Notch induces transcription by stimulating release of paused RNA Pol II without increasing chromatin accessibility

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SUMMARY

Notch proteins undergo ligand-induced proteolysis to release a nuclear effector that influences a wide range of cellular processes by regulating transcription. Despite years of study, however, how Notch induces the transcription of its target genes remains unclear. Here, we comprehensively examined the response to human Notch1 across a time course of activation using genomic assays of nascent RNA and chromatin accessibility. These data revealed that Notch induces target gene transcription primarily by releasing paused RNA polymerase II (RNAPII), in contrast to prevailing models suggesting that Notch acts by promoting chromatin accessibility. Indeed, we found that open chromatin is established at Notch-responsive regulatory elements prior to Notch signaling, through SWI/SNF-mediated remodeling. Notch activation, however, elicited no further chromatin opening at these loci. Together, these studies reveal that the nuclear response to Notch signaling is dictated by the pre-existing chromatin state and RNAPII distribution at time of signal activation.

Keywords

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INTRODUCTION

Cells reliably and precisely convert signaling inputs into cellular decisions by inducing gene expression programs that specify cellular identity. Notch-Delta signaling is one of several essential metazoan pathways of cell-cell communication that guides cell fate decisions in organismal development and homeostasis across tissues and organ systems[1]. Notch signaling is dysregulated in multiple cancer types, including T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia and squamous cell carcinoma, which are associated with defects in the Notch1 receptor[2]. Notch proteins, the receiver components of this signaling system, are single-pass transmembrane receptors that have an extracellular ligand-binding domain, a juxtamembrane regulatory domain, and an intracellular effector domain (NICD) that is liberated by ligand-induced proteolysis to function as a transcriptional effector[3]. In the nucleus, NICD forms a multiprotein Notch transcriptional complex (NTC) with a DNA-binding transcription factor called RBPJ in mammals (*suppressor of hairless* in flies), and a protein of the Mastermind-like family (MAML). Formation of the NTC leads to transcription of target genes, but how the NTC induces a transcriptional response remains uncertain[NO_PRINTED_FORM].

Transcription factors (TFs) can stimulate RNAPII-dependent transcription at multiple steps in the transcription cycle, including during the establishment of chromatin accessibility, RNAPII recruitment to promoters and transcription initiation, or the release of paused RNAPII into productive elongation[4,5]. Many signal-responsive and developmentally regulated expression programs are coordinated by combinations of TFs, with lineage-determining TFs establishing the genomic landscape of accessible regulatory elements that are available for binding by signal-responsive TFs[6–8]. This combinatorial logic is thought to enable widely expressed TFs to execute cell type-specific responses to signaling inputs. Indeed, Notch activates a vastly different array of transcriptional targets in each cell type, allowing this key regulator to have distinct cellular effects depending on the cellular context[3]. As a result, Notch signaling can be oncogenic or tumor suppressive depending on the cancer type[2]. However, how cell type-

specificity of Notch targets is achieved and how the NTC stimulates transcription is unclear at the molecular level. Understanding the molecular mechanisms by which Notch signaling induces transcription is also key to understanding how this essential signaling pathway functions in development and disease.

Previous work has led to conflicting models of how the NTC stimulates transcription. One model suggests that the NTC cooperates with chromatin remodelers to increase chromatin accessibility[9]. Consistent with this idea, genetic associations between components of the SWI/SNF chromatin remodeler complex and Notch signaling have been observed in both mice and flies[9,10]. Immunoprecipitation followed by mass spectrometry, co-immunoprecipitation, and proximity labeling studies have also suggested that components of the SWI/SNF complex may associate with or are in the molecular neighborhood of Notch1[10–13]. Notably, cells maintained in a persistent Notch-on state have higher chromatin accessibility at Notch binding sites than cells in a Notch-off state[9,14]. Knockdown of SWI/SNF components diminishes this elevated accessibility and reduces transcription of Notch-responsive genes[9,11].

Other observations are inconsistent with a model wherein Notch directly interacts with or recruits SWI/SNF to promote chromatin accessibility. For example, BRM, the catalytic subunit of the SWI/SNF complex, was shown to be present at some Notch responsive promoters prior to Notch activation in mouse cells[13]. Indeed, chromatin compaction can restrict Notch activity, and NTC binding is limited to regions of already accessible chromatin with epigenetic signatures associated with active regulatory regions[15,16]. These data suggest an alternative model, in which gene activation upon Notch signaling relies on cell type-specific transcription factors that establish the proper chromatin context for Notch activation in different cellular contexts[15,17,18]. The fact that Notch signaling induces different programs of gene expression in different cell types[19] would also be consistent with a model in which the NTC acts on preexisting, poised regulatory regions.

Ultimately, whether and how interplay between NTC and chromatin remodeling complexes drives specific gene expression upon Notch activation remains poorly understood, largely because studies investigating the dynamics of NTC recruitment and gene activation lack the temporal resolution needed to distinguish direct from indirect effects. We thus sought to elucidate, with high spatial and temporal resolution, how Notch activation induces transcription. We monitored the genomic response to human Notch1 as a function of time after activation in Notch-naïve squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) cells. Nascent and newly synthesized RNAs were measured using Precision Run-On Sequencing (PRO-seq) and Transient Transcriptome Sequencing (TT-seq), and chromatin accessibility monitored by the Assay for Transposase-Accessible Chromatin with sequencing (ATAC-seq). Our data show that Notch predominantly acts by releasing paused RNAPII into productive elongation at target genes, rather than by increasing chromatin accessibility. Additionally, we clarify the role of SWI/SNF in Notch-dependent transcription, showing that SWI/SNF maintains accessibility at Notch-responsive regulatory elements, allowing Notch to bind these loci upon activation. Together, our data show that cellular context and preexisting chromatin landscape dictates the specificity of the Notch transcriptional response.

RESULTS

Cellular system for time-resolved studies. To study how Notch induces transcription, we used the SC2 squamous cell carcinoma cell line[20], which is engineered to express a ligand independent, autonomously active form of human Notch1 (ΔEGF-L1596H) that can be silenced by a gamma secretase inhibitor (GSI). These SC2 cells can be maintained in a Notch-naïve state by culturing cells in the presence of GSI. GSI washout then allows us to rapidly toggle cells from a Notch-off to a Notch-on state, thereby enabling the measurement of the direct response of these cells to Notch activation[20]. These features provide distinct advantages for

kinetic assessment of how cell state and chromatin context affect the genomic response to a Notch signal.

Identification of Notch target genes. We identified direct Notch target genes in SC2 cells by performing TT-seq at 1 h and 4 h timepoints after inducing Notch activity by GSI washout (Figure 1a). TT-seq is a metabolic labeling approach used to identify and quantify newly synthesized RNAs[21], and therefore enables us to define genes induced at specific times after Notch activation. These early time points after Notch activation were chosen to enrich for direct transcriptional responses to Notch activity. To identify specific Notch targets, we included matched time point mock washout control samples, which were subjected to the same manipulations and media change as the GSI washout samples, but GSI was maintained in the media. Notably, most of the genes induced in response to GSI washout were also induced in the mock washout (Figures 1b, S1a), indicating a strong general impact of these cellular manipulations and highlighting the importance of this experimental control.

We classified gene responses into four categories to separate Notch-dependent transcriptional responses from Notch-independent ones: Notch-upregulated (upregulated in GSI washout but not mock washout, n=61), Notch-downregulated (downregulated in GSI washout but not mock washout, n=93), nonspecific-upregulated (upregulated in both GSI and mock washout, n= 997), and nonspecific-downregulated (downregulated in both GSI and mock washout, n= 711) (Table S1). As anticipated, the Notch-upregulated gene (HES4) was specifically induced under GSI washout but not mock washout conditions (Figure 1C), whereas a representative nonspecific-upregulated gene (MFSD3) was activated in both conditions (Figure 1D).

To further validate that the Notch-upregulated genes are direct targets of Notch activity, we analyzed genomic binding by Notch transcription complex (NTC) components in SC2 cells[20]. For this analysis, we defined NTC binding sites as those loci exhibiting both RBPJ and MAML1

binding by ChIP-seq 4 h after GSI washout. We found that Notch-upregulated genes are much more likely to have NTC binding sites within 1 kb of their transcription start sites, and that these genes are much closer to NTC-bound enhancers than genes within the three other groups (Figures 1E,F), consistent with direct regulation of these genes in response to NTC binding. In contrast, the lack of NTC binding near genes that are downregulated upon GSI washout suggests that gene repression in response to Notch activation is not mediated directly by NTC binding. This repression may instead result from secondary effects, such as Notch induction of transcriptional repressors like the HES genes. The Notch-upregulated gene set contained canonical Notch targets upregulated in many cell types (HES1, HES4, NRARP), known Notch targets in squamous cells (IER5, RHOV), and targets not previously associated with Notch signaling (CELSR2, ADGRG6). The biological process GO terms for this group of genes included terms associated with development and differentiation, consistent with the role of Notch signaling in determining cell fate (Figure 1G). In contrast, the genes whose expression changed in response to mock washout are enriched for GO terms associated with metabolism and biosynthesis, consistent with a response to the replenishment of nutrients in the fresh media used during washout (Figures S1C,D).

While some Notch-upregulated genes are induced within 1 h of GSI washout, they showed maximal expression at 4 h after GSI washout (Figure 1H). Consistent with the increase in RNA synthesis observed in TT-seq, these genes were also induced in published steady-state RNA-seq performed in these cells following 4 h of GSI washout[20] (Figure 1I).

Notch-upregulated genes are activated by release of paused RNAPII. With a list of high-confidence Notch targets in hand, we performed PRO-seq[22,23] to directly measure the effect of activated Notch on RNAPII at multiple time points from 15 minutes up to four hours after GSI washout (Figures 2A, S2A). PRO-seq shows the location of engaged RNAPII in the genome, which allows us to measure both gene body transcription as well as RNAPII occupancy at

promoters. Notch-upregulated genes showed an increase in PRO-seq signal in the gene body within 30 minutes of Notch activation (Figure 2B) that persists over the time course, consistent with direct upregulation of these genes by increased transcription. If Notch activation served to increase the recruitment of RNAPII or transcription initiation, we should observe an increase in PRO-seq signal at Notch-upregulated promoters over this time window. However, the promoter PRO-seq signal did not increase upon Notch activation and was instead significantly decreased at 30 min and 1 h after GSI washout (Figure 2C). We conclude that Notch activation does not primarily increase transcription by stimulating initiation.

Transcription can be induced by stimulating transcription initiation or promoting the release of paused RNAPII. To evaluate if Notch activation impacted pause release, we calculated the pausing index for the Notch-upregulated genes over time. The pausing index, a ratio of promoter to gene body PRO-seq reads, indicates the level of RNAPII pausing for each gene. We found that the pausing index decreased at Notch upregulated genes as early as 15 min after Notch activation (Figure 2D), suggesting that a pause release mechanism functions in Notch-dependent gene activation.

Aggregate plots showing the average signal around promoters (Figure 2E) and gene bodies (Figure 2F) of the Notch-upregulated genes further support the presence of a pause release mechanism. At 1 h after Notch activation, there were fewer PRO-seq reads at the promoter and more in the gene body, indicative of the transition of RNAPII from pausing to productive elongation. By 4h, the gene body signal increased further, and the promoter signal rebounded to approach that of the reference condition, consistent with re-initiation after the initial release of paused RNAPII.

Browser shots of two Notch regulated genes, NRARP (Figure 2G) and RHOV (Figure 2H) further highlight the effect of Notch activation in stimulating pause release. In the reference condition (*i.e.* before Notch activation), both promoters exhibit a peak of paused RNAPII proximal to the promoter with very low signal in the gene body. At 1 h, a decrease in the paused

peak is accompanied by release of RNAPII into the gene body, with highest gene body signal observed at 4 h. There is also restoration of the PRO-seq signal at the promoter at 4 h, consistent with increased transcriptional initiation by RNAPII at this time point. This delayed stimulation of initiation is particularly evident for the canonical Notch responsive gene HES1, which responds rapidly to Notch activation and shows oscillations in PRO-seq signal over time, with a period of roughly 2 h, consistent with previous studies[24] (Figure S2B).

Notch activates gene expression without increasing chromatin accessibility. To directly test the role of chromatin accessibility in Notch-mediated gene activation, we performed ATAC-seq, which is used to measure chromatin accessibility, at time points up to 4 h after Notch induction by GSI washout (Figures 3A, S3)[25,26]. Strikingly, Notch-upregulated genes have accessible promoters prior to Notch induction, based on the significant levels of promoter-proximal ATAC-seq reads observed in the reference condition (Figure 3B). Again, these observations highlight how the basal context of a cell, defined by other transcription factors, can determine where the NTC can induce gene activity.

We next investigated whether Notch activation affects the accessibility of responsive promoters. Aggregate plots around gene promoters and counting of the total ATAC-seq reads over the promoters of Notch-upregulated genes showed no changes in promoter accessibility over the 4 h time course (Figures 3C,D) despite clear increases in gene expression.

Because most Notch genomic binding occurs at distal regulatory regions in other cell types[27], we also examined whether Notch activation affects the accessibility of Notch-responsive enhancers. We defined NTC-bound regions as those occupied by both NTC subunits RBPJ and MAML1 in published ChIP-seq data [20], and used these data to identify the closest NTC-bound enhancer to each Notch-upregulated gene. We then examined the activity of these enhancers in a 4-hour time course after Notch induction by GSI washout. Two measures of enhancer activity, PRO-seq (Figures 3E,H) and H3K27ac chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by sequencing

(ChIP-seq) (Figures 3F,I), increased over the 4 h time course, confirming that these elements are high-confidence Notch-responsive enhancers. We found that these NTC-bound enhancers did not show increased accessibility following GSI washout, either in aggregate plots or in read counts over the enhancers, in agreement with our findings at Notch-responsive promoters (Figures 3G,J). Together, these findings do not support models wherein Notch activation induces gene expression by modulating chromatin accessibility at either promoters or enhancers. Instead, our data favor a mechanism in which Notch binding is restricted to pre-existing open regulatory regions.

SWI/SNF activity is required to maintain promoter accessibility. Although chromatin accessibility was not increased at sites of Notch-dependent gene induction, previous studies have shown strong associations between the SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling complex and Notch activity[9,10]. To further investigate the basis for the interplay between SWI/SNF and Notch, we performed TT-seq to examine newly synthesized transcripts at 1 and 4 h time points after Notch activation in the presence of an allosteric-inhibitor of SWI/SNF activity, BRM014, which rapidly inactivates the SWI/SNF ATPase, resulting in decreased promoter and enhancer accessibility[28–31]. Adding BRM014 at the time of Notch activation blocked the induction of 41 of the 61 Notch-upregulated genes (Figure 4A), consistent with previous work linking SWI/SNF activity to Notch-dependent gene activation. However, 20 of the Notch-upregulated genes remained SWI/SNF independent and were still induced by Notch in the presence of BRM014.

We next sought to elucidate the source of the differences in SWI/SNF dependence between these two subgroups of Notch responsive genes. The chromatin accessibility in the reference condition was not different between these gene subgroups (Figure 4B), nor did either subgroup show any change in accessibility after Notch induction (Figure 4C). As expected, SWI/SNF independent genes did not exhibit a significant change in accessibility as assessed by ATAC-seq following BRM014 treatment (Figures 4D,F). However, adding BRM014 at the

moment of GSI or mock washout revealed a rapid and significant decrease in ATAC-seq signal at SWI/SNF dependent promoters (Figures 4E,F). Importantly, as these differences were also observed under mock washout conditions, the sensitivity of promoter accessibility to SWI/SNF appear to be independent of the Notch activation status of the cells.

We further investigated the basis for the independence of 20 Notch-upregulated genes from SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling. There was no significant difference in the percentage of genes in these groups with NTC binding at the promoter, nor in the distance to the nearest NTC-bound enhancer (Figures S4C,D). However, we found that the SWI/SNF independent genes exhibited a significantly higher pausing index than genes that were sensitive to acute SWI/SNF inhibition (Figure 4G). Because RNAPII pausing has itself been associated with maintaining promoter accessibility[32], we propose that there are two mechanisms by which promoters can be maintained in a Notch-responsive state (Figure 4H). For most responsive genes, SWI/SNF is required both to establish chromatin accessibility and to maintain promoters in a Notch-responsive state, allowing direct binding of NTC to either the promoter or enhancer to promote RNAPII pause release. For a smaller proportion of genes, high levels of stably paused RNAPII can maintain promoter accessibility in the absence of SWI/SNF activity, allowing access by NTC upon Notch pathway activation, even when SWI/SNF is inhibited.

DISCUSSION

Using time-resolved genomic approaches in Notch-naïve SC2 cells, we found that NTCs act by binding to pre-existing accessible sites rather than by inducing regions of chromatin accessibility. Further, we demonstrated that activated Notch-induced NTC binding stimulates gene activity primarily by promoting release of paused RNAPII, without additional effects on chromatin opening. The reliance of NTCs on the prior opening of chromatin by other transcription factors nicely rationalizes why Notch signaling is able to induce expression of different target genes in different cell types and underscores the cooperation of Notch nuclear

complexes with distinct TFs in each cell type. Our findings also explain the observed associations between SWI/SNF and Notch activation, indicating the importance of SWI/SNF for establishing, and in some cases maintaining, the permissive chromatin state needed for Notch-dependent gene induction.

Several features of our experimental design – synchronization of Notch activation by GSI washout, time-resolved analyses of gene induction, readouts of nascent transcription, and rapid acting SWI/SNF inhibitors – made it possible to observe direct responses to Notch signaling activation and draw mechanistic inferences from these studies. Notably, the rigorous setup of our system allowed us to observe a substantial effect of media change, apparent in our mock-washout matched time point controls, a concern that should be taken into account by the field when GSI washout is used to identify Notch-induced genes. Accordingly with this newly identified non-specific effect from GSI washout, we identified a lower number of Notch target genes than described in some studies but find the genes we identified to be high confidence, direct targets. Indeed, the number of Notch-regulated genes studied here is comparable to that seen in studies identifying Notch targets in T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma[33].

Why might a pause release mechanism be advantageous for the action of Notch nuclear complexes? RNAPII pausing is known to promotes synchronicity in gene activation, for example in the context of developing fly embryos to ensure coordinated cell behavior in tissue development[34,35]. Because Notch signals act at discrete times during tissue development to direct cell fate decisions, the stimulation of RNAPII pause release by Notch can direct precise timing of responses and specify robustness in cell fate choices in response to a Notch signal. One particular developmental process that might benefit from the pause release mechanism is somitogenesis, where Notch signals in the segmentation clock are highly synchronous. Interestingly, canonical Notch target genes, including HES1, HES2, and HES4, fall into the SWI/SNF-independent gene group with higher levels of paused RNAPII, consistent with these core targets being primed for robust and synchronous Notch responsiveness.

In conclusion, our data supports a new model for Notch-mediated gene activation and establishes the groundwork for future inquiry into the identity of transcription factors responsible for establishing the landscape of paused RNAPII that Notch can act on in distinct cell types and the basis of how NTC binding promotes RNAPII release. In particular, it will be interesting to determine which transcriptional coactivators are required for Notch to promote pause release, and whether these partners of Notch are conserved or distinct across various tissues and Notch-associated cancers.

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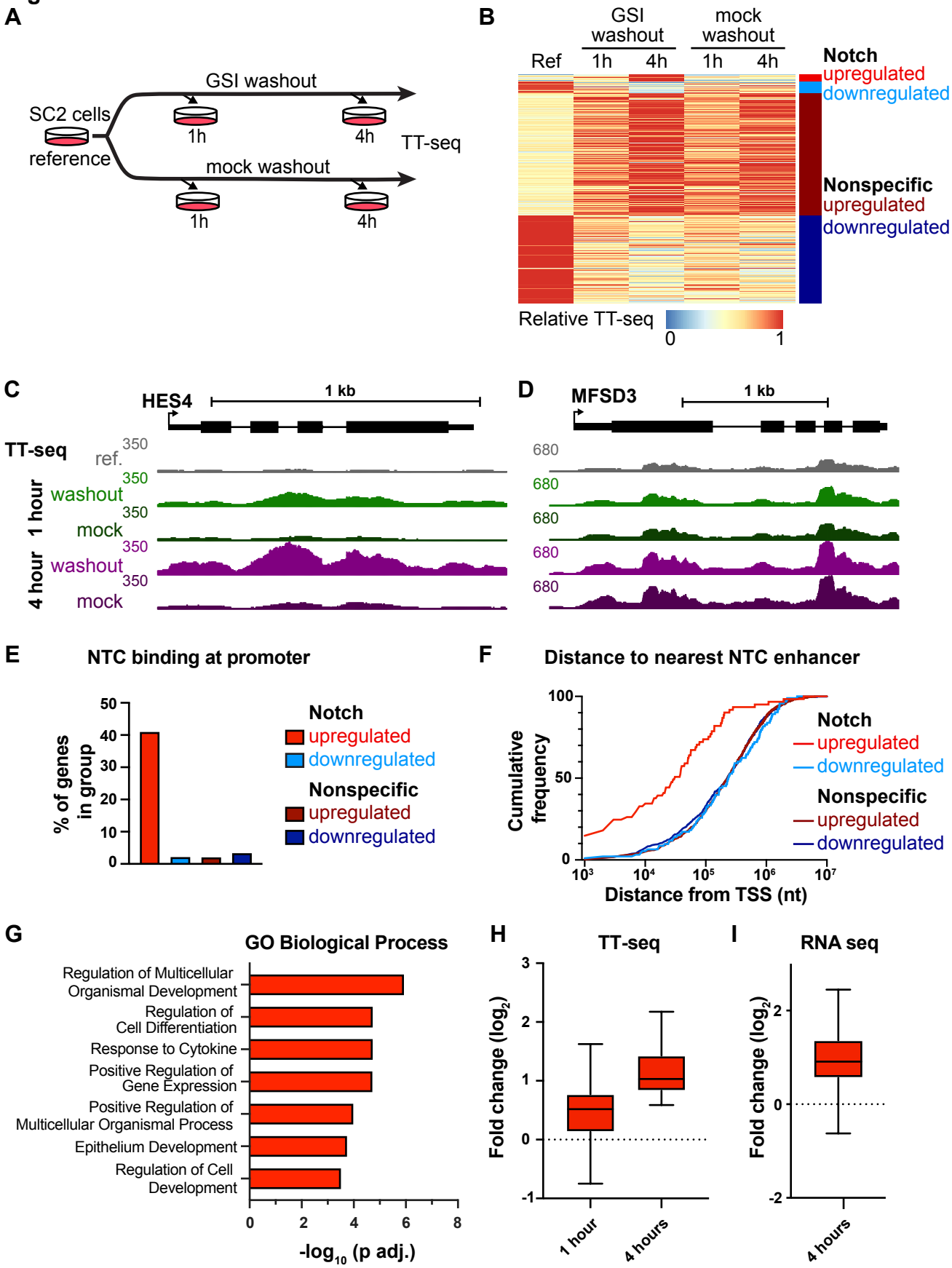
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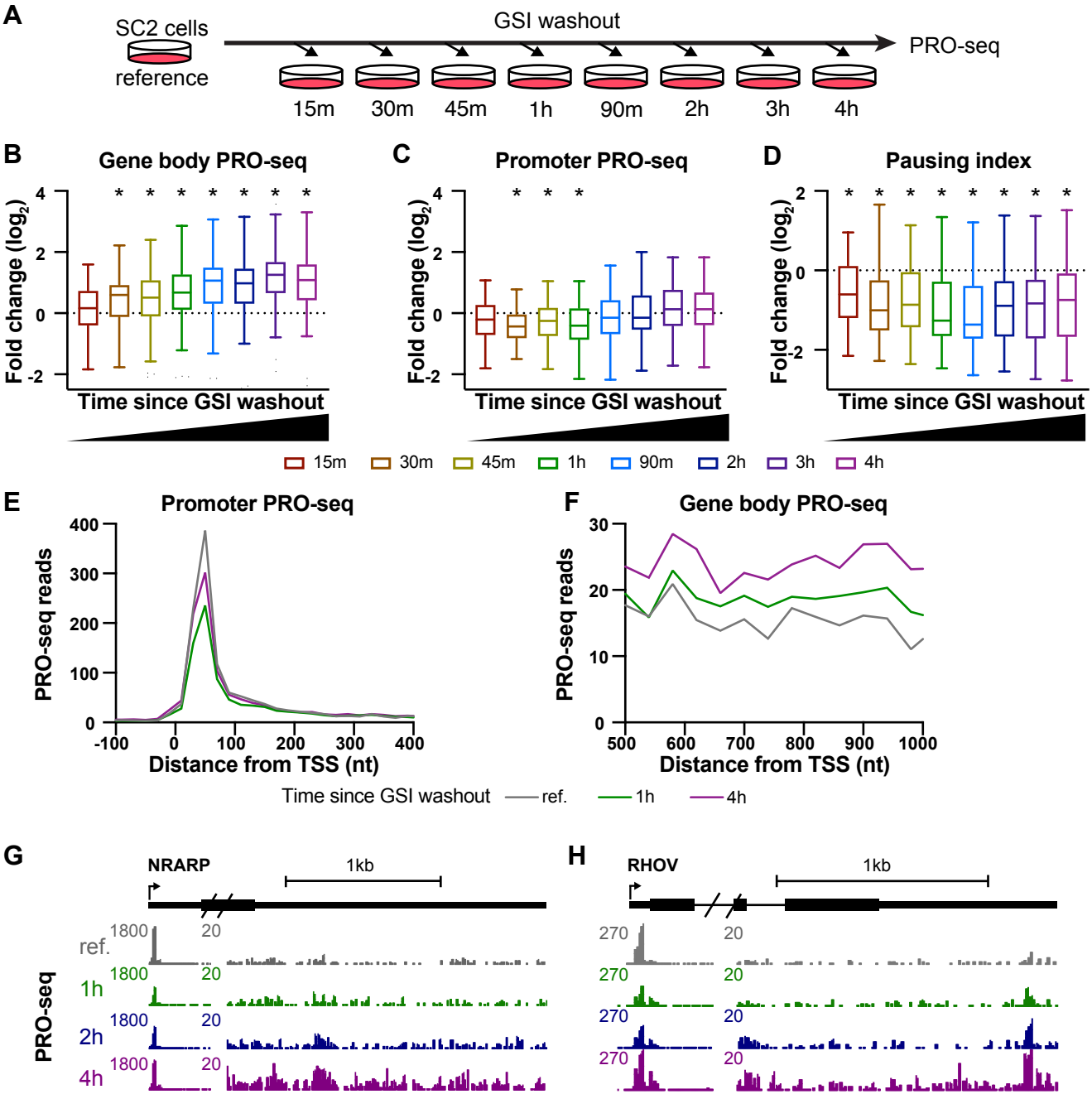
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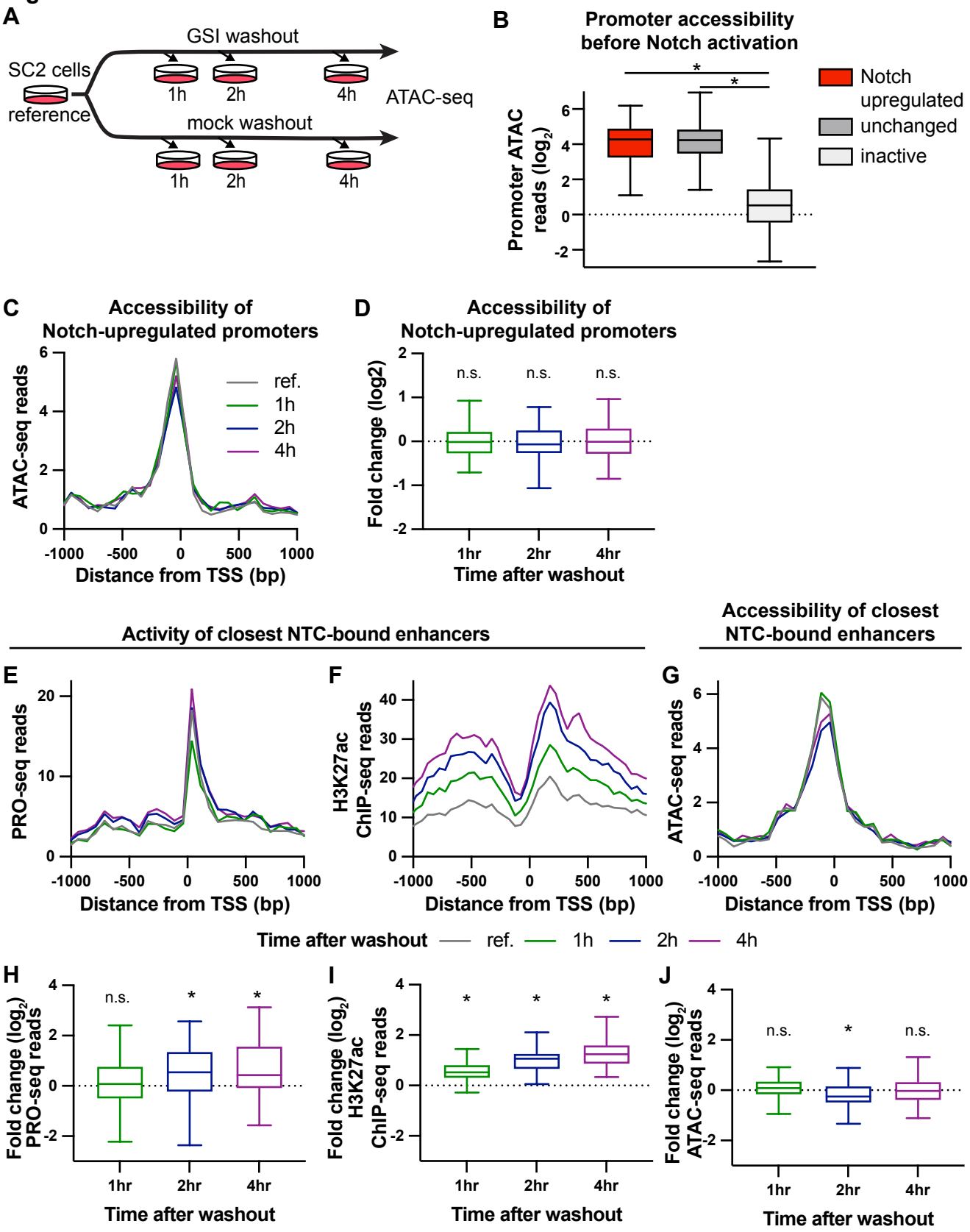
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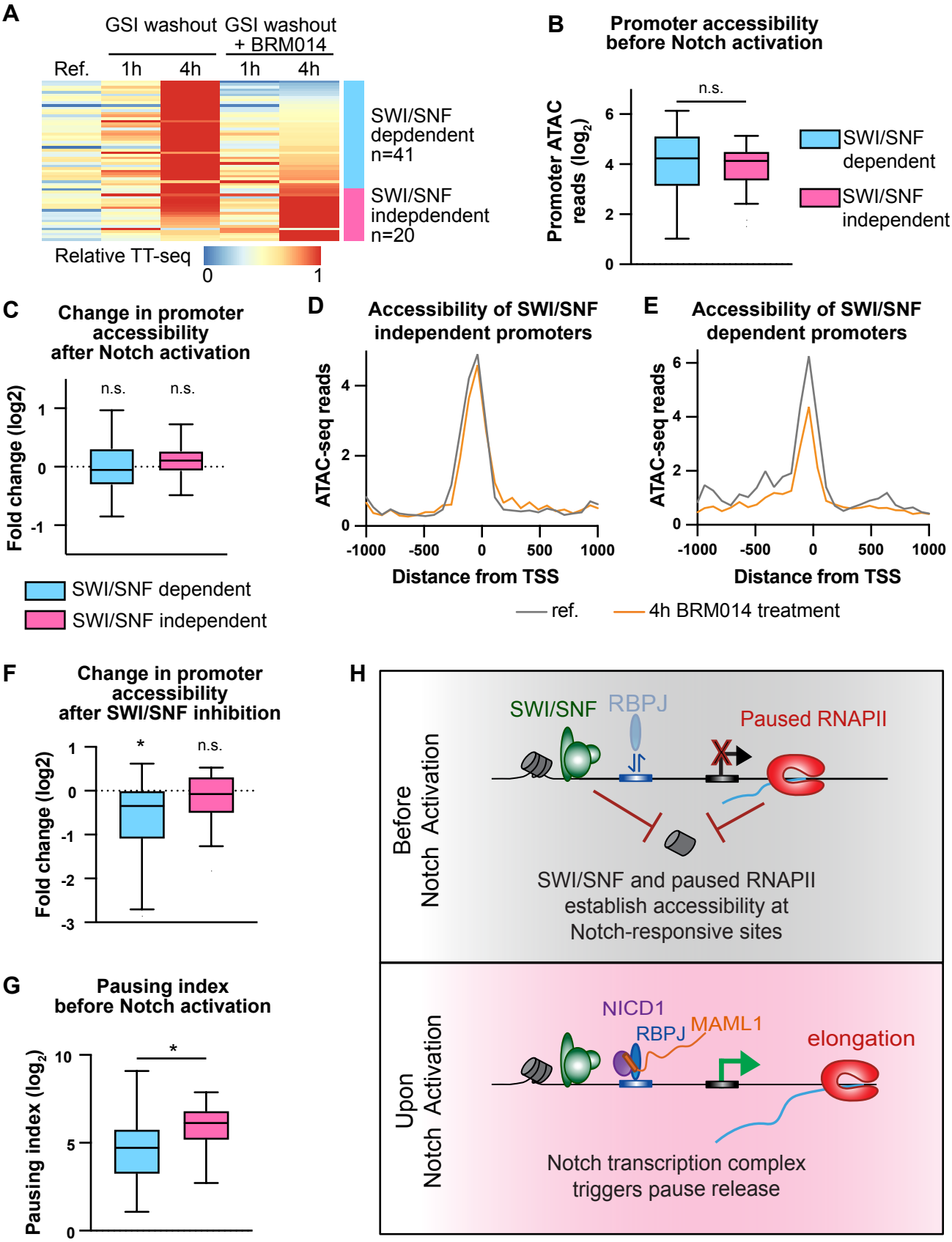
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MAML1
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Notch transcription complex triggers pause release

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Figure 1. Identification of high-confidence Notch target genes in SCC cells

(A) Design of TT-seq experiment. The reference sample was subjected to mock washout, immediately incubated with labeling media for 10 minutes, and then harvested. The 1 h and 4 h samples were subjected to mock or GSI washout and incubated with labeling media for the 10 minutes preceding harvest at the indicated times. (B) Heatmap indicating relative TT-seq signal over exons for significantly changed genes. Color bars on the right indicate gene groups: Notch upregulated (red, n=61), Notch downregulated (light blue, n=93), nonspecific upregulated (dark red, n=997), and nonspecific downregulated (dark blue, n=711). (C, D) Genome browser images showing sense strand TT-seq reads for a representative Notch upregulated gene (HES4, C) and a representative Nonspecific upregulated gene (MFSD3, D). (E) Percentage of genes with Notch transcription complex (NTC) binding[20] at the promoter plotted for each gene group. The promoter is defined as the 1 kb region upstream of the transcription start site (TSS), and NTC binding is assigned at sites where ChIP-seq peaks are present for both RBPJ and MAML1. (F) Cumulative distribution plot of the distance from the TSS of genes in each group to the nearest NTC-bound enhancer. NTC-bound enhancers are defined as putative enhancers (see methods) that overlap an RBPJ/MAML1 co-bound ChIP-seq peak. (G) Top Gene Ontology – Biological Process enriched terms for genes in the Notch upregulated group. P-values are from the hypergeometric test, corrected for multiple hypothesis according to the Benjamini-Hochberg method. (H) Boxplots showing the fold change ($\log_2$) in TT-seq exon counts for Notch upregulated genes at 1 and 4 hours, compared to the reference condition. The middle line indicates the median, the box represents the 25th and 75th percentile, and whiskers show 1.5x the interquartile range, or the largest or smallest value in the data set (Tukey method). (I) Boxplots (rendered as in H) showing the fold change ($\log_2$) in RNA-seq gene counts for Notch upregulated genes relative to the mock washout condition at 4 h. RNA-seq data is from Pan et al.[20] See also Figure S1

Figure 2. Notch-dependent genes are activated by pause release

(A) Design of PRO-seq experiment. The reference condition was subjected to mock washout, and then immediately harvested. All other samples were harvested at the indicated time after GSI washout. (B,C) Boxplots (rendered as in Figure 1H) showing the fold change (log_2) in PRO-seq gene body (B) or promoter (C) counts for Notch upregulated genes, compared to the reference condition. Gene body windows are defined as TSS + 250 bp to TSS + 5 kb, and promoter windows are defined as TSS to TSS + 150 bp. Stars indicate conditions significantly different (p. adj < 0.05) from a fold change of 0 (Wilcoxon signed rank test, p values corrected according to the Benjamini-Hochberg method). (D) Boxplots (rendered as in Figure 1H) showing the fold change (log_2) in pausing index compared to the reference condition for Notch upregulated genes. Pausing index is defined as promoter counts per kb / gene body counts per kb. Stars indicate conditions significantly different (p. adj < 0.05) from fold change of 0 (Wilcoxon signed rank test, p values corrected according to the Benjamini-Hochberg method). (E) Aggregate plots showing average reads of PRO-seq signal around promoters of Notch upregulated genes. Data are plotted in 20 bp bins. (F) Aggregate plots showing average reads of PRO-seq signal in the gene body of Notch upregulated genes. Data are plotted in 40 bp bins. (G,H) Genome browser images showing PRO-seq reads for Notch upregulated genes HES1 (G) and RHOV (H). The scale of the browser images is reset at 500 bp downstream of the TSS to allow visualization of the gene body signal. See also Figure S2.

Figure 3 Notch activation does not increase chromatin accessibility

(A) Design of ATAC-seq experiment. The reference condition was subjected to mock washout, and then immediately harvested. All other samples were harvested at the indicated time after GSI washout. (B) Boxplots (rendered as in Figure 1H) showing ATAC-seq reads (log_2) over the promoters (TSS-450 to TSS+149) of Notch-upregulated genes (n=61), unchanged genes (n=51484) and inactive genes (n=1295). Unchanged genes are defined as genes with a TT-seq

gene body read |FC| < 1.1 in the 1h washout and 4h washout condition compared to the reference. Lowly active genes (inactive) are defined as genes with fewer than 10 PRO-seq reads within the promoter region (TSS to TSS+150) at any timepoint. Stars indicate significant differences (p. adj < 0.05) in accessibility by Dunn's multiple comparisons test. (C) Aggregate plot showing ATAC-seq reads around promoters of Notch-upregulated genes (n=61). ATAC-seq reads are shown in 75 bp bins. (D) Boxplots (rendered as in B) showing fold change (log_2) in ATAC-seq reads at the promoter (TSS-450 to TSS+149) for Notch-upregulated genes (n=61). "n.s." indicates conditions not significantly different (p. adj > 0.05) from a fold change of 0 (Wilcoxon signed rank test, p values corrected according to the Benjamini-Hochberg method). (E-G) Aggregate plots showing PRO-seq (E), H3K27ac ChIP-seq (F), or ATAC-seq (G) reads at closest NTC-bound enhancers with identified TSSs (see methods) to Notch-upregulated genes (n=56). E and G are shown in 75 bp bins, F is in 50 bp bins. (H-J) Boxplots (rendered as in B) showing fold change (log_2) in PRO-seq (H), H3K27ac ChIP-seq (I), or ATAC-seq (J) reads at closest NTC-bound enhancers to Notch-upregulated genes (n=58). Stars indicate conditions significantly different (p. adj < 0.05) from a fold change of 0 (Wilcoxon signed rank test, p values corrected according to the Benjamini-Hochberg method). See also Figure S3.

Figure 4 SWI/SNF activity is required to keep most promoters accessible for activated Notch

(A) Heatmap indicating relative TT-seq signal over exons for Notch-upregulated genes. Color bars on the right indicate gene groups: SWI/SNF dependent (blue, n=41), SWI/SNF independent (pink, n=20). (B) Boxplots (rendered as in Figure 1H) showing ATAC-seq reads (log_2) over the promoters (TSS-450 to TSS+149) of SWI/SNF dependent and SWI/SNF independent genes. "n.s." indicates groups not significantly different (p > 0.05) by Mann-Whitney test. (C) Boxplots (rendered as in B) showing fold change (log_2) in ATAC-seq reads at the promoter (TSS-450 to TSS+149) for SWI/SNF dependent and SWI/SNF independent genes at 4 hours after Notch activation

compared to the reference condition. “n.s.” indicates conditions not significantly different ($p > 0.05$) from a fold change of 0 (Wilcoxon signed rank test). (D-E) Aggregate plot showing ATAC-seq reads around promoters of SWI/SNF independent (D) and SWI/SNF dependent (E) genes. ATAC-seq reads are shown in 75 bp bins. (F) Boxplots (rendered as in B) showing fold change (log_2) in ATAC-seq reads at the promoter (TSS-450 to TSS+149) for SWI/SNF dependent and SWI/SNF independent genes at 4 hours after mock washout in the presence of BRM014, compared to the reference condition. Stars indicates conditions significantly different ($p < 0.05$) from a fold change of 0 (Wilcoxon signed rank test). (G) Boxplots (rendered as in B) showing pausing index of SWI/SNF dependent and SWI/SNF independent genes in the reference condition. Stars indicate groups significantly different ($p < 0.05$) by Mann-Whitney test. (H) Model figure depicting pause release mechanism for NTC-induced transcription. See also Figure S4.

STAR METHODS

RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

Lead contact

Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the lead contact, Stephen Blacklow stephen_blacklow@hms.harvard.edu (S.C.B.).

Materials availability

This study did not generate new unique reagents.

Data and code availability

TT-seq, PRO-seq, H3K27ac ChIP-seq, and ATAC-seq data sets have been deposited in GEO (GSE269128) and are publicly available upon publication. This paper also analyzes existing published, publicly available data sets. The accession numbers for these data sets are in the key resources table.

Custom scripts have been deposited in Zenodo and are publicly available. DOIs for these scripts are in the key resources table.

Any additional information required to reanalyze the data reported in this paper is available from the lead contact upon request.

EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND STUDY PARTICIPANT DETAILS

Cell culture and washout protocol

Cell culture

SC2 squamous cell carcinoma cells[20] were cultured in keratinocyte media, consisting of: 3:1 DMEM:F12 + 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (Gemini Bio-Products 100-106) + 1X Penicillin-Streptomycin (ThermoFisher 15140163) + 1X Reagent Mix (see below) + 1 μM Compound E (EMD Millipore 565790) gamma secretase inhibitor (GSI). 100X Reagent Mix was prepared in 3:1 DMEM:F12 media, containing 40 μg/mL Hydrocortisone (Sigma-Aldrich H0888), 500 ng/mL Insulin (Sigma-Aldrich I6634), 1μg/mL EGF (Sigma-Aldrich E9644), 0.84 μg/μL Cholera toxin (Sigma-Aldrich C9903), 500 μg/mL Transferrin (Sigma-Aldrich T2036), and 1.3 μg/mL Liothyronine (Sigma-Aldrich T6397). GSI was prepared as a 1 mM stock of Compound E in DMSO (Sigma-Aldrich 472301). Cells were split every 3-4 days, using 0.25% trypsin (VWR 45000-664) supplemented with 1 μM GSI. Cells were incubated in 0.25% trypsin at 37 ºC until cells began to slough off the plate, then were quenched with fresh media and replated. Cells were routinely tested for mycoplasma, and used for experiments within 1 month of thawing a fresh vial.

GSI Washout

For all gamma secretase inhibitor (GSI) washouts, media was removed, cells were washed twice with media containing 0.1% DMSO instead of GSI, and replenished with media containing 0.1% DMSO instead of GSI, for a total of three media changes. In the mock washouts, both the washing media and the replenishing media contained 1 μM GSI. For experiments with BRM014 (MedChem Express HY-119374), the replenishing media, but not the washout media, either contained 1μM BRM014 or 0.01% DMSO depending on the sample.

METHOD DETAILS

TT-seq sample preparation

The evening before the time course, 11 15-cm dishes were seeded with 10 million SC2 cells per plate in SC2 media with 1 μM GSI. For each time course replicate (n=2), 10 samples were prepared: 0 hr mock washout + BRM014, 0 hr mock washout – BRM014 (reference condition in this text), 1 hr washout + BRM014, 1 hr washout - BRM014, 1 hr mock washout + BRM014, 1 hr mock washout - BRM014, 4 hr washout + BRM014, 4 hr washout - BRM014, 4 hr mock washout + BRM014, 4 hr mock washout - BRM014. The 11th plate was used as a sentinel plate: cells were harvested from the plate using 0.25% trypsin and were counted to determine the total number of cells per plate. For each replicate, it was assumed that all 10 experimental plates had the same number of cells as the sentinel plate. Replicates were performed on different days (n=2).

Washout and mock washouts were performed as described above in the GSI washout section. 1 μM BRM014 or the equivalent volume of DMSO was added in the replenishing media after the two media changes. Labeling was performed for 10 minutes in 15 mL of media supplemented with 500 μM 4-Thiouridine (4-SU) (Thermo Fisher J60679) with GSI and/or BRM014 depending on the experimental condition. For the 0 h timepoints, labeling media was added immediately after the mock washouts. For the 1 hr and 4 hr timepoints, labeling media was added at 50 min or 3 h and 50 min after washout, respectively. To harvest cells for TT-seq, plates were quickly rinsed with 20 mL PBS; then 2 mL of Trizol (Thermo Scientific 15596026) was added to the plate. After 3 min of lysis in the dish, the cell lysate in Trizol was collected and frozen at -80°C.

1.4 mL of each sample was used to prepare RNA. For normalization purposes, fly spike-in cells were used. Fly (S2) cells used for spike-in were labeled for 2 hr with 4-SU (500 μM), and harvested in Trizol. 5 % 4-SU labeled spike-in cells (e.g. 0.5 million fly cells into 10 million human cells) were added directly to the Trizol lysate for each experimental condition. This was then split into two 700 μL tubes for purification. First the lysate was homogenized using a QiaShredder column (Qiagen 79656). 150 μL of chloroform was added to the homogenate, which was then

vortexed, incubated for 5 minutes, and spun down at 12,000 *g* for 15 minutes at 4ºC to separate the phases. 360 µL of the aqueous phase was transferred to a new tube, and 540 µL of ethanol with 1.5 mM DTT was added. This material was then applied to miRNeasy mini kit column (Qiagen 217004), and RNA was isolated following the kit protocol, using an on-column digestion with DNase (Qiagen 79254). After the isolation, the two columns per sample were re-combined. Aliquots of RNA were removed for quantification by spectrophotometry and analysis of RNA integrity by Agilent TapeStation 4200 using RNA high sensitivity tapes. All samples were confirmed to have RNA integrity numbers (RIN) > 9.0 before proceeding to TT-seq library construction.

TT-seq library construction

50 µg of RNA per sample was brought to a volume of 80 µL with nuclease-free water and placed on ice. RNA was then lightly fragmented by addition of 20 µL cold 5X fragmentation solution (375 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.3), 562.5 mM KCl, 22.5 mM $MgCl_2$) and incubation at 94°C for 2 minutes 15 seconds. At the end of the fragmentation time, RNA was placed immediately on ice and 25 µL of cold 250 mM EDTA was added. RNA was precipitated by addition of 1/10 volume of 5 M NaCl, 2.5 volumes of 100 % ethanol and incubation at -20°C overnight. RNA was pelleted, washed, quantified, and analyzed again as above. Fragmented RNA was biotinylated essentially as described in Duffy et al.[36] with the following modifications: the biotinylation reaction was performed in a total volume of 200 µL and allowed to incubate for 45 min in the dark. Excess biotin was removed using chloroform:isoamyl alcohol as per Dölken et al.[37] and MaXtract tubes (Qiagen 129056) were used to separate organic and aqueous phases. Biotinylated RNA was resuspended in 100 µL of nuclease-free water and aliquots taken to use as the total RNA input fraction. In parallel, Dynabeads M-280 Streptavidin (ThermoFisher 11205D) were prepared for binding to render them RNase-free: for each sample, 75 µL of beads were used and treated in batch to render them RNase free. The beads were incubated 10min in a solution of 100 mM NaOH, 50 mM NaCl, placed on a magnetic stand, and then washed, resuspending the beads fully for each

wash, twice with 500 µL of 100 mM NaCl, twice with 1 X TT-seq wash solution (100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 10mM EDTA, 1 M NaCl, 0.05% Tween 20 in nuclease free water to which 1 µL SUPERase-In RNase Inhibitor (ThermoFisher AM2696) per 5mL solution is added prior to use), once in 0.3 X TT-seq wash solution, and finally resuspended in 52 µL/sample of 0.3 X TT-seq wash solution + 1 µL/sample SuperaseIn RNase Inhibitor.

Biotinylated RNA was heated at 65°C for 5min, placed on ice for 2 min, and mixed with 50 µL of prepared beads. Samples were rotated at room temperature in the dark for 30 min. After binding, the tubes were placed on a magnetic rack and the beads were washed 4 times with 500 µL of 1 X TT-seq wash solution to remove unbound RNA, fully resuspending for each wash. The wash solution was removed, and the beads resuspended in 50 µL of 0.1 M DTT (freshly diluted from 1 M stock) and rolled in the dark for 15 min at room temp. The eluted RNA was recovered and the elution step repeated with an additional 50 µL of 0.1 M DTT. The combined eluates were purified using the RNA clean-up and concentration microElute kit (Norgen. 61000) following the manufacturer's instructions for small RNA enriched samples. Final elution was performed in 14 µL of nuclease-free water and the eluate was reapplied to the column for a total of 2 elution steps. A Qubit RNA high sensitivity reagent kit was used to quantify the input RNA and enriched RNA. Yields of 1-2 % were typical. 150 ng of enriched RNA was used for library construction with the NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNAseq kit (New England Biolabs E7765S), with the rRNA depletion module (New England Biolabs E7405L), and unique dual index set 2 (New England Biolabs E6442S). Libraries were pooled and sequenced paired-end with the 200 cycle kit on a Novaseq S4 single lane.

PRO-seq sample preparation

The evening before the time course, cells were plated on 9 10-cm dishes, at 5.5 million cells / plate in SC2 media with 1 µM GSI. For each time course, 9 samples were prepared: 0 hr mock washout, 15 min washout, 30 min washout, 45 min washout, 1 hr washout, 90 min washout,

2 hr washout, 3 hr washout, and 4 hr washout. Replicates were performed on different days (n=2, n=3 for the reference condition). To permeabilize cells, at the relevant time post washout, plates were rinsed with PBS, and 0.25 % trypsin (containing GSI for the mock washout, or an equivalent amount of DMSO for all other time points) was added. Once cells were detaching from the plate, trypsin was quenched with cold SC2 media (containing GSI for the mock washout, or an equivalent amount of DMSO for all other time points), and cells were transferred to a 15 mL falcon tube. Cells were pelleted at 300 *g* for 4 min at 4°C, supernatant was removed, and cells were resuspended in 10 mL cold PBS. Again, cells were pelleted at 300 *g* for 4 min at 4°C, supernatant was removed, and cells were resuspended in 250 μL cold Buffer W (10 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.0, 10 mM KCl, 250 mM sucrose, 5 mM $MgCl_2$, 1 mM EGTA, 10% (w/v) glycerol in DEPC ddH_2O + 1 protease inhibitor tablet (Millipore Sigma 5056489001), 0.5 mM DTT, and 10 μL SUPERase-In RNase inhibitor per 50 mL buffer added fresh before beginning the experiment). 10 mL of Buffer P (10 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.0, 10 mM KCl, 250 mM sucrose, 5 mM $MgCl_2$, 1 mM EGTA, 0.05 % Tween-20 10 % (w/v) glycerol in DEPC ddH_2O + 1 protease inhibitor tablet, 0.5 mM DTT, and 10 μL SUPERase-In RNase inhibitor per 50 mL buffer added fresh before beginning the experiment) was slowly added to the tube, and cells were incubated for 5 minutes on ice to permeabilize. Two times, cells were pelleted at 400 *g* for 4 min at 4°C, supernatant was removed, and cells were resuspended in 1 mL Buffer W, and pipetted up and down slowly with a wide-bore pipette tip. An additional 9 mL of Buffer W was added. After the second wash, cells were pelleted at 500 *g* for 4 min at 4°C, resuspended in 250 μL freezing buffer (10 mM Tris-Cl pH 8, 40% (w/v) glycerol, 5 mM $MgCl_2$, 1.1 mM EDTA + 1 protease inhibitor tablet, 0.5 mM DTT, and 10 μL SUPERase-In RNase inhibitor per 50 mL buffer added fresh before beginning the experiment), and moved to a 1.5 mL tube. The 15 mL tube was rinsed with another 250 μL freezing buffer, which was combined to make 500 μL of permeabilized cells in freezing buffer, which were snap frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C.

PRO-seq library construction

PRO-seq library construction was performed by the Nascent Transcriptomics Core at Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA. Aliquots of frozen permeabilized cells were thawed on ice and pipetted gently to fully resuspend. Aliquots were removed and permeabilized cells were counted using a Luna II, Logos Biosystems instrument. For each sample, 1 million permeabilized cells were used for nuclear run-on, with 50,000 permeabilized *Drosophila* S2 cells added to each sample for normalization. Nuclear run-on assays and library preparation were performed essentially as described in Reimer et al.[38] with modifications noted: 2X nuclear run-on buffer consisted of (10 mM Tris (pH 8), 10 mM MgCl2, 1 mM DTT, 300 mM KCl, 20 μM/each biotin-11-NTPs (Perkin Elmer NEL54(2/3/4/5)001), 0.8 U/μL SuperaseIN, 1 % sarkosyl (Sigma-Aldrich L7414). Run-on reactions were performed at 37°C. Fragmentation of RNA was performed in 100 mM NaOH at 0°C for 10 minutes and stopped by addition of one volume of ice cold 1 M Tris (pH 6.8). Adenylated 3' adapter was prepared using the 5' DNA adenylation kit (New England Biolabs E2610S) and ligated using T4 RNA ligase 2, truncated KQ (NEB, per manufacturer's instructions with 15 % PEG-8000 final) and incubated at 16°C overnight. 180 μL of betaine blocking buffer (1.42 g of betaine brought to 10 mL with binding buffer supplemented to 0.6 μM blocking oligo (TCCGACGATCCCACGTTCCCGTGG/3InvdT/)) was mixed with ligations and incubated 5 min at 65°C and 2 min on ice prior to addition of Dynabead M-280 streptavidin beads (ThermoFisher 11205D). After T4 polynucleotide kinase (New England Biolabs M0201) treatment, beads were washed once each with high salt, low salt, and blocking oligo wash (0.25X T4 RNA ligase buffer (New England Biolabs M0437), 0.3 μM blocking oligo) solutions and resuspended in 5' adapter mix (10 pmol 5' adapter, 30 pmol blocking oligo, water). 5' adapter ligation was per Reimer et al.[38], but with 15 % PEG-8000 final. Eluted cDNA was amplified 5-cycles (NEBNext Ultra II Q5 master mix (New England Biolabs M0544) with Illumina TruSeq PCR primers RP-1 and RPI-X) following

the manufacturer's suggested cycling protocol for library construction. A portion of preCR was serially diluted and for test amplification to determine optimal amplification of final libraries. Pooled libraries were sequenced using the Illumina 200 cycle kit on an S4 single lane, followed by additional run on a full SP lane for more depth for some samples.

ChIP-seq sample preparation

Two days before the time course, cells were plated 1:4 into three 15 cm dishes per sample in SC2 media with 1 μM GSI. For each time course, 8 samples were prepared: 0 hr mock washout, 15 min washout, 30 min washout, 45 min washout, 1 hr washout, 90 min washout, 2 hr washout, and 4 hr washout. Replicates were performed on different days (n=2). To crosslink cells, at the appropriate time after washout, media was removed from the plates and 10 mL PBS was added (PBS contained 1 μM GSI for the mock washout sample). 9 mL of 2.1 % formaldehyde in PBS was added to the plate (1% final concentration) (3 plates / sample were staggered by 15 seconds to ensure equal crosslinking time), and cells were fixed on a shaker for precisely 15 min. 1 mL 2.5 M Glycine was added after 15 min, plates were incubated for an additional 5 min, and then placed on ice. Cells were scraped off the plate and collected in a 50 mL falcon tube. Plates were rinsed with 20 mL cold PBS, which was added to the falcon tube. Cells were pelleted at 300 *g* for 5 min at 4°C, supernatant was discarded. The 3 tubes/sample were combined and resuspended in 40 mL of PBS, pelleted at 300 *g* for 5 min at 4°C, resuspended in 10 mL PBS, and pelleted again. The pellet was then resuspended in 250 μL of sonication buffer (20 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 2 mM EDTA, 0.5 mM EGTA, 0.5 % SDS, 0.5 mM PMSF, and 1 mini protease inhibitor tablet per 10 mL buffer. Chromatin was incubated on ice for 10min, 2 5 μL samples were taken for chromatin normalization, and then samples were flash frozen and stored at -80°C.

To normalize chromatin, the 5 μL sample was added to 200 μL QuickExtract Buffer (VWR). Samples were vortexed 15 s, heated at 65°C at 1500 rpm for 15 min, vortexed again for 15 s,

then heated at 98°C for 6 minutes. A standard sample of SC2 cells at 10^8 cells/mL was processed in this same way to make a standard. The DNA concentration of all samples and the standards were measured by the Qubit dsDNA high sensitivity quantitation kit (ThermoFisher), and samples were adjusted to the 10^8 cells/mL standard with fresh sonication buffer.

Chromatin was then sonicated using a QSonica sonicator (70 % amplitude, 15 seconds ON / 45 seconds off cycles) to an average fragment size of ~200 bp, flash frozen, and stored at -80°C. Chromatin from 2.5 million cells was diluted in 1 mL IP buffer (20 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 2 mM EDTA, 0.5% Triton X-100, 150 mM NaCl, 10% Glycerol), and precleared for 2 hours at 4°C, rotating with 30 μL Protein A agarose beads (Millipore Sigma 16-125) that had been pre-equilibrated in cold IP buffer. Precleared input was transferred to a new tube, 250 μL additional IP buffer and 30 μL H3K27ac antibody (Active Motive 39133) were added, and samples were incubated overnight at 4°C, rotating. 200 μL Protein A beads were added to each IP, and samples were incubated for 2 hours at 4°C, rotating. Samples were washed once with Low-Salt Buffer (20 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 2 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% SDS), three times with High- Salt Buffer (20 mM Tris pH 8.0, 2 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100, 500 mM NaCl, 0.1% SDS), once with Lithium Chloride Buffer (20 mM Tris pH 8.0, 2 mM EDTA, 250 mM LiCl, 1% IGEPAL CA- 630, 1% sodium deoxycholate), and twice with TE Buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA). For each wash, samples were rotated for 3 minutes with 1 mL of cold wash solution. Samples were eluted twice by rotating beads for 15 min at room temperature with 250 μL elution buffer (1 % SDS, 100 mM $NaHCO_3$). The two elutions were combined, NaCl was added to 200 mM, and samples were incubated overnight at 65°C to reverse crosslinks. Samples were treated with Proteinase K (New England Biolabs P8107) for 30 min, extracted with phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol, and resuspended in 100 μL water.

ChIP-seq library construction

For spike normalization, the same amount of sheared Drosophila DNA was added to each sample before library construction. Libraries were prepared using the NEBNext Ultra II DNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (New England Biolabs E7645) and sequenced paired end on a NovaSeq with an S1 single lane 100 cycle kit.

ATAC-seq sample preparation and library construction

The evening before the time course, cells were plated in 12 well dishes, at 125,000 cells / well in SC2 media with 1 μM GSI. For each time course, 14 samples were prepared: 0 hr mock washout + BRM014, 0 hr mock washout – BRM014, 1 hr washout + BRM014, 1 hr washout - BRM014, 1 hr mock washout + BRM014, 1 hr mock washout - BRM014, 2 hr washout + BRM014, 2 hr washout - BRM014, 2 hr mock washout + BRM014, 2 hr mock washout - BRM014, 4 hr washout + BRM014, 4 hr washout - BRM014, 4 hr mock washout + BRM014, 4 hr mock washout - BRM014. Replicates were performed on different days (n=2). At the time point after washout or mock washout, cells were rinsed in PBS, and harvested using 0.25 % trypsin with GSI and/or BRM014 according to the sample, and quenched with SC2 media containing GSI and/or BRM014. Cells were counted, and 100,000 cells were transferred to an Eppendorf tube, and combined with 10,000 fly spike-in cells. The spike-in S2 cells had been collected, resuspended in BAMBANKER cryopreservative media (VWR 101974-112), aliquoted, and stored at -80°C. All spike in aliquots for one experimental time course replicate were thawed and combined before beginning the time course.

ATAC was performed according to the OmniATAC protocol[39]. Briefly, cells were pelleted at 500 *g* for 5 min at 4°C, and supernatant was removed. The cell pellet was resuspended in 50 μL ATAC lysis buffer by pipetting up and down 3 times (Cold ATAC-Resuspension Buffer (10 mM Tris–HCl pH 7.5, 10 mM NaCl and 3 mM MgCl2) + 0.1 % NP40 (EMD Millipore 492018) + 0.1 % Tween-20 (EMD Millipore 655206) + 0.01 % digitonin (Promega G9441)). Up to 4 samples were

processed at 1 time, and samples were staggered by 15 seconds. After exactly 3 min of lysis, 1 mL of ATAC wash buffer (Cold ATAC-Resuspension Buffer + 0.1 % Tween-20 (EMD Millipore 655206)) was added to the tube. Nuclei were pelleted at 500 *g* for 10 min at 4°C, and supernatant was removed. Nuclei were resuspended in 50 μL of Transposition mix (1x TD buffer (Illumina 20334197), 3 μL Tn5 transposase (Illumina 20334197), 0.33x PBS, 0.01 % digitonin, 0.1 % Tween-20), and incubated at 37°C in a thermomixer at 1000 rpm for 30 minutes. The reactions were quenched with 250 μL of binding buffer from the MinElute PCR purification kit (Qiagen 28004) and purified using this kit. This was then used as the input for barcoding PCR, to add sequencing adapters and sequencing barcodes, as described in Grandi et al.[39] . Both the qPCR and Qubit methods were used to quantify the libraries to determine the total number of PCR cycles, as described in the OmniATAC protocol. After the final PCR cycles, libraries were cleaned up with the MinElute PCR purification kit, quantified using the NEBNext Library Quant kit (New England Biolabs E7630), and pooled for sequencing. Libraries were sequenced paired end on a NovaSeq with an S1 single lane 100 cycle kit.

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

TT-seq mapping

Read pairs were trimmed to 100 base pairs using a custom script (trim_and_filter_PE.pl), and reads with a minimum average quality score of 20 were kept. Reads were first mapped to the spike genome (dm6) using bowtie1.2.2 (-n2 -l 40 -X1000 -p 5 --best -3 1 parameters). Reads not mapping to the spike genome were mapped to the human genome (hg38) using with STAR2.7.3a[40], using parameters --quantMode TranscriptomeSAM GeneCounts --outSAMtype BAM SortedByCoordinate --limitBAMsortRAM 42949672960 --outMultimapperOrder Random --outSAMattrIHstart 0 --outFilterType BySJout --outFilterMismatchNmax 4 --alignSJoverhangMin 8

--outSAMstrandField intronMotif --outFilterIntronMotifs RemoveNoncanonicalUnannotated --alignIntronMin 20 --alignIntronMax 1000000 --alignMatesGapMax 1000000 --outWigType bedGraph --outWigNorm None --outFilterScoreMinOverLread 0 –outFilterMatchNminOverLread 0. Duplicates were also removed using STAR, and stranded coverage bedGraph files were generated from deduplicated BAM files using STAR.

To normalize samples, reads mapping to exons in the active gene models (see below) were counted using featurecounts, and used to calculate size factors using DESeq2. PCA plots were generated using DESeq2 over the top 500 genes. These size factors were scaled so the minimum was 1, and used to normalize bedGraphs with the custom script normalize_bedGraph.pl. Biological replicates (n=2) were merged using the script bedgraphs2stbedGraph.pl.

Sample Name	Total	Reads mapping to hg38	Reads mapping to dm6	Size Factor	Normalization Factor
0h_GSI_BRM014_rep1	150088510	138301345	150088510	1.05	1.22
0h_GSI_BRM014_rep2	129512568	118460711	13401548	1.05	1.22
0h_GSI_DMSO_rep1	113814982	103229584	16067730	0.88	1.03
0h_GSI_DMSO_rep2	127092978	117016818	10177307	0.94	1.10
1h_GSI_BRM014_rep1	138189730	124468545	25550404	1.07	1.25
1h_GSI_BRM014_rep2	153527552	142323388	8963298	1.10	1.28
1h_GSI_DMSO_rep1	124021166	112513927	18322070	1.01	1.18
1h_GSI_DMSO_rep2	126653138	117185129	7514158	0.94	1.10
1h_washout_BRM014_rep1	149533912	136881840	18589668	1.13	1.32
1h_washout_BRM014_rep2	126805849	116166177	8990111	0.90	1.05
1h_washout_DMSO_rep1	206317803	191540602	13777718	1.38	1.61
1h_washout_DMSO_rep2	141587149	130485870	10945308	1.03	1.20
4h_GSI_BRM014_rep1	113177888	103802452	10233517	0.86	1.00
4h_GSI_BRM014_rep2	139996078	129243376	7944409	1.02	1.19
4h_GSI_DMSO_rep1	137548171	125334006	15977982	1.03	1.21
4h_GSI_DMSO_rep2	125876159	114811952	9318722	0.95	1.11
4h_washout_BRM014_rep1	114345951	104417618	13314893	0.90	1.05
4h_washout_BRM014_rep2	138655109	127374492	9022958	1.07	1.25
4h_washout_DMSO_rep1	127331045	117044027	10629014	0.97	1.13
4h_washout_DMSO_rep2	121877894	111587627	8130586	0.94	1.09

PRO-seq mapping

Read pairs were trimmed using cutadapt 1.14[41] to remove adapter sequences (-O 1 --match-read-wildcards -m {20}). An additional nucleotide was removed from the end of read 1 (R1), using seqtk trimfq (https://github.com/lh3/seqtk), to preserve a single mate orientation during alignment. The paired end reads were then mapped to a combined genome index, including both the spike (dm6) and primary (hg38) genomes, using bowtie2[42]. Properly paired reads were retained. These read pairs were then separated based on the genome (i.e. spike-in vs primary) to which they mapped. Reads mapping to the reference genome were separated according to whether they were R1 or R2, sorted via samtools[43] 1.3.1 (-n), and subsequently converted to bedGraph format using a custom script (bowtie2stdBedGraph.pl). We note that this script counts each read once at the exact 3' end of the nascent RNA. Because R1 in PRO-seq reveals the position of the RNA 3' end, the "+" and "-" strands were swapped to generate bedGraphs representing 3' end positions at single nucleotide resolution. As spike percentages were not significantly different between samples, biological replicates were depth normalized using the script normalize_bedGraph.pl. PCA plots were generated using DESeq2 using gene body PRO-seq counts over the top 500 genes. Biological replicates (n=3 for t=0, n=2 for all other time points) were merged using the script bedgraphs2stbedGraph.pl. The merged t=0 bedgraph was normalized by multiplying by 0.66 to using normalize_bedGraph.pl so that all time points had an equivalent depth. BedGraph files were binned in 10 bp intervals, and converted to bigwig files for visualization on the genome browser using UCSCtools[44].

Sample Name	Total	Reads mapping to hg38	Reads mapping to dm6	Normalization Factor
0h_rep1	85970282	76152127	2040865	1.54
0h_rep2	103531128	93818174	2346439	1.90
0h_rep3	88225365	75932963	2660924	1.54
15min_rep2	57356757	49456531	2394454	1.00
15min_rep3	93557006	83885924	2891559	1.70
30min_rep1	77477601	68196399	3208443	1.38
30min_rep2	78302067	67738226	2573842	1.37
45min_rep1	76402172	69977167	1972974	1.41

45min_rep2	88623510	79516628	1802120	1.61
1h_rep1	101092654	91020976	1955255	1.84
1h_rep2	101437843	93250008	2100768	1.89
90min_rep1	101175352	92626064	2283885	1.87
90min_rep2	109737877	99051682	2718587	2.00
2h_rep1	95528400	86606556	1974717	1.75
2h_rep2	88938370	80741577	1760960	1.63
3h_rep1	90661683	82416142	2035634	1.67
3h_rep2	124589832	113193709	2539083	2.29
4h_rep1	90560540	82816019	1332947	2.03
4h_rep2	109462234	100521172	2378508	1.67

ChIP-seq mapping

Read 1 was trimmed to positions 2-49 using a custom script (trim_and_filter_SE.pl), and reads with a minimum average quality score of 20 were kept. Reads were mapped first to the spike genome (dm6), then to the human genome (hg38) using bowtie1.2.2[45] with options -k1 -v2 – best. The custom script bowtie2stdBedGraph.pl was used to make bedGraph files with a 75bp shift. As spike returns were not different between time points, samples were depth normalized using the script normalize_bedGraph.pl. Biological replicates (n=2) were merged using the script bedgraphs2stbedGraph.pl.

Sample Name	Total	Reads mapping to hg38	Reads mapping to dm6	Normalization Factor
0h_repA	86958599	77821951	150676	1.33
0h_repB	84908653	76828968	154255	1.31
0h_input_repA	84047641	75998979	119330	1.33
0h_input_repB	79677737	73910713	67541	1.32
15m_repA	85386928	74785415	170064	1.27
15m_repB	81909319	73974099	85509	1.27
30m_repA	74940561	66308039	188874	1.12
30m_repB	92092844	81888573	138717	1.37
45m_repA	83365374	73053116	150563	1.22
45m_repB	91860316	81491941	128015	1.37
1h_repA	87400524	76671688	180077	1.28
1h_repB	131159821	115050788	506225	1.69
90m_repA	66913671	59101893	138359	1.00
90m_repB	86418798	75985450	282378	1.20
2h_ repA	67841126	60113642	171034	1.02
2h_ repB	93271276	81119922	141842	1.33
4h_ repA	91720189	80490390	194821	1.27
4h_ repB	101779012	89968296	111693	1.44
4h_input_repA	96217572	88365662	133355	1.51
4h_input_repB	80521699	72713558	65706	1.28

ATAC-seq mapping

Read pairs were trimmed to 100 base pairs using a custom script (trim_and_filter_PE.pl), and reads with a minimum average quality score of 20 were kept. Adapter sequences were removed using cutadapt 1.14[41]. Reads were first mapped to the spike genome (dm6), using bowtie1.2.2 (-k1 -v2 -X1000 – allow-contain -- best parameters). Reads that did not map to the spike genome were mapped to the human genome (hg38), using bowtie1.2.2[45] (-k1 -v2 -X1000 – allow-contain -- best parameters). Samtools 1.9[43] was used to flag duplicate reads, which were then removed. A custom script, extract_fragments.pl, was used to filter and retain unique reads between 10 and 150 base pairs, which correspond to regions of open chromatin, and convert files into bedGraph format. Spike return rates were not significantly different between samples. To normalize samples, reads mapping to the -1 kb to +1 kb region around active promoters in this cell type (see Genome Annotation below) were counted using the custom script makeheatmap with the "-b v -v t -s b" options. The number of these reads was used to calculate size factors using DESeq2[46]. PCA plots were generated using DESeq2 over the top 500 promoters. These size factors were scaled so the minimum was 1, and used to normalize bedGraphs with the custom script normalize_bedGraph.pl. Biological replicates (n=2) were merged using the script bedgraphs2stbedGraph.pl.

Sample Name	Total	Reads mapping to hg38	Reads mapping to dm6	Reads within fragment size cutoff	Size Factor	Normalization Factor
0h_GSI_BRM014_rep1	34202112	31976690	227554	8708132	1.39	5.09
0h_GSI_BRM014_rep2	33906592	31638459	82304	8096329	1.40	5.15
0h_GSI_DMSO_rep1	29207488	27429824	76822	8036150	0.79	2.90
0h_GSI_DMSO_rep2	36418596	33858170	153535	8362786	1.81	6.63
1h_GSI_BRM014_rep1	28689136	26775117	103456	5375668	1.02	3.73
1h_GSI_BRM014_rep2	39727072	36959808	36893	9657709	0.97	3.53
1h_GSI_DMSO_rep1	34142160	32125674	7737	9365400	0.77	2.81
1h_GSI_DMSO_rep2	35218200	33117630	30062	7867053	1.69	6.20
1h_washout_BRM014_rep1	33987051	31724447	60562	9456331	0.87	3.20
1h_washout_BRM014_rep2	42124438	39171424	31658	9655117	1.48	5.43
1h_washout_DMSO_rep1	17165045	15752974	42975	2300391	0.27	1.00
1h_washout_DMSO_rep2	38410233	35726823	82631	9985688	0.77	2.82

2h_GSI_BRM014_rep1	31547139	29232600	136633	7320975	1.13	4.12
2h_GSI_BRM014_rep2	30714106	28227978	101475	6101677	1.44	5.27
2h_GSI_DMSO_rep1	33833327	31810936	111365	8569085	1.44	5.28
2h_GSI_DMSO_rep2	26264980	24429806	81237	6478067	1.02	3.72
2h_washout_BRM014_rep1	33069311	30559738	129552	6115721	1.57	5.75
2h_washout_BRM014_rep2	32665148	30221771	14722	7050846	1.28	4.66
2h_washout_DMSO_rep1	32355097	30206171	36064	8557728	0.67	2.44
2h_washout_DMSO_rep2	26417570	24386901	21189	6835309	0.62	2.25
4h_GSI_BRM014_rep1	36971274	34566802	60087	10780739	0.95	3.46
4h_GSI_BRM014_rep2	30014033	28110552	19452	7502842	0.99	3.62
4h_GSI_DMSO_rep1	39905542	37480566	29108	10964823	0.82	3.01
4h_GSI_DMSO_rep2	34191134	32284375	15791	8784192	1.25	4.57
4h_washout_BRM014_rep1	34567268	31890198	117786	9651176	1.24	4.54
4h_washout_BRM014_rep2	31650134	29445166	22535	7502925	0.98	3.57
4h_washout_DMSO_rep1	29269199	27271393	12857	9395100	0.58	2.04
4h_washout_DMSO_rep2	32502539	30536084	48340	9485869	1.25	4.59

RNA-seq mapping

RNA-seq fastq files from Pan et al.[20] for samples 4 hours after GSI washout (GSM4732270, GSM4732271, GSM4732272) and after mock washout (GSM4732261, GSM4732262, GSM4732263) were downloaded from the sequence read archive. Reads were mapped to hg38 using STAR version 2.7.3a[40] as described in the TT-seq mapping section. Gene counts were determined using the featurecounts function in the Rsubread[47] package version 2.14.2, and $\log_2$ fold change after 4 hours of GSI washout was determined using DESeq2[46] version 1.40.2. Samples were normalized using the size factors calculated by DESeq2.

Genome Annotation

To select gene-level features for differential expression analysis, and for pairing with PRO-seq data, we assigned a single, dominant TSS and transcription end site (TES) to each active gene. This was accomplished using a custom script, get_gene_annotations.sh, which uses RNA-seq read abundance and PRO-seq R2 reads (RNA 5' ends) to identify dominant TSSs, and RNA-seq profiles to define most commonly used TESs. RNA-seq from Pan et al.[20] at 0hr (GSM4732261, GSM4732262, GSM4732263) and 4hr (GSM4732270, GSM4732271, GSM4732272) after GSI washout was used, and merged PRO-seq data from all conditions in this work were used for this analysis, to comprehensively capture gene activity in these samples.

Enhancer identification

PRO-seq single-nucleotide bedgraph files were merged over all time points, and converted into bigwig files. dREG[48] was used to predict putative regulatory elements, using these input files. These were refined using a custom filtering script, dRIP-filter, to keep only peaks with a dREG score of at least 0.5, a p-value of less than 0.025, and at least 5 PRO-seq reads in 2 conditions. As an additional validation of enhancer quality, H3K27ac ChIP signal (merged over all time points) was counted over the potential dREG peaks using makeheatmap using the "-b v -v t -s b" options, and only peaks with at least 300 reads were kept. Next, promoter-proximal peaks (within 1kb of active annotated promoters) were removed, leaving only distal enhancers, and enhancers within 1kb of each other were merged into one window using bedtools merge. Enhancers overlapping rRNA, snRNAs, scRNAs, srpRNAs, tRNAs, or snoRNAs were removed using bedtools intersect. Enhancers were then classified as intragenic if they overlap an active gene, or intergenic if they did not. Intragenic enhancers overlapping two genes on opposite strands were discarded, leaving a final list of 12,040 intergenic and 8,983 intragenic enhancers.

Notch transcription complex (NTC) binding analysis

8,533 ChIP peaks bound by both RBPJ and MAML1, as determined by Pan et al.[20], were defined as NTC binding regions. The intersectBed tool was used to identify genes with promoter NTC binding, those with an NTC binding region overlapping the 1kb upstream of the TSS. To identify NTC-bound enhancers, intersectBed was used to label enhancers that overlap an NTC binding region. The distance from a gene TSS to the closest enhancer was calculated using the bedtools closest function.

Assigning enhancers to genes

The closest NTC-bound enhancer (see above) to the TSS of each Notch-upregulated gene was identified using the bedtools closest function. 3 genes had no NTC-bound enhancers within 1,000,000 bp of the TSS, and were excluded from further analysis, yielding a group of 58 closest enhancers to Notch-upregulated genes, shown in Figures 3H-J. For aggregate plots shown in 3E-G, the dominant enhancer TSS for each of these 58 enhancers was identified in order to center the plots. Unannotated TSSs called by TSS-call as part of the genome annotation pipeline (see above) within the dREG peaks were identified using bedtools intersect, and the enhancer with the highest TSS score (from TSS-call) for each enhancer was selected as the dominant TSS. For intragenic enhancers, only TSSs on the non-gene strand were considered. This resulted in a list of 56 enhancers with a dominant TSS, which are plotted in Figures 3E-G.

Differential gene expression analysis

TT-seq reads mapping to exons in the active gene models were counted using the featurecounts function in the Rsubread[47] package version 2.14.2, and these values were normalized using size factors in DESeq2[46] version 1.40.2. Significance values were calculated for each comparison between conditions using the design formula ~replicate + condition. Genes were called significantly changed if they had adjusted p value < 0.01 and |FC| > 1.5 in either the 1h_washout_DMSO or the 4h_washout_DMSO condition vs 0h_GSI_DMSO. 4 groups were then assigned: *Notch upregulated* (significantly upregulated in 1h_washout_DMSO vs 0h_GSI_DMSO and (1h_washout_DMSO / 1h_GSI_DMSO) > 1.5 OR significantly upregulated in 4h_washout_DMSO vs 0h_GSI_DMSO and (4h_washout_DMSO / 4h_GSI_DMSO) > 1.5 ; *Notch downregulated* (significantly downregulated in 1h_washout_DMSO vs 0h_GSI_DMSO and (1h_washout_DMSO / 1h_GSI_DMSO) < 0.667 OR significantly upregulated in 4h_washout_DMSO vs 0h_GSI_DMSO and (4h_washout_DMSO / 4h_GSI_DMSO) < .667; *Nonspecific upregulated* (significantly upregulated in 1h_washout_DMSO vs 0h_GSI_DMSO and not *Notch upregulated*; *Nonspecific downregulated* (significantly upregulated in

1h_washout_DMSO vs 0h_GSI_DMSO and not *Notch downregulated*. Genes were then filtered to include only those with at least 60 PRO-seq promoter (TSS to TSS+150) reads in one condition, to select only for high confidence genes. For display in heatmaps, experimental replicates were averaged, and gene expression was normalized such that the highest condition being displayed was set to 1.

A list of unchanged genes was defined as genes not significant in any of the above four categories that additionally had a |FC| < 1.10 in either the 1h_washout_DMSO or the 4h_washout_DMSO condition vs 0h_GSI_DMSO (n=1484).

A list of inactive genes was defined as genes with fewer than 10 PRO-seq reads within the promoter (TSS to TSS + 150 nt) at any time point (n=1295).

Gene Ontology Enrichment

Biological Process GO Term enrichment was determined using the Molecular Signatures Database (MSigDB)[49] website (www.gsea-msigdb.org), on all genes in Groups 1 and 2. For groups 3 and 4, which had more than 500 genes, the top 500 genes with largest (Group 3) or smallest (Group 4) fold change at 4 hours were used as the input.

Summing reads over genomic features

For analysis of PRO-seq reads over genes, genomic windows were defined starting from the active gene annotation. Gene body regions were defined as TSS + 250 nt to TSS + 5 kb or the first intragenic enhancer, whichever came first. Principal Component Analysis shown in Figure S2 was performed over these regions for genes over 1 kb in length. TSS windows were defined as TSS to TSS + 150 nt. Reads were counted over these regions using the custom script makeheatmap using the “-b v -l s -s s” options. Counts were normalized by the length of the genomic window.

Total ATAC-seq reads at promoters were counted using makeheatmap using the “-b v -v t -s b” options, over a window beginning 450 bp upstream of the TSS to 149 nt downstream of the TSS. This window was chosen the focus on the nucleosome depleted region at the promoter.

Total PRO-seq reads over dREG peaks for figure 3H were counted using makeheatmap using the “-b v -l s -s b” option for intergenic peaks, and “-b v -l s -s o” for intragenic peaks to avoid conflating gene reads with the enhancer reads. H3K27ac ChIP-seq and ATAC-reads reads over dREG peaks for figures 3I and 3J were counted using makeheatmap using the “-b v -v t -s b” options on single-nucleotide bedgraph files merged over replicates. The full dREG peak region was chosen for this analysis.

Calculating pausing indices

Pausing index is defined as PRO-seq reads per base pair in the TSS (TSS to TSS + 150 nt) divided by PRO-seq reads per base pair in TSS + 250 nt to TSS + 2250 nt or TES, whichever comes first. Reads in these regions were counted using makeheatmap using the “-b v -l s -s s” options.

Aggregate plots

For PRO-seq aggregate plots around promoters, PRO-seq reads were counted in 20 nt bins from TSS -100 nt to TSS + 1 kb, summing the total reads within the window for each gene using makeheatmap with the “-b c -a s -l s -v t -s s” options. For aggregate plots in the gene body, PRO-seq reads were counted in 40 nt bins from TSS + 500 nt to TSS + 1 kb, summing the total reads within the window for each gene. The average value over the Notch upregulated genes for each bin is shown in the plots.

For ATAC-seq aggregate plots at promoters, ATAC-seq reads were counted in 75bp bins within 1 kb of the gene TSS using makeheatmap with the “-b c -a u -v t -s b” options.

For PRO-seq aggregate plots over dREG peaks, PRO-seq reads were counted in 75 nt bins around the dominant TSS for the enhancer using makeheatmap with “-l s -b c -a u -v t -s s” options for intragenic enhancers (to only count reads on the strand with the TSS, the opposite strand of the genic reads), or “-l s -b c -a u -v t -s b” options for the intergenic enhancers. The reads per bin for the intergenic enhancers were divided by 2 to estimate the reads per strand to enable the averaging of reads over all enhancers. The average signal per bin over the 56 enhancers with TSSs are plotted.

For ATAC-seq and ChIP-seq aggregate plots over dREG peaks, reads were counted around the dominant TSS for the enhancer using makeheatmap with the “-b c -a u -v t -s b” options. ATAC-seq reads were counted in 75 bp bins, and ChIP-seq reads were counted in 50 bp bins.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TITLES AND LEGENDS

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Table S1: TT-seq read counts for significantly changed genes

Excel file, too large to fit in a pdf, showing the normalized read counts and $\log_2$ fold change values for all significantly changed genes. Genes are annotated as Notch upregulated, Notch downregulated, nonspecific upregulated, or nonspecific downregulated. Notch upregulated genes are further annotated as SWI/SNF independent or dependent, and for the presence of NTC binding at the promoter.

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Figure S1

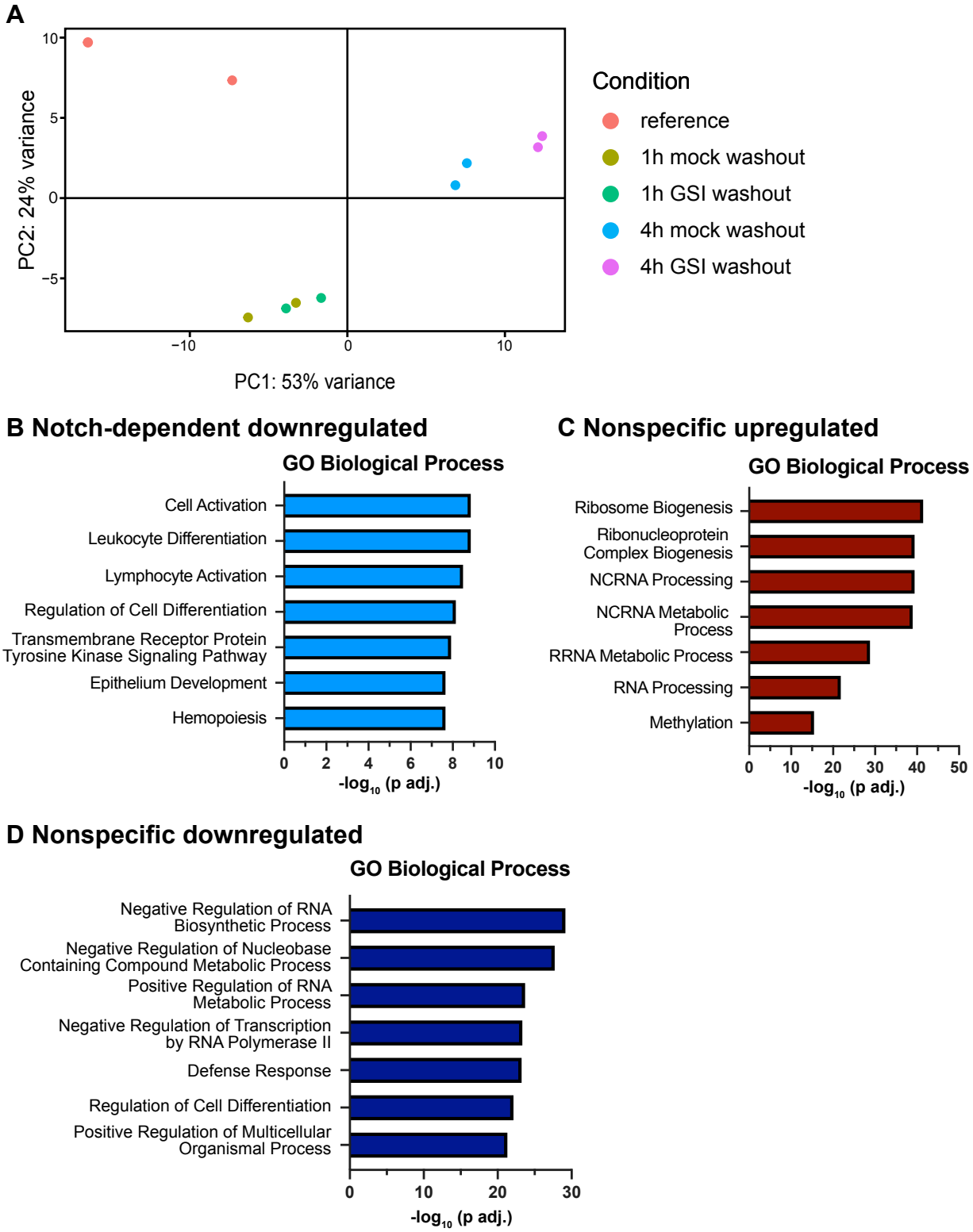

Figure S1. Principal component analysis and gene ontology of the TT-seq experiment, related to Figure 1.
A) Principal Component Analysis of TT-seq counts over gene exons for samples shown in Figure1.
B-D) Top Gene Ontology – Biological Process enriched terms for genes in the Notch downregulated (B), nonspecific upregulated (C), and nonspecific downregulated (D) groups. P-values are from the hypergeometric test, corrected for multiple hypothesis according to the Benjamini-Hochberg method.

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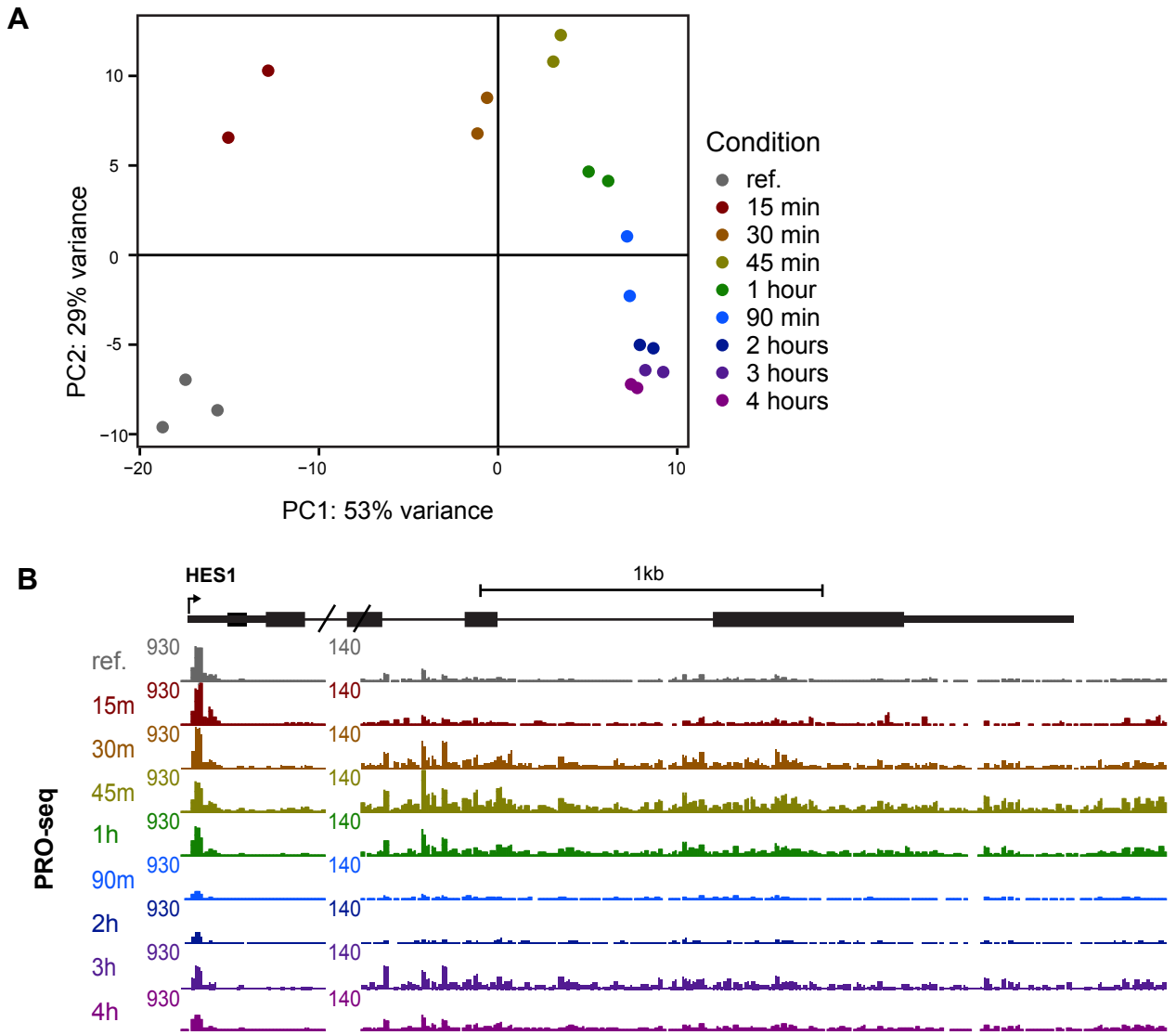

Figure S2. Principal component analysis of PRO-seq data, related to Figure 2.
(A) Principal Component Analysis of PRO-seq counts over gene body windows for samples in Figure 2.(B) Genome browser images showing PRO-seq reads for HES1 at all assayed time points. The scale of the browser images is reset at 500 bp downstream of the TSS to allow visualization of the gene body signal.

Figure S3

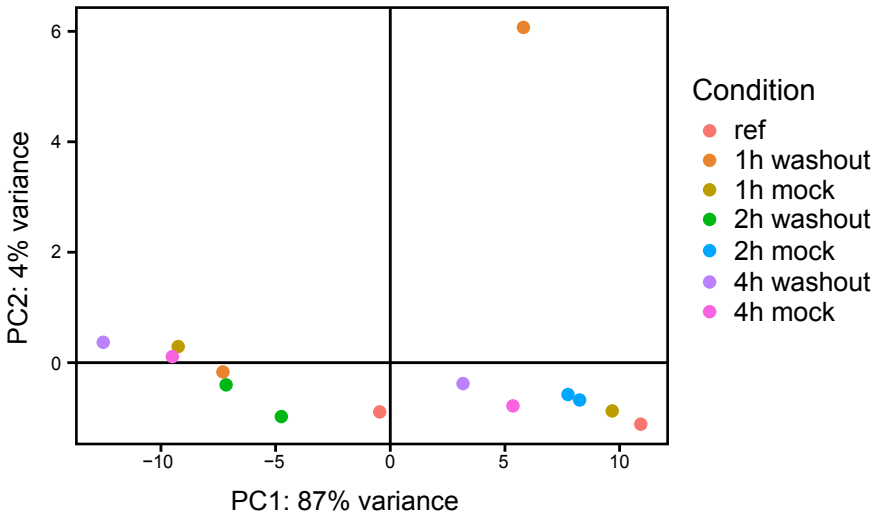

Figure S3. Principal component analysis of ATAC-seq data, related to Figure 3.
Principal Component Analysis of ATAC-seq counts over promoter windows for samples in Figure 3.

Figure S4

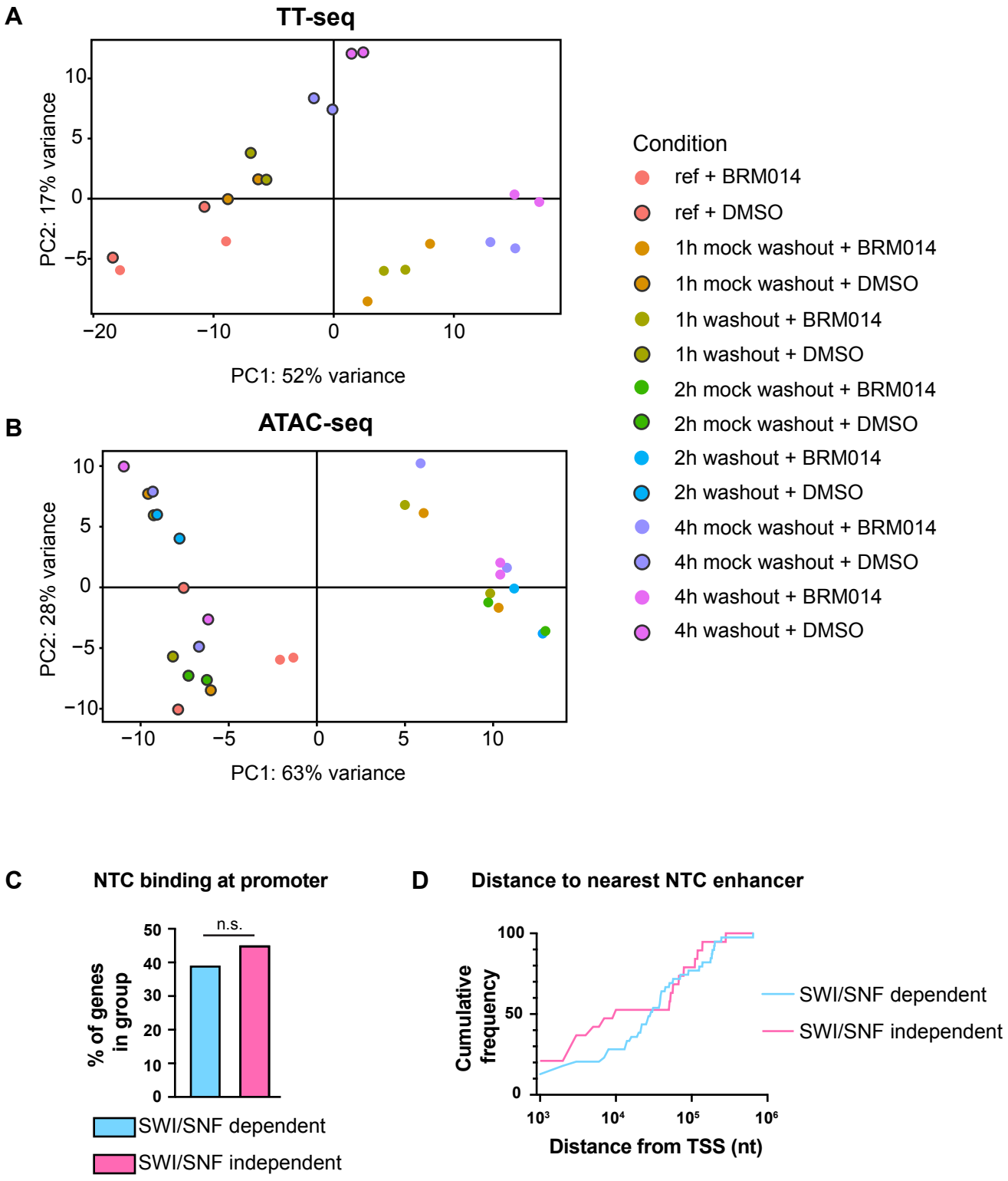

Figure S4. Analysis of chromatin accessibility and gene expression after SWI/SNF inhibition, related to Figure 4.
(A) Principal Component Analysis of TT-seq counts over gene exons for samples in Figure 4. (B) Principal Component Analysis of ATAC-seq counts over promoter windows for samples in Figure 4. (C) Percentage of genes in each group with NTC binding within 1 kb of the TSS. n.s. = $p > 0.05$ by Fischer's exact test. (D) Cumulative frequency distribution of the distance to nearest enhancer with NTC binding for genes in each cluster. Distributions are not significantly different ($p > 0.05$) by Kolmogorov-Smirnov test.

KEY RESOURCES TABLE

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
Rabbit polyclonal histone H3K27ac	Active Motif	Cat #39133
Bacterial and virus strains		
Biological samples		
Chemicals, peptides, and recombinant proteins		
Fetal Bovine Serum	Gemini Bio-products	Cat # 100-106
Penicillin-Streptomycin	ThermoFisher	Cat # 15140163
Trypsin 0.25%	VWR	Cat # 45000-664
BAMBANKER Cell Freezing Medium	VWR	Cat# 101974-112
Compound E gamma secretase inhibitor	EMD Millipore	Cat # 565790
BRM014	MedChem Express	Cat # HY-119374
Hydrocortisone	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat # H0888
Insulin	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat # I6634
hEGF	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat # E9644
Cholera toxin B subunit	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat # C9903
Apo-Transerrin human	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat # T2036
Lyothyronine	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat # T6397
4-Thiouridine	Thermo Fisher	Cat # J60679
SUPERase-In	Thermo Fisher	Cat # AM2696
cOmplete™, EDTA-free Protease Inhibitor Cocktail	Millipore Sigma	Cat # 5056489001
Biotin-11-NTPs	Perkin Elmer	Cat # NEL54(2/3/4/5)001
20% Sarkosyl	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat #L7414
T4 Polynucleotide Kinase	New England Biolabs	Cat #M0201
T4 RNA ligase	New England Biolabs	Cat #M0437
Dynabead M-280 streptavidin beads	ThermoFisher	Cat #11205D
NP-40	EMD Millipore	Cat #492018
Tween-20	EMD Millipore	Cat #655206
Digitonin	Promega	Cat #G9441
Trizol	Thermo Scientific	Cat #15596026
DNase	Qiagen	Cat #79254
Protein A Agarose Beads	Millipore Sigma	Cat #16-125
Proteinase K	New England Biolabs	Cat # P8107
Critical commercial assays		
Tagment DNA TDE1 Enzyme and Buffer Kit	Illumina	Cat # 20334197
NEBNext Ultra II Q5 master mix	New England Biolabs	Cat # M0544
MinElute PCR purification kit	Qiagen	Cat # 28004
NEBNext Library Quant kit	New England Biolabs	Cat # E7630
QiaShredder Columns	Qiagen	Cat #79656
miRNeasy mini kit	Qiagen	Cat #217004
MaXtract High Density Tubes	Qiagen	Cat #129056
RNA clean-up and concentration microElute kit	Norgen	Cat #61000
DNA adenylation kit	New England Biolabs	Cat # E2610S
QuickExtract DNA extraction solution	VWR	Cat #QE09050
dsDNA quantitation kit, high sensitivity	ThermoFisher	Cat #Q32854

NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina with Beads	New England Biolabs	Cat #E7765S
NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit v2 with Beads	New England Biolabs	Cat #E7405L
Unique Dual Indexes for Illumina (96 set 2)	New England Biolabs	Cat #E6442S
NEBNext Ultra II DNA Library Prep Kit	New England Biolabs	Cat #E7645
Deposited data		
TT-seq, PRO-seq, ATAC-seq, H3K27ac ChIP-seq	This work	GSE269128
RNA-seq in SC2 cells at 0 and 4 hours post GSI washout	Pan *et al.*[20]	GSM4732261, GSM4732262, GSM4732263, GSM4732270, GSM4732271, GSM4732272
RBPJ and MAML1 ChIP-seq in SC2 cells 4 hours after GSI washout	Pan *et al.*[20]	GSE156486
Experimental models: Cell lines		
SC2 cells	Laboratory of Jon Aster	Pan *et al.*[20]
Experimental models: Organisms/strains		
Oligonucleotides		
ATAC-seq adapters	IDT	Sequences from Grandi *et al.*[39]
Recombinant DNA		
Software and algorithms		
Cutadapt 1.14	Martin *et al.*[41]	https://cutadapt.readthedocs.io/en/stable/
seqtk	https://github.com/lh3/seqtk	NA
Bowtie 2	Langmead *et al.*[42]	https://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/manual.shtml
Samtools	Li *et al.*[43]	http://www.htslib.org
normalize_bedGraph.pl	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11222086	NA
Get_gene_annotations.sh	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11222086	NA
trim_and_filter_SE.pl	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11222086	NA
Bowtie1.2.2	Langmead *et al.*[45]	https://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/index.shtml
UCSC tools	Kent *et al.*[44]	NA
GSEA MSigDB	Liberzon *et al.*[49]	www.gsea-msigdb.org
extract_fragments.pl	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11222086	NA
DESeq2	Love *et al.*[46]	https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/DESeq2.html
STAR2.7.3a	Dobin *et al.*[40]	NA

Rsubread, featurecounts	Liao *et al.*[47]	https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/Rsubread.html
makeheatmap	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11222086	NA
dREG	Danko *et al.*[48]	NA
dRIP filter	https://zenodo.org/records/6654472	NA