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25 Summary

26 The transcription factor Shavenbaby (Svb), the only member of the OvoL family in Drosophila, 27 controls intestinal stem cell differentiation. Post-translational modification of Svb produces two 28 protein isoforms, Svb-ACT and Svb-REP, which promote intestinal stem cell renewal or 29 differentiation, respectively. Using engineered cell lines, we express either isoform to define 30 their mode of action, and develop an unbiased method to identify Svb target genes in intestinal cells. Within a given cell type, Svb-ACT and Svb-REP antagonistically regulate the expression 31 32 of a set of target genes, binding specific enhancers whose accessibility is constrained by. 33 During intestinal differentiation, the set of target genes progressively changes, together with 34 chromatin accessibility. Moreover, Svb-REP binding stabilizes three-dimensional enhancer-35 promoter loops, while influencing the local chromatin landscape to repress target genes. We 36 propose that SvbACT-to-REP switch promotes enterocyte differentiation of intestinal stem 37 cells through direct gene regulation and chromatin remodeling.

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39 Keywords

40 OvoL, ovo/shavenbaby, *Drosophila*, intestinal stem cells, cell differentiation, transcription
41 factors, enhancers, histone marks, chromatin organization, gene regulation

42 Introduction

43 Transcription factors (TFs) are primary determinants of cell phenotypes and behaviors, 44 regulating gene expression via binding to DNA sequences located within enhancers and promoters cis-regulatory elements (Takahashi and Yamanaka, 2006) (Bulyk, 2003; Rohs et 45 46 al., 2009). TF binding motifs being generally short (4-15 base pairs) and degenerate, they are 47 very abundant in the genome. The accessibility of TF binding sites is influenced by many 48 parameters and dimensions, including biophysical constraints, chromatin state and 49 organization into domains, and notably involving the presence/absence of epigenetic co-50 regulators. As a consequence, only a limited subset of TF binding sites are bound in a given 51 cell type (Buenrostro et al., 2018; Cuvier and Fierz, 2017)(Guertin and Lis, 2010; Slattery et 52 al., 2014; Wang et al., 2012), and substantial variations in binding events are often observed 53 across tissues (Arvey et al., 2012; Spitz and Furlong, 2012). These cell-specific changes in 54 binding site occupancy are often thought to have strong impact in transcriptional outputs (Sen et al., 2019), though distinct tissues, developmental stages and/or transcriptional factors may 55 56 adopt distinct strategies. The underlying mechanisms and functional consequences currently 57 remain to be fully elucidated.

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59 Transcription factors of the Ovo-like (OvoL) family are specific to metazoans (Kumar et al., 60 2012) and display key functions during animal development. The founding member called 61 Ovo/Shavenbaby (Svb) was initially identified in flies (Mevelninio et al., 1995) for its dual role 62 in germline and epidermal development. Mammalian species have evolved three paralogs 63 referred to as OvoL1-3 that display partly redundant functions (Teng et al., 2007) and also 64 contribute to germline, skin development and diseases (Tsuji et al., 2017). In addition, the 65 deregulation of OvoL expression is associated to various cancers of epithelial origin (Roca et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2017; Watanabe et al., 2014) and it has been proposed that OvoL 66 67 factors act as the guardians of epithelial integrity by preventing epithelial-mesenchymal 68 transition (Hong et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2017). While OvoL TFs share a highly-conserved 69 zinc finger DNA binding domain that recognizes the core sequence CNGTT (Lee and Garfinkel, 2000; Lu and Oliver, 2001), they differ in their N-terminal regions and can exhibit distinct 70 71 transcriptional activities (Watanabe et al., 2014).

Drosophila encodes a unique Ovo/Svb gene, providing an attractive paradigm to dissect OvoL functions and investigate the mechanisms underlying tissue-specific activities. The somatic factor, Shavenbaby (Svb), is known for governing differentiation of epidermal cells in the embryo and adult derivatives (Chanut-Delalande *et al.*, 2014; Payre *et al.*, 1999). The Svb protein is translated as a large transcriptional repressor, referred to as Svb-REP. Remarkably, 77 under the action of Polished-rice (Pri, a.k.a. Tarsal-less or Mille patte) peptides encoded by 78 small open reading frames, the ubiquitin ligase Ubr3 binds to Svb-REP, and triggers 79 proteasome-dependent processing resulting in the production of a shorter transcriptional activator, Svb-ACT (Kondo et al., 2010; Zanet et al., 2015). In the embryonic epidermis, Svb-80 81 ACT triggers the expression of a battery of effector genes that are collectively responsible for the remodeling of epithelial cells (Chanut-Delalande et al., 2006; Fernandes et al., 2010; 82 83 Menoret et al., 2013). We have recently reported that Svb is critically required for the 84 maintenance of adult epithelial stem cells, which ensure the homeostasis of the renal (Bohère 85 et al., 2018) and intestinal systems (Al Hayek et al., 2021). In addition, the Svb transcriptional 86 switch operated by Pri peptides is also at work to control the behavior of adult stem cells : 87 SvbACT promotes intestinal stem cell self-renewal and proliferation, while in contrast SvbREP 88 dictates differentiation into enterocytes (Al Hayek et al., 2021).

89 Here we use genomic and bioinformatic approaches to study the molecular action of the two 90 Svb isoforms on gene expression, across the intestinal stem cell lineage. Using engineered 91 cells in culture, we define the molecular mode of action of Svb-ACT and REP. We show that, 92 constrained by chromatin landscape, both Svb-ACT and Svb-REP bind to a same array of 93 open enhancers, mediating antagonistic effects on the expression of a common set of target 94 genes. We develop unsupervised analyses of differential gene expression in response to Svb-95 ACT and Svb-REP allowing the identification of Svb target genes in adult intestinal stem cells 96 (ISCs) and their progeny enteroblasts and enterocytes. Strikingly, Svb target genes are 97 different in each cell type of the lineage. Interestingly, this change in the target genes repertoire 98 during differentiation is accompanied by chromatin accessibility remodeling, and concomitant 99 accumulation of SvbREP. We further show in cultured cells that Svb-REP participates in 100 remodeling local chromatin landscape, playing an active role in transcriptional repression, 101 which can occur through distal enhancers. This work sheds light on the possible crosstalk 102 between the chromatin landscape co-evolving with the proteasome mediated maturation of a 103 transcription factor, which may serve to optimize transcriptional output to differentiation.

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105 **Results**

- 106 Svb-REP and Svb-ACT bind common enhancers and antagonistically control gene expression
- 107 To map the genome-wide set of sites bound by Svb-ACT and Svb-REP, we made use of stable
- 108 cell lines derived from cultured S2 Drosophila cells, since they do not express endogenous
- 109 Svb and have been engineered to express one or the other Svb form (Kondo *et al.*, 2010;
- 110 Zanet *et al.*, 2015). We performed chromatin immunoprecipitation coupled to next-generation
- 111 sequencing (ChIP-seq) in Svb-ACT::GFP or Svb-REP::GFP cells (Figure 1A). ChIP-seq

revealed 6,939 regions highly enriched for Svb-ACT binding (Figure 1B). Consistent with a binding mediated by the zinc fingers domain, these regions feature DNA motifs matching CcGTT, the Ovo/Svb binding matrixes ((Castro-Mondragon *et al.*, 2017; Menoret *et al.*, 2013; Nguyen *et al.*, 2018) and methods). The most enriched motif matches a ACCGTTA sequence (hereafter referred to as F7-BS, Figure 1D). F7-BS - defined by a machine learning approach combining statistical analysis to phylogenetic information (Rouault *et al.*, 2010) is the best predictor of functional Svb binding sites *in vivo* (Menoret *et al.*, 2013).

Although peak calling detected a markedly smaller number of regions for Svb-REP (1,325),
they extensively overlap with Svb-ACT bound regions and there is clear enrichment for SvbREP across all Svb-ACT peaks (Figure 1B, Figure S1A-F)). We thus conclude that both
isoforms bind common sites genome-wide.

123 To characterize the chromatin landscape of Svb-bound regions, we interrogated whether these 124 regions display recognizable patterns of histone marks using the large set of data available in 125 Drosophila cells (Herz et al., 2012; Huang et al., 2017; Kellner et al., 2012; Li et al., 2015; 126 Schauer et al., 2017). Considering all Svb-ACT peaks (allowing peak detection at higher 127 sensitivity), a strong enrichment in histone3 acetylated on K27 (H3K27ac) across sites bound 128 by Svb was found (Figure 1B-C). Notably, H3K27ac enrichment directly correlated with Svb-129 ChIP signal (see the intensity "gradients" in Figure 1B). H3K27ac marks open chromatin, in 130 particular active enhancers (Crevention et al., 2010; Cubenas-Potts et al., 2017; Li et al., 2015) 131 which are also enriched in histone 3 methylated on K4 (Heintzman et al., 2009; Sethi et al., 132 2020). Consistently, Svb-bound sites were consistently enriched in H3K4me1 and H3K4me3 133 that accumulated on both sides of the peak (Figure 1B-C). Accordingly, H3K27me3 marks of 134 repressive chromatin (Liu et al., 2020) were depleted (Figure 1B-C). Therefore, these data 135 suggest that Svb binds active enhancers. We challenged this hypothesis by analyzing Svb binding to all enhancers defined by STARR-seq ((Arnold et al., 2013) Figure 1E). This revealed 136 137 that enhancers associated with high Svb signal display stronger enhancer activity (brown) and 138 higher H3K27ac (blue), compared to Svb unbound enhancers (Figure 1E), confirming that Svb 139 binds active enhancers.

140 To analyze the respective influence of Svb isoforms on gene expression, we next performed 141 RNA-sequencing in control, Svb-ACT and Svb-REP cells. When compared to controls, both 142 Svb-ACT and Svb-REP significantly changed gene expression (Figure S1G). In vivo assays in 143 embryonic epidermal cells have shown the antagonistic activity of Svb-ACT and Svb-REP on individual direct target genes (Chanut-Delalande et al., 2006; Fernandes et al., 2010; Kondo 144 145 et al., 2010), leading to the upregulation or downregulation of those, respectively. We expected 146 direct target genes of Svb in S2 cells to display a similar behavior. Therefore, we selected all 147 differentially expressed genes (DEG, p-value<0.05) between Svb-ACT and Svb-REP, and 148 focused on those responding to both isoforms (log₂(FC)>0 in Svb-ACT and log₂(FC)<0 in Svb-149 REP conditions, Figure S1G). This supervised approach defined a group of 285 putative target 150 genes. Consistent with the prediction that these genes contain direct targets, 86% of those are 151 associated with Svb binding peaks (Figure 1J). To further tackle the influence of Svb REP and 152 ACT on gene expression, we develop an unsupervised approach based on hierarchical 153 clustering and k-means to identify Svb direct target genes solely based on RNAseg data. 154 Hierarchical clustering (Johnson, 1967) defines 5 groups of DE genes (Figure 1F), one being 155 very similar to the supervised set (278/285 genes in common, Figure 1G,I). We used 15 156 iterations of k-means clustering to challenge the robustness of each hierarchical cluster gene 157 sets, and developed the "robustness score" method to estimate the proportion of genes that 158 cluster together throughout K-means iterations (r-score, Figure 1H, see methods). The cluster 159 comprising putative Svb targets got the highest r-score and 195 genes were common to all 160 iterations and methods (Figure 1I), 86% of these common genes being associated to Svb 161 binding peaks (Figure 1J). This set of 195 genes is referred hereafter as S2 Svb target genes.

Taken together, these data show that Svb-ACT and Svb-REP display antagonistic
transcriptional activities, acting on a common set of approximately 200 genes validated through
an unsupervised approach (see Figure 1K for a representative target gene).

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166 Chromatin landscape defines Svb binding sites

Having defined the set of Svb target genes in S2, we next asked whether it reflected the regulation of genes by Svb in embryonic epidermal cells (Menoret *et al.*, 2013), focusing on direct target genes (*i.e.*, being differentially expressed and displaying a binding peak in embryo). No significant overlap between the two sets of genes was observed (Figure 2A). This suggested that Svb could behave differently depending on the cell type. Indeed, this divergence is also observed when comparing Svb-ChIP peaks between embryonic and S2 cells (Figure 2B).

174 To get a deeper look at the chromatin context of Svb binding, we focused on evolutionarily 175 conserved F7-BS motifs that often mediate transcription of Svb direct targets in vivo (Menoret 176 et al., 2013) and are highly enriched within Svb peaks in S2 cells (Figure 1D). There are 2354 177 conserved F7-BS in the Drosophila genome, 26% of those being bound by Svb in S2 cells 178 (Figure 2Ba+b). Chromatin profiles of histone post-translational modifications were generated 179 to inspect the chromatin landscape around F7-BS. This analysis showed that Svb-bound F7-180 BS (a and b) displayed significantly higher H3K27ac, H3K4me1 and H3K4me3 and lower 181 H3K27me3, as compared to non-bound F7-BS (Figure 2C, c and d). Of note, the binding status 182 of F7-BS in embryo has no effect on the chromatin landscape in S2 cells (a vs b and c vs d):

whereas F7-BS bound only in S2 cells also displayed the features of active enhancers (b), sites bound by Svb only in the embryonic epidermis exhibited closed chromatin configuration in S2 cells (d). A representative embryonic Svb target gene is shown (Figure 2D, see repressive chromatin landscape and absence of Svb-ChIP peak in S2). We challenge this observation using available ATAC-seq data from S2 cells, and confirm that chromatin is open and accessible at Svb-bound F7-BS (Figure 2E a and b) whereas Svb-unbound sites are in a closed conformation (Figure 2E c and d), again independently of Svb binding in embryo.

Together, these results indicate that the Svb transcription factor regulates different sets of target genes in S2 cells and embryonic epidermal cells. Specific patterns of histone marks highlight how such cell-type specific genes may be gated through accessibility of distinct pool of sites that are accessible to Svb binding, hence defining a subset of cell-type specific target genes regulated by Svb.

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196 Identification of Svb target genes across the intestinal stem cell lineage

197 While the absence of endogenous expression of Svb in cultured cells was helpful to address 198 the binding and transcriptional effect of each isoform, the extent to which this experimental 199 model was representative of the choice of target genes in vivo remained to be established. We 200 next investigated its activity in adult intestinal stem cells (ISCs) lineage leading to enterocyte 201 (EC) differentiation (Figure 3A). We previously described that Svb-ACT acts in ISC to promote 202 their maintenance and proliferation, while Svb-REP triggers and accompanies differentiation 203 into ECs (Al Hayek et al., 2021). Svb-REP accumulates during differentiation (Figure 3A), and 204 is required in mature EC to maintain their epithelial properties (Al Havek et al., 2021). Thus, 205 the switch from Svb-ACT to REP isoforms has a drastic effect on ISC and EC behavior, but 206 the target genes mediating this function remained unknown.

207 To identify genes regulated by Svb in each cell type from the lineage, we profiled the 208 transcriptome of four cell types from posterior midguts: ISCs, enteroblasts (EBs), early EC 209 (eEC) and mature EC (mEC) (see methods). These cells were purified from dissected guts of 210 control animals, upon RNAi-mediated svb depletion, and expression of Svb-ACT or Svb-211 REP^{3Kmut} (a engineered form insensitive to Pri and thus not convertible into Svb-ACT (Zanet et 212 al., 2015). Note that manipulation of Svb function was specifically targeted either to progenitor 213 cells (ISC and EB) or to ECs (eEC and mEC), using specific drivers allowing spatial and 214 temporal control (Figure 3B, (Jiang and Edgar, 2009; Micchelli and Perrimon, 2006)).

We first verified that our RNA-seq datasets are consistent with available transcriptomic data and indeed represent distinct cell types along the ISC to EC differentiation route (ISC, EB,

217 early EC and mature EC, Figure S2A). Then, building on the unbiased method developed using

218 cultured cells (Figure 1), we identify the set of genes whose expression is likely directly regulated by Svb. In each cell type, we identify one robust cluster of 132-265 genes 219 220 antagonistically regulated by Svb as expected for direct target genes (Figure 3C to G, Figure 221 S2B). The fact that their expression was also downregulated upon svb knockdown in 222 progenitors confirms that these genes are normally activated by Svb-ACT in ISCs (Figure 3C 223 and G, Figure S2B). On the contrary, Svb target genes in mature ECs tend to be upregulated 224 upon svb knockdown, confirming that Svb acts mostly as a repressor in these cells (Figure 225 S2B/Table S1).

- In agreement with the function of Svb in ISC (Al Hayek *et al.*, 2021), we identify genes controlling cell cycle, proliferation and survival of stem cells (*string, cycE, cycB, piwi...*) as well as signaling pathways known to control stemness (*egfr, Dl*) (Figure 3E) (reviewed in (Boumard and Bardin, 2021)(Kohlmaier *et al.*, 2015; Sousa-Victor *et al.*, 2017)). This discovery reinforces the importance of the switch between Svb-ACT and REP isoforms in ISC progeny: the downregulation of such regulators by Svb-REP might favor cell cycle exit and commitment towards differentiation.
- 233 Interestingly, the set of Svb target genes is markedly different in progenitors versus 234 differentiated cells from the lineage (Figure 3F, Figure S2D), reminiscent of the situation 235 observed between embryonic and cultured S2 cells (Figure 2). Focusing on the 195 ISC target 236 genes, we show that their expression and regulation evolves during differentiation: 73 remain 237 Svb targets in EB, 25 are also targets in early EC, and only 5 are targets in mature EC. Thus, 238 the change in Svb target gene set occurs gradually (Figure 3F, Figure S2D). Accordingly, ISC 239 target genes' expression tends to decrease during differentiation, as well as the ability of Svb-240 ACT to activate their transcription (Figure 3G, Figure S2C).
- 241 It was described that ISC chromatin accessibility evolves as they differentiate into EB and EC 242 (Aughey et al., 2018). We analyzed chromatin accessibility at Svb target genes' loci in ISC, EB 243 and mEC using CATaDa (Chromatin Accessibility Targeted DamID), a technique based on the 244 Dam methyltransferase expression specifically in one of these cell types (Aughev et al., 2018). 245 We observed that the chromatin at ISC and EB target genes is most accessible in ISC, still 246 open in EB and closed in enterocytes (e.g. stg and egfr, Figure 3H,I). On the contrary, EC 247 target genes tend to be more accessible in differentiated EC (e.g. Cyp9b2 Figure 3J). We 248 tested whether this trend was global by averaging CATaDa signal from entire gene sets 249 corresponding to cell-specific target genes (Figure 3H', I', L'). This confirms that, as cells 250 differentiate, the TSSs of target genes in ISC and EB close down while those of mEC become 251 accessible.

All together these results show that Svb target gene sets evolve gradually during intestinal cell differentiation, concomitant with changes in chromatin accessibility. This suggests that, as observed in cultured cells, the chromatin state governs Svb-accessible regions thereby constraining its transcriptional output. These results prompted us to test whether Svb isoforms whose ratio changes during differentiation (as Svb-REP accumulates), could influence chromatin organization directly, surrounding its binding sites.

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259 SvbREP modifies local chromatin state

260 To address the putative effect of Svb on chromatin landscape, we used our cultured cell system 261 and profiled the changes in H3K27 acetylation, a key mark of active enhancers (Creyghton et 262 al., 2010), in control, Svb-ACT and Svb-REP conditions. We focused on Svb-bound regions 263 and confirmed H3K27ac enrichment at Svb peaks (Figure 4A), as previously observed with 264 public datasets (Figure 1). Interestingly, we observed a decrease in H3K27ac in presence of 265 Svb-REP (Figure 4A, B). The amplitude of this effect depends on the intensity of Svb peaks, 266 as revealed by the REP/control ratio (Figure 4C), suggesting that the Svb-REP directly 267 impinges H3K27 acetylation.

268 We deployed Hi-C experiments to ask whether these local changes may affect 3D chromatin 269 organization. Inspecting long-range contacts at high resolution (1kb) using 2D plot suggested 270 that specific 3D contacts may actually form in the Svb-REP condition, which could reflect the 271 formation or stabilization of specific loops (Figure 4D). We wondered whether these contacts 272 might occur between Svb bound enhancers and target promoters. To readily test this at 273 genome-wide scales, we used aggregation plots as previously developed by us and others 274 (Liang et al., 2014; Rao et al., 2014). Aggregate Hi-C plots depending on presence or absence 275 of Svb suggest that, Svb-REP stabilizes such enhancer-promoter interactions (Figure 4E). To 276 further test the specificity of these 3D interactions, we considered all enhancer-promoter 277 interaction changes when comparing Svb-ACT and REP conditions. These couples were 278 ranked following changes in 3D contacts. For each decile from the list, we estimated the 279 enrichment for Svb-bound or Svb-unbound enhancers (Figure 4F and methods). This revealed 280 that the Svb-bound enhancers tend to be enriched among the enhancers on which Svb had 281 the strongest influence, in contrast to unbound enhancers (Figure 4F). Altogether, our data 282 thus show that Svb-REP impinges both on local chromatin landscape of enhancers and 3D 283 contacts with promoters. Svb-REP has an instructive role on chromatin and participates in its 284 remodeling.

285 **Discussion**

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287 Here, we describe how Svb regulates the expression of its target genes. First, Svb-ACT and 288 REP bind to the same genomic enhancer regions to antagonistically control a cohort of target 289 genes. Second, this cohort is constrained by the chromatin environment of the cell, leading to 290 almost completely distinct target gene sets in different cell types. Last, we show that Svb-REP 291 isoform modifies local chromatin landscape at bound enhancers, and 3D contacts with target 292 promoters. This work reveals how a peptide-induced proteasomal processing of a transcription 293 factor leads to specific cell fate commitment: the crosstalk between chromatin organization 294 and Svb activity defines cell specific transcriptional output.

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In the intestine, we show that in stem cells Svb target genes (*egfr, stg...*) are activated to maintain stemness and proliferation. The progressive accumulation of Svb-REP occurring in EB will first reduce these genes' expression, consistent with cell cycle arrest and differentiation. Notably, EGFR pathway was previously shown to directly control *svb* transcription (Al Hayek *et al.*, 2021), forming a feedback loop that could reinforce the asymmetry between ISC daughter cells. In ISC, high Svb-ACT would maintain high EGFR, and high DI, while cells starting to accumulate Svb-REP would decrease EGFR and DI, triggering differentiation.

303 During differentiation, we observe that the chromatin at Svb ISC target genes' expression goes 304 down (Figure 3G), while chromatin around TSSs progressively closes down (Figure 3H). As 305 we established that Svb-REP binding locally modifies H3K27ac, Svb-REP likely participates in 306 de-acetylation of H3K27 in the intestinal lineage. This could mediate direct gene repression 307 through inhibition of enhancer activity. In addition, this histone modification could foreshadow 308 the chromatin compaction that occurs during differentiation, which mediates long-term 309 silencing of "stemness" genes. It would be interesting to study the mechanisms by which Svb 310 modulate chromatin landscape and to which extent this applies to OvoL proteins and other 311 transcription factors.

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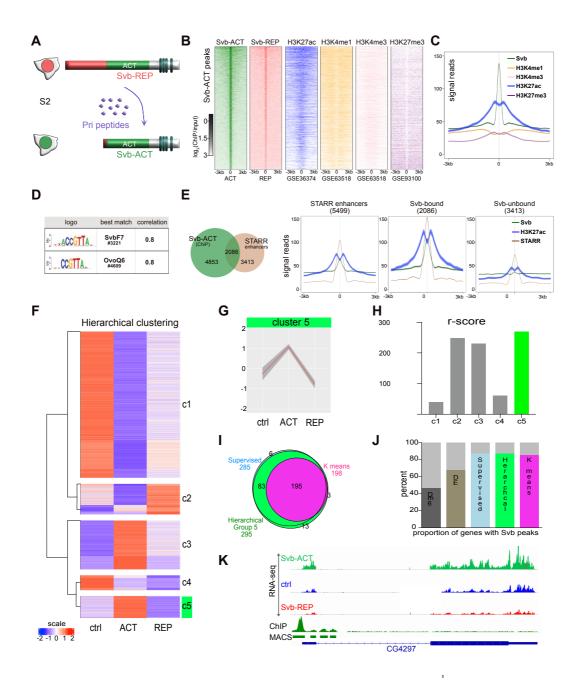
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510 **Figure 1**: **Svb-ACT and REP bind common enhancers to antagonistically regulate a** 511 **common set of target genes.**

(A) Cultured S2 cells provide an exquisite model system for studying the mechanistics of Svb
 isoforms functions. Pri smORF peptides trigger SvbREP to SvbACT post-translational,
 proteasome-dependent processing.

- 515 (B) ChIP-seq heatmaps for Svb-ACT, SvbREP and the indicated histones marks available from 516 S2 cells. All heatmaps are centered on Svb-ACT peaks and sorted by Svb-ACT signal 517 intensity. Color intensity reflects the level of ChIP-seq enrichment presented as 518 log2(ChIP/input).
- 519 (C) Histone marks averaged profile centered on Svb-ACT peaks.
- 520 (D) DNA motifs most enriched in Svb-ACT bound peaks as defined by RSAT suite, the 521 correlation score reflect the result of the Pearson test between the logo detected and the logo 522 present on the RSAT database (Nguyen *et al.*, 2018).
- 523 (E) Interaction between Svb-ACT peaks and active enhancers identified by STARR-seq 524 (Arnold *et al.*, 2013). Left, venn diagram showing the overlap of Svb-ACT bound regions

- 525 (green, n=6939) and active enhancers (brown, n=5499). Right, average enrichment of Svb-
- 526 ACT (green), STARR signal (brown) and H3K27ac (blue) for all active enhancers, Svb-bound 527 and Svb-unbound enhancers.
- 528 (F) Hierarchical clustering of DE genes across RNAseq experimental conditions.
- 529 (G) Metaprolife of the Cluster 5 of the hierarchical clustering identified in F.
- 530 (H) r-score defines the robustness of each gene cluster from hierarchical clustering, based on
- 531 its conservation through 15 iterations of k-means clustering. See Figure S1 and methods for 532 details. c5 is highlighted in green.
- 533 (I) Venn diagram showing a robust set of 195 genes considered as "S2 Svb target genes" is 534 found through supervised (see Figure S1), hierarchical and k-means clusterings.
- (J) Diagram showing the proportion of genes with SvbACT ChIP peaks in the whole genome
 (Dm6), all differentially expressed genes (DE), or Svb putative target genes define by either
 supervised method, hierarchical clustering or K-means clusterings.
- 538 (K) Genome browser screenshot of the CG4297 locus displaying typical Svb target gene 539 behavior (basal expression in blue, Svb-ACT upregulation in green; Svb-REP downregulation 540 in red, Svb ChIP in dark green).
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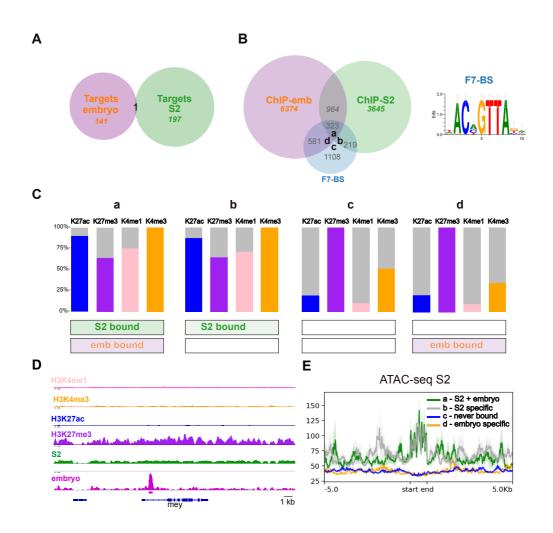
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552 Figure 2: Chromatin landscape constrains Svb binding

553 (A) Venn diagram showing the overlap between the sets of Svb target genes in S2 cells 554 (n=198) and embryonic epidermal cells (n=142,(Menoret *et al.*, 2013)).

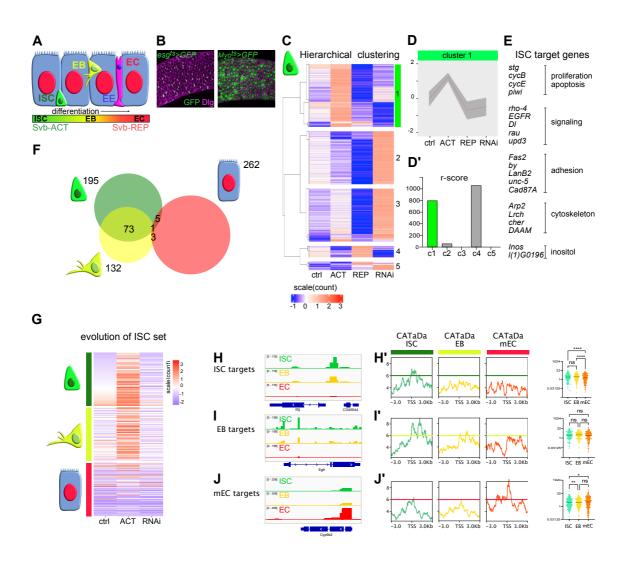
(B) Venn diagram showing the intersections between Svb-bound regions in S2 cells (green),
in embryonic epidermal cells (orange), and genomic F7-BS regions (blue). F7-BS position
weight matrix is shown on the right. The "Svb-bound" regions overlap with F7-BS regions if a
F7-BS is found less than 3kb away from the ChIP peak. Each F7-BS is thus bound or not by
Svb in either cell type. a,b,c and d mark the 4 types of F7-BS behavior shown in panels C and
E.

561 (C) Enrichment of the indicated histones marks around S7-BS motifs in the different sets 562 defined in (B).

(D) Snapshot of IGV genome browser showing Svb ChIP (from S2 cells in green and from
embryos in magenta) at mey locus. In embryo Svb binds a canonical enhancer driving *mey*gene expression in embryonic epidermal cells (Menoret *et al.*, 2013). The different histone
marks (H3K4me1 in pink, H3K4me3 in yellow, H3K27ac in blue, H3K27me3 in purple) allow
visualization of the chromatin organization of the region in S2 cells, consistent with repressive
configuration and absence of Svb binding in this cell type.

569 (E) ATAC-seq metaprofiles from S2 cells (Ibrahim *et al.*, 2018) show chromatin accessibility 570 over 10 kb around F7-BS for the clusters defined in B.

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576 Figure 3: Evolution of Svb target genes through the lineage of intestinal stem cells

577 (A) Schematic representation of the cell types of the intestinal epithelium leading to EC 578 differentiation. Svb-ACT is the majority form in ISCs and Svb-REP in ECs. ISC in green, EB in 579 yellow, EC in bleue and EE in purple.

580 (B) Cell type specific drivers have been used to manipulate Svb expression in adult fly 581 progenitors (ISCs and EBs, *esg:GAL4, Gal80^{ts}*) or ECs (*myo1A:GAL4, Gal80^{ts}*).

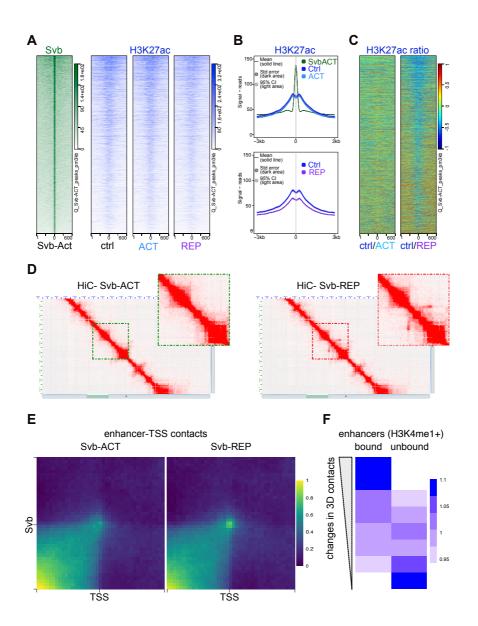
(C) Hierarchical clustering of RNAseq data from sorted ISC reveals DE genes upon Svb
 modulation. Four experimental conditions were used: *control* (ctrl), *UAS-SvbACT* (ACT), *UAS- Svb*^{3Kmut} (REP), and *UAS-Svb RNAi* (RNAi). Cluster 1 comprises genes activated by SvbACT
 and repressed by SvbREP and upon Svb loss of function.

586 (D) Metaprofile of c1 corresponding to ISC target genes. (D') Robustness analysis (r-score) of 587 each hyerarchical cluster.

- 588 (E) Subset of genes from c1 with their associated functions.
- (F) Venn diagram showing how Svb target genesets evolve during intestinal cell differentiation.
 Note ISC/EB target genesets similarity as opposed to EC targets. Svb target genes were
 identified in ISC, EB, eEC and mEC following the same pipeline (see FigureS2/Table S1).
- (G) Heatmaps showing expression of the 195 ISC target genes in ctrl, Svb-ACT and *svb-RNAi* conditions, in ISC, EB and mEC (top to bottom).
- 594 (H-J) CATaDa data (Aughey *et al.*, 2018) allow studying the dynamics of chromatin 595 accessibility through the lineage. (H,I,J) are IGV genome browser screenshots of 596 representative loci of an ISC target gene (*stg*, H), an EB target gene (*egfr*, I) and a mEC target

597 gene (Cyp9b2, J), showing CaTADA signal in ISC (green), in EB (yellow) and in EC (red). 598 Averaged CATaDa signal profile (in reads per million), centered on the TSS of all ISC target genes (H'), all EB target genes (I') and all mEC target genes (J') are shown, showing 599 accessibility in ISC (green), EB (yellow) and EC cells (red) (left to right of each panel). The 600 601 plots on the right present for each gene the CATaDa signal around the TSS (1kb on both side). Statistical analysis confirms the general trend that ISC target genes' TSS close and mEC target 602 genes' TSS open during intestinal cell differentiation (Kruskal-wallis test with Dunn's multiple 603 604 comparisons).

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608Figure 4: The SvbREP-to-ACT switch is accompanied by a dynamic remodeling of the609enhancer chromatin landscape

- 610 (A) Heatmap showing both Svb-ACT binding (green) and H3K27ac abundance (blue) at Svb-
- 611 bound regions in control, SvbACT and SvbREP cells. All heatmaps are ranked by Svb ChIP 612 intensity.
- 613 (B) Metaprofiles overlay of A (ACT vs ctrl and REP vs ctrl).
- 614 (C) Heatmap showing the ratio of H3K27ac ChIP signal in ACT vs control (left) and REP vs
- 615 control.

(D) 2D plot showing our long-range interactions as probed using chromosome conformation
 capture (3C/Hi-C) in cells expressing Svb-ACT compared to Svb-REP. Enlarged areas mark
 possible 3D long-range contacts as highlighted (dotted squares).

(E) Aggregate plots of HiC data in SvbACT and SvbREP cells assessing the dynamics of 3D

620 chromatin contacts for all enhancers identified by STARR-seq (Arnold *et al.*, 2013; Zabidi *et* 621 *al.*, 2015) and their distant target TSSs (see Methods). The averaged signal corresponds to 622 the groups enriched in Svb-bound enhancers and with a decrease in long-range contacts in 623 3D (see panel F).

(F) Genome-wide analysis of long-range contacts between enhancer and promoters in Svb-ACT compared to Svb-REP cells. Long-range contacts were measured for all putative enhancer-promoter pairs in SvbACT and compared to SvbREP cells genome-wide (see Methods). The net variations were quantilized for all enhancer-promoter pairs and ranked from highest to lowest changes in 3D contacts. A Fisher exact test was used to assess the enrichment of the quantiles of changes in 3D interactions presence or absence of Svb binding to the enhancers.

632 Materials and methods

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634 S2 cells lines:

Drosophila S2 cells were grown in Schneider medium supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum
and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (Invitrogen). We used stable cell lines co- expressing the
copper-inducible constructs pMT-Svb::GFP and pMT-pri ("1B"), or pMT- Svb::GFP and pMTpri1-4fs ("FS"), which encodes a frame-shifted variant as a negative control (Zanet *et al.*, 2015).
The expression of pMT plasmids was induced by CuSO4 at the final concentration of 1 mM
during 24h.

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642 ChIP experiments:

643 ChIP experiments were performed essentially as previously described (Lhoumaud et al., 2014) 644 with the following specifications: Cells are cross-linked with 0.8% of formaldehyde for 10 min 645 at room temperature. Cross-linking is stopped by adding glycine (2M) and cells were washed 646 twice in cold with PBS 1X and NaBu 1 mM. Cells are resuspended in 500 µL of ChIP 647 permeation buffer (PBS + 0.2% Triton + 10 mM NaBu), incubated for 20 min at room 648 temperature; cells are washed with Lysis Buffer (140 mM NaCl 5M, 15 mM HEPES pH 7.6, 649 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton, 0.1% Sodium Deoxicholate, 0.5 mM DTT, 10nM sodium butyrate, 25X 650 protease inhibitor), and resuspended in Lysis Buffer, 1% SDS, 0.5% N-lauroylsarcosine. 651 Chromatin is sonicated in Bioruptor (Diagenode) using high-power settings, intervals of 30s 652 burst/pause for 15 cycles to obtain fragments of \approx 250 pb. The sonicated chromatin is diluted 653 10 times with LB no SDS on protein low bind tubes (Eppendorf) and the chromatin fraction cleared by centrifugation (16000 g, 10 °C, 5 min) is then used for immunoprecipitation. Beads 654 655 are washed and blocked with Lysis Buffer 0.1% SDS, 0.5% N-lauroylsarcosyl and 656 BSA 0.1 mg/mL. Complex beads antibodies were established at 4° C overnight with Lysis 657 Buffer 0.1% SDS, 0.5% N-lauroylsarcosyl on protein low bind tubes.

658 GFP-TRAP beads (Chromotek) and anti H3K27ac (abcam ab4729) antibodies were used for 659 ChIP.

660 Chromatin is pre-clarified O/N at 4° C before the immunoprecipitation step that is carried out 661 at 4° C for 4h. 10% of each sample is used as input. Chromatin-bead complexes are eluted 662 twice at 70 °C during 20 min, first with 10 mM EDTA, 1% SDS, 50 mM Tris-Cl ph8 and then 663 with TE, 0.67% SDS. Reverse cross-link is performed overnight at 65 °C and DNA purified 664 after phenol-chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation, for final resuspension in 1x TE.

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667 ChIPseq sequencing and analysis:

668 Data of ChIPseq for H3K4me1 (GSE63518), H3K4me3, H3K27ac (GSE36374), H3K27me3 (GSE93100), H3K9me2(GSE47229), H4K16ac (GSE94115) were used to analyze the 669 670 chromatin landscape of Svb binding sites. ChIP sequencing of control, FS (REP) and 1B (ACT) 671 S2 cells (single-end 50 nt) were performed with HiSeq 2000 (Illumina) at BGI (GSE199513). 672 Histones ChIP sequencing (paired-end 50 nt) was performed at Montpellier GenomiX platform 673 on NovaSeq 6000 (Illumina) with NovaSeq Reagent Kits (300 cycles). The H3K27ac ChIPseq 674 bank construction was also done by Montpellier Genomix platform with TruSeg® ChIP Sample 675 Preparation (Illumina) (GSE199512).

- 676 For all conditions, reads were mapped on dm6 genome (r6.13 flybase) with bwa (v0.7.17-677 r1188) with default parameters, unique reads were filtered and peak calling was done on 678 replicates merge files with MACS2 (Feng et al., 2011) for histone marks of databases (--679 nomodel --broad --f BAM --g dm --B --g 0.00001) or for histones mark made in this study (--680 nomodel --f BAMPE --g dm --B --g 1 e-05 --broad) and (-f BAM --B --g dm --to-large --nomodel -681 -q 0.0001 or --q 0.1) for Svb forms. Metrics and quality of ChIPseq peaks were calculated with 682 fastQC (v0.11.8) and ChIPQC package (Carroll et al., 2014)(v 1.26.0). To compare the set of 683 peaks, ChIPpeakanno9 (v3.24.2) packages and BEDtools fisher (v2.29.2) were used.
- 684 ChIPseq signal was normalized by taking into account the genome mapping with bamCoverage (Ramírez et al., 2016) (--binSize 10 --normalizeUsing RPKM --685 effectiveGenomeSize 125464728), then we normalized for the noise due to the experiment 686 687 with bigwigCompare (-b1 experiment file -b2 input file --scaleFactors 1:1 --operation "log2"). 688 Due to the fact that SvbREP is less express than SvbACT in S2 cells the normalization for the 689 noise considers the importance of this difference scaling SvbREP peaks signal by the result of 690 the ratio of logFC for svb in the two conditions: --scaleFactors 1.41:1. Heatmaps of binding 691 enrichment were performed with computeMatrix (-bS 100 -a 3000 -b 3000) and plotHeatmap 692 (deeptools v 3.5.0 (Ramírez et al., 2016)). RSAT (Medina-Rivera et al., 2015; Thomas-Chollier 693 et al., 2008) was used to determine the motif enrichment on Svb peaks. Presence analysis of 694 histones in presence of Svb were made with deeptools fisher (Ramírez et al., 2016) 695 software. Coverage analysis was done with MultiBamSummary and plotCorrelation of 696 deeptools (Ramírez et al., 2016) software.
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698 **RNA Extraction, Sequencing and Analysis on S2 cells**:

RNAseq experiments were made on control, 1B and FS cells (GSE199511). Cells were
harvested and RNA extraction was made with RNeasy Kit (Qiagen). Bank of reads and
sequencing were done by HiSeq 200 (Illumina) at BGI to obtain 29-34M of reads (single-end
50nt) per replicates. The quality of sequencing was measured with fastQC (v0.11.5). Mapping

703 was done with STAR (Dobin et al., 2013)(v 2.5.2b, default parameter) on Drosophila genome 704 dm6 (r6.13 flybase), reads were counted with HTseq-count (Anders et al., 2015)(v0.6.0, -t gene 705 -r pos -i gene symbol) and statistical analysis were performed with edgeR (Robinson et al., 706 2010) using the negative binomial generalized log-linear model to the read counts for each 707 gene (gmLRT) and decideTestDGE to determine differential genes. Graphs were obtained with 708 Glimma (Su et al., 2017)(v 2.0.0) and Plotly (Sievert, n.d.)(v 4.9.3). Identification of direct target 709 genes was performed with GenomicRanges (Lawrence et al., 2013)(v 1.42.0) and 710 superExactTest (Wang et al., 2015). Clustering analysis described in dedicated Clustering 711 method section.

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See complete genotypes and references in Reagents and Tools tableTo purify ISC and EB, *esg^{ts}* virgin females were crossed with the following males: Control, RNAi, ACT, or REP. To purify enterocytes, *MyolAts* virgin females were crossed to the same males. Adult progeny (only virgin female) was collected, aged at room temperature (22°c) for 72h then transferred at 29°C to induce UAS expression. Flies were kept for 6 days at 29°C, changing the food tube every 48h hours to avoid bacterial proliferation and intestinal stress.

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721 Gut dissection and cell dissociation:

722 Batches of >20 virgin females were CO2-anaethesized, put on ice, their midgut were dissected 723 in PBS. Malpighian tubules and hindgut were removed and only the posterior part of the midgut 724 is kept (R3, R4, R5). PBS was replaced by cold 1mM PBS1X-EDTA. Posterior midguts were 725 shrunk into pieces using a razorblade (around 30-60 seconds on a glass plate), then 726 transferred into a fresh tube. Samples were spn 5minutes at 1000rpm 4°C, and supernatant 727 discarded except 50µL. 200uL TrypLE 10X was added (8X final with 0.2mM EDTA) and the 728 guts were incubated at 37°C for 10minutes with intense rocking. Digestions were stopped with 729 750µL SSM (Serum Supplemented Medium = Schneider's medium +10% Fetal Bovine Serum 730 + 1% Pen/Strep. Then samples were treated differently for FACS (ISC, EB, eEC) or for filtering 731 (mEC). In both cases, mechanical trituration was performed by pipetting up and down using 732 low binding, flame-rounded narrow tips (home made).

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734 Sample preparation for FACS

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The cell solution was strained into a cold falcon tube (70µM nylon cell strainer, pre-wet) with 1mLSSM). The Eppendorf and the strains were rinsed with 3x1mL PBS-EDTA, so that the

samples are 5mL total. The quality of the dissociation and the health of the cells are checked
under the macroscope. Samples were spun at 700rcf, 4°c, for >10 minutes. Supernatant was
discarded except 100/200µL, to which we added 200µL PBS + 3µL clean NGS. Propidium
lodide was added to label dead cells, then cells of interest were sorted using FACS (Cell

- 742Sorter BD FACSAria Fusion in BSL3) directly into a tube containing 300µL 1X Tissue and
- 743 Cell Lysis solution (MasterPure RNA purification kit) + 1μg Proteinase K [50μg/μL]. Cells
- 744 were vortexed and placed on ice just after sorting.
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- 746 Sample preparation for straining mature EC
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748 We noted that ISC and EB were easy to dissociate but EC were not. Longer incubation in 749 TRYPLE and harcher trituration allowed dissociation of individual EC1, but this was 750 accompanied with high mortality. We thus reasoned that it would be less stressful for EC to 751 simply proceed with mild dissociation of ISC and EB and simply recover patches of healthy 752 enterocytes by simple filtering. For this procedure, digested samples are recovered on a 753 prewet 70µM nylon cell strainer. The strained is rinsed to remove dissociated cells, then turned 754 upside down on a petri dish and rinsed with 5mL PBS-EDTA (5mL) then 2mL SSM. Cell 755 patches were checked under fluorescent macroscope. The samples were transferred into a 756 tube and spun at 700 rcf at 4°C for 10 minutes. The supernatant was discarded except 150uL. 757 This pellet was mixed with 150uL 2X Tissue and Cell Lysis solution (MasterPure RNA 758 purification kit) + 1ug Proteinase K [50ug/uL].

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760 RNAseq, Sequencing and Quality Check on intestinal cells (ISC, EB, eEC and mEC):

RNAs were purified from each sample using MasterPure RNA purification kit, following 761 762 manufacturer's recommendation (including the DNAse treatment). Final RNAs were 763 resuspended in 10uL TE and added 1uL RiboGuard (RNases inhibitor). Construction of RNA 764 banks and sequencing was made on the Montpellier GenomiX Platform. RNA banks were done 765 with the Ovation SoLo RNAseg System kit (Nugen). Bank validation was done with the 766 guantification of the complementary DNA with the Standard Sensitivity NGS kit on Fragment 767 Analyzer and with gPCR (ROCHE Light Cycler 480). The sequencing was done on NovaSeq 768 6000 (Illumina) with NovaSeg Reagent Kits (100cycles). Single-reads of 100nt were 769 sequenced. ISC= GSE199510, EB=GSE220323, eEC=GSE220558, mEC=GSE220560.

The quality of sequencing was measured with fastQC (v0.11.5). Mapping was done with STAR² (v 2.5.2b, default parameter) on Drosophila genome dm6 (r6.13 flybase), reads were counted with HTseq-count (Anders *et al.*, 2015) (v0.6.0, -t gene -r pos -i gene symbol) and

statistical analysis were performed with edgeR (Robinson *et al.*, 2010) using the negative
binomial generalized log-linear model to the read counts for each gene (gmLRT) and
decideTestDGE to determine differential genes. For the clustering analysis cf. Clustering
method section.

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778 Clustering

- Genes similarly expressed in all conditions (difference of reads < 50) were filtered-off. For each
 condition, the mean RNAseq count for the replicates was calculated, centered and reduced.
- 781 We used two different algorithms for clustering using stats() package of R (Wiwie *et al.*, 2015).
- The function hclust() for the hierarchical ascendant clustering was used with the Spearman
- distance and the Ward.D2 option. The function kmeans() was used for k-means clustering with
- default options. k-means clustering was repeated 15 times, 5 times with predefined centroids
- -corresponding to genes of the different clusters defined by hierarchical clustering- and 10 with
 random centroids. The different k-means clusters obtained by each iteration were compared
 with cluster_similarity (Clusteval (version 0.1)). We defined that the clustering is similar if the
- score equals 1.
- For the S2 cells: We used for this analysis the RNAseq data from the S2 cells lines. Weobtained after filtration a matrix of 3556 differential genes.
- For the ISC data: We used for this analysis the RNAseq data from the ISC cells obtained by FACS method. We obtained after filtration a matrix of 817 differential genes. We determined by hierarchical ascendant clustering 5 clusters and use this parameter for the k-means clustering k = 5.
- For the EB data: We used for this analysis the RNAseq data from the EB cells obtained by FACS method. We obtained after filtration a matrix of 1461 differential genes. We determined by hierarchical ascendant clustering 5 clusters and use this parameter for the k-means
- by hierarchical ascendant clustering 5 clusters and use this parameter for the k-meansclustering k = 5.
- For the eEC data: We used for this analysis the RNAseq data from the eEC cells obtained by FACS method. We obtained after filtration a matrix of 1694 differential genes. We determined by hierarchical ascendant clustering 5 clusters and use this parameter for the k-means clustering k = 5.
- For the mEC data: We obtained after filtration a matrix of 1186 differential genes. We determined by hierarchical ascendant clustering 4 clusters and use this parameter for the kmeans clustering k =4.
- 806 To determine the most robust group of genes we define a score of robustness or r-score. This
- 807 r-score is calculated for each comparison between clusters of k-means and hierarchical
- 808 algorithms. First, we define a percent of similarity between k-means clustering and hierarchical

809 clustering such as:((number of common gene)/((number of gene in kmeans cluster+number of
810 gene in hirarchical cluster)-number of common gene))×100

Then for each k-means, if this percentage is greater than or equal to the average obtained with all the clustering groups (in percentage), the comparison obtained a score of 1. For a cluster, all of these scores were added together to obtain the match score. For each cluster, we also calculated the intersection, conservation and dispersion. intersection (i)= minimal number of genes common to all clustering (h-clustering and all k-means). conservation (c)= i/ number of genes in the h-clustering. dispersion (d)= higher number of genes corresponding to one cluster/i. Finally the r-score = c/d * match score

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819 Catada Analysis

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CATaDa chromatin accessibility data from ISCs, EBs, and ECs were obtained from (Aughey *et al.*, 2018). Per-GATC fragment counts were RPM normalised and visualised in IGV. GFF signal files were converted to bigwig format using kentUtils bedGraphToBigWig and profiles of RPM chromatin accessibility scores across transcriptional start sites were plotted using deeptools computeMatrix and plotProfile functions. Chromatin accessibility at individual promoter regions for global comparison were extracted using 2kb regions centered on the TSS, means were compared using Kruskal-wallis test with Dunn's multiple comparison.

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829 HiC Analysis

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831 Hi-C analysis at high resolution (1kb) was performed for cells expressing either Svb-REP or 832 Svb-ACT (GSE221863) and performed as previously described (Heurteau et al., 2020) using 833 pipelines available through Github https://github.com/ CuvierLab/Hi-C data for analysis of 3D 834 genomic interactions in Drosophila S2 cells. Aggregation analysis was performed as previously 835 in 1D/2D plots (Liang et al., 2014; Rao et al., 2014) to compare genomic contacts in cells 836 expressing either Svb-REP or Svb-ACT. Hi-C data were aggregated onto pairs of enhancers 837 identified by STARR-seq (Arnold et al., 2013; Zabidi et al., 2015) and distant target 838 transcription start sites. Enhancer-promoter pairs were then ranked depending on net 839 variations of 3D contacts between Svb-REP and Svb-ACT and the ranked quantiles of pairs 840 were assessed for enrichment depending on presence or absence of Svb binding or not using 841 a Fisher exact test.

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