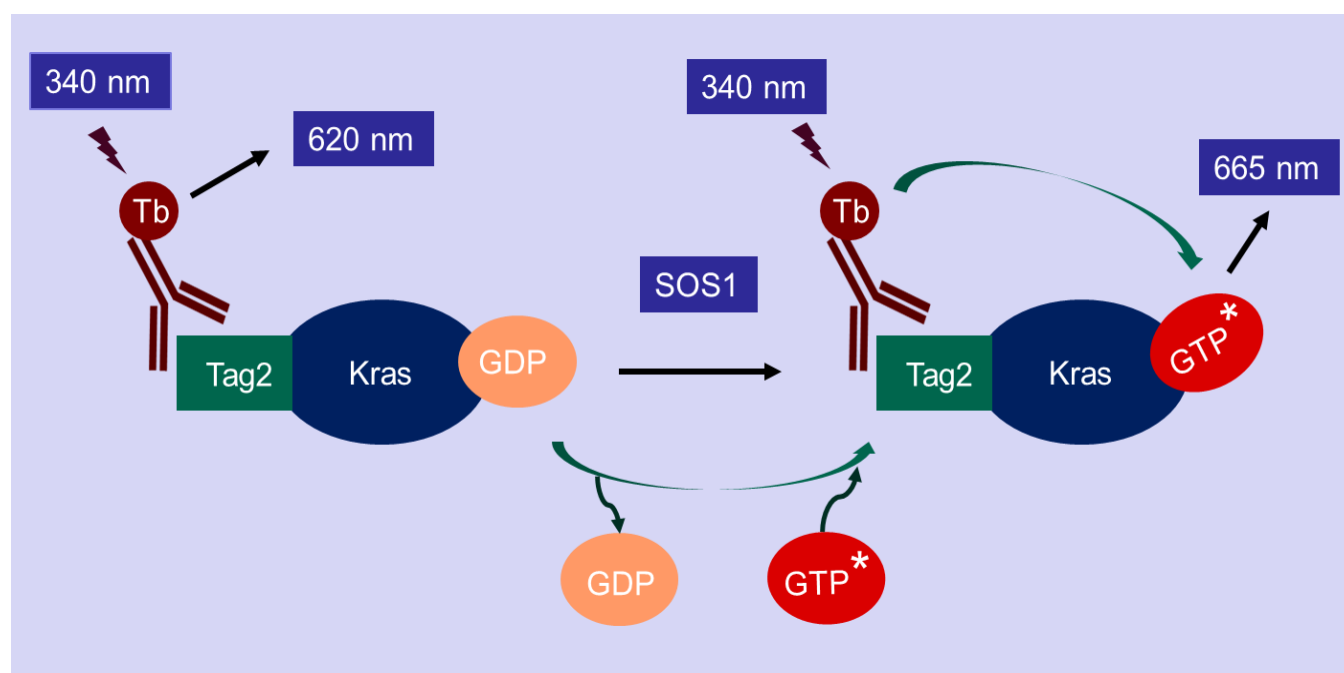


Background

Kras is a member of the RAS protein family, which are a class of small GTPases involved in cell signaling pathways. The Ras signaling pathway plays an important role in cell proliferation and differentiation. Conversion of Kras from the inactive GDP-bound state to the active GTP-bound state triggers the downstream effector and promotes cell growth. *RAS* genes are frequently mutated in various human tumors. These mutations block the GTPase activity of RAS and lock RAS in the GTP-bound state, resulting in constitutively active signals through the downstream cascades leading to cancer cell proliferation.

Assay Principle

The Kras (Q61K) nucleotide exchange assay is a TR-FRET based assay. The assay kit is designed to detect the GTP binding status of wild type Kras in the presence of SOS1, the most-studied guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) of Kras. The Tag2-Kras in this assay kit is recognized by a Terbium-labeled anti-Tag2 antibody (HTRF donor). If Kras binds to a fluorescence-labeled GTP (HTRF acceptor), the donor and the acceptor will be brought in close proximity. Excitation of Terbium (340 nm) generates fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET) to the fluorescence-labeled GTP acceptor, which consequently fluoresces at 665 nm (figure below). Thus, GTP binding to Kras can be quantitatively measured by calculation of the fluorescent ratio of 665 nm/620 nm. The inhibitor blocking the nucleotide exchange will reduce the HTRF signal.



Application

High throughput screening of compounds that inhibit Kras activation for drug discovery.

Plate Reader

A HTRF® certified microplate reader capable of measuring Time Resolved Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer (TR-FRET) is required.

Components

Catalog number	Item	Amount	Storage
5727-NK-B	2x Assay Buffer	25 mL	-20°C
5757-7615-T2	Recombinant human Tag2-Kras (Q61K), GDP-loaded	5 µL	-80°C
7671	Recombinant human SOS1	65 µL	-80°C
48735	GTP, fluorescence labeled	100 µL	-80°C
37882	Anti-Tag2 antibody, Tb labeled	20 µL	-80°C
	384-well microplate, White	1	Room temperature

Materials needed but not supplied

1. Microplate reader, HTRF® certified microplate reader (such as Tecan M1000 or Tecan Spark, etc.)
2. 0.5 M DTT
3. Adjustable micro-pipettor
4. Sterile Tips

Assay protocol

This protocol is designed to screen inhibitors that block interaction between Kras (Q61K) and SOS1.

1. Prepare 1X assay buffer containing 2 mM DTT (1X DTT-containing assay buffer)

For example, mix 996 μ l distilled water with 1000 μ l of 2X assay Buffer (catalogue number: 5727-NK-B) and 8 μ l of 0.5 M DTT. Make only enough 1X DTT-containing assay buffer as needed for the assay. Store the remaining 2X assay buffer at -20°C .

2. Prepare the inhibitor compound solution

If the inhibitor compound is dissolved in water, make a solution of the compound 10-fold higher than the final concentration in 1X assay buffer (since you will add 2 μ l to the 20 μ l reaction).

If the inhibitor compound is dissolved in DMSO, make a 100-fold higher concentration of the compound than the highest concentration you want to test in DMSO. Then make a 10-fold dilution in 1X assay buffer (at this step, the compound concentration is 10-fold higher than the final concentration and the DMSO concentration is 10%). To determine an IC_{50} or to test lower concentrations of the compound, prepare as series of further dilutions in 1X assay buffer containing 10% DMSO (the final concentration of the DMSO will be 1% in all samples).

3. Prepare Kras solution

Thaw Kras protein on ice. Upon first thaw, briefly spin tube to recover the full contents at the bottom of the tube. Make aliquots of the enzyme for single use. Store remaining undiluted enzyme at -80°C .

Note: Kras protein is sensitive to freeze/thaw cycles. Limit number freeze-thaw cycles for best results. Do not re-use the diluted protein.

Dilute the Kras protein to 400-fold (1 μ L Kras Q61K + 399 μ L 1X DTT-containing assay buffer). Add 4 μ l of diluted protein solution to each well.

4. Add inhibitor

Add 2 μ l of diluted compound solution to each inhibitor test well.

Add 2 μ l of inhibitor solvent solution to each of negative and positive control well.

Incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes (optional).

5. Prepare SOS1 solution

Thaw SOS1 protein on ice. Upon first thaw, briefly spin tube to recover the full contents at the bottom of the tube. Make aliquots of the enzyme for single use. Store remaining undiluted protein at -80°C .

Note: SOS1 protein is sensitive to freeze/thaw cycles. Limit number freeze-thaw cycles for best results. Do not re-use the diluted protein.

Dilute the SOS1 protein 25-fold (1 μ L SOS1 + 24 μ L 1X DTT-containing assay buffer).

Add 4 μ L of diluted protein solution to each well.

6. Prepare dye solution

Dilute Terbium-labeled anti-Tag2 antibody 1:200 and dilute fluorescence-labeled GTP 1:40 in 1X DTT-containing assay buffer. For example: 1 μ L of Terbium-labeled anti-Tag2 antibody + 5 μ L of fluorescence-labeled GTP + 194 μ L of 1X DTT-containing assay buffer.

Add 10 μ L of this dye mixture to each well.

7. Incubate the reaction at room temperature for 20 minutes.

8. Measure fluorescent intensity

HTRF compatible microplate reader is needed to measure fluorescent intensity of the samples.

Fluorescent intensity should be measured twice:

1. Excitation wavelength at 340 nm and emission at 620 nm.
2. Excitation wavelength at 340 nm and emission at 665 nm.

Protocol Summary

Component	Background	Positive Control	Inhibitor Test
1X DTT-containing assay buffer	4 μ L		
Kras Q61K protein		4 μ L	4 μ L
Inhibitor solvent	2 μ L	2 μ L	
Inhibitor solution			2 μ L
SOS1 protein	4 μ L	4 μ L	4 μ L
Tb-anti Tag2 + GTP solution	10 μ L	10 μ L	10 μ L
Total Volume	20 μ L	20 μ L	20 μ L

Incubate at room temperature for 60 minutes.

Data Analysis

1. Calculate the HTRF signal (ratio of the fluorescent intensity at 665 nm/620 nm) of each well.

$$HTRF = \frac{\text{Fluorescent intensity at 665 nm}}{\text{Fluorescent intensity at 620 nm}} \times 10,000$$

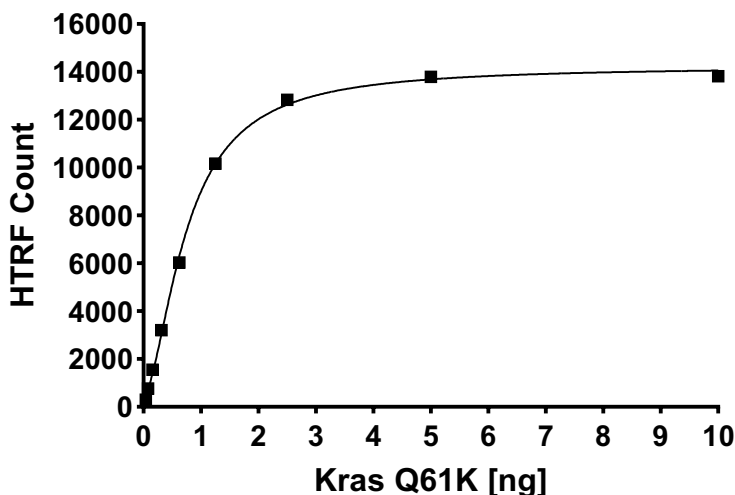
2. Calculate percentage activity

In the absence of the compound (positive control), the sample signal (P) is defined as 100% activity. In the absence of enzyme (negative control), the sample signal (N) is defined as 0% activity. The percent activity in the presence of each compound is calculated according to the following equation: % activity = (S-N)/(P-N) X100, where S= the sample signal in the presence of the compound.

$$\% \text{ Activity} = \frac{S - N}{P - N} \times 100$$

Data Presentation

Kras Nucleotide exchange Activity



Related products:

<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Catalog #</u>	<u>Size</u>
Kras Wild Type (WT), GST-tag	5727-4121G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras WT, GST-tag, GDP Loaded	5727-WTG-G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras WT, GST-tag, GppNHp loaded	5727-WTG-GP	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G12C, His -tag	5727-4122H	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G12C, GST-tag	5727-4122G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G12C, GST-tag, GDP Loaded	5727-4122G -G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G12C, GST-tag, GppNHp loaded	5727-4122G -GP	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G12D, GST-tag	5727-4123G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G12D, GST-tag, GDP Loaded	5727-4123G -G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G12D, GST-tag, GppNHp loaded	5727-4123G -GP	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G13D, GST-tag	5727-4133G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G13D, GST-tag, GDP Loaded	5727-4133G -G	50 µg, 100 µg

Kras G13D, GST-tag, GppNHp loaded	5727-4133G -GP	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G12V, GST-tag,	5727-4128G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G12V, GST-tag, GDP Loaded	5727-4128G -G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras G12V, GST-tag, GppNHp loaded	5727-4128G -GP	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras Q61H, GST-tag,	5727-7614G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras Q61H, GST-tag, GDP Loaded	5727-7614G -G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras Q61H, GST-tag, GppNHp loaded	5727-7614G -GP	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras Q61R, GST-tag,	5727-7617G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras Q61R, GST-tag, GDP Loaded	5727-7617G -G	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras Q61R, GST-tag, GppNHp loaded	5727-7617G -GP	50 µg, 100 µg
Kras WT Nucleotide Exchange Assay Kit	5727-4121NK	384 reactions
Kras G12C Nucleotide Exchange Assay Kit	5727-4122NK	384 reactions
Kras G12D Nucleotide Exchange Assay Kit	5727-4123NK	384 reactions
Kras G12V Nucleotide Exchange Assay Kit	5727-4128NK	384 reactions
Kras G12A Nucleotide Exchange Assay Kit	5727-412ANK	384 reactions
Kras G13D Nucleotide Exchange Assay Kit	5727-4133NK	384 reactions
Kras Q61H Nucleotide Exchange Assay Kit	5727-7614NK	384 reactions
Kras Q61R Nucleotide Exchange Assay Kit	5727-7617NK	384 reactions
Kras WT – cRAF Binding Assay Kit	5727-4121BK	384 reactions
Kras G12C – cRAF Binding Assay Kit	5727-4122BK	384 reactions
Kras G12D– cRAF Binding Assay Kit	5727-4123BK	384 reactions
Kras G12A– cRAF Binding Assay Kit	5727-412ABK	384 reactions
Kras G12V– cRAF Binding Assay Kit	5727-4128BK	384 reactions
Kras G13D– cRAF Binding Assay Kit	5727-4133BK	384 reactions
Kras Q61H– cRAF Binding Assay Kit	5727-7614BK	384 reactions
Kras Q61R– cRAF Binding Assay Kit	5727-7617BK	384 reactions
KRAS(WT)/cRAF/CYPA/Inhibitor Assay Kit	5727-4121CK	384 reactions
KRAS(G12C)/cRAF/CYPA/Inhibitor Assay Kit	5727-4122CK	384 reactions
KRAS(G12D)/cRAF/CYPA/Inhibitor Assay Kit	5727-4123CK	384 reactions
KRAS(G12V)/cRAF/CYPA/Inhibitor Assay Kit	5727-4128CK	384 reactions
KRAS (G13D)/cRAF/CYPA/Inhibitor Assay Kit	5727-4133CK	384 reactions
Human RBD-RAF1, N-His tag, C-FLAG tag	7237231	50 µg, 100 µg
Human SOS1, No tag	7671	50 µg, 100 µg
Human SOS1, Avi-His tag	7671HA	50 µg, 100 µg
TEV Protease- His-tag	190001-R	50 ug, 200 ug, 1 mg
TEV Protease- GST-tag	190004-R	50 ug, 200 ug, 1 mg
PreScission Protease (HRV 3C)	190002	1,000 units, 10,000 units
Recombinant SUMO Protease (Ulp1)	190003	1,000 units, 10,000 units
Recombinant YopH	200100	10 ug, 20 ug, 100 ug, 1 mg
Recombinant Biotin Protein Ligase (BirA)	90101	100 ug
Recombinant SortaseA-5M	90201	50 ug, 200ug

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