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Software and code

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Data collection	All metabolomics data was collected and analyzed using Agilent MassHunter software. qRT-PCR data was gathered using 7500 Software v2.3. Cell number for cell viability experiments were collected using the Countess III cell counter (Thermo Fisher Scientific). All in vivo bioluminescence data was acquired by IVIS Spectrum (Perkin Elmer) instrument. Immunohistochemistry images were visualized using the Aperio Vista scanning system (AperioScanscope Scanner) and Aperio ImageScope software program was used to view each slide at 40x magnification.
Data analysis	All immunoblot images were quantified using Image J 1.53k. Graphs were generated and statistical analyses were performed using Prism software (version 9.5.1, Graph Pad, La Jolla, CA). Quantification of Immunohistochemistry images was performed using on MATLAB using an automated analysis program previously published by our lab (Panwalkar et al, Acta Neuropathologica, 2017 PMID:28733933). For 13C labelled samples, isotopic correction of raw GC-MS peaks for all reported metabolites was performed using the IsoCorrector package (v 1.5.1) available as part of the Bioconductor library (BioC 3.8) and implemented in R (CRAN 3.6.1). DEseq2 was used to identify differentially upregulated and downregulated genes from the RNA seq experiments and the differentially enriched pathways were identified using Enrichr (https://maayanlab.cloud/Enrichr/).

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The ChIP seq and ATAC seq data generated in this study are accessible through the GEO series accession numbers GSE294954 and GSE294955. Gene expression data shown in (Extended Data Fig 7F, 8I) were derived from Pajtlar et al, Cancer Cell, 2015 and were downloaded from the NCBI GEO database with the accession number GSE64415. Single cell RNA sequencing data shown in (Extended Data Fig 7G, 8K) are from Gojo et al, Cancer Cell, 2020 and were downloaded using the accession number GSE141460. Data in (Fig 4G, Extended Data Fig 8G, 8L) derived from Pediatric cbiportal ependymoma GSE50385 dataset (<https://pedcbiportal.kidsfirstdrc.org/>).

Research involving human participants, their data, or biological material

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Recruitment

Describe how participants were recruited. Outline any potential self-selection bias or other biases that may be present and how these are likely to impact results.

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Identify the organization(s) that approved the study protocol.

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size

For in vivo animal experiments sample size was calculated based on tumor variance to use at least n= 5 -20 mice to detect differences in overall survival with 80% power (0.05 significance). All metabolomics, isotope tracing, and qPCR experiments, utilized sample sizes of 4-5 biological replicates and the number of replicates were chosen based on the variability observed in pilot studies. For RNA sequencing, ChIP sequencing, and ATAC sequencing, n=2 replicates were utilized for each sample shown. For cell viability and cell count experiments a minimum of n=3 replicates were used per experiment and each experiment was repeated at least twice with the exact number indicated in the Figure legends and in the Statistics and Reproducibility section of the methods.

Data exclusions

No data was excluded from the analyses.

Replication

All experiments were reproduced atleast twice with n=3 independent experimental replicates unless noted. The exact number of independent

Replication	replicates or samples is indicated in the Figure legends and in the Statistics and Reproducibility section of the methods.
Randomization	All in vivo experiments were performed after randomizing the mice to avoid any bias. The cells used in the in vitro experiments were not randomized as they were collected from a homogeneous, clonally identical population.
Blinding	Quantification of immunohistochemical staining was performed in a blinded manner where an experimenter unaware of the study design captured JPEG images from three randomly selected areas of stained sections for every sample. For in vivo experiments blinding was not possible since Vehicle/drug treatments needed to be conducted in all tumor bearing mice.

Reporting for specific materials, systems and methods

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Materials & experimental systems

n/a	Involved in the study
☐	☒ Antibodies
☐	☒ Eukaryotic cell lines
☒	☐ Palaeontology and archaeology
☐	☒ Animals and other organisms
☒	☐ Clinical data
☒	☐ Dual use research of concern
☒	☐ Plants

Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
☐	☒ ChIP-seq
☒	☐ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

The following antibodies were used in the immunoblotting experiments, RELA (Cell Signaling Technology #8242, 1:1000), GAPDH (Cell Signaling Technology, #2118, 1:10,000), Vinculin (Sigma Aldrich, #V9264, 1:40,000), ACOD1-human (Abcam #ab222411, 1:1000 and Novus Biologicals #NBP3-06244, 1:1000), ACOD1-mouse (Cell Signaling Technology #17805, 1:1000), ZFTA (C11orf95) (VWR #89379-010, Supplier number #AP11349B, 1:1000), RFP (Abcam #Ab124754, 1:1000), MAML3 (Invitrogen #PA5-13678, 1:1000), SLC1A5 (Cell Signaling Technology #5345, 1:1000), Glutaminase-human (Cell Signaling Technology #49363, 1:1000), Glutaminase-mouse (Invitrogen #PA5-35365, 1:1000), c-MYC (Abcam #32072, 1:1000), PTEN (Cell Signaling Technology #9559, 1:1000), p-AKT (S473) (Cell Signaling Technology #9271, 1:1000), AKT (Cell Signaling Technology #4056, 1:1000), p-S6RP (S235/236) (Cell Signaling Technology #4858, 1:1000), S6RP (Cell Signaling Technology #2217, 1:1000), p-GSK3 α/β (Cell Signaling Technology #9331, 1:1000), GSK3 α/β (Cell Signaling Technology #5676, 1:1000), H3K4me3 (Cell Signaling Technology #9751, 1:1000), H3K9me3 (Cell Signaling Technology #13969, 1:1000), H3K27Ac (Cell Signaling Technology #8173, 1:1000), H3K27me3 (EMD Millipore #07-449, 1:1000), and Total H3 (Cell Signaling Technology #3638, 1:5000). The following secondary antibodies were used Goat-anti-mouse (BIORAD, #1706516), Goat-anti-rabbit (BIORAD, #1706515). For immunohistochemistry, a rabbit monoclonal anti-ACOD1 antibody (1:200, Abcam, #ab238580) or anti-PTEN (1:200, Abcam, #ab170941), H3K27me3 (EMD Millipore #07-449, 1:150), Ki-67 (Invitrogen #MA5-14520, 1:400), and SLC1A5 (Sigma Aldrich #HPA035240, 0.1 μ g/mL) were used.

Validation

RELA (Cell Signaling Technology #8242): Figs. 1E, 1G, Figs. 2A, 2C, 2H, 2J Figs. 3B, 3H, 3L, Figs. 5C, 5G Extended Data Figs. 1H, 3A, 3B, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3I, 3M, 3N, 7B, 11B, 11D.
ACOD1-mouse (Cell Signaling Technology #17805): Figs. 1E, Extended Data Figs. 1I, 1L, 2A, 5N
ACOD1-human (Abcam #ab222411): Fig 1H, Extended Data Figs. 1E, 2A, 3C,
ACOD1-human (Novus Biologicals #NBP3-06244): Extended Data Fig. 1E
ZFTA (C11orf95) (VWR #89379-010, Supplier number #AP11349B): Figs. 3B, 3C, Extended Data Figs. 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F
RFP (Abcam #Ab124754): Fig. 3H
MAML3 (Invitrogen #PA5-13678): Fig 5F
SLC1A5 (Cell Signaling Technology #5345): Extended Data Fig 7E
Glutaminase-human (Cell Signaling Technology #49363): Fig 4C, Extended Data Figs. 7B, 7D, 9J
Glutaminase-mouse (Invitrogen #PA5-35365): Figs. 4C, 4H, Extended Data Figs. 7C, 8M, 9K
c-MYC (Abcam #32072): Fig 4H, Extended Data Figs. 8C, 8M
PTEN (Cell Signaling Technology #9559): Figs. 4E, 4K, Extended Data Figs. 8H, 9D, 9I, 9J
p-AKT (S473) (Cell Signaling Technology #9271): Fig 4E, 4H, Extended Data Figs. 8C, 8D, 8M, 9K
AKT (Cell Signaling Technology #4056): Fig 4E, 4H, Extended Data Figs. 8C, 8D, 8M, 9K
p-S6RP (S235/236) (Cell Signaling Technology #4858): Fig 4E
S6RP (Cell Signaling Technology #2217): Fig 4E
p-GSK3 α/β (Cell Signaling Technology #9331): Fig 4E, 4H, Extended Data Figs. 8M, 9K
GSK3 α/β (Cell Signaling Technology #5676): Fig 4E, 4H, Extended Data Figs. 8M, 9K
H3K4me3 (Cell Signaling Technology #9751): Figs. 2F, 2G, 2H, Extended Data Figs. 3H, 3I, 3J, 3K, 3M, 3O, 5L, 10B
H3K9me3 (Cell Signaling Technology #13969): Fig 4I, Extended Data Figs. 3H, 3L, 10B
H3K27Ac (Cell Signaling Technology #8173): Fig 4I, Extended Fig 3L
H3K27me3 (EMD Millipore #07-449): Fig 4I, 4K, Extended Data Fig. 9D
Total H3 (Cell Signaling Technology #3638): Figs. 2F, 2G, 2H, 4I, 4K, Extended Data Figs. 3H, 3I, 3J, 3K, 3M, 3O, 5L, 9D, 10B
GAPDH (Cell Signaling Technology, #2118): Figs. 1E, 2A, 2C, 3E, 3J, 3N, 4C, 4E, 5C, 5G, Extended Data Figs. 1E, 1H, 1I, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3K, 3J, 5C, 5D, 5F, 5N, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 8C, 8D, 9I, 11B, 11D
Vinculin (Sigma Aldrich, #V9264): Figs. 1G, 1H, 2A, 2H, 2J, 3B, 3C, 4C, 4H, 4K Extended Data Figs. 1E, 1L, 2A, 3A, 5E, 7E, 8M, 9D, 9J, 9K

Immunohistochemistry:

anti-ACOD1 antibody (Abcam, #ab238580): Fig. 1F, Extended Data Fig. 1F

anti-PTEN (Abcam, #ab170941): Fig 4F, Extended Data Fig 8I, 12M

H3K27me3 (EMD Millipore #07-449): Fig. 4J, Extended Data Fig 9C

Ki-67 (Invitrogen #MA5-14520, 1:400): Extended Data Fig 12K

SLC1A5 (Sigma Aldrich #HPA035240): Extended Data Fig 7H

All antibodies utilized in the study were validated by the manufacturer.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

Cell lines from collaborators were obtained under MTA. Mouse neural stem cells (mNSCs) with p16 Ink4a-/p14Arf background and EP1NS (human ZFTA-RELA) cell line were provided by Dr. Richard Gilbertson (University of Cambridge, UK). RCAS-TV control (NS-1, NS-2, and NS-3) and RCAS-TV ZFTA-RELA (H-57, H-41, and H-59) cell lines were provided by Dr. Eric Holland (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center). ST-1 (ZFTA-NEAT1, ZFTA-MAML3), ST-2 (ZFTA-RELA), ST-4 (ZFTA-RELA) were provided by Dr. Kulandaimanuvel Antony Michaelraj (University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine). CPITT-1 (ZFTA-RELA) cell line was provided by Dr. Sameer Agnihotri (University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine). MAF-1329 (ZFTA-RELA) and MAF-811 (PF-A) cell lines were provided by Dr. Andrea Griesinger and Dr. Nicholas Foreman (University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus). CPITT-1 (ZFTA-RELA) cell line was provided by Dr. Sameer Agnihotri (University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine). MAF-1329 (ZFTA-RELA) and MAF-811 (PF-A) cell lines were provided by Dr. Andrea Griesinger and Dr. Nicholas Foreman (University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus). HEK293 cells were procured from ATCC (Cat #CRL-1573)

Authentication

All cell lines were authenticated by STR testing.

Mycoplasma contamination

Cell lines were routinely screened for Mycoplasma using the MycoAlert kit (Lonza) and tested negative.

Commonly misidentified lines
(See [ICLAC](#) register)

None used.

Animals and other research organisms

Policy information about [studies involving animals; ARRIVE guidelines](#) recommended for reporting animal research, and [Sex and Gender in Research](#)

Laboratory animals

4- 6 weeks old, NOD-SCID-IL2R gamma chain deficient (NSG) mice (NOD.Cg-Prkdcscidll2rgtm1 Wjl/SzJ, #005557) were used for all experiments involving subcutaneous and orthotopic injections of the ZFTA-RELA fusion mNSCs as well as for the subcutaneous MAF-1329 patient-derived xenograft (PDX) model. For the in-utero electroporation (IUE) model we utilized pregnant 6 week old CD-1 (Charles River, CrI:CD1(ICR), #022), Acod1 WT C57BL6 animals (Jax laboratories, #003771). Similarly 6-8 week old Acod1 -/- or Nestin Cre, and Acod1 floxed mice were used for breeding before in-utero electroporation of the ZFTA-RELA plasmid into the embryos. Electroporation was performed on E15 for the embryos.

Wild animals

No wild animals were used in the study.

Reporting on sex

All in vivo experiments were performed on an equal proportion of male and female animals and all findings were reported in both sexes.

Field-collected samples

Field-collected samples were not used in this study.

Ethics oversight

All animal procedures were approved by the University of Michigan Committee on the Use and Care of Animals (PRO00010599 and PRO00011114).

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Plants

Seed stocks

Report on the source of all seed stocks or other plant material used. If applicable, state the seed stock centre and catalogue number. If plant specimens were collected from the field, describe the collection location, date and sampling procedures.

Novel plant genotypes

Describe the methods by which all novel plant genotypes were produced. This includes those generated by transgenic approaches, gene editing, chemical/radiation-based mutagenesis and hybridization. For transgenic lines, describe the transformation method, the number of independent lines analyzed and the generation upon which experiments were performed. For gene-edited lines, describe the editor used, the endogenous sequence targeted for editing, the targeting guide RNA sequence (if applicable) and how the editor was applied.

Authentication

Describe any authentication procedures for each seed stock used or novel genotype generated. Describe any experiments used to assess the effect of a mutation and, where applicable, how potential secondary effects (e.g. second site T-DNA insertions, mosaicism, off-target gene editing) were examined.

Data deposition

- ☒ Confirm that both raw and final processed data have been deposited in a public database such as [GEO](#).
- ☒ Confirm that you have deposited or provided access to graph files (e.g. BED files) for the called peaks.

Data access links

May remain private before publication.

All files are deposited in GEO under the following accession numbers, GSE294954 and GSE294955

Files in database submission

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Genome browser session

(e.g. [UCSC](#))

No longer applicable

Methodology

Replicates

n=2 independent replicates were used for all ChIP-seq and ATAC-seq experiments [except Extended Data Fig. 5H (n=1 each)]

Sequencing depth

Sequence depth of 40-45M

Antibodies

H3K4me3 (CST, Cat# 97515), H3K27me3 (Millipore, Cat# 07-449)

Peak calling parameters

MACS2 was used to call peaks, filtered using bedtools, and converted to bigwigs with UCSC wigToBigwig. Cistrome overlap analysis was performed in R (v3.6.0) using ChipSeekAnno (v3.0.0) and ChipSeeker (v1.29.1). Enrichment heatmaps were generated using Deeptools. ATAC-seq libraries were sequenced on the Illumina HiSeq 2500 platform, utilizing a 2x50-nucleotide paired-end read length with a sequence depth of 40-45M. Sequencing of ATAC-seq libraries generated fastq files, which were initially processed using Trimmomatic (version 0.39) for trimming. These files were then aligned to the mm10 (GRCm38) mouse genome reference or hg38 (GRCm38) reference using bwa mem (version 0.7.17-r1198-dirty), and the alignments were converted to binary format with SAMtools (version 1.9). Next, we eliminated mitochondrial and duplicated reads using SAMtools and PICARD MarkDuplicates (version 2.26.0-1-gbaf4d27-SNAPSHOT). Peaks in the ATAC-seq data were identified using MACS2 (version 2.1.1.20160309). Finally, the conversion of data to bigwig format was accomplished using the UCSC tool wigToBigwig.

Data quality

Describe the methods used to ensure data quality in full detail, including how many peaks are at FDR 5% and above 5-fold enrichment.

Software

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