

ZEB2 and LM02 drive immature T-cell lymphoblastic leukemia via distinct oncogenic mechanisms

Steven Goossens,^{1,2,3} Jueqiong Wang,⁴ Cedric S. Tremblay,⁵ Jelle De Medts,⁶ Sara T'Sas,^{1,2,3} Thao Nguyen,⁴ Jesslyn Saw,⁵ Katharina Haigh,⁴ David J. Curtis,⁵ Pieter Van Vlierberghe,^{1,3} Geert Berx,^{2,3} Tom Taghon,⁶ and Jody J. Haigh^{4,7,8}

¹Department of Biomolecular Medicine, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium; ²Department for Biomedical Molecular Biology, VIB-Ugent Center for Inflammation Research (IRC), Ghent, Belgium; ³Cancer Research Institute Ghent (CRIG), Ghent, Belgium; ⁴Mammalian Functional Genetics Group, Australian Centre for Blood Diseases, Monash University, Melbourne, VIC, Australia; ⁵Stem Cell Research Group, Australian Centre for Blood Diseases, Monash University, Melbourne, VIC, Australia; ⁶Department of Diagnostic Sciences, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium; ⁷Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and ⁸Research Institute in Oncology and Hematology (RIOH), Cancer Care Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

**TT and JJH contributed equally to this work.*

©2019 Ferrata Storti Foundation. This is an open-access paper. doi:10.3324/haematol.2018.207837

Received: September 30, 2018.

Accepted: January 18, 2019.

Pre-published: January 24, 2019.

Correspondence: STEVEN GOOSSENS - steven.goossens@ugent.be

Supplementary Information

ZEB2 and LMO2 drive immature T-cell lymphoblastic leukemia via distinct oncogenic mechanisms

Steven Goossens^{1,2,3,#}, Jueqiong Wang⁴, Cedric Tremblay⁵, Jelle De Medts⁶, Sara T'Sas^{1,2,3}, Thao Nguyen⁴, Jesslyn Saw⁵, Katharina Haigh⁴, David J. Curtis⁵, Pieter Van Vlierberghe^{1,3}, Geert Berx^{2,3}, Tom Taghon^{6,*}, and Jody J. Haigh^{4,7,8,*}

Supplementary Figures and Legends S1-2

Supplementary Tables S1-2

Supplemental Figure S1

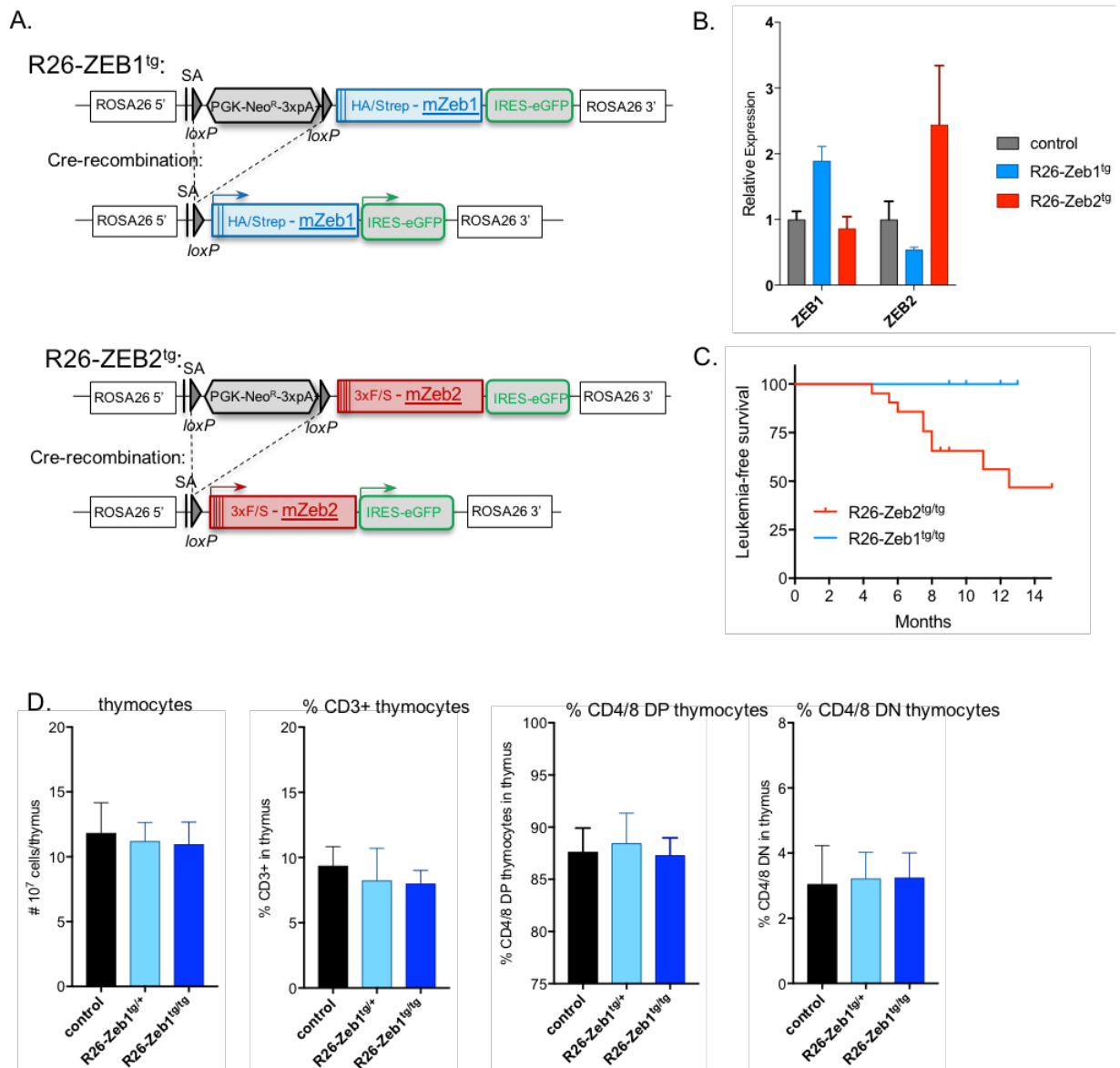


Figure S1: Zeb1 overexpression does not delay T-cell differentiation and does not lead to T-ALL development (A) ROSA26 targeting strategies used to generate the conditional *R26-Zeb1^{tg}* and *R26-Zeb2^{tg}* overexpression mice (B) When intercrossed with the Tie2-cre line, this results in a similar moderate (2-3 fold) increase in total Zeb1/2 mRNA levels within the thymus, compared to their littermate Cre-negative controls (n=3/group), as demonstrated by qPCR. (C) Kaplan Meier leukemia-free survival curves comparing *R26-Zeb1^{tg}* (n=15) versus *R26-Zeb2^{tg}* (n=21) mice (D) Flow cytometric analysis of thymus of *Zeb1* overexpressing mice versus control littermates. Absolute numbers of total thymocytes and percentage of CD3, CD4/8 double positive (DP) and CD4/8 double negative cell (DN) populations are shown (n=5/group).

Supplemental Figure S2

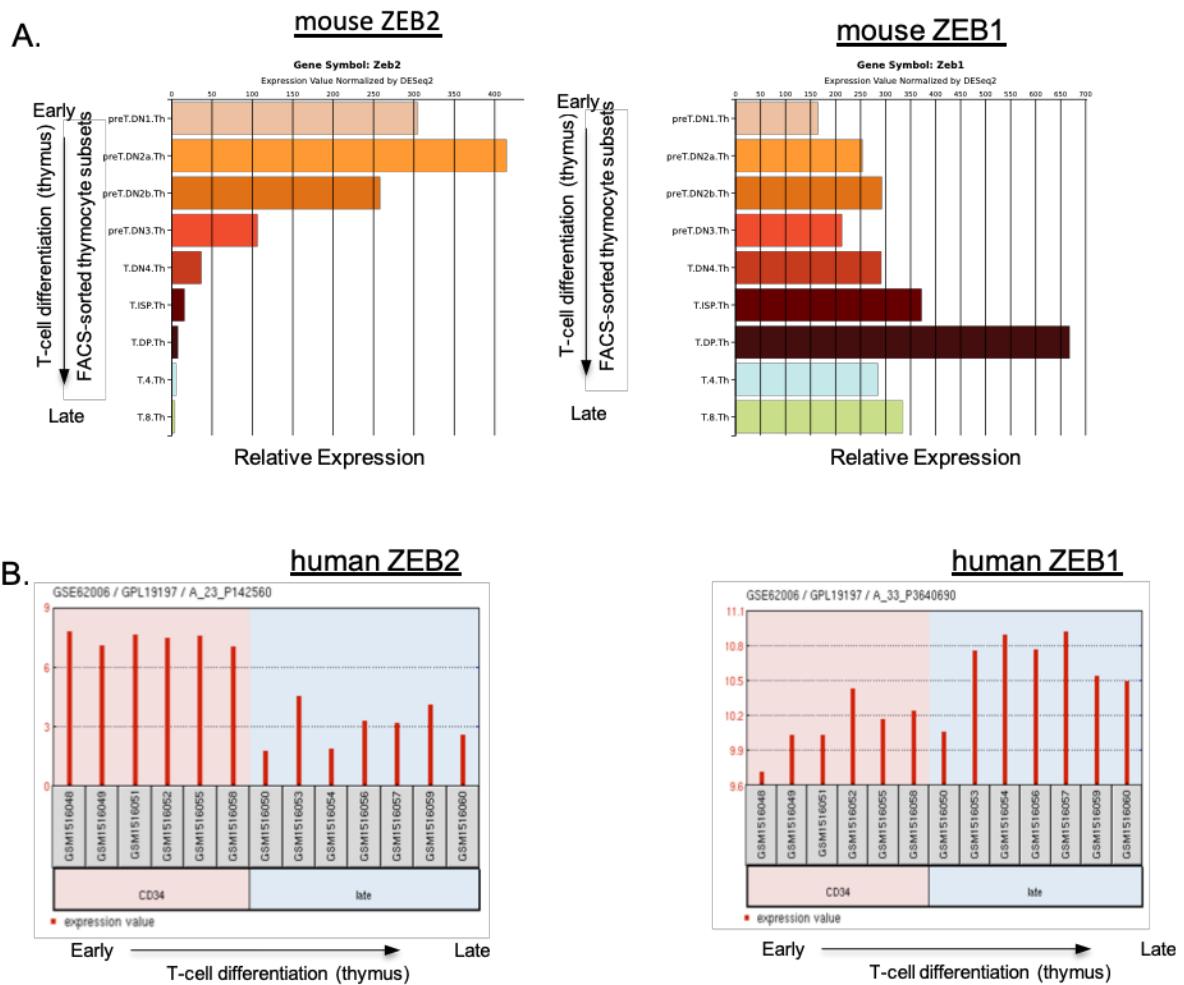


Figure S2: Zeb1 and Zeb2 are differentially expressed during early T-cell differentiation. (A) Publicly available mRNA expression data for *Zeb1* and *Zeb2* in FACS sorted T-cell differentiation subsets from normal mouse thymus. <http://rstats.immgen.org/Skyline/skyline.html> (B) Publicly available mRNA expression data for *ZEB1* and *ZEB2* in FACS sorted T-cell differentiation cell subsets from normal human thymus (Ref: Durinck, K., et al., The Notch driven long non-coding RNA repertoire in T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. *Haematologica*, 2014, **99**(12). p.1808-16)

Supplementary Table 1. Antibodies used for FACS and flow cytometry

Antigen	Conjugated	dilution	Company	Experiment
Lineage: Gr-1	Biotin	2 μ l:10 ⁶ cells	eBioscience	FACS sort
Lineage: CD3e	Biotin	2 μ l:10 ⁶ cells	eBioscience	FACS sort
Lineage: B220	Biotin	2 μ l:10 ⁶ cells	eBioscience	FACS sort
Lineage: Ter119	Biotin	2 μ l:10 ⁶ cells	eBioscience	FACS sort
Streptavidin	PE	1:500	BD Bioscience	FACS sort
cKit/CD117	APC	1:200	Immunosource	FACS sort + flow cytometry
cKit/CD117	APC.H7	1:100	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
CD4	Biotin	1:200	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
CD4	AlexaFluor700	1:100	eBioscience	Flow cytometry
CD8a	PE.Cy7	1:100	eBioscience	Flow cytometry
CD8a	PerCP.Cy5.5	1:250	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
CD3e	V500	1:100	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
CD3e	PE.Cy7	1:100	eBioscience	Flow cytometry
CD25	PerCP.Cy5.5	1:100	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
CD25	PE.Cy7	1:250	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
CD44	APC	1:100	eBioscience	Flow cytometry
CD44	APC.Cy7	1:250	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
CD28	APC	1:100	Biolegend	Flow cytometry
Thy1/CD90.2	FITC	1:100	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
Thy1/CD90.2	V500	1:250	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
Streptavidin	V500	1:200	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
Streptavidin	eFluor780	1:200	eBioscience	Flow cytometry
Streptavidin	PE-Texas Red	1:500	BD Bioscience	Flow cytometry
CD45.1	APC.Cy7	1:250	Biolegend	Flow cytometry
CD45.2	PE	1:250	Biolegend	Flow cytometry

Supplementary Table 2. Primers sequences used for qPCR

GENE	forward primer	reverse primer
beta-actin	5'-AGTGTGACGTTGACATCCGTA-3'	5'-GCCAGAGCAGTAATCTCCTTCT-3'
Gapdh	5'-AGGTTGTCTCCTGCGACTTCA-3'	5'-GGTGGTCCAGGGTTTCTTACTC-3'
Rpl13	5'-CCTGCTGCTCTCAAGGTTGTT-3'	5'-TGGTTGTCACTGCCTGGTACTT-3'
Tbp	5'-TCTACCGTGAATCTTGGCTGTA-3'	5'-TTCTCATGATGACTGCAGCAAA-3'
Zeb2	5'-AGCGACACGGCCATTATTAC-3'	5'-GTTGGGCAAAAGCATCTGGAG-3'
Zeb1	5'-TTGCGTGTGTCAGGCATGGAT-3'	5'-GAAAACGGCTGTGAACCAAAA-3'