



Optogenetics: Optogenetics combines genetic engineering and light-sensitive proteins to enable precise control of cellular signaling. By using light as an external stimulus, researchers can manipulate signaling pathways with unprecedented spatial and temporal resolution, offering new opportunities to dissect complex signaling circuits [5].

Methods

Experimental design and cell culture: Select appropriate cell types based on the signaling pathway of interest. Maintain cells in optimal growth conditions and culture media. Consider cell treatments and controls to induce or inhibit specific signaling events.

Genetic manipulation: Employ gene knockout, knockdown, or overexpression techniques to modulate the expression of specific genes involved in the signaling pathway. Use CRISPR-Cas9 technology, RNA interference (RNAi), or viral vectors to introduce genetic modifications.

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