Tales of 1,008 Small Molecules: Phenomic Profiling through Live-cell Imaging in a Panel of Reporter Cell Lines

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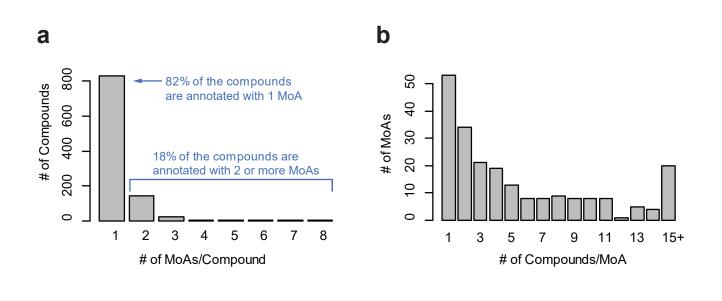
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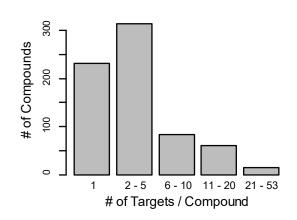
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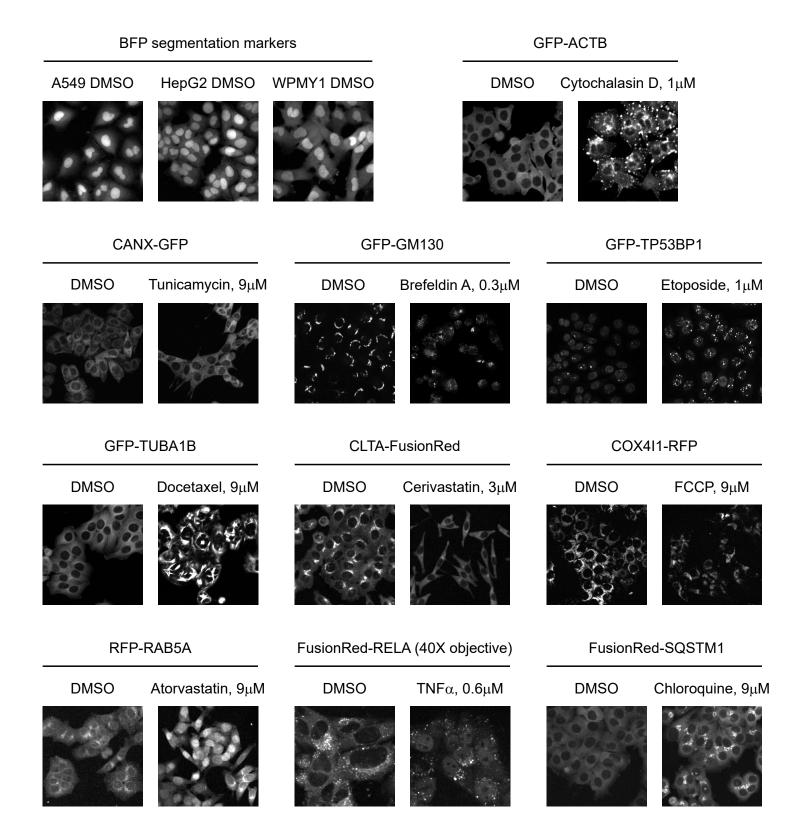
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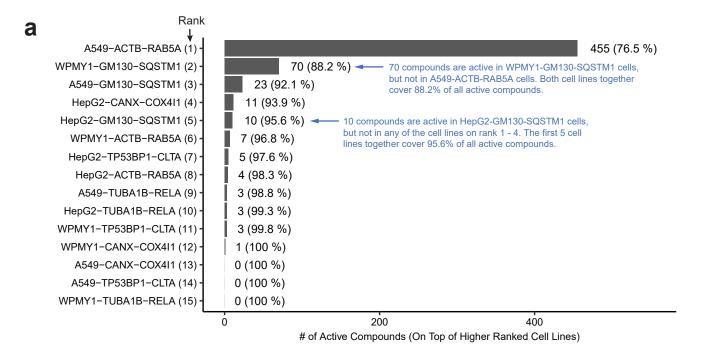
Summary of MoA and target annotations for our chemical compound library.

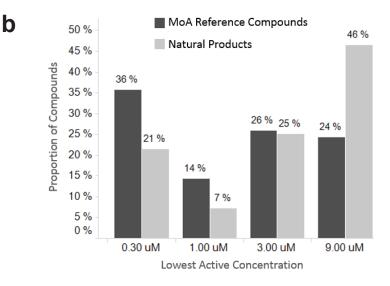
- (a) Number of MoAs per compound.
- (b) Number of compounds per MoA.
- (c) Number of targets per compound (MoA-annotated reference compounds and natural products).



Marker validation - microscopy images of the fluorescent markers expressed in the different reporter cell lines used in this study are shown.

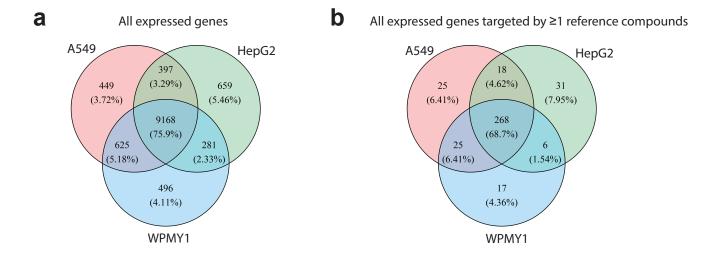
The BFP nuclear and cytoplasmic segmentation markers are pictured in control (DMSO-treated) A549, HepG2, and WPMY1 cells. To ensure that the fluorescent GFP/FusionRed/RFP tags did not impact the expected subcellular localization or function of the organelle and pathway markers, cells were treated with either DMSO or a tool compound known to perturb the localization or expression of the marker being visualized. FusionRed-RELA images are from WPMY1 cells imaged at 40× magnification. All other GFP/FusionRed/RFP images were taken at 20x magnification in the HepG2 background.





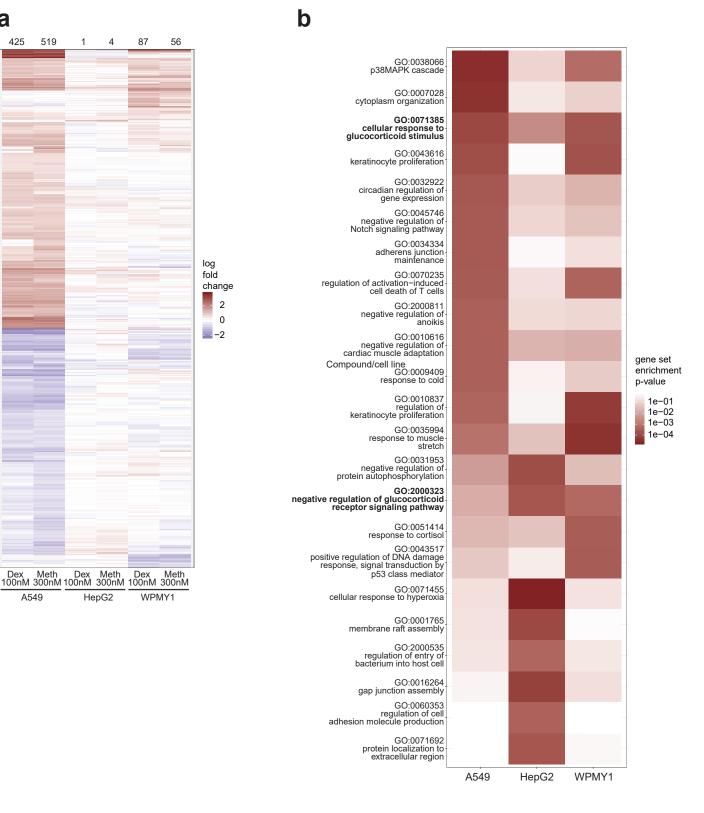
(a) 92.1% of the active compounds were captured with just three cell lines. Cell lines were ranked by number of active compounds, starting with the A549-ACTB-RAB5A cell line which had the largest number of active compounds and then iteratively adding the cell line with the largest number of active compounds that were not active in any of the higher ranked cell lines.

(b) Natural products showed a greater tendency to be phenotypically active only at the highest tested concentration compared to the MoA reference compounds. Bar graph shows the lowest active concentration (minimum over cell lines) of compounds that were phenotypically active in ≥1 cell line.



Gene and target expression patterns in A549, HepG2, and WPMY1 cell lines.

(a) Venn diagram showing overlap of expressed genes in the three parental cell lines, based on microarray data.
(b) Same as (a) but limited to the 390 expressed genes that were targeted by ≥1 of the compounds tested (including natural products). An additional 302 gene products annotated to compounds in our chemical library were not expressed in any of the three parental cell lines.

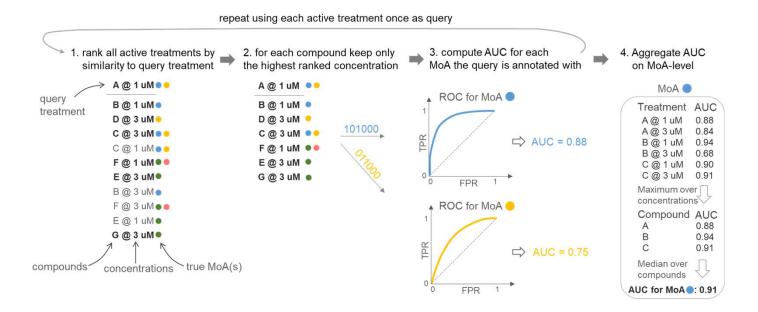


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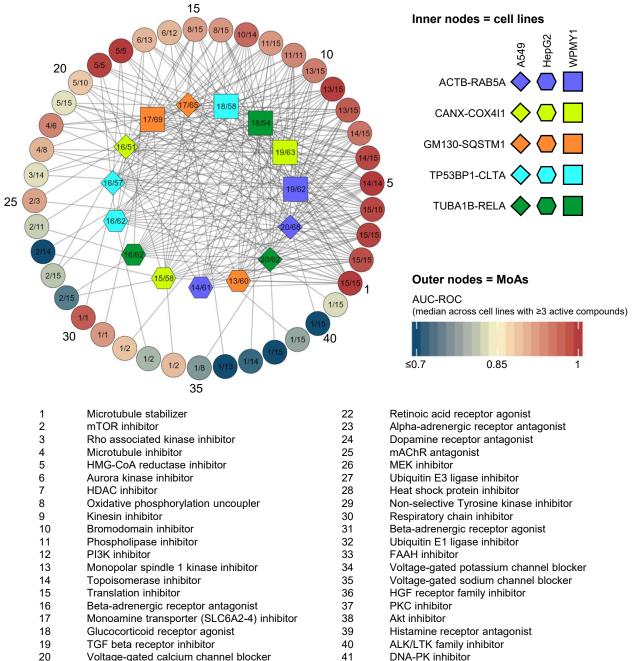
Genes

GR agonists elicited a more robust transcriptional response in A549 cells than in HepG2 or WPMY1 cells. (a) Hierarchically clustered heat map showing all genes that were significantly up- or down-regulated (adjusted p-value of treatment versus DMSO <0.05) in ≥1 cell line after treatment with the GR agonists dexamethasone (Dex) or methylprednisolone (Meth) for 4 hours. Numbers at the top of the heat map indicate how many genes were significantly up- or down-regulated.

(b) Heat map showing all pathways (Gene Ontology biological processes) with gene set enrichment p-value <5×10⁻⁴ in ≥1 cell line upon treatment with methylprednisolone at the lowest concentration (300 nM) used in the live-cell imaging screen. Pathways (rows) are sorted by increasing p-value in A549 cells.



AUC-ROC computation procedure to quantify how well each MoA can be distinguished from other MoAs, illustrated with seven compounds (named A - G) at two concentrations and annotated for four different MoAs (coloured circles). Here, compounds D and G are not active at 1 μ M and therefore only occur at 3 μ M in the ranking illustrated in Step 1. The sequences of 0's and 1's for the blue and the orange MoA correspond to the ranked compounds as illustrated in Step 2; they indicate whether or not the respective compound share the respective MoA with the query and define a ROC curve for each MoA. Abbreviations: FPR = false positive rate, TPR = true positive rate

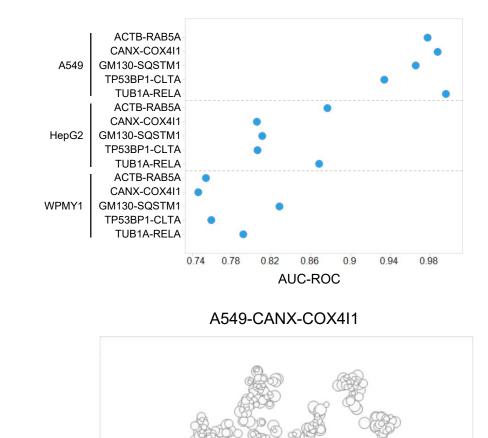


PKA inhibitor 21

41 **DNA-PK** inhibitor

Supplementary Figure S9

Network diagram summarizing the results of the imaging screens performed in this study. Nodes on the inner circle represent cell lines, while nodes on the outer circle represent MoAs. A cell line and MoA node are connected by an edge if AUC-ROC ≥0.9 for that MoA/cell line pair (i.e., the MoA is considered distinguishable in that cell line). No edges are drawn between cell lines or between MoAs. In the cell line nodes the two numbers indicate number of MoAs with AUC-ROC ≥0.9 / number of MoAs with ≥3 active compounds. In the MoA nodes the two numbers indicate number of cell lines where AUC-ROC ≥0.9 / number of cell lines in which ≥3 compounds were active. This figure was created in Cytoscape version 3.8.0 (https://cytoscape.org/) and R version 3.6.1 (https://www.R-project.org/) using the ggplot2 package version 3.2.1 (https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/).



Rotenone, 1 uM Rotenone, 3 uM Rotenone, 9 uM Microtubule

Inhibitors

Rotenone, 0.3 uM

Oligomycin A, 0.3 uM

Oligomycin A, 1 uM

Oligomycin A, 3 uM

Oligomycin A, 9 uM

A549 cells exhibited more functionally informative responses to mitochondrial toxicants (oligomycin A, CCCP, FCCP, rotenone, malonoben, phenformin, and antimycin A) than HepG2 and WPMY1 cells.

FCCP, 9 uM

phenformin, 9 uM

Malonoben, 9 uM

CCCP, 9 uM

PF 3845, 9 uM

Arctigenin, 3 uM Arctigenin, 9 uM TAK 165, 0.3 uM TAK 165, 1 uM

TAK 165, 3 uM TAK 165, 9 uM

antimycin a, 0.3 uM

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antimycin a, 3 uM

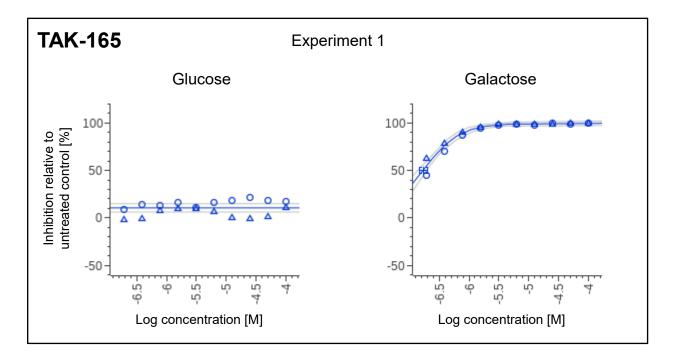
antimycin a, 9 uM

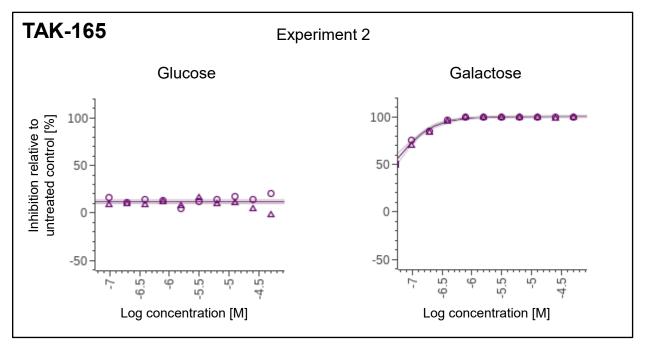
(a) AUC-ROC indicating how well the mitochondrial toxicants oligomycin A, CCCP, FCCP, rotenone, malonoben, phenformin, and antimycin A could be distinguished from all other MoAs in each cell line.

(b) t-SNE map showing all active treatments in the A549-CANX-COX4I1 cell line with the active concentrations of the seven mitochondrial toxicants highlighted in blue and the ErbB family inhibitor TAK 165, the FAAH inhibitor PF 3845, and the MEK and IkB kinase inhibitor arctigenin highlighted in orange. Rotenone clusters at high concentrations with microtubule inhibitors and this observation is consistent with a reported off-target effect of Rotenone on microtubules (Heinz, S. et al. Sci. Rep. 7, 45465 [2017]). Marker size indicates compound concentration; each marker represents a distinct treatment (median of four replicates). This figure was created in TIBCO Spotfire Analyst version 10.3.3 (https://www.tibco.com/products/tibco-spotfire).

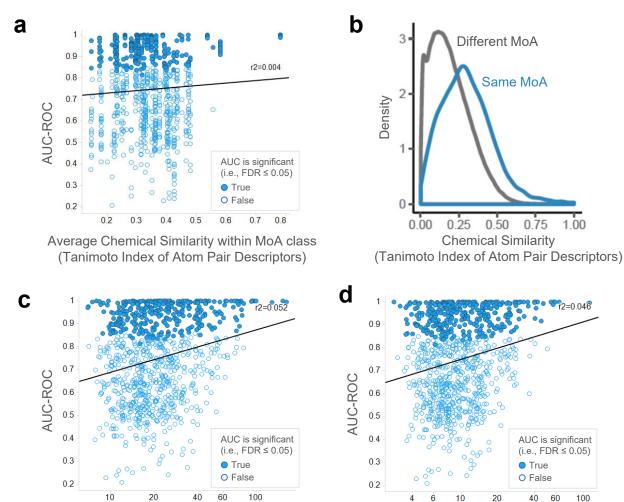
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TAK-165 was tested for mitochondrial toxicity in the Glu/Gal assay (2 independent experiments shown). Cells cultured in galactose are reliant on respiration for the production of ATP and cellular growth and are highly sensitive to treatment with TAK-165. In contrast, TAK-165 has little effect on glucose-grown cells, which produce ATP primarily via glycolysis. These results indicate that TAK-165 can impair mitochondrial function. Arctigenin and PF 3845 were also found to have similar activity (see Supplementary Table S5).



Median Phenotype Strength ("Euclidean")

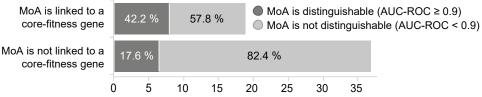
Median Phenotype Strength ("Max")

Supplementary Figure S12

How well MoAs can be distinguished was not explained by the chemical similarity of co-annotated compounds nor by the strength of the phenotypes they induced.

(a-b) MoA distinction performance did not correlate with chemical similarity. Each point in the scatter plot corresponds to a MoA/cell line pair. For each MoA the average chemical similarity of all compounds with that MoA active in \geq 1 cell line is shown on the horizontal axis. The vertical axis shows how well the MoA could be distinguished from all other MoAs. The straight line is a least square fit of the data. (b) Density plot of chemical similarities of all tested compounds (independent of phenotypic activity) showing that most compounds with shared MoA had low chemical similarity.

(c-d) MoA distinction performance did not depend on the strength of the phenotype. (c) Each point in the scatter plot corresponds to a MoA/cell line pair. For each treatment the strength of the phenotype it induced was computed as the Euclidean distance of the treatment's signature to the mean DMSO control signature (which is a zero vector), and summarized on MoA level by taking the median phenotype strength over the same set of treatments with that MoA as considered in the AUC computation. Horizontal axis is shown on log10-scale. The straight line is a least square fit of the data. (d) Same as (c) but phenotype strength was computed as the maximum absolute feature value (i.e., z-score relative to DMSO control) in the compound's signature.



Number of MoAs (Average over 15 Reporter Cell Lines)

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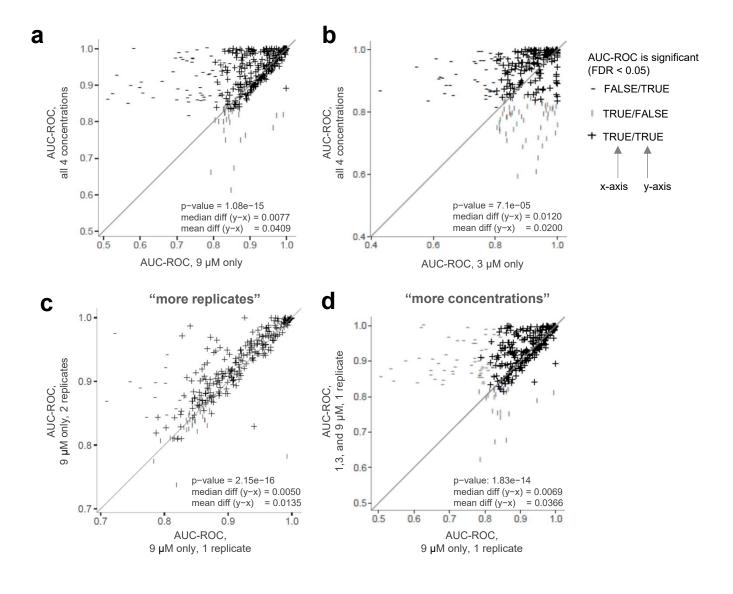
			# of MoAs	# of MoAs	# of MoAs	# of MoAs
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Cell Line	Fisher's Exact Test	Odds Ratio	not linked to core-fitness gene"	linked to core-fitness gene"	not linked to core-fitness gene"	linked to core-fitness gene"
A549-TP53BP1-CLTA	0.00771	6.25	29	10	4	
HepG2-TUBA1B-RELA	0.00826	5.72	33	10	5	
HepG2-CANX-COX4I1	0.01301	5.95	31	10	4	
HepG2-GM130-SQSTM1	0.01590	5.43	31	11	4	
HepG2-ACTB-RAB5A	0.04003	4.08	33	11	5	
A549-CANX-COX4I1	0.04098	4.43	23	10	4	
WPMY1-TUBA1B-RELA	0.05138	4.03	25	9	6	
WPMY1-GM130-SQSTM1	0.06032	3.26	35	12	7	
HepG2-TP53BP1-CLTA	0.10819	3.15	31	11	7	
A549-GM130-SQSTM1	0.11666	2.70	33	12	7	
A549-ACTB-RAB5A	0.12044	2.78	35	11	9	-
WPMY1-CANX-COX4I1	0.12312	2.68	30	11	8	-
A549-TUBA1B-RELA	0.12624	2.62	30	10	9	
WPMY1-ACTB-RAB5A	0.35559	1.86	29	12	9	
WPMY1-TP53BP1-CLTA	0.54879	1.48	25	13	9	

Supplementary Figure S13

Compounds that target core-fitness genes were more likely to induce phenotypes that are informative of MoA, but this result was statistically significant (p <0.05) in only 6 of the 15 cell lines.

(a) Summary graph, average MoA counts over the 15 reporter cell lines shown in (b).

(b) Table showing MoA counts of the four possible categories and associated Fisher's exact test results for each of the 15 reporter cell lines individually; based on all MoAs with ≥3 active target-annotated compounds in the respective cell line.

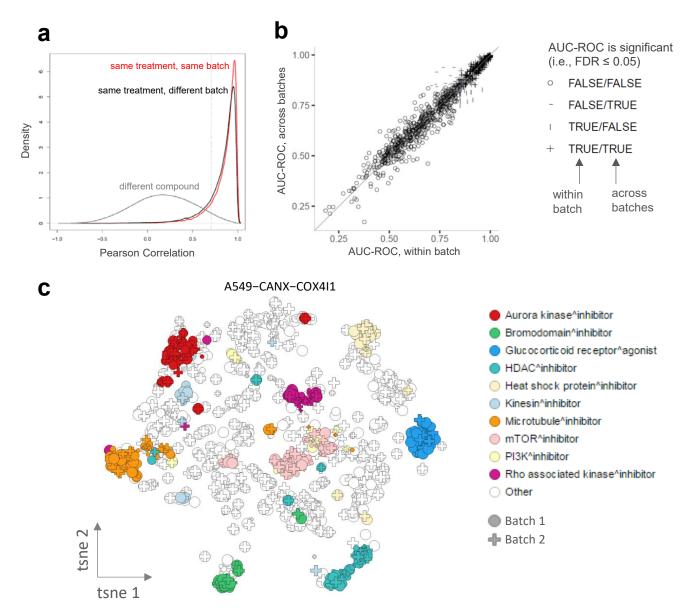


Comparisons of MoA distinction performance in terms of AUC-ROC for certain subsets of the data.

Each point corresponds to a MoA/cell line pair. Statistical significance of differences in AUC-ROC were assessed with one-sided Wilcoxon signed rank tests with the alternative hypothesis that there is a positive shift of the AUC-ROC values on the y-axis compared to the AUC-ROC values on the x-axis.

(a-b) Distinction performance significantly improved with more concentrations. (a) AUC-ROC computed based on only the 9 μ M data aggregated over both batches versus AUC-ROC computed based on data from all four concentrations aggregated over both batches (i.e., the entire available data set). (b) 3 μ M versus all concentrations; analogously to (a). While the overall distinction performance significantly improved with more concentrations, for some MoAs considering only the 3 μ M data yielded better performance.

(c-d) While more replicates of a single concentration also significantly improved MoA distinction performance, the improvement was 2.7 times larger on average when having more concentrations with a single replicate. This comparison was done such that for (c) and (d) approximately the same number of data points per compound was considered in the AUC-ROC computation. (c) AUC-ROC computed based on only the 9 μ M data from Batch 1 (i.e., 1 data point per compound) versus AUC-ROC computed based on the 9 μ M data from both batches, thereby keeping the two batches as separate data points (i.e., 2 data points per compound). (d) AUC-ROC computed based on only the 9 μ M data from Batch 1 (i.e., 1 data point per compound) versus AUC-ROC computed based on only the 9 μ M data from Batch 1 (i.e., 1 data point per compound) versus AUC-ROC computed based on only the 9 μ M data from Batch 1 (i.e., 1 data point per compound) versus AUC-ROC computed based on the 1, 3, and 9 μ M data from Batch 1 (resulting in 2.06 data points per compound on average; note that because only active treatments were considered the effective number of data points per compound was <3).



Assessment of batch effects.

(a) Replicates of active treatments produced highly similar imaging signatures within and across batches. 87.2% of the replicate pairs within the same batch (red line) and 83.4% of the replicate pairs across batches (black line) show higher correlation than the 95th percentile (dashed vertical line) of the correlations between the signatures of different compounds (grey line). Correlations were computed separately in each cell line for all pairs of wells belonging to active treatments (here: based on Euclidean distance to DMSO controls only) and then pooled into the three distributions shown.

(b) MoA AUC-ROC did not significantly drop when comparing signatures across different batches. Each point corresponds to a MoA/cell line pair. AUC-ROC for "within batch" (horizontal axis) was computed based on the signatures from Batch 1 for all treatments; AUC-ROC value for "across batches" (vertical axis) was computed based on the signature from Batch 1 for the query treatment and the signatures from Batch 2 for all other treatments ranked against the query treatment. No significant difference between AUC-ROC "within batch" and AUC-ROC "across batche" was observed (p-value = 0.372; two-sided Wilcoxon signed rank test); median difference (AUC-ROC "across batches" – AUC-ROC "within batches") = 0; mean difference (AUC-ROC "across batches" – AUC-ROC "within batches") = -0.000298.

(c) Consistent with the results in (b) t-SNE map of active treatments in the A549-CANX-COX4I1 cell line (as illustrative example) indicates absence of sizeable batch effects. Each point corresponds to a distinct treatment and batch. Size indicates concentration $(0.3 - 9 \mu M)$.

Panel (a) of this figure was created in R version 3.6.1 (https://www.R-project.org/); panels (b) and (c) were created in TIBCO Spotfire Analyst version 10.3.3 (https://www.tibco.com/products/tibco-spotfire).