

c-Kit Kinase Assay

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Scientific Background:

c-KIT is a proto-oncogene and a type 3 transmembrane receptor for MGF (mast cell growth factor, also known as stem cell factor). c-KIT was first identified as the cellular homolog of the feline sarcoma viral oncogene v-kit. c-KIT together with its ligand regulates growth and activation of a variety of hemopoietic and non-hemopoietic cells. Mutations in c-KIT are associated with gastrointestinal stromal tumors, mast cell disease, acute myelogenous leukemia, and piebaldism. Recently, deregulation of the KIT receptor TK by the prevalent activation loop mutation D816V has served as a focal point in therapeutic strategies aimed curbing neoplastic mast cell growth (2).

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ADP-Glo™ Kinase Assay

Description

ADP-GloTM Kinase Assay is a luminescent kinase assay that measures ADP formed from a kinase reaction; ADP is converted into ATP, which is converted into light by Ultra-GloTM Luciferase (Fig. 1). The luminescent signal positively correlates with ADP amount (Fig. 2) and kinase activity (Fig. 3A). The assay is well suited for measuring the effects chemical compounds have on the activity of a broad range of purified kinases—making it ideal for both primary screening as well as kinase selectivity profiling (Fig. 3B). The ADP-GloTM Kinase Assay can be used to monitor the activity of virtually any ADP-generating enzyme (e.g., kinase or ATPase) using up to 1mM ATP.

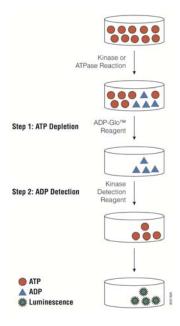


Figure 1. Principle of the ADP-Glo™ Kinase Assay. The ATP remaining after completion of the kinase reaction is depleted prior to an ADP to ATP conversion step and quantitation of the newly synthesized ATP using luciferase/luciferin reaction.

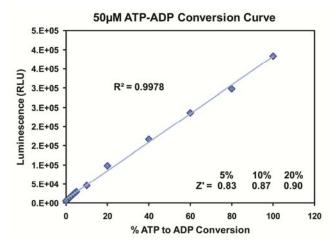


Figure 2. Linearity of the ADP-Glo Kinase Assay. ATP-to-ADP conversion curve was prepared at 50μM ATP+ADP concentration range. This standard curve is used to calculate the amount of ADP formed in the kinase reaction. Z' factors were determined using 200 replicates of each of the % conversions shown.



For detailed protocols on conversion curves, kinase assays and inhibitor screening, see *The ADP-Glo™ Kinase Assay* Technical Manual #TM313, and the KES Protocol available at: http://www.promega.com/tbs/tm313/tm313.html, and http://www.promega.com/tbs/tm313/tm313.html, and http://www.promega.com/tbs/tm313/tm313.html.

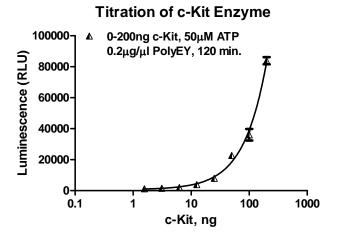
Protocol

- Dilute enzyme, substrate, ATP and inhibitors in Tyrosine Kinase Buffer.
- Add to the wells of 384 low volume plate: 1 μl of inhibitor or (5% DMSO)
 2 μl of enzyme (defined from table 1)
 2 μl of substrate/ATP mix
- Incubate at room temperature for 120 minutes.

- Add 5 μl of ADP-GloTM Reagent
- Incubate at room temperature for 40 minutes.
- Add 10 µl of Kinase Detection Reagent
- Incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.
- Record luminescence (Integration time 0.5-1sec).

Table 1. c-Kit Enzyme Titration. Data are shown as relative light units (RLU) that directly correlate to the amount of ADP produced. The correlation between the % of ATP converted to ADP and corresponding signal to background ratio is indicated for each kinase amount.

c-Kit, ng	200	100	50	25	12.5	6.3	3.1	0
Luminescence	83845	36080	22709	7998	3838	2071	1512	896
S/B	94	40	25	9	4	2	2	1
% Conversion	21	9	5	2	1	0.2	0.1	0



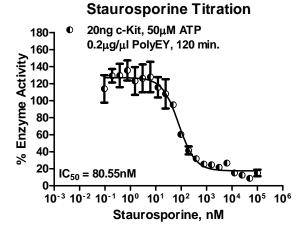


Figure 3. c-Kit Kinase Assay Development. (A) c-Kit enzyme was titrated using $50\mu M$ ATP and the luminescence signal generated from each of the amounts of the enzyme is shown. (B) Staurosporine dose response was created using 20ng of c-Kit to determine the potency of the inhibitor (IC₅₀).

Assay Components and Ordering Information:	Promega	SignalChem Specials in Signaling Proteins					
Products	Company	Cat.#					
ADP-Glo [™] Kinase Assay	Promega	V9101					
c-Kit Kinase Enzyme System	Promega	V4498					
c-Kit Kinase Enzyme System ADP-Glo [™] + c-Kit Kinase Enzyme System	Promega	V4499					
c-Kit Kinase Buffer: 40mM Tris, pH 7.5; 20mM MgCl ₂ ; 0.1mg/ml BSA; 2mM MnCl ₂ ; 50μM DTT.							