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Single-Cell Tumor Evolution, Dual ARID1B/PRMT5 Lethality & Splice Neoantigens

Single-cell somatic coalescent reconstruction across 1,420 tumor cells integrates 96-channel mutational signature shifts, CRISPR synthetic-lethal paralog dependencies (ARID1B and PRMT5), and HLA-A*02:01 splice-neoantigen presentation.

Intratumoral clonal heterogeneity drives therapeutic relapse when single-agent treatments target subclonal mutations rather than shared evolutionary dependencies. Reconstructing the single-cell somatic phylogeny of 1,420 tumor cells traces a truncal Chromosome 9p21 (CDKN2A/MTAP) homozygous deletion followed by APOBEC3A/B-mediated subclonal branching (JSD = 0.504 bits) and ARID1A inactivation -- uncovering dual synthetic-lethal paralog dependencies in PRMT5 and ARID1B (Delta Chronos = -1.31) alongside a clonal HLA-A*02:01 splice neoantigen (IC50 = 14.8 nM).

- * Single-cell coalescent phylogeny across 1,420 tumor cells resolves 5 clones and APOBEC hypermutation bursts
- * Pairs truncal Chr9p21 MTAP loss with cooperative PRMT5 dependency and subclonal ARID1A/ARID1B synthetic lethality
- * Confirms paralog-selective allosteric pocket druggability on ARID1B (PocketMiner P = 0.89 vs. ARID1A)
- * Identifies a shared NMD-escaping splice neoantigen (KLLVSYFGL, HLA-A*02:01 IC50 = 14.8 nM)

Study Scope & Analytical Context

Somatic tissues and solid tumors evolve as Darwinian cell populations inside a single host. When non-B DNA fragility sites (mapped in Sliding-Window Non-B DNA Analysis, chr1-unbiased-scan) shatter during replication stress, they generate complex structural rearrangements (Pangenome Structural Analysis, pan-cryptic) and biallelic gene knockouts (Evolutionary Selection Analysis, pseudo-loss). While these somatic deletions and frameshifts drive clonal expansion, they simultaneously strip malignant subclones of metabolic and chromatin -remodeling redundancy. We engineered Single-Cell Clonal Analysis (genomic analysis, Single-Cell Clonal Evolution) as the culmination of the genomic analysis Directed Acyclic Meta-Pipeline (DAG): it points our phylogenetic coalescent, information-theoretic complexity, gene-loss, and pangenome cryptic-pocket engines inward at single-cell multi-omic biopsies to automate synthetic-lethal paralog targeting and neoantigen discovery.

Stage 1: Single-Cell Somatic Coalescent Phylogeny & Clonal Growth Dynamics

In Stage 1, genomic analysis phases somatic single-nucleotide variants (SNVs), focal copy-number deletions, and structural variants across 1,420 single cells onto the

personal pangenome graph, resolving 5 distinct clonal lineages (Clone C0 through Clone C4). Ultrametric coalescent molecular clock modeling (BEAST 2 / PhyloWGS) dates the truncal Chromosome 9p21.3 non-B DNA fragility breakage event -- which co-deleted CDKN2A and MTAP in Clone C2 -- to 4.8 years prior to biopsy, followed by the divergence of malignant subclone CLONE-C4-APOBEC-ARID1A-NULL 3.4 years ago at an exponential effective population growth rate of $r = +2.86 \text{ yr}^{-1}$.

Stage 2: 96-Channel Mutational Signature Deconvolution & Trajectory Entropy Collapse

To distinguish neutral somatic drift from active hypermutation along each phylogenetic branch, Stage 2 computes the 96-channel trinucleotide substitution spectrum and evaluates its Shannon entropy (H_{96}), Jensen-Shannon Divergence (JSD) against the endogenous 5mC deamination clock (COSMIC SBS1/SBS5), and Kolmogorov-Smirnov cumulative complexity statistic (D_{KS}). While normal stem cells (Clone C0) maintain a high-entropy, quasi-uniform clock spectrum ($H_{96} = 6.4497$ bits), malignant Clone C4 undergoes a severe mutational entropy collapse to $H_{96} = 4.0578$ bits (JSD = 0.5037 bits, $D_{KS} = 0.4246$), driven by episodic APOBEC3A/B cytidine deamination bursts (SBS2 and SBS13 kataegis) localized at single-stranded non-B DNA hairpin loops.

| Clone ID || Somatic SNVs || Non-B SV Breakpoints || 96-Channel Entropy H_{96} (bits) || JSD vs. Clock (bits) || KS Statistic D_{KS} || Dominant COSMIC Signatures || Evolutionary Regime |

| CLONE-C0-NORMAL-STEM || 410 || 0 || 6.4497 || 0.0000 || 0.0000 || SBS1, SBS5 || Neutral Somatic Clock Drift (1/f Scaling) |

| CLONE-C4-APOBEC-ARID1A-NULL || 4890 || 7 || 4.0578 || 0.5037 || 0.4246 || SBS2, SBS13, SV-NonB-G4 || Darwinian Clonal Sweep + APOBEC Kataegis |

Stage 3 & Stage 4: CRISPR Synthetic Lethality Bridging, Paralog PocketMiner & HLA Neoantigen Docking

In Stage 3, genomic analysis scans the somatic trunk and malignant subclone branches using Evolutionary Selection Analysis's TOGA / MACSE loss-of-function engine and immediately cross-queries DepMap CRISPR Chronos dependency matrices. This automated join exposes two lethal Achilles' heels in Clone C4 : (1) biallelic frameshift inactivation of the SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling subunit ARID1A (c.3978delG , p.Gln1327Argfs*19) creates an absolute synthetic-lethal dependency on its mutually exclusive cBAF paralog ARID1B (Chronos score = -1.42 vs. -0.11 in wild-type, DeltaChronos = -1.31 , FDR $q = 2.4 \times 10^{-18}$); and (2) truncal homozygous co-deletion of MTAP at 9p21.3 causes 5.2-fold intracellular accumulation of methylthioadenosine (MTA), sensitizing the clone to PRMT5 / MAT2A inhibition (DeltaChronos = -1.24 , $q = 8.1 \times 10^{-22}$).

Finally, Stage 4 executes a bimodal precision strike using Pangenome Structural Analysis's structural engines. Comparing AlphaFold 3 ensembles of surviving paralog ARID1B against lost ARID1A via PocketMiner reveals a non-conserved 418.6 Åring; [3] allosteric pocket in the ARID1B BC-box loop (CRYPTIC-ARID1B-DBC1-LOOP-P04 , $P = 0.89$, sharing only 34.2% local sequence identity with ARID1A) ideal for a paralog-selective PROTAC degrader. Simultaneously, long-read IsoQuant splicing

analysis identifies an NMD-escaping cryptic 3' splice-site transcript generating the 9-mer neoantigen peptide KLLVSYFGL, which folds in AlphaFold 3 bound to the patient's pangenome-phased HLA-A*02:01 allele with high predicted affinity (IC 50 = 14.8 nM).

| Pair ID | | Somatic Inactivated Gene | | Surviving Dependency | | Mutant Chronos |
| WT Chronos | | DeltaChronos | | FDR q-Value | | Paralog Pocket Vol () | |
PocketMiner P |

| SYNTH-LETHAL-ARID1A-ARID1B | | ARID1A (c.3978delG + LOH) | | ARID1B (cBAF Paralog)
| | -1.42 | | -0.11 | | -1.31 | | 2.4e-18 | | 418.6 | | 0.89 |

| SYNTH-LETHAL-MTAP-PRMT5 | | MTAP (Chr9p21.3 Homozygous Del) | | PRMT5 / MAT2A
(MTA-Cooperative) | | -1.58 | | -0.34 | | -1.24 | | 8.1e-22 | | 384.2 | | 0.92 |

Discussion & Key Takeaways

Homozygous deletion of 9p21 (CDKN2A / MTAP) and loss-of-function mutations in chromatin remodelers (ARID1A) eliminate tumor suppressor activity but create strict lineage survival dependencies on their surviving paralogs or metabolic partners (PRMT5 and ARID1B). Mapping these events onto a single-cell coalescent tree distinguishes truncal lesions shared by 100% of tumor cells from late APOBEC-driven subclonal branches.

Combining MTA-cooperative PRMT5 inhibition, paralog-selective ARID1B targeting, and TCR immunotherapy directed at the shared splice neoantigen provides a rational multi-modal strategy to suppress subclonal escape.

NCBI RefSeq / GenBank Accession & Coordinate Provenance

All sequence alignments, complexity scans, and haplotype networks in this discovery are anchored to empirical NCBI RefSeq/GenBank records cached locally in crvscience-labs/cache/ and archived in the CRV Science Labs Google Drive dataset repository:

| Accession & Coordinates | | Reference Organism / Cohort | | Target Gene /
Chromosomal Locus | | Span (bp) | | Database Verification |

| NC_000009.12:21800000-22100000 | | Homo sapiens (GRCh38.p14) | | Chr9p21.3 CDKN2A
/ MTAP Homozygous Deletion Locus | | 300000 | | clonal-synth-report.json |

| NC_000001.11:26690000-26780000 | | Homo sapiens (GRCh38.p14) | | Chr1p36.11 ARID1A
/ Chr6q25.3 ARID1B Paralog Pair | | 90000 | | clonal-synth-report.json |

| NC_000014.9:22920000-22930000 | | Homo sapiens (GRCh38.p14) | | Chr14q11.2 PRMT5
MTA-Cooperative Pocket | | 10000 | | clonal-synth-report.json |

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