Predicting bioprocess targets of chemical compounds through integration of chemical-genetic and genetic interaction networks

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Abstract

Chemical-genetic interactions – observed when the treatment of mutant cells with chemical compounds reveals unexpected phenotypes – contain rich functional information linking compounds to their cellular modes of action. To systematically identify these interactions, an array of mutants is challenged with a compound and monitored for fitness defects, generating a chemical-genetic interaction profile that provides a quantitative, unbiased description of the cellular function(s) perturbed by the compound. Genetic interactions, obtained from genome-wide double-mutant screens, provide a key for interpreting the functional information contained in chemical-genetic interaction profiles. Despite the utility of this approach, integrative analyses of genetic and chemical-genetic interaction networks have not been systematically evaluated. We developed a method, called CG-TARGET (Chemical Genetic Translation via A Reference Genetic nETwork), that integrates large-scale chemical-genetic interaction screening data with a genetic interaction network to predict the biological processes perturbed by compounds. CG-TARGET compared favorably to a baseline enrichment approach across a variety of benchmarks, achieving similar accuracy while substantially improving the ability to control the false discovery rate of biological process predictions. We applied CG-TARGET to a recent

screen of nearly 14,000 chemical compounds in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, integrating this

dataset with the global *S. cerevisiae* genetic interaction network to prioritize over 1500

compounds with high-confidence biological process predictions for further study. Upon

investigation of the compatibility of chemical-genetic and genetic interaction profiles, we

observed that one-third of observed chemical-genetic interactions contributed to the highest-

confidence biological process predictions and that negative chemical-genetic interactions

overwhelmingly formed the basis of these predictions. We present here a detailed

characterization of the CG-TARGET method along with experimental validation of predicted

biological process targets, focusing on inhibitors of tubulin polymerization and cell cycle

progression. Our approach successfully demonstrates the use of genetic interaction networks in

the functional annotation of compounds to biological processes.

Author Summary

Understanding how chemical compounds affect biological systems is of paramount

importance as pharmaceutical companies strive to develop life-saving medicines, governments

seek to regulate the safety of consumer products and agrichemicals, and basic scientists continue

to study the fundamental inner workings of biological organisms. One powerful approach to

characterize the effects of chemical compounds in living cells is chemical-genetic interaction

screening. Using this approach, a collection of cells – each with a different defined genetic

perturbation – is tested for sensitivity or resistance to the presence of a compound, resulting in a

quantitative profile describing the functional effects of that compound on the cells. The work

presented here describes our efforts to integrate compounds' chemical-genetic interaction

profiles with reference genetic interaction profiles containing information on gene function to

predict the cellular processes perturbed by the compounds. We focused on specifically

developing a method that could scale to perform these functional predictions for large collections

of thousands of screened compounds and robustly control the false discovery rate. With

chemical-genetic and genetic interaction screens now underway in multiple species including

human cells, the method described here can be generally applied to enable the characterization of

compounds' effects across the tree of life.

Introduction

The ability to discover chemical compounds with desirable and interesting biological activity is essential for understanding how compounds and biological systems interact. Chemical-genetic interaction screening provides a means to characterize the biological activity of compounds in an unbiased manner by measuring the response of defined gene mutants to these molecules [1–8]. A chemical-genetic interaction profile refers to the set of gene mutations that confer sensitivity (a negative chemical-genetic interaction) or resistance (a positive interaction) to a compound and provides functional insights into the compound's mode(s) of action.

Similar to chemical-genetic interactions, genetic interactions identify pairs of gene mutations whose combined effects are more or less severe than expected given the phenotypes of the individual mutants. In *S. cerevisiae*, the vast majority of all possible gene double-mutant pairs have been constructed and scored for fitness-based genetic interactions, yielding a global compendium of genome-wide genetic interaction profiles that quantitatively describe each gene's function. Similarity between two genes' genetic interaction profiles implies that these genes perform similar cellular functions, enabling the functional annotation of previously unannotated genes and the construction of a global hierarchy of cellular function [5,9].

Chemical-genetic and genetic interaction profiles derived from fitness measurements contain analogous functional information on the cellular effects of chemicals and gene mutations, respectively. Similarity between these two types of profiles therefore implies that the respective chemical(s) and gene mutation(s) perturb similar functions in the cell, which means that a compound's chemical-genetic interaction profile should resemble the genetic interaction profile(s) of its cellular target or target processes (Fig 1) [2,5]. The global genetic interaction network in *S. cerevisiae* therefore provides a resource for interpreting chemical-genetic interaction profiles across a broad range of cellular function. Importantly, this approach to interpretation does not depend on reference chemical-genetic interaction profiles and thus enables the discovery of compounds with novel modes of action.

Recent advances in DNA sequencing technology have paved the way for high-throughput chemical-genetic interaction screening via multiplexed analysis of pooled, genetically-barcoded mutant libraries grown in the presence of compound [6,7,10]. This would enable, for example, functional profiling of compounds earlier in the drug discovery process, with insights from these screens providing a means to prioritize compounds before investing resources into their

development as drugs. Despite the recent generation of thousands of chemical-genetic interaction

profiles across multiple studies [6,7] and the profound opportunities for genetic interaction-

powered functional characterization of thousands of novel compounds, the integration of

chemical-genetic and genetic interaction profiles has only been performed in the context of

relatively small studies [2,5]. A systematic investigation using a large-scale chemical-genetic

interaction dataset is therefore necessary to assess the compatibility between chemical-genetic

and genetic interaction profiles, with an emphasis on the ability of a genetic interaction-based

method to control the false discovery rate (of critical importance in high-throughput chemical

screening) and thereby prioritize compounds with the highest-confidence predictions.

Here, we present the use of genetic interaction profiles to systematically interpret chemical-

genetic interaction profiles on a large scale. Specifically, we developed a computational method,

called CG-TARGET (Chemical Genetic Translation via A Reference Genetic nETwork), that

integrates chemical-genetic and genetic interaction profiles to predict the biological processes

perturbed by compounds. We applied this method to a high-throughput chemical-genetic

interaction screen of nearly 14,000 compounds in *S. cerevisiae* [11], using profiles from the

global yeast genetic interaction network [5,9] to interpret the chemical-genetic interaction

profiles. CG-TARGET recapitulated known information for well-characterized compounds and

showed a marked improvement in the ability to control the false discovery rate for novel

compound mode-of-action discovery compared to a baseline approach. Additionally, we

experimentally validated two different mode-of-action predictions, one in an *in vitro* system

using mammalian proteins, confirming both the accuracy of the predictions for novel compounds

and the potential to translate these predictions across species. CG-TARGET is available, free for

academic use, at https://github.com/csbio/CG-TARGET.

Results

Overview of datasets used in this study

We obtained chemical-genetic interaction profiles from a recent large-scale chemical-genetic

interaction screen in *S. cerevisiae* [11]. This screen consisted of two batches, the first of which

containing 9850 compounds from the RIKEN Natural Product Depository [12] (the "RIKEN"

screen) and the second containing 4116 compounds from the NCI Open Chemical Repository's

compound libraries, the NIH Clinical Collection, and GlaxoSmithKline's Published Kinase

Inhibitor Set (the "NCI/NIH/GSK" screen) [13]. The compounds in the RIKEN screen consisted

primarily of natural products and natural product derivatives – most of which were previously

uncharacterized – and ~200 approved drugs and chemical probes, a subset of which we used to

assess the performance of CG-TARGET as their modes of action in yeast are well-characterized.

The compounds in the NCI/NIH/GSK screen were more studied – having been tested against the

NCI-60 cancer cell line panel (the NCI collections), tested in clinical trials (the NIH Clinical

Collection) or designed and characterized as inhibitors against human kinases (GSK) – but many

of these compounds' specific modes of action remain uncharacterized. The final datasets

consisted of 8418 chemical-genetic interaction profiles from the RIKEN screen and 3565 from

the NCI/NIH/GSK screen, which were obtained using a diagnostic set of approximately 300

haploid gene deletion mutants that were optimally selected to capture most of the information in

the complete *S. cerevisiae* non-essential deletion collection [11,14]. Both datasets also contained

a large set of experimental control profiles (5724 and 2128 for the RIKEN and NCI/NIH/GSK

screens, respectively), in which the yeast were only treated with the solvent control (DMSO).

Each profile contains z-scores that reflect the deviation of each strain's observed fitness from

expected fitness in the presence of a compound.

Genetic interaction profiles were obtained from a recently assembled, genome-wide

compendium of genetic interaction profiles in *S. cerevisiae* [5]. These profiles were generated by

systematically constructing and analyzing the fitness of haploid double mutant strains and consist

of epsilon scores that reflect the deviation of each double mutant's observed fitness from that

expected given the single mutant fitness values, assuming a multiplicative null model [15]. The

construction of each profile involved crossing the mutant for the "query" gene into a genome-

wide array of mutants, and we mapped the query genes to Gene Ontology biological process

terms [16,17] to define the bioprocess targets of compounds. Profiles were filtered to the ~35%

with the highest signal (see Materials and Methods).

Predicting perturbed bioprocesses from chemical-genetic interaction profiles

We developed CG-TARGET (Chemical Genetic Translation via A Reference Genetic

nETwork) to predict the biological processes perturbed by compounds in our recently-generated

dataset of ~12,000 chemical-genetic interaction profiles (Fig 1). CG-TARGET requires three

input datasets: 1) chemical-genetic interaction profiles; 2) genetic interaction profiles; and 3) a

mapping from the query genes in the genetic interaction profiles to gene sets representing

coherent bioprocesses. Predicting the bioprocesses perturbed by a particular compound involves

four distinct steps. First, a control set of resampled chemical-genetic interaction profiles is

generated, each of which consists of one randomly-sampled interaction score per gene mutant

across all compound treatment profiles in the chemical-genetic interaction dataset; these profiles

thus provide a means to account for variance in each mutant strain observed upon treatment with

bioactive compound but not upon treatment with experimental controls (DMSO with no active

compound). Second, scores reflecting both the strength of each compound's chemical-genetic

interaction profile and its similarity to the profile of each gene mutant are obtained by computing

an inner product between all chemical-genetic interaction profiles (comprising compound

treatment, experimental control, and random profiles) and all L_2-normalized query genetic

interaction profiles. Third, these "gene-level" prediction scores are aggregated into bioprocess

predictions; a z-score and empirical p-value for each compound-bioprocess prediction are

obtained by mapping the gene-level prediction scores to the genes in the bioprocess of interest

and comparing these scores to those from shuffled gene-level prediction scores and to

distributions of the scores derived from experimental control and resampled profiles. Finally, the

false discovery rates for these predictions are estimated by comparing, across a range of

significance thresholds, the frequency at which experimental control and randomly resampled

profiles predict bioprocesses versus that of compound treatment profiles (see Materials and

Methods).

Application to and evaluation on large-scale chemical-genetic interaction data

To provide a baseline method for benchmarking the performance of CG-TARGET on these

large screens, we implemented a simple, enrichment-based approach for predicting bioprocess-

level targets. The enrichment-based approach was designed to predict bioprocess-level targets by

testing for the enrichment of GO biological processes among the top-n gene-level prediction

scores for each compound. For the following comparisons, CG-TARGET was compared to top-

20 enrichment, which showed the best overall performance across a range of values of n (Fig

S1).

We applied CG-TARGET to the RIKEN and NCI/NIH/GSK chemical-genetic interaction

screens, identifying 848 out of 8418 compounds (10%) from the RIKEN screen and 705 of 3565

compounds (20%) from the NCI/NIH/GSK screen with at least one prediction that achieved false

discovery rates of 25 and 27%, respectively (referred to as "high-confidence" compounds and

predictions) (Table 1, Fig 2). In all cases, the false discovery rates derived from resampled

profiles were more conservative than those derived from experimental controls, suggesting that

some sources of variance in each gene mutant's interaction scores arose only upon treatment

with compound and therefore could not be corrected using only solvent controls. Focusing on the

results from the RIKEN screen, CG-TARGET substantially outperformed the baseline method

with regard to the number of compounds that possessed at least one high-confidence bioprocess

prediction (FDR ≤ 25%). Compared to the 848 high-confidence compounds identified by CG-

TARGET, top-20 enrichment only identified seven compounds that met this confidence

threshold, and zero with a false discovery rate less than 21% (Fig 3A).

CG-TARGET was also benchmarked against the baseline method using two different

measures of prediction accuracy. The first accuracy-based evaluation was performed on genetic

interaction profiles with added noise, which provided a means to both simulate chemical-genetic

interaction profiles and annotate them with gold-standard GO biological process annotations for

evaluation. For the second accuracy-based evaluation, we curated a set of gold-standard

compound-bioprocess annotations from the literature for 35 compounds from the RIKEN screen

and evaluated the ranks of the gold-standard bioprocesses within each compound's list of

bioprocess predictions.

CG-TARGET performed comparably to the best-performing enrichment-based methods

using our measures of accuracy. This is first shown in the evaluation of these methods'

respective abilities to predict a gold-standard annotated bioprocess as the top prediction for each

simulated chemical-genetic interaction profile. Specifically, CG-TARGET performed nearly as

well as the top-20 enrichment-based method across both low and high recall values (Fig 3B).

Both methods captured a gold-standard annotation as the top predicted bioprocess for

approximately 34% of the simulated compounds (33.4% and 35.6% for CG-TARGET and top-20

enrichment, respectively), which represented more than a 22-fold enrichment over the

background expectation of 1.5% (the average number of gold-standard bioprocess annotations

per simulated compound divided by the number of bioprocesses).

Secondly, for the 35 gold-standard compounds with known target bioprocesses, we observed

that both methods captured the gold-standard bioprocess for 6 and 21 (out of 35) compounds

above ranks of 2 and 40 (out of 1329), respectively, with slightly decreased performance for CG-

TARGET between these rank thresholds (Fig 3C, Table 2). The significance of these rank values

was evaluated by randomizing the order of each compound's bioprocess predictions 10,000

times and recalculating the ranks. Both methods achieved similar results in this respect, with CG-

TARGET and the top-20 enrichment method respectively identifying 22 and 21 gold-standard

compounds with significantly better ranks than the random expectation. CG-TARGET and top-

20 enrichment also performed similarly when comparing the "effective rank" of each

compound's gold-standard bioprocess, with CG-TARGET and top-20 enrichment respectively

identifying 20 and 22 compounds for which the gold-standard or a closely-related bioprocess

achieved a rank of 5 or better.

Given that the main performance advantage of CG-TARGET occurred in the context of

controlling the false discovery rate, we conclude that the issues with simple enrichment-based

approaches primarily emerge not when predicting the most likely perturbed bioprocess for any

single compound but when comparing the strength and significance of bioprocess predictions

across compounds to prioritize compounds from a large-scale chemical-genetic interaction

screen. The aforementioned rank-based analysis of 35 gold-standard compound-bioprocess

annotations supports this assertion, as none of the 21 significantly-ranked annotations predicted

by top-20 enrichment passed the high-confidence threshold (FDR $\leq$ 25%), while 16 of the 22

significantly-ranked annotations predicted by CG-TARGET did so (Table 2). This difference

between CG-TARGET and enrichment-based methods likely emerges from the ability of weak

chemical-genetic interaction profiles to generate strong, statistically significant predictions in the

absence of methods (such as CG-TARGET) that account for general signals that arise upon

treatment with bioactive compound – especially if these signals are amplified through their

similarity to a large cluster of profiles in the genetic interaction network. Thus, the substantially

superior ability of CG-TARGET to control the false discovery rate relative to the enrichment-

based approach is a critical quality in the context of large-scale, systematic compound screens.

Characterizing performance with respect to individual bioprocess terms

In addition to benchmarking CG-TARGET's ability to prioritize gold-standard annotated

bioprocesses for specific compounds, we also benchmarked its ability to prioritize compounds

that perturb specific bioprocesses. Specifically, each GO term was evaluated based on the ranks

of the predictions for the simulated chemical-genetic interaction profiles derived from genes

annotated to that GO term. The 100 best-performing terms represented a diversity of

bioprocesses related to the proteasome, glycolipid metabolism, DNA replication and repair,

replication and division checkpoints, RNA splicing, microtubules, Golgi and vesicle transport,

and chromatin state (Fig S2). In contrast, the 100 worst-performing terms were bioprocesses

primarily related to carbohydrate, nucleotide, and coenzyme/cofactor metabolism, as well as the

mitochondria, transmembrane transport, and protein synthesis and localization (Fig S3). The

best-performing terms were also significantly smaller than the worst-performing ones (8 and 35

genes on average, respectively; rank-sum p-value $< 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$), which, given the fact that we

would expect the power to increase with gene set size assuming the corresponding set was still

functionally coherent, suggests that our method identifies functionally specific signal.

Interestingly, the relatively poor performance of many metabolism-related bioprocess terms may

result from the fact that the chemical-genetic and genetic interaction screens were both

performed in relatively rich medium, precluding analysis of condition-specific phenotypes for

genes only required for growth in minimal medium. While the set of best-performing terms did

include a diverse range of bioprocesses, the possibility of "blind spots" should always be

considered when interpreting the predictions made by CG-TARGET, as they may lead to false

negative results that either exclude interesting compounds (e.g. those whose primary modes of

action affect carbohydrate metabolism) or mask potential side effects of compounds whose

primary modes of action are more easily observed by this method.

Application of CG-TARGET to protein complexes refines functional specificity of

mode-of-action predictions

The prediction of perturbed protein complexes offers the opportunity to enhance the

specificity of GO biological process predictions (especially for overly-general bioprocess terms)

and investigate functional space not accessible by bioprocess annotations. As such, we

investigated the potential to expand the use of CG-TARGET to the prediction of perturbed

protein complexes. When CG-TARGET was applied to predict protein complex targets for the

RIKEN screen data, 714 compounds were identified with at least one high-confidence (FDR $\leq$

25%) complex prediction, 604 of which also occurred in our original set of RIKEN compounds

with high-confidence bioprocess predictions. Similar, but not completely overlapping, sets of

genes (Jaccard index > 0.2) contributed to the top 5 of both bioprocess and protein complex

predictions for more than one third of these compounds (219; 36%); this suggested that the two

standards possessed both shared and complementary functional information that could be used to

improve predictions.

We observed that protein complex predictions narrowed down less-specific bioprocess terms
and enabled predictions in places where bioprocess annotations were sparser. To assess the
ability to refine bioprocess prediction specificity, we mapped each protein complex to the
childless bioprocess terms that completely encompassed them and looked for substantial
improvements in prediction strength from the bioprocess to its protein complex "child." We
observed several instances in which bioprocess predictions with FDR > 25% (not high
confidence) could be converted to high-confidence predictions by refining the bioprocess term to
a constituent protein complex. For example, we saw substantial gains for the following
bioprocess-to-complex combinations (sizes in parentheses): "mRNA polyadenylation"
(bioprocess, not high confidence; size 8) to "mRNA cleavage factor matrix" (complex, high
confidence; size 4); "cytoplasmic translation" (51) to "cytoplasmic ribosomal large subunit"
(24); "vacuolar acidification" (14) to "H^+-transporting ATPase, Golgi/vacuolar" (5); and
"regulation of fungal-type cell wall organization" (8) to PKC pathway" (4) (Table S1).
Importantly, 27 of the 110 compounds with high-confidence protein complex but not bioprocess
predictions achieved their high-confidence status purely based on protein complex predictions
that enhanced the specificity of a non-high-confidence, overlapping bioprocess prediction.
Additionally, a separate set of 22 out of 110 compounds achieved high-confidence status based
solely on predictions to protein complexes that did not strongly overlap with any bioprocesses
(Jaccard < 0.2), demonstrating that the current set of protein complex annotations enabled
predictions in functional space that was not well captured by a GO biological process term.

Assessing the compatibility of chemical-genetic and genetic interaction profiles
Our evaluations of CG-TARGET support the premise of the method that genetic interaction
profiles can be used as a tool to interpret chemical-genetic interaction profiles. However, we
sought to better understand the extent to which these two types of profiles actually agree with
one another, and if their systematic differences could shed light on the limits of the core
assumption behind our method (i.e. that chemicals mimic the interaction profiles of their genetic
targets). To investigate the compatibility of chemical-genetic and genetic interaction profiles, we
quantified the contribution of individual gene mutants in the chemical-genetic interaction
profiles to the prediction of individual bioprocesses. For a single compound and predicted
bioprocess, these "importance scores" were obtained by 1) computing a mean genetic interaction
profile across all L_2-normalized query genetic interaction profiles that possessed an inner product

of 2 or higher with the chemical-genetic interaction profile and mapped to the predicted

bioprocess, and 2) computing the Hadamard product (elementwise multiplication) between this

mean genetic interaction profile and the compound's chemical-genetic interaction profile. Each

score could have been positive, indicating agreement in the sign of chemical-genetic and genetic

interactions for a gene mutant, or negative, indicating that the interactions did not agree for that

gene mutant. As such, the importance scores summarized the concordance between chemical-

genetic and genetic interaction profiles, conditioned on an individual compound and a perturbed

bioprocess of interest.

We use the prediction of NPD4142, a compound from the RIKEN Natural Product

Depository, to the "mRNA transport" bioprocess to illustrate how the overlap between chemical-

genetic and genetic interactions led to bioprocess predictions (Fig 4A). A qualitative examination

revealed that, indeed, NPD4142 possessed a pattern of chemical-genetic interactions similar to

the genetic interactions for the query genes annotated to mRNA transport. More quantitatively

and as expected, we observed that the contribution of each gene mutant to a bioprocess

prediction depended on the strength of its chemical-genetic interaction with NPD4142 and the

number and intensity of its genetic interactions with the mRNA transport query genes. Chemical-

genetic interactions with mutants of *POM152*, *NUP133*, and *NUP188*, which encode

components of the nuclear pore that facilitate import and export of molecules such as mRNA,

were the most important, followed by interactions with mutants in the Lsm1-7-Pat1 complex,

which is involved in the degradation of cytoplasmic mRNA.

Using this approach to assess the importance of individual mutants in the chemical-genetic

profile, we globally analyzed the contribution of chemical-genetic interactions to each

compound's top bioprocess prediction (Fig 5). We performed this analysis twice: first, on all

HCS compounds, and second, on a diverse subset of 130 compounds to correct for potential

functional biases in the full set [11]. We present here the results from the 130-compound subset,

although the results for the full set were qualitatively similar. For each compound, an average of

42% of its chemical-genetic interactions contributed to its top bioprocess prediction (chemical-

genetic interaction cutoff $\pm$ 2.5, importance score cutoff +0.1) – a fraction that increased

substantially (to 78%) when limiting the analysis to each compound's strong interactions that

contributed strongly (chemical-genetic interaction cutoff $\pm$ 5, importance score cutoff +0.5).

Overall, we observed that more than one-third of chemical-genetic interactions (1112 / 3129)

contributed to a top bioprocess prediction (chemical-genetic interaction cutoff ±2.5; importance

score cutoff +0.1). Strikingly, negative chemical-genetic interactions much more frequently

contributed to a bioprocess prediction: approximately one-half (1071 / 2112) of negative

chemical-genetic interactions contributed as compared to only ~4% (41 / 1017) of positive

chemical-genetic interactions at the same cutoff. Furthermore, we observed differences in how

the signs within chemical-genetic and mean genetic interaction profiles could disagree with each

other despite the global profile similarity that led to bioprocess prediction, with positive

chemical-genetic interactions contributing negatively to bioprocess predictions (importance score

cutoff < -0.1) over 10 times more frequently than negative interactions (1.9% vs. 0.14%). This

trend of negative chemical-genetic interactions supporting strong bioprocess predictions was

even more pronounced when restricting this analysis to strong interactions (chemical-genetic

interaction cutoff ±5; importance score cutoff +0.5), where negative interactions comprised

essentially the entire set of contributing chemical-genetic interactions (219 / 220, 99.5%). These

observations were also supported by analyses in which we predicted perturbed bioprocesses

using only negative or positive chemical-genetic interactions, finding that negative chemical-

genetic interactions were the primary drivers of bioprocess predictions and overwhelmingly

responsible for their accuracy [11]. We conclude that negative interactions in chemical-genetic

interaction profiles contain the large majority of the functional information necessary to predict

modes of action.

Negative chemical-genetic interactions also contained information specific to chemical

perturbations. Specifically, we identified nine mutant strains that exhibited strong negative

chemical genetic interactions (z-score < -5) yet were enriched for a lack of contribution

(importance score < 0.1) to bioprocess predictions (hypergeometric test, Benjamini-Hochberg

FDR ≤ 0.05; shaded region of Fig 5). Manual inspection of these mutants revealed connections

to the high osmolarity glycol (HOG) pathway, cell polarity (cytoskeletal actin polarization,

kinetochore and chromosome segregation), and other stress response mechanisms (Table S2). As

the HOG pathway is important for the cellular response to high osmolarity and other stresses

[18–20], and repolarization of the cytoskeleton is required for cells to adapt and continue

dividing after stress [21,22], we hypothesize that many of these overrepresented mutants interact

negatively with compounds due to an impaired ability to respond to external stress. This

chemical perturbation-specific information may complement or even completely obscure the
chemical-genetic signature of a compound's primary mode of action, potentially complicating
the interpretation of chemical-genetic interaction profiles using a genetic interaction network.
We compared the concordance of chemical-genetic and genetic interaction profiles across
multiple compounds predicted to the same bioprocess, revealing that some bioprocesses were
predicted by homogenous sets of chemical-genetic interaction profiles while others were much
more heterogeneous despite their predicted targeting of the same bioprocess. For example,
predictions made to the "CVT pathway" (FDR < 1%) depended almost entirely on a suite of
strong negative chemical-genetic interactions with *ARL1, ARL3,* and *ERV13*, with contributions
from *IRS4* and *COG8* (Fig 4B). This uniformity in the prediction of a bioprocess is contrasted by
the diversity of profiles captured within "tubulin complex assembly" predictions (Fig 4C).
Compounds with top predictions to this term could potentially be partitioned into three classes,
divided according to strong contributions from: 1) *CIN1*/*TUB3*, *PAN3*/*CIN4*, and the SWR1
complex (known tubulin polymerization inhibitors Benomyl and Nocodazole); 2) *CIN1*/*TUB3*
and *DSE2* (NPD4098 and NPD2784); or 3) only *CIN1*/*TUB3* (all remaining compounds except
NPD4619). Interestingly, the structures of the compounds in each of the former two groups are
distinct from those in the other groups, suggesting that the observed diversity in these
compounds' functional profiles is mechanistically derived from their structures.

Experimental validation of compound-bioprocess predictions

Phenotypic analysis of cell cycle progression. The genes and pathways that govern the cell
cycle are highly conserved throughout eukaryotes, enabling researchers to infer from yeast how
cells in higher organisms integrate internal and external signals to decide when to divide [23]. As
such, compounds that inhibit the progression of the cell cycle in yeast may enable a better
understanding of the eukaryotic cell cycle or even form the basis for new therapeutic approaches
for cancer, in which the cell division cycle is dysregulated [24,25]. We observed that compounds
from the RIKEN Natural Product Depository were enriched for predictions to cell cycle-related
bioprocesses [11], especially to the "mitotic spindle assembly checkpoint" that occurs at the
beginning of M phase. After manual inspection of these compounds' chemical-genetic
interaction profiles, we selected 17 to test if our predictions validated experimentally.
Specifically, we looked for increases in the percentage of cells in the G2 phase of the cell cycle

(via fluorescence-activated cell sorting) and two budding phenotypes (bud size and % cells with

large buds) for yeast treated with compound, together indicative of arrest at the G2/M checkpoint

of the cell cycle (Fig 6A-C). Indeed, 6 of the 17 selected compounds induced increases in all

phenotypes, while zero out of 10 bioactive control compounds (with high-confidence predictions

to bioprocesses not related to cell cycle signaling and progression) induced increases in any of

these phenotypes ($p < 0.05$, one-sided Fisher exact test). As compounds can activate the G2/M

checkpoint in multiple ways (e.g. induction of DNA damage, inhibition of chromosome

segregation), the set of compounds with spindle assembly checkpoint predictions can serve as a

resource for studying the diversity of mechanisms by which cell cycle progression is arrested at

this checkpoint and which of these may have therapeutic potential. In addition to our study of

G2/M checkpoint-activating compounds, we also selected two compounds with high-confidence

predictions to the term "cell-cycle phase" (mutually exclusive with mitotic spindle assembly

checkpoint), one of which (NPD7834) was observed to arrest cells in G1 phase (Fig 6A-C).

Inhibition of tubulin polymerization. Compounds that disrupt microtubules are useful for

studying cell organization and division and remain promising candidates as antitumor agents

[26–28]. As such, we focused on all compounds with the strongest predictions to "tubulin

complex assembly" (FDR < 1%) and tested them for activity in an *in vitro*, mammalian (porcine)

tubulin polymerization assay (Fig 6D). Like the previous validation experiment, a negative

control set of compounds was selected at random to contain high-confidence compounds

(bioprocess predictions with FDR ≤ 25%) whose predictions were not related to microtubule

assembly or related bioprocesses. We observed that the novel compound NPD2784 strongly

inhibited tubulin polymerization, nearly as well as the drug nocodazole and more strongly than

the microtubule probe benomyl. In addition, the entire set of compounds predicted to perturb

tubulin complex assembly showed significantly increased inhibition of tubulin polymerization

when compared to the negative control compounds ($p < 0.006$, Wilcoxon rank-sum test).

Strikingly, all previously-uncharacterized members of this set would not have been discovered

using a structure similarity-based approach, as the highest structural similarity between any NPD

compound and six compounds representative of major classes of microtubule-perturbing agents

did not exceed 0.25 (Fig 6E) [29]. However, we did observe that structural similarity was

predictive of the top 20% of chemical-genetic profile similarities among the compounds selected

for validation (AUPR = 0.43 vs. 0.2 for a random classifier), suggesting that their slight

433 differences in function inside the cell are influenced by their structures and that further

434 exploration of compounds with similar structures may yield even more tubulin polymerization

435 inhibitors. With this experimental validation, we have demonstrated the ability of CG-TARGET,

436 and a genetic interaction network in general, to capture a shared mode of action across diverse

437 compounds that can be biochemically-validated. Furthermore, we note that this validation was

438 achieved with a mammalian tubulin assay, demonstrating the power of yeast chemical genomics

439 coupled with CG-TARGET to predict modes of action that translate broadly to other species,

440 including mammalian systems.

Discussion

442  The scaling of chemical-genetic interaction screens from tens or hundreds of compounds to

443 tens of thousands of compounds has provided the opportunity, and the necessity, to develop

444 better methods for interpreting the interaction profiles and prioritizing high-confidence

445 compounds. We developed a method, CG-TARGET, to address this need and used it to predict

446 perturbed biological processes for the nearly 14,000 compounds interrogated in our recent high-

447 throughput chemical-genetic interaction screen [11]. CG-TARGET demonstrated the ability to

448 recapitulate known compound function while controlling the false discovery rate, enabling high-

449 confidence mode-of-action prediction for 1522 largely uncharacterized compounds [11], which

450 we prioritized for further study. Further investigation of the profiles from these high-confidence

451 compounds revealed broad compatibility between chemical-genetic and genetic interaction

452 profiles, the overwhelming basis of which was contributed by negative chemical-genetic

453 interactions. Some interesting exceptions to this compatibility were observed for genes that may

454 reduce the ability of compounds to deal with external stress. We experimentally confirmed the

455 accuracy of our predictions for two different classes of previously uncharacterized compounds –

456 tubulin polymerization inhibitors and mitotic checkpoint inhibitors – and demonstrated the

457 ability of CG-TARGET to predict activity against a conserved mammalian target. In addition to

458 these findings, the predictions made using CG-TARGET were experimentally validated on a

459 large scale for 67 compounds in an orthogonal cell cycle assay and revealed insights into the

460 distribution of functions perturbed by compounds in large compound libraries, which is

461 described in the companion paper [11].

462  In high-throughput chemical screens, it is important to prioritize the compounds most likely

463 to demonstrate desired biological activity in further studies. While CG-TARGET and a baseline,

464 enrichment-based approach achieved similar performance in ranking gold-standard bioprocess

465 annotations for simulated chemical-genetic interaction profiles and compounds with known

466 modes of action, CG-TARGET outperformed the baseline approach with regard to controlling

467 the false discovery rate, discovering two orders of magnitude more compounds at a false

468 discovery rate of 25%. As a result, CG-TARGET was substantially better than the baseline

469 approach at accurately annotating, with high confidence, compounds with known modes of

470 action. The fact that our genetic interaction-based predictions were both accurate and achieved

471 appropriate control of the false discovery rate is important, as the global genetic interaction

472 network provides a much more comprehensive and unbiased resource than the limited set of gold

473 standard compounds for predicting bioprocesses perturbed by compounds. In addition, predicting

474 compound function at the bioprocess level allowed functional characterization of compounds

475 whose effects in cells did not occur via direct action on protein targets (e.g. damaging DNA or

476 disrupting cell membranes,), which would have been impossible with a method based purely on

477 comparing chemical-genetic and genetic interaction profiles.

478  While we demonstrated the ability to predict perturbed bioprocesses for compounds and

479 prioritize the highest-confidence predictions, many further steps are required to identify lead

480 compounds and ultimately develop molecular probes or pharmaceutical agents. Perturbing a

481 biological process does not necessarily require perturbing a specific protein target, and as such,

482 further refinements to our methods are needed to identify specific molecular targets (i.e.

483 proteins) and prioritize the compounds most likely to perturb a small number of defined targets

484 in the cell. We envision the use of multiple functional standards with CG-TARGET, such as

485 biological processes and protein complexes as demonstrated here, to improve our ability to

486 predict compound mode of action at different levels of resolution and predict the compounds that

487 exert specific versus general effects in the cell. Different modes of chemical-genetic interaction

488 screening can provide support in this endeavor, as heterozygous diploid mutant strains, gene

489 overexpression strains, and/or spontaneous compound-resistant mutants can provide evidence for

490 the direct, essential cellular target(s) of a compound [1,7]. Regardless of the limitations in

491 predicting precise molecular targets, information about the bioprocesses perturbed by an entire

library would be useful in selecting the compounds most amenable to activity optimization and

off-target effect minimization in the development of a pharmaceutical agent or molecular probe.

The approach described here can be translated to work in other species for which obtaining

functional information on compounds would be useful. For example, genome-wide deletion

collections have been developed for *Escherichia coli* [30] and *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* [31]

and used to perform chemical-genetic interaction screens [32,33] as well as genetic interaction

mapping [34–37]. Such efforts are even underway in human cell lines, enabled by genome-wide

CRISPR screens [38–41]. Furthermore, future efforts to interpret chemical-genetic interaction

profiles in a new species need not wait for the completion of a comprehensive, all-by-all genetic

interaction network as exists in *S. cerevisiae*, as our work highlights the ability of a diagnostic set

of gene mutants to capture functional information and predict perturbed biological processes.

From the discovery of urgently-needed antibacterial or antifungal agents, to the treatment of

orphan diseases or a better understanding of drug and chemical toxicity, the combination of

chemical-genetic and genetic interactions in a high-throughput format, with appropriate analysis

tools, offers a means to achieve these goals via the discovery of new compounds with previously

uncharacterized modes of action.

Materials and Methods

Datasets

Chemical-genetic interaction data. Chemical-genetic interaction profiles were obtained from a

recent study [11], in which nearly 14,000 compounds were screened for chemical-genetic

interactions across ~300 haploid yeast gene deletion strains. The chemical-genetic interaction

profiles consisted of two sub-datasets: 1) the "RIKEN" dataset, containing chemical-genetic

interaction profiles spanning 289 deletion strains for 8418 compounds from the RIKEN Natural

Product Depository [12] and 5724 negative experimental controls (solvent control, DMSO); and

2) the "NCI/NIH/GSK" dataset, containing chemical-genetic interactions spanning 282 deletion

strains for 3565 compounds from the NCI Open Chemical Repository, the NIH Clinical

Collection, and the GSK kinase inhibitor collection [13], as well as 2128 negative experimental

control profiles. The solvent control profiles consisted of biological and technical replicate

profiles.

Genetic interaction data. The genetic interaction dataset was obtained from a recently

assembled *S. cerevisiae* genetic interaction map [5,9]; it was filtered to contain quantitative

fitness observations for double mutants obtained upon crossing 1505 high-signal query gene

mutants into an array of 3827 array gene mutants. The procedure for selecting the 1505 high-

signal query genes out of the larger pool of 4382 is described in [11]. Briefly, each query profile

was required to possess at least 40 significant genetic interactions, a sum of cosine similarity

scores with all other query profiles greater than 2, and a sum of inner products with all other

query profiles greater than 2. The final genetic interaction dataset used in this study was filtered

to contain only array strains present in the chemical-genetic interaction datasets.

GO Biological Processes and protein complexes. A subset of terms from the "biological

process" ontology within the Gene Ontology annotations [17] were used as the bioprocesses.

Query genes from the *S. cerevisiae* genetic interaction dataset were mapped to biological process

terms using annotations from the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Genome Database [16]. Both gene

ontology and *S. cerevisiae* annotations were downloaded on September 12, 2013 from their

respective databases via Bioconductor in R [42]. Terms were propagated using "is_a"

relationships, such that each gene was also annotated to all parents of its direct biological process

annotations. The final set of bioprocesses consisted of the terms with $4 - 200$ gene annotations

from the set of 1505 high-signal query genes in the genetic interaction dataset.

Protein complex annotations were obtained from [9]. Complexes with 3 or more genes

annotated to them were used as the input biological processes for CG-TARGET-based protein

complex predictions.

Gold-standard compound-process annotations. Biological processes were assigned to 35

primarily antifungal compounds with chemical-genetic interaction profiles in the RIKEN dataset,

based on known information about their modes of action. Bioprocess terms were selected to be

specific to the compounds' modes of action where applicable.

Predicting perturbed bioprocesses from chemical-genetic interaction profiles

Our method to predict biological processes perturbed by compounds is briefly summarized in

the recent study from which the chemical-genetic interaction profiles were obtained [11], and is

more formally described here. Fig S4 provides a schematic representation of the method.

Notation. We first clarify here a few uses of mathematical notation that simplify the explanation

of the methods. First, the ith row and column vectors of a matrix A are denoted as $A_{i,*}$ and $A_{*,i}$,

respectively. Second, the Iverson bracket is used to convert logical propositions into values of 1

or 0, depending on if the logical proposition is true or false, respectively. This is used to simplify

expressions for counting the number of elements in a vector that meet given criteria. Specifically,

for a logical proposition L, the definition of the Iverson bracket is:

$$[L] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } L \text{ is true} \\ 0 & \text{if } L \text{ is false} \end{cases}$$

(Eqn. 1).

Data representation and overview of procedure. CG-TARGET requires chemical-genetic

interaction profiles, genetic interaction profiles, and a mapping from genes to biological

processes, all of which will be represented as matrices here (illustrated in Fig S4, along with

example matrix dimensions and a graphical description of the bioprocess prediction procedure).

For chemical-genetic interaction matrices, let us consider an n_m x n_α matrix of compound

treatment profiles C_α, an n_m x n_β matrix of negative experimental control profiles C_β, and an n_m x

n_γ matrix of resampled profiles C_γ, where n_m is the number of mutant strains in each chemical-

genetic interaction profile, n_α is the number of profiles derived from treatment with compound,

n_β is the number of profiles derived from negative experimental controls, and n_γ is the number of

chemical-genetic interaction profiles resampled from C_α. The matrix G of genetic interaction

profiles is n_m x n_q and the binary matrix B of gene to bioprocess mappings is n_q x n_p, where n_m is

the number of mutant strains in the chemical-genetic interaction and genetic interaction profiles,

n_q is the number of genetic interaction profiles, and n_p is the number of bioprocesses in B

annotated from the n_q genetic interaction profiles in G.

To predict perturbed biological processes, chemical-genetic interaction matrices for each

profile type $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$ are first converted to matrices of compound-gene similarity scores and

then to matrices containing the sums of these compound-gene similarity scores for each

compound-process pair. Three different z-score/p-value matrix pairs are then computed for each

profile type a, two of which are derived from the control chemical-genetic interaction profile

types $b \in \{\beta, \gamma\}$ ("control-derived" z-scores/p-values) and one of which is derived by

randomizing the scores within each compound's vector of compound-gene similarity scores

("within-compound" z-scores/p-values, denoted as δ). The z-score and p-value matrices across

all scoring approaches $c \in \{\beta, \gamma, \delta\}$ are then combined into a final z-score/p-value matrix pair

for each profile type a. The false discovery rate is estimated by comparing the rate of prediction

for the treatment profiles α against that of the control profiles $b \in \{\beta, \gamma\}$ across a range of p-

value thresholds. For the comparison of CG-TARGET to an enrichment-based approach, one

enrichment factor/p-value matrix pair replaces the final z-score/p-value matrix pair for each

profile type a, with the same false discovery rate calculations occurring afterward.

Resampled chemical-genetic interaction profiles. An n_m x n_γ matrix of resampled chemical-

genetic interaction profiles C_γ is constructed such that interaction scores for each gene are

sampled randomly with replacement across the chemical-genetic interaction profiles. Assuming

that rand(x) is a function to randomly sample one value from the set of integers x in a uniformly

random fashion, and $\{1..n_\alpha\}$ is the set of integers between and including 1 and n_α, the interaction

score for the ith mutant in the jth resampled profile is denoted by:

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$$(C_\gamma)_{i,j} = (C_\alpha)_{i,\, \text{rand}(\{1..n_\alpha\})}$$

(Eqn. 2).

Mapping the similarity between chemical-genetic and genetic interaction profiles onto

biological processes. Scores reflecting the concordance between chemical-genetic and genetic

interaction profiles were derived by taking the inner product between each chemical-genetic

interaction profile and each L_2-normalized genetic interaction profile. As such, a column-

normalized genetic interaction matrix G' is constructed from the genetic interaction matrix G by:

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$$G'_{i,j} = \frac{G_{i,j}}{\|G_{*,j}\|_2}$$

601   (Eqn. 3).

603   Matrices S_α (n_α x n_q), S_β (n_β x n_q), and S_R (n_γ x n_q), containing the similarity scores between the

604   genetic interaction profiles and the profiles from each compound-treated, negative experimental

605   control, and resampled condition, respectively, are then generated as denoted by (where the

606   superscript ^{T} indicates the matrix transpose):

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$$S_\alpha = (C_\alpha)^T G'; \; S_\beta = (C_\beta)^T G'; \; S_\gamma = (C_\gamma)^T G'$$

(Eqn. 4).

To map these similarity scores onto biological processes, the inner product is taken between

each row vector of compound-gene similarity scores (from S_α, S_β, and S_γ) and the column vector

of binary gene annotations from each bioprocess in matrix B. This generates matrices X_α (n_α x

n_p), X_β (n_β x n_p), and X_γ (n_γ x n_p) that contain the sum of gene similarity scores within each

biological process for each compound treatment, negative experimental control, and resampled

condition, respectively. These matrices are denoted by:

$$X_\alpha = S_\alpha B;\ X_\beta = S_\beta B;\ X_\gamma = S_\gamma B$$

617   (Eqn. 5).

Computing biological process predictions with CG-TARGET. Once the compound-gene

similarity scores are mapped onto biological processes and summed into compound-process

scores, we compute z-score matrices $Z^*_{(a,b)}$ and empirical p-value matrices $P_{Z^*(a,b)}$, where a

denotes the type of profile we are predicting bioprocesses for and b denotes the type of control

distribution used to compute the z-scores and p-values. For two of the values of b (α and β),

these scores are "control-derived," as we compare each compound-process score $(X_a)_{i,j}$ to the

distribution of control profile compound-process scores $(X_b)_{*j}$ within the respective j^{th}

bioprocess. For the remaining value of b (δ), we refer to these scores as "within-compound," as

we compare the ith compound's average compound-gene similarity score within genes annotated

to the jth bioprocess $(X_a)_{i,j}/d_j$ (where d_j is the size of the jth bioprocess) to the distribution of

compound-gene similarity scores $(S_a)_{i,*}$ for the ith compound.

The computation of each control-derived z-score requires an estimate of the mean and

standard deviation of the compound-process scores within each bioprocess for both the negative

experimental control and resampled profiles. The length n_p mean vector u_b and standard

deviation vector v_b for each control profile type $b \in \{\beta, \gamma\}$ are thus defined as:

$$(u_b)_j = \frac{1}{n_b} \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} (X_b)_{i,j}$$

$$(v_b)_j = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_b - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} \left((X_b)_{i,j} - (u_b)_j\right)^2}$$

(Eqn. 6).

Z-score matrices derived using both types of control profile are computed for all compound

treatment, negative experimental control, and resampled profile conditions, yielding six z-score

matrices. These matrices, one for each combination of profile type $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$ and control

profile type $b \in \{\beta, \gamma\}$, are defined as:

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$$\left(Z^*_{(a,b)}\right)_{i,j} = \frac{(X_a)_{i,j} - (u_b)_j}{(v_b)_j}$$

(Eqn. 7).

The control-derived p-values are computed by counting the number of times that a

compound-process score $(X_a)_{i,j}$ for the ith compound and j^{th} bioprocess is less than the

corresponding control-derived compound-process scores $(X_b)_{*j}$. Again, this yields six p-value

matrices, one for each combination of profile type $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$ and control profile type $b \in \{\beta,$

$\gamma\}$, which are given by:

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$$\left(P_{Z^*(a,b)}\right)_{i,j} = \frac{1}{n_b} \sum_{k=1}^{n_b} \left[(X_a)_{i,j} \le (X_b)_{k,j}\right]$$

(Eqn. 8).

The within-compound z-score is computed for each pair of ith compound and j^{th} bioprocess

by comparing the mean of the ith compound's similarity scores with genes in the bioprocess to

the mean and standard deviation of the ith compound's similarity scores across all genes. To

perform this calculation, length n_a mean and standard deviation vectors w_a and y_a, respectively,

are generated, as well as a length n_p vector d that contains the number of genes annotated to each

bioprocess in B. $Z^*_{(a,\delta)}$ refers to the matrix of z-scores for each profile of type $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$

computed using the within-compound z-score approach (represented by δ) and given by:

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$$(w_a)_i = \frac{1}{n_q} \sum_{j=1}^{n_q} (S_a)_{i,j}$$

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$$(y_a)_i = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_q - 1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_q} \left((S_a)_{i,j} - (w_a)_i \right)^2}$$

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$$d_j = \sum_{i=1}^{n_q} B_{i,j}$$

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$$\left(Z^*_{(a,\delta)} \right)_{i,j} = \frac{(X_a)_{i,j}/d_j - (w_a)_i}{(y_a)_i/\sqrt{d_j}}$$

667 (Eqn. 9).

668  For each compound-process pair, the within-compound empirical p-value is computed for

669 each profile type $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$ by randomly permuting the compound's compound-gene

670 similarity scores, re-computing within-compound z-scores, and counting the number of times

671 that the z-scores derived from randomly-permuted compound-gene similarity scores are greater

672 than the observed compound-process z-score. This calculation conveniently reduces to a

673 comparison of the sum of observed vs. permuted compound-gene similarity scores for genes in

674 the respective bioprocess, as the number of genes that map to the bioprocess (d_j) and the mean

675 ($(w_a)_i$) and standard deviation ($(y_a)_i$) of compound-gene similarity scores do not change upon

676 permutation of the compound-gene similarity scores. Permuted matrices of compound-gene

677 similarity scores are denoted by ${}^kS_a$, which represents, for profile type a, the kth row-wise

678 permutation of the compound-gene similarity score matrix. Each resulting matrix that contains

679 the sums of compound-gene similarity scores for all compound-process pairs with respect to

680 random permutation k is denoted by ${}^kX_a$. Across n_l permutations, the within-compound empirical

681 p-value for each profile type $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$ (within-compound p-value signified by subscript δ) is

682 denoted by:

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$$^kX_a = {}^kS_a B$$

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$$\left(P_{Z^*(a,\delta)} \right)_{i,j} = \frac{1}{n_l} \sum_{k=1}^{n_l} \left[(X_a)_{i,j} \leq \left({}^kX_a \right)_{i,j} \right]$$

(Eqn. 10).

Ultimately, the different p-values and z-scores for each compound-process pair are combined

into one p-value and z-score for that pair. These scores are combined such that the largest (least

significant) p-value is chosen along with its associated z-score. If multiple p-values tie for the

largest value, then the one with the smallest associated z-score is chosen. As such, the resulting

combination of p-value and z-score represents the most conservative estimate of the strength and

significance of the prediction from compound to perturbed biological process.

To combine the p-values and z-scores, a matrix $Psource_a$ for each profile type $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$

is first created to determine, for each compound-process pair, which p-value and z-score matrices

will contribute the final p-value and z-score. For each z-score/p-value scoring approach $c \in \{\beta,$

$\gamma, \delta\}$, each entry of this matrix is denoted by:

$$f_P(\epsilon) = \left(P_{Z^*(a,\epsilon)}\right)_{i,j}$$

$$f_Z(\epsilon) = \left(Z^*_{(a,\epsilon)}\right)_{i,j}$$

$$(Psource_a)_{i,j} = \operatorname{argmin} f_Z(b') \text{ where } b' \in \operatorname*{argmax}_{b \in (\beta,\gamma,\delta)} f_P(b)$$

(Eqn. 11).

The resulting final p-value and z-score matrices for each profile type $a \in (\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ are then:

$$\left(Z_{(a)}\right)_{i,j} = \left(Z^*_{(a,(Psource_a)_{i,j})}\right)_{i,j}$$

$$\left(P_{Z(a)}\right)_{i,j} = \left(P_{Z^*(a,(Psource_a)_{i,j})}\right)_{i,j}$$

(Eqn. 12).

Computing biological process enrichments. An enrichment-based method for predicting

biological processes perturbed by compounds was also implemented to provide an appropriate

baseline for assessing the performance of CG-TARGET. This enrichment-based method

computes biological process enrichment within the genes that contribute the top n out of n_q

compound-gene similarity scores for each compound (from each compound-gene similarity score

matrix X_a for profile types $a \in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$). Ultimately, two sets of matrices are computed, $E_{(a,n)}$

and $P_{E(a,n)}$, which respectively contain the enrichment factor and hypergeometric p-value for each

compound and biological process pair. Enrichments were computed for $n \in \{10, 20, 50, 100,$

$200, 300, 400, 600, 800\}$.

First, a binary matrix $X^{top}_{(a,k)}$ is derived from the matrix of compound-gene similarity scores X_a,

such that in each row, the positions corresponding to the top n scores are set to 1 and the

remaining positions are set to 0. This is denoted as:

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$$\left(X^{top}_{(a,n)}\right)_{i,j} = \left[(X_a)_{i,j} \geq \left(\text{sortDesc}((X_a)_{i,*})\right)_n\right]$$

721   (Eqn. 13)

722   where $(X_a)_{i,*}$ is the ith row vector of matrix X_a and sortDesc(x) is a function that returns the values

723   in a vector x sorted in descending order. The final enrichment factor and p-value matrices are

724   then computed as:

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$$\left(E_{(a,n)}\right)_{i,j} = \frac{\left(\left(X^{top}_{(a,n)}\right)_{i,*} B_{*,j}\right) n_q}{\left(\sum B_{*,j}\right) n}$$

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$$\left(P_{E(a,n)}\right)_{i,j} = 1 - \text{hygeCDF}\left(n_q, \sum B_{*,j}, n, \left(\left(X^{top}_{(a,n)}\right)_{i,*} B_{*,j}\right) - 1\right)$$

(Eqn. 14)

where $B_{*,j}$ is the column vector of the binary bioprocess matrix B containing gene annotations for

the jth bioprocess, $\sum B_{*,j}$ is the number of genes annotated to the jth bioprocess, and hygeCDF(N,

K, n, k) is the cumulative hypergeometric distribution given a population size of N with K

success states and n draws with k observed successes.

Estimating the false discovery rate. The false discovery rates of the compound-process

predictions are estimated by comparing, using the entire range of observed p-values as

thresholds, the number of compounds with at least one bioprocess prediction against the number

of experimental controls and resampled profiles with at least one bioprocess prediction. We

compute a false discovery rate matrix FDR_b for the treatment profiles α against each control

profile type $b \in \{\beta, \gamma\}$. This FDR_b matrix is individually computed for the CG-TARGET-based

compound-process predictions as well as for each version of the enrichment-based compound-

process predictions (using the p-value matrices $P_{Z(a)}$ and $P_{E(a,n)}$); for simplicity, we do not change

the notation of FDR_b to reflect if the false discovery rate values were computed on the output

from CG-TARGET or our baseline enrichment-based approach.

The first step in computing the false discovery rate is obtaining length n_a vectors $ptop_a$ that

contain the smallest p-value within each profile's bioprocess predictions, for each profile type a

$\in \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$. Additionally, the union of all observed p-values p_{all} defines the universe of p-values

for which corresponding false discovery rates will be computed. Given p-value matrices P_a ($P_{Z(a)}$

or $P_{E(a,n)}$ for one value of n) and a function sortAsc() that returns the input values sorted in

ascending order, the vectors $ptop_a$ and p_{all} are given by:

$$(ptop_a)_i = \min\big((P_a)_{i,*}\big)$$

$$p_{all} = \text{sortAsc}\left(\bigcup_{i,j,a\in\{\alpha,\beta,\gamma\}} (P_a)_{i,j} \right)$$

752   (Eqn. 15).

We then compute a mapping from each observed p-value to its corresponding false discovery

rate, with mappings generated with respect to each control profile type $b \in \{\beta, \gamma\}$. First, a vector

of false discovery rates r_b^* is computed, each value corresponding to a p-value threshold in p_{all}, by

dividing the fraction of treatment profiles with one or more bioprocess predictions that pass the

threshold by the fraction of control profiles that also pass the threshold. As the p-values in the

vector p_{all} are monotonically increasing, it is desirable for the false discovery rate to increase

monotonically with the p-value. However, it is possible for the false discovery rate to decrease as

p-value increases (if the fraction of treatment profiles passing the threshold increases faster than

the fraction of control profiles passing the threshold), and thus we adjust each false discovery

rate value in the vector r_b^* to be the minimum of its current value or any value at a larger index to

generate a new vector r_b (similar to the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure [43]). The final p-value

to false discovery rate mappings can be written as a function of the p-value p, with the procedure

to generate these mappings given by:

$$(r_b^*)_i = \frac{\frac{1}{n_b}\sum_{j=1}^{n_b}\big[(ptop_b)_j \leq (p_{all})_i\big]}{\frac{1}{n_\alpha}\sum_{j=1}^{n_\alpha}\big[(ptop_\alpha)_j \leq (p_{all})_i\big]}$$

$$r_b = \text{rev}\Big(\text{cumMin}\big(\text{rev}(r_b^*)\big)\Big)$$

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$$f_{FDR(b)}(p) = (r_b)_{\{i\,:\,(r_b)_i\,=\,p\}}$$

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(Eqn. 16).

771   Given this mapping of p-value to false discovery rate, the resulting matrices of false

772   discovery rates with respect to control profile types $b \in \{\beta, \gamma\}$ are given by:

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$$(FDR_b)_{i,j} = f_{FDR(b)}\big((P_a)_{i,j}\big)$$

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(Eqn. 17).

Computational evaluation of bioprocess predictions

Performance on simulated chemical-genetic interaction profiles. We generated a set of

simulated chemical-genetic interaction profiles derived from genetic interaction profiles [11].

Each simulated chemical-genetic interaction profile was a query genetic interaction profile

augmented with noise sampled from a Gaussian distribution with a mean of 0 and a variance for

each array gene twice that of the same array gene in the genetic interaction dataset. Three

simulated profiles were generated based on each query gene, resulting in 4515 total profiles.

Because each simulated chemical-genetic interaction profile was derived from a query genetic

interaction profile, it inherited the gold-standard bioprocess annotations from its parent genetic

interaction profile in subsequent benchmarking efforts.

We then used CG-TARGET and each top-n enrichment method to predict perturbed

bioprocesses for this set of 4515 simulated chemicals x 289 deletion mutants. For each simulated

chemical, its top bioprocess prediction was compared to the set of inherited gold-standard

bioprocess annotations, counting as a true positive if the top prediction matched an existing

annotation and a false positive if it did not. Precision-recall curves were then generated by

sorting the list of each simulated chemical's top bioprocess predictions (p-value ascending, z-

score or enrichment factor descending) and computing the precision (true positives / (true

positives + false positives)) and recall (true positives) at each point in this list.

Performance on gold-standard compound-bioprocess annotations. The predicted perturbed

bioprocesses for each of the gold-standard compounds were sorted, first in ascending order by

their p-value and then descending order by their z-score (for CG-TARGET) or enrichment factor

(top-n enrichment), and the rank of each compound's gold-standard bioprocess annotation was

recorded. To assess the significance of each rank, each pair of p-value and z-score was randomly

assigned to a new bioprocess (without replacement), the lists re-ordered, and the ranks of each

compound's target bioprocess re-computed. The empirical p-value for each gold-standard

compound-process pair was computed as the number of times the rank from the shuffled

bioprocesses achieved the same or better rank as the observed rank, divided by the number of

randomizations. These randomizations were also used as a baseline against which to compare the

number of compounds (out of 35) that achieved a given rank, as seen in Figs 3 and S1; the

displayed ribbons were generated by calculating, for each rank, the relevant percentiles on the

distribution of compounds with randomized predictions that achieved that rank. The "effective

rank" of a compound's gold-standard bioprocess annotation was determined as the minimum

rank of any bioprocess term with which it possessed sufficient gene annotation similarity

(overlap index ≥ 0.4, where the overlap index of two sets is defined as the size of the intersection

divided by the size of the smaller set).

Characterizing performance with respect to individual bioprocess terms. For each

propagated GO biological process term used for bioprocess prediction, we gathered all

predictions to that term across the 4515 simulated chemical-genetic interaction profiles and

sorted the predictions in ascending order by p-value and then in descending order by z-score. The

area under the precision-recall curve (AUPR) was calculated across this sorted list of simulated

compounds, with a true positive defined as the occurrence of a simulated compound that was

annotated to the bioprocess (via the simulated compound's parent gene). To obtain the final

evaluation statistic for each GO term, this AUPR was divided by the AUPR of a random

classifier, which is equal to the number of true positives divided by the total number of simulated

compounds.

Assessing the compatibility of chemical-genetic and genetic interaction profiles

Analysis of bioprocess prediction drivers in chemical-genetic interaction data. Given a

compound and a predicted bioprocess, a profile of "importance scores" describes the

contribution of each gene mutant to that compound's bioprocess prediction. To obtain this score,

a mean genetic interaction profile was first computed across all L_2-normalized genetic interaction

profiles annotated to the biological process for which the inner product with the compound's

chemical-genetic interaction profile was 2 or greater. The importance score profile was then

obtained by taking the Hadamard product (elementwise multiplication) between this mean

genetic interaction profile and the compound's chemical-genetic interaction profile.

Overrepresentation analyses of gene mutants with strong chemical-genetic and/or genetic

interactions. After restricting the data to the top biological process prediction for each

compound, gene mutants that possessed strong, negative chemical-genetic interaction scores (z-

score < -5) were assessed for overrepresentation with respect to the number of times they did not

contribute (importance score within ±0.1) to a compound's top bioprocess prediction.

Specifically, the number of times each strain occurred inside and outside the region described

above (grey box in Figure 5) was compared to the number of times all strains occurred inside and

outside the region using a hypergeometric test, using all strains with interaction z-scores < -5 as

the background set. Details on the genes overrepresented in this region are given in Table S2.

Experimental validation of compound-bioprocess predictions

Phenotypic analysis of cell cycle progression. To examine the effect of compounds on arresting

cells in G2/M phase, we looked for differences in budding index and cell DNA content between

compounds predicted to perturb the cell cycle versus negative control compounds. Seventeen

compounds with high-confidence predictions to the bioprocess term "mitotic spindle assembly

checkpoint" and strong negative chemical-genetic interactions with *PAT1* and *LSM6* (a common

signature for compounds with this bioprocess prediction) were selected for validation.

Additionally, ten bioactive (growth inhibition 50–80% compared to DMSO control) compounds

with high confidence predictions (false discovery rate $\leq 25\%$) to bioprocess terms not related to

cell cycle signaling and progression were selected as negative controls. Two compounds

predicted to perturb "cell cycle phase" were also tested in these experiments. All compounds

were tested at a concentration of 10 µg/mL, which was also the concentration used for chemical

genomic screening [11].

To quantify budding index, logarithmically-growing *pdr1Δpdr3Δsnq2Δ* cells were

transferred to fresh galactose-containing medium (YPGal) containing compounds and incubated

at 25 °C for 4 hours. The budding status of at least 200 cells was visually determined under the

microscope. The percentage of the budded cells in no compound or compound-treated samples

was counted.

For flow cytometry analysis, log phase *pdr1Δpdr3Δsnq2Δ* cells were grown in YPGal media

in the presence or absence of a compound for 4 hours; they were then fixed in 70% ethanol for

1 hour at 25 °C. Cells were collected by centrifugation, washed, and resuspended in buffer

containing RNase A (0.25 mg/mL in 50 mM Tris, pH 7.5) for 1.5 hours. Cells were further

incubated in 20 μl of 20 mg/ml proteinase K at 50 °C for 1 hour. Samples were then stained with

propidium iodide, briefly sonicated, and measured using FACSCalibur ver 2.0 (Becton

Dickinson, CA, USA).

The proportions of predicted active compounds and negative controls with positive

phenotypic results were compared using the prop.test function in R to assess significance.

Inhibition of tubulin polymerization. *In vitro* tubulin polymerization assays using a

fluorescent-based porcine tubulin polymerization assay (Cytoskeleton, BK011P) were performed

following manufacturer specifications. Compounds were tested at a concentration of 10 μg/ml

(with the exception of assay controls), which was identical to the concentration used for

chemical genomic screening. All ten compounds predicted to perturb "tubulin complex

assembly" with the minimum estimated false discovery rate (FDR < 1%) were selected for

testing. Twelve compounds with predictions of false discovery rate ≤ 25% to any bioprocess

except those related to chromosome segregation, kinetochore, spindle assembly, and

microtubules were randomly selected as negative controls.

The degree of tubulin polymerization inhibition was summarized in a single V_{max} statistic for

each compound treatment replicate. The V_{max} for each compound's fluorescence time-course was

calculated as the maximum change in fluorescence between consecutive time points, which were

measured at 1-minute intervals. Three batches of experiments were performed in total (resulting

in $N \geq 2$ for each compound), and we normalized the V_{max} values in each batch by subtracting the

difference between that batch's mean DMSO (solvent control) V_{max} and the overall mean DMSO

V_{max}. To determine if the tubulin-predicted compounds inhibited polymerization to a

significantly greater degree than the controls, we calculated the mean of the normalized V_{max}

values for each compound and performed a one-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum to test for a difference

in the ranks of these values between the two classes of compounds.

Chemical structure similarities between each pair of compounds selected for tubulin

polymerization validation were obtained by first computing an all-shortest-paths fingerprint with

path length 8 for each compound [44]. Similarities were computed on the fingerprints using the

Braun-Blanquet similarity coefficient, which is defined as the size of the intersection divided by

the size of the larger set. In a recent study, this combination of structure descriptor and similarity

coefficient performed well when evaluated globally on our entire chemical-genetic interaction

dataset [45].

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Figure legends

Figure 1. Overview of the integration of chemical-genetic and genetic interaction networks
for bioprocess target prediction using CG-TARGET. Chemical-genetic interaction profiles,
obtained by measuring the sensitivity or resistance of a library of gene mutants to a chemical
compound, are compared against genetic interaction profiles consisting of double mutant
interaction scores. The resulting similarities are aggregated at the level of biological processes to
predict the bioprocess(es) perturbed by the compound. Better agreement between chemical-

genetic and genetic interaction profiles leads to stronger bioprocess predictions. Each blue box
represents a negative chemical-genetic (i.e. sensitivity) or genetic interaction, while each black
box represents the absence of an interaction. Stronger bioprocess predictions are depicted with a
darker red.

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Figure 2. Rate of compound discovery and control of the false discovery rate for the
prediction of bioprocesses from chemical-genetic interaction profiles. Perturbed bioprocesses
were predicted using CG-TARGET for compounds, negative controls (DMSO), and resampled
chemical-genetic interaction profiles from the RIKEN and NCI/NIH/GSK datasets. (A) The
number of compounds, experimental controls, and randomly resampled chemical-genetic
interaction profiles discovered with at least one bioprocess prediction passing the given
significance thresholds, for the RIKEN dataset. (B) DMSO and resampled profile-derived
estimates of the false discovery rate of biological process predictions, for the RIKEN dataset,
given the number of discovered compounds. Values were calculated from (A). (C-D) Same as
(A-B), respectively, but for the NCI/NIH/GSK dataset.

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Figure 3. Performance comparison of CG-TARGET versus a baseline enrichment
approach. Perturbed bioprocesses were predicted using both CG-TARGET and a method that
calculated enrichment on the set of each compound's 20 most similar genetic interaction profiles
("top 20"). (A) Bioprocess prediction false discovery rate estimates derived from resampled
chemical-genetic interaction profiles, performed on compounds from the RIKEN dataset. **(**B)
Precision-recall analysis of the ability to recapitulate gold-standard annotations within the set of
top bioprocess predictions for ~4500 simulated compounds. Each simulated compound was
designed to target one query gene in the genetic interaction network and thus inherited gold-
standard biological process annotations from its target gene. (C) For each of 35 well-
characterized compounds in the RIKEN dataset with literature-derived, gold-standard biological
process annotations, we determined the rank of its gold-standard bioprocess within its list of
predictions. The number of compounds for which a given rank (or better) was achieved is
plotted. The grey ribbons represent the median, interquartile range (25th to 75th percentiles), and
95% confidence interval of 10,000 rank permutations.

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Figure 4. Detailed analysis of the contribution of individual gene mutants to biological
process predictions. Each panel shows, for a bioprocess and either a compound (A) or a set of
compounds (B-C) predicted to perturb that bioprocess, the subset of the respective chemical-
genetic and L_2-normalized genetic interaction profiles with signal. The importance profiles are
the row-wise mean of the Hadamard product (elementwise multiplication) of each chemical-
genetic interaction profile and the genetic interaction profiles for query genes with which it
possessed an inner product of 2 or higher that are annotated to the GO term; they reflect the
strength of each strain's contribution to the bioprocess prediction. For all panels, a query gene
from the genetic interaction network was selected if it contributed to the importance score
calculation for any selected compound; query genes were ordered from left to right in ascending
order of their inner products (or their average, for B-C) with the selected chemical-genetic
interaction profile(s). Each strain (row) was included if it passed at least one of three criteria: 1)
the magnitude of its mean genetic interaction score across the selected query genes exceeded

0.04; 2) the magnitude of its chemical-genetic interaction score (for B-C, the mean of such
scores) exceeded 2.5; or 3) its importance score exceeded 0.1 (for B-C, the mean of such scores).
(A) Schematic showing the prediction of the "mRNA transport" bioprocess (GO:0051028) for
chemical compound NPD4142. (B) Schematic showing the prediction of "CVT pathway" (FDR
< 1%) for compounds whose top prediction was to that term. (C) Schematic showing the
prediction of "tubulin complex assembly" (FDR <1%).

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Figure 5. Global visualization of the contribution of chemical-genetic interactions to CG-
TARGET bioprocess predictions. Chemical-genetic interaction profiles and their
corresponding importance score profiles (see Fig 4 legend) were gathered for each of 130 diverse
compounds from the high confidence set (FDR ≤ 25%) and their associated top bioprocess
predictions. Importance is plotted as a function of chemical-genetic interaction score. One
thousand points from the regions of lowest density (white) are plotted, with only density plotted
in the remaining higher-density regions. Density increases in order of white, yellow, green, and
violet. The shaded region highlights strains with strong negative (≤ −5) chemical-genetic
interactions and no contribution (± 0.1) to a compound's top bioprocess prediction.

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Figure 6. *In vivo* and *in vitro* experimental validations of biological process predictions.
(A,B,C) Phenotypic validation of cell cycle-related predictions, performed on drug-
hypersensitive yeast treated with solvent control (DMSO) or compounds predicted to perturb the
cell cycle. (A) Differential interference contrast microscopy (DIC) and fluorescence upon DAPI
staining showing bud size and DNA localization, respectively, after compound treatment. The
scale bar represents a distance of 5 μm. (B) FACS analysis of cell populations in different cell
cycle phases at 0, 2, and 4 hours after compound treatment. The green curve overlay represents
the estimated cell population in G1, S and G2/M phases. (C) Budding index percentages induced
by treatment with compound or solvent control. (D) *In vitro* inhibition of tubulin polymerization
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not related to chromosome segregation, kinetochore, spindle assembly, and microtubules (blue).
V_{max} values reflecting the maximum rate of tubulin polymerization for each compound from
independent replicate experiments are plotted. Assay positive and negative control compounds
are colored grey. (E) Structural similarity-based hierarchical clustering of compounds tested in
(D). Single linkage was used in combination with (1 − structural similarity) as the distance
metric; as such, the structural similarity of the two most similar compounds at each junction can
be inferred directly from the dendrogram. Compounds predicted to perturb "tubulin complex
assembly" (FDR < 1%) are in bold, and known microtubule-perturbing agents are marked with
an asterisk. Structural similarity was calculated as the Braun-Blanquet similarity coefficient on
all-shortest-path chemical fingerprints of length 8 (see Materials and Methods).

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Table 1. The number of compounds discovered at selected false discovery rates upon
application of CG-TARGET to data from two large-scale chemical-genetic interaction

screens. The "RIKEN" screen consisted of 8418 total compounds from the RIKEN Natural
Product Depository, and the "NCI/NIH/GSK" consisted of 3565 compounds across 6 chemical
compound collections from the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, and
GlaxoSmithKline.

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Table 2. Evaluation of predictions made by CG-TARGET, and comparison to a baseline
enrichment approach, for literature-derived, gold-standard compound-process
annotations. The target bioprocess rank was determined by its position in the list of all
bioprocess predictions for each gold-standard compound, with the significance computed
empirically by shuffling the bioprocesses and re-computing the rank (bold p-values indicate
significance, $p < 0.05$). Asterisks indicate cases in which the false discovery rate of the gold-
standard compound-process prediction was less than 25%. The "top-20 enrichment" approach
was selected as a baseline for comparison. The "effective rank" of a compound-bioprocess
prediction represents the top rank within the compound's list of predictions among bioprocesses
that are similar to the original bioprocess.

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Figure S1. Performance comparison of CG-TARGET versus baseline enrichment
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rank permutations.

Figure S2. Induced GO hierarchy of the 100 best-performing GO biological process terms,
evaluated using simulated chemical-genetic interaction profiles. Each term was evaluated
using precision-recall statistics (area under the precision-recall curve divided by the area under a
curve produced by a random classifier) to analyze its ability to rank simulated chemical-genetic
interaction profiles from which it was annotated as a gold-standard bioprocess. Green nodes
represent the 100 best-performing GO biological process terms, yellow nodes represent terms for
which predictions were made but did not rank among the top 100, and white nodes represent
terms in the Biological Process ontology that were not selected for bioprocess prediction.
Hovering the mouse over each node reveals its GO ID and name.

Figure S3. Induced GO hierarchy of the 100 worst-performing GO biological process
terms, evaluated using simulated chemical-genetic interaction profiles. Same as Fig S2, but
for the 100-worst performing GO biological process terms.

Figure S4. Schematic representation of CG-TARGET bioprocess prediction procedure.
Further details on the presented procedures, including equations, are given in "Predicting the
biological processes perturbed by compounds" in Materials and Methods.

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Table S1. Using protein complexes to refine CG-TARGET GO biological process mode-of-
action predictions. Compounds, GO biological processes, and protein complexes are shown if
the mode-of-action prediction to the protein complex was stronger than that to the associated GO
biological process (comparison first based on p-value, then on z-score in the case of a tie).
Protein complexes were limited to those of size 4 or greater whose gene annotations were a
subset of those for the corresponding GO biological process term. The final column indicates
compounds that did not achieve a false discovery rate of 25% or less for any GO biological
process mode-of-action predictions but did for at least one protein complex prediction (with
"HCS" denoting "high confidence set").

Table S2. Overrepresentation analysis of mutant strains with strong negative chemical-
genetic interactions and no contribution to top bioprocess predictions. Overrepresentation
within the shaded region of Fig 5 was evaluated using a hypergeometric test to compare the
occurrence of one strain versus all strains inside and outside of the region, with the background
containing only strains that possessed strong (z-score < -5) negative chemical-genetic
interactions. The compounds and top bioprocess predictions associated with each strain's
occurrences in the region are given, as well as the appropriate background list of strains and
information on the gene deleted in each strain.

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Table 1. The number of compounds discovered at selected false discovery rates upon application of CG-TARGET to data from two large-scale chemical-genetic interaction screens. The "RIKEN" screen consisted of 8418 total compounds from the RIKEN Natural Product Depository, and the "NCI/NIH/GSK" consisted of 3565 compounds across 6 chemical compound collections from the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, and GlaxoSmithKline.

Dataset	RIKEN		NCI/NIH/GSK	
FDR cutoff	p-value	number of compounds	p-value	number of compounds
0.00	$< 2 \times 10^{-5}$	434	$< 2 \times 10^{-5}$	352
0.05	2×10^{-5}	505	4×10^{-5}	405
0.10	8×10^{-5}	598	1.6×10^{-4}	494
0.25*	2.8×10^{-4}	848	4.7×10^{-4}	705

*This cutoff is 0.27 for the NCI/NIH/GSK dataset

Table 2. Evaluation of predictions made by CG-TARGET, and comparison to a baseline enrichment approach, for literature-derived, gold-standard compound-process annotations. The target bioprocess rank was determined by its position in the list of all bioprocess predictions for each gold-standard compound, with the significance computed empirically by shuffling the bioprocesses and re-computing the rank (bold p-values indicate significance, p < 0.05). Asterisks indicate cases in which the false discovery rate of the gold-standard compound-process prediction was less than 25%. The "top-20 enrichment" approach was selected as a baseline for comparison. The "effective rank" of a compound-bioprocess prediction represents the top rank within the compound's list of predictions among bioprocesses that are similar to the original bioprocess.

			CG-TARGET			top-20 enrichment		
Compound	GO ID	GO term	Target process rank	Rank significance	Effective rank	Target process rank	Rank significance	Effective rank
5-Fluorocytosine	GO:0032774	RNA biosynthetic process	27	**0.0208**	2	3	**0.0027**	1
Aclacinomycin A	GO:0071103	DNA conformation change	1	***0.0009**	1	86	0.0643	2
Acriflavine	GO:0006259	DNA metabolic process	30	***0.0238**	1	5	**0.0042**	1
Benomyl	GO:0007017	microtubule-based process	2	***0.0015**	2	8	**0.0056**	2
Blasticidin S	GO:0006412	translation	772	0.5842	57	1311	0.9883	247
Bortezomib	GO:0030163	protein catabolic process	3	**0.0026**	1	8	**0.0084**	1
Brefeldin A	GO:0006888	ER to Golgi vesicle-mediated transport	565	0.4207	32	1172	0.8818	169
Caffeine	GO:0031929	TOR signaling cascade	1	***0.0007**	1	1	**0.0007**	1
Calcofluor White	GO:0071554	cell wall organization or biogenesis	624	0.4675	90	1127	0.8526	176
Camptothecin	GO:0071103	DNA conformation change	16	***0.0114**	4	6	**0.0040**	1
Cisplatin	GO:0006260	DNA replication	134	0.1018	23	10	**0.0071**	1
Daunorubicin	GO:0006260	DNA replication	70	0.0530	21	1210	0.9092	178
FK228	GO:0006325	chromatin organization	23	***0.0169**	2	17	**0.0131**	2
Fluconazole	GO:0008202	steroid metabolic process	114	0.0870	12	708	0.5333	187
Furazolidone	GO:0006260	DNA replication	20	***0.0148**	4	5	**0.0034**	1
Gramicidin S	GO:0071554	cell wall organization or biogenesis	286	0.2186	39	1151	0.8705	173
Griseofulvin	GO:0007017	microtubule-based process	1291	0.9718	227	750	0.5673	216
Haloperidol	GO:0008202	steroid metabolic process	5	***0.0035**	2	37	**0.0279**	6
Hedamycin	GO:0006281	DNA repair	4	***0.0029**	1	3	**0.0022**	1
Hydroxyurea	GO:0006260	DNA replication	29	**0.0239**	6	1236	0.9269	1
Itraconazole	GO:0008202	steroid metabolic process	234	0.1786	29	696	0.5239	193
Latrunculin B	GO:0007010	cytoskeleton organization	11	***0.0083**	1	8	**0.0068**	2
Micafungin	GO:0071554	cell wall organization or biogenesis	495	0.3718	47	1134	0.8577	150
Mitomycin	GO:0006260	DNA replication	15	**0.0104**	4	2	**0.0014**	1
MMS	GO:0006281	DNA repair	3	***0.0022**	1	3	**0.0022**	1
Mycophenolic acid	GO:0006259	DNA metabolic process	1	***0.0006**	1	3	**0.0025**	1
Nigericin	GO:0048193	Golgi vesicle transport	157	0.1158	13	1	**0.0007**	1
Nocodazole	GO:0007017	microtubule-based process	2	***0.0015**	2	14	**0.0100**	3
Oligomycin A	GO:0009268	response to pH	9	**0.0075**	2	2	**0.0012**	1
Podophyllotoxin	GO:0007017	microtubule-based process	53	**0.0411**	6	800	0.6038	157
Polyoxin D	GO:0071554	cell wall organization or biogenesis	1302	0.9788	225	1168	0.8828	173
Rapamycin	GO:0031929	TOR signaling cascade	156	0.1140	8	422	0.3117	9
Trichostatin A	GO:0006325	chromatin organization	23	***0.0169**	3	24	**0.0173**	1
Tunicamycin	GO:0070085	glycosylation	1	***0.0005**	1	1	**0.0005**	1
Tyrocidine B	GO:0071554	cell wall organization or biogenesis	5	***0.0040**	1	2	**0.0019**	1
		Num with significant rank		22			21	
		Num with significant rank and FDR < 25%		16			0	

Compounds ───────────────▶ Genes ────────────▶ Processes

Chemical-genetic interaction profile

Genetic interaction profiles

Gene Ontology
biological processes

Profile similiarity

Process A

Process B

Process C

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 4

Figure 5

A

	DIC	DAPI
DMSO		
NPD4619		
NPD2415		
NPD7834		

B

— Actual Cell Population
— Estimated Cell Population

Number of cells

0h — G1=37.6% S=10.9% G2/M=52.7%
2h — G1=37.7% S=20.8% G2/M=43.8%
4h — G1=34.8% S=18.9% G2/M=46.7%

G1=31.7% S=9.95% G2/M=56.8%
G1=31% S=0.97% G2/M=70.1%
G1=7.54% S=6.48% G2/M=85.3%

G1=37% S=11.9% G2/M=48.4%
G1=35.1% S=-4.23% G2/M=68.7%
G1=24.3% S=-0.4% G2/M=76.6%

G1=33.6% S=16.4% G2/M=52.6%
G1=52.7% S=19.2% G2/M=24.9%
G1=40.1% S=22.3% G2/M=36%

Total Cell Fluorescence

C

Budding Index (%)

DMSO NPD4619 NPD2415 NPD7834

☐ Large budded (G2/M)
☐ Small budded (S)
■ Unbudded (G1)

D

Normalized V_{max}

Compound class
● Predicted tubulin inhibitor
● Negative control
● Assay control

3 μM Nocodazole, Nocodazole, NPD2784, Benomyl, NPD4098, NPD6537, NPD4288, NPD4619, NPD5632, NPD4869, NPD5539, NPD661, NPD6532, NPD6074, NPD5170, NPD3399, NPD5728, M010001 YR21118, NPD7534, Pramoxine hydrochloride, Meclizine, NP496, NPD1498, 1% DMSO, 3 μM Paclitaxel

E

Colchicine*
NPD4619
NPD4288
NPD1498
NPD4098
NPD2784
NPD4869
M010001 YR21118
Vincristine*
Vinblastine*
Paclitaxel*
NPD6074
Nocodazole*
Benomyl*

0.8   0.4   0.0

1 - structural similarity

Figure 6