Supporting Information

Multidimensional Screening Platform for Simultaneously Targeting Oncogenic KRAS and Hypoxia-Inducible Factors Pathways in Colorectal Cancer

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESULTS

Upstream analysis of genes with a minimum of 2 active siRNAs predict that RICTOR, a subunit of mTORC2, is a major upstream regulator of the HIF and KRAS pathways (**Supplementary** Figure S3). mTORC2 is involved in actin cytoskeletal rearrangement^{1,2}. mTORC induces oncogenic AKT1 'Ser-473'phosphorylation, possibly facilitating the activating AKT1 activation loop phosphorylation on 'Thr-308'by PDK1³. It has been previously shown that inhibition of the PI3K/Akt pathway using BEZ-235, a small molecule inhibitor of Pdk1/mTORC1, that prototypic arenavirus lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV) budding is also inhibited, demonstrating overlap between these prolific processes⁴. Phosphorylation of PRKCA on 'Ser-657'is also modulated by the mTORC2 complex³. PRKCA has been associated with a decrease in apoptosis by p53/TP53-mediated activation of IGFBP3 in glioma cells⁵ as well as by phosphorylation of BCL2 in leukemia⁶. Additionally, PRKCA has been previously demonstrated roles in angiogenesis⁷ (74), cell migration⁸, adhesion⁹, VEGFA mRNA stability and VEGFA-induced cell proliferation¹⁰, and inflammatory responses via the LPS and NFKB pathway^{11,12}. GO analysis also revealed that numerous of the top shared genes have functionality in DNA damage checkpoints, a function also largely regulated by $PRKCA¹³$. Ubiquitin protein ligase and transferase activity is also among the top biological processes as determined by GO, while IPA highlighted the protein ubiquitination pathway as a top canonical pathway among hits.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS AND METHODS

Gene Expression Profiling. HCT116, HCT116*HIF-1α-/-* , HCT116*HIF-2α-/-* , HCT116*HIF-1α-/-HIF-2α-/-* , and HCT116*WT KRAS* cells were seeded at low density 5000 cells per well on 6-well tissue culture plates and allowed to grow undisturbed at 37° C, in 5% CO₂ for 10 days. Cells were then harvested and total RNA extracted. Gene expression analyses on the samples were performed at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center Affymetrix Core Facility. Commercial high-density oligonucleotide arrays were used (GeneChip Human Genome U133A; Affymetrix, Inc., Santa Clara, CA), following protocols and methods developed by the supplier.

Credentialing Isogenic Cell Lines for HIF and KRAS Targets Each isogenic cell line was grown to full confluency at at 37° C, in 5% CO₂. VEGFA levels were evaluated using VEGFA AlphaLISA kit (PerkinElmer) in 6-well dishes using standard protocol. Protein was then isolated from the same cells (concentration of which was used to normalize VEGFA). Immunoblot analysis was used to evaluate relative LDHA levels between isogenic lines.

Genomic siRNA Screen. The siRNA library targeting 7,784 genes of the druggable human genome with quadruplicate coverage (four individual siRNAs for each gene) arrayed in 96-well format (*Silencer*® Human Druggable Genome siRNA Library V3.1) was obtained from Ambion/Life Technologies (Grand Island, NY). The siRNAs were spotted into 384-well screening sets. HCT116 (1 x 10³ cells/well), HCT116^{HIF-1α-/-HIF-2α-/-} (1.5 x 10³ cells/well), and HCT116^{WT KRAS} $(3 \times 10^3 \text{ cells/well})$ were retro-transfected with 20 nM of siRNAs using siLentFect (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA). The plates were incubated at 37^oC and 5% CO₂ for 96 h. Cell viability was detected using ATPlite 1step according to the manufacturer's instructions (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA). Individual siRNAs were plotted by their relative percent cell viability in HCT116 versus HCT116*HIF-1α-/-HIF-2α-/-* or HCT116*WT KRAS* cell lines. High-confidence hits from the siRNA library screen were identified as those where the viability ratio of the wildtype to knockout was <0.6 with *p* < 0.05 across the four replicates, as determined using a two-tail *t*-test. A minimum of two active siRNAs were required for a gene to be considered to have differential toxicity in IPA. Priority for lead pathways, nodes, and functions were given to those genes which had 3 or 4 active siRNAs.

Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA). Networks and canonical pathways were generated through the use of QIAGEN's Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA®, QIAGEN Redwood City, [www.qiagen.com/ingenuity\)](http://www.qiagen.com/ingenuity). *Canonical Pathways:* All genes which met the established cutoffs were evaluated for shared canonical pathways. An experimentally set confidence was incorporated with the inclusion of publications from human, mouse, and rat species. A comparison analysis was used to screen for shared canonical pathways amongst hits with differential cytotoxicities in isogenic knockout lines. *Network Analyses:* By comparing the imported differential cytotoxicities of each siRNA, a list of biologically relevant canonical pathways and algorithmically generated mechanistic networks were generated by screening the Ingenuity® Knowledge Base. Individual siRNAs were considered hits if the differential cytotoxicity was \leq 0.6 (wt:ko) with a p \leq 0.05 across replicates. Genes were prioritized based on the number of siRNAs which were differentially active. A cut-off of 2 active siRNAs was established for a gene to be considered a hit, with highest priority given to those genes targeted by 3 or 4 active siRNAs. For the network evaluation, all genes which had made the established criteria were uploaded in a dataset with equivalent values to generate a global view of the effected biology void of bias from varying siRNA functionality. Both direct and indirect relationships were considered with an experimentally set confidence with the inclusion of human, mouse, and rat data. The global network was generated by connecting top networks with a minimum of 5 shared molecules. *Gene Ontology and Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes Analyses*. A 2-fold differential cytotoxicity was used to determine active siRNAs. High confidence hits were identified as genes for which 3 or 4 siRNAs were active towards both HIF and oncogenic KRAS knockout. A total of 176 genes were evaluated using Gene Ontology (GO) and Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) to determine top biological processes and molecular functions shared between active siRNAs.

Small Molecule Library Screen. The small molecule libraries were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO), Prestwick Chemical (Illkirch, France), and Microsource Discovery Systems (Gaylordsville, CT). HCT116 (1 x 10⁴ cells/well), HCT116^{HIF-1α-/-HIF-2α-/-} (1 x 10⁴ cells/well), and HCT116^{WT KRAS} (2 x 10⁴ cells/well) were seeded in 96-well plates. The next day, cells were treated with either compound at a concentration of 10 μ M or solvent control. Cell viability was detected using ATPlite 1Step according to the manufacturer's instructions (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA). Compounds (261) that showed toxicity or the ratio >1.6 (HCT116^{HIF-1α-/-HIF-2α-/-} vs HCT116, HCT116^{WT KRAS} vs HCT116) were selected for the dose-response validation.

Dose-Response Cell Viability Assays. The primary 261 hits HCT116 (1 x 10⁴ cells/well), HCT116^{HIF-1α-/-HIF-2α-/-} (1 x 10⁴ cells/well), and HCT116^{WT KRAS} (2 x 10⁴ cells/well) were seeded in 96-well plates. LoVo and RKO were seeded at 1×10^4 cells/well. The next day, cells were treated with various concentrations of the compound or solvent control. After 48 h of incubation, cell viability was detected using ATPlite 1Step according to the manufacturer's instructions (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA); 55 compounds showed differential activity wherein a differential toxicity of ≥1.99-fold (HCT116*HIF-1α-/-HIF-2α-/-* vs HCT116, HCT116*WT KRAS* vs HCT116) was seen in at least one concentration for each cell type. HUVECs were seeded (quadruplicate) into a 96 well plate at 3600 cells/well. Following treatment with largazole for 18 h, MTT reagent was added and the absorbance read at 570 nm, according to the manufacturer's instructions (Promega, Madison, WI).

RT-qPCR Analysis. HCT116 (4 x 10⁵ cells/well) were seeded in 60-mm dishes. HUVECs were seeded into 6-well plates at 96,000 cells per well. The next day, cells were treated with compound or solvent control for 16 h and then total RNA was extracted with the RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen, Valencia, CA). cDNA was synthesized from 2 µg of total RNA by using SuperScript II Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen/Life Technologies, Grand Island, NY) and Oligo(dT)12-18 Primer (Invitrogen/Life Technologies). Real-time PCR was performed by using the ABI 7300 sequence detection systems (Applied Biosystems/Life Technologies). Each assay was carried out in triplicate. β-Actin expression was used as internal control for normalization.

Colony Formation Assay. HCT116 cells were seeded in 6-well dishes at a density of 1 x $10³$ cells/well. The cells were treated with compound or solvent control and allowed to grow undisturbed for 10 d at 37 \degree C and 5% CO₂. Colony formation was determined by staining with crystal violet (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO).

Immunoblot Analysis. HCT116 cells were plated in 60-mm dishes at a density of 4 x 10^5 cells/well. The next day, cells were given the treatment of compound or solvent control. 16 h later, whole cell lysates were collected using PhosphoSafe buffer (EMD Chemicals, Inc, Gibbstown, NJ). Protein concentrations were measured with the BCA Protein Assay kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Rockford, IL). Lysates containing equal amounts of protein were separated by SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (4–12%), transferred to polyvinylidene difluoride membranes, probed with primary and secondary antibodies, and detected with the SuperSignal West Femto Maximum Sensitivity Substrate (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Anti-HIF-1α antibody was obtained from BD Biosciences (San Jose, CA). Anti-HIF-1β, β-actin, and secondary anti-mouse and rabbit antibodies were from Cell Signaling Technology, Inc (Danvers, MA).

Angiogenesis Assay. Huvec cells (Lonza) were seeded into a 24-well plate coated with 0.1 ml Basement membrane matrix (Invitrogen) at 125,000 cells per well. Largazole, solubilized in ethanol was added at the concentrations indicated. Following an 18 h incubation, three images were captured for each treatment using a Nikon inverted microscope equipped with NIS-Elements software. Branch points were counted for each image and averaged.

Zebrafish Experiments. Zebrafish used for analysis were obtained from natural crosses of the AB wild-type strain or *vhl+/hu2117* carriers on the *fli1a:egfpy1* transgenic background (which fluorescently marks the vasculature¹⁴. Fish were housed in the IMCB Zebrafish facility and embryos staged according to Kimmel et $al¹⁵$. Largazole was dissolved in DMSO and applied to embryos at either 500 nM or 2 μ M, with 0.5% DMSO carrier used for control experiments. Following mounting in low-melting point agarose, the tail vascular plexus was imaged on a Zeiss LSM700 confocal microscope, whilst brightfield images were captured with a Leica MZ16FA.

Figure S1. Isogenic cell lines of HCT116 contain decreased levels of HIF-regulated proteins. All isogenic lines contain a decrease in VEGFA relative to the parental line (a) and HCT116HIF-1α-/-HIF-2α-/and HCT116^{WT KRAS} cells contain similarly decreased levels of LDHA protein (b).

Figure S2a. HCT116HIF-1α-/-HIF2-α-/- and HCT116WT KRAS demonstrate similar affects on genes within the HIF-1α signaling pathway. Comparison of the HCT116 and HCT116^{HIF-1α-/-HIF2-α-/-} expression profiles reveals genes which are upregulated (red) and downregulated (green) within the pathway. Color intensity correlates with the logarithmic fold induction of a gene. Symbols colored both red and green represent complexes wherein members demonstrate different relative gene expression changes.

Figure S2b. HCT116HIF-1α-/-HIF2-α-/- and HCT116^{WT KRAS} demonstrate similar affects on genes within the HIF-1α signaling pathway. Comparison of the HCT116 and HCT116KRASexpression profiles reveals genes which are upregulated (red) and downregulated (green) within the pathway. Color intensity correlates with the logarithmic fold induction of a gene. Symbols colored both red and green represent complexes wherein members demonstrate different relative gene expression changes.

Figure S3. IPA analysis of canonical pathways reveals that siRNAs associated with HIF (red) or KRAS (orange) activity are involved in the nucleotide excision repair pathway.

Figure S4. IPA analysis of active siRNAs reveal several common upstream regulators, ranked by activation z-score using Ingenuity comparison analysis.

Figure S5a. Dose-response analysis of remaining top 55 drugs (drugs 6-15) showing differential toxicity and efficacy trends (see corresponding SupplementaryTable S7).

Figure S5b. Dose-response analysis of remaining top 55 drugs (drugs 16-25) showing differential toxicity and efficacy trends (see corresponding SupplementaryTable S7).

Figure S5c. Dose-response analysis of remaining top 55 drugs (drugs 26-35) showing differential toxicity and efficacy trends (see corresponding SupplementaryTable S7).

Figure S5d. Dose-response analysis of remaining top 55 drugs (drugs 36-45) showing differential toxicity and efficacy trends (see corresponding SupplementaryTable S7).

Figure S5e. Dose-response analysis of remaining top 55 drugs (drugs 46-55) showing differential toxicity and efficacy trends (see corresponding SupplementaryTable S7).

Table S1a. Gene perturbations affecting the canonical HIF pathway. Values indicate fold changes in HIF pathway genes on the logarithmic scale. Positive values indicate a gene expression higher than parental HCT116, whereas a negative value indicates a reduced expression level.

Table S1b. Gene perturbations affecting the canonical HIF pathway (cont). Values indicate fold changes in HIF pathway genes on the logarithmic scale. Positive values indicate a gene expression higher than parental HCT116, whereas a negative value indicates a reduced expression level.

Symbol	Entrez Gene Name	HCT116 ^{HIF-1α-/-}	HCT116 ^{HIF-2α-/-}	$HCT116^{HIF-1α-/-2α-/-}$	HCT116 ^{MUT KRAS}	HCT116 ^{WT KRAS}
MMP15	matrix metallopeptidase 15 (membrane- inserted)	1.034	1.679	-1.509	-1.502	-1.392
MMP16	matrix metallopeptidase 16 (membrane- inserted)	1.083	1.094	-1.159	-1.164	-1.232
MMP20	matrix metallopeptidase 20	-1.046	1.031	-1.115	-1.139	1.931
MMP24	matrix metallopeptidase 24 (membrane- inserted)	1.135	1.585	1.181	-1.182	1.843
MMP25	matrix metallopeptidase 25	-1.188	1.844	-1.342	-1.319	-1.342
MMP26	matrix metallopeptidase 26	-1.109	-1.075	-1.091	-1.278	-1.153
MMP27	matrix metallopeptidase 27	-1.032	1.37	1.047	1.043	1.113
MMP28	matrix metallopeptidase 28	2.605	-1.687	-1.685	1.335	-3.485
MMP1	matrix metallopeptidase 1 (interstitial collagenase)	-2.566	-17.932	-22.772	-16.734	-21.566
MRAS	muscle RAS oncogene homolog	1.329	1.821	1.299	-1.239	1.429
NAA10	N(alpha)-acetyltransferase 10, NatA catalytic subunit	1.187	1.113	1.362	1.332	1.294
NCOA1	nuclear receptor coactivator 1	1.728	-1.975	1.636	-1.331	1.428
NOS ₁	nitric oxide synthase 1 (neuronal)	-1.168	-1.328	-1.262	-1.462	-1.294
NOS ₂	nitric oxide synthase 2, inducible	1.411	1.573	1.493	1.114	1.549
NOS3	nitric oxide synthase 3 (endothelial cell) neuroblastoma RAS viral (v-ras)	2.018	-1.717	1.567	-1.194	1.284
NRAS	oncogene homolog	1.386	-1.039	1.658	1.437	1.442
PDGFC	platelet derived growth factor C	-2.195	-2.427	2.647	-1.152	1.825
PGF	placental growth factor	2.169	1.5	2.404	1.368	1.5
PIK3C3	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, class 3 phosphoinositide-3-kinase, class 2,	-1.243	-3.05	1.389	-1.438	-1.459
PIK3C2A	alpha polypeptide	2.156	-2.455	-4.284	1.955	-2.578
PIK3C2B	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, class 2, beta polypeptide	-1.053	-1.181	1.084	-1.213	1.263
PIK3C2G	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, class 2, gamma polypeptide	1.012	1.201	1.055	1.043	-1.035
PIK3CA	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, catalytic, alpha polypeptide	-1.357	-2.636	-2.041	-1.327	-2.56
	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, catalytic,	1.734				
PIK3CB	beta polypeptide phosphoinositide-3-kinase, catalytic,		-1.528	-1.374	1.449	-1.571
PIK3CD	delta polypeptide phosphoinositide-3-kinase, catalytic,	-1.176	-1.395	1.357	-1.251	-1.142
PIK3CG	gamma polypeptide phosphoinositide-3-kinase, regulatory	1.183	1.286	-1.111	-1.131	1.111
PIK3R1	subunit 1 (alpha)	-1.871	-3.598	-1.713	-1.674	-1.144
PIK3R2	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, regulatory subunit 2 (beta)	-1.103	-1.236	1.22	-1.23	1.301
PIK3R3	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, regulatory subunit 3 (gamma)	-1.398	-2.242	-1.566	-1.578	2.227
PIK3R4	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, regulatory subunit 4	1.056	-1.227	1.255	1.269	1.135
PIK3R5	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, regulatory subunit 5	1.119	1.458	1.696	-1.091	-1.085
PIK3R6	phosphoinositide-3-kinase, regulatory subunit 6	1.147	1.811	-1.123	-1.015	-1.059
PROK1	prokineticin 1	-1.08	1.472	-1.144	-1.053	-1.005
RBX1	ring-box 1, E3 ubiquitin protein ligase	-1.102	1.175	1.373	1.336	1.347
RRAS2	related RAS viral (r-ras) oncogene homolog ₂	1.131	-1.14	-1.273	1.153	1.157
RRAS	related RAS viral (r-ras) oncogene homolog	1.461	-1.107	-1.713	1.198	-3.105
	solute carrier family 2 (facilitated glucose					
SLC2A1	transporter), member 1 solute carrier family 2 (facilitated glucose	1.256	2.113	2.46	-1.862	-3.282
SLC2A2	transporter), member 2 solute carrier family 2 (facilitated glucose	-1.031	-1.11	-1.147	-1.115	-1.085
SLC2A3	transporter), member 3 solute carrier family 2 (facilitated glucose	8.374	-1.881	6.937	-2.102	5.154
SLC2A4	transporter), member 4	1.132	1.154	-1.028	-1.205	-1.235
SLC2A5	solute carrier family 2 (facilitated glucose/fructose transporter), member 5	-1.337	1.293	-1.322	-1.193	-1.239
TCEB1	transcription elongation factor B (SIII), polypeptide 1 (15kDa, elongin C)	-1.07	1.075	1.434	1.151	1.078
TCEB ₂	transcription elongation factor B (SIII), polypeptide 2 (18kDa, elongin B)	1.271	1.338	1.443	1.281	1.184
TP53	tumor protein p53	-1.238	-1.647	1.61	-1.723	1.32
VEGFA	vascular endothelial growth factor A	-1.88	-2.423	-4.836	-2.135	-3.747
VEGFB	vascular endothelial growth factor B	-1.186	1.004	-1.035	-1.061	1.029
VEGFC	vascular endothelial growth factor C	-1.021	1.476	1.088	-1.013	1.142
VHL	von Hippel-Lindau tumor suppressor, E3 ubiquitin protein ligase	-1.333	-1.71	-1.133	1.422	1.262

Table S2. Gene list for siRNAs which demonstrate differential cytotoxicity towards HCT116HIF-1α-/-2α-/-, HCT116WT KRAS, or both.

Table S3a. Top 10 canonical pathways associated with HIF

Table S3b. Top 10 canonical pathways associated with KRAS

Table S5. IPA generated top diseases and biofunctions of siRNAs with differential cytotoxicity (score: -log(p-value)).

Diseases and Bio Functions	HIF-associated toxicity	KRAS-associated toxicity
cell viability of myeloma cell lines	13.971	11.904
processing of RNA	13.446	11.112
Viral Infection	9.172	10.955
splicing of RNA	11.619	7.906
infection by HIV-1	8.419	9.232
infection of epithelial cell lines	8.136	9.268
infection of embryonic cell lines	8.136	9.268
infection of cells	8.368	8.839
infection by RNA virus	7.527	9.401
infection of kidney cell lines	7.870	8.891
cell viability of tumor cell lines	9.028	7.503
cell survival	10.370	6.012
proliferation of cells	8.291	7.936
replication of RNA virus	8.292	7.107
metabolism of protein	4.757	10.488
replication of virus	7.847	6.744
replication of Influenza A virus	6.901	7.332
catabolism of ATP	8.195	6.022
cell viability	8.698	5.519
transcription	6.234	7.748
catabolism of protein	2.890	11.078
transcription of RNA	6.093	7.801
processing of mRNA	7.811	5.627
expression of RNA	5.629	7.802
splicing of mRNA	7.734	5.635
metabolism of nucleotide	7.333	5.299
metabolism of nucleoside triphosphate	7.991	4.334
metabolism of nucleic acid component or derivative	7.254	4.766
transcription of DNA	5.403	5.452
expression of DNA	5.0058	5.5130

Table S6. Hits from the siRNA library screen for HIF and KRAS overlap with synthetic lethals used for targeting KRAS

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