Supplemental Information

METHODS

A-PAC Extraction, Chemicals and Reagents

The cranberry powder CystiCran-40 (CYS), consisting of 40% A-PACS, was provided by NATUREX-DBS LLC, (Sagamore, MA). A-PACs were isolated from this powder similar to the methods of Foo et al., 2000⁶, with minor modifications. Briefly, the CYS powder was mixed in water, defatted with hexane (Sigma-Aldrich; St. Louis, MO), and then the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (Sigma-Aldrich; St. Louis, MO). This extract was concentrated before it was added to a Sephadex LH-20 column (GE Healthcare Co.; Buckinghamshire, UK) and eluted with 100% ethanol (Koptec; King of Prussia, PA), followed by 70% acetone (Sigma-Aldrich; St. Louis, MO). After elution with 70% acetone, the A-PAC fraction was lyophilized and then evaluated using matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS) as previously done at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst Mass Spectroscopic Facility with Dr. Stephen Eyles).⁷ The degree of polymerization of the A-PACs was found to range from 2 to 6.

Primary Samples and Cell lines

Primary AML cells were obtained with informed consent and IRB approval from Weill Cornell Medical College-New York Presbyterian Hospital or University of Rochester. Primary AML samples were thawed and cultured as previously described.¹⁵ Normal bone marrow from volunteer donors was treated in the same fashion. Cell lines were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC; Manassas, VA; Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen (DSMZ; Braunschweig, Germany). All cell lines were authenticated (Bio-Synthesis; Lewisville, TX) and tested for mycoplasma. All cell lines were cultured in Iscove's Modified Dulbecco's Medium (Life technologies; Gaithersburg, MD) supplemented with either 10 or 20% fetal bovine serum (Life technologies, Gaithersburg, MD) according to supplier's instructions and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (Life Technologies; Gaithersburg, MD).

Cell Viability Assays

Cell viability was determined using annexin V (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA) or YO-PRO[™] dye (ThermoFisher Scientific, Grand Island, NY) and/or 7-aminoactinomycin (7AAD, ThermoFisher Scientific; Grand Island, NY). In addition, cells were also stained with antibodies against phenotypic markers CD45, CD34, and CD38 (BD Biosciences; San Diego, CA) to assess viability in phenotypically defined AML subpopulations as previously described.¹⁵ At least 50,000 events were recorded per condition on an BD-LSR II flow cytometer. Cells that are negative for annexin-V or YO-PRO and/or 7-AAD are considered viable. Data analysis was conducted using FlowJo software for Mac OS X (TreeStar; Ashland, OR).

Measurement of NF-kB (p65 subunit) activity

The DNA-binding capacity of NF-κB (p65 subunit) was measured from whole cell extracts using the Nuclear Extract and TransAM[™] NF-κB Kits (Active Motif; Carlsbad, CA) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Cytokine Assay

Supernatants from MOLM13 cell cultures, treated with and without A-PACs or vehicle (0.3% DMSO), were assessed for various human proinflammatory chemokine analytes using the LEGENDplex multi-analyte flow assay kit (BioLegend; Sand Diego, CA) following the manufacturer's instructions. Specifically, IL-8, IP-10, TARC, ENA-78, I-TAC MIP-1b were assessed.

Immunoblot

We followed a modified version of the western blot methods previously described.¹⁵ Cleaved PARP was evaluated in MOLM-13 cells after 8 hours of treatment with cytarabine (Selleck Chemicals; Houston, TX) (ARA-C; 1 μ M), CYS (500 μ g/mL), A-PAC (250 μ g/mL), or the untreated cells with the vehicle (DMSO: Sigma-Aldrich; St. Louis, MO). Membranes were probed with the following primary antibodies: Cleaved PARP (Asp214)(19F4) Mouse mAb (Human Specific) #9546 (Cell Signaling Technology; Danvers, MA) at 1:1000 with blocking buffer and Monoclonal anti- β -Actin antibody produced in mouse #A5316 (Sigma-Aldrich; St. Louis, MO) at 1:5000 with blocking buffer. The secondary antibody was Ab - LI-COR Goat Anti-Mouse IgG Polyclonal Antibody (IRDye® 800CW), LI-COR 926-32210 (BD Biosciences; San Diego, CA) at 1:10,000 with blocking buffer.

RNA extraction/sequencing data

Cell lines (MV4-11, K562, REH, MOLM-13, SKNO-1, and Ramos) were treated with A-PACs (62.5 µg/ml;31.25 µg/mL for Ramos) for 4 hours. RNA was extracted using the RNeasy plus mini kit (Qiagen; Hilden, Germany) and assessed as previously described.¹⁶ We also performed gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) on the RNA sequencing data for Ramos cell lines treated with A-PAC and the control.

Colony forming assays.

Colony forming assays were performed as previously described.¹⁵ Briefly, primary AML or cord blood cells were cultured in the presence or absence of A-PACs. Cells were plated in MethoCult H4434 (Stem Cell Technologies; Vancouver, Canada). Colonies were scored after 14 days of culture using the StemVision (Stem Cell Technologies; Vancouver, Canada).

Xenotransplants

Experiments were carried out under an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)-approved protocol, and institutional guidelines for the proper and humane use of animals in research were followed. Xenotransplant assays were performed as described previously.¹⁵ In short, nonobese diabetic/severe combined immunodeficient (NOD/SCID) mice Jackson Laboratories (JAX) were sub-lethally irradiated with 2.5 Gy (250 Rads) using a RadSource X-Ray irradiator before transplantation. For functional assays: cells were treated for 18 hours and then 2.5 x 10⁶ AML or CB cells were injected via the tail vein. At 6-8 weeks post-injections, animals were sacrificed and BM was analyzed for the presence of human cells by flow cytometry. The BM cells were stained with mouse CD45-PE-Cy5 (mCD45), human CD45-APC-H71 (hCD45), human CD33-PE (hCD33), human CD19-Alexa Fluor 700 (hCD19), APC conjugated human CD34 (hCD34) and PE-Cy7 conjugated human CD38 (hCD38) and DAPI (BD Biosciences; San Diego, CA). For invivo treatment: patient-derived xenografts (PDX) were established by injecting 1×10^6 human primary AML cells into sub-lethally irradiated immunodeficient mice.¹⁵ PDX mice were treated with either PBS or 25 mg/kg A-PACs for 2 times a week for 3 weeks, or with 60 mg/kg of ara-C every day for 5 days.

Statistical Analyses

Statistical analyses were performed by using GraphPad Prism (GraphPad Software, La Jolla, CA). For the in vivo mouse xenograft experiment, statistical significance was calculated by using 1-way ANOVA with post hoc Tukey test. Otherwise, a 2-tailed Student *t* test was performed to evaluate statistical significance. The optim() function in R (www.R-project.org) was used to fit logistic functions predicting viability (% surviving) from log-transformed (log₁₀(x)) concentration values for each cell line. We calculated LD50 estimates for the model fits. Dotted lines in the plots represent models using parameters based on the upper and lower 95% confidence intervals of each parameter for each of the three groups A, B, C.

TABLES

| Cell Lines | Species | Morphology | Туре | Karyotype and/or mutation(s) | LD50 μg/mL |
|----------------------------|---------|------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| U-937 | Human | monocytic | AML, M5 | CALM-AF10, Homozygous for TP53 c.559+1G>A; splice donor mutation | <mark>140.2</mark> |
| TUR | Human | monocytic | AML, M5 | TPA-U937-Resistant, Homozygous for TP53 c.559+1G>A; splice donor mutation | <mark>134.4</mark> |
| THP-1 | Human | monocytic | AML, M5 | MLL-AF9, Heterozygous for TP53 p.Arg174fs*3 (c.520_545del26) | <mark>204.6</mark> |
| SUDHL6 | Human | lymphoblast-like | B lymphocyte | t(14;18)(q32;q21), Heterozygous for TP53 c.673-2A>C; splice acceptor mutation and p.Tyr234Cys (c.701A>G) | 22.72 |
| SKNO-1 | Human | myeloblastic | AML, M2 | AML1-ETO, N822K c-kit, Homozygous for TP53 p.Arg248Gln (c.743G>A) and p.His368Arg (c.1103G>A) | <mark>43.06</mark> |
| SET-2 | Human | megakaryoblastic | essential thrombocythe mia | JAK2V617F, Heterozygous for TP53 p.Arg248Trp (c.742C>T) and (c.559+2T>A) | <mark>54.74</mark> |
| REH | Human | lymphoblast | ALL (Non-T, Non-B) | CDKN2Adel, CDKN2Bdel, Heterozygous for TP53 p.Arg181Cys (c.541C>T) | <mark>49.54</mark> |
| Ramos Blue (Ramos B) | Human | lymphoblast | B lymphocyte | NF-kB/AP-1-inducible SEAP, <mark>Homozygous for</mark> TP53 p.Ile254Asp (c.760_761AT>GA) | <mark>23.32</mark> |
| Ramos | Human | lymphoblast | B lymphocyte | Homozygous for TP53 p.lle254Asp (c.760_761AT>GA) | <mark>23.48</mark> |
| MV4-11 | Human | monocytic | AML, M5 | FLT3-ITD, MLL-AF4 | <mark>236.8</mark> |
| MOLM-13 | Human | monocytic | AML, M5 | FLT3-ITD, MLL-AF9, CDKN2Adel, CDKN2Bdel | <mark>47.51</mark> |
| KG-1 | Human | myeloblastic | AML | 2n = 46, diploid, | <mark>189.8</mark> |

Supplemental Table 1. Cell line information

| | | | | Homozygous for TP53 c.672+1G>A; splice donor mutation | |
|----------|-------|-----------------|---------|---|--------------------|
| Kasumi-4 | Human | myeloblastic | CML | BCR-ABL | <mark>134.7</mark> |
| Kasumi-1 | Human | myelomonocytic | AML, M2 | AML1-ETO, N822K c-kit, T Homozygous for TP53 p.Arg248Gln (c.743G>A) | <mark>127.8</mark> |
| K562 | Human | lymphoblast | CML | BCR-ABL CDKN2Adel, CDKN2Bdel, Homozygous for TP53 p.Gln136fs*13 (c.406_407insC) | <mark>90.46</mark> |
| HL-60 | Human | promyelocitic | AML | c-myc+ | <mark>87.13</mark> |
| HEL | Human | erythroleukemia | AML | JAK2V617F, CDKN2Adel, CDKN2Bdel, Homozygous for TP53 p.Met133Lys (c.398T>A) | <mark>24.57</mark> |

Supplemental Table 2. Primary sample information

| ID | Sample information | FLT3-ITD | LD50 |
|-------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | | | μg/mL |
| AML1 | monosomy 7;NPM1 wt; de novo | positive | ND ND |
| AML2 | M4; Normal cytogenetics; Relapsed | positive | ND ND |
| AML3 | N/A | positive | ND ND |
| AML4 | De Novo; M2; Normal cytogenetics | positive | ND ND |
| AML5 | MDS progression to AML | positive | <mark>336.3</mark> |
| AML6 | N/A | negative | <mark>80.62</mark> |
| AML7 | N/A | negative | <mark>161.2</mark> |
| AML8 | N/A | negative | <mark>285.7</mark> |
| AML9 | N/A | negative | <mark>40.7</mark> |
| AML10 | del(9)(q13)[1] ; De novo | positive | <mark>30.20</mark> |
| AML11 | De Novo, Normal cytogenetics | negative | <mark>190.4</mark> |
| AML12 | De Novo, Normal cytogenetics | positive | <mark>177.8</mark> |
| AML13 | MDS progression to AML; | negative | <mark>113.5</mark> |
| | cytogenetics | _ | |
| AML14 | MDS progression to AML | negative | <mark>91.37</mark> |
| AML15 | Refractory; 47,XY,+8[3] | positive | <mark>216.8</mark> |

FIGURES



Supplemental Figure 1. Schematic representation of the experimental design. Mice were treated i.p. with 25mg/kg of A-PACs or PBS 2 times/week for 3 weeks or with 60 mg/kg ara-C daily for 5 days.



Supplemental Figure 2. Left panel: Percent viability of CD34+CD38- AML cells after 18 hours of treatment with A-PAC. Right panel: Percent colony forming units (CFU) relative to vehicle for the same samples shown on the left panel after 48 hours.



Supplemental Figure 3. Cell death at wash time points following 250 μ g/mL A-PAC treatment (black bars) and 48 hours later (gray bars).



Supplemental Figure 4. Western blot analysis of MOLM-13 cells treated with A-PAC, CYS (cysticran), or ARA-C (cytarabine) after 8 hours indicated increased expression of cleaved PARP in comparison to untreated cells with vehicle (DMSO).



Supplemental Figure 5. GSEA Analysis: inflammatory response for ramos cells (A) Enrichment scores (B) A-PAC treatment vs. control (DMSO).



Supplemental Figure 6. Cytarabine (ara-C) treated in combination with A-PAC either at same time or 2 hours after treatment with A-PACs significantly reduced the percent viable cells. The control were cells treated with the vehicle (0.3% DMSO in media). Data mean ± SEM were significant if *P<0.05, **P<0.01, ***P<0.001 (One-way ANOVA; post test: Tukey's multiple comparison).



Supplemental Figure 7. IL-8 was the only inflammatory chemokine increased in cell culture supernatants as early as 30 minutes and significantly at 4 hours post-treatment with 62.5 μ g/mL of A-PACs in an AML cell line (MOLM13). C30 and C4 represent vehicle treatment (PBS) at 30 minutes and 4 hours, respectively. A-PAC30 and A-PAC4 represent treatment after 30 minutes and 4 hours, respectively. Data mean ± SEM were significant if *P<0.05, **P<0.01, ***P<0.001 (student's t-test).