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THE PROJECTS

Targeting protein-protein interactions

Regulating adrenergic Ca²⁺ reabsorption into sarcoplasmic reticulum by targeting the AKAP18δ-PLB interaction in the heart

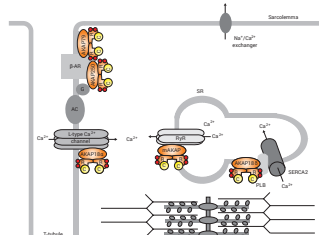


Figure 1. Schematic illustration of a cardiac myocyte and Ca²⁺ handling. Major components in the excitation-contraction coupling in the myocyte are shown. The cycling of Ca²⁺ is indicated by arrows and the different protein kinase A (PKA)-A-kinase anchoring protein (AKAP) complexes that provide adrenergic regulation of various components of the Ca²⁺ handling machinery are indicated.

Lgren & Taskén 2008, Expert Opinion on Biological Therapy

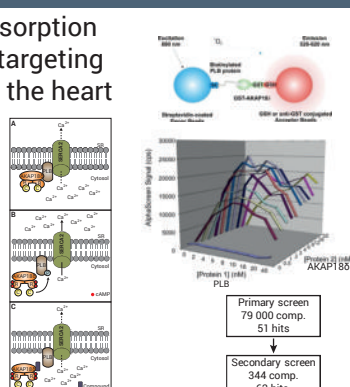
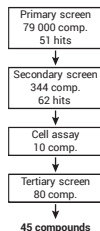


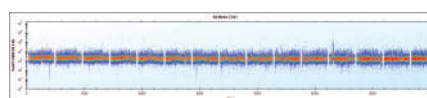
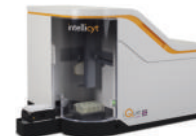
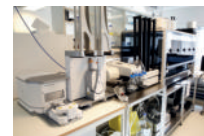
Figure 2. AKAP18δ-PLB-sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca²⁺-ATPase (SERCA2) complex. A. Resting situation, no adrenergic drive, low heart rate. SERCA2 inhibited by PLB with low ATP- and energy consumption. B. Adrenergic stimulation paces the heart, increased heart rate. SERCA2 released from PLB inhibition by PKA phosphorylation. Fast Ca²⁺ reabsorption, high ATP- and energy consumption. C. Disruption of AKAP18δ-PLB complex prevents PKA phosphorylation and dissociation of PLB and thereby SERCA2 activation. Low ATP- and energy consumption.



High-throughput flow cytometry

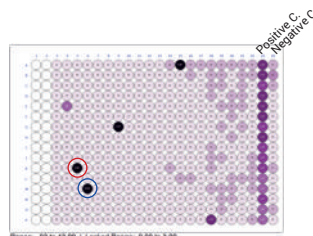
Analysis of FoxP3 expression on CD4⁺ T cells

Fully automated sample preparation in 384-well format followed by sample analysis on the iQue screener PLUS.



Positive C.

Negative C.



Potential hit K05

Potential hit K06

THE HARDWARE

- liquid handling:** Access Workstation with Echo550, Hamilton microlab star
- readers:** BioTek Synergy Neo2, PerkinElmer EnVision, Molecular Devices FLIPR384, IntelliCyt iQue Screener PLUS, BD LSRFortessa
- assays:** AlphaScreen, Lum, FI, FP, TRF, UV-visible Abs, Ca²⁺-flux, HT flow cytometry
- compound storage:** Roylan StoragePod (humidity controlled N₂ atmosphere)
- compound libraries:** Enamine, ChemBridge, ChemDiv, Prestwick, Enzo Target/Pathway, SelleckChem Cancer/Kinase, Tocriscreen Mini, BioMol Kinase

THE OUTPUT

- Dukic et al. (2017) SLAS Discov.
- Calejo & Taskén (2015) Front. Pharmacol.
- Bach et al. (2014) Naunyn-Schmiedeberg's Arch Pharmacol.
- Ellinger et al. (2014) Assay Drug Dev. Technol.
- Vang et al. (2012) Nature Chem. Biol.

collaborations: GSK, Seald AS, Rheumatech AS, Various groups from University / U. Hospital Oslo

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patents: Taskén et al. WO 2013171332

THE SOFTWARE

- software tools:**
- Dotmatics Studies
 - Dotmatics Vortex
 - KNIME
 - ChemAxon Instant JChem
 - Prism Graphpad

THE FUTURE

future plans: expanding the compound collections attraction of international users

added value: expertise in targeting protein-protein interactions and HT flow cytometry