Systems modeling of oncogenic G-protein and GPCR signaling reveals unexpected differences in downstream pathway activation

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Supplementary Figure 1. Gene expression heatmap from overexpression studies of oncogenic GNAQ and oncogenic CYSLTR2. HEK 293T cells were transfected with either: mock control, *GNAQ* Q209L or *CYSLTR2* L129Q constructs. Samples were prepped for bulk RNA-sequencing. Results are based on n=3 experimental replicates. Gene differential expression heatmap of top overexpressed genes (log2FC >0.5) for each condition compared to the mock control. The colorbar corresponds to the log2FC compared to mock control and the $*$ denotes significance as determined by an FDR-corrected p-value ≤ 0.05 .

Parameter Phenotype Histograms Legend

Supplementary Figure 2. Histograms presenting the distribution of parameter values that match or do not match the experimentally observed deficit of *CYSLTR2* **L129Q for activating the YAP/TAZ pathway along with the distribution of all the values sampled for each parameter.** Parameter values were deemed to match the experiment if simulation of the model resulted in the CysLT₂R WT/L129Q case having greater than or equal PLCβ activation and lower TRIO activation than the $Ga_q W T/Q209L$ case; otherwise the parameter set was considered not to match the experiment. The three most significant parameters discussed in the main text are highlighted in pink. The pink parameter indexes correspond to the following parameters, which are further described in the supplement: 1: total amount of heterotrimeric Gprotein, 2: basal amount of active receptor, 3: total amount of TRIO, 4: total amount of PLCβ, 5: total amount of RGS, 6: Ga_qGTP binding PLC β , 7: Ga_qGTP binding TRIO, 8: Ga_qGTP binding RGS, 9: fold PLCβ hydrolysis, 10: fold basal hydrolysis Q209L, 11: GEF stimulation by active receptor, 12: Bias of Q209L binding PLCβ, 13: Bias of Q209L binding TRIO.

Supplementary Figure 3. Evaluation of refined parameter estimates. (**a**) Characterization of the kineticsbased dynamic equilibrium mathematical model of $Ga_{q/11}$ and CysLT₂R signaling in UM. Active TRIO and PLCβ levels resulting from simulation of the model for modeled heterozygous (one copy) and homozygous (two copies) of *GNAQ/11* Q209L, and *CYSLTR2* L129Q compared to the modeled all *GNAQ/11* and *CYSLTR2* WT genotype. (**b**) Model simulations of $Ga_{q/11}$ -inhibitor dose responses on modeled GNAQ/11 WT, heterozygous R183C, and heterozygous Q209L genotypes.

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Supplementary Figure 4. Analysis of CYSLTR2 mutant and Plexin/Semaphorin alteration UM. (**a**) GSEA reveals no difference in either the "KRAS signaling up" (FDR=1, p-value=0.62) or the "YAP conserved" (FDR=1, p-value=0.96) signature after performing differential expression analysis of UM patients with *GNAQ/GNA11* mutations vs UM patients with *CYSLTR2* L129Q mutations from TCGA and cBioPortal 53,54. (**b**) Genes found to be significantly differentially expressed (absolute log2 fold change>0.5 and adjusted p-value<0.05) between the two patient populations (a positive fold change indicates the gene is more highly expressed in GNAQ/GNA11 mutant patients). (**c**) GO enrichment analysis of co-occurring mutations found in *CYSLTR2* mutant UM. (**d**) Location of observed *PLXNA4* and *PLXND1* mutations in CYSLTR2 L129Q mutant UM patients from TCGA and cBioPortal 53,54

Supplementary Figure 5. Additional evidence that semaphorin and plexin genes impact uveal melanoma phenotypes. (**a**) Disease-specific survival for UM patients with low expression of *PLXNB1* and *PLXNA1* mRNA (z-score<-2) and with high expression of *PLXNC1* and *SEMA4D* (z-score>2) from TCGA and cBioPortal 53,54. (**b**) Normalized levels of phosphorylated FAK for UM 92.1 cells treated with the indicated dose of FAK inhibitor VS-4718. Error bars indicate standard deviation, n=3. (**c**) Normalized cellular proliferation assays for UM 92.1 cells treated with the indicated dose of FAK inhibitor VS-4718. Error bars indicate standard deviation for 4 technical replicates within this experiment. Results are representative of 3 biological replicates. (**d**) Heatmap of differentially expressed genes in the semaphorin/plexin family for FAK inhibitor treated vs DMSO treated control for each day of sample collection. Entries are annotated with the adjusted p-value<0.05.

Source Data File. Uncropped blots that correspond with Figure 5c.

Supporting Information

Supplementary Model Rections and Equations Mechanistic reactions for model of WT GPCR signaling via $G\alpha_{q/11}.$ For a schematic see Figure 1 of the main text.

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G_{\alpha}GDP + G_{\beta\gamma} \xrightarrow[k_{\alpha\alpha1}]{k_{\alpha1}} G
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G \xrightarrow[k_{\alpha\alpha11}[RL], K_{m1}]} G_{\alpha}GTP + G_{\beta\gamma}
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G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot TRIO \xrightarrow{k_{hyd}} G_{\alpha}GDP
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G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot FLC\beta \xrightarrow{k_{hyd}} G_{\alpha}GDP + FIC\beta
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G_{\alpha}GTP + PLC\beta \xrightarrow[k_{\alpha11}]{k_{\alpha11}} G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot PLC\beta
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G_{\alpha}GTP + TRIO \xrightarrow[k_{\alpha12}]{k_{\alpha12}} G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot TRIO
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G_{\alpha}NF + GTP \xrightarrow[k_{\alpha\alphaTP}]{k_{\alpha\alphaTP}} G_{\alpha}GTP
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G_{\alpha}NF + GDP \xrightarrow[k_{\alpha\alphaTP}]{k_{\alpha\alphaTP}} G_{\alpha}GDP
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G_{\alpha}GTP + RGS \xrightarrow[k_{\alpha\alpha1P}]} G_{\alpha}GDP
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G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot RGS \xrightarrow[k_{\alpha\alpha2}]} G_{\alpha}GDP + RGS
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G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot RGS \xrightarrow[k_{\alpha\alpha2}]} G_{\alpha}GDP + RGS
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G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot RGS \xrightarrow{k_{\alpha12}} G_{\alpha}GDP + RGS
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G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot PLC\beta \xrightarrow{k_{\alpha12}} G_{\alpha}GDP + PLC\beta
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R0 = k_{dG1}[G] - k_{G1}[G_{\alpha}GDP][G_{\beta\gamma}]
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R1 = \frac{k_{cat1}[RL][G]}{K_{m1}(1 + [G^{mut}/K_{m1}]) + G}
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R2 = k_{hyd}[G_{\alpha}GTP]
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R3 = k_{hyd}[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot TRIO]
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R4 = k_{hyd}[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot PLC\beta]
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R5 = k_{dt1}[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot PLC\beta] - k_{at1}[G_{\alpha}GTP][PLC\beta]
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R6 = k_{dt2}[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot TRIO] - k_{at2}[G_{\alpha}GTP][TRIO]
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R7 = k_{dGTP}[G_{\alpha}GTP] - k_{aGTP}[GTP][G_{\alpha}NF]
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R8 = k_{dGDP}[G_{\alpha}GDP] - k_{aGDP}[GDP][G_{\alpha}NF]
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R9 = k_{dt3}[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot RGS] - k_{at3}[G_{\alpha}GTP][RGS]
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R10 = k_{cat2}[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot RGS]
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R11 = k_{hyd}[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot PLGS]
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R12 = k_{hyd2}[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot PLC\beta]
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Corresponding ordinary differential equations (ODEs), in addition to the conservation relation: $[G_{\beta\gamma}] = G_0 - [G] - [G^{mut}]$

$$
\frac{d[G]}{dt} = -R0 - R1
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\frac{d[G_{\alpha}GTP]}{dt} = R1 - R2 + R5 + R6 - R7 + R9
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\frac{d[G_{\alpha}GDP]}{dt} = R0 + R2 + R3 + R4 - R8 + R10 + R11 + R12
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\frac{d[G_{\alpha}NF]}{dt} = R7 + R8
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\frac{d[TRIO]}{dt} = R3 + R6
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\frac{d[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot TRIO]}{dt} = -R3 - R6
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\frac{d[PLC\beta]}{dt} = R4 + R5 + R12
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\frac{d[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot PLC\beta]}{dt} = -R4 - R5 - R12
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\frac{d[RGS]}{dt} = R9 + R10 + R11
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$$
\frac{d[G_{\alpha}GTP \cdot RGS]}{dt} = -R9 - R10 - R11
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Initial Model Parameter Values

WT parameter values and references Table of the initial approximation of parameter values and references used in the model for the WT $Ga_{q/11}$ subunit reactions. These parameters were used in Figures 2-3 of the main text.

Mutant species Mutant Ga_q subunits are modeled explicitly with the appropriately adjusted reaction rate constants in addition to the reactions given above for the WT case. For example, for the Q209L GNAQ mutant we have the following to reflect the decreased rates of basal and GAP stimulated hydrolysis (see the tables below for the values of the mutant rate constants):

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R2^{mut} = k_{hyd}^{mut}[G_{\alpha}^{mut}GTP]
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R9^{mut} = k_{dt3}[G_{\alpha}^{mut}GTP \cdot RGS] - k_{dt3}^{mut}[G_{\alpha}^{mut}GTP][RGS]
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R10^{mut} = k_{cat2}^{mut}[G_{\alpha}^{mut}GTP \cdot RGS]
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$$
R11^{mut} = k_{hyd}^{mut}[G_{\alpha}^{mut}GTP \cdot RGS]
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$$
R12^{mut} = k_{hyd2}^{mut}[G_{\alpha}^{mut}GTP \cdot PLC\beta]
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$$
\frac{d[G_{\alpha}^{mut}GTP]}{dt} = R1^{mut} - R2^{mut} + R5^{mut} + R6^{mut} - R7^{mut} + R9^{mut}
$$

Parameter	Value	Description	Source
	$k_{hyd}/140s^{-1}$	GTPase activity of G_{α}	$[14 - 16]$
$\overline{k_{hyd}^{mut}}$			
$\overline{k_{cat2}^{mut}}$	k_{hyd}^{mut} s ⁻¹	GAP stimulation by RGS	[17, 18]
k_{hyd2}^{mut}	k_{hyd}^{mut} s ⁻¹	GAP stimulation by $PLC\beta$	[17, 18]
$\overline{k_{at1}^{mut}}$	$^{-1}$ _s $^{-1}$ $k_{at1} * 0.95 \ (\#/\mu m^2)$	$G_{\alpha}GTP$ binding $PLC\beta$	$\left[16\right]$
$\overline{k_{at2}^{mut}}$	$k_{at2} * 1.1 \ (\#/\mu m^2)^{-1} s^{-1}$	$G_{\alpha}GTP$ binding TRIO	$\left[16\right]$
$\overline{k_{at3}^{mut}}$	$k_{at3} * 1.33 \ (\#/\mu m^2)^{-1} s^{-1}$	$G_{\alpha}GTP$ binding RGS	$\left[16\right]$

Q209L GNAQ parameter values and references The parameters that differ from WT. These parameters were used in Figures 2-3 of the main text.

Q209P GNAQ parameter values and references The parameters that differ from WT. These parameters were used in Figure 2 of the main text.

Parameter	Value	Description	Source
k_{hyd}^{mut}	$k_{hyd}/140 s^{-1}$	GTPase activity of G_{α}	$[14 - 16]$
k_{cat2}^{mut}	k_{hyd}^{mut} s ⁻¹	GAP stimulation by RGS	[17, 18]
k_{hyd2}^{mut}	k_{hyd}^{mut} s ⁻¹	GAP stimulation by $PLC\beta$	17, 18
$\overline{k_{at1}^{mut}}$	$k_{at1} * 0.66 \ (\#/\mu m^2)^{-1} s^{-1}$	$G_{\alpha}GTP$ binding $PLC\beta$	16
k_{at2}^{mut}	$k_{at2} * 0.66 \ (\#/\mu m^2)^{-1} s^{-1}$	$G_{\alpha}GTP$ binding TRIO	¹⁶
k_{at3}^{mut}	$k_{at3} * 0.66 \ (\#/\mu m^2)^{-1} s^{-1}$	$G_{\alpha}GTP$ binding RGS	16

R183C GNAQ parameter values and references The parameters that differ from WT. These parameters were used in Figures 2-3 of the main text.

L129Q CYSLTR2 parameter values and references The parameters that differ from WT. These parameters were used in Figure 2 of the main text.

Agonist stimulation parameter values and references The parameters that differ from basal. These parameters were used in Figure 2 of the main text for the agonist-stimulated case.

Model of FR drug mechanism Reactions to model the mechanism of the drug FR based on the current consensus of a GDI-like mechanism:

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R11 = k_{dfr}[G_{\alpha}GDP \cdot FR] - k_{afr}[G_{\alpha}GDP][FR]
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R12 = k_{dG1}[G \cdot FR] - k_{G1}[G_{\alpha}GDP \cdot FR][G_{\beta\gamma}]
$$

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$$
R13 = k_{dfr}[G \cdot FR] - k_{afr}[G][FR]
$$

FR model parameters The parameters for drug binding, assumed to be stronger than $G_{\beta\gamma}$ binding. These parameters were used in Figure 3 of the main text and Supplementary Figure 3.

Parameters varied for the parameter sweep and global sensitivity analysis Each parameter of the model varied for the sensitivity analysis. The number in the identifier is used to reference the parameter in Figure 4C of the main text and Supplementary Figure 2. The range of the parameters used in the Latin Hypercube Sampling for the parameter sweep and the Sobol sensitivity analysis, are indicated. The Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) statistic and p-value (via the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test) comparing the sampled input parameter distribution to the parameter distribution that matched the experiment.

Updated Model Parameter Values

WT parameter values (updated) and references Table of the updated parameter values and references used in the model for the WT and Q209L $Ga_{q/11}$ subunit reactions. These parameters were used in Supplementary Figure 3 as an updated parameter set to achieve a ratio of mutant GNAQ binding of $k_{at2}^{mut}/k_{at1}^{mut} = 4$ and a fold $PLC\beta$ hydrolysis of $k_{hyd2}/k_{hyd} = 15$ based on parameter sweeps in Figure 6 of main text to align with the results of the experiment in Figure 5 of the main text. The parameters that are updated from the initial approximation above are in bold font while non-bolded parameters remain the same as the initial estimate. It should be noted that parameter values specific to the GNAQ Q209P and R183C mutants are left unchanged as we do not have any new experimental observations to base any potential updates on as we do for Q209L (how these mutants compare in downstream activation is a potential future direction for this modeling work). Similarly, in this updated parameterization, the parameters specific to CYSLTR2 L129Q are unchanged but the change in the fold $PLC\beta$ hydrolysis is critical for activation of WT $G_{\alpha q}$ downstream.

Q209L GNAQ parameter values (updated) and references The parameters that differ from WT. These parameters were used in Supplementary Figure 3. The parameters that are updated from the initial approximation above are in bold font while non-bolded parameters remain the same as the initial estimate.

Q209P GNAQ parameter values (updated) and references The parameters that differ from WT. These parameters were used in Supplementary Figure 3. The parameters that are updated from the initial approximation above are in bold font while non-bolded parameters remain the same as the initial estimate.

R183C GNAQ parameter values (updated) and references The parameters that differ from WT. These parameters were used in Supplementary Figure 3. The parameters that are updated from the initial approximation above are in bold font while non-bolded parameters remain the same as the initial estimate.

L129Q CYSLTR2 parameter values (updated) and references The parameters that differ from WT. These parameters were used in Supplementary Figure 3. The parameters that are updated from the initial approximation above are in bold font while non-bolded parameters remain the same as the initial estimate.

Note on model limitations It is important to note, as with every model system, our mathematical model has several limitations. One major challenge is the lack of standardized, consistent biochemical data on the rate constants and concentrations for both the WT and mutant proteins considered in this study. While there are several solid measurements in the literature for certain reactions, they are often done under different experimental conditions and only specific reactions or mutants are considered in a given study. To address these issues, we have tried to focus on reactions that are relatively well characterized and use the model to make predictions that are robust to changes in parameter values. Also, our model cannot consider every reaction relevant to a given pathway, as is always the case. Mechanisms that are beyond the scope of our model, such as β -arrestin and G-protein-coupled receptor kinase (GRK) signaling, receptor internalization, signaling from internal compartments and downstream dynamics likely play additional roles. Our approach was to leverage the model as a unique perspective on the potential behaviors of the core components of oncogenic signaling in UM and try to discern implications of the model that are potentially relevant for UM patients. This type of systems biology approach has emerged as a powerful tool to elucidate the systems-level consequences of oncogenic mutations and response to targeted therapy. In previous work, a mechanistic mathematical model of oncogenic RAS signaling helped provide insight into critical differences between classes of activating RAS point mutations and identified a mechanism to explain a confusing clinical observation regarding the response to targeted therapy [\[20,](#page-18-5) [21\]](#page-18-6).

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