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**siRNA SCREEN FOR IDENTIFICATION OF HUMAN
KINASES INVOLVED IN ASSEMBLY AND
RELEASE OF HIV-1**

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Summary

The replication of the human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) is as yet not fully understood. In particular the knowledge of interactions between viral and host cell proteins and the understanding of complete virus-host protein networks are still imprecise. An integral picture of the hijacked cellular machinery is essential for a better comprehension of the virus. And as a prerequisite, new tools are needed for this purpose.

To create such a novel tool, a screening platform for host cell factors was established in this work. The screening assay serves as a powerful method to gain insights into virus-host-interactions. It was specifically tailored to addressing the stage of assembly and release of viral particles during the replication cycle of HIV-1. It was designed to be suitable for both RNAi and chemical compound screening. The first phase of this work comprised the setup and optimization of the assay. It was shown, that it was robust and reliable and delivered reproducible results. As a subsequent step, a siRNA library targeting 724 human kinases and accessory proteins was examined. After the evaluation of the complete siRNA library in a primary screen, all primary hits were validated in a second reconfirmation screen using different siRNAs. The purpose of this two-step approach was to identify and exclude false positives.

In the end, 43 genes were reconfirmed to influence the assembly and release of HIV-1. Out of those, 39 were host dependency and 4 host restriction factors. Several of them had already been described in the literature to interact with HIV-1. However, various so far unknown host cell proteins were identified within this work. A subsequent combinatory pathway analysis including hits from other published screens identified several important signaling pathways to be important for HIV-1 assembly and release. The described single key proteins and their underlying protein networks provide a basis for the next steps toward understanding the virus and improving treatment in the future.

Zusammenfassung

Noch immer gibt es große Lücken im Verständnis der Replikationsmechanik des Humanen Immundefizienz-Virus Typ 1 (HIV-1). Im Besonderen das Wissen um Interaktionen von HIV-1 mit Wirtszellproteinen ist weiterhin unvollständig, sowie das Wissen über den Aufbau der Virus-Wirt Proteinnetzwerke. Ein umfassendes Bild der, durch das Virus zweckentfremdeten, Zellmaschinerie ist essentiell, um das Virus im Ganzen zu verstehen.

Die vorliegende Arbeit beschreibt die Etablierung einer Hochdurchsatz-Screening Plattform als äußerst leistungsfähige Methode, um Einblicke in die Virus-Wirt Wechselbeziehungen zu generieren. Die Plattform ist spezifisch auf die Untersuchung der Partikelbildung und -freisetzung von HIV-1 zugeschnitten. Sie wurde entwickelt, um sowohl mit RNA-Interferenzbibliotheken, als auch mit Bibliotheken chemischer Moleküle verwendbar zu sein. Die erste Phase dieser Arbeit umfasste die Entwicklung und den Aufbau der Plattform unter Durchführung der notwendigen Qualitätstests. Die Ergebnisse zeigten, dass die entwickelte Plattform robust war und verlässliche und reproduzierbare Ergebnisse lieferte. Als erste Anwendung wurde eine Bibliothek von „short interfering RNAs“ (siRNAs) getestet, die 724 humane Kinasen und verwandte Proteine abdeckte. Zunächst wurde in einem primären Test die komplette Bibliothek untersucht. Um die gefundenen, potenziellen Wirtszellfaktoren zu bestätigen und um mögliche fälschlich-Positive auszusondern, wurden diese Treffer in einem zweiten Bestätigungssuchtest überprüft.

Insgesamt wurden hierbei 43 Proteine bestätigt – davon 39 Abhängigkeits- und 4 Restriktionsfaktoren. Einige davon waren schon vorher in der Literatur in Bezug zu HIV-1 beschrieben, jedoch war auch ein Teil in diesem Kontext bisher unbekannt und stellt daher vielversprechende, neue Ziele für das Verständnis von der HIV-1-Replikation dar. Eine anschließend durchgeführte Kombinations-Netzwerk-Analyse unter Einbeziehung anderer Publikationen identifizierte wichtige Signalkaskaden. Die in dieser Arbeit gewonnen

Erkenntnisse bilden die Basis für zukünftige Untersuchungen, um die spezifischen Rollen dieser Proteine und Netzwerke für die Formation und Freisetzung von HIV-1 aufzudecken.

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1 Introduction

Great advances have been made in the therapy of the human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1), which is the causative agent of the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). However, it still poses an enormous burden for patients and health care systems worldwide. This is in part due to the fact that there are uncharted areas in its replication cycle - especially regarding its interactions with the host cells.

1.1 Human immunodeficiency virus type 1

1.1.1 Clinical relevance

In 1983 HIV-1 was first described to be the cause of a newly emerging epidemic of an immunodeficiency syndrome called AIDS (1-3). According to the United Nations Joint Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) approximately 36.7 million people were estimated to be living with a HIV-1 infection at the end of 2015. Furthermore, the UNAIDS fact sheet 2016 records 1.1 million AIDS related deaths and approximately 2.1 million newly infected people within 2015 alone (4, 5).

HIV-1 is transmitted sexually or via contaminated blood transfusions and needles. After an acute infection the number of CD4⁺ T-cells is diminished until the CD8⁺ T-cell response sets in and controls the initial viremia. An infection with HIV-1 is commonly not recognized early on as only unspecific symptoms occur during this phase. In addition, HIV-1 is not detectable through routine ELISA testing during the first three to six months after infection, although proviral DNA can be detected by PCR. The acute phase is followed by a latency phase of variable duration. HIV-1 infects cells of the host immune system, mostly CD4⁺ T-cells but also macrophages and dendritic cells. In the final stage the viral load in the system rises while the CD4⁺ T-cell count drops rapidly. Thus, the capacity of the immune system is disrupted and other bacterial, fungal or viral infections, which are normally suppressed by the immune defense, can

now manifest and cause serious diseases. Characteristic examples are meningitis, pneumonia, candidiasis or Kaposi's sarcoma (6).

Although a cure for an HIV-1 infection has not yet been found, antiretroviral drugs are available targeting various steps of the replication cycle. To prevent the rise of resistance mutations, a combination anti-retroviral therapy (cART or HAART for Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy) is used, in which several distinct drugs are administered (7-10). Available drugs are targeting either the entry step by impairing binding to or fusion with the cellular membrane, or early steps of replication through viral proteins (e.g. RT or IN). Another prospect of suppressing viral spread could be the inhibition of the virus assembly and/or maturation (11) as done for other viruses like herpes simplex (12). At the point of time of the experiments described in this thesis, several assembly inhibitors with promising preclinical results were in the development pipeline, but to date none of them is commercially available (13-16). For example, the clinical development of Bevirimat, a betulinic acid derivative that interferes with the production of the HIV capsid, was stopped because of low efficacy in treated patients due to polymorphisms (17, 18). And just recently, GlaxoSmithKline announced discontinuation of the phase IIb study of the second generation maturation inhibitor BMS-955176 (19). Of note, the maturation inhibitors that failed during development targeted mutation prone viral proteins instead of host proteins, which might have facilitated the virus's fast development of resistance to the respective drug.

The occurrence of HIV-1 variants resistant to standard of care drugs poses an important issue for the future of antiviral therapy (20). This is based on the high probability of mutations and recombinations of the RNA genome of the virus during the error-prone step of reverse transcription (21). The pressure to select for evasive mutations gives rise to resistant variants. Additional therapy approaches, for example offering a potent block of viral assembly and/or maturation could broaden the arsenal and overcome mutations. As cellular proof-reading functions are much more reliable, host proteins are not as prone to mutations as viral proteins. The identification of crucial host cell factors

controlling or enhancing viral replication will therefore open up a new angle for effective antiviral treatment.

The next sections outline current knowledge on the biochemical mechanisms of HIV-1 replication and the genes known to date to be responsible for virus-host-interactions.

1.1.2 Genomic and structural composition of HIV-1

HIV-1 belongs to the genus of lentiviruses in the family of retroviruses. Its single stranded and positive orientated RNA genome has the size of approximately 9.7 kb. Similar to all members of the retrovirus families, HIV-1 contains three major reading frames named *group specific antigen (gag)*, *polymerase (pol)* and *envelope (env)*. In addition, it encodes for six accessory genes with regulatory and/or auxiliary functions (22).

The precursor protein Gag consists of the domains MA (matrix), CA (capsid), SP1 (spacer peptide 1), NC (nucleocapsid), SP2 (spacer peptide 2) and p6 (protein domain 6). They are proteolytically cleaved during maturation by the viral protease (23). The *pol* gene encodes the viral protease (PR), the reverse transcriptase (RT) - harboring DNA polymerase and RNase H activities - and integrase (IN), which is essential for the integration into the host genome. The *env* gene encodes for the glycoprotein precursor gp160, which is cleaved by cellular proteases into the transmembrane anchor protein gp41 and the surface protein gp120 (24, 25). Essential for replication and reverse transcription of the genome are the flanking long-terminal repeats (LTR) which carry enhancer and promoter elements (Figure 1-1).

The accessory proteins Vif, Vpu, Vpr, and Nef influence replication and pathogenicity and possess the ability to alter the response of the host cell. Tat and Rev are necessary for viral protein expression (26, 27).

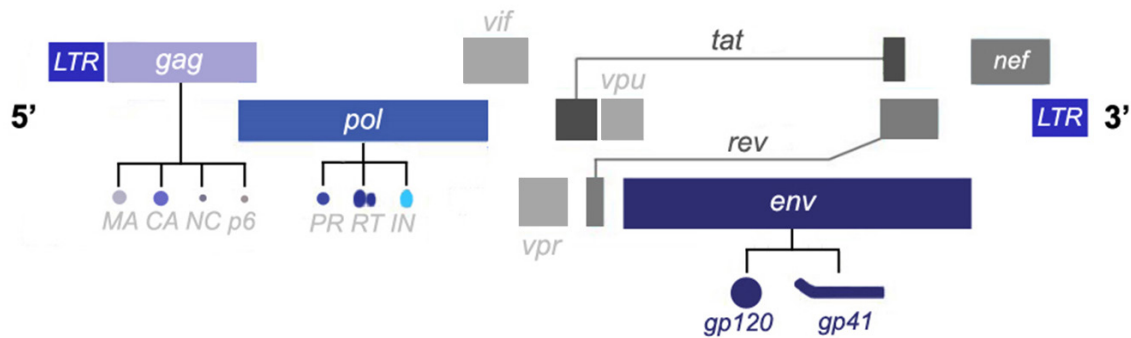


Figure 1-1 HIV-1 genome.

Schematic drawing of HIV-1's genomic organization. The major open reading frames *gag*, *pol* and *env* are depicted in light blue, blue and dark blue squares, respectively. The proteins arising after proteolytic cleavage from these genes are depicted as circles and lines in the respective colors below. The accessory genes are shown in grey squares and the long terminal repeats (LTRs) in blue. Not shown are the spacer peptides 1 and 2 and the intermediate product gp160. Figure adapted from (28, 29).

HIV-1 virions are enveloped by a membrane derived from the host cell plasma membrane with a diameter of approximately 145 nm (30) and contain two copies of the viral genome (Figure 1-2). Approximately ten trimers of the heterodimer gp120/gp41 spikes are incorporated into the membrane by the interaction of the cytoplasmic tail of gp41 and MA (31-34). During and directly after budding (see chapter 1.1.3) from the producer cell, the virion is in its immature form with an incomplete shell of Gag molecules beneath the membrane, forming a hexameric lattice (30, 35-37). The Gag molecules only cover approximately two third of the membrane that envelops the viral particle (37, 38).

The released immature viral particles are not infectious. After budding, the immature virion rapidly undergoes maturation. This process is mediated by the cleavage of Gag into its elements MA, CA, NC, SP1, SP2, and p6 by the viral protease. Maturation results in the fully infectious mature virion. The places of these cleavage events are marked by arrowheads in the lower part of Figure 1-2. Whereas the Gag polyprotein initially forms a layer beneath the membrane (Figure 1-2 upper left), after maturation only MA remains at the membrane, while CA is rearranged into hexamer and pentamer sub-structures to form its characteristically cone shaped structure (Figure 1-2 upper right) (30, 39-41).

This shell contains the viral RNA, to which multiple copies of NC are bound, forming a ribonucleoprotein complex. Several additional copies of RT and IN are in close proximity to the NC-RNA-complex and the accessory proteins Vpr, Vif and Nef are incorporated in the complex as well.

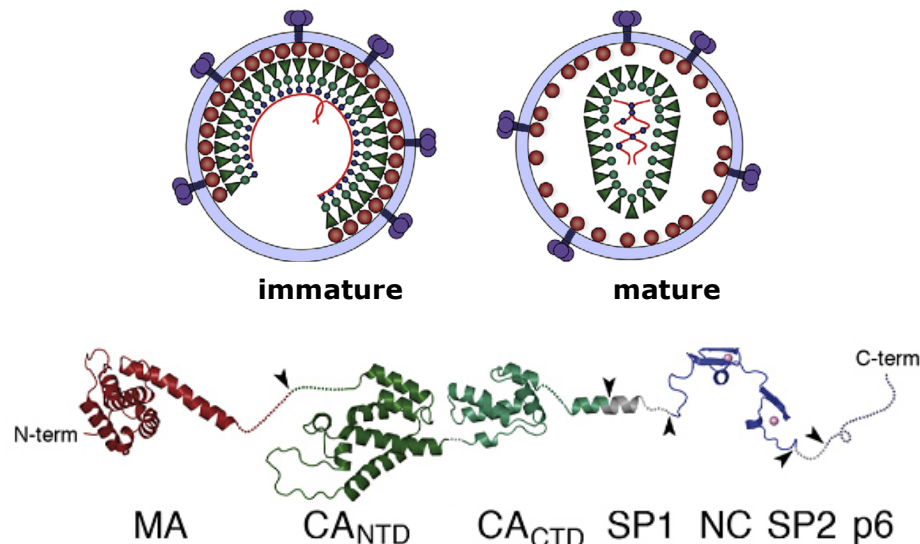


Figure 1-2 Immature and mature HIV-1 virions and model of Gag polypeptide.

Upper panel: Schematic drawing of immature (left) and mature (right) HIV-1 virions. The light blue ring indicates the membrane with the Env trimers in purple. Located beneath the membrane is the incomplete Gag shell with its subunits MA (red dots), CA (green triangle and green dot) and NC (small blue dot). The viral RNA is depicted as a red line. During maturation Gag is cleaved and MA remains at the membrane, CA forms the conic capsid comprising the viral RNA which is bound by NC proteins. **Lower panel:** Structural model of Gag, derived from high-resolution structures and models of isolated domains. Matrix (MA, dark red), Capsid N-terminal domain (CA_{NTD}, dark green), Capsid C-terminal domain (CA_{CTD}, light green), spacer peptide 1 (SP1), Nucleocapsid (NC, blue), spacer peptide 2 (SP2), Env (dark blue), viral membrane (light blue). Protease cleavage sites are indicated by arrowheads. Figure adapted from (42).

1.1.3 HIV-1 replication

The replication cycle of HIV-1 is depicted in Figure 1-3 and is discussed in the subsequent sub-chapters. In short, replication involves transcription and translation of the viral proteins followed by assembly and budding of the newly assembled virion. Shortly after budding maturation takes place which renders

the HIV-1 virion fully infective. The infectious virus binds to a target cell where interaction with the receptor and co-receptor complex allows the virion to enter the cell. Following an uncoating step the reverse transcription takes place. The viral genome is then imported into the nucleus and integrated into the host genome.

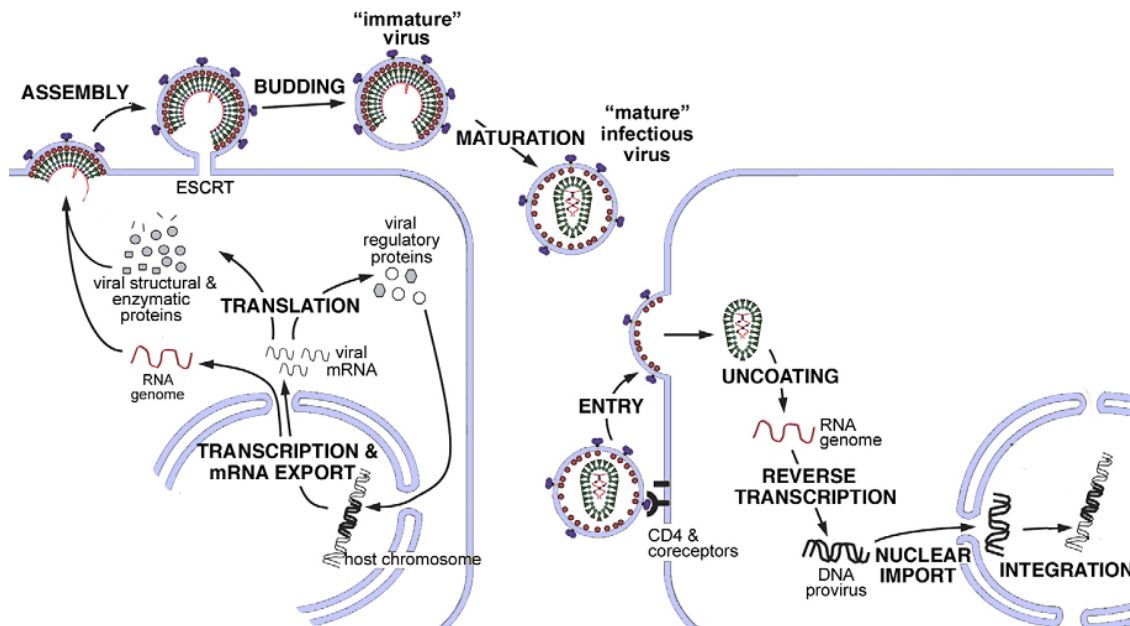


Figure 1-3 Replication of HIV-1.

Schematic drawing of the HIV-1 replication cycle showing the complete replication cycle from transcription/mRNA export from the host nucleus via assembly, budding, and maturation until the newly formed viral particles bind to and infect a new target cell. Figure adapted from (42).

Viral assembly and release

In an infected cell the provirus (the genome of HIV-1) is integrated into the host genome and can be latent for several years with a half-life time of the latent reservoir of ~44 months in resting memory CD4⁺ T cells (43, 44). Upon cell activation it gets transcribed by the cellular RNA polymerase II. At first the fully spliced gene products Tat, Rev and Nef undergo transcription. Tat then in turn facilitates efficient gene expression by binding to the LTR. Rev is responsible for the export of incompletely spliced mRNAs from the nucleus. The Env glycoprotein originates from singly spliced RNA and is synthesized in the ER. It

is subsequently transported to the plasma membrane via the secretory pathway (31).

The unspliced RNA is used to express the polyproteins Gag and Gag-Pol. All viral structural proteins are transported to the plasma membrane where the assembly takes place (45-47). A fraction of the unspliced viral genomes is carried along to the plasma membrane due to the interaction between certain zinc-fingers in NC and the packaging sequence (ψ) in the 5' UTR of the RNA (48, 49). In the cytosol, Gag in its precursor form is present as monomers and low-order oligomers (48, 50, 51). The major amount of Gag is localized at the plasma membrane (52) where it multimerizes (Figure 1-4).

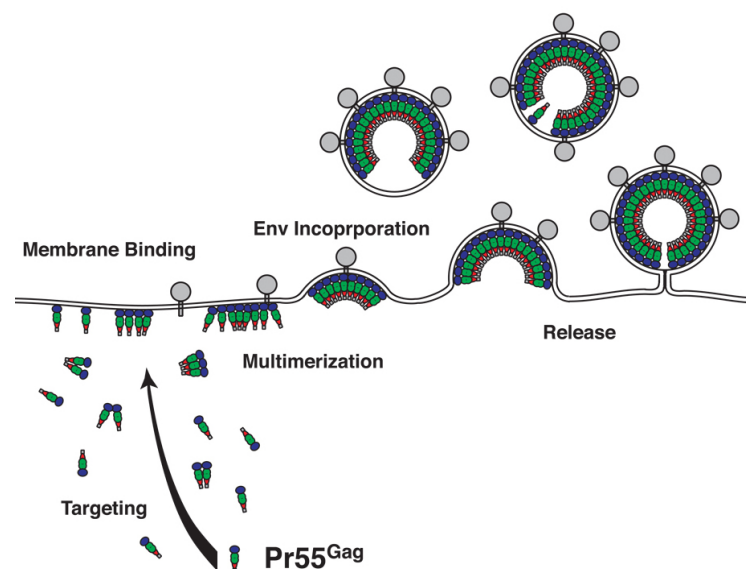


Figure 1-4 Gag assembly.

Gag is present in the cytoplasm as monomers or low-order oligomers. Upon binding to the membrane Gag multimerizes and recruits ENV. The Gag lattice induces curvature of the membrane. Figure modified from (45).

The occurrence of an active targeting mechanism to the plasma membrane is still debated. Some evidence can be found in the literature that endosomal pathways play a role in the transport of viral proteins as the adaptor complex AP-3 is interacting with Gag and seems to be important for release of HIV-1 (53). Alternatively it is discussed that viral particles might assemble on and bud into vesicles and might be transported to the plasma membrane in some cell

types (54). Membrane binding is achieved by MA with its covalently linked N-terminal myristoyl group (55, 56) and some basic amino acids which both interact with phosphatidylinositol-(4,5)-bisphosphate (PI(4,5)P₂) (57-59). This interaction is crucial for membrane binding and localization (60). Oligomerization of Gag and PI(4,5)P₂ binding to Gag releases the myristoyl group resulting in increased membrane affinity (myristyl switch model (61, 62)) and targets Gag to lipid-raft like domains (63-68).

Gag multimerizes at the membrane and thus induces a local curvature leading to the viral bud (35, 69, 70). This process is promoted by interactions of CA domains and RNA binding by NC (36, 42, 71, 72). The latter might be dispensable, however (73). Electron density and x-ray reconstructions revealed that the N-terminal domain of CA is involved in forming a hexameric structure while the C-terminal domain is involved in linking adjacent hexamers (35, 37, 38, 74). The cellular endosomal sorting complex required for transport (ESCRT) machinery is recruited to the bud and ultimately facilitates the scission of the stalk and releases the virion (75-77). This important complex and its function are described in more detail in chapter 1.3.

Although Gag alone is sufficient for assembly and release of immature and non-infectious viral like particles (78) viral proteins like Env, RT, IN, PR, Vpr, Vif, and Nef are incorporated into the assembling viral particle. RNA binding to NC seems to be important for particle stability *in vitro* (79). Furthermore, several cellular proteins can be detected in viral particles (80, 81), e.g. Cyclophilin A (82, 83), APOBEC3G (84, 85). Although their role during replication of HIV-1 was identified for some proteins, it is still unclear for their majority.

Recent studies addressed the assembly kinetics by using fluorescently tagged Gag (86, 87). Gag monomers were shown to form initial oligomers in the cytosol prior to cell membrane binding (51). It was shown that Gag assembly at the cell membrane is a rapid process comprised of three distinct phases (87, 88). After the detection of an assembly site an exponential increase in fluorescence was detected in phase I, taking about 8 - 9 minutes until 90 % completion. Phase II was defined as a relative static assembly site both in

fluorescence intensity and movement. In the last phase, rapid movement and a decline in fluorescence intensity was observed. In total the complete assembly process from nucleation to release takes around 25 minutes (87).

During budding or directly after its completion a structural rearrangement of the Gag shell takes place. It is called maturation and is triggered by the sequential cleavage of the precursor Gag polyproteins at five positions (arrowheads in Figure 1-2 lower panel) into their functional counterparts by the viral enzyme protease (35, 89-91). It results in mature, fully infectious, viral particles. Maturation can be blocked by protease (PR) inhibitors, which target the crucial CA-SP1 region of Gag (92).

Infection of a new cell: from entry to integration

As a first step, the infectious HIV-1 particle binds unspecifically to the heparin sulfate proteoglycans (HSPG) of a target cell (93, 94). In order to infect this cell, the viral particle then has to pass the barrier of the plasma membrane. Originally it was thought that the membrane fusion occurs exclusively at the plasma membrane (95). Recent studies showed an alternative pathway in which clathrin mediated endocytosis of the bound particles and their fusion with endosomal membranes may play a role (96, 97). However, the significance of this mechanism for establishing a productive infection is currently disputed and seems to be cell type dependent (98-101). Regardless of the type of the membrane, fusion is imagined to start with binding of the viral envelope protein gp120 to the cellular CD4 receptor (Cluster of differentiation 4) (27). CD4 is a 55 kDa transmembrane protein and a member of the immunoglobulin (Ig) superfamily. Under normal circumstances CD4 is involved in T-cell receptor and MHC class II function on T-cells (102, 103). Subsequently a co-receptor is recruited by a specific binding motif in gp120 (104) – either CXCR4 (CXC chemokine receptor 4) or CCR5 (CC chemokine receptor 5) according to the tropism of the virus. The binding of the co-receptor to gp120 leads to major structural reorganization in Env, resulting in insertion of the fusion peptide of gp41 into the cellular membrane (105). In the next step a six-helix-bundle is formed, which facilitates the fusion of the viral and the cellular membrane (106).

After the lipid envelope is lost, the capsid shell is set free. This process has until recently been thought to fully take place in the cytosol (107). However, viral capsid (CA) protein was lately found in the nucleus, suggesting that uncoating might as well be finalized there (108-111). Different models of viral uncoating like immediate uncoating, biphasic uncoating or uncoating at the nuclear pore complex are currently under discussion (112). Regardless of the model it is clear that during the uncoating of the capsid shell the reverse transcription complex (RTC), composed of the genomic RNA and a number of HIV-1 encoded proteins, is formed and reverse transcription of the viral genome takes place.

The early phase of RTC building events includes still coated HIV-1 cores, which can also be called pre-RTCs. The interaction of phosphorylated MA and Nef with microfilaments of the actin cortex results in local rearrangements of the actin cytoskeleton. Afterwards, pre-RTCs pass through the actin cortex at the plasma membrane and get into the cytosol where they interact with dynein to be transported along microtubules (MT) to their minus (-) ends (113). In this phase the cyclophilin A (CypA), which is bound to approximately 10% of CA molecules, protects RTCs from attack by the host restriction factor TRIM5 α which would facilitate too rapid capsid disassembly. Furthermore, the HIV-1 nucleocapsid protein NCp7, a highly conserved 55-amino acid protein, is thought to promote reverse transcription (114-116).

This very early phase is followed by a subsequent phase involving uncoated HIV-1 RTC starting with completion of reverse transcription which results in double-strand cDNA. This process is likely associated with uncoating of pre-RTCs to RTCs (113). After completion of viral cDNA synthesis the preintegration complex (PIC) is formed consisting of cDNA, IN, MA, Vpr and several cellular proteins (117-119). The PIC facilitates transfer of the cDNA into the nucleus through the nuclear pore and HIV-1 is therefore independent of cell division. The viral genome is finally integrated into the host genome by IN. Although the PIC makes HIV-1 independent of cell division as stated above, the virus is still an obligate cell parasite and relies on the exploitation of cellular enzymes,

transportation and signaling networks (“host cell factors”) for its own replication.

1.2 Virus host interactions

Several host cell factors are known to play an important role during replication of HIV-1 (120-122). The function of those cellular proteins can be either disadvantageous for the virus (host restriction factor, HRF) or advantageous (host dependency factor, HDF). A complete comprehension of the interplay of HIV-1, HRFs, and HDFs is required to better understand viral replication.

Subsequently, some examples for HRFs and HDFs are introduced to show the bandwidth of possible interactions. Several HRFs have been described to counteract certain steps during replication of HIV-1. Table 1 summarizes the most relevant HRF proteins. Of note, HRFs are not limited to proteins in the table - even microRNAs play a role in inhibition of viral translation as shown for miR-28, miR-29a, miR-125b, miR-133b, miR-138, miR-149, miR-150, miR-223, and miR-382 (123).

Table 1 List of host restriction factors

Host restriction factor	Proposed function	Counter-acted by	IFN-dep.	Ref
90K/ LGALS3BP	Unknown, upregulated in cancer and HIV-1 infection; reduces infectivity of new viral particles	-	Yes	(124, 125)
APOBEC3	Cytidine deaminase; causes hypermutations during reverse transcription	Vif	Yes	(84, 85, 126-128)
GBP5	TRAFAC class dynamin-like GTPase; interferes with Env processing and incorporation into new viral particles	(Vpu mutations)	Yes	(129-131)

Host restriction factor	Proposed function	Counter-acted by	IFN-dep.	Ref
IFITM	IFN induced transmembrane proteins; modify membrane composition and properties and thereby reducing infectivity of viral particles	-	Yes	(132)
MARCH8	Membrane-bound RING E3 ubiquitin ligase; reduces HIV-1 infectivity by impairment of Env incorporation	-	Yes	(133)
Mx2	Member of both the dynamin family and the family of large GTPases; involved in type I interferon inhibition of HIV-1 probably by blocking nuclear import	-	Yes	(134-136)
SAMHD1	Phosphohydrolase; may play a role in regulation of the innate immune response; impairs reverse transcription of HIV-1	Vpx	Yes	(137-141)
SERINC3, SERINC5	Sphingolipids and phosphatidylserine synthesis; incorporated into viral particles and reduce their fusion capacity	Nef	No	(142-146)
SLFN11	RNA binding protein; Reduces mRNA translation	-	Yes	(147)
Syntenin-1/ SDCBP	Multifunctional adapter protein involved in diverse array of functions including trafficking of transmembrane proteins; Actin remodeling by Synthenin-1 interferes with viral cell entry	-	No	(148)
Tetherin	Membrane glycoprotein; blocks release of new viruses	Vpu	Yes	(149-151)
TRIM5 α	Tripartite motif (TRIM) family member; species specific impairment of uncoating/reverse transcription	-	Yes	(152-154)

Host restriction factor	Proposed function	Counter-acted by	IFN-dep.	Ref
TRIM22	Tripartite motif (TRIM) family member; E3 ubiquitin-ligase; reduces HIV-1 transcription	-	Yes	(155, 156)

In the course of the host-virus coevolution, several viral proteins have emerged to counteract or circumvent these host restrictions (157, 158). For example, the host proteins APOBEC3G and TRIM5 α (152, 153) take part in innate antiviral immunity and interfere with retroviral replication. APOBEC3G (and other proteins of the APOBEC3 family) are cytidine deaminases, which are packaged into the newly formed viral particles and lead to hypermutations during reverse transcription in the target cells (84, 85, 126-128, 159). To circumvent this, the HIV-1 protein Vif recruits an ubiquitin ligase complex leading to APOBEC3G degradation (126). TRIM5 α is a multi domain protein which impairs the uncoating and reverse transcription by binding to CA (152, 153). In contrast to Vif counteracting APOBEC3 restriction, HIV-1 has no viral counterpart to TRIM5 α . However, it was shown that Cyclophilin A protects the virus from TRIM5 α activity in humans (154). As another example, the HIV-1 component Vpu antagonizes a different mechanism of innate antiviral immunity, the retention of virus particles at the plasma membrane by CD317/Tetherin (149-151). Lastly, the cellular enzyme SAMHD1 was identified to be responsible for blocking HIV-1 infection in macrophages, monocytes, dendritic cells (137-141), and resting T-cells (160). This block can be overcome by co-expression of Vpx from HIV-2 while HIV-1 does not contain an antagonist of its own (137, 161), making HIV-1 infection of the respective cells inefficient. Activated T-cells are susceptible to HIV-1 infection despite similar expression levels of SAMHD1 (160), suggesting additional, yet unknown factors involved in HIV-1 replication in this cell type, possibly kinases like CDK1 and CDK2 (162-165). Many of the aforementioned host restriction factors are part of the innate immune response and are responsive to interferons (IFNs) (166, 167). These IFN induced host restriction factors, their site of action during the HIV-1 replication and their specific counterparts are depicted in Figure 1-5.

IFNs are a family of pro-inflammatory and immunomodulatory cytokines and consist of three IFN types, of which type I IFNs are the ones mainly involved in antiviral responses (166). For example, the type I interferon IFN epsilon is reported to reduce HIV-1 infectivity through several stages during its replication cycle (168). In addition, expression and/or activity of many anti-viral host cell factors are increased after HIV-1 infection of a cell in an IFN dependent manner. The beneficial roles of IFNs in the acute state of HIV-1 infection like control of infection and reduction of virus load are contrasted by several recent studies pointing towards viruses dysregulating IFN signaling pathways e.g. in chronic persistent HIV-related disease (166).

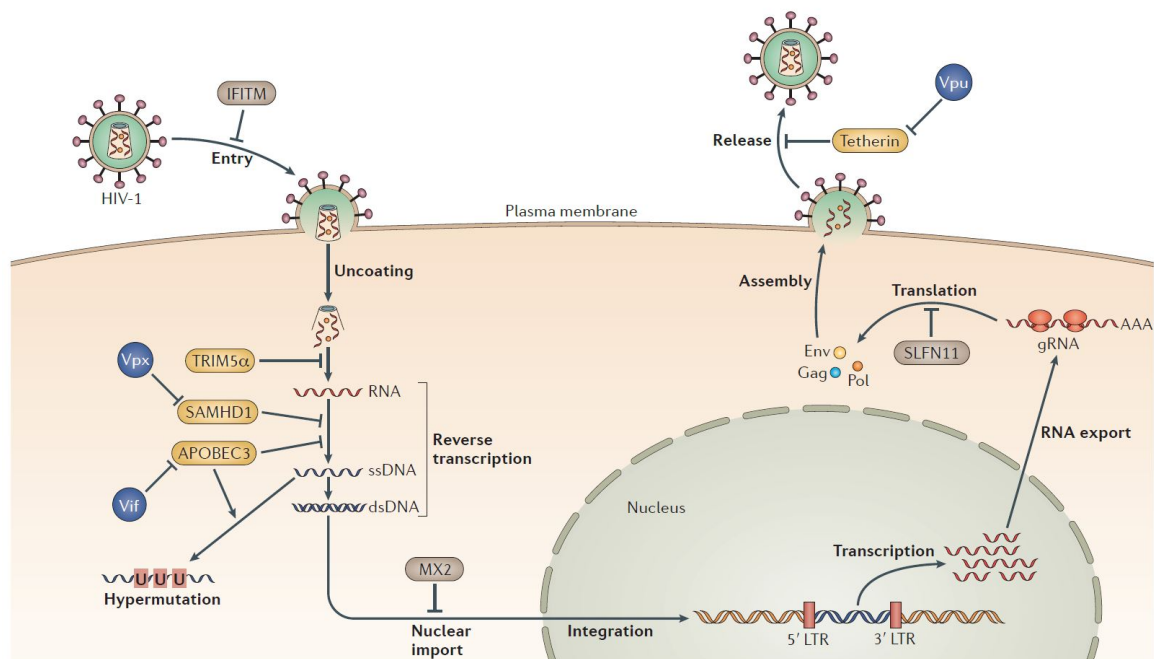


Figure 1-5 Overview of IFN induced host restriction factors

Several cellular proteins are restricting the replication cycle of HIV-1. Yellow and brown boxes show IFN induced host restriction factors (for more information see Table 1). Blue circles indicate viral accessory proteins preventing the restriction of their respective counterparts. Figure from (166).

Interestingly, IFN dependence has recently been shown not to be a mutual feature of all HRFs. The most recently discovered Serine incorporator 5 (SERINC5), for example, is constitutively expressed and not IFN-induced (142-146). SERINC5 is incorporated into budding HIV-1 virions and impairs

subsequent virion penetration of susceptible target cells. This action is prevented by the HIV-1 factor Nef which excludes SERINC5 from viral particles by diverting it to another endosomal compartment (144).

In addition to the cell-advantageous host restriction factors, some well characterized HDFs, whose presence is advantageous for the virus, are known to date and the numbers of newly described HDFs are continuously rising (169). Although the actual importance of some proteins for the replication of HIV-1 is controversially discussed, several examples are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2 List of the host dependency factors.

Host dependency factor	Proposed function	Ref
ALCAM	Cell to cell transmission of HIV-1	(170)
ALIX	Interacts with p6 GAG, involved in viral budding	(171)
aPKC	Phosphorylates p6 and leads to Vpr incorporation	(172)
CBF-beta	Essential for Vif induced ubiquitination and degradation of APOBEC3G	(173)
CDK family	Increase of viral replication by Tat interaction with CDK9	(174)
CPSF6	Binds to HIV-1 CA and facilitates transport by TNPO3	(175-177)
Cullin-5	Essential for Vif induced ubiquitination and degradation of APOBEC3G	(178)
DDX3	Important for nuclear export of HIV-1 RNA splice variants	(179, 180)
DOCK2-ELMO1	Enables Nef to influence Rac regulated pathways	(181)
ERK2 / MAPK	Phosphorylation of GAG	(182, 183)
ESCRT complex	Multi protein complex essential for release of new viral particles from the plasma membrane	(184-187)
Ezrin & EHD4	Interact with Nef to affect its infectivity	(188)
hNAP-1	Correlates with Tat-mediated viral expression	(189)
hnRNP E1	Affects Rev expression	(190)
hnRNP K	Participates in viral RNA splicing process	(191)
HSP70	Promotes import of HIV-1 PIC into nucleus	(192)

Host dependency factor	Proposed function	Ref
JNK	Phosphorylation of IN, promotion of integration	(193)
LEDGF/p75	Essential for viral integration	(194)
LRPPRC	Affects viral replication	(195)
LYRIC	Interacts with MA and NC, regulates infectivity	(196)
Matrin 3	Required for nuclear export of viral RNAs	(197)
Mortalin	Affects Nef secretion	(198)
Nucleoporins (Nup98, Nup153, Nup358),	Facilitate nuclear import and involvement in integration	(108, 109, 199-201)
pTEF-b	Stimulates HIV-1 transcription together with Tat and Tar	(202, 203)
RHA	Promotes viral reverse transcription	(204, 205)
Splicing regulator p32	Associates with viral splicing inhibition induced by Tat acetylation	(206)
Staufen 1	Interacts with viral genomic DNA	(207, 208)
TNPO3 (Karyopherins)	Transport of HIV-1 proteins	(209-213)
TPST2, SLC35B2	Sulfonation of CCR5 increases CCR5 and Env interaction	(170)
YB-1	Potentiates viral transactivation	(214, 215)

Obvious examples for HDFs are the receptor CD4 and the co-receptors CXCR4 and CCR5 which are important for a productive infection of T-cells. Examples of factors, which have been discussed for many years, are the cellular protein Cyclophilin A (82, 83) or LEDGF (194). Cyclophilin A was shown to bind CA and an impaired binding led to a reduction of nuclear import and infectivity in some cell lines (216). In addition, Cyclophilin A was shown to be packaged into HIV-1 particles, although the role of this interaction is not yet identified (217). LEDGF was described to bind IN and to be essential for integration (194, 218). In addition to an integrase binding domain, LEDGF contains a second

domain binding chromatin – revealing LEDGF's role as an adaptor to guide IN to the host DNA. It was shown that by exchanging its chromatin binding domain (CBD) to other CBDs with specific binding sites in the host DNA, the integration site can be redirected artificially (219). Kinases like ERK2/MAPK (182, 183, 220) or aPKC (172) were as well described as HDFs (see chapter 1.4). Not only single proteins interact and modulate the infectivity of HIV-1, but as well huge multi-protein complexes. One example is the endosomal sorting complex required for transport (ESCRT) complex, which is described in more detail in the following chapter.

1.3 The ESCRT complex

The ESCRT complex orchestrates a crucial step during the assembly and release of HIV-1. ESCRT's role in the cell is the sorting of ubiquitinated membrane proteins into the multi-vesicular body to transport them to the lysosome for degradation (221, 222). In addition, the ESCRT complex plays a role during abscission, the scission of the mid-body at the end of cytokinesis (223). Many viruses including HIV-1 use this complex for their own purposes, namely budding and release of newly formed virions. For an extensive review of viruses using the ESCRT complex please refer to (184) and (187).

The ESCRT complex comprises four sub-complexes ESCRT-0 to ESCRT-III, consisting of several proteins each (Figure 1-6). The multi-step process of abscission starts with binding of ESCRT-I by ESCRT-0, which is then followed by the recruitment of ESCRT-II so that ESCRT-I interacts with ESCRT-0 and ESCRT-II, linking them to a chain-like structure (186). ESCRT-1 contains amongst other proteins the important tumor susceptibility gene 101 protein (TSG101). ESCRT-II then binds to and activates the ESCRT-III sub-complex, which initially exists in an auto inhibited state in the cytoplasm (186). In addition to the main complex, two more loosely connected auxiliary proteins play a role in the abscission process. On the one hand ALG-2 interacting protein X (AIP1 or ALIX) acts as an adaptor or scaffolding agent (171), while the ATPase VPS4 has a crucial role to facilitate the disassembly and recycling of the ESCRT machinery (224).

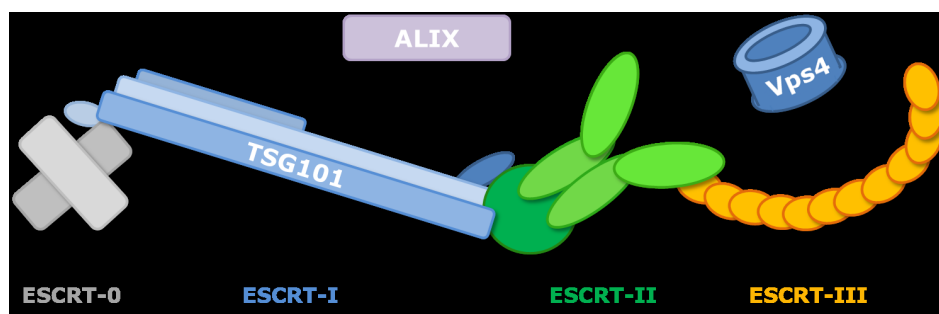


Figure 1-6 The ESCRT machinery.

The ESCRT complex comprises of four complexes ESCRT-0 to ESCRT-III. ESCRT-0 is depicted in grey, ESCRT-I in blue including TSG101, ESCRT-II in green, and ESCRT-III in orange. The auxiliary proteins ALIX and Vps4 are indicated in lilac and dark blue, respectively. Figure adapted from (225).

HIV-1 requires the recruitment of the ESCRT complex to the site of its assembly for a successful release of the newly formed virions from the plasma membrane. ESCRT is indispensable for this step, as the Gag induced membrane curvature on its own does not suffice to facilitate release (35, 70, 226). For this step, the regular function of the ESCRT complex is exploited in a way that it abscises the neck of the newly formed buds (77, 187, 227, 228). Impairing the functionality of the ESCRT complex, for example by knockdown of TSG101 or utilizing a dominant negative VPS4 mutant, interferes with HIV-1 release (185). Furthermore, Gag proteins having a mutation in or lacking the entire C-terminal p6 domain (the so called “late domain”) lead to a diminished release of viral particles. Electron microscopy demonstrated the formation and accumulation of viral buds at the plasma membrane which show an immature or irregular morphology (76, 229, 230). This demonstrated that blocking the interaction of the virus with the ESCRT complex does not affect assembly and multimerization of Gag but rather the last step – the scission of the readymade bud.

Within the above mentioned p6 domain of Gag a specific amino acid motif is important for the interaction with the ESCRT complex. A common feature of late domains is the presence of highly conserved motifs mediating protein-protein interactions with host cell proteins (231), for example the facilitation of the scission event. Regarding HIV-1, mutation studies led to the discovery of a PTAP amino acid motif in the N-terminus of the Gag-derived p6 protein (232). Mutation of these four amino acids led to impaired release of HIV-1 while alterations in the residual parts of p6 had no significant effect (232). The PTAP

motif was shown to interact with the N-terminus of Tsg101 (185, 233, 234), the major part of the cellular ESCRT-1 complex (223, 235, 236) (Figure 1-7).

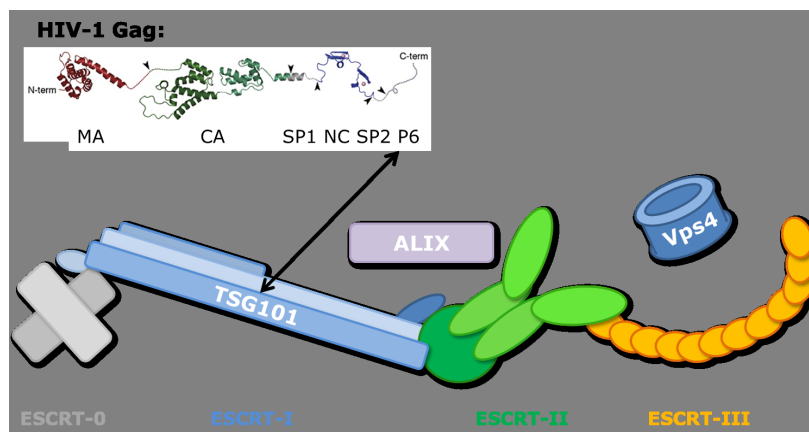


Figure 1-7 The ESCRT machinery and its interaction with Gag.

The PTAP motif within the p6 domain of Gag interacts with TSG101, which is a component of the ESCRT-I complex. By this interaction the ESCRT machinery is recruited to the site of budding. Figure modified from (42, 225).

Various late domains were identified in retroviruses and the switching of distinct late domain motifs from one virus type to another revealed their exchangeability and modular character (237). The interaction partners of several other viruses' late domain motifs were identified as well and some examples are given in Table 3.

Table 3 Viral late domain motifs.

Virus	Late domain motif	Cellular interaction partner
HIV-1	PTAP	Tsg101
EIAV	YPXL	AIPa/ALIX
HTLV-1, RSV	PPXY	NEDD4

In this work, a release-impaired variant of HIV-1 is used as a control, which harbors a p6 domain with its PTAP motif mutated to LIRL (indicated as "Late(-)" throughout the work) (232, 238). The p6 protein was shown to be

multi-phosphorylated. At the time of this work this phosphorylation of p6 was thought to be important for HIV-1 release which sparked the focus on kinases.

1.4 Kinases and HIV-1

Some kinases were reported to be involved in p6 phosphorylation and the budding process: The cellular ERK-2 kinase, a member of the important MAP kinase family (220, 239), or the TANK-1 binding kinase (TBK) (240). However, to date it is known that phosphorylation of p6 is dispensable for HIV-1 replication (241, 242), leaving the exact role of the p6 multi-phosphorylation unknown.

Even though the phosphorylation of the p6 domain is dispensable, kinases and the phosphorylation of viral proteins and/or host factors still play a very important role in the regulation of several steps of HIV-1 replication. Until today several cellular kinases were identified to play a role in the replication of HIV-1.

The nuclear import of the pre-integration complexes (PICs), for example, involves phosphorylation of the three viral proteins MA, Vpr and IN. MA has been shown to be phosphorylated by cellular serine-threonine kinases and kinases of the MAPK pathway (182, 183, 243, 244), some of which are even incorporated into virions (182). However, as viruses bearing large deletions in the phosphorylated N-terminal region of MA were still mostly able to replicate it was considered that MA was dispensable for nuclear import of HIV-1 (245, 246). An alternative function of MA phosphorylation might be that it facilitates proper detachment of MA from the viral envelope, which was shown to be required for the formation of PICs (247).

The accessory protein Vpr is phosphorylated at different sites, with serine 79 being of major functional importance. Phosphorylation at this site is responsible for induction of G2 cell cycle arrest (248, 249) and for efficient nuclear import (250). Protein kinase A was suggested as the responsible kinase for serine 79 (249).

As another example, the phosphorylation of the viral integrase (IN) by cellular c-Jun N-terminal kinase (JNK) at serine 57 is crucial for efficient HIV-1 integration and infection (193). Phosphorylated IN binds the isomerase Pin1 and thus increases viral protein stability. As JNK is only expressed in activated, but not resting, CD4⁺ T-lymphocytes, this phosphorylation might explain the cellular selectivity of HIV-1 infections (193), underlining the importance of kinases in the biology of HIV-1.

Cellular kinases are also involved in viral transcription. For example, human positive transcription elongation factor b (p-TEFb) is required for transcription of HIV-1 (202). P-TEFb is a heterodimer composed of the cyclin-dependent kinase 9 (CDK9) and its regulatory partner cyclin T1 (251). Phosphorylation by p-TEFb/CDK9 is required to release polymerase II from pausing, leading to the production of full-length HIV-1 transcripts (251). Other members of the CDK family, namely CDK 1, -2, and -6, are responsible for phosphorylation of SAMHD1 (252, 253), enabling control of HIV-1 replication.

In sum, inhibition of cellular kinases interacting with HIV-1 has been shown to affect the viral replication cycle, suggesting potential new therapeutic approaches (254). However, a detailed picture of the involved kinases and their regulation and especially those kinases with an enhancing role in assembly and release of HIV-1 is still missing and has yet to be elucidated. The data of Radestock and coworkers and the history of the p6 phosphorylation debate suggest inverting the direction of investigations into kinases important for HIV-1 replication: Instead of assuming relevance of certain phosphorylations and searching for the respective kinases from there, it might make more sense to search for kinases which cause a functional impact on viral replication in the first place. Therefore, a far-reaching screening approach is needed to shed light on the essential network of host cell kinases regulating viral release.

1.5 Identification of host cell factors

In order to investigate cellular proteins on a broad and genome-wide scale, there are a few techniques suitable for a high throughput screening (HTS) approach. One potent tool is a loss-of-function screen using RNA interference (RNAi). RNAi is a post-translational gene silencing mechanism and was first described in *C. elegans* (255). Through it, single-stranded RNAs (ssRNA) with approximately 22 nucleotides are bound by the ribonucleoprotein complex RNA induced silencing complex (RISC). This complex binds and cleaves the complementary mRNA (256). The short ssRNA molecules are either naturally derived from miRNAs expressed from the cellular genome for gene expression fine-tuning, or are added artificially to the system for example as siRNAs. The latter are ready-made 22-nucleotide RNA duplexes which can be directly transfected or electroporated into the target cells and directly start with recruiting the RISC. The process is depicted in Figure 1-8 and please see (257) for an in-depth review of the RNAi pathway.

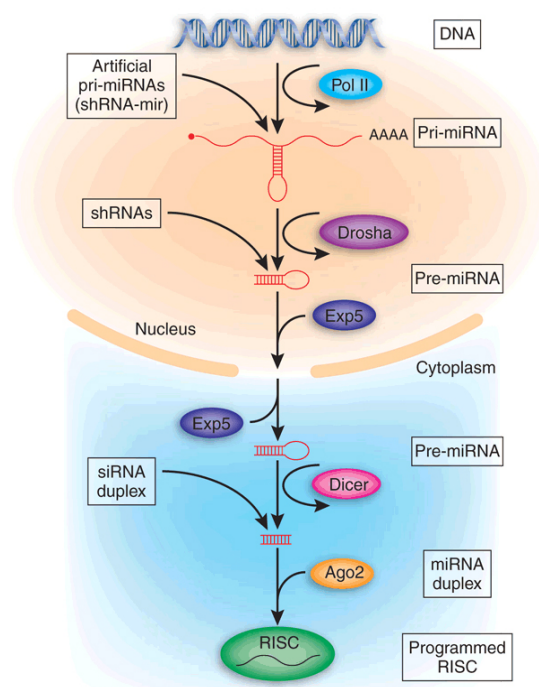


Figure 1-8 RNAi pathway.

Artificial siRNAs can enter this pathway as synthetic siRNA duplexes, as short-hairpin RNAs (shRNA) transcribed by Pol III or as artificial pri-miRNAs (shRNA-mir). For simplicity, not all factors involved in miRNA biogenesis are shown. Ago2, Argonaute-2; Exp5, Exportin-5. Figure from (257).

There are two distinct ways to use RNAi for identifying host cell factors involved in the mechanism of interest. If applicable, specific genes can be chosen through educated guessing and tested with tailor-made experiments. On the other hand, to get a broader understanding, whole libraries of RNAi molecules can be tested in a medium- to high-throughput screening. Those genome-wide siRNA, shRNA or even miRNA screens are often used to identify so far unknown cellular proteins. There are two main settings of RNAi libraries used in today's screening platforms. Either the RNAi reagents are distributed separately or several distinct RNAi against the same target gene are pooled together. Both approaches have different (dis-) advantages in regard to off-target effects and technical/budget requirements.

In the last years, several high-throughput siRNA screens with HIV-1 were published, which identified many putative host cell factors involved in HIV-1 replication (212, 258, 259). However, they did not show a big overlap of identified cellular proteins. In addition, as only two of the screens encompassed the assembly phase in their methodology and the other focused more on the early steps of an infection, only a limited number of essential cofactors for viral egress are known. (120, 122, 260). Thus, there is still a need for a better understanding of the assembly and release of HIV-1.

Although providing the most comprehensive image of a virus-host interaction landscape, the specific setting of a genome wide screen predefines its usability to answer specific questions. Huge genome-wide approaches are challenging to yield clear and un-convoluted results and smaller approaches may be superior in a limited setting (261, 262). A screening assay specifically tailored to investigate the late phase in viral replication has not yet been established.

2 Aim of the study

HIV-1 depends on cellular proteins for its replication. While much is known about their involvement in the steps from binding to a target cell up to integration and replication, there is still a substantial knowledge gap for the assembly and release of newly built viral particles. To shed light on these crucial phases during HIV-1 replication a detailed picture of the involved cellular factors is required. The hypothesis of this work is that a broad screening approach may lead to the identification of these factors. Based on this idea, the aim of this thesis is the establishment of an efficient high-throughput screening (HTS) assay specifically tailored to address assembly and release of HIV-1.

This HTS assay should be versatile to test not only libraries of siRNAs to determine key host cell factors involved in this phase of the viral replication, but as well chemical compound libraries with molecules potentially interfering with assembly or release of HIV-1 particles. The establishment includes both the experimental setup as well as the organization of various collaboration partners for a joint approach e.g. on statistics or bioinformatics.

Subsequent to the completion of the screening platform establishment, a siRNA library, targeting the complete set of human kinases, shall be investigated. As kinases and the phosphorylation of their target proteins may play a fundamental role in assembly and release of HIV-1, the screening of such a library may lead to the discovery of candidate kinases, so far not described in the context of HIV-1, or protein networks regulating this crucial phase of the viral replication cycle.

3 Materials & Methods

3.1 Materials

3.1.1 Chemicals, reagents, enzymes, and materials

Table 4 Chemicals, reagents, enzymes, and materials

Materials	Supplier
6-well- and 12-well plates, 384-well plates (#353962), cell culture flasks with 75 or 150 cm ²	BD Falcon, Germany
96-well plates Costar plates #3603 or #3916 (black)	Corning Life Sciences, Netherlands
Acrylamide	Rotiphorese Gel, Roth, Karlsruhe, Germany
Ampicillin	Roth, Karlsruhe, Germany.
Blotting paper	3 MM Chr, Whatman, Dassel, Germany
Confocal laser scanning microscope Leica SP2	Leica Microsystems GmbH, Wetzlar, Germany
DMEM	Gibco/Invitrogen, Karlsruhe, Germany
DNA gel extraction kit	Nucleospin® Extraction II, Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany
ECL Western blotting substrate	Pierce, Rockford, IL, USA
ELISA plates	Maxisorb, Nunc, Wiesbaden, Germany
Epifluorescence screening Microscope Olympus Scan ^R	Olympus Soft Imaging Solutions GmbH, Münster, Germany
FCS	Biochrom AG / seromed, Berlin, Germany
Fibronectin	Sigma-Aldrich, Steinheim, Germany
FuGENE® 6	Roche, Basel, Switzerland
FuGENE® HD	Roche, Basel, Switzerland
Hoechst 33258	Molecular Probes, Germany
Igepal CA630	Sigma-Aldrich, Steinheim, Germany
Infrared scanner Odyssey	LI-COR Inc., Lincoln, NE, USA
Kanamycin	Roth, Karlsruhe, Germany

Materials	Supplier
LiCor blocking buffer	LI-COR Inc., Lincoln, NE, USA
Lipofectamine® 2000	Thermo Fisher, Germany
Matrix Hydra® DT	Thermo Fisher, Germany
Multi Drop® Combi	Thermo Fisher, Germany
Nitrocellulose membrane	Protran, Schleicher & Schüll/Whatman, Dassel, Germany
Penicillin-streptomycin solution (10,000U/mL + 10 mg/mL)	Invitrogen/GIBCO, Germany
Plasmid purification kit	NucleoBond MaxiPrep Kit, Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany
PocketBloc Thermomixer	Biozyme, Germany
Restriction enzymes and buffers	NEB (New England Biolabs GmbH, Frankfurt, Germany) Fermentas (Fermentas GmbH, St. Leon-Rot, Germany)
SDS-PAGE electrophoresis chamber	Mighty small, Hoefer, Almstetten, Germany
Semi-Dry Blotter Fastblot B32	Whatman Biometra, Göttingen
Size standard DNA (1kB Plus DNA Ladder)	Thermo Fisher, Germany
Size standard Protein (PageRuler™ Plus)	Thermo Fisher, Germany
Spectrophotometer DU 640	Beckman Coulter, Fullerton, CA, USA
Tecan SAFIRE™	Thermo Fisher, Germany
Trypsin	Biochrom AG, Berlin, Germany
Ultracentrifuge Optima XL-70	Beckman Coulter, Fullerton, CA, USA

3.1.2 Buffer, solutions, and reagents

Table 5 Buffer, solutions, and reagents.

Buffer	Concentrations
Acrylamide 30%	0.15 % bisacrylamide 30 % acrylamide
Acrylamide for stacking gels (30:0.8%)	0.8 % bisacrylamide 30 % acrylamide
DNA loading buffer (10x)	50 % sucrose 10 mM EDTA 2 % bromphenol blue 2 % orange G
LB agar	13 % agar in LB Medium
LB medium	1 % peptone 0.5 % yeast extract 171 mM NaCl
PBS (10x)	1.37 M NaCl 27 mM KCl 80 mM Na ₂ HPO ₄ 18 mM KH ₂ PO ₄
RIPA lysis buffer	0.1 M Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) 0.33 M NaCl 2 % SDS 0.4 % deoxycholate 1 % Triton X-100
TAE buffer (50x)	2 M Tris-acetate 500 mM EDTA
TBS	20 mM Tris 150 mM NaCl
TBST (10x)	200 mM 1M Tris 150 mM NaCl 0.5 % Triton-X100
SDS-PAGE electrophoresis buffer	25 mM Tris 19.2 M glycine 0.1 % SDS

Buffer	Concentrations
Separating gel	17.5 % acrylamide 375 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.8 0.1 % SDS 0.1 % APS 0.0017 % TEMED
Stacking gel	2 % acrylamide 125 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8 0.1 % SDS 0.0025 % APS 0.0025 % TEMED
Western blot blocking buffer	5 % milkpowder in PBS or TBST
Semi dry Western blot buffer	20 mM Tris 150 mM Glycine 20 % Methanol
Western blot transfer buffer	48 mM Tris 39 mM Glycine 0.375 % SDS 20 % Methanol

3.1.3 Antibodies

Table 6 Antibodies.

Antibody	Application	Dilution	Supplier
Mouse anti Actin	WB	1:2500	Santa Cruz
Mouse anti PAPSS1	WB	1:250	Abcam
Rabbit anti ERK2	WB	1:1000	Santa Cruz
Rabbit anti HIV CA	WB	1:5000	Kräusslich lab
Rabbit anti HIV MA	WB	1:5000	Kräusslich lab
Rabbit anti MAP2K3	WB/IF	1:500 / 1:150	Abcam
Rabbit anti MAP3K14	WB/IF	1:250	Abcam
Sheep anti-HIV CA	WB/IF	1:5000	Kräusslich lab

3.1.4 Plasmids

Table 7 Plasmids.

Plasmid	Description	Reference
pNL4-3	Proviral infectious plasmid	(263)
pCHIV	Non-infectious subviral plasmid	(264)
pCHIV.late(-)	Non-infectious subviral plasmid; PTAP→LIRL	(232, 238)
pCHIV ^{eYFP}	Non-infectious subviral plasmid harboring the <i>eyfp</i> gene within the <i>gag</i> ORF	(238, 264)
pCHIV ^{eYFP} .late(-)	Non-infectious subviral plasmid; PTAP→LIRL; <i>eyfp</i> gene within the <i>gag</i> ORF	(232, 238)

3.1.5 Cell lines

Table 8 Cell lines.

Name	Description	Reference
293T	Human embryonic kidney fibroblast, Transduced with SV40 large T antigen	(265)
HeLa	human cervix carcinoma	(266)
HeLaP4	HeLa stably expressing CD4	(267)
SupT1/CCR5	Human Non Hodgkin's T cell lymphoma, stably expressing CCR5	R. Doms
MT-4	Human T cells isolated from a patient with adult T cell leukemia, HTLV-I transformed	(268)

3.1.6 siRNAs

In the primary screen, the Silencer® Human Kinase siRNA Library V3 (AM80010V3) from Ambion was used. It contains three distinct siRNAs per target gene. For sequences and more information about the human kinase siRNA library see 12.1 Appendix 1: Primary screen kinase library. Three independent Silencer® Select siRNAs from Ambion were used for each of the identified primary hits in the reconfirmation screen (12.2 Appendix 2:

Reconfirmation screen library). In addition, the following siRNAs were used for controls experiments:

Table 9 siRNAs.

Name	Gene Name	Sequence	Reference
siTSG101	Tumor susceptibility gene 101	CCUCCAGUCUUCUCUGUCTT	(185)

Name	Gene Name	siRNA ID	Supplier
siVPS4A	Vacuolar protein sorting 4A (yeast)	SI00760767	QIAGEN GmbH - Germany
siVPS4B	Vacuolar protein sorting 4B (yeast)	SI00760809	QIAGEN GmbH - Germany
siEAP20	Vacuolar protein sorting 25 homolog (S. cerevisiae)	SI00631295	QIAGEN GmbH - Germany
siALIX	Programmed cell death 6 interacting protein (AIP1/ALIX)	SI02655345	QIAGEN GmbH - Germany

3.2 Methods

3.2.1 (Quantitative) Western Blot

Cell lysates for western blot experiments were generated by incubating the cell with RIPA lysis buffer. The homogenate was transferred to a tube and denaturated at 95 °C for 5 min. Samples were then loaded onto SDS-Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) gels and were run at ~200 V for approximately one hour. Afterwards, proteins were transferred from the gels to nitrocellulose membranes in a semi-dry blotting machine (Fastblot B32, Whatman Biometra, Gottingen, Germany) at 400 V, 240 mA, and 10 W. The resulting membranes were blocked with 5% milk powder in TBST to reduce unspecific binding of the antibodies and washed with TBST. Incubation of the primary antibody was conducted over night at 4 °C. Subsequently, the membranes were washed with TBST for three times. The membranes were then incubated with the secondary antibodies were diluted in LiCor blocking buffer (LI-COR Inc., Lincoln, NE, USA) at room temperature for one hour. After washing the membranes for two times with TBST and one time with PBS, the

membranes were scanned with the Infrared scanner Odyssey (LI-COR Inc., Lincoln, NE, USA) and images were analyzed using the standard Odyssey Aeries v 2.1 analysis software.

3.2.2 Transformation of bacteria and DNA amplification

For plasmid DNA amplification, 100 ng plasmid DNA were added to chemically competent bacteria (DH5 α or Stable II *E.coli*). Following an incubation period on ice for 10 minutes, the bacteria underwent a heat shock at 42 °C for 45 seconds. 450 μ L LB medium were added and incubated for 1 hour at 37 °C before they were transferred to LB Agar plates containing the respective antibiotic. The plates were incubated at 37 °C over night. At the following day, single colonies were added to 1.5 mL or 200 mL LB medium for mini or maxi preparations, respectively. The bacteria were then incubated under the appropriate antibiotic selection pressure at 37 °C over night. Plasmid DNA was purified using the NucleoBondR miniprep or maxiprep kits (Macherey-Nagel, Duren, Germany) according to the description of the supplier. Concentration and purity of the resulting DNA was checked with an UV spectrophotometer (Spectrophotometer DU 640, Beckman Coulter, Fullerton, CA, USA).

3.2.3 DNA digestion and ligation

DNA was digested using restriction enzymes and their respective buffers from NEB (New England Biolabs GmbH, Frankfurt, Germany) or Fermentas (Fermentas GmbH, St. Leon-Rot, Germany). The restriction enzyme was incubated together with its appropriate buffer and 1 μ g of the purified plasmid DNA at the temperature recommended by the manufacturer for approximately one hour. Gel electrophoresis was performed subsequently, to check the sizes of the restriction products. The individual DNA bands were compared to a molecular mass standard ladder (1 kb Plus DNA ladder, Invitrogen Ltd., Paisley, UK).

3.2.4 DNA amplification by polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

For amplification of DNA, a standard PCR was used. 40 ng of purified plasmid DNA served as a template and were mixed with forward and reverse primers (40 pmol each), 250 μ M desoxy nucleotide triphosphates (dNTPs), and the proofreading polymerase Pfu or the standard Taq polymerase with the respective buffer. The standard PCR settings were: Denaturation (94°C for 5 min); Short denaturation cycles (20-30x, 94°C); Annealing (48°C for 45 seconds); Synthesis (72°C for 1 min/kb template length).

3.2.5 Cell culture

Cells were routinely cultivated and grown in flasks (75 or 150 cm², BD Falcon, Germany) or multi well plates of different formats (6-well or 12-well plates, BD Falcon, Germany; 96-well plates Costar plates #3603 or #3916, Corning Life Sciences, Netherlands). Cells were kept in DMEM medium containing 10 % fetal calf serum (FCS, Biochrom AG / Seromed, Berlin, Germany) and Penicillin-streptomycin solution (10,000U/mL + 10 mg/mL, Invitrogen/GIBCO, Germany) in a 5 % CO₂ atmosphere at 37 °C. For passaging, cells were washed with PBS and harvested by trypsin incubation for 5 minutes. After counting, the required number of cells was distributed to other flasks or multi-well plates.

3.2.6 Transfection of cells

Cells were seeded approximately one day prior to transfection with one of the different methods.

3.2.6.1 Calcium phosphate precipitation method

DNA was diluted in H₂O and mixed with 1/10 2.5 M CaCl₂. This mixture was then slowly pipetted to the same volume of 2x HeBS buffer while vortexing, incubated for 30 min at RT and then slowly added to the cells. Medium change was performed app. 6 h post transfection.

3.2.6.2 *FuGENE*[®] 6, *FuGENE*[®] HD, *Lipofectamine*[®] 2000

These commercially available transfection reagents were used according to the respective manufacturer's instructions. *FuGENE*[®] 6 and *FuGENE*[®] HD were acquired from Roche, Basel, Switzerland. *Lipofectamine*[®] 2000 was supplied by Thermo Fisher, Germany.

3.2.7 **Screening assay**

The screening procedure was partly published previously in Hermle et al., *BMC Biotechnology*, 2010 (238). All 96- or 384-well plates were prepared for reverse transfection in advance of the conduct of the actual screening. This step was based on and done with the support of our collaboration partners (269, 270). The transfection mixture contained OptiMEM (with 0.4 M sucrose), the respective siRNA, *Lipofectamine*[®] 2000, gelatin and fibronectin.

On the day of the experimental start, cells were harvested and a stock cell suspension was prepared in a sufficient volume to be distributed to all plates of the screen at the same time to avoid unequal cell numbers. Then, 15,000 293T cells/96 well or 2,500 cells/384-well were seeded in 100 μ l / 25 μ l cell culture medium using the automated Multi Drop[®] Combi Reagent Dispenser (Thermo Fisher). After 30 hours, the transfection mixture of pCHIVeYFP:pCHIV (1:1 ratio) was prepared using *FuGENE*[®] 6 as a transfection reagent. Per 96-well plate, 960 μ l of DMEM without FCS was mixed with 38.4 μ l *FuGENE*[®] 6 (Roche). Following 5 min incubation at room temperature, 19.2 μ g of total plasmid DNA were added and the mixture was incubated for further 15 min at room temperature. Subsequently, 9.6 ml of the cell suspension were added and mixed. The supernatant were removed and 100 μ l of the transfection mixture were added per well onto 96-well plates (Corning COSTAR #3603) or 25 μ l per well onto 384-well plates (BD FALCON 353962, BD Biosciences) using an automated reagent dispenser (MultiDrop[®] Combi). This resulted in a total amount of 100 ng proviral plasmid DNA per 96-well or 25 ng per 384-well.

Supernatants (~87.5 μ l/96-well or ~20 μ l/384-well) were collected 42 hours post transfection using the Matrix Hydra[®] DT automated liquid handling

platform (Thermo Fisher) and transferred to separate 96-well plates (Corning COSTAR #3916) or 384-well plate. The residual supernatant over the cells was aspirated and 100 μ l/96-well or 25 μ l/384-well of the lysis buffer (PBS/0.5% Igepal) were added to each well to generate cell lysate suspensions. All plates were frozen at -20 °C and thawed at room temperature prior to measurement. Fluorescence intensities of the cell lysate plates and the supernatant plates were subsequently measured with the Tecan SAFIRE™ (Thermo Fisher).

The raw fluorescence signal intensities were exported to Microsoft EXCEL. For initial experiments, the ratio of supernatant intensity versus the total intensity from supernatant plus cell lysates is calculated ($SN/(SN+CL)$, indicated as SN/Total). For the siRNA primary and reconfirmation screen, statistical analysis was performed by the collaboration partners Johanna Mazur and Lars Kaderali (Viroquant Research Group Modeling, BioQuant, University of Heidelberg, Germany). The analysis for the release screen was done in R (Version 2.8.0, R Development Core Team, <http://www.R-project.org>) and was based on their previously published analysis process for evaluation of microscopy based siRNA screens (Bioconductor packages RNAiR (271) and cellHTS (272)). Briefly, raw signal intensities of the cell lysates and the supernatant were normalized by locally weighted scatterplot smoothing (LOWESS). Then all wells with the lowest 5 % of signal intensity in the cell lysate were discarded to exclude potential cytotoxic siRNAs followed by z-score normalization in relation to the median of all wells for the primary screen and the non-silencing control siRNAs on each plate for the reconfirmation screen. The resulting z-score was a measure to rank the results in dependence of the individual standard deviations. In addition p-values were calculated to test for statistical significance.

4 Results

The results section of this thesis is subdivided into four parts. It starts with a description of the assay's setup, including the optimization in regard to reliability and robustness. The second part covers the primary screen of the siRNA library. The identified primary hits were then re-tested in the so called reconfirmation screen, which is shown in the third part. The fourth part contains results of the bioinformatic analysis of the identified host cell factors.

The crucial step during the screening is the detection of released particles outside the cells. This assay has to be robust, reproducible, and has to be applicable for high-throughput approaches. The method covering all of these requirements is a fluorescence based assay. It offers a mixture of high sensitivity, reliability, reproducibility, and relatively low work-demand (e.g. compared to conducting ELISAs on a HTS scale) and is therefore ideal as a HTS detection method. Our group previously described a non-infectious clone of HIV-1 (pCHIV) harboring an eGFP (264, 273) or eYFP within *gag* (238). The construct lacks the LTRs and protein expression is driven by a CMV promoter leading to a normal expression of all viral proteins apart from Nef (Figure 4-1).

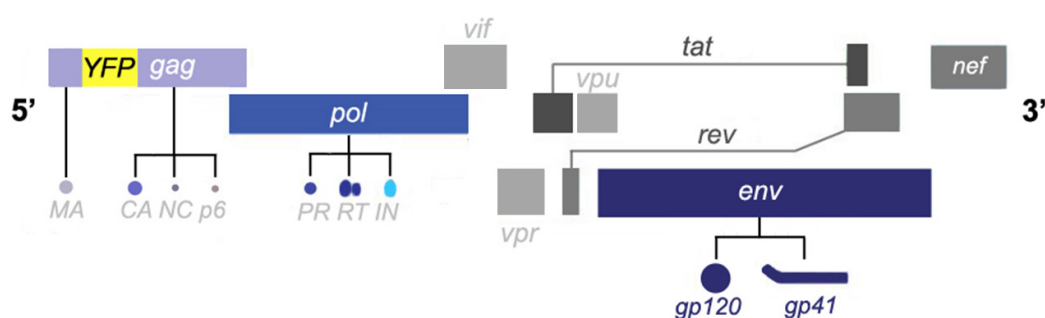


Figure 4-1 Genome of pCHIV^{eYFP}.

Schematic drawing of the genomic organization of pCHIV^{eYFP}. The major open reading frames *gag*, *pol* and *env* are depicted in light blue, blue and dark blue, respectively. Below them are the products shown after proteolytic cleavage. The eYFP is inserted between MA and CA within *gag* and depicted in yellow. The accessory proteins are shown in grey. Figure adapted from (28, 29).

Wild type budding kinetics, maturation and appearance were proven using transfections of an equimolar ratio of pCHIV^{eYFP} with the parent pCHIV plasmid lacking the reporter insert. The need to apply equimolar mixtures of labelled and unlabeled plasmids stems from previously published studies from our department in which it was shown that only labelled plasmid led to Gag assembly at the plasma membrane and only the equimolar mixtures yielded wild-type like budding (273). The viral particles, which result from the transfection of this mixture, are able to bind and enter new target cells but do not lead to a productive infection due to the lack of the LTRs. Approximately 50 % of all Gag molecules of the newly formed viral particles carry a fluorescent protein, which allow detection and quantification directly in the supernatant (273). Current monochromator-based microplate detection systems allow a rapid, reliable, and economic quantification of the fluorescence intensity and are therefore suitable for high throughput screening. A previously described variant of pCHIV is used as a positive control, which harbors a p6 domain with its PTAP motif mutated to LIRL (indicated as pCHIV.late(-) or pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-), respectively) (232, 238). This late domain defective variant leads to a strongly impaired release of viral particles. It was shown previously by the group of Barbara Müller that the fluorescence measurement yields comparable results as a standard ELISA detection of HIV-1 CA Figure 4-2 (238).

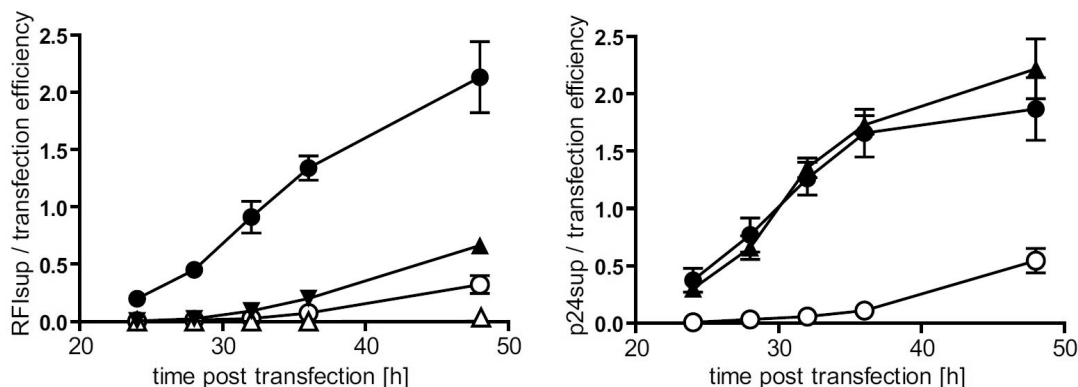


Figure 4-2 Release of pCHIV^{eYFP} measured by fluorescence and ELISA.

Comparison of the fluorescence detection of the YFP signal (left) and quantification of HIV CA by an ELISA (right). Filled circles (●) indicate the equimolar mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV; open circles (○) the mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-):pCHIV.late(-) constructs; filled triangles (▲) show peYFP:pCHIV mixtures and open triangles (△) peYFP/empty vector. Experiments performed by Barbara Müller, Maria Anders and Anke-Mareil Heuser. Figure taken from (238).

These published findings show that the pCHIV^{eYFP} approach offers a simple and direct quantification of released particles. Therefore, the fluorescence detection method was chosen as the read-out for the hereby described siRNA screening platform analyzing HIV-1 assembly and release.

Briefly, the assay is based on the quantification of eYFP fluorescence intensity in cell lysates and supernatant of pCHIV^{eYFP} transfected cells. A microplate reader yields raw fluorescence intensity from the supernatant and the cell lysates from multi-well plates. Raw fluorescence intensities are not easy to be directly compared, as depend on cell numbers, cell viability, or other variable factors. Any unspecific effect on general cell viability would cause reduced fluorescence in the supernatant and would yield a false-positive hit. To avoid this, the supernatant fluorescence is always normalized to the total combined fluorescence of supernatants plus cell lysates. This is indicated as “SN/Total” throughout all experiments.

For the siRNA libraries the already established method of “reverse transfection” from our collaboration group of Dr. Holger Erfle (BioQuant, University of Heidelberg, Germany) was applied. In brief, siRNAs, the transfection reagent, and fibronectin are mixed and added to a well of a 96-well plate. The plates are dried and can be prepared in advance. The cells are then added on top of the coated well and are directly transfected (269, 270).

4.1 Setup of the screening assay

Several steps have to be optimized in order to establish a screening assay suitable to screen siRNA libraries in a medium/high throughput approach. First of all the cell seeding procedure has to be optimized using automated procedures. This is followed by fine tuning of the transfection efficiency to ensure optimal transfection rates. Sample collection and detection of the eYFP signal are the next two steps in data creation followed by two steps dealing with quality control – namely the assay stability and robustness and the efficacy of control siRNAs. The last point deals with the establishment of the statistical analysis of the raw data (conducted by external collaborators) and the

bioinformatic evaluation. Please note, the order of the steps is chosen for comprehensibility and many steps were conducted in parallel. Figure 4-3 shows a schematic overview of the seven individual stages of this process. The complete assay was established for the usage of both 96- and 384-well plates. This allows the conduct of low-to-medium high-throughput (96-well) up to high-throughput screening approaches. The screen of the kinase library was conducted in the 96-well plate format. Therefore, the establishment of the 384-well format is not described in the similar high grade of detail.

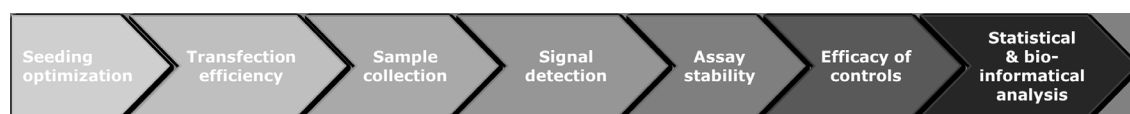


Figure 4-3 Schematic process of the screening platform

The flowchart shows the individual steps of the screening platform from optimization of cell seeding until the bioinformatic analysis. Each step had to be established specifically for the HIV-1 screening platform. The sole exception was the statistical analysis, which was conducted by external collaborators (indicated by an asterisk).

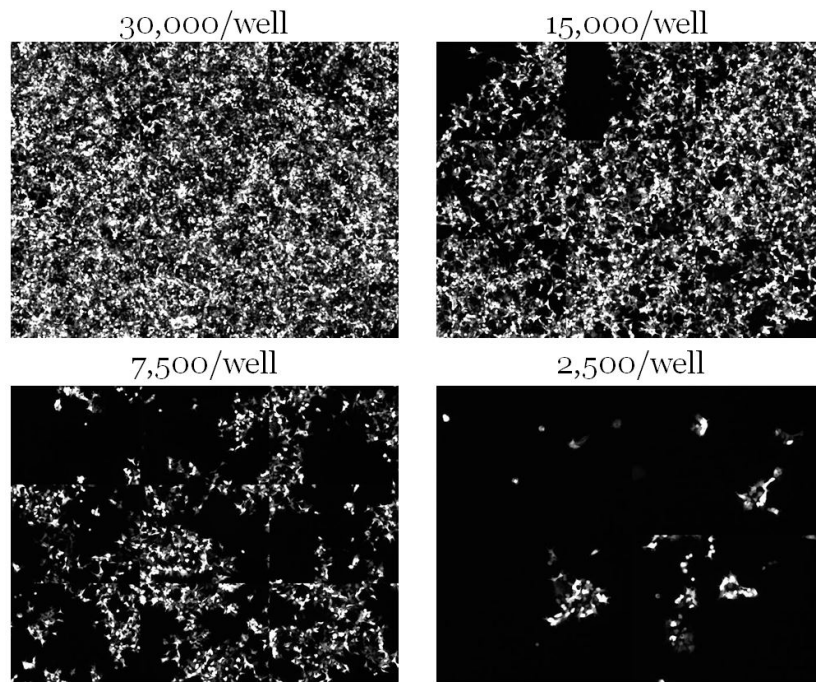
Seeding optimization



At first, the seeding of cells had to be adapted for medium/high throughput screening. For large sets of multi-well plates a homogenous and reproducible preparation of cell suspensions and the even distribution on single wells is an important step. Manual distribution of the cell suspension is error prone and therefore automated dispensers have to be utilized to ensure equal and rapid dispersion to all multi-well plates. Thereby it is crucial to seed as many cells as possible to facilitate efficient reverse transfection later on. However, the density has to be that low to have a confluent cell layer at the end of the whole assay to ensure that the cell viability is not impaired, e.g. due to space limitations and overgrowing. In addition, the variation between the wells has to be low.

The establishment started with experiments on different protocols to prepare the cell suspension for different automated cell dispensers (cell numbers, volumes, seeding speed, and centrifugation post seeding). Cell growth and density was monitored by widefield microscopy. Based on these results, a Multi Drop® Combi Reagent Dispenser (Thermo Fisher) and 293T cells were chosen for the screening assay. Other cell lines (e.g. HeLa or HeLa-P4 cells) were compared as well but did overall not yield acceptable results (data not shown).

Determination of the optimal procedure included as well testing different cell densities of 293T cells (30,000, 15,000, 7,500, and 2,500 cells/well). All wells were transfected with an equimolar ratio of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”, wild type), a 1:1 ratio of the late domain deficient pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-):pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late (-)”), or peYFP at 30 hours post seeding. For each cell density 8 wells were used on a 96-well plate. Figure 4-4 shows example photomontages of 3x3 individual images for the different cell densities. They were acquired using an automated Olympus ScanR microscope and montaged using the program ImageJ. Centrifugation after seeding had no influence on cell densities and was therefore not used for the screening assay (data not shown). The wells with 30,000 cells/well were over fluent and cell debris was visible at the time point of harvest. The wells with 15,000 cell per well showed an even and 80-90 % confluent cell layer with no cell debris. Fewer cell numbers yielded too low confluency (Figure 4-4).

**Figure 4-4 Examples of cell densities**

Different cell numbers of 293T cells were seeded into the wells of 96-well plates (30,000, 15,000, 7,500 and 2,500 cells/well). Shown are montages of 3x3 individual pictures of the same well (YFP channel = ~529 nm).

At 44 hours post transfection (74 hours after seeding), the supernatants and cell lysates were harvested and the fluorescence intensity quantified. Figure 4-5 shows one example of three independent experiments. Normalized fluorescence intensity of supernatant versus total fluorescence for 15,000 cells/well gave the best ratio between wildtype and late(-) of ~8 fold, the best statistical significance of $p < 0.001$ (unpaired t-test, GraphPad Prism 6.05), and the lowest variability. Wells with 30,000 cells/well resulted in the highest net fluorescence intensity. However, microscopic inspection of the wells revealed overgrown wells which resulted in cell death. Damaged cells led to shedding of cytoplasm content which was reflected by relatively high results for the Late(-). Wells with lower cell numbers yielded smaller fold differences and cell density in wells with 2,500 cells/well was too low which resulted in greater variance.

Based on those results, the density of 15,000 293T cells per 96-well was used for the screen. For the 384-well format, 2,500 cells/well in 25 μ l medium were determined to be optimal.

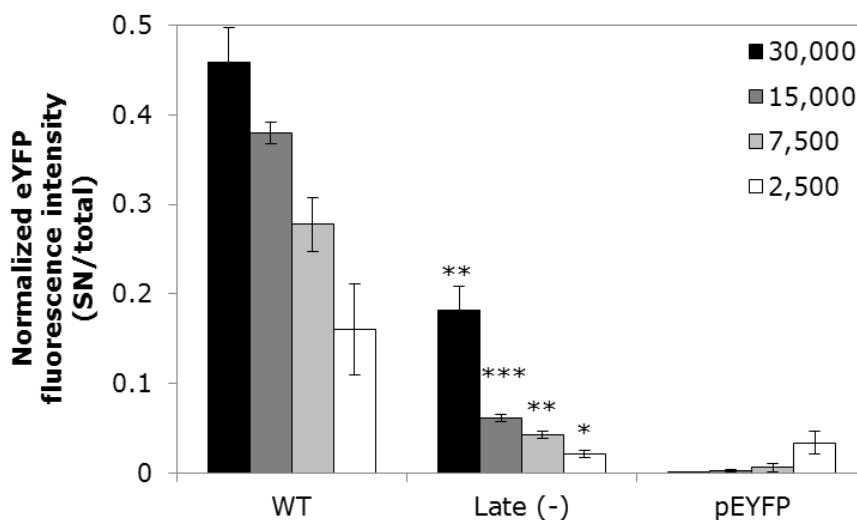


Figure 4-5 Optimal cell seeding conditions were established with 15,000 cells/well Different cell numbers of 293T cells were seeded into the wells of 96-well plates (30,000, 15,000, 7,500, and 2,500 cells/well). For each cell density one column (8 wells) of the 96-well plate was used. 30 hours post seeding, the wells were transfected either with a 1:1 mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”, wild type), a 1:1 ratio of the late domain deficient pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-): pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late (-)”), or pEYFP. Depicted are the normalized fluorescence intensities, calculated by division of supernatant intensity by total intensity in lysate and supernatant (mean \pm standard deviation). The experiment was performed in triplicates and one representative graph is shown. Statistical analysis (unpaired t-test, GraphPad Prism 6.05) of Late(-) value compared to the respective WT result: ***= $p < 0.001$; **= $p < 0.01$; *= $p < 0.05$.

Transfection efficiency



Transfection efficiency has to be optimized. This prevents skewed results by using the optimal amounts of plasmid DNA and the transfection reagent. This is important to avoid not transfected cells or over-transfected wells leading to cytotoxicity. 15,000 293T cells were seeded per well. 30 hours later, the 1:1 mixtures of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”) or the late domain deficient pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-):pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late(-)”) were transfected with different total plasmid amounts (200, 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25 ng plasmid

DNA/well). Eight wells per condition were tested and the complete experiment was conducted in triplicates (only one representative experiment is shown in Figure 4-6).

All wells were visually inspected using a fluorescence microscope for cell viability, cell numbers, and transfection efficiency (proportion of YFP positive cells). Wells transfected with 200 ng plasmid DNA showed high cytotoxicity. The 100 ng/well showed no visible cytotoxicity, an almost 100 % transfection efficiency based on presence of fluorescent cells, and a low variability of fluorescence intensities between single wells. The transfection efficiency decreased in correlation with lower amounts of plasmid DNA. In addition, lower plasmid DNA amounts led to increased variability. The relative release of WT was comparable for all settings, however with lower amounts of proviral plasmid DNA the WT:late(-) ratio decreased strongly from ~8 fold at 100 ng/well to only ~2.5 fold at 6.25 ng/well (Figure 4-6).

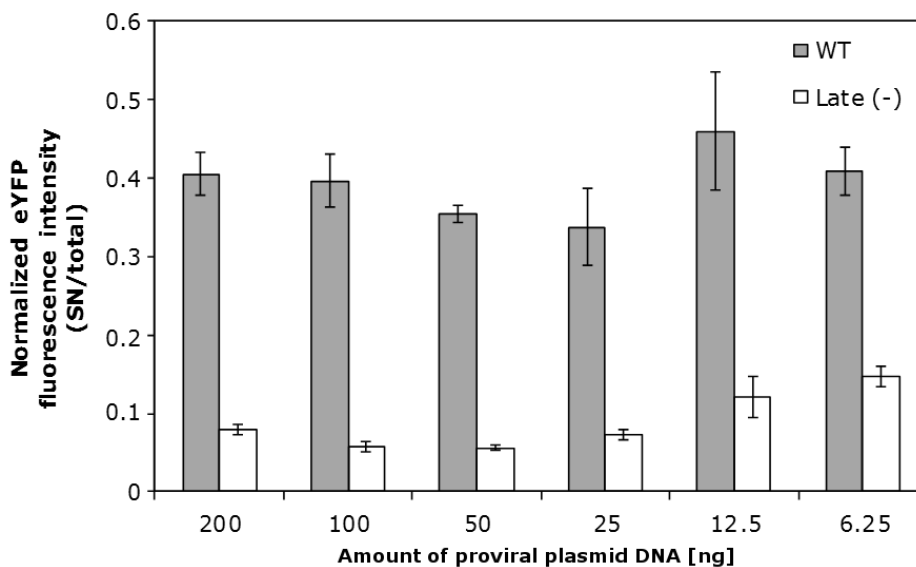


Figure 4-6 Best signal ratio of WT vs.-Late(-) control achieved with 100 ng proviral plasmid/well

293T cells in a 96-well plate were transfected with different amounts of proviral plasmid DNA. Either a 1:1 mixture of pCHIVeYFP:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”) or a 1:1 mixture of the late domain deficient pCHIVeYFP.late(-): pCHIV.late(-)(indicated as “Late(-). Depicted are the normalized fluorescence intensities (SN/total, mean \pm standard deviation). Relative release efficiency was comparable for WT between the different conditions. However, variability increased with lower plasmid amounts and the ratio of WT:late(-) diminished from ~8 fold for 100 ng/well to ~2.5 fold for 6.25 ng/well.

As it resulted in the optimal efficiency with no cytotoxicity and a good signal to control ratio of ~8 fold, 100 ng/well total proviral plasmid DNA were used for the screening assay. For the 384-well format, 25 ng/well in 25 μ l medium were determined to be optimal.

Time point of sample collection



The next step was the determination of the appropriate sample collection time point after transfection. From previous experiments from our and Barbara Müller's group, it was known that first viral particles from the pcHIV plasmid are released ~24 hours post transfection. It was published that 33-36 hours post transfection would yield good results and a broad signal:control ratio (238). Shorter duration did not lead to sufficient production and release of viral particles, while more than 48 hours led to a decreased ratio of WT:late(-) presumably due to unspecific shedding of cellular content e.g. due to cell damage and death (238). In addition, very long time points are generally not suitable, as the starting cell density would have to be too low to yield good initial transfection rates with the siRNAs.

In order to optimize the signal intensity and the time point of sample collection for this specific assay, several time points around the published window of 33-36 hours post transfection were tested: namely 32, 38, and 44 hours. For this experiment, 15,000 293T cells were seeded per well. 30 hours after seeding the cells were transfected with "WT" or "Late(-)". Eight wells per conditions were tested. Cell lysates and supernatants were harvested after 32, 38, or 44 hours post transfection. Figure 4-7 shows the normalized fluorescence intensity (SN/total) as mean \pm standard deviation.

In contrast to the published harvest time point of 33-36 hours post transfection, 44 hours yielded best results in this format. Both the relative

release (~ 0.35) as well as the WT:Late(-) ratio or 8 fold was best for this time point. As discussed above, later time points > 44 hours did result in decreasing WT : Late(-) ratios as expected (results not shown). From these experiments, 44 hours were determined as optimal duration from transfection to sample collection for the screening assay.

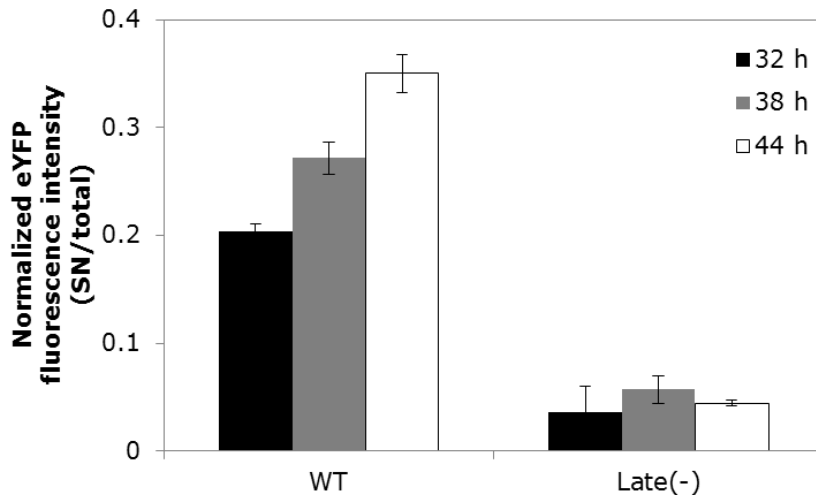


Figure 4-7 Harvest time of 44 hours yielded the best WT:Late (-) ratio

293T cells in a 96-well plate were transfected with different amounts of proviral plasmid DNA. Either a 1:1 mixture of pCHIVeYFP:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”) or a 1:1 mixture of the late domain deficient pCHIVeYFP.late(-): pCHIV.late(-)(indicated as “Late(-). Supernatant and cell lysates were harvested at 32, 38 or 44 hours post transfection. Depicted is the normalized fluorescence intensity, calculated by division of supernatant intensity (SN) by total intensity in lysate and supernatant (total). Values are given as mean \pm standard deviation. Relative release efficiency and the WT:Late(-) ratio was best for the 44 hour time point.

Signal detection



To ensure the best measurement of the peYFP signal in the collected cell lysates and supernatants, four different plate reader systems were tested: Tecan SAFIRE™, Tecan INFINITE™, Thermo VARIOSCAN™, and Mithras LB940.

For this experiment, 293T cells were seeded and transfected with “WT”, “Late(-)”, or peYFP with three wells per condition. The same samples were

measured with the four indicated plate readers and are depicted as mean \pm standard deviation of the normalized fluorescence intensity in Figure 4-8.

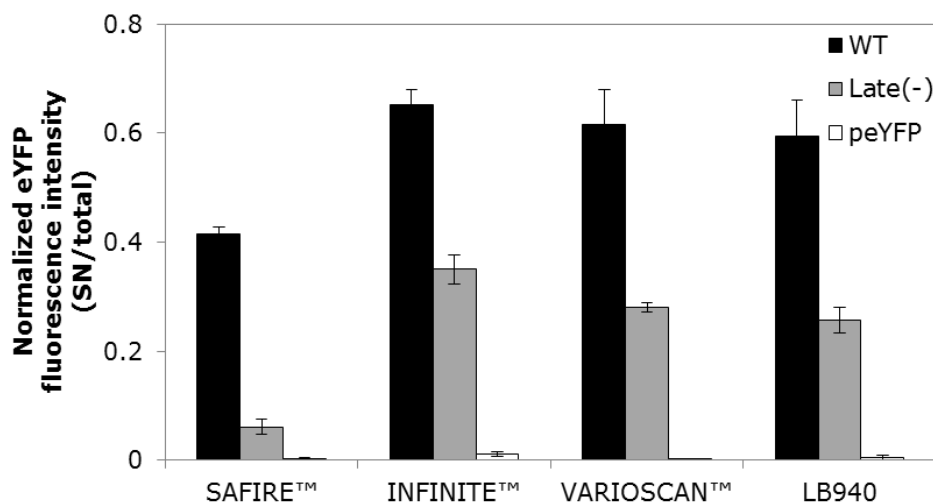


Figure 4-8 Comparison of different plate readers.

293T cells in a 96-well plate were transfected either a 1:1 mixture of pCHIVeYFP:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”), a 1:1 mixture of the late domain deficient pCHIVeYFP.late(-): pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late(-)”) or peYFP. Supernatant and cell lysates were harvested at 44 hours post transfection. The same samples were measured with a TECAN SAFIRE™, TECAN INFINITE™, Thermo VARIOSCAN™, MITHRAS LB940. Depicted is the normalized fluorescence intensity, calculated by division of supernatant intensity by total intensity in lysate and supernatant (mean \pm standard deviation).

The Tecan SAFIRE™ yielded the lowest relative release of the WT group (~ 0.4 vs. ~ 0.6). However, the Late(-) results were much higher for the other three devices, which diminishes the WT:Late(-) Signal:Control ratio. Albeit using the identical samples, all four plate reader gave out different values and especially the difference for the Late(-) group is remarkable. One option could be different sensitivities and the resulting different signal to noise ratios of the four devices. In order to test this hypothesis, the mean of the three WT values were divided by the mean of the 18 non transfected background wells for each of the devices. The signal to noise ratio differed greatly between all of the four devices as shown in Table 10. The Tecan SAFIRE™ excelled in this regard with a ratio of >40 fold while the MITHRAS LB940 yielded only a poor ratio of two fold.

Table 10 Signal to noise ratio of the different devices

Device	Signal:Background ratio
Tecan SAFIRE™	41
Tecan INFINITE™	15
Thermo Varioscans™	16
MITHRAS LB940	2

Not only the signal-to-background ratio is crucial for a successful assay. In addition, the width of the signal window between WT and the positive control Late(-) is of importance.

Table 11 lists the WT:Late(-) ratios for all four devices. The Tecan SAFIRE™ excelled here as well with a ratio of ~7 fold while all the other devices only had ratios of 2-3 fold. This is presumably caused by the much higher sensitivity of the Tecan SAFIRE™.

Table 11 Ratio of WT to Late(-) values

Device	WT:Late(-) ratio
Tecan SAFIRE™	7
Tecan INFINITE™	< 2
Thermo Varioscans™	3
MITHRAS LB940	2

Another important factor for the conduct of the complete screen was the duration of the measurement of one single plate. The time spans for one measurement are listed in Table 12. In this category the MITHRAS LB940 was best with less than 1 minute per plate while the Tecan SAFIRE™ took more than 30 minutes per plate. In this time the SAFIRE™ measured each well 4 times to yield more robust values while the MITHRAS LB940 measured only a single time. These results correlate inversely with the sensitivity of the devices.

Table 12 Time to measure one 96-well plate

Device	Time [minutes]
Tecan SAFIRE™	> 30
Tecan INFINITE™	12
Thermo Varioscan™	8
MITHRAS LB940	< 1

Although being the slowest of the test devices, the Tecan SAFIRE™ resulted in the most robust data with the best signal:noise and WT:Late(-) ratios, and the lowest variability. Because of these results, the SAFIRE™ was used for the screening assay.

Assay stability



Another important part of the assay establishment is the testing for stability and robustness. Only with reproducible procedures, reliable results can be generated from a medium/high throughput screen. This means that results must be reproducible and constant between different replicates and that the results have to be constant regardless of the placing within the same plate. Especially the latter, the intra-plate variability, is crucial to ensure equal results throughout the plates in order to not falsely identify “hits” just based on their location on the plate. As the screening assay was established for 96- and for 384-well plates, both these points were addressed for both plate formats to demonstrate their usability.

For the 96-well format, 293T cells in 90 wells per plate were transfected with “WT”. Two wells per plate remained untransfected, two wells received the “Late(-)”, and two wells were transfected with peYFP. Fluorescence intensities were measured and normalized by dividing the supernatant intensity by the

total. Figure 4-9 shows the mean and standard deviation of the three replicates to illustrate the variation within a plate. The results show no statistical differences between single wells and low variability between the same wells on different plates. This indicates an equal measurement throughout the same plate and low inter- and intra-plate variability.

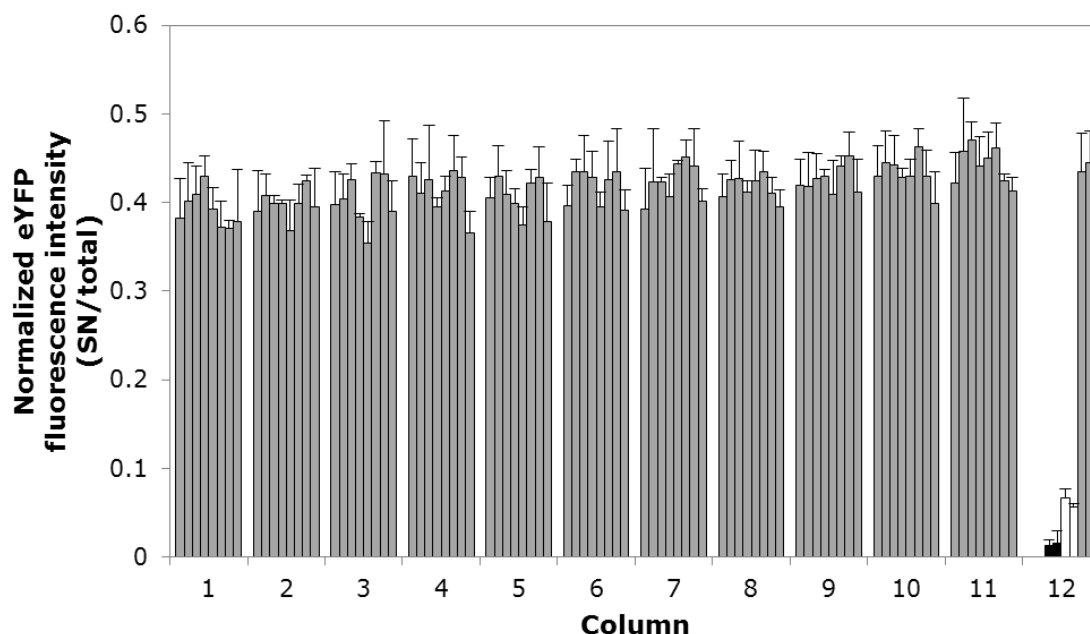


Figure 4-9 No significant differences detectable throughout a 96-well plate.

Three 96-well plates were transfected with a 1:1 mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”, grey columns), the 1:1 mixture of the late domain deficient pCHIV^{eYFP.late(-)}:pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late(-)”, white columns), or peYFP (black columns). The fluorescence intensity of both the cell lysates and the supernatants were measured. Depicted are the mean normalized fluorescence intensities of all 96 wells, calculated by division of supernatant intensity by total intensity in lysate and supernatant. (mean \pm standard deviation). No statistical differences between any wells were detected.

For the 384-well format, 2,500 293T cells were seeded per well on three plates. 30 hours post seeding, 138 wells per plate were transfected with 25 ng of total plasmid DNA of a 1:1 mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”). 92 wells per plate received the 1:1 mixture of the late domain deficient pCHIV^{eYFP.late(-)}: pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late(-)”), and 138 wells were transfected with peYFP. 16 wells remained untransfected. Cell lysates and supernatants were collected at 44 hours post transfection and analyzed with the Tecan SAFIRE™ plate reader, as established previously. Fluorescence

intensities were normalized by dividing the supernatant intensity by the total. Figure 4-10 shows the mean and standard deviation of the three replicates to illustrate the variation within a plate. The results show no statistical differences between single wells and low variability between the same wells on different plates. This indicates an equal measurement throughout the same plate and low inter- and intra-plate variability. However, the 384-well plates yield a higher variance compared to the 96-well plates.

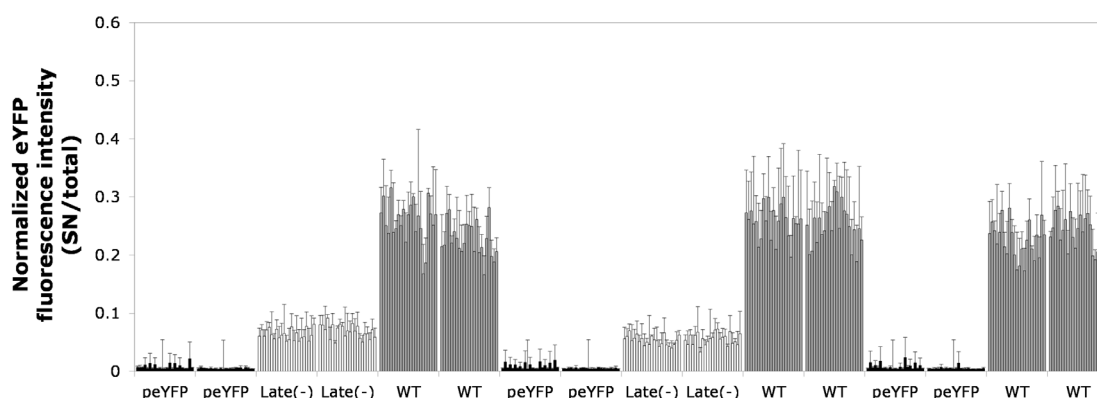


Figure 4-10 No significant differences detectable throughout a 384-well plate.

Three 384-well plates were transfected with a 1:1 mixture of pCHIVeYFP:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”, grey columns), the 1:1 mixture of the late domain deficient pCHIVeYFP.late(-):pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late(-)”, white columns), or peYFP (black columns). The fluorescence intensity of both the cell lysates and the supernatants were measured. Depicted is the normalized fluorescence intensity, calculated by division of supernatant intensity by total intensity in lysate and supernatant (mean \pm standard deviation). No statistical differences between any wells were detected.

For a better comparison of the two plate formats, Figure 4-11 depicts the overall means for the 96- and the 384-well plates. Both formats were applicable for screening approaches. 96-well plates yielded in average a superior WT : Late(-) ratio of ~ 8 compared to a ratio of ~ 4 for the 384-well plates. In addition, the variances in the 96-well plates were smaller. On the other side, 384-well plates have the advantage to be used in high-throughput screens for e.g. genome wide screens. In order to compensate for the smaller signal window and the higher variance, more replicates have to be used for the 384-well plates.

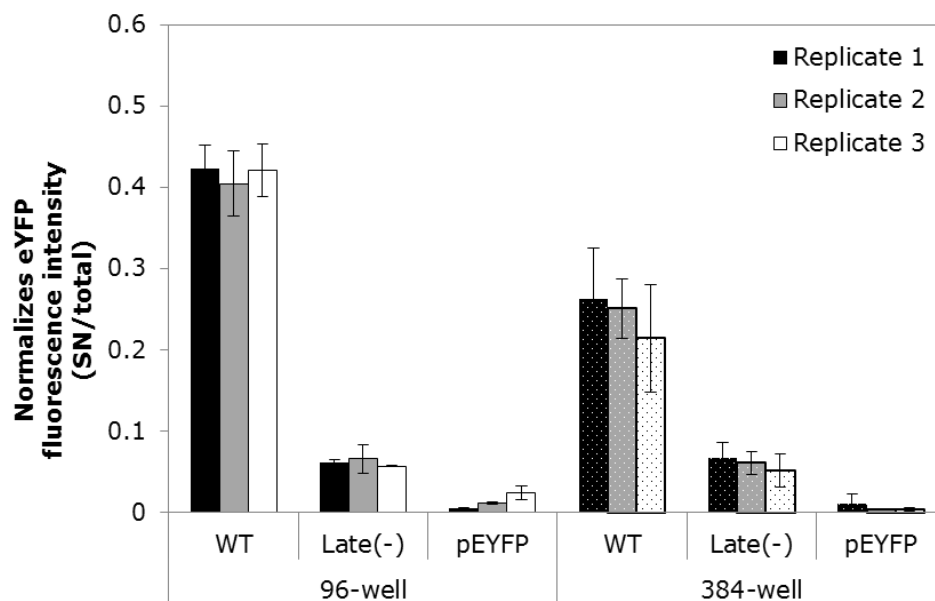


Figure 4-11 Low inter- and intra-plate variance

Depicted are the mean normalized fluorescence intensities of three 96-well and three 384-well plates (mean \pm standard deviation). No statistical differences between any wells were detected.

A second experiment was conducted to address the question of the variability between replicates on a broader scale. It was conducted in collaboration with the group of Barbara Müller while applying the hereby described screening assay for testing a library of small chemical molecules to identify novel lead candidates for inhibition of HIV-1 assembly and release (results not shown). Control wells from 88 96-well plates from this compound screen were used for this comparison. Two wells per plate were transfected with a 1:1 mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”) and two wells per plate with the 1:1 mixture of the late domain deficient pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-): pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late(-)”). Figure 4-12 shows the mean and standard deviation of the normalized eYFP fluorescence from all wells over the 176 wells. The low error bars indicate a very low inter-plate variability. In summary, the assay shows neither intra- nor inter-plate variability and is therefore suitable for mid- to high-throughput screening.

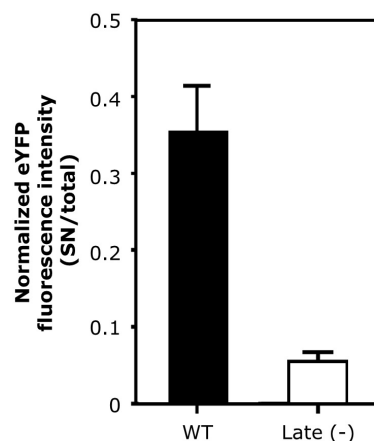


Figure 4-12 Very low inter-plate variability between 88 different 96-well plates.

For each of 88 different 96-well plates two wells were transfected with a 1:1 mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”) and two with a 1:1 ratio of pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-):pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late (-)”) established in the previous experiments (total n = 176). The fluorescence intensity of both the cell lysates and the supernatants were measured. Depicted is the normalized fluorescence intensity, calculated by division of supernatant intensity by total intensity in lysate and supernatant (mean ± standard deviation). Figure from (238) and experiment conducted together with Barbara Müller, Maria Anders and Anke-Mareil Heuser.

Efficacy of controls



In parallel to addressing the technical questions, it is of similar importance to test appropriate controls to demonstrate the applicability of the assay. Preparation of the siRNA test plates and the complete library was performed in collaboration with the ViroQuant-CellNetworks RNAi Screening Facility headed by Dr. Holger Erfle and was based on their previously published method (269, 270).

At first, a siRNA targeting TSG101 (185) was tested. TSG101 is an important part of the cellular ESCRT complex required for the budding of HIV-1 particles. The wells of 96-well plates were pre-coated with the reverse transfection mixture including either a non-silencing control siRNA or a siRNA targeting TSG101 (indicated as “non-silencing control” and “siTSG101”). 15,000 293T cells/well were seeded into 96-well plates. 6, 18, and 36 hours post siRNA transfection, 96-wells were transfected with 100 ng of total plasmid DNA of a 1:1

mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”) or with the 1:1 mixture of the late domain deficient pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-): pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late(-)”) with eight wells each. Cell lysates and supernatants were collected at 44 hours post transfection and were analyzed with the Tecan SAFIRE™ platereader. In addition, cell lysates from an identical set of plates were collected to perform Western-Blot analysis of TSG101 protein expression after 24 and 48 hours post siRNA transfection. The results show that the reverse transfection with a siRNA targeting TSG101 significantly impairs the release of the newly formed viral particles (Figure 4-13). However, the relative release of the siTSG101 treated wells was higher than the results with the Late(-) construct. In addition it shows that TSG101 required a short incubation time to achieve an optimal knockdown (18 hours plus 44 hours = 62 hours). Western Blot analysis using an anti-TSG101 antibody shows the knockdown on protein level. Longer incubation led to marked cell toxicity (widefield microscopy, not shown) and increased fluorescence signals in the supernatant (Figure 4-13).

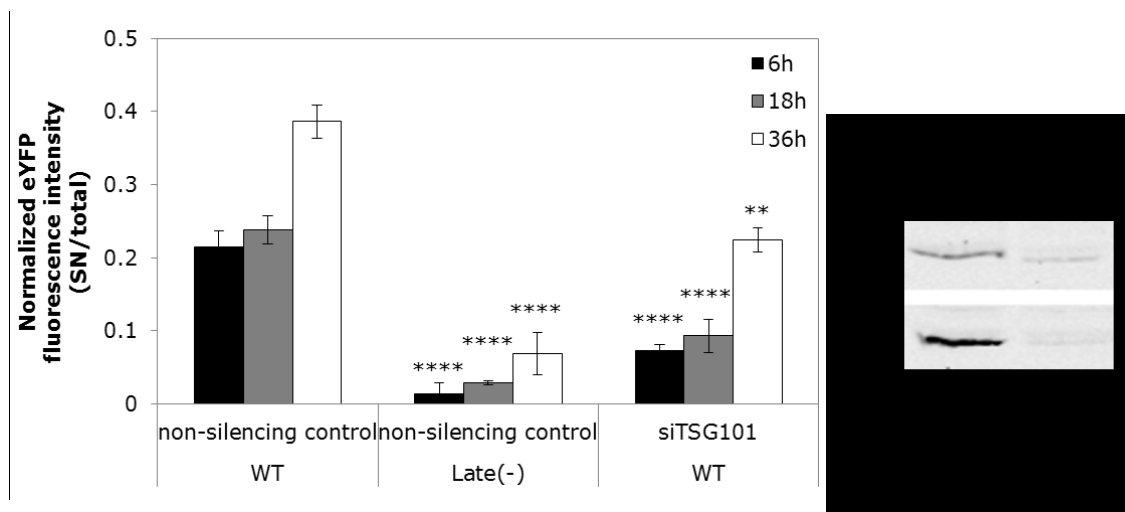


Figure 4-13 A siRNA against TSG101 is a suitable control to impair the release of viral particles by specific protein knockdown.

The wells of a 96-well plate were coated with the reverse transfection mix including a non-silencing control siRNA or a siRNA targeting TSG101 (siTSG101). 293T cells were transfected with 100 ng/well of proviral plasmid DNA. Either a 1:1 mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”) or a 1:1 mixture of the late domain deficient pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-): pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late(-)”). Supernatant and cell lysates were harvested at 44 hours post transfection. At 44 hours post transfection the cell lysates and supernatants were harvested and the fluorescence intensity was measured. Left: Normalized fluorescence intensity, calculated by division of supernatant intensity by total intensity in lysate and supernatant (mean \pm standard deviation, n = 3). Right: Anti-TSG101 western blot of the cell lysates. Statistical analysis (one-sided ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparisons post-test, GraphPad Prism 6.05) compared to the respective WT result: ****= p<0.0001, ***= p<0.001, **= p<0.01, *= p<0.05, ns= not significant.

As a second positive control, siRNAs targeting the subunits A and B of the ATPase VPS4 were tested. As TSG101, VPS4 is involved in the ESCRT complex. The wells of 96-well plates were pre-coated with the reverse transfection mixture including either a non-silencing control siRNA or a siRNA mixture targeting VPS4A and VPS4B (indicated as “non-silencing control” and “siVPS4A/B”). Two different amounts of the siVPS4 A and B were tested (0.5 ng + 0.5 ng or 1 ng + 1 ng per 96-well, Qiagen Flexitube S100760767 + S100760802). 15,000 293T cells/well were seeded in the 96-well plates. 6, 18, and 36 hours post transfection, the wells were transfected with 100 ng of total plasmid of a 1:1 mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT) or with the 1:1 mixture of the late domain deficient pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-): pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late(-)”) with eight wells each. Cell lysates and supernatants were collected at 44 hours post transfection and were analyzed with the Tecan SAFIRE™ platereader. No effect on HIV-1 release was detectable at the earliest knockdown duration (6 hours) and only a slight reduction at 18 hours. The knockdown of VPS4A/B led to a ~50% decreased release of viral particles at the latest time points (Figure 4-14).

The results of this part show that knockdown of known host dependency factors indeed lead to a strong reduction of released viral particles using the eYFP readout. Protein turnover rates depend the time and duration of a knockdown. This can be seen as TSG101 showed highest efficacy at the shortest knockdown time point while the VPS4A/B knockdown only caused some reduction of release efficiency at the latest time point. Although the effect of siTSG101 was almost as pronounced as the effect of the Late(-) variant, it could not be used as a positive control in the kinase screen as it was not included in the pre-designed library.

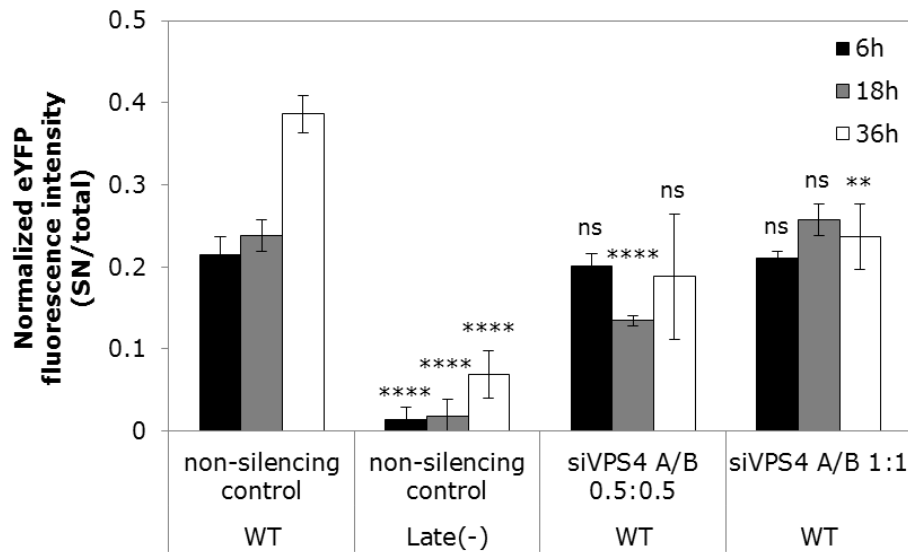


Figure 4-14 Knockdown of VPS4 leads to an impairment of HIV-1 viral particle release at 36 hours.

The wells of a 96-well plate were coated with the reverse transcription mix including a non-silencing control siRNA or a siRNA targeting VPS4 subunits A and B (siVPS4 A/B). 293T cells were seeded with 15,000 cells per well. The wells were transfected with 100 ng DNA/well at 6, 18, or 36 hours after seeding either with a 1:1 mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”) or a 1:1 ratio of pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-): pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late (-)”) with $n = 3$. At 44 hours post transfection the cell lysates and supernatants were harvested and the fluorescence intensity was measured. The graph shows the normalized fluorescence intensity, calculated by division of supernatant intensity by total intensity in lysate and supernatant (mean \pm standard deviation). Statistical analysis (one-sided ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparisons post-test, GraphPad Prism 6.05) compared to the respective WT result: ****= $p < 0.0001$, ***= $p < 0.001$, **= $p < 0.01$, *= $p < 0.05$, ns= not significant.

Statistical & bioinformatical analysis



Raw data were exported from the plate reader into Microsoft EXCEL format. For single experiments, the raw values were analyzed manually. As discussed above, the raw eYFP fluorescence intensities were normalized to remove bias by e.g. cell numbers. For this, the intensities of the supernatant were divided by the sum of the supernatant and cell lysate fluorescence intensities using Microsoft Excel. Results for which this type of analysis was used are indicated by SN/total. For statistical analyses, GraphPad Prism (version 6.05) was used to calculate statistical significance values by using either

a t-test for comparison of two groups or a one-sided ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparisons post-test for multi-group experiments.

Manual analyses were not possible for the primary and reconfirmation screens. The Excel files were therefore transferred to the Viroquant Research Group Modeling lead by Dr. Lars Kaderali for statistical analysis and hit list generation (271, 274). The calculations were conducted by Johanna Mazur using R version 2.8.0 with a custom-tailored analysis workflow based on cellHTS and the Bioconductor package RNAither (271). As a first step the wells with the lowest 5 % of signal intensity in the cell lysate were discarded in order to exclude potential cytotoxic siRNAs. Then, instead of the manual normalization of the supernatant intensity divided by the total intensity, the locally weighted scatterplot smoothing (LOWESS) method (275) was applied for normalization of the raw eYFP fluorescence intensities. LOWESS is a very flexible non-parametric regression method which applies a low degree polynomial fit per data point. It is the most suitable method for normalization of complex non-linear data sets. This was followed by z-score normalization and p-value calculation. The resulting z-score is a measure to rank the results for each siRNA in the library in dependence of the individual standard deviation and allows comparing the results of different plates. The formula to calculate the z-score in the primary and reconfirmation screens are given below. With the assumption that the majority of siRNA have no effect of HIV-1 release, the z-scores were calculated in relation to the median of all wells in the primary screen. As this assumption is not true anymore in the reconfirmation screen, the z-scores were here calculated in relation to the non-silencing control siRNAs on each plate:

z-score calculation:

$$\text{Primary screen : } \frac{\text{Normalized intensity (well)} - \text{Median intensity (plate)}}{\text{Median of the standard deviation (plate)}}$$

$$\text{Reconfirmation screen : } \frac{\text{Normalized intensity (well)} - \text{Median intensity (non - silencing siRNAs)}}{\text{Median of the standard deviation (non - silencing siRNAs)}}$$

After receiving the hit lists, threshold criteria were defined together with the biostatisticians. For stringent hit definition two thresholds were defined for the results of the primary and the reconfirmation screen. Based on the experience with other siRNA screens and according to the range of z-scores resulting from this kinase screen, a cut-off threshold of z-score ± 2 was chosen. A second threshold of p-value ≤ 0.05 was applied additionally in order to take the reproducibility and variance of the different replicates into account.

After the definition of the final set of hits after the analysis of the reconfirmation screen, biostatistical pathway analyses were performed with publicly available tools.

Enriched biological properties, for example Gene Ontology (GO) terms, were identified to determine enriched functional-related gene groups and networks. Two open source dataset tools for large-scale datasets were used according to the description on the respective websites:

- Database for Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery (DAVID v6.8, <http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/>, (276-279))
- Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG, <http://www.genome.jp/kegg/mapper.html>, (280-282))

4.2 Primary siRNA screen

After successful establishment of the screening assay, a siRNA library was tested to identify host cell factors involved in the replication and release of HIV-1. The library comprised siRNAs against 724 human proteins including mainly all known kinases and some auxiliary proteins interacting with those kinases. The library was a custom-made library manufactured by Ambion and designed by the group of Dr. Holger Erfle (BioQuant, University of Heidelberg, Germany). All gene symbols, RefSeq identification numbers and siRNA IDs are listed in chapter 12.1 Appendix 1. Three different siRNAs directed against each of the targets were included in the siRNA library. The siRNAs were randomly distributed onto 28 different 96-well plates plus one control plate. The complete

set of plates was screened in triplicates – which led to a total sum of 87 different 96-well plates. All 96-well plates were prepared in advance by coating of the siRNA libraries. In brief, siRNAs, the transfection reagent, and fibronectin were mixed and added to a well of a 96-well plate prior to drying in a miVac Modular Concentrator (Wolf Laboratories) (269, 270). All stock solutions (e.g. cell suspensions or transfection mixtures) were prepared in ample quantity for the complete set of 87 plates to ensure even and homogenous distribution.

All steps from cell seeding, transfection, sample collection and analysis were performed in parallel at the same time for the complete screening library as described above. On the day of the experimental start, cells were harvested and a stock cell suspension was prepared in a sufficient volume to be distributed to all plates of the screen at the same time. Then, 15,000 293T cells/96-well were seeded in 100 μ l cell culture medium using the automated Multi Drop[®] Combi Reagent Dispenser (Thermo Fisher). After 30 hours, the supernatant was removed from the plates and 100 μ l/96-well of the pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV transfection mixture was added to each well using again the Multi Drop[®] Combi.

In addition, three additional 96-well plates were used as controls. The reason was to monitor whether the time point of plate treatment would have an influence on the results. For this, the first control plate was treated as the very first plate at cell seeding and distribution of the transfection mixture. The second was treated (seeding and transfection) after the first 42 of the 84 plates of the complete library and the third control plate as the very last plate of the screen. For the three control plates, both the bulk preparations of the cell suspension and the pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”) transfection mixture was used as for the other 84 plates of the library. A second quality check to be addressed by the three control plates was to test the WT:Late(-) ratio under medium-throughput screening conditions. Therefore each of the three control plates contained wells transfected with pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-): pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late(-)”) as control. Three wells for each the WT and the Late(-) were used per control plate.

Approximately 42 hours post transfection, the supernatants were harvested using the Matrix Hydra® DT automated liquid handling platform (Thermo Fisher) and transferred to separate 96-well plates. The residual supernatant over the cells was discarded and 100 µl/96-well lysis buffer were added to generate cell lysate suspensions. All plates were then frozen at -20 °C until measurement. Figure 4-15 shows all 174 96-well plates (87 plates supernatant + 87 plates cell lysates).



Figure 4-15 Image of the 174 96-well plates

The complete screen comprised of 87 96-well plates containing the harvested supernatant and another 87 96-well plates with the cell lysates. All plates were frozen at -20 °C and batch-wise thawed for measurement in the Tecan SAFIRE™ platereader.

Fluorescence intensities of the cell lysate supernatant plates were subsequently measured with the Tecan SAFIRE™ (Thermo Fisher). Resulting raw fluorescence signal intensities were automatically exported to Microsoft Excel. The analysis for the control plates were conducted manually in Microsoft Excel and the normalized fluorescence intensities (SN/total) for each of the three are shown in Figure 4-16. The comparison of the WT intensity to the Late(-) results yielded a signal-to-control ratio of ~8 fold with very small standard deviations. This was consistent with the results from the establishment phase. As the plates were transfected at the beginning, mid and end of the library, the comparable results from these three plates indicate that the distribution of the bulk cell suspension and transfection mixture was homogenous and did not cause any time-dependent gradient of the results.

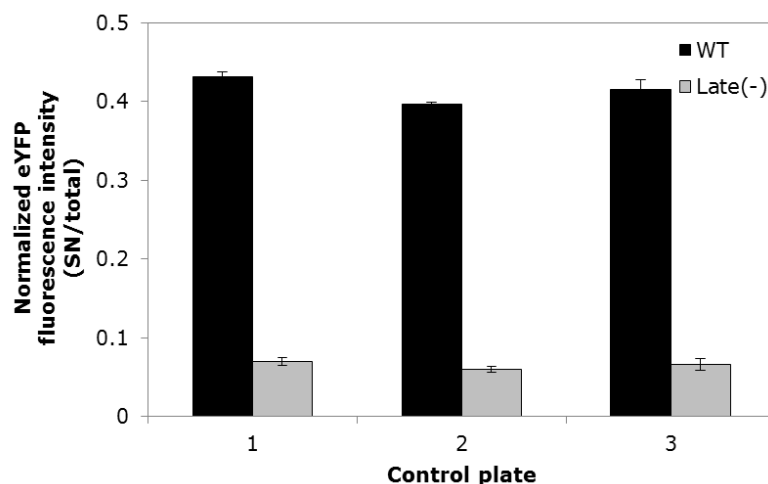


Figure 4-16 Quality controls confirmed validity and low variation of the primary screen.

293T cells were seeded into three 96-well control plates with 15,000 cells per well. The wells were transfected with 100 ng DNA/well at 30 hours after seeding either with a 1:1 mixture of pCHIV^{eYFP}:pCHIV (indicated as “WT”, wild type) or a 1:1 ratio of pCHIV^{eYFP}.late(-): pCHIV.late(-) (indicated as “Late (-)”) with $n = 3$. At 44 hours post transfection the cell lysates and supernatants were harvested and the fluorescence intensity was measured. All results were comparable and showed very small standard deviation. Depicted is the normalized fluorescence intensity, calculated by division of supernatant intensity by total intensity in lysate and supernatant (mean \pm standard deviation).

The raw data were then transferred to the group of Dr. Lars Kaderali for statistical analysis as described above. Figure 4-17 shows the raw eYFP intensities of the cell lysates (left) and the supernatants (right) for each of the three replicates. For each replicate, the 28 different plates are depicted as box plots. The black line indicates the median intensity of all wells of the 28 96-well plates per replicate. The median intensities and distributions/variations of the intensities of three replicates (size of box and whiskers with only a few outliers) were equal, indicating a very homogenous distribution over all plates of the screen.

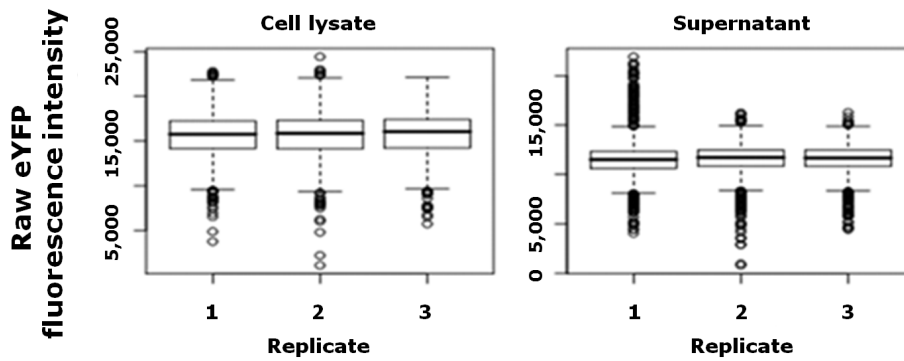


Figure 4-17 Comparable distribution of raw eYFP intensities between the different replicates of the screen.

Depicted in this graph are box plots of the raw eYFP intensities of cell lysates (left) and supernatants (right). The box plots include the raw intensity values for all wells of the 28 96-well plates per replicate. The black bar indicates the median, the box the first and third quartiles, the whiskers indicate the 1.5 inter quartile range and the open dots show single outliers. Both the median intensity and the variability (box and whiskers) are equal in the different replicates, indicating a high homogeneity. Figure created by Johanna Mazur and Lars Kaderali using R during the process of statistical analysis of my experimental results.

After sample measurement the raw data underwent statistical data analysis and normalization as discussed above. In short, the 5% wells with lowest cell lysate intensity were removed to exclude potential cytotoxic effects, followed by normalization of the raw eYFP fluorescence intensities over all plates and the calculation of z-score and p-values for ranking and hit definition. From the results, all siRNAs were defined as a hit when they a) had a z-score of $> +2$ or < -2 and b) had a p-value < 0.05 to take the reproducibility between the replicates into account. Figure 4-18 depicts the distribution of the z-scores over all siRNAs in the screen. The red and the green vertical lines indicate the threshold of z-score ≤ -2 (red) or z-score $\geq +2$ (green), respectively. Z-scores of ≤ -2 indicate a reduced release of viral particles and were defined as potential host dependency factors (HDF). At the other end of the distribution curve, all siRNAs with a z-score of $\geq +2$ were defined as potential host restriction factors (HRF). The statistical analyses of the raw values were performed by Johanna Mazur and Lars Kaderali to generate the z-scores, which are shown in Figure 4-18 and Table 13 List of the 50 potential host dependency factors. Table 13 to Table 16.

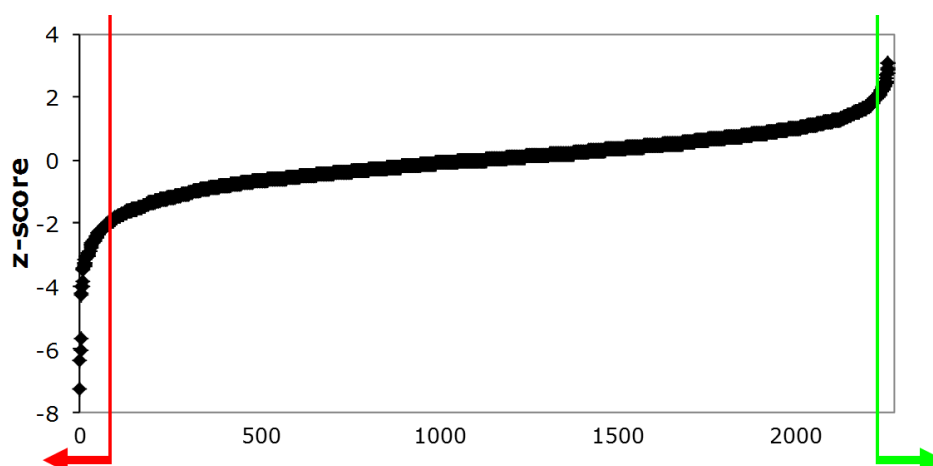


Figure 4-18 Distribution of all z-scores

Shown is the distribution of all z-scores for all individual sample of the kinase screen. Values below or equal to a z-score ≤ -2 were defined as potential host dependency factors (left side, red arrow). Potential host restriction factors were above the threshold of a z-score ≥ 2 (right side, green arrow). In addition to the z-score criterion all hits have to comply with the additional threshold of p-value ≤ 0.05 .

Table 13 lists all 50 potential HDFs with at least one of the three siRNAs fulfilling the aforementioned thresholds. The table lists the gene symbol, the RefSeq ID, the full gene name, the maximum z-score and the number of siRNAs reaching the threshold criteria. Only those siRNA were counted as a hit when they had a p-value below 0.05. The majority of those potential HDFs scored with one of the three individual siRNAs. Out of the 50, only three genes scored as hits with 2 of the three individual siRNAs and none with all three. Those three hits were Nemo-like kinase (NLK), Cyclin-dependent kinase 7 (CDK7) and PAS domain containing serine/threonine kinase (PASK).

Table 13 List of the 50 potential host dependency factors.

Hit definition threshold: Minimum one siRNA yielding a z-score ≤ -2 (sorted by z-score). All hits comply with the second threshold of $p < 0.05$. Indicated in grey are the hits with more than one siRNA fulfilling the threshold.

Gene Symbol	RefSeq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score	No. of siRNAs out of 3 > threshold
KSR2	NM_173598	Kinase suppressor of ras 2	-8.456	1/3
PRKG2	NM_006259	Protein kinase, cGMP-dependent, type II	-4.387	1/3
ITPKA	NM_002220	Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate 3-kinase A	-4.064	1/3

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Gene Symbol	RefSeq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score	No. of siRNAs out of 3 > threshold
PLXNA3	NM_017514	Plexin A3	-3.993	1/3
NLK	NM_016231	Nemo-like kinase	-3.703	2/3
PAPSS1	NM_005443	3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate synthase 1	-3.469	1/3
PRPS1	NM_002764	Phosphoribosyl pyrophosphate synthetase 1	-3.350	1/3
PLXNC1	NM_005761	Plexin C1	-3.325	1/3
EPHA10	NM_001004338	EPH receptor A10	-3.325	1/3
PAPSS2	NM_001015880	3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate synthase 2	-3.111	1/3
AKAP8L	NM_014371	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 8-like	-2.952	1/3
CDK6	NM_001259	Cyclin-dependent kinase 6	-2.870	1/3
CDK7	NM_001799	Cyclin-dependent kinase 7	-2.846	2/3
GLYCTK	NM_145262	Glycerate kinase	-2.770	1/3
MAP4K2	NM_004579	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 2	-2.728	1/3
FES	NM_002005	Feline sarcoma oncogene	-2.707	1/3
MAP2K3	NM_002756	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3	-2.696	1/3
RPS6KA2	NM_001006932	Ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 90kDa, polypeptide 2	-2.660	1/3
MAP3K14	NM_003954	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 14	-2.613	1/3
PXK	NM_017771	PX domain containing serine/threonine kinase	-2.583	1/3
NME1	NM_000269	NME/NM23 nucleoside diphosphate kinase 1	-2.580	1/3
NRGN	NM_006176	Neurogranin (protein kinase C substrate, RC3)	-2.504	1/3
STK32B	NM_018401	Serine/threonine kinase 32B	-2.503	1/3
AKAP7	NM_004842	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 7	-2.421	1/3
MAST4	NM_198828	Microtubule associated serine/threonine kinase family member 4	-2.404	1/3
CDK10	NM_052987	Cyclin-dependent kinase 10	-2.390	1/3

Gene Symbol	RefSeq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score	No. of siRNAs out of 3 > threshold
SPHK1	NM_021972	Sphingosine kinase 1	-2.375	1/3
SPHK2	NM_020126	Sphingosine kinase 2	-2.350	1/3
IRAK4	NM_016123	Interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase 4	-2.325	1/3
SLK	NM_014720	STE20-like kinase (yeast)	-2.320	1/3
RPS6KB1	NM_003161	Ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 70kDa, polypeptide 1	-2.312	1/3
PTK6	NM_005975	PTK6 protein tyrosine kinase 6	-2.288	1/3
PASK	NM_015148	PAS domain containing serine/threonine kinase	-2.254	2/3
HKDC1	NM_025130	Hexokinase domain containing 1	-2.207	1/3
UCK2	NM_012474	Uridine-cytidine kinase 2	-2.207	1/3
RIPK3	NM_006871	Receptor-interacting serine-threonine kinase 3	-2.202	1/3
CDKL1	NM_004196	Cyclin-dependent kinase-like 1 (CDC2-related kinase)	-2.133	1/3
PIK3CG	NM_002649	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase, catalytic, gamma polypeptide	-2.126	1/3
PLXNA2	NM_025179	Plexin A2	-2.125	1/3
BRAF	NM_004333	V-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1	-2.116	1/3
EPHB4	NM_004444	EPH receptor B4	-2.104	1/3
FRK	NM_002031	Fyn-related kinase	-2.100	1/3
DCAKD	NM_024819	Dephospho-CoA kinase domain containing	-2.099	1/3
IGF1R	NM_000875	Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor	-2.080	1/3
ALPK3	NM_020778	Alpha-kinase 3	-2.078	1/3
FGFR2	NM_000141	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (bacteria-expressed kinase, keratinocyte growth factor receptor, craniofacial dysostosis 1, Crouzon syndrome, Pfeiffer syndrome, Jackson-Weiss syndrome)	-2.064	1/3
PIM1	NM_002648	Pim-1 oncogene	-2.055	1/3

Gene Symbol	RefSeq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score	No. of siRNAs out of 3 > threshold
SGK269	XM_370878	NKF3 kinase family member	-2.046	1/3
ROR1	NM_001083592	Receptor tyrosine kinase-like orphan receptor 1	-2.008	1/3
NAGK	NM_017567	N-acetylglucosamine kinase	-2.003	1/3

26 potential HRFs fulfilled with at least one of the three siRNAs the threshold of z-score > +2 and p-value < 0.05. Similar to the table above, Table 14 lists the gene symbol, the RefSeq ID, the full gene name, the maximum z-score and the number of siRNAs reaching the threshold criteria for each of those 26 genes. Similar to the HDFs, the majority of the potential HRFs scored with only one of the three individual siRNAs. Out of the 26, only one gene scored as hit with 2 of the three individual siRNAs and none with all three. This hit was C-src tyrosine kinase (CSK).

Table 14 List of the 26 potential host restriction factors.

Hit definition threshold: Minimum one siRNA yielding a z-score > +2 (sorted by z-score). All hits comply with the second threshold of p < 0.05. Indicated in grey are the hits with more than one siRNA fulfilling the threshold.

Gene Symbol	RefSeq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score	No. of siRNAs out of 3 > threshold
MAPK3	NM_001040056	Mitogen-activated protein kinase 3	3.210	1/3
SYK	NM_003177	Spleen tyrosine kinase	3.110	1/3
NRK	NM_198465	Nik related kinase	3.088	1/3
GSK3B	NM_002093	Glycogen synthase kinase 3 beta	3.078	1/3
TAF1L	NM_153809	TAF1 RNA polymerase II, TATA box binding protein (TBP)-associated factor, 210kDa-like	3.042	1/3
MAP4K4	NM_004834	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 4	2.984	1/3
GAK	NM_005255	Cyclin G associated kinase	2.958	1/3
PSKH1	NM_006742	Protein serine kinase H1	2.810	1/3

Gene Symbol	RefSeq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score	No. of siRNAs out of 3 > threshold
CSK	NM_004383	C-src tyrosine kinase	2.727	2/3
SNF1LK2	NM_015191	SNF1-like kinase 2	2.631	1/3
LIMK1	NM_002314	LIM domain kinase 1	2.604	1/3
BLK	NM_001715	B lymphoid tyrosine kinase	2.530	1/3
DGKH	NM_152910	Diacylglycerol kinase, eta	2.374	1/3
FGFR4	NM_002011	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 4	2.330	1/3
GRK4	NM_001004056	G protein-coupled receptor kinase 4	2.328	1/3
AURKAIP1	NM_017900	Aurora kinase A interacting protein 1	2.304	1/3
MAP4K1	NM_001042600	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 1	2.274	1/3
STK16	NM_001008910	Serine/threonine kinase 16	2.215	1/3
ACVR2A	NM_001616	Activin A receptor, type IIA	2.172	1/3
IPMK	NM_152230	Inositol polyphosphate multikinase	2.150	1/3
CD2	NM_001767	CD2 molecule	2.149	1/3
CDK4	NM_000075	Cyclin-dependent kinase 4	2.128	1/3
ILK	NM_001014794	Integrin-linked kinase	2.109	1/3
RBKS	NM_022128	Ribokinase	2.099	1/3
PLK2	NM_006622	Polo-like kinase 2 (Drosophila)	2.093	1/3
BRSK2	NM_003957	BR serine/threonine kinase 2	2.015	1/3

4.3 Reconfirmation screen

Having the risk of false-positive hits arising from any screening approach in mind, a subsequent reconfirmation screen was performed. For this all 76 primary hits (50 potential host dependency factors and 26 potential host restriction factors) listed above were tested again for re-validation. For each of

the hits, three new siRNAs were ordered from Ambion which were distinct from the siRNAs used in the primary screen. This was to exclude potential off-target effects caused if a siRNAs used in the primary screen would have been bound to an unspecific off-target gene. While the siRNAs in the primary screen library were normal Ambion Silencer® siRNAs, chemically modified Silencer® Select siRNAs (Ambion) were used in the reconfirmation screen.

The three siRNAs per hit gene were distributed onto 5 different 96-well plates as described above. As only a small fraction of siRNAs were tested in this screen, several improvements in regard to statistical power and quality could be included which were not possible for the big screen. To improve the quality, no siRNAs were used on the edge wells in order to avoid potential edge effects on cell growth. To increase the robustness of the reconfirmation screen, each of the 96-well plates was tested with five replicates (compared to the three replicates in the primary screen). The complete experimental procedure was similar to the primary screen. The only difference was in the statistical analysis: For the primary screen LOWESS normalization the median fluorescence intensity was used. This was possible under the assumption that the majority of siRNAs in the library would have no effect on HIV-1 release. This assumption is, however, by definition not true for the reconfirmation screen. Therefore each plate contained 9x the non-silencing siRNA randomly distributed and the results were normalized to the median result of these control siRNAs. After measurement of the raw fluorescence intensities and statistical analyses, the similar thresholds were used as criteria for hit definition for the reconfirmation screen as for the primary screen ($z\text{-score} \leq -2$ or $z\text{-score} \geq +2$, $p\text{-value} < 0.05$). From the complete set of 76 primary hits, 43 were reconfirmed which equals a reconfirmation rate of ~57%. Interestingly, the reconfirmation rate was not equal for host dependency or restriction factors.

Out of the 50 primary HDFs, 39 were validated. This equaled a reconfirmation rate of approximately ~78%. Of note, all three HDFs from the primary screen with more than one siRNA fulfilling the hit criterion were reconfirmed in this second screen. The reconfirmed HDF with the highest z -score was Sphingosine kinase 1 (SPHK1) with a z -score of -8.024. Out of the 43

reconfirmed hits, 15 were reconfirmed with two of the three individual siRNAs and one gene even with all three siRNAs (3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate synthase 1, PAPSS1). These 16 hits and the three hits from the primary screen were categorized as “Strong HDFs”. The “Strong HDF” with the highest z-score of -7.910 was Neurogranin (NRGN). Table 15 lists the 39 confirmed host dependency factors sorted by their maximum z-score. In addition, the table indicates the gene symbol, the RefSeq ID, the full gene name, and the number of individual siRNAs from the three siRNAs used in the primary and the three from the reconfirmation screen which reached the threshold.

Table 15 List of the 39 reconfirmed host dependency factors.

Hit definition threshold: Minimum one siRNA yielding a z-score > +2 (sorted by z-score). All hits comply with the second threshold of $p < 0.05$. “Strong HDFs” are indicated in grey.

Gene Symbol	RefSeq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score (primary)	Max. z-score (reconfirm.)	no. siRNA primary + reconfirm. above threshold
SPHK1	NM_021972	Sphingosine kinase 1	-2.375	-8.024	1/3 + 1/3
NRGN	NM_006176	Neurogranin (protein kinase C substrate, RC3)	-2.504	-7.910	1/3 + 2/3
PLXNA2	NM_025179	Plexin A2	-2.125	-7.067	1/3 + 1/3
MAP3K14	NM_003954	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 14	-2.613	-6.539	1/3 + 2/3
PAPSS1	NM_005443	3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate synthase 1	-3.469	-5.492	1/3 + 3/3
GLYCTK	NM_145262	Glycerate kinase	-2.770	-4.611	1/3 + 2/3
PLXNC1	NM_005761	Plexin C1	-3.325	-4.544	1/3 + 1/3
UCK2	NM_012474	Uridine-cytidine kinase 2	-2.207	-4.141	1/3 + 2/3
NME1	NM_000269	NME/NM23 nucleoside diphosphate kinase 1	-2.580	-3.988	1/3 + 1/3
PIK3CG	NM_002649	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase, catalytic, gamma polypeptide	-2.126	-3.892	1/3 + 1/3
CDK10	NM_052987	Cyclin-dependent kinase 10	-2.390	-3.863	1/3 + 2/3
AKAP7	NM_004842	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 7	-2.421	-3.815	1/3 + 1/3
PXK	NM_017771	PX domain containing serine/threonine kinase	-2.583	-3.801	1/3 + 1/3

Results

Gene Symbol	RefSeq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score (primary)	Max. z-score (reconfirm.)	no. siRNA primary + reconfirm. above threshold
ITPKA	NM_002220	Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate 3-kinase A	-4.064	-3.761	1/3 + 1/3
RPS6KA2	NM_001006932	Ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 90kDa, polypeptide 2	-2.660	-3.673	1/3 + 1/3
FRK	NM_002031	Fyn-related kinase	-2.100	-3.612	1/3 + 2/3
CDK7	NM_001799	Cyclin-dependent kinase 7	-2.846	-3.563	2/3 + 1/3
KSR2	NM_173598	Kinase suppressor of ras 2	-8.456	-3.559	1/3 + 1/3
MAP2K3	NM_002756	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3	-2.696	-3.441	1/3 + 1/3
PASK	NM_015148	PAS domain containing serine/threonine kinase	-2.254	-3.405	2/3 + 1/3
STK32B	NM_018401	Serine/threonine kinase 32B	-2.503	-3.391	1/3 + 2/3
FGFR2	NM_000141	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (bacteria-expressed kinase, keratinocyte growth factor receptor, craniofacial dysostosis 1, Crouzon syndrome, Pfeiffer syndrome, Jackson-Weiss syndrome)	-2.064	-3.381	1/3 + 2/3
IRAK4	NM_016123	Interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase 4	-2.325	-3.010	1/3 + 2/3
NLK	NM_016231	Nemo-like kinase	-3.703	-2.998	2/3 + 1/3
BRAF	NM_004333	V-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1	-2.116	-2.892	1/3 + 1/3
PRKG2	NM_006259	Protein kinase, cGMP-dependent, type II	-4.387	-2.837	1/3 + 2/3
IGF1R	NM_000875	Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor	-2.080	-2.791	1/3 + 2/3
FES	NM_002005	Feline sarcoma oncogene	-2.707	-2.676	1/3 + 1/3
MAP4K2	NM_004579	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase kinase 2	-2.728	-2.617	1/3 + 2/3
RPS6KB1	NM_003161	Ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 70kDa, polypeptide 1	-2.312	-2.606	1/3 + 2/3
SPHK2	NM_020126	Sphingosine kinase 2	-2.350	-2.554	1/3 + 1/3
DCAKD	NM_024819	Dephospho-CoA kinase domain containing	-2.099	-2.524	1/3 + 1/3
CDKL1	NM_004196	Cyclin-dependent kinase-like 1 (CDC2-related kinase)	-2.133	-2.407	1/3 + 2/3
PIM1	NM_002648	Pim-1 oncogene	-2.055	-2.317	1/3 + 1/3

Gene Symbol	RefSeq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score (primary)	Max. z-score (reconfirm.)	no. siRNA primary + reconfirm. above threshold
NAGK	NM_017567	N-acetylglucosamine kinase	-2.003	-2.277	1/3 + 1/3
ALPK3	NM_020778	Alpha-kinase 3	-2.078	-2.252	1/3 + 1/3
HKDC1	NM_025130	Hexokinase domain containing 1	-2.207	-2.131	1/3 + 2/3
MAST4	NM_198828	Microtubule associated serine/threonine kinase family member 4	-2.404	-2.049	1/3 + 1/3
SGK269	XM_370878	NKF3 kinase family member	-2.046	-2.015	1/3 + 1/3

From the 26 potential HRFs, only 4 could be validated. This equals a reconfirmation rate of approximately 15%. Of note, the HRF from the primary screen with more than one siRNA fulfilling the hit criterion (CSK) was reconfirmed in this second screen. In addition, it was the hit with the top z-score of +4.936 in the reconfirmation screen. Out of the 26 reconfirmed HRFs, none scored with more than one of the siRNAs. Therefore only CSK was defined as “Strong HRF” based on the two scoring siRNAs from the primary screen. Table 16 lists the four confirmed host dependency factors sorted by their maximum z-score. In addition, the table indicates the gene symbol, the RefSeq ID, the full gene name, and the number of individual siRNAs from the three siRNAs used in the primary and the three from the reconfirmation screen which reached the threshold.

Table 16 List of the 4 reconfirmed host restriction factors.

Hit definition threshold: Minimum one siRNA yielding a z-score > +2 (sorted by z-score). All hits comply with the second threshold of $p < 0.05$. “Strong HDFs” are indicated in grey.

Gene Symbol	Ref Seq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score (primary)	Max. z-score (reconfirm.)	no. siRNA primary + reconfirm. above threshold
CSK	NM_004383	C-src tyrosine kinase	2.727	4.936	2/3 + 1/3
TAF1L	NM_153809	TAF1 RNA polymerase II, TATA box binding protein (TBP)-associated factor, 210kDa-like	3.042	3.185	1/3 + 1/3

Gene Symbol	Ref Seq ID	Full gene name	Max. z-score (primary)	Max. z-score (reconfirm.)	no. siRNA primary + reconfirm. above threshold
SNF1LK2	NM_015191	SNF1-like kinase 2	2.631	2.362	1/3 + 1/3
CD2	NM_001767	CD2 molecule	2.149	2.111	1/3 + 1/3

4.4 Exemplary single hit characterization

The next step was to follow up on individual genes in order to validate the results from the screening assay. A detailed characterization of the role, relevance and function of each of the hits for HIV-1 assembly and release will be elucidated by future studies. However, as a proof for their relevance, a single hit was chosen for initial follow-up experiments.

The bioinformatic analysis indicated the MAPK pathway as the top enriched pathway in the set of reconfirmed hits. Included in this pathway is Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 14 (MAP3K14), one of the strongest hits of our screen. Furthermore, MAP3K14 was identified in the siRNA screen by Zhou et al. as a hit in their part addressing the late stages of HIV-1 replication (283). See chapter 5.3 for further information regarding overlap with other RNAi screens. MAP3K14 is the crucial activator of the alternative NFkB activation pathway and is therefore also called NFkB inducing kinase (NIK) (284). Additional literature studies revealed that HIV-1 Tat enhances MAP3K14 activity (285) and that MAP3K14 expression is increased after RSV infection (286). Paul Bieniasz's group showed, that MAP3K14 influences the replication of several human viruses in response to type I interferon (287, 288). *In silico* sequence analyses for protein interaction motifs using the open source tool "Eukaryotic Linear Motif resource for functional sites in proteins" (ELM) (289, 290) predicted binding sites in HIV-1 p6 for TRAF proteins, which are important activators of MAP3K14. Because of these reasons, MAP3K14 was chosen as an ideal example for follow-up studies at the time of the experiments.

The screen was based on bulk readout of fluorescence intensities in 96-well plates. As a first step towards the follow-up characterization of single hit proteins, the effect was re-assessed in a different format. For this purpose, 293T cells were seeded into 12-well plates. The plates were incubated for ~7 hours in order to let the cells settle down and attach to the wells prior to transfection with the siRNAs: either a non-silencing control (nsc) siRNA or the top siRNA against MAP3K14 from the reconfirmation screen (siM3K14). Similar to the screening conditions, 30 hours post siRNA transfection, the wells were transfected with the 1:1 mixtures of WT or Late(-) proviral plasmid DNAs. After 44 hours, supernatants and cell lysates were harvested and fluorescence intensities of the samples were measured. The experiment confirmed that siM3K14 reduced the relative release of Gag significantly in a different format and setting compared to the screening assay (Figure 4-19).

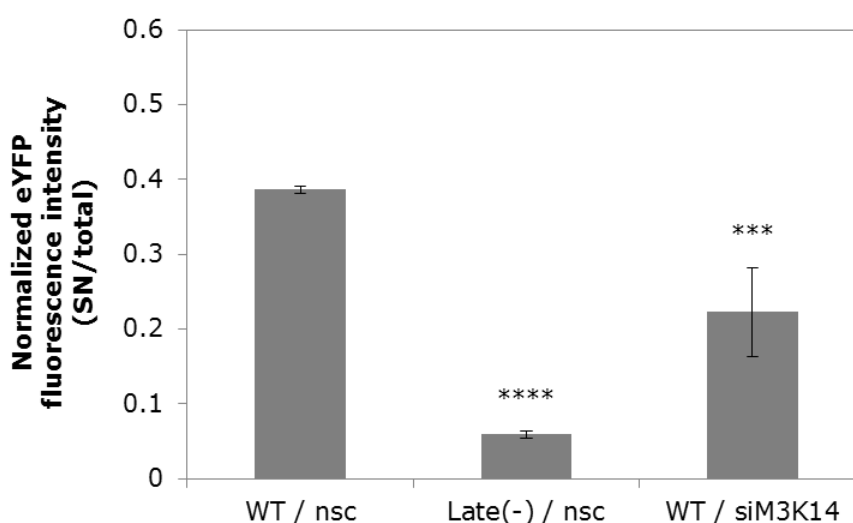


Figure 4-19 siRNA against MAP3K14 reduced release in 12-well format (fluorescence)

The graph shows the normalized fluorescence intensity, calculated by division of supernatant intensity by total intensity in lysate and supernatant (mean \pm standard deviation) with $n=3$. Statistical analysis (one-sided ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparisons post-test, GraphPad Prism 6.05) compared to the WT/nsc result: ****= $p<0.0001$, ***= $p<0.001$.

As a next step a different readout was chosen to address the effect independently of fluorescence. For this purpose, the release efficiency was measured using direct quantitation of HIV-1 CA. For this experiment, the same conditions were applied as above just using only the unlabeled WT and Late(-)

proviral plasmid DNAs. Figure 4-20 shows the results of the quantitative western blot with signals of supernatant normalized to total signal. Release efficiency was reduced by the siRNA targeting MAP3K14 by ~50%. This was comparable to the effect using eYFP fluorescence readout.

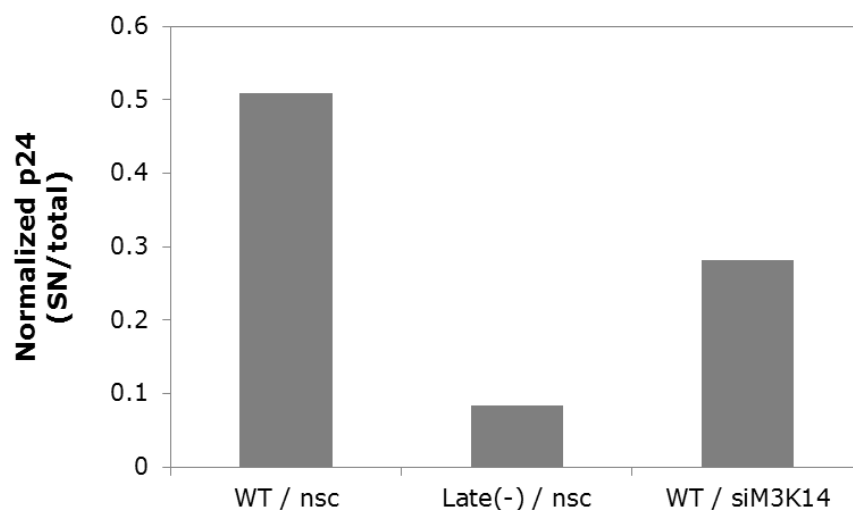


Figure 4-20 siRNA against MAP3K14 reduced release in 12-well format (Western Blot)

The graph shows the normalized p24 values obtained by quantitative Western Blot measurement of the intensities of the single bands using the LICOR Odyssey. Normalized values were calculated by division of supernatant intensity by total intensity in lysate and supernatant.

Choudhary et al. showed that MAP3K14 expression was increased after RSV infection (286). In order to address the question if HIV-1 infection leads to a similar MAP3K14 increase, the expression was addressed by immunofluorescence of cells transfected with pCHIV. For this purpose, 293T cells were seeded in 6-well plates containing glass coverslips. 24 hours later, the cells were transfected with pCHIV proviral plasmid DNA. 36 hours later, cells were fixed and stained with antibodies against HIV-1 capsid (sheep anti p24, Kräusslich lab) and MAP3K14 (rabbit anti MAP3K14, Abcam). Nuclei were stained 4',6-Diamidin-2-phenylindol (Dapi) in addition. Figure 4-21 shows increased MAP3K14 signal intensities in p24-positive cells.

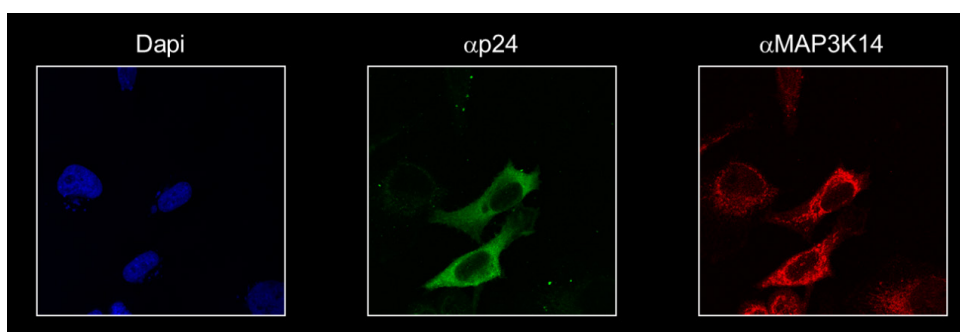


Figure 4-21 MAP3K14 expression is increased in p24 positive cells

293T cells were fixed and stained with Dapi 1:2000, sheep α p24 1:500, rabbit α MAP3K14 1:150. Capsid positive cells show an increased signal of MAP3K14.

The exemplary follow-up of MAP3K14 shows clearly, that the results of the screen can be transferred to and confirmed by other experimental settings. Furthermore, Khan et al. showed that knockdown of TRAF proteins indeed caused a reduction of HIV-1 Gag release into the supernatant of macrophages in the meantime (291). The established screening assay yielded a list of novel host cell factors. Each of these hits has to be addressed by specific experiments in the future in order to fully understand their respective roles in HIV-1 assembly and release. For this purpose, the impact of the hereby identified proteins has to be confirmed for example in more relevant primary cells or by using specific inhibitors.

4.5 Bioinformatical analysis

To focus on single proteins is one aspect of the interpretation of the results. On the other side, cellular kinases are interlinked in big multi-step processes which orchestrate the different networks and signaling pathways in the cell. This screening assay identified 43 host cell factors (39 HDFs and 4 HRFs) to be important for HIV-1 assembly and release. In order to understand the underlying processes, bioinformatical analyses were conducted. Parts of our previously described analysis roadmap were used for this bioinformatical analysis (292).

All hits were tested using the “Database for Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery (DAVID, v6.7, 2015, <http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/>) (276-279). This set of algorithms was designed to generate functional annotations to gene sets in order to detect enriched groups or clusters of genes. As a background dataset, the complete list of genes included in the primary siRNA library was used in order to detect specifically enriched pathways and functional annotations from the set of kinases.

As a first step, potential gene clustering was analyzed. The given data set of the 43 reconfirmed hits is hereby analyzed for certain keywords regarding the gene function. Mostly several generic kinase-specific enriched terms (e.g. phosphotransferase, ATP binding,...) were detected. In addition, the term “TNF/Stress related signaling” was found to be enriched. The results are listed in Table 17 stating the category, the term, the number of genes in the respective group, the p-value, and the fold enrichment.

Table 17 DAVID gene clustering analysis of reconfirmed hits versus the complete kinase library as background

Category	Term	Genes in group	p-value	Fold enrichment
SP_PIR_KEYWORDS	ATP	11	0.052	1.6
SP_PIR-KEYWORDS	Phosphotransferase	12	0.072	1.5
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Adenyl nucleotide binding	27	0.076	1.1
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Purine nucleoside binding	27	0.076	1.1
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Nucleoside binding	27	0.076	1.1
GOTERM_MF_FAT	ATP binding	27	0.076	1.1
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Adenyl ribonucleoside binding	27	0.076	1.1
BIOCARTA	TNF/Stress related signaling	3	0.078	3.6
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Purine nucleotide binding	27	0.08	1.1
UP_SEQ_FEATURE	Nucleotide phosphate-binding region:ATP	23	0.093	1.1

As gene cluster categories are rather generic and too unspecific for pinning down crucial pathways, a functional annotation analysis was conducted subsequently. This analysis was based on gene ontology (GO) terms, which groups and identifies genes according to their networks and their functions in specific biological processes. This analysis gave hints to functions which were shared by several of the identified hits. Categories involved in regulation of apoptosis, cell death as well as cell metabolism were especially enriched – each with 7 hits per category. Table 18 lists the results from the functional annotation analysis including the category, the term, the number of genes in the respective group, and the p-value.

Table 18 DAVID functional annotation analysis of reconfirmed hits versus the complete kinase library as background

Category	Term	Genes in group	p-value
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Negative regulation of apoptosis	7	0.025
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Negative regulation of cell death	7	0.028
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Negative regulation of programmed cell death	7	0.028
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Regulation of transcription, DNA-dependent	5	0.035
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Regulation of RNA metabolic process	5	0.047
SP_PIR-KEYWORDS	Transcription	4	0.06
SP_PIR-KEYWORDS	Transcription regulation	4	0.06
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Regulation of cell proliferation	8	0.063
GOTERM_MF_FAT	Transcription	4	0.073

In addition to the DAVID database tool, the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) Mapper v2.5 (<http://www.genome.jp/kegg/mapper.html>, Copyright 1995-2015 Kanehisa Laboratories) was applied to the 43 validated hits as well. KEGG Mapper clusters proteins in well-defined signaling pathways. In comparison to the GO terms, the KEGG networks are

much more detailed and specific. It is especially suited to address interactions of proteins on the level of specific signaling pathways. Similar to the DAVID database tool, KEGG mapper revealed clusters or pathways related to both cell proliferation and cellular maintenance. In total, 10 pathways were identified with at least 4 of the reconfirmed hits. The highest numbers of genes were found in the MAP kinase signaling pathway (7 hits), followed by the RAP1 (5 hits) and mTOR pathways (4 hits). Table 19 lists all identified signaling pathways listing all identified genes.

Table 19 KEGG Mapper signaling pathway analysis of the reconfirmed hits.
Listed are pathways with 4 or more identified genes.

KEGG term	Number of Genes
MAPK signaling pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FGFR2; fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 ▪ NLK; nemo-like kinase ▪ MAP2K3; mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3 ▪ MAP4K2; mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 2 ▪ RPS6KA2; ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 90kDa, polypeptide 2 ▪ BRAF; B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase ▪ MAP3K14; mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 14 	7
RAP1 signaling pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FGFR2; fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 ▪ IGF1R; insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor ▪ PIK3CG; phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit γ ▪ MAP2K3; mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3 ▪ BRAF; B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase 	5
mTOR signaling pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PIK3CG; phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit γ ▪ RPS6KA2; ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 90kDa, polypeptide 2 ▪ RPS6KB1; ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 70kDa, polypeptide 1 ▪ BRAF; B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase 	4
Insulin signaling pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PIK3CG; phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit γ ▪ RPS6KB1; ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 70kDa, polypeptide 1 ▪ BRAF; B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase ▪ HKDC1; hexokinase domain containing 1 	4
PI3K-Akt signaling pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FGFR2; fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 ▪ IGF1R; insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor ▪ PIK3CG; phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit γ ▪ RPS6KB1; ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 70kDa, polypeptide 1 	4
HIF-1 signaling pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IGF1R; insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor ▪ PIK3CG; phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit γ ▪ RPS6KB1; ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 70kDa, polypeptide 1 ▪ hsa:80201 HKDC1; hexokinase domain containing 1 	4

KEGG term	Number of Genes
RAS signaling pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FGFR2; fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 ▪ KSR2; kinase suppressor of ras 2 ▪ IGF1R; insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor ▪ PIK3CG; phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit γ 	4
Fc gamma R-mediated phagocytosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IGF1R; insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor ▪ NLK; nemo-like kinase ▪ PIK3CG; phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit γ ▪ BRAF; B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase 	4
FoxO signaling pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IGF1R; insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor ▪ NLK; nemo-like kinase ▪ PIK3CG; phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit γ ▪ BRAF; B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase 	4
Neurotrophin signaling pathway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IRAK4; interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase 4 ▪ PIK3CG; phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit γ ▪ RPS6KA2; ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 90kDa, polypeptide 2 ▪ BRAF; B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase 	4

The KEGG pathway database contains in addition maps for all the described pathways. For all 10 enriched pathways, the respective map was adapted to indicate the genes which were validated in the reconfirmation screen. As an example, Figure 4-22 shows the map of the MAPK signaling pathway, showing the seven hits highlighted in pink color. Interestingly, the 7 hits identified are not in direct interaction with each other but from different parts of the MAPK signaling pathway. The maps of the other pathways are included in the appendix 3. All maps were generated using KEGG Mapper and all hit genes are indicated in red.

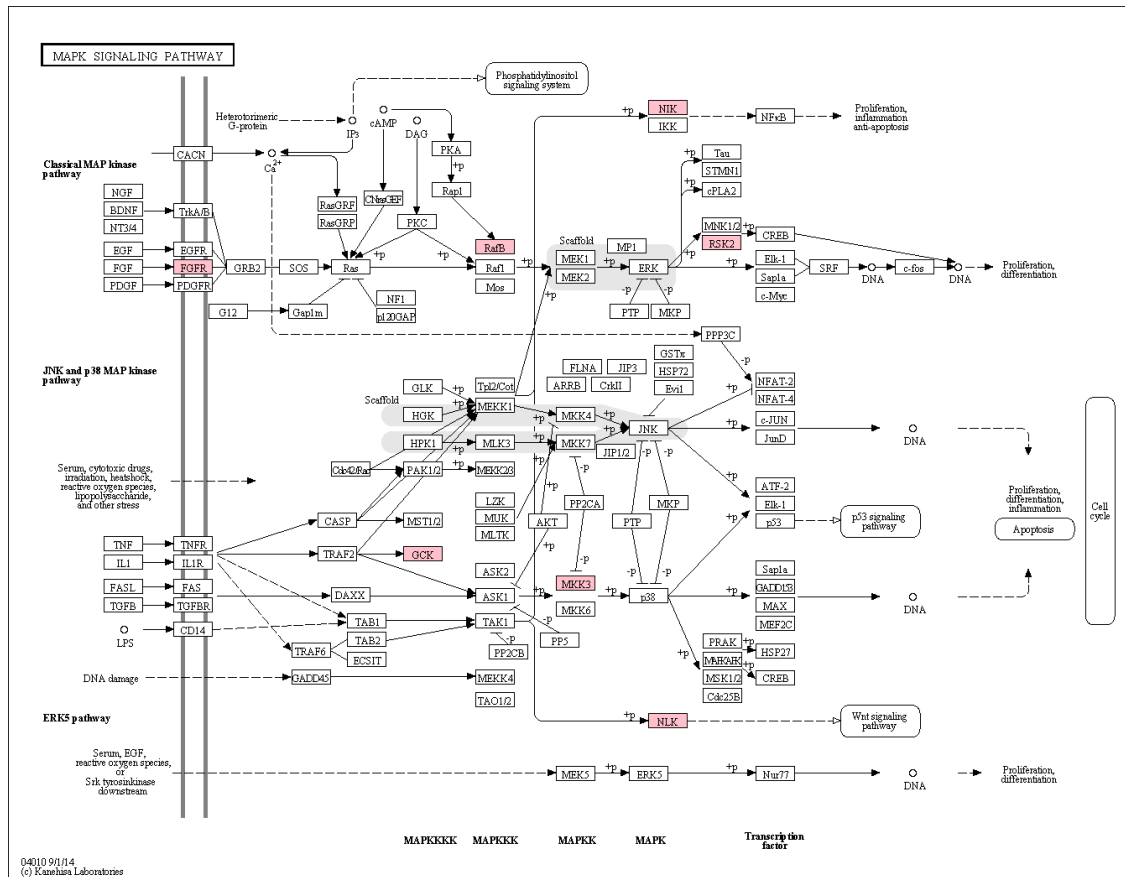


Figure 4-22 KEGG pathway map of the MAPK signaling pathway. The map shows the MAPK signaling pathway based on the KEGG database. The seven hits, falling into this network, are indicated in red. Figure created using KEGG Mapper v2.5.

The results from the bioinformatical analysis offer a promising starting point to understand the specific role and importance of the identified host cell factors. Several screens were performed at the point of time of this work. Each was conducted in distinct technical settings with only a limited overlap of single proteins (discussed in chapter 5.3). However, comparing the identified signaling networks leads to the realization that the underlying pathways of the respective hits overlap to a much greater extent than the mere protein level. This indicates the importance of combinatory pathway analyses for screening approaches which are elucidated in more depth in chapter 5.4 in the following discussion.

5 Discussion

Having novel tools available to illuminate the virus host interactions is essential for a better understanding of HIV-1 replication. In recent years, screening platforms using RNAi emerged as a powerful tool to address that interaction (260).

5.1 Establishment of the screening assay

In this work, a novel screening assay was successfully established to address the interplay between cellular proteins and the assembly and release of new viral particles. The platform is versatile and requires only a limited set of manual steps supported by automated liquid handling machines, which allow its application for high throughput screening. It is tailored for a use of 96-well plates but 384-well plates can be used as well. It was shown, that the platform is robust, easy to use, and yields stable and reproducible results and signal-to-background ratios. The assay was tailored to screening medium to large sets of reverse transfected siRNAs. However, it is as well suitable for other screening approaches, such as testing of chemical compounds. Figure 5-1 gives an overview of the assay from the beginning with pre-spotted multi-well plates to the statistical and bioinformatical analysis.

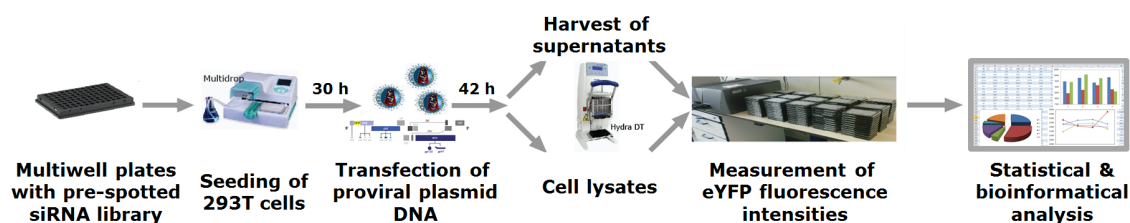


Figure 5-1 Overview of the established screening assay

The complete siRNA screening assay covers all steps from preparation of the siRNAs, conduct of the actual assay to the statistical and bioinformatical analysis of the results.

There are several options to detect and quantify HIV-1 release, as discussed below. Current automatic microscopy techniques offer a lot of possibilities for high content screening. Another, microscope based, siRNA screening assay was established in our group simultaneously (274). However, microscopy excels at observations of cells but the newly formed viral particles are released into the supernatant, which makes a microscopic readout unsuitable. An in-house ELISA to detect the HIV-1 capsid protein (p24), for example, would have given the sufficient sensitivity and specificity to measure viral particle release. However, it lacks the technical feasibility to run many samples in a very concise time frame, which is indispensable for a HTS format. Previous siRNA screens used reporter enzymes such as luciferase (258, 293) or β -galactosidase (283), which were responsive to HIV-1 transcription. These readouts give a strong signal and a good signal-to-background ratio. But these reporter enzymes are not incorporated into the viral particles and can therefore hardly be applied to directly measuring released viruses. Methods exist to directly quantify released viral particles as well. One of them would be to harvest the supernatant containing the newly released viruses and to measure the reverse transcriptase activity (294). However, this type of assay is costly which makes it more suitable for smaller sets of target proteins. A second option would be to apply the supernatant to new cells and thereby allowing a second round of infection during which a reporter gene is expressed in the new target cell (212, 283). However, this poses a disadvantage, as it only yields an indirect indication of release efficiency, as signals could be shrouded by release independent effects between entry and translation in the reporter cell. In contrast to these limitations of the various aforementioned methods, the previously published viral construct pCHIV^{eYFP} harboring an fluorescently labeled Gag (238) is uniquely suitable for this specific purpose. The readout is a unique feature of this platform, enabling the direct quantification of released virus like particles. The assay consequently requires only a few handling steps, no costly reagents and offers a high signal-to-noise ratio.

The technique of reverse transfection offers a great flexibility for genome wide siRNA screening, as the plates, which contain the siRNAs and the transfection reagent, can be prepared and stored (269, 270). This reduces the

workload on the actual day of conducting the screen, which is especially advantageous for the screening of large libraries. The standardized production process ensures high quality and reproducible transfection results. Protocols for both 96-well and 384-well plates are available from our collaborator Holger Erfle (BioQuant, University of Heidelberg, Germany). Both parts of the screening of human kinases (primary and reconfirmation screen) used three different siRNAs per target gene each (in total six), which is crucial for excluding off-target effects. In addition, it is important not to place siRNAs against the same target into adjacent wells of the same multi-well plate. This could cause artifacts such as edge-well effects or other technical inhomogeneity.

For this assay, 293T cells were chosen, as they resulted in the optimal signal strength and lowest variance. However, cell lines like 293T cells or even T-cell lines do not fully represent all aspects of cell types relevant for HIV-1 infections *in vivo*, e.g. primary T-cells. However, 293T cells are routinely used by many labs for HIV particle production. But of course, all hits from this initial screening assay will have to be separately evaluated in other assays, including primary T-cells.

The results of the establishment phase showed, that the screen yielded a very low variability within a plate and between different plates (Figure 4-9). In general, the variance in the 96-well plate format is much lower compared to the 384-well plates. In addition, the signal ratio between “WT” and “Late(-)” is bigger (~8 fold vs. ~4 fold, Figure 4-11). However, the 384-well format is nevertheless applicable for high-throughput screens in the future.

The relevance of the established assay’s results was proven by testing siRNAs against known dependency factors. Especially a knockdown of TSG101 resulted in a strong decrease of the fluorescence intensity in the supernatant (Figure 4-13). Although not as strong as TSG101, siRNAs targeting VPS4 showed a statistical significant effect as well (Figure 4-14). Interestingly, the knockdown times for both targets to generate an optimal result differed greatly. While for TSG101 shorter knockdown durations gave better results, VPS4 needed a longer time period. Knockdown durations can be optimized for single targets.

However, a general limitation of high throughput RNAi screens *per se* is, that a routine and comprehensive parallel examination of the knockdown efficacy (e.g. by RT-qPCR or quantitative Western Blotting) is not feasible with time and budget restraints. Therefore it is not guaranteed that the siRNA transfection indeed led to reduction of the protein expression in the cell. Furthermore, as proteins differ in their respective turn-over times it is not possible to silence every gene equally efficiently. Regardless of the limitations, RNAi screening assays are a very powerful tool to identify host cell factors.

In comparison to other published HIV-1 screens (212, 258, 283), the hereby described platform is the first of its kind especially tailored to investigate the steps between transcription and viral egress. Altogether, this screening platform offers a novel, stable and valuable addition to the existing approaches.

5.2 Focus on the cellular conductors: Results from the kinase screen

After successful establishment of the screening assay, a siRNA library targeting 724 human kinases and accessory proteins were tested. Hits from the primary screen were re-tested in the reconfirmation screen. For this, siRNAs which were distinct from the ones used in the primary screen were used. The screening of a kinase library revealed 43 validated hits. These include 39 HDFs (Table 15) and four HRFs (Table 16). Out of those, 19 HDFs and 1 HRF were defined as “Strong HDF” or “Strong HRF”, respectively. Table 20 gives a summary of the results from the primary and the reconfirmation screen.

Table 20 Summary of the results of the primary and reconfirmation screen

Screen	No. of genes tested	HDF	HRF
Primary	724	50	26
Reconfirmation	76	39	4

Interestingly, the screening assay yielded more HDFs than HRFs. This may hint to the fact that late stages of HIV-1 replication do not face similar tight restrictions as early stages, e.g. uncoating and reverse transcription being counteracted by TRIM5a or APOBEC3G. Alternatively, the possibility exists that this bias may be due to technical specificities of the detection method.

Kinases of different pathways regulating growth, proliferation, differentiation, and survival of cells were suggested to play a role during the late phase of HIV-1 replication as shown in the results section 4.5 and discussed in section 5.4. In general, it makes sense for a virus to stimulate growth and survival of the infected cell to ensure consistent infection and survival of the virus itself. And it makes even more sense for the virus not to rely on a single pathway, but to make sure via the use of redundant signal modulation that the cell will rather survive and proliferate than undergo apoptosis or necrosis.

In the following section, the results are discussed in the context of the current literature, in order to distinguish truly novel kinases arising from this work in contrast to previously described kinases from the literature. Of note, by the normalization of the supernatant signal to the total signal, any influence on cell numbers and translation or transcription should be removed from the set. The fact that some of the host cell factors below are described to be involved in gene transcription is intriguing on the first glance. One possible explanation would be that this host cell factor for example influences the transcription of a specific release relevant cellular protein. Alternatively this host cell factor may also have a separate function independent on its known role during e.g. transcription. The exact relevance and mode of action has to be determined in future studies.

5.2.1 Host dependency factors

The following proteins were identified in the primary screen and then validated during the reconfirmation screen. Host dependency factors elicit a positive effect on HIV-1 and a knockdown of these proteins leads to a diminished assembly and release of viral particles.

▪ Sphingosine kinase 1 and sphingosine kinase 2 (SPHK1, SPHK2)

Sphingosine kinases phosphorylate sphingosine to the lipid mediator sphingosine-1-phosphat (295). Sphingosine kinase 1 (SPHK1) is located at the plasma membrane, while SPHK2 is located in the endoplasmic reticulum, the nucleus and mitochondria (296). SPHK1 and S1P play a role in cell signaling, cell survival, and (pro-inflammatory) immunomodulation (296). Infections may lead to either increased (human cytomegalovirus, respiratory syncytial virus) or reduced (bovine viral diarrhea virus, dengue virus) SPHK1 activity (297). A recent microarray of human B cells reported upregulation of SPHK1 by the HIV-1 gp120 protein when interacting with the integrin $\alpha 4\beta 7$ (298). In our study, silencing of SPHK1 led to the strongest impairment of virus release of the complete siRNA set, further corroborating the relevance of the enzyme for HIV-1 life cycle. In addition, targeting SPHK2 led to an impaired release of HIV-1 as well, albeit in a lesser extent compared to SPHK1. To date, the effect of modulation of the SPHK1/S1P axis before or after HIV-1 infection was only tested in preclinical studies with the S1P analog Fingolimod (FTY720) in macaques without benefits regarding virus permission or lymphocyte trafficking (299, 300). However, the modulation of SPHK1 is an emerging field and future studies might be required to discover the point of vantage for SPHK1/S1P axis modulation in HIV-1 infection. Of note, recent studies showed that inhibition of SPHK2, the intracellular sphingosine kinase, can lead to tumor regression (301, 302). The effect of SPHK1 on HIV-1 associated tumors like Kaposi's sarcoma remains to be determined.

▪ Neurogranin (NRGN)

The protein neurogranin is not a kinase itself, it participates in the protein kinase C signaling pathway and regulates the availability of the second messenger calmodulin (303). Calmodulin is involved in the modulation of inflammatory signals. In peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) of HIV-1 patients, neurogranin mRNA was shown to be downregulated in response to virus replication (304). This seems at first glance to be at odds with our results, however, it might indicate that, although neurogranin plays a role in HIV-1 replication and release, the virus leads to a downregulation of neurogranin and thus a modulation of inflammation at a later stage.

- **Plexin A2, Plexin C1**

The kinase siRNA library used in this study was predesigned by our collaboration partners and contained additional non-kinase proteins. Two of these proteins, plexin A2 and plexin C1, belong to the family of plexins, namely transmembrane receptors for semaphorins. Viral semaphorins were shown to modulate the immune response by binding to plexins such as Plexin A2 or Plexin C1 (305). A role of plexins in HIV-1 infections has not yet been described.

- **Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 14 (MAP3K14)**

MAP3K14 stimulates NFκB activity and is therefore also called NFκB inducing kinase (NIK) (284). The effect of silencing of this MAP kinase for HIV replication was already shown in another siRNA screen by Zhou *et al.* (283) and HIV Tat was revealed as the HIV component that enhances the activity of this kinase (285). In addition, Paul Bieniasz's group showed, that MAP3K14 influences the replication of several human viruses in response to type I interferon (287). Interestingly, the HIV p6 domain contains a motif, which has been predicted to be able to bind TRAF proteins which activate MAP3K14 (*in silico* sequence analysis with Eukaryotic Linear Motif, ELM, <http://elm.eu.org/>, (289, 290)). In the meantime, Khan *et al.* showed that knockdown of TRAF proteins indeed caused a reduction of HIV-1 Gag release into the supernatant of macrophages (291).

- **3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate synthase 1 (PAPSS1)**

PAPSS1 is a bifunctional enzyme involved in the production of 3'-phosphoadenylylsulfate (PAPS), the co-factor of sulfotransferases. The kinase part transfers a phosphate group from ATP to adenosine 5'-phosphosulfate (APS) yielding PAPS. Sulfotransferases catalyze the sulfonation of endogenous substrates like lipids, peptides or hormones as well as xenobiotics (306). HIV-1 transcription in different cell types was reported to be dependent on this sulfonation (306) and sulfonation inhibitors can block HIV-1 transcription initiation (307). As discussed at the beginning of this section, effects on transcription were excluded due to normalization of the HIV-1 related fluorescence in the supernatant to the total HIV-1 related fluorescence. This may be due to PAPSS1 controlling the transcription of an important release

factor or to an additional function other than direct modulation of HIV-1 transcription. PAPSS1 was the only target for which three different siRNAs showed effects above the threshold in the reconfirmation screen. This makes it a very promising candidate for future investigations.

- **Glycerate kinase (GLYCK)**

The kinase catalyzes the phosphorylation of (R)-glycerate and may be involved in serine degradation and fructose metabolism (308). An interaction with HIV-1 or any other virus has not yet been described.

- **Uridine-cytidine kinase 2 (UCK2)**

This enzyme catalyzes the phosphorylation of uridine and cytidine (309, 310). An interaction with HIV has not yet been described.

- **NME/NM23 nucleoside diphosphate kinase 1 (NME1)**

Reduced mRNA transcript levels of NME1 were first identified in highly metastatic cells (311). It is therefore assumed to be a metastasis suppressor. An interaction with HIV-1 has not yet been described.

- **Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit gamma (PIK3CG)**

The PIK3CG is a catalytic subunit of PI3K, which phosphorylates phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate to Phosphatidylinositol-(3,4,5)-trisphosphate (PI3P). Amongst other, PI3K is involved in AKT and mTOR signaling (312). PI3K activity is modulated by different components of HIV and plays a role in the HIV-1 modulation of the inflammatory response (313, 314), for example via expression of the cytokine CCL5 (315, 316) and downregulation of MHC-I (317, 318). PI3K also plays a role in replication of HIV-1, as inhibitors of PI3K showed a strong reduction of HIV-1 production in human PBMCs (319). The gp120 and the Tat proteins are responsible for PI3K induced virus replication and survival of the host cell (320, 321). The Nef protein “hides” the infected cell from the immune system by blocking the transport of MHC class I molecules to the cell surface in a PI 3-kinase-dependent way (322).

- **Cyclin-dependent kinase 10 (CDK10)**

Cyclin-dependent kinases are essential for cell cycle progression (323). All CDKs depend on specific cyclins to be active, which is cyclin M in case of CDK10 (324). An interaction of CDK10 and HIV-1 has not yet been described.

- **A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 7 (AKAP7)**

The A-kinase anchoring proteins are a group of functionally related proteins that bind to a regulatory subunit of cAMP-dependent protein kinase A (PKA) and target the enzyme to specific subcellular compartments depending on their targeting motifs (325). No direct interactions of AKAP7 and HIV-1 have been described. Interestingly, association of PKA to the virus is required as a cofactor for optimal reverse transcription of HIV-1 (326). Jiang et al. (293) described PRKACB, a subunit of PKA, to be involved in the replication of HIV-1. Our results are the first to indicate that AKAP7 might play a role in the release of HIV-1, while the specific role of the cAMP-dependent protein kinase A (PKA) enzyme remains to be determined.

- **PX domain containing serine/threonine kinase (PXX)**

PXX contains a phox (PX) domain and is involved in the trafficking of cellular receptors like the epidermal growth factor receptor and the B-cell receptor (327, 328). It may be associated with susceptibility to systemic lupus erythematosus (328), but an interaction with HIV-1 has not yet been described.

- **Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate 3-kinase A (ITPKA)**

ITPKA is responsible for regulating the levels of a large number of inositol polyphosphates that are important in cellular signaling (329-331). Direct interaction of ITPKA with neither HIV nor other viruses has yet been described.

- **Ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 90 kDa, polypeptide 2 (RPS6KA2)**

The ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 90 kDa, polypeptide 2 (RPS6KA2) is a member of the RSK family of kinases. In human peripheral blood monocytes, the RSK2 was overexpressed on the mRNA level after HIV-1 infection (332). It is recruited and activated by Tat (333) and is reciprocally important for Tat function.

- **Fyn-related kinase (FRK)**

The Fyn-related kinase (FRK) is a nuclear tyrosine kinase that regulates cell survival, differentiation and proliferation (334). Direct interactions with HIV-1 have not yet been described.

- **Cyclin-dependent kinase 7 (CDK7)**

This enzyme interacts with cyclin H and MAT1, which results in a complex responsible for the activating of other CDKs (CDK activating kinase (CAK)) and regulation of the cell cycle (335). To achieve hyperphosphorylation of C-terminal domain (CTD) repeats of RNA polymerase II (Pol II), a prerequisite for transcriptional elongation of HIV-1, Tat binds directly to CDK7 (336, 337). Of note, in this study virus release and not direct effects on transcription were tested as described for PAPSS1, this could indicate an additional role of CDK7 in a later step of HIV-1 infection.

- **Kinase suppressor of ras 2 (KSR2)**

KSR2 is involved in cell proliferation and differentiation (338, 339) and has been suggested as a marker for immortalized cells (338). Interactions with HIV-1 have not yet been described.

- **Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3 (MAP2K3)**

The mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3 phosphorylates and thus activates MAPK14/p38-MAPK which is linked to inflammation, cell cycle, cell death, development, cell differentiation, senescence and tumorigenesis in specific cell types (340). HIV-1 Tat associates with the respective kinase promoter and thus leads to increased gene expression of MAP2K3 (341).

- **PAS domain containing serine/threonine kinase (PASK)**

PASK is a nutrient responsive kinase regulating energy balance of the cell (342-344) as well as cell proliferation and survival (345). Interactions with HIV-1 have not yet been described, however, energy metabolism is essential for cell viability and virus replication, and thus it makes sense that HIV-1 could intervene here as well.

- **Serine/threonine kinase 32B (STK32B)**

The function of STK32B is not known and therefore no deduction is possible regarding its relevance for HIV-1.

- **Fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (FGFR2)**

The transmembrane fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (FGFR2) consists of a cytosolic tyrosine kinase domain, which transduces the signals of different fibroblast growth factors (FGFs) to the MAPK cascade. HIV-1 Tat synergizes with the FGFR-2 ligand FGF-2 to prevent apoptosis (346), but although the basic domain of HIV-1 Tat was already identified as an essential component for this interaction (347), the exact mechanism remains to be elucidated. Both HIV-1 Tat and FGF-2 compete for the secreted Fibroblast Growth Factor Binding Protein-1 (FGFBP1) a protein that potentiates the effect of FGFs in target cells (348). Pre-treatment of endothelial cells with FGF2 protects cells from HIV-1 toxicity (349), maybe by competing for the same receptor. It may be hypothesized that HIV-1 Tat might use the FGFR-2 in a FGFBP1-dependent manner, leading to activation of the MAPK pathway and increased cell proliferation.

- **Interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase 4 (IRAK4)**

IRAK4 is involved in signaling innate immune responses from Toll-like or T-cell receptors (350). HIV-1 infection is associated with an increased risk of bacterial infections, and indeed HIV-1 was reported to downregulate IRAK4 expression, leading to impaired TLR signaling (351), hindering the appropriate immune response. In our study, HIV-1 release was reduced after silencing of IRAK4, indicating that the virus first might use the kinase IRAK4 for release and afterwards or even thereby disturbs its function to suppress the innate immune response.

- **Nemo-like kinase (NLK)**

The nemo-like kinase (NLK) is an atypical member of the MAPK pathway (352). Similar to other MAP kinases, its predominant role is in cell proliferation and differentiation via the Wnt signaling pathway (353). Interactions of neither HIV-1 nor other viruses with NLK have yet been described.

▪ **B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase**

B-Raf is a member of the Raf kinase family, which consists of A-Raf, B-Raf and C-Raf (Raf-1). These kinases transduce growth signals via the MAPK/ERK signaling pathway leading to cell division and differentiation. Interactions of HIV-1 with C-Raf have been reported (354-358), while the role of B-Raf in HIV-1 life cycle remains to be determined.

▪ **Protein kinase, cGMP-dependent, type II (PRKG2)**

PRKG2 alias CGKII inhibits renin secretion, chloride/water secretion in the small intestine, the resetting of the clock during early night, and endochondral bone growth (359). An interaction with HIV-1 has not yet been described.

▪ **Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor (IGF1R)**

Activation of the transmembrane receptor IGF-1R results in proliferation or muscle cell growth. The endogenous IGF-1R ligand IGF-1 is reduced in HIV-1 patients due to growth hormone resistance (360) and the IGF-1 receptor was shown *in vitro* to be upregulated after exposure to gp120 in neurons (361). This upregulation might suggest compensation for low IGF-1 levels, however, recently it was reported that low IGF-1 plasma and CSF levels might rather be due to treatment with antiviral drugs and not the virus itself (362, 363). The increased IGF-1R levels in HIV-exposed neurons might as well simply aim at cell proliferation facilitating virus replication as consistent with the impaired HIV-1 release after silencing of IGF-1R in this study.

▪ **Feline sarcoma oncogene (FES)**

FES has tyrosine-specific protein kinase activity required for maintenance of cellular transformation (364, 365). In AIDS patients, cases of lymphomas had HIV-1 integration upstream from the *c-fes* proto-oncogene (366), indicating a direct contribution of the virus to HIV-1 associated lymphomas. In our study, HIV-1 expression was impaired after silencing of FES, adding a potential new HIV-1 interaction to this oncogene.

- **Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase kinase 2 (MAP4K2)**

MAP4K2 may be a regulator of NF κ B signaling and thus contributing to cancer development (367). It might as well be required to transduce signals from TGF β receptor to p38 (368). No interactions with HIV-1 have yet been described for this underexplored MAP Kinase. However, in a recent shRNA screen with HIV-1, MAP4K2 was identified as a host cell factor influencing the replication of the virus (294).

- **Ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 70kDa, polypeptide 1 (RPS6KB1)**

This enzyme is a member of the ribosomal S6 kinase family of serine/threonine kinases promoting protein synthesis, cell growth, and cell proliferation (369). It was recently suggested as a potential biomarker or even potential target for treatment of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) in patients positive for HIV-1 (370), because RPS6KB1 was more frequently detected in common variants of DLBCL associated with HIV infection. The results of our study indicate that RPS6KB1 might be required for HIV-1 release, corroborating the hypothesis that this kinase might be a potential target for future therapies.

- **Sphingosine kinase 2 (SPHK2)**

For a description of SPHK2, please see the paragraph on SPHK1.

- **Dephospho-CoA kinase containing domain (DCAKD)**

The function of DCAKD is not known and therefore not deduction is possible regarding its relevance for HIV-1.

- **Cyclin-dependent kinase-like 1 (CDC2-related kinase) (CDKL1)**

CDKL1 is overexpressed in malignant tumors (371) and plays a role in cell cycle regulation (372): Knockdown of CDKL1 in melanoma cells led to arrest of the cells in G1 phase (372). An interaction with HIV or any other virus has not yet been described.

- **Pim-1 oncogene (PIM1)**

Pim kinases are implicated in the regulation of apoptosis, metabolism, and the cell cycle (373). PIM-1 was reported to act as a key switch involved in HIV-1 latency control (374). The authors conclude that PIM-1 activity is required for HIV-1 reactivation in both T cell lines and primary CD4 T cells. This is in line with the results of our study and might indicate that HIV-1 replication is dependent on PIM-1 in the special situation of virus reactivation.

- **N-acetylglucosamine kinase (NAGK)**

NAGK is involved in posttranslational modification of amino sugars. Its metabolic pathway yields UDP-acetylglucosamine (UDP-GlcNAc), a substrate for *O*-GlcNAc transferase (OGT), which modifies cytosolic and nuclear proteins associated with regulatory functions ranging from transcription, translation, cell signaling, and stress response to carbohydrate metabolism (375, 376). Overexpression of OGT, however, seems to rather inhibit the activity of the HIV-1 LTR promoter (377). This discrepancy to our study might either point towards a direct interaction of HIV-1 with NAGK and/or the resulting UDP-GlcNAc or it might be based on experimental differences, because in our experiment a CMV promoter was used instead of a LTR promoter. However, both results link viral replication and release to the glucose metabolism of the host cell and the establishment of metabolic treatment might provide a beneficial addition to conventional HIV-1 therapies in the future.

- **Alpha-kinase 3 (ALPK3)**

Alpha-kinases were first described in the mid-nineties (378). ALPK3 plays a critical role in cardiomyocyte differentiation (379) and knock-out of ALPK3 leads to nonprogressive cardiomyopathy (380). Interactions with HIV-1 or any other virus has not yet been described.

- **Hexokinase domain containing 1 (HKDC1)**

Reduced expression of this putative hexokinase is associated with altered glucose homeostasis (381). HIV-1 Tat downregulates the HKDC1 expression in U-937 macrophages (382). This indicates a subsequent change in the glucose metabolism of these cells. In our study, HKDC1 was required for HIV-1 release.

These results again link viral replication to the glucose metabolism of the host cell as already described for NAGK.

- **Microtubule associated serine/threonine kinase family member 4 (MAST4)**

MAST kinases are expressed throughout the body (383, 384). Their expression in brain might imply an involvement in neurological function (384), and a role in breast cancer was suggested as well (385), however, their actual substrates or biological function have not yet been identified. An interaction with HIV-1 or other viruses has not yet been reported.

- **NKF3 kinase family member (SGK269)**

Phosphorylation of SGK269 or Pseudopodium-enriched atypical kinase 1 (PEAK1) plays a role in cell migration and proliferation (386, 387). An interaction of this recently described kinase with HIV-1 has not yet been described.

5.2.2 Host restriction factors

The following proteins were identified in the primary screen and then validated during the reconfirmation screen. The knockdown of these proteins leads to an increased release of viral particles.

- **C-src tyrosine kinase (CSK)**

CSK is involved in cell growth, differentiation, migration, and immune response. CSK phosphorylates and thus negatively regulates the family of src kinases (388), which themselves have been shown to play a role in HIV-1 infections (389). A recent study revealed that high c-src activity is the cellular response of infected cells trying to slow the viral transcription (389). Here, our results showed an increase of HIV-1 release after CSK silencing, indicating an additional interaction of CSK and HIV-1 other than c-src mediated transcription control of the virus.

- **TAF1 RNA polymerase II, TATA box binding protein (TBP)-associated factor, 210kDa-like (TAF1L)**

TAF1L protein can bind directly to the TATA-binding protein which is required for transcription of protein-encoding genes (390). An interaction with HIV has not yet been described.

- **SNF1-like kinase 2 (SNF1LK2, SIK2)**

SIK2 is part of a cellular complex essential for glucose homeostasis (391) and thus takes part in energy metabolism of the cell. An interaction with HIV-1 has not yet been described.

- **CD2 molecule (CD2)**

CD2 is a cell surface molecule expressed on T-cells and natural killer cells and plays a role in the activation of these cells. CD2 activates and induces latent HIV-1 replication in resting CD4⁺ T cells (392) and increases HIV-1 production *in vivo* (393). High CD2 expression also occurs in latently infected resting memory CD4⁺ T cells (394). Our current findings propose an additional role of CD2 in HIV-1 release.

5.3 Individual hits in the context of current literature

One way to pick hits for further more detailed investigations of their specific roles could be to focus on the most impressive effects detected in this work. Obvious candidates for this approach would be SPHK1, which caused the strongest reduction of HIV-1 particle release after knockdown. Multiple hits, the so called “strong” HDFs and HRFs like MAP3K14 or PAPSS1, scored with several of the used siRNAs, making the result more robust and trustworthy. PAPSS1 was the only hit to be identified with all three distinct siRNAs reaching the threshold of the reconfirmation screen. This unambiguous result makes PAPSS1 a very promising target. The results of this work hint to a potential dual role as inhibition of PAPSS1 related sulfotransferases has already been shown to directly inhibit HIV-1 transcription (306) and this screen revealed another, not transcription related, mechanism. Maybe PAPSS1 regulates an important release factor? The clinical relevance of this finding and the potential use of

PAPSS1 antagonists will have to be determined in future studies. On the other hand, reconfirmed “strong” host cell factors not yet described in the HIV-1 context may offer exciting new fields of research. Examples for these candidates may be Glycerate kinase (GLYCKT) or Fyn-related kinase (FRK).

Follow-up testing of the identified hits are crucial to determine the real relevance and roles of the confirmed hits. MAP3K14 was chosen as an example for depicting the necessary next steps (section 4.4). At first, the transfer of the assay to bigger well format was successful and release efficacy reduction was comparable between the eYFP fluorescence measurement and a quantitative Western Blot measuring HIV-1 CA (Figure 4-19 and Figure 4-20). Also it should be addressed if the presence of HIV-1 in the cell has an influence on hit protein expression. Expression of MAP3K14 was indeed increased in HIV-1 capsid positive cells by fluorescence microscopy (Figure 4-21). These initial experiments show clearly that findings from the screening setting can successfully be transferred. Further experiments should encompass additional assays. For example, the siRNA’s knockdown efficacy has to be checked by quantitative Western Blot and quantitative realtime PCR. As stated above, only one knockdown time was tested during the screen. Although scoring under the assay conditions, a different knockdown duration might yield optimal results for some of the hits. This has to be evaluated in future experiments. The screening assay is based on 293T cells due to ease of handling and high transfection efficiencies. However, for subsequent experiments, the role of the host cell factors have to be addressed in more relevant T-cell lines or primary T-cells e.g. using shRNAs. Further experiments might include the investigation of direct protein-protein interactions between the hits and HIV-1 proteins. Further options would be combinatory knockdowns of hits within the same pathway to identify synergies.

In addition, it is important to examine the results of the screen in the context of other published results. This is important to assess the quality of the findings and to determine possible candidates for follow-up studies. Several identified proteins were already described before to have an interaction with HIV-1. For example, 16 of the identified host cell factors were already included in the NCBI HIV-1 interaction database. Table 25 in the appendix lists all

currently described interactions from this database with the hits from our screen and the respective publications (by their Pubmed identification number). The current version of the NCBI HIV-1 interaction database can be found at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/viruses/retroviruses/hiv-1/interactions/browse/>. All of these interactions were mentioned in the individual discussion of each of the proteins above.

This indicates a certain robustness and sensitivity of our current screening method, however, there were also candidates described in the literature for HIV-1 interaction that tested negative in our screen. ERK2, for example, was described to regulate viral assembly and release via phosphorylation of the p6 domain of Gag (220). At the time of this work it was intriguing that ERK2 did not score as a hit in this screen. However, in the meantime it was shown that p6 phosphorylation is dispensable for HIV-1 (241, 242). Therefore it is not so surprising anymore that ERK2 was not identified. Other kinases which were described in the context of HIV-1 release were LIM domain kinase 1 (LIMK1) and its activator Rho kinase 1 (ROCK1) (395), lymphocyte-specific protein tyrosine kinase (LCK) (396), or Interleukin 2 inducible T-cell kinase (ITK) (397). It was shown that inhibition of these kinases reduced HIV-1 assembly and/or release. All of these kinases were included in the siRNA library of the primary screen but none fulfilled the threshold criteria except for LIMK1 which then was not reconfirmed in the second screen. This may be due to the fact that the chosen knockdown time in this assay was not suitable for the protein turnover times of these kinases. They might score as hits at different time points. As stated above, a screening assay is only able to yield a snap-shot and cannot give a full picture.

In addition it is crucial to compare the results with other published RNAi screens. True hits should also be positive with more than one screening method. In the last years, several screenings were conducted using RNAi to identify cellular proteins important for HIV-1 replication. Three of them used siRNAs in either 293T or HeLa cells (212, 258, 283) and four other screens relied on the usage of shRNA library transduced cells (293, 294, 398, 399). Overall the overlap rate between the published screens is surprisingly low (120, 260), albeit

each identified a huge number of proteins. This may be due to different settings of the individual screening approaches. All screens differ in cell lines, RNAi libraries, duration of knockdown, reporter assays, HIV-1 types, and other important factors such as statistical analysis and hit definition. For a more detailed reviews of the difference of four of the mentioned HIV-1 screens please see the publications from Bushman (120) and Hirsch (400).

The results of this work as well show only a small overlap with the previously published screens. Only one overlap with each of Brass et al. (212), Zhou et al. (283), Jiang et al. (293), and Wen et al. (294); two overlaps with Yeung et al. (398); and no overlap with König et al. (258) or Rato et al. (399). Table 21 lists the overlap with the aforementioned screens.

Table 21 Overlaps between the results of this work and published RNAi screens.

Overlap with	Gene symbol	Ref Seq ID	Full gene name
Brass et al. (212)	ITPKA	NM_002220	Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate 3-kinase A
Zhou et al. (283)	MAP3K14	NM_003954	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 14
Jiang et al. (293)	HKDC1	NM_025130	Hexokinase domain containing 1
Wen et al. (294)	MAP4K2	NM_004579	Mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 2
Yeung et al. (398)	PIK3CG	NM_002649	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase, catalytic, gamma polypeptide
Yeung et al. (398)	IRAK4	NM_016123	Interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase 4

Interestingly some primary hits, which could not be validated during the reconfirmation screen showed up in the results of the other published screens as well. For example, BLK were identified by Jiang et al. (293) and LIMK1 was even the strongest hit in Wen et al. (294).

On the first thought it seems to be astonishing to have such a low rate of similar hits resulting from all of these screening approaches. But as mentioned before, all of the screens differ in many details from each other and some

publications only conducted primary screens without any reconfirmation tests. As each of the screens reveals a shrouded view on a specific situation, it appears to be of much higher relevance to leave the level of individual proteins and move to their connecting pathways and networks.

5.4 The broader picture: Signaling pathways

Looking more closely on the relation of the identified proteins appears to be a better option to enhance the significance of the picture. Although the results of this work and the other publications differed greatly on the level of single proteins, it is interesting to note that similar pathways were identified in each case. Table 19 lists the enriched pathways from this work. The highest ranking pathways were the MAP kinase pathway, the RAP1 pathway, and the mTOR pathway.

One striking example for the benefit of combinatory network analyses is the mechanistic Target of Rapamycin (mTOR) pathway. It is very complex and regulates several important functions in the cell – for example proliferation, survival, metabolism, growth, stress response, and cytoskeletal organization (312). Taking into account the closely related PI3K/AKT pathway, six different proteins were identified in this work, which are involved in this pathway. These include proteins from the beginning of the signaling cascade like growth factor receptors (FGFR2 and IGF1R), over intermediate regulators as PI3K and BRAF up to effectors downstream of the mTOR complex such as RPS6KA2 and RPS6KB1. In addition, the other screens reported many other parts of the mTOR pathway including the central regulator AKT (212, 283). A complete list is given in Table 22.

Table 22 Identified members of the mTOR/PI3K/AKT pathway.

Gene symbol	Gene name	Hit in
AKT	AKT serine/threonine kinase 1	(212, 283)
AMPK	5' AMP-activated protein kinase	(283)

Gene symbol	Gene name	Hit in
ARF6	ADP ribosylation factor 6	(294)
BRAF	V-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1	Hermle
FGFR2	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (bacteria-expressed kinase, keratinocyte growth factor receptor, craniofacial dysostosis 1, Crouzon syndrome, Pfeiffer syndrome, Jackson-Weiss syndrome)	Hermle
FOXO3	Forkhead box O3	(398)
IGF1R	Insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor	Hermle
IKBKB	Inhibitor of kappa light polypeptide gene enhancer in B-cells, kinase beta	(258)
NFKB1	Nuclear factor kappa B subunit 1	(398)
NRAS	Neuroblastoma RAS viral oncogene homolog	(398)
PI3K	Phosphoinositide-3-kinase	Hermle, (258, 398)
PPP2R1A	Protein phosphatase 2 scaffold subunit Alpha	(258)
PPP2R5E	Protein phosphatase 2 regulatory subunit B'epsilon	(258)
PTEN	Phosphatase and tensin homolog	(398)
RPS6KA2	Ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 90kDa, polypeptide 2	Hermle
RPS6KB1	Ribosomal protein S6 kinase, 70kDa, polypeptide 1	Hermle
RRAS2	Related RAS viral (r-ras) oncogene homolog 2	(398)
SGK1	Serum/glucocorticoid regulated kinase 1	(399)
SHC1	SHC adaptor protein 1	(258)
YWHAB	Tyrosine 3-monooxygenase/tryptophan 5-monooxygenase activation protein beta	(258)

The identification of so many members of the PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway makes it a very interesting candidate for follow-up studies. And indeed, recent publications added indications of an important role of this pathway for the replication of various viruses including HIV-1 (401). As an example for the interplay of factors found to be involved in the PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway, one noticeable signaling cluster is discussed in more detail. A group of the

components listed above represents the majority of a signaling cascade, which leads to the inhibition of FOXO transcription suppressors. FOXO inhibition leads to increased expression of several genes involved in cell survival, enhanced proliferation, and improved stress responses (402). PI3K activates AKT and SGK1 (and potentially activates mTOR complex 2 (mTORC2)). Active SGK1 translocates into the nucleus and phosphorylates the transcription factor FoxO3, which in turn is excluded from the nucleus and is inactivated by additional phosphorylation by AKT. With FoxO3 inactive and removed from the nucleus, transcription of several genes is no longer blocked (403, 404). From this network, PI3K and SGK1 were identified in this work. Other screens identified PI3K, AKT, SGK1, and FoxO3. In addition, other upstream regulators of PI3K and mTORC2 were identified both in this work and other screens. An overview of the FoxO3 signaling network and its identified members are depicted in Figure 5-2. This hypothesis describes a signaling cascade, which potentially could influence HIV-1 expression in infected cells. Its role has to be elucidated in the future.

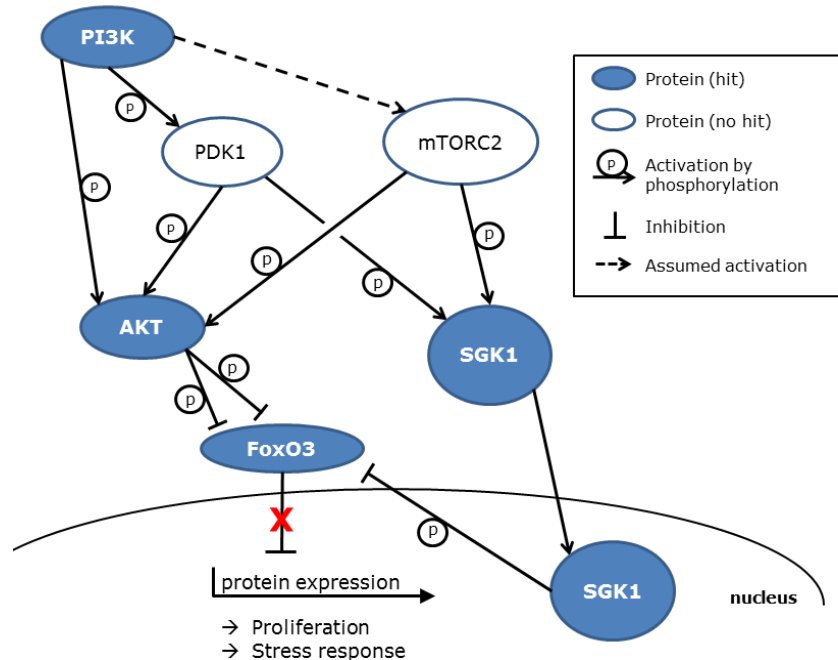


Figure 5-2: Potential FoxO3 signaling cascade regulating proliferation.

The map shows the described signaling cascade regulating FoxO3 and its role in protein expression, proliferation, and stress response. Blue circles indicate proteins, which were identified in RNAi screens (this work and other publications) to be involved in HIV-1 replication. Open circles indicate HIV-1 independent proteins. Lines with an arrowhead indicate activation by phosphorylation, while lines with a blunt end mark inhibitory phosphorylations. The dashed line shows the assumed activation of mTORC2 by PI3K, which is currently debated. Based on (403).

Several hypotheses can be based on the identified signaling networks. An alternative role of the PI3K/AKT/mTOR especially during assembly and release of HIV-1 may be its involvement in the organization of the cytoskeleton and actin remodeling (405). It was shown, that PI3K, AKT and mTOR are involved in actin polymerization and cell migration (406). This is consistent to the fact that LIMK1, a very important activator of actin polymerization, was identified by Wen et al. (294, 395). As described above, LIMK1 was a primary hit in this work as well, but missed the threshold in the reconfirmation screen. Cytoskeleton organization was linked to HIV-1 assembly in the past, as actin filaments were detected in close proximity of and directing towards budding sites by cryo-EM (407). However, recent investigations by the group of Barbara Müller showed no effect of drugs, which either stabilize or destabilize actin filaments, on assembly efficiency (408). A different process regulated by the mTOR pathway is autophagy, which was shown to be important for HIV-1, although not for assembly and release (409, 410). In addition, novel mTOR kinase inhibitors (TOR-KIs) were reported to inhibit replication of HIV-1 in humanized mice (411). All these facts combined, the PI3K/AKT/mTOR pathway appears to be a very prominent pathway involved in (but apparently not limited to) assembly and release of HIV-1 and more work has to be conducted in the future to unravel its details.

5.5 Conclusion

Multiple host cell factors were identified by this work. An involvement with HIV-1 assembly and release was already discussed for some of them in the literature but novel factors were described as well. The latter represent new targets for future investigations. Especially interesting hits represent SPHK1, which caused the strongest reduction of HIV 1 particle release after knockdown, or other “strong” host cell factors like MAP3K14 and PAPSS1. Although the overlap among several published screens is limited on a protein level, similar pathways were mutually identified, such as the MAPK or the PI3K/AKT pathways. This shows that the detection of individual hits is directly coupled to technical details such as cells type, knockdown conditions, or the readout and can barely be compared. Therefore, the focus should lie to a greater degree on

these main pathways, without neglecting the key proteins. My confirmed host cell factors in view of the published literature and the here applied combinatorial pathway identification approach including hits from other screens will be a basis for follow-up studies. In this way, the next step can be taken to unravel the mechanisms of how HIV-1 utilizes these pathways to facilitate its assembly and release.

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8 List of abbreviations

A, mA	Ampere, mili Ampere
aa	Amino acid
AA	Acrylamide
Ago2	Argonaute-2
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency virus
AIP1	Actin-interacting protein 1
ALG-2	Apoptosis-linked gene 2
ALIX	ALG-2 interacting protein X
APOBEC3G	Apolipoprotein B mRNA-editing, enzyme-catalytic, polypeptide-like 3G
app.	Approximately
APS	Ammonium peroxodisulfate
ATP	Adenosine-tri-phosphate
BIS	N,N'-methylene bisacrylamide
<i>C. elegans</i>	<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>
CA	Capsid
CAI	Capsid assembly inhibitor, 12-mer peptide
CAP-1	Capsid assembly inhibitor; N-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-N'-[2-[[[5-[(dimethylamino)-methyl]-2-furyl]-methyl]-sulfanyl]ethyl]urea)
cART	Combination anti-retroviral therapy
CBD	Chromatin binding domain
CCR5	CC chemokine receptor 5
CD4	Cluster of differentiation 4 receptor
CD8	Cluster of differentiation 8 receptor
CDK1	Cyclin-dependent kinase 1
CDK2	Cyclin-dependent kinase 1
CL	Cell lysate
CTD	C-terminal domain
CXCR4	CXC chemokine receptor 4
CypA	Cyclophilin A
DLBCL	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

DMEM	Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium
DNA	Desoxyribonucleic acid
dNTPs	Deoxy-nucleoside-triphosphates
e.g.	Example given
EAP	ELL-associated protein
ECL	Enhanced chemiluminescence
EDTA	Ethylene-diamine-tetra-acetic acid
EIAV	Equine Infectious Anemia Virus
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EM	Electron microscopy
EMBL	European Molecular Biology Laboratory
Env	Envelope
ERK-2	MAPK-1, mitogen-activated protein kinase 1
ESCRT	Endosomal trafficking complex required for transport
Exp5	Exportin-5
eYFP	Enhanced yellow fluorescent protein
FCS	Fetal calf serum
Fig.	Figure
Gag	Group specific antigen
gp	Glycoprotein
GO	Gene Ontology
h	Hour
HAART	Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy
HDF	Host dependency factor
HIV-1	Human immunodeficiency virus-1
HRF	Host restriction factor
HSP	Heat shock protein
HSPG	Heparin sulphate proteoglycans
HTLV	Human T cell leukemia virus
HTS	High throughput screen
ID	Identifier
Ig	Immunoglobulin
IN	HIV-1 integrase

JNK	c-Jun N-terminal kinase
kb	Kilo base pairs
kDa	Kilo Dalton
KEGG	Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes
Late (-)	Late domain deficient; in experiments Late (-) indicates an equimolar mixture of pCHIV ^{eYFP} .late(-):pCHIV.late(-)
LB	Lysogeny broth
LEDGF variant	Lens epithelium–derived growth factor p75 splice variant
LOWESS	Locally weighted scatterplot smoothing
LTR	Long terminal repeat
M	Molar, mol per litre
MA	Matrix
MAP	Mitogen-activated protein
MHC	Major histocompatibility complex
miRNA	Micro RNA
mRNA	Messenger RNA
mTOR	Mechanistic Target of Rapamycin
MVB	Multivesicular body
n	Number of repetitions
NC	Nucleocapsid
Nedd4	Neural precursor cell expressed, developmentally down-regulated 4
NIK	NFκB inducing kinase = MAP3K14
Nup	Nucleoporin
nsc	Non-silencing control siRNA
nt	Nucleotide
NTD	N-terminal domain
p24	Alternative designation of the HIV-1 CA protein
p6	Protein domain 6
PAGE	Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
PBMC	Peripheral blood mononuclear cell
PBS	Phosphate buffered saline

PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PI(4,5)P ₂	Phosphatidylinositol-(4,5)-bisphosphate
PI ₃ P	Phosphatidylinositol (3,4,5)-trisphosphate
PIC	Preintegration complex
pol	Polymerase
Pol II	DNA-dependend-RNA-polymerase II
PPXY	Amino acid motif, late domain
PR	Protease
PTAP	Amino acid motif, late domain
Ref Seq	Reference Sequence collection
RISC	RNA induced silencing complex
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RNAi	RNA interference
rpm	Rotations per minute
RSV	Rous sarcoma virus
RT	Room temperature or Reverse Transcriptase
RTC	Reverse transcription complex
SAMHD1	SAM domain and HD domain-containing protein 1
SDS	Sodium dodecyl sulfate
shRNA	Short hairpin RNA
siRNA	Small interfering RNA
SN	Supernatant
SP1	Spacer peptide 1
SP2	Spacer peptide 2
ssRNA	Single strand RNA
TBK	TANK binding kinase 1
TBS	Tris buffered saline
TMB	3,3',5,5' tetramethylbenzidine
Total supernatant	Total fluorescence intensity in cell lysate and supernatant
TRIM5a	Tripartite motif-containing protein 5
Tris	Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane
TSG101	Tumor suppressor gene 101
U	Unit

UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UTR	Untranslated terminal region
V	Volt
Vps	Vacuolar protein sorting
vs.	Versus
W	Watt
WT	Wild type; in experiments WT indicates the equimolar Mixtures of pCHIV ^{eYFP} :pCHIV
WW	Proline rich protein interaction domain
YFP	Yellow fluorescent protein
YPXL	Amino acid motif, late domain

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12 Appendix

12.1 Appendix 1: Primary screen kinase library (Ambion)

Table 23 List of all genes targeted by the kinase library.

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FLJ32685	NM_152534	PACSN1	NM_020804	TXNDC3	NM_016616
FLJ33655	NM_173641	PACSN2	NM_007229	TXNDC6	NM_178130
FLJ34389	NM_152649	PACSN3	NM_016223	TYK2	NM_003331
FLJ37794	NM_173588	PAK1	NM_002576	TYRO3	NM_006293
FLT1	NM_002019	PAK2	NM_002577	UCK1	NM_031432
FLT3	NM_004119	PAK3	NM_002578	UCK2	NM_012474
FLT4	NM_002020	PAK4	NM_001014833	UCKL1	NM_017859
FN3K	NM_022158	PAK6	NM_020168	ULK1	NM_003565
FN3KRP	NM_024619	PAK7	NM_177990	ULK2	NM_014683
FRAP1	NM_004958	PANK1	NM_138316	UMP-CMPK	NM_016308
FRK	NM_002031	PANK2	NM_153638	VRK1	NM_003384
FUK	NM_145059	PANK3	NM_024594	VRK2	NM_006296
FYN	NM_153048	PANK4	NM_018216	VRK3	NM_016440
GAK	NM_005255	PAPSS1	NM_005443	WEE1	NM_003390
GALK1	NM_000154	PAPSS2	NM_004670	XM_290793	NM_014238
GALK2	NM_001001556	PASK	NM_015148	XYLB	NM_005108
GCK	NM_033507	PCM1	NM_006197	YES1	NM_005433
GCKR	NM_001486	PCTK1	NM_006201	ZAK	NM_133646
GK	NM_000167	PCTK2	NM_002595	ZAP70	NM_207519
GK2	NM_033214	PCTK3	NM_002596		
GLYCTK	NM_145262	PDGFRA	NM_006206		

12.2 Appendix 2: Reconfirmation screen library

Table 24 List of all genes targeted by the reconfirmation screen library.

Gene Symbol	RefSeq ID	Full Gene Name	Gene ID	Ambion siRNA ID	Sense siRNA Sequence	Antisense siRNA Sequence	Z-score
ACVR2A	NM_001616	activin A receptor, type IIA	92	s980	GCCCAGUUGCUUAAACGAAUtt	AUUCGUUAAAGCAACUGGGCtt	-2.73300511
ACVR2A	NM_001616	activin A receptor, type IIA	92	s981	GGAUGAUUAUCAACUGCUAUtt	AUAGCAGUUGAUUAUCAUCCag	-3.70856555
ACVR2A	NM_001616	activin A receptor, type IIA	92	s982	CAGACUUUCUUAAGGCUAatt	UUAGCCUUAAGAAAGUCUGat	0.157403425
AKAP7	NM_004842	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 7	9465	s18135	AACUAGUAAGGCUCAGUAatt	UUACUGAGCCUUACUAGUUca	0.418438436
AKAP7	NM_004842	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 7	9465	s225138	AGUGCUAAGUUAAAAUAatt	UUUUUUAAACUAGCACUtg	-3.81524755
AKAP7	NM_004842	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 7	9465	s225139	CCGAAGCAGCUGAUCAGAAtt	UUCUGAUCAGCUGCUUCGGtt	-0.31091666
AKAP8L	NM_014371	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 8-like	26993	s25667	GGAACACUUUAAGUACGUatt	UACGUACUUAAGUGUUCtt	-1.39975422
AKAP8L	NM_014371	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 8-like	26993	s25668	CCAUGGAUCACAACCGAAatt	UUCGGUUGUGAUCCAUGGtc	-1.4377644
AKAP8L	NM_014371	A kinase (PRKA) anchor protein 8-like	26993	s25669	CAGUCGACAUACUCGGAUatt	UAUCCGAGUAUGUCGACUGca	1.570650326
ALPK3	NM_020778	alpha-kinase 3	57538	s33259	GACUAGGCCUUUACACAGatt	UCUGUUGAAAGCCUAGUCgg	-2.25198529
ALPK3	NM_020778	alpha-kinase 3	57538	s33260	GGUACAAGGAUGAUACGGatt	UCCGUAUCAUCCUUGUACCag	-1.7383512
ALPK3	NM_020778	alpha-kinase 3	57538	s33261	CCAUGGAUUGGAAACCCatt	UGGGUUCCAUAUCCAUGGgt	-1.77638445
AURKAIP1	NM_017900	aurora kinase A interacting protein 1	54998	s195269	AGAUCAAGUUCGAGAAAatt	UCUUUCUGAACUUGAUCUgc	-1.95451317
AURKAIP1	NM_017900	aurora kinase A interacting protein 1	54998	s29953	GCAGAUCAAGUUCGAGAAatt	UUUCUGAACUUGAUCUGCtt	-0.43108357
AURKAIP1	NM_017900	aurora kinase A interacting protein 1	54998	s29954	CCACCGCAAUCCUACCAGUtt	ACUGGUAGGAUUGCGUGGag	-2.10077712
BLK	NM_001715	B lymphoid tyrosine kinase	640	s1994	GCUCUUUCUUAUCAGAGatt	UCUCUGAUAAAGAAAGGAGCcg	0.530277633
BLK	NM_001715	B lymphoid tyrosine kinase	640	s1995	UCUACGCAGUGGUCACCAatt	UUGGUGACCACUGCGUAGAg	-0.44898079
BLK	NM_001715	B lymphoid tyrosine kinase	640	s1996	UGAUGGAAGUUGUCACUUAtt	UAAGUGACAACUCCAUCAgg	-0.9561952
BRAF	NM_004333	v-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1	673	s2080	CAGAGGAUUUAGUCUAUAtt	UAUAGACUAAAAUCCUCUGtt	-1.39602365
BRAF	NM_004333	v-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1	673	s2081	GCAUAAUCCACCAUCAAUAtt	UAUUGAUGGGAUUUAUGCtc	-0.57195702
BRAF	NM_004333	v-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1	673	s2082	CAGUUGUCUGGAUCCAUUUtt	AAAUGGAUCCAGACAACUGtt	-2.89227483
BRSK2	NM_003957	BR serine/threonine kinase 2	9024	s17197	CGGAAAGAAAGGUACCCGatt	UCGGGUACCUUUUUUCCGgt	-0.3725711
BRSK2	NM_003957	BR serine/threonine kinase 2	9024	s17198	GCACUUGUCAGACACCACUtt	AGUGGUGUCUGACAAGUGCtg	-0.20152294
BRSK2	NM_003957	BR serine/threonine kinase 2	9024	s17199	AGAAUGAGCCGAACCAGatt	UCUGGUUCGGGCUCAUUCUtg	-0.35589065
CD2	NM_001767	CD2 molecule	914	s225090	GAGAGGGUCUCAAAACCAatt	UUGGUUUUGAGACCCUCUtt	2.111036276

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CD2	NM_001767	CD2 molecule	914	s2565	GGACAUCUAUCUCAUAUtt	AAUGAUGAGAUAGAUGUCCag	-0.5586411
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CDK10	NM_052987	cyclin-dependent kinase 10	8558	s263	GGCCUUAUGGUGUCCAGUAtt	UACUGGGACACCAUAGGCCcg	-3.86335008
CDK10	NM_052987	cyclin-dependent kinase 10	8558	s264	AGAUCGACUUGAUCGUGCAtt	UGCACGAUCAAGUCGAUCUgg	0.935507477
CDK4	NM_000075	cyclin-dependent kinase 4	1019	s2822	UGCUGACUUUAACCCACAtt	UGUGGGUUA AAAAGUCAGCAtt	-1.65740479
CDK4	NM_000075	cyclin-dependent kinase 4	1019	s2823	GGCUUUUGAGCAUCCAAUtt	AUUGGAUGCUCAAAAGCCtc	-0.09868773
CDK4	NM_000075	cyclin-dependent kinase 4	1019	s2824	CACCCGUGGUUGUACACUtt	AGUGUAACAACCACGGGUGta	1.916087317
CDK6	NM_001259	cyclin-dependent kinase 6	1021	s51	GUUUGUAACAGAUUCGAUtt	AUCGAUAUCUGUUAACAAAct	1.093543646
CDK6	NM_001259	cyclin-dependent kinase 6	1021	s52	GGAAUAGAUGUUUCAGCUUtt	AAGCUGAAACAUCAUAUCct	-1.13512646
CDK6	NM_001259	cyclin-dependent kinase 6	1021	s53	GCAGAAAUGUUUCGAGAAtt	UUCUACGAAACAUUUCUGCaa	-0.6869506
CDK7	NM_001799	cyclin-dependent kinase 7	1022	s2828	CAACAUUGGAUCCACAUAtt	UAUGUAGGAUCCAUGUGGat	-0.79226092
CDK7	NM_001799	cyclin-dependent kinase 7	1022	s2829	CCUUAAGGAGCAAUCAAtt	UUUGAUUGCUCUUUAAGGtt	-0.164398
CDK7	NM_001799	cyclin-dependent kinase 7	1022	s2830	GGACAUAGAUCAGAAGCUAtt	UAGCUUCUGAUCUAUGUCCaa	-3.56290634
CDKL1	NM_004196	cyclin-dependent kinase-like 1 (CDC2-related kinase)	8814	s16804	GUACUUCAGUGGAGUGAAAtt	UUUCACUCCACUGAAGUACtg	-0.29432686
CDKL1	NM_004196	cyclin-dependent kinase-like 1 (CDC2-related kinase)	8814	s16805	GGACCGAGUGACUACUAUAtt	UAUAGUAGUCACUCGGUCCag	-2.40689095
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CSK	NM_004383	c-src tyrosine kinase	1445	s223346	ACAAUUUCGUGCAUCGAGAtt	UCUCGAUGCACGAAAUGUtg	0.281948305
CSK	NM_004383	c-src tyrosine kinase	1445	s3613	CGAUUACCGAGGGAACAAAtt	UUUGUCCCGGUAUUCGcc	-1.84391909
CSK	NM_004383	c-src tyrosine kinase	1445	s3614	CGGCCUCAUUAACCAAAtt	UUUGGUUUA AUGAGGCGGta	4.936097316
DCAKD	NM_024819	dephospho-CoA kinase domain containing	79877	s36551	AGCACACCGUGGUAGUAUAtt	UAUACUACCACGGUGUCUte	0.09974558
DCAKD	NM_024819	dephospho-CoA kinase domain containing	79877	s36552	GUACAGUAAUUAAGCCGAAAtt	UUUCGGCUAAUUAUCGUActg	-0.38220487
DCAKD	NM_024819	dephospho-CoA kinase domain containing	79877	s36553	ACCGCUACGUAUUCUGGAtt	UCCAGAAUCACGUAGCGGUat	-2.52388272
DGKH	NM_152910	diacylglycerol kinase, eta	160851	s46227	GGAGUAAUAGACAUUAGAtt	UCAUAUGUCAUUAUACUCCac	-2.23512579
DGKH	NM_152910	diacylglycerol kinase, eta	160851	s46228	GGAUUGGAUUAAGAUGCAAAtt	UUUGCAUCUAAUCCAUCcCa	-1.74788994
DGKH	NM_152910	diacylglycerol kinase, eta	160851	s46229	GGAGUUCGAUUAUCAACAAtt	UUGUUGAAUUAUCGAACUCCca	-0.83951009
EPHA10	NM_00104338	EPH receptor A10	284656	s200587	GCAGGAUAAUAAAACUUGtt	CAAGUUUUUUAUUAUCCUGCac	-0.66307715

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EPHA10	NM_001004338	EPH receptor A10	284656	s200589	CCAAGGAACUGGAUGCGAAtt	UUCGCAUCCAGUUCUUGGcg	-0.47513084
EPHB4	NM_004444	EPH receptor B4	2050	s243	GGACAAACACGGACAGUAUtt	AUACUGUCCGUGUUGUCCga	0.210799592
EPHB4	NM_004444	EPH receptor B4	2050	s244	GCAGAGCAAUGGGAGAGAAtt	UUCUCUCCCAUUGCUCUGCtt	-1.45727549
EPHB4	NM_004444	EPH receptor B4	2050	s245	GCUGCUGCCUUCAUUAUUGAtt	UCAAUUGAAGGCAGCAGCtg	-1.46266266
ERBB3	NM_001005915	v-erb-b2 erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 3 (avian)	2065	s4778	CAGUGGAUUCGAGAAGUGAtt	UCACUUCUCGAAUCCACUGca	-1.64049237
ERBB3	NM_001005915	v-erb-b2 erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 3 (avian)	2065	s4779	UCGUCAUGUUGAACUUAUAtt	UUUAGUUAACAUGACGAag	-4.35611139
ERBB3	NM_001005915	v-erb-b2 erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 3 (avian)	2065	s4780	GAAUGAAUUCUCUACUCUAtt	UAGAGUAGAGAAUUCAUUCat	1.435105765
FES	NM_002005	feline sarcoma oncogene	2242	s5112	CCACGUGGAGAUCCUUAAtt	UUAAGGAUCCAGCGUGGgt	-0.69818285
FES	NM_002005	feline sarcoma oncogene	2242	s5113	CCUCAGCAAUCAGCAGACAtt	UGUCUGCUGAUUGCUGAGGtt	-2.67613108
FES	NM_002005	feline sarcoma oncogene	2242	s5114	AGUGGGUGCUGAACCAUGAtt	UCAUGGUUCAGCACCCACUtg	-2.24959041
FGFR2	NM_000141	fibroblast growth factor receptor 2	2263	s5173	GGAGUACUCCUUAUGACAUUtt	AAUGUCAUAGGAGUACUCCat	1.17449117
FGFR2	NM_000141	fibroblast growth factor receptor 2	2263	s5174	GUAGGACUGUAGACAGUGAtt	UCACUGUCUACAGUCCUACtg	-3.18462741
FGFR2	NM_000141	fibroblast growth factor receptor 2	2263	s5175	GAACAGUAUUCACCUAGUUtt	AACUAGGUGAAUACUGUUCga	-3.38086396
FGFR4	NM_002011	fibroblast growth factor receptor 4	2264	s223533	UCAAGAUGCUCAAAGACAAtt	UUGUCUUUGAGCAUCUUGAag	-1.11417248
FGFR4	NM_002011	fibroblast growth factor receptor 4	2264	s5176	CAUUGACUACUAUAAGAAAtt	UUUCUUUAAGUAGUCAAUtg	-2.25209678
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FRK	NM_002031	fyn-related kinase	2444	s5363	GCAACUACAAGGCUAUAUtt	AAUAUAGCCUUGUAGUUGCtg	-3.27402184
FRK	NM_002031	fyn-related kinase	2444	s5364	CCAUUUGAUUUUGUCGUUAAtt	UAUACGACAAAUCAAAUGGag	-0.22508165
FRK	NM_002031	fyn-related kinase	2444	s5365	GCAGACAAGUCAACCGUGAtt	UCACGGUUGACUUGUCUGCct	-3.61201873
GAK	NM_005255	cyclin G associated kinase	2580	s5527	GUCCGUCGCUAAUUUGCAtt	UGCAUAAUUAGCGACGACTg	-2.69483594
GAK	NM_005255	cyclin G associated kinase	2580	s5528	CACCAGAAAUCAUAGACUtt	AAGUCUAGAUUUUCUGGUGtt	-1.81880586
GAK	NM_005255	cyclin G associated kinase	2580	s5529	CGAGGAAUACAACACCAUtt	AUUGGUGUUGUAUUCUCGtg	-2.77921267
GLYCTK	NM_145262	glycerate kinase	132158	s43670	GGAUGACAGGUACCAUUGUtt	ACAUUGGUACCUUGUCAUCCct	-4.61141529
GLYCTK	NM_145262	glycerate kinase	132158	s43671	GCCCAAAUGACUCACAUAtt	UAUGUGAGUCAUUGUGGGcta	-3.37966716
GLYCTK	NM_145262	glycerate kinase	132158	s43672	ACAUAGCCGUGUCCAGGUAtt	UACCGGACACGGCUAUGUgg	-0.4452919

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GRK4	NM_001004056	G protein-coupled receptor kinase 4	2868	s6084	GGACUGUCAAUUCUAGAUAtt	UAUCUAAGAUUGACAGUCCac	-1.88692667
GRK4	NM_001004056	G protein-coupled receptor kinase 4	2868	s6085	GAGUUGGAACAGUCGGCUAtt	UAGCCGACUGUCCAACUCtt	0.05572894
GRK4	NM_001004056	G protein-coupled receptor kinase 4	2868	s6086	GAAUCAAGAAUGAUACCGAtt	UCGGUAUCAUUCUUGAUUCtt	-0.26950322
GSK3B	NM_002093	glycogen synthase kinase 3 beta	2932	s6239	CUCAAGAACUGUCAAGUAAtt	UUACUUGACAGUUCUUGAGtg	-1.50710918
GSK3B	NM_002093	glycogen synthase kinase 3 beta	2932	s6240	CGAGAGCUCCAGAUCAUGAtt	UCAUGAUCUGGAGCUCUCGat	-3.81397019
GSK3B	NM_002093	glycogen synthase kinase 3 beta	2932	s6241	GCUAGAUCACUGUAACAUAAtt	UAUGUACAGUGAUUCUAGCtt	-1.53526973
HKDC1	NM_025130	hexokinase domain containing 1	80201	s37044	GGAGCUCUUUGAUACACAUUtt	AAUGUGAUCAAAGAGCUCctc	-2.05782072
HKDC1	NM_025130	hexokinase domain containing 1	80201	s37045	GUGCGAAUGUACAACAAGAtt	UCUUGUUGUACAUUCGCACtg	1.379561321
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ILK	NM_001014794	integrin-linked kinase	3611	s7404	GCCGUAGUGUAAUGAUUGAt	UCAAUCAUACACUACGGCta	-2.75918875
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IRAK4	NM_016123	interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase 4	51135	s27527	GGUUGACAUUACUACUGAAtt	UUCAGUAGUAAUGUCAACCat	-2.24908088
IRAK4	NM_016123	interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase 4	51135	s27528	GCCUAAUGGUUCAUUGCUAtt	UAGCAAUGAACCAUUAGGCat	0.012825897
IRAK4	NM_016123	interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase 4	51135	s27529	GGUGUGUUUUACUAGAAAt	UUUCUAGUAAAACCACACaa	-3.01037423
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ITPKA	NM_002220	inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate 3-kinase A	3706	s7627	CGAGGACGUGGGUCAGAAAtt	UUUCUGACCCACGUCCUCGcc	-1.96698587
KSR2	NM_173598	kinase suppressor of ras 2	283455	s49244	CGAAAACUGAUACACUUGAtt	UCAAGUGUAUCAGUUUCGgg	0.150613393
KSR2	NM_173598	kinase suppressor of ras 2	283455	s49245	GCAUCCACUACUACAAAUtt	AUUUGUAGUAGUGGGAUGCtg	-3.55889714

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LIMK1	NM_002314	LIM domain kinase 1	3984	s8188	GCAUGACCCUCACGAUACAtt	UGUAUCGUGAGGGUCAUGCtc	-3.6170902
LIMK1	NM_002314	LIM domain kinase 1	3984	s8189	CCUCACGUGUGGGACCUUUt	AAAGGUCCACACGUGAGGca	-2.7048765
LIMK1	NM_002314	LIM domain kinase 1	3984	s8190	GCAUGAGCCAGAUGUGAAtt	UUCACAUCUGGGUCAUGCag	-1.11277666
LOC731914	XM_001131241	hypothetical protein LOC731914	731914	s61460	GAAUAACCAAUGCAGAGAAtt	UUCUCUGCAUUGGUUAUUCta	-2.10839829
MAP2K3	NM_002756	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3	5606	s11173	GGUCGACUGUUUCUACACUt	AGUGUAGAAACAGUCGACCgt	-0.93270745
MAP2K3	NM_002756	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3	5606	s11174	ACAGAAACUUUGAGGUGGAtt	UCCACCUCAAAGUUUCUGUct	-3.44139616
MAP2K3	NM_002756	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3	5606	s11175	CCCGGACCUCAUCACCAUt	AUGGUGAUGAAGGUCCGGGag	-1.83271687
MAP3K14	NM_003954	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 14	9020	s17186	GUCCAAAUACAGUCUCUUAtt	UAAGAGACUGUAUUGGACTt	-2.87396925
MAP3K14	NM_003954	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 14	9020	s17187	GGAUUGACCUCACCCAGAAtt	UUCUGGGUGAGGUCAAUCctg	-6.53870706
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SPHK2	NM_020126	sphingosine kinase 2	56848	s32283	CCCUCACCCUACAUCGCatt	UGCGAUGUAAGGGUGAGGca	-0.44826073
SPHK2	NM_020126	sphingosine kinase 2	56848	s32284	CGGCCUACUUCUGCAUCUatt	UAGAUGCAGAAGUAGGCCct	-2.55359907
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SYK	NM_003177	spleen tyrosine kinase	6850	s13679	GGUAAGAACAUCUAAGAAtt	UUCUAUGAUGUUCUUAUCtct	-3.44984136
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TAF1L	NM_153809	TAF1 RNA polymerase II, TATA box binding protein (TBP)-associated factor, 210kDa-like	138474	s44116	CCGUGAAAAUGUGCGUAAAtt	UUUACGCACAUUUUCACGGag	0.951053759
TAF1L	NM_153809	TAF1 RNA polymerase II, TATA box binding protein (TBP)-associated factor, 210kDa-like	138474	s44117	CAGUGUAUCUUCUAAGAAtt	AUCUUUGAAGAUACACUGga	-3.86782375
UCK2	NM_012474	uridine-cytidine kinase 2	7371	s14669	AGCUUCUACCGUGUCCUUAtt	UAAGGACACGGUAGAAGCUat	-3.92192338
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12.3 Appendix 3: KEGG protein pathway maps

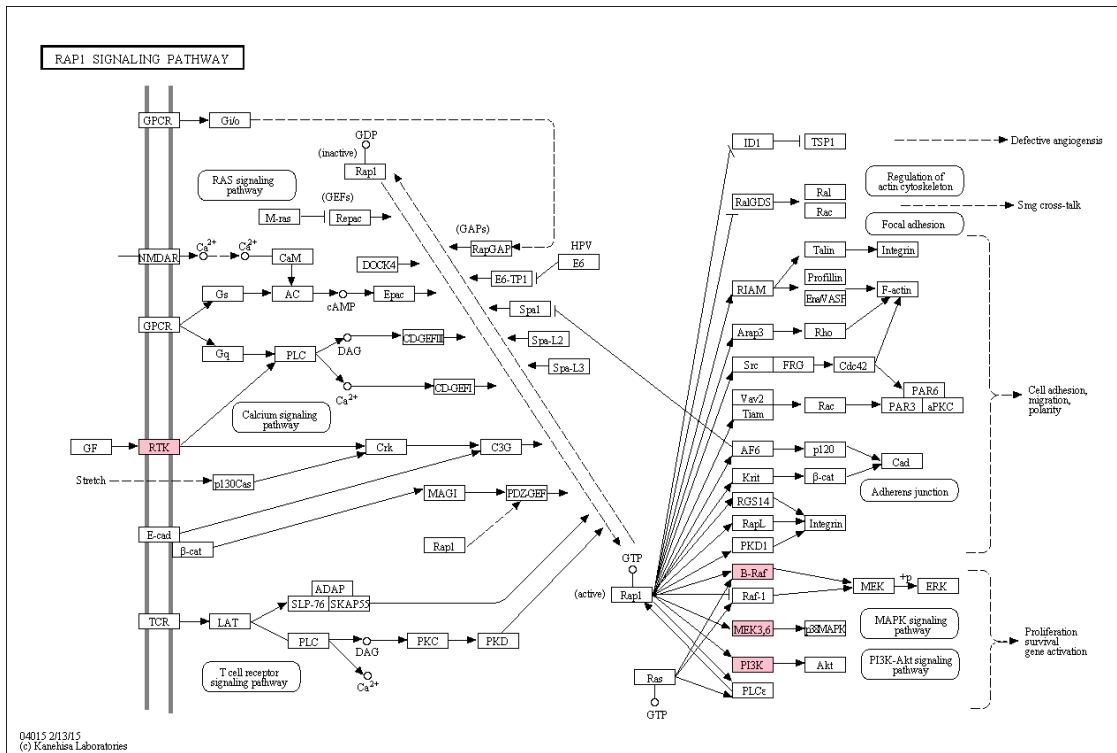


Figure 12-1 KEGG pathway map of the RAP1 signaling pathway.

The map shows the RAP1 signaling pathway based on the KEGG database. The four hits, falling into this network, are indicated in pink. Figure created using KEGG Mapper v2.5.

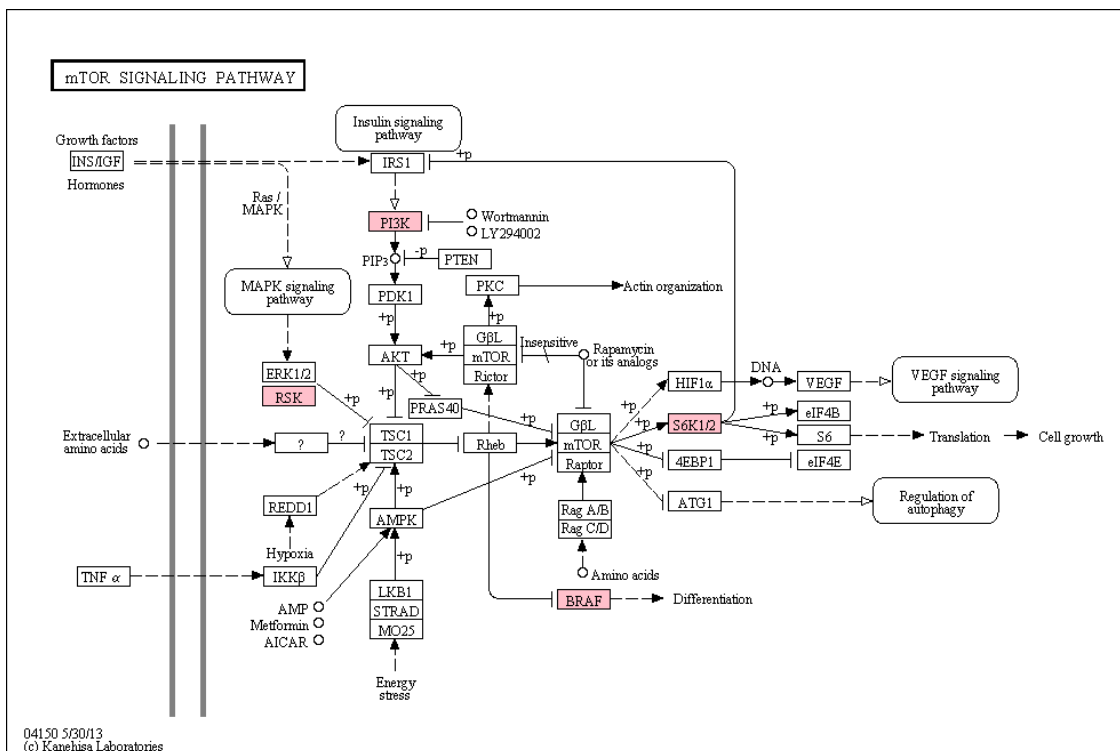


Figure 12-2 KEGG pathway map of the mTOR signaling pathway.

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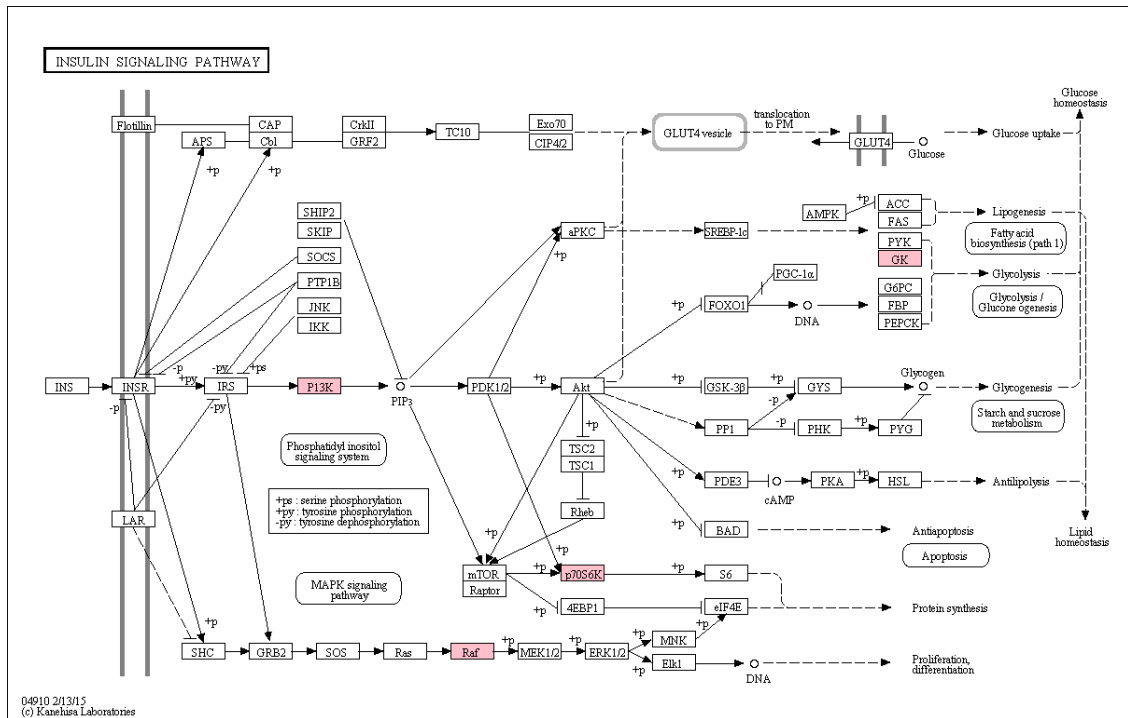


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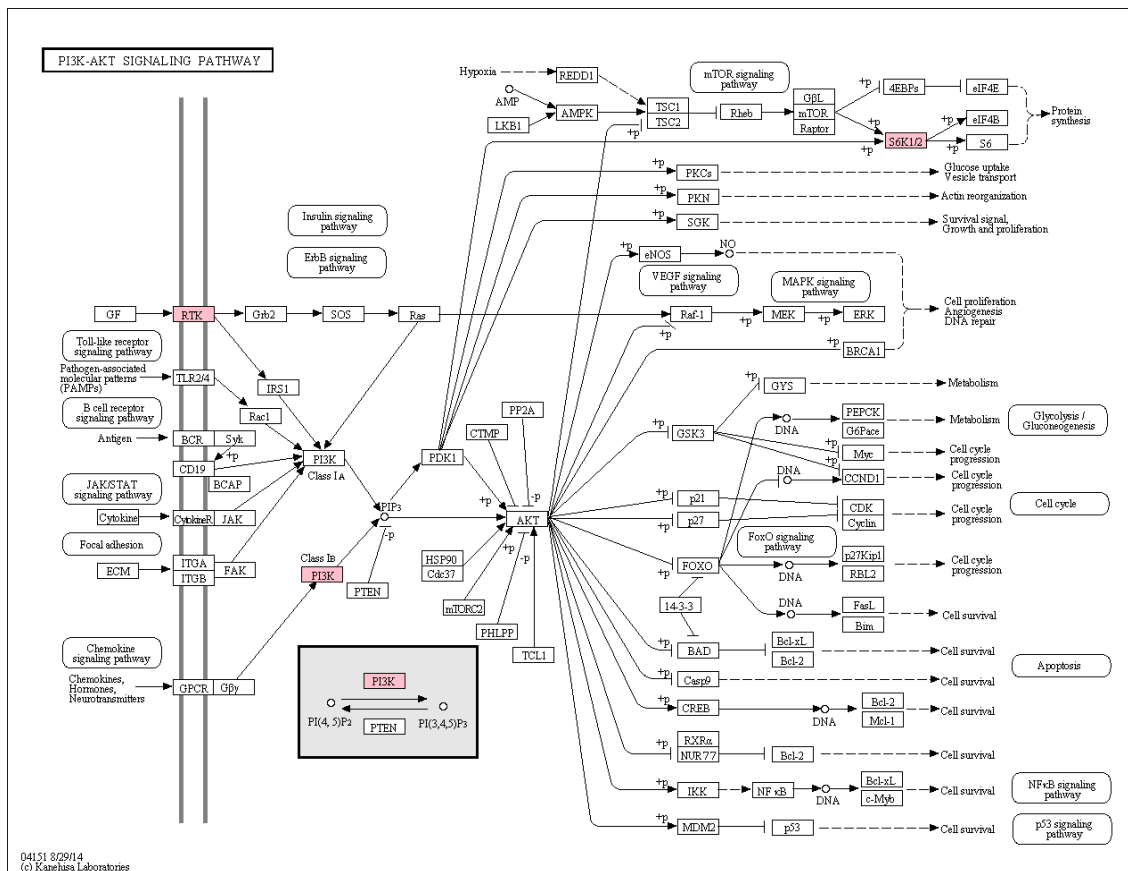


Figure 12-4 KEGG pathway map of the PI3K-Akt signaling pathway.

The map shows the PI3K-Akt signaling pathway based on the KEGG database. The four hits, falling into this network, are indicated in pink. Figure created using KEGG Mapper v2.5.

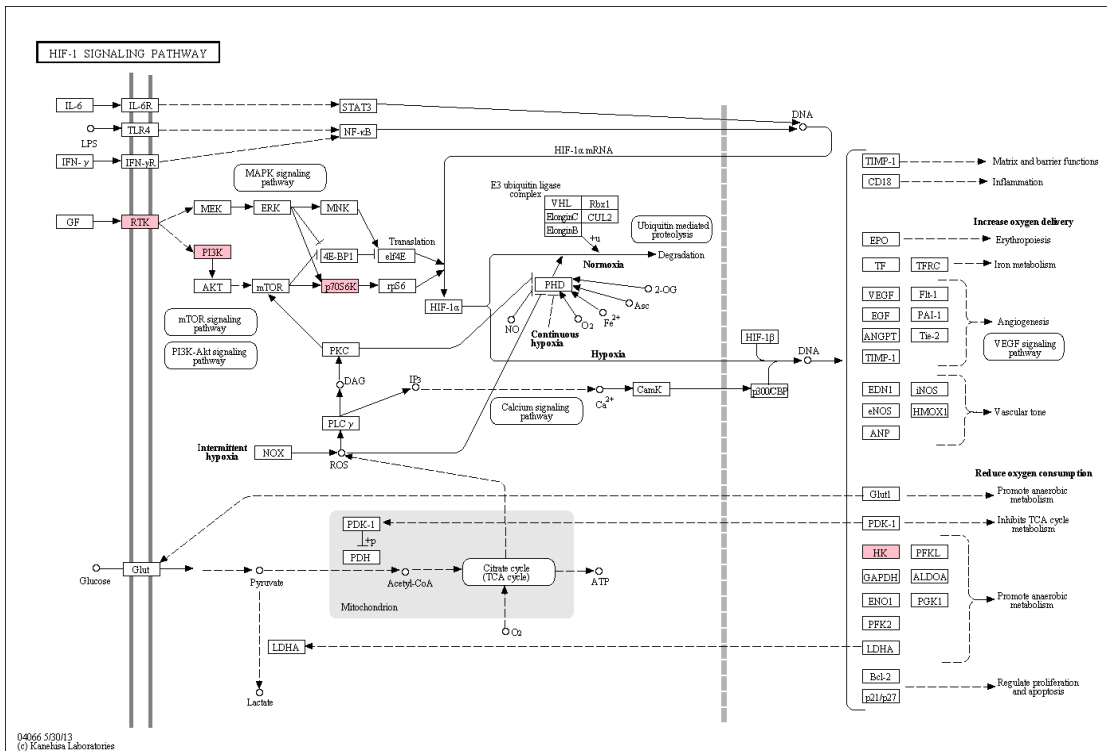


Figure 12-5 KEGG pathway map of the HIF-1 signaling pathway.

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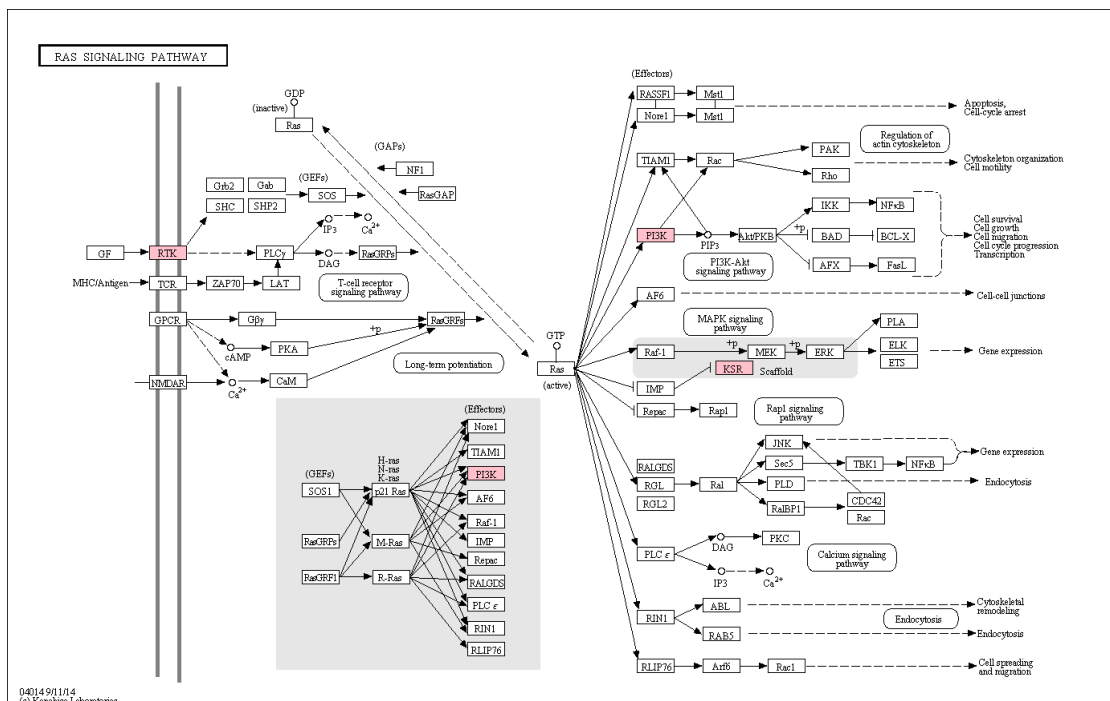


Figure 12-6 KEGG pathway map of the Ras signaling pathway.

The map shows the Ras signaling pathway based on the KEGG database. The four hits, falling into this network, are indicated in pink. Figure created using KEGG Mapper v2.5.

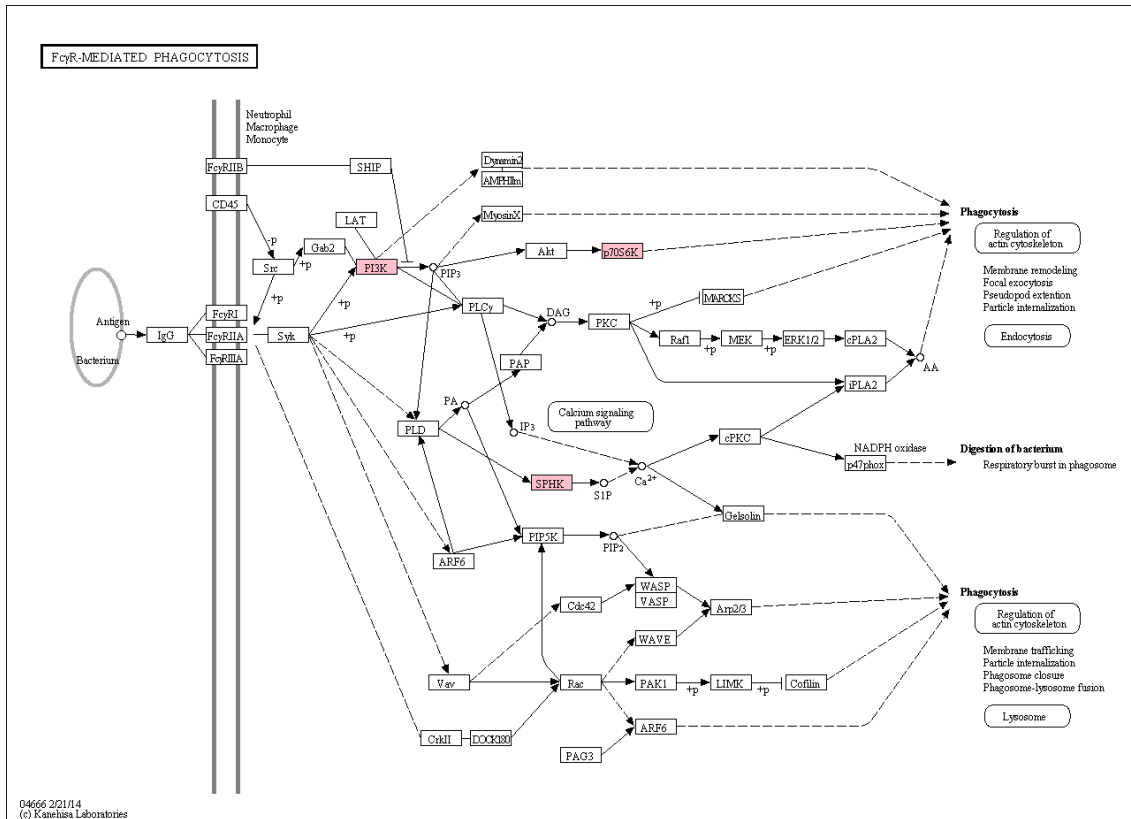


Figure 12-7 KEGG pathway map of the Fc gamma R-mediated phagocytosis pathway.

The map shows the Fc gamma R-mediated phagocytosis pathway based on the KEGG database. The four hits, falling into this network, are indicated in pink. Figure created using KEGG Mapper v2.5.

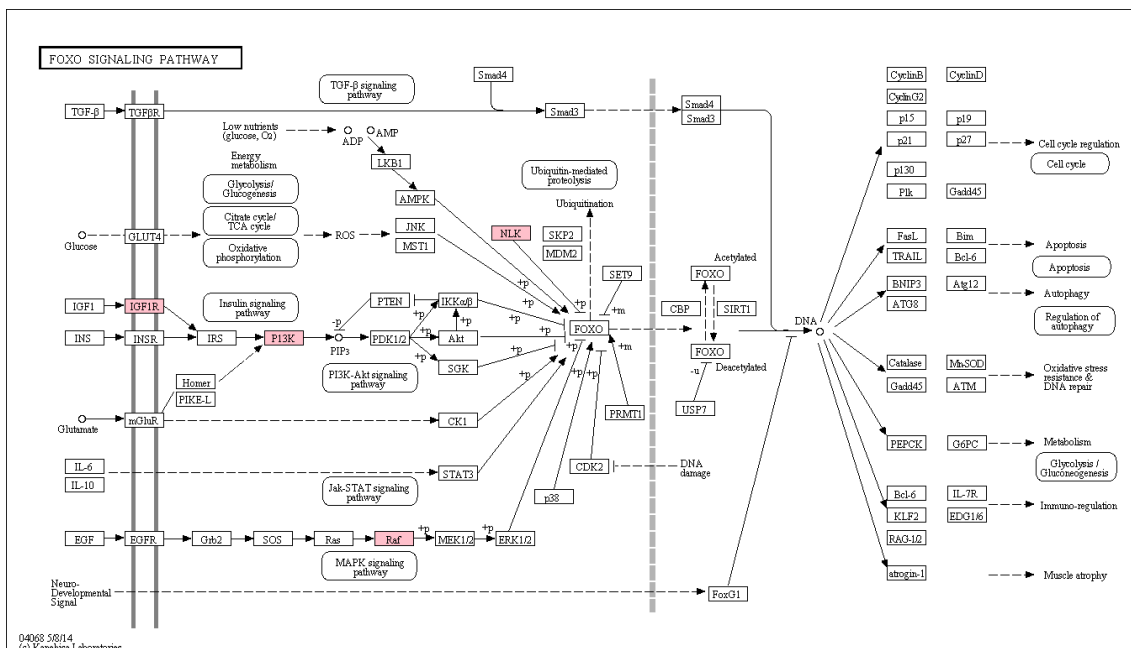


Figure 12-8 KEGG pathway map of the FOXo signaling pathway.

The map shows the FOXo signaling pathway based on the KEGG database. The four hits, falling into this network, are indicated in pink. Figure created using KEGG Mapper v2.5.

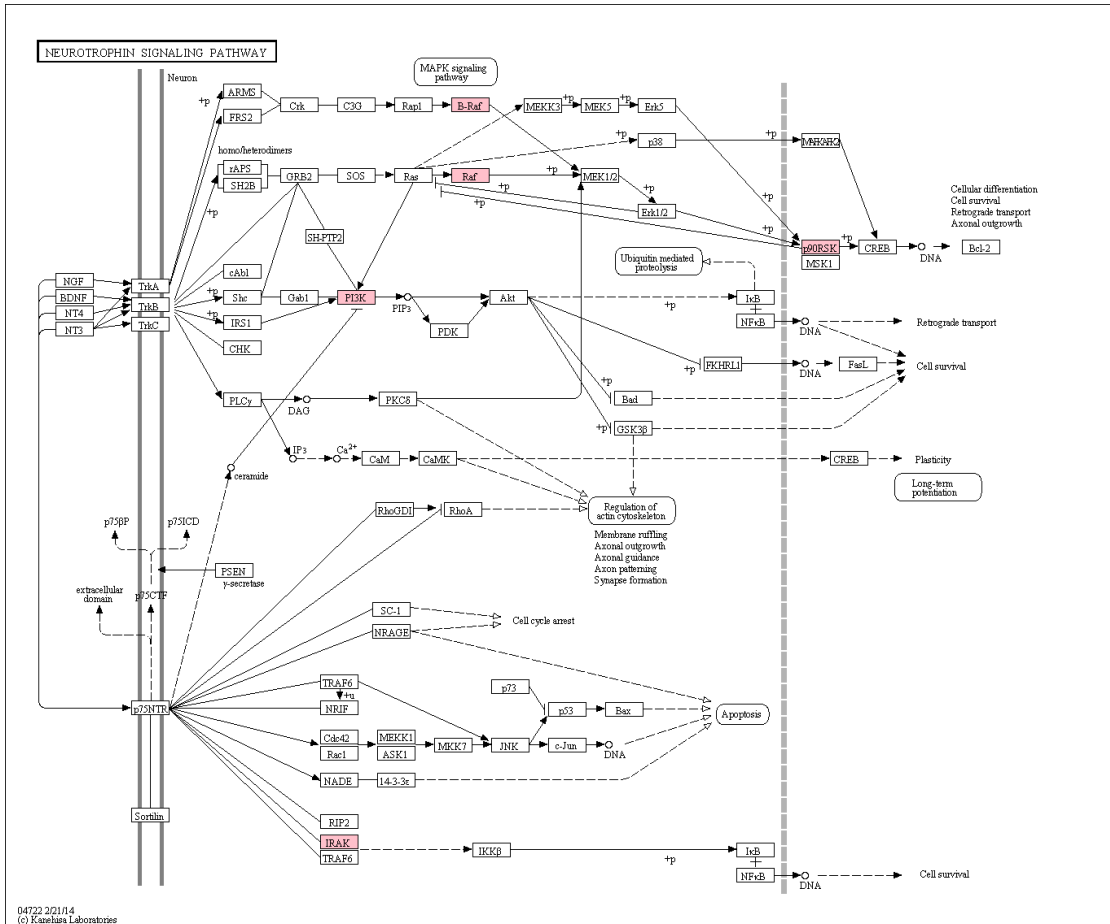


Figure 12-9 KEGG pathway map of the Neurotrophin signaling pathway. The map shows the Neurotrophin signaling pathway based on the KEGG database. The four hits, falling into this network, are indicated in pink. Figure created using KEGG Mapper v2.5.

12.4 Appendix 4: NCBI HIV-1 interaction database

Table 25 Overlap between the results of this work and the NCBI HIV-1 interaction database.

HIV-1 protein	Interaction	Screen Hit	Pubmed ID
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	inhibited by	CD2	7589092
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	interacts with	CD2	9475352
Envelope transmembrane glycoprotein gp41	inhibits	CD2	1832084
capsid	interacts with	CD2	1385321, 2111780, 7517794, 8809126, 9743208, 10722370
capsid	interacts with	CD2	7517794
capsid	interacts with	CD2	8809126, 9743208
nucleocapsid	downregulates	CD2	18051367

HIV-1 protein	Interaction	Screen Hit	Pubmed ID
Tat	binds	CDK7	8628270, 8934526, 9184228, 9334327, 9765201
Tat	binds	CDK7	9311822, 10639311, 12049628, 19732026
Tat	interacts with	CDK7	12049628, 19732026
Tat	interacts with	CDK7	8849451, 8934526, 9054383, 9121429, 19732026, 23827503, 24565118
Tat	interacts with	CDK7	9651670, 10066804, 10082552, 10866664, 14569024
Tat	requires	CDK7	8934526, 9184228, 9334327
Tat	stimulates	CDK7	8934526, 9184228, 9311822, 9334327, 9570510, 9651670, 10438593, 10866664, 14569024, 19732026
Tat	synergizes with	CDK7	8934526, 19732026
Vpr	enhanced by	CDK7	12379213
Vpr	inhibited by	CDK7	12379213
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	activates	CSK	21562048
Tat	activates	CSK	9621077
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	upregulates	IGF1R	15103018
HIV-1 virus replication	enhanced by expression of human gene	ITPKA	18187620
HIV-1 virus replication	enhanced by expression of human gene	NME1	19266025
Tat	upregulates	PIM1	23898208
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	activates	PIK3CG	12551992, 12960231, 20041213
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	activates	PIK3CG	18453587
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	activates	PIK3CG	23251686
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	inhibited by	PIK3CG	20818790
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	mediated by	PIK3CG	16081599
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	modulated by	PIK3CG	16524887
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	regulated by	PIK3CG	15689238
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	relocalizes	PIK3CG	18453587

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Envelope surface glycoprotein gp160, precursor	activates	PIK3CG	9341793
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp160, precursor	inhibits	PIK3CG	9808187
Nef	activates	PIK3CG	25104021
Nef	complexes with	PIK3CG	18854243
Nef	downregulates	PIK3CG	8636073, 9247029, 10208934
Nef	interacts with	PIK3CG	11289809, 12526811, 12584329, 17632570, 20702582, 23215766
Nef	upregulates	PIK3CG	10985305
Tat	activates	PIK3CG	17157319
Tat	activates	PIK3CG	20019835
Tat	activates	PIK3CG	21029719
Tat	activates	PIK3CG	21765914
Tat	activates	PIK3CG	8798481, 9394803, 9708406, 11156964, 11994280, 17157319
Tat	induces phosphorylation of	PIK3CG	23301033
Tat	inhibited by	PIK3CG	12077252
Tat	interacts with	PIK3CG	11154208
Tat	interacts with	PIK3CG	14602571
Tat	interacts with	PIK3CG	23077641
Tat	interacts with	PIK3CG	9446795
Tat	regulated by	PIK3CG	24073214
HIV-1 virus replication	enhanced by expression of human gene	PIK3CG	19460752
Tat	activates	MAP2K3	24742347
Tat	interacts with	MAP2K3	23535064
Envelope transmembrane glycoprotein gp41	activates	RPS6KB1	10089566, 10807185
Tat	inhibits	RPS6KB1	20433920
nucleocapsid	upregulates	UCK2	18051367
Tat	downregulates	CDK10	22632162
Envelope surface glycoprotein gp120	upregulates	SPHK1	24162774
Tat	enhances	MAP3K14	11511100

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HIV-1 virus replication	enhanced by expression of human gene	MAP3K14	18976975
Vpu	binds	NLK	23047923
Tat	Downregulates	HKDC1	22632162