

Supplementary Information

**Inner nuclear protein Matrin-3 coordinates cell differentiation by
stabilizing chromatin architecture**

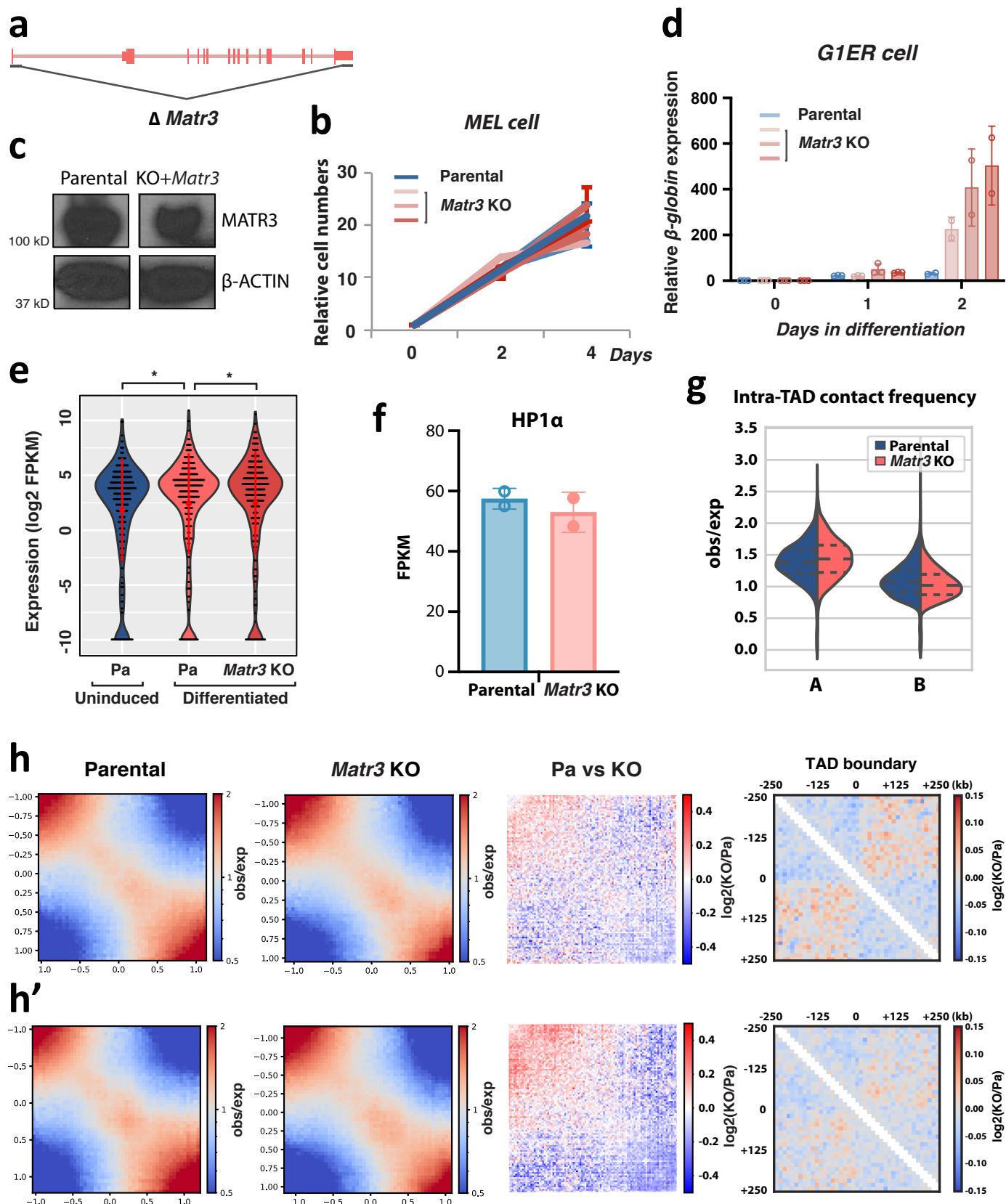


Figure S1

Figure S1. *Matr3* knockout cells proliferate normally but display accelerated cell maturation. (a) *Matr3* gene structure. The entire gene body was deleted by CRISPR/Cas9-mediated gene editing using ¹. (b) Cell proliferation was examined in parental and three independent *Matr3* KO MEL clones. Error bars represent mean $\pm$ 1 s.d. across 3 (parental) or 5 (*Matr3* KO) independent experiments. (c) *Matr3* expression in parental cells and *Matr3* KO cells rescued with full-length *Matr3* cDNA is shown by Western blot. β -actin was used as a control. Data were the result of 2 independent experiments. (d) The expression level of *β -globin* mRNA in G1ER cells was quantified during differentiation. Three independent *Matr3* KO G1ER clones by CRISPR/Cas9 were selected for the experiment. Error bars represent mean $\pm$ 1 s.d. across three independent experiments on days 0 and 1, and two independent experiments on day 2. (e) Fragments per kilobase per million reads mapped (FPKM) from RNA-seq of parental and *Matr3* KO cells were compared with mean FPKM values of an erythroid gene list². The expression level was increased during normal erythropoiesis, and notably higher in *Matr3* KO cells (mean values are 32.18112, 42.51672 and 49.45524, respectively; $p = 1.73\text{e-}02$, $p = 2.82\text{e-}02$, respectively, by two-sided t test). (f) HP1 α expression level was compared in parental and *Matr3* KO cells using RNA-seq data obtained from two independent experiments. Error bars represent mean $\pm$ 1 s.d. (g) The mean contact frequency between the bins within each TAD was calculated to determine the compartment changes within TADs. In *Matr3* KO, intra-TAD contact frequency was increased in compartment A while decreased in B (median values are 1.38, 1.44, 1.07, and 1.02, respectively; $p = 2.7\text{e-}6$, $p = 4.6\text{e-}10$, by

two-sided Mann Whitney U test, respectively). (h-h') Results of replicate experiments for Figure 2f-h are shown. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

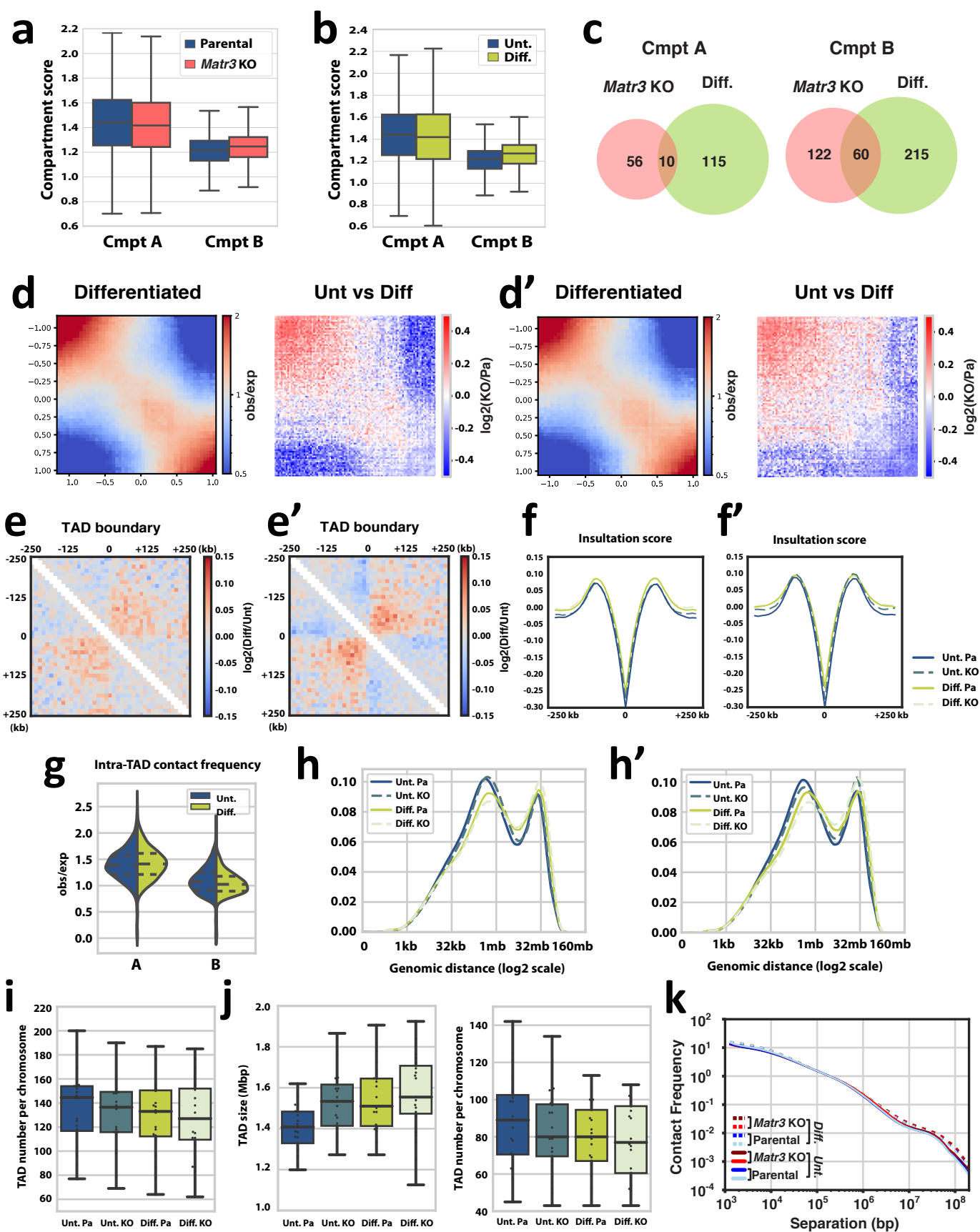


Figure S2

Figure S2. Changes in chromatin structure during differentiation are similar to those in cells lacking *Matr3*. (a-b) To further confirm changes in compartment strengths, we used a metric named compartment score³. Changes in compartments A (n = 1675) and B (n = 1654) upon *Matr3* loss (a) and during differentiation (b) were assessed by two-sided Mann-Whitney U test (p = 7.7e-11, p = 1.8e-156, p = 5.2e-8, p < 1e-300, respectively). (c) TADs with significantly altered interactions in *Matr3* KO (Figure 2i) and during differentiation (Figure 3c) were compared. TADs with increased interaction in compartment A significantly overlapped (2.03 fold over enriched compared to expected, p < 1e-100, by one-sided hyper-geometric test), and TADs with decreased interaction in compartment B also overlapped significantly (1.98 fold over enriched compared to expectations, p < 1e-100, by one-sided hyper-geometric test). (d-f') Results of replicate experiments for Figures 3a-b and 3d-e are shown. (g) The mean contact frequency between the bins within each TAD was calculated (median values are 1.38, 1.41, 1.07, and 1.02, respectively; p = 0.01, p = 1.2e-7, by two-sided Mann Whitney U test, respectively; n = 1675, n = 1654, respectively). (h-h') Results of replicate experiments for Figure 3f are shown. (i) The number of TADs for each chromosome is depicted using ⁴ (Unt.Pa vs. Unt.KO: p = 0.003, Unt.Pa vs. Diff.Pa: p = 0.0003, Diff.Pa vs. Diff.KO: p = 0.31, by two-sided Wilcoxon signed-rank test, respectively; Cohen's d = 0.15, Cohen's d = 0.26, Cohen's d = 0.03, respectively). (j) Average TAD size and the number of TADs for each chromosome is depicted using ⁵ across two independent experiments (Left, Unt.Pa vs. Unt.KO: p = 1.9e-5, Unt.Pa vs. Diff.Pa: p = 4.5e-7, Diff.Pa vs. Diff.KO: p = 0.88; Right, Unt.Pa vs. Unt.KO: p = 0.0002, Unt.Pa vs. Diff.Pa: p = 1.5e-6, Diff.Pa vs. Diff.KO: p = 0.85, by two-sided Wilcoxon

signed-rank test, respectively). (k) Genome-wide contact probability calculated from Hi-C data. In box plots, center lines, boxes, and whiskers represent the median value, first and third quartiles, and 1.5 interquartile range of the samples, respectively.

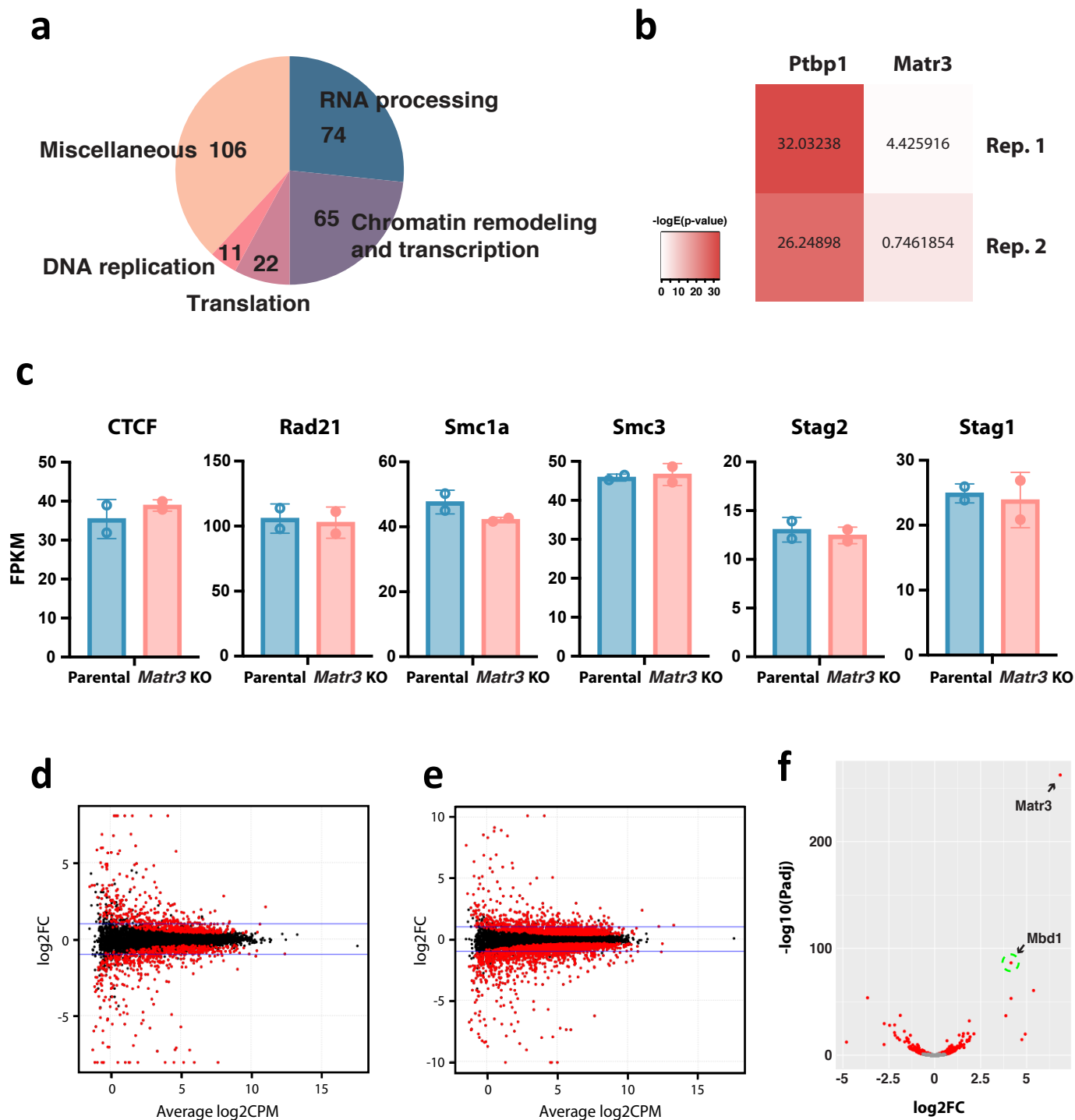


Figure S3

Figure S3. Matr3 interacts with proteins involved in RNA processing and chromatin remodeling, and changes in gene expression in *Matr3* KO were greater as cell differentiation proceeded. (a) Among the proteins in which at least two total peptides were identified from the IP-MS analysis (Figure 4a), 281 proteins with known functions were classified into the indicated categories. (b) Differential alternative splicing isoforms in *Matr3* KO compared to parental cells were identified using ⁶, and the association to differentially expressed genes was calculated using the one-sided Fisher's exact test. RNA-seq data obtained from knockdown experiments of a splicing regulator Ptbp1⁷ were used for comparison. The results of two independent experiments are shown. (c) Gene expression was compared in parental and *Matr3* KO cells using RNA-seq data obtained from two independent experiments. Error bars represent mean $\pm$ 1 s.d. Differentially expressed genes in *Matr3* KO compared to parental cells under uninduced (d) and differentiated (e) conditions. Significantly different genes identified using ⁸ are shown in red. (F) Differentially expressed genes in *Matr3* KO compared to parental cells were identified using ⁹ and significantly differentially expressed genes ($P_{adj} < 0.05$) are shown in red. The *Mbd1* gene is indicated by a dashed circle.

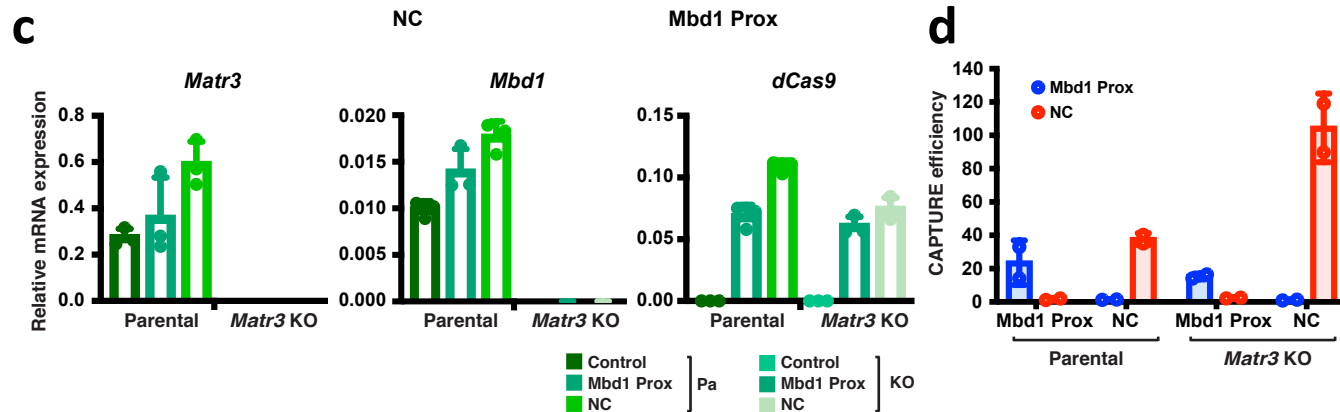
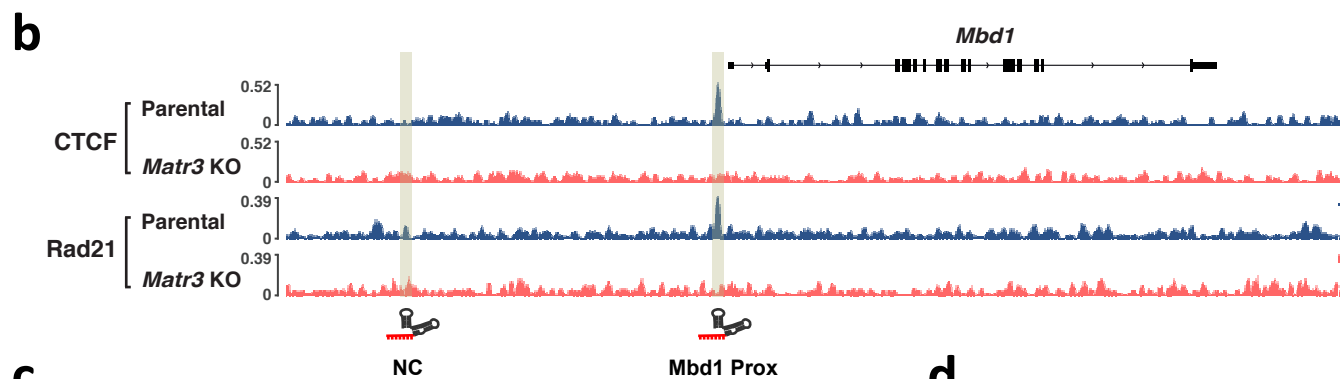
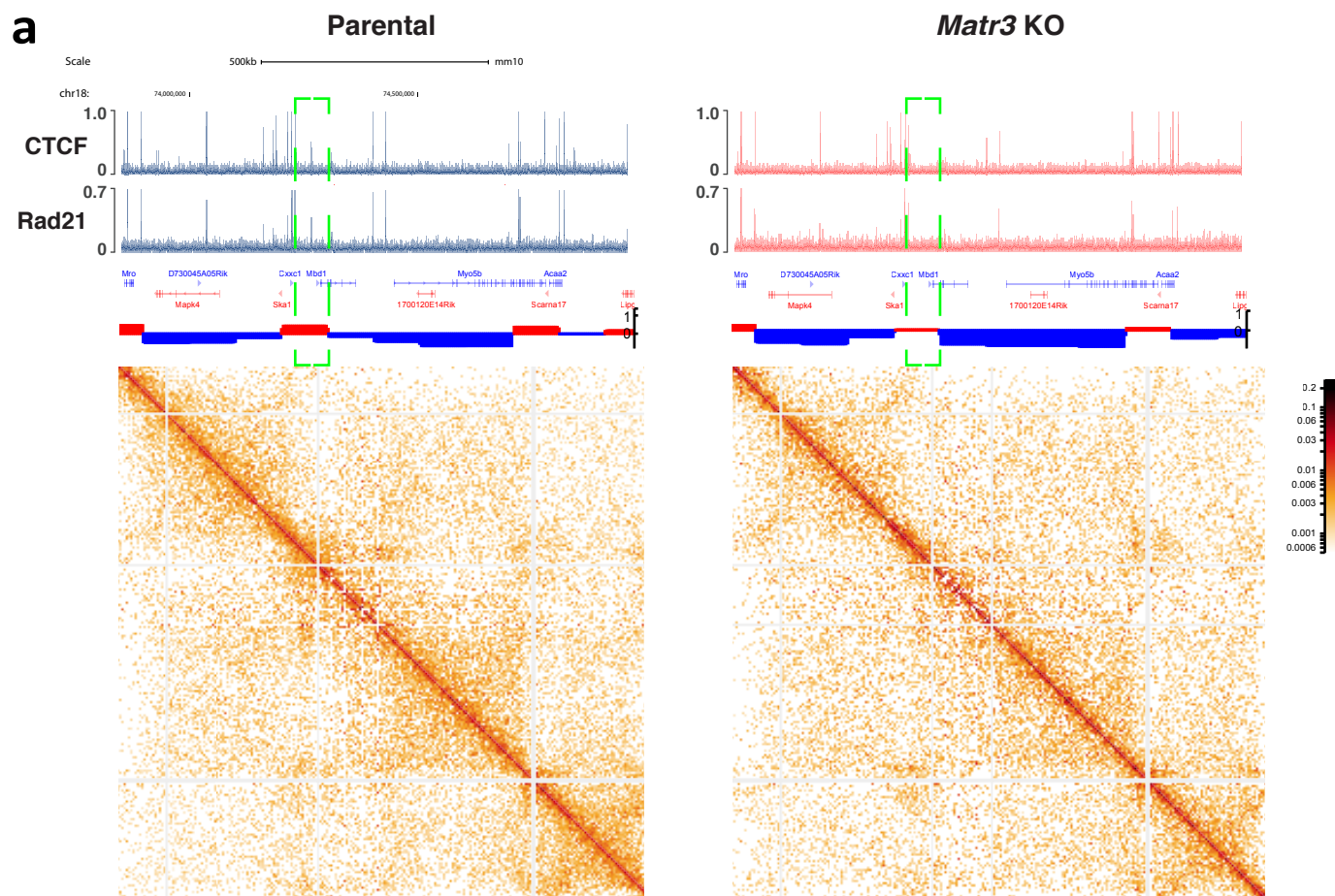


Figure S4

Figure S4. Matr3 is directly involved in the regulation of gene expression at the Mbd1 locus. (a) Hi-C contact matrices at 5 kb resolution and compartments near the *Mbd1* gene. Dashed box indicates the CTCF/Rad21-occupied region upstream of *Mbd1*. (b) For the CAPTURE assay (Figure 5c), sgRNAs were designed to recruit biotinylated dCas9 to the putative regulatory element near *Mbd1* (Mbd1 Prox) occupied by CTCF and cohesin, and the adjacent upstream as a negative control (NC). (c) Quality control of gene expression after cell line derivation. Expression of Mbd1 or Matr3 was unaffected by dCas9/sgRNA targeting the respective cis regions (n = 3). (d) Comparable enrichment of targeted genomic regions was observed for both sgRNAs in parental and *Matr3* KO cells. Fold enrichment was calculated using ddCt method against a negative control ChIP primer (n = 2). Error bars represent mean $\pm$ 1 s.d. across 2–3 independent experiments. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

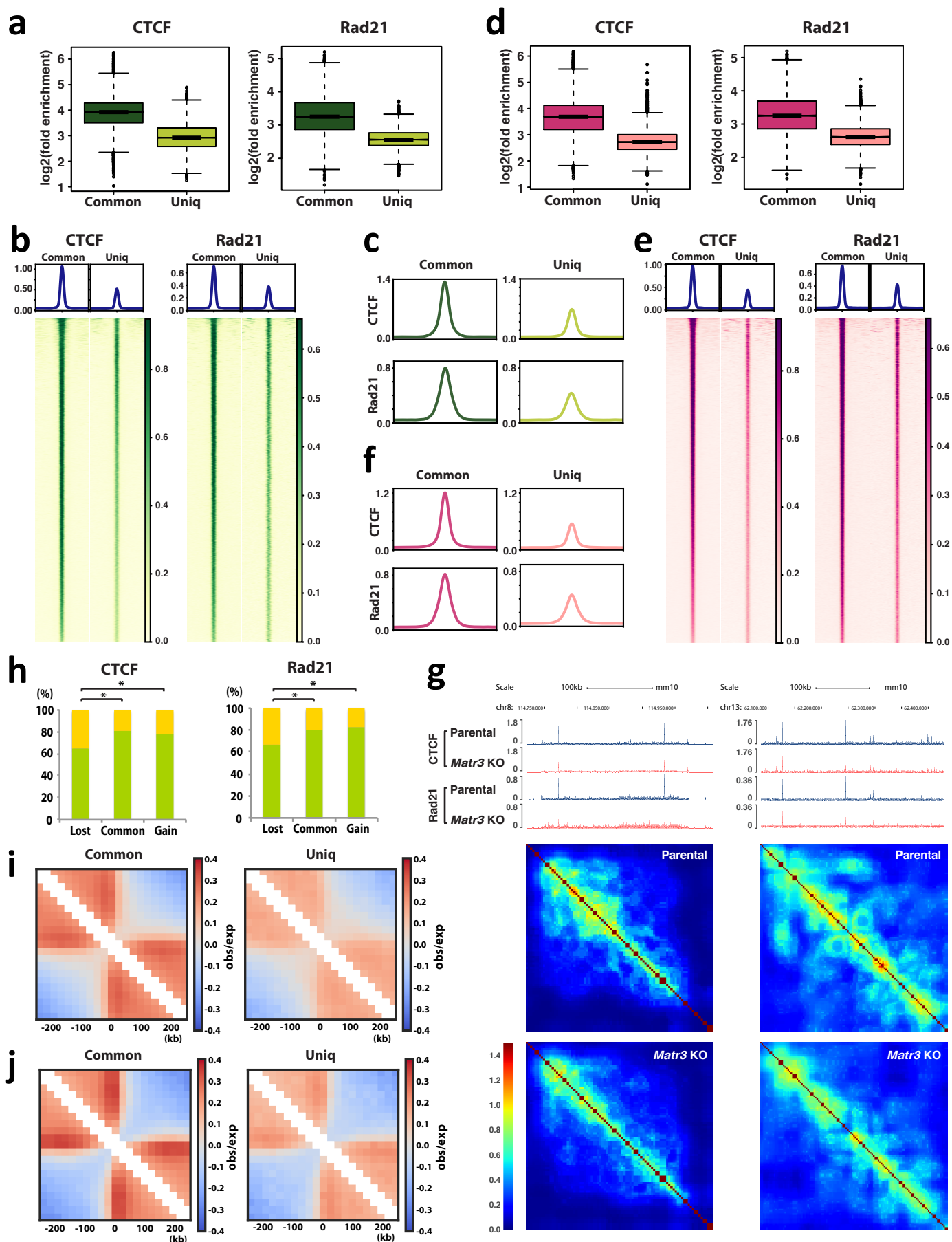


Figure S5

Figure S5. Low occupancy sites of CTCF and cohesin appear susceptible to developmental regulation and *Matr3* loss. (a) Peak enrichment at altered sites (uniq) compared to maintained sites (common) as described in Figure 6d ($p < 2.2e-16$, $p < 2.2e-16$, respectively, by two-sided t test; Cohen's $d = 1.42$, Cohen's $d = 1.15$, respectively; $n = 17437$, $n = 13381$, $n = 9073$, $n = 3131$, respectively). (b-c) After classification of regions during differentiation (Figure 6c), enrichment scores per genomic region were calculated by ¹⁰ in each experiment and the results were confirmed in 2-3 independent experiments. (d) Peak enrichment at altered sites (uniq) compared to maintained sites (common) as described in Figure 6f ($p < 2.2e-16$, $p < 2.2e-16$, respectively, by two-sided t test; Cohen's $d = 1.17$, Cohen's $d = 1.06$, respectively; $n = 25310$, $n = 5529$, $n = 8803$, $n = 3425$, respectively). (e-f) After classification of regions in *Matr3* KO compared to parental cells (Figure 4d), enrichment scores per genomic region were calculated by ¹⁰ in each experiment and the results were confirmed in 2-3 independent experiments. (g) Examples of regions showing altered chromatin interaction loops with reduced CTCF and Rad21 binding in *Matr3* KO compared to control. (h) Percentage of classified ChIP-seq peaks (Figure 4d) in compartments A (green) and B (yellow). Higher fraction of sites with reduced occupancy of CTCF and Rad21 was in compartment B compared to the common or gained regions. Ratios of A/B are 1.86, 4.34, and 3.54 for CTCF, respectively, and 1.99, 4.03, and 4.77 for Rad21, respectively ($p < 1e-5$, $p < 1e-5$, $p < 1e-5$, $p < 1e-5$, by chi-square test, respectively). Interaction pile-up maps of Hi-C data at the boundaries defined by each set of CTCF (i) and Rad21 (j) ChIP-seq peaks indicate stronger insulation at regions maintained (common) than at altered sites (uniq) in *Matr3* KO cells. The results were

confirmed in 2-3 independent experiments. In box plots, the centre line represents the median, box limits show upper and lower quartiles, and whiskers extend to $1.5 \times$ interquartile range.

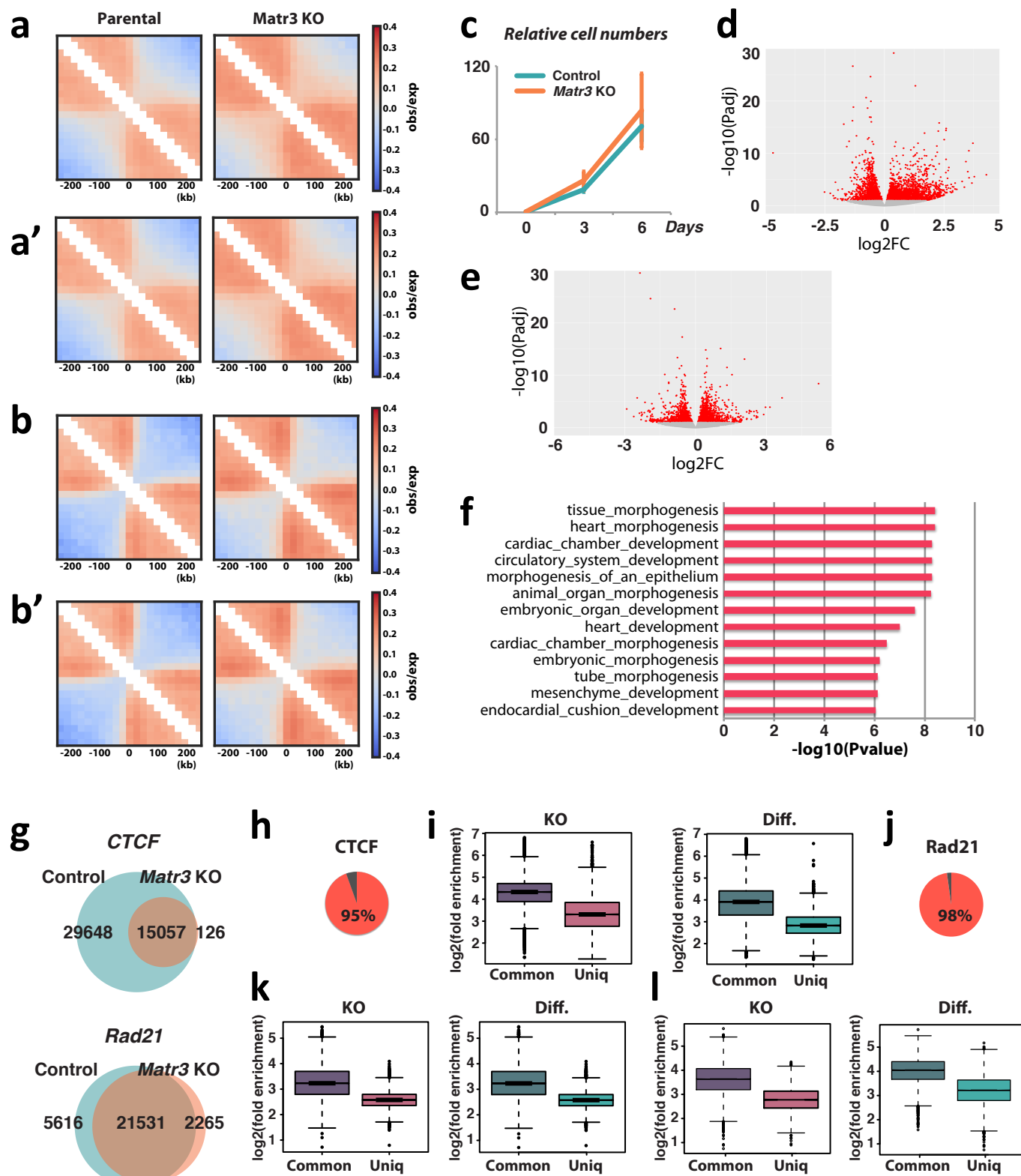


Figure S6

Figure S6. *Matr3* KO affects ES cell differentiation and the low occupied sites of CTCF and cohesin appear susceptible to developmental regulation and loss of *Matr3* in ES cells. (a-b') Interaction pile-up maps of Hi-C data at boundaries defined by altered CTCF (a-a') and Rad21 (b-b') ChIP-seq peaks in *Matr3* KO. (c) Cell proliferation was examined in control (n = 3) and four independent *Matr3* KO (n = 4) ES cell clones. Error bar, SEM. Differentially expressed genes in *Matr3* KO compared to control cells under uninduced (d) and differentiated (e) conditions. Significantly differentially expressed genes ($P_{adj} < 0.05$) are shown in red. (f) Gene Ontology annotations for genes upregulated in *Matr3* KO ES cells during differentiation. (g) ChIP-seq datasets of CTCF and Rad21 were quantitatively compared¹¹. The results of at least two independent experiments were combined to generate a more stringent peak list. (h) Percentage of the binding regions lost in *Matr3* KO compared to control ES cells in sites with reduced CTCF binding during differentiation. (i) Peak enrichment at altered CTCF sites (uniq) compared to maintained sites (common) in *Matr3* KO cells and during the differentiation (diff) process ($p < 2.2e-16$, $p < 2.2e-16$, respectively, by two-sided t test; Cohen's d = 1.31, Cohen's d = 0.79, respectively; n = 14940, n = 25254, n = 33077, n = 7164, respectively). (j) Percentage of regions with reduced Rad21 binding during differentiation in the binding sites lost in *Matr3* KO compared to control ES cells. (k-l) Peak enrichment at altered Rad21 sites (uniq) compared to maintained sites (common) in *Matr3* KO ES cells and during the differentiation (diff) process ($p < 2.2e-16$, $p < 2.2e-16$, $p < 2.2e-16$, $p < 2.2e-16$, respectively, by two-sided t test; Cohen's d = 1.15, Cohen's d = 1.47, Cohen's d = 1.00, Cohen's d = 1.00, respectively; n = 21754, n = 5622, n = 8271, n = 19117, n = 21543, n = 5617, n = 8132, n = 19021,

respectively). In box plots, the centre line represents the median, box limits show upper and lower quartiles, and whiskers extend to $1.5 \times$ interquartile range.

TABLES

Table S1. GATA motifs are significantly enriched in newly opened regions of *Matr3* KO compared to parental cells. ATAC-seq peaks unique to *Matr3* KO compared to parental cells were used for motif analysis. The raw number and percentage of sequences used in the analysis and the natural logarithm of p-values calculated using the binomial distribution are shown.

Name	log p-value	# Target Sequences with Motif	% of Targets Sequences with Motif	# Background Sequences with Motif	% of Background Sequences with Motif
Gata4 (Zf)	-5.46E+02	1034	27.54%	4115.3	8.94%
Gata6 (Zf)	-5.33E+02	967	25.76%	3701.1	8.04%
Gata3 (Zf)	-5.29E+02	1276	33.99%	6097.6	13.25%
Gata2 (Zf)	-5.21E+02	823	21.92%	2786.2	6.05%
Gata1 (Zf)	-5.09E+02	773	20.59%	2518.2	5.47%
PU.1 (ETS)	-1.94E+02	489	13.03%	2227.6	4.84%
ETS1 (ETS)	-1.75E+02	769	20.48%	4712.9	10.24%

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