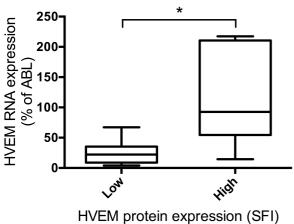
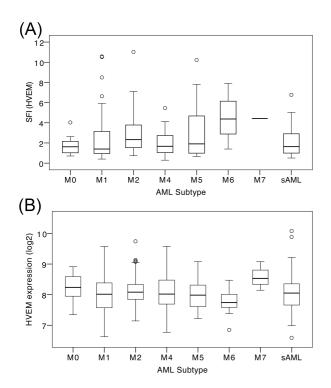
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Supplementary Figure 1



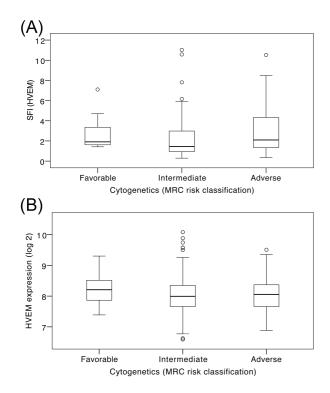
Supplementary Figure 1. Correlation between surface protein and RNA expression of HVEM in AML samples. HVEM RNA expression relative to ABL was determined for 8 samples with low and 6 samples with high HVEM surface protein expression. Significantly higher RNA expression (p=0.02) was found for the samples with high surface protein expression.

Supplementary Figure 2



Supplementary Figure 2. Correlation of HVEM expression with morphology. HVEM surface protein **(A)** and mRNA **(B)** expression levels were correlated with morphologic characteristics of the AML. No significant and consistent difference in expression levels was detected between the different FAB subtypes or in cases of secondary AML.

Supplementary Figure 3



Supplementary Figure 3. Correlation of HVEM expression with cytogenetics. HVEM surface protein (A) and mRNA (B) expression levels were correlated with the cytogenetic risk groups according to the refined MRC criteria. No significant and consistent difference in expression levels was detected between the three risk groups.

Supplementary Table 1

| Gene | Description | p-value | Adjusted p-value | Log fold change | Biological function of protein | Significance of protein for AML |
|----------|---|---------|------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| HOXA9 | homeobox A9 | <0.001 | <0.001 | -1.875 | Transcription factor; key role in hematopoiesis | High expression has negative impact on prognosis [1,2] |
| MEIS1 | Meis homeobox 1 | <0.001 | <0.001 | -1.279 | Transcription factor | Cofactor of HOXA9; increases transformation efficiency of HOXA9 [1] |
| HOXA5 | homeobox A5 | <0.001 | <0.001 | -1.268 | Transcription factor | Overexpression often associated with HOXA9; high expression has negative impact on prognosis [2] |
| SEPP1 | selenoprotein P, plasma, 1 | <0.001 | <0.001 | -1.225 | Extracellular glycoprotein; function as antioxidant | - |
| PBX3 | pre-B-cell leukemia homeobox 3 | <0.001 | <0.001 | -1.138 | Transcription factor | Critical cofactor of HOXA9 in leukemogenesis [3] |
| HLA-DPA1 | major histocompatibility complex, class II, DP alpha 1 | <0.001 | <0.001 | 1.024 | HLA class II alpha chain paralogue | - |
| ST18 | suppression of tumorigenicity 18 (breast carcinoma) (zinc finger protein) | <0.001 | <0.001 | 1.046 | Transcription factor | Part of a validated set of genes used for MRD monitoring in pediatric AML [4] |
| TGFBI | transforming growth factor, beta- induced, 68kDa | <0.001 | <0.001 | 1.052 | Cytokine; role in proliferation, differentiation and immune system | Pro-survival effect for AML cells in bone marrow niche [5] |
| MN1 | meningioma (disrupted in balanced translocation) 1 | <0.001 | 0.001 | 1.089 | Transcriptional coactivator | High expression has negative impact on prognosis [6] |
| CD34 | CD34 molecule | <0.001 | <0.001 | 1.133 | Cell surface glycoprotein; function in cell-cell adhesion | CD34 [†] /CD38 ⁻ AML cells are enriched for leukemic stem cells [7] |
| HPGDS | hematopoietic prostaglandin D synthase | <0.001 | <0.001 | 1.231 | Sigma class glutathione-S-transferase; role in production of prostanoids in immune system and mast cells | - |
| LPAR6 | lysophosphatidic acid receptor 6 | <0.001 | <0.001 | 1.309 | G protein-coupled receptor | - |
| PROM1 | prominin 1 | <0.001 | <0.001 | 1.528 | Pentaspan membrane protein; role in organization of cell membrane topology | Expression on AML cells has negative impact on prognosis [8] |

Supplementary Table 1. Genes significantly associated with HVEM **expression.** Differential gene expression analysis by Limma showed 13 probe sets with an expression highly significantly associated with the $HVEM^{high}$ group (p \leq 0.001 and fold change \geq 1). A very brief description of the biological function of these genes as well as the significance for AML, if applicable, is provided.

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Supplementary Table 2

| NAME | ES | NES | NOM p- val | FDR q- val |
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| KEGG_PRIMARY_IMMUNODEFICIENCY | 0.721 | 1.785 | <0.001 | 0.105 |
| KEGG_HEMATOPOIETIC_CELL_LINEAGE | 0.688 | 1.703 | <0.001 | 0.153 |
| KEGG_LEUKOCYTE_TRANSENDOTHELIAL_MIGRATION | 0.554 | 1.816 | 0.004 | 0.139 |
| KEGG_NATURAL_KILLER_CELL_MEDIATED_CYTOTOXICITY | 0.587 | 1.704 | 0.011 | 0.199 |
| KEGG_NON_SMALL_CELL_LUNG_CANCER | 0.438 | 1.596 | 0.014 | 0.348 |
| KEGG_AXON_GUIDANCE | 0.381 | 1.552 | 0.018 | 0.447 |
| KEGG_T_CELL_RECEPTOR_SIGNALING_PATHWAY | 0.516 | 1.637 | 0.025 | 0.271 |
| KEGG_VIRAL_MYOCARDITIS | 0.420 | 1.464 | 0.037 | 0.478 |
| KEGG_GLYCOSPHINGOLIPID_BIOSYNTHESIS_GANGLIO_SERIES | 0.539 | 1.510 | 0.039 | 0.446 |
| KEGG_VASCULAR_SMOOTH_MUSCLE_CONTRACTION | 0.363 | 1.472 | 0.040 | 0.492 |
| KEGG_B_CELL_RECEPTOR_SIGNALING_PATHWAY | 0.515 | 1.513 | 0.045 | 0.485 |
| KEGG_LONG_TERM_POTENTIATION | 0.365 | 1.507 | 0.052 | 0.413 |
| KEGG_GLYCOSAMINOGLYCAN_BIOSYNTHESIS_CHONDROITIN_SULFATE | 0.592 | 1.516 | 0.053 | 0.531 |
| KEGG_REGULATION_OF_ACTIN_CYTOSKELETON | 0.348 | 1.440 | 0.055 | 0.484 |

Supplementary Table 2. Gene sets significantly associated with HVEM expression.

Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) showed 11 gene sets enriched in the $HVEM^{high}$ group at p<0.05. Four gene sets were enriched at a false discovery rate <0.25.