

# Re-Purification of ALK2 for crystallisation with different compounds from M4K.

## Aim:

Re-purify the short construct of ALK2 (aka ACVR1A) for crystallisation with different M4K compounds. The protein had already been purified and flash frozen at -80C by standard methods by Ros Adamson and so any aggregates needed to be removed before use in crystallisation trials.

## Protein Purification

### Proteins to be purified:

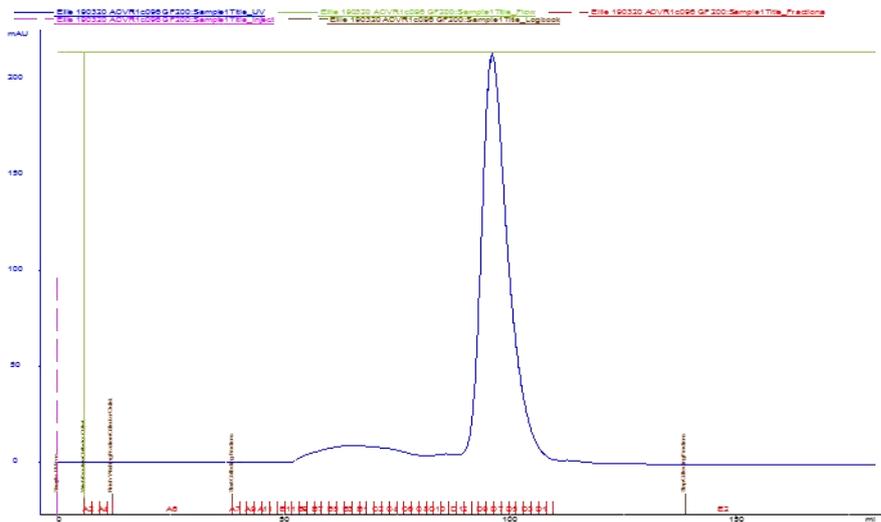
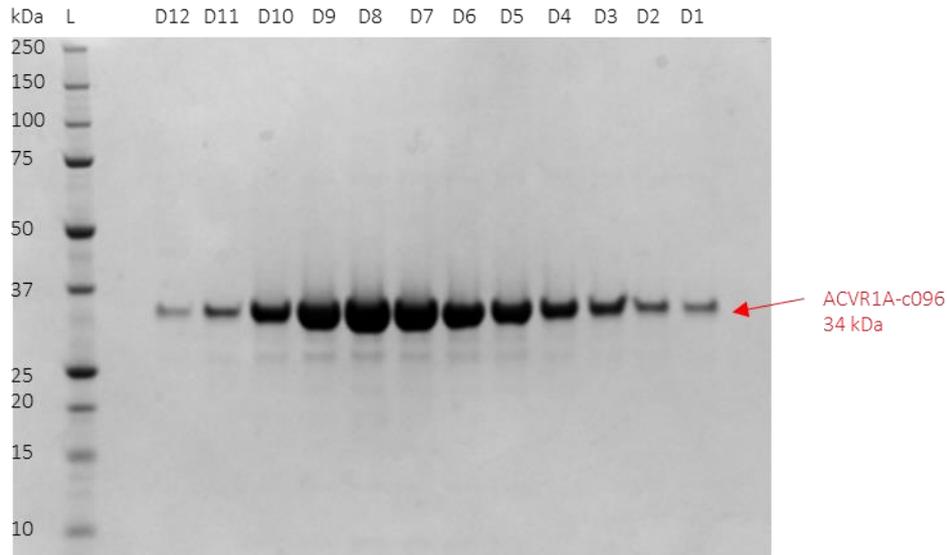
ACVR1A (no GS loop)

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KECWYQNPSARLTALRIKTLTKID

/\* denotes Tev cleavage site

### Clean up purification:

- Thaw protein sample from -80C storage
- Dilute from 0.5ml to 3ml with gel filtration buffer (50mM HEPES, 300mM NaCl, 0.5mM TCEP pH7.5)
- Run on a pre-equilibrated GF200 column at 1ml/min using standard gel filtration buffer. Run samples on an SDS PAGE gel
- Mix 5ul of loading dye with 15ul sample, boil for 3 minutes and load 10ul onto the gel. Run at 160V for 50 minutes.



Top: SDS-PAGE gel of re-purified ALK2 to remove aggregates from freeze/thaw process. Bottom: Gel filtration trace showing the UV absorbance of the fractions from the gel filtration process.

## Protein crystallisation:

### Coarse screen

- Sample concentrated down to 9.1mg/ml.
- Sample divided into 5 and 1mM compound added to each tube. (Compounds used M4K2163, M4K2143, M4K2192, M4K2207 and M4K2194)
- Sample spun at 13000rpm on a benchtop centrifuge for 10 minutes.
- Drops set up at 150nl volume using a mosquito dispenser at 1:2, 1:1 and 2:1 ratios. Two plates set up per compound for incubation at both 4C and 20C.
- Follow-up plates set up identically with 9.5mg/ml protein, 1mM compound (M4K2163 or M4K2143) with 150nl drops at ratios of 1:2 1:1 and 2:1.





**Crystal mounting:**

- Crystals were mounted at the appropriate temperature using mitogen loops of an appropriate size.
- Ethylene glycol was added to mother liquor to make a 25% solution which was added to the drops.
- Crystals were flash frozen in liquid nitrogen before being transferred to a puck for long term storage.