3D



Supplementary Figure 1. TH-302 has potent antitumor activity in a 3D *in vitro* co-culture system of leukemia cells and bone marrowderived mesenchymal stromal cells that recapitulates the multidimensional BM niche. A. Confocal images of a spheroid formed by mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs; red) and MOLM-13 (green) cells. B and C. TH-302 cytotoxic activity, as determined by WST-1 assay, against 3D or 2D co-cultured MSC-leukemia cells, respectively, incubated with indicated concentrations of the drug for 72 h. Right panel shows confocal images of 3D MSC-leukemia cell spheroids incubated with or without TH-302 (50 nM) for 72 h.



PIMO negative control

Supplementary Figure 2. Hypoxia is present in spheroids as indicated by PIMO positive staining in spheroids incubated with PIMO for 3hr before harvesting



Supplementary figure 3. In vitro synergistic activity of TH-302 in combination with chemotherapy and demethylating agents. MOLM-13 and OCI-AML3 AML cell lines were exposed to TH-302 alone or in combination with AraC, 5AZA or DAC for 72hr under normoxic (21% O2; graphs on the left) or hypoxic (1%O2; graphs on the right) conditions. Effects on cell growth and apoptosis induction were determined by FACS. The asterisk next to the legend denotes a p value <0.05 (t-test).

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Supplementary Figure 4. TH-302 has anti-leukemia activity in an *in vivo* primary AML **xenograft murine model.** Secondary transplant mice (N=5/group). NSG mice were transplanted with 0.01 or 0.005×10^6 BM cells isolated from primary recipients treated with control or TH-302 (Figure 4). The percentage of circulating human CD45+ cells was determined by FACS in peripheral blood (PB) of mice transplanted with 0.01×10^6 cells at weeks 4, 6, and 7 after transplantation. * *P*<0.05; ** *P*<0.01; *** *P*<0.001.

MOLM-13-48hr



Supplementary figure 5. In vitro synergistic activity of TH-302 in combination with sorafenib. MOLM-13 cells were exposed to TH-302 for 6 h under normoxic (21% O2) or hypoxic (1%O2). Cells were then washed and incubated with sorafenib for 48 h under normoxia. Effects on cell growth and apoptosis induction were determined by FACS.



Supplementary figure 6 A, B. Assessment of BM hypoxia in AML/ETO bearing mice treated with TH-302 or chemotherapy. C57BI/6 mice were transplanted via tail vein injection with murine BM cells (1×10⁶ viable cells per mouse) expressing the AML1/ETO oncoprotein. Three weeks after transplantation, mice were treated for 5 days with TH-302 (50mg/kg IP) or DA chemotherapy (doxorubicin: 1.5mg/kg IV Day 1-3 and cytarabine 50mg/kg, Day 1-5, first 3 injections IV and last 2 IP). Upon completion of the treatment, mice were injected with PIMO as described under Methods, sacrificed after 3 hrs and bones subjected to anti-PIMO immunohistochemistry. One healthy mouse was injected with PIMO and processed as above (6A, top panel). The extent of leukemia infiltration did not differ significantly between DA- or TH-302-treated mice (n=2/each, DA, 40% and 40%; TH-302, 30% and 50%). Images of H&E and PIMO staining are shown in respective animals identified by the legends. A, B: independent sets of mice.