

Supplementary Note 1 Estimating false positive and false negative rates.

To estimate the specificity of our screening system and analytical approach, we assumed that true positive synthetic lethal interactions occur only within our pre-defined gene groups, whereas interactions across pre-defined groups are false positives. Likewise, for buffering interactions, we assumed that all true-positive interactions occur in the special case where both Cas9s are targeted to the same gene, which is expected from our model of independent gene action and has been observed previously in combinatorial screens^{16,20}. Both of these assumptions are conservative, in that true (but currently uncharacterized) synthetic lethal interactions across our pre-defined groups or buffering interactions between genes will be counted as false positives. We calculated the true positive rate at different FDR thresholds for data from both individual cell lines as well as all leave-one-out iterations (**Fig. 4e**). We see similar estimates for the true positive rate for both synthetic lethal and buffering interactions, suggesting the independent assumptions made for each were reasonable. At an FDR threshold of 0.1, the empirically-determined true positive rate ranged from 72 – 85%, not far from the theoretical value of 90% (i.e. 10% false discoveries), suggesting that our analysis approach is well-calibrated.

The false negative rate of a genetic screen is notoriously difficult to determine empirically, because for the majority of screens, there are not well-validated sets of true positive genes. For synthetic lethal interactions, there is no reference set of interactions validated to occur in all cell lines. False negatives arise when the reagents targeting the gene are ineffective; for genetic screens that target single genes, there is no data-driven

way to determine which genes failed to score because of ineffective targeting purely on the basis of screening results. In these data, however, we can use buffering interactions where both Cas9s are targeted to the same gene to validate the effectiveness of the sgRNAs. Buffering in this special case indicates that both the SaCas9 and SpCas9 sgRNAs must have effectively targeted the gene. Failure to detect a buffering interaction for an individual gene is evidence of failure to effectively target the gene with either or both Cas9s, and thus we can empirically determine a false negative rate. This is a conservative assumption, as it assumes that a gene has a measurable viability effect in a cell, which will not always be true. Buffering interactions were detected with approximately equal prevalence across all cell lines, including 786O cells, which were bereft of strong synthetic lethal interactions (**Supplementary Fig. 7a**). We observed a lower false negative rate when information from multiple cell lines was combined (**Fig. 4f**). For example, at an FDR of 0.1, we determine a false negative rate of 57% when using individual cell lines, whereas combining information from 5 lines gives a false negative rate of 33%. The empirically determined true positive and false negative rates of the Big Papi screening system suggest that this is an efficient screening approach, especially when assayed across multiple cell lines

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE 2

pPapi, U6 – H1 region:

GAGGGCCTATTTCCCATGATTCTTCATATTTGCATATACGATACAAGGCTGTTAGA
GAGATAATTAGAATTAATTTGACTGTAAACACAAAGATATTAGTACAAAATACGTGA
CGTAGAAAGTAATAATTTCTTGGGTAGTTTGCAGTTTTAAAATTATGTTTTAAAATGG
ACTATCATATGCTTACCGTAACTTGAAAGTATTTGATTTCTTGGCTTTATATATC**TT**
GTGGAAAGGACGAAACACCG
GGGCGAGGAGCTGTT**CACCG**
GTTTGAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTCAAATAAGGCTAGTCCGTTATCAACTTGAAAA
AGTGGCACCGAGTCGGTGCTTTTTT
GAACCG
ACGGATGATCTCGTGAC
CGTTC
AAAAATCTCGCCAACAAGTTGACGAGATAAACACGGCATT**TTGCCTTGTTAAGTA**
GATTCTGTTTCCAGAGTACTTAAAC
CTACATAGAAGGTGTTGGGCG
CGGGAAAGAGTGGTCTCATA**CAGAACTTATAAGATTCCCAAATCCAAAGACATTT**
ACGTTTATGGTGATTTCC**CAGAACACATAGCGACATGCAAATATTGCAGGGCGCCA**
CTCCCCTGTCCCTCACAGCCATCTT**CCTGCCAGGGCGCACGCGCGCTGGGTGTT**
CCGCCTAGTGACTGGGCCCGGATTCCTTGGAGCGGGT**TGATGACGTCAGCGT**
TCGAATTCGCTAGCT**AGGTCTTGAAAGGAGTGGGAATTGG**

U6 promoter (forward) **Fwd PCR Primer** **+1G of transcription**

S. pyogenes guide

S. pyogenes tracrRNA

Barcode 1

Overlap Extension

Barcode 2

S. aureus tracrRNA

S. aureus guide

+1G of transcription H1 promoter (reverse) **Rev PCR Primer**

Anchors for sequencing deconvolution

PCR PRIMERS FOR SEQUENCING DECONVOLUTION:

Forward (P5)

5'**AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCT****ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGA**
TCT[s]**TTGTGGAAAGGACGAAACACCG**

Reverse (P7)

5'**CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGAT****NNNNNNNNGTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGT**
GCTCTTCCGATCT**CCAATTCCCACTCCTTTCAAGACC**

P5/P7 flowcell attachment sequence

Illumina sequencing primer

[Stagger region] / Barcode region

Vector primer binding sequence

Staggers	
Length	Sequence
0	
1	C
2	GC
3	AGC
4	CAAC
6	TGCACC
7	ACGCAAC
8	GAAGACCC

Barcodes					
TTGAACCG	AATCCACG	AACTACG	TTGAGTTA	TTGACACG	CCAGTGCG
AATCCAGC	TTCTACTA	AATCTGAT	GGCTCACG	AAGAACGC	GGTCTGTA
CCGAGTTA	AATCGTGC	AATCACTA	CCTCTGAT	GGCTTGGC	GGTCACGC
AACTGTTA	GGCTACCG	CCGAACCG	CCTCCATA	GGAGGTGC	CCGACATA
TTGAGTAT	AAGAACTA	GGTCCATA	TTGAACGC	CCAGGTGC	AAGAGTCG
TTCTCAGC	AACTTGTA	AACTTGGC	TTCTTGCG	GGTCTGGC	CCGAACGC
CCTCCAAT	CCAGTGAT	GGTCTGCG	GGCTGTGC	GGCTTGCG	TTAGGTAT
TTAGACTA	TTGATGCG	GGAGGTGC	CCGAGTCG	TTGATGTA	AATCACCG
GGTCACCG	GGTCGTGC	CCAGTGCC	TTCTTGTA	GGCTACGC	GGTCGTTA
CCTCTGTA	GGAGTGTA	AACTACGC	AATCTGCG	TTCTGTGC	GGCTGTAT
TTGACAAT	TTAGACCG	AACTTGCG	GGAGCAAT	CCAGACTA	GGTCGTGC
AAGACATA	CCGAACAT	AACTGTGC	CCGAGTGC	AACTTGAT	TTAGTGAT
AATCCAAT	GGTCCACG	AAGATGCG	AAGAACAT	AACTACTA	CCAGGTGC
CCGAGTAT	GGCTCAAT	TTGAACAT	GGAGACAT	AAGAGTAT	TTGACATA
TTCTCATA	CCGAACTA	TTCTACGC	TTGAGTGC	AACTACCG	TTAGGTTA
AACTGTGC	CCTCACCG	GGCTACAT	GGCTACTA	CCTCGTAT	AAGATGCG

sgRNA SEQUENCES

Cas9	Target Gene	Guide #	Guide sequence (5' → 3')	Note
Flow cytometry (Figure 1)				
<i>S. aureus</i>	EGFP	1	GCCGGTGGTGCAGATGAACTT	
<i>S. aureus</i>	CD81	1	CGCCCAACACCTTCTATGTAG	Not used in this study
<i>S. aureus</i>	CD81	2	GATACAGGAGTTGGTGGTCT	
<i>S. aureus</i>	CD81	3	AGGCTGTGGTGAAGACCTTC	
<i>S. pyogenes</i>	EGFP	1	GGGCGAGGAGCTGTTACCG	
<i>S. pyogenes</i>	CD81	1	TGATGACGCCAACAACGCCA	
<i>S. pyogenes</i>	CD81	2	GACAAAGCCCCAGATGCCGG	Not used in this study
<i>S. pyogenes</i>	CD81	3	CTCCAGCTCCAGATACAGG	