IDH-Mutant Leukemia Cells by CRISPR Base-Editing

Cell lines and cell culture:

Parental K562, K562-IDH1^{R132H} (clone #C3, Xu lab #111) and K562-IDH2^{R140Q} (clone #B4, Xu lab #119)

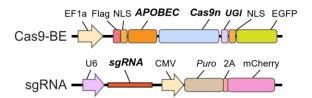
Parental MOLM-13, MOLM-13-IDH1^{R132H} (clone #F8, Xu lab #108) and MOLM-13-IDH2^{R140Q} (clone #F6, Xu lab #115)

All the cell lines were cultured in the RPMI-1640 medium with 10% FBS. The details of these cells lines are all described in the paper (1).

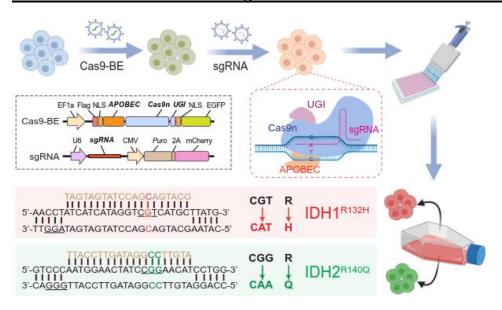
Plasmids used for generating the cell lines:

- 1. CRISPR/Cas9 base editor (Cas9-BE; Addgene, #110869)
- 2. pSLQ1651 (Addgene, #100549)
- 3. psPAX2 (Xu lab #660)
- 4. VSVG (Xu lab #409)

Schematic of the vectors:



Schematic of CRISPR base editing of IDH1R132H or IDH2R140Q mutations in leukemia cells:



Method for Generation of IDH-Mutant Leukemia Cells by CRISPR Base Editing:

We employed the optimized CRISPR base editing method (2) to generate hotspot mutations including IDH1^{R132H} (CGT to CAT), and IDH2^{R140Q} (CGG to CAA) in K562 and MOLM-13 human

leukemia cells, respectively. The CRISPR/Cas9 base editor (Cas9-BE; Addgene, 110869) contains BE3^{RA} (Cas9n with codon optimization and deletion of premature poly(A) sites), cytidine deaminase APOBEC, uracil glycosylase inhibitor (UGI) domain, and two nuclear-localization signal (NLS) sequences at the N- or C-terminus. sgRNAs were designed to target individual hotspot mutations in IDH1 or IDH2 and cloned into pSLQ1651 vector (Addgene, 100549) with mCherry. Leukemia cells were transduced with lentiviruses expressing Cas9-BE and sgRNA for each mutation, which were packaged in HEK293T cells and sorted for EGFP and mCherry positive cells. Genomic DNA (gDNA) was extracted from single cell-derived clones and used for targeted sequencing. Raw fastq files were mapped to IDH1 or IDH2 reference sequences using Bowtie2 with default parameters (3). Mapped reads were extracted from mapping files and aligned together. For each position of piled reads, the counts of bases (A, T, C and G) and corresponding mutation frequencies for each position were calculated. The mutation frequencies at the base-edited sites in single cell-derived clones (two independent clones for each mutation) are shown below.

Representative allelic frequencies of IDH1^{R132H} (CGT to CAT, red) and IDH2^{R140Q} (CGG to CAA, green) mutations in base-edited K562 and MOLM-13 leukemia cells by targeted sequencing:

Gene	Amino Acid Mutation	Nucleotide Mutation	K562		MOLM-13	
			Clone no.	Mut. Freq. (%)	Clone no.	Mut. Freq. (%)
IDH1	p.Arg132His	C c.395 G> <mark>A</mark> T	СЗ	58.69	F8	67.42
			E6	65.04	G8	80.80
IDH2	p.Arg140Gln	C c.419 G>A c.420 G>A	B4	49.64 49.63	C8	49.17 48.44
			C1	64.41 31.96	F6	66.12 66.24

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