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Fluorescent protein-protein interaction visualization

Fluoppi[☆]

PPIs Detection Reagent : Fluoppi [BclxL-BAX]

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1. Introduction

Fluoppi is a technology providing an easy way to visualize protein-protein interactions (PPIs) with a high signal to noise ratio. It employs an oligomeric assembly helper tag (Ash-tag) and a tetrameric fluorescent protein tag (FP-tag) to create detectable fluorescent puncta when there are interactions between two proteins fused to the tags. Schematic images are illustrated in Figure 1, where genetic fusion of protein X with FP-tag, and Y with Ash-tag creates a tetrameric fluorescent fusion protein X-FP and an oligomeric fusion protein Y-Ash respectively. Because each fusion protein has multiple Xs or Ys, the interaction between X and Y causes phase-separated droplets where the fluorescence by X-FP is concentrated and detectable as fluorescent puncta (Fig. 2).

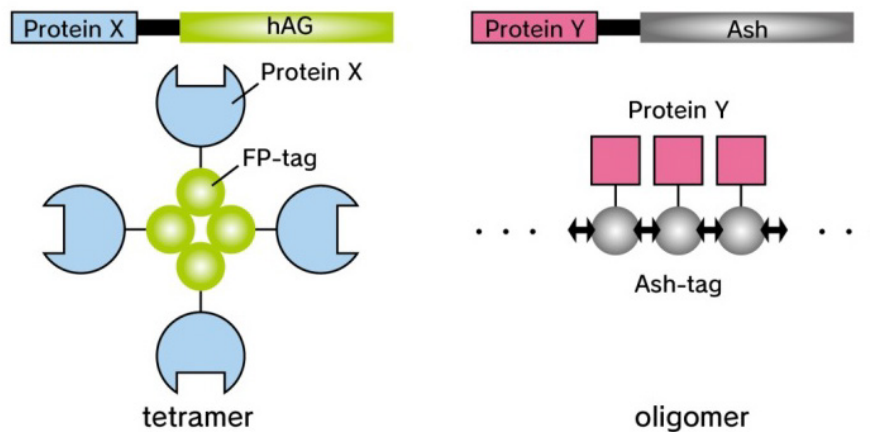


Figure 1 | Key components of Fluoppi technology

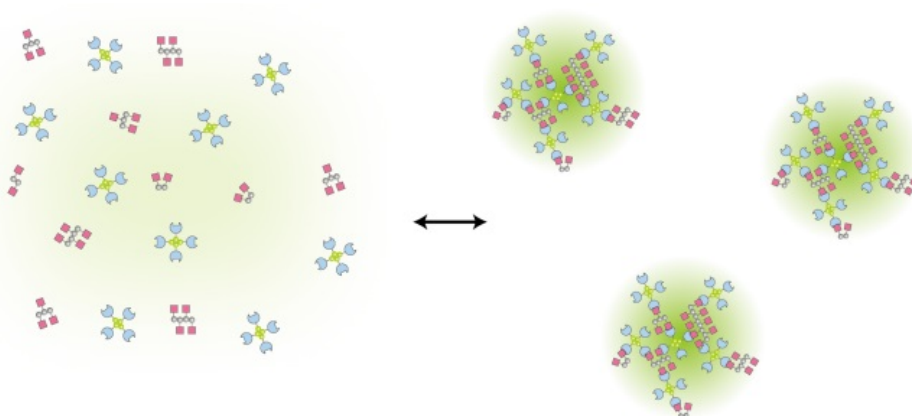


Figure 2 | Mechanism of action

2. Fluoppi : Ash-hAG [BclxL-BAX]

This product contains two expression cassettes for detecting BclxL-BAX interaction in living cells. One encodes a fusion protein Ash/BclxL, and the other encodes humanized Azami-Green (hAG)/BAX. Partial sequences responsible for this interaction are used for this product. Co-transfection of DNA cassettes, Ash/BclxL and hAG/BAX, results in formation of cytoplasmic fluorescent puncta. After addition of BclxL-BAX PPI inhibitors, the puncta disappeared within 5 hours, indicating the BclxL-BAX complex was disrupted.

3. Product Components and Storage Condition

DNA cassettes	Amount:	Form
Ash/BclxL	10 µg	Dry form
hAG/BAX	10 µg	Dry form

Reconstitute in 10-50 µL of sterilized distilled water before use.

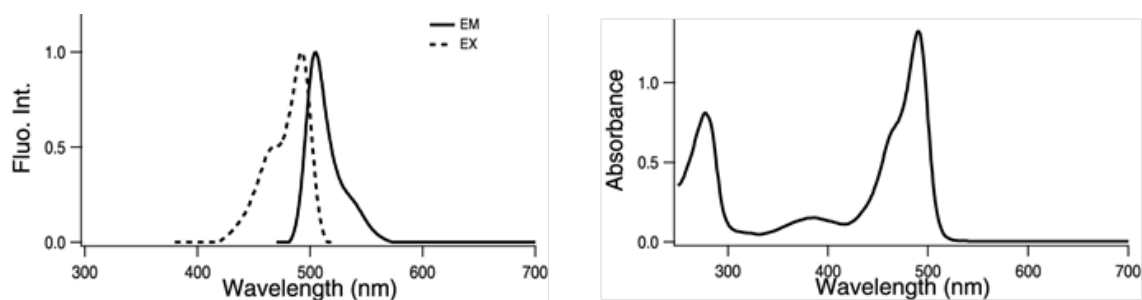
Storage condition: Store at -20°C. Reconstituted solution should be kept at -20°C.

4. Additional Materials Required

- Cell culture related materials (Mammalian cells, Cell culture medium, Cell culture dish, etc.)
- Transfection reagents or equipment.
- Buffer for imaging (HBSS, PBS, Good's Buffers, etc.)
- Fluorometric detector (Fluorescence microscopy or Plate imager)

5. Properties of Fluorescent protein “Azami-Green”

humanized Azami-Green (hAG), cloned from the stony coral (Azami-sango in Japanese), absorbs light maximally at 492 nm and emits green light at 505 nm. hAG forms tetramer and is featured by its fast maturation and highly photo and pH stable nature. The gene codon is optimized for mammalian cells.



Fluorescent protein	Excitation/Emission maximum (nm)	Extinction coefficient ($M^{-1}cm^{-1}$)	Fluorescence quantum yield	pKa
hAG	492/505	72,300 (492 nm)	0.67	<5.0

6. Expression Cassettes

Both open reading frames are driven by the CMV promoter in mammalian cells.



7. Example of Procedure

[Transfection]

HEK293 cells were grown in DMEM (Sigma; code No. D5796) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) and 1% Pen Strep (Gibco; code No. 15140-122) at 37°C in 5% CO₂ atmosphere. 4x10⁶ cells were transfected with this product (4 µg each) using the Neon® Transfection System (Thermo Fisher Scientific) with the following parameters, 1000 V, 40 ms, 1 pulse. Cells were seeded in 96-well plates (BD Biosciences; code No.354640) at 4x10⁴ cells per well with 100 µL medium. After incubation for 20 to 24 hours, cells were subjected to analysis.

[Imaging]

A wide field fluorescence microscopy was used to observe PPI. Excitation of hAG fluorescence was performed by a 75-W Xenon lamp with a BP460-480HQ filter (Olympus). Emitted light was detected by an ORCA-Flash4.0 sCMOS camera (Hamamatsu Photonics) with a BA495-540HQ band pass filter (Olympus) and a 485 nm dichroic mirror (Olympus). MetaMorph software (Molecular Devices) was used for data collections and analysis.

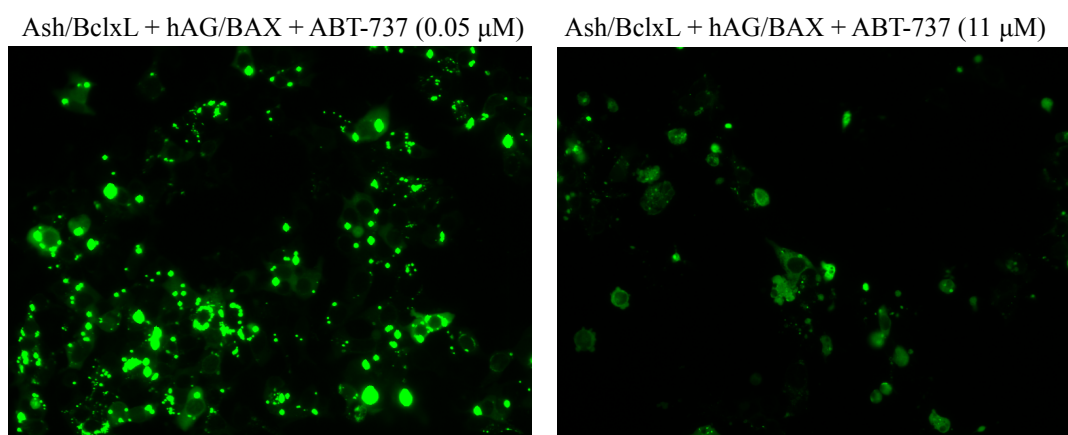


Figure 3 | HEK293 cells transiently expressing both Ash/BclxL and hAG/BAX were observed at 5 hours after addition of 0.05 µM (left) and 11 µM (right) ABT-737*. The interactions were observed as fluorescent puncta (left), and disruptions of the PPI by ABT-737 resulted in cytoplasmic diffused distribution of fluorescence (right).

8. References

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9. Related products

AM-8001M	Fluoppi : Ash-hAG (Ash-MNL/MCL + hAG-MNL/MCL)
AM-8002M	Fluoppi : Ash-Red (Ash-MNL/MCL + Monti-Red-MNL/MCL)
AM-8201M	Fluoppi : Ash-hAG [p53-MDM2]
AM-8202M	Fluoppi : Ash-hAG [mTOR-FKBP12]
AM-VS0801M	humanized Azami-Green for Fluoppi (phAG-MNL/MCL)
AM-VS0802M	Monti-Red for Fluoppi (pMonti-Red-MNL/MCL)

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