

Phosphorylation Analysis Platform

“Phospho-Totum”

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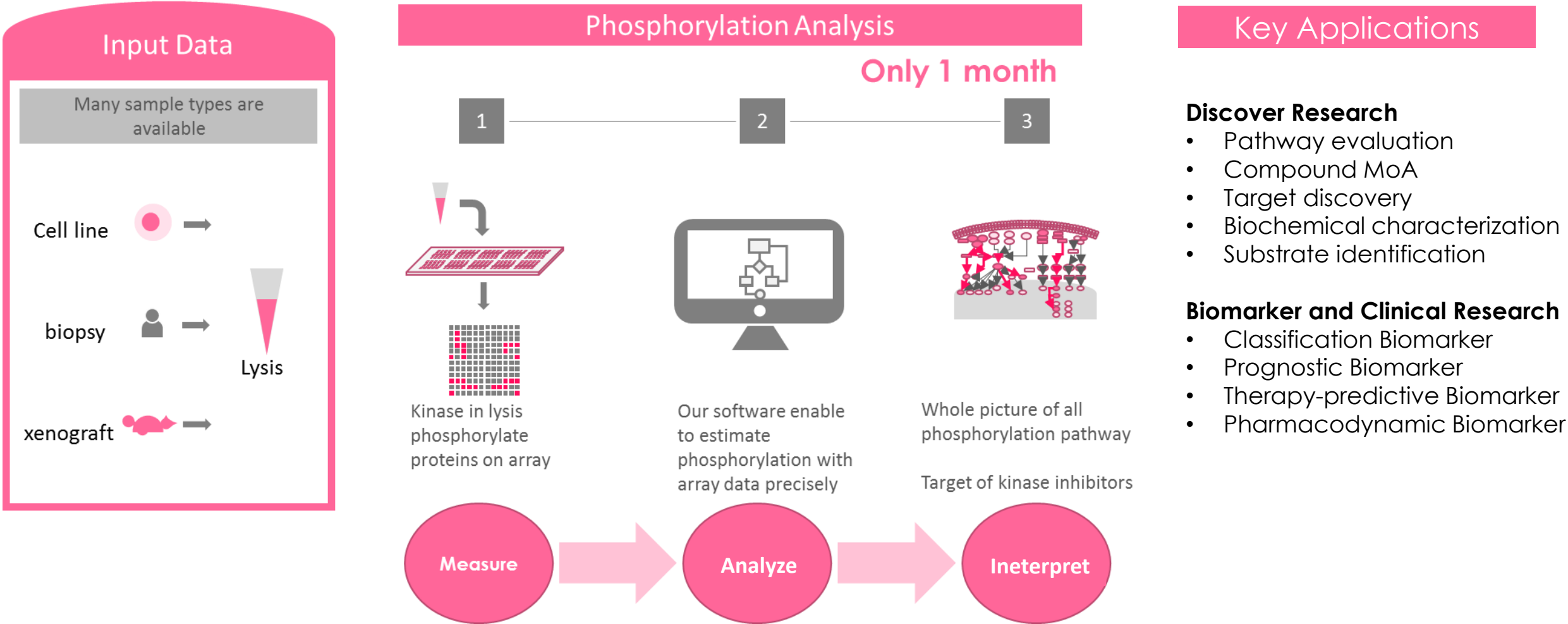


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We developed the original phosphorylation array for reproducing the phosphorylation state in the cell onto the glass, named “**Phospho-Totum**”.

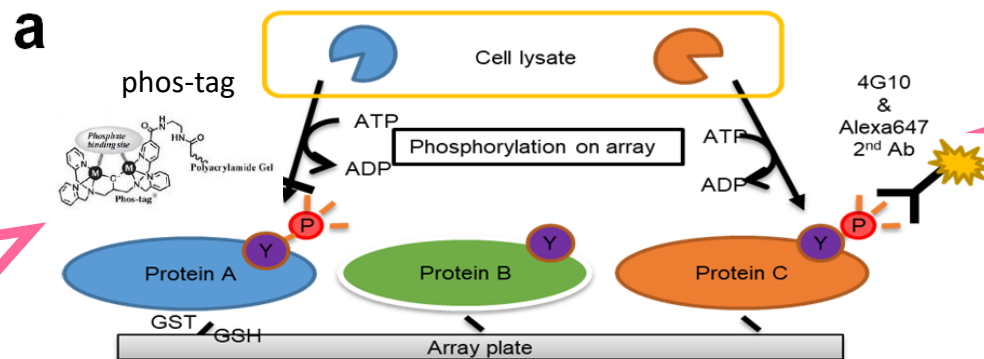
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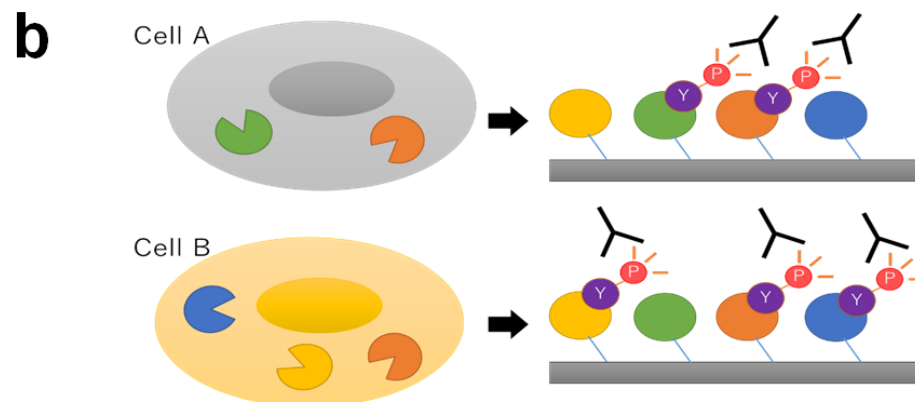
Phospho-Totum measures "activity" of kinases in cell lysates, not the amount of phosphorylated proteins.

For detecting the phosphorylation by Ser/Thr kinases and Tyrosine kinases as well (Updated in Aug. 2024)

Experimental procedures



For detecting the phosphorylation by Tyrosine kinases



HTP assay of phosphorylation upon **1492 proteins** located on protein array

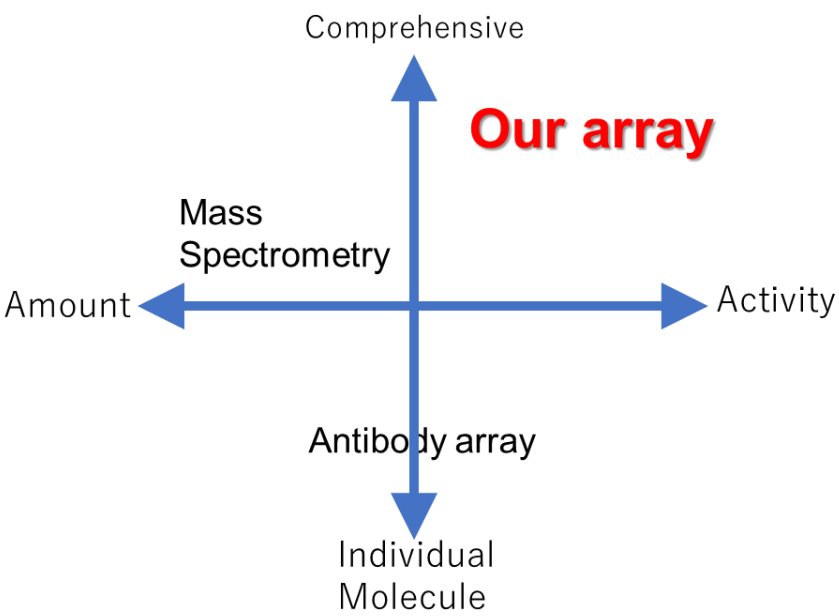
a Kinase reaction and detection on protein active array

b Kinase activity profiling of different source or state of cell groups

Differentiation of “*Phospho-Totum*” from Other modalities

	"Phospho-Totum."	other company's modalities
Composition	Whole proteins (kinases and their substrate proteins)	Portion (peptide or designated antibody molecule)
Object of measurement	Protein	Residues (part of protein)
Measurement Environment	Cellular environment (many-to-many kinases and target molecules)	Artificial environment (1:1 kinase and target molecule)
Number of measurements	One time	Multiple times depending on the purpose
Estimated Target	Activity	Amount

- ◆ Measurement in a state closer to the intracellular environment than
→ measurement of the phosphorylation of all proteins in cell lysate
- ◆ Extraction of a wealth of information from a single measurement
→ From the measurement data, it is possible to estimate the experimental condition-specific phosphorylated molecules, activation levels (kinase, pathway), etc.



One-stop service for phosphorylation analysis

We can

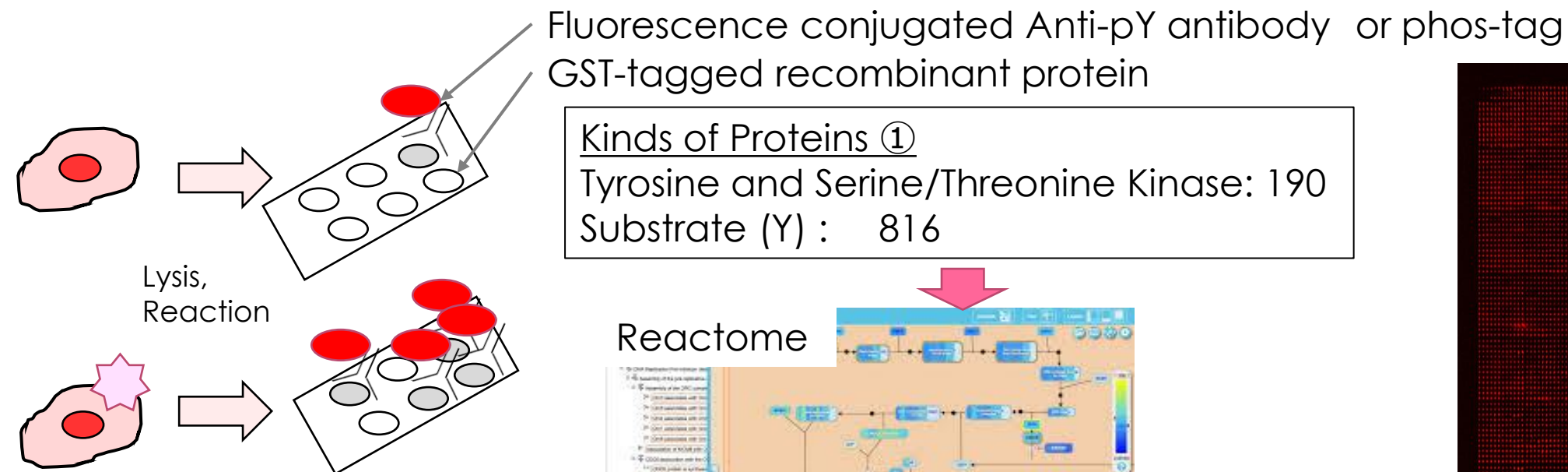
- ① **simultaneously measure phosphorylation levels of 1492 proteins** that belong to 273 pathways and cover substrates of all 190 kinases coded on human genome.
- ② **estimate differentially phosphorylated proteins and their pathways**, from multiple perspectives.
- ③ **statistically estimate active (and inactive) pathways in 273 pathways**, based on the consistency between pathway connectivity and phosphorylation levels of constituent proteins
- ④ **quantitatively estimate activities of 190 kinases**, based on the knowledge of the relationship between kinases and their substrates

Catch the dynamical activity changes on kinases and pathways

3. Functions

① Phosphorylation array focuses on a comprehensive phosphorylation of whole proteins, NOT of peptides or of residues in a protein.

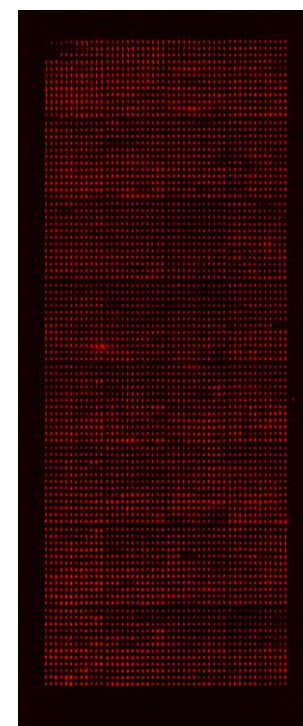
Design of Our Phosphorylation Array



**Not peptides
but whole proteins
on the glass**

Extraction of signaling pathway regulated by tyrosine phosphorylation. (273 pathway)

Kinds of Proteins ②
Proteins belonging to 273 pathways: 845



Anti-GST



Anti-pTyr
or
phos-tag

3. Functions

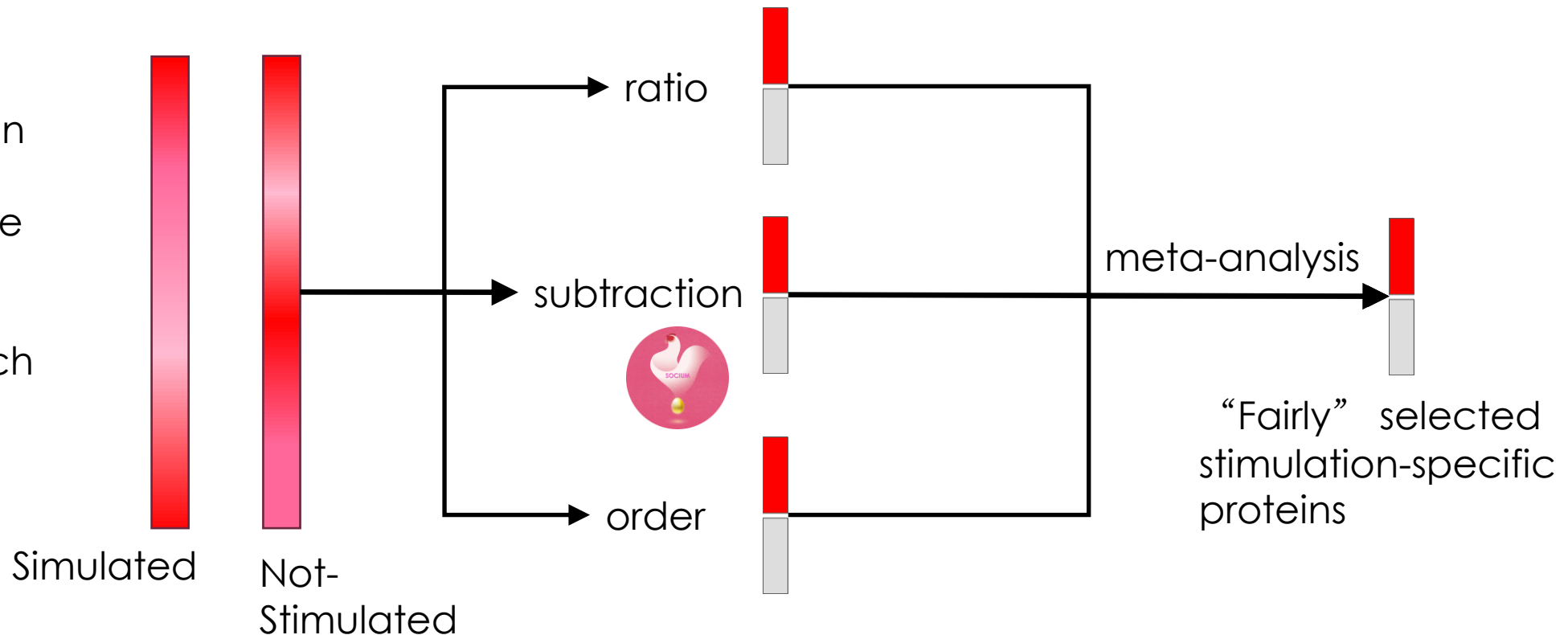
② We can estimate the difference between two groups in terms of ratio, subtraction, and rank of phosphorylation degrees between two compared groups, and unify the differences into one index by meta-analysis technique

[Analysis Policy]

The "difference" in the amount of phosphorylation is defined from **three perspectives**, and the results are **integrated**.

To detect differences "impartially," **analyst preferences for "differences" are eliminated** as much as possible.

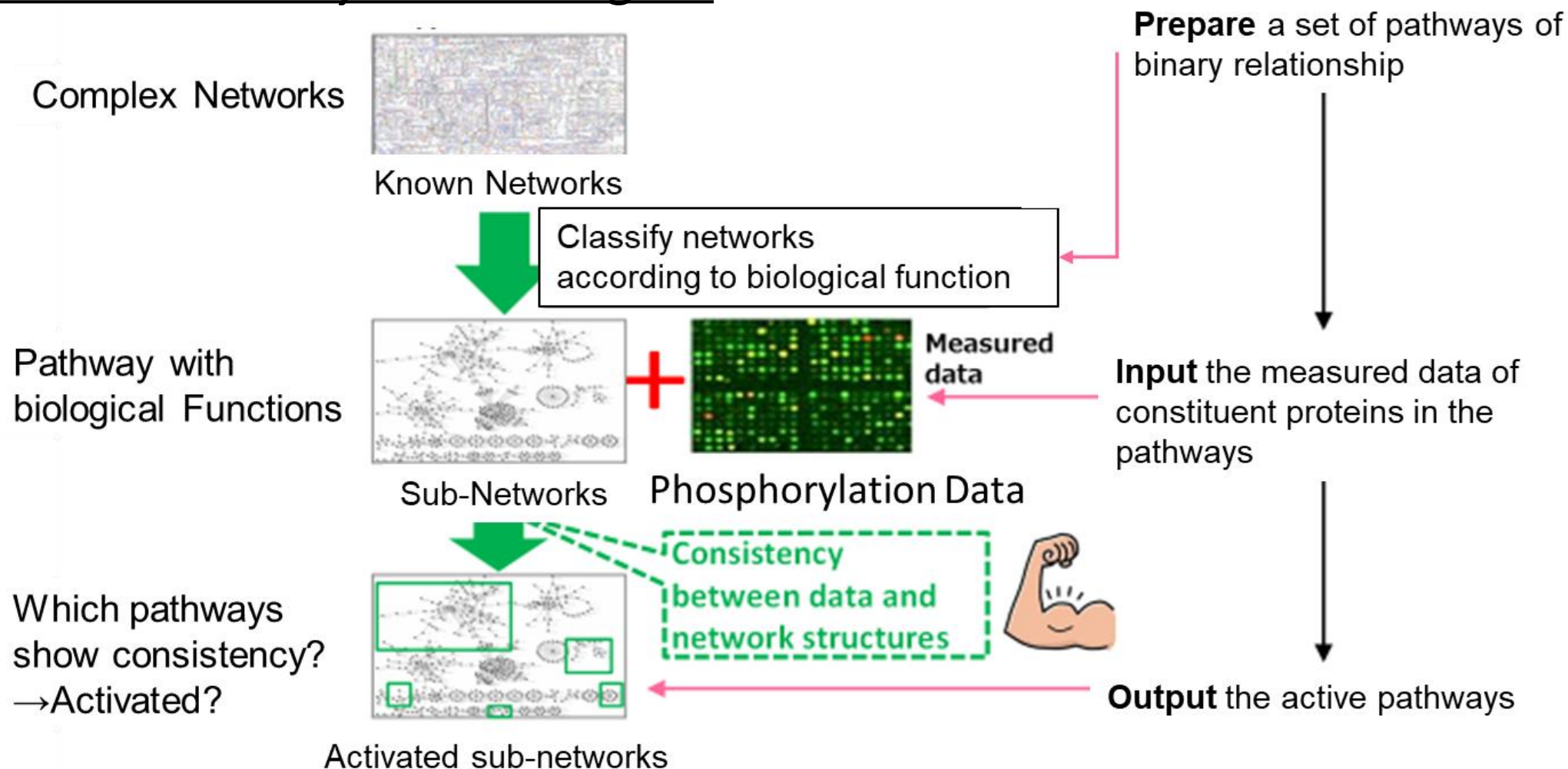
Phosphorylation levels of 1492 proteins can be measured by our arrays for two groups such as simulated and not-simulated.



③ Identifying Activated/Inactivated Pathway

Saito, S., Aburatani, S. and Horimoto, K, BMC Sys. Biol. 2, 84, 2008.

What's "Pathway Screening" ?



3. Functions

④ We can estimate the activity of kinases in sample based on phosphorylation levels of corresponding substrates on the array

Phosphorylation levels

of 816 substrates of 190 kinases

Activity of 185 kinases

Mathematical Ways

In general, one kinase phosphorylates different substrates, and the information on the pairs of kinase and its substrate have accumulated in the database. Here, we assume that as a first approximation, the phosphorylation degrees of substrates are expressed by a linear combination of kinase activity as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_s \end{bmatrix} = a_1 \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{11} \\ \delta_{12} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{1s} \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{21} \\ \delta_{22} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{2s} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + a_k \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{k1} \\ \delta_{k2} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{ks} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Where p_i ($i=1, 2, \dots, s$) and a_j ($j=1, 2, \dots, k$) are phosphorylation degree of i th substrate and phosphorylation activity of k th kinase, respectively, and

$$\delta_{ks} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n_s} & \text{if protein } s \text{ is a substrate of } k \text{th kinase,} \\ & \text{and } n_s \text{ is a total number of substrates} \\ & \text{of } k \text{th kinase} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In Eqn (1), the problem is attributed to solve a system of linear simultaneous equations for phosphorylation activity of kinases $\{a_j\}$ from the measured phosphorylation degrees of substrates $\{p_i\}$ and the information on kinase-substrate pairs $\{\delta_{ks}\}$.

- ◆ Formulate the following relationship:
[Substrate phosphorylation level]~[Kinase-substrate relationship] $\otimes$ [Kinase activity]
- ◆ Numerical analysis of the above equation system
- ◆ Define the activity score based on the numerical values obtained from the above analysis

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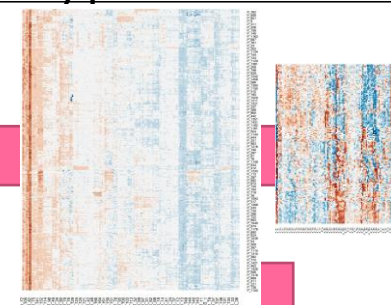
High-content analysis

Characterization of Chemical Compound

Data set of phosphorylation patterns of 167 commercialized TKI

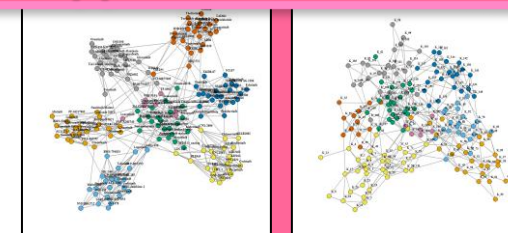
(Phosphorylation pattern of 1471 proteins (left) and Activity patterns of 106 kinases (right))

Given Chemical Compound



Similar patterns of TKIs with given chemical compound

Phenotypic Network Screening



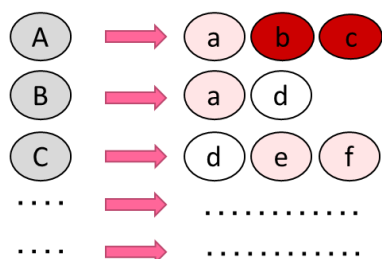
High correlated TKI with given chemical compound

3. Functions

③ & ④ SOCIUM can identify the target and pathway of kinase inhibitor from two analytical methods.

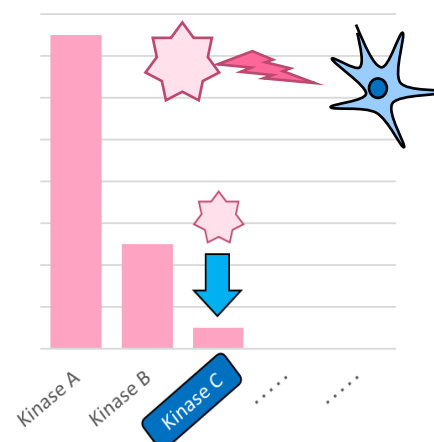
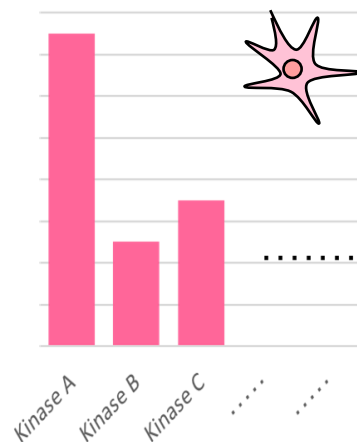
④ Analysis of Kinase Activities

Tyrosine Kinase Phosphorylated Substrates

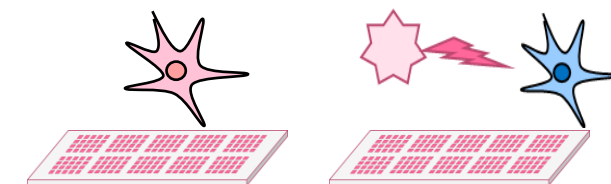


Estimation of 106 Tyrosine kinase activity from the amount of phosphorylated substrates.

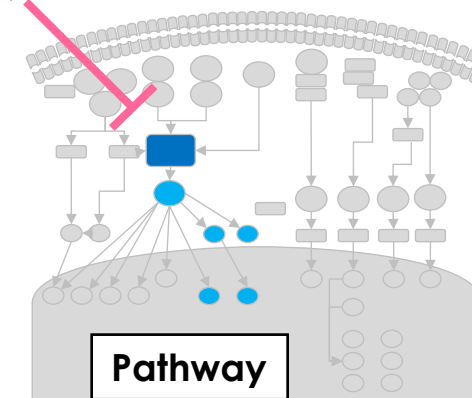
Kinase Activity



Just 1 experiment ...



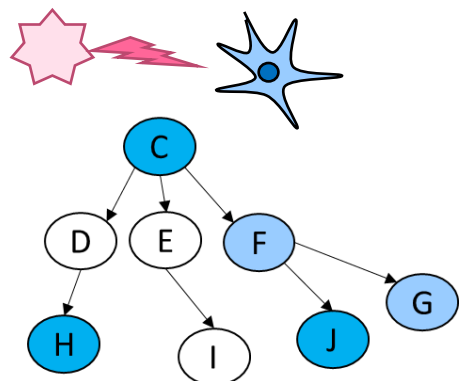
Target



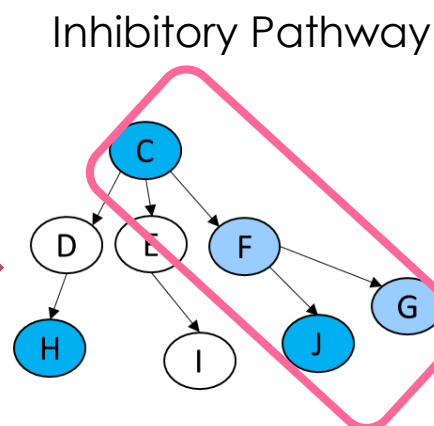
Pathway

Two analytical methods can be used in one experiment to infer targets and mechanism of actions.

③ Analysis of Active Pathway



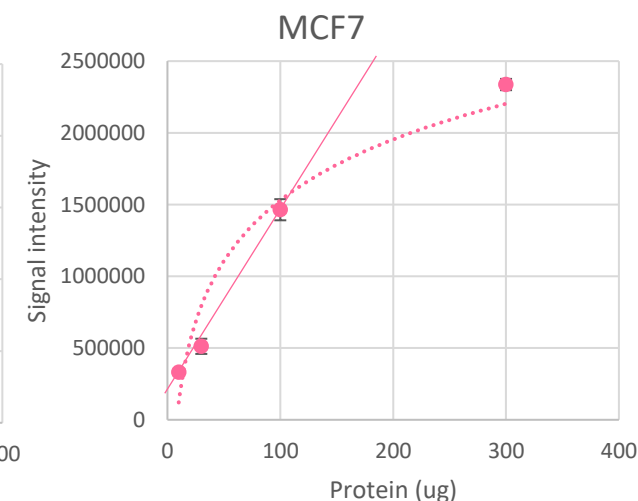
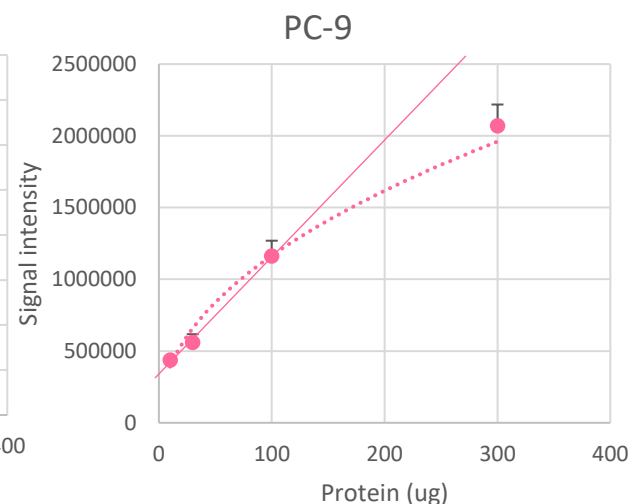
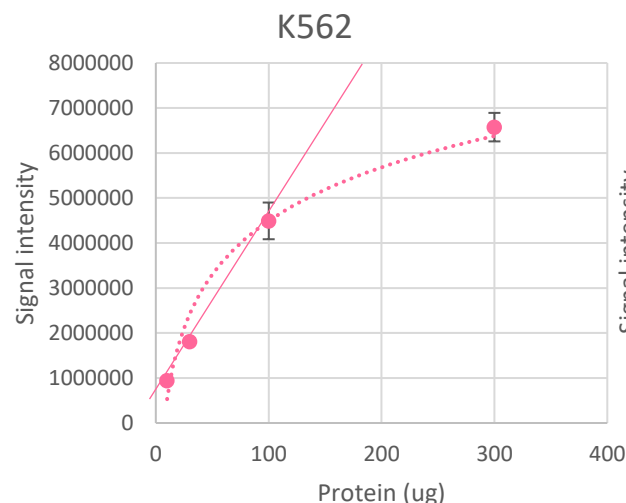
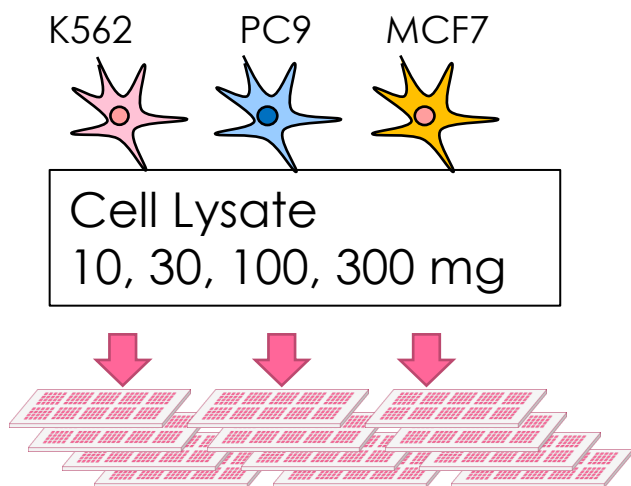
“Pathway Screening”



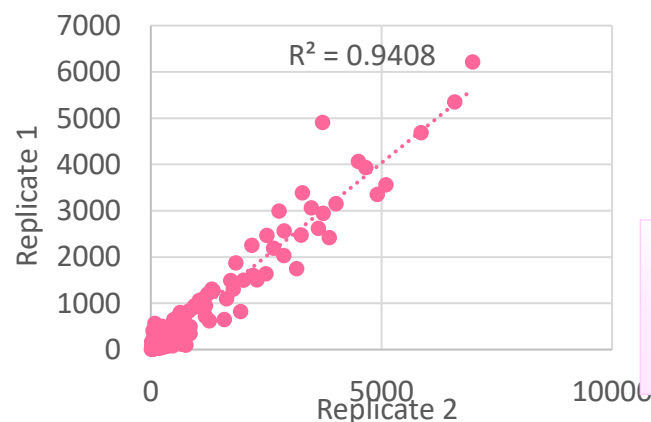
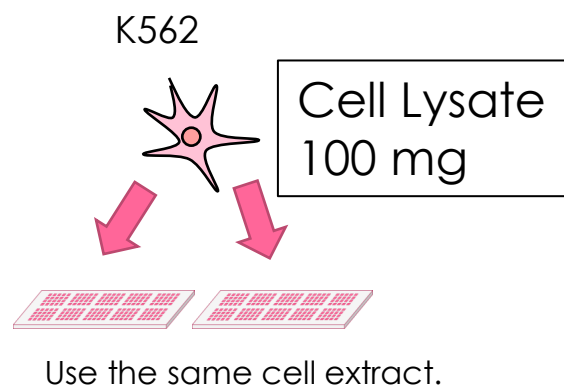
3. Functions

Phospho-Totum show high accuracy with small sample volumes.

Examination of required amount of protein from cell.



Examination of simultaneous reproducibility.

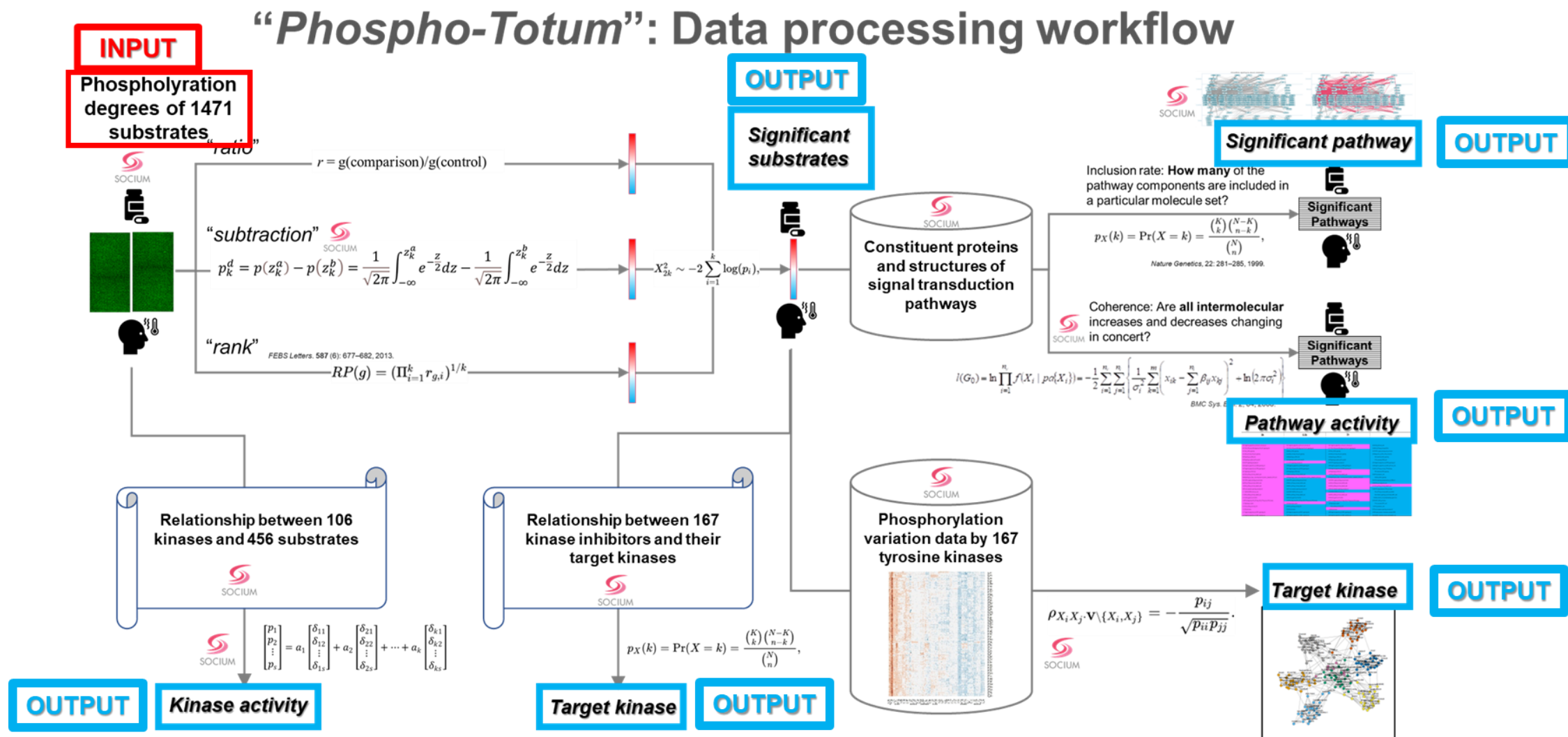


The total signal intensity increased linearly when reacting cell lysates up to 100 mg from 10 mg.

Phospho-Totum represented high simultaneous reproducibility ($R^2=0.94$).

Overview of Computational System

Horimoto, K., Suyama, Y., Sasaki, T., Fukui, K., Sun, M., Feng, L., Tang, Y., Zhang, Y., Chen, D., Han F., The Journal of Biomedical Research. 38(3): 195-205, 2024

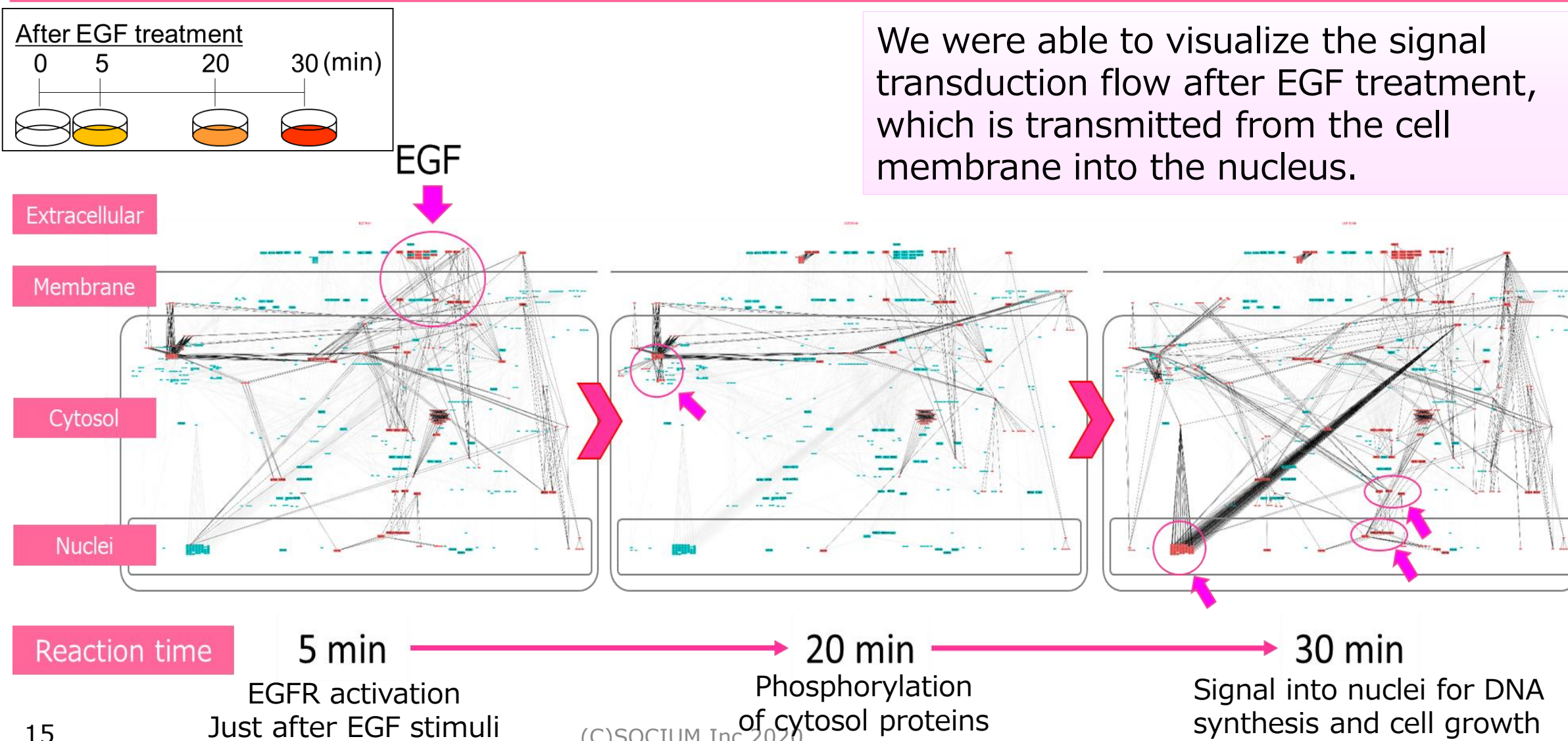


Various application fields in "Phospho-Totum"

1. Examination of the time course of activated pathway after EGF treatment.
2. Identification of tyrosine kinases with changed activity by treatment with EGFR inhibitor.
3. Examination of the difference in activated pathway by treatment with 5 Bcr-Abl inhibitors.
4. Examination of TKI-resistance acquisition mechanism in lung cells
5. Target kinase identification of chemical compound
6. Elucidation of the mechanism of the synergistic effect of using a combination of two drugs.

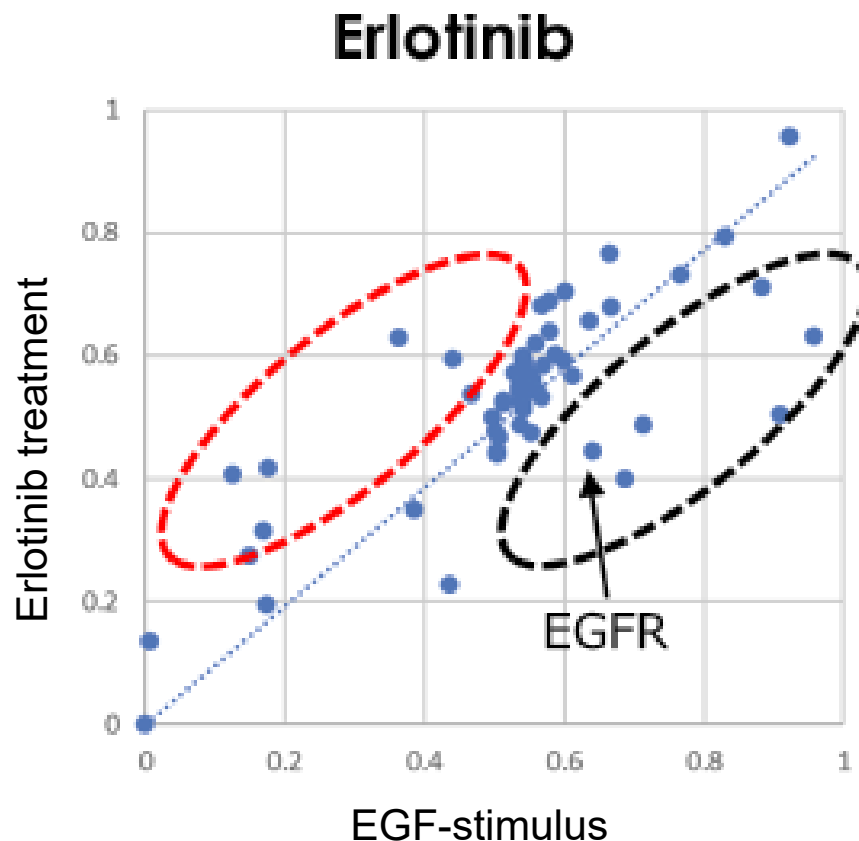
1 Trace time course of activation pathway after EGF treatment.

H. Kagiwada, T. Kiboku, H. Matsuo, M. Kitazawa, K. Fukui, K. Horimoto:
Proteomics, 21(16):e2000251, 2021.



2 Target/Off-target tyrosine kinase by treatment with EGFR inhibitor.

Feng, L., Chen, X., Sheng, G., Li, Y., Li, Y., Zhang, Y., Yao, K., Wu, Z., Zhang, R., Kiboku, T. Kawasaki, A., Horimoto, K., Tang, Y., Sun, M., Han, F., Chen, D. Journal of Medicinal Chemistry (in press, Publication Date (Web):October 20, 2023)



EGF-stimulus: up
Erlotinib treatment : down → Erlotinib target kinase

EGF-stimulus: down
Erlotinib treatment : up → Bypass by Erlotinib treatment
→ Next drug target?

We were able to investigate the target and detour route of Erlotinib by estimating the degree of each tyrosine kinases activity.

3 A discrepancy in mechanism of action among 5 Bcr-Abl inhibitors.

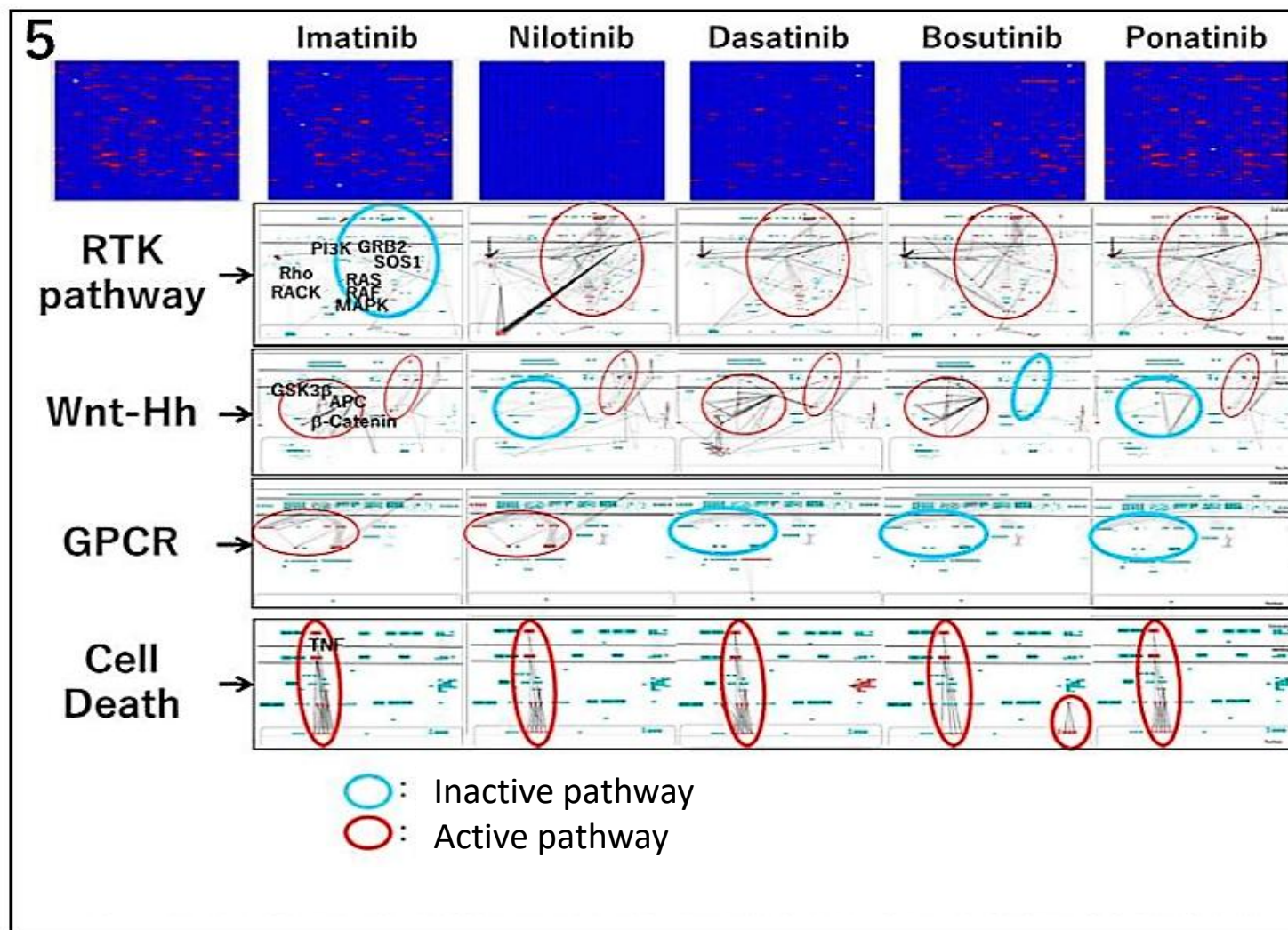
Purpose :

Identify difference in MoA among Bcr-Abl inhibitors

Sample :

Cell lysate after drug treated K562 cells

Difference of active pathways among Bcr-Abl inhibitors were detected.



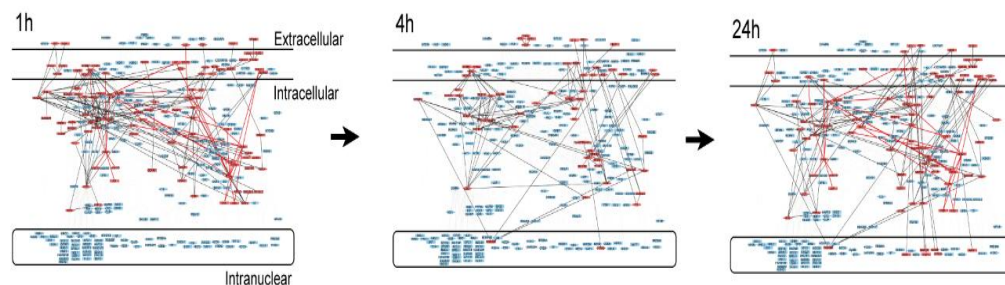
4 Acquisition mechanism of EGFR inhibitor resistance.

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RESEARCH

IGF2 Autocrine-Mediated IGF1R Activation Is a Clinically Relevant Mechanism of Osimertinib Resistance in Lung Cancer

Tadashi Manabe et al. (2020) *Mol Cancer Res.* 18:549-559.

Investigation of active pathway by treatment with EGFR inhibitor using Phospho-Totum.



Identification of activated pathway in EGFR resistant cell using Phospho-Totum.

Pathway	PC9ER	PC9GR	PC9AZDR
VEGFR2-mediated vascular permeability B	0.47	0.77	0.43
GAB1 signalosome A	0.56	0.35	0.38
Phosphorylation and activation of VAV1	0.74	0.92	0.99
p-Y-IRS1 p-Y-IRS2 bind PI3K	0.32	0.55	0.06

Note: Pathway activity was estimated by "network screening." The thresholds of the probabilities were set to 0.3 in "network screening."

IGF1R bypass contributes the acquisition of EGFR inhibitor resistance

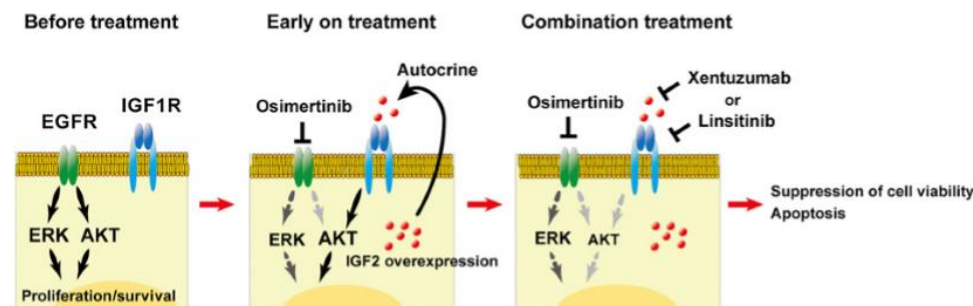


Figure 6. Schematic representation of the resistant mechanism induced by IGF2 overexpression. Proposed model of IGF2 overexpression inducing an IGF1R bypass and contributing to the acquired resistance to osimertinib.

Using Phospho-Totum, we could provide the data to help elucidate the mechanism of acquisition of EGFR inhibitor resistance.

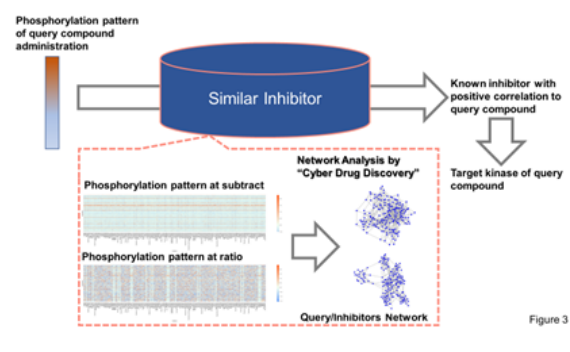
5 Target kinase identification of chemical compound

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Application of Network Analysis Approach for Drug Discovery to Target Identification

Known (Dasatinib) case

✓ Learning by network inference



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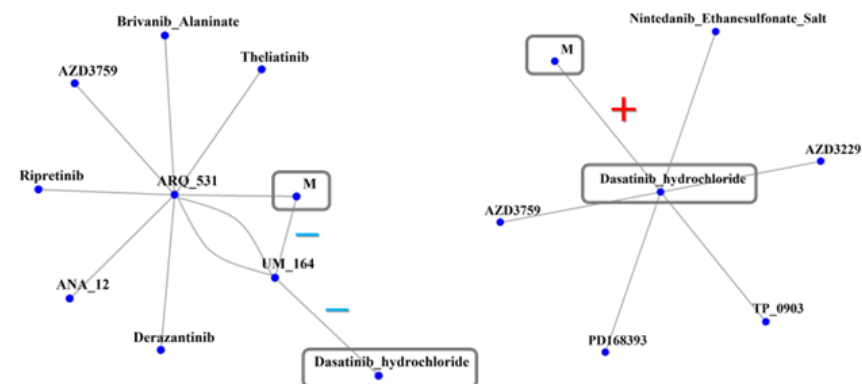
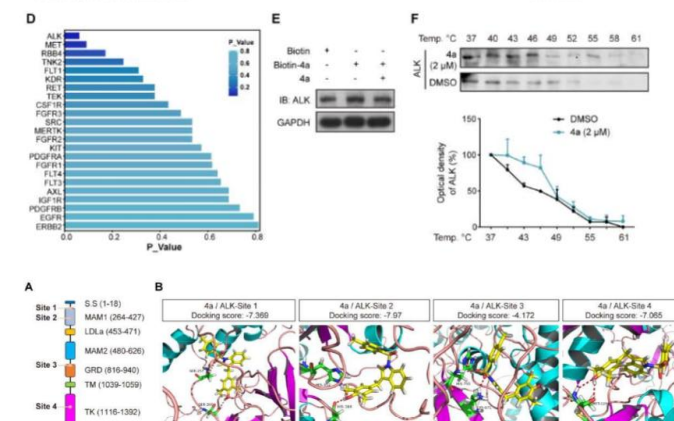
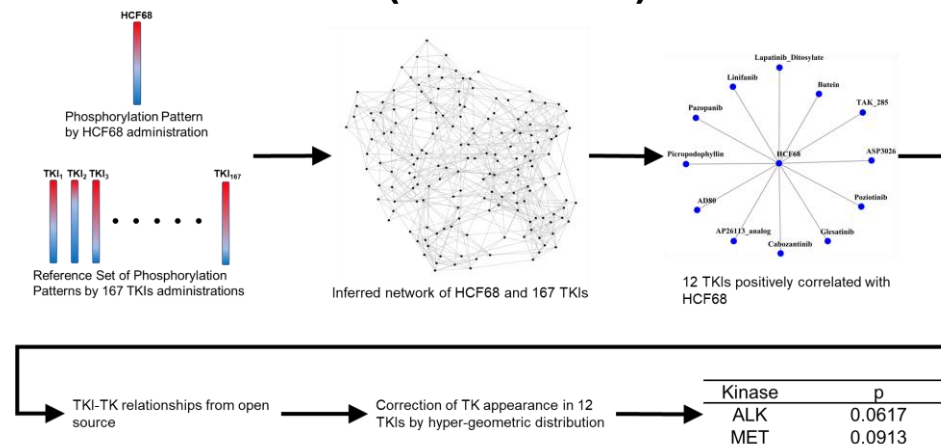


Figure 5

(Prediction)

(Verification)

Target-Unknown case



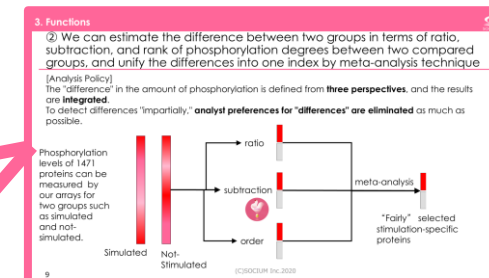
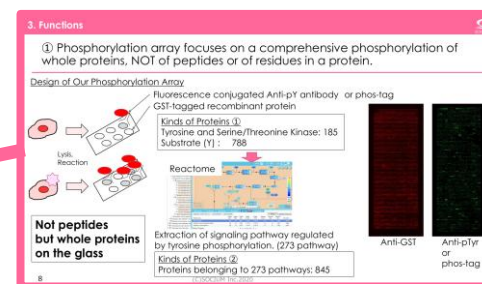
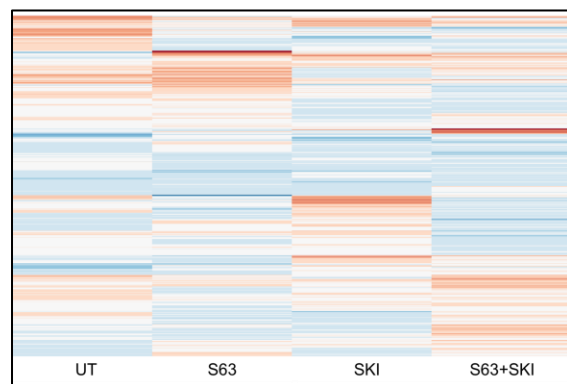
4. Application Examples

6. Elucidation of the mechanism of the synergistic effect of using a combination of two drugs.

Signal transduction and Target Therapy,
10, 50 (2025).

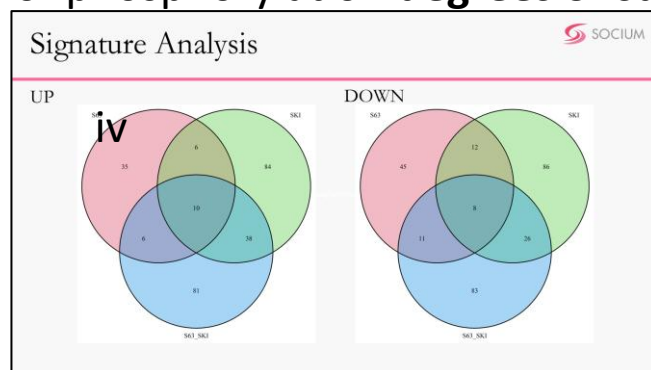
Detecting differences in mechanisms between a single drug and a combination of two drug administrations.

Comprehensive measurement of **phosphorylation degrees**



Changes of phosphorylation **degrees of substrates**

Changes of phosphorylation **degrees of pathways**



Pathway Analysis 1

UP

Pathway	q_S63	q_SKI	q_S63_SKI
TCF_dependent_signaling_in_response_to_WNT_No1	0.053	0.992	0.536
Formation_of_the_beta-cateninTCF_transactivating_complex_No1	0.082	0.987	0.757
NTF3_activates_NTRK2_TYRK3_signaling	0.069	0.998	0.907
Disassembly_of_the_destruction_complex_and_recruitment_of_AXIN_to_the_membrane_No4	0.084	0.986	1.000
TCF_dependent_signaling_in_response_to_WNT_No2	0.084	0.986	1.000
RHO_GTPase_activate_IQGAPs_ver1	0.042	0.998	1.000
RHO_GTPase_activate_IQGAPs_ver2	0.042	0.998	1.000
RHO_GTPase_activate_IQGAPs_ver3	0.042	0.998	1.000
RHO_GTPase_activate_IQGAPs_ver4	0.042	0.998	1.000
Signaling_by_ERBB2_ver1	0.807	0.035	0.654
Signaling_by_ERBB2_ver2	0.807	0.035	0.654
Signaling_by_ERBB2_ver3	0.807	0.035	0.654
Signaling_by_ERBB2_ver4	0.807	0.035	0.654
Negative_regulation_of_FGFR3_signaling_No1	0.209	0.930	0.070
FRS-mediated_FGFR1_signaling	0.224	0.732	0.097
FRS-mediated_FGFR3_signaling	0.224	0.889	0.097

Pathway Analysis 1

DOWN

Pathway	q_S63	q_SKI	q_S63_SKI
TCF_dependent_signaling_in_response_to_WNT_No1	0.054	0.186	0.714
IGF1R_signaling_cascade_No4	0.050	1.000	0.999
Signaling_by_Type_1_insulin-like_Growth_Factor_1_Receptor_IGF1R_No4	0.080	1.000	0.999
Neurophlin_interactions_with_VEGF_and_VEGFR_ver1	0.558	0.091	0.187
Neurophlin_interactions_with_VEGF_and_VEGFR_ver2	0.558	0.091	0.187
Signaling_by_Hippo_No2	0.999	0.084	0.967
Negative_regulation_of_PI3K_AKT_network_No2	0.900	0.017	0.984
PI3K_PP2A_and_IRE1_Regulate_PI3K_AKT_Signaling_No2	0.900	0.017	0.984
RHO_GTPase_activate_KTN1	0.314	0.993	0.022
VEGFA-VEGFR2_Pathway_No1	0.184	0.580	0.040
MAPK9_MAPK4_signaling	0.336	0.493	0.055
Signaling_by_PDGFR_No3	0.489	0.108	0.058
Downstream_of_signal_transduction	0.427	0.161	0.088
RHO_GTPase_activate_IQGAPs_ver1	0.999	0.828	0.092
RHO_GTPase_activate_IQGAPs_ver2	0.999	0.828	0.092
RHO_GTPase_activate_IQGAPs_ver3	0.999	0.828	0.092
RHO_GTPase_activate_IQGAPs_ver4	0.999	0.828	0.092

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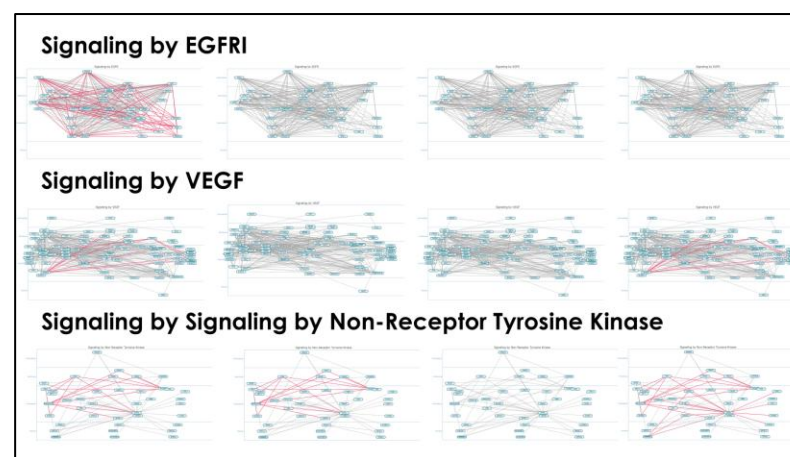
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Changes in **pathway activity** (numerical) Changes in **pathway activity** (visualization)

Changes in **kinase activity**

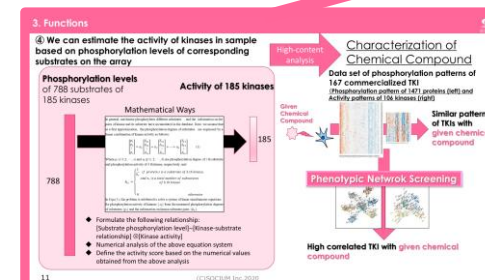
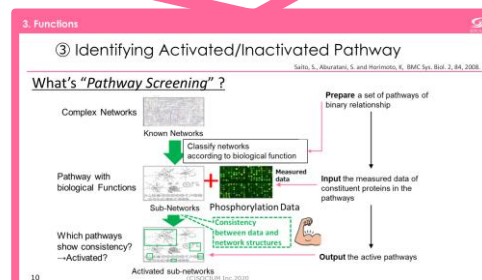
Pathway Analysis 2

Pathway	Category	p Control	p_S63	p_SKI	p_S63_SKI
NRAGE_signals_death_through_JNK_No1	Death Receptor Signaling	0.47	0.68	0.1	0.1
GRB2_SOS_provides_linkage_to_MAPK_signaling_for_Integrins_ver1	Integrin signaling	0.5	0.98	0.01	0.03
CaMK_IV-mediated_phosphorylation_of_CREB_No2	Intracellular signaling by second messengers	0.44	0.25	0.29	0.13
Cam-PDE1_activation	Intracellular signaling by second messengers	0.2	0.25	0.36	0.01
Negative_regulation_of_MAPK_pathway_No3	MAPK Family signaling Cascades	0.07	0.92	0.79	0.01
IRS_Activation	Signaling by Insulin receptor	0.59	0.88	0.02	0.13
PTK6_Actives_STAT3	Signaling by Non-Receptor Tyrosine Kinase	0.58	0.52	0.81	0.12
PTK6_Regulates_Cell_Cycle	Signaling by Non-Receptor Tyrosine Kinase	1	0.8	0.64	0.17
PTK6_Regulates_RHO_GTPases_RAS_GTPase_and_MAP_kinases	Signaling by Non-Receptor Tyrosine Kinase	0.07	0.01	0.5	0.01
Downstream_of_signal_transduction	Signaling by PDGF	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.01
Signaling_by_PDGF_No3	Signaling by PDGF	0.43	0.09	0.09	0.02
VEGFA-VEGFR2_Pathway_No5	Signaling by VEGF	0.13	0.67	0.43	0.01
VEGFR2_mediated_cell_proliferation_No2	Signaling by VEGF	0.09	0.65	0.38	0.03
Binding_of_TCF_LEF_GTWAB1_to_target_gene_promoters_No1	Signaling by WNT	0.95	0.15	0.82	0.16
Negative_regulation_of_TCF-dependent_signaling_by_DVL-interacting_proteins_ver1	Signaling by WNT	0.48	0.79	0.5	0.12
FasL_CD95L_signaling	Death Receptor Signaling	0.1	0.68	0.01	0.84
Signaling_by_Leptin	Signaling by Leptin	0.29	0.37	0.08	0.28
GAB1_signalingome	Signaling by EGFR	0.02	1	0.62	0.78
MET_activates_PTIP11_ver1	Signaling by MET	0.01	0.96	0.99	1
ERK_MAPK_targets_No2	Signaling by NTRKs	0.11	0.01	0.52	1
Disassembly_of_the_destruction_complex_and_recruitment_of_AXIN_to_the_membrane_No2	Signaling by WNT	0.29	1	0.1	0.99
Disassembly_of_the_destruction_complex_and_recruitment_of_AXIN_to_the_membrane_No5	Signaling by WNT	0.17	0.98	0.01	0.38
TCF_dependent_signaling_in_response_to_WNT_No2	Signaling by WNT	0.17	1	0.17	0.97
TCF_dependent_signaling_in_response_to_WNT_No5	Signaling by WNT	0.17	0.97	0.02	0.3
RHO_GTPase_activate_CPTrafficking	Signaling by Rho GTPases	0.68	0.01	0.63	0.63
RHO_GTPase_activate_JGAPs_ver2	Signaling by Rho GTPases	0.92	1	0.19	0.93
RHO_GTPase_activate_JGAPs_ver3	Signaling by Rho GTPases	0.92	1	0.17	0.95



Kinase Activity

kinase	DOWN		UP	
	S63 vs. S63&SKI	SKI vs. S63&SKI	S63 vs. S63&SKI	SKI vs. S63&SKI
FER	0.018	0.003	0.045	0.006
MAPKAPK5	0.020	0.031	0.023	0.008
PKC3A	0.283	0.002	0.015	0.007
AURKB	0.264	0.015	0.143	0.041
CSNK1A1	0.464	0.024	0.127	0.039
CSNK1G2	0.736	0.036	0.675	0.037
PRKCQ	0.070	0.039	0.668	0.034
PEK	0.023	0.115	0.439	0.033
CDK1	0.040	0.140	0.085	0.015
PAK2	0.043	0.150	0.089	0.011
MATK	0.018	0.162	0.189	0.005
AKT2	0.042	0.202	0.073	0.001
RET	0.026	0.278	0.046	0.800
MAP2K1	0.049	0.281	0.019	0.310
IRAK1	0.021	0.363	0.045	0.252
MAP3K14	0.022	0.378	0.013	0.231
BRX	0.037	0.749	0.002	0.218
PLK1			0.013	0.151



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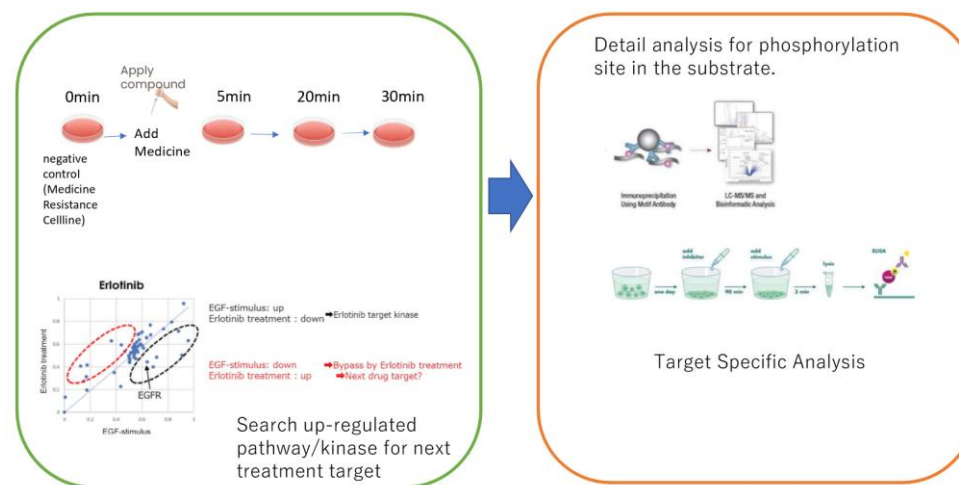
First, predict the whole from the overall picture, and then check the details later.

Example 1) Developing Kinase Drug & Elucidating Resistance Mechanisms

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Evaluate Kinase Activity (or inhibitory effects)	kinase activity estimation	experiment
Decipher the Compound's Mechanism of Action	pathway activity estimation	experiment
Kinase Selectivity Profiling (or off-target effects)	substrate measurement & kinase and pathway activity estimation	experiment
Target Engagement and Functionality inside Living Cells	computational prediction including the network analysis	combination of experiments
Further work such as preclinical testing	X	brute force (?)

“First, predict the whole”

✓ One experiment and computational predictions



“check the details later.”

✓ Various experiments

5. Suggestions for application

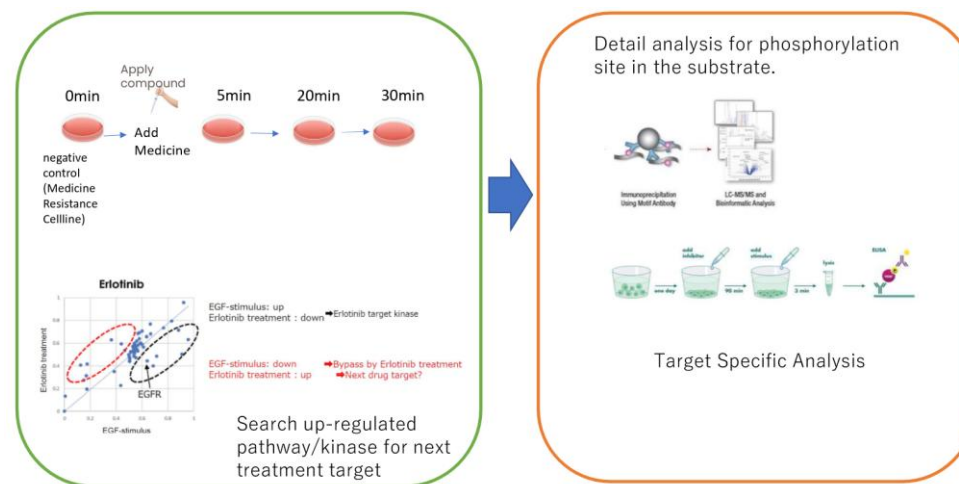
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Example 2) Quantitatively estimating the phosphatase effects on the phosphorylation state

	Cell Lysate <i>phosphatase inhibitors</i>	Phosphorylation Reaction <i>phosphatase inhibitors</i>	
DMSO	○	○	catch the phosphorylation activity
Condition 1	○	○	
DMSO	×	×	catch the phosphatase effects
Condition 1	×	×	

“First, predict the whole”

- ✓ One experiment and computational predictions



“check the details later.”

- ✓ Various experiments

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