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Barx2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43629-V

BACKGROUND

Barx2 is a member of the homeobox gene family which are regulators of place-dependent morphogenesis and play important roles in controlling the expression patterns of cell adhesion molecules. The homeodomain encoded by Barx2 is 87% identical to that of Barx1, and both genes are related to genes at the Bar locus of *Drosophila melanogaster*. Barx2 may differentially control the expression of L1 and other target genes during embryonic development. The BARX genes 1 and 2 are Bar class homeobox genes expressed in craniofacial structures during development. In a series of ovarian cancer cell lines, Barx2 expression showed a significant direct correlation with cadherin-6 expression. Barx2 interacts with serum response factor (SRF) and promotes the DNA binding activity of SRF. Barx2 is expressed in several smooth muscle-containing tissues, as well as skeletal muscle, brain, tongue and esophagus. Barx2 is also highly expressed in adult salivary gland and is expressed at lower levels in other tissues, including mammary gland, kidney and placenta. The human BARX2 gene maps to chromosome 11q24.3 and encodes a 254 amino acid protein.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: BARX2 (human) mapping to 11q24.3.

PRODUCT

Barx2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is a pool of concentrated, transduction-ready viral particles containing 3 target-specific constructs that encode 19-25 nt (plus hairpin) shRNA designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 200 μ l frozen stock containing 1.0×10^6 infectious units of virus (IFU) in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium with 25 mM HEPES pH 7.3. Suitable for 10-20 transductions. Also see Barx2 siRNA (h): sc-43629 and Barx2 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43629-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

STORAGE

Store lentiviral particles at -80°C . Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once thawed, particles can be stored at 4°C for up to one week. Avoid repeated freeze thaw cycles.

PROTOCOLS

See our web site at www.scbt.com or our catalog for detailed protocols and support products.

APPLICATIONS

Barx2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of Barx2 expression in human cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200 μ l frozen viral stock containing 1.0×10^6 infectious units of virus (IFU); contains an shRNA construct encoding a scrambled sequence that will not lead to the specific degradation of any known cellular mRNA.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

Barx2 (M-186): sc-9128 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Barx2 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 (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-FITC: sc-2012 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-rabbit IgG-TR: sc-2780 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Barx2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Barx2 (h)-PR: sc-43629-PR (20 μ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be $55-60^\circ\text{C}$ and the extension temperature should be $68-72^\circ\text{C}$.

BIOSAFETY

Lentiviral particles can be employed in standard Biosafety Level 2 tissue culture facilities (and should be treated with the same level of caution as with any other potentially infectious reagent). Lentiviral particles are replication-incompetent and are designed to self-inactivate after transduction and integration of shRNA constructs into genomic DNA of target cells.

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