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MIP-1 α shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43933-V

BACKGROUND

Chemokines are members of a superfamily of small inducible, secreted, pro-inflammatory cytokines. Members of the chemokine family exhibit 20 to 50% homology in their predicted amino acid sequences and are divided into four subfamilies. In C-C (or β) subfamily, the first two cysteines are adjacent. C-C chemokines are chemoattractants and activators for monocytes and T cells. C-C subfamily members include macrophage inflammatory protein (MIP)-1 α , MIP-1 β , MIP-2, MIP-3 α , MIP-3 β , MIP-4, HCC-1, MIP-5 (or HCC-2), RANTES, MCP-1/2/3 (and the murine homologs JE and MARC), I-309, murine C10 and TCA3. Research has shown that MIP-1 β is more selective than MIP-1 α , primarily attracting CD4⁺ T lymphocytes, with a preference for T cells of the naive phenotype. MIP-1 α is a more potent lymphocyte chemoattractant than MIP-1 β and exhibits a broader range of chemoattractant specificities. It has been suggested that CD8⁺ T lymphocytes are involved in the control of HIV infection *in vivo* by the release of HIV-suppressive factors (HIV-SF). MIP-1 α has been identified as one of the major HIV-SFs produced by CD8⁺ T cells, along with MIP-1 β and RANTES. Recombinant human MIP-1 α acts as an inhibitor of different strains of HIV-1, HIV-2 and SIV infection in a dose-dependent manner.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CCL3L3 (human) mapping to 17q12.

PRODUCT

MIP-1 α 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 x 10⁶ 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 MIP-1 α siRNA (h): sc-43933 and MIP-1 α shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43933-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.

APPLICATIONS

MIP-1 α shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of MIP-1 α expression in human cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200 μ l frozen viral stock containing 1.0 x 10⁶ 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.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor MIP-1 α gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: MIP-1 α (h)-PR: sc-43933-PR (20 μ l, 523 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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