

CASE STUDIES HIGH THROUGHPUT SCREENING

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SCREENING PLATFORMS IN CHEMDIV

❑ Liquid Handling

⊕ Automated Work Stations (Beckman)

⊕ Assembly of Liquid handlers

- 96/384 tip heads: BiomekFX, BiomekNX (screening)
- 1-8 tip head - Biomek2000 (concentration curves)



SCREENING PLATFORMS IN CHEMDIV

Readout

• Plate readers

- Tecan M1000 infinite Pro, Tecan M200, VictorV3, VictorV3 light

• FLIPR Tetra (Molecular Devices)

• High Content Screening Platform:

- ImageXpress Micro Widefield High Content Screening System (Molecular Devices)

• Flow cytometry platform

- GUAVA EasyCyte Plus



ASSAY FORMATS

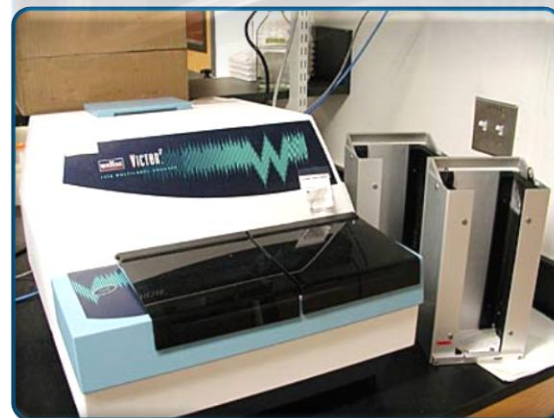
DETECTION FORMATS

- Fluorescence, including polarization, FRET, Alpha-screen etc.
- Luminescence
- Absorbance
- High Content Cell imaging
- Flow cytometry



ASSAY FORMATS

- Cells-based assays (FLIPR, LANCE, cytotox etc), including assays with primary cells culture (hepatocytes, PBMC etc)
- Homogeneous (mix and read)
- Heterogeneous (ELISA)



ASSAY TYPES

Biochemical

- Enzymes
 - ✓ Kinases
 - ✓ Phosphatases
 - ✓ Proteases etc.
- Protein-Protein interaction
- DNA modifying enzymes
- *other*

Cellular

- Receptors
 - ✓ GPCRs
 - ✓ Nuclear
- Reporter assays
 - ✓ Nuclear factors
 - ✓ Splicing
- Cell proliferation and cytotox
- Cytokines expression
- Cell imaging
- *Other*



SOME TARGETS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH

GPCRs

- Fatty acid receptors (GPR40, GPR119, GPR120, LPAR 1-3)
- Neuromediator receptors (GPR154, adenosinergic, 5HT 1A-1F, 5HT-4-7, Muscarinic, cGRP, others)
- Chemokine receptors (CXCRs)
- Peptide hormone receptors
- Protease-activated (PARs)
- Peptide hormone receptors (NPYR 1,2,5)

Kinases (ATP binding and non-ATP binding sites)

- Abl, Akt1-2, BRAF, CDLK1, GSK3B, EGFR, ErbB1[L858R], JAK2-3, PI3K, PDK1, IGF1R, VEGFRs, Pim1, PDK1, SGK1-3, others)

Ion channels (ligand- and potential-gated)

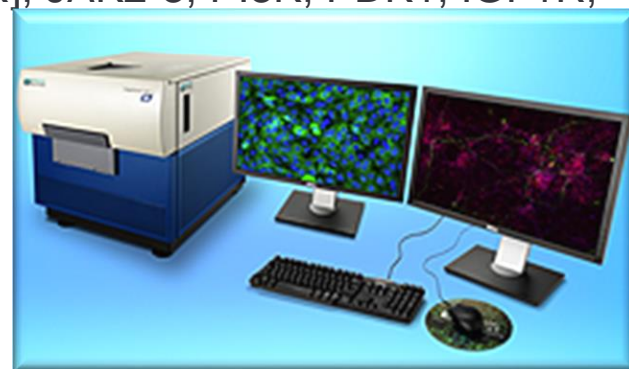
- TRPA1, 8, nAChR $\alpha 7$
- Na channels, Ca channels

Other targets

- Nucleases: APE1, Exo1, RAD51
- Deacetylases: HDAC1-11, SIRT1,2,6
- Pathways (Hh, WNT, Notch, CMA, Autophagy, Epigenetics)
- Arginase, PAI-1, PD-1/PD-L1 etc.
- Viral polymerases, proteases and others

Cell lines

- Multiple cell lines with endogenously and exogenously expressed receptors



SCREENING FLOW :

Screening/potency/specificity/cytotoxicity

1) Assay development and validation

2) HTS (single-points or duplicates)

- Multiple target classes
- Multiple readout technologies

3) Hit confirmation

- In duplicates from fresh powder

4) Potency

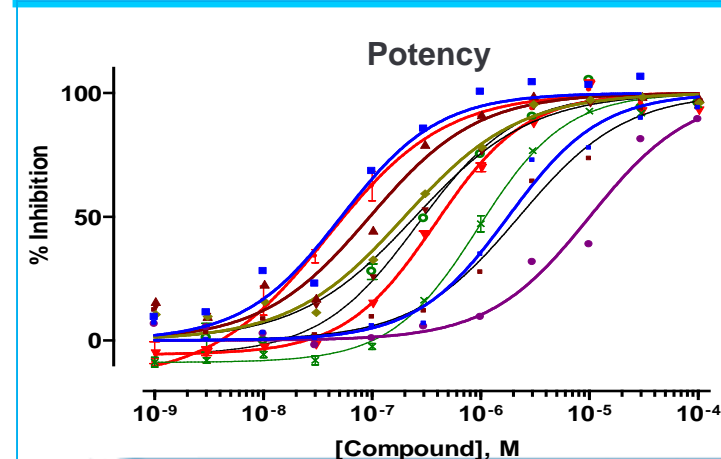
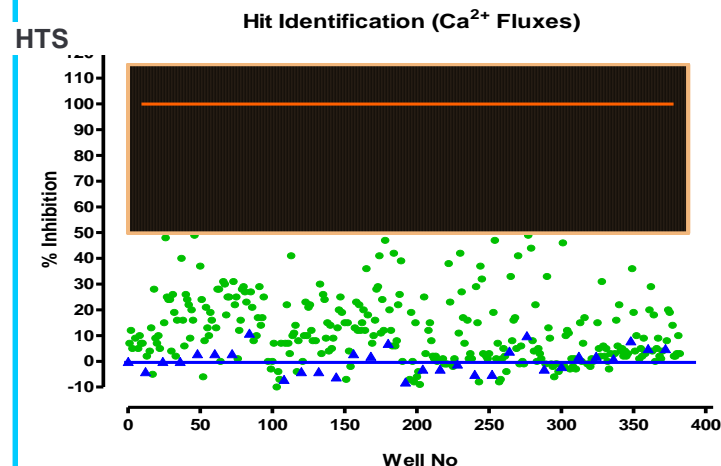
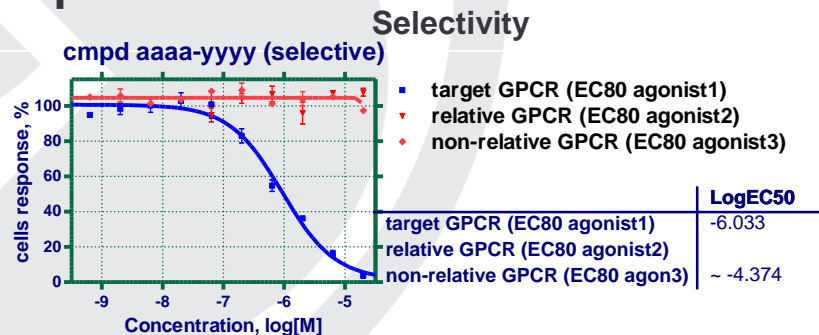
- Typically 10 concentration points in duplicates

5) Specificity and Selectivity

6) Secondary assays

7) Follow up

8) H2L optimization



Cell Based Assays

Case studies

GPCRs: ASSAY DEVELOPMENT

- ❑ Selection of cell line with endogenous xxx expression and Ca^{2+} response to agonist
- ❑ Optimization
 - ⦿ Agonist dose response curve
 - ⦿ Optimum plate type, cell density and FBS concentration (minimal acceptable concentration), HEPES presence (helpful in some cases)
 - ⦿ Optimum dye loading conditions: concentration/ $T^{\circ}\text{C}$ /time dependence/probenecid concentration (for cells like CHO)
 - ⦿ Optimum FLIPR conditions: solutions addition height and speed, mixing parameters
 - ⦿ DMSO tolerance
 - ⦿ Reagents stability at RT
- ❑ Validation
 - ⦿ NIH validation protocol
 - ⦿ Statistics (Z' -factor; S/B; S/N; %CV)
 - ⦿ Edge and drift effects

GPCRs: SCREENING

□ Primary screening

- Up to 10,000/day compounds at single concentration (typical, at 10 μ M)

□ Secondary screening

- Confirmation of cmpds which overcame the threshold in duplicate at same concentration

□ Determination of EC/IC50

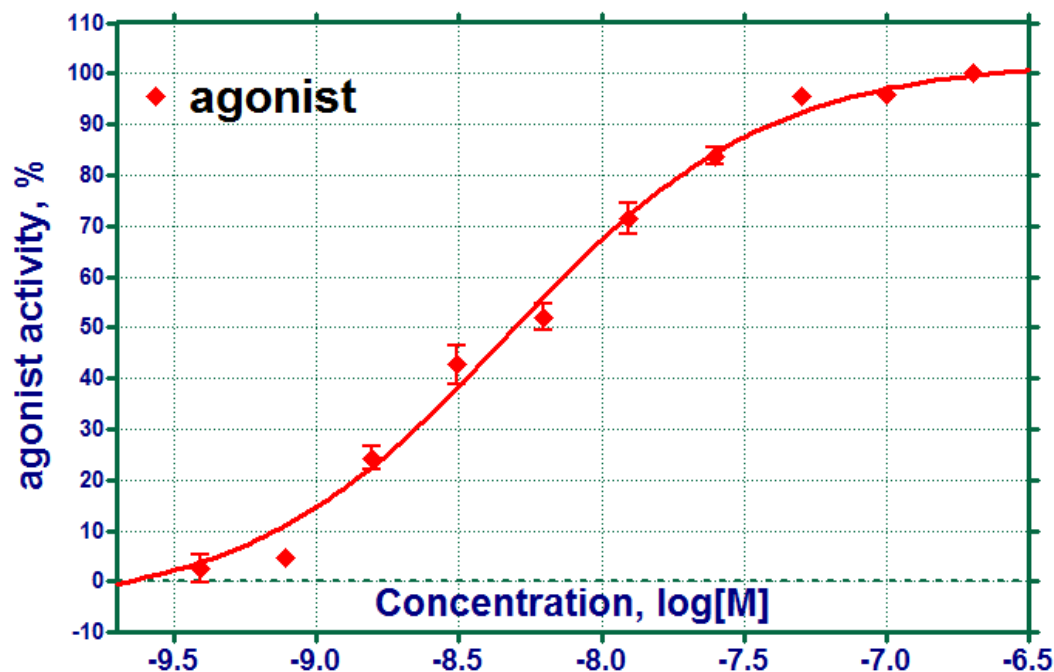
- Concentration response curves (CRCs) at concentration range (typical, 10 concentration point with dilution step 3.16 from 30 μ M to ~1nM)

□ Specificity and selectivity determination

- CRCs as in previous stage on cell lines with target and non-relative (for specificity) or relative (for selectivity) receptors

FLIPR:ASSAY DEVELOPMENT

agonist activity and concentration
selection for antagonist screening



	LogEC50	HillSlope	EC50
agonist	-8.329	0.9547	4.685e-009

EC80 selected for further assay development

FLIPR: ASSAY DEVELOPMENT

dye loading condition

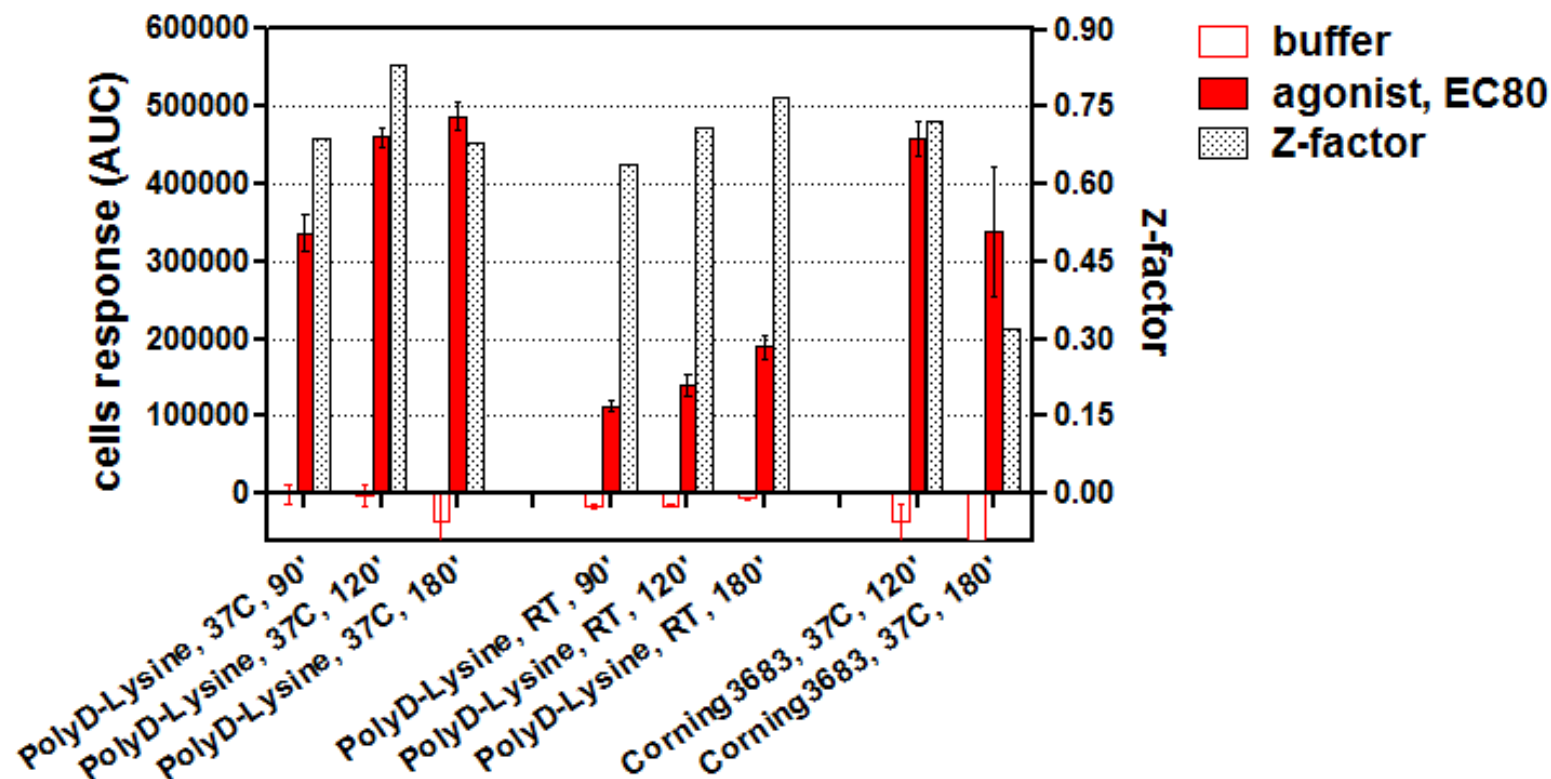
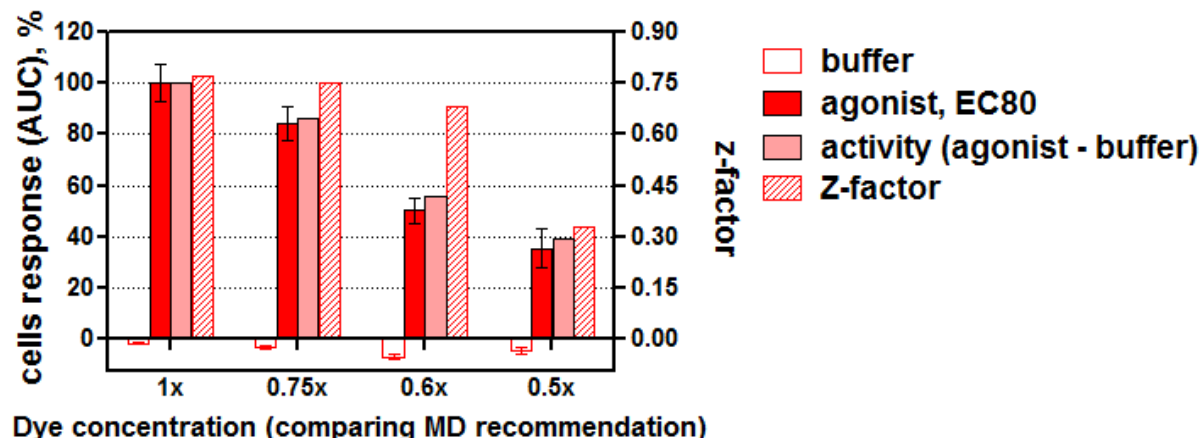


Plate type, loading temperature, loading time

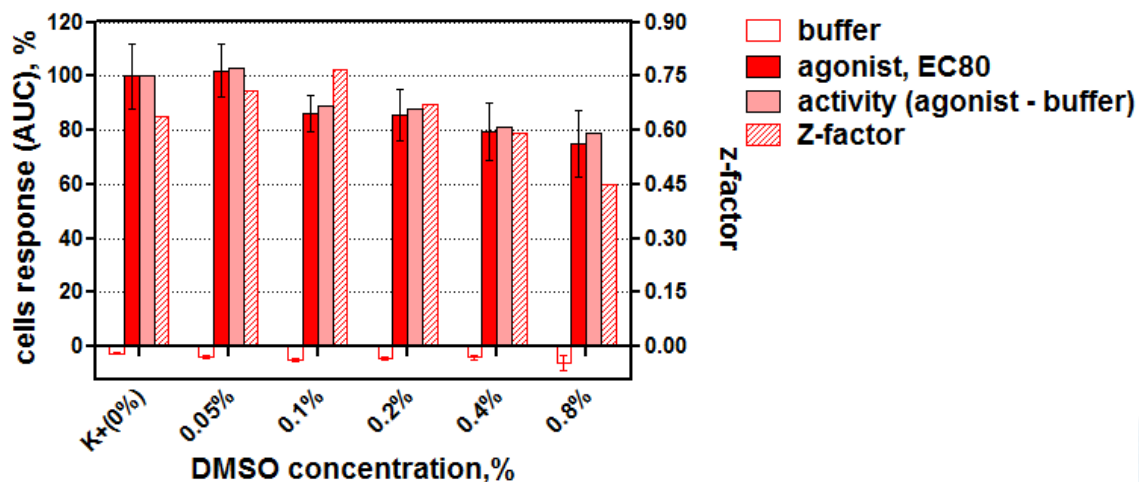
FLIPR: ASSAY DEVELOPMENT

DMSO tolerance and dye concentration

Dye concentration

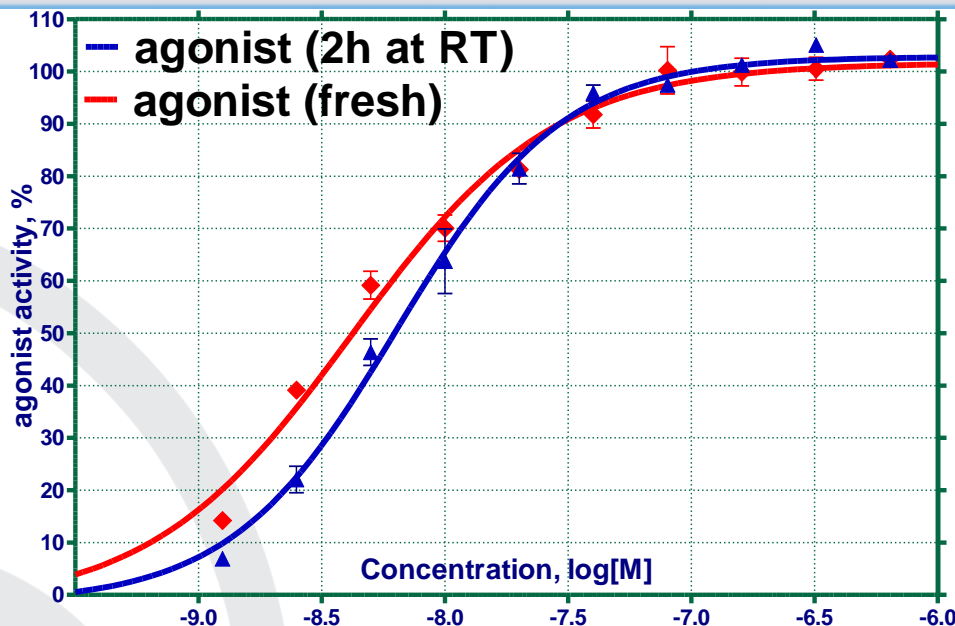


DMSO tolerance



FLIPR:ASSAY DEVELOPMENT

agonist stability



	LogEC50	HillSlope	EC50
agonist (fresh)	-8.379	1.066	4.179e-009
agonist (2h at RT)	-8.196	1.290	6.362e-009

- agonist is stable at EC80-EC90 during 2 hours and therefore may be used in HTS in this concentrations.
- For IDIP validation 40 nM and 4 nM of agonist could be used as high and medium concentration respectively

SUMMARY OF OPTIMAL ASSAY CONDITIONS

for CHO-xxx Cell Line

Steps to check		Conditions checked									
Cell incubation condition	Plate type	Corning, CellBind ^R Surface ^R					Poly-D-Lysine CELLCOAT® 384 well black µClear®				
	Medium	10% FBS	5% FBS		3% FBS		2% FBS	1% FBS		w/o FBS	
	cell concentration (cells/well)	6.000		8.000			12.000		16.000		
Cell-loading conditions	Loading temperature	RT					37 C				
	Loading time	1 hour		1.5 hours			2 hours		3 hours		
	Probenecid concentration	w/o probenecid		1.25 mM			2.5 mM		4 mM		
FLIPR condition	Addition height (µl)	24	25		26		27	28		30	
	Addition speed (µl/sec)	15					20				
	Pipetting	w/o pipetting			1 time			2 time			
DMSO tolerance, %		6.4	3.2	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.05	0.0025	0.00125
Acceptable conditions		Chosen optimal conditions									

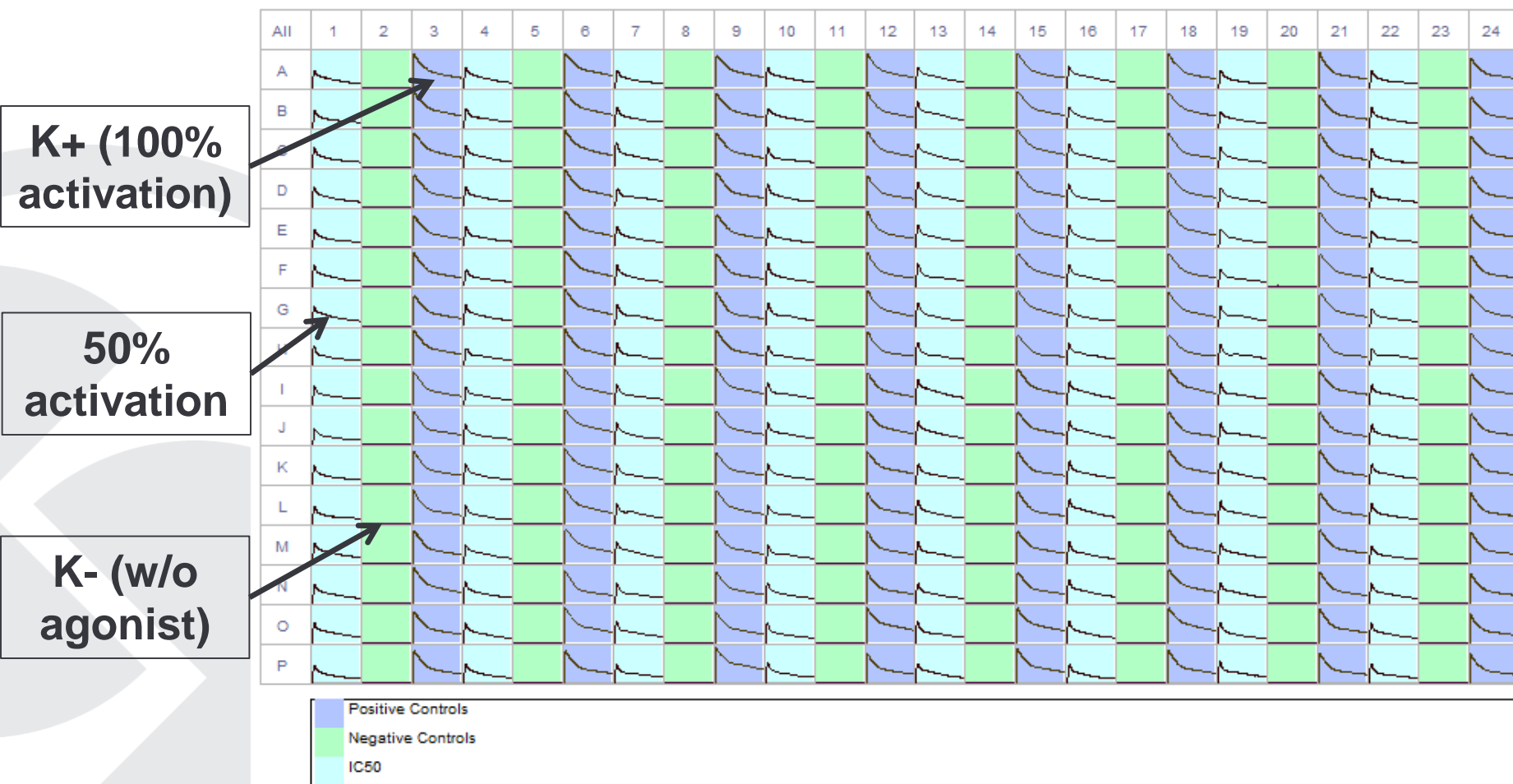
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for HEK293T-xxx Cell Line

Steps to check		Conditions checked							
Cell incubation condition	Plate type	Corning, CellBind ^R Surface ^R				Poly-D-Lysine CELLCOAT® 384 well black µClear®			
	Medium (with and w/o HEPES)	10% FBS	5% FBS	2% FBS with HEPES	2% FBS w/o HEPES	1% FBS with HEPES	1% FBS w/o HEPES	0% FBS with HEPES	0% FBS w/o HEPES
	cell concentration (cells/well)	10.000		15.000		20.000		30.000	
Cell-loading conditions	Loading temperature	RT				37 C			
	Loading time	1.5 hour			2 hours		3 hours		
	Dye concentration	1x		0.75x		0.6x		0.5x	
FLIPR condition	Addition height (µl)	35		40		45		50	
	Addition speed (µl/sec)	10		12		15		20	
	Pipetting	w/o pipetting		1 time			2 time		
	Pipetting height and volume (µl)	27 (25 µl)		32 (25 µl)		37 (25 µl)		42 (20 µl)	
	Pipetting speed (µl/sec)	15				20			
	DMSO tolerance, %	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.05		
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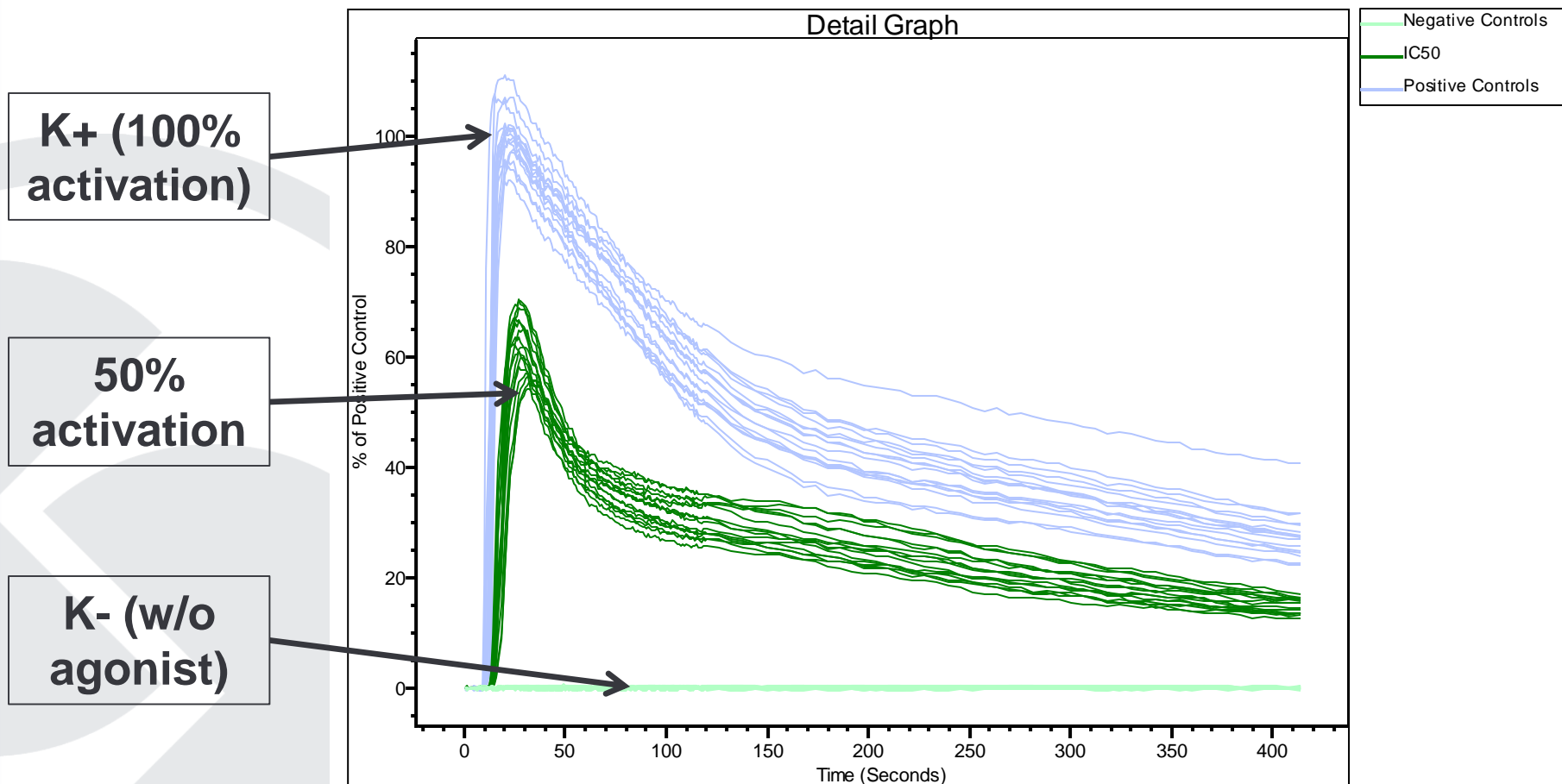
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(3 plates / 2 or 3 days), single plate example



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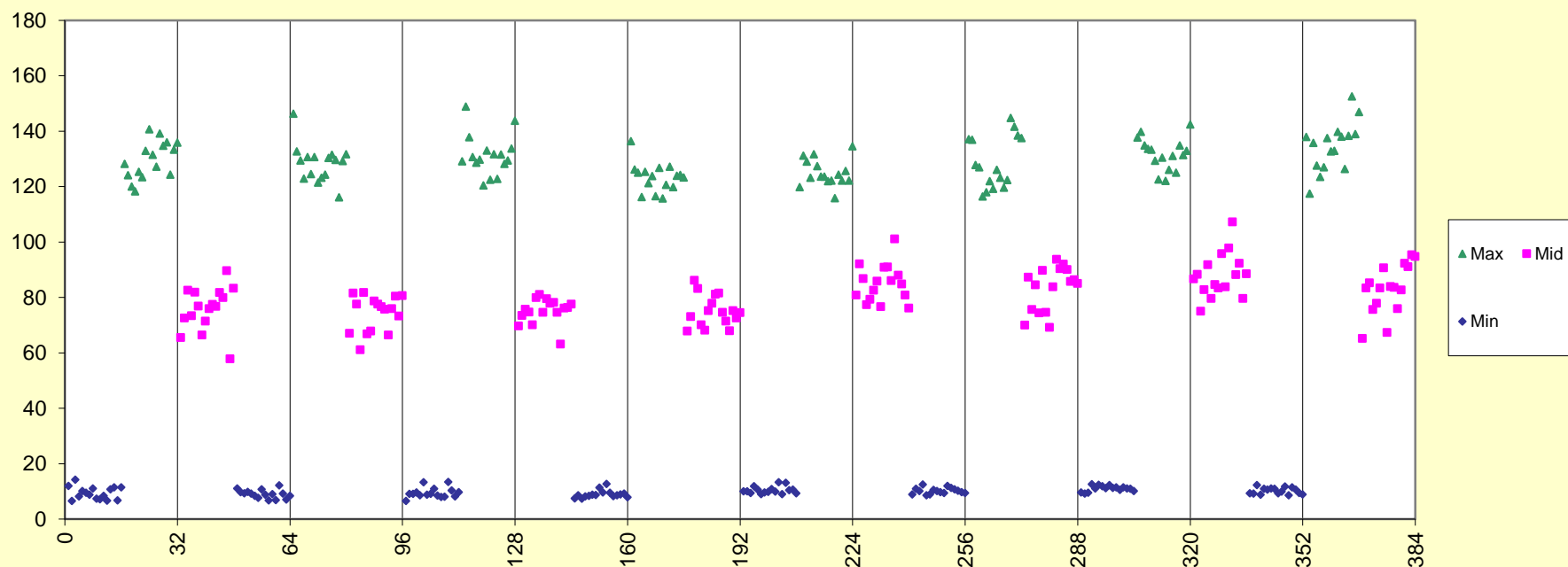
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Day 3 Plate 2



VALIDATION TEST CHECKLIST

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6	All SW's > 2	Yes
7	All Z' Factors > 0.4 (and < 1; must pass one of 6 or 7)	Yes
Inter-Plate Tests		
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GPCRs

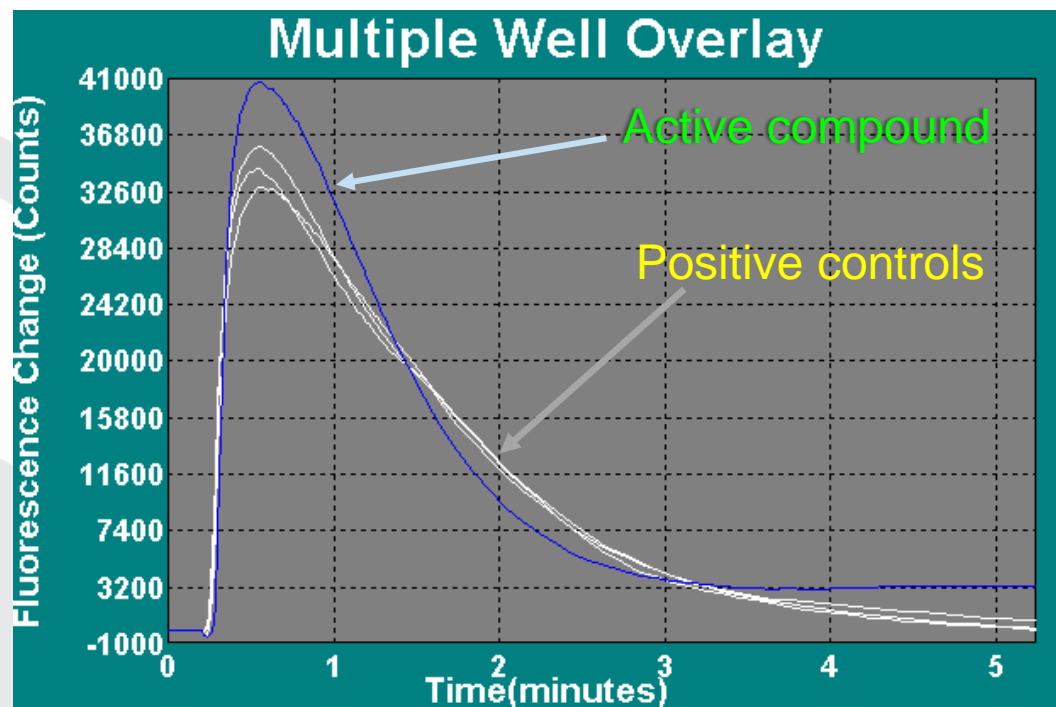
GPCR-X Agonists Screening Case Study

HTS CAMPAIGN (agonist screening)

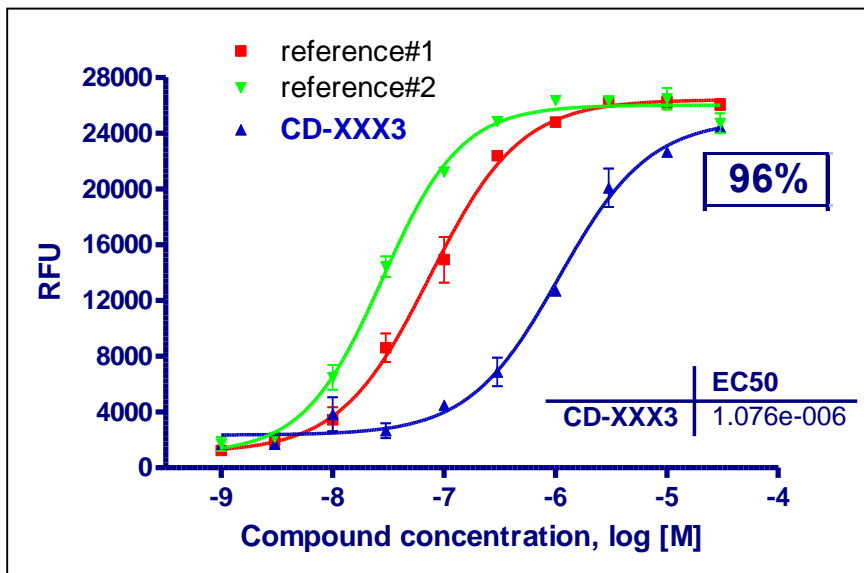
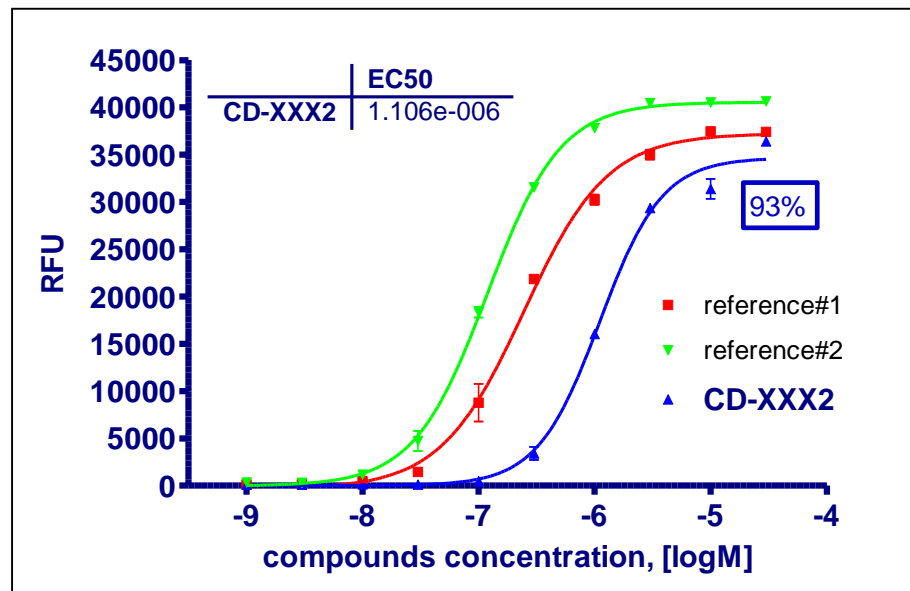
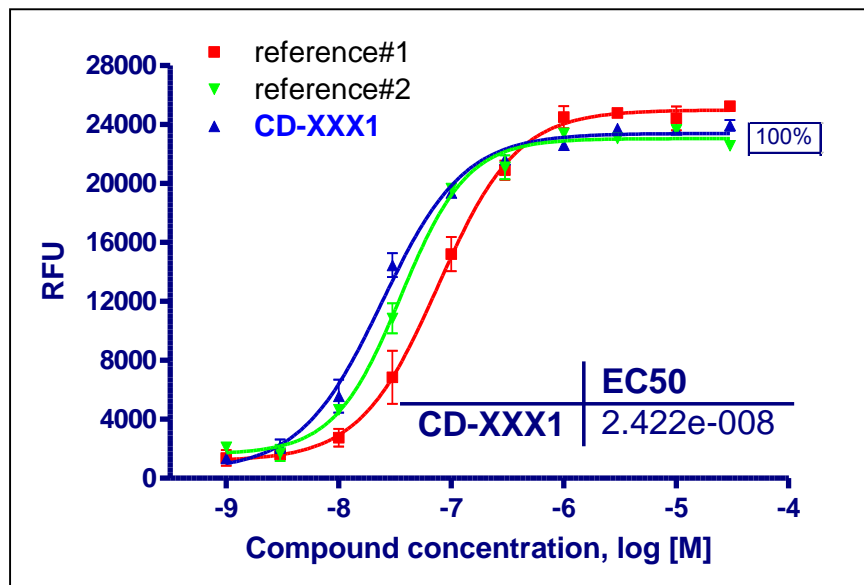
- Goal: Search for GPCR-X novel agonists
- Assay: Calcium Mobilization Assay (FLIPR platform)
- HTS-1 campaign (diverse library) and HTS-2 campaign (GPCR biased library)
 - *Hit Criteria:*
 - 1) Agonistic activity - more than 50% of positive control
 - 2) Maximal calcium spike at less than 60 sec
- Re-screen at 10 μ M in duplicates
- Counter screen
 - *Naïve CHO cell line*
- 127 compounds were confirmed (Hit rate - 0.39%)
 - *Potency profiling with $EC_{50} < 10\mu M$*
- 3 Series selected for follow-up MedChem campaign

EXAMPLES OF FLIPR CURVES

represent cellular Ca^{2+} response to agonists and compounds tested (agonist screening)



Confirmation of Hits (Examples)



- Novel hits from 5 different series were identified

GPCRs

GPCR-X Antagonists Screening Case Study



HTS SUMMARY (antagonist screening)

Primary screening

hit criteria: $\text{INH}\% > 50\% - 3 \times \text{SD}(\text{reference})$ and
 $\text{ACT}\% < 20\% + 3 \times \text{SD}(\text{buffer})$ at $10\mu\text{M}$

Rescreening

hit criteria: $\text{INH}\% > 50\% - 3 \times \text{SD}(\text{reference})$ in each replicate and
 $\text{ACT}\% < 20\% + 3 \times \text{SD}(\text{buffer})$ in each replicate at $10\mu\text{M}$

Counterscreening

hit criteria: $\text{INH}\% < 10\% + 3 \times \text{SD}(\text{non-relative GPCR})$ at $10\mu\text{M}$

Selectivity panel

hit criteria: $\text{INH}\%(\text{target GPCR}) > 50\%$ at $20\mu\text{M}$ with significant selectivity to
relative GPCR **and** non-relative GPCR

Target GPCR selective hits confirmed

85000



7839



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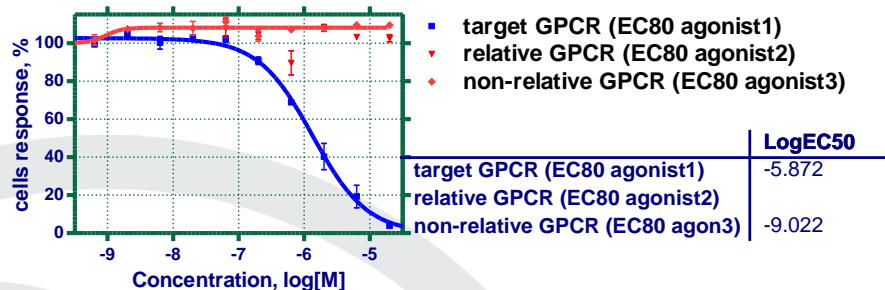
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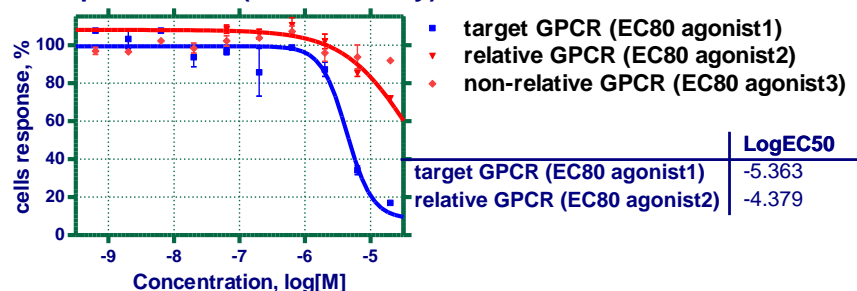
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HITS POTENCY PROFILING (antagonist screening)

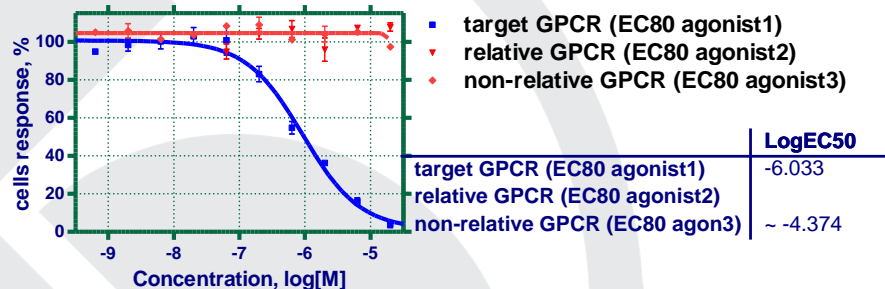
cmpd aaaa-xxxx (selective)



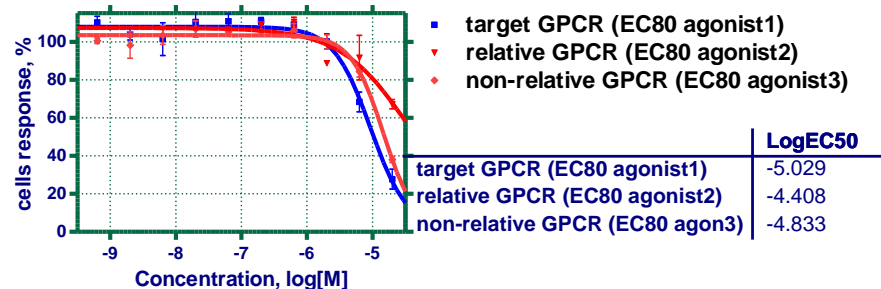
cmpd cccc-rrrr (low selectivity)



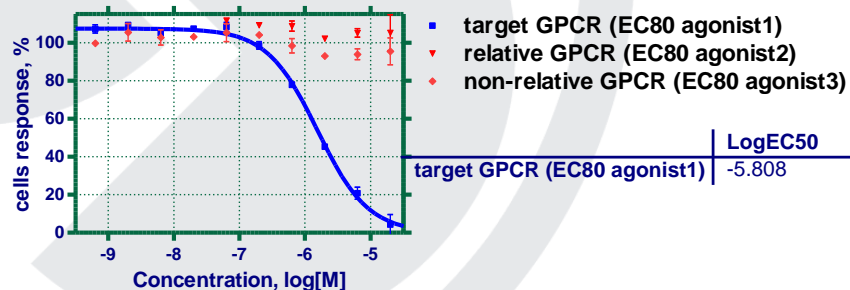
cmpd aaaa-yyyy (selective)



cmpd dddd-tttt (non-specific)



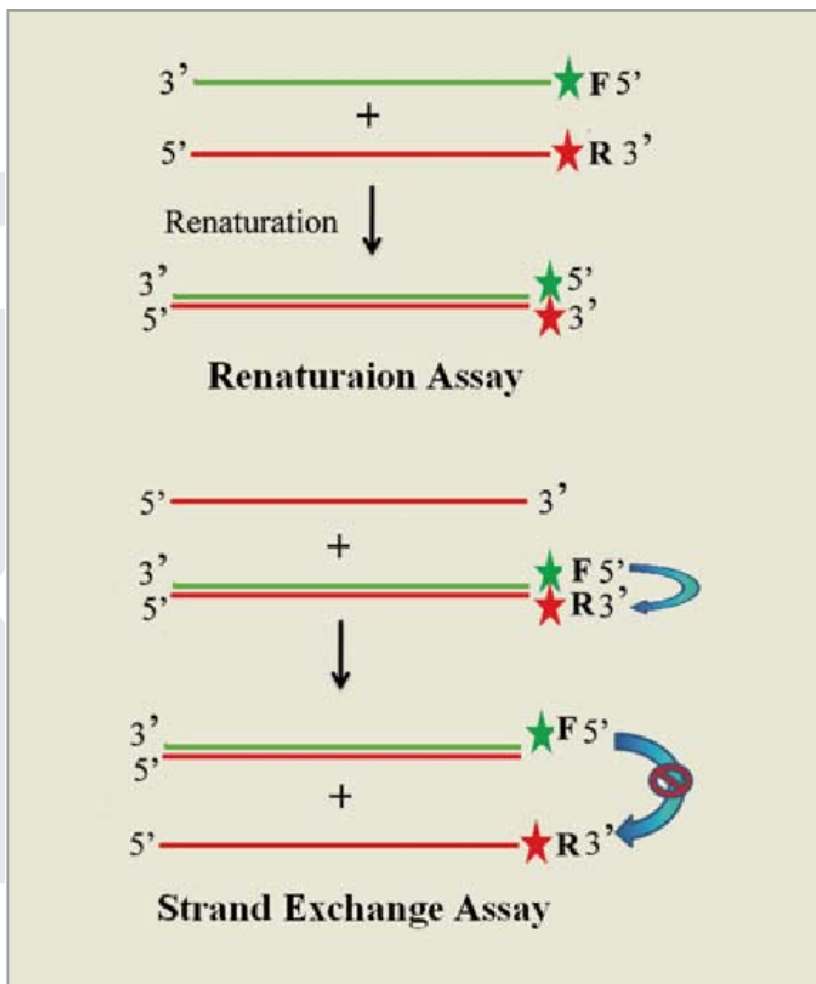
cmpd bbbb-zzzz (selective)



Enzymatic assay Case Study



Strand exchange assay successfully used in HTS

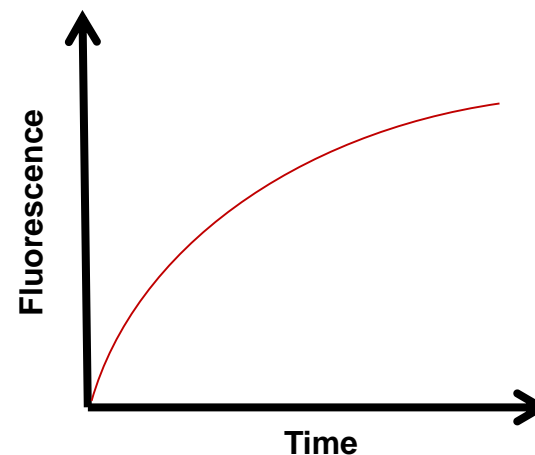
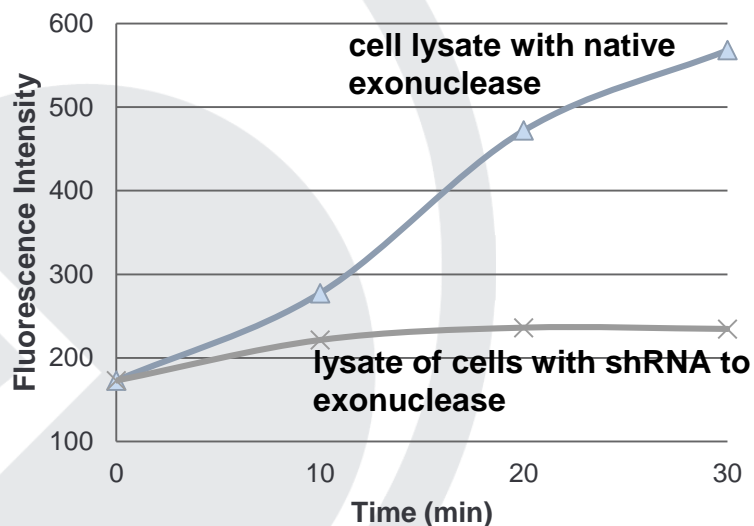
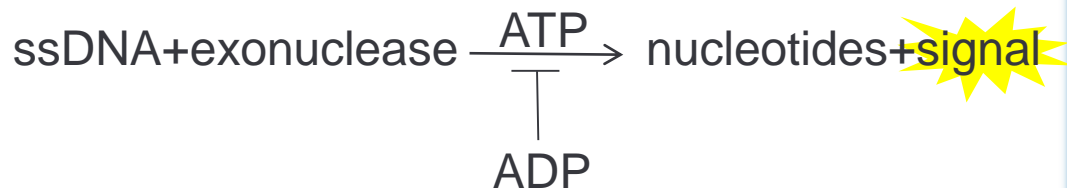
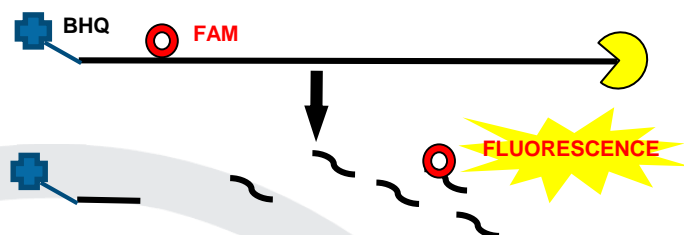


Enzymatic DNA repair assays

Schematic representation of renaturation and strand exchange assay monitored by FRET. Fluoresceine (F) and Rhodamine (R) used as a FRET pair in these assays. FRET in case of renaturation as both the dyes are juxtaposed after annealing and loss of FRET in case of strand exchange as F and R were separated as result of strand exchange was monitored.

Also fluorophore-quencher pair may be used in this assay (like FAM-BHQ1)

High throughput approach to measure exonuclease activity



HTS assay validation: plate uniformity and signal variability assessment (one of the assay)

Impact of Midpoint Percent Activity Change on Ratio of EC50/IC50/Ki

Mid %
data

	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3	Day Ave.
Day 1	75.61	79.47	78.24	77.77
Day 2	70.72	74.82	75.00	73.51

Mid % difference within Days

	Plate 1 - Plate 2	Plate 1 - Plate 3	Plate 2 - Plate 3
Day 1	-3.86	-2.63	1.23
Day 2	-4.10	-4.28	-0.18

Mid % difference between Days

Day 1 - Day 2
4.26

Typical Value for Slope of dose-response curve?

1

Ratio EC50/IC50/Ki within Days (larger over smaller)

	Plate 1 - Plate 2	Plate 1 - Plate 3	Plate 2 - Plate 3
Day 1	1.2	1.2	1.1
Day 2	1.2	1.2	1.0

Meets Criterion
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Ratio EC50/IC50/Ki between Days (larger over smaller)

Day 1 - Day 2
1.3

Meets Criterion

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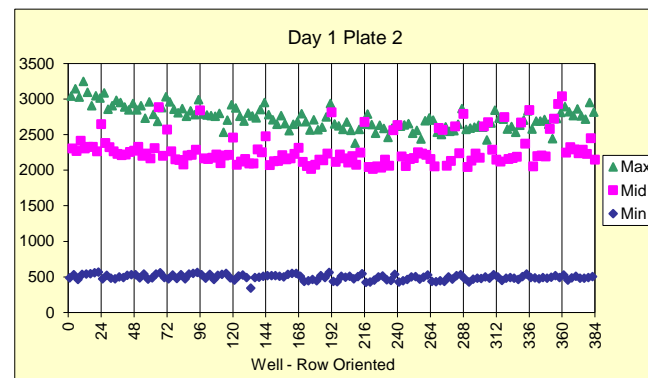
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Conclusions:

- 1) All assay parameters meets with criteria
- 2) Mean Z-factor in assay validation is 0.73, minimum is 0.67 (should be not less then 0.4)
- 3) No any significant trends effects was observed,
- 4) Some edge effect observed (see example of one of the plate above) but isn't crucial in this case (not exceed 5% of mean value) and anyway Z-factor still significantly higher then acceptable level without excluding of edge wells
- 5) Totally, assay may be used for searching inhibitor in HTS

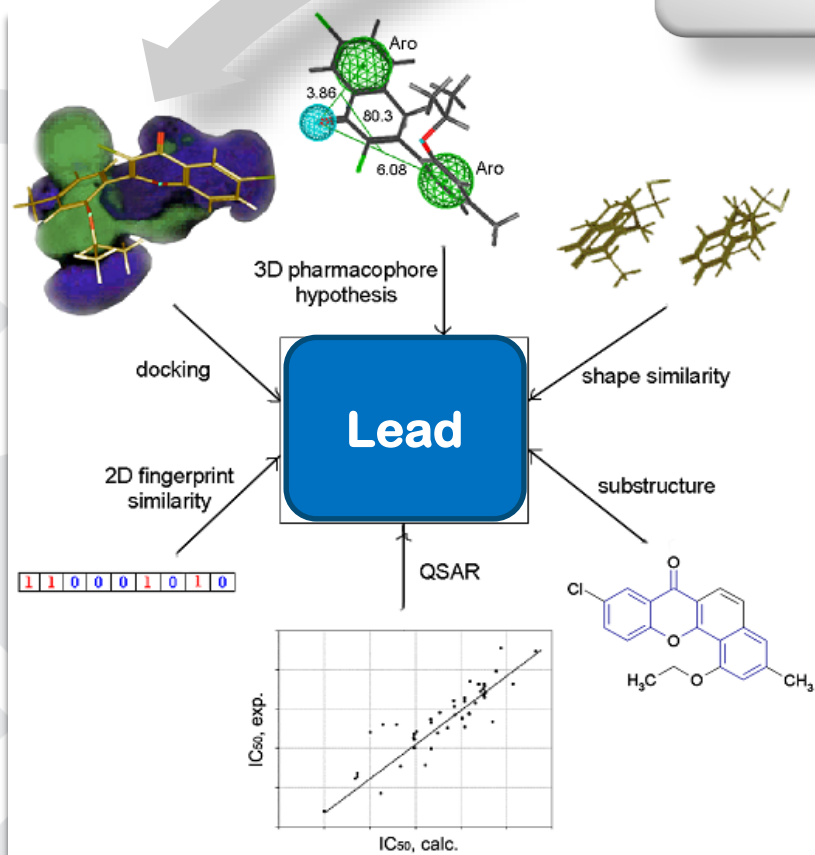
AFTER FINDING HITS

Quick establishment of Hit Series
vs. Singletons

In house synthesis of all selected
compounds allows for Quick Hit
Clusterization and SAR

Chemistry On DemandTM
15,000 pre-developed
Chemical Libraries allows for
fast Hit explosion synthesis

Fast re-synthesis, scale up
Iterative design, and novel
chemistry series / IP



FOLLOW UP OPTIONS

❑ Hit Confirmation, CRCs, hit characterization

- Hit Material (in desired amount)
- Hits Re-synthesis, Scale-up synthesis, synthetic protocols

❑ Specificity/Selectivity profiling

❑ Mechanism of action determination

❑ MedChem optimization in H2L program

- Supply of Analogs (for the same templates) from 1.5M+ library
- Rapid expansion on identified active templates (focused libraries)

❑ Preclinical Development

- Physiochemical profiling
- Biochemical profiling
- Cell-based tox profiling
- DMPK
- Bioavailability
- ADME/Tox optimization

Thank You!

