

Figure S1. CRISPR screen identifies essential genes for the survival of B-ALL cells. (Related to Figure 1)

(A) The lentiviral transduction efficiency of sgRNA library in CRISPR screen using SUP-B15 Cas9 single clones.

(B) The distribution of sgRNA read counts in the NGS samples collected at the "initial" and "final" points of CRISPR screen using KOPN-8 Cas9 single clones.

(C) The distribution of sgRNA read counts in the NGS samples collected at the "initial" and "final" points of CRISPR screen using SUP-B15 Cas9 single clones.

(D) PCA analysis of NGS samples collected at the "initial" and "final" points of CRISPR screen using KOPN-8 Cas9 single clones.

(E) PCA analysis of NGS samples collected at the "initial" and "final" points of CRISPR screen using SUP-B15 Cas9 single clones.

(F) The CRISPR scores of sgRNAs targeting the 36 RNA and DNA methylation machineryassociated genes in CRISPR screen using KOPN-8 Cas9 single clones. The CRISPR scores have been normalized against the mean score of the negative control sgRNAs (set at 0.0).

(G) The CRISPR scores of sgRNAs targeting the 36 RNA and DNA methylation machineryassociated genes in CRISPR screen using SUP-B15 Cas9 single clones. The CRISPR scores have been normalized against the mean score of the negative control sgRNAs (set at 0.0).

(H) Read counts of the 25 sgRNAs targeting ZNF217 in KOPN-8 Cas9 Clone #2.

(I) Read counts of the 25 sgRNAs targeting ZNF217 in SUP-B15 Cas9 Clone #1.

(J) Read counts of the 25 sgRNAs targeting ZNF217 in SUP-B15 Cas9 Clone #2.

(K) Expression of ZNF217 across different B-ALL subtypes and in healthy bone marrow. ZNF217 expression data were sourced from the Microarray Innovations in Leukemia (MILE) study (accession GSE13159). n = 70 for MLL-r; n = 122 for BCR-ABL1; n = 237 for BCR-ABL1-like; n = 40 for hyperdiploid; n = 36 for TCF3-PBX1; n = 58 for ETV6-RUNX1; n = 73 for healthy BM.

The p values were calculated using a two-tailed *t*-test. ** p < 0.01; *** p < 0.001.



Figure S2. *ZNF217* KO efficacy in B-ALL cells, and effects of *ZNF217* KD and OE on B-ALL cell growth and/or apoptosis. (Related to Figure 2)

(A) KO efficacy of the 8 *ZNF217*-targeting sgRNAs, which were used in the growth competition assay, in KOPN-8 Cas9 cells.

(B) KO efficacy of the 8 *ZNF217*-targeting sgRNAs, which were used in the growth competition assay, in SUP-B15 Cas9 cells.

(C) ZNF217 KD efficacy in PDX2 B-ALL PDX cells.

(D) Effect of *ZNF217* KD on the growth of PDX2 B-ALL PDX cells as determined by MTT assay. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 4 biological replicates).

(E) ZNF217 KD efficacy in LAX7 B-ALL PDX cells.

(F) Effect of *ZNF217* KD on the growth of LAX7 B-ALL PDX cells as determined by MTT assay. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 4 biological replicates).

(G) ZNF217 KD efficacy in KOPN-8 B-ALL cells.

(H) Effect of *ZNF217* KD on the growth of KOPN-8 B-ALL cells as determined by MTT assay. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 4 biological replicates).

(I) ZNF217 KD efficacy in SUP-B15 B-ALL cells.

(J) Effect of *ZNF217* KD on the growth of SUP-B15 B-ALL cells as determined by MTT assay. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 4 biological replicates).

(K) Effect of *ZNF217* KD on the apoptosis of KOPN-8 B-ALL cells.

(L) Effect of *ZNF217* KD on the apoptosis of SUP-B15 B-ALL cells.

(M) ZNF217 OE efficacy in KOPN-8 B-ALL cells.

(N) Effect of *ZNF217* OE on the growth of KOPN-8 B-ALL cells as determined by MTT assay. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 4 biological replicates).

(O) *ZNF217* OE efficacy in SUP-B15 B-ALL cells.

(P) Effect of *ZNF217* OE on the growth of SUP-B15 B-ALL cells as determined by MTT assay.

Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 4 biological replicates).

The p values were calculated using a two-tailed *t*-test. ** p < 0.01; *** p < 0.001.



B-ALL Xenograft model (KOPN-8 Luc, 0.1 × 10⁶ / mouse)

Figure S3. The firefly luciferase efficacy in the donor cells of B-ALL PDX and xenograft models, and the effect of *ZNF217* depletion on *in vivo* B-ALL progression. (Related to Figure 3)

(A) The efficacy of firefly luciferase in IAH8R Luc cells. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 4 technical replicates).

- (B) The efficacy of firefly luciferase in the donor cells of B-ALL PDX model.
- (C) ZNF217 KD efficacy in IAH8R Luc cells.
- (D) The efficacy of firefly luciferase in KOPN-8 Luc cells. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 4 technical replicates).
- (E) The efficacy of firefly luciferase in the donor cells of B-ALL xenograft model.
- (F) ZNF217 KD efficacy in KOPN-8 Luc cells.

(G) Effect of *ZNF217* KD on leukemia burden in B-ALL xenograft model as determined by bioluminescence imaging.



Figure S4. The oncogenic role of ZNF217 in B-ALL is unlikely to be mediated through m⁶A-associated mechanisms.

(A) Exogenous Co-IP assay using KOPN-8 cells expressing Flag-tagged ZNF217 or an empty vector.

(B) Endogenous Co-IP assay using KOPN-8 cells.

(C) Endogenous Co-IP assay using SUP-B15 cells.

(D) Exogenous Co-IP assay using KOPN-8 cells expressing Flag-tagged METTL3 or an empty vector.

(E) ZNF217 KO efficacy in KOPN-8 Cas9 cells.

(F) Effect of *ZNF217* KO on FTO transcription in KOPN-8 cell, as determined by RT-qPCR. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 3 technical replicates).

(G) ZNF217 OE efficacy in KOPN-8 Cas9 cells.

(H) Effect of *ZNF217* OE on FTO transcription in KOPN-8 cell, as determined by RT-qPCR. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 3 technical replicates).

(I) Effect of ZNF217 KO on the global m⁶A level in the total RNA in KOPN-8 cells, as determined by dot blot assay.

(J) Effect of ZNF217 KO on the global m⁶A level in the mRNA in KOPN-8 cells, as determined by dot blot assay.

(K) Effect of ZNF217 OE on the global m⁶A level in the total RNA in KOPN-8 cells, as determined by dot blot assay.

(L) Effect of *ZNF217* KO on the global m⁶A level in the mRNA in KOPN-8 cells, as determined by UHPLC-QQQ-MS/MS assay. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 2 biological replicates).

(M) Effect of *ZNF217* OE on the global m⁶A levels in the total RNA and mRNA in KOPN-8 cells, as determined by UHPLC-QQQ-MS/MS assay. Data was presented as mean \pm SD (n = 3 biological replicates).

The p values were calculated using a two-tailed *t*-test. ns, not significant.





(A) The top 100 genes exhibiting co-dependency with *ZNF217* across 1,139 cancer cell lines. Data was retrieved from the DepMap portal. Co-dependency rankings are based on Pearson correlation coefficients between the genes' corresponding dependency scores.

(B) *CoREST* KO efficiency in KOPN-8 Cas9 and SUP-B15 Cas9 cells as determined by western blotting.

(C) *LSD1* KO efficiency in KOPN-8 Cas9 and SUP-B15 Cas9 cells as determined by western blotting.

(D) *HDAC1/HDAC2* KO efficiency in KOPN-8 Cas9 and the effect of *HDAC1/HDAC2* KO on H3K27ac deacetylation as determined by Western blotting. Quantification of H3K27ac levels is shown in red beneath the corresponding Western blot bands.

(E) The Chronos Dependency Scores of ZNF217, CoREST, LSD1, HDAC1, and HDAC2 in B-ALL cell lines. All the Chronos Dependency Scores were derived from the DepMap portal (<u>https://depmap.org/portal/</u>). n = 11 for each gene.

The p values were calculated using a two-tailed t-test. ns, not significant; * p < 0.05; ** p < 0.01.



Figure S6. Correlations between the CRISPR scores of ZNF217 sgRNAs and their ontarget efficacy scores. (Related to Figure 5)

(A) Correlation between the CRISPR scores of 416 *ZNF217* sgRNAs in KOPN-8 Cas9 single clones and their estimated on-target efficacy scores.

(B) Correlation between the CRISPR scores of 416 *ZNF217* sgRNAs in SUP-B15 Cas9 single clones and their estimated on-target efficacy scores.

On-target efficacy scores were predicted using the Genetic Perturbation Platform (<u>https://portals.broadinstitute.org/gpp/public/</u>).



Figure S7. Multiple-omics analysis of ZNF217 downstream targets in B-ALL cells (Related to Figure 6)

(A) The overlap of downregulated genes identified by RNA-seq and ZNF217-bound genes identified by CUT&RUN-seq.





Figure S8. FOS plays a tumor suppressor role in B-ALL. (Related to Figure 7)

(A) Effect of FOS OE on the colony-forming ability of KOPN-8.

(B) Effect of *FOS* OE on leukemia burden in B-ALL PDX recipient (NSG) mice, as determined by flow cytometry measuring the percentage of human CD19⁺ cells in the peripheral blood of recipient mice.