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Mfn1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43927-V

BACKGROUND

Mitofusin 1 (Mfn1) and mitofusin 2 (Mfn2) are homologs for the *Drosophila* protein fuzzy onion (Fzo). They are mitochondrial membrane proteins and are mediators of mitochondrial fusion. A GTPase domain is required for Mfn protein function but the molecular mechanisms of the GTPase-dependent reaction as well as the functional division of the two Mfn proteins are unknown. They are essential for embryonic development and may play a role in the pathobiology of obesity. Although the Mfn1 and Mfn2 genes are broadly expressed, they show different levels of expression in different tissues. Two Mfn1 transcripts are elevated in heart, while Mfn2 mRNA is abundantly expressed in heart and muscle tissue but present only at low levels in many other tissues. Mfn1 localizes to mitochondria and participates in at least two different high molecular weight protein complexes in a GTP-dependent manner. Purified recombinant Mfn1 exhibited approximately eightfold higher GTPase activity than Mfn2.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: MFN1 (human) mapping to 3q26.33.

PRODUCT

Mfn1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles are concentrated, transduction-ready viral particles containing a target-specific construct that encodes a 19-25 nt (plus hairpin) shRNA designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 200 μ l frozen stock containing 1.0×10^9 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 Mfn1 siRNA (h): sc-43927 and Mfn1 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43927-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

Mfn1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of Mfn1 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

Mfn1 (D-10): sc-166644 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Mfn1 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™ compatible goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2031 (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-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™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Mfn1 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Mfn1 (h)-PR: sc-43927-PR (20 μ l, 508 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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