

## Supplemental Information

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### *Repair pathways that contribute to $S_N1$ alkylating agent sensitivity*

The quantitative models (#1-6) relating MGMT, MMR, HR and NER capacity to TMZ and MNNG sensitivity are consistent with previously established roles for DNA repair pathways affecting the sensitivity of cells to killing with  $S_N1$ -type alkylating agents (**Fig. 2**). MGMT directly reverses  $O^6$ -MeG to restore the native guanine base (1). Cancer cells expressing high levels of MGMT are resistant to TMZ, and conversely, MGMT promoter hypermethylation can silence MGMT expression in cancer cells (2), leading to hypersensitivity to TMZ and increased benefit from therapy (3,4). Thus, the models confirm the expectation that higher MGMT activity is associated with TMZ resistance.

MMR acts upon mismatches arising from base misincorporation during DNA replication (5), and also recognizes and processes  $O^6$ -MeG:T mispairs

generated by replication past unrepaired  $O^6$ -MeG lesions. MMR excises the newly synthesized DNA strand containing T opposite  $O^6$ -MeG, but because the methylated lesion remains in place, repair synthesis can restore the  $O^6$ -MeG:T mispair, leading to repeated processing by the MMR machinery. This repetitive processing, referred to as futile cycling, mediates the toxicity of  $S_N1$ -type alkylating agents by ultimately leading to double strand breaks that activate cell death pathways (6-8). Loss of MMR is therefore associated with MNNG and TMZ resistance in cells (9), and TMZ resistance of tumors *in vivo* (10,11). Furthermore, a recent report indicates that even a modest decrease in MMR capacity can lead to TMZ resistance in GBM (12). Consistent with these data, the negative slope for MMR capacity in models #2, #3, #5, and #6 indicates that *lower* MMR capacity is associated with resistance to TMZ and MNNG. Notably, all of the lymphoblastoid cell lines are MMR proficient relative to a null mutant for MMR (MT1) (13). The data suggest that there may be a continuous relationship between MMR capacity and TMZ sensitivity.

One-sided DNA double strand breaks are generated during a second round of replication past the strand breaks created by MMR-dependent processing of  $O^6$ MeG; such double strand breaks can be repaired by the HR pathway (but not the NHEJ pathway), and HR-deficient cells (but not NHEJ deficient cells) exhibit increased sensitivity to  $S_N1$ -type alkylating agents (14-16). Furthermore, an acquired chemoresistance mechanism based on the up-regulation of HR has recently been reported (17), and patients with HR deficient lung, breast, and ovarian cancer, which are in some cases treated with alkylating

agents, enjoy prolonged overall survival versus patients with HR proficient cancers (18). Consistent with these observations, the models indicate that cells with higher HR activity are relatively resistant to MNNG and TMZ.

Finally, there is evidence that the NER pathway can process  $O^6$ -MeG lesions, as well as 3-methyladenine and 7-methylguanine, which are also generated by  $S_N1$ -type alkylating agents (19-21). The positive slopes associated with the NER pathway in the models indicate that higher NER activity is associated with resistance to MNNG and TMZ.

It is notable that the present data in lymphoblastoid cell lines and GBM indicate that the DNA repair-based  $S_N1$ -type alkylating agent resistance mechanisms detailed in **Fig. 2** apply not only to cells with profound differences in DRC, such as those achieved when comparing wild type cells versus null mutants, but also to repair-proficient cells that exhibit a continuum of small variations in DRC. This observation suggests that a combination of small changes in DRC in multiple pathways can contribute to the overall sensitivity or resistance of cells to killing with DNA damaging agents.

#### *Repair pathways that contribute to BCNU and MMS sensitivity*

One would predict that sensitivity to agents that induce different types of DNA damage will depend upon repair capacity in different DNA repair pathways. Indeed, the MMS and BCNU sensitivity models (#7-10) are distinct from the TMZ and MNNG sensitivity models in several important ways. The lack of a major role for MMR in the BCNU model is consistent with the observation that MMR

deficient cells remain sensitive to BCNU (22). Although major MMR defects caused by mutations in MMR genes lead to resistance to killing with MMS in cancer cell lines (23), less severe MMR defects induced by partial silencing of MSH2 in mouse embryonic fibroblasts had no effect on MMS sensitivity (24). The lack of a major role for MMR in the MMS model is consistent with the observation that small differences in MMR are not associated with major differences in MMS sensitivity (24). In the BCNU MLR model, the MGMT coefficient is by far the largest, the BCNU MLR<sub>L</sub> model (#8) excludes all pathways except for MGMT. These models indicate that increased MGMT activity is associated with decreased sensitivity to BCNU. This is consistent with the ability of MGMT to reverse the O<sup>6</sup>-chloroethyl DNA adducts formed by BCNU (preventing them from going on to form DNA interstrand crosslinks), and with observations that MGMT-deficient cells are sensitive to BCNU (1). By contrast, MMS is the only agent presently studied for which MGMT does not take the largest coefficient, consistent with the relatively small fraction of O<sup>6</sup>-MeG adducts formed by this agent (8). The predominant cytotoxic DNA lesion induced by MMS, 3-methyladenine and, is primarily repaired by the BER pathway, and to a lesser extent by the NER pathway (21). It is important, however, to note that toxic intermediates of this excision repair process can lead to strand breaks that can ultimately be repaired by HR (8). NHEJ defects do not directly lead to MMS hypersensitivity (25), but cells that are deficient for the key NHEJ protein Ku80 are sensitive to MMS (26), and deficient for BER (27). As a result, variation in NHEJ activity that is due to variation in Ku80 levels may correlate with MMS

sensitivity. Consistent with these expectations, the MLR model for MMS sensitivity is dominated by activity in the NER, NHEJ, and HR pathways (BER was not measured in this study). However, following LASSO refinement, only the HR pathway is retained in the MMS MLR<sub>L</sub> model (#10), indicating that this pathway is the most important, among those measured, for predicting MMS sensitivity in the lymphoblastoid cell lines. This perhaps underscores the fact that MMS has in some contexts been considered an X-ray mimetic agent (28). Both the BCNU and MMS models feature relatively weak fitting parameters ( $R^2$ ) relative to the TMZ and MNNG models, suggesting that the inclusion of repair pathways beyond those considered in the present study, might be necessary to make more robust sensitivity predictions for BCNU and MMS.

#### *Limitations of DRC-Based Sensitivity Modeling*

Additional data and modeling are needed to determine, for each DNA damaging agent, the combination of repair activities that provides an optimal prediction of sensitivity to cell killing. There is evidence that BER activity plays a role in TMZ sensitivity in GBM (29), suggesting that FM-HCR assays with additional DNA repair substrates might further improve the predictive accuracy of the S<sub>N</sub>1-type alkylating agent sensitivity models. When generating models from a training set of cell lines, it is essential that there is variation in both drug sensitivity and repair capacity in the relevant pathways. Although variation among the panel of 24 lymphoblastoid cell lines was sufficient to model DRC-associated changes in drug sensitivity, if applied to a data set with DRC far

outside the range observed in the lymphoblastoid cell lines, the linear models can extrapolate uninterpretable negative numbers or numbers greater than 100% for % control growth. Therefore, an ideal training set for future work might include cell lines specifically engineered to represent the maximum achievable range of DRC for each pathway in living cells.

## Supplementary Tables

**Table S1.** Relative sensitivity of lymphoblastoid cell lines to alkylating agents; values represent percent growth following treatment with DNA damaging agents relative to the untreated controls. Sensitivity to 0.4 mM MMS and 0.5 µg/mL MNNG were measured at 72 hours by manual counting of viable cells after 72 hours (30), and sensitivity to 240 µM TMZ and 40 µM BCNU were determined using a BrdU incorporation assay (31).

<b>Cell Line</b>	<b>MMS</b>	<b>BCNU</b>	<b>MNNG</b>	<b>TMZ</b>
1	9.1	34.5	58.0	72.8
2	25.2	24.2	67.5	ND <sup>1</sup>
3	52.2	35.4	71.6	99.8
4	9.7	1.3	23.1	12.7
5	33.6	4.4	36.5	20.7
6	15.4	32.6	17.8	59.0
7	75.4	14.0	88.0	97.9
8	33.4	43.0	82.8	80.1
9	57.4	20.1	35.5	46.1
10	47.8	40.5	79.7	ND
11	28.9	23.4	41.8	49.6
12	30.8	37.9	82.4	83.7
13	34.9	61.3	71.3	79.7
14	46.5	34.4	75.1	93.5
15	49.4	40.7	43.4	ND
16	61.7	54.4	77.4	87.3
17	47.5	37.1	40.4	78.3
18	33.9	14.4	47.3	ND
19	67.7	39.6	57.0	69.0
20	30.7	18.4	36.3	60.1
21	86.5	51.5	72.9	82.9
22	64.0	44.6	85.0	89.8
23	67.7	40.8	66.1	86.2
24	51.9	44.1	60.3	ND

<sup>1</sup>ND = not determined

**Table S2.** DNA repair capacity data for 24 cell lines. The values in the table represent percent reporter expression calculated from FM-HCR analysis (13).

<b>Cell Line</b>	<b>NER</b>	<b>MMR</b>	<b>NHEJ</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>MGMT<sup>1</sup></b>
1	9.3	3.5	28.2	2.1	0.7
2	9.0	3.2	22.5	2.1	0.4
3	12.2	2.2	29.2	2.3	0.7
4	7.3	2.0	39.7	1.4	29.1
5	7.9	2.4	20.2	1.2	26.2
6	12.4	4.7	27.1	1.9	4.6
7	17.7	3.3	32.1	3.9	1.6
8	10.9	2.1	32.2	2.6	0.2
9	12.8	4.5	22.7	2.5	20.1
10	16.0	1.9	28.7	1.8	5.3
11	9.9	3.2	35.4	1.9	5.4
12	10.0	1.6	22.9	2.8	1.8
13	11.3	3.2	27.7	1.4	0.2
14	19.0	4.3	20.1	2.4	0.1
15	9.0	2.3	28.3	1.8	0.3
16	7.1	2.1	35.0	2.3	0.1
17	22.2	2.7	31.2	2.5	8.1
18	13.9	2.9	28.5	2.8	16.1
19	10.4	2.9	32.9	4.5	8.0
20	12.2	2.8	28.4	2.5	1.6
21	11.6	2.3	40.6	2.2	0.5
22	9.2	2.0	41.6	1.7	0.1
23	14.6	4.8	28.4	2.8	1.0
24	12.2	3.0	34.8	1.4	0.1

<sup>1</sup> Note that for the MGMT assay, higher reporter expression corresponds to lower MGMT activity.



**Table S3.** Correlation coefficients (R) for pairwise linear relationships between DNA repair capacity in multiple pathways in 24 lymphoblastoid cell lines. For a perfect correlation, R=1; when there is no correlation between the two variables, R=0.

	<b>NER</b>	<b>MMR</b>	<b>NHEJ</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>MGMT</b>
NER	1.00	0.34	0.20	0.32	0.15
MMR	0.34	1.00	0.40	0.14	0.03
NHEJ	0.20	0.40	1.00	0.02	0.09
HR	0.32	0.14	0.02	1.00	0.17
MGMT	0.15	0.03	0.09	0.17	1.00

**Table S4.** Statistical significance of linear relationships between DNA repair capacity in multiple pathways in 24 lymphoblastoid cell lines. Calculated p-values for the linear trend between each pair of variables is reported; p-values equal to or less than 0.005 are considered to represent statistically significant linear trends.

	<b>NER</b>	<b>MMR</b>	<b>NHEJ</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>MGMT</b>
NER		0.10	0.35	0.13	0.48
MMR	0.10		0.05	0.50	0.89
NHEJ	0.35	0.05		0.92	0.67
HR	0.13	0.50	0.92		0.43
MGMT	0.48	0.89	0.67	0.43	

**Table S5.** Correlation coefficients for pairwise linear relationships between DNA repair capacity and sensitivity to killing with DNA damaging agents in 24 lymphoblastoid cell lines. For a perfect correlation, R=1; when there is no correlation between the two variables, R=0.

	<b>MNNG</b>	<b>TMZ</b>	<b>BCNU</b>	<b>MMS</b>
NER	0.11	0.43	0.03	0.29
Log <sub>10</sub> (NER)	0.13	0.47	0.06	0.30
MMR	0.31	0.01	0.10	0.03
Log <sub>10</sub> (MMR)	0.33	0.02	0.12	0.03
NHEJ	0.11	0.06	0.23	0.31
Log <sub>10</sub> (NHEJ)	0.11	0.09	0.25	0.30
HR	0.27	0.44	0.02	0.43
Log <sub>10</sub> (HR)	0.29	0.53	0.02	0.41
MGMT	0.62	0.89	0.73	0.28
Log <sub>10</sub> (MGMT)	0.64	0.78	0.70	0.26

**Table S6.** Statistical significance of linear relationships between DNA repair capacity and sensitivity to killing with DNA damaging agents in 24 lymphoblastoid cell lines. Calculated p-values for the linear trend between each pair of variables is reported; p-values equal to or less than 0.001 are considered to represent statistically significant linear trends, and are reported in boldface print.

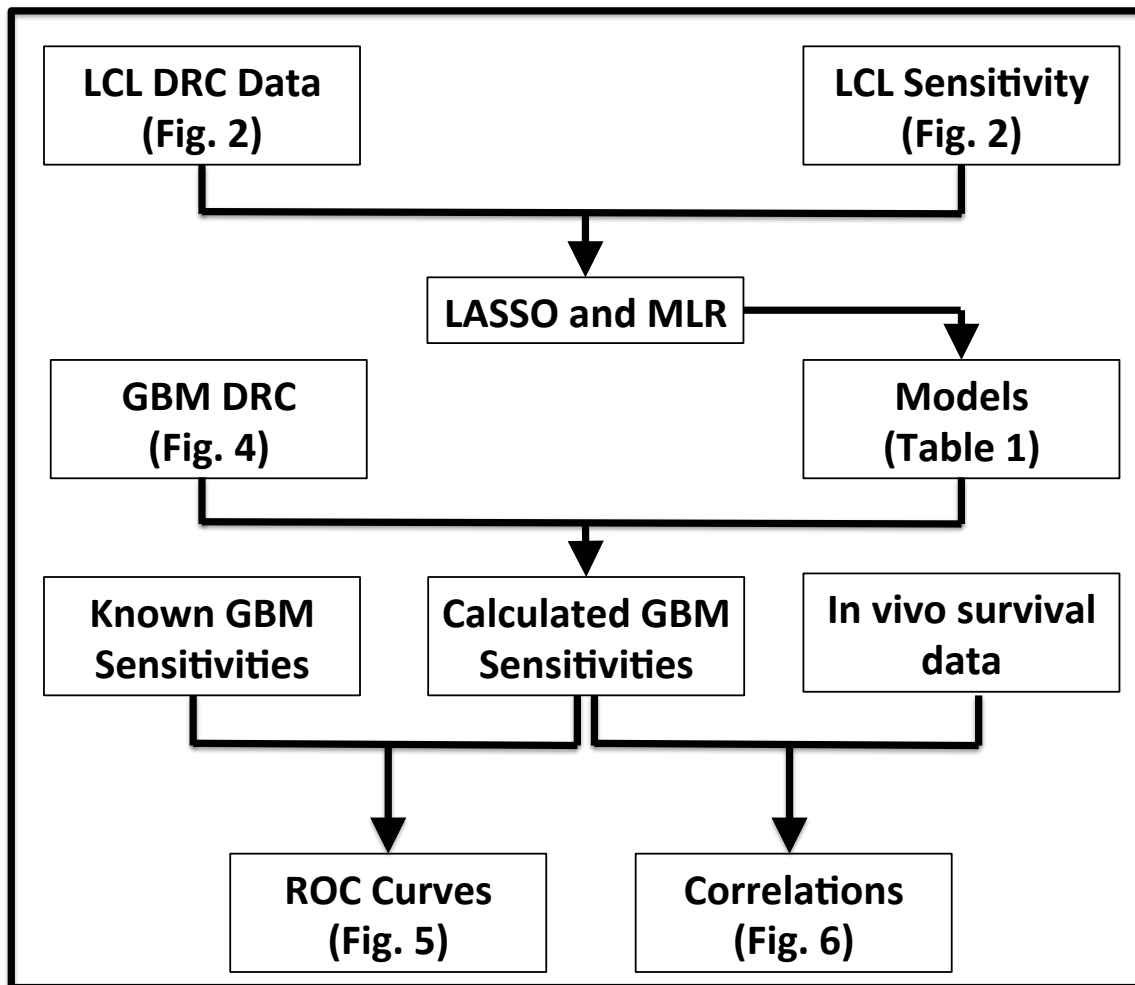
	<b>MNNG</b>	<b>TMZ</b>	<b>BCNU</b>	<b>MMS</b>
NER	0.60	0.07	0.90	0.17
Log <sub>10</sub> (NER)	0.54	0.04	0.79	0.15
MMR	0.14	0.98	0.63	0.88
Log <sub>10</sub> (MMR)	0.12	0.94	0.57	0.88
NHEJ	0.60	0.81	0.28	0.14
Log <sub>10</sub> (NHEJ)	0.62	0.70	0.23	0.16
HR	0.20	0.06	0.91	0.03
Log <sub>10</sub> (HR)	0.17	0.02	0.94	0.05
MGMT	<b>0.001</b>	<b>&lt; 0.0001</b>	<b>&lt; 0.0001</b>	0.18
Log <sub>10</sub> (MGMT)	<b>0.001</b>	<b>&lt; 0.0001</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	0.22

**Table S7.** DNA Repair capacity for indicated repair pathways in PDX models of GBM.

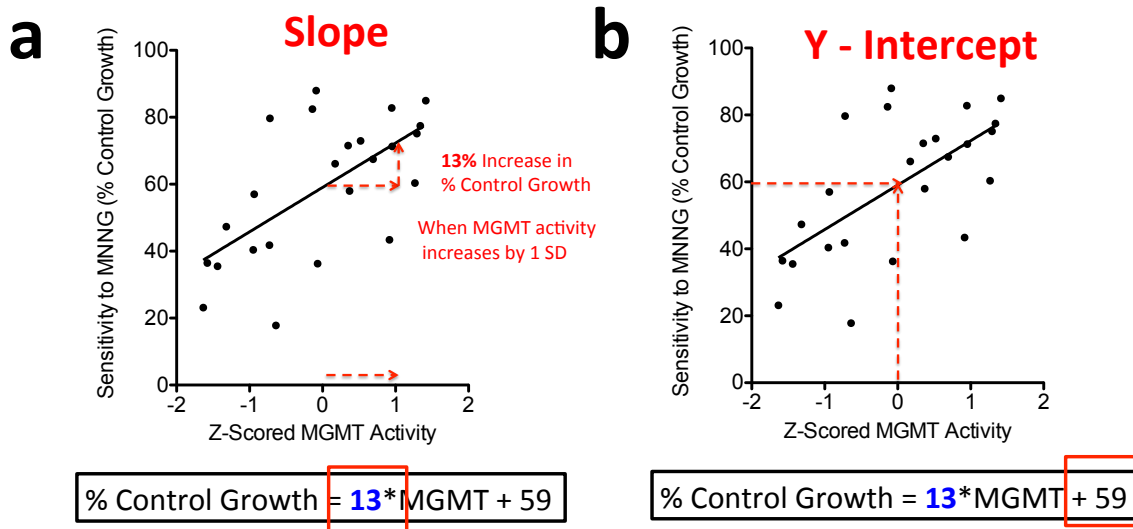
<b>PDX Model</b>	<b>NER</b>	<b>MMR</b>	<b>NHEJ</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>MGMT<sup>1</sup></b>
GBM12_5199	5.2	17.8	18.5	8.7	91.0
GBM12TMZ_3080	9.6	19.8	23.6	6.2	0.9
GBM12TMZ_5476	10.4	17.8	14.4	9.4	77.2
GBM14	31.2	8.5	10.2	1.0	9.6
GBM14TMZ	17.7	10.3	12.7	6.3	3.4
GBM22	3.2	12.1	20.4	5.4	94.9
GBM22TMZ	4.8	0.5	17.1	13.4	98.0
GBM39	20.0	18.6	2.6	1.5	92.2
GBM39TMZ	32.7	6.5	8.6	2.3	103.3
GBM59	11.9	11.4	7.5	3.4	56.6
GBM59TMZ	19.5	3.9	2.3	5.6	70.8
GBM46	38.9	3.6	5.8	1.4	80.2

<sup>1</sup> Note that for the MGMT assay, higher reporter expression corresponds to lower MGMT activity.

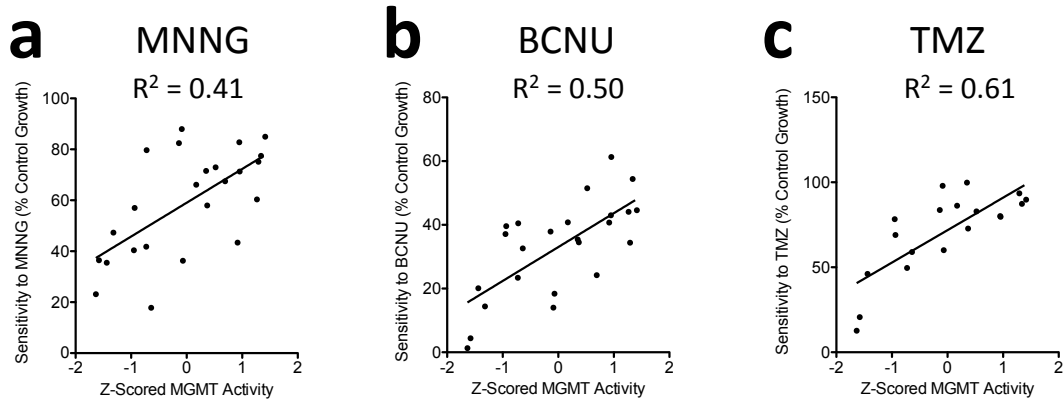
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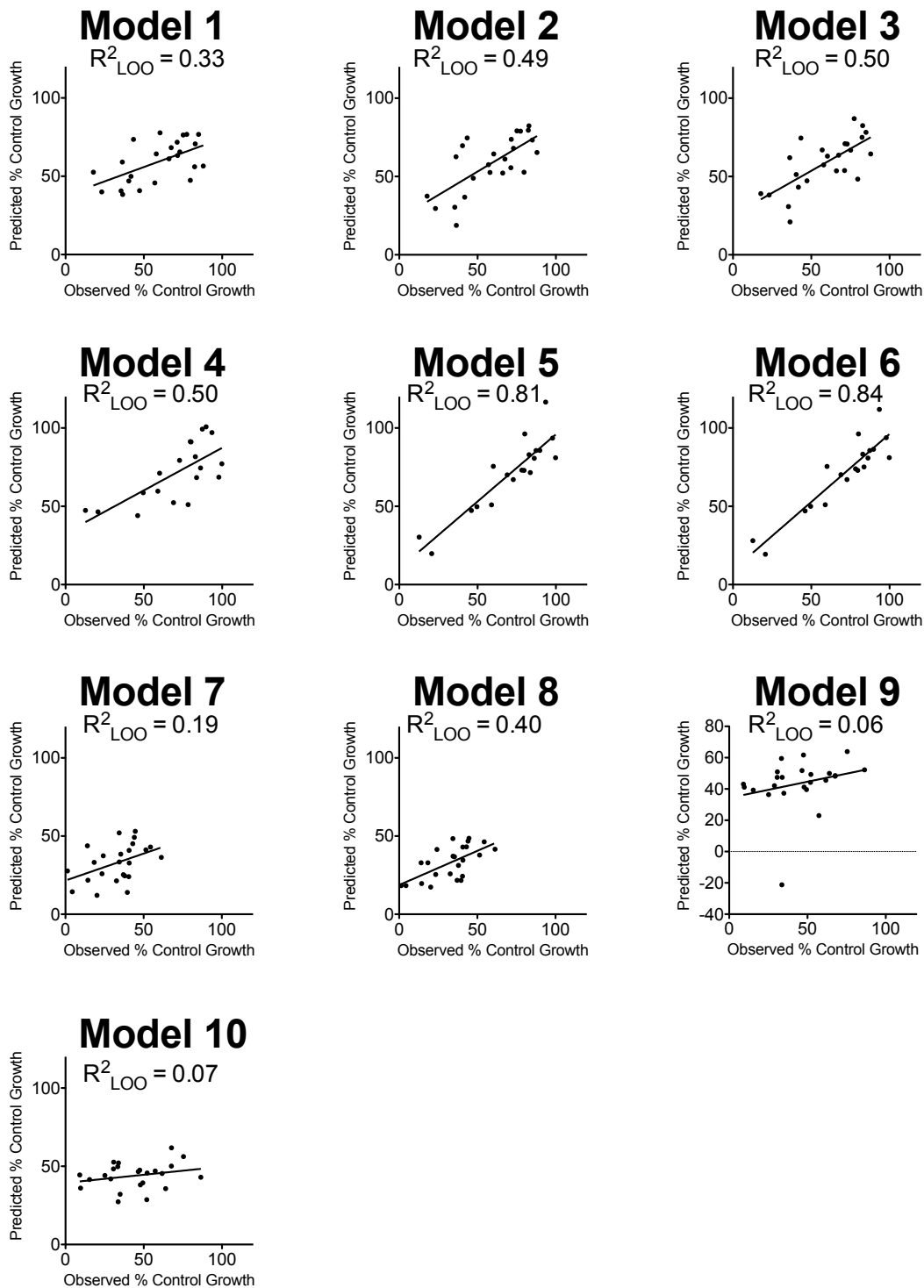
**Figure S1.** Computational Workflow. Figures and Tables in which the data or computational results can be found are indicated. Lymphoblastoid cell lines are abbreviated “LCL”.



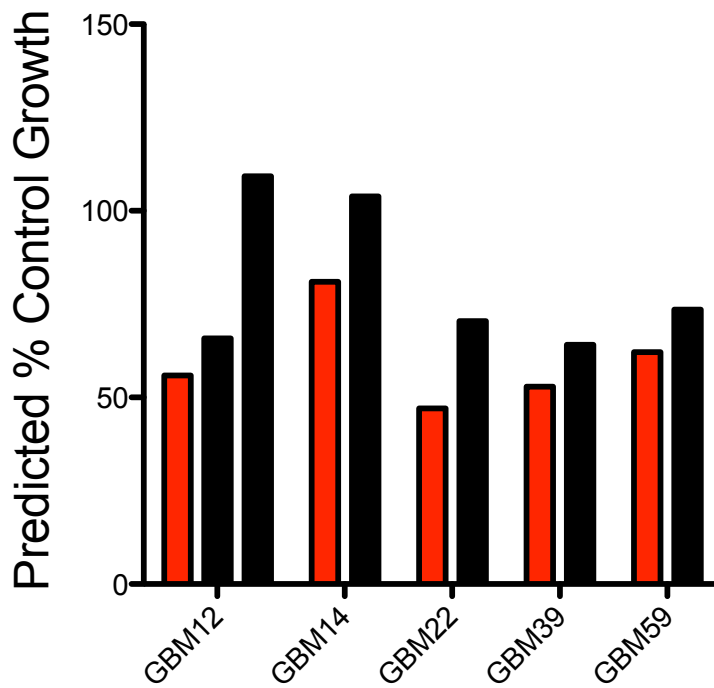
**Figure S2.** Diagram of a linear model relating MGMT activity to sensitivity to MNNG. a) The slope of the linear model corresponds to the change in sensitivity (measured as % Control Growth) when repair capacity changes by 1 standard deviation. For this model, a 1 standard deviation increase in MGMT activity yields an increase in % Control Growth of 13%. b) The constant at the end of the linear model represents that point at which the linear model crosses the y-axis. Note that in this plot, the y-axis has been displaced from the origin to facilitate visualization of the data. For a two dimensional model, the data are fit to a plane instead of a line; for higher dimensional models the data are fit to hyperplanes that are not amenable to representation in 3-dimensional coordinate space. Nevertheless, the geometric interpretations of slope and intercept illustrated here can be generalized to multiple linear models.



**Figure S3.** Correlation between MGMT activity (as measured by FM-HCR) and sensitivity to a DNA damaging agent. MGMT activity was calculated from the logarithm of % reporter expression for the MGMT reporter (**Table S2**), followed by Z-scoring. Because % reporter expression is inversely related to MGMT activity, Z-scored MGMT values were multiplied by -1. Sensitivity is reported as % growth following treatment with DNA damaging agents relative to the controls (Table S1).

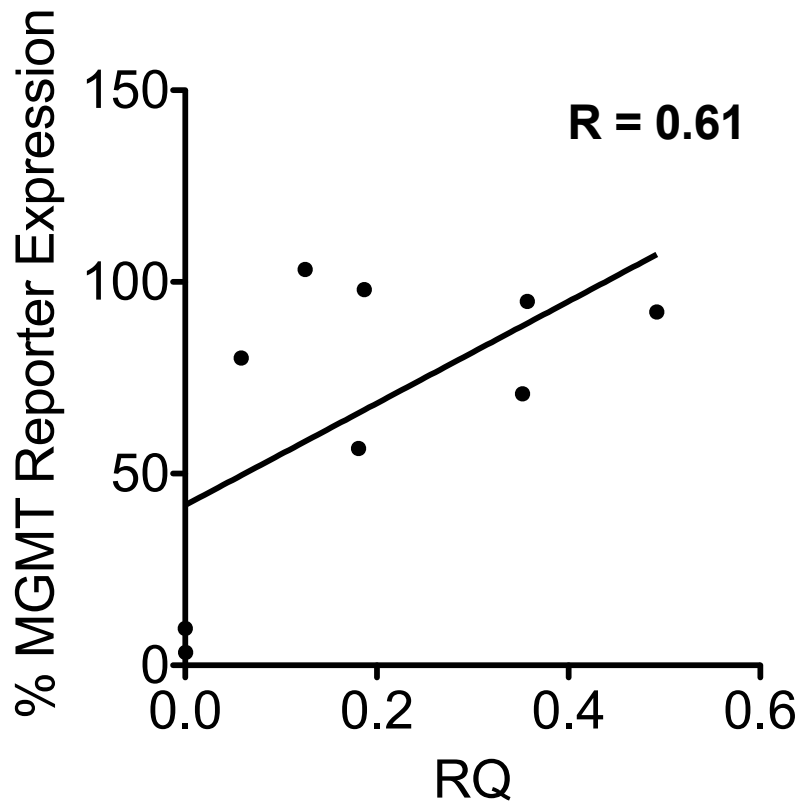


**Figure S4.** Scatter plots of observed sensitivity (% Control Growth) versus predicted sensitivity calculated from leave-one-out analysis of the models listed in **Table 1**.



**Figure S5.** Predicted and observed sensitivity of paired GBM xenograft lines with differential TMZ sensitivities. Predicted relative TMZ sensitivities of parental (Sensitive; red) and acquired resistance models (Resistant, black). For each pair, a relative increase in predicted % control growth was correctly predicted for the PDX models that acquired TMZ resistance. Sensitivity to killing with TMZ was calculated using Z-scored DNA repair capacity data from **Table S7**.





**Figure S6.** Correlation between MGMT activity and promoter methylation status. RQ represents the relative quantity of methylation assayed by methylation specific PCR; data are normalized to a positive control for methylation generated by treating genomic DNA with CpG methyltransferase M.SssI. Note that higher levels of % MGMT reporter expression correspond to lower levels of MGMT activity.

## Scripts

### *Multiple Linear Regression*

```
[b,bint,r,rint,stats] = regress(y,X) %Performs MLR
for(i=1:24)
    ev = X(i, :); % Defines the excluded variable as row i in matrix X,
    and semicolon is used to suppress the result appearing in the command
    window
    iv = []; % defines the included variable
    for j = 1:24
        if j ~= i
            iv = [iv j];
        end % this ends the first step for i = 1; make the first vector
        where j = 1, iv will now be [2]
    end % this ends the loop that builds the vector iv when we reach i
    = 24, and iv = [2 3 4 ...]
    [newX] = X(iv, :);
    % This creates a new X matrix indexed to the vector iv; if for example
    row
    % 10 is missing from y, row 10 will be excluded from newX
    [newy] = y(iv, :);
    [b,bint,r,rint,stats] = regress(newy,newX);
    pred = dot(b,ev);
    % we regress the new vector and i = 1 left out
    % calculates the response (pred) for ev, the excluded variable using
    the new slopes, b. We take
    % the dot product of the two vectors
    predvector(i) = pred(:); %This is the vector of the predicted values
    from the leave one out analysis
    % the loop continues with i = 2 and so forth, until we have repeated
    the process through i = 24
end
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### *LASSO Selection of Variables and Subsequent MLR*

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Performs Lasso with leave-one-out cross-validation for
% the predictor variables retained at each value of lambda
predvector=[] % clears a vector of previous values
MLR % performs multiple linear regression DRC data X, sensitivity data
y
LASSO; % performs LASSO
B(end:end,:)=1; % replace the last row of the LASSO output matrix
with a row of 1's
M = size(B,2);
sz = size(y,1);
for k=1:(M-1) % This loop creates a logical index for coefficients
associated
    % with each LASSO lambda value
    F = B(:,k); % Define vectors from each column of the LASSO output
of slopes, b
    G = logical(F); % Convert vector F to logical index G
    lX = X(:,G); % Index the predictor variable set to G
    for(i=1:sz)
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    ev = lX(i, :); % Defines the excluded variable as row i in matrix
X,
    ey = y(i, :);
    iv = []; % defines the included variable
    for j = 1:sz
        if j ~= i
            iv = [iv j];
        end % this ends the first step for i = 1; make the first vector
where j = 1, iv will now be [2]
    end % this ends the loop that builds the vector iv when we reach i
= 24, and iv = [2 3 4 ...]
    [newX] = lX(iv, :);
    % This creates a new X matrix indexed to the vector iv; if for example
row
    % 10 is missing from y, row 10 will be excluded from newX
    [newy] = y(iv, :);
    [b,bint,r,rint,stats] = regress(newy,newX);
    pred = dot(b,ev);
    mvector(i) = mse(pred, ey); %This creates a vector of MSE values
indexed to the step in the loop
    % we regress the new vector and i = 1 left out
    % calculates the response (pred) for ev, the excluded variable using
the new slopes, b. We take
    % the dot product of the two vectors
    predvector(i) = pred(:); %This is the vector of the predicted values
from the leave one out analysis
    % the loop continues with i = 2 and so forth, until we have repeated
the process through i = 24
end
mdl = fitlm(y, predvector); %Fits a linear model to the measured values
y versus the predicted values predvector
Rnow(k) = sqrt(mdl.Rsquared.Ordinary); %Reports R for the correlation
between y and predvector
MSEnow(k) = sum(mvector)/sz; %Calculates the average of the MSE from
each step, which represents the MSE for the entire cross-validation
mat(k,:) = predvector;
MAT = transpose(mat); % Reports the predicted sensitivities from cross-
validation
end
Z = min(MSEnow); % Defines the step at which MSE is lowest
Min_MSE = find(MSEnow==Z);
ind=min(Min_MSE)
F=B(:,ind);
G = logical(F);
lX = X(:,G);
[b,bint,r,rint,stats] = regress(y,lX); % Performs MLR using the
variables selected by LASSO

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