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β -defensin 2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43721-V

BACKGROUND

β -defensins (also designated BD, and HBD in human) are small cationic peptides with broad-spectrum antimicrobial activity. β -defensins are involved in the resistance of epithelial surfaces, such as airway surface fluid, to microbial colonization. Human β -defensin 2 is locally regulated by inflammation and is the first member of the β -defensin family that is locally inducible by inflammation. The murine homolog of human β -defensin 2, which is called β -defensin 3, is present in the respiratory system and in low levels in the epithelial cells of the intestine and lung. The unique murine β -defensin 2 (Def β 2) is not expressed in airways of untreated mice, but is upregulated in the airways by lipopolysaccharide and may contribute to host defense at the mucosal surface of the airways.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: DEFB4 (human) mapping to 8p23.1.

PRODUCT

β -defensin 2 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 β -defensin 2 siRNA (h): sc-43721 and β -defensin 2 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43721-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

β -defensin 2 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of β -defensin 2 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

β -defensin 2 (FL-64): sc-20798 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of β -defensin 2 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 β -defensin 2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: β -defensin 2 (h)-PR: sc-43721-PR (20 μ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be $55-60^\circ$ C and the extension temperature should be $68-72^\circ$ 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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