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Cell fractionation, nuclear protein extraction, covalent binding of antibodies to protein A/G beads, *immunoprecipitation, 1D SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and Western blot analysis.* As we have previously described (21). Antibodies used were mouse anti-NPM1 (SCBT, SC-47725); rabbit anti-CEBPA (PROTEINTECH, 18311-1-AP); mouse anti-RUNX1 (SCBT, sc-101146); anti-mutant-NPM1 (PA1-46356, Thermo Scientific); secondary antibodies - anti–rabbit (GE Healthcare, NA934) and anti–mouse (GE Healthcare, NXA931)(used at 1:5000 and 1:10 000 dilutions, respectively).

**Co-transfection of HEK293 cells with expression vectors for NPM1, mutated NPM1 and PU.1.** Human sequences for wild-type *NPM1*, mutated *NPM1* (exon 12, TCTG insertion) and PU.1, were cloned into pCSTAP2 (AddGene) containing N-terminal FLAG-tag and co-transfected into human embryonic kidney (HEK-293, ATCC) cells. After 48 hours of culture on coverslips, cells were imaged by immunofluorescence as described above.

**NanoLC-ESI-LTQ-Orbitrap MS/MS.** Immunoprecipitation products were subjected to SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and stained with colloidal Coomassie Blue (Gel Code Blue, Pierce Chemical). Gel slices were excised from the top to the bottom of the lane; proteins were reduced with dithiothreitol (Sigma-Aldrich, D0632, 10mM), alkylated with iodoacetamide (Sigma-Aldrich, I1149, 55mM), and digested in situ with trypsin. Peptides were extracted from gel pieces 3 times using 60% acetonitrile and 0.1% formic acid/water. The dried tryptic peptide mixture was redissolved in 20 µL of 1% formic acid for mass spectrometric analysis. Tryptic peptide mixtures were analyzed by on-line LC-coupled tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) on an Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Theomo Fisher Scientific).

**Database Search and Data Validation.** Mascot Daemon software (version 2.3.2; Matrix Science, London, UK) was used to perform database searches, using the Extract\_msn.exe macro provided with Xcalibur (version 2.0 SR2; Thermo Fisher Scientific) to generate peaklists. The following parameters were set for creation of the peaklists: parent ions in the mass range 400–4500, no grouping of MS/MS scans, and threshold at 1000. A peaklist was created for each analyzed fraction (i.e., gel slice), and individual Mascot (version 2.3.01) searches were performed for each fraction. The data were searched against Homo sapiens entries in Uniprot protein database (Feb 2018 release; 20,316 total sequences). Carbamidomethylation of cysteines was set as a fixed modification, and oxidation of methionine was set as a variable modification. Specificity of trypsin digestion was set for cleavage after Lys or Arg, and two missed trypsin cleavage sites were allowed. The mass tolerances in MS and MS/MS were set to 10 ppm and 0.6 Da, respectively, and the instrument setting was specified as "ESI-Trap." To calculate the false discovery rate (FDR), the search was performed using the "decoy" option in Mascot. The spectral FDR and protein FDR are 0.35±0.17 % and 4.28±1.99 % respectively. A minimum Mascot ion score of 25 and peptide rank 1 was used for automatically accepting all peptide MS/MS spectra.

Label free relative protein quantitation (LFQ). Relative protein quantification was performed using spectral count-based LFQ. For each biological sample, data from the individual gel slices were combined. Statistical analysis was performed on all proteins identified with average spectral counts of  $\geq 2$  of at least one of the three experiments. The spectral count data was normalized by total spectral counts of the bait protein (NPM1, CEBPA, or RUNX1) in each sample to adjust for differences in overall protein levels among samples. Proteins were considered to have a significant difference in abundance if there was a difference of twofold or greater in normalized spectral counts between experiments and a *p* value  $\leq 0.01$  using a two-tailed *t* test. Spectral counts for all proteins and peptides identified are provided in supplementary material.

*Giemsa staining of cells*. Cytospins of cells from bone marrow or peripheral blood were fixed for 2 minutes in methanol, air-dried, and stained for 20 minutes with filtered modified solution of Giemsa stain (Sigma Aldrich, Cat # 48900, St Louis, MO), diluted (1:20) with buffer solution pH6.5, rinsed with distilled water, air-dried and examined using low and high magnifications with a Leica DMR microscope (Leica Microsystems, Wetzlar GmbH, Germany) connected to Nuance multispectral imaging system FX using Nuance version 3.0.2 software (PerknElmer, Inc., Hopkinton, MA).

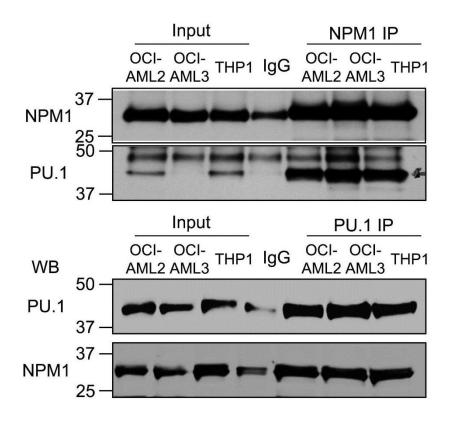
*Flow Cytometry Analyses for CD14, CD11b, CD15 and*  $\gamma$ *H2AX*. As we have previously described (20, 21). Antibodies used were anti-human CD14 (clone: M5E2, cat. no. 301850, Biolegend, San Diego, CA, 1:100), anti-human CD11b (clone: M1/70, cat. no. 101206, Biolegend, 1:100), anti-human CD15 (clone: HI98, cat. no. 301903, Biolegend, 1:100), monoclonal anti-human CD45 (clone HI30, cat. No 304016, Biolegend, 1:100), monoclonal anti-human CD45 (clone HI30, cat. No 304016, Biolegend, 1:100), monoclonal anti-neuse CD45 (Clone 30-F11, cat. No 1031066, Biolegend, 1:100), and anti- $\gamma$ H2AX (Clone N1-431, cat. no. 560445, BP Bioscience, 1:100).

**Flow cytometry to measure cell cycle distribution.** Bone marrow cells were washed in PBS then fixed in cold 70% ethanol for 30 minutes at 4°C, added drop wise to the pellet while vortexing, to ensure fixation of all cells and to minimize clumping. The fixed cells were washed twice in PBS followed by addition of 50 µl of a 100 µg/ml stock of RNase, to ensure only DNA, and not RNA, was stained (100 µg/ml RNase DNase free, Promega, Ref #A797C). DNA was stained using 200 µl of Pl/Triton-X100 staining solution: 12.5 mg (50 µg/ml) propidium iodide (Molecular Probe), 250 mg Na Citrate (Sigma), and 250 ul Triton X-100 (Sigma), in distilled water 250 mL, prepared freshly and stored in the dark at 4°C. Acquistion analysis used a Cytomics FC500 Flow Cytometer System with Software CXP (Beckman Coulter). Forward scatter (FSc) and side scatter (SSc) was used to exclude debris and cell doublets. Gating on singlets used FL3 lin (H) *vs* Pl integral (AUX) followed by gating for cell cycle phases: sub-G1, G0/G1, S phase, and G2/M.

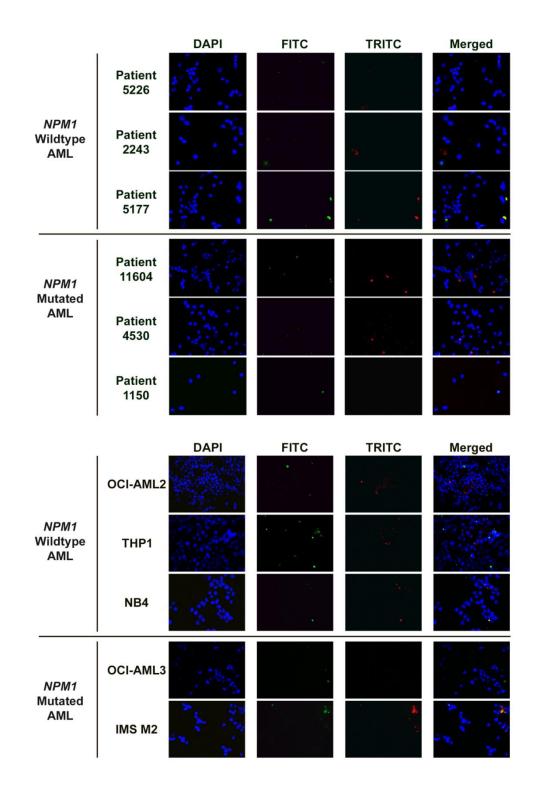
**Apoptosis detection.** Apoptosis was detected by Annexin-V and 7AAD co-staining using the APOAF commercial kit (Sigma). Cells (5x10<sup>5</sup>) were washed and incubated for 30 minutes with FITC-conjugated Annexin-V at room temperature. Cells were then resuspended in 400 mL of binding buffer containing 7AAD and immediately analyzed by flow cytometry.

**Culture and differentiation of Pu.1-ER cells**. Pu.1-ER cells (PUER) are murine hematopoietic precursor cells that have been retrovirally transduced to express PU.1 fused to the estrogen receptor (gift of Dr. Harinder Singh (53)). PUER cells were grown in Iscove's modified Eagle's medium, without phenol-red, with 10% fetal bovine serum, 5 ng/ml mIL-3, 1µg/ml Puromycin, 55µM beta-ME, 1% penicillin/streptomycin at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere with 5% CO2 in air. Addition of the estrogen agonist 4-hydroxy-tamoxifen (OHT) to PUER triggers their terminal differentiation into macrophages (53).

DNA isolation, reverse transcription (RT) and real-time PCR. DNA isolation, reverse transcription (RT) and real-time PCR. Total RNA from cultured cells was isolated using NucleoSpin® RNA (Clontech, Cat# 740984.5) according to the manufacturer's instruction. The cDNA was then synthesized from total RNA using the iScript cDNA synthesis Kit (BioRad, Cat# 1708891). Quantitative gene expression levels were detected using real-time PCR with the ABI PRISM 7500 Fast Sequence Detection System and SYBR Advantage qPCR Premix (Clontech, 639676) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Primers for all genes analyzed were purchased from Integrated DNA Technologies (primer sequences are provided in supplementary material). Relative expression values (RQ values) were calculated by the delta-delta  $C_T$  method with beta-actin or GAPDH as the internal control.



**Figure S1. Bi-directional immunoprecipitations showing PU.1 pull-down with NPM1 and NPM1 pulldown with PU.1.** PU.1 or NPM1 were immunoprecipitated from whole cell lysates of *NPM1*-wildtype (OCI-AML2, THP1) and *NPM1*-mutated (OCI-AML3) AML cells, with control immunoprecipitations using isotype IgG. Western blots for PU.1 and NPM1.



**Figure S2. Secondary antibody controls for immunofluorescence microscopy experiments.** AML cell lines and AML primary cells were stained with secondary antibodies, Alexa Fluor 488 Goat Anti-Mouse (FITC) or Alexa Fluor 568 Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG (TRITC), only. DAPI was used to stain nuclei. Images were taken with Nikon Eclipse 400 microscope. Magnification 630X.

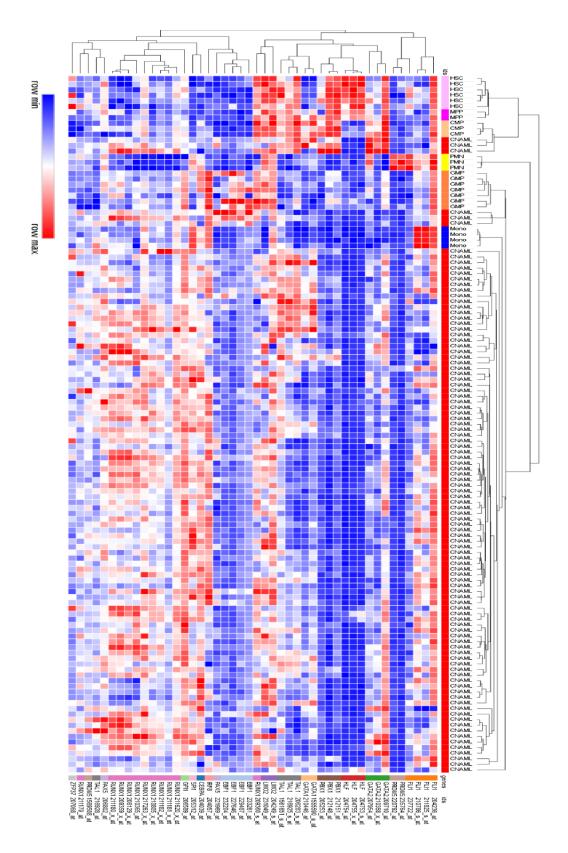


Figure S3. The master transcription factor expression pattern of AML cells (SPI1, RUNX1, CEBPA, IRF8, GFI1, GATA1, GATA2, FLI1, TAL1, LMO2, EBF1, PAX5, HLF, PBX1, PRDM5, ZFP37) resembled that of normal GMP/monocytes, and not that of normal HSC. Results of unbiased hierarchical clustering analyses – one minus Pearson correlation with average linkage method – indicated on right. Heat map generated using Morpheus (Broad Institute, Boston, USA). Gene expression was curated as described in Methods.

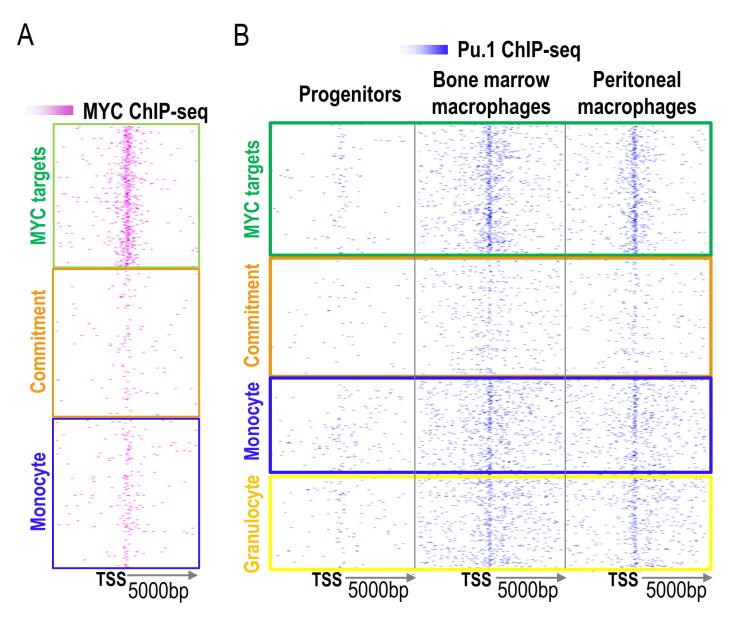


Figure S4. Pu.1 binds at monocyte- and granulocyte-differentiation genes but not myeloid-commitment genes. GEO Database numbers for ChIP-Seq values analyzed are listed in Methods. A) Validation of MYC target genes using ChIP-seq data from Encode. MYC ChIP-seq in K562 AML cells. Aligned ChIP-Seq reads visualized using Easeq (97), with values normalized to reads per million per 1kbp. B) Pu.1 binds to monocyte, granulocyte-differentiation, and Myc-target genes, but not myeloid-commitment genes. MYC targets, myeloid-commitment, monocyte-differentiation and granulocyte-differentiation genes were identified as per figure 2 and Methods. Pu.1 ChIP-Seq in primary murine bone marrow and peritoneal macrophages (52).

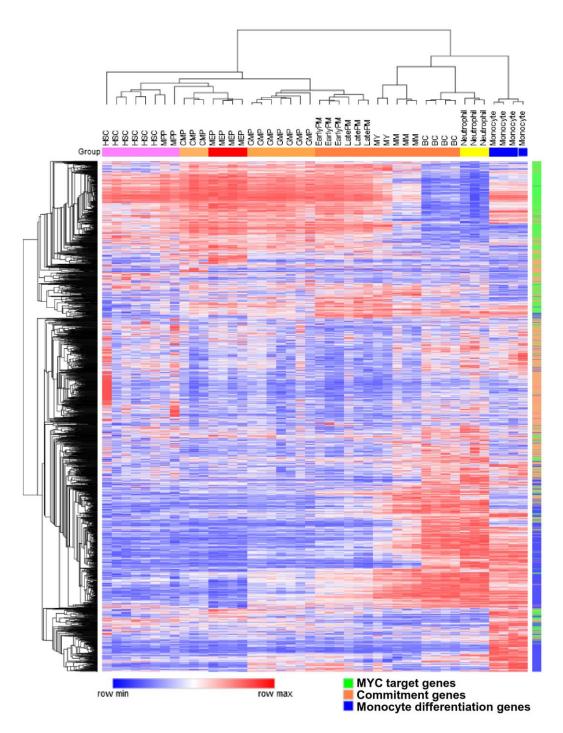
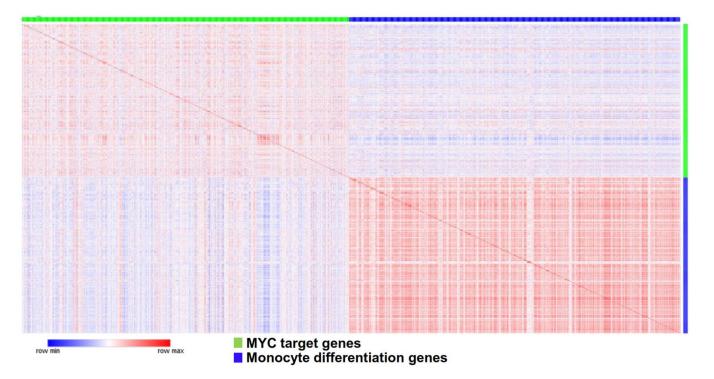


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**Figure S6: There is an inverse correlation in MYC-target and monocyte differentiation gene expression in AML cells.** The heatmap indicates the size of the Pearson correlation coefficients of MYC-target and monocyte-differentiation genes in CNAML (n=989) with the blue colors in the heatmap indicating negative correlation coefficient values, and red colors positive correlation coefficient values, between these two gene sets. Heatmap generated with the Similarity Matrix tool in Morpheus (Broad Institute).

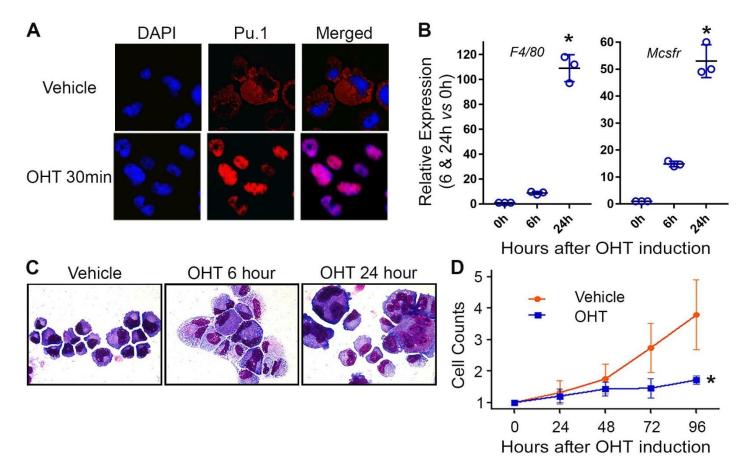
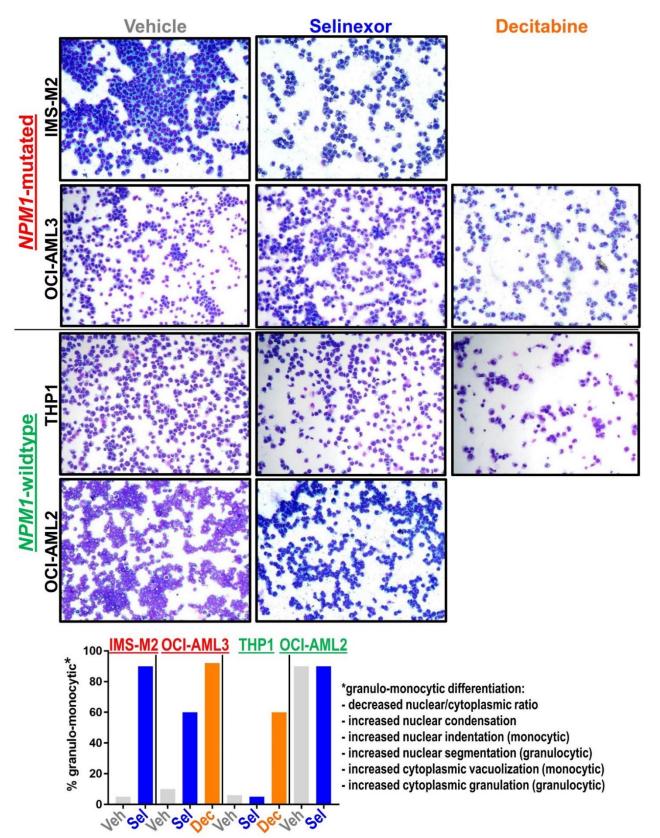


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**Figure S8. Selinexor induces monocytic differentiation in** *NPM1***-mutated AML cells, while decitabine induces monocytic and granulocytic differentiation in** *NPM1***-mutated and** *NPM1***-wildtype AML cells.** Day 4. Giemsa-stain. Percentage granulo-monocytic based on listed features derived from counting 100 cells. Representative fields shown. The decitabine-treated OCI-AML3 photomicrograph is a wider-field version of the same photomicrograph in Figure 5B. Leica DMR microscope, 100X (supplement to figures 5 and 9).

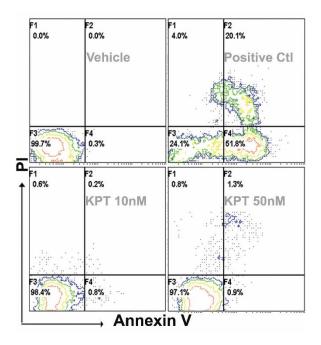


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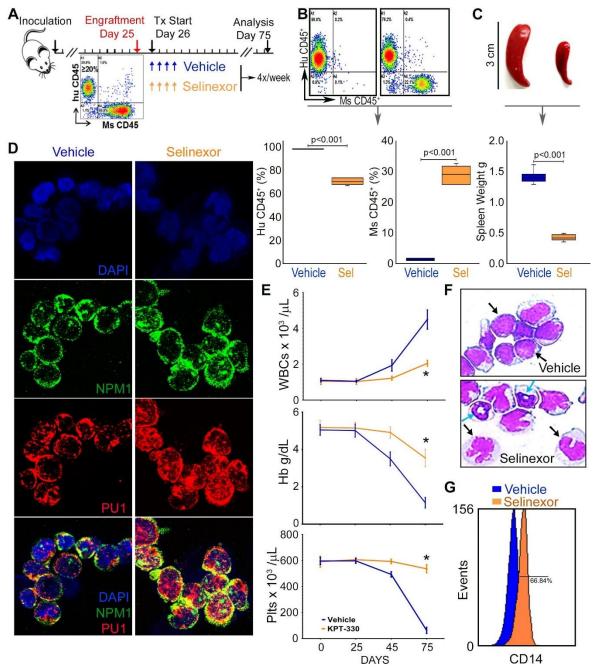
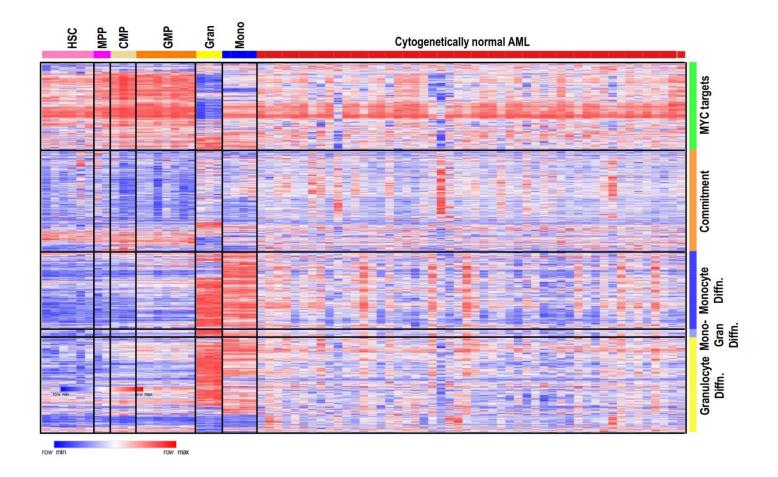


Figure S10. Selinexor (KPT330) at a non-toxic dose significantly decreased AML burden in a patientderived xenotransplant model of dual NPM1/FLT3-mutated AML. A) Experiment schema. After confirmation of bone marrow leukemia engraftment to ≥20% in 3 randomly selected mice, remaining mice were randomized to vehicle versus selinexor 2 mg/kg starting on day 26 (n=6/group). Treatment continued until signs of distress in vehicle treated mice on day 75, at which point the experiment was terminated for analyses. B) Bone marrow AML burden. Flow cytometry for human CD45+ (AML) and murine CD45+ (normal) cells. Mean±SD. p-value t-test, 2-sided. C) Spleen weights. Mean±SD. p-value t-test, 2-sided. D) Immunofluorescence for PU.1 and NPM1. Bone marrow AML cells. DAPI was used to stain for nuclei. Images by Nikon Eclipse 400 microscope, magnification 630X. E) Serial blood counts. Increasing WBC were circulating myeloblasts. Tail-vein phlebotomy. Blood counts by HemaVet. Mean±SD, p-values 2-sided t-test selinexortreated *vs* vehicle-treated at the time-point. F) Bone marrow cell morphology. Giemsa-stained. Black arrows: human AML cells (monocytic differentiated by selinexor); blue arrows: murine hematopoiesis. G) CD14 expression on human AML cells from bone marrows of selinexor and vehicle treated mice. Flow cytometry. Representative result from 1 mouse.



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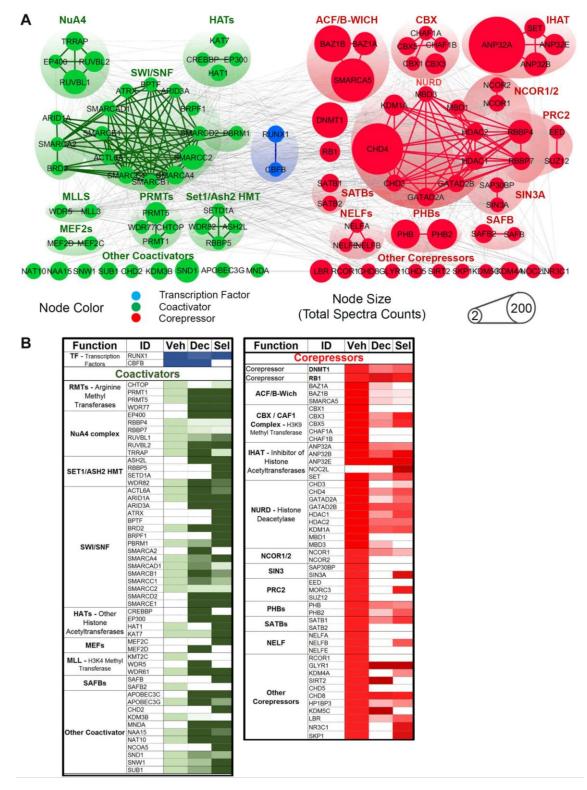


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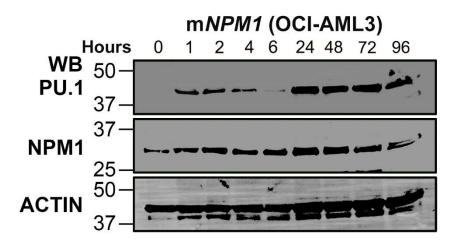
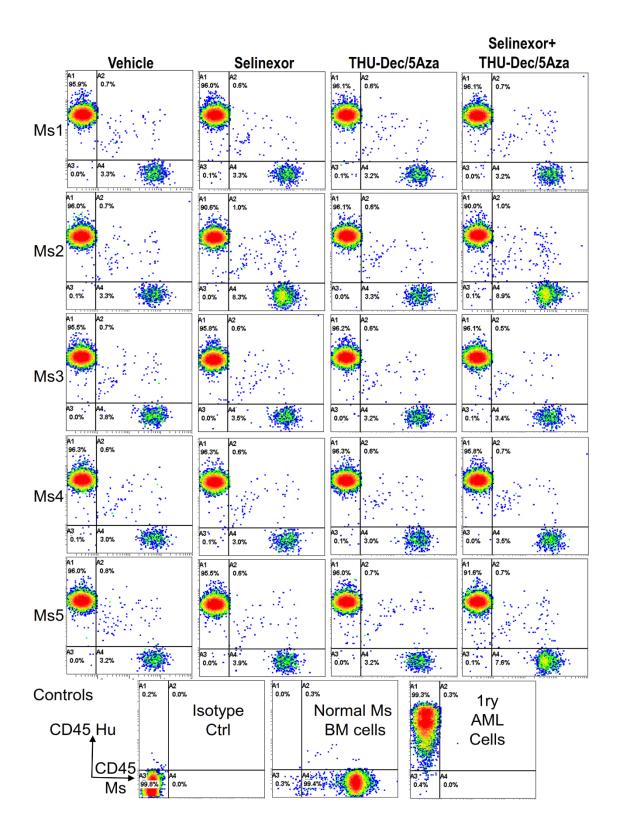
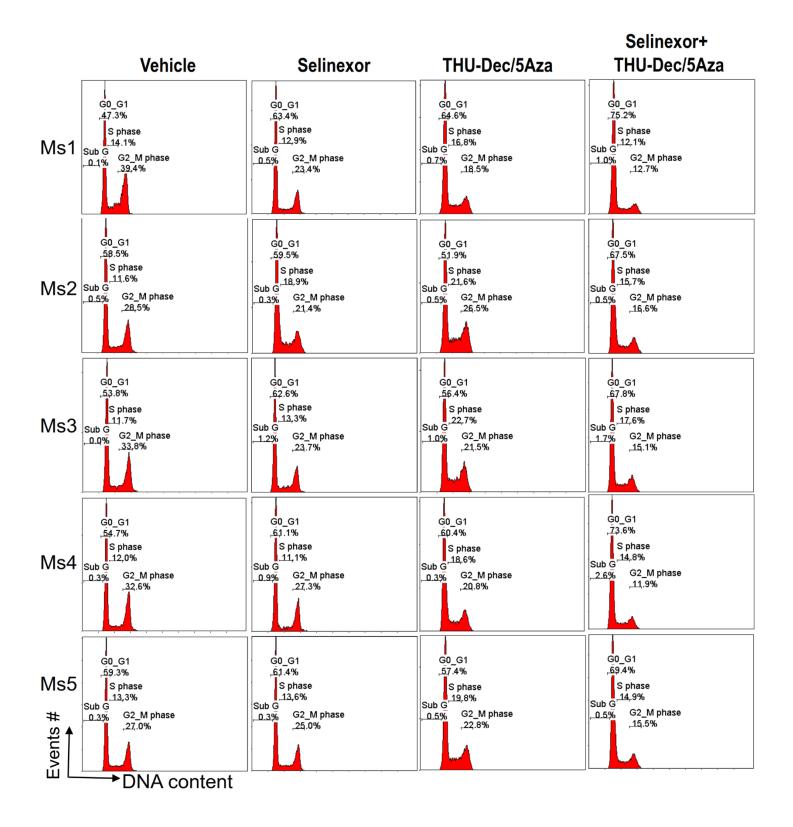


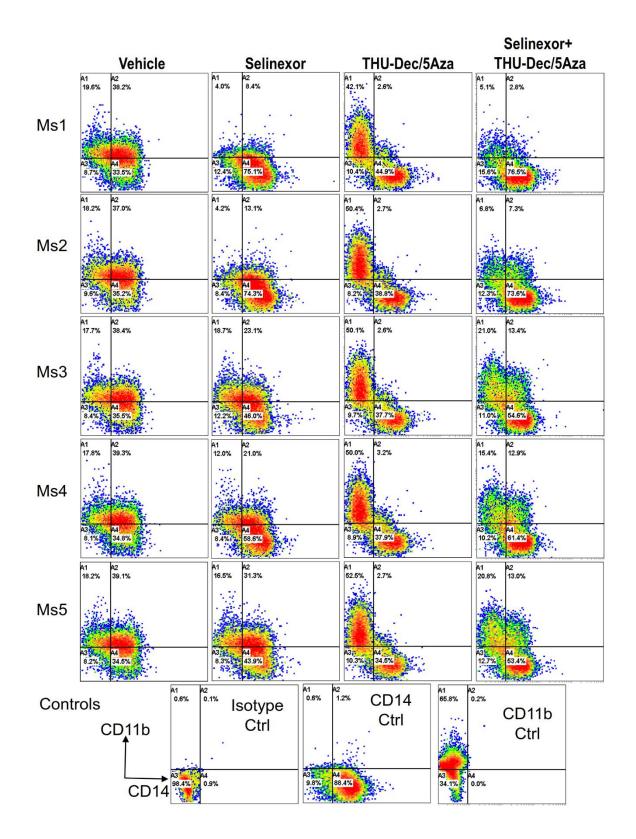
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**Figure S14. Human and murine CD45 expression in bone marrow cells obtained from mice at time-ofdistress.** Mice were treated with vehicle, selinexor, THU-decitabine/5-azacytidine, and the combination as per Figure 9. Ms 1-5 are the five individual mice per treatment group. Isotype controls and single-staining for human CD45 in human AML cells and normal murine bone marrow also shown. Measurements by flowcytometry.



**Figure S15. Cell cycle distribution of bone marrow AML cells obtained from mice at time-of-distress.** Mice were treated with vehicle, selinexor, THU-decitabine/5-azacytidine, and the combination as per Figure 9. Ms 1-5 are the five individual mice per treatment group. DNA content measured by propidium-iodide staining and flow cytometry.



**Figure S16. Monocyte (CD14) and granulocyte (CD11b) lineage-differentiation marker expression in bone marrow cells obtained from mice at time-of-distress.** Mice were treated with vehicle, selinexor, THU-decitabine/5-azacytidine, and the combination as per Figure 9. Ms 1-5 are the five individual mice per treatment group. Isotype controls and single-staining for human CD45 in human AML cells also shown. Measurements by flow cytometry.

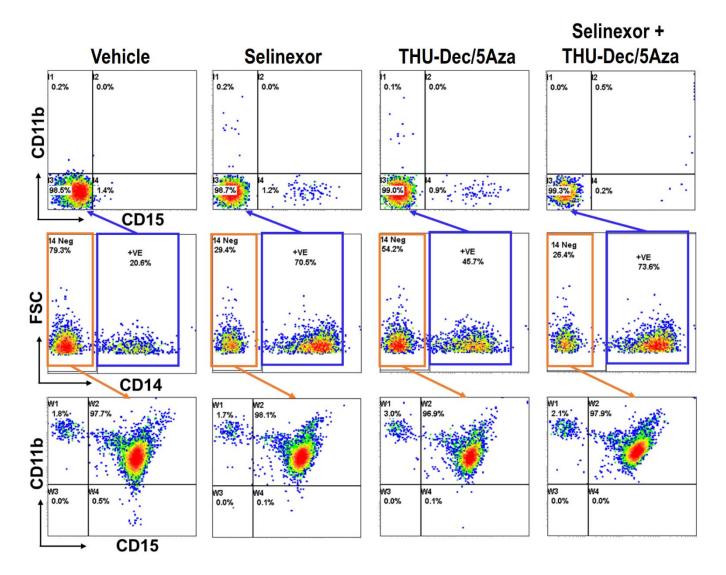


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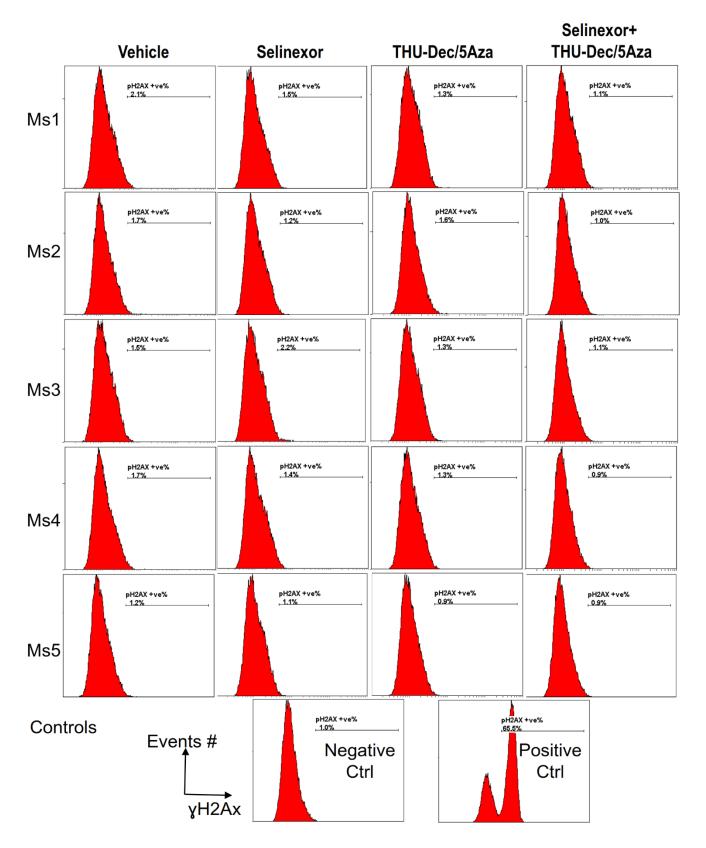


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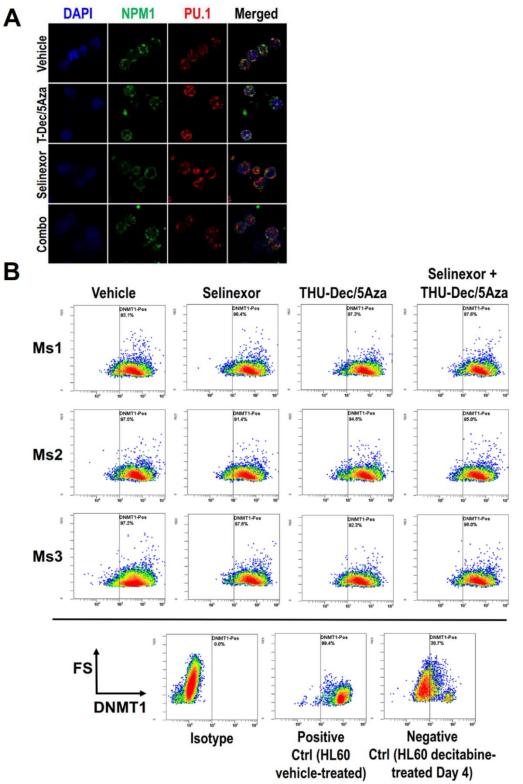


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