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β-catenin shRNA (m2) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44253-V

BACKGROUND

The catenins, α , β and γ , are proteins which bind to the highly conserved, intracellular cytoplasmic tail of E-cadherin. Together, the catenin/cadherin complexes play an important role mediating cellular adhesion. α -catenin was initially described as an E-cadherin associated protein, and since has been shown to associate with other members of the cadherin family, such as N-cadherin and P-cadherin. β -catenin associates with the cytoplasmic portion of E-cadherin, which is necessary for the function of E-cadherin as an adhesion molecule. β -catenin has also been found in complexes with the tumor suppressor protein APC. γ -catenin, also known as plakoglobin, binds with α -catenin and N-cadherin. It has been shown that the transmembrane phosphatase PTP μ associates with catenin/cadherin complexes and may regulate complex signaling.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Ctnnb1 (mouse) mapping to 9 F4.

PRODUCT

β-catenin shRNA (m2) 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-catenin siRNA (m2): sc-44253 and β-catenin shRNA Plasmid (m2): sc-44253-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

β-catenin shRNA (m2) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of β-catenin expression in mouse 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-catenin (E-2): sc-515074 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of β-catenin 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 β-catenin gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: β-catenin (m2)-PR: sc-44253-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.

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