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Rac 1 shRNA (h2) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44325-V

BACKGROUND

A large number of low molecular weight, GTP binding proteins of the Ras superfamily have been identified. These proteins regulate many fundamental processes in all eukaryotic cells such as growth, vesicle traffic and cytoskeletal organization. GTPase-activating proteins (GAPs) accelerate the intrinsic rate of GTP hydrolysis of Ras-related proteins, resulting in downregulation of their active form. Two proteins in this family, Rac 1 and Rac 2, are 92% identical and share GTP binding and GTP hydrolysis motifs with other members of the Ras superfamily. Rac 1 is expressed in a large number of different cell types. Rac 2 is primarily expressed only in myeloid cells and has been reported to be a regulatory component of the human neutrophil NADPH oxidase.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: RAC1 (human) mapping to 7p22.1.

PRODUCT

Rac 1 shRNA (h2) 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 Rac 1 siRNA (h2): sc-44325 and Rac 1 shRNA Plasmid (h2): sc-44325-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

Rac 1 shRNA (h2) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of Rac 1 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 lentiviral transducing particles per milliliter; contains an shRNA construct encoding a scrambled sequence that will not lead to the specific degradation of any known cellular mRNA.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

Rac 1 (H-61): sc-366230 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Rac 1 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-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (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-rabbit IgG-FITC: sc-2012 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-rabbit IgG-TR: sc-2780 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Rac 1 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Rac 1 (h2)-PR: sc-44325-PR (20 μ l, 443 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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