

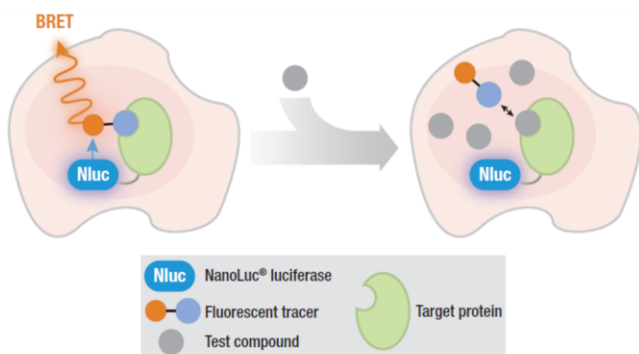
## CDK9/Cyclin K TE Assay

**Assay Format:** ADH (1)  
**NanoBRET™ Tracer:** K-8 (2)  
**100X [Tracer]:** 6.3 μM in DMSO  
**Final [Tracer]:** 0.063 μM  
**Assay Category:** High Window (3)  
**Z':** 0.91

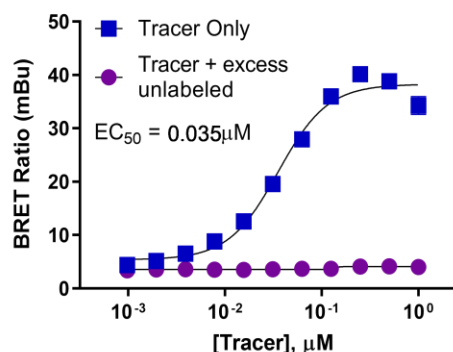
### Materials Needed

- NanoLuc®-CDK9 Fusion Vector (Cat.# NV2871)
- CCNK Expression Vector (Cat.# NV2661)
- NanoBRET™ TE Intracellular Kinase Assay, K-8 (Cat.# N2620, N2621, N2820; 2)

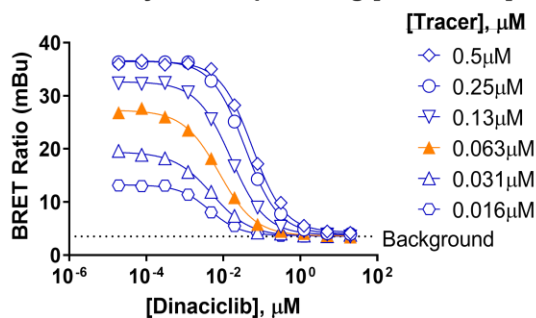
### Overview of the NanoBRET TE Assay



### NanoLuc-CDK9/Cyclin K Tracer K-8 Dose Response

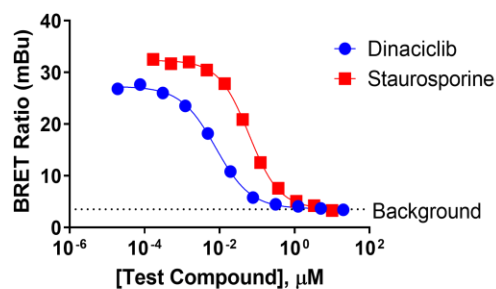


### NanoLuc-CDK9/Cyclin K Optimizing [Tracer K-8]



	0.5 μM	0.25 μM	0.13 μM	0.063 μM	0.031 μM	0.016 μM
IC <sub>50</sub>	0.056	0.037	0.016	0.0079	0.0051	0.0045

### NanoLuc-CDK9/Cyclin K Example Compound Profiling



	Dinacilib	Staurosporine
IC <sub>50</sub>	0.0079	0.061

### Example NanoBRET™ Tracer K-8 data in HEK293 cells transiently expressing NanoLuc®-CDK9

**Top Left Panel:** Overview of the NanoBRET™ TE Assay. **Other Panels:** HEK293 cells were first transfected with NanoLuc®-CDK9 Fusion Vector and CCNK Expression Vector (1 to 9 transfection ratio) and then were subsequently resuspended in OptiMEM prior to seeding into 96-well plates: **Top Right Panel:** Tracer affinity was measured by treating the cells with increasing concentrations of tracer in the presence or absence of a molar excess of unlabeled compound. **Bottom Left Panel:** The apparent cellular affinity of the unlabeled compound was measured at multiple fixed concentrations of the tracer, where the IC<sub>50</sub> at the recommended tracer concentration is depicted in orange (4). **Bottom Right Panel:** An example compound profiling experiment at the recommended tracer concentration is provided.



## NanoBRET™ TE Intracellular Kinase Assay

### Notes:

- (1) This assay is run in the adherent format. See the **NanoBRET™ TE Intracellular Kinase Assay, Adherent Format** Technical Manual (#TM598) for protocol details.
- (2) NanoBRET™ Tracer K-8 is supplied within the **NanoBRET™ TE Intracellular Kinase Assay, K-8** products (N2620, N2621, N2820). Additional assay components are supplied within these kits, including the NanoBRET™ Nano-Glo® Substrate, Extracellular NanoLuc® Inhibitor, and TE Tracer Dilution Buffer. Additionally, NanoLuc®-GSK3B Fusion Vector (as a control) and Transfection Carrier DNA are provided in products N2620 and N2621. Transfection carrier DNA products (E4881 and E4882) are also available separately. For full details, please see the Promega website or technical manual for these products.
- (3) Assay category is defined by the assay window at the recommended tracer concentration. It is detailed in section 7.A within the **NanoBRET™ TE Intracellular Kinase Assay, Adherent Format** Technical Manual (#TM598).
- (4) See section 5 of **NanoBRET™ TE Intracellular Kinase Assay, Adherent Format** Technical Manual (#TM598) regarding approaches to achieve quantitative analysis of test compound affinity.
- (5) NanoBRET™ TE Intracellular Assays have also been applied to Residence Time analysis. For a kinase example, please refer to Forster, M. *et al.* For an HDAC example please refer to Robers, M.B. *et al.*

### References:

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Further information can be found in Technical Manual #TM598, available at: [www.promega.com/protocols](http://www.promega.com/protocols)