Multiplexed, multimodal profiling of the intracellular activity,

interactions, and druggability of protein variants using LABEL-seq

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Abstract

Multiplexed assays of variant effect are powerful tools for assessing the impact of protein sequence

variation, but are limited to measuring a single protein property and often rely on indirect readouts of

intracellular protein function. Here, we developed LAbeling with Barcodes and Enrichment for

biochemicaL analysis by sequencing (LABEL-seq), a platform for the multimodal profiling of thousands of

protein variants in cultured human cells. Multimodal measurement of ~20,000 variant effects for ~1,600

BRaf variants using LABEL-seq revealed that variation at positions that are frequently mutated in cancer

had minimal effects on folding and intracellular abundance but could dramatically alter activity, protein-

protein interactions, and druggability. Integrative analysis of our multimodal measurements identified

networks of positions with similar roles in regulating BRaf's signaling properties and enabled predictive

modeling of variant effects on complex processes such as cell proliferation and small molecule-promoted

degradation. LABEL-seq provides a scalable approach for the direct measurement of multiple biochemical

effects of protein variants in their native cellular context, yielding insight into protein function, disease

mechanisms, and druggability.

Introduction

A protein's sequence defines its properties, including biophysical characteristics, intracellular

function, pathogenicity, druggability and drug resistance. Measurement of protein variant effects has

provided valuable insight into mechanisms of protein allostery[1, 2] and regulation[3], drug resistance and

sensitivity[4, 5], molecular evolution[6, 7], and the effects of germline and somatic mutations[8-10]. Probing how

protein sequence variation affects protein properties has also guided design and engineering efforts[11] as

well as enabled the development and benchmarking of computational models of protein stability and

structure. Multiplexed assays of variant effect (MAVEs) are powerful tools for characterizing the

consequences of protein sequence variation because they leverage high-throughput DNA sequencing to

enable the measurement of thousands of protein variants in a single experiment. However, while first-

generation MAVEs have enabled measurement of the properties and functions of millions of variants of

100s of proteins[12], they are generally confined to measuring a single protein property or function, are

crafted for a specific protein or related family members, are difficult to scale, and may divorce the protein

from its cellular context. Many MAVEs also measure aspects of protein function indirectly; for example,

using cell proliferation as a proxy for enzymatic activity. Thus, a general, scalable platform for measuring

the effects of protein sequence variation using direct biochemical readouts of protein properties in a

human intracellular environment is urgently needed.

The multi-domain kinase BRaf is emblematic of the need for such a platform. BRaf plays a central

role in oncogenic signaling and >250 somatic mutations have been identified so far in The Cancer Genome

Atlas (TCGA), ClinVar, and COSMIC databases[13-15]. While numerous elegant biochemical and cellular

studies have been performed, they have focused on a limited subset of variants and do not provide a

comprehensive view of the effects of BRaf sequence variation[16, 17]. Thus, our understanding of the

mechanistic basis of BRaf regulation and signaling, the role that BRaf wild type (WT) and specific variants

play in disease-relevant signaling, and the druggability of clinically-observed variants remains limited. In

unstimulated cells, BRaf WT exists mainly within an autoinhibited complex. Upon activation, BRaf

undergoes a series of large conformational changes and reprogramed protein-protein interactions that

tune its ability to modulate downstream signaling. Consequently, BRaf sequence variation can affect

multiple coupled intra- and intermolecular interactions. Therefore, to fully understand BRaf's function,

multiple biochemical properties must be measured in the native human cell signaling environment where

all regulatory components and interaction partners are present. Applying existing MAVEs to measure all

of these properties would require considerable effort and the creation of a new assay for each biochemical

property.

Thus, we developed LAbeling with Barcodes and Enrichment for biochemicaL analysis by

sequencing (LABEL-seq), which enables multiplexed, multimodal biochemical profiling of thousands of

protein variants in cultured human cells. LABEL-seq can be used to comprehensively profile intracellular

abundance, activity, protein-protein interactions and other properties of a protein variant library.

Applying LABEL-seq to ~1,600 BRaf variants revealed that substitutions at positions where somatic

mutations are frequently observed minimally affected folding and intracellular abundance. However,

mutations at many of these same positions had dramatic effects on activity, interactions with multiple

signaling partners, and druggability. Integrative analysis of our multimodal variant effect data revealed

groups of positions that play similar mechanistic roles in modulating BRaf's regulation and function and

illustrated how LABEL-seq-derived biochemical measurements can enable predictive modeling of the gain-

of-function properties that BRaf variants acquire to promote growth factor-independent proliferation.

Finally, LABEL-seq revealed that, surprisingly, 22.9% of BRaf variants were sensitized and 13.5% were

resistant to small molecule-promoted degradation. These biochemical variant effects were integrated to

construct a model that predicted sensitivity and resistance to small-molecule protein degradation,

shedding light on the factors influencing druggability. In total, applying LABEL-seq to ~1,600 BRaf variants

generated ~20,000 variant effect measurements of abundance, activity, protein-protein interactions, and

druggability. Thus, LABEL-seq is a platform technology for measuring protein variant effects applicable to

multiple biochemical properties and functions, facilitating a deeper understanding of the complex cellular

behavior of proteins.

Results

LABEL-seq, a modular platform for multiplexed profiling of protein variants

To facilitate direct biochemical analyses of protein variant properties in a human cellular

environment, we developed LABEL-seq, a modular platform that utilizes the intracellular self-assembly of

proteins with nucleic acid barcodes to form complexes that remain stably associated following cell lysis

and biochemical enrichment (Fig. 1a). LABEL-seq enables multiplexed profiling of the biochemical

properties of protein variants in an intracellular environment by quantifying barcodes using high-

throughput DNA sequencing following biochemical enrichment. Multiple biochemical properties of the

same protein variant can be measured by tailoring which protein component self-assembles with a nucleic

acid barcode and by modifying the enrichment strategy.

As the barcoding component of LABEL-seq, we developed nucleic acids that are (1)

transcriptionally generated, (2) stable to cellular and biochemical enrichment conditions, (3) tolerant of

the addition of a 15-20 nucleotide barcode and, most importantly, (4) contain the MS2 RNA stem loop,

which stably self-assembles with the viral MS2 coat protein (MCP)[18]. Because RNA can be transcriptionally

generated, we selected single-stranded RNA as the genetically-encoded barcoding component. Due to the

general instability of RNA, we pursued a ribozyme-assisted circRNA architecture that has been shown to

be highly stable in an intracellular environment[19, 20]. We used RNAfold to guide the placement of a 19

nucleotide MS2 hairpin and a 16 nucleotide barcode within two different circRNA architectures ("MS2-

circRNAs", Fig. 1b and Extended Data Fig. 1a,b) and identified seven MS2-circRNA designs where barcode

insertion and replacement of a stem loop with the MS2 hairpin were predicted to minimally alter the

folding of the terminal ribozymes required for circularization. We found that most of these designs

expressed at comparably high levels to the parent circRNAs and were minimally affected by barcode

identity (Fig. 1c and Extended Data Fig. 1c). MS2-circRNAs 1 and 2, which represent the two different

circRNA architectures, were selected for further investigation.

We fused four different variants of MCP (Extended Data Fig. 1d) to the N-terminus of the tyrosine

kinase Lck and tested each for their ability to enrich co-expressed MS2-circRNA. We found that all four

MCP-Lck fusions efficiently enriched co-expressed MS2-circRNA 2 when captured with the immobilized

kinase inhibitor dasatinib, but that undetectable levels of each MCP-Lck fusion and MS2-circRNA 2 were

captured in the presence of a free dasatinib competitor (Extended Data Fig. 1e). We selected a tandem

MCP dimer (tdMCP) that contains a deletion that prevents higher-order oligomerization[21-23] and an

affinity-enhancing mutation (V29I)[21, 23] for further characterization and observed that this tdMCP variant

efficiently co-enriched MS2-circRNAs 1 and 2 (Fig. 1d).

Fig. 1 | Overview of LABEL-seq and development of the RNA and protein components. a, Schematic

depicting the LABEL-seq workflow. Immunoprecipitation (IP). **b,** Two MS2-circRNA architectures

containing MS2 RNA hairpins and degenerate 16 nucleotide barcodes. **c,** In-gel fluorescence of total RNA

extracted from cells expressing MS2-circRNAs 1 or 2 and stained with DFHBI-1T. **d**, Enrichment of tdMCP-

Lck protein fusions complexed with MS2-circRNAs 1 or 2 with the immobilized ATP-competitive inhibitor

dasatinib. FT = flow through of enrichment. + = presence of free dasatinib competitor.

Self-assembled tdMCP:MS2-circRNA complexes maintain fidelity between protein variant-barcode

associations

We engineered a HEK293 landing pad line[24], circRNA-Protein Landing Pad (RPLP), that facilitates

efficient integration of a single protein variant and a single MS2-circRNA barcode sequence per cell in a

pooled format (Extended Data Fig. 2a). The RPLP line contains a Bxb1 recombination site at a single

genomic locus that is flanked by Tet-inducible and U6 promoters (Extended Data Fig. 2b), which allows a

transgenic cassette containing a protein variant and MS2-circRNA barcode sequence pair to be expressed

only after recombination. We next recombined the RPLP with plasmids containing a MS2-circRNA 1b

library (~20,000 unique barcode sequences) and a Flag-tagged tdMCP-BRaf fusion. Immunoprecipitation

of tdMCP-BRaf from cell lysate revealed barcode sequence counts were robustly correlated between two

replicate enrichments (Pearson's R^2 = 0.93, Fig. 2a). Pulldowns from as few as 25 cells per barcode

provided high correlation between barcode sequence quantifications (Pearson's R^2 = 0.80; Extended Data

Fig. 2c) as did immunoprecipitations of a different protein kinase target, tdMCP-BTK, co-expressed with a

library of MS2-circRNA barcode sequences (Pearson's R^2 = 0.98, Extended Data Fig 2d).

Each barcode sequence must remain stably associated with its cognate protein following lysis and

during enrichment because dissociation and reassociation of protein:MS2-circRNA complexes would

diminish dynamic range. Therefore, we measured the extent of MS2-circRNA barcode sequence

misassociation following cell lysis and a prolonged enrichment (Fig. 2b). Into the RPLP, we separately

integrated a MS2-circRNA 1b (Extended Data Fig. 1b) library containing ~20,000 barcode sequences

encoding a Flag-tagged tdMCP-BRaf fusion and an MS2-circRNA 1b library containing ~20,000 orthogonal

barcode sequences encoding a Myc-tagged tdMCP-BRaf fusion. After recombination, we combined the

two orthogonally barcoded libraries, performed parallel Myc and Flag immunoprecipitations, and

sequenced the barcodes from each enrichment. Only ~1% of barcode sequences enriched in the Flag

immunoprecipitation were associated with the Myc library, despite equal input frequencies (Fig. 2c,d).

Notably, the fraction of barcode sequences associated with the Myc library did not vary at different

immunoprecipitation timepoints, suggesting that minimal barcode exchange occurred during enrichment.

Furthermore, we observed that when an excess of an MS2-circRNA that does not contain a barcode and

cannot be reverse transcribed ("dummy" MS2-circRNA, Extended Data Fig. 2e) was added to the lysis

buffer, only ~0.3% of the quantified barcode sequences encoded Myc after a 105 min enrichment (Fig.

2c,d). Comparably low levels of off-target Flag-tdMCP-BRaf barcode sequences were enriched following

immunoprecipitation of Myc-tdMCP-BRaf (Fig. 2d and Extended Data Fig. 2f,g). Together, libraries of MS2-

circRNAs efficiently express and assemble with co-expressed tdMCP-protein fusions and protein variant-

barcode sequence associations are maintained during prolonged enrichments, thereby enabling the

analysis of variant libraries at scale.

Fig. 2 | Protein:MS2-circRNA complexes are stable during biochemical enrichment. a, Sequenced

barcode counts derived from two independent Flag immunoprecipitations (IP) of Flag-tdMCP-BRaf co-

expressed with a library of MS2-circRNA 1b barcode sequences (Pearson's R^2 = 0.93). **b,** Experimental

workflow of the barcode sequence misassociation experiment. Dummy MS2-circRNA does not contain a

barcode or the priming site required for reverse transcription. **c,** Results from the experiment shown in **b**.

Relative frequencies of barcode sequence counts matched to Flag-tdMCP-BRaf and Myc-tdMCP-BRaf

libraries in unenriched lysate (left) and after 105 min Flag immunoprecipitation performed with lysate

that was generated with dummy MS2-circRNA in the lysis buffer (right). **d,** Quantification of the data

shown in **c**. The y-axis is the fraction of barcode sequence counts encoding the Myc-tagged library (n=2

expression, lysis, enrichment, and sequencing replicates).

Profiling of protein variant abundance with LABEL-seq

We selected the multi-domain kinase BRaf to demonstrate the multimodal profiling capabilities

of LABEL-seq due to the complexity of its regulation, BRaf's ability to interact with multiple signaling

partners, and the prevalence of disease-associated mutations[25]. We first confirmed that an N-terminal

tdMCP fusion[26, 27] of BRaf behaves like untagged BRaf. We observed that previously characterized BRaf

variants promoted expected levels of pMek (Fig. 3a), co-expression of CRaf enhanced tdMCP-BRaf's

activation of downstream signaling (Extended Data Fig. 3a), and that tdMCP-BRaf possessed similar levels

of phosphorylation at a regulatory site as untagged BRaf. (Extended Data Fig. 3b). In order to understand

how sites that have been observed to be mutated in cancer affect the signaling properties of BRaf, we

generated a library of single amino acid variants at all positions in BRaf that contain two or more missense

mutations in TCGA and COSMIC databases (Supplementary Table 1). Two positions (R509 and I666) that

contain biochemically well-characterized variants were also varied, for a total of 80 positions that are

distributed throughout the entire protein (Fig. 3b and Extended Data Fig. 3c). Long read sequencing of the

resulting ~1,600 member tdMCP-BRaf variant library indicated each variant was represented by ~30

unique MS2-circRNA 1b barcode sequences (Extended Data Fig. 3d), which was recombined into the RPLP.

Quantitative measurements of protein variant abundance are important because all proteins

must express at high enough levels to perform their cellular function[10, 28, 29] and many complex biochemical

properties, such as activity and protein-protein interactions, cannot be fully understood in the absence of

protein stability information[30]. To enable the measurement of a range of protein abundances, we

developed a LABEL-seq abundance assay that involves co-expressing Flag-tdMCP-tagged protein variants

with a Myc-tdMCP standard, which serves as an intracellular competitor for MS2-circRNAs (Fig. 3c), and

calculating the ratio of barcode sequence counts obtained from parallel Flag and Myc

immunoprecipitations. This ratiometric quantification provides a direct readout of abundance that is not

dependent on the relative intracellular expression levels of MS2-circRNAs and protein variants. Prior to

abundance profiling of our tdMCP-BRaf variant library, we confirmed that the sequencing-derived

abundance scores of cells co-expressing the Myc-tdMCP standard with tdMCP-BRaf WT or G466V, and

treated with a variant-selective BRaf PrOteolysis TArgeting Chimera (PROTAC)[31], reflected levels

determined by western blot analysis (Fig. 3d and Extended Data Fig. 3e).

We next used the LABEL-seq abundance assay to profile the ~1600 BRaf variants in our library

(Fig. 3e and Supplementary Table 2). We found that abundance scores were highly correlated (Pearson's

R^2=0.75, Extended Data Fig. 3f) between biological replicates, and that the synonymous WT and nonsense

score distributions were well separated (Fig. 3f). As expected, we observed that proline and charged

amino acid substitutions most negatively impact BRaf abundance (Extended Data Fig. 3g)[29]. Notably, the

LABEL-seq-calculated abundance scores of individual BRaf variants representing a range of expression

levels were highly correlated with the levels of variants that were not fused to tdMCP assessed by western

blot quantification (Pearson's R^2=0.95, Fig. 3g). Thus, LABEL-seq can accurately and precisely measure

protein variant abundance at scale.

Our abundance profiling shows that the 80 profiled positions of BRaf were highly tolerant of

substitution, with 86.8% of missense variants demonstrating WT-like abundance (Fig. 3f and Extended

Data Fig. 3g). The permissiveness of these 80 positions to undergo substitution without affecting

abundance is notable based upon previous observations where up to 50% of substitutions are not

tolerated in some proteins[28], but is consistent with their location on BRaf. Profiled regions of BRaf include

the linker connecting the cysteine-rich domain (CRD) to the kinase domain, the kinase domain's

phosphate-binding loop (P-loop), activation loop, and C-terminal tail, which are all flexible and structurally

dynamic (Extended Data Fig. 3h,i). In comparing the structures of autoinhibited and activated BRaf, many

of the positions profiled also undergo large conformational transitions between regulatory states[32, 33](Fig.

3h). Calculation of position-averaged abundance scores showed that select positions are relatively

intolerant to substitution (Fig. 3h). These positions are situated in regions that are comparably less

conformationally dynamic than other profiled positions, with four of the five lowest average abundance

scores being constituents of β-strands despite only 12.5% of all profiled positions being classified as β-

stranded (Extended Data Fig. 3i). The two positions that were least tolerant to substitution, I582 and I592,

are located on adjacent β-strands, make hydrophobic contacts, and are structurally invariant in the

autoinhibited and active forms of BRaf (Fig. 3h and Extended Data Fig. 3j). Our results are consistent with

systematic analyses showing that disease-relevant mutations commonly alter the biochemical properties

of a protein without dramatically affecting its folding and stability,[34,35] and suggest that most sites of

somatic cancer mutations in BRaf can readily accumulate gain-of-function activities because substitutions

at these positions have a minimal effect on abundance.

Fig. 3 | Multiplexed abundance measurements reveal BRaf's tolerance for substitution at positions where somatic mutations are frequently observed. a, Western blot analysis of HEK293 RPLP cells stably expressing tdMCP-BRaf variants. b, AlphaFold2 model (AF-15056-F1) of full-length human BRaf. Varied positions in the untagged and tdMCP-BRaf variant libraries are shown as orange spheres. c, Schematic depicting the LABEL-seq abundance assay in which a tdMCP standard (Myc-tdMCP-SNAP) is co-expressed with a tdMCP-variant library. Abundance scores are WT-normalized ratios of variant barcode sequence counts derived from parallel Flag and Myc immunoprecipitations (IP). d, Comparison of abundance measurements obtained by western blotting (right, y-axis = ratio of Flag signal to Myc signal normalized to Flag-tdMCP-BRaf WT-expressing cells treated with DMSO) or by quantifying co-enriched MS2-circRNA barcode sequences with high-throughput sequencing. (left, y-axis = the ratio of barcode sequence counts derived from parallel Flag and Myc enrichments normalized to Flag-tdMCP-BRaf WT-expressing cells treated with DMSO). HEK293T cells co-expressing MS2-circRNAs, the Myc-tdMCP-SNAP standard, and Flag-tdMCP-BRaf WT (pink circles) or G446V (blue triangles) were treated with DMSO or the variant-selective degrader SJF0628 for 24 h prior to lysis. The average of 4 barcode sequence ratios per condition is shown per replicate (marked by symbol). Error bars = standard error of the mean (SEM) of replicate scores. Westerns are shown in Extended Data 3f. e, Sequence-abundance map for BRaf variants in the tdMCP-BRaf library. The abundance scores shown are the average of two replicates, each involving an independent Myc-tdMCP-SNAP standard transduction, cell lysis, parallel Flag and Myc immunoprecipitations, and quantification by high-throughput sequencing. Black dots in the map indicate the WT amino acid and gray tiles indicate missing data. Position-averaged abundance scores are shown in the bar graph above the heatmap. f, LABEL-seq abundance score distributions for all synonymous WT and nonsynonymous BRaf variants. The gray dashed line indicates the abundance score value (>2 standard deviations of the synonymous distribution lower than WT) we defined as decreased abundance. g, Individually assessed variant abundances measured by western blotting (n=3) compared to abundance scores determined with the LABEL-seq abundance assay for a panel of BRaf variants (Pearson's R^2 = 0.95). Error bars = SEM. h, Position-averaged abundance scores for each position in the tdMCP-BRaf variant library (represented as spheres) projected onto the structures of (left) autoinhibited (PDB ID: 6NYB) and (right) active BRaf (PDB ID: 4MNE). The shade of blue indicates position-averaged abundance score: white = 1, darkest blue = 0.72.

Profiling of intracellular BRaf variant activity with LABEL-seq

We next developed a LABEL-seq assay that provides quantitative measurements of intracellular enzymatic activity by co-expressing untagged protein variants and their encoding MS2-circRNAs with tdMCP-fused substrates and selectively enriching products (Fig. 4a). Because Raf activates Mek and the activation loop of Erk is only phosphorylated by Mek (Fig. 4b), we used Flag-tdMCP-Erk2 as the substrate (pErk reporter) and anti-pErk enrichment as a readout of Raf variant activity. We first confirmed that the pErk reporter was efficiently enriched from lysate (Extended Data Fig. 4a) and that enriched barcode sequence frequencies were higher from cells expressing hyperactive BRaf V600E compared to BRaf WT (Fig. 4c). Next, we used the LABEL-seq activity assay to profile an untagged BRaf variant library (Extended Data Fig. 3d) in RPLP cells co-overexpressing CRaf because WT and many BRaf variants signal as heterodimers (Fig. 4d,e)[34]. Activity scores were calculated using the ratio of WT-normalized barcode sequence counts derived from parallel pErk and Flag immunoprecipitations (Fig. 4d and Supplementary Table 2). Activity scores from two biological replicates were well correlated (Pearson's R^2 = 0.80, Fig. 4f and Extended Data Fig. 4b,c) and BRaf variants previously shown to promote elevated pErk[34-36] had significantly higher activity scores than WT (Extended Data Fig. 4c). Activity scores of individual BRaf variants that represent a range of activity levels were also highly correlated with pErk levels quantified by western blotting (Pearson's R^2 = 0.95, Fig. 4g).

We classified variants as activating or inactivating (Extended Data Fig. 4d,e), and found that 32.8% and 2.3% were activating and inactivating, respectively (Extended Data Fig. 4e,f). The small percentage of inactivating variants and the observation that positions involved in the formation of active Raf dimers possessed the lowest average activity scores (Extended Data Fig. 4g) is consistent with BRaf WT existing primarily as an autoinhibited monomer in unstimulated HEK293 cells. Observed activating variants are broadly distributed across BRaf, with a number of positions containing multiple activating mutations.

Because BRaf WT mainly exists in an inactive monomeric state stabilized by a network of interactions in unstimulated cells, we reasoned that positions participating in autoinhibitory interactions should possess multiple activating mutations. We identified 17 potentially autoinhibitory positions where >75% of substitutions were classified as activating (Supplementary Table 3). Two of these positions–G258 and P367–are in BRaf's N-terminal CRD and RBD domains, respectively, and substitutions at these positions likely disrupt autoinhibitory protein-protein interactions (Extended Data Fig. 4h,i). Nine potentially autoinhibitory positions form a spatial cluster in the kinase domain of autoinhibited but not active BRaf (Fig. 4h). In the autoinhibited conformation, the side chains of four of these positions in the activation loop (L597, T599, V600 and K601) form interactions with three positions in the P-loop (S467,

F468, and G469) and L485. The side chain of W604 does not form obvious contacts with these positions
but appears to be part of this autoinhibitory network based on its proximity and high percentage of
activating mutations. Our data are consistent with previous speculation based on structural studies that
eight of these nine positions participate in stabilizing an "autoinhibitory turn"[36-38], and suggest that this
region of BRaf's kinase domain contains a finely tuned autoinhibitory interaction network that can readily
be disrupted through mutation to achieve increased BRaf activity.

To examine the effects of heterodimerization on BRaf variant activity, we repeated the LABEL-seq
activity assay in the absence of overexpressed CRaf, which provided broadly similar patterns of activating
and inactivating mutations (Extended Data Fig. 5a-d), and calculated the difference in activity score with
and without CRaf ("CRaf-promoted activity", Figure. 4i). We observed that seven of the ten positions with
the highest average CRaf-promoted activity scores are highly conserved across the human kinome[39] and
are largely clustered in and around the ATP-binding pocket (Fig. 4j and Extended Data Fig. 5e). Among
these highly conserved positions, mutations at G466, N581, D594, and G596 have been previously
demonstrated to impair BRaf's kinase activity[34, 36] while retaining the ability to increase cellular pErk levels
through heterodimerization and transactivation of CRaf[34]. Two other positions with the highest average
CRaf-promoted activity, G615 and S616, are not conserved but are positioned on the BRaf:Mek interface
(Fig. 4j), suggesting that substitutions at these positions disrupt BRaf's interaction with its substrate but
not its ability to activate CRaf in trans. Together, our data show that disruption of catalytic machinery
within the ATP-binding site or prevention of Mek binding is a general mechanism for increasing BRaf's
reliance on CRaf for promoting downstream signaling.

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Fig. 4 | A pErk reporter enables profiling of intracellular BRaf variant activity. a, General schematic of
the LABEL-seq activity assay. **b,** The canonical Raf-Mek-Erk signaling pathway. **c,** Activities (represented as
the ratio of pErk and Flag barcode sequence counts) of BRaf WT and V600E in HEK293T cells co-expressing
Flag-tdMCP-Erk2 (pErk reporter) and MS2-circRNAs. Cells were lysed, parallel Flag and pErk
immunoprecipitations were performed, and the ratio of pErk/Flag counts for each co-enriched MS2-
circRNA barcode sequence was calculated. Center line = mean; dotted lines = inner quartiles. n=10-11
barcodes per variant. ****P<0.001. **d,** Schematic of the LABEL-seq assay for the multiplexed measurement
of untagged BRaf variant activity with the pErk reporter. **e,** Sequence-activity map for variants in the
untagged BRaf library co-expressed with CRaf. The activity scores shown are the average of two replicates,
each involving independent cell culturing, lysis, parallel pErk and Flag immunoprecipitations, and
quantification with high-throughput sequencing. Black dots in the map indicate the WT amino acid and
gray tiles indicate missing data. Position-averaged activity scores are shown in the bar graph above the
heatmap. The average activity score at each position is shown in the bar graph above the heatmap. **f,**
Scatterplot showing activity score correlations between the two independent replicates shown in **e**
(Pearson's R^2 = 0.80). **g,** Individually assessed pErk levels measured by western blotting (n=3) compared
to activity scores determined with the LABEL-seq activity assay for a panel of BRaf variants (Pearson's R^2
= 0.95). Error = SEM. **h,** The number of activating variants at each position in the untagged BRaf variant
library (represented as spheres) projected onto the (left) inactive (PDB ID: 6NYB) and (right) active
conformations (PDB ID: 4MNE) of BRaf's kinase domain. The number of activating variants at a position is
represented by the shade of red: white = 0 activating variants, brightest red = 19 activating variants. G466,
S467, and F468 are not resolved in the active conformation of BRaf's kinase domain. **i,** CRaf-promoted,
BRaf variant activity at each position in the untagged BRaf variant library. CRaf-promoted activity scores
were calculated by determining the difference between BRaf variant activity scores, which were each
normalized to BRaf WT in the absence or presence of co-expressed CRaf. Positions highly conserved
amongst protein kinases are shown in green. Gray dashed line indicates the WT score (0). Positive and
negative values indicate more or less activity promoted by CRaf, respectively. **j,** Position-averaged CRaf-
promoted activity scores projected onto the structure of the autoinhibited BRaf:Mek complex (PDB ID:
6NYB) bound to ATP-γ-S. Purple spheres are scores less than 0 (decreased activity with CRaf) and green
spheres are scores greater than 0 (increased activity with CRaf).

Proximity labeling-based profiling of intracellular protein-protein interactions with LABEL-seq

Raf activity is modulated by a number of intracellular protein-protein interactions. In the absence

of active Ras, BRaf WT is stabilized as an autoinhibited monomer in a complex with its substrate, Mek,

and two 14-3-3 proteins. Upon Ras activation, BRaf undergoes large conformational changes and forms

active homodimers or heterodimers with CRaf. To gain a comprehensive understanding of how sequence

variation affects BRaf's intracellular interactions, we developed a LABEL-seq interaction assay using

TurboID proximity labeling and streptavidin enrichment (Fig. 5a and Extended Data 6a-e). We first

validated that TurobID could reliably report on BRaf interactions by co-expressing a TurboID-Mek1 fusion

with tdMCP-BRaf WT or I666R, a BRaf:Mek-disrupting variant, and treating cells with biotin. We observed

that tdMCP-BRaf I666R showed expected reduced biotinylation levels relative to WT (Fig. 5b) and that

streptavidin enrichment followed by barcode sequence quantification recapitulated these differences

(Fig. 5c). Both tdMCP-BRaf variants showed markedly higher signals than an unrelated cytosolic kinase

(tdMCP-BTK), which was used as an estimate of non-specific labeling (Fig. 5c). We further found that the

LABEL-seq interaction assay provided expected increases in tdMCP-BRaf WT labeling by TurboID-CRaf or

TurboID-BRaf in cells treated with a dimer-promoting inhibitor (Fig. 5d-f and Extended Data Fig. 6f).

We first used our LABEL-seq interaction assay to profile BRaf:CRaf heterodimerization by co-

expressing TurboID-CRaf with the tdMCP-BRaf variant library, labeling cells with biotin, and calculating

CRaf interaction scores (Fig. 5g,h and Supplementary Table 1). We observed that interaction scores were

well correlated between biological replicates (Pearson's R^2 = 0.96, Extended Data 7b) and between 5 min

and 45 min labeling times (Pearson's R^2 = 0.86, Extended Data Fig. 7a). We further found that the

interaction score of BRaf WT was markedly higher than the non-specific labeling control, tdMCP-BTK, and

that BRaf variants previously shown to exhibit elevated heterodimerization with CRaf[34] had interaction

scores significantly above BRaf WT (Extended Data Fig. 7c). We next classified variants as forming

increased or decreased CRaf interactions (Extended Data Fig. 7d,e). Consistent with BRaf WT mainly

existing as an autoinhibited monomer in unstimulated HEK293 cells, only 5.1% of BRaf variants were

classified as decreased interaction (Extended Data 7e). There are a number of positions distributed

throughout BRaf where a majority of variants were classified as increased CRaf interaction (Fig. 5i),

suggesting that substitutions at these positions disrupt specific interactions that stabilize monomeric

BRaf. Notably, nonsense mutations that truncate BRaf C-terminal to the RBD and CRD provided some of

the highest interaction scores, confirming that BRaf's CRD can act in trans with CRaf's kinase domain[40].

Given that BRaf WT signals as a dimer, we were curious whether most mutations that promote CRaf

heterodimerization are also activating. Although we did not find a strong correlation between activity and

CRaf interaction scores (Extended Data Fig. 7f), 82% (406) of the 493 missense variants classified as

activating were also classified as increased CRaf interaction. Together, our CRaf interaction data support

the model that BRaf WT exists primarily as an autoinhibited monomer, which somatic mutations or

upstream signaling events are capable of releasing to allow CRaf heterodimerization.

We next profiled the interactions of BRaf with its substrate by co-expressing TurboID-Mek1 with

the tdMCP-BRaf variant library, labeling cells with biotin (Fig. 5j and Supplementary Table 1), and

calculating Mek1 interaction scores (Pearson's R^2 = 0.80, Extended Data Fig. 7g-i). Interaction scores for

BRaf I666R and the non-specific labeling control were both significantly lower than BRaf WT (Extended

Data Fig. 7j), and Mek1 interaction scores were consistent with levels of Mek1 co-IP'd with individual BRaf

variants (Extended Data Fig. 7k). Unlike CRaf, a larger percentage of mutations decreased (28.4%) rather

than increased (6.0%) BRaf's interaction with Mek1 (Extended Data Fig. 7h), consistent with autoinhibited

BRaf WT existing in a stable complex with Mek. As expected, the lowest interaction scores were for

nonsense variants that truncated BRaf prior to the disordered C-terminal tail of the kinase domain (Fig. 5j

and Extended Data Fig. 7i) and the five sites directly lining the BRaf:Mek interface. Notably, 84% of

missense variants not on the BRaf:Mek interface that were classified as decreased Mek interaction were

also classified as increased CRaf interaction, suggesting that weakening the interaction with Mek allows

heterodimerization with CRaf.

To obtain a structural understanding of which positions contribute to BRaf's interactions with CRaf

and Mek1, we projected position-averaged interaction scores onto the structure of autoinhibited BRaf

bound to an ATP analogue (Fig. 5k,l). Consistent with ATP interactions stabilizing monomeric BRaf[37], we

observed that most positions that line the ATP-binding pocket possessed high position-averaged CRaf

interaction scores. Intriguingly, positions with low average Mek1 interaction scores also line the ATP-

binding pocket, suggesting that disruption of BRaf's interactions with ATP weakens a stable BRaf:Mek

autoinhibitory complex (Fig. 5l and Extended Data Fig. 7l,m). Together, our data highlight a unique feature

of BRaf regulation where ATP, Mek, and monomeric BRaf form a stable autoinhibitory complex that can

readily be disrupted through mutation to allow BRaf:CRaf heterodimerization.

Fig. 5 | LABEL-seq measurements of the intracellular interactions of BRaf variants with CRaf and Mek1.
a, General schematic of the proximity labeling-based LABEL-seq interaction assay. **b,** Biotinylation levels of Flag-tdMCP-BRaf I666R (left) and WT (right) in HEK293 cells co-expressing TurboID-Mek1 and labeled with biotin for 90 min. **c**, Biotinylation levels (represented as the ratio of streptavidin and Flag barcode sequence counts) of Flag-tdMCP-BRaf WT (blue circles), I666R (teal squares) and background control Flag-tdMCP-BTK (pink triangles) in HEK293T cells co-expressing TurboID-Mek1 and MS2-circRNAs, and treated with biotin for 0, 5, or 45 min. Following biotin treatment, cells were lysed, pooled, parallel streptavidin and Flag enrichments were performed, co-enriched barcodes were quantified by high-throughput sequencing, and the ratio of streptavidin and Flag counts for each co-enriched MS2-circRNA barcode sequence was calculated (n=3 barcodes/treatment, mean +/- SEM, *P<0.0332, **P<0.0021, ***P<0.0002, ****P<0.0001). **d**, Biotinylation levels of Flag-tdMCP-BRaf WT in HEK293T cells co-expressing TurboID-CRaf, treated with DMSO (left) or type 2 inhibitor LXH-254 (right) for 4 h, and then labeled with biotin for 90 min. **e,** Biotinylation levels (represented as the ratio of streptavidin and Flag barcode sequence counts) of Flag-tdMCP-BRaf WT and Flag-tdMCP-BTK in HEK293T cells co-expressing TurboID-CRaf and MS2-circRNAs, which were treated DMSO or GDC-0879 for 2 h followed by labeling with biotin for 0, 5, 15, or 45 min. Following biotin addition, cells were lysed, parallel streptavidin and Flag enrichments were performed, and the ratio of streptavidin and Flag counts for each co-enriched MS2-circRNA barcode sequence was calculated using high-throughput sequencing. **f,** Biotinylation levels (represented as the ratio of streptavidin and Flag barcode sequence counts) of Flag-tdMCP-BRaf WT and Flag-tdMCP-BTK in HEK293T cells co-expressing TurboID-BRaf and MS2-circRNAs, which were treated DMSO or GDC-0879 for 2 h followed by labeling biotin for 0, 5, or 45 min. Following biotin addition, cells were treated as described in **e**. For **e,f** (n=2-3 barcodes/treatment, mean +/- SEM, *P<0.0332, **P<0.0021, ***P<0.0002, ****P<0.0001) **g**, Schematic of the LABEL-seq assay for the multiplexed measurement of intracellular BRaf variant interactions. **h,** Sequence-CRaf interaction map for variants in the tdMCP-BRaf library co-expressed with TurboID-CRaf and labeled with biotin for 5 min. The interaction scores shown are the average of two replicates, each involving an independent cell culturing, biotin labeling, parallel streptavidin and Flag enrichments, and quantification with high-throughput sequencing. Black dots in the map indicate the WT amino acid and gray tiles indicate missing data. Position-averaged CRaf interaction scores are shown in the bar graph above the heatmap. **i,** The number of variants at each position that were classified as increased CRaf interaction in **h** projected onto a structure of BRaf's kinase domain within the active BRaf dimer complex (PDB: 4MNE). White = 0 increased CRaf interaction variants, brightest red = 19 increased CRaf interaction variants. **j,** Sequence-Mek1 interaction map for variants in the tdMCP-

BRaf library co-expressed with TurboID-Mek1 and labeled with biotin for 5 min. The Mek1 interaction
scores shown are the average of two replicates, each involving an independent transfection, biotin
labeling, parallel streptavidin and Flag enrichments, and quantification with high-throughput sequencing.
Black dots indicate the WT amino acid and gray tiles indicate missing data. Position-averaged Mek1
interaction scores are shown in the bar graph above the heatmap. **k,** Position-averaged CRaf interaction
scores for each position in the tdMCP-BRaf variant library (represented as spheres) projected onto a
structure of autoinhibited BRaf bound to ATP-γ-S (PDB ID: 6NYB). The shade of red indicates the position-
averaged CRaf interaction score: white = 1, brightest red > 3.2. **l,** Position-averaged Mek1 interaction
scores projected onto the structure of the autoinhibited BRaf complex (PDB ID: 6NYB). The shade of blue
indicates the position-averaged Mek1 interaction score: white = 1, darkest blue < 0.5.

Hierarchical clustering identifies groups of BRaf positions with similar biochemotypes

Our profiling data indicate substitutions at certain positions in BRaf result in dramatic changes to
multiple biochemical properties, but we were unable to identify positions with similar functions or gain a
mechanistic understanding of the positional effects of substitution using pairwise analyses (Extended Data
Fig. 8a). Therefore, we performed hierarchical clustering based on the six biochemical properties
measured with LABEL-seq to group positions into nine distinct biochemical phenotypes (biochemotypes)
(Fig. 6a,b). Clusters 7–9, which encompassed 64% of profiled positions, were characterized by a
biochemotype in which most variants exhibited modest effects on the six measured biochemical
properties. In contrast, cluster 1 positions are defined by a biochemotype where mutations resulted in
some of the largest decreases in Mek interactions and largest increases in activity and CRaf
heterodimerization, with minimal CRaf-promoted activity (Fig. 6a,c). One cluster 1 position–P367–is
proximal to the autoinhibitory phosphorylation site, S365[41], and sits within a 14-3-3 binding pocket in the
autoinhibited BRaf complex (Extended Data Fig. 4i). Substitutions at P367 likely disrupt the autoinhibited
BRaf complex and allow formation of active Raf dimers based on the known binding specificity of 14-3-3
proteins[42] and the biochemotype of this position. The six other cluster 1 positions are located in two
different regions of BRaf's ATP-binding site (Fig. 6c). Four of these positions (F468, L485, L597 and V600)
are components of the autoinhibitory turn (Fig. 4h) and are spatially clustered in the autoinhibited but
not the active form of BRaf, suggesting that mutations at these positions promote increased activity and
CRaf heterodimerization by disrupting autoinhibitory interactions. Despite their disparate locations,
positions in cluster 1 appear to share a common functional role in stabilizing the autoinhibited state, which

can be readily disrupted by mutations without compromising the ability of BRaf variants to form
catalytically active Raf dimers.

Cluster 2 positions, proximal to cluster 1 autoinhibitory turn positions (Extended Data Fig. 8b),
exhibited the biochemotype of increased activity and decreased Mek interactions upon substitution like
cluster 1, but without the accompanying strong increase in CRaf heterodimerization. The ability of
mutations in cluster 2 to increase kinase activity and decrease Mek interactions suggest that these
positions also play a role in stabilizing autoinhibited BRaf. However, mutations at cluster 2 positions
appear to compromise BRaf's strong association with CRaf once autoinhibition is released. Positions in
clusters 4 and 5 demonstrated a biochemotype where substitutions strongly promoted CRaf
heterodimerization and decreased Mek interactions, but, in contrast to clusters 1 and 2, only modestly
increased Raf activity, which was highly CRaf dependent. Cluster 4 and 5 positions are located deep within
BRaf's active site (Fig. 6b,d) and form a contiguous spatial network in the active form of BRaf (Fig. 6d).
Additionally, nearly all positions in clusters 4 and 5 are highly conserved amongst protein kinases[39, 43] and
many make contacts with ATP[37] or are part of the kinase catalytic machinery (Extended Data Fig. 5e). The
biochemotype of clusters 4 and 5 suggest that these positions participate in the stabilization of
autoinhibited BRaf. However, mutations at these positions likely impair BRaf's kinase activity, rendering
cluster 4 and 5 variants dependent on their ability to form strong CRaf heterodimers for Mek activation.
Together, our multimodal analysis reveals that a number of positions in BRaf that are frequently mutated
in cancer participate in finely tuned autoinhibitory interactions that most mutations are capable of
destabilizing. The signaling properties of these BRaf variants with disrupted autoinhibition can be
classified into several distinct biochemotypes based on their location.

LABEL-seq-guided prediction of a variant-promoted cellular phenotype

We next determined whether LABEL-seq data could be used to predict which biochemical
properties of BRaf variants are capable of driving complex phenotypes such as cell proliferation. Here, we
trained logistic models using previously collected data that classified 65 BRaf variants as activating,
inactivating, or neutral based on their ability to promote the growth factor-independent proliferation of
Ba/F3 and MCF10A cells[44]. Models that used only one biochemical property had modest classification
accuracy (balanced accuracy: 0.33-0.57l; Fig. 6e). However, a model that used all six biochemical
properties measured with LABEL-seq provided the highest accuracy (balanced accuracy = 0.68) and,
critically, was the only model capable of correctly identifying BRaf variants of all three classifications
(activating, incactivating, or neutral; Fig. 6e). We applied this six-property classifier to the 239 somatic

mutations cataloged in TCGA, COSMIC, and ClinVar and for which we obtained LABEL-seq data, and found

that 40.6% were predicted to be activating and 14.2% were predicted to be inactivating (Supplemental

Table 3). Notably, 92% of somatic variants previously determined to be activating based on increased

intracellular pErk levels or growth factor-independent cell proliferation in separate analyses were

correctly classified by our model as activating (Supplemental Table 1). Thus, measuring multiple

biochemical properties for the same variant, enabled by LABEL-seq, facilitated prediction of a complex

cellular phenotype.

Measurement and modeling of small molecule-promoted BRaf degradation

We next explored whether LABEL-seq data could be used to provide insight into another poorly

understood cellular process: small molecule-promoted protein degradation[45]. Specifically, we

investigated the Vemurafenib-based PROTAC SJF0628 (Extended Data Fig. 9a), which promotes selective

degradation of several BRaf variants[31]. We first used the LABEL-seq abundance assay to profile the

degradation of the tdMCP-BRaf variant library across a range of SJF0628 concentrations (Fig. 6f and

Supplementary Table 1) and calculated degradation scores for all ~1,600 variants (Extended Data Fig.

9b,c). As expected, BRaf WT was largely resistant to degradation by SJF0628 (Supplementary Table 2) but

a number of variants, including previously characterized SJF0628-sensitive variants[31] (Extended Data Fig.

9d), showed dose-dependent decreases in abundance. Additionally, LABEL-seq-derived degradation

scores were consistent with levels of protein degradation quantified by western blot (Extended Data Fig.

9c). We classified variants as sensitized or resistant to degradation at the highest concentration of SJF0628

tested and observed that 22.9% of variants were sensitized and 13.5% were resistant (Extended Data Fig.

9e and Supplementary Table 1). Among the 239 somatic mutations for which we measured degradation

scores and that are listed in TCGA, COSMIC, or ClinVar, we found that 32.3% were sensitized to

degradation relative to BRaf WT and 9.2% were resistant. Notably, variants at the same position were

generally either all sensitized or all resistant, suggesting that susceptibility to degradation by SJF0628 is

largely defined by the position of a mutation rather than its identity.

We explored the structural basis for the location dependence of BRaf variant PROTAC sensitivity

by projecting position-averaged degradation scores onto the structure of Vemurafenib-bound BRaf

(Extended Data Fig. 9f). Several positions within the Vemurafenib-binding pocket generally conferred

resistance to degradation when substituted but, surprisingly, some of the most sensitive positions were

located on nearby positions without an obvious structural rationale for either property. Although

projecting position-averaged degradation scores onto the autoinhibited structure of BRaf bound to an

ATP analogue revealed that substitutions at positions that make direct contacts with ATP were largely

sensitizing (Fig. 6g), positions with the lowest average degradation scores did not fit within any of the

biochemotypes we identified. Furthermore, none of the biochemical properties we measured correlated

strongly (R^2 = 0.051-0.36) with variant sensitivity (Extended Data Fig. 9g).

We performed logistic modeling to identify which biochemical properties of BRaf variants were

most predictive of PROTAC sensitivity. To provide additional properties that relate to ATP-competitive

inhibitor binding of BRaf, we used the LABEL-seq interaction assay to measure CRaf heterodimerization

levels promoted by the type 1.5 inhibitor Vemurafenib and the type 2 inhibitor LXH254[46] (Extended Data

Fig. 10a,b). The resulting eight biochemical properties, along with a subset of our measured degradation

classifications were used to train a logistic model to predict whether a BRaf variant was sensitized,

resistant, or WT-like in its degradation response at the highest concentration of SJF0628. Models using

any one property yielded modest classification accuracy (balanced accuracy = 0.33-0.43), but the model

using all eight properties was most accurate (balanced accuracy = 0.67, Fig. 6h). Only the model

incorporating all eight properties could accurately distinguish BRaf variants across all three classifications

(Fig. 6h). The properties most heavily weighted in predicting variant sensitivity to SJF0628 were the CRaf

interaction and Type 2 inhibitor (LXH254)-promoted heterodimerization scores (Fig. 6i), suggesting that

dimerization is an important component of degradation. Low basal abundance and Type 2 inhibitor

(LXH254)-promoted heterodimerization scores were the most predictive of whether a variant was

resistant to SJF0628. Notably, our data also indicate that it is not a particular "active" conformation of a

variant that is most predictive of SJF0628 degradation, as previously speculated[31], but each variant's

overall capacity to be promoted into Raf dimers. The ability of LABEL-seq to provide multimodal profiling

of biochemical properties facilitates the analysis of complex cellular processes that are otherwise difficult

to understand using single measurements.

Fig. 6 | Integration of multimodal measurements. a, Heatmap, with the dendrogram shown above, showing hierarchical clustering of positions within BRaf based on six biochemical properties measured with LABEL-seq. Clustering was performed using the average distance metric, which grouped positions based on similarities in response to specific substitutions. Clusters of positions, which were selected based on the dendrogram, are numbered. The heatmap color indicates the average score for each biochemical property at each position. The color scale for each biochemical property is shown on the far right. **b,** Positions within clusters 1-6 mapped onto the kinase domain of the autoinhibited BRaf complex (PDB ID: 6NYB). **c,** Alignment of BRaf's ATP-binding pocket in the active (purple, PDB ID: 4MNE) and autoinhibited (gray, PDB ID: 6NYB) conformations, with cluster 1 positions shown as sticks. F468 is not resolved in the active conformation of BRaf. **d,** Alignment of BRaf's ATP-binding pocket in the active (green, PDB ID: 4MNE) and autoinhibited (gray, PDB ID: 6NYB) conformations, with cluster 4 positions shown as sticks. **e,** Performance of our logistic model predicting variant-driven proliferation of Ba/F3 and MCF10A cells in the absence of growth factor. (left) Balanced accuracy for models that were fit by using a single property versus all properties. (right) Model accuracy for each classification. **f,** Sequence-degradation map for BRaf variants in the tdMCP-BRaf library treated with 2.5 µM SJF0628. Degradation score = [abundance score for a BRaf variant at 2.5 µM SJF0628 - abundance score for a variant in DMSO]/abundance score for a variant in DMSO. The degradation scores shown are the average of two replicates, each involving an independent cellular treatment with SJF0628, parallel Flag and Myc immunoprecipitations, and quantification by high-throughput sequencing. Black dots in the map indicate the WT amino acid and gray tiles indicate missing data. The position-averaged degradation score is shown in the bar graph above the heatmap. **g,** Position-averaged degradation scores for each position in the tdMCP-BRaf variant library (represented as spheres) projected onto the structure of autoinhibited BRaf bound to ATP-γ-S (PDB ID: 6NYB). The color indicates the position-averaged degradation score: white = 0, darkest blue < -0.5, brightest red > 0.18. **h,** Performance of a logistic model predicting SJF0628 sensitivity. (left) Balanced accuracy for models fit using a single property versus all properties. (right) Model accuracy for each classification. **i,** Coefficients for each property in the most accurate model.

Discussion

At-scale measurements of protein variant effects have provided valuable insights into numerous biological processes, facilitated advances in protein engineering and design, and deepened our understanding of drug sensitivity and resistance[4, 8, 12]. To expand the scope of protein targets and functional properties that can be profiled at scale, we developed LABEL-seq, a general, scalable platform

that enables the multimodal analysis of protein variants in human cells using high-throughput DNA
sequencing for quantification.

A key strength of LABEL-seq is its modularity, which enables the profiling of multiple properties
for a common set of protein variants. Reconfiguration of the RNA and protein components of LABEL-seq
and tailoring of the biochemical enrichment step to measure specific protein properties enabled profiling
of the abundance, activity, protein-protein interactions, and drug sensitivity of a library of BRaf variants.
The high precision and sensitivity of quantification, and the flexibility to incorporate diverse biochemical
enrichment strategies into the LABEL-seq workflow suggest that it can be used to profile numerous
additional protein properties and functions. Even intracellular assays that have not been previously
employed for studying protein variant properties, such as our use of proximity labeling to quantify both
high and low affinity intracellular protein-protein interactions, are compatible with LABEL-seq. Finally,
since LABEL-seq only necessitates the fusion of an RNA-binding domain to a target protein of interest or
its substrate, it has the potential to be applied to a wide range of proteins beyond the three (BRaf, BTK,
and Lck) described in this study.

We used LABEL-seq for the multimodal profiling of BRaf positions frequently mutated in cancer,
complementing and expanding upon previous cellular, biochemical, and structural characterization of
individual BRaf variants[34, 47]. Notably, we found that most mutations at cancer-associated positions in BRaf
do not compromise BRaf's folding and intracellular abundance. We confirmed previous observations that
mutations at many of these same positions can promote increased Raf activity and dimerization[16, 36, 37].
Our LABEL-seq profiling data suggest that many positions in BRaf are precisely tuned to maintain an
autoinhibited state, which is disrupted by most sequence variations. Consequently, BRaf is finely poised
to acquire mutations that lead to enhanced downstream oncogenic signaling, likely due, at least in part,
to its ability to form functionally active dimers upon disruption of autoinhibition. As our profiling
experiments were conducted in the absence of elevated levels of active Ras, the biochemical properties
of some BRaf variants that are relevant to oncogenic signaling may have been missed. Because LABEL-seq
assays can be performed under variable cellular conditions, such as growth factor simulation or the co-
expression of an active Ras mutant, future profiling experiments that capture these properties are
feasible. Furthermore, while our profiling studies were conducted in HEK293 cells, it should be
straightforward to achieve single protein variant and single MS2-circRNA barcode sequence integration
into other cell lines, which will allow LABEL-seq profiling in other cellular contexts.

Our ability to use the LABEL-seq abundance assay to measure SJF0628's degradation of BRaf
variants allowed us to conduct the first comprehensive analysis of how sequence variation affects a

neosubstrate's degradation by a PROTAC. Remarkably, we observed that substitutions at multiple
positions in BRaf provided strong sensitization to degradation, with SJF0628 selectively degrading ~30%
of somatic variants cataloged in TCGA, ClinVar, and COSMIC relative to BRaf WT. By modeling the multiple
biochemical measurements obtained with LABEL-seq, we were able to obtain insight into which properties
sensitize a BRaf variant to degradation by SJF0628. Although no single biochemical property was
dominant, the ability of a BRaf variant to be recruited into heterodimers with CRaf was the most predictive
of sensitivity to SJF0628-mediated degradation. We also identified several positions in BRaf that contained
multiple mutations that conferred resistance to PROTAC-mediated degradation, providing insights into
resistance mechanisms that complement those revealed by a previous CRISPR-suppressor scan of the
neosubstrates GSPT1 and RBM39[48]. Conducting additional LABEL-seq assays with PROTACs that
incorporate different E3 ligase recruiters and/or alternative ATP-competitive inhibitors will enable
determination of whether the patterns of sensitization and resistance we observed are common to all
BRaf-targeting PROTACs or are specific to SJF0628, which contains a ligand for recruiting the E3 ligase von
Hippel-Lindau linked to the type 1.5 inhibitor vemurafenib. Furthermore, incorporating additional
biochemical properties into models that more accurately predict BRaf variant degradation susceptibility
to different PROTACs should yield additional mechanistic insight into this process.
Overall, we envision LABEL-seq will find widespread use for the multimodal profiling of diverse
proteins under different cellular conditions. The multi-dimensional profiling data obtained with this
platform will be a valuable resource for understanding intracellular protein function and druggability, and,
when integrated with MAVEs that assess composite behaviors such as transcriptional outputs and
proliferation, should provide invaluable insight into protein properties that drive complex cellular
processes.
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Extended Data Fig. 1| Design, expression, and characterization of MS2-circRNAs and MCP protein fusions. a, In-silico folding predictions for circRNA architectures pre- and post-ribozyme excision. Predictions were run using RNAfold and the colors indicate positional entropy values. Parent architectures do not contain MS2 and are the designs published by Litke and Jaffrey[19] which correspond to addgene plasmids #124360 (left) and #124362 (right). **b,** MS2-circRNA designs that contain a 16 nucleotide barcode and 19 nucleotide MS2 hairpin. MS2-circRNA 1b contains an added priming site specifically for reverse transcription. **c,** In-gel DFHBI-1T fluorescence of total RNA extracted from cells expressing the MS2-circRNAs shown in b. 2-3 barcode sequences of varying GC content for each MS2-circRNA were tested. Gels 1, 4, and 5 were non-denaturing 6% acrylamide gels and gels 2 and 3 were denaturing 10% acrylamide gels. **d,** Structure (PDB ID: 2BU1) of the MCP dimer bound to an MS2 hairpin (top). Linear representations of monomeric and tandem-dimer (td) MCP protein fusions (bottom). In a tandem dimer, the N-terminus of one MCP protomer is linked to the C-terminus of a second MCP protomer by a short linker. **e,** Variants of MCP-Lck protein fusions were co-expressed with MS2-circRNA 2. Lck was enriched using dasatinib-conjugated agarose beads and the co-enriched MS2-circRNA was visualized by in-gel DFHBI-1T fluorescence. DMSO or a free dasatinib competitor was included during enrichment to probe for specific protein enrichment. td- indicates tandem dimer designs. VE/AG variants contain V75E and A81G mutations, which prevent MCP oligomerization. delFG variants possess a deletion of the FG loop (V67-A81), which also prevents MCP oligomerization. All MCP variants contain the high affinity V29I mutation. The linkers are positioned between MCP protomers. The delFG variant was used in all subsequent experiments and is referred to as 'tdMCP' throughout the manuscript.

Extended Data Fig. 2 | Engineering of a multiplexed MS2-circRNA barcoding platform. a, Subassembly,

used to link protein variants to nucleotide barcodes, is achieved by sequencing the cloned plasmid library

using long-read high-throughput sequencing. In parallel, the plasmid library is integrated into the RPLP to

generate a cell line stably expressing tdMCP:MS2-circRNA complexes for use in biochemical experiments.

b, Schematic of the RPLP cell line. Recombination of Bxb1 attB-containing plasmids into the RPLP stably

integrates protein variants and MS2-circRNA barcodes under genomic transcriptional control. Selection

for successful recombinants is run using AP1903 and/or puromycin. **c,** Parallel Flag immunoprecipitations

were performed using serial dilutions of lysate generated from RPLP cells stably expressing Flag-tdMCP-

BRaf WT and a library of 20,000 MS2-circRNA 1b barcode sequences. Pearson's R^2 correlation coefficients

of barcode sequence counts are reported for replicate enrichments or RT-PCR amplifications. **d,**

Sequenced barcode counts derived from two independent expressions and Flag immunoprecipitations of

Flag-tdMCP-BTK co-expressed with a library of MS2-circRNA 2 barcode sequences. Pearson's R^2 = 0.98. **e,**

Schematics of MS2-circRNA 1b, the architecture used to encode variants in the tdMCP- and untagged BRaf

variant libraries, and dummy MS2-circRNA, which is included in the lysis buffer to minimize barcode

sequence missassociation. **f,** Relative frequencies of barcode sequence counts matched to Myc-tdMCP-

BRaf and Flag-tdMCP-BRaf libraries after 45 min Myc immunoprecipitation. **g,** Quantification of the data

shown in **f**. The y-axis is the fraction of barcode sequence counts encoding the Flag-tagged library (n=2

expression, lysis, enrichment, and sequencing replicates).

Extended Data Fig. 3 | BRaf variant library construction and abundance. a, Western blot analysis of RPLP

cells co-expressing tdMCP-BRaf variants and CRaf. **b,** Western blot analysis of HEK293T cells stably

expressing Flag-tdMCP-BRaf or untagged BRaf. **c,** Domain architecture of BRaf and the number of positions

in each domain included in the tdMCP- and untagged BRaf variant libraries. Positions were chosen by

compiling all missense and nonsense BRaf variants appearing in the COSMIC database and The Cancer

Genome Atlas and choosing positions where there are records of (1) at least 3 total variants and (b) at

least 2 unique variants. **d,** Distributions of unique barcode sequences assigned to each variant in the MCP-

tagged and untagged BRaf libraries. **e,** Western blots of data shown in Fig. 3d. **f,** Scatterplot showing

abundance score correlations between the two independent biological replicates shown in Fig. 3e

(Pearson's R^2 = 0.75). **g,** Abundance scores for all variants in the tdMCP-BRaf variant library, grouped by

substitution. **h,** Varied positions in the untagged and tdMCP-BRaf variant libraries are shown as orange

spheres on autoinhibited BRaf (PDB ID: 6NYB). **i,** DSSP (Define Secondary Structure of Proteins) structural

predictions for BRaf library positions resolved in 6NYB. DSSP predictions for structures 7MFE and 5VR3

were referenced for positions not resolved in 6NYB. **j,** Alignment of BRaf's ATP-binding pocket in the active

(black, PDB 4MNE) and autoinhibited (gray, PDB 6NYB) conformations, with the two positions (I582 and

I592) with the lowest average abundance scores shown as sticks.

Extended Data Fig. 4 | BRaf variant activity measured with overexpressed CRaf. a, Western blot analysis
of HEK293T cells expressing the pErk reporter and treated with EGF (50 ng/mL, 10 min). Based on
quantitative enrichment of pErk, it appears only a small fraction of the pErk reporter is phosphorylated
under this regime. **b,** Scatterplot showing activity score correlations (Pearson's R^2 = 0.74) between the
averages of replicates 1 and 2 with overexpressed CRaf and the averages of replicates 3 and 4 with
overexpressed CRaf. Each replicate involved independent cell culturing, lysis, parallel pErk and Flag
immunoprecipitations, and quantification with high-throughput sequencing. Replicates 1 and 2
underwent separate transfections with CRaf and the pErk reporter than replicates 3 and 4. **c,** Activity
scores with overexpressed CRaf for previously characterized activating BRaf variants. Values shown are
the mean +/- SEM of all barcodes representing a BRaf variant. **d,** LABEL-seq activity score distributions for
all synonymous WT and nonsynonymous BRaf protein variants with overexpressed CRaf. The gray dashed
lines indicate activity score values (>2 standard deviations of the synonymous WT score distribution higher
or lower than 1, the WT score) we defined as activating and inactivating. **e,** Activity scores (with
overexpressed CRaf) for BRaf variants classified as activating (32.8%), Wild Type-like (64.9%), or
inactivating (2.3%). **f,** Activity scores (with overexpressed CRaf) for every BRaf variant at each position. **g,**
The 10 positions with the lowest average activity scores shown as blue spheres on an active BRaf complex
(PDB ID: 6Q0K). Positions 26, 189, and 443 are not resolved in the structure. **h,** The autoinhibited BRaf
complex (PDB ID: 6NYB) with BRaf's CRD shown in blue, non-CRD BRaf positions shown in black, and 14-
3-3 shown in green. G258 is positioned within the CRD, which plays a role in autoinhibition, Ras binding,
and membrane localization[40]. In autoinhibited BRaf, the phi-psi angles at position G258 are only
energetically accessible for glycine, suggesting that substitutions at this position alter the backbone
conformation and may disrupt autoinhibitory contacts, thereby leading to activation. **i,** Autoinhibited BRaf
(PDB ID: 6NYB) with BRaf P367 shown as red sticks, non-P367 BRaf positions shown in blue and 14-3-3 in
green. P367 is positioned in the CRD-kinase domain linker that interacts with 14-3-3 in the autoinhibited
BRaf complex. Based on the known binding specificity of 14-3-3 proteins[42], we speculate that P367
variants lead to BRaf activation by disrupting autoinhibitory 14-3-3 interactions.
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Extended Data Fig. 5 | BRaf protein variant activity measured without overexpressed CRaf. a, Sequence-
activity map for BRaf variants in the tdMCP-BRaf library measured without overexpressed CRaf. The
activity scores shown are the average of two replicates, each involving independent pErk reporter
expression, cell lysis, parallel Flag and pErk immunoprecipitations, and quantification by high-throughput
sequencing. Black dots in the map indicate the WT amino acid and gray tiles indicate missing data.
Position-averaged abundance scores are shown in the bar graph above the heatmap. **b,** Scatterplot
showing activity score (without CRaf) correlations between the two independent replicates shown in **a**
(Pearson's R^2 = 0.78). **c,** LABEL-seq activity score (without CRaf) distributions for all synonymous WT and
nonsynonymous BRaf protein variants. The gray dashed lines indicate the activity score values (>2
standard deviations of the synonymous WT score distribution higher or lower than 1, the WT score)
defined as increased and decreased activity. **d,** Activity scores (without CRaf) for BRaf variants classified
as activating (30.5%), Wild Type-like (63.4%), or inactivating (6.1%). **e,** Positions highly conserved across
the human kinome are represented as red sticks on a structure of BRaf bound to ATP-γ-S (PDB ID: 6NYB).
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Extended Data Fig. 6 | Optimization of proximity labeling conditions. a, Biotinylation levels of Flag-

tdMCP-BRaf variants in HEK293 cells co-expressing TurboID-Mek1 (top) or miniTurbo-Mek1 (bottom),

treated with 10 µM cobimetinib or DMSO for 4 h, and labeled with biotin. **b,** Biotinylation levels of Flag-

tdMCP-BRaf variants in HEK293 cells co-expressing TurboID-CRaf (top) or miniTurbo-CRaf (bottom),

treated with 10 µM LXH254 or DMSO for 2 h, and labeled with biotin. (**c-e),** Biotinylation levels

(represented as the ratio of streptavidin and Flag barcode sequence counts) of Flag-tdMCP-BRaf variants

and the background control Flag-tdMCP-BTK in HEK293T cells co-expressing TurboID-Mek1 (**c**), TurobID-

CRaf (**d**), or TurboID-BRaf (**e**) and MS2-circRNAs. Cells were cultured in regular or dialyzed FBS and treated

with biotin for 0, 5, or 45 min. Following biotin treatment, cells were lysed and pooled, parallel

streptavidin and Flag enrichments were performed, co-enriched barcodes were sequenced by high-

throughput sequencing, and the ratio of streptavidin and Flag counts for each co-enriched MS2-circRNA

barcode sequence was calculated (n=3 barcodes/treatment, values shown = mean, error bars represent

+/- SEM). Whole-cell lysate samples were reserved for western blots, which are shown below the bar

graph (corresponds to the data shown in Fig. 5c, 5e, and 5f as well). TurboID-Mek1 (dialyzed FBS), TurboID-

CRaf (dialyzed FBS), and TurboID-BRaf (dialyzed FBS) data are the same as in **Fig. 5c,e,f** respectively.

Extended Data Fig. 7 | Quantifying BRaf variant interactions with CRaf and Mek1. a, Scatterplot showing

CRaf interaction score correlations between 5 min and 45 min biotin labeling regimes (Pearson's $R^2 =$

0.86). Each score is the average of two replicates corresponding to parallel biotin labeling, streptavidin

and flag enrichments, and quantification by high-throughput sequencing. **b,** Scatterplot showing CRaf

interaction score correlations between the two 5 min biotin labeling replicates shown in Fig. 5h (Pearson's

$R^2 = 0.96$). **c,** CRaf interaction scores shown in Fig. 5h for BRaf variants previously shown to exhibit elevated

heterodimerization with CRaf. Values shown are the mean +/- SEM of all barcodes representing a BRaf

variant. **d,** LABEL-seq CRaf interaction score distributions for all synonymous WT and nonsynonymous

BRaf variants. The gray dashed lines indicate the CRaf interaction score values (>2 standard deviations of

the synonymous WT score distribution higher or lower than 1, the WT score) we defined as increased and

decreased interaction, respectively. The black dashed line is the BTK score. **e,** CRaf interaction scores for

BRaf variants classified as increased CRaf interaction (51.5%), Wild Type-like (43.4%), or decreased CRaf

interaction (5.1%). **f,** Scatterplot comparing activity scores (with CRaf) to CRaf interaction scores. **g,**

Scatterplot showing Mek1 interaction score correlations between the two independent replicates shown

in Fig. 5j (Pearson's $R^2 = 0.80$). **h,** Mek1 interaction scores for BRaf variants classified as increased Mek1

interaction (6.0%), Wild Type-Like (65.6%), or decreased Mek1 interaction (28.4%). **i,** LABEL-seq Mek1

interaction score distributions. The gray dashed lines indicate the Mek1 interaction score values (>2

standard deviations of the synonymous WT score distribution higher or lower than 1, the WT score) we

defined as increased and decreased interaction, respectively. The black dashed line is the BTK score. **j,**

Mek1 interaction scores for the decreased interaction control variant I666R and Flag-tdMCP-BTK. Values

shown are the mean +/- SEM of all barcodes representing BRaf I666R or BTK.. **k,** Co-immunoprecipitations

of HA-Mek1 and Flag-BRaf variants (without tdMCP). LABEL-seq Mek1 interaction scores are shown above

the plot (n=3, value shown = mean, error bars = SEM). **l,** The number of variants at each position that were

classified as decreased Mek1 interaction in Fig. 5j projected onto a structure of the autoinhibited BRaf

complex (PDB ID: 6NYB). White = 0 decreased interaction variants, darkest blue = 19 decreased interaction

variants. **m,** LABEL-seq Mek1 interaction and activity (with CRaf) scores. Variants at select positions within

the ATP-binding pocket are highlighted. Notably, these BRaf variants possessed a range of activity scores

but similarly decreased Mek1 interaction scores, indicating that differences in Mek1 interactions cannot

solely be attributed to the formation of pMek, which has a lower affinity for BRaf[49]. Scores to the right of

the vertical dashed line are classified as activating and scores below the horizontal dashed line are

classified as decreased Mek1 interaction.

Extended Data Fig. 8 | Pairwise comparisons of protein variant scores. a, All pairwise comparisons of

activity scores (with CRaf), CRaf interaction scores, Mek interaction scores, and abundance scores. The

histograms are the relative frequency of each score in the library. **b,** Cluster 1 (black sticks) and cluster 2

(maroon sticks) positions shown on autoinhibited BRaf (left, PDB ID: 6NYB) and the active BRaf dimer

(right, PDB ID: 4MNE).

Extended Data Fig. 9 | SJF0628-mediated degradation of BRaf protein variants. a, Structure of SJF0628.

b, SJF0628-induced degradation of BRaf WT expressed with and without a tdMCP fusion in HEK293T cells.

c, SJF0628-induced degradation of tdMCP-BRaf synonymous WT and G466V variants measured using

western blotting and the LABEL-seq abundance assay. **d,** Average LABEL-seq SJF0628 degradation scores

for five BRaf variants previously shown to be sensitive to SJF028 (n=2). **e,** Degradation scores for BRaf

variants classified as resistant (13.5%), Wild Type-like (63.6%), or sensitized (22.9%). Variants with

degradation scores more than two standard deviations of the synonymous distribution above or below

WT were classified as resistant or sensitized, respectively. **f,** SJF0628 degradation scores at 2.5 µM SJF0628

at each position in the tdMCP-BRaf variant library (represented as spheres) shown on BRaf's kinase

domain bound to Vemurafenib (PDB ID: 3OG7). The average degradation score at a position is represented

by the shade of red or blue: darkest red = 0.18, darkest blue = - 0.51. **g,** Scatterplots showing relationship

between SJF0628 degradation score and other LABEL-seq biochemical measurements. Data shown for

missense variants only. Gray dashed lines correspond to the WT score.

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Extended Data Fig. 10 | Small molecule-promoted BRaf:CRaf heterodimerization. a-b, Sequence-CRaf

interaction maps for variants in the tdMCP-BRaf library co-expressed with TurboID-CRaf, treated with

Vemurafenib (a) or LXH254 (b), and labeled with biotin. The interaction scores shown are the average of

two replicates, each involving an independent cell culturing, biotin labeling, parallel streptavidin and

Flag enrichments, and quantification with high-throughput sequencing. Black dots in the map indicate

the WT amino acid and gray tiles indicate missing data. Position-averaged CRaf interaction scores are

shown in the bar graph above the heatmaps.

Methods
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872 **Cloning**
873 All plasmids, except those encoding libraries, were constructed using gibson assembly and standard
874 protocols then validated through Sanger or whole-plasmid sequencing.
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Expression of MS2-circRNA architectures
HEK293T cells were seeded to 80% confluent in 12-well plates and transfected with a mix of 0.7 µg of
plasmid encoding MS2-circRNA barcode + 0.1 µg pMAX-GFP (to estimate transfection efficiency) + 2.4 µL
PEI. 48 hrs after transfection, media was removed, cells were resuspended directly in TRIzol (Invitrogen,
Cat #15596026), and total RNA was extracted according to the manufacturer's instructions. Total RNA
concentrations were normalized using a NanoDrop 2000 (Thermo Scientific).
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Pulldowns with gel-based visualization of MS2-circRNA
To prepare dasatinib-conjugated sepharose, 1.25 mL of NHS-activated sepharose slurry (Cytiva cat
#17090601) was washed twice with 50% DMF/50% EtOH then incubated with 64 µL 50mM dasatinib-
amine + 240 µL 1M EDC + 1.6 mL 50% DMF/50% EtOH overnight at room temperature rotating end-over-
end. After coupling, beads were washed three times with 50% DMF/50% EtOH then capped with
ethanolamine by incubating with 544 µL 1M ethanolamine + 240 µL 1M EDC + 1056 µL 50% DMF/50%
EtOH overnight at room temperature rotating end-over-end. Capped beads were washed three times with
50% DMF/50% EtOH, two times with 0.5M NaCl, then one time with 20% ethanol in water. Washed beads
were resuspended in 20% ethanol to make a 50% bead/50% solvent slurry and stored at 4°C.
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For pulldowns, HEK293T's were seeded to 80% confluent in 12-well plates and transfected with a mix of
0.75 µg tdMCP-protein fusion plasmid + 0.75 µg MS2-circRNA plasmid + 0.15 µg pMAX-GFP (to estimate
transfection efficiency) + 5 µL PEI. 48 hrs after transfection, cells were resuspended in 160 µL lysis buffer
(50mM Tris pH=7.6, 150mM NaCl, 10mM NaF, 4mM $MgCl_2$, 5% glycerol, Halt protease inhibitor tablet (1
tablet/50mL, Fisher cat# A32965), 2mM PMSF, RiboLock RNase Inhibitor (4 µL/mL, Fisher
cat#FEREO0382)) and lysates were cleared at 17,000g for 10 min at 4°C. Prior to enrichment, 40 µL of
supernatant was incubated with 15 µM free dasatinib (1% DMSO) or 1% DMSO for 30 min at 4°C. To
enrich, 10 µL of dasatinib-conjugated sepharose (pre-washed with lysis buffer) was added to each sample
and incubated for 2.5 h at 4°C, rotating end-over-end. Protein-bound beads were washed three times with
100 µL of lysis buffer. For western blot analysis, beads were resuspended in 3xSDS. For analysis of RNA
enrichment, beads were resuspended in 100 µL TRIzol (Invitrogen cat# 15596026). All samples were
stored at -20°C. RNA was extracted and purified using RNA cleanup columns (IBI scientific TRI-Isolate RNA
Pure Kit, VWR cat# 76006-526), eluted into 25 µL of water and immediately visualized by ge (see "Gel-
based visualization of RNA")
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Gel-based visualization of MS2-circRNA
To visualize broccoli by gel, total RNA containing MS2-circRNA (1 µg for scaffold test expression, 7 µL for
pulldown samples) was mixed 1:1 with 2x TBE-urea sample buffer (Invitrogen, Fisher cat #LC6876), heated
to 75°C for 5 min, then briefly cooled on ice. Samples were loaded onto precast 6% TBE (Invitrogen, Fisher

cat #EC62655BOX) or 10% TBE-Urea (Invitrogen, Fisher cat #EC68755BOX) gels and run at 270V in TBE
buffer to completion. Gels were washed three times for 5 min in milliQ water then stained for 20 min at
room temperature in DFHBI buffer (10 µM DFHBI-1T, 40mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 100mM KCl, and 1mM MgCl2),
both steps on an orbital shaker. Broccoli was imaged on a Typhoon FLA 9000 using preset settings for
Alexa Fluor 488 (495nm excitation and 519nm emission).
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Generating the RNA-Protein Landing Pad (RPLP)
To stably generate a high-efficiency Bxb1 landing pad containing Pol II- and Pol III-driven promoters, Flp-
In™ T-REx™ 293 cells (Fisher cat#R78007) were plated into a 6-well dish and transfected with 1 µg of
landing pad plasmid containing an FRT site, 1 µg Flp recombinase expression plasmid (pOG44), 6 µL PEI,
and 100 µL serum-free DMEM. 48 hrs after transfection, cells were re-seeded to ~20% confluent. After an
additional 24 hrs, media was supplemented with 200 µg/mL hygromycin (Mirus Bio cat#MIR 5930) to
initiate selection. Cells were expanded and maintained in 200 µg/mL hygromycin until >95% of cells were
GFP positive indicating near-complete selection, and stocks were cryo-preserved until needed.
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Cloning single variant barcode libraries
To generate a library of barcodes, attB plasmid containing genes for tdMCP-protein fusions and a MS2-
circRNA barcode were digested overnight at 37°C to remove existing barcode sequence (2 µg plasmid, 5
µL 10x CutSmart buffer, 2 µL BsrGI-HF (NEB cat#R3575S), nuclease-free water to 50uL). The next day,
fragments were dephosphorylated by adding 5 µL antarctic phosphatase buffer and 2 µL enzyme (NEB
cat#M0289S) and incubating for 1 h at 37°C. Fragments were then separated by gel electrophoresis and
the band corresponding to digested vector was extracted using a Zymo kit (Zymo cat#D4002) and eluted
into 20 µL nuclease-free water.
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To generate a double-stranded barcode fragment (dsBC), 50pmol of the single stranded barcode oligo
(JJS29), 50pmol of the second strand synthesis primer (ssSynth primer, JJS30), 5 µL NEB2.1 10x buffer, and
nuclease-free water to a total volume of 48 µL were combined. Oligos were annealed by heating to 94°C
for 5 min, ramping 0.1°C/s to 71°C (Tm) and holding for 5 min, then ramping 0.1°C/s to 37°C. ssSynth
primer was extended by adding 1 µL 10mM dNTP's (Fisher cat#FERR0192) and 1 µL Klenow polymerase
(NEB cat#M0210S) then incubating at 37°C for 1hr. The resulting dsBC was cleaned using a Zymo column
(Zymo cat#D4014) and eluted into 12 µL nuclease-free water.
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dsBC was cloned into the digested vector by combining 200ng vector (~0.035pmol, 8uL), 10ng dsBC
(~0.175pmol, 2uL) and 10 µL 2x NEBuilder® HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix (NEB cat#E2621L) and
incubating at 50°C for 1hr. A separate vector-only reaction was run in parallel using 200ng vector, 10 µL
NEBuilder Master Mix, and nuclease-free water to 20 µL (without barcode) to estimate vector-only
background transformants. After incubation, reactions were cleaned (Zymo cat#D4014) and eluted into
10 µL nuclease-free water.
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Cleaned reactions were transformed into NEB® 5-alpha Competent *E. coli* (NEB cat#C2987H) following the
manufacturer's instructions. Following outgrowth, transformed cells were added to 50 mL LB broth
supplemented with 100 µg/mL carbenicillin. The library was bottlenecked to the desired number of

barcodes by making serial dilutions of the culture in LB+carb. 200 μL of each dilution was plated on
LB+carb plates to enumerate transformants. Liquid cultures were grown at 37°C overnight to saturation
and DNA was extracted using QIAGEN® Plasmid Plus Midi Kit (Qiagen cat#12945)
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958 **Generating stable cell lines**
959 Stable cell lines expressing protein and RNA barcodes were generated in the HEK293 RPLP. Stable lines
960 not expressing circRNA barcodes were generated in the HEK293T lenti landing pad (LLP-iCasp9-Blast[24]).
961 The following protocol applies to both cell lines.
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Cells were maintained in high glucose DMEM (Fisher cat #11-965-118) supplemented with 10% FBS and 2
μg/mL doxycycline (DOX, Sigma cat#D9891, 0.01% DMSO final concentration). Genes of interest were
cloned into Bxb1 attB-containing plasmids using standard Gibson assembly cloning techniques (NEB cat
#E2621L). To stably recombine the attB plasmids under control of the landing pad promoters, cells were
plated the day before transfection in 6-well dishes to 40% confluence using DOX-free media. The following
day, cells were transfected with a mixture of 1.7 μg attB plasmid + 0.2 μg pCAG-NLS-Bxb1
(Addgene#51271) + 0.2 μg pMAX-GFP + 7.8 μL Fugene 6 (for LLP lines, Promega cat#E2691) or Fugene HD
(for RPLP lines, Promega cat#E2311) + 100 μL serum-free DMEM (Fisher cat #11-965-118). 48-hours after
transfection, cells were expanded to 10cm dishes in media containing 2 μg/mL DOX. 24-48 hrs after DOX
induction, media was supplemented with 10nM AP1903 (Fisher cat#50-115-1810) to select for successful
recombinants. 12-24 hrs after addition of AP1903, media was exchanged for AP1903-free media (+2
μg/mL DOX), the resulting stables were expanded in +DOX media, and stocks frozen until required.
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976 **Barcode sequence missassociation experiment**
977 Two barcode libraries were cloned as described in the 'Generating single protein variant barcode libraries'
978 section, each containing 20,000-30,000 unique barcode sequences and either 3xFlag- or 2xMyc-tdMCP-
979 BRaf wild type. Plasmid libraries were individually recombined into the RPLP as described in the
980 'Generating stable lines' section.
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The day before enrichment, equal numbers of cells from both libraries were combined and plated into 15
cm dishes in +DOX media. On the day of enrichment, cells were trypsinized and all plates pooled. The pool
aliquots were then divided into 5 enrichment samples: 2 no-dummy samples (30×10^6 cells each), 2
+dummy samples (10×10^6 cells each), and 1 input sample (10×10^6 cells each). Each aliquot was washed
once with DPBS, then fully resuspended in 1,650 μL (no dummy samples) or 550 μL (+dummy and input)
modRIPA without detergent (i.e. resuspension buffer: 50mM Tris pH=7.6, 150mM NaCl, 10mM NaF, 4mM
$MgCl_2$, 5% glycerol, Halt protease inhibitor tablet (1 tablet/50mL, Fisher cat# A32965), 2mM PMSF,
RiboLock RNase Inhibitor (4 μL/mL, Fisher cat#FEREO0382)). For +dummy samples, the resuspension
buffer also contained 400ng/ μL total RNA previously extracted from HEK293T cells which were transiently
transfected with dummy MS2-circRNA (an MS2-circRNA architecture which contains the MS2 hairpin but
the reverse transcription priming sites). Immediately after resuspending cells in resuspension buffer, cells
were lysed by adding an equal volume of modRIPA containing 0.1% NP40. Addition of buffer with
detergent marked the beginning of the incubation time. Lysates were cleared by centrifugation at 17,000g
for 10 min at 4°C. Each enrichment sample was split into two aliquots (1.5 mL ea. for no dummy, 0.5 mL

ea. for +dummy) and transferred to low-bind eppendorf tubes (Fisher cat#13-698-792). To enrich tdMCP-
protein fusions, 150 μL (no dummy) or 50 μL (+dummy) of anti-flag (Sigma cat#M8823) or anti-myc (Fisher
cat#PI88842) beads were added to the lysates and rotated end-over-end at 4°C for the indicated time.
500 μL samples of bead suspension were collected at each timepoint and washed 3 times with 500 μL
modRIPA (including 0.1% NP40). After washing, all buffer was removed before resuspending beads in 75
μL nuclease-free water and 300 μL TRIzol, then stored at -20. The input sample was resuspended in 1.5
mL TRIzol and stored at -20. RNA was extracted using IBI scientific TRI-Isolate RNA Pure Kit, concentrated
using Zymo RNA Clean & Concentrator (Zymo Research Cat #R1015), eluted into 10 μL nuclease-free
water, and stored at -80°C.
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Variant abundance assay, proof of concept experiment
HEK293T LLP cells stably expressing 3xFlag-tdMCP-BRaf wild type or G466V were transfected in 24-well
plates, each well receiving 300 ng pcDNA5 2xMyc-tdMCP-SNAP + 200 ng of an equal mix of 4 plasmids,
each containing a unique circRNA barcode + 50 ng pMAX GFP + 50 μL DMEM + 1.65 μL PEI. 6 transfections
per variant encompassing a total of 48 unique barcodes were performed. 24 hrs after transfection cells
were treated with SJF0628 or DMSO for an additional 24 hrs. After drug treatment, cells were lysed in
120 μL modRIPA (0.1% NP40, 50mM Tris pH=7.6, 150mM NaCl, 10mM NaF, 4mM MgCl$_2$, 5% glycerol, Halt
protease inhibitor tablet (1 tablet/50mL, Fisher cat# A32965), 2mM PMSF, RiboLock RNase Inhibitor
(4uL/mL, Fisher cat#FEREO0382)) and lysate cleared by centrifugation at 17,000g for 10 min at 4°C.
Samples were taken for western blot analysis before pooling 40 μL lysate from all 12 wells. Pooled lysate
was subsequently split into 2x200 μL aliquots and protein was enriched by adding 20 μL anti-flag (Sigma
cat#M8823) or anti-myc (Fisher cat#PI88842) beads and rotating end-over-end at 4°C for 1 hr. Beads were
washed 3 times with modRIPA, resuspended in 50 μL nuclease-free water and 200 μL TRIzol, then stored
at -20°C. Enriched RNA was extracted and sequenced as described in the 'Preparation of RNA for Genewiz
Amplicon-EZ sequencing' section.
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1022 Sequencing ratios were computed by dividing the sequencing counts in the flag enrichment by counts in
1023 the Myc enrichment then normalizing to the mean flag/myc ratio for wild type cells treated with DMSO.
1024 The mean ratio of all barcodes in a well was reported. Similarly, for western blot ratios the intensity of the
1025 flag signal was divided by the intensity of the Myc signal. Ratios were normalized to the average ratio of
1026 wild type cells treated with DMSO. The three data points correspond to the three transfections.
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Variant activity assay, proof of concept experiment
HEK293T LLP cells stably expressing untagged BRaf wild type or V600E were transfected in 12-well plates
with 0.5 μg 3xFlag-tdMCP-Erk2 + 0.4 μg of an equal mix of 4 plasmids, each containing a unique circRNA
barcode + 0.1 μg pMAX-GFP + 50 μL DMEM + 3 μL PEI. Transfections of each variant were performed in
triplicate, encompassing a total of 24 unique barcodes. 48 hrs after transfection cells were lysed in 150 μL
modRIPA (0.1% NP40, 50mM Tris pH=7.6, 150mM NaCl, 10mM NaF, 4mM MgCl$_2$, 5% glycerol, Halt
protease inhibitor tablet (1 tablet/50mL, Fisher cat# A32965), 2mM PMSF, RiboLock RNase Inhibitor (4
μL/mL, Fisher cat#FEREO0382), 100 μL each phosphatase inhibitor cocktails 2 and 3 (Sigma Cat #P5726
and P0044)) and lysate cleared by centrifugation at 17,000g for 10 min at 4°C. 30 min after lysis all samples
were pooled. The pooled lysate was divided into two 350 μL aliquots and protein was enriched by adding

35 µL anti-flag (Sigma cat#M8823) or anti-pErk beads (see 'Basal Activity Scan' for instructions on
generating pErk beads), rotating end-over-end at 4°C for 2 hr. Beads were washed 3 times with modRIPA,
resuspended in 50 µL nuclease-free water and 200 µL TRIzol then stored at -20°C. Enriched RNA was
extracted and sequenced as described in the 'Preparation of RNA for Genewiz Amplicon-EZ sequencing'
section.

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1044   pErk/Flag ratios were computed by dividing the sequencing counts in the flag enrichment by counts in the
1045   pErk enrichment. The mean ratio of all barcodes in a well was reported.

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Proximity labeling time course
Prior to the experiment, MS2-circRNAs 1b comprising 48 unique barcode sequences were expressed
individually in HEK293T's. 48 hrs after transfection, cells were collected and total RNA was extracted using
TRIzol (Invitrogen, Cat #15596026) and isopropanol precipitation following the manufacturer's
instructions. The extracted total RNA was diluted to ~1µg/µL in nuclease-free water, aliquoted, and stored
at -80.

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HEK293T LLP cells stably expressing tdMCP fusions (BRaf wild type, BRaf I666R, or BTK) were seeded into
plates using DMEM supplemented with regular or dialyzed FBS. Cells were carried through the entire
experiment in the same type of FBS (regular or dialyzed). After seeding, cells were transfected with
TurboID- or miniTurbo- fusions (Mek1, CRaf, or BRaf). Transfection mixes per $1x10^6$ cells included 1.8 µg
pCDNA5 TurboID/miniTurbo plasmid + 0.2 µg pMAX GFP to estimate transfection efficiency + 6 µL
Turbofectin (Origene cat# TF81001)+ 100 µL DMEM. 24 hrs after transfection, transfected cells were re-
seeded to ~80% confluency into 96-well poly-D-lysine coated plates. ~24 hrs after moving to 96-well
plates, cells were treated with DMSO or 10 µM GDC-0879. After 2 h pre-treatment with drug, biotin
treatment was initiated by supplementing media with biotin to a final concentration of 150 µM biotin and
10 µM GDC-0879. Subsequent biotin labelings were initiated to achieve 5, 15, or 45 min labeling. Labeling
was quenched for all samples simultaneously by removing media, washing 3x with warm DPBS, and
immediately adding 40 µL cold modRIPA (50mM Tris pH=7.6, 150mM NaCl, 10mM NaF, 4mM $MgCl_2$, 5%
glycerol, Halt protease inhibitor tablet (1 tablet/50mL, Fisher cat# A32965), 2mM PMSF, RiboLock RNase
Inhibitor (4uL/mL, Fisher cat#FEREO0382), 0.1% NP40) to each well. Cells were incubated at 4°C for 20
min on an orbital shaker to ensure cells were fully lysed. During the 4°C incubation, total RNA stocks
containing MS2-circRNA's were thawed and diluted 1/75 in cold modRIPA. 10 µL of the diluted RNA was
added to each lysate-containing well, with each well receiving a unique barcode sequence. Lysates were
incubated with RNA at 4°C for 2 h on an orbital shaker to equilibrate MS2-circRNA-tdMCP binding. After
incubation, 50 µL cold modRIPA supplemented with 1mg/mL BSA was spiked into each well and 80 µL
from each well were pooled. Lysates were cleared by centrifugation at 17,000g for 10 min at 4°C. 1.9 mL
of supernatant was combined with 95 µL anti-flag beads (sigma) or streptavidin conjugated-agarose
(Fisher cat# PI20361) and rotated end-over-end at 4°C for 1hr. After incubation, the beads were washed
3x1 mL cold modRIPA then resuspended in 75 µL water and 300 µL TRIzol and stored at -20°C. MS2-
circRNA was extracted and sequenced as described in 'Preparation of RNA for Genewiz Amplicon-EZ
sequencing'.

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Preparation of RNA for Genewiz Amplicon-EZ sequencing

Enriched RNA was extracted from TRIzol using IBI scientific TRI-Isolate RNA Pure Kit, eluted into 25 μL nuclease-free water and stored at -80°C. SuperScript™ IV Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen Cat#18090010) was used to generate cDNA from circRNA barcodes, following the manufacturer's instructions for gene-specific priming. Total reaction volume was 5 μL including 1 μL of extracted RNA and JJS1 as the primer.

To generate amplicons, 5 rounds of PCR were run using Q5® Hot Start High-Fidelity 2X Master Mix (NEB cat #M0494) following the manufacturer's instructions with a 63°C annealing temperature and 30s extension. A 25 μL reaction scale was used including 12.5 μL Q5® Master Mix, 1.25 μL each of JJS2 & JJS3 (10 μM stocks), 2.5 μL cDNA reaction, 7.5μL nuclease-free water, and 0.75 μL DMSO. PCR reactions were cleaned with Sera-Mag Select beads (Cytiva #29343052) using a 2.5:1 ratio of beads:reaction and eluted using 25 μL nuclease-free water.

A second round of PCR was run on the eluted amplicons using 12.5 μL Q5® Master Mix, 1.25 μL each JJS4 & JJS5 (10 μM stocks), 5 μL eluted amplicon, 5 μL nuclease-free water, 1x SYBR gold (Invitrogen Cat#S11494), and 2% DMSO. Reaction progress was monitored using a Bio-Rad CFX Connect Real-Time PCR Detection System and halted in the linear phase of amplification. Reactions were equally pooled based on their final RFU values and amplicons of the correct size were selected using Sera-Mag Select beads with a 0.65:1 ratio of beads:reaction. Amplicons were eluted into nuclease free water and submitted to Genewiz using their Amplicon-EZ service for sequencing.

Western blotting of individual variants

(applies to library score vs quantification by western plots)

HEK293T LLP cells stably expressing flag-tagged BRaf variants of interest were lysed in cold modRIPA (50mM Tris pH=7.6, 150mM NaCl, 10mM NaF, 4mM MgCl$_2$, 5% glycerol, Halt protease inhibitor tablet (1 tablet/50mL, Fisher cat# A32965), 2mM PMSF, 0.1% NP40, 1% each phosphatase inhibitor cocktails 2 and 3 (Sigma Cat #P5726 and P0044). Lysates were cleared at 17,000g, 4°C for 10 min and total protein concentrations were measured then normalized using Pierce™ 660nm Protein Assay Reagent (Fisher cat#PI22660). Samples were mixed 2:1 with 3xSDS loading buffer (188 mM Tris-Cl (pH 6.8), 3% SDS, 30% glycerol, 0.01% bromophenol blue, 15% β-mercaptoethanol) and heated to 95°C for 5 min. 3-10 μg total protein was loaded and run on AnykD™ Criterion™ TGX™ Precast acrylamide protein gels (Biorad cat#5671125) then transferred to nitrocellulose (Biorad cat#1704159). Nitrocellulose was incubated at room temp for one hour in 5% dry milk in TBST then treated overnight with primary antibody diluted in 5% dry milk in TBST at 4°C. The next day, nitrocellulose was washed 3 times for 5 min in TBST then incubated for at least 1 h with secondary antibody (Licor cat#926-68070 or 926-32211) diluted 1:10,000 in 5% dry milk in TBST. Westerns were scanned on a LI-COR Odyssey® and quantified using Image Studio software.

pErk was probed using CST#4370L, total Erk CST#9107S, BRaf CST#14814S, Flag Sigma #F1804, GAPDH Santa Cruz Biotechnology #365062, streptavidin fluorophore LI-COR #926-32230, pMek CST cat#9154S, HA CST#3724, BRaf pS729 Abcam #ab124794, Vinculin CST#13901.

Mek1 co-immunoprecipitations

HEK293T LLP cells stably expressing flag-tagged BRaf variants (wild type, P367R, K601E, L485S, P318*)
were transfected in 6-well plates in triplicate with 1.8 µg pcDNA5 HA-Mek1 + 0.2 µg pMAX GFP + 6 µL PEI
+ 100 µL DMEM. 48 hrs after transfection, cells were lysed using 200 µL high-glycerol modRIPA (0.1%
NP40, 50mM Tris pH=7.6, 150mM NaCl, 10mM NaF, 4mM MgCl$_2$, 10% glycerol, Halt protease inhibitor
tablet (1 tablet/10mL, Fisher cat# A32955), phosphatase inhibitor cocktails 2 and 3 (100uL/10mL, Sigma
Cat #P5726 and P0044)) and lysates were cleared by centrifugation at 17,000g for 10 min at 4°C. To enrich
Mek-Raf complexes, 150 µL of supernatant was combined with 12 µL anti-flag beads (50% slurry, washed,
(Sigma cat#M8823)) and rotated end-over-end at 4°C for 1 h then quickly washed three times with 100 µL
modRIPA. Enriched complexes were eluted from the bead by resuspending in 30 µL 3xSDS and heating to
95°C for 5 min.

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1134 **Cloning tdMCP-BRaf variant library**

1135 A site saturation mutagenesis library of BRaf consisting of variants at 79 chosen residues was purchased
1136 from Twist Bioscience. The double stranded DNA pool contained the entire 3xFlag-tdMCP-BRaf open
1137 reading frame with flanking 5' and 3' vector overlaps. The gene fragment library was cloned into the
1138 linearized attB vector using Gibson assembly.

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1140 To generate a linearized vector the following was combined and incubated at 37°C overnight: 2 µg attB
1141 library vector, 1.5 µL AflII (NEB cat#R0520S), 1.5 µL NheI-HF (NEB cat#R3131S), 5 µL CutSmart 10x buffer,
1142 nuclease-free water to 50uL. The next day, 2.5 µL recombinant shrimp alkaline phosphatase (NEB
1143 cat#M0371S) was added and incubated at 37°C for 2 hrs. Digested DNA was run on a 1% agarose gel,
1144 extracted (Zymo cat#D4008), and eluted into 30 µL nuclease-free water.

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The gene fragment library was cloned into the linearized vector using a 1:2 molar ratio of vector:insert by
combining the following and incubating at 50°C for 1hr: 80ng linearized vector, 95ng gene fragment
library, 40 µL NEBuilder® HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix (NEB cat#E2621L), and nuclease-free water to
80uL. To estimate background transformants, a vector-only reaction was run in parallel using 80ng
linearized vector, 40 µL NEBuilder Master Mix, and water to 80 µL (no gene fragment library). After
incubation, reactions were cleaned (Zymo cat#D4014) and eluted into 20 µL nuclease-free water.

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Cleaned reactions were transformed into NEB® 5-alpha Competent E. coli (High Efficiency) (NEB
cat#C2987H) per the manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, 4 replicate transformations were performed on
the library, each using 40 µL cells and 4 µL cleaned gibson reaction and single replicate was performed in
parallel to estimate vector-only transformants. Cells were incubated with DNA on ice for 30 min, heat
shocked at 42°C for 30 sec, and put back on ice for 5 min. Subsequently, 760 µL SOC was added to each
replicate and cells were incubated at 37°C for 1 h at 220 rpm. All library replicates were then pooled and
added to 40 mL LB supplemented with 100 µg/mL carbenicillin (Fisher cat#BP2648250). From this culture,
200uL, 20uL, and 2 µL was plated onto carbenicillin-selective agar plates to estimate transformants. 200
µL vector-only was also plated onto agar to estimate background. The 40 mL liquid culture was grown
overnight to saturation at 37°C and 220rpm. The following day DNA was harvested (Qiagen cat#12145).
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1164   Variant library was barcoded and bottlenecked to desired number of transformants as described in
1165   'Generating single protein variant barcode libraries'.
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Cloning untagged BRaf variant library
To clone a BRaf variant library without the 3xFlag-tdMCP fusion, the attB 3xFlag-tdMCP-BRaf variant
library (containing a single barcode) was digested by combining the following and incubating overnight at
37°C: 2 µg plasmid + 5 µL CutSmart buffer (10x) + 2 µL AflII (NEB cat# R0520S) + 2 µL BlpI (NEB cat# R0585S)
+ nuclease-free water to 50 µL. The next day, 1 µL recombinant shrimp alkaline phosphatase (NEB
cat#M0371S) was added to the reaction and incubated at 37°C for 1hr. The digest was run on a 1% agarose
gel, the correct fragment extracted (Zymo cat#D4008), then eluted into 30 µL nuclease-free water.
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To generate a double stranded bridging fragment the following was combined: 1 µg (36.1pmol) JJS6 +
870ng (36pmol) JJS7 + 5 µL NEBuffer 2 (10x) + nuclease-free water to 48uL. Oligos were annealed by
denaturing at 94°C for 5 min, ramping 0.1°C/s to 65.5°C (Tm), holding at 65.5°C for 5 min, then ramping
0.1°C/s to 37°C and holding. 1 µL dNTP's (10mM each, NEB cat#FERR0192) and 1 µL Klenow polymerase
(NEB cat#M0210S) was added to the annealed oligos. Oligos were extended by incubating at 37°C for 1hr,
inactivating the enzyme at 75°C for 20 min, re-annealing the DNA by ramping 0.1°C/s to 42°C, then holding
at 4°C. DNA was cleaned and concentrated (Zymo cat#D4014), then eluted into 30 µL nuclease-free water.
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1183   Digested variant library was re-circularized using gibson assembly at a 1:5 molar ratio of vector:bridge as
1184   recommended by the manufacturer. Briefly, the following was combined and incubated at 50°C for 1hr:
1185   200ng (5 µL) digested vector, 20ng (2 µL) dsBridge, 13 µL nuclease-free water, 20 µL 2x HiFi DNA Assembly
1186   master mix (NEB cat#E2621L). After incubation, reactions were cleaned (Zymo cat#D4014) and eluted into
1187   20 µL nuclease-free water.
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1189   Cleaned gibson reactions were transformed into NEB® 5-alpha Competent E. coli (High Efficiency) (NEB
1190   cat#C2987H), transformants enumerated, and DNA harvested as described in 'Cloning MCP-tagged gene
1191   library into attB library vector'.
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1193   Variant library was barcoded and bottlenecked to desired number of transformants as described in
1194   'Generating single protein variant barcode libraries'.
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Generating variant library cell lines
Barcoded libraries were stably recombined into the HEK293 RPLP cell line, maintained in high glucose
DMEM (Fisher cat #11-965-118) supplemented with 10% FBS and 2 µg/mL doxycycline (Sigma cat#D9891).
The day before transfection RPLP cells were plated into two 15cm dishes using DOX-free media (+10%
FBS) to reach ~85% confluent during transfection. On the day of transfection, media was replaced with
dox-free DMEM (+10% FBS) supplemented with 100nM SCH772984. Transfection mixes were prepared by
combining per 15cm dish: 16.5 µg attB-plasmid library + 3 µg pCAG-NLS-Bxb1 + 2 µg pMAX-GFP + 2150 µL
serum-free DMEM + 80 µL FugeneHD (Promega cat# E2311), then incubated at room temperature for 15
min and added dropwise to cells. 48 hrs after transfection cells were expanded and maintained in DMEM
(+10% FBS) supplemented with 2 µg/mL doxycycline and 100nM SCH772984 moving forward. 4 days after

transfection cells were further expanded and a sample analyzed by flow cytometry to quantify
recombination efficiency via the mCherry reporter. 6 days after transfection, selection was initiated by
supplementing media with 10nM AP1903. After 6 hrs, media was replaced with fresh +AP1903 media. 24
hrs after initiating selection, cells were further expanded in media supplemented with 1 µg/mL puromycin
(+2 µg/mL DOX, +100nM SCH772984) until ready to freeze aliquots.
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Generating barcode sequence:protein variant map
Barcoded variant libraries were digested overnight with SpeI-HF (NEB cat # R3133S) and NheI-HF (NEB
cat# R3131S) then submitted to University of Washington PacBio Sequencing Services for further
processing. Briefly, PacBio libraries were generated with the SMRTbell Library Prep kit (Pacific Biosciences)
and sequenced on a Sequel II SMRT Cell 8M (Pacific Biosciences). Reads were processed using a custom
analysis pipeline available at https://github.com/shendurelab/AssemblyByPacBio to identify and link
genes with associated barcodes. Enrich2 was used to convert DNA variants into protein coding mutations.
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Abundance assay
The day before transfection MCP-tagged BRaf variant library cells were plated into 4x15cm at ~45%
confluent. The next day, each plate of cells was transfected with 17 µg (pCDNA5) Myc-tdMCP-SNAP + 1.7
µg (pMAX) GFP + 70 µL Fugene HD (Promega cat# E2311) + 935 µL serum-free DMEM. 48 hrs after
transfection, cells were trypsinized and combined into two aliquots (2x15cm plates per aliquot). Each
aliquot of cells was fully resuspend in 2 mL cold resuspension buffer, which is modRIPA without detergent
supplemented with dummy barcode to minimize off-target barcode enrichment (50mM Tris pH=7.6,
150mM NaCl, 10mM NaF, 4mM $MgCl_2$, 5% glycerol, Halt protease inhibitor tablet (1 tablet/50mL, Fisher
cat# A32965), 2mM PMSF, RiboLock RNase Inhibitor (4uL/mL, Fisher cat#FEREO0382), 100ng/µL total RNA
containing dummy barcode). To lyse the resuspended cells, an equal volume of lysis buffer (50mM Tris
pH=7.6, 150mM NaCl, 10mM NaF, 4mM $MgCl_2$, 5% glycerol, Halt protease inhibitor tablet (1 tablet/50mL,
Fisher cat# A32965), 2mM PMSF, RiboLock RNase Inhibitor (4uL/mL, Fisher cat#FEREO0382), 0.2% NP40)
was added. Lysates were cleared by centrifugation at 17,000g, 4°C, 10 min then each sample was split into
1.2 mL and 2.8 mL aliquots and combined with 120 µL anti-flag beads (washed, Sigma cat#M8823) or 140
µL anti-myc beads (washed, CST cat#5698S) respectively. Lysates were rotated end-over-end at 4°C for 3
hrs to capture protein. The beads were subsequently washed 3 times with cold wash buffer (50mM Tris
pH=7.6, 150mM NaCl, 10mM NaF, 4mM $MgCl_2$, 5% glycerol, 0.1% NP40) then resuspended in 75 µL
nuclease-free water and 300 µL TRIzol and stored at -20.
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Activity assay
Anti-pErk beads were generated by combining the following components the day before enrichment and
rotating end-over-end at 4°C until ready to use: 350 µL protein A beads (CST cat# 73778L) + 350 µL Tris
buffered saline + 70 µL anti-pErk antibody (CST cat# 4370L).
To prepare libraries, untagged BRaf variant library cells were plated into two 15 cm dishes (+2 µg/mL DOX,
+100nM SCH772984) the day before transfection. On the day of transfection, the media was replaced with
fresh media without SCH772984. In activity scans run with overexpressed CRaf, each 15 cm plate was
transfected with 17 µg pcDNA5 CRaf-IRES-pErk reporter + 1.7 µg pMAX GFP + 70 µL Fugene HD (Promega
cat#E2311) + 950 µL serum-free DMEM. In scans run without overexpressed CRaf, cells were transfected

with 2 µg pcDNA5 pErk reporter + 14 µg empty plasmid + 1.6 µg pMAX GFP + 66 µL FugeneHD + 880 µL
serum free DMEM.
48 hrs after transfection, each plate of cells was trypsinized, washed once with DPBS, then fully
resuspended in 1 mL cold resuspension buffer supplemented with 1% each phosphatase inhibitor cocktails
2 and 3 (Sigma Cat #P5726 and P0044). To lyse the resuspended cells, an equal volume of lysis buffer was
added. The lysates were subsequently cleared by centrifugation at 17,000g, 4°C, 10 min then each sample
was split into 1.75 mL and 250 µL aliquots. 150 µL of anti-pErk beads or 25 µL anti-flag beads (Sigma
cat#M8823) were added to the 1.75 mL and 250 µL aliquots respectively. The lysates were incubated with
beads for 4 hrs at 4°C, rotating end-over-end. After enrichment, the beads were washed three times with
1 mL cold wash buffer, resuspended in 75 µL nuclease-free water and 300 µL TRIzol, then stored at -20.
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CRaf interaction assay
TurboID-CRaf was introduced to the tdMCP-BRaf variant library using lentivirus. To generate virus, one
10cm dish of HEK293T cells were transfected with 6 µg transfer plasmid pLJM1 Myc-TurboID-CRaf, EGFP-
IRES-BlastR + 3 µg pMDLg/pRRE-Gag & Pol + 1.5 µg pRSV-Rev + 1.5 µg VSV-G envelope + 42 µL Fugene 6
(Promega cat#E2691) + 600 µL serum-free DMEM. 48 hrs after transfection the media was collected and
filtered through a 0.4 µm frit. Half of the filtered media was applied to a 15cm dish of the tdMCP-BRaf
variant library. Prior to transduction, the variant library was supplemented with RPLP cells stably
expressing barcoded Flag-tdMCP-BTK at a frequency of 0.1% of the cell population. BTK barcodes were
used as an internal indicator of background labeling and non-specific enrichment. The transduced cell
population was maintained for 3 days in complete media (+2 µg/mL DOX, +100nM SCH772984)
supplemented with regular FBS. On day 3, the cells were transferred to media containing dialyzed FBS
(+DOX, +SCH772984). On day 4 the cells were plated into 2x15cm and 2x10cm dishes, each 50% confluent
in media without SCH772984. Drug treatment, biotin labeling and enrichments were performed on day 5.
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On day 5, cells were treated with DMSO (0.1% final concentration), 2 µM LXH254, or 5 µM Vemurafenib.
After 1 h incubation with drug, in-cell proximity labeling was performed by adding biotin to a final
concentration of 200 µM (0.15% DMSO final concentration). The cells were returned to the incubator for
7.5 min at which point the labeling was quenched by trypsinizing the cells, washing once with DPBS, then
proceeding immediately to cell lysis. The cells in the 10cm plates were not treated with biotin and were
reserved for flag enrichment.
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To lyse the cells, each cell pellet was first fully resuspended in 1mL (15 cm plates) or 500 µL (10 cm plates)
cold resuspension buffer. To initiate lysis, an equal volume of lysis buffer was added to the resuspended
cells. The resulting lysate was cleared by centrifugation at 17,000g, 4°C, for 10 min. To enrich biotin-
labeled variants, 2 mL of cleared lysate was combined with 100 µL streptavidin conjugated-beads (Fisher
cat# PI20361). 1 mL lysate from unlabeled plates was combined with 100 µL anti-flag beads (Sigma
cat#M8823). Samples were rotated end-over-end at 4°C for 1 h then the beads were washed 3 times with
1 mL cold wash buffer. After removing the buffer, the beads were resuspended in 75 µL water and 300 µL
TRIzol then stored at -20.
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Mek interaction assay

The day prior to transfection, MCP-tagged BRaf variant library cells were plated into two 15 cm dishes.
On the day of transfection cells were washed once with DPBS and plated with fresh media containing
DMEM supplemented with 10% dialyzed FBS (Sigma-Aldrich cat# F0392) and 2 µg/mL doxycycline +
100nM SCH772984. This variant library was also supplemented with RPLP cells stably expressing barcoded
Flag-tdMCP-BTK at a frequency of 0.1% of the population which was used as an internal metric of
background signal. The resulting mixed-population was transfected with 16 µg pcDNA5 TurboID-Mek1 +
1.6 µg pMAX GFP + 66 µL Fugene HD (Promega cat#E2311) + 880 µL DMEM. 24 hrs after transfection, the
culture was expanded to two 15 cm plates and two 10 cm plates in DMEM (+dialyzed FBS, +DOX, +100nM
SCH772984). 48 hrs after transfection biotin labeling was performed on the 15cm cultures. To label, cells
were incubated at 37°C in media supplemented with 250 µM biotin for 5 min. To halt labeling cells were
trypsinized, washed once with DPBS and immediately lysed.
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To lyse, the collected cells were first fully resuspended in 1 mL (15 cm plates) or 440 µL (10cm plates)
resuspension buffer. To lyse the resuspended cells, an equal volume of cold lysis buffer was added. The
resulting lysates were cleared by centrifugation at 17,000g, 4°C, 10 min. 100 µL streptavidin beads
(washed, Fisher cat# PI20361) was added to the 2 mL of supernatant corresponding to each biotin-labeled
replicate. 50 µL anti-flag beads (Sigma cat#M8823) were added to 800 µL of supernatant corresponding
to the unlabeled samples. Lysates were rotated end-over-end at 4°C for 45 min then beads were washed
3x1 mL using cold wash buffer. After washing, beads were resuspended in 75 µL nuclease-free water and
300 µL TRIzol then stored at -20.
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SJF0628 degradation assay
The reference, 2xMyc-tdMCP-SNAPtag, was introduced to the tdMCP-BRaf variant library using lentivirus.
To generate virus, five 10 cm dishes of HEK293T cells were each transfected with 6 µg transfer plasmid
pLJM1 2xMyc-tdMCP-SNAP, EGFP-IRES-BlastR + 3 µg pMDLg/pRRE-Gag & Pol + 1.5 µg pRSV-Rev + 1.5 µg
VSV-G envelope + 42 µL Fugene 6 (Promega cat#E2691) + 600 µL serum-free DMEM. 48 hrs after
transfection the media from each plate was collected, pooled, and filtered through a 0.4 µm frit. 6% of
the filtered media was applied to each of 9x15cm dishes of the tdMCP-BRaf variant library (+2 µg/mL DOX,
100nM SCH772984). 24 hrs after transduction, media was replaced with fresh media without Erk inhibitor
(+DOX, NO SCH772984). 48 hrs after transduction, cells were expanded to 12x15cm dishes and treated
with SJF0628 (+DOX, NO SCH772984). Final concentrations of SJF0628 were 2.5µM, 500nM, 100nM,
20nM, 4nM, DMSO only and two replicates were performed per drug concentration.
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20 hrs after treatment with SJF0628 each plate of cells was lysed. To start, each plate was trypsinized, the
media was removed, and cells were fully resuspended in 1 mL cold resuspension buffer. To lyse the
resuspended cells, an equal volume of lysis buffer was added. Lysates were cleared by centrifugation at
17,000g, 4°C, 10 min then each sample was split into 540 µL and 1260 µL aliquots and combined with 40
µL anti-flag beads (washed, Sigma cat#M8823) or 120 µL anti-myc beads (washed, CST cat#5698S),
respectively. Lysates were rotated end-over-end at 4°C for 3 hrs to capture protein. The beads were
subsequently washed 3 times with 1 mL cold wash buffer then resuspended in 75 µL nuclease-free water
and 300 µL TRIzol and stored at -20.
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Generating library sequencing amplicons

To prep barcodes for sequencing, RNA was extracted from the enrichment beads using IBI scientific TRI-Isolate RNA Pure Kit (VWR cat# 76006-526) and eluted into 50 µL nuclease-free water. RNA was further concentrated using Zymo RNA Clean & Concentrator (Zymo Research Cat #R1015), eluted into 10 µL nuclease-free water, and stored at -80°C. Following the manufacturer's instructions, concentrated RNA was reverse transcribed using SuperScript™ IV Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen Cat#18090010) and custom primer JJS1 (this manuscript). Briefly, primer/template mixes corresponding to a single library enrichment were generated by combining 7 µL concentrated RNA + 0.625 µL JJS1 (2uM) + 0.625 µL dNTP's (10mM ea.). The primer was annealed by heating mixes to 75°C for 5 min then set on ice. 0.625 µL DTT (0.1M) + 0.625 µL Ribolock RNase inhibitor (Fisher cat#FEREO0382) + 0.625 µL SSIV enzyme + 2.5 µL SSIV buffer were added to each reaction. cDNA was generated by heating reaction at 45°C for 30 min, 80°C for 10 min, then holding at 4°C.

cDNA was either stored at -20 or immediately used in PCR round #1 to generate double stranded DNA and add amplicon adapters. Briefly, each RT reaction was split into two PCR reactions. Each PCR reaction included 6.25 µL RT reaction + 2.5 µL JJS8 (10uM) + 2.5 µL JJS9-JJS15 (10uM) + 13.75 µL nuclease-free water + 1.5 µL DMSO + 25 µL Q5® Hot Start High-Fidelity 2X Master Mix (NEB cat #M0494). Cycling included 98°C for 30s, five cycles of (98°C for 10s > 64°C for 20s > 72°C for 30s), 72°C for 2 min, and 4°C hold. Replicate reactions were pooled then cleaned with Sera-Mag Select beads (Cytiva #29343052) using a 2.5:1 ratio of beads:reaction and eluted using 20 µL nuclease-free water. Illumina adapters were added in a second round of PCR. This reaction included 5-20 µL of cleaned reaction #1 + 2.5 µL JJS16-JJS23 (10uM) +2.5 µL JJS24 (10uM) + 0.5 µL 10x Sybr gold (Fisher cat#S11494) + 25 µL Q5 MM + 1.0 µL DMSO + nuclease-free water to 51.5uL. PCR cycling included one round at 98°C for 30s, then cycling at (98°C for 10s > 63°C for 20s > 72°C for 30s). Reaction progress was monitored on a BioRad CFX Connect and stopped when RFU reached ~3,000 (10-15 cycles). Amplicons were pooled based on final RFU values, separated by gel electrophoresis and the band at ~220bp excised using Freeze 'N Squeeze™ DNA Gel Extraction Spin Columns (Biorad cat#7326166). The DNA was further concentrated using Zymo DNA clean and concentrate columns (Zymo cat#D4014) and quantified using Qubit™ dsDNA HS Assay Kit (Fisher cat#Q32851). Amplicons were sequenced on a NextSeq™ 550 or 2000 using custom primers JJS25-28, 16 cycle paired-end reads and 8 cycle dual indexing.

Sequencing

Amplicons were sequenced on a NextSeq 500 using a NextSeq 500/550 High Output v2.5 75 cycle kit (Illumina cat #20024906) or on a NextSeq 2000 using a NextSeq 1000/2000 P2 Reagents 100 cycle kit (Illumina cat #20046811). Barcodes were read twice by the paired-end sequencing primers JJS25 and JJS26. Dual indices were sequenced using JJS27 and JJS28. Sequencing reads were converted from BCL to FASTQ format and de-multiplexed using bcl2fastq. Paired sequencing reads were joined by PANDAseq (v2.11) using BFSRKM assembly.

Calculating variant scores and classifications

Scripts used to filter barcodes and calculate scores are available on the GitHub repository (see URLs section). Frequency values for each barcode in an experiment (F_b) were generated by calculating the sum

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1375 all barcodes and enrichments.

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$$F_b = \frac{C_{enrichment\ 1} + C_{enrichment\ 2} + C_{enrichment\ 3} + C_{enrichment\ 4}}{\Sigma C_{enrichment\ 1} + \Sigma C_{enrichment\ 2} + \Sigma C_{enrichment\ 3} + \Sigma C_{enrichment\ 4}}$$

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1379 For example, in pErk experiments with two replicates there would be four enrichments including two
1380 selective anti-pErk immunoprecipitations and two normalizing anti-flag immunoprecipitations. This
1381 frequency calculation was performed for each experiment.

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These frequency values were used to filter out low-frequency barcodes which we reasoned would
contribute undue levels of counting noise. To determine a frequency cutoff for each experiment, we
started with the assumption that accurate synonymous wild type variant scores should form a
symmetrical distribution centered at the wild type score. Note, in all experiments wild type was
overrepresented with approximately 80 barcodes and therefore the wild score was assumed to be highly
accurate. In each experiment we evaluated the impact of a range of minimum F_b thresholds on the width
and central tendency of the distribution of synonymous wild-type scores by excluding barcodes falling
below the specified minimum. The selected threshold F_b values, which were unique to each experiment,
minimized the skew of the synonymous distribution while retaining most variants.

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1393 For pErk enrichments, an additional filter was applied that removed all barcodes containing the motif
1394 'ATAAA' or 'ATTAA' from our analyses. When compared to other barcodes mapped to the same variant,
1395 sequences containing these motifs were disproportionately enriched suggesting they were being directly
1396 enriched by the anti-pErk antibody.

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1398 To generate variant scores, we first calculated a ratio for each barcode (r_b) that passed the filters above.
1399 For activity scans, the ratio ($r_{b,act}$) was the barcode count observed in the selective pErk enrichment (C_{pErk})
1400 normalized to the barcode count observed by enriching all pErk reporter through Flag (C_{Flag}).

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$$r_{b,act} = \frac{C_{pErk}}{C_{Flag}}$$

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1403 The interaction scan barcode ratio ($r_{b,int}$) was the barcode count observed in the selective streptavidin
1404 enrichment (C_{Strept}) normalized to the barcode count observed after enriching all variants through Flag
1405 (C_{Flag}).

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$$r_{b,int} = \frac{C_{Strept}}{C_{Flag}}$$

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1408 The abundance barcode ratio ($r_{b,ab}$) was the barcode count from the variant enrichment (C_{Flag}) divided by
1409 the barcode count from the tdMCP standard enrichment (C_{Myc}).

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$$r_{b,ab} = \frac{C_{Flag}}{C_{Myc}}$$

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1413 In activity, interaction, and abundance assays the variant score (S_{Var}) is the mean r_b across all barcodes
1414 mapped to the variant ($r_{b,Var}$) normalized to the mean wild type barcode ratio (r_{WT}).

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$$S_{Var} = \frac{r_{b,Var}}{r_{WT}}$$

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1418 Using these definitions, the wild type score is always set at 1. Scores greater than 1 indicate variants with
1419 increased activity, interactions, or abundance. Conversely, scores less than 1 indicate variants with
1420 decreased activity, interactions, or abundance.

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1422 For each scan the distribution of synonymous wild type variant scores was used to classify each variant.
1423 First, we calculated a cutoff value defined as two standard deviations from the mean of the synonymous
1424 distribution ($2SD_{synon}$). Next, using the wild type score (1) we defined upper and lower threshold values as

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$$upper\ threshold\ =\ 1\ +\ 2SD_{synon}$$
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$$lower\ threshold\ =\ 1\ -\ 2SD_{synon}$$

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1429 Variants with scores greater than the upper threshold value were classified as 'increased abundance',
1430 'increased activity', or 'increased interaction'. Variants with scores lower than the threshold value were
1431 classified as 'decreased abundance', 'decreased activity', or 'decreased interaction'. Variants with scores
1432 that fell between the threshold values were classified as 'Wild Type-like'.

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1434 **Hierarchical clustering**
1435 To cluster residues by their biochemical properties, we first transformed into zscores our CRaf interaction
1436 scores, Mek interaction scores, activity scores measured with CRaf, CRaf-promoted activity scores, and
1437 abundance scores. Residues were then clustered using an average distance calculation and giving equal
1438 weight to all variants across all scores.

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1440 **Logistic modeling**
1441 The growth factor-independent proliferation predictive model was built using the scikit-learn
1442 LogisticRegression package and liblinear solver. Model features were z score-transformed LABEL-seq
1443 activity scores, CRaf interaction scores, Mek1 interaction scores, abundance scores, and CRaf-promoted
1444 activity.

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The model built to predict variant sensitivity to SJF028 degradation was created using the scikit-learn
LogisticRegression package with the liblinear solver. While training the model, 20% of the data was
reserved for model evaluation. Model features were z score-transformed LABEL-seq activity scores, CRaf-
promoted activity, CRaf interaction scores, Mek1 interaction scores, abundance scores, Vemurafenib-
promoted heterodimerization scores, and LXH254-promoted heterodimerization scores. Predicted values
were LABEL-seq SJF0628 degradation classifications.

Data and code availability

Sequencing data is available in the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) under accession number #########.

Scripts written for parsing data and plotting figures are available on Github

(http://github.com/MalyLab/########). The code used for PacBio subassembly is also available on Github

(https://github.com/shendurelab/AssemblyByPacBio).

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