

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:

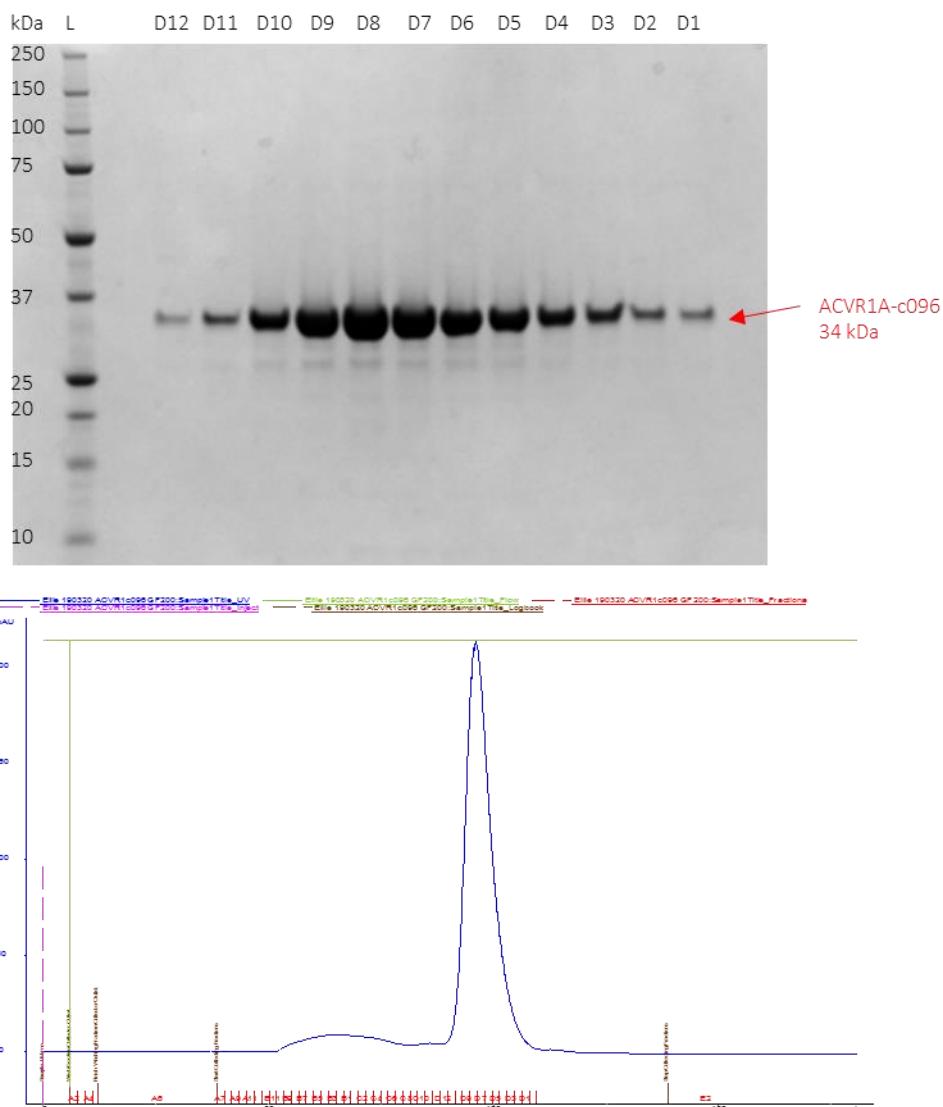
ACVR1A (no GS loop)

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KECWYQNPSARLTALRIKKTLTKID

/* 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.

FU screen design:

The follow-up screens designed from the hits identified from the initial coarse screen were made up as shown below based around the original coarse screen well condition.

FU screens based off the ALK2 refined coarse screen wells C9 and D9

RoscompFUF4E12-z001												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	0.8M AmCITd	0.9M AmCITd	1M AmCITd	1.2M AmCITd	1.4M AmCITd	1.6M AmCITd	1.7M AmCITd	1.8M AmCITd	1.9M AmCITd	2M AmCITd	2.1M AmCITd	2.2M AmCITd
B	0.8M AmCITd	0.9M AmCITd	1M AmCITd	1.2M AmCITd	1.4M AmCITd	1.6M AmCITd	1.7M AmCITd	1.8M AmCITd	1.9M AmCITd	2M AmCITd	2.1M AmCITd	2.2M AmCITd
C	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD	0.05M KPOD
D	0.5M NaPOM	0.6M NaPOM	0.7M NaPOM	0.8M NaPOM	0.9M NaPOM	1M NaPOM	1.1M NaPOM	1.2M NaPOM	1.3M NaPOM	1.4M NaPOM	1.5M NaPOM	1.6M NaPOM
E	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD	0.1M KPOD
F	0.5M NaPOM	0.6M NaPOM	0.7M NaPOM	0.8M NaPOM	0.9M NaPOM	1M NaPOM	1.1M NaPOM	1.2M NaPOM	1.3M NaPOM	1.4M NaPOM	1.5M NaPOM	1.6M NaPOM
G	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD	0.15M KPOD
H	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD	0.2M KPOD
	0.5M NaPOM	0.6M NaPOM	0.7M NaPOM	0.8M NaPOM	0.9M NaPOM	1M NaPOM	1.1M NaPOM	1.2M NaPOM	1.3M NaPOM	1.4M NaPOM	1.5M NaPOM	1.6M NaPOM
	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD	0.25M KPOD
	0.5M NaPOM	0.6M NaPOM	0.7M NaPOM	0.8M NaPOM	0.9M NaPOM	1M NaPOM	1.1M NaPOM	1.2M NaPOM	1.3M NaPOM	1.4M NaPOM	1.5M NaPOM	1.6M NaPOM
	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD	0.3M KPOD
	0.5M NaPOM	0.6M NaPOM	0.7M NaPOM	0.8M NaPOM	0.9M NaPOM	1M NaPOM	1.1M NaPOM	1.2M NaPOM	1.3M NaPOM	1.4M NaPOM	1.5M NaPOM	1.6M NaPOM

RoscompFUA2C10-z001												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	15% PEG3.35 0.05M AmCIT	15% PEG3.35 0.1M AmCITd	15% PEG3.35 0.15M AmCIT	15% PEG3.35 0.2M AmCITd	15% PEG3.35 0.25M AmCIT	15% PEG3.35 0.3M AmCITd	15% PEG3.35 0.35M AmCIT	15% PEG3.35 0.4M AmCITd	15% PEG3.35 0.45M AmCIT	15% PEG3.35 0.5M AmCITd	15% PEG3.35 0.55M AmCIT	15% PEG3.35 0.6M AmCITd
B	18% PEG3.35 0.05M AmCIT	18% PEG3.35 0.1M AmCITd	18% PEG3.35 0.15M AmCIT	18% PEG3.35 0.2M AmCITd	18% PEG3.35 0.25M AmCIT	18% PEG3.35 0.3M AmCITd	18% PEG3.35 0.35M AmCIT	18% PEG3.35 0.4M AmCITd	18% PEG3.35 0.45M AmCIT	18% PEG3.35 0.5M AmCITd	18% PEG3.35 0.55M AmCIT	18% PEG3.35 0.6M AmCITd
C	22% PEG3.35 0.05M AmCIT	22% PEG3.35 0.1M AmCITd	22% PEG3.35 0.15M AmCIT	22% PEG3.35 0.2M AmCITd	22% PEG3.35 0.25M AmCIT	22% PEG3.35 0.3M AmCITd	22% PEG3.35 0.35M AmCIT	22% PEG3.35 0.4M AmCITd	22% PEG3.35 0.45M AmCIT	22% PEG3.35 0.5M AmCITd	22% PEG3.35 0.55M AmCIT	22% PEG3.35 0.6M AmCITd
D	25% PEG3.35 0.05M AmCIT	25% PEG3.35 0.1M AmCITd	25% PEG3.35 0.15M AmCIT	25% PEG3.35 0.2M AmCITd	25% PEG3.35 0.25M AmCIT	25% PEG3.35 0.3M AmCITd	25% PEG3.35 0.35M AmCIT	25% PEG3.35 0.4M AmCITd	25% PEG3.35 0.45M AmCIT	25% PEG3.35 0.5M AmCITd	25% PEG3.35 0.55M AmCIT	25% PEG3.35 0.6M AmCITd
E	1.3M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.2M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.8M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.6M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.4M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.3M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.2M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.8M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.6M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.4M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p
F	1.3M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.2M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.8M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.6M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.4M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.3M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.2M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.8M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.6M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.4M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p
G	1.3M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.2M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.8M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.6M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.4M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.3M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.2M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.8M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.6M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.4M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p
H	1.3M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.2M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.8M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.6M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.4M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.3M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1.2M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	1M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.8M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.6M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p	0.4M NaCIT 0.1M HEPES p

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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.