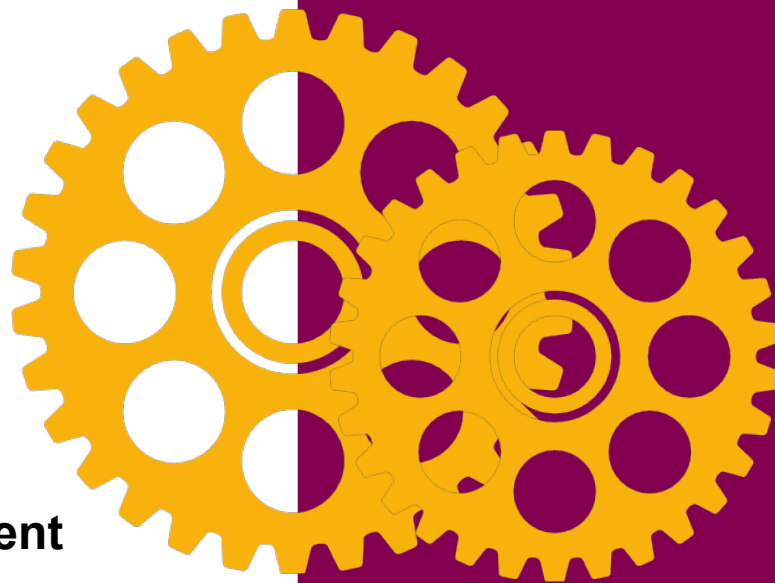
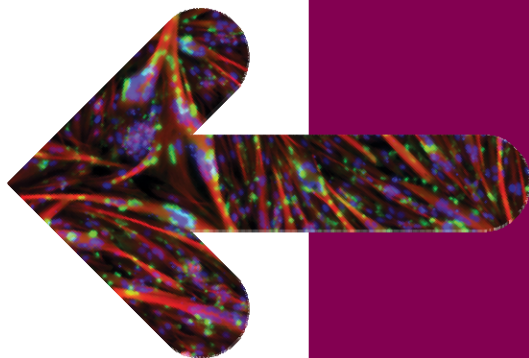


The challenges facing PI3K in drug discovery from an in vitro assay and screening perspective.



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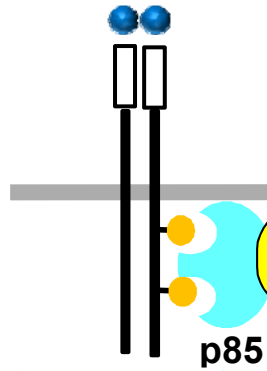
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Class I PI3K cellular signalling

Class 1A

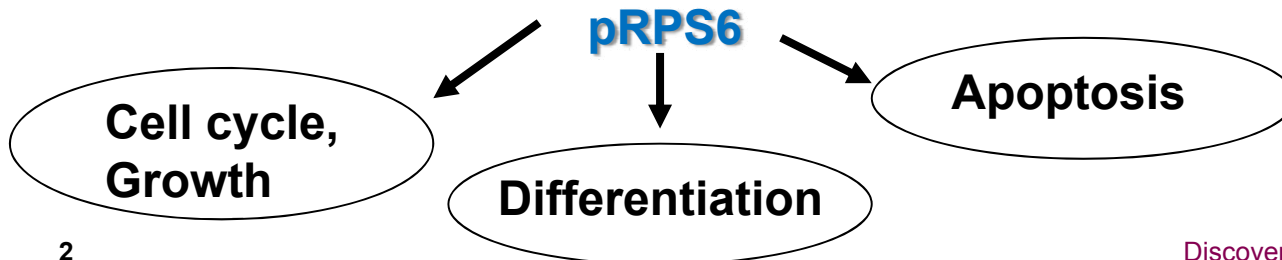
RTK



PI3K α,β,δ

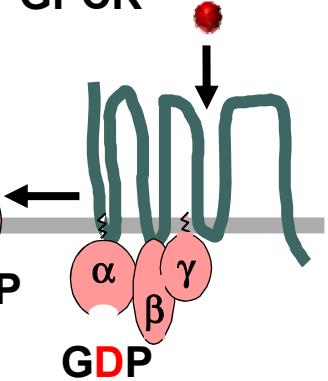
PH domain -
containing
proteins

Downstream signalling
(PDK1, PKB/AKT, mTOR)



Class 1B

GPCR

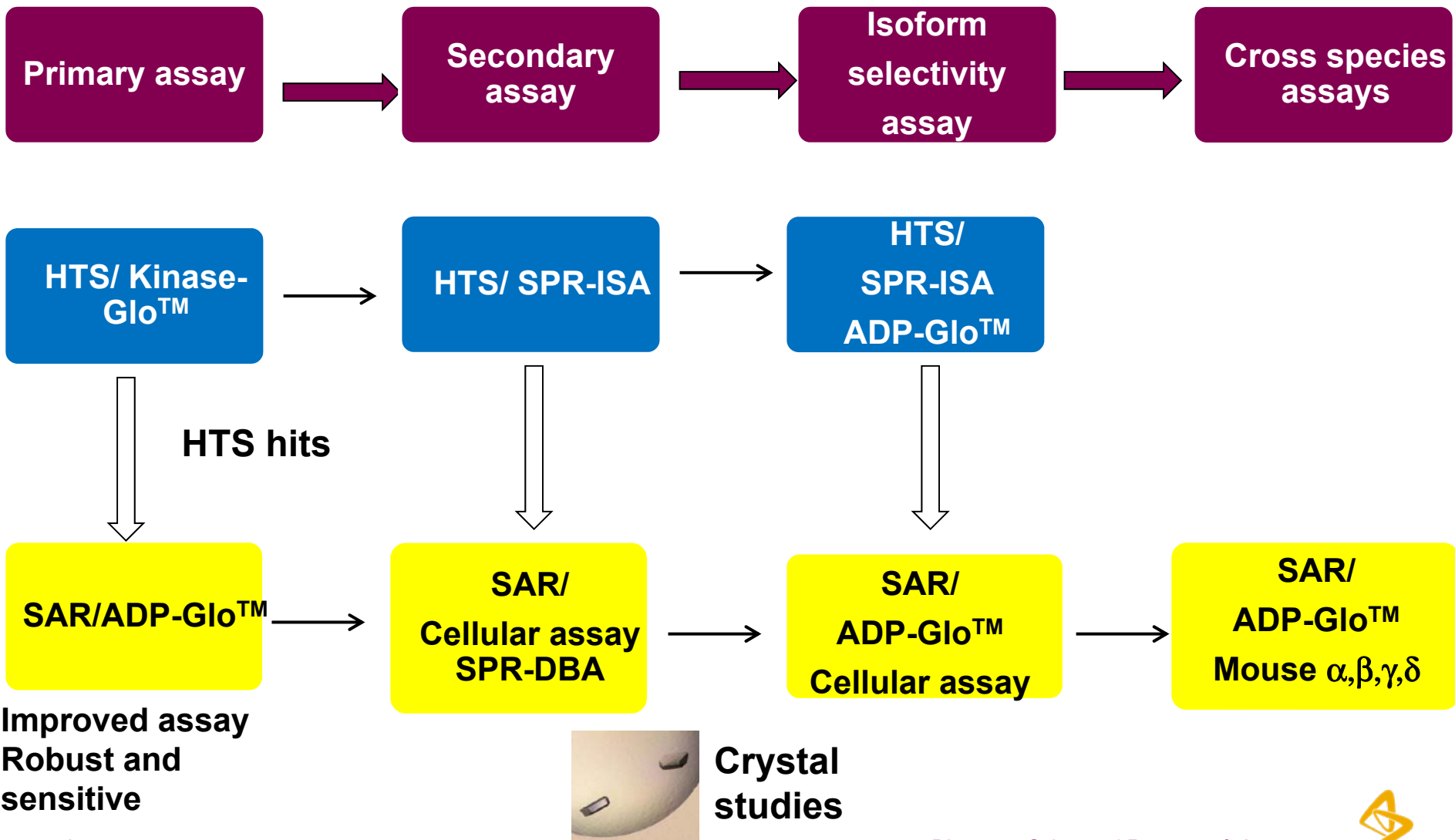


PI3K γ

Targets for
Oncology and R&I

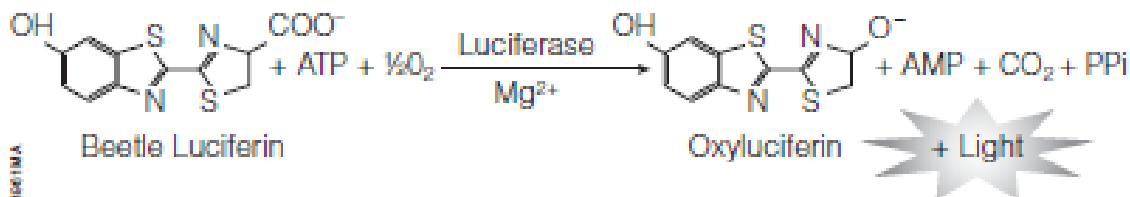
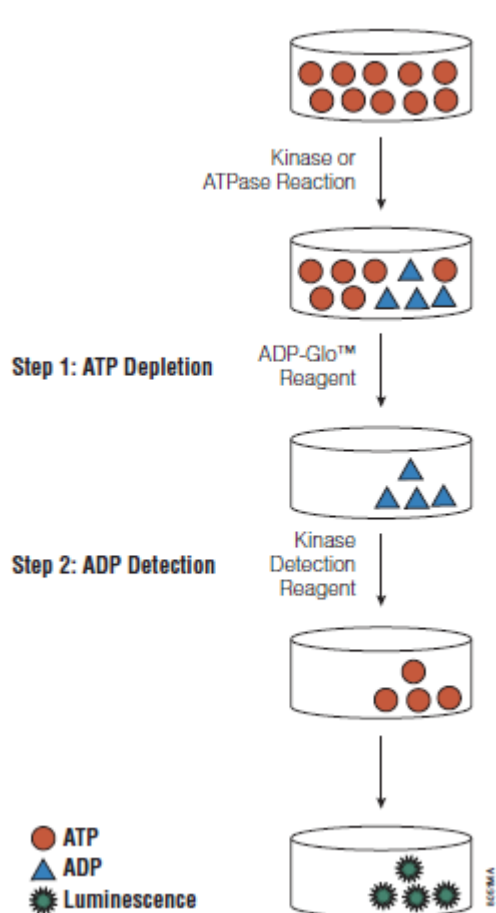


In Vitro Assay Screen Cascade



Primary assay

Assay Principle Kinase-Glo™ – ADP-Glo™



ADP-Glo™

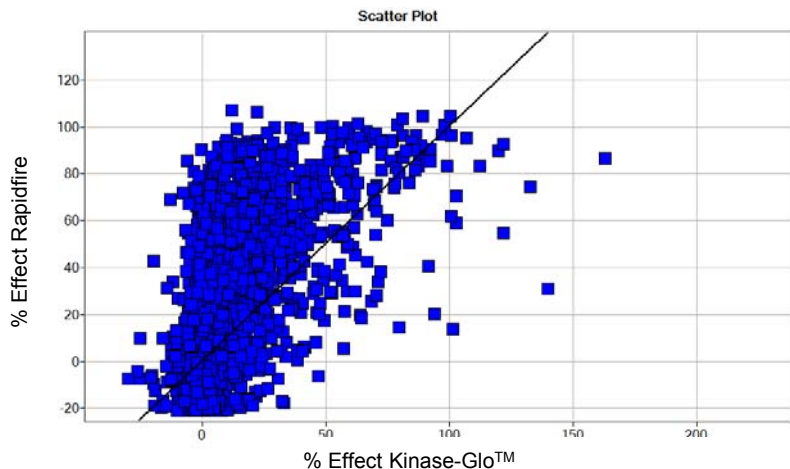
improved assay for all PI3K isoforms

- ✓ stable signal at higher ATP conc.
- ✓ assay stable at lower enzyme conc.
- ✓ statistically more robust for SAR



Parallel assessment of assays for Primary screen

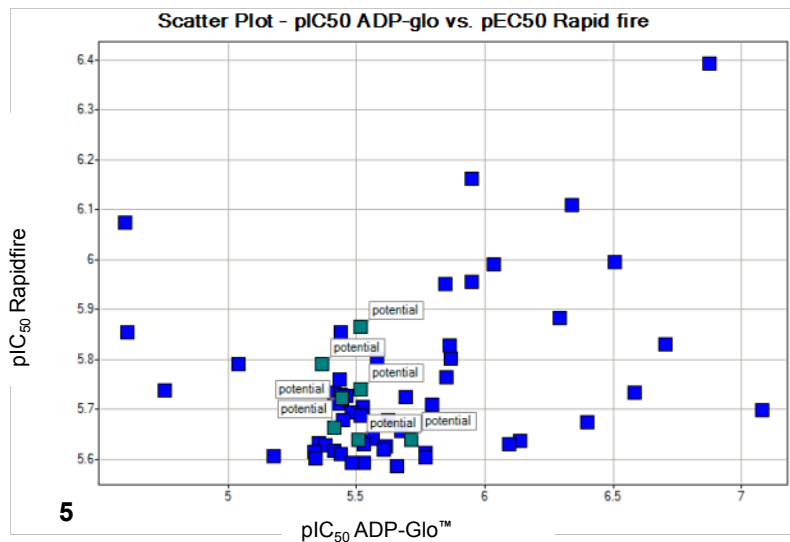
Kinase-Glo™ vs Rapidfire – 10K subset screen



Correlation evident but overlap of compounds designate as hits rather low (Around 30%).
70% of compounds designated as hits in Rapidfire were not picked up in Kinase-Glo™.



ADP-Glo™ vs Rapidfire - Dose response



60 compounds active from Rapidfire in a pIC₅₀ range of 5.5-6.5 and not picked up by Kinase-Glo™ were run as dose response in ADP-Glo™ and all came back as active.

→ ADP-Glo™ more sensitive than Kinase-Glo™
→ ADP-Glo™ acceptable for SAR screening



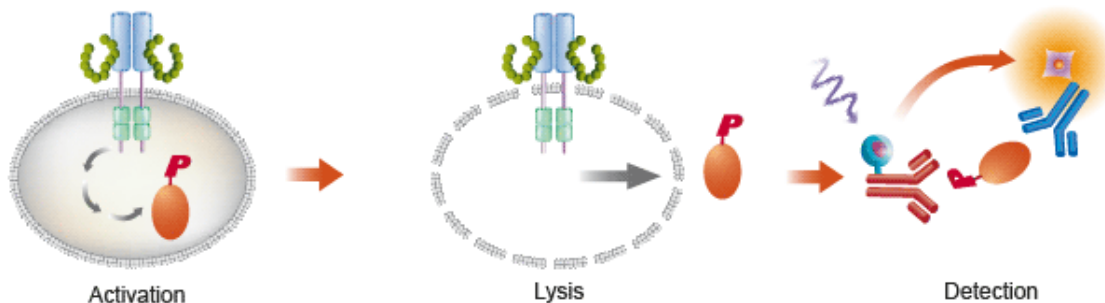
Cellular assays-

functional assay with inhibition of phosphorylated AKT (Ser473)

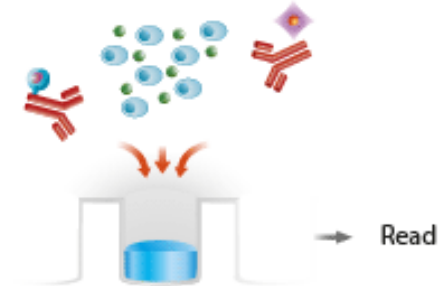
- PI3K δ – human permanent B cell line – Jeko-1. pAKT stimulation with Anti IgM via the B cell receptor
- PI3K γ – mouse monocytic cell line – RAW264. pAKT stimulation with C5a via the GPCR signalling

ATP conc. in cells in mM range.

Assay layout - HTRF™



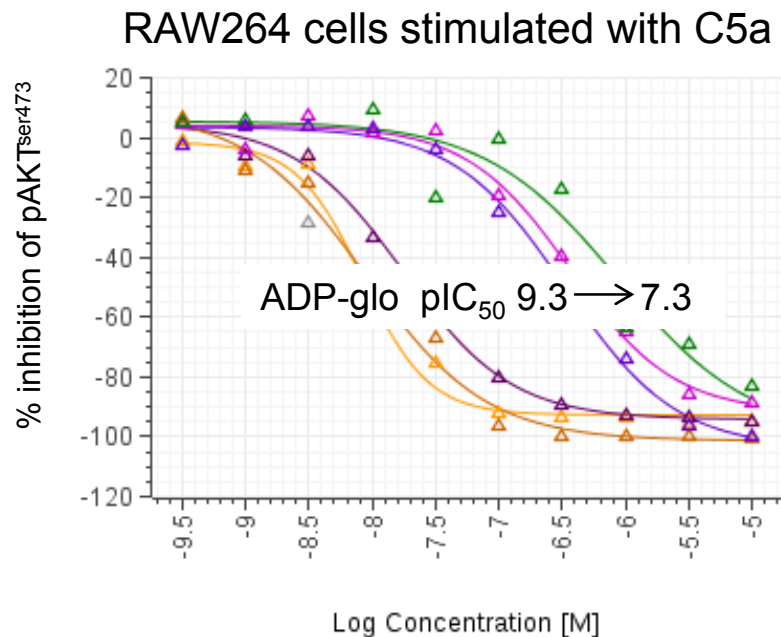
One step assay in 384 plates.



- 1- Plate cells
- 2- Stimulate cells
- 3- Lyse cells
- 4- Add HTRF reagents



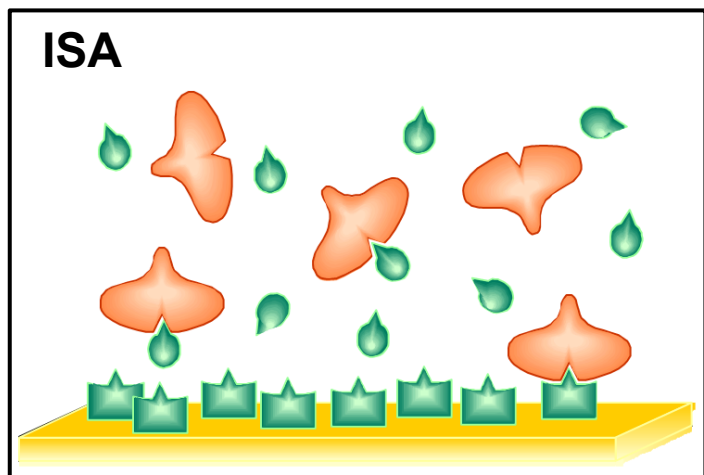
Translation of compounds into cellular assay



Compound	ADP-glo TM γ pIC ₅₀	pAKT γ pIC ₅₀	ADP-glo TM δ pIC ₅₀	pAKT δ pIC ₅₀
IC87114	6.0 (5.3)	5.0	7.3 (6.9)	7.3 (++)
AS252424	7.6 (7.9)	5.7 (6.0)	7.0 (6.7)	5.0
IPI145	8.2 (7.4)	6.9 (7.3)	9.5 (8.6)	9.4 (9.0)
GSK2269557	5.8 (6.0)	5.1	9.4 (9.8)	9.5 (9.6)



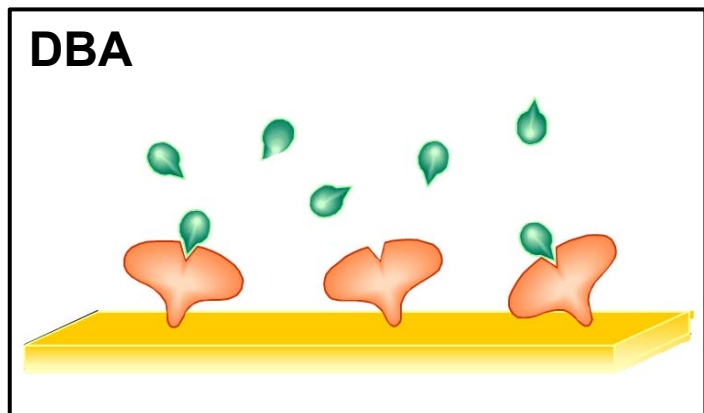
Assay formats on Biacore/SPR biosensors



 = Target definition compound (TDC)

 = Compound/Fragment

 = Protein



Inhibition in solution assay (ISA)

- Interaction of protein and compound occurs free in solution
- K_D determinations, but no kinetic information
- Requires immobilisation of a Target definition compound (TDC)
- Used for target engagement and isoform selectivity

Direct binding assay (DBA)

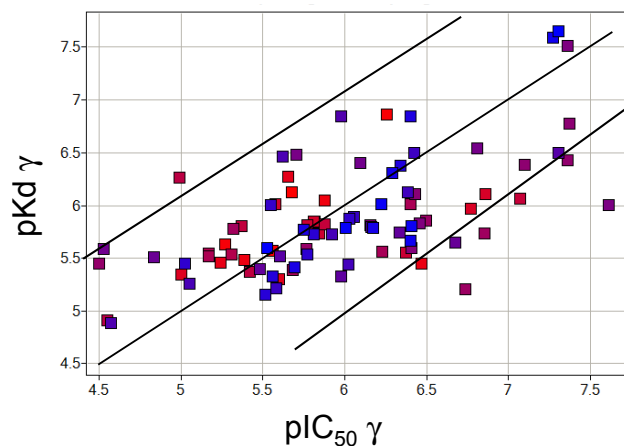
- Protein immobilisation and reuse of same surface
- Determination of affinity and kinetic
- Used for determination of sub-nM potencies and MOA



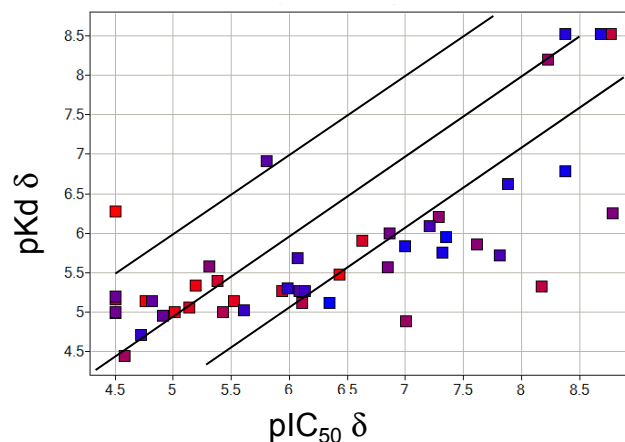
Inhibition in solution assay – ISA

Follow up on HTS hits

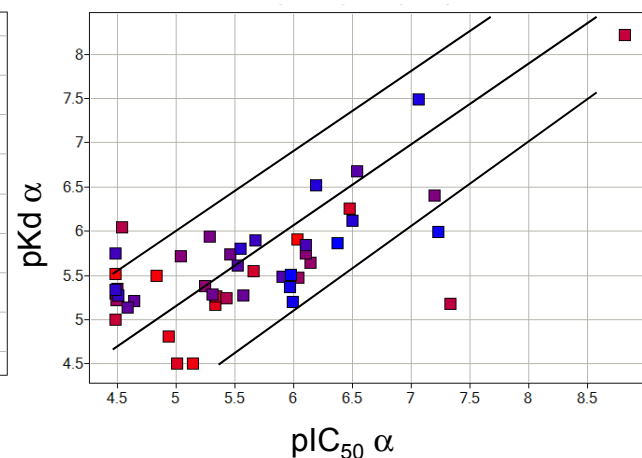
PI3K γ



PI3K δ



PI3K α



Achievements;

- Hits from ADP-Glo™ were confirmed as binders in SPR.
- Selectivity confirmed between isoforms.

Learnings;

- The precision in ISA can not be compared with DBA.
- Tricky to find the right TDC.



Isoform selectivity assays PI3K;

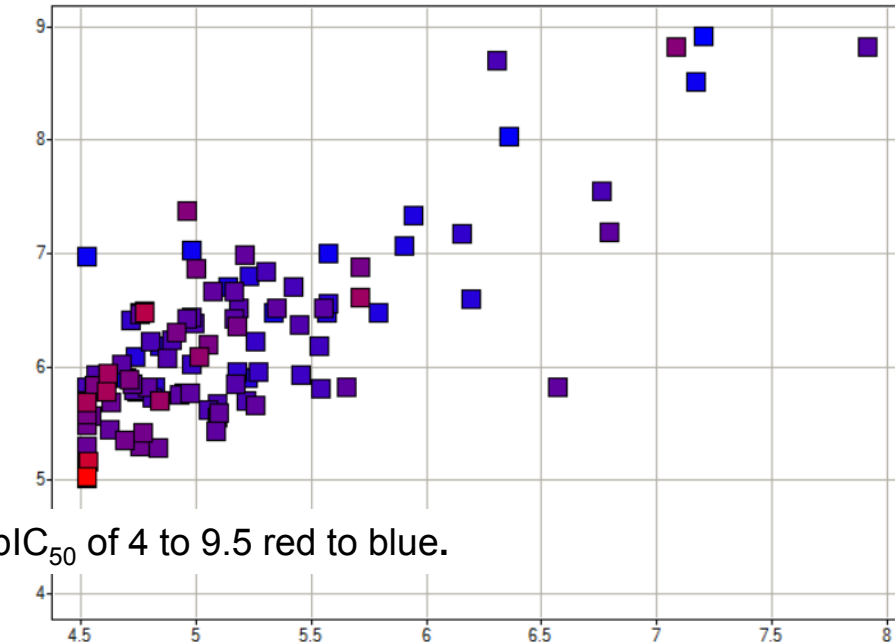
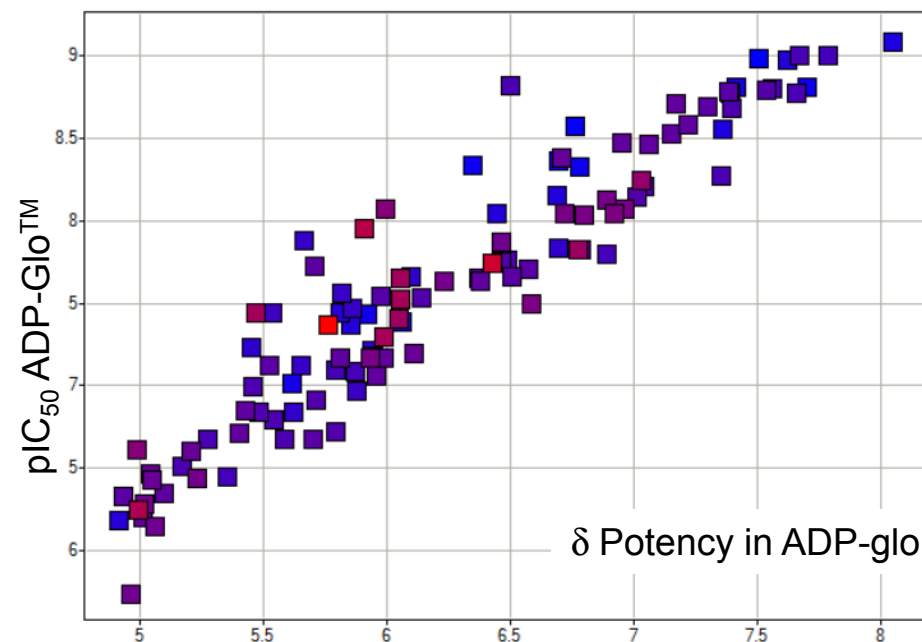
Biochemical versus cellular assay



Divers origin of cell lines used in assay

PI3K α

PI3K β



δ Potency in ADP-glo pIC_{50} of 4 to 9.5 red to blue.

pIC_{50} inhibition of pAKT

Biochemical assay used for selectivity between PI3K isoforms

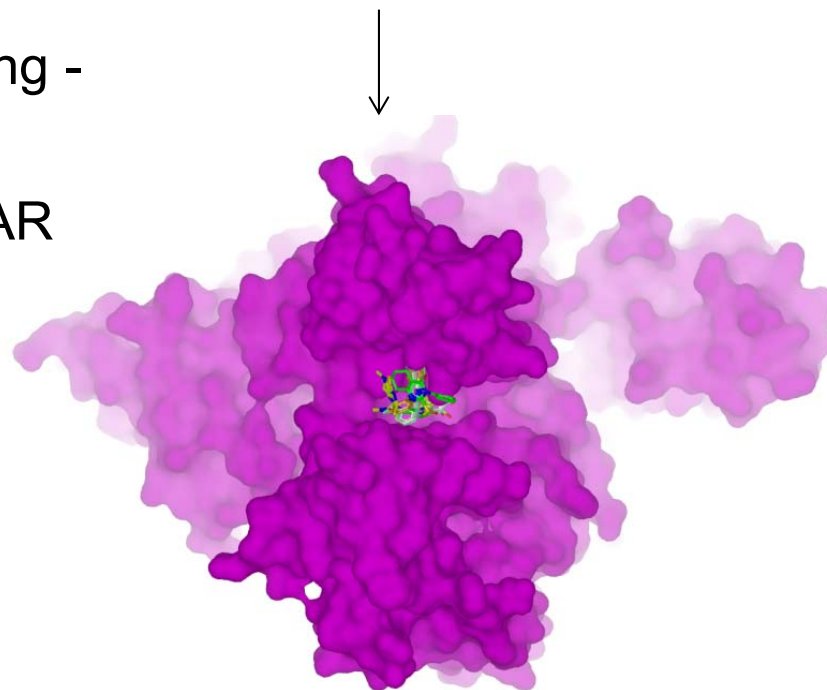
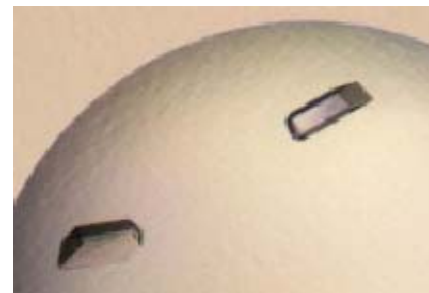


Crystallography

Binding Modes & Selectivity

Ligand co-crystal structures are delivered in an iterative system for PI3K γ,δ

- ✓ provide information on differences in binding mode between isoforms
 - Selectivity
- ✓ maps out active site to help understand SAR
 - ✓ Potency
- ✓ drive design ideas
 - ✓ Chemical diversity and novelty



In vitro screening cascade established

Major challenges and solutions;

- **Tight binders (nM to sub-nM potencies);**
 - ✓ improved primary assay - robust at low enzyme conc.
 - ✓ SPR-DBA
- **Secondary assay;**
 - ✓ homogeneous cellular assays with a good through put
 - ✓ SPR – ISA and DBA
- **Selectivity between PI3K isoforms;**
 - ✓ biochemical and cellular assays – relevant to understand selectivity in target cells
 - ✓ crystal structures – differences in binding mode
 - ✓ broader kinase selectivity strategy – external partners



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