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Mouse studies

Pilot experiment for plasma brivudine detection

Mice were divided into three experimental groups: vehicle $(n = 2)$, low-dose BVDU $(n = 3)$, and high-dose BVDU ($n = 3$). Six hours after intraperitoneal (IP) injection of 200 μ L vehicle (8.4%) DMSO), low-dose BVDU (10 mg/kg; 1.7% DMSO), or high-dose BVDU (50 mg/kg; 8.4% DMSO), blood was collected into heparinized tubes from the facial vein, and in turn, plasma fractions were collected following centrifugation at 1,500 *g* for 5 min. at 4°C, snap-frozen with liquid nitrogen, and stored at -80°C.

Xenograft treatments

Mice were sublethally irradiated (2 Gy) on day -8 and then injected via tail vein with 2×10^6 Akaluciferase-expressing K562 cells (in 200 µL PBS) on day -7. Tumor burden was measured on day -1 via bioluminescent imaging (BLI) after IP injection of 100 µL TokeOni (25 mM in PBS) per mouse using the IVIS Spectrum in vivo imaging system and Living Image Software (Perkin Elmer). Mice were then divided into two experimental groups based on equivalent average total flux: treatment with vehicle $(n = 5)$ or BVDU $(n = 6)$. Starting on day 0, mice received twelve daily treatments over two weeks via IP injection of 200 µL vehicle (8.4% DMSO) or BVDU (50 mg/kg; 8.4% DMSO). Treatment was not administered on day 7 (concurrent BLI) or day 11 (unexpected issue with facility access). Tumor burden was assessed on days 7 and 13 using BLI. Eight hours after treatment was administered on day 6, blood was collected into heparinized tubes from the facial vein, and in turn, plasma fractions were collected following centrifugation at 1,500 *g* for 5 min. at 4°C, snap-frozen with liquid nitrogen, and stored at -80°C. Plasma samples were similarly collected and stored on day 14, approximately twenty-four hours after the final treatments were administered. Injections and imaging were done by P.V.V. and R.M.R. and were not done blindly. Mice were monitored daily for health status and euthanized if symptoms of low health status appeared: hunched posture, impaired mobility, rough coat, paralysis, or significant weight loss.

Quantification and Statistical Analysis

High-throughput chemical screens

Normalized viability data from the NCATS screening platform were fit to a 4-parameter loglogistic model using the *drc* package in R to generate dose-response curves (*102*). For two compounds duplicated in the MiPE 4.1 library (NCGC00160391 and NCGC00179501), viability values at each concentration were averaged prior to similarly fitting the data, resulting in 17,784 cell line-medium-compound combinations. A subset of 654 curves (3.6% of the total dataset) failed to converge when fit to the logistic model. These were largely associated with compounds that had minimal effects on viability but also showed high data variability that prevented model convergence. To obtain metrics for further downstream analysis, this subset was instead fit using linear regression.

Areas under the dose-response curve (AUC) were calculated using the trapezoidal rule at the eleven log₁₀-transformed dosing concentrations. Most fitted curves showed maximum values greater than the untreated controls used for normalization. Therefore, to reduce potential false

positives in calculating differential AUC values between screens, curves with a maximum viability greater than 100% – and the corresponding curve metrics (AUC, minimum viability, and residual standard error) – were scaled by the maximum curve value. Moreover, a small subset of curves also exhibited a sharp decrease in viability over the two lowest dosing concentrations, in turn likely generating artifacts with this scaling method. Therefore, a subset of 73 curves that exhibited a maximum value greater than 100% and a 30% decrease in viability over the two lowest doses were refit to a linear model as well.

Residual standard error (RSE) distributions varied by cell line, with the SEM line exhibiting the largest median RSE. Thus, to again minimize potential false positives, curves with RSE values that were above cell line-dependent 98th percentiles following viability scaling were removed from further downstream analysis. Next, to minimize potential false positives due to variance in initial viability measurements rather than to compound activity, cell line-specific curves with greater than 15% differences in maximum viability between two or more conditions for a given compound were also removed from further downstream analysis. At this point, filtered compounds not represented over all three conditions across cell lines were removed as well. Our collective curve fitting and filtering strategies established cell line-specific sets of compounds remaining for all three media: NOMO1 (1,871), SEM (1,761), and P12-Ichikawa (1,894). From these cell line-specific sets, 1,638 total compounds were common across cell line-medium combinations. Lastly, a set of 500 paninactive compounds were defined on the basis of exhibiting minimum scaled values greater than respective median scaled values in each of the nine screen datasets. Response scores for the 1,138 filtered compounds were defined as corresponding AUCs. For each compound, differential response scores in each cell line were calculated between each pairwise set of conditions and then standardized (Z-score) relative to the entire set of 1,138 active compounds to assess differential sensitivity. For each compound, the differential sensitivity scores were then averaged across cell lines for each pairwise set of conditions.

Sets of RPMI-sensitive and HPLM-sensitive hits from the averaged HPLM^{+dS} – RPMI^{+dS} profile were defined by setting a Z-score cutoff of 1. Sets of dS-sensitive and S-sensitive based on shared conditional phenotypes in the averaged $HPLM^{+dS}$ – $RPMI^{+S}$ and $RPMI^{+dS}$ – $RPMI^{+S}$ profiles were defined by setting a Z-score cutoff of 0.9. After removing dS- and S-sensitive hits from consideration, sets of RPMI-sensitive and HPLM-sensitive hits based on shared conditional phenotypes in the averaged HPLM^{+dS} – RPMI^{+dS} and HPLM^{+dS} – RPMI^{+S} profiles were defined by setting a Z-score cutoff of 0.9.

Genome-wide CRISPR screens

CRISPR screen analysis was performed as previously described (*27*). Sequencing reads were aligned to the sgRNA library to generate read counts and only exact matches were allowed. sgRNAs with less than 50 counts in the initial population were removed from further downstream analysis. Genes targeted by less than four distinct sgRNAs following this filtering process were also removed. The relative abundances of all remaining sgRNAs were determined by adding a pseudocount of one and then normalizing to the total reads in the sample. Depletion scores were calculated as the log₂ fold-change in sgRNA abundance between the initial population and each final population. Gene scores were defined as the average log₂ fold-change in depletion scores of all sgRNAs targeting the gene.

Screens performed in different conditions may introduce discrepancies in aggregate gene selection that affect the dynamic range of gene scores (*103*). Therefore, to reduce potential bias in

calculating differential scores based on assuming that such distributions are equivalent between screens, we scaled all gene scores instead based on the assumption that the sets of nontargeting (NT) sgRNAs and core essential genes (CEGs) would exhibit the same selection across different screens. Gene scores were scaled such that the medians of post-filtering NT sgRNAs (449) and reference CEGs (682 genes) (*65*) included in the library were defined as 0 and -1, respectively (*27*). For each gene, a differential score was calculated between the two screening conditions and then standardized (Z-score) relative to the entire set of differential scores.

Probability of dependency for genome-wide CRISPR screens

For each genome-wide screen, probabilities of dependency (PODs) were calculated for all library targets (*27*). Briefly, the gene score dataset from each screen was treated as a mixture model comprised of two normal distributions – distinct sets of non-essential and essential genes, with the latter having the lower mean. Densities were generated using a standard E-M optimization procedure initialized with parameters (mean, standard deviation, proportional value) of (-1, 0.3, 0.1) and (-0.2, 0.15, 0.9) for the reference sets of essential and non-essential genes, respectively. These initial values were based on empirical observations of score distributions for CEGs and nonessential genes from previous screens (*27*, *65*). The POD for a given gene was then calculated as the ratio of CEG density to the sum of the two densities at the gene score of interest. Given that standard deviations of the two distributions differ, their estimated densities converge to zero at different rates in tail regions, which can cause erroneous inflation of estimated probabilities at large enough gene score values. Thus, we identified the minimum POD and its corresponding gene score in each screen, and in turn, assigned the minimum probability to all targets with a gene score greater than that value.

Receiver-operator analysis

For each CRISPR screen dataset, receiver-operator characteristic (ROC) curves were generated from relatively balanced reference sets of 682 CEG and 879 nonessential genes (*65*). Area under the ROC curve was used as the performance metric to assess how well gene scores in each dataset could discriminate for CEGs.

Fig. S1. Chemical screen analysis

(**A**) Manually curated drug class or indication for MiPE 4.1 library compounds either approved for use in humans or that have entered clinical trials. CVD, cardiovascular disease; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; BPH, benign prostatic hyperplasia.

(**B**) Data processing workflow. See **Quantification and Statistical analyses** for additional detail. (1) Normalized viability data for 17,784 total dose-response curves were fit to a 4-parameter loglogistic model. 654 curves failed to converge and were fit using linear regression. (2) Curves with a maximum viability greater than 100% were scaled by the maximum fitted value. (3) Curves with residual standard error (RSE) values above cell line-dependent 98th percentiles were removed (left);

Cell line-specific curves with greater than a 15% difference in maximum viability between two or more conditions for a given compound were removed (right). (4) Compounds with minimum values greater than the respective median values in each of the datasets were removed. Ultimately, 1,138 filtered compounds were shared across all screens. AUC, area under the curve.

(**C**) Highest global development phase and indication for pan-inactive compounds.

(D) Response score correlations between nine chemical screens. H, HPLM^{+dS}; RD, RPMI^{+dS}; RS, RPMI+S.

Fig. S2. Additional data related to conditional phenotypes for purine analogs are linked to hypoxanthine

(**A**) Cellular conversion of RPMI-sensitive purine analogs to effector metabolites. The canonical mechanism of dacarbazine (DTIC) activity involves an activation step catalyzed by liver-specific P450. 6-MP, 6-Mercaptopurine; 6-TG, 6-Thioguanine.

(**B–C**) Dose-responses of K562 cells to 6-TG (B) and DTIC (C) (mean ± SD, *n* = 3). Concentration range spanned for two dose-responses tested across the remaining three cell lines (yellow box).

(**D**) Schematic for the de novo purine synthesis pathway. Enzymes encoded by genes that were identified as RPMI-essential hits from previous genome-wide CRISPR screens in K562 cells (shaded blue) *(27)*. Hypoxanthine is a salvage pathway substrate that can be used to generate IMP. (**E**) Compounds ranked by average HPLM+dS – RPMI+dS phenotypes. 5AzaC, 5-Azacytidine.

(F) Conditional phenotypes for 5AzaC from averaged HPLM^{+dS} – RPMI^{+dS} and HPLM^{+dS} – RPMI^{+S} profiles.

(**G**) Cellular conversion of 5AzaC to metabolites to effector metabolites.

(**H**) Defined uridine levels in HPLM and RPMI. Uridine levels in 10% FBS (dS, dialyzed; S, untreated) (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$). Schematic of reaction catalyzed by UCK, uridine-cytidine kinase.

Fig. S3. Additional data related to serum-derived thymidine alters cellular sensitivity to TYMS inhibitors

(**A**) dS-sensitive pyrimidine nucleoside analogs (top) and antifolates (bottom).

(**B**) Pyrimidine nucleoside analogs are converted to effector metabolites (top). Antifolates act against targets in 1C metabolism (bottom). Fluorodeoxyuridine monophosphate (FdUMP) and trifluoromethyl deoxyuridine monophosphate (TFdTMP) can also each inhibit TYMS.

(**C–D**) Dose-responses of K562 cells to FCdR (C) and MTX (D) (mean ± SD, *n* = 3). Concentration range spanned for two dose-responses tested across the remaining three cell lines (yellow box).

(**E**) Conditional CRISPR phenotypes for *TYMS* from reported focused sgRNA library screens in K562 cells (*27*).

(**F**) Mass-to-charge ratios (m/z) for various products of cellular FCdR metabolism based on either addition (+H) or removal (-H) of a proton adduct. Only peaks corresponding to FdUMP in negative ionization mode (-H) could be detected in FCdR-treated K562 cells.

(**G**) Schematic of 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) metabolism. Floxuridine (FdUrd) was a dS-sensitive hit.

(**H**) Defined uric acid levels in HPLM and RPMI. Uric acid levels in 10% FBS (dS, dialyzed; S, untreated) (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$). Uric acid is an endogenous inhibitor of UMP synthase (UMPS). Therefore, uric acid availability impacts cellular levels of orotate, which competes with 5-FU as a substrate for UMPS activity (*13)*.

(**I**) Relative growth of cells treated with 5-FU versus DMSO (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$, ** $P < 0.005$, * $P <$ 0.01).

(**J**) Dose-responses of K562 cells to 5-FU (mean ± SD, *n* = 3). Concentration range spanned for two dose-responses tested across the remaining three cell lines (yellow box).

Fig. S4. Additional data related to conditional brivudine sensitivity is linked to folic acid availability

(A) Compounds ranked by average RPMI^{+dS} – RPMI^{+S} phenotypes. BVDU, brivudine.

(**B** and **D**) Dose-responses of K562 cells to BVDU (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$). Concentration range spanned for two dose-responses tested across the remaining three cell lines (yellow box).

(**C**) Reported concentration ranges for folic acid and 5-methyl-THF (5-mTHF) in human plasma $(60-62)$.

(E) Extracellular abundances of folic acid in HPLM^{+dS} following 96-hour treatment with BVDU versus those at inoculation (mean \pm SEM, $n = 3$).

Fig. S5. Additional data related to TK2 expression is an intrinsic determinant of BVDU sensitivity

(**A** and **B**) Cellular abundances of BVDU (A) and BVDU-MP (B) following BVDU treatment in HPLM^{+dS} (mean \pm SEM, $n = 3$). H, HPLM-defined concentration (0.45 µM). R, RPMI-defined concentration (2.27 μ M).

Fig. S6. Additional data related to BVDU-MP interferes with folate-dependent nucleotide synthesis and DHFR is not the molecular target of BVDU-MP

(A) Relative growth of cells treated with BVDU versus DMSO (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$, ** $P < 0.005$). H, HPLM-defined concentration (0.45 µM).

(**B**) Immunoblot for expression of TYMS. M.W. standards are annotated. RAPTOR served as the loading control. TYMS band intensities differ by ~5-fold between the two samples.

(**C**) Relative abundances of CTP and UTP in BVDU-treated versus control cells in HPLM+dS (mean \pm SEM, $n = 3$, ** $P < 0.005$).

(D) Heatmap of cellular metabolite abundances in cells treated with BVDU in HPLM^{+dS} containing HPLM- (top) or RPMI-defined (bottom) folic acid versus control cells in HPLM^{+dS}. Metabolite clusters are sorted by log_2 -transformed fold change of the top row ($n = 3$). Metabolite abbreviations can be found in table S3.

(**E**) Relative growth of cells treated with FCdR or MTX versus DMSO (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$, ***P* < 0.005).

(**F–G**) Relative abundances of CTP and UTP in FCdR- (F) and MTX-treated (G) versus control cells in HPLM^{+dS} (mean \pm SEM, *n* = 3, ***P* < 0.005).

(**H**) Pseudocolor Coomassie-stained gel imaged using a LICOR Odyssey FC. 1: M.W. standards, 2: TK2-3xFLAG.

(**I**) Schematic for a method to isolate BVDU-MP from reactions catalyzed by human TK2.

(**J**) Extracted ion chromatograms at mass-to-charge (m/z) ratios, in negative ionization mode, for ATP, BVDU, and BVDU monophosphate (BVDU-MP) at indicated retention times for samples extracted from reactions containing purified recombinant TK2 with ATP and BVDU (top) and the isolated BVDU-MP (bottom). See **Methods**.

(**K**) Normalized peak areas across a panel of NMP chemical standards and in vitro synthesized BVDU-MP. A concentration for the stock BVDU-MP was estimated based on the average of these standard areas – with little effect on this average if considering only the pyrimidine NMPs.

(**L**) Pseudocolor Coomassie-stained gel imaged using a LICOR Odyssey FC. 1: M.W. standards, 2: DHFR-3xFLAG.

(**M**) Schematic for a method to evaluate DHFR activity based on measuring NADP+ production from reactions containing recombinant DHFR.

(**N–O**) Relative abundances of indicated folate species in BVDU- and MTX-treated versus control cells in HPLM^{+dS} containing RPMI-defined folic acid (mean \pm SEM, $n = 3$).

Fig. S7. Additional data related to CRISPR screens uncover genetic contributions to BVDU sensitivity

(**A**) Relative growth of K562 cells treated with BVDU versus DMSO in T-25 flasks (mean ± SD, *n* $=$ 3). Arrow indicates the dose that elicited a ~25% growth defect.

(**B**) Receiver operator characteristic (ROC) curves for the prediction of core essential genes using datasets from CRISPR screens in DMSO- and BVDU-treated K562 cells.

(**C**) Plots of sgRNA library targets ranked by probability of dependency from genome-wide K562 screens in HPLM^{+dS} with DMSO vehicle (left) or BVDU treatment (right). Red box indicates probability > 0.5. Dashed lines mark gene scores at the cutoffs for gene essentiality in each screen.

(**D**) Relative abundance of BVDU in *ABCC4*-knockout versus control cells following treatment with BVDU in HPLM^{+dS} (mean \pm SEM, *n* = 3).

(**E**) Selectively essential BVDU-antagonizing hits.

(**F**) Immunoblot for expression of TYMS in cells treated with vehicle in HPLM+dS across indicated temperatures for cellular thermal shift assay (CETSA). M.W. standard is annotated.

(**G**) Immunoblot for expression of TYMS in cells after treatment with DMSO, BVDU, FCdR, or MTX in HPLM^{+dS} with RPMI-defined folic acid at indicated CETSA temperatures.

(**H**) Immunoblot for expression of SHMT2. M.W. standards are annotated. RAPTOR served as the loading control.

(**I**) Relative abundances of ATP, GTP, and dTTP in BVDU-treated control and *SHMT2*-knockout cells versus control cells in HPLM^{+dS} (mean \pm SEM, $n = 3$, ** $P < 0.005$, * $P < 0.01$).

(**J**) Heatmap of cellular abundances for indicated metabolites in BVDU-treated control and *SHMT2*-knockout cells versus control cells in HPLM^{+dS} ($n = 3$).

Fig. S8. Additional data related to BVDU-MP affects the 10-formyl-THF synthetase activity of MTHFD1

(**A**) Immunoblot for expression of MTHFD1. M.W. standards are annotated. GAPDH served as the loading control.

(**B**) Relative abundances of ATP, GTP, and dTTP in BVDU-treated control and *MTHFD1* knockout cells versus control cells in HPLM^{+dS} (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$, ** $P < 0.005$).

(**C**) Heatmap of cellular abundances for indicated metabolites in BVDU-treated control and *MTHFD1*-knockout cells versus control cells in HPLM^{+dS} ($n = 3$).

(**D**) Pseudocolor Coomassie-stained gel imaged using a LICOR Odyssey FC. 1: M.W. standards, 2: MTHFD1-3xFLAG.

(**E**) Schematic for a method to evaluate MTHFD1(CD) domain activity.

(**F**) Schematic for a method to evaluate MTHFD1(S) activity.

(**G**) Schematic for a method to evaluate reaction components across both MTHFD1 domains.

(**H**) Normalized ion counts for ADP, 10-formyl-THF, and NADP+ from reactions of recombinant MTHFD1 with ATP, THF, and formate that either lack (top) or further contain (bottom) NADPH (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$). Correction for background ADP resulted in slightly negative ion counts from

reactions in the absence of NADPH, reflective of noise.

(**I**) Relative levels of indicated metabolites measured from multi-domain MTHFD1 activity assays following addition of BVDU or MTX (mean \pm SEM, $n = 3$).

Fig. S9. BVDU treatment reduces in vivo tumor burden

(**A**) Schematic for assessing detection of BVDU in plasma samples collected from NSG mice 6 hours after intraperitoneal (IP) injection of vehicle or BVDU at one of two doses (top). Normalized ion counts for plasma BVDU (mean \pm SEM, vehicle $n = 2$; 10 mg kg⁻¹ BVDU $n = 3$; 50 mg kg⁻¹ BVDU $n = 3$) (bottom).

(**B**) Schematic for assessing how BVDU affects the growth of K562 xenografts in NSG mice. K562 cells expressing Akaluciferase were injected intravenously via tail vein. After 6 days, tumor burden was measured with bioluminescence imaging (BLI). Mice were assigned to two groups: treatment with vehicle $(n = 5)$ or BVDU $(n = 6)$. Starting on day 0, twelve total daily doses of vehicle (8.4%) DMSO) or 50 mg/kg BVDU (in 8.4% DMSO) were administered by IP injection. Tumor burden was measured on days 7 and 13 using BLI. Plasma was collected on day 6 (roughly 8 hours after treatment was administered) and on day 14.

(**C**) Plasma BVDU levels measured from vehicle- and BVDU-treated mice on day 6 (mean ± SEM, vehicle $n = 5$; BVDU $n = 6$).

(**D**) Quantification of BLI signals (total flux) at the indicated time points for each treatment group. In the box plots, the center line indicates the median, box limits mark the first and third quartiles, and the whiskers represent the minimum and maximum of all data points. **P* < 0.05.

(**E**) Changes in BLI signal (total flux) at the indicated time points for each group versus at day -1. Box plot parameters as in panel L. **P* < 0.05.

(**F**) BLI images depicting tumor burden of K562-engrafted mice treated with vehicle (left) or BVDU (right) at indicated time points. Data are represented colorimetrically (photons/s/cm²/sr) with the scale bar depicted. X, death within the group prior to time point.

(**G**) Normalized ion counts for creatinine and urea in plasma collected from each treatment group at the indicated time points. Box plot parameters as in panel D.

Fig. S10. Additional data related to conditional phenotypes for additional compounds are linked to folic acid

(**A** and **B**) Dose-responses of K562 cells to SCH-79797 (A) and TG100-115 (B) (mean ± SD, *n* = 3). Concentration range spanned for two dose-responses tested across the remaining three cell lines (yellow box).

Fig. S11. Additional data related to gene essentiality data suggest that other conditional phenotypes are linked to non-canonical mechanisms

(**A**) Defined pyruvate levels in HPLM and RPMI. Pyruvate levels in 10% FBS (dS, dialyzed; S, untreated) (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$).

(**B–F**) Dose-responses of K562 cells to CB-839 (B), deguelin (C), apilimod (D), SB-612111 (E), or JTC-801 (F) (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$). Concentration range spanned for two dose-responses tested across the remaining three cell lines (yellow box).

(**G**) Relative growth of cells treated with JTC-801 versus DMSO (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$, ***P* < 0.005). H, HPLM-defined concentration (0.45 µM). R, RPMI-defined concentration (2.27 µM).

(**H**) Human cancer cell lines ranked by *OPRL1* expression from reported RNA-seq data (*95*). Labeled points indicate cell lines in this study. TPM, transcripts per million.

Fig. S12. Comparative profiling analysis for a distinct lot of commercial vitamins solution

(**A**) Relative working concentrations in commercial solution (Sigma R7256, Lot RNBK1269) versus basal RPMI (Lot 2458379) (mean ± SD, *n* = 3, ***P* < 0.005).

(**B**) Defined and working concentrations of biotin and folic acid (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$). RPMI also contains 3.69 nM vitamin B12, which could not be detected by the profiling method.

Supplementary Table Captions

table S1. Datasets related to chemical screens

table S2. Synthetic media construction

table S3. Datasets related to metabolite profiling

table S4. Datasets related to CRISPR screens

table S5. Oligonucleotides used in this study

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