Functional genomic landscape of acute myeloid leukaemia

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The implementation of targeted therapies for acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) has been challenging because of the complex mutational patterns within and across patients as well as a dearth of pharmacologic agents for most mutational events. Here we report initial findings from the Beat AML programme on a cohort of 672 tumour specimens collected from 562 patients. We assessed these specimens using whole-exome sequencing, RNA sequencing and analyses of ex vivo drug sensitivity. Our data reveal mutational events that have not previously been detected in AML. We show that the response to drugs is associated with mutational status, including instances of drug sensitivity that are specific to combinatorial mutational events. Integration with RNA sequencing also revealed gene expression signatures, which predict a role for specific gene networks in the drug response. Collectively, we have generated a dataset—accessible through the Beat AML data viewer (Vizome)—that can be leveraged to address clinical, genomic, transcriptomic and functional analyses of the biology of AML.

Approximately 21,000 people are diagnosed with AML and over 10,000 AML-related deaths are reported annually in the United States1,2. Cytogenetic and sequencing analyses have revealed at least 11 genetic classes of AML1 and over 20 subsets can be assigned when also considering cell differentiation states of the leukaemic blasts4,5. Deep sequencing of AML by The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) revealed a heterogeneous disease with nearly 2,000 somatically mutated genes observed across 200 patients6. Many of the recurrent cytogenetic events and somatic mutations have been shown to carry prognostic importance7,8. Some of the most frequent somatic variants can also be observed in myelodysplastic syndromes and myeloproliferative neoplasms9–11 that can transform into AML. These same mutations have also been observed in healthy individuals who have age-related clonal haemopoiesis, which is associated with significant risk for the development of myelodysplastic syndromes, myeloproliferative neoplasms and AML12–15.

A small number of therapies targeted to mutational events have been developed for patients with AML, although the current standard of care remains largely unchanged over the past 30–40 years. The first targeted therapy for AML involved use of all-trans retinoic acid in combination with arsenic trioxide for patients with rearrangement of the retinoic acid receptor16,17. More recently, fms-related tyrosine kinase 3 (FLT3) inhibitors have been developed for FLT3 mutational events that occur in approximately 20–30% of patients with AML18–21.

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When FLT3 inhibitors were used as single agents, responses of only 2–6 months were obtained. Midostaurin, a broad-spectrum FLT3 inhibitor, was recently approved for use in newly diagnosed patients with AML with FLT3 mutations, in combination with standard of care chemotherapy, but results were less definitive in this setting. Targeting of a mutant form of isocitrate dehydrogenase (NADP(+)) 1 and 2, lysosomal (IDH1 and IDH2) has shown clinical benefit leading to approval of the IDH2 inhibitor, enasidenib, and the IDH1 inhibitor, ivosidenib. Additional proposed strategies have included inhibition of epigenetic modifiers, such as enhancer of zeste 2 polycomb repressive complex 2 subunit (EZH2) or lysine demethylase 1A (KDM1A) and DOT1-like histone lysine methyltransferase (DOT1L), based on the direct mutation of these targets or synthetic lethality in the context of drug combinations (all-trans retinoic acid and KDM1A inhibitors) or specific genetic features (lysine methyltransferase 2A (KMT2A)-gene rearrangement for DOT1L inhibitors). Hypomethylating agents have been used in patients with AML, for which better responses have been reported for certain genetic subsets, such as those with mutations in TET2 or tumour protein 53 (TP53). Most recently, an inhibitor of the BCL2 apoptosis regulator (BCL2), venetoclax, showed an approximately 20% response rate when used as a single agent in patients with a relapse and higher response rates (around 60%) were reported in combination with hypomethylating agents in newly diagnosed, elderly patients with AML.

Comparative genomic landscape of AML

To better understand genetic or transcriptional markers and mechanisms of drug sensitivity and resistance in AML, we developed a cohort of 672 primary specimens from 562 patients with AML and performed extensive functional and genomic analyses on these samples. Detailed clinical annotations, including diagnostic information, clinical laboratory values, treatments, responses and outcomes were curated from electronic medical records and are reported in Supplementary Tables 1–5.

We performed exome sequencing on 622 of the specimens from the cohort representing 531 different patients. The final, high-confidence variant list (Supplementary Table 7) revealed a range of 1–80 somatic variants per patient (cohort median of 13 somatic variants) (Extended Data Fig. 1). Comparison of the top 33 most commonly mutated genes across Beat AML and TCGA showed generally similar frequencies. Higher frequency of mutations in serine- and arginine-rich splicing factor 2 (SRSF2) were seen in Beat AML than in TCGA, and this difference was conserved when only the de novo cases were compared (Fig. 1a). By contrast, mutational events that were seen with a frequency of less than 2% across Beat AML and TCGA were much more divergent; variants in 221 mutant genes were called in both datasets, 939 mutant genes were called only in TCGA and around 1,500 mutant genes were called only in Beat AML, irrespective of whether we compared only de novo or non-de novo cases (Fig. 1b, c). Most of these divergent mutational events were observed only in single patients; however, there were mutations in 11 genes that were called in 1% or more of patients in Beat AML, but were not observed in previous AML sequencing studies (Extended Data Fig. 1). Finally, co-occurrence and exclusivity of the most frequent variants were computed and reveal significant patterns of mutational co-segregation, suggesting biological cooperation between certain mutational events (Fig. 1d).
Drug response and gene expression

RNA sequencing was performed on 451 specimens from 411 patients. Clustering of the 2,000 most variably expressed genes across the cohort revealed gene expression signatures that were associated with many of the prominent genetic and cytogenetic disease groups (Extended Data Fig. 2). To understand the profile of sensitivity and resistance to a variety of small-molecule inhibitors, we profiled primary tumour cells from 409 specimens derived from 363 patients against a panel of 122 small-molecule inhibitors using an ex vivo drug sensitivity assay. Drug sensitivity patterns were analysed with respect to clinical and genetic features of tumours (Extended Data Fig. 3). We compared the average area-under-the-curve (AUC) values for each drug between samples from cases with de novo AML and cases with AML that had transformed from myelodysplastic syndromes or myeloproliferative neoplasms, through a series of single-factor analysis of variance (ANOVA) tests. Generally, transformed cases showed less sensitivity than de novo cases to most drugs. Of the 122 drugs tested, 64 were significantly (false discovery rate (FDR) < 0.1) more sensitive in the de novo samples, whereas only one drug—panobinostat (an HDAC inhibitor)—was significantly more sensitive in the transformed cases (Extended Data Fig. 4). In addition, we analysed the concordance of drug sensitivity patterns with respect to predicted target gene, gene family or pathway for each drug (drug assignments to target families can be found in Supplementary Table 11). This analysis revealed drug targets and/or drug families that were highly concordant among constituent members, as well as drug families that were quite discordant (Extended Data Fig. 5). To create a global view of overall sensitivity or resistance for each case, we generated a heat map of binary sensitive or resistant calls for each sample to each drug. We then annotated the sensitive or resistant fraction of each case against the European Leukaemia Net (ELN) 20174 (Extended Data Fig. 6a) classifications.

Gene signatures of drug responses

We performed a cohort analysis to assess the correlation between drug sensitivity patterns and mutational events or gene expression levels. Correlation analyses between drug sensitivity and mutational events were performed by assessing the range of sensitivity of cases with a mutation in an individual gene (as well as co-occurring mutational events) versus cases with the wild-type sequence for that same gene. Broad summaries of full cohort results are displayed in Circos and Manhattan plots (Extended Data Figs. 7a, 8). Individual associations between drugs and mutations are displayed as a Volcano plot, in which the differences in drug sensitivity between mutant and wild-type genes and the FDR-corrected significance values are plotted (Fig. 2a). Some of the associations with the highest levels of statistical significance involved FLT3 internal tandem duplications (FLT3-ITD) and these showed sensitivity to FLT3 pathway inhibitors, which serves as a proof-of-principle as FLT3 inhibitors are known to be more effective against FLT3-ITD AML. However, to reveal associations between drugs and mutations that were not biased by the co-occurrence with FLT3-ITD, we also plotted the same analysis using only cases that had

Fig. 2 | Integration of genetic events with drug sensitivity. a. Average difference in AUC drug response between mutant and wild-type cases was determined using a Student’s two-sided t-test from a linear model fit (x axis). The P values were corrected using the Benjamini–Hochberg method over all the drugs (y axis). The number of samples used to correlate each mutational event with drug sensitivity is reported in the Supplementary Table 17. Expanded and interactive plots are available in our online data browser (http://www.vizome.org/ and http://vizome.org/additional_figures_BeatAML.html). b. AUCs for ibrutinib or entospletinib (n = 277 or 168 patient samples, respectively) were plotted for cases with single, double or triple mutations in NPM1 and DNMT3A as well as FLT3-ITD. Data are mean ± s.d. An ANOVA was conducted using the Bonferroni approach (statistical results and sample size for all groups are reported in Supplementary Tables 18, 19). c. Inhibitors of JAK family kinases were assessed for activity against cases with BCOR mutations alone or BCOR mutations in combination with mutations in SRSF2, RUNX1 or DNMT3A. The AUC values are plotted per case; data are mean ± s.d. There was a significant difference in AUC; two-sided Student’s t-test (t2 = −2.489, P = 0.0168, 95% confidence interval = −7.3018 to −7.643) between mutations in BCOR and RUNX1 (n = 161) versus the average of BCOR mutations alone (n = 16), mutations in BCOR and SRSF2 (n = 8), and mutations in BCOR and DNMT3A (n = 4).
Differential gene expression signature distinguishing the 20% most ibrutinib-sensitive (n = 46) from the 20% most resistant (n = 44) specimens. Heat maps for all other drugs are available in our online data browser (http://vizome.org/additional_figures_BeatAML.html).

Fig. 3 | Integration of gene expression and drug sensitivity patterns. We also created Volcano plots that were specific to each individual drug (versus all mutational events) and for each individual gene (versus all drugs tested). All Volcano plots can be found with interactive features in our online data browser (http://www.vizome.org/ and http://vizome.org/additional_figures_BeatAML.html).

Mutations in several genes, most notably TP53 or ASXL transcriptional regulator 1 (ASXLI), were shown to cause a broad pattern of drug resistance. Notably, a few drugs trended to be more sensitive to cases with TP53 mutations (such as elesclomol) or with mutations in ASXLI (such as panobinostat), suggesting candidates for further exploration of cases with AML that have these poor prognostic features. Mutations in the NRAS proto-oncogene, GTPase (NRAS) or KRAS proto-oncogene, GTPase (KRAS) also correlated with resistance to most drugs, although mutations in these genes did show the predicted sensitivity to MAPK inhibitors. Of particular note, there was a stronger association between mutations in NRAS and MAPK sensitivity than between mutations in Kras and MAPK sensitivity. IDH2 mutations conferred sensitivity to a broad spectrum of drugs, whereas mutations in IDH1 conferred resistance to most drugs. Mutations in RUNX1 correlated with sensitivity to PI3K and mTOR inhibitors (such as BEZ235) and to the multi-kinase vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGFR) inhibitor, cediranib. Mutation in the splicesome components U2 small nuclear RNA auxiliary factor 1 (U2AF1) and zinc-finger CCCH-type, RNA-binding motif and serine/arginine rich 2 (ZRSR2) correlated with sensitivity to several drugs. The mechanisms that underlie these latter sensitivity correlations (and many others in the dataset) merit further investigation. A significant association was seen between mutations in FLT3, NPM1 and DNMT3A and sensitivity to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved drug, ibrutinib. Because these mutations exhibit a significant pattern of co-occurrence, we next examined every combination of single, double or triple mutant genes with respect to ibrutinib. We observed that DNMT3A alone or DNMT3A and FLT3 double-mutant cases were not significantly different from cases with wild-type genes, whereas cases with FLT3-ITD alone or any combination with a mutation in NPM1 (including cases in which all three genes were mutated) were significantly more sensitive than cases with wild-type genes (Fig. 2b). Ibrutinib is an inhibitor of BTK and Tec family kinases, although it can exhibit broad off-target effects when maintained in continuous culture with target cells. We noted that another kinase inhibitor with high specificity for spleen-associated tyrosine kinase (SYK)—entospletnib—showed a similarly significant pattern of sensitivity in cases with FLT3-ITD and mutations in NPM1 (Fig. 2b), potentially pointing to an operationally important target for this disease subset. Indeed, previous studies have suggested that SYK is an interacting target of FLT3-ITD in AML. Finally, we performed an additional analysis that leveraged multiple inhibitors with common targets to see whether this approach could identify additional associations. We focused on correlations between the four selective Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors in our drug panel (mometolbin, ruxolitinib, tofacitinib and Jak inhibitor I) and mutations in the BCL6 corepressor (BCOR) alone or mutations in BCOR together with mutations in DNMT3A, RUNX1 or SRSF2. By plotting the average difference of each JAK inhibitor between mutant and wild-type groups for these four categories and performing a one-way ANOVA of the four groups, we found that mutations in both BCOR and RUNX1 correlated with increased sensitivity to all four JAK kinase inhibitors, whereas BCOR mutations alone or mutations in BCOR together with mutations in DNMT3A or SRSF2 showed no difference in sensitivity to the JAK kinase inhibitors—although BCOR mutations alone did show sensitivity to other drugs, such as the tanskyrase/WNT inhibitor XAV-939 and the multi-kinase inhibitor crizotinib (Fig. 2c). Collectively, these data suggest that dysregulation of the JAK pathway may represent a vulnerability within certain settings of specific combinations of mutations and not in others.

We also performed an integrative analysis of drug sensitivity data with respect to patterns of gene expression, comparing the 20% of samples with the lowest AUC versus the 20% with the highest AUC and assessing the most differentially expressed genes between those sample sets. This analysis revealed significant (FDR < 0.05) expression signatures for 78 testable drugs in the panel (78 out of 119; 65.5%). As an example, the 20% most and least sensitive to ibrutinib could be clearly distinguished by an expression signature of 17 genes...
(Fig. 3 and Extended Data Fig. 9). Expression-signature heat maps for each drug can be found in our online data browser (http://vizome.org/additional_figures_BeatAML.html).

Finally, to assess the joint contributions of both mutation and system-level co-expression patterns (based on de novo network inference) to predicting drug response, multivariate modelling was performed. This integrated analysis allows us to move beyond the significant associations of single mutations (such as FLT3-ITD and mutations in NPM1). We performed a weighted correlation network analysis of RNA-sequencing data that identified 14 sets of genes for which the gene expression patterns showed significant clustering across the cohort (clusters contained both increased and decreased gene expression events). We performed regularized regression modelling (LASSO) to understand how strongly any mutational event or any of these 14 gene expression clusters correlated with sensitivity or resistance to any of the drugs on the panel. We identified numerous, novel co-occurrences of mutations and expression clusters that were associated with drug sensitivity or resistance, with co-occurrences with ibritinib shown as an example in Extended Data Fig. 9. For ibritinib, these co-occurrences included a co-expression cluster of 345 genes (using a colour-labelling scheme and shown in 'turquoise') that correlated with drug sensitivity and frequently co-occurred with FLT3-ITD, which also correlated with drug sensitivity. There was significant overlap between this 'turquoise' gene expression cluster and the 17-gene signature in Fig. 3 (indicated by the ratio of observed overlap to expected overlap, or the representation factor, which was 13.6. P < 1.734 × 10−4). It is important to note that network analysis of this gene expression cluster highlighted enrichment of a number of immune-related pathways, which was not detected within the 17-gene signature (displayed at http://vizome.org/additional_figures_BeatAML.html). We also identified a 110-gene subnetwork (labelled in 'magenta' in Extended Data Fig. 9), which was associated with resistance to ibritinib and was significantly associated with adverse ELN 2017 risk. To look more broadly at associations between mutations and gene expression clusters, we summarized drugs at family level to assess the frequency with which mutations and gene expression clusters were selected in iterative regression modelling (displayed at http://vizome.org/additional_figures_BeatAML.html).

Discussion
In summary, we report a large functional genomic dataset of primary tumour biopsies. We present a cohort of specimens from patients with AML for which we have performed detailed clinical annotations, genomic and transcriptomic analyses and ex vivo drug sensitivity studies, and we provide analytical approaches for data integration. Each of these datasets alone has revealed new information about the biology and potential translational applications in AML, and the integration of these datasets has revealed new markers and mechanisms of drug sensitivity and resistance that merit further study. These data have all been made publicly available through the NIH/NCI dbGaP and Genomic Data Commons (GDC) resources, and we have developed tools to facilitate user-interfacing with the dataset (http://www.vizome.org/). We hope and expect that this public data release will stimulate further use of the data, such that novel findings can be derived and turned into new clinical approaches for treatment of AML.

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Methods

Patient samples. All patients gave informed consent to participate in this study, which had the approval and guidance of the Institutional Review Boards (IRB) at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), University of Utah, University of Texas Medical Center (UT Southwestern), Stanford University, University of Miami, University of Colorado, University of Florida, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Fox Chase Cancer Center and University of Kansas (KUMC). Samples were sent to the coordinating centre (OHSU; IRB 9570; 4422; NCT01728402), where they were coded and processed. Specific names of centres associated with each specimen were coded and centres providing less than five samples were aggregated together and given one centre identifier. Mononuclear cells were isolated by Ficol gradient centrifugation from freshly obtained bone marrow aspirates or peripheral blood draws. Cell pellets were snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen for subsequent DNA isolation (Qiagen, DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit), freshly pelleted cells were lysed immediately in guanidinium thiocyanate (GTC) lysis for subsequent RNA isolation (Qiagen, RNeasy Mini Kit), and freshly isolated mononuclear cells were plated into an ex vivo drug sensitivity assays within 24 h (described in ‘Ex vivo functional drug screens’). Skin punch biopsies were collected at the site of Jamshidi needle insertion for subsequent bone marrow biopsies and genomic DNA was isolated for use as matched normal controls for exome sequencing (Qiagen, DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit). Clinical, prognostic, genetic, cytogenetic and pathologic laboratory values as well as treatment and outcome data were manually curated from the electronic medical records of the patient. Patients were assigned a specific diagnosis based on the prioritization of genetic and clinical factors as determined by WHO guidelines. To prevent re-identification, any patient over the age of 90 was placed into a >90 aggregated age bracket.

Genetic characterization of the leukaemia samples included results of a clinical deep-sequencing panel of genes commonly mutated in haematologic malignancies (Seqenomine and GeneTrails (OHSU); Foundation Medicine (UTSW); Genoptix; and Illumina).

Whole-exome sequencing and custom-capture validation sequencing. For whole-exome sequencing, Illumina Nextera RapidCapture Exome capture probes and protocol were used, which provided coverage of 37 Mb of genomic DNA coding regions. In brief, following initial quality control on a TapeStation (Agilent), 50 ng of intact genomic DNA was fragmented and tagged (tagmentation) in a single step. Following clean-up, the tagmented DNA was amplified by 10 cycles of PCR, which added the indexed adapters for clustering and sequencing. Libraries were hybridized to capture pools in 12 sample sets with two rounds of hybridization performed to increase specificity. Libraries recovered with streptavidin magnetic beads were amplified by 10 cycles of PCR, unincorporated reagents were removed with AMPure beads (Agencourt), and validated on the TapeStation. Quantification of capture pools was done using real-time PCR (Kapa). Libraries were denatured, flow cells set up using the cBot (Illumina), and run on a HiSeq 2500 using paired-end 0.01. The AML library in the AML panel was paired with its skin biopsy pair and an additional round of indel realignment was carried out to ensure consistency of genotypes between the two samples. If an AML sample did not have a pair, the indel realignment was instead carried out for the whole sample at the sample level.

Whole-exome sequencing variant detection. For genotyping, each AML–skin biopsy pair was realigned at the sample level and then genotyped for single-nucleotide variations using Mutect version 1.1.736 and VarScan2 version 2.4.1.17. Indels were produced using VarScan2. Each variant call format (VCF) file was annotated using the Variant Effect Predictor version 83 against GRCh37. The resulting VCF files were filtered to include only those annotated to a gene and were converted to mutation annotation format (MAF) format using the vcftools version 1.6.6 tool46. Mutect version 1.1.748 was run using default parameters, except that no limit was placed on the number or frequency of the alternative allele frequency in the normal condition to help to address normal contamination. VarScan2 version 2.4.17 was run in somatic mode with the recommended filtering scheme53, except as shown in Supplementary Table 23.

Indels and single-nucleotide variants (SNVs) were produced for the tumour-only samples again using Mutect without a specified normal for consistency and VarScan2 in mpileup2indel or mpileup2snp mode, respectively. These were assigned to their most deleterious effect on Ensembl transcripts using Ensembl VEP version 83 on GRCh37. This annotation was done using the same VEP parameters as the varscan module.

The TCGA AML variants in MAF form were downloaded from the GDC archive site: https://portal.gdc.cancer.gov/legacy-archive/files/c410d927-d49c-4d4f-8356-601bee563ebe. The MAF files were converted to VCF files using the vcf2maf suite31. The resulting VCF files were lifted over from NCBIB36 to GRCh37 of the human genome using CrossMap32. Only those variants that successfully lifted over were kept.

Variants from supplementary table 2 from a previously published study46 were extracted and further processed, removing variants that were ambiguous in terms of external sources and could not be found in their whole-exome sequencing variants. The unique set of Beat AML variants was annotated relative to RefSeq and/or the TCGA AML paper46. Cumulatively, of this set, 94% of covered SNVs were validated with 82% of indel calls also being confirmed with validation sequencing. Manual review was then carried out in the following steps. (1) The addition back of all flagged rows from the previous study47. (2) The review of all TCGA-flagged rows for VAF pattern that matched or did not match with known drivers in the same specimen. Some TCGA
variants were added back based on convincing VAF pattern and known pathogenic role, other TCGA variants were kept excluded based on a VAF pattern that was unlike known drivers in the same specimens. (3) Other variants were added back based on other specimens that had the same variant that were still on the include list, and if the VAF pattern looked convincing for inclusion. (4) All genes from the previous study with only frameshift and/or nonsense variants were manually reviewed and missense mutations were manually removed. (5) Genes and/or variants that were on both the include and exclude lists were manually reviewed and they were removed if they were C-to-A with over 15% VAF; they did not validate and/or the VAF pattern was unlike known drivers in same specimen. (6) Further review of all genes in the summary sheet with cohort frequency of 8 or more (1% of more). Any that were not familiar from knowledge of AML literature were manually reviewed for VAF patterns that did or did not match known drivers within the same specimens. Those that did not match were manually removed.

After this manual review, additional curated mutations from the UnifiedGenotyper run were added back in along with a curated set of variants from tumour-only patients for genes from the previous study. The tumour-only AML samples used in another study (H.Z. et al., manuscript submitted) were removed and used for that study.

Detection of internal FLT3-ITD and NPM1 mutations. A subset of samples was tested for FLT3-ITD and NPM1 mutation status using an internally run PCR assay and capillary electrophoresis. Genomic DNA (gDNA) was extracted from fresh blood or bone marrow aspirates of patients with AML and was used to detect the presence or absence of FLT3-ITD and NPM1 4-bp insertion mutations. Primers for FLT3 spanned approximately 330 bp to include the common internal tandem duplication (ITD) site. Primers for NPM1 spanned approximately 170 bp to cover the clustered multiple insertion or indel sites. Primers were HPLC-purified by the manufacturer. The multiplex PCR reaction solution consisted of 100 ng gDNA, 10 pmol of the respective forward and reverse primers for FLT3 and NPM1, 25 mmol 1-1 MgCl2, 2.5 mmol 1-1 dNTPs, 5 µl 10x PCR buffer, 0.2 µl AccuTaq DNA polymerase and water in a total volume of 50 µl. The PCR conditions were: initial denaturing for 5 min at 94°C, followed by 30 cycles at 94°C for 30 s, 56°C for 45 s and 72°C for 30 s with a final cycle of 10 min at 72°C. The PCR products were diluted 1:10 and analysed by capillary electrophoresis on a QIAxcel high-resolution DNA cartridge according to the manufacturer’s protocol. Forward primer FLT3: 5′-AGGAATTTAGGTATGAAAGCCAGCTA-3′; reverse primer FLT3: 5′-CTTCTGACTTGTGAGCCACCA-3′. Forward primer NPM1: 5′-GTCTTCTTTTTTTTTTTTTTACGACTATCCAG-3′; reverse primer NPM1: 5′-CACGTTAGGGAGTTCTTCTTCGTCG-3′.

Derivation of FLT3-ITD and NPM1 consensus calls. Consensus FLT3-ITD and NPM1 mutation calls found in the clinical summary table (Supplementary Table 5) were determined by comparing the internal capillary PCR test (internal; according to the methods described in ‘Detection of internal FLT3-ITD and NPM1 mutations’, Supplementary Methods), PCR procedures and/or the Bone Marrow/Immunohematology Pathology (CLIA/CAP) laboratory run test (Sequenom, GeneTrails, Foundation Medicine, Genoptix, Illumina). The internal test was used for the sample consensus call when available, as it was performed on the exact sample that was used for further ex vivo drug sensitivity assays. Where discordance existed between the internal test and the CLIA laboratory test results, the sample was flagged for manual review. The trace file for the internal test was visually inspected and if discordance with the CLIA/CAP test results persisted, the whole-exome sequencing data were then used to help to determine the consensus call.

Derivation of CCAT1 enhancer binding protein α (CEBPα) biallelic consensus calls. N-terminus and N-terminal mutations have been described to occur on opposing alleles and patients with CEBPA biallelic mutations have been shown to fall into a favourable risk category. Patients were scored positive for biallelic CEBPA mutation if described in the clinical notes as biallelic or double-positive. Patients were also scored as CEBPA biallelic if both N-terminal and C-terminal mutations were identified in the whole-exome sequencing data.

RNA sequencing and data processing. All samples were sequenced using the Agilent SureSelect Strand-Specific RNA Library Preparation Kit on the Bravo robot (Agilent). In brief, polyA+ RNA was chemically fragmented. Double-stranded cDNAs were synthesized using random hexamer priming with 3′ ends of the cDNA adenylated, after which indexed adaptors were ligated. Library amplification was performed using three-primer PCR using a uracil DNA glycosylase addition for strandedness. Libraries were validated with the Bioanalyzer (Agilent) and combined to run 4 samples per lane, with a targeted yield of 200 million clusters. Combined libraries were denatured, clustered with the Cbot (Illumina) and sequenced on the HiSeq 2500 using a 100-cycle paired-end protocol. In addition to the AML samples, there was also a sample of purified CD34 molecule (CD34+) cells from healthy bone marrow of nuclear bone marrow, which was sequenced (for a total of 12 times sequencing this control RNA). This control served as both a healthy control and a quality check on inter-group batch effects. In addition, 21 individual healthy bone marrow samples were also included, two of which were CD34-selected (17-00053 and 17-00056) with the other 19 being whole monocellular bone marrow cells from healthy donors.

Workflows for processing and analysis of RNA-sequencing data to generate gene counts and gene fusions for each sample is shown on our online browser (http://vizome.org/additional_figures_BeatAML.html) with processed gene expression values for each specimen listed in Supplementary Tables 8, 9. For each flowcell and each sample, the FASTQ files were aggregated into single files for read 1 and read 2 (if not already done by the sequencing core). During this process, the reads were trimmed by 3 on the 5′ end and 5 on the 3′ end. Alignment of reads was performed using the subjunc aligner (version 1.5.0-p2). BAM files obtained from subjunc were used as inputs into featureCounts (version 1.5.0-p2) and gene-level read counts were produced. For a reference genome, the GRCh37 build provided by the Broad as part of the GATK bundle was used. Gene assignments were based on the ENSEMBL build 75 gene models on GRCh37. The following parameters were used for the software:

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subbjunc -i/path/to/reference/ -s -r fastq1 -R fastq2 -o outputBAMFileName -l 5 -T 7 -D 500 -L 600 -5 fr and featureCounts -a Homo_sapiens.GRCh37.75.gtf -o output -F GTF -t exon -g gene_id -s 2 -C -T 10 -p -d 500 -D 600 -B BAM_files
```

The data were collated from featureCounts matrices and all genes with no counts across the samples were excluded. Genes with duplicate gene symbols and those for which the counts were <10 for 90% or more of the samples were additionally removed before normalization similar to the approach suggested for weighted gene correlation network analysis (WGCNA). Samples for which the median expression was less than 2 standard deviations below the average were removed from the dataset (n = 10). Normalization was performed using the conditional quantile normalization procedure, which produced GC-content-corrected log reads per kilobase per million mapped reads (RPKM) values. This procedure produces both offsets to be used in conjunction with edgeR as well as a matrix of log-normalized RPKM values for clustering.

In addition, the subjunc BAM files were processed using the RNA-sequencing genotyping protocol (as of GATK version 3.3), which was similar to the whole-exome sequencing protocol described in the ‘Whole-exome sequencing data processing’ section, including the following steps for each sample: (1) MarkDuplicates; (2) SplitNcinReads; (3) RealignmentTargetCreator/IndelRealigner; (4) base quality score recalibration. The resulting BAM files were used to produce RNA gene types using the UnifiedGenotyper for the purposes of quality control and ethnicity estimation.

Gene fusion data were additionally generated using the TopHat-Fusion (version 2.0.14) program using default parameters.

Coexpression network formation. We formed coexpression modules using the WGCNA procedure on the RNA-sequencing data from the ‘RNA sequencing and data processing’ section. All RNA-sequencing samples were used to form the set of modules. Owing to the heterogeneity of the clinical expression data, we generated 5 coexpression modules. A coexpression module was defined as a set of genes that were highly coexpressed with each other. Mutual information was calculated using the `correlation` function, setting the maximum proportion of outliers to 0.1. We ran the procedure multiple times, varying several parameters to choose the most relevant set for further analysis. The WGCNA procedure was run on datasets formed from the top 2,000 and 5,000 most variable genes. For each dataset, we set the ‘power’ variable to either 2 or 3. For each of these runs, we varied the module detection parameters of dynamicTreeCut, namely the deepSplit parameter was set to 0 or 2 and the pamStage parameter was set to TRUE or FALSE. For each of these sets of modules we computed a series of module quality statistics, mean correlation, mean adjacency, mean maximum adjacency ratio (MAR), mean correlation with the module eigengene (KME), proportion of variability explained and the mean cluster coefficient. Significance of modules was determined by computing a z score of each of these values relative to the mean and standard deviation of those from 100 random assignment of modules. We chose the set of modules to use in our analyses as those that were most correlated with the ‘specificity/SpecificDx’ using module quality as a tie-breaker. The analysis set of modules was chosen to be the version using the 5,000 most variable genes, power set to 2 and modules formed using deepSplit = 2 and pamStage = F. Of this set of modules, only the grey module did not have a summary z statistic (median across the four density measures) of at least 2. In addition, after correcting the data using the estimated principal components, the module structure did not change appreciably (data not shown).

Quality control. The UnifiedGenotyper runs for both the whole-exome sequencing and RNA-sequencing data were combined into a single VCF file using the GATK CombineVCFs functionality. This combined VCF file was converted to a GDS file using SNPRelate (version 1.12.23). Note, the version is the most recent version as several versions were used across the entire project. The overall similarity of the genotypes of each pair of samples was computed, termed identity by state (IBS) and hierarchical clustering was performed using one minus this similarity. From this clustering and visualization we had devised hard cut-offs for further inspection based on the types of data being compared. For instance, samples not meeting the specified IBS thresholds (DNA–DNA = 0.9; RNA–RNA = 0.83;
DNA–RNA (0.89) were subject to manual review. On the basis of the dendra-gram structure as well as the clinical/laboratory information, samples were either excluded, assigned to a different patient ID or in rare cases assigned to a different sample. It was observed that bone marrow transplants between sample collections produced a noticeable but milder effect in these dendra-grams and such samples were flagged for removal from the RNA-sequecing analysis and for treatment as tumour-only samples in the whole-exome sequencing analysis as described in 'Whole-exome sequencing variant detection assay'. The MAF values of the inter-

Fusion annotation for analysis. Fusions calls were determined from a consensus of three datatypes, a specific diagnosis categorization at the time of sample acquisi-
tion, current set of clinical karyotypes and fusions detected in RNA-sequecing data by TopHat-Fusion. All sources were limited to the same set of known fusions: RUNX1–RUNX1T1, CBFB–MYH11, MLLT3–KMT2A, DEK–NUP214, GATA2–MECOM and PML–RARα. It was determined that the RNA-sequecing calls did not provide additional resolution in detecting these known fusions and was not performed on all the samples, so the consensus was limited to the clinical karyotype calls as well as the specific diagnosis categorization (which was determined based on karyotype and other cytogenetic clinical tests). Overall, the calls were based on the karyotype data except in 10 cases; for 3 cases the karyotype and diagnosis was sufficiently complete to warrant a separate ‘complete’ categorization. The remaining 7 of these cases were set to the specific diagnosis classification. It should be noted that there was additional support from the RNA-sequecing data for several of these cases.

Ethnicity. The combined RNA and whole-exome sequencing VCF files from the ‘Quality control’ step were merged with a set of Hapmap genotypes74 lifted over to build 37. The HapMap contigs were selected to cover most of the autosomal genome. For each sample, the VCF was subset to only the SNPs present on the 2017 ELN update paper. The MAF values of the inter-

Ex vivo functional drug screens. Ex vivo functional drug screens were performed on freshly isolated mononuclear cells from AML samples. In brief, 10,000 cells per well were arrayed into three, 384-well plates containing 122 small-molecule inhibit-

Sex. For DNA, coverage was first computed over the Y chromosome and the counts for each sample were added up and log2 transformed (after adding 1 to all the counts). k-means clustering was used to assign samples to two clusters with the cluster with the lower mean labelled as the ‘Female’ cluster. The ‘Female’ cluster was labelled based on high XIST expression.

ELN 2017 classification. This procedure is based on the categorization in table 5 of the 2017 ELN update paper.72 Karyotypes in the clinical file were first cleaned and parsed into clones or subclones and distinct abnormalities using standard conventions.72 The current representation was corrected for nomenclature type (for example, ‘idem’ versus ‘st’ in a basic manner. For instance, ambiguous events, such as chromosomal loss (for example, ‘−15’), were not corrected for whether the preceding clone had a counteracting gain. Also, additional ‘+’ or ‘−’ symbols in conjunction with valid karyotype operators in a separate clone (for example, ‘+del(12)(q15)+’), or ‘del(12)(q15)’) were treated separately with gains (+) being kept in the unique count of events and losses (−) being removed.

Abnormalities were first checked for the following categories: (1) RUNX1–RUNX1T1; (2) CBFB–MYH11; (3) MLLT3–KMT2A; (4) DEK–NUP214; (5) KMT2A+; (6) BCR–ABL1; (7) GATA2–MECOM; (8) −5/del(5q); (9) −7; (10) −17. Categories 1–8 were further considered to be WHO recurrent fusions. The determination of ELN 2017 categories proceeds by assigning true/false/not available values to one or more of the five columns (three ELN and two ambiguous) in the following manner. (1) ‘isFavourable’ is considered true if a sample has at least one of the following: (a) RUNX1–RUNX1T1; (b) CBFB–MYH11; (c) positive NPM1 and negative FLT3–ITD; (d) positive NPM1 and positive FLT3–ITD with allelic ratio <0.5; (e) biallelic CEPBA. (2) ‘isFavourableOrIntermediate’ when NPM1 is positive and FLT3–ITD is positive but the allelic ratio is not available. (3) ‘isIntermediate’ is considered true if a sample has at least one of the following: (a) DEK–NUP214; (b) KMT2A+; (c) BCR–ABL1; (d) GATA2–MECOM; (e) −5/del(5q); (f) −7; (g) −17; (h) abn; (i) three or more abnormalities and no WHO recurrent fusions; (j) one monosomy (autosomal) and at least one additional abnormality except for CBFB–

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Second, the remaining within-plate replicates had their normalized viability averaged subject to a ceiling of 100 and floor of 0. An additional set of ‘curve-free’ AUCs was computed for sample–inhibitor pairs run on multiple panels. The maximum change in AUC among the across-panel replicates was noted and those runs with differences >75 were removed.

At this point, the within- and across-plate replicates for the normalized viability were averaged together and a ceiling of 100 was applied. From the steps above, the floor was already set at 0. On the basis of the methodology used in our prior drug-combination study, a probit regression was fit to all possible run groups using the model: (normalized viability / 100) = 1 + log(10, concentration). For all groups there were \( n = 7 \) dose–response measurements.

The summary analyses of curve fit were inspected and cut-offs were devised removing all runs with an Akaike information criteria (AIC) > 12 and deviance > 2. For inhibitors that were run using multiple concentration ranges, only the most-recent concentration range was kept. Finally, these data were compared to the AUC values from third-order polynomial fits. Those runs that were discrepant in terms of sensitive or resistant calls were manually reviewed as subject to removal.

**Ex vivo functional drug screen analysis.** For all drug analyses that required a call of sensitivity or resistance (for example, the gene expression signatures), sensitivity or resistance was determined by the lowest and highest 20% of the AUC values for each drug.

**Correlations between drugs in families.** For each inhibitor in the study, available data on targets of the inhibitors were pulled from a variety of online resources and published studies, many of which were aggregated in the Cancer-Targetome. Activity of each inhibitor for targets was then distilled into a five-tier system to afford comparison across drugs with differing degrees of potency and/or for which differing assays were used to measure drug and/or target activity. Well-represented genes, gene families and pathways were then filtered for drugs that have activity in the top 3 tiers for one or more member of the gene family or pathway. These lists were then manually curated to generate the final list of high-confidence drug target families (shown in Supplementary Table 11). For each inhibitor assigned to at least one drug target family, the Pearson’s correlation was computed against all other drugs assigned to at least one drug target family for the AUC values of all available samples shared between the two drugs.

**Correlations between drugs and samples.** Drugs were first filtered to require greater than two hundred samples per drug. Additional samples were removed accordingly to allow correlations to be computed between all present samples using available AUC data and between all drugs.

**Summary drug response scores.** For each patient sample, a binary score (1/0) was used for each drug based on the same threshold as for the gene signatures (for example, sensitivity or resistance was determined by the lowest and highest 20% of the AUC values for each drug). Individual scores were computed for resistance and sensitivity separately and presented as the proportion over all screened drugs for each patient sample.

**Expression analysis and integration with ex vivo functional drug screen.** For all the below analyses the earliest sample was chosen for each patient. **Expression heat map.** The top 2,000 most variable genes were extracted. The expression values were centred and scaled across patients and complete-linkage hierarchical clustering was performed using the ComplexHeat map R package. Sensitive or resistant differential expression. For each drug, it was required that at least three sensitive and three resistant samples using the 20%/20% criteria outlined in the ‘Ex vivo functional drug screen analysis’ section. Patient samples were limited to those labelled as sensitive or resistant. Next, genes were limited based on their expression, for which at least half the patients used for analysis had to have greater than one count per million (an approach suggested in the limma user manual). The normalized expression as in the data described in the ‘RNA sequencing and data processing’ section with the chosen samples and genes was used for differential expression analysis. Because the data had not been batch-corrected at this point, surrogate variable analysis (SVA) was used to infer covariates for correcting out technical confounders. Next, the linear model fitting for each gene was performed using the limma-trend approach, testing whether the average expression was different between resistant and sensitive correcting for the SVA covariates. Genes with Benjamini–Hochberg FDR values of less than 0.05 were kept for the cluster analysis. The expression matrix was corrected with respect to the estimated surrogate variables for consistency with the differential expression procedure using SVA and MCLUST was used to determine optimal number of clusters and parameterization. The results were then visualized using a CLUSPLOT, which displays the clustering results with respect to the first two principal components of the gene expression for the kept genes.

**Mutation analysis and integration with ex vivo functional drug screen.** For all the below analyses in which groups of samples were compared, the earliest sample was chosen for each patient. **TCGA comparison.** The lift-over TCGA variants from the ‘Whole-exome sequencing and data processing’ section with the chosen samples and variant calls, gene expression counts and drug sensitivity that underlie Figs. 1–3 and Extended Data Figs. 1–9 are provided as Source Data. In addition, all data can be accessed and queried through our online, interactive user interface, Vizome, at http://www.vizome.org/.

**Data availability** All raw and processed sequencing data, along with relevant clinical annotations, have been submitted to dbGaP and Genomic Data Commons. The dbGaP study ID is phs000423.v6.p1 and the accession ID is phs001657.v1.p1. The raw read data, annotations, variant calls, gene expression counts and drug sensitivity that underlie Figs. 1–3 and Extended Data Figs. 1–9 are provided as Source Data. In addition, all data can be accessed and queried through our online, interactive user interface, Vizome, at http://www.vizome.org/.

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Extended Data Fig. 1 | Genomic landscape of the Beat AML cohort.

In total, 622 specimens from 531 patients were used for whole-exome sequencing. Automated and manual curation steps (described in the Methods, Supplementary Information and at http://vizome.org/additional_figures_BeatAML.html) were used to obtain a final set of high-confidence variants (annotated in Supplementary Table 7) and the earliest sample for each individual patient was used in this analysis. Clinical cytogenetics and gene fusion calls from RNA sequencing were used to curate recurrent gene rearrangements (Supplementary Information).

The mutational profile for each patient is shown for frequency-ranked mutational events (top) and frequency-ranked gene rearrangements (bottom). The mosaic plot is annotated with clinical features of each case, such as diagnosis or relapse and de novo or transformed disease states, and the first bar chart on the right summarizes the cohort frequencies of mutational and gene rearrangement events. The last bar chart on the right summarizes the frequency of significant drug–mutation associations for the given gene across the cohort with drug sensitivity displayed in red and drug resistance displayed in blue. Eleven genes that have not previously been reported to be somatically mutated in cancer were observed with mutations at approximately 1% cohort frequency: CUB and Sushi multiple domains 2 (CSMD2), NAC alpha domain containing (NACAD), teneurin transmembrane protein 2 (TENM2), aggrecan (ACAN), ADAM metallopeptidase with thrombospondin type 1 motif 7 (ADAMTS7), immunoglobulin-like and fibronectin type III domain containing 1 (IGFN1), neurobeachin-like 2 (NBEAL2), poly(U) binding splicing factor 60 (PUF60), zinc-finger protein 687 (ZNF687), cadherin EGF LAG seven-pass G-type receptor 2 (CELSR2) and glutamate ionotropic receptor NMDA type subunit 2B (GRIN2B). For the number of samples used to correlate each drug with mutations, see Supplementary Table 17.
Extended Data Fig. 2 | Transcriptomic landscape of the Beat AML cohort. In total, 451 specimens from 411 patients with AML were used for RNA-sequencing analyses. The 2,000 genes with the greatest differential expression across these patients with AML are displayed as a heat map. The heat map is annotated with disease type, ELN risk stratification groups, and genetic and cytogenetic features of disease as indicated in the key.
Extended Data Fig. 3 | Functional drug sensitivity landscape of the Beat AML cohort. In total, 409 specimens from 363 patients with AML were subjected to an ex vivo drug sensitivity assay, in which freshly isolated mononuclear cells from blood or bone marrow of patient specimens were incubated with graded concentrations of 122 small-molecule inhibitors (seven dose points in addition to the no drug control). Probit curve fits were used to compute drug-response metrics, and the $z$ score of area under the dose–response curve is plotted for each individual patient specimen against each drug. Drug sensitivity (blue) and resistance (red) are annotated by a colour gradient, with grey indicating no drug data available. The heat map is annotated at the top and bottom with major clinical, cytogenetic and genetic features of disease as indicated in the key.
Extended Data Fig. 4 | Drug response in de novo versus transformed AML cases. The average inhibitor response AUCs for all cases that were de novo ($n = 288$) versus all cases that transformed from a background of myelodysplastic syndromes ($n = 111$) were compared for every inhibitor that had at least three cases with evaluable data in each group. The middle point represents the average difference in AUC between the two groups with the bars representing the 95% confidence interval. For the sample size and statistical results of each drug–sample group correlation, see Supplementary Table 20.
Extended Data Fig. 5 | Pairwise drug sensitivity correlations and association with drug family. To understand patterns of small-molecule sensitivity against prior annotations of the gene and pathway targets of each drug, drugs were placed into drug families according to target genes and/or pathways and the Pearson’s correlation value of each drug was plotted onto a clustered heat map, showing drugs with similar or dissimilar patterns of sensitivity across the patient cohort. Annotations based on prior knowledge of the drug families to which each drug could be assigned are shown to the right of the heat map with alternating black and grey boxes and labels used to aid in tracking. Descriptions of each drug family as well as the number of samples used to calculate each pairwise drug correlation are found in Supplementary Tables 11, 21.
Extended Data Fig. 6 | See next page for caption.
Extended Data Fig. 6 | Binary drug response calls and correlation with clinical subsets. a, For the intersect of every specimen with evaluable response data for each inhibitor, we created a threshold for binary sensitive or resistant calls based on whether the individual specimen response fell within the most sensitive 20% of all specimens tested against that drug. A matrix plot showing the unsupervised clustering of the binary calls can be found at http://vizome.org/additional_figures_BeatAML.html. The binary drug-resistance calls for each specimen were combined into a single value, representing the proportion of drugs to which an individual specimen was sensitive (left) or resistant (right). Specimens were divided into 'Favourable' and 'Adverse' groups based on ELN 2017 criteria to determine whether overall drug sensitivity or resistance correlated with prognostic features of disease (n = 233 patients). b, The binary drug-resistance calls for each specimen as in a. Specimens were divided into diagnostic groups based on WHO 2016 categories to determine whether overall drug sensitivity or resistance correlated with cytogenetic or morphologic features of disease (n = 340 patients). a, b, The top and bottom points of the box plots show 1.5 times the interquartile range (IQR) from the upper and lower lines; the top, middle and bottom lines indicate the 75th, median and 25th percentile of the data with the notches extending 1.58 × IQR/√(n). Specific sample sizes of each group are reported in Supplementary Table 22.
Extended Data Fig. 7 | Integration of genetic events with drug sensitivity. a, Circos plot showing AML rearrangements in the centre, mutational events in the next concentric ring, and gene expression events in the outer ring. The size and width indicates frequency of the event and the FDR-corrected Q value of association with drug sensitivity is colour-coded (sensitivity (red); resistance (blue)). For each gene, tests involving expression were two-sided Student’s t-tests (linear model) of the differences between sensitive and resistant samples. For mutational events, the average difference in AUC between mutant and wild-type samples was determined using two-sided Student’s t-tests from a linear model as shown in Fig. 2a. FDR was computed using the Benjamini–Hochberg method over all the drugs. The number of samples used to correlate each mutational event with drug sensitivity is reported in Supplementary Table 17. b, As in Fig. 2a, the average difference in AUC drug response between mutant and wild-type cases was determined using a two-sided Student’s t-test from a linear model fit (plotted on the x axis and the FDR-corrected Q value is plotted on the y axis). This analysis shows only FLT3-ITD-negative cases. FDR was computed using the Benjamini–Hochberg method over all the drugs. The number of samples used to correlate each mutational event with drug sensitivity is reported in Supplementary Table 17. Expanded and interactive plots are available in our online data browser (http://www.vizome.org/ and http://vizome.org/additional_figures_BeatAML.html).
Extended Data Fig. 8 | Integration of drug sensitivity with genetic events. Correlation between drug sensitivity and mutational events. The average difference in AUC drug response between mutant and wild-type cases was determined using a two-sided Student’s t-test from a linear model fit. FDR was computed using the Benjamini–Hochberg method over all the drugs. The degree of significance is represented on the y axis (sensitivity (red); resistance (blue)). The number of samples used to correlate each mutational event with drug sensitivity is reported in Supplementary Table 17.
Extended Data Fig. 9 | Functional drug sensitivity landscape of the Beat AML cohort. a, Co-occurrences with regard to WGCNA gene expression clusters and/or mutational events (coefficients) were detected by multivariate modelling with respect to ibrutinib response (resistance (blue); sensitivity (red)) and the degree of correlation is shown in the stacked bar plot (top). All coefficients that appear in 25% of the bootstrapped sample sets are shown as segments of the circle. Segment width (the coloured ring) corresponds to the percentage of bootstrapped samples in which that coefficient appears (quantified above the dotted line). The variables appear in descending order clockwise starting at 12 o’clock. Each link indicates pairwise co-occurrence of mutational events and gene expression clusters (width represents frequency of the co-occurrence). The largest co-occurrence for each coefficient is quantified. b, The capacity of differential gene expression to distinguish the 20% most ibrutinib-sensitive ($n = 46$) from 20% most resistant ($n = 44$) specimens is shown on a principal component plot ($n = 239$ patient samples were tested for ibrutinib sensitivity and RNA sequencing). For the number of samples used to correlate each drug with gene expression and perform LASSO regression, see Supplementary Table 17.

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Data collection

Data was collected using Illumina Real Time Analysis (RTA) 1.18; Data was assembled to fastq files using Illumina Bcl2Fastq2 v2.xx
Data analysis

Described in detail in the Methods; BWA MEM version 0.7.10-r789; Genome Analysis Toolkit (v3.3); bundled Picard (v1.20.1579); The files contained within the Broad’s bundle 2.8 were used including their version of the build 37 human genome (These files were downloaded from: ftp://ftp.broadinstitute.org/bundle/2.8/b37/); • The SAM files were sorted and converted to BAM via SortSam; MarkDuplicates was run, marking both lane level standard and optical duplicates; The reads were realigned around indels from the reads – RealignerTargetCreator/IndelRealigner; Base Quality Score Recalibration; The resulting BAM files were then aggregated by sample and an additional round of MarkDuplicates was carried out at the sample level; Quality control reports were generated using the ReportingTools and qrqc; Mutect v1.1.7; Varscan v2.4.1; Indels were produced using Varscan2; Variant Effect Predictor v83 against GRCh37; vcf2maf v1.6.6 tool; Mutect v1.1.7; Varscan v2.4.1; Ensembl VEP v83 on GRCh37; vcf2maf (v1.5.0) program; vcf2maf suite; CrossMap; Pindel; UnifiedGenotyper; substjunc aligner (1.5.0-p2; featureCounts (1.5.0-p2); the GRCh37 build provided by the Broad as part of the GATK bundle was used; substjunc -i /path/to/reference/ -u -r fastq1 -R fastq2 -o outputBAMfilename -i S -T 7 -d 50 -D 600 -S fr featureCounts -a Homo_sapiens.GRCh37.75.gtf -o output -F GTF -t exon -g gene_id -s 2 -C -T 10 -p -d 50 -D 600 -B BAM_files; weighted gene correlation network analysis (WGNA); conditional quantile normalization procedure; edgeR; RNA-sequencing genotyping protocol (as of GATK v3.3); SplitNCigarReads; RealignerTargetCreator/IndelRealigner; TopHat-Fusion (v2.0.14); ‘bicor’ correlation setting the max proportion of outliers to .1; dynamicTreeCut; SNPRelate; Complexheatmap R package; limma users manual; limma-trend approach; FSA; Mclust; clusplot; DISCOVER; corrplot; lasso approach; glmnet

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Sample size

The sample size was chosen to assure sufficient statistical power to capture genetic events observed at 1% or greater disease frequency in AML.

Data exclusions

Algorithms, filtering, and curation for variant calling, gene expression counts, and drug sensitivity data are described in detail in the Methods; Mutect v1.1.7 was run using default parameters except that no limit was placed on the number or frequency of the alternative allele frequency in the normal to help address normal contamination; VarScan v2.4.1 was run in somatic mode with the recommended filtering scheme except as shown in the table below

| Parameter | Current |
|-----------|---------|
| Initial Calls |         |
| Min coverage | 3       |
| Min variant Frequency | .08   |
| Het P-value | .1      |
| Somatic Calls |        |
| Min tumor frequency | .08   |
| Max normal frequency | 1      |
| High confidence P-value | .1     |
| Post Processing |       |
| Max variant avgrl | 0       |
| Max reference avgrl | 0      |

Indels and SNVs were produced for the tumor-only samples again using Mutect without a specified normal for consistency and VarScan2 in mpileup2indel or mpileup2snp mode respectively; These variants were assigned to their most deleterious effect on Ensembl transcripts using Ensembl VEP v83 on GRCh37. This assignment was done using the same VEP parameters as the vcf2maf (v1.5.0) program; Using the runs from MuTect and VarScan, these data were next filtered to keep only the protein impacting SNVs and indels from Mutect and VarScan2 and filtered requiring that the variants had at least 5 reads and either not be seen in the exome aggregation consortium (ExAC) or be seen at a frequency < .01. These data present several additional challenges. First somatic calls cannot be obtained directly from the tumor-only samples, second there is always a possibility of tumor contamination of the skin samples for those samples that were paired. To address
these issues and maximize comparability we used an iterative approach. The following was done separately for the two genotypers:

- An initial set of higher confidence somatic mutations were retrieved from the paired tumor/normal samples requiring tumor variant allele frequency (VAF) $\geq 8\%$ and normal VAF $\leq 5\%$ in addition to the significance tests already performed by the programs.
- A list of all candidate mutations was collated requiring that a mutation was either seen in the high confidence somatic set, the set of variants from Jaiswal et al or from the lifted over set of variants from the TCGA AML paper.
- Mutations from the overall set were kept if:
  o The overall number of calls in the paired samples was not more than twice the number of high confidence somatic calls
  o The tumor-only frequency for the calls was less than 50% greater than the number of calls in the paired samples
  o The mutation was seen in Jaiswal/TCGA list
- High Confidence somatic mutations were kept regardless

The data from the two genotypers were combined along with FLT3-ITD calls from Pindel. Comparing our variant lists from whole exome sequencing versus our custom capture validation sequencing, we noticed, similar to others, that low allele frequency C->A variants (< 15%) tended to have poor concordance (7.7%; data not shown) between the initial run and the technical validation run. These variants were removed in these data and along with a curated ‘blacklist’ of known problematic variants/genes including mitochondrial DNA variants. In addition, all variants that were seen in a cumulative list of BeatAML normal samples at a frequency greater than 1% were removed. Cumulatively, of this set, 94% of covered single-nucleotide variants were validated with 82% of insertion/deletion calls also being confirmed with validation sequencing.

Manual review was then carried out in the following steps:

a.) The addition back of all Jaiswal flagged rows.

b.) Reviewed all TCGA flagged rows for VAF pattern that matched or did not match with known drivers in same specimen. Some TCGA variants were added back based on convincing VAF pattern and known pathogenic role, other TCGA variants were kept excluded based on VAF pattern unlike known drivers in same specimens.

c.) Other variants were added back based on other variants that had the same variant that was still on the include list and VAF pattern looked convincing for inclusion.

d.) All Jaiswal genes with only frameshift/nonsense variants were manually reviewed and missense mutations were manually removed.

e.) Genes/variants that were on both the include and exclude lists were manually reviewed and were removed if too a with over 15% VAF, did not validate, and/or VAF pattern unlike known drivers in same specimen.

f.) Further review of all genes in summary sheet with cohort frequency of 8 or more (1% of more). Any that were not familiar from knowledge of AML literature were manually reviewed for VAF patterns that did or did not match known drivers within same specimens. Those that did not match were manually removed.

After this manual review, additional curated mutations from the UnifieldGenotyper run were added back in along with a curated set of variants from tumor-only patients in Jaiswal et al genes; Gene expression count data were collated from featureCounts matrices and all genes with no counts across the samples were excluded. Genes with duplicate gene symbols and those where the counts were < 10 for 90% or more of the samples were additionally removed prior to normalization similar to the approach suggested for weighted gene correlation network analysis (WGCNA). Samples for which their median expression was less than 2 standard deviations below the average were removed from the dataset (N=10); Quality Control.

The UnifieldGenotyper runs for both the WES and RNA-sequencing were combined into a single VCF file using the GATK CombineVCFs functionality. This combined VCF file was converted to a GDS file using SNPRelate (1.12.2). Note the version is an upper bound as several versions were used across the entire project. The overall similarity of the genotypes of each pair of samples were computed, termed identity by state (IBS) and a hierarchical clustering was performed using one minus this similarity. From this clustering and visualization we devised hard cutoffs for further inspection based on the types of data being compared. For instance samples not meeting the specified IBS thresholds (DNA-DNA=9; RNA-RNA=8.3; DNA-RNA=8.9) were subject to manual review. Based on the dendrogram structure as well as the clinical/lab information, samples were either excluded, assigned to a different patient ID or in rare cases assigned to a different sample. It was observed that bone marrow transplants between sample collections produced a noticeable but milder effect in these dendrograms and such samples were flagged for removal in RNA-seq analysis and for treatment as tumor-only samples in the WES analysis as is described in the ‘WES Variant Detection’ section; Ex vivo Functional Drug Screen Data Processing – A given sample was run on one or more panels and within each panel, the majority of drugs were run without within-panel replicates. Two steps were performed to harmonize these data prior to model fitting:

1. A ‘curve-free’ AUC (integration based on fine linear interpolation between the 7 data points themselves) was calculated for those runs with within-panel replicates after applying a ceiling of 100 and a floor of 0 for the normalized viability. The maximum change in AUC amongst the replicates was noted and those runs with differences > 100 were removed.

2. Remaining within-plate replicates had their normalized viability averaged and subject to a ceiling of 100 and floor of 0. An additional set of ‘curve-free’ AUCs was computed for sample-inhibitor pairs run on multiple panels. The maximum change in AUC amongst the across-panel replicates was noted and those runs with differences > 75 were removed.

At this point, the within and across plate replicates for the normalized viability were averaged together and a ceiling of 100 was applied. From the steps above, the floor was already at 0.

Based on the methodology used in our prior drug combination study(Kurtz, 2017 #917), a probit regression was fit to all possible run groups using the model:

$\text{viability} \sim 1 + \log(10)\text{[concentration]}$

Where for all groups there were N=7 dose-response measurements.

The summary measures of curve fit were inspected and cutoffs were devised removing all runs with an AIC > 12 and deviance > 2. For inhibitors that were run using multiple concentration ranges, only the latest concentration range was kept. Finally, these data were compared to the AUC values from third order polynomial fits. Those runs that were discrepant in terms of sensitive/resistant calls were manually reviewed as subject to removal; Co-occurrence/mutual exclusivity -- Only mutations seen in at least 10 patients were kept. The DISCOVER method was used to determine significant mutual exclusivity and co-occurrence. A plot of the co-occurrences was generated using coocplot with the odds ratio of the pairwise co-occurrence used to color and scale the circle sizes; Sensitive/Resistant differential expression -- For each drug, it was required that at least 3 sensitive and 3 resistant samples using the 20%/20% criteria outlined in the ‘Drug Analysis’ section; Integration of both mutation and RNA-Sequencing with Ex vivo Functional Drug Screen; Mutations (0/1 encoding) and the module eigengenes from the WGCNA analysis were used separately and combined together in regression models with coefficients selected using the lasso approach as implemented in glmnet. For each datatype and the combination, only drugs with at least 200 patients samples were tested. The 3 datasets were initially randomly separated into training (75%) and test (25%) sets. Similar to a previous approach, a bootstrap aggregation approach was used where the 1,000 bootstraps of the training dataset was generated and for each one, the lasso trained using 10 fold-cross-validation. Predictions were formed for the test dataset over these bootstrap models and the predicted AUC was averaged. R2 values were computed for these aggregated predictions relative to the test AUC values. As performance was seen to be dependent on the initial test/training split, we repeated the entire process 100 times, recording the mean and standard deviation of the R2 value as well as the...
count non-zero coefficients
All of these criteria were pre-established prior to execution of the analyses.

Replication
All data analysis pipelines filtering, exclusions and quality control steps are described above and in detail in the Methods. Each analytical approach and result was replicated successfully.

Randomization
All samples were assigned numerical identifications with no association to any features of the sample, and for all sequencing batches samples were randomized into capture library groups and flow cells.

Blinding
All samples were assigned numerical identifications that bore no relevance to sample features or attributes, and all data analyses were performed using these de-identified specimen ID numbers.

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### Materials & experimental systems

| n/a | Involved in the study |
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| ✗   | Unique biological materials |
| ✗   | Antibodies |
| ✗   | Eukaryotic cell lines |
| ✗   | Palaeontology |
| ✗   | Animals and other organisms |
| ✗   | Human research participants |

### Methods

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| ✗   | ChIP-seq |
| ✗   | Flow cytometry |
| ✗   | MRI-based neuroimaging |

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Population characteristics

This is all documented in great detail in the Methods and in Supplementary Information. Below is a list of covariate population characteristics:

- labId
- patientId
- consensus_sex
- inferred_sex
- inferred_ethnicity
- centerID
- CEBPA_Biallelic
- ageAtDiagnosis
- isRelapse
- isDenovo
- isTransformed
- finalFusion
- specificDxAtAcquisition_MDSMPN
- nonAML_MDSMPN_specificDxAtAcquisition
- priorMalignancyNonMyeloid
- priorMalignancyType
- cumulativeChemo
- priorMalignancyRadiationTx
- priorMDS
- priorMDSMoreThanTwoMths
- priorMDSMPN
- priorMDSMPNMoreThanTwoMths
- priorMPN
- priorMPNMoreThanTwoMths
- dxAtInclusion
- specificDxAtInclusion
- ELN2017
- ELN2008
- dxAtSpecimenAcquisition
- specificDxAtSpecimenAcquisition
- ageAtSpecimenAcquisition
- timeOfSampleCollectionRelativeToInclusion
- specimenGroups
- specimenType
- rnaSeq
- exomeSeq
- totalDrug
Recruitment

All patients with a diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia at any of the partner institutions were eligible for and consented for the study. No exclusionary criteria existed.