Single-cell landscape of innate and acquired drug resistance in acute myeloid leukemia

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Supplementary Case Studies

TP008

Supplementary Figure 1. a: Schematic of the clinical course of patient TP008. **b**: Variant allele frequencies from FoundationOne Heme for genomic alterations detected in at least one patient sample. **c**: Pharmacoscopy (PCY) *ex vivo* response (1-relative blast fraction, RBF) for different concentrations of cytarabine. Dots correspond to individual replicate wells ($n = 3$ per drug concentration, $n = 16$ for DMSO control). *P* values from Tukey's HSD test. Box plots indicate the median (horizontal line) and 25% and 75% ranges (box) and whiskers indicate the 1.5x interquartile range above or below the box. **d**: t-SNE calculated on the batch-corrected expression values of all cells measured by scRNA-seq (visit 1: 960 cells, visit 2: 2343 cells). Regions in the t-SNE are annotated with the most abundant cell type, small plots on the side show cell type specific marker gene expression (darker color = higher expression).

Patient TP008 was diagnosed with AML, NOS one month prior to the first study visit. A pathogenic *IDH1* R132C mutation was detected at this point with a variant allele frequency of around 20%. The patient then received one cycle of induction chemotherapy with daunorubicin + cytarabine, which led to a reduction in AML blasts, but complete response was not achieved. At this time point, the first TuPro sample was taken and analyzed **(Supplementary Figure 1a**). FoundationOne Heme confirmed the persistence of the *IDH1* R132C mutation in the bone marrow (**Supplementary Figure 1b**). PCY analysis highlighted strong on-target effects for cytarabine (**Supplementary Figure 1c**). scRNAseq identified 40% of AML blasts in the bone marrow sample at the first visit, mostly subclassified as GMP- and myeloid-like AML with very low expression of *CD34* (**Supplementary Figure 1d**). In addition, more mature myeloid cells and a considerable fraction (25%) of T-cells were also present. After the first chemotherapy cycle, the patient received a second cycle of induction chemotherapy and a complete remission was achieved. However, the *IDH1* R132C mutation persisted and the variant allele frequency even increased compared to the first visit (**Supplementary Figure 1b**). Consistent with the morphological complete remission, scRNA-seq identified almost complete absence (<5%) of AML blasts in the second sample, which was mostly composed of T/NK cells (40%), monocyte-like cells (40%) and erythroid cells (16%). The patient received an allo-HSCT after the second chemotherapy cycle, Interestingly, *IDH1* R132C persisted at low frequencies after allo-HSCT, a finding previously reported in the literature 1 . The patient remained in complete remission afterwards.

TP019

Supplementary Figure 2. a: Schematic of the clinical course of patient TP019. **b**: Variant allele frequencies from FoundationOne Heme for genomic alterations detected in at least one patient sample. **c**: Correlation of PCY scores between visit 1 and visits 2 and 3, respectively. The red dot highlights ivosidenib, which consistently shows no effect (PCY-score = 0) ex vivo. **d:** Correlation of CyTOF marker profiles (aggregated protein abundance across all AML cells) between visit 1 and visits 2 and 3, respectively. Lines and shaded areas in (c) and (d) correspond to a linear regression fit with 95% confidence bands, *P* values (two-sided t-test) and Pearson's *R* are indicated. **e:** Fraction of AML cells predicted to be in cell cycle phases G1, G2/M or S based on scRNA-seq. **f**: t-SNE calculated on the batch-corrected expression values of all cells measured by scRNA-seq (visit 1: 2380 cells, visit 2: 3614 cells, visit 3: 1781 cells). Regions in the t-SNE are annotated with the most abundant cell type, small plots on the side show cell type specific marker gene expression (darker color = higher expression).

Patient TP019 was initially diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) with excess blasts (MDS-EB2). The patient relapsed after allo-HSCT 14 months after initial diagnosis, and presented with AML at relapse. The relapse was initially treated with decitabine + venetoclax. The therapy was then switched to ivosidenib and low-dose cytarabine due to intolerance to decitabine + venetoclax. A first TuPro sample was collected three months after relapse, and two follow-up biopsies were analyzed one and three months later, respectively (**Supplementary Figure 2a**). Throughout this time, the patient was treated with ivosidenib. Variant allele frequencies of pathogenic mutations (*IDH1* R132C, *TET2* D1075fs*7, *KMT2A (MLL)* partial tandem duplication (exons 2-10), *PTPN11* G503A, *RUNX1* R166*, and *SF3B1* H662D) remained constant during the first two visits, no FoundationOne was done at the third visit (**Supplementary Figure 2b**). PCY scores were highly correlated between visits (**Supplementary Figure 2c**), indicating no change in the drug sensitivity of the blast cells. Ivosidenib showed no effect *ex vivo* (PCY score around 0). This was consistent with the CyTOF analysis reporting highly similar protein expression across time points (**Supplementary Figure 2d**). scRNA-seq also showed no change in blast cell cycle state (**Supplementary Figure 2e**), and identified mostly AML blasts with high proportion of myeloidlike AML cells across visits (**Supplementary Figure 2f**).

TP024

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Supplementary Figure 3. a: Schematic of the clinical course of patient TP024. **b**: Variant allele frequencies from FoundationOne Heme for genomic alterations detected in at least one patient sample. A *FLT3*-ITD (K602_W603insPWSK) mutation was detected at all visits. **c**: Correlation of PCY scores between visit 1 and visits 2 and 3, respectively. The colored dots highlight the previous treatment (decitabine + venetoclax) the treatment following the first visit (gilteritinib), as well as treatments that show increased sensitivity in visits 2 and 3 compared to visit 1 (green dots). **d**: Correlation of CyTOF marker profiles (aggregated protein abundance across all AML cells) between visit 1 and visits 2 and 3, respectively. Colored dots highlight the targets of previous (Bcl-2) and current (Flt-3) therapies. Dots highlighted in green correspond to proteins whose abundance increased in visits 2 and 3 relative to visit 1. Lines and shaded areas in (c) and (d) correspond to a linear regression fit with 95% confidence bands. *P* values (two-sided t-test) and Pearson's *R* are indicated. **e:** Fraction of AML cells predicted to be in cell cycle phases G1, G2/M or S based on scRNA-seq. **f**: t-SNE calculated on the batch-corrected expression values of all cells measured by scRNA-seq (visit 1: 3130 cells, visit 2: 3119 cells, visit 3: 6019 cells). Regions in the t-SNE are annotated with the most abundant cell type, small plots on the side show cell type specific marker gene expression (darker color = higher expression). **g**: Inferred cellular hierarchy based on copy number variations identified by scDNA-seq.

Patient TP024 was diagnosed with therapy-related MDS-EB2, which then rapidly progressed to AML. After an initial response to decitabine, the patient was treated by allo-HSCT and remained in remission for 7 months. He relapsed 3 months before the first study visit and treatment with decitabine + venetoclax was initiated, but AML progressed under this therapy (**Supplementary Figure 3a**). FoundationOne Heme identified a *FLT3*-ITD mutation, as well as a loss of exons 3-7 in *RUNX1*. The patient was then switched to gilteritinib after the first TuPro visit and treated throughout the study, however, the *FLT3* mutation persisted over time (**Supplementary Figure 3b**). Consistent with this lack of clinical sensitivity, PCY analysis revealed low *ex vivo* sensitivity to decitabine + venetoclax as well as gilteritinib in all samples. However, PCY highlighted an increase in *ex vivo* sensitivity to afatinib, crizotinib, volasertib and the combined aurora kinase / JAK inhibitor AT9283 over the course of the three time points (**Supplementary Figure 3c**). Potentially explaining the altered *ex vivo* drug sensitivity pattern, CyTOF reported elevated levels of proteins related to cell proliferation (pRb, Ki67, CDK6), DNA damage (pH2AX) and JAK/STAT signaling (CALR) (**Supplementary Figure 3d**). This increase in proliferation was confirmed by scRNA-seq analysis of predicted cell cycle phases in AML blasts, which went from 25% of cells in S or G2M phase in the first sample to almost 50% in the sample collected at visit 3 (**Supplementary Figure 3e**). scRNA-seq identified a majority of blasts among all cells in all visits, spanning the full spectrum from HSClike to myeloid-like AML cells, with myeloid-like being the most abundant subtype. Interestingly, HSC-like cells were more abundant in visit 1, while samples from visits 2 and 3 contained higher fraction of myeloid-like AMl cells, monocyte-like and erythroid cells as well as other nonmalignant cells such as T cells and B cells that were almost entirely absent at visit 1 (**Supplementary Figure 3f**). scDNA-seq analysis identified one major clone, characterized by a gain of two copies of chromosome 3q, resulting in an amplification of CBLB, GATA2 and PIK3CA. Consistent with the increased fraction of nonmalignant cells identified by scRNA-seq, scDNA-seq detected no diploid cells at visit 1, but at visits 2 and 3, there were around 20% of cells present without any CNVs (**Supplementary Figure 3g**).

TP025

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Supplementary Figure 4. a: Schematic of the clinical course of patient TP025. **b**: Variant allele frequencies from FoundationOne Heme for genomic alterations detected in at least one patient sample. **c**: Expression of CD34, Bcl-2 and CD36 by CyTOf. Black dots correspond to all samples in the cohort, colored dots mark samples from patient TP025. **d**: PCY responses (1-RBF) for decitabine, venetoclax, and decitabine + venetoclax at visits 1 & 2. *** $P < 0.001$, right-tailed Student's t-test comparing drug treated wells (all concentrations) to DMSO controls. Dots correspond to replicate wells (n = 4 or 5 per drug, n = 15 for DMSO ocntrol), box-plots as in Supplementary Figure 1c. **e:** t-SNE calculated on the batch-corrected expression values of all cells measured by scRNA-seq (visit 1: 3830 cells, visit 2: 3635 cells, visit 3: 2379 cells). Regions in the t-SNE are annotated with the most abundant cell type, small plots on the side show cell type specific marker gene expression (darker color = higher expression).

Patient TP025 was initially diagnosed with *NPM1* mutated AML. He initially responded to induction chemotherapy and received an allo–HSCT, but relapsed after 5 months, at which point the first TuPro sample was obtained. After the first visit, the patient started treatment with decitabine, resulting in no response at visit 2, after which venetoclax was added to the therapy and led to a complete remission (**Supplementary Figure 4a**). FoundationOne confirmed the presence of an *NPM1* W288fs*12 mutation, and also detected mutations in *DNMT3A* and *IDH2*. These mutations were detected at all time points, even after complete morphological remission. However, they were absent in a later follow-up sample that was not part of the study, suggesting that they likely originated from remaining dying blast cells or potentially from differentiated myeloid cells that originated from the mutated progenitors (**Supplementary Figure 4b**). Consistent with the clinical course of the patient, CyTOF analysis indicated high expression of CD34 and Bcl-2 in the AML blasts (**Supplementary Figure 4c**), and PCY showed on-target responses of the patient's AML cells to venetoclax and the combination of decitabine + venetoclax *ex vivo* (**Supplementary Figure 4d**). scRNA-seq analysis identified the presence of immature CD34 positive AML blasts at visits 1 and 2, which were all cleared at visit 3. Interestingly, erythroid cells were mainly detected in the sample at visit 3, potentially indicating the restoration of a healthy bone marrow environment (**Supplementary Figure 4e**).

TP030

Supplementary Figure 5. a: Schematic of the clinical course of patient TP030. **b**: Variant allele frequencies from FoundationOne Heme for genomic alterations detected in at least one patient sample. **c**: t-SNE calculated on the batch-corrected expression values of all cells measured by scRNA-seq (visit 1: 3469 cells, visit 2: 4152 cells). Regions in the t-SNE are annotated with the most abundant cell type, small plots on the side show cell type specific marker gene expression (darker color = higher expression). **d:** Inferred cellular hierarchy based on copy number variations identified by scDNA-seq.

Patient TP030 was initially diagnosed with AML six years before this study. The patient relapsed for the first time after allo-HSCT four years past diagnosis, at which point she was treated with the Flt3-inhibitor midostaurin, leading to a complete remission followed by a second allo-HSCT. After another two years in remission, the patient presented with a second relapse and the first TuPro sample was obtained (**Supplementary Figure 5a**). FoundationOne highlighted the re-emergence of a *FLT3-*ITD mutation, as well as the presence of mutations in *BCORL1, CHEK2* and a splice site mutation in *RUNX1* (**Supplementary Figure 5b**)*.* Based on the *FLT3* mutation, the patient was treated with Gilteritinib after the first visit and achieved a complete remission (**Supplementary Figure 5a**). Interestingly, although the previously observed pathogenic mutations disappeared at the second visit, we observed a low frequency *DNMT3A* R882C mutation emerging at this time point. This mutation persisted at low frequencies even though the patient remained in remission, likely reflecting clonal hematopoiesis. This finding is consistent with a previous study that identified no correlation between disease progression and the persistence of *DNMT3A* mutations ². scRNA-seq analysis revealed that the first sample was dominated by AML blasts (>80%) with mostly myeloid-like phenotype and only a small fraction of CD34 positive cells (**Supplementary Figure 5c**). Consistent with the clinical course of the patient, AML blasts were no longer present in the second sample, which was instead composed of a mixture of erythroid cells, B cells and a large fraction of T- and NK cells. Analysis of CNVs by scDNA-seq indicated a gain of a short segment on chromosome 8 in all analyzed cells, thus likely representing a germline variant. An additional clone characterized by loss of one copy of the segment of chromosome 21 where *RUNX1* is located (21q.22) was only detected at visit 1, while two clones characterized by a gain of one segment in chromosome 17 and loss of one copy of the Xchromosome, respectively, were present at the second visit only (**Supplementary Figure 5d**).

TP031

Supplementary Figure 6. a: Schematic of the clinical course of patient TP031. **b**: Correlation of PCY scores between visit 1 and visits 2 and 3, respectively. The colored dots highlight the previous treatment (decitabine) and the treatment following the first visit (decitabine + venetoclax). Lines and shaded areas correspond to a linear regression fit with 95% confidence bands. *P* values (two-sided t-test) and Pearson's *R* are indicated. Data are from three biological replicates (blood and bone marrow samples at visit 1, blood only at visit 2). **c**: Expression of CD34, Bcl-2 and CD36 by CyTOF. Black dots correspond to all samples in the cohort, colored dots mark samples from patient TP031. **d**: t-SNE calculated on the batch-corrected expression values of all cells measured by scRNA-seq (visit 1: 3261 cells, visit 2 (peripheral blood sample): 4648 cells). Regions in the t-SNE are annotated with the most abundant cell type, small plots on the side show cell type specific marker gene expression (darker color = higher expression). **e:** Inferred clonal hierarchy based on copy number variations identified by scDNA-seq.

Patient TP031 was initially diagnosed with *KMT2A* rearranged AML. The patient had been treated by allo-HSCT and prophylactic treatment with decitabine, but eventually relapsed three months prior to the first TuPro visit (**Supplementary Figure 6a**). After the first sampling, the patient received decitabine + venetoclax, however the treatment was stopped after 14 days. A second sample (peripheral blood only) was then analyzed. PCY analysis identified venetoclax-based treatments among the strongest on-target hits in all samples analyzed (**Supplementary Figure 6b**). Consistent with the *ex vivo* sensitivity to Bcl-2 inhibition, CyTOF analysis highlighted high expression of CD34 and Bcl-2 compared to the remainder of the cohort (**Supplementary Figure 6c**), and scRNA-seq identified primarily immature AML blasts with high expression of *CD34* and *BCL2* (**Supplementary Figure 6d**). This was particularly pronounced in the blood sample analyzed at visit 2, which was composed of >80% of mostly HSC-like immature blasts. scDNA-seq analysis highlighted the presence of multiple clones with different CNV patterns, of which some were sample-specific.

Identification of AML blasts across TuPro technologies. **a:** Schematic illustrating the definition of blasts across technologies (see Methods for details). For PCY, it corresponds to the fraction of cells positive for CD34 or CD117. For scRNA, blasts were identified using automated hierarchical cell typing based on reference transcriptomes (**Supplementary Data 13**) as described by Prummer et al ³. For CyTOF, blasts were defined on the abundance of known markers, primarily CD45 (low) and absence of erythroid markers (putative AML), and additionally CD34 (high) (CD34+ AML). For scDNA, only samples with any CNVs are considered and the blast fraction corresponds to the fraction of cells with CNVs in a panel of disease-relevant genes (**Supplementary Data 3**). **b:** Correlation of blast fractions identified by TuPro technologies and pathology. Pathology refers to bone marrow aspirate cytology (histology if no cytology readout was available) for bone marrow samples and cytology for blood samples. Linear regression lines with 95% confidence bands, Pearson's *R* and corresponding *P* values (two-tailed t-test) are indicated. Sample numbers (biological replicates): CyTOF $n = 57$; PCY $n = 48$, scRNA $n = 29$; Pathology $n = 53$; scDNA $n = 14$.

PCY-based *ex vivo* drug response landscape of rrAML. **a:** Fraction of samples in which a drug scored on-target (PCY score > 0.1), by drug. **b:** Drug-drug correlation matrix of PCY scores. Drugs are ordered by hierarchical clustering (euclidean distance, complete linkage). Color represents Pearson correlation between each pair of drugs. Manually curated drug target categories are annotated. **c:** Example correlation plots for selected drug-drug pairs, highlighted by colored squares in (b). Purple dots correspond to samples in the chemoresistant cluster (see **Figure 2a**). Linear regression lines with 95% confidence bands, Pearson's *R* and corresponding *P* values (two-sided t-test) are indicated. Data represent 38 samples with > 5% blast content by cytology from 18 patients.

Consistency between *ex vivo* responses by PCY and 4i DRP. **a:** Absolute log2 fold changes (FC) comparing VEN to DMSO control across 4i DRP features versus VEN PCY scores. Each dot corresponds to the mean absolute FC across 37 4iDRP features for a single sample, lines correspond to the standard error of the mean, and colors mark VEN exposure at the time of sampling. **b:** Volcano plot for the association of VEN PCY scores and VEN-induced changes in 4i DRP features. The x-axis corresponds to the slope of the regression line with VEN PCY scores as predictor and the DMSO-normalized 4i DRP features as the response variable. The y-axis denotes uncorrected p values of the linear model (two-sided t-test). Red dots denote Benjamini-Hochberg FDR < 0.1. Features shown in **Figure 2d** are highlighted in bold. All data represent 16 samples from 13 patients that had a blast content of > 5% and were measured both by 4i DRP and PCY.

A single-cell landscape of rrAML. **a-c:** t-SNE calculated on scRNA expression of 40369 AML cells. **a:** Colored by phenograph cluster assignment, **b:** Colored by sample ID, **c:** Colored by AML subtype (assigned by scROSHI, see **Supplementary Data 13** and Methods). **d:** Characteristics of the clusters shown in (a). From top to bottom: Contribution of each sample ID to each cluster; Fraction of AML subtypes per cluster; Contribution of cells from VEN exposed and non-exposed samples to each cluster; Average *BCL2* and *CD36* expression; VEN sensitivity (PCY score, weighted by relative abundance of cells per sample) per cluster.

Molecular determinants of VEN sensitivity. **a:** Scatterplots of VEN PCY score against gene expression (scRNA-seq, bulkified across all AML cells per sample) for genes with previously reported associations to VEN resistance (see **Figure 3d** and **Supplementary Table 1**). **b,c:** Correlation of PCY-based VEN response and composite biomarkers calculated from bulkified scRNA-seq expression in AML cells. **b:** 17-gene leukemia stem cell (LSC17) score 4 , **C:** Mediators of apoptosis combinatorial (MAC) score ⁵. **d:** Expression of *CD36* in bulk RNA. Left: z-scored normalized expression values. Right: z-scored normalized expression values after regressing out the effect of blast content. **e**: Abundance of CD36 in bulk proteotyping. Left: normalized protein abundance. Right: z-scored normalized protein abundance after regressing out the effect of blast content. Linear regression line with 95% confidence bands, Pearson's *R* and corresponding *P* values (two-sided t-test) are shown. Sample and patient numbers: a-c: 24 samples from 18 patients; d: 26 samples from 17 patients; e: 25 samples from 12 patients.

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Omacetaxine mepesuccinate Cabozantinib Gilteritinib|Venetoclax Azacitii
Birabru
Birabru Bortezo
Cytarabine|Midosta
Cytarabine|Midosta Cytarabine|Dexamethasone Cytarabine|Midostaurin Panobinostat Temsirolimus

Comparison of molecular associations with VEN resistance across technologies. **a-b:** Association of protein / RNA levels with innate and treatment-related resistance to VEN for all markers in the CyTOF panel. Effect size represents the slope of the regression line for innate resistance and the difference in mean between VEN naive and VEN exposed samples for acquired resistance. *P* values obtained from a linear regression and a two-sided Welch's ttest, respectively. CyTOF: n=38 samples from 18 patients; scRNA: n=24 samples from 18 patients; bkRNA: 26 samples from 17 patients. **c:** Association of marker (protein or RNA) levels with VEN PCY score across all samples and 4 technologies. Shown are literaturederived genes known to be involved in VEN resistance, as well as the top 5 associations by technology. Values correspond to the slope of the regression line marker level \sim VEN PCY score **d:** GSEA result using the average association between gene expression in AML cells (scRNA-seq) and innate / acquired VEN resistance to rank genes. Negative enrichment scores indicate association with resistance, and positive scores with sensitivity. **e:** Protein abundances for all detected proteins in the pathway "mitochondrial respiratory chain complex assembly" (GO:GO:0032981). Colors represent z-scored, blast content-corrected protein abundances. Samples are ordered by VEN PCY score, proteins are rendered by hierarchical clustering (Euclidean distance, complete linkage). **f:** Pathway score (singscore, ⁶) for the proteins shown in (e), associated with VEN *ex vivo* response. Data in (e) and (f) represent 29 samples from 12 patients. **g:** Fraction of VEN resistant samples (n=12) that were ex vivo sensitive (1-RBF > 0.1) per drug. Only drugs to which at least 5 samples were sensitive are shown. **h:** Correlation between ex vivo response to volasertib and expression (bulkified scRNA-seq) of the drug's target *PLK1*. b,f,h: Regression line with 95% confidence bands, Pearson's *R* and *P* value (two-sided t-test) are indicated. All analyses were performed for samples with > 5% blast content. In a,b, and d, samples from patients that were treated with venetoclax in previous treatment lines were excluded.

a b BEAT AML − full cohort (patients < 18 years excluded)

BEAT AML − newly diagnosed only (patients < 18 years excluded)

Kaplan-Meier curves for patients in the BEAT-AML cohort, stratified by CD36 expression level (bulk RNA-seq). P value from a log-rank test is indicated. **a,** including all samples from patients > 18 years old (n=626), **b,** only including newly diagnosed patients > 18 years old (n=426). Patient numbers per 2-year interval are indicated. Lines indicate the Kaplan-Meier survival probability estimate, estimate, shaded areas correspond to the 95% confidence interval and tick marks represent censored events.

Supplementary Table 1: Summary of known venetoclax resistance mechanisms involving altered gene expression

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