AQT0918 – MLK4 (MAP3K21) Assay Validation

PhosphoSens®-Kinetic Assay Format

Outline for this Study

PhosphoSens-Kinetic Assay Validation

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Enzyme Source, Construct, and Lot Information:

SignalChem MLK4 (Cat#/Lot#: M48-11G/E3153-5) amino acids 114-420; N-terminal GST tag

Reference Compound Information:

Staurosporine MedChem Express

Experiments to be run:

Enzyme Titration

Sensor Peptide K_m Determination

ATP K_m Determination

DMSO Tolerance Test

Reference Compound IC_{50} Determination at ATP K_m

Enzyme Titration

Reaction Conditions and Set Up

Reaction Conditions:

54 mM HEPES, pH 7.5

1 mM ATP

1.2 mM DTT

0.012% Brij-35

1% glycerol

0.2 mg/ml BSA

0.55 mM EGTA

10 mM $MgCl_2$

15 µM AQT0918

0.04, 0.08, 0.16, 0.3125, 0.625, 1.25, 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 40, and 80 nM MLK4

Reaction Set Up:

2 or 2.5 µL	10x Sensor Peptide
14 or 17.5 µL	Reaction Mix with ATP & DTT
4 or 5 µL	1x EDB or Kinase dilutions (5x in EDB)
20 or 25 µL	Final reaction volume

Reactions were run at 30˚C for 240 minutes in either Corning, low volume 384-well, white flat round bottom polystyrene NBS microplates (Cat. #3824) at 20 or 25 µL final well volume or in in PerkinElmer, ProxiPlate-384 Plus, white shallow well microplates (Cat. #6008280) at 20 µL final well volumeafter sealing using optically-clear adhesive film (TopSealA-Plus plate seal, PerkinElmer [Cat. #6050185]) in a Biotek Synergy Neo 2 microplate reader with excitation (360 nm) and emission (485 nm) wavelengths.

Notes:

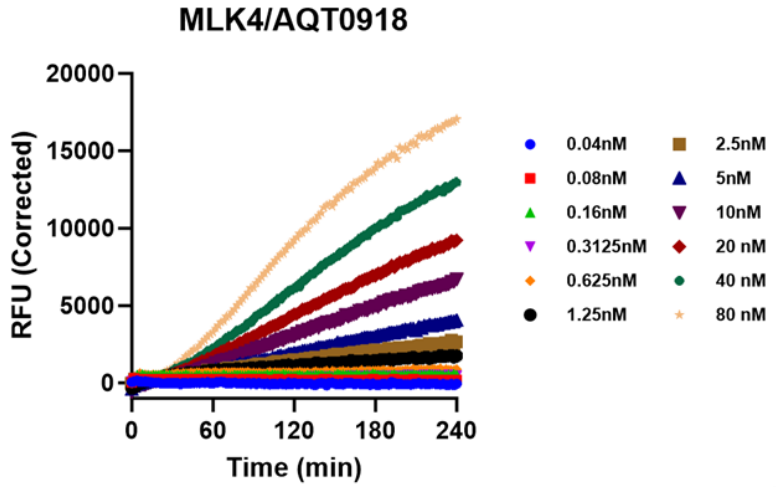
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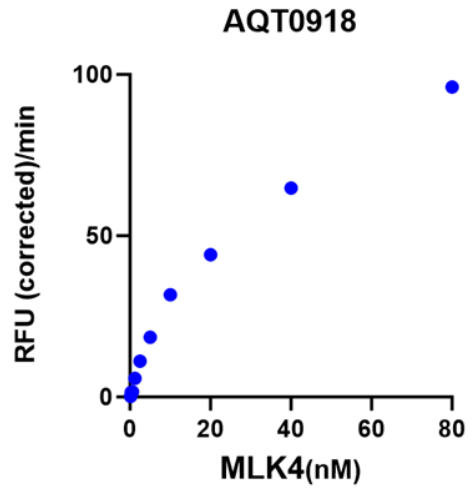
Enzyme Titration

Progress Curves

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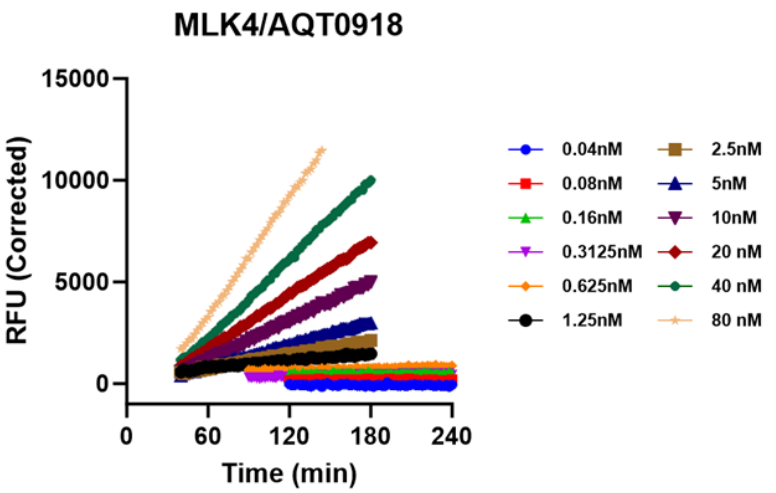
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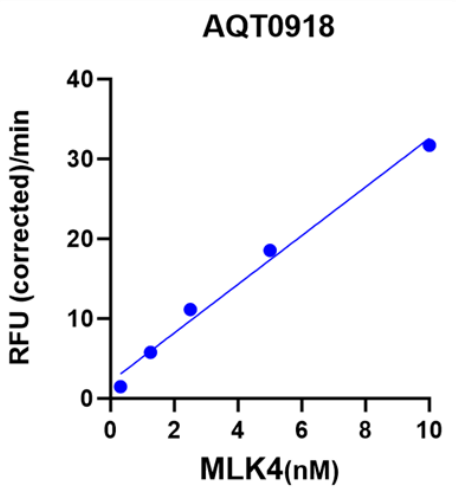




Note that there is an initial lag in activity likely due to activation of the enzyme.

Linear Region of Progress Curves





Linear Range

Enzyme Titration

Reaction Rate Table

Enzyme Conc. (nM)	Normalized Reaction Rate (RFU/pmole/min)	Normalized Rate Stnd Error (RFU/pmole/min)
0.04	0	0
0.08	0	0
0.16	67	40
0.3125	238	13
0.625	127	7
1.25	231	5
2.5	223	2
5	186	1
10	159	1
20	110	0
40	81	0
80	60	0

The reaction is linear from 0.3125-10.00 nM

Sensor Peptide K_m Determination

Reaction Conditions and Set Up

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1% glycerol

0.2 mg/ml BSA

0.55 mM EGTA

10 mM $MgCl_2$

1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 20, 30, 50, 70, and 100 µM AQT0918

20 nM MLK4

Reaction Set Up:

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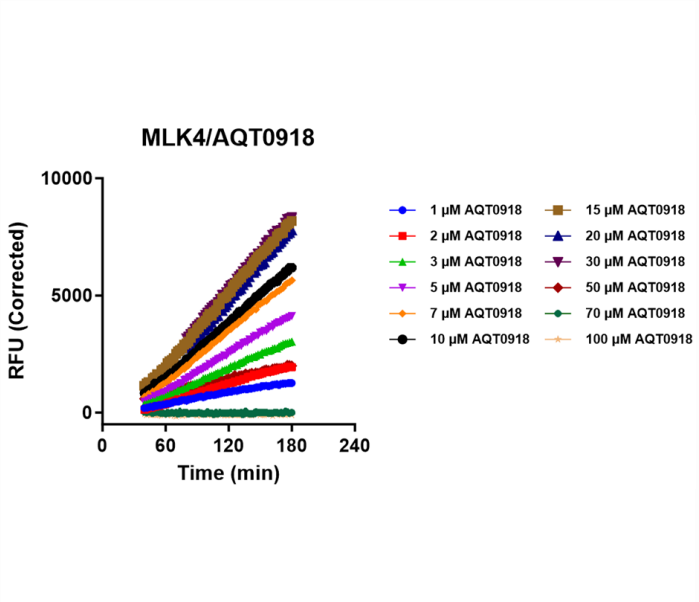
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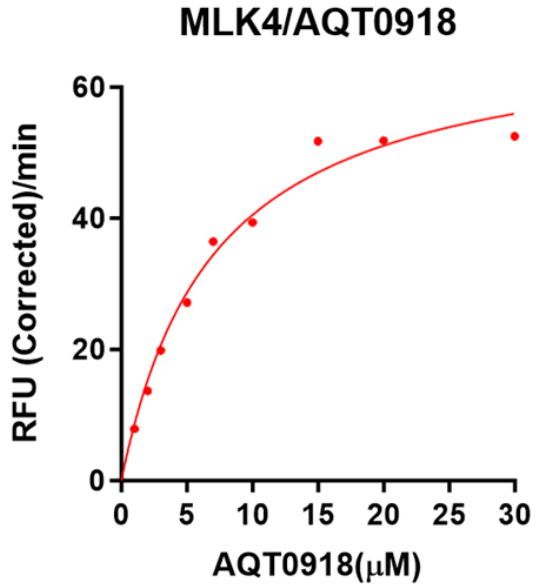
Sensor Peptide K_m Determination

Titration Curves and K_m Plot and Table

Sensor Peptide Titration Curves



Sensor Peptide K_m Plot



Sensor Peptide K_m Table

Michaelis-Menten	
Best-fit values	
Vmax	69.12
Km	7.068
Std. Error	
Vmax	3.925
Km	1.054
95% CI (profile likelihood)	
Vmax	61.04 to 79.26
Km	5.041 to 9.941
Goodness of Fit	
Degrees of Freedom	7
R squared	0.9803

Sensor Peptide K_m is 7.1 µM

ATP K_m Determination

Reaction Conditions and Set Up

Reaction Conditions:

54 mM HEPES, pH 7.5

0, 2.0, 3.9, 7.8, 16, 31, 63, 125, 250, 500, 1000, and 2000 µM ATP

1.2 mM DTT

0.012% Brij-35

1% glycerol

0.2 mg/ml BSA

0.55 mM EGTA

10 mM $MgCl_2$

15 µM AQT0918

20 nM MLK4

Reaction Set Up:

2 or 2.5 µL	10x Sensor Peptide
14 or 17.5 µL	Reaction Mix with ATP & DTT
4 or 5 µL	1x EDB or Kinase dilutions (5x in EDB)
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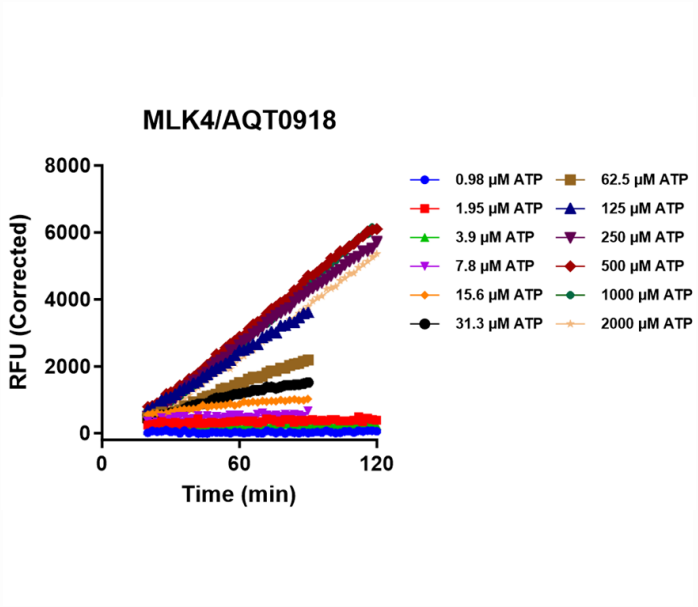
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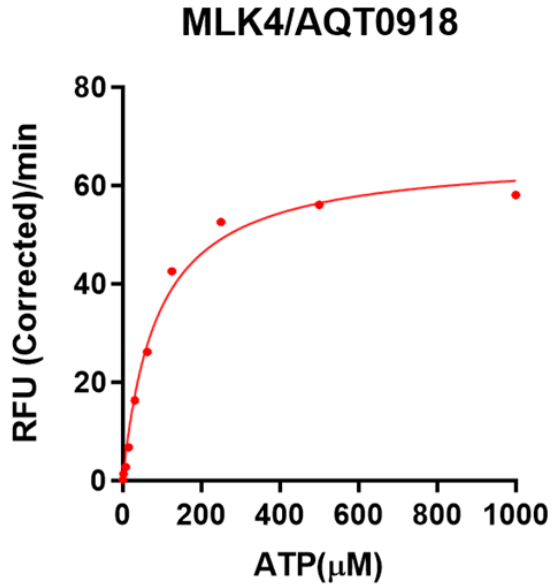
ATP K_m Determination

Titration Curves and K_m Plot and Table

ATP Titration Curves



ATP K_m Plot



ATP K_m Table

Michaelis-Menten	
Best-fit values	
Vmax	66.29
Km	87.75
Std. Error	
Vmax	2.527
Km	11.34
95% CI (profile likelihood)	
Vmax	61.07 to 72.03
Km	66.88 to 115.1
Goodness of Fit	
Degrees of Freedom	9
R squared	0.9899

ATP K_m is 88 µM

DMSO Tolerance Test

Reaction Conditions and Set Up

Reaction Conditions:

54 mM HEPES, pH 7.5

1 mM ATP

1.2 mM DTT

0.012% Brij-35

1% glycerol

0.2 mg/ml BSA

0.55 mM EGTA

10 mM $MgCl_2$

0, .01, .02, .04, .08, .16, .31, .63, 1.3, 2.5, 5.0, and 10% DMSO

15 µM AQT0918

20 nM MLK4

Reaction Set Up:

2 or 2.5 µL	10x DMSO dilutions
14 or 17.5 µL	Reaction Mix with Sensor Peptide, ATP & DTT
4 or 5 µL	1x EDB or Kinase dilutions (5x in EDB)
20 or 25 µL	Final reaction volume

Reactions were run at 30˚C for 240 minutes in either Corning, low volume 384-well, white flat round bottom polystyrene NBS microplates (Cat. #3824) at 25 µL final well volume or in in PerkinElmer, ProxiPlate-384 Plus, white shallow well microplates (Cat. #6008280) at 20 µL final well volumeafter sealing using optically-clear adhesive film (TopSealA-Plus plate seal, PerkinElmer [Cat. #6050185]) in a Biotek Synergy Neo 2 microplate reader with excitation (360 nm) and emission (485 nm) wavelengths.

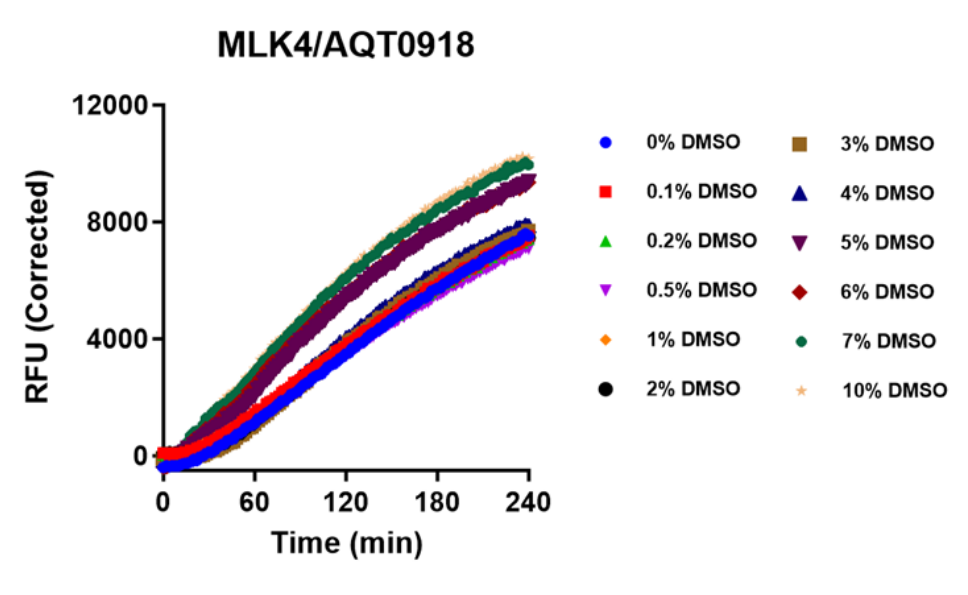
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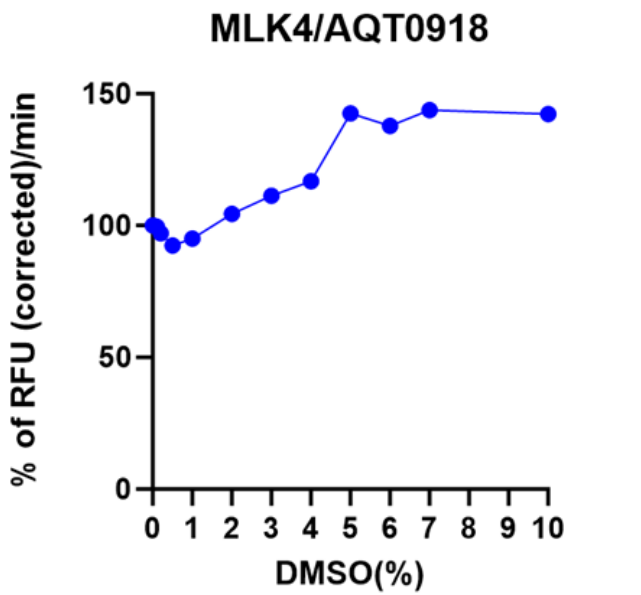
DMSO Tolerance Test

Titration Curves and Inhibition Plot

Complete Progress Curves



Reaction Rate vs [DMSO] Plot



No significant change in enzyme activity above 5% DMSO

IC_{50} Determination

Reaction Conditions and Set Up

Reaction Conditions:

54 mM HEPES, pH 7.5

ATP at K_m

1.2 mM DTT

0.012% Brij-35

1% glycerol

0.2 mg/ml BSA

0.55 mM EGTA

10 mM $MgCl_2$

0.01% DMSO

15 µM AQT0918

20 nM MLK4

3 mM Staurosporine was serially diluted (3-fold, 11-point) in 100% DMSO. The series was then diluted 10-fold into BSA (with a final concentration of 0.2 mg/mL BSA in 10% DMSO) to prepare the 10x compound stocks.

Reaction Set Up:

16 µL	Reaction Mix with Sensor Peptide and Inhibitor
4 µL	1x EDB or Kinase dilutions (5x in EDB)
20 µL	Final reaction volume

Reactions were run at 30˚C for 240 minutes in either Corning, low volume 384-well, white flat round bottom polystyrene NBS microplates (Cat. #3824) at 20 µL final well volume or in in PerkinElmer, ProxiPlate-384 Plus, white shallow well microplates (Cat. #6008280) at 20 µL final well volumeafter sealing using optically-clear adhesive film (TopSealA-Plus plate seal, PerkinElmer [Cat. #6050185]) in a Biotek Synergy Neo 2 microplate reader with excitation (360 nm) and emission (485 nm) wavelengths.

Inhibitors are added via direct (0.4 µL of 50X stock in 100% DMSO) or intermediate dilutions (2.0 µL of 10X stock in 10% DMSO).

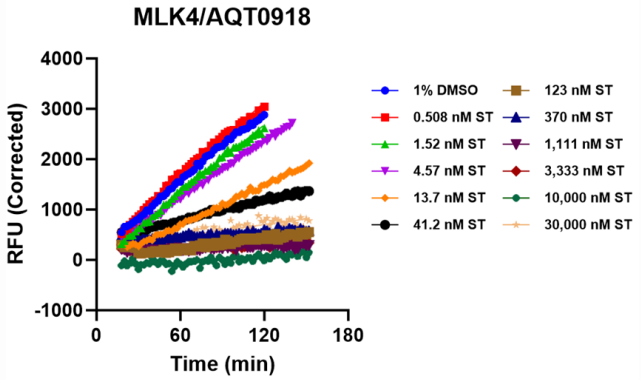
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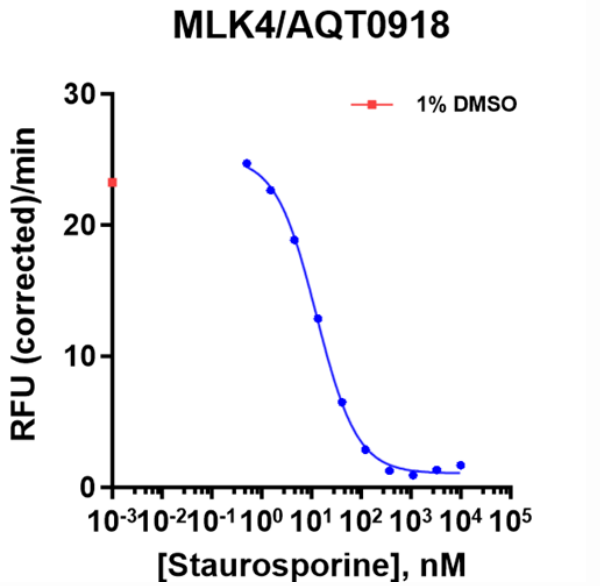
IC_{50} Determination

Progress Curves and IC_{50} Curves and Table

Linear Region of Progress Curves



IC_{50} Curve



The Y-axis label is RFU/min.

IC_{50} Table

log(inhibitor) vs. response -- Variable slope (four parameters)	
Best-fit values	
Bottom	1.057
Top	25.20
LogIC50	1.101
HillSlope	-1.059
IC50	12.63
Span	24.14
Std. Error	
Bottom	0.2295
Top	0.5099
LogIC50	0.03071
HillSlope	0.06927
Span	0.6148
95% CI (asymptotic)	
Bottom	0.4954 to 1.619
Top	23.95 to 26.45
LogIC50	1.026 to 1.177
HillSlope	-1.228 to -0.8894
IC50	10.62 to 15.02
Span	22.64 to 25.65
Goodness of Fit	
Degrees of Freedom	6
R squared	0.9988
Sum of Squares	1.002
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Number of points	
# of X values	10
# Y values analyzed	10

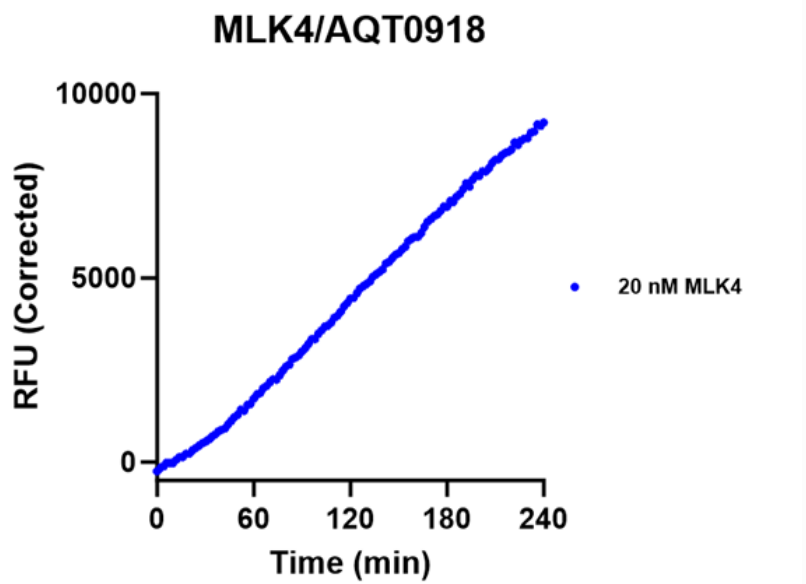
Staurosporine IC_{50} Determination at ATP K_m is 13 nM

Summary

Assay Validation Results and Progress Curve and Assay Strength at 1 mM ATP

Experiment	Result
Enzyme Titration Linear Range	0.3125-10.00 nM
Sensor Peptide K_m Value	7.1 µM
ATP K_m Value	88 µM
DMSO Tolerance (highest % recommended)	5 %
Staurosporine IC_{50} Determination at ATP K_m	13 nM

Progress Curve



Kinase Name	Conc. (nM)	Sox-based Substrate Name	Normalized Reaction Rate (RFU/pmole/min)	Normalized Rate StndError (RFU/pmole/min)
MLK4	20	AQT0918	110	0

Assay Strength Key	
Very Strong	>1,000 (RFU/pmole/min)
Strong	300 to 999 (RFU/pmole/min)
Moderate	100 to 299 (RFU/pmole/min)
Weak	30 to 99 (RFU/pmole/min)

Under the conditions utilized for this experiment, the assay is Moderate