

Target: Calcium Channels
Format: Targeted Venom Discovery Array

Code: T-VDA^{Ca2+}

Product Description

The calcium (Ca²⁺) channel Targeted Venom Discovery Array[™] (T-VDA^{Ca2+}) is specifically designed to maximise discovery of new tools. Ca²⁺ channels are important drug targets for a range of **neurological disorders**, specifically **pain**. Venoms from theraphosids (tarantulas), scorpions and snakes are rich sources of new Ca channel tools. These targeted arrays contain pure venom fractions from 12, 24, 48 or 96 species **optimised for identification of novel tools**. Each array contains characterised venoms active on calcium channels from the literature to act as positive controls. The control venoms for T-VDA^{Ca2+} include *Parabuthus transvaalicus* (South African fattail scorpion) which contains **Kurtoxin** with broad spectrum calcium channel activity L,T,N and P type channels¹; *Dendroaspis angusticeps* (Eastern green mamba) venom which contains **Calcicludin**, a potent L-type calcium channel blocker²; and *Hysteroocrates gigas* (Cameroon red baboon tarantula) venom which blocks N and E type calcium currents³. Other venom fractions making up the library have been specially selected by our drug discovery scientists to maximise novel hit potential.

- Venoms are supplied lyophilised in Echo[®] qualified acoustic source plates (Labcyte Inc) and are useable on any SBS footprint liquid handling device or by hand.
- 384-well format has 1µg venom fraction per well, re-suspension with 30µl will produce ~1.6µM-16µM stock concentration of peptides.
- 1536-well format has 300ng venom fraction per well, re-suspension with 10µl will produce ~1.5µM-15µM stock concentration of peptides.

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