rabbit anti-H2AK119Ub1: Cell Signaling Technology, #8240S, D27C4
 Rabbit anti-Histone H4: Cell Signaling Technology, #2592
 Mouse anti-Rabbit-IgG HRP: Jackson, cat# 211-032-171, clone: 5A6-1D10
 Rabbit anti-IgG: Cell Signaling Technology, #2729, lot:10
 Rabbit anti-EED: Abcam, cat# ab4469, lot:GR3207387-1
 Rabbit anti-Rnf2: Cell Signaling Technology, #5694, clone: D22F2
 Rabbit anti-DNMT3B: Cell Signaling Technology, #48488S, clone: E4I40
 Rabbit anti-RYBP: Millipore, #AB3637
 Rabbit anti-Suz12: Cell Signaling Technology, #3737T, clone: 8
 Mouse anti-Tubulin: Santa Cruz, #sc-32293, clone: DM1A
 MINUTE ChIP:
 Rabbit anti-H3K4me3: Millipore, #04-745, clone MC315
 Rabbit anti-H3K27me3: Cell Signaling Technology, #9733, clone: C36B11
 Rabbit anti-H2AK119ub: Cell Signaling Technology, #8240S, clone: D27C4
 ChIP-BS-seq:
 Rabbit anti-H3K27me3: Thermo Fisher, MA5-11198, lot: WH3366172
 ChIP-seq:
 Rabbit anti-EED: Abcam, ab240650, EPR23043-5, lot: GR3427609-2

Validation

Antibodies were validated by comparing immunofluorescence data and western blot in wild type and knockout trophoblast stem cells (data not shown). Additionally, all antibodies were validated by the provider and cited in numerous publications (information below)

The rabbit anti-H3K27me3 (CST) antibody has been validated using SimpleChIP® Enzymatic Chromatin IP Kits.
<https://www.cellsignal.de/products/primary-antibodies/tri-methyl-histone-h3-lys27-c36b11-rabbit-mab/9733>

The rabbit anti-H2AK119Ub1 antibody has been validated using SimpleChIP® Enzymatic Chromatin IP Kits.
<https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/ubiquityl-histone-h2a-lys119-d27c4-xp-rabbit-mab/8240>

The rabbit anti-Histone H4 antibody has been validated by WB.
<https://www.cellsignal.de/products/primary-antibodies/histone-h4-antibody/2592>

The rabbit anti-IgG antibody has been validated by ChIP and IP.
<https://www.cellsignal.de/products/primary-antibodies/normal-rabbit-igg/2729>

The rabbit anti-EED (abcam, #ab4469) antibody has been validated for WB and ICC/IF. This antibody is additionally knockout validated.
<https://www.abcam.com/eed-antibody-ab4469.html>

The rabbit anti-Rnf2 antibody has been validated using SimpleChIP® Enzymatic Chromatin IP Kits.
<https://www.cellsignal.de/products/primary-antibodies/ring1b-d22f2-xp-rabbit-mab/5694>

The rabbit anti-DNMT3B antibody is highly specific and rigorously validated by the provider for ChIP, IP, WB and IF.
<https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/dnmt3b-e4i4o-rabbit-mab-mouse-specific/48488>

The rabbit anti-RYBP antibody has been validated for use in WB.
https://www.merckmillipore.com/DE/de/product/Anti-DEDAF-Antibody,MM_NF-AB3637?ReferrerURL=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F

The rabbit anti-Suz12 antibody has been validated using SimpleChIP® Enzymatic Chromatin IP Kits.
<https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/suz12-d39f6-xp-rabbit-mab/3737>

The mouse anti-Tubulin antibody has been validated for WB and IF.
https://www.scbt.com/p/alpha-tubulin-antibody-dm1a?productCanUrl=alpha-tubulin-antibody-dm1a&_requestid=1049815

The rabbit anti-H3K4me3 antibody has been validated for WB, ChIP, DB, Mplex and ChIP-seq.
https://www.merckmillipore.com/DE/de/product/Anti-trimethyl-Histone-H3-Lys4-Antibody-clone-MC315-rabbit-monoclonal,MM_NF-04-745

The rabbit anti-H3K27me3 (Thermo Fisher) antibody has been extensively validated for specificity using SNAP-ChIP™ spike-in and peptide array.
<https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/H3K27me3-Antibody-clone-G-299-10-Monoclonal/MA5-11198>

The rabbit anti-EED (abcam, #ab240650) antibody has been validated in WB, ChIP-seq and IP. This antibody is additionally knockout validated.
<https://www.abcam.com/eed-antibody-epr23043-5-chip-grade-ab240650.html>

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Trophoblast Stem Cell (TSC) lines were derived from CD-1 strain blastocysts. Pronuclei Stage 3 (PN3) zygotes were isolated from natural mating of CD-1 strain mice (Charles river). More detailed info is provided in Methods under: "Derivation of Trophoblast stem cells". V6.5 mouse embryonic stem cell line (mESCs), source: Konrad Hochedlinger lab
Authentication	The identity of V6.5 mESCs and mTSCs including all cell lines derived from them have been validated using morphological characteristics, immunofluorescence, marker gene expression (RNAseq), but have not been authenticated. Knockout cell lines were validated by genotyping, western blotting, Sanger sequencing and next generation sequencing (RNAseq/RRBS/WGBS).
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines are negative for mycoplasma contamination and were regularly tested throughout the study.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	CD-1 strain Mus musculus domesticus animals (male and female) were used to generate blastocysts for TSC derivation.
Wild animals	<i>Provide details on animals observed in or captured in the field; report species, sex and age where possible. Describe how animals were caught and transported and what happened to captive animals after the study (if killed, explain why and describe method; if released, say where and when) OR state that the study did not involve wild animals.</i>
Field-collected samples	<i>For laboratory work with field-collected samples, describe all relevant parameters such as housing, maintenance, temperature, photoperiod and end-of-experiment protocol OR state that the study did not involve samples collected from the field.</i>
Ethics oversight	All research described here complies with the relevant ethical regulations at the respective institutions. Work at the Max Planck Institute was approved by the LAGESO.

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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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Genome browser session
(e.g. [UCSC](#))

No longer applicable.

Methodology

Replicates

MINUTE-ChIP experiments were performed in triplicates. ChIP-BS-seq and EED ChIP-seq experiments were performed in duplicates.

Sequencing depth

All MINUTE-ChIP, ChIP-BS-seq and ChIP-seq samples were sequenced using 100 bp paired-end reads.

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Antibodies

MINUTE-ChIP:
 Rabbit anti-H3K4me3: Millipore, #04-745, clone: MC315
 Rabbit anti-H3K27me3: Cell Signaling, #9733, clone: C36B11
 Rabbit anti-H2AK119ub: Cell Signaling, #8240, clone: D27C4

ChIP-BS-seq:
 Rabbit anti-H3K27me3: Thermo Fisher, MA5-11198, lot: WH3366172

ChIP-seq:
 Rabbit anti-EED: ab240650, EPR23043-5, lot: GR3427609-2

Peak calling parameters

Peaks for EED ChIPs were called using MACS2 'callpeak' (version 2.1.2; parameters --bdg --SPMR --broad) based on merged replicates using the input samples as control samples and only peaks with a q-value < 0.01 were considered for downstream analyses. No peak calling was performed for MINUTE-ChIP data generated within this study. Instead the scaled RPGC values were used to calculate the average intensity across CpG islands or one kb tiles. The tracks were generated as described below (Software).

Data quality

FastQC was run on all FASTQ files to assess general sequencing quality. Picard was used to determine insert size distribution, duplication rate, estimated library size. Mapping stats were generated from BAM files using samtools idxstats and flagstat commands. Final reports with all the statistics generated throughout the pipeline execution are gathered with MultiQC. For EED ChIP-seq samples, peaks were called on the merged replicates. For WT TSCs 19,775 broad peaks were called with an FDR < 0.01. For WT TSCs treated with EZH2i 7,553 broad peaks were called with an FDR < 0.01.

Software

MINUTE-ChIP processing:
 MINUTE-ChIP multiplexed FASTQ files were processed using minute, a workflow implemented in Snakemake. In order to ensure reproducibility, a conda environment was set up. Source code and documentation are fully available on GitHub: <https://github.com/NBISweden/minute>. Main steps performed are described below.
 Adaptor removal: Read pairs matching parts of the adaptor sequence (SBS3 or T7 promoter) in either read1 or read2 were removed using cutadapt v3.2.

Demultiplexing and deduplication: Reads were demultiplexed using cutadapt v3.2 allowing only one mismatch per barcode and written into sample-specific FASTQ files used for subsequent mapping.

Mapping: Sample-specific paired FASTQ files were mapped to the reference mm10 using bowtie2 v2.3.5.1 with --fast and --reorder parameter. Alignments were processed into sorted BAM files and replicates were pooled using samtools v1.10.

Deduplication: Duplicate reads are marked using UMI-sensitive deduplication tool je-suite (v2.0.RC) (<https://github.com/gbcs-emb/Je/>). Read pairs are marked as duplicates if their read1 (first-in-pair) sequences have the same UMI (allowing for 1 mismatch) and map to the same location in the genome. Blacklisted regions as downloaded from ENCODE were then removed from BAM files using bedtools v2.30.

Generation of coverage tracks and quantitative scaling: Input coverage tracks with 1 bp resolution in bigWig format were generated from BAM files using deepTools v3.5.0 bamCoverage and scaled to a reads-per-genome-coverage of one (1xRPGC, also referred to as '1x normalization') using the mm10 effective genome size. ChIP coverage tracks were generated from BAM files using deepTools (v3.5.0) bamCoverage. Quantitative scaling of the ChIP-Seq tracks amongst conditions within each pool was based on their Input-Normalized Mapped Read Count (INRC). INRC was calculated by dividing the number of unique reference-mapped reads by the respective number of Input reads: $\#mapped[ChIP] / \#mapped[Input]$. This essentially corrects for an uneven representation of barcodes in the Input. It has been previously shown that INRCs are proportional to the amount of epitope present in each condition. Reference condition (TSC WT) was scaled to 1x coverage (also termed Reads per Genome Coverage, RPGC). All other conditions within the same pool were scaled relative to the reference using the ratio of INRCs multiplied by the scaling factor determined for 1x normalization of the reference: $(\#mapped[ChIP] / \#mapped[Input]) / (\#mapped[ChIP_Reference] / \#mapped[Input_Reference]) * \text{scaling factor}$.

ChIP-BS-seq processing:

Raw reads of ESC and TSC H3K27me3 ChIP-BS-seq samples as well as their respective input samples were subjected to adapter and quality trimming with cutadapt (version 2.4; parameters: --quality-cutoff 20 --overlap 5 --minimum-length 25 --adapter AGATCGGAAGAGC -A AGATCGGAAGAGC). Reads were aligned to the mouse genome (mm10) using BSMAP (version 2.90; parameters: -v 0.1 -s 16 -q 20 -w 100 -S 1 -u -R). A sorted BAM file was obtained and indexed using samtools with the 'sort' and 'index' commands (version 1.10). Duplicate reads were identified and removed using GATK (version 4.1.4.1) 'MarkDuplicates' and default parameters. After careful inspection and validation of high correlation, replicates of treatment and input samples were merged respectively using samtools 'merge'. Methylation rates were called using mcall from the MOABS package (version 1.3.2; default parameters). All analyses were restricted to autosomes and only CpGs covered by at least 10 and at most 150 reads were considered for downstream analyses. Genome-wide coverage tracks for single and merged replicates normalized by library size were computed using deepTools bamCoverage (parameters: --normalizeUsing RPGC --extendReads --smoothLength 300). Coverage tracks were subtracted by the respective input using deeptools 'bigwigCompare'.

ChIP-seq processing:

Raw reads of ESC and TSC EED and publicly available ESC H3K27me3 ChIP-seq samples as well as their respective input samples were subjected to adapter and quality trimming with cutadapt (version 2.4; parameters: --quality-cutoff 20 --overlap 5 --minimum-length 25 --adapter AGATCGGAAGAGC -A AGATCGGAAGAGC). Reads were aligned to the mouse genome (mm10) using BWA with the 'mem' command (version 0.7.17, default parameters)⁶¹. A sorted BAM file was obtained and indexed using samtools with the 'sort' and 'index' commands (version 1.10)⁶⁶. Duplicate reads were identified and removed using GATK (version 4.1.4.1) 'MarkDuplicates' and default parameters. After careful inspection and validation of high correlation, replicates of treatment and input samples were merged respectively using samtools 'merge'. Domains for public H3K27me3 ESC samples were called for each sample with its respective input using peakranger 'bcp' (version 1.18)⁶⁷. Only regions called a domain in at least two of the samples were considered for the final selection and merged using bedtools 'mergeBed' (parameters: -d 50). Retained regions smaller than 100 bp were removed from the set. Peaks for EED ChIPs were called using MACS2 'callpeak' (version 2.1.2; parameters --bdg --SPMR --broad) based on merged replicates using the input samples as control samples and only peaks with a q-value < 0.01 were considered for downstream analyses. Genome-wide coverage tracks for single and merged replicates normalized by library size were computed using deepTools bamCoverage (parameters: --normalizeUsing RPGC --extendReads --smoothLength 300). Coverage tracks were subtracted by the respective input using deeptools 'bigwigCompare'.

Flow Cytometry

Plots

Confirm that:

- The axis labels state the marker and fluorochrome used (e.g. CD4-FITC).
- The axis scales are clearly visible. Include numbers along axes only for bottom left plot of group (a 'group' is an analysis of identical markers).
- All plots are contour plots with outliers or pseudocolor plots.
- A numerical value for number of cells or percentage (with statistics) is provided.

Methodology

Sample preparation

Cells were detached using Trypsin-EDTA 0.05 % for 10 minutes. Subsequently, trypsinization was stopped by addition of ESC/TSC medium containing FBS and cells were dissociated to generate a single cell suspension. Cells were spun down, washed once with PBS and passed through a FACS tube with cell strainer just before the sort with the flow cytometer

Instrument

BD FACS Aria II and BD FACS Fusion

Software

FACS Diva (BD Biosciences) for collection and FlowJo (v1.07) for analysis

Cell population abundance

The overall cell population was calculated using forward and side-scatter patterns. The abundance of cells in a population is represented as the normalized mode.

Gating strategy

Gating for negative and positive population was determined with untreated or isotype controls.

Tick this box to confirm that a figure exemplifying the gating strategy is provided in the Supplementary Information.