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Mucin 4 siRNA (m): sc-43164

BACKGROUND

Mucins are a group of high molecular weight glycoproteins consisting of a mucin core protein and O-linked carbohydrates. Mucin 4, a membrane-bound mucin, is the human homolog of the rat sialomucin complex (SMC). Mucin 4 protein consists of Mucin 4 α , a large amino mucin type subunit, and Mucin 4 β , a transmembrane subunit containing three EGF-like domains. The Mucin 4 gene is the predominant mucin gene expressed in the normal urothelium and is also expressed in several normal tissues such as trachea, lung and testis. Dysregulation of Mucin 4 results in high levels of expression in pancreatic tumors and tumor cell lines. Induction of Mucin 4 in pancreatic carcinoma by all-*trans*-retinoic acid is mediated through the retinoic acid receptor- α signaling pathway. TGF β 2 serves as an interim mediator of this regulated expression. Alternative splicing in the 3'-end of the Mucin 4 gene generates at least 12 splice variants, which are characterized as two distinct types, a secreted type and a membrane-associated type. Mucin 4 protein acts as a heterodimeric bifunctional cell-surface glycoprotein and forms thick mucous effusion in the diseased middle ear.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Muc4 (mouse) mapping to 16 B3.

PRODUCT

Mucin 4 siRNA (m) is a pool of 3 target-specific 19-25 nt siRNAs designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA, sufficient for a 10 μ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see Mucin 4 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-43164-SH and Mucin 4 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43164-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Mucin 4 (m) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-43164A, sc-43164B and sc-43164C.

STORAGE AND RESUSPENSION

Store lyophilized siRNA duplex at -20° C with desiccant. Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once resuspended, store at -20° C, avoid contact with RNAses and repeated freeze thaw cycles.

Resuspend lyophilized siRNA duplex in 330 μ l of the RNase-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330 μ l of RNase-free water makes a 10 μ M solution in a 10 μ M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

APPLICATIONS

Mucin 4 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of Mucin 4 expression in mouse cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

For optimal siRNA transfection efficiency, Santa Cruz Biotechnology's siRNA Transfection Reagent: sc-29528 (0.3 ml), siRNA Transfection Medium: sc-36868 (20 ml) and siRNA Dilution Buffer: sc-29527 (1.5 ml) are recommended. Control siRNAs or Fluorescein Conjugated Control siRNAs are available as 10 μ M in 66 μ l. Each contain a scrambled sequence that will not lead to the specific degradation of any known cellular mRNA. Fluorescein Conjugated Control siRNAs include: sc-36869, sc-44239, sc-44240 and sc-44241. Control siRNAs include: sc-37007, sc-44230, sc-44231, sc-44232, sc-44233, sc-44234, sc-44235, sc-44236, sc-44237 and sc-44238.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

Mucin 4 (1G8): sc-33654 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Mucin 4 gene expression knockdown by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000) or immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use m-IgG κ BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG κ BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker[™] Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz[®] Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use m-IgG κ BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgG κ BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz[®] Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz[®] Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Mucin 4 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Mucin 4 (m)-PR: sc-43164-PR (20 μ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

PROTOCOLS

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