

Target validation

A chemical switch for inhibitor-sensitive alleles of any protein kinase

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Protein kinases have proved to be largely resistant to the design of highly specific inhibitors, even with the aid of combinatorial chemistry¹. The lack of these reagents has complicated efforts to assign specific signalling roles to individual kinases. Here we describe a chemical genetic strategy for sensitizing protein

Relevant for exam: Figures 1, 2 and SI Figure showing staurosporine structure (a) and K252a data (b)

«Bump and hole» strategy

Generating “orthogonal” ligand-protein pairs/ allele-specific inhibitors

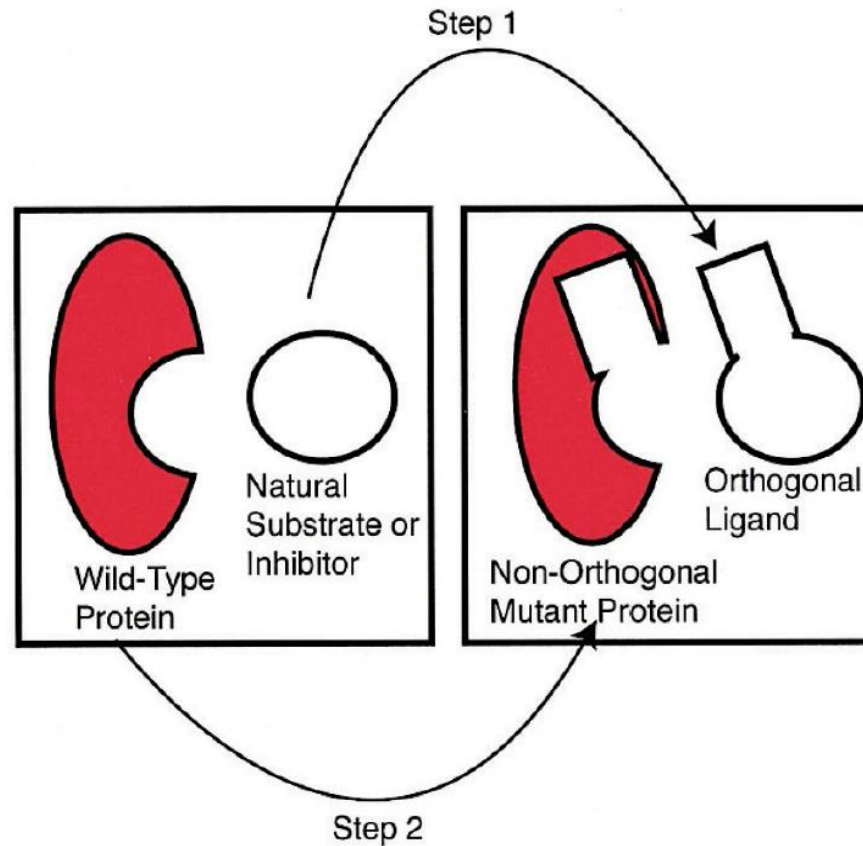


Figure 1a

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Protein kinase	Kinase family	Specificity	Cellular function	% identity to v-Src
v-Src	Src	Tyr	oncogenic transformation	100
c-Fyn	Src	Tyr	lymphocyte activation	84
c-Abl	Abl	Tyr	F-actin binding, transcription	51
CAMK II α	calcium/calmodulin dependent	Ser/Thr	long-term potentiation, memory	26
CDK2	cyclin dependent	Ser/Thr	mammalian cell-cycle progression	27
Cdc28	cyclin dependent	Ser/Thr	<i>S. cerevisiae</i> cell-cycle progression	27
Fus3	mitogen-activated	Ser/Thr	<i>S. cerevisiae</i> mating	28

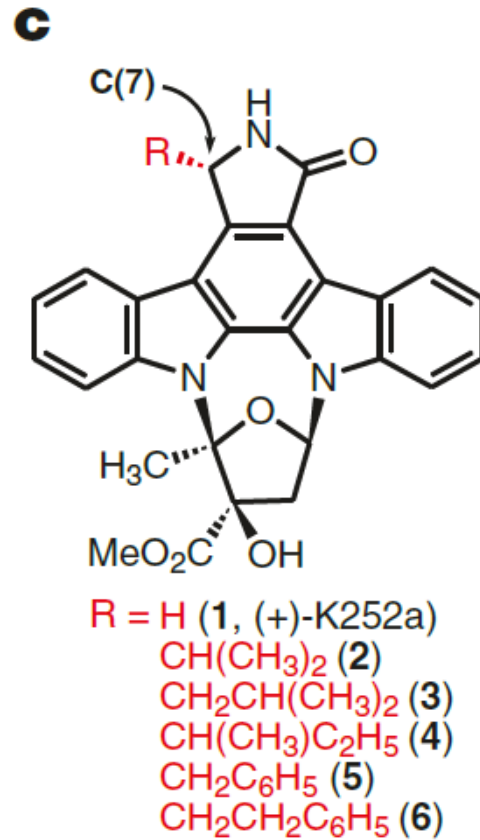
Figure 1b

b

		Subdomain IV		338	Subdomain V
v-Src	[318]	RHEKLVQLYAMVSE-----EPIYIV	I	↓	EYMSK--GSLLDFLKGEMG
c-Fyn	[319]	KHDKLVQLYAVVSE-----EPIYIV	T		EYMNK--GSLLDFLKDGE
c-Abl	[294]	KHPNLVQLLGVC TRE-----PPFYII	T		EFMTY--GNLLDYLRECN
CamK II α	[68]	KHPNIVRLHDSISEE-----GHHYLI	F		DLVTG--GELFEDIVAREY
Cdk2	[59]	NHPNIVKLLDVIHTE-----NKLYLV	F		EFLLHQ---DLKKFMDASAL
Cdc28 (Cdk1)	[66]	KDDNIVRLYDIVHSDA-----HKLYLV	F		EFLLDL---DLKRYMEGIPK
Fus3	[67]	KHENIITIFNIQRPDSFENF----NEVYII	Q		ELMQT---DLHRVISTQM

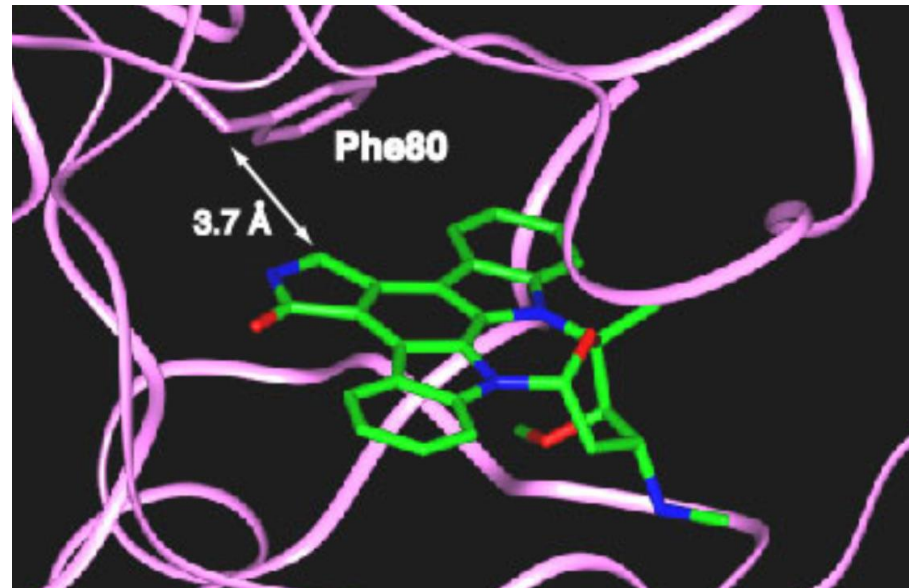
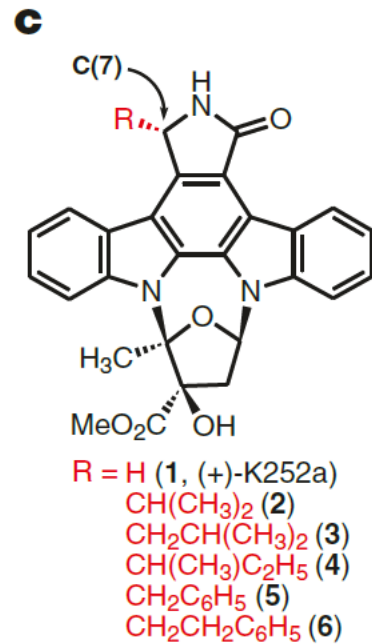
- Why mutation of position 338?
- Mutation to which amino acid?
- Was this strategy applied successfully before? To which enzyme?

Figure 1c



- Why was the molecule K252a used?
- Why modification at position C(7)?
- How did they know the binding orientation of K252a?
- Why trying five different modifications?

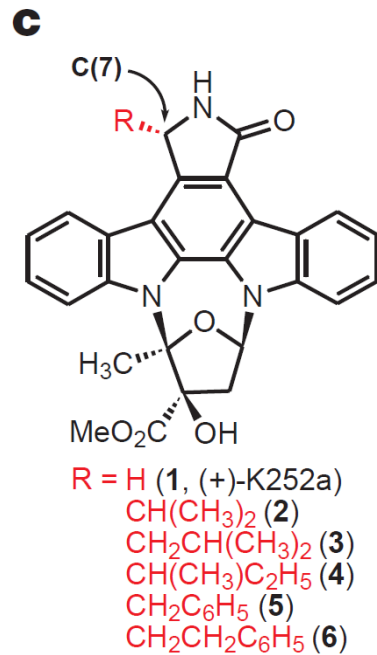
Supplementary figure (CDK2/staurosporine)



CDK2

- Why mutation of position 80 and not position 338?

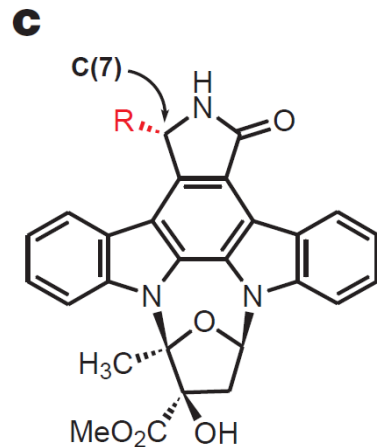
Supplementary figure (K252a activity)



K252a			
Compound Kinase	1	3	6
v-Src	0.020	>33	12
c-Fyn	0.17	>33	>33
c-Abl	2.2	>33	>33
CDK2	0.020	22	3.7
CAMK II	0.0054	1.7	0.54

- Are the wild-type kinases inhibited by K252a variants 3 and 6?
- Are the kinase mutants inhibited?

Supplementary figure (K252a activity)



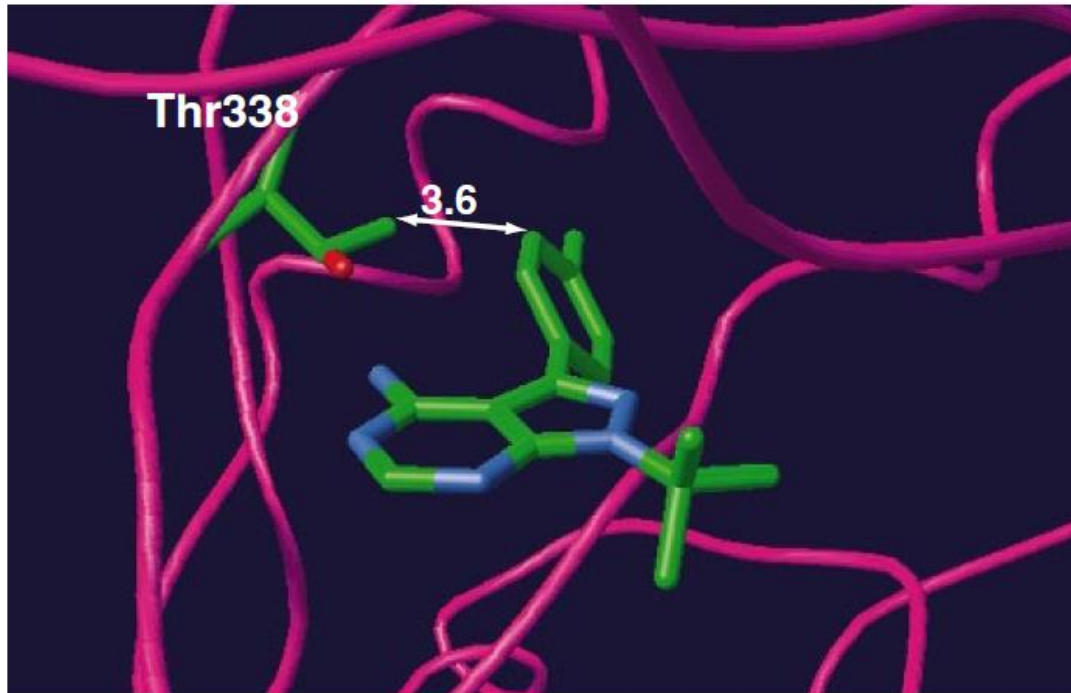
R = H (1, (+)-K252a)
 CH(CH₃)₂ (2)
 CH₂CH(CH₃)₂ (3)
 CH(CH₃)C₂H₅ (4)
 CH₂C₆H₅ (5)
 CH₂CH₂C₆H₅ (6)

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v-Src-as1		0.00023	0.0023
c-Fyn-as1		0.00055	0.0043
c-Abl-as2		3.1	9.6
CDK2-as1		0.070	0.037
CAMKII-as1		0.95	0.0040

- What does «as1» mean?
- Which selectivity was achieved for the inhibition of v-Src kinase?
- Which selectivity was achieved for the inhibition of CDK2 kinase?

Figure 1d

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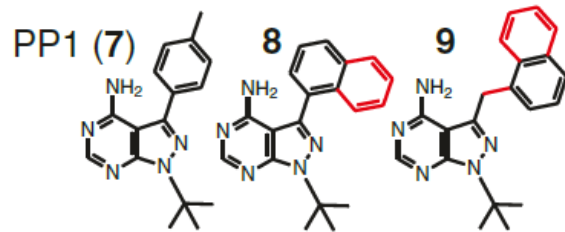


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- What does this structure show?
- What does the «arrow» show?

Figure 1e

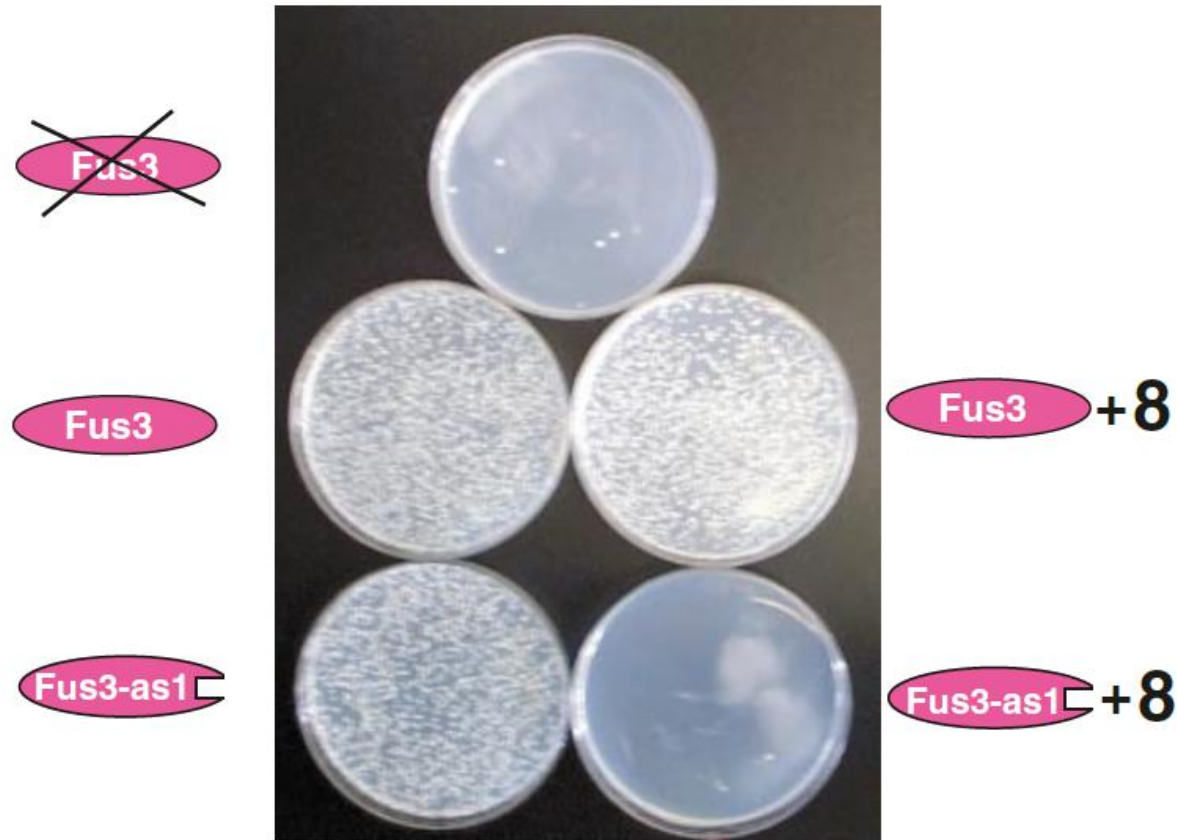
e



	PP1 (7)	8	9
v-Src	2.2	1.0	28
c-Fyn	0.050	0.60	1.0
c-Abl	0.30	0.60	3.4
CDK2	22	18	29
CAMK II	17	22	24
v-Src-as1		0.0015	0.0043
c-Fyn-as1		0.0065	0.0032
c-Abl-as2		0.0070	0.12
CDK2-as1		0.015	0.0050
CAMKII-as1		0.097	0.0080

- Are the wild-type kinases inhibited by PP1 (8) and PP1 (9)?
- Are the mutants inhibited?
- Which selectivity was achieved for the inhibition of v-Src kinase?
- Which selectivity was achieved for the inhibition of CDK2 kinase?

Figure 2



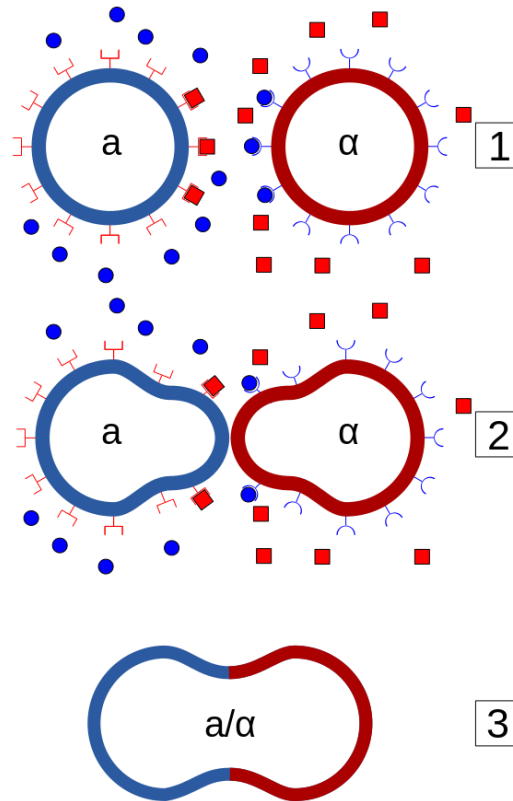
- What is Fus3?
- What is a «yeast mating» experiment
- How can «mated» yeast be identified experimentally? Why were Δ URA and Δ His strains used?
- Why are there almost no colonies on the plate ~~«Fus3»~~
- Is the result for the lower four plates as expected?

Fus3

- Induction of pheromone-inducible genes
- Cell cycle arrest
- Cell fusion during yeast mating

No temperature sensitive mutant is available!

Yeast cell mating



Fus3 is required for cell fusion during yeast mating

Yeast cell mating

Mating haploid cells:

Wild-type or Fus mutant cells
(URA3 *his3*)



Wild-type or Fus mutant cells
(*fus1*Δ*fus2*Δ*ura3*Δ HIS3)

Growth on media lacking uracil and His →
Selection for diploid cells

Figure 3a

a

Kinase	ATP kinetics			IC ₅₀ (μM 9)	
	K_M (μM)	k_{cat} (min ⁻¹)	k_{cat}/K_M (μM ⁻¹ min ⁻¹)	@ 10 μM ATP	@ 1 mM ATP
Cdc28/Clb2	35	132	3.730	22	44
Cdc28-as1/Clb2	322	21.3	0.066	.0020	.0029

- What is Cdc28? Why did they choose to work with it?
- Is the kinase mutant «as1» as active as the wild-type?
- Which inhibitor was used? How selective is it?

Cdc28

Application to Cdc28

- Principle CDK in budding yeast
- Essential for progression through cell cycle
- Studied by temperature-sensitive mutants
- At 37 °C, mutants arrest in G1
- Is Cdc28 also involved in G2/M transition?

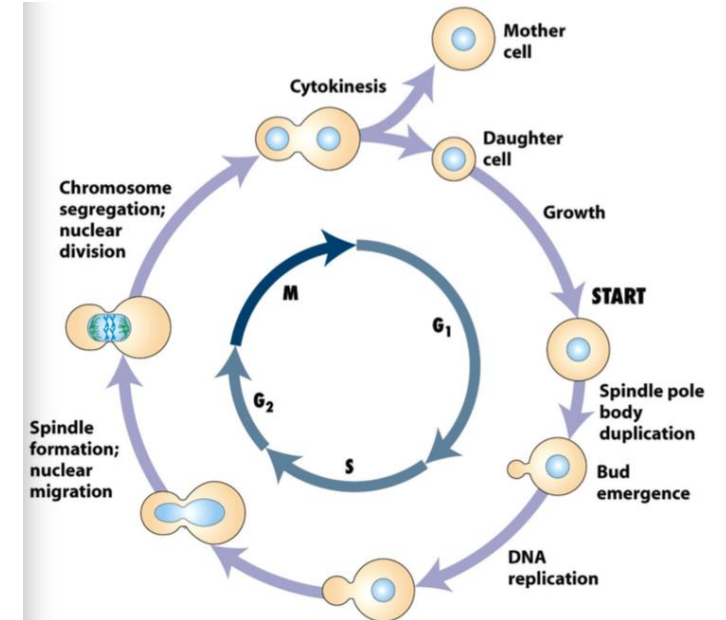
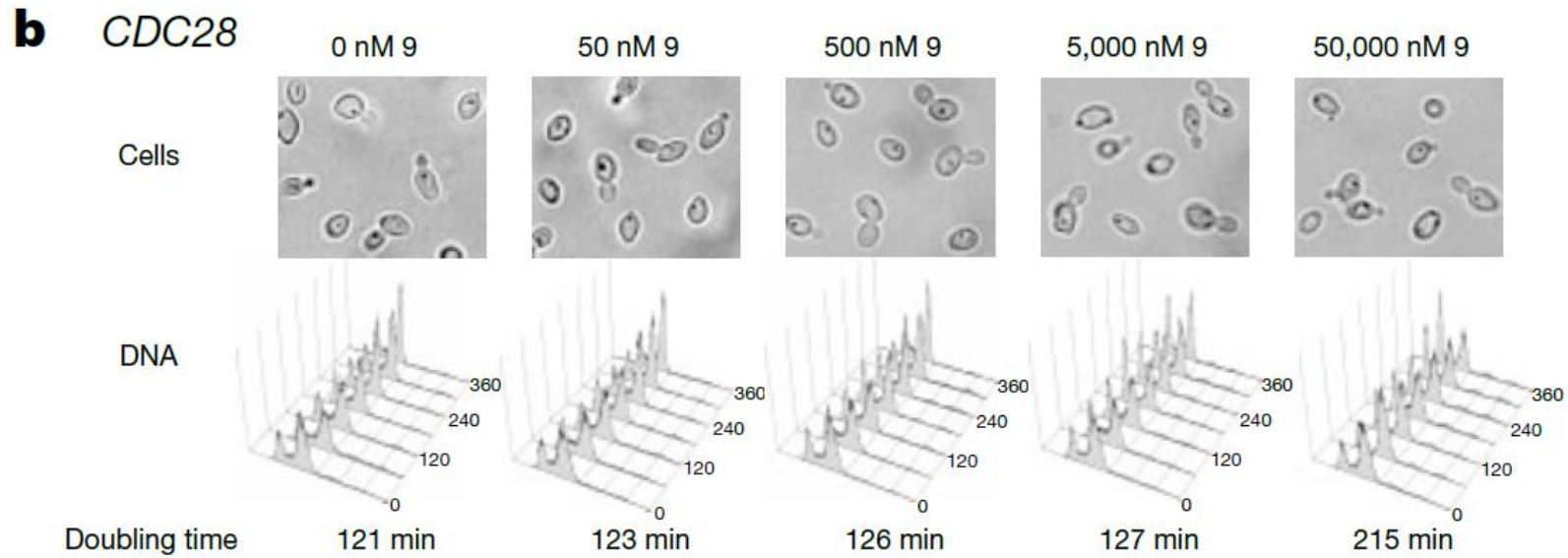
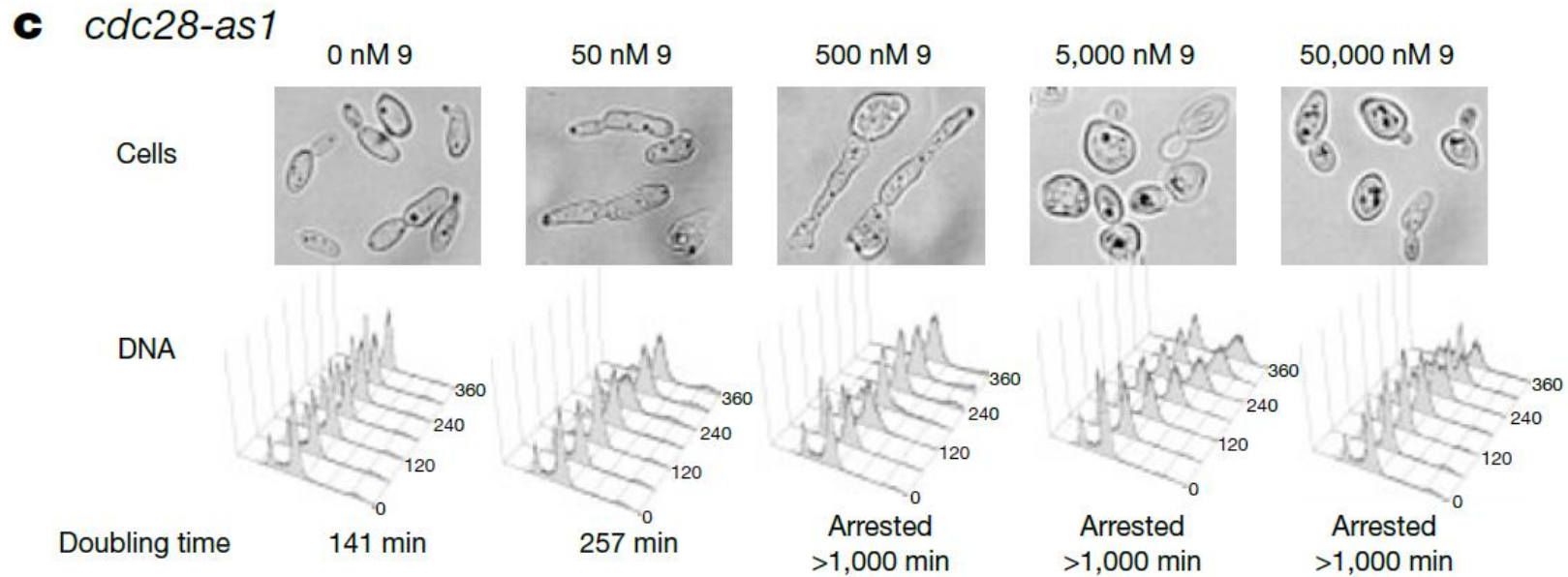


Figure 3b



- What do these experimental data show?

Figure 3c



- What do these experimental data show?
- Is the «knob and hole» strategy working here?

Figure 4a

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cdc28-as1

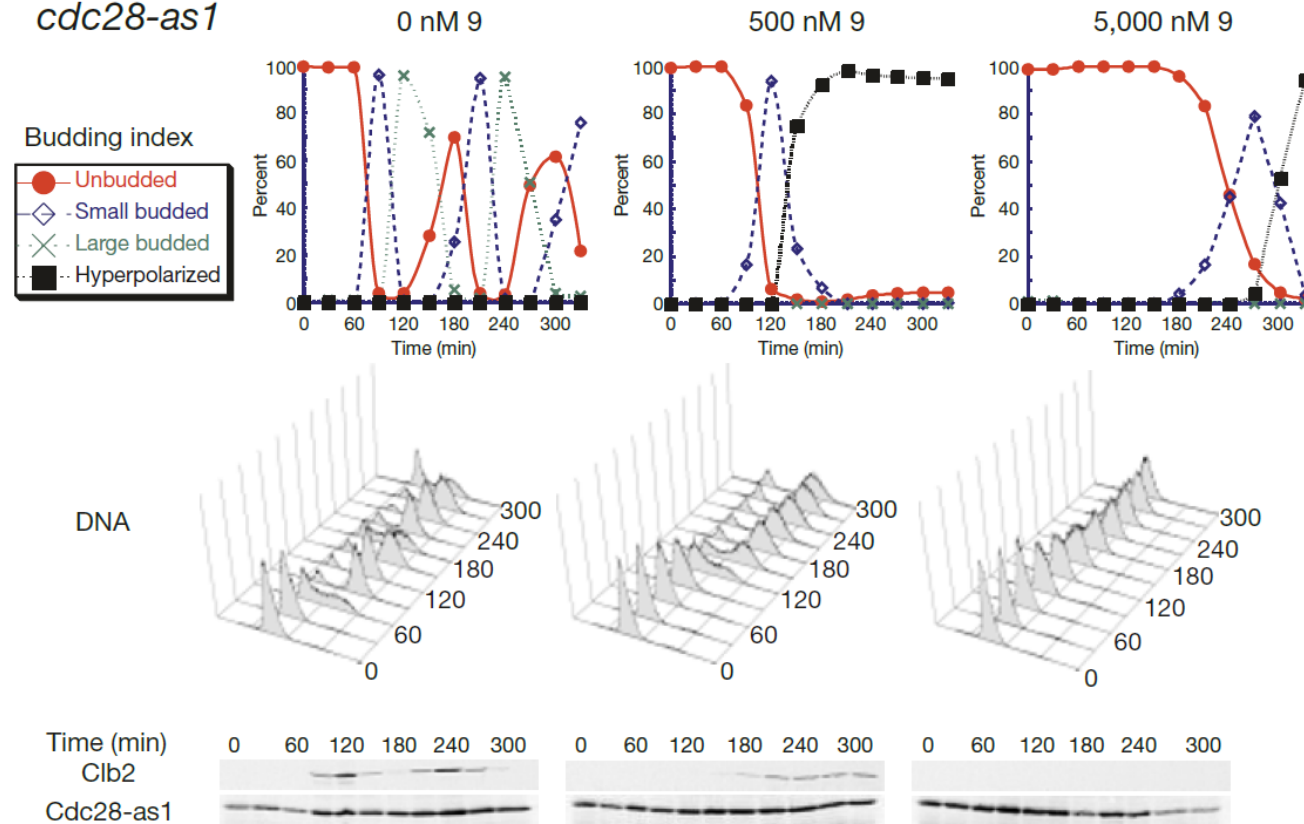


Figure 4b

b *cdc28-as1*

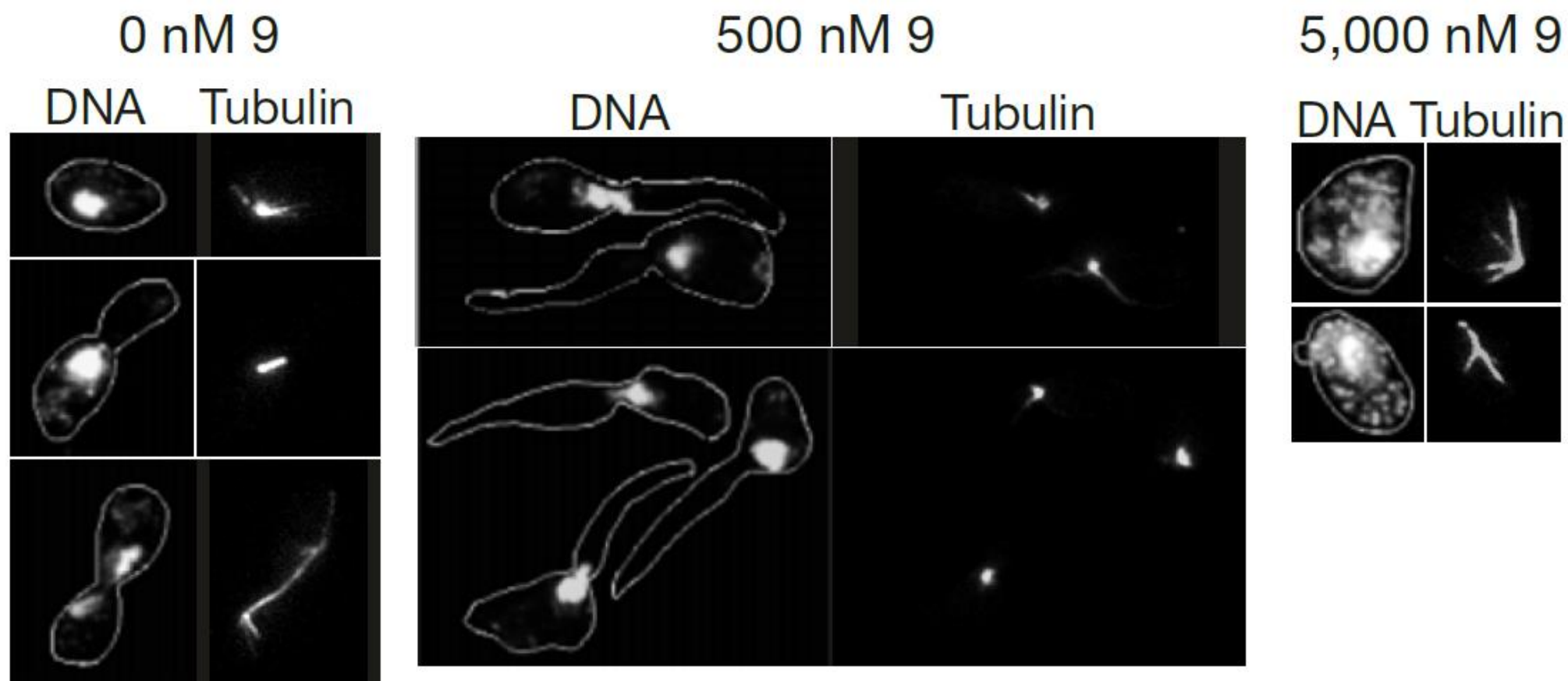


Figure 4c

