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# Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Protein Kinase D Inhibitors

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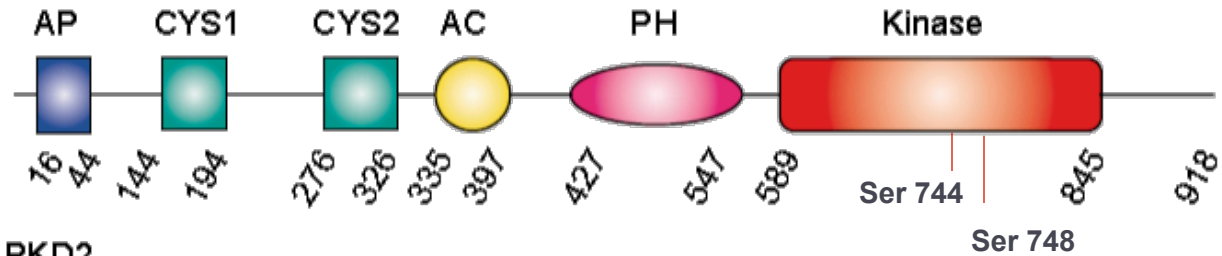
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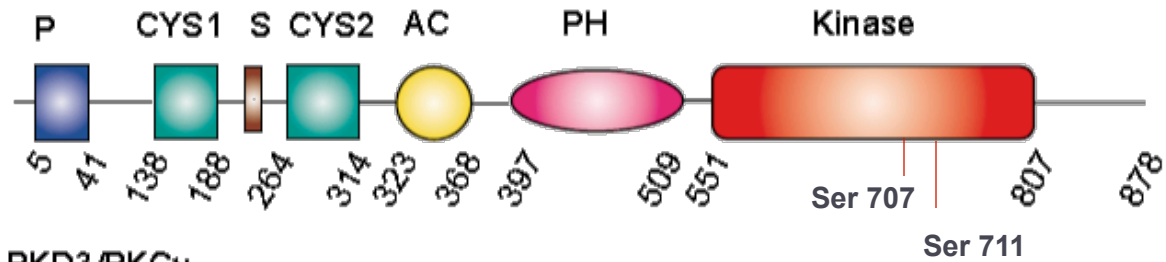
- A novel family of serine/threonine kinases and diacylglycerol (DAG) receptors belonging to the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  / calmodulin-dependent kinase (CaMK) superfamily
- Composed of 3 isoforms:
  - PKD1 (PKC  $\mu$ )
  - PKD2
  - PKD3 (PKC  $\nu$ )

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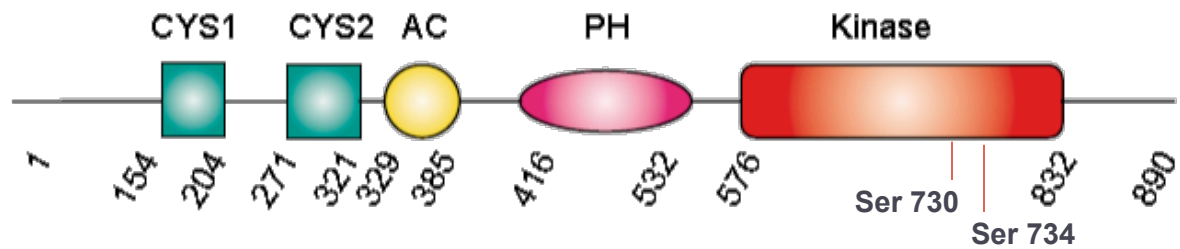
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PKD2



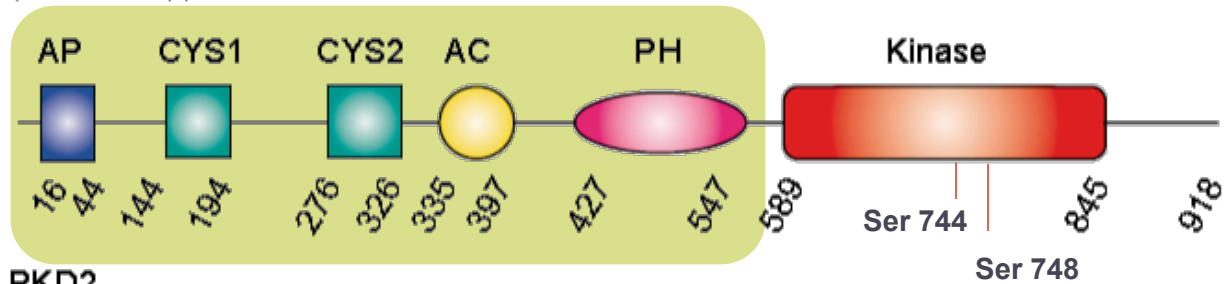
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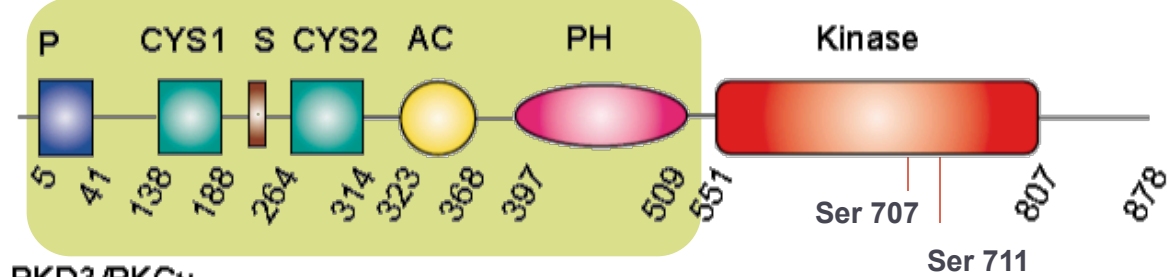
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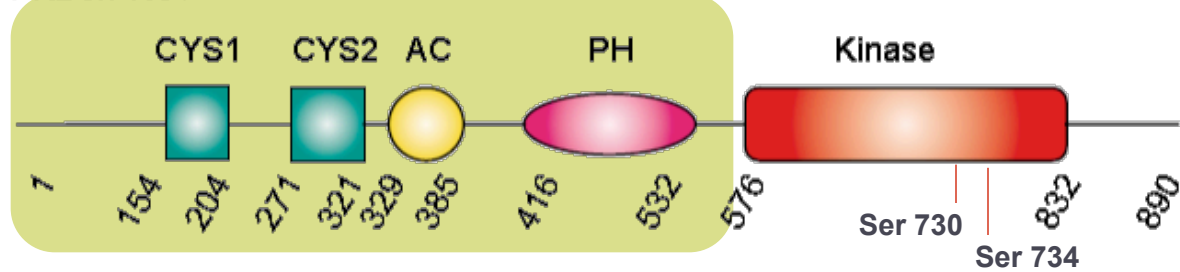
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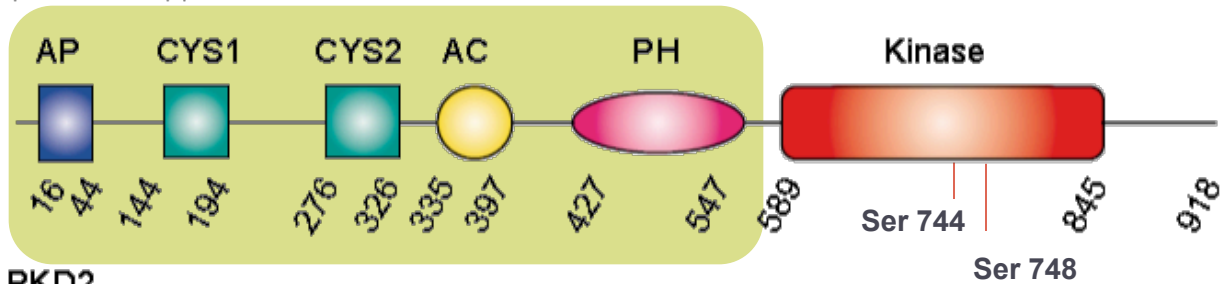
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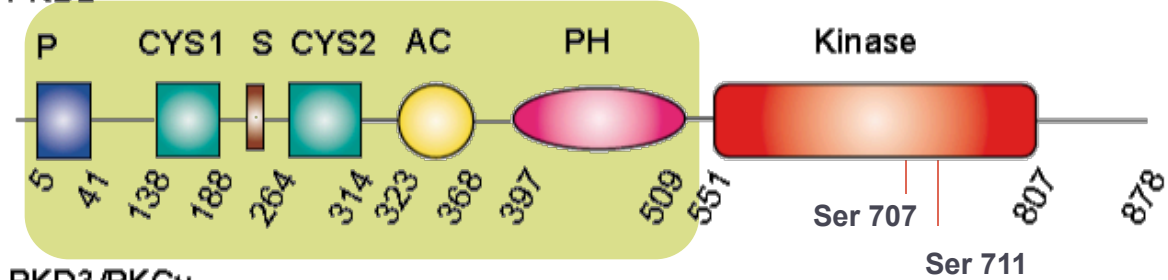
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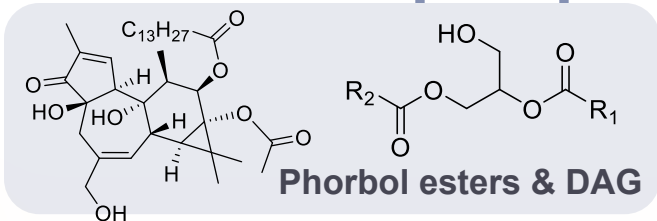
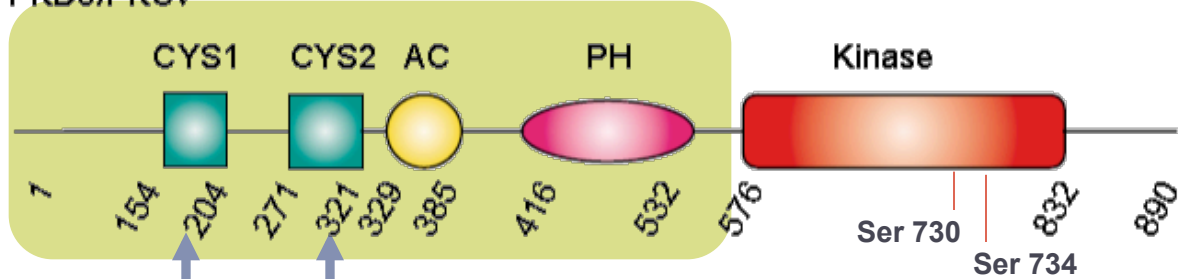
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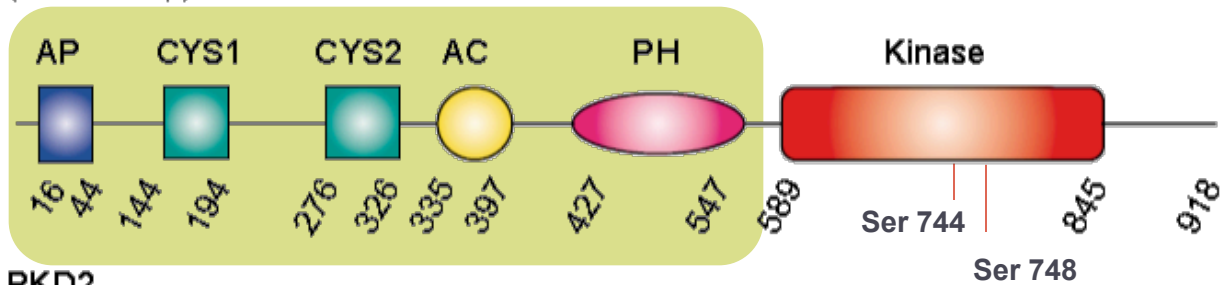
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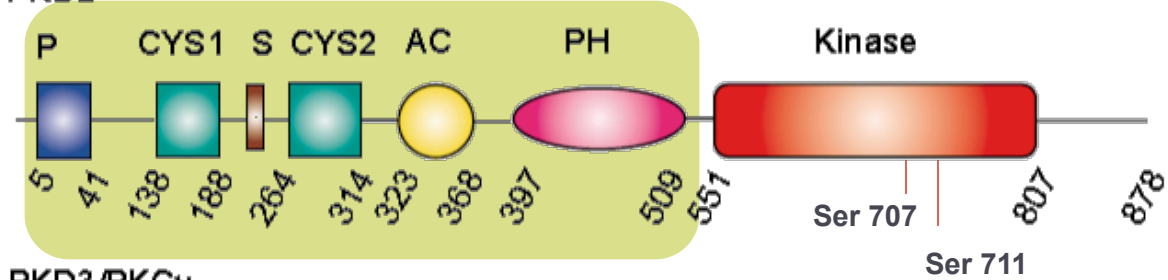
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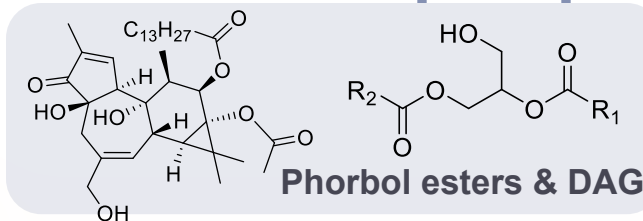
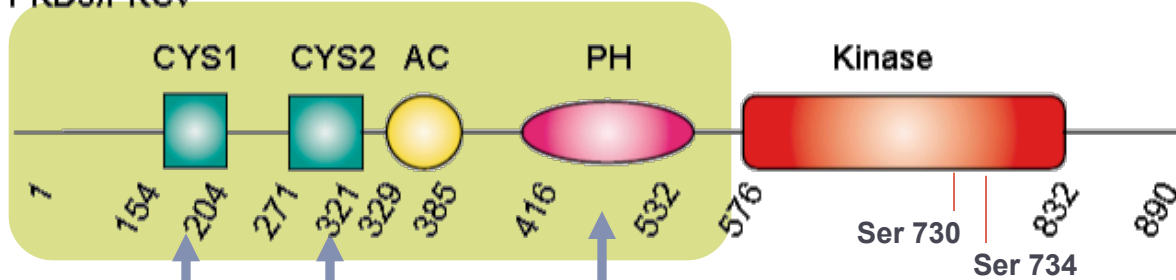
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**Protein-Protein Interactions  
Autoinhibition**

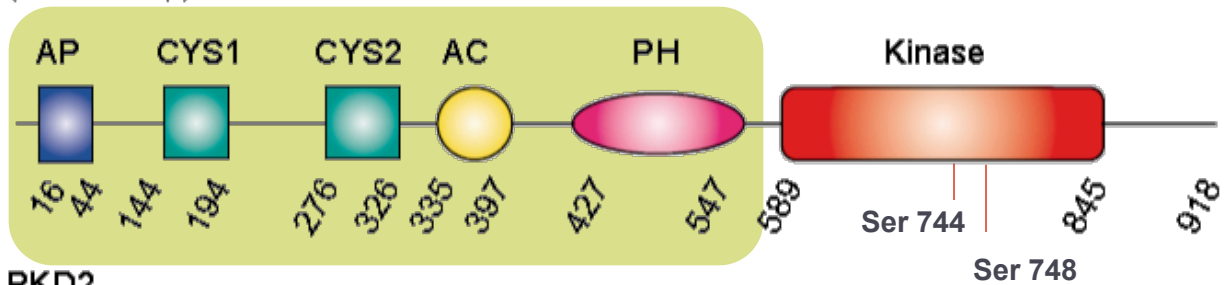
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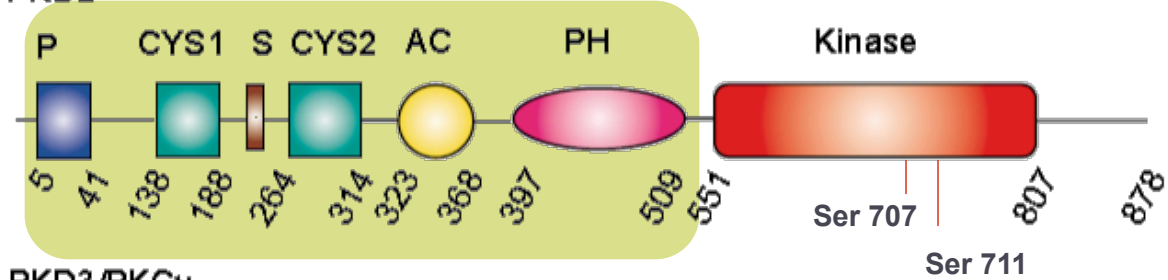
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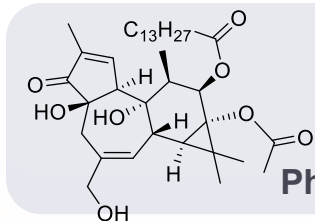
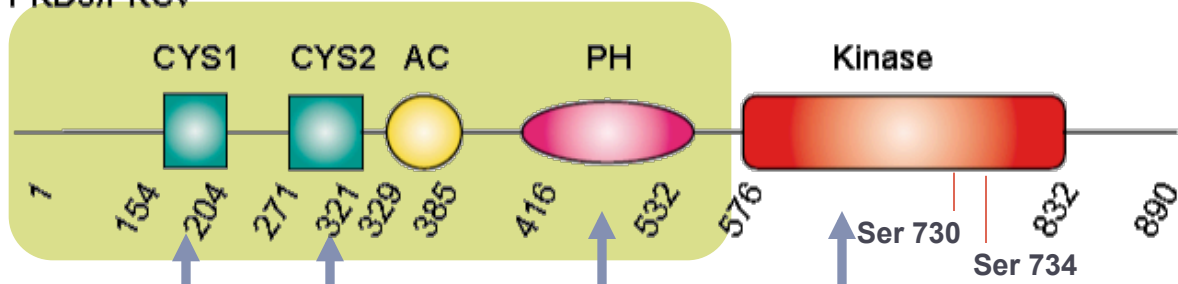
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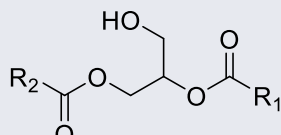
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Phorbol esters & DAG



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Phosphorylation by PKCs  
Autophosphorylation

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# Isoform Similarity

- PKD1 and PKD2 have 69% overall identity
  - 91% identity at the kinase domain
- PKD1 and PKD3 have 70% overall identity
  - 94% identity at the kinase domain
- PKD2 and PKD3 have 68% overall identity
  - 91% identity at the kinase domain

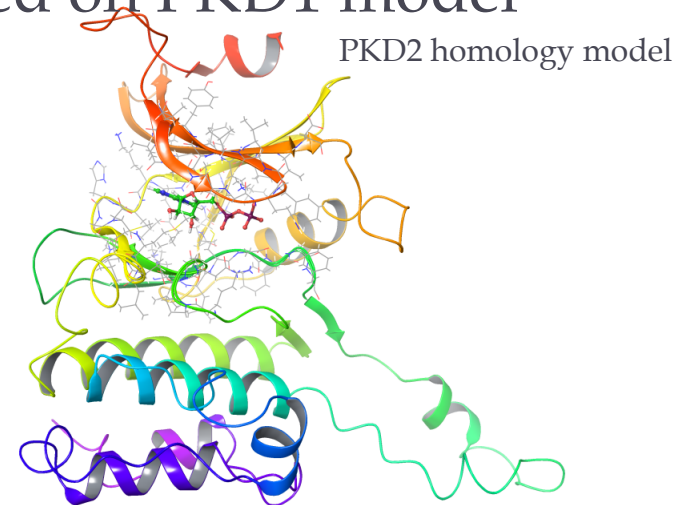
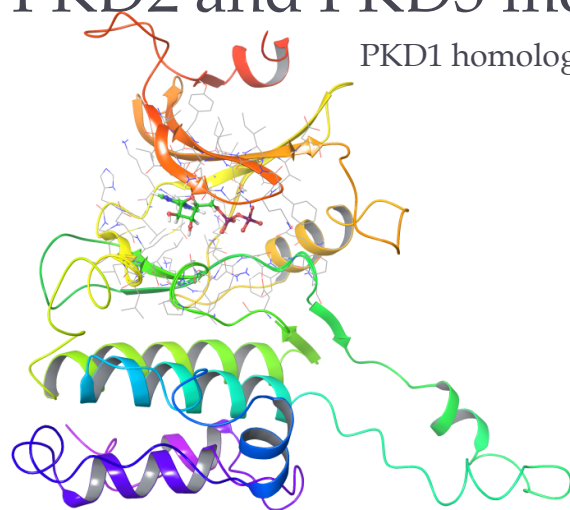


	PKD3	C1a		C1b		Linker	PH	Kinase	
Percentage identity									
PKD1	50	90	29	80	47	59	65	94	74
PKD2	53	84	36	82	34	56	65	91	74



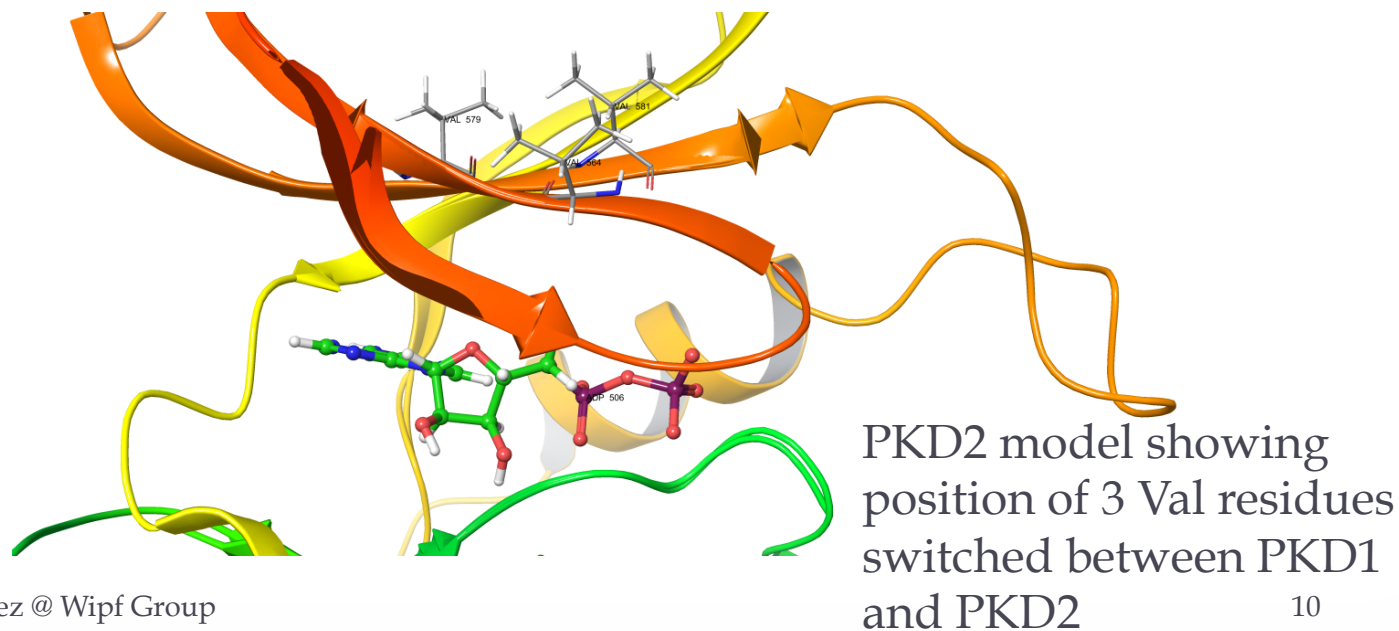
# PKD Homology modeling

- Necessary due to lack of crystal structure
- Kinase domain homology model was generated for PKD1, PKD2, and PKD3
  - PKD1 and PKD2 focused on
- PKD1 model based on crystal structures of CHK2
  - 39% homology
- PKD2 and PKD3 models based on PKD1 model



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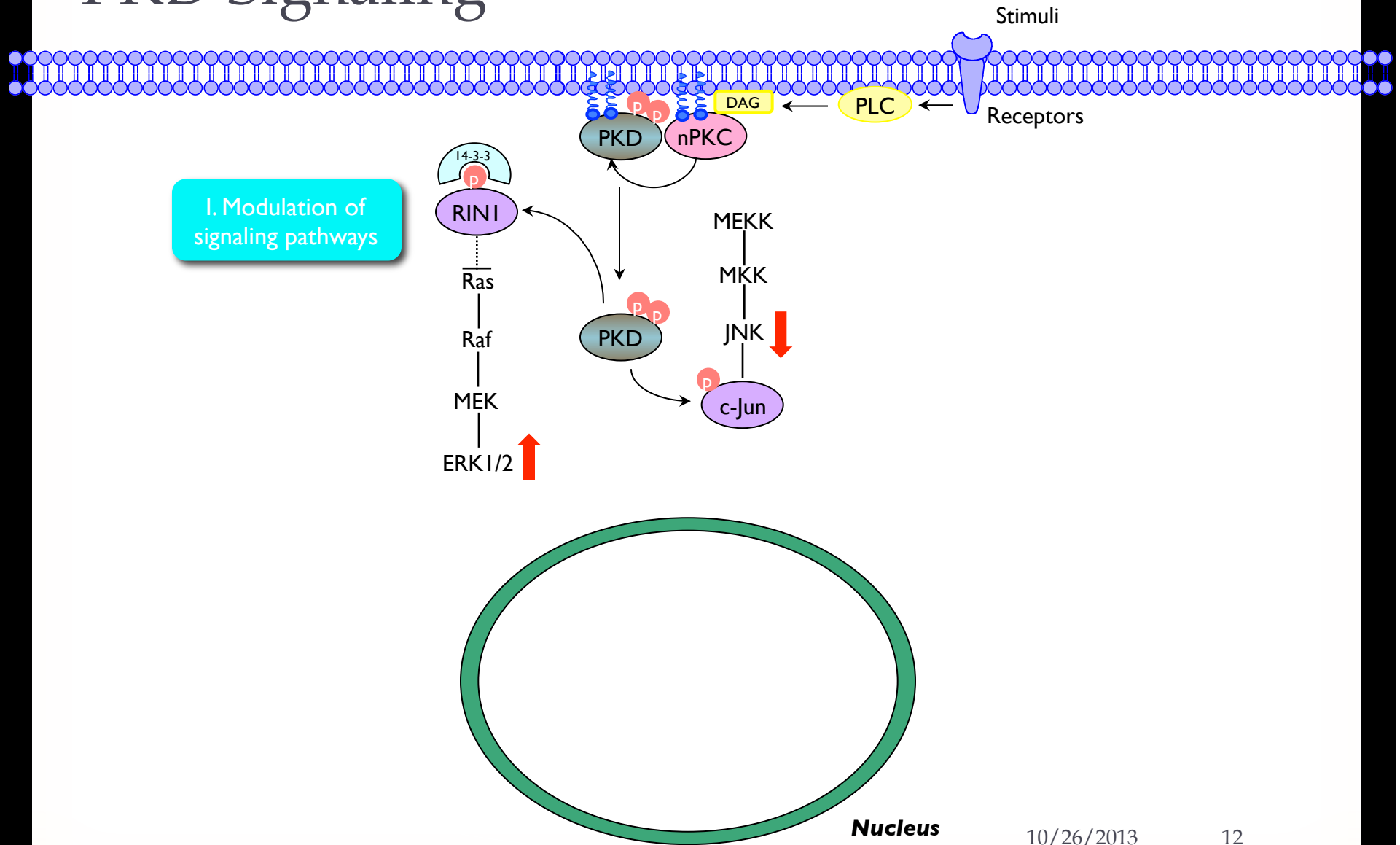
- Key difference between PKD1 and PKD2 in the ATP binding pocket, near the Gly rich loop there are 3 Ile to Val residues switched
- Key difference between PKD2 to PKD3 in the ATP binding pocket, there is only one of the Ile to Val residues switched



# Roles of PKD

- Under normal physiological conditions
  - Apoptosis
  - Proliferation
  - Survival
  - Cell motility
  - Gene transcription
  - Cell signaling
  - Secretion/cellular trafficking
  - Immune response
- Abnormal regulation
  - Implicated in various cancers
    - Prostate, pancreatic, head and neck, colon, breast, ect.
  - Over activity promotes angiogenesis and metastasis in tumors
  - Cardiac hypertrophy

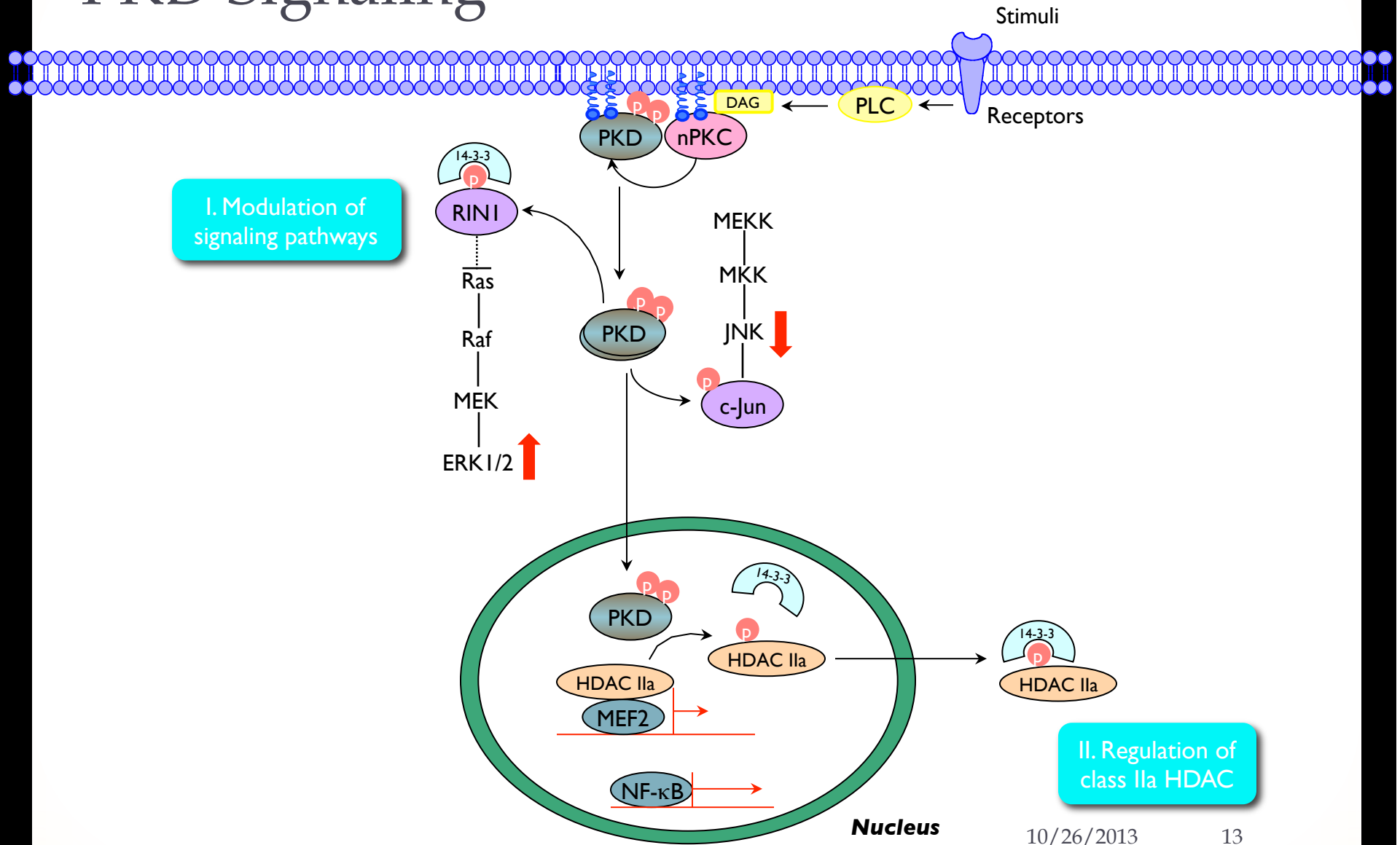
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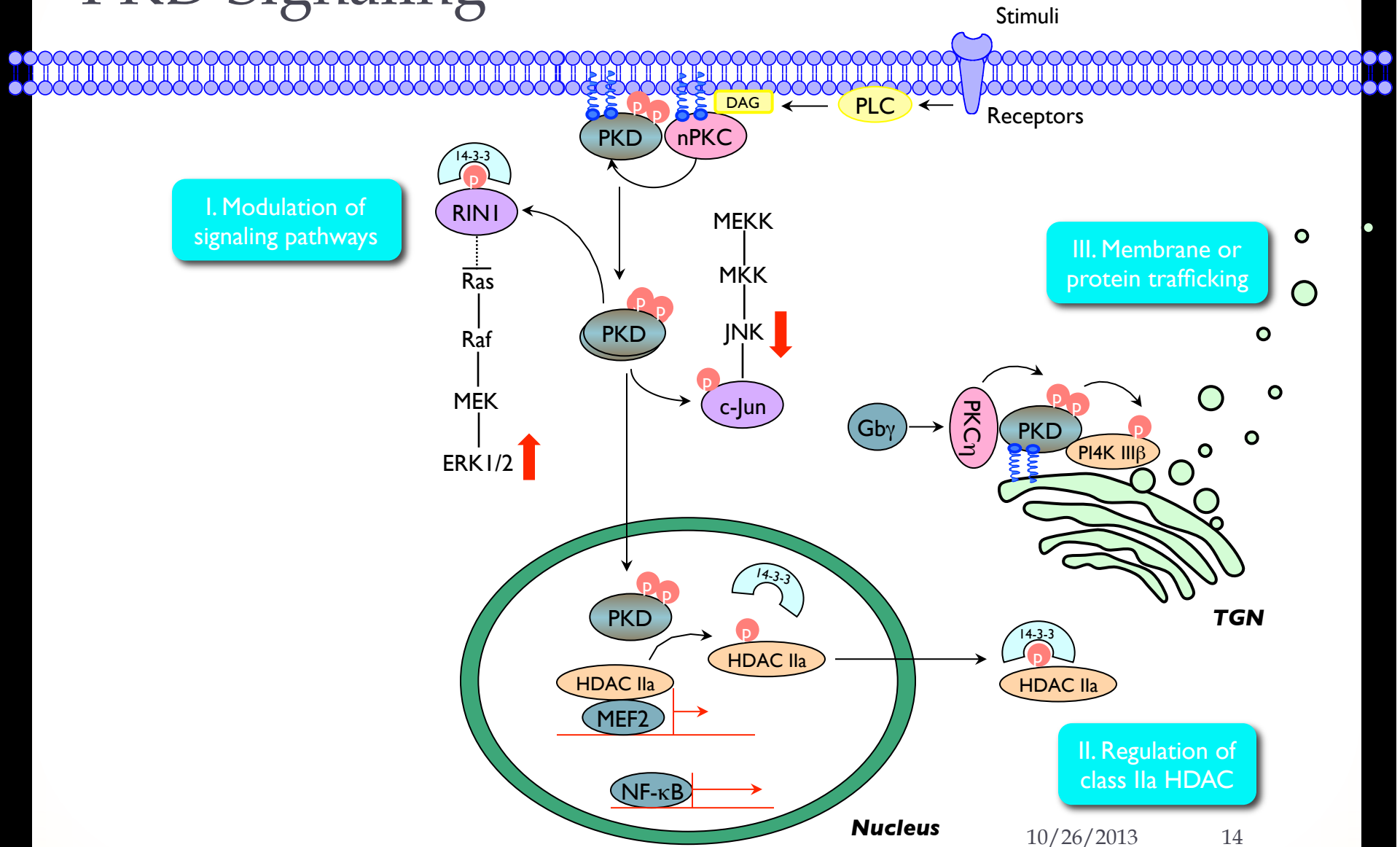
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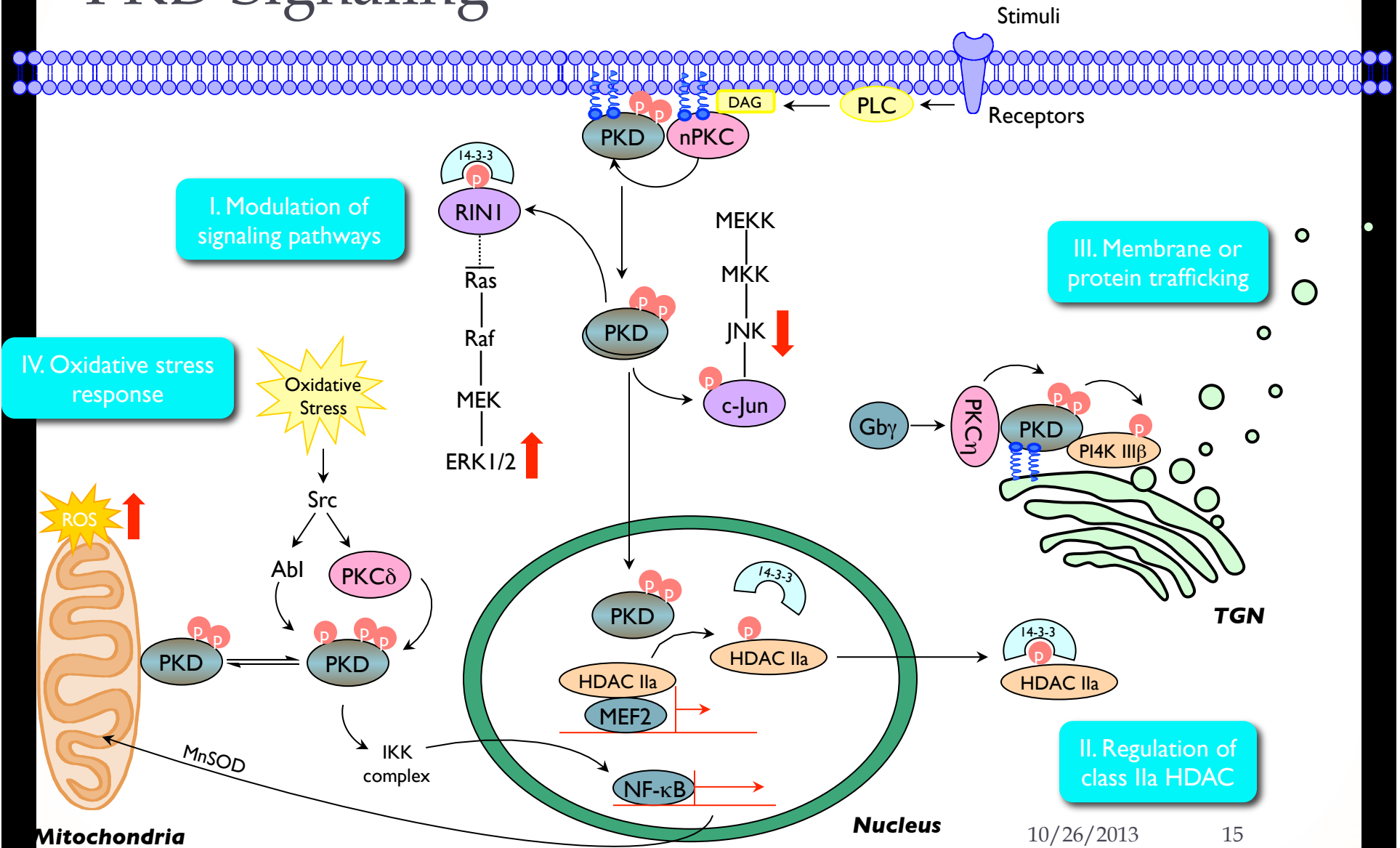
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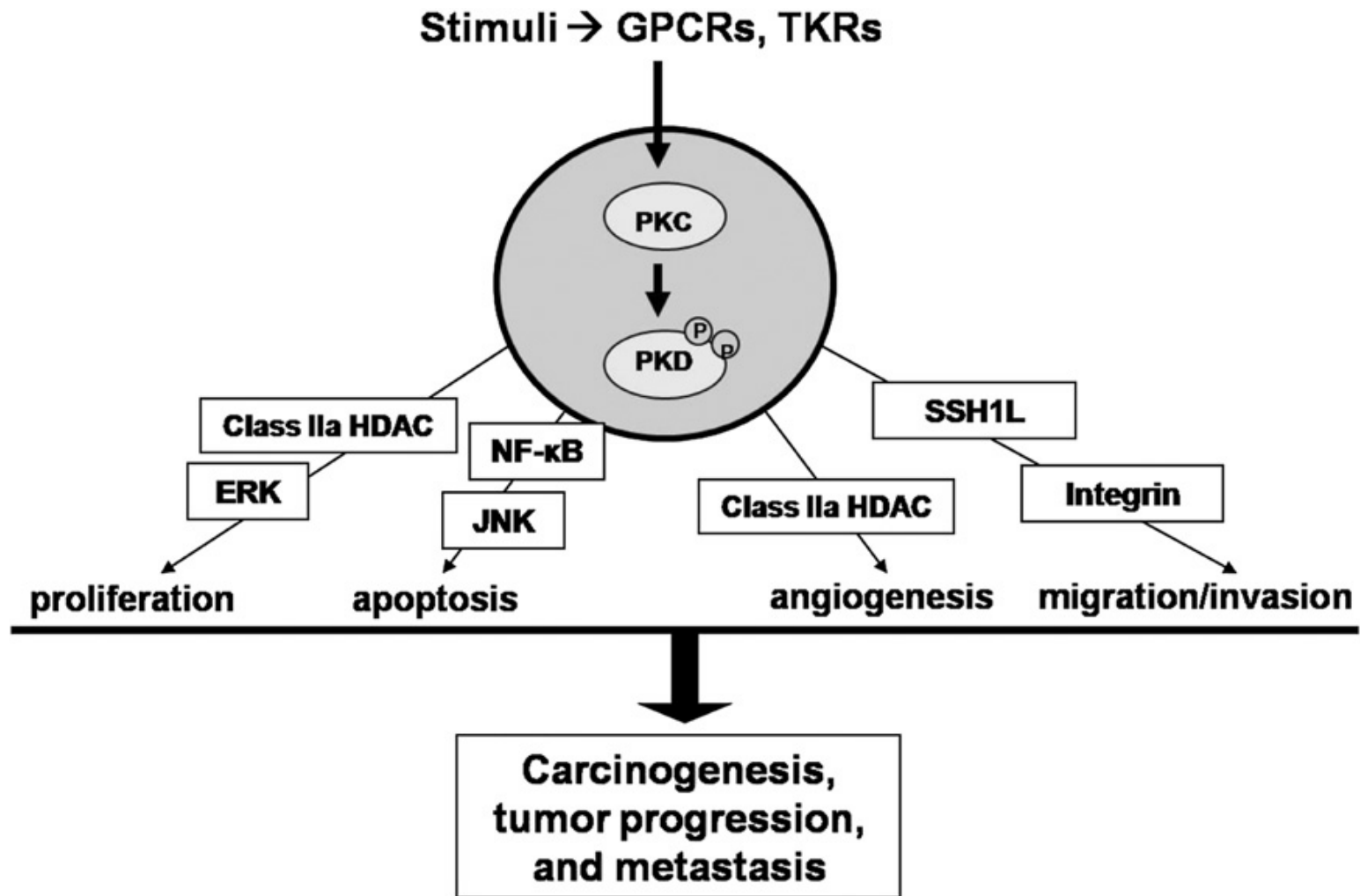
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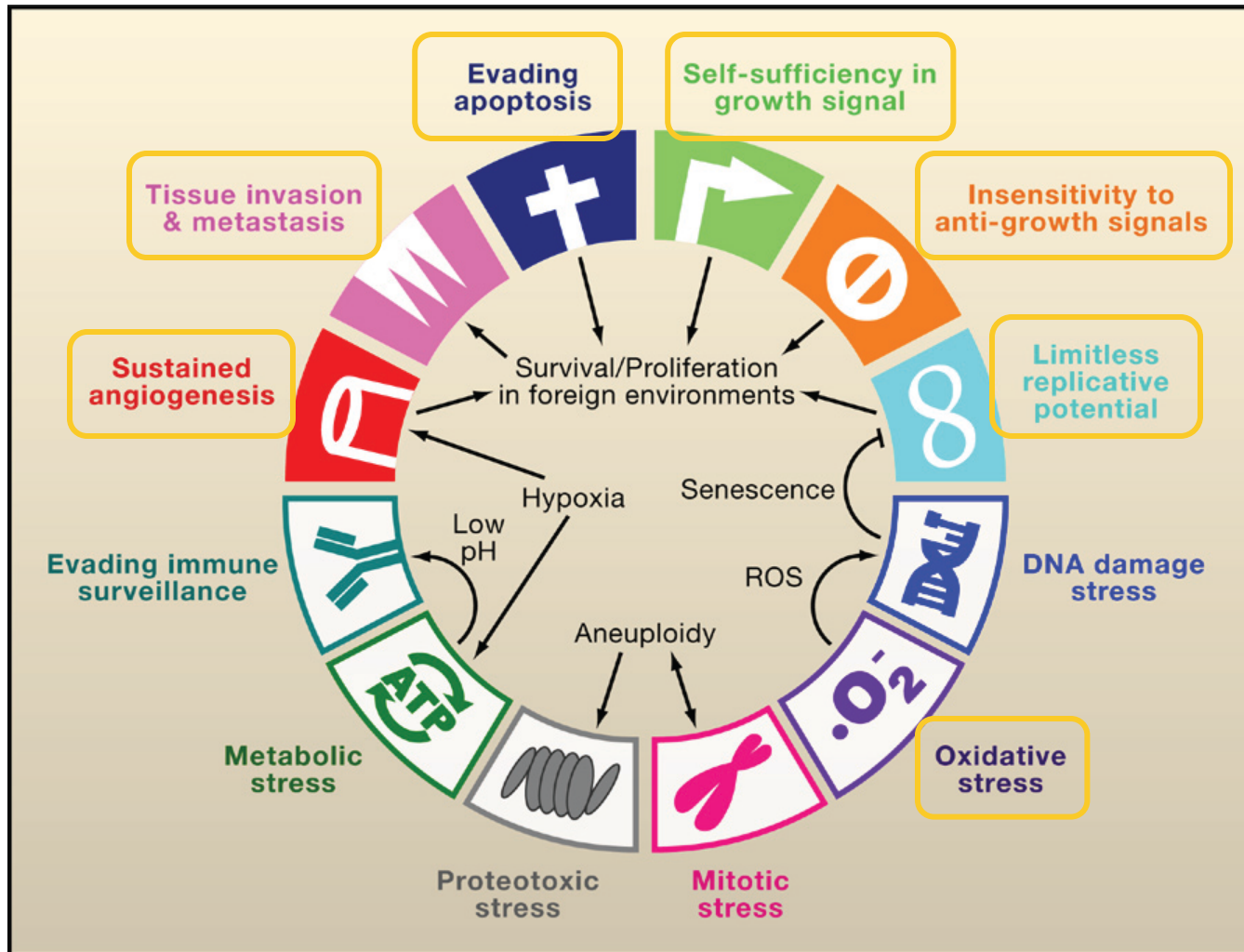
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# PKD Role in Cancer





# PKD Role



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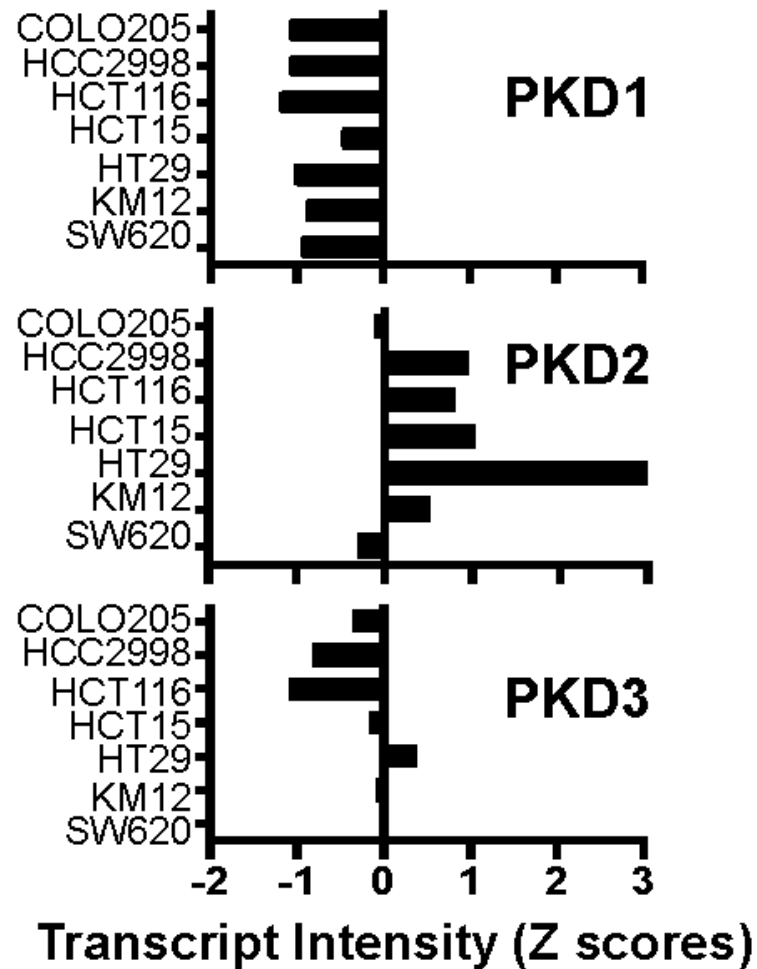
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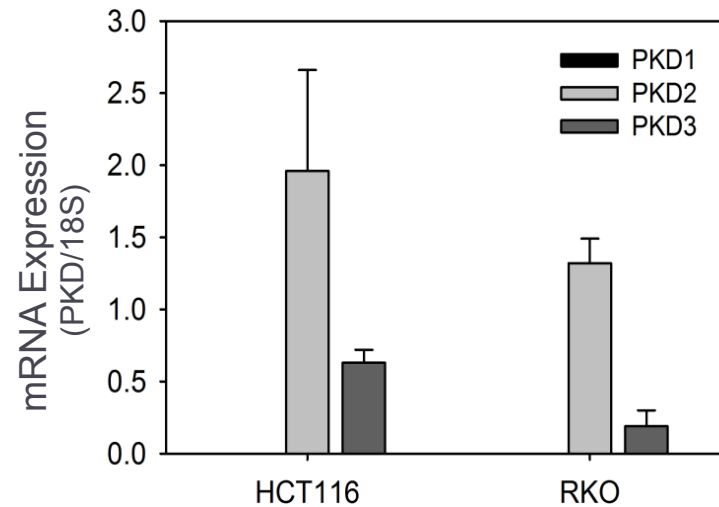
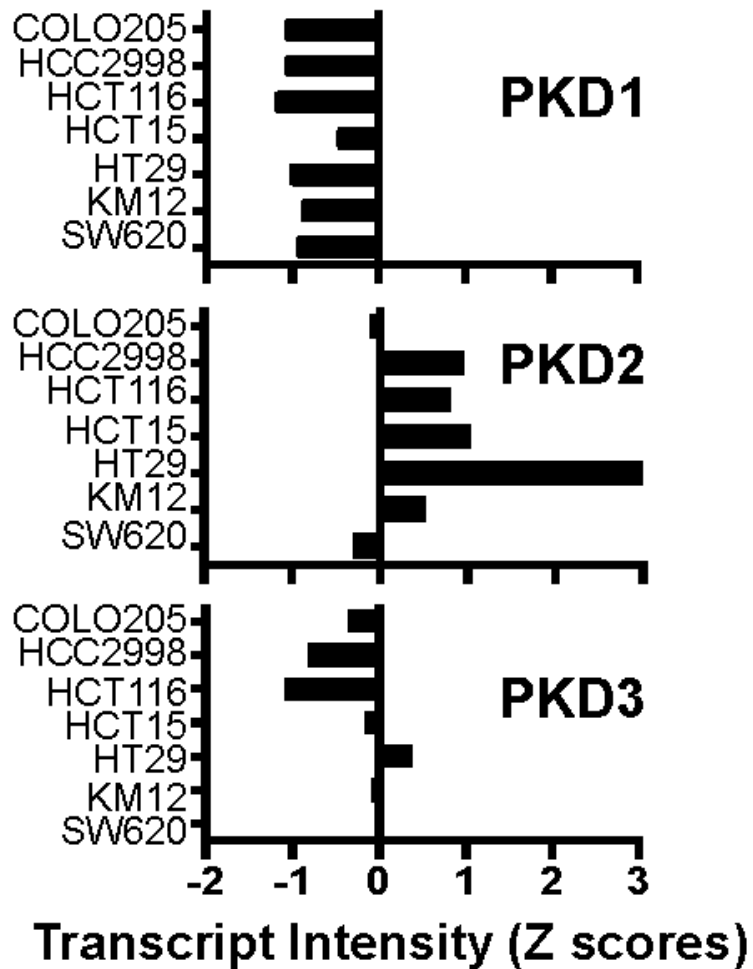
# Altered Expression of PKD in Cancer

PKD Isoform	Cancer Type	Expression	Effect
PKD1	Breast	Decreased	Correlated to more invasive tumors
	Basal Cell Carcinoma	Increased	Linked to increased proliferation
	Gastric	Decreased	
	Leukemia	Decreased	
	Pancreatic	Increased	
PKD2	Prostate	Increased/Decreased	Decreased in androgen-independent tumors
	Colon	Increased	
	Gastric	Increased	
	Glioblastoma	Increased	Level of expression correlated to tumor grade
	Lymphoma	Increased/Decreased	
PKD3	Prostate	Increased	Level of expression correlated to tumor grade

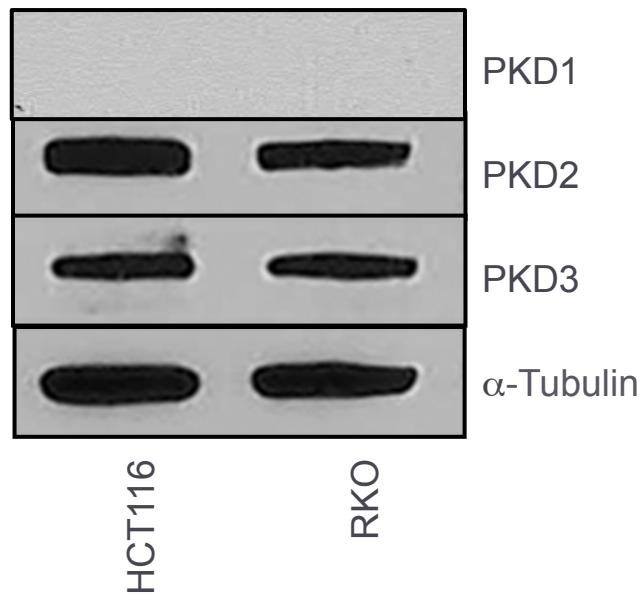
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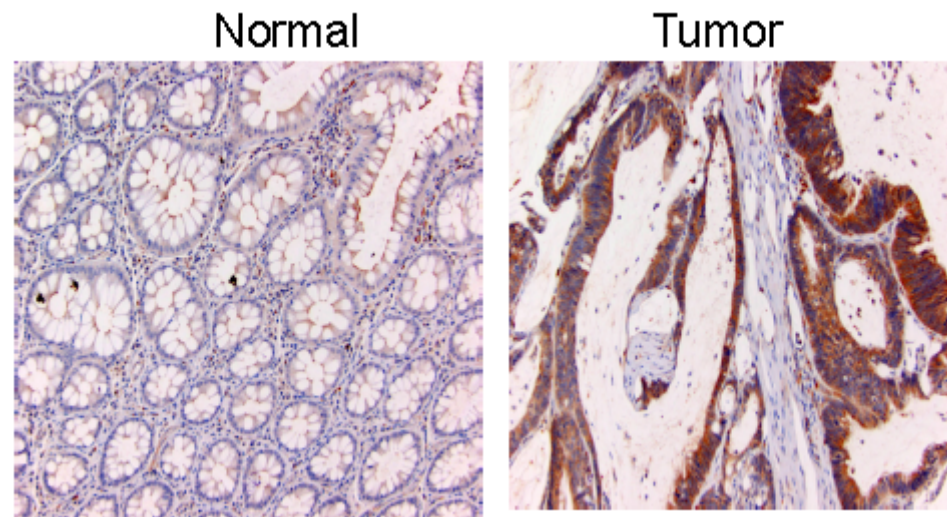
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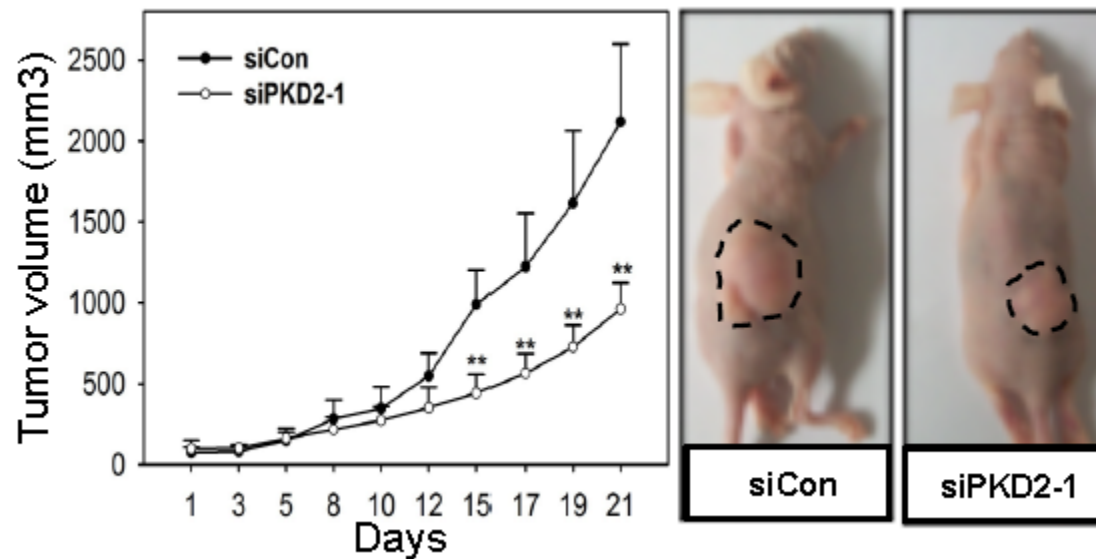


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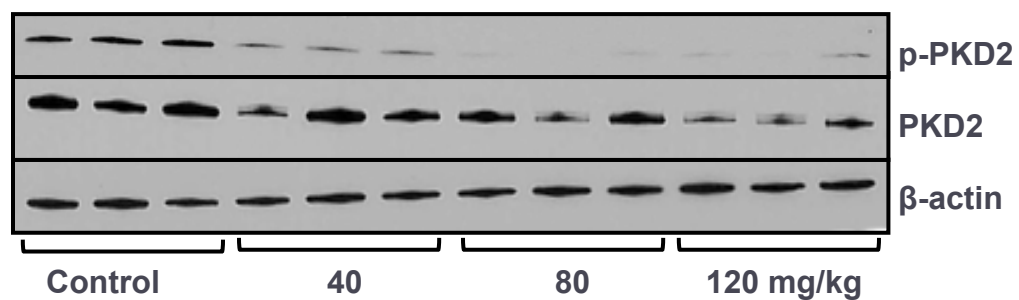
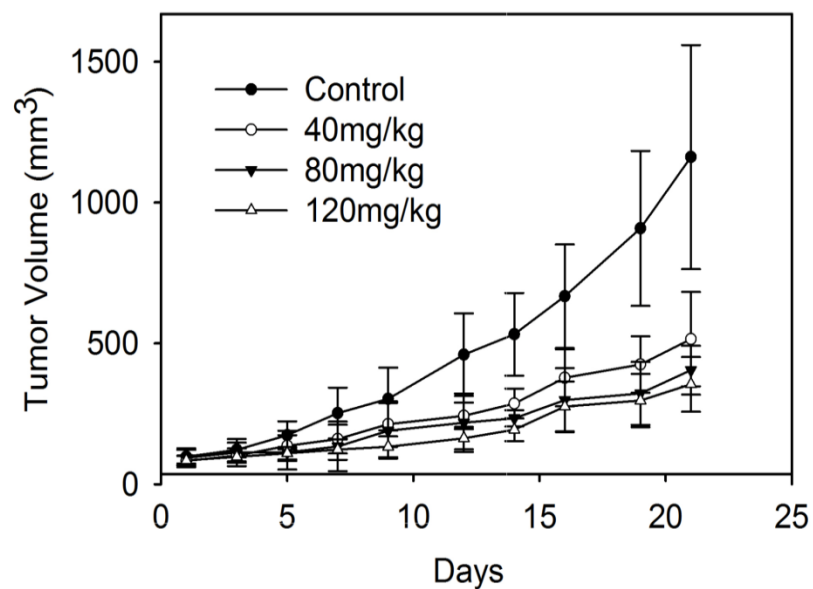
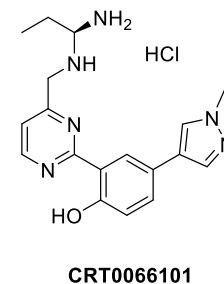


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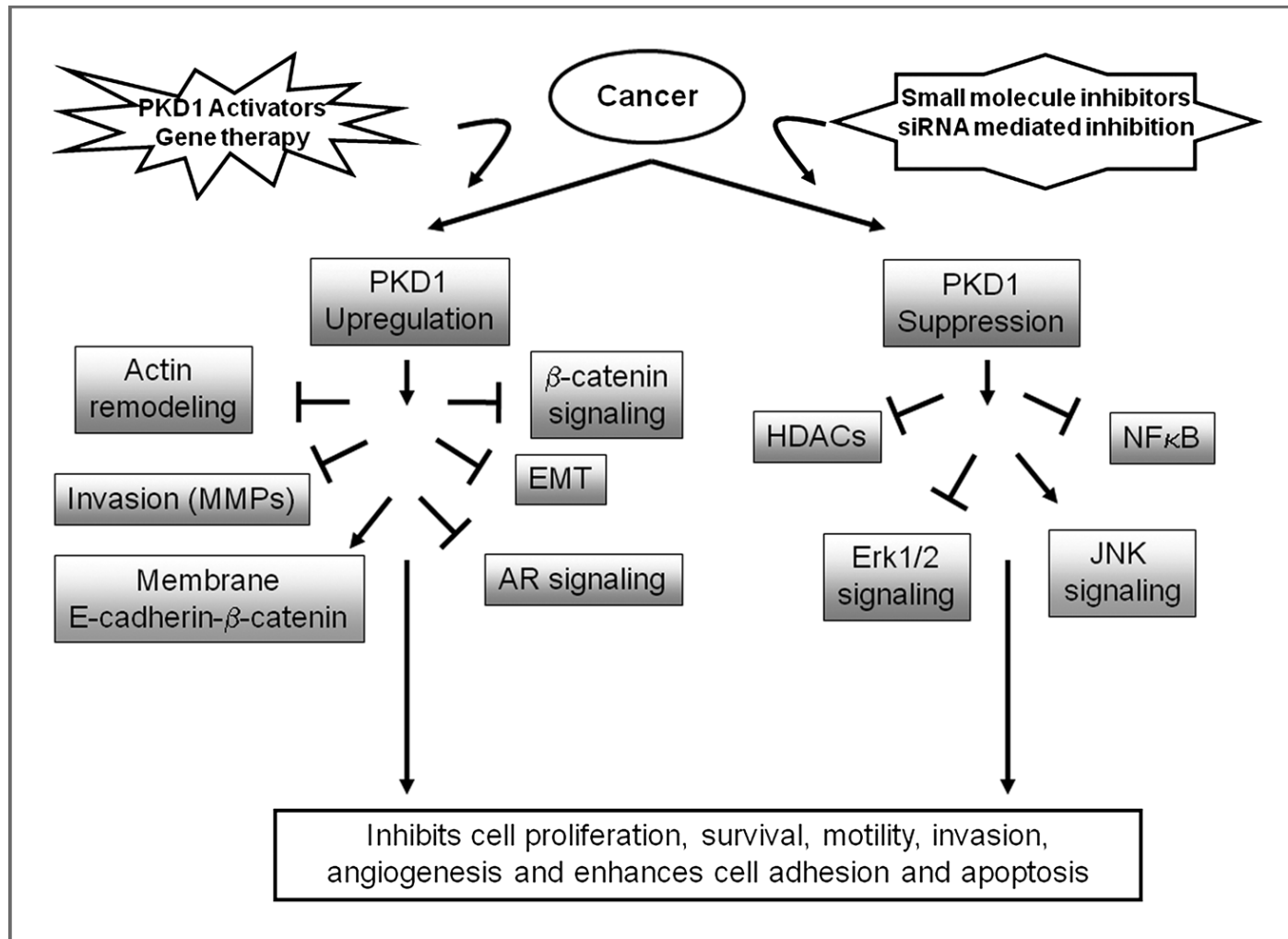
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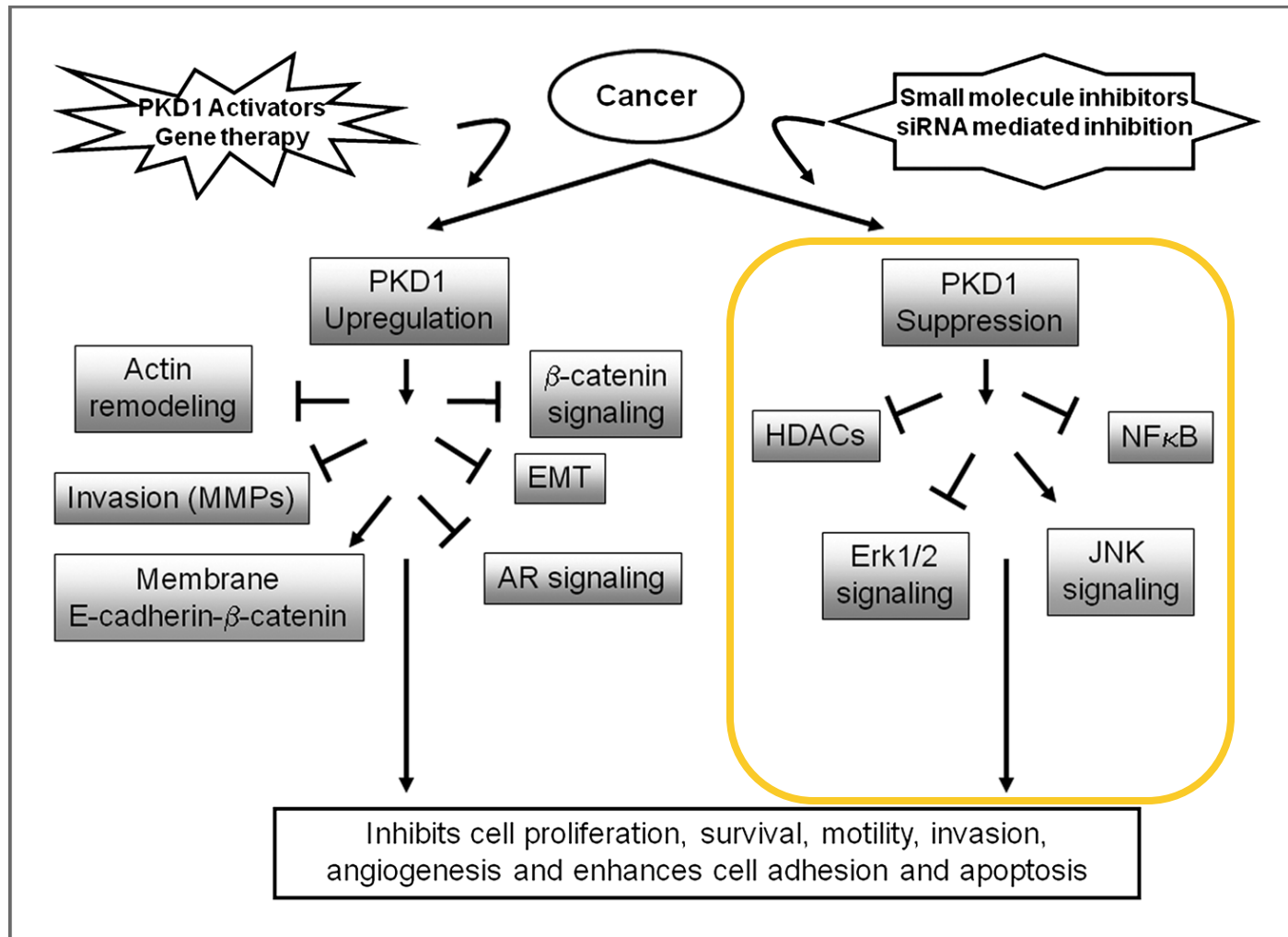


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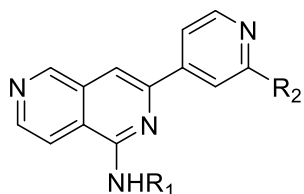


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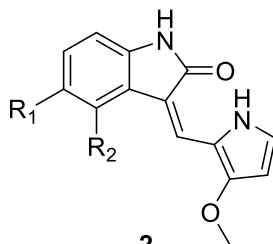
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- Upon review of the literature 11 PKD inhibitor chemotypes were identified:



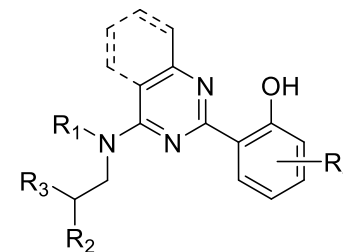
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Most potent inhibitor:  
PKD1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.6 nM  
Cellular IC<sub>50</sub> = 32 nM  
\*Pan-PKD activity



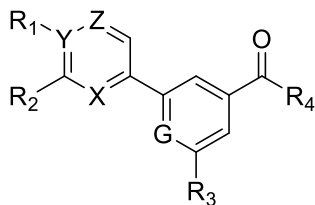
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Most potent inhibitor:  
97% PKD1 inhibition  
at 1 μM  
\*known CDK2 inhibitor



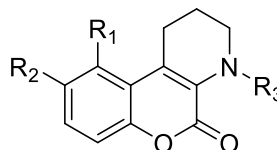
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PKD1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 1 nM  
Cellular IC<sub>50</sub> (PANC-1) = 1 nM  
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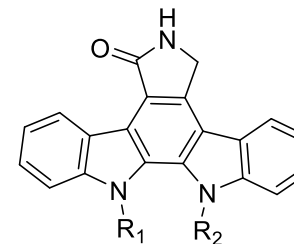
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Most potent inhibitor:  
PKD1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 4 nM  
\*Moderate PKD2 activity



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Most potent inhibitor:  
PKD1 IC<sub>50</sub> = 2.1 μM  
Cellular IC<sub>50</sub> (LNCaP) =  
>50 μM



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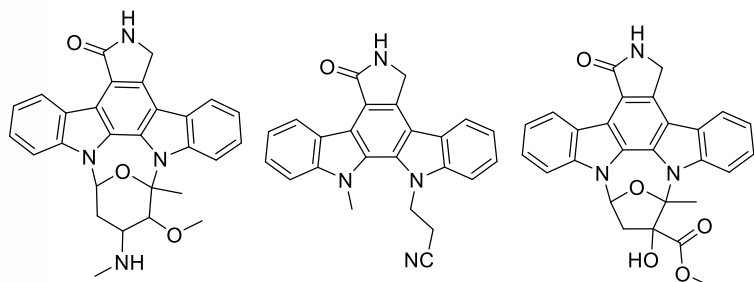
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# PKD Inhibitors



Staurosporine

Gö6976

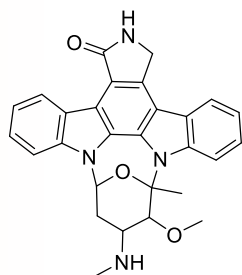
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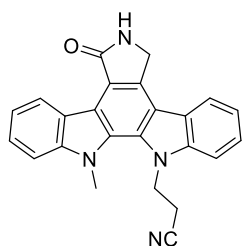
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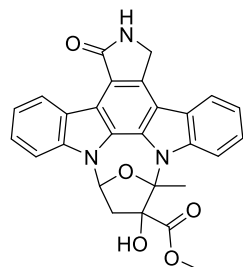


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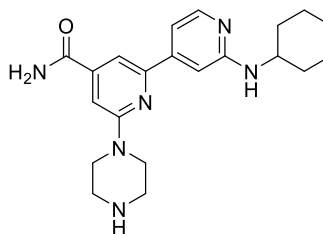
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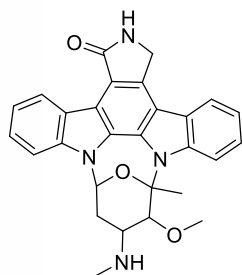
BPKDi

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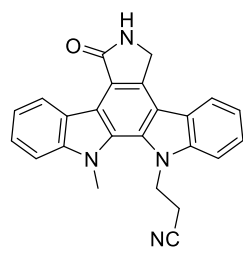
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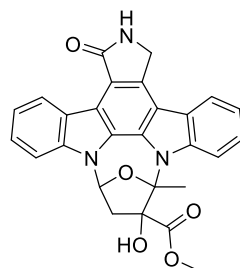


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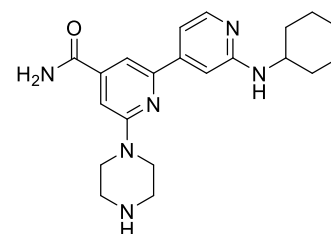
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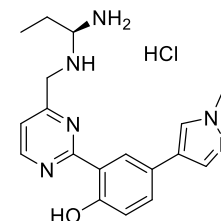


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- Cellular IC<sub>50</sub> of 0.5  $\mu$  M in PANC-1 cells
- Orally bioavailable
- Effective *in vivo* against pancreatic cancer

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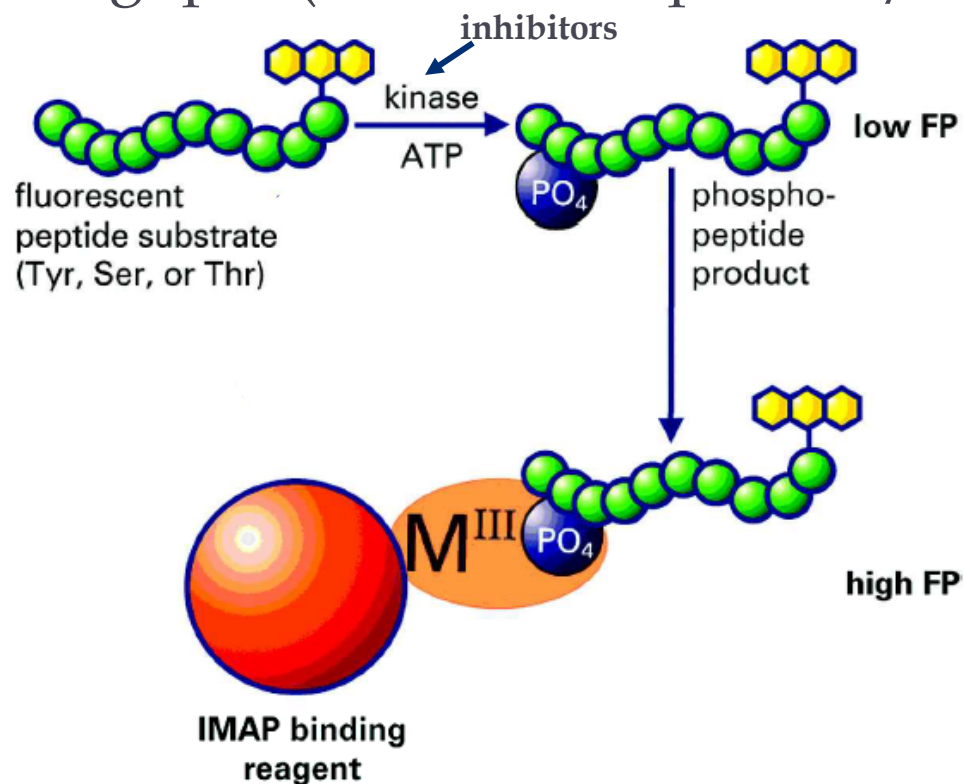
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- Identify **14** compounds to screen in cells

## Tertiary Screen

- Cell based assays
- Identify **8** compounds to select from for synthesis, SAR, and biological evaluation

# IMAP - Immobilized metal ion affinity-based fluorescence polarization detection

- Used for kinases and phosphatases
- Homogeneous
- High throughput (>40,000 compounds/day)



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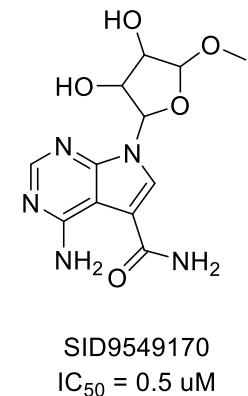
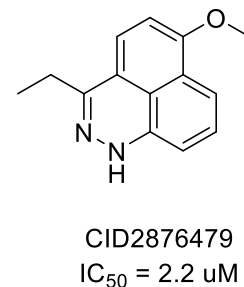
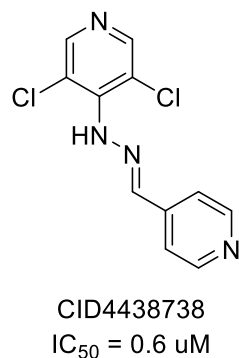
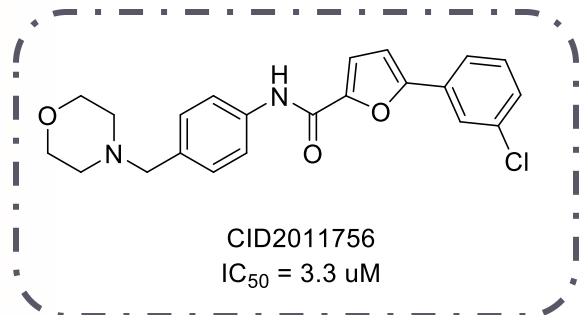
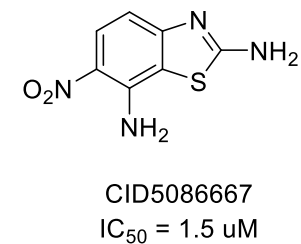
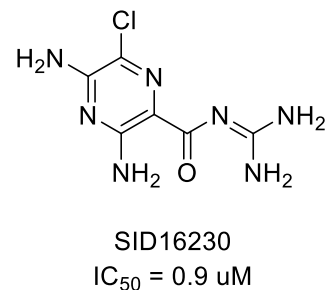
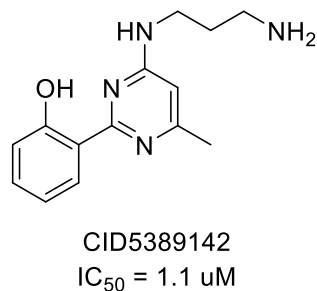
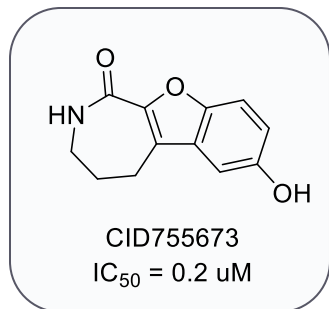
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