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We did not generate any new experimental data, but used data from three published papers. All three datasets correspond to single-cell targeted DNA sequencing samples analyzed with MissionBio's Tapestri platform.

The first dataset consists of 123 AML samples profiled, from the publication from Morita et al. (Nature Communications, 2020). The raw sequencing data is available on the SRA with the project ID PRJNA648656. Our collaborators provided us with the loom files generated by the Tapestri pipeline.

The second dataset consists of 4 TP53-mutated AML samples, before and after venetoclax treatment, from the publication from Thijssen et al. (Blood, 2021). The data is not publicly available, but the authors shared the loom files with us.

The third datasets consists of 8 TP53-mutated MPN samples (Maslah et al., Blood advances 2022). The data is not publicly available, but the authors shared the loom files with us.

For all three datasets, the preprocessed data that is used as input for COMPASS was made available on GitHub (<https://github.com/cbg-ethz/COMPASS/tree/master/data>), with the agreement of the respective authors.

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The method that we developed is applicable to both male and female samples. The sex is given as input to the method, because it determines the number of sex chromosomes (XX or XY) in the absence of any somatic alteration.

Population characteristics

We used data that had already been generated. The main dataset that we used corresponds to adult patients diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

Recruitment

We used data that had already been generated and did not recruit any patients. The main dataset that we used came from patients treated at the MD Anderson center.

Ethics oversight

Our work did not require approval of any organization. The main dataset that we used was generated at MD Anderson, and the ethics oversight was done by the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size

We did not perform sample size calculation and used all available data that we could find.

Data exclusions

We did not exclude any data.

Replication

We first developed our method while testing it on one dataset (Morita et al. 2020), and then validated that our method also worked on two additional datasets.

Randomization

No randomization was done. We did not assign individuals to different groups, therefore the randomization is irrelevant.

Blinding

There was no blinding.

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