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# IL-23 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43860-V

## BACKGROUND

The p19 protein shares sequence similarity with IL-6 subfamily members and is distantly related to the p35 subunit of IL-12. p19 shows no biological activity by itself; instead, it combines with the p40 subunit of IL-12 to form a biologically active, composite cytokine, IL-23. IL-23 shares some *in vivo* functions with IL-12, including the activation of the transcription factor Stat4. Indeed, the receptors for each appear to share one subunit, but also have at least one distinct subunit. Activated dendritic cells secrete detectable levels of this heterodimeric complex and IL-23 binds to IL-12R  $\beta$ 1 but fails to engage IL-12R  $\beta$ 2. Similar to IL-12, human IL-23 stimulates IFN- $\gamma$  production and proliferation in PHA blast T cells, as well as in CD45RO (memory) T cells. Ubiquitous transgenic expression of the IL-23 subunit p19 induces multi-organ inflammation, runting, infertility and premature death. The gene which encodes IL-23 maps to human chromosome 12.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: IL23A (human) mapping to 12q13.3.

## PRODUCT

IL-23 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  $\mu$ l frozen stock containing  $1.0 \times 10^6$  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 IL-23 siRNA (h): sc-43860 and IL-23 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43860-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

## STORAGE

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

## PROTOCOLS

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## APPLICATIONS

IL-23 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of IL-23 expression in human cells.

## SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200  $\mu$ l frozen viral stock containing  $1.0 \times 10^6$  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

IL-23 (C-3): sc-271279 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of IL-23 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-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2005 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:32,000) or Cruz Marker<sup>™</sup> compatible goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2031 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker<sup>™</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-mouse IgG-FITC: sc-2010 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-mouse IgG-TR: sc-2781 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz<sup>™</sup> Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor IL-23 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: IL-23 (h)-PR: sc-43860-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 549 bp). 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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