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Factor VIII shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43756-V

BACKGROUND

Factor VIII is a glycoprotein cofactor that serves as a critical component in the blood coagulation pathway. Insufficient expression levels or expression of nonfunctional Factor VIII results in hemophilia A, a common severe hereditary bleeding disorder. In the liver, the main site of factor VIII synthesis, the mature polypeptide chain of 2332 amino acids is secreted into the lumen of the endoplasmic reticulum, where it interacts with various chaperone proteins, including Calreticulin, Calnexin and IgG-binding protein. From the lumen, a portion of Factor VIII translocates to the Golgi and undergoes activation via proteolysis of both the heavy and light chain portions of the protein into three fragments. Finally, proteolysis of activated Factor VIII by Factor Xa, Protein C or Thrombin results in inactivation of Factor VIII. Survival of Factor VIII in the bloodstream requires binding to von Willebrand factor (VWF) at both the amino and carboxy termini of the light chain. Point mutations occurring in those binding domains as well as at other active sites of Factor VIII likely underly 90-95% of disease cases.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: F8 (human) mapping to Xq28.

PRODUCT

Factor VIII 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 Factor VIII siRNA (h): sc-43756 and Factor VIII shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43756-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.

APPLICATIONS

Factor VIII shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of Factor VIII 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

Factor VIII (H-19): sc-27647 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Factor VIII 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 donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2020 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (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 donkey anti-goat IgG-FITC: sc-2024 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or donkey anti-goat IgG-TR: sc-2783 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Factor VIII gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Factor VIII (h)-PR: sc-43756-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.

RESEARCH USE

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