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Multimodal approaches applied to membrane receptors signaling using µCELL Kinetic Image plate reader (Hamamatsu) available on the ARPEGE facility

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The ARPEGE facility allows extensive analysis of the structural and functional features of signaling protein complexes. It permits the characterization of all kinds of specific interactions either between ligand and target or between protein partners in signaling protein complexes.

The available equipment includes a selection of the most efficient and sensitive plate readers including the FDSS/ $\mu$ CELL plate reader (Hamamatsu) adapted to luminescence/fluorescence assays in medium-throughput format.

## **SCREENING ON SIGNALING PATHWAYS** 3 **KINETIC VS ENDPOINT MEASUREMENT** Receptor + Gz protein Receptor + Gi1 protein Profiling of the **mu-opioid receptor** and BRET testing of a small series of molecules PZM21 Cong X, Maurel D et al., Molecular Cell, 2021 Norm 60 Gα 50 100 150 Time (sec.) Time (sec.) G protein activation Receptor FDSS/µCELL: A CAMERA-BASED KINETIC PLATE READER 5 Gα γ Addition Detection Analysis **B**-arrestin Dispenser Binding **GRK/Arrestins recruitment** Internalization G protein activation (TR-FRET) (TR-FRET) (BRET) (BRET) 96-well plate



The ARPEGE facility performs multiple cell-based assays in order to extensively analyze transmembrane protein target features like G proteins activation (Gi1,2,3, GoA,B, Gz, Gq), GRK (GRK2,3,5), Arrestins (arrrestin 1,2) recruitment or second messengers production as cAMP or calcium.

Fluorescence (calcium release)



In contrast to conventional luminescence readers, the FDSS/ $\mu$ CELL plate reader enables 96 samples to be measured simultaneously, enabling rapid kinetic measurements of cell signaling.

## FDSS/µCELL A MULTIMODE PLATFORM FOR DRUG SCREENING IN REAL TIME (6)

EM-CCD camera



Mu-opioid receptor function was performed by monitoring the calcium signal generated by the coupling of receptors with a chimeric G protein, GqTop (Gq chimeric protein wherein C-terminal amino-acids were substituted with the corresponding sequence from the C-terminal domain of Gi). Stimulated receptors coupled to the chimeric G protein induce an intracellular calcium release, causing the calcium sensitive dye (here Cal-520) to fluoresce (fluorescence increase).

**BRET: Bioluminescence Resonance Energy Transfer (G protein dissociation)** 

Luminescence (G protein dissociation)



Heterotrimeric G protein complex dissociation was monitored by NanoLuc binary technology (NanoBiT, Promega). The G $\alpha$  protein dissociation is monitored with reversible changes of luminescence (signal decrease) of the NanoLuc luciferase split into two parts: the Large-BiT to  $G\alpha$  and the Small-BiT to  $\beta$ -1.

## **Electric Field Stimulation (calcium release)**



The FDSS/µCELL kinetic image plate reader is a high-performance instrument enabling the simultaneous acquisition of 96 cell samples at a time, with no measurement delay between samples. This reader can be used in different modes (fluorescence, luminescence) compatible with a wide range of cell signaling sensors (calcium, cAMP, G-protein...). The electrical stimulation head completes the instrument's portfolio, enabling electrical stimulation of voltage-sensitive cells. In conclusion, the FDSS/µCELL plate reader is an instrument perfectly suited to a service facility offering its customers cell-based assays in a wide range of measurement modes.