



# Assessing acquired resistance to IDH1 inhibitor therapy by full-exon *IDH1* sequencing and structural modeling

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Abstract Somatic mutations in hotspot regions of the cytosolic or mitochondrial isoforms of the isocitrate dehydrogenase gene (IDH1 and IDH2, respectively) contribute to the pathogenesis of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) by producing the oncometabolite 2-hydroxyglutarate (2-HG). The allosteric IDH1 inhibitor, ivosidenib, suppresses 2-HG production and induces clinical responses in relapsed/refractory IDH1-mutant AML. Herein, we describe a clinical case of AML in which we detected the neomorphic IDH1 p.R132C mutation in consecutive patient samples with a mutational hotspot targeted next-generation sequencing (NGS) assay. The patient had a clinical response to ivosidenib, followed by relapse and disease progression. Subsequent sequencing of the relapsed sample using a newly developed all-exon, hybrid-capture-based NGS panel identified an additional IDH1 p.S280F mutation known to cause renewed 2-HG production and drug resistance. Structural modeling confirmed that serine-to-phenylalanine substitution at this codon sterically hinders ivosidenib from binding to the mutant IDH1 dimer interface and predicted a similar effect on the pan-IDH inhibitor AG-881. Joint full-exon NGS and structural modeling enables monitoring IDH1 inhibitor-treated AML patients for acquired drug resistance and choosing follow-up therapy.

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# INTRODUCTION

Molecular characterization of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) yielded greater understanding of leukemogenesis, revolutionized disease diagnosis and prognosis, and led to the development of new biomarkers and novel targeted therapies (King and Bagg 2017; Carbonell et al. 2019; Winer and Stone 2019; DiNardo and Wei 2020). Somatic mutations in two isoforms of isocitrate dehydrogenase gene (*IDH1/2*) characterize 20%–25% of AML cases (Losman et al. 2013; Nassereddine et al. 2017; Yoshimi et al. 2019). IDH1/2 are homodimer enzymes that normally catalyze the conversion of isocitrate to  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate ( $\alpha$ KG) (Tommasini-Ghelfi et al. 2019). Oncogenic *IDH* mutations map to key structural arginine residues within these enzymes' active site that are critical for isocitrate binding: the amino acid (AA) R132 in IDH1 and the AA R140 or

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R172 in IDH2. These mutations cause conversion of the physiologic metabolite  $\alpha$ KG into (R) 2-hydroxyglutarate (2-HG) through their neomorphic activity (Dang et al. 2010, 2016; Losman and Kaelin 2013). 2-HG acts as an oncometabolite by competitively inhibiting  $\alpha$ KG-dependent histone demethylases, prolyl hydroxylases, and TET hydroxylases, which in turn alters the epigenome and inhibits normal cellular differentiation (Medeiros et al. 2017).

Targeted inhibition of pathogenic IDH1/2 variants has been shown to reduce the production of 2-HG and decrease leukemic burden (Chaturvedi et al. 2013; Wang et al. 2013; Upadhyay et al. 2017; Yen et al. 2017). Small-molecule inhibitors enasidenib (Celgene Corp. AG-221/CC-9007) and ivosidenib (Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. AG-120) have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of *IDH*-mutated AML. The pan-IDH inhibitor AG-881 is being studied in clinical trials (Nassereddine et al. 2017). Ivosidenib in monotherapy has achieved complete remission (CR) in 24% of cases, an overall response of 42%, and a median overall survival of 9 mo in patients with relapsed/refractory (R/R) *IDH1* mutant AML (Megías-Vericat et al. 2019). However, reports have already emerged describing cases of relapse during therapy and acquired resistance to these mutant IDH1/2 inhibitors (Harding et al. 2018; Intlekofer et al. 2018; Quek et al. 2018; Choe et al. 2020).

Herein, we describe a patient with R/R AML in whom we identified the neomorphic p.R132C *IDH1* mutation by using hotspot amplicon-based next-generation sequencing (NGS). Initially, the patient showed response to ivosidenib therapy, but relapsed ~8 mo after start of treatment. Complete *IDH1* exon sequencing using a newly developed hybrid-capture NGS assay detected an *IDH1* p.S280F variant in addition to the known pathogenic p.R132C variant. Retrospective testing of all available previous patient samples confirmed the absence of a second-site p.S280F mutation prior to ivosidenib therapy. Structural modeling showed that the p.S280F variant is located at the ivosidenib binding site on the interface of the IDH1 dimer. Modeling also predicted steric hindrance with the substitution of phenylalanine for serine that would interfere with binding of both ivosidenib and the pan-IDH inhibitor, AG-881, excluding the latter as potential follow-up therapy for AML cases bearing these mutations.

# RESULTS

### **Case Presentation**

A 68-yr-old female initially presented in 2016 to an outside hospital with a diagnosis of myelodysplastic syndrome with excess blasts (MDS-EB-2). Despite treatment with hypomethylating agents, her disease progressed to AML with myelodysplasia-related changes (AML-MRC) positive for *FLT3* internal tandem duplication (*FLT3*-ITD) (that was identified at an outside laboratory) in 2017. She was initially treated by her community oncologist with two cycles of cytarabine, but because her AML persisted she was reinduced with cytarabine, daunorubicin, and midostaurin in early January 2018. Subsequent bone marrow biopsy demonstrated morphologic remission and the patient underwent consolidation therapy with idarubicin in combination with cytarabine (IDAC) and midostaurin. Thereafter, she was referred to the University of Minnesota for possible stem cell transplantation.

Restaging bone marrow biopsy in late February 2018 showed persistent/recurrent lowlevel disease. At this time, an amplicon-based NGS test was negative for the previously identified *FLT3*-ITD mutation but detected an *IDH1* p.R132C variant (Supplemental Fig. S1). The patient was subsequently treated with combination of venetoclax and cytarabine; however, restaging bone marrow biopsy in July 2018 demonstrated persistent/recurrent leukemia with 77% circulating blasts (data not shown). In August 2018, targeted treatment was initiated with the then newly FDA-approved IDH1 inhibitor, ivosidenib. A follow-up bone marrow biopsy in December 2018 showed morphologic remission (Fig. 1A). However, flow cytometry



**Figure 1.** Representative morphologic, immunophenotyping, and *IDH1* mutation data. Bone marrow biopsies from December 2018 (*A*) and March 2019 (*D*). The December 2018 biopsy, performed 4 mo after initiation of IDH1 inhibitor therapy, showed trilineage hematopoiesis (*A*), with up to 5% blasts by manual differential (500 cell count) and 1% by flow cytometry (IFC) (Supplemental Fig. S2A). NGS data showed persistence of the *IDH1* p.R132C mutation (*B*); a p.S280F mutation was not detectable (*C*). The follow-up biopsy in March 2019, performed 8 mo into IDH1 inhibitor therapy, showed recurrent AML with 44% abnormal myeloblasts by manual differential and core biopsy demonstrating clusters and small sheets of blasts (*D*), and with 49% blasts by flow cytometry (IFC) (Supplemental Fig. S2B). NGS detected the presence of the *IDH1* p.R132C variant (*E*) as well as an additional new *IDH1* p.S280F variant (*F*). In *B*, *C*, *E*, and *F*, the IGV screenshots of the hybrid capture-based NGS results are shown. (VAF) Variant allele frequency.

immunophenotyping was concerning for low-level disease with persistence of partial CD7 expression (Supplemental Fig. S2A). A concurrent amplicon-based NGS test showed persistence of the *IDH1* p.R132C variant (Fig. 1B). Overall, these findings were consistent with remission but concerning for minimal residual disease.

Ivosidenib therapy was continued with stable peripheral blood counts until March 2019, when the patient represented with leukemia relapse. Morphology showed recurrent AML with 44% abnormal myeloblasts by manual differential and core biopsy demonstrating clusters and small sheets of blasts (Fig. 1D), and with 49% blasts by flow cytometry with persistence of partial CD7 expression (Supplemental Fig. S2B). A newly validated hybrid-capture-based NGS assay again detected the p.R132C variant in the relapse sample (Fig. 1E) alongside an additional *IDH1* p.S280F variant (Fig. 1F). Concurrent cytogenetics and fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) studies showed a complex karyotype, including



previously detected monosomy 7 (Supplemental Table S1). These are poor prognostic indicators that likely contributed to this patient's progression/relapse. Two months after relapse, the patient died as a result of pseudomonal bacteremia and sepsis.

#### **Amplicon-Based NGS Testing**

We performed amplicon-based NSG studies on bone marrow aspirate samples as part of the patient's routine clinical care. The assay tested for hotspot mutations in the following genes: *FLT3*, *NPM1*, *KIT*, *IDH1*, *IDH2*, *NRAS*, *KRAS*, *PDGFR*, *TP53*, and *WT1* (Henzler et al. 2018) (see Methods). We identified no pathogenic variants in the diagnostic sample. We first detected the *IDH1* p.R132C mutation in the sample from February 2018. This mutation remained persistently detectable throughout her treatment course to the final March 2019 test (Table 1) at disease relapse. Of note, the persistence of *IDH1/2* mutations in AML patients is known to be significant for predicting relapse (Ok et al. 2019).

# Hybrid-Capture-Based NGS Retesting of all Patient Samples

We used a newly developed and clinically validated hybrid-capture-based NGS assay to test the bone marrow aspirate sample at the time of the patient's relapse in March 2019. The

Table 1. The results of hybrid-capture-based next-generation sequencing (NGS) testing compared to clinical setting and other pathology data										
Sample ID		16-04470	18-01654	18-02858	18-04274	18-05644	18-08274	18-10037	19-01827	
Date		6/8/2016	2/28/2018	4/10/ 2018	5/30/2018	7/13/2018	10/8/2018	12/6/2018	2/28/2019	
Time point		Diagnosis of MDS	1.5 mo post induction for AML	4 mo post 7 + 3 therapy	Post cytarabine/ venetoclax	Post 2 cycles cytarabine/ venetoclax	Recent IDH1 inhibitor therapy	4 mo IDH1 inhibitor therapy	7 mo IDH1 inhibitor therapy	
Morphologic diagnosis		MDS	Probable residual MN	Persistent MN	Probable residual MN	Residual MN	Persistent AML	Remission	AML	
Blast % morph		8%	4.50%	3%	4.60%	Focal increased	5.00%	0.60%	44%	
Blast % flow		4.70%	4.50%	7%	2%	<1%	2%	1%	49%	
Gene	Protein change	VAF	VAF	VAF	VAF	VAF	VAF	VAF	VAF	
IDH1	R132C	0.136	0.074	0.051	0.05	0.098	0.185	0.277	0.359	
IDH1	S280F	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	0.191	
FLT3	ITD	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	
BCOR	K1721Rfs*4	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	0.131	Neg	Neg	
DNMT3A	L650Pfs*52	0.093	0.063	0.051	0.05*	0.074	0.131	Neg*	0.127	
DNMT3A	R899H	0.195	0.206	0.212	0.181	0.12	0.166	0.356	0.358	
GATA2	L359S	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	0.109	Neg	0.077	
KRAS	G12A	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	0.064	Neg	0.076	
SF1	G323R	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	0.064	Neg	0.059	

Presence of mutations at various time points during the patient's disease course are shown, as detected by the full-exon, heme hybrid capture NGS assay. The *IDH1* p.R132C mutation is highlighted in bold. It is evident that some variants, including likely germline variants, were maintained throughout the patient's disease course, whereas others appeared/disappeared as a result of clonal drift and/or clonal evolution, in part in response to drug therapies.

(mo) Month, (MDS) myelodysplastic syndrome, (MN) myeloid neoplasm, (AML) acute myeloid leukemia, (VAF) variant allele frequency, (ND) not done, (Neg) negative, (\*) present in IGV but not GeneInsight after filter.

assay enables the analysis of all coding exons of genes instead of just hotspot regions, and this assay's panel includes an expanded number of genes compared to our amplicon-based assay (see Methods for details). We detected the *IDH1* p.R132C variant that previously characterized this patient's myeloid neoplasm, a pathogenic variant in the *KRAS* gene, p.G12A, and a pathogenic variant in the *DNMT3A* gene, p.L650Pfs\*52. Importantly, we also identified a second *IDH1* variant, p.S280F, in the relapse sample (Fig. 1F). *IDH1* p.S280F (NM\_005896.3: c.839C > T) is a missense variant described in two heterozygotes and no homozygotes in the gnomAD population database (https://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/; Karczewski et al. 2020) (accessed 09/25/2020). It is a rare variant absent from the COSMIC (https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic; Forbes et al. 2008) and ClinVar (https://www.ncbi.nlm .nih.gov/clinvar/; Landrum et al. 2016) databases (accessed 09/25/2020). Based on lack of available evidence and the fact that this variant is not common in the general population, we initially classified it as a Tier III variant of unknown clinical significance (Li et al. 2017). However, we were aware that this variant had been described by Intlekofer et al. (2018) in a patient with acquired resistance to *IDH1* inhibitor therapy.

We then used hybrid-capture NGS to test all available historical patient samples retrospectively to assess when during the patient's disease course this *IDH1* variant emerged. The results confirmed that the patient consistently tested positive for the *IDH1* p.R132C and *DNMT3A* p.L650Pfs\*52 variants throughout her illness (Table 1). The *KRAS* p.G12A mutation was only seen in October 2018 and in the relapse sample. We also observed variants of uncertain significance either at a single time point (*BCOR* p.K1721Rfs\*4, *GATA2* p.L359S, and *SF1* p.G323R genes) or in all samples (*DNMT3A* p.R899H) (see Table 1 for a full list of genes harboring variations in the context of clinical setting and pathology data, Table 2 for the details on the observed variants, and Supplemental Table S1 for concurrent cytogenetic findings). Significantly, the *IDH1* p.S280F variant was only present in the post-ivosidenib therapy relapse sample (Fig. 1C,F; Supplemental Figs. S1D, S3). This suggests clonal evolution during the course of the disease under the selection pressure of IDH1 inhibitor therapy.

### Structural Basis for Ivosidenib Resistance

Using structural modeling, we located the *IDH1* p.S280F missense variant at the IDH1 dimer interface, as previously described (and at a position analogous to the *IDH2* p.I319M variant in

Fable 2. Information on gene variants observed during the patient's disease course												
Gene	Chromosome	HGVS DNA reference	HGVS protein reference	Variant type	Predicted effect	dbSNP/dbVar ID	ClinVar ID					
IDH1	2	NM_005896.2 c.394C > T	p.R132C	SNV	Substitution	rs121913499	375891					
IDH1	2	NM_005896.2 c.839C>T	p.S280F	SNV	Substitution	rs757389021	996127					
FLT3	13	NM_004119.2		ITD	Insertion							
BCOR	2	NM_001123385.1 c.5162delA	p.K1721Rfs*4	Indel	Deletion, frameshift termination							
DNMT3A	2	NM_022552.5 c.1949_1963delinsCCAAG	p.L650Pfs*52	Complex indel	Frameshift termination							
DNMT3A	2	NM_022552.4 c.2696G > A	p.R899H	SNV	Substitution	-	-					
GATA2	3	NM_032638.4 c.1076T > C	p.L359S	SNV	Substitution	-	-					
KRAS	12	NM_033360.3 c.35G > C	p.G12A	SNV	Substitution	rs121913529	45122					
SF1	11	NM_001178030.2 c.967G > A	p.G323R	SNV	Substitution	-	-					

(ITD) Internal tandem duplication, (SNP) single-nucleotide polymorphism, (SNV) single-nucleotide variant.





**Figure 2.** Crystal structure and modeling the IDH1 inhibitor binding site. (A) Crystal structure of IDH1 p.R132H mutant complexed with pan-IDH inhibitor, AG-881 (cyan) (PDB 6ADG) shown with superimposed phenylalanine mutations of serine (SER) 280 (yellow). (B) IDH1 inhibitor, ivosidenib (AG-120) (purple) docked to the same structure demonstrates an even greater incompatibility with the p.S280F mutation, including steric hindrance and the loss of hydrogen bonding to SER280.

a patient with acquired resistance to IDH2 inhibitor, enasidenib, therapy with increased 2-HG levels [Intlekofer et al. 2018; Choe et al. 2020]). The structure of the dual IDH1/IDH2 inhibitor, AG-881 (also developed by Agios Pharmaceuticals) has a solved co-crystal with IDH1 p.R132H mutant (PDB 6ADG) (Supplemental Fig. S4; Ma and Yun 2018). This allosteric inhibitor and other IDH1-specific inhibitors bind at the dimer interface of IDH1 (Xie et al. 2017; Ma and Yun 2018; Waitkus et al. 2018). As shown in Figure 2A, mutating the amino acid serine 280 (SER280) in silico to phenylalanine results in significant steric clashes that are predicted to prevent the binding of AG-881. Hypothesizing that ivosidenib has a similar binding mode, we docked ivosidenib into this binding site (see Methods). The resulting ivosidenib pose makes polar contacts with the hydroxyl group of SER280 (Supplemental Fig. S5). These polar contacts are lost with phenylalanine substitutions. Therefore, ivosidenib is predicted to be even more sterically hindered by the p.S280F mutation than AG-881 (Fig. 2B). We note that the location of SER280 in IDH1 is identical, relative to the inhibitor and dimer interface, to the locations of the p.Q316E and p.I319M mutations in IDH2, which result in resistance to the IDH2 inhibitor, enasidenib (Intlekofer et al. 2018). However, the p.S280F mutation may have less or no impact on inhibitors that have different binding modes to IDH1, such as those targeting the active site (Jakob et al. 2018) or alternative allosteric sites (Levell et al. 2017) of IDH1.

#### DISCUSSION

AML is a genetically heterogeneous disease that is characterized by multiple somatically acquired mutations that affect genes of different functional categories, leading to a complex clonal architecture and disease evolution over time (Bullinger et al. 2017; Martignoles et al. 2018). Mutations in genes encoding epigenetic modifiers such as DNA (cytosine-5)-methyltransferase 3A (*DNMT3A*), additional sex comb-like 1 (*ASXL1*), Tet methylcytosine dioxygenase 2 (*TET2*), and *IDH1/2* are commonly acquired early in the disease course and are usually present in the founding clone. In contrast, signaling pathway mutations such as those affecting *KRAS* or *FLT3* genes are often late genetic events (Bullinger et al. 2017; Martignoles et al. 2018). Such mutations can persist after therapy, lead to clonal expansion during hematologic remission, and eventually cause relapse (Bullinger et al.



2017). *IDH1* and *IDH2* gene mutations are observed in up to 10% and 15% of AML cases, respectively. The majority of *IDH2* variants are missense mutations located at AA arginine 140 (R140), whereas the majority of *IDH1* variants are cysteine substitutions at AA position R132 (Chotirat et al. 2012). Recently, the FDA approved two new targeted therapeutics that inhibit mutated IDH1 and IDH2, ivosidenib (AG-120) and enasidenib (AG-221), respectively, for treating R/R AML (Golub et al. 2019). Ongoing studies have shown that these agents are relatively well-tolerated. Ivosidenib has shown variable efficacy as monotherapy, ranging from complete to partial remission in patients with R/R AML (Megías-Vericat et al. 2019). However, some of these patients have experienced disease recurrence after treatment.

Recent studies have identified several post-therapy resistance mechanisms in response to IDH1 or IDH2 inhibitor therapies. These include clonal evolution, the emergence of secondary mutations in receptor tyrosine kinase pathway and RAS family members, and selection of terminal or ancestral clones (Amatangelo et al. 2017; DiNardo et al. 2018; Quek et al. 2018; Choe et al. 2020). In addition, isoform switching from mutant *IDH1* to mutant *IDH2* or vice versa (Harding et al. 2018) or the appearance of secondary *IDH* mutations have been observed (Intlekofer et al. 2018; Choe et al. 2020). Relevant to our case, Intlekofer et al. (2018) identified an *IDH1* R132-mutated AML patient with appearance of a secondary *IDH1* p.S280F variant after ivosidenib therapy. A subsequent study demonstrated the emergence of several secondary *IDH1* mutations in ivosidenib-treated *IDH1* R132-mutation-bearing patients, including the p.S280F variant, corresponding with elevated serum 2-HG levels and a loss of ivosidenib binding to the p.R132H/p.S280F double mutation carrying IDH1 protein (Choe et al. 2020).

The crystal structure of IDH1 p.R132H was recently solved in association with NADPH and the new pan-IDH inhibitor, AG-881 (Ma and Yun 2018). AG-881 was shown to bind to mutant IDH1 in the same allosteric pocket as ivosidenib. This caused steric hindrance within the substrate binding site as a result of the bent and displaced  $\alpha 10$  helixes, which is thought to account for the inhibitory effect of this compound (Ma and Yun 2018). In our own structural model, we first replaced SER280 with phenylalanine and observed its effect on the interaction of mutant IDH1 p.R132 with AG-881. Similar to the finding seen using the model of Choe et al. (2020), the phenylalanine substitution resulted in significant steric clashes, which are predicted to prevent the binding of AG-881 to IDH1 (Fig. 2A). We then replaced AG-881 with ivosidenib and modeled both the IDH1 p.R132H mutant alone and alongside the p.R132H/p.S280F double-mutant variant. The resulting pose was predicted to be even more sterically hindered by the phenylalanine substitution than AG-881, because it also affected the hydrogen bonds present with SER280 (Fig. 2B). Thus, phenylalanine substitution-induced conformational changes affected the allosteric pocket's plasticity and interfered with binding of both inhibitors in different ways. Based on these findings, it is likely that switching to pan-IDH inhibitor therapy (with AG-881) would not be able to revert clinical resistance in IDH1 p.R132H/p.S280F-bearing AML patients, necessitating alternative therapy.

Importantly, this discovery was made possible by switching from an amplicon-based, hotspot-targeting NGS assay to a newly validated, complete-exon hybrid-capture NGS platform. This new assay enabled us to identify the second-site *IDH1* mutation located outside of the targeted hotspot *IDH1* region. This questions the usefulness of following patients on targeted therapy with hotspot NGS panels. Specifically, this case clearly demonstrates that *IDH1* mutant-bearing AML patients receiving ivosidenib therapy would benefit from longitudinal full-exon *IDH1* gene sequencing for the detection of emerging resistance variants. Further studies should determine whether early detection of such mutations could be used to modify or alternate therapeutic regimens for more personalized care and improved outcomes.



# **METHODS**

#### **Clinical Specimens**

The patient was monitored and/or treated at the University of Minnesota Medical Center (UMMC) between May 2016 and May 2019. Bone marrow and/or peripheral blood samples were collected at the time of initial UMMC assessment, longitudinally during therapy, and at relapse after IDH1 inhibitor therapy.

#### Specimen Processing and Morphologic Assessment

Bone marrow core biopsy specimens were fixed in acetic zinc formalin (AZF) fixative for at least 1 h and then placed into decalcification solution (Decal Stat, Decal Chemical Corp.) for 2 h prior to processing. The specimens were then processed using the automated tissue processors Leica ASP300S and Leica Peloris II (Leica Biosystems Division of Leica Microsystems Inc.). Three micron-section tissue slides were cut from the processed paraffin blocks and stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) using H&E automated stainers (Sakura Finetek USA, Inc.; Leica Biosystems). Morphologic assessment of the H&E-stained bone marrow core biopsy specimens was performed by a board-certified hematopathologist.

### **Amplicon-Based NGS Testing**

Genomic DNA was extracted from patient bone marrow aspirate samples using the QIAGEN DNeasy blood and tissue kit per manufacturer's instructions (QIAGEN), and sequencing libraries were prepared using an amplicon-based target enrichment method for mutational hotspots on the Fluidigm Biomark Access Array System, as previously described (Henzler et al. 2018). The enriched DNA libraries were sequenced on an Illumina MiSeq instrument (version 3 chemistry, 300-bp paired-end reads; Illumina, Inc.). FASTQ files were processed through a custom designed bioinformatics pipeline, termed ScanIndel (Yang et al. 2015). Variant call files (vcfs) were filtered to remove subthreshold calls with <500× coverage and/or variant allele frequency (VAF) less than defined, validated thresholds ranging from 1%–10%, dependent on the type of mutation, as follows: 5% for single-nucleotide variants (SNVs) of high clinical utility (list available upon request); 10% for other SNVs; 1% for insertion-deletion mutations <3 bp; and 5% for insertion-deletion mutations 3 bp or similar. Clinically relevant mutations from this VAF were annotated by a board-certified molecular genetic pathologist with GeneInsight (Sunquest, Inc.) or GenomOncology software (GenomOncology) and reported. Sequenced regions (i.e., mutational hotspot regions, consisting of indicated exons) of the clinically ordered gene set for this patient were as follows: FLT3 (NM\_004119.2): 14-15; IDH1 (NM\_005896.2): 4; IDH2 (NM\_002168.2): 4; KIT (NM\_000222.2): 8-13, 17; KRAS (NM\_033360.3): 2-3; NPM1 (NM\_002520.4): 11; NRAS (NM\_002524.4): 2-3; PDGFRA (NM\_006206.4): 12, 14, 18; TP53 (NM\_000546.5): 2-11; WT1 (NM\_024426.4): 7, 9. The sequencing coverage table for individual genes can be found in the Supplemental Information for each test (Supplemental Table S2).

### Hybrid-Capture-Based NGS Testing

Genomic DNA was extracted from patient bone marrow aspirate samples as stated above and quantified using the Qubit 2.0 fluorometer (ThermoFisher Scientific). Library preparation was carried out by tagmentation following Nextera protocols (Nextera Flex library preparation, Illumina, Inc.). Target enrichment was performed by hybrid capture using vendor-customized baits (Integrated DNA Technologies) and Illumina Rapid capture reagents per manufacturer's protocol. The enriched libraries were sequenced on an Illumina MiSeq instrument (using version 3 chemistry) to a target of 1.5 million reads per sample. FASTQ files were processed, as described above. Variant call files were filtered to remove subthreshold calls with less than 125× coverage and/or variant allele frequency less than the validated threshold of 5% for both SNVs and indels. Complete exons were sequenced for the following 68 genes in this patient: ABL1 (NM\_005157.4), ALK (NM\_004304.4), ASXL1 (NM\_015338.5), ATM (NM\_000051.3), ATRX (NM\_000489.3), BCL6 (NM\_001706.4), BCOR (NM\_001123385.1), (NM 004333.4), BTK (NM 000061.2), CALR (NM 004343.3), BRAF CARD11 (NM 032415.4), CBL (NM 005188.3), CD79A (NM 001783.3), CD79B (NM 000626.2), CDK6 (NM\_001259.6), CDKN2A (NM\_000077.4), CDKN2B (NM\_004936.3), CEBPA (NM 004364.3), CREBBP (NM\_004380.2), CSF3R (NM 156039.3), DNMT3A (NM\_022552.4), ETV6 (NM\_001987.4), EZH2 (NM\_004456.4), FGFR1 (NM\_023110.2), FLT3 (NM\_004119.2), GATA1 (NM\_002049.3), GATA2 (NM\_032638.4), HRAS (NM\_005343.2), IDH1 (NM 005896.2), IDH2 (NM 002168.2), IKZF1 (NM 006060.4), IL7R (NM 002185.3), JAK1 (NM\_002227.2), JAK2 (NM\_004972.3), JAK3 (NM\_000215.3), KIT (NM\_000222.2), KRAS (NM\_033360.3), MAP2K1 (NM\_002755.3), KMT2A (NM\_001197104.1), MPL (NM\_005373.2), MYC (NM\_002467.4), MYD88 (NM\_002468.4), NF1 (NM\_001042492.2), NOTCH1 (NM\_017617.3), NOTCH2 (NM\_024408.3), NPM1 (NM\_002520.4), NRAS (NM 002524.4), PDGFRA (NM 006206.4), PDGFRB (NM 002609.3), PHF6 (NM 032458.2), PTPN11 (NM 002834.3), RARA (NM 000964.3), RB1 (NM 000321.2), RUNX1 (NM\_001754.4), SETBP1 (NM\_015559.2), SF1 (NM\_001178030.1), SF3A1 (NM\_005877.4), SF3B1 (NM\_012433.2), SH2B3 (NM\_005475.2), SRSF2 (NM\_003016.4), STAT3 (NM\_139276.2), TET2 (NM\_001127208.2), TP53 (NM\_000546.5), TYMS (NM\_001071.2), U2AF1 (NM\_006758.2), U2AF2 (NM\_007279.2), WT1 (NM\_024426.4), and ZRSR2 (NM\_005089.3). The sequencing coverage table for individual genes can be found in the Supplemental Information for each test (Supplemental Table S2). FASTQ files were processed through a customized bioinformatics pipeline at the Minnesota Supercomputing Institute, including CutAdapt (Martin 2011), PandaSeq (Masella et al. 2012), BWA (Li and Durbin 2009), and FreeBayes (Garrison and Marth 2012). VCF files were uploaded to GeneInsight or GenomOncology software for variant filtering, annotation, and reporting by a board-certified molecular genetic pathologist.

### Flow Cytometric Immunophenotyping

Immunophenotyping assays were performed by UMMC, Fairview Clinical Laboratories for standard clinical care, using a BD FACSCanto 10-color flow cytometer (Becton, Dickinson and Company) and Kaluza analysis software (Beckman Coulter Life Sciences). Bone marrow and peripheral blood samples were processed using a stain/lyse protocol combined with a lyse/stain protocol. Cell concentrations were adjusted to ensure optimal antibody staining and the cells were washed before acquisition. Viability was assessed using 7AAD. At follow-up, 10-color analyses were performed for the following antigens: CD3, CD7, CD10, CD11b, CD13, CD14, CD15, CD16, CD19, CD33, CD34, CD38, CD45, CD56, CD64, CD117, and HLA-DR. Cells were gated to isolate populations (forward scatter vs. side scatter and CD45 versus side scatter), to exclude debris (forward scatter vs. side scatter), and to exclude cell doublets (forward scatter height vs. forward scatter width and side scatter height vs. side scatter width). Analyses and reporting were performed by a board-certified hematopathologist.

### **Structural Modeling**

Ivosidenib was docked to the protein-only structure portion of the cocrystal of IDH1 and AG-881 (PDB 6ADG) (Ma and Yun 2018) using smina (Koes et al. 2013) (built February 12, 2019) with the options "–autobox\_ligand lig.pdb –seed 0 –flexdist 4 –flexdist\_ligand lig.pdb – autobox\_add 6" where lig.pdb is the extracted AG-881 structure. This treats the side chains of 22 residues with 4 Å of AG-881 as flexible, which was necessary in order to successfully



dock ivosidenib into the pocket. The resulting top pose had a predicted affinity of -10.1 kcal/mol and is shown in Figure 2.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Data Deposition and Access**

The consent documentation signed by the patient does not expressly allow submission of full sequencing data (FASTQ, BAM/BAI, VCF) to external data repositories (see below). The variants were deposited in ClinVar (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/) and can be found under accession numbers VCV000996127 and VCV000375891.

### **Ethics Statement**

The patient signed the institution-approved, standard consent for clinical diagnostic testing by NGS, including agreement to the opt in/opt out clause for use of genetic information for research purposes. Further verbal consent from the patient was obtained and documented to publish nonidentifying details about the patient's specific diagnosis, clinical test results, and care for advancement of clinical-academic practice. Neither of these consent mechanisms allow for sharing of genetic information beyond that clinically relevant and reported in the manuscript.

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