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GGTase-II β shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45438-V

BACKGROUND

Eukaryotic cells contain three distinct prenyltransferases that catalyze the attachment of a thioether-linked 15-carbon farnesyl group or 20-carbon geranylgeranyl group to C-terminal cysteine residues. Geranylgeranyltransferase type I (GGTase-I, PGGTase-I) catalyzes the nucleophilic substitution reaction between geranylgeranyl diphosphate (GGPP) and a protein-derived thiol to form the thioether linkage. The candidate protein contains a C-terminal CAAX motif in which "A" is an aliphatic amino acid and "X" is leucine. Geranylgeranylation is necessary for the TGF β 1 signaling pathway, which involves phosphatidylcholine-specific phospholipase and a protein kinase C. Human GGTase-I contains an α subunit and a β subunit. Geranylgeranyltransferase type II (GGTase-II) is a heterodimer that catalyzes the transfer of two 20-carbon geranylgeranyl groups from geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate onto C-terminal cysteine residues of Rab GTPases, which is required for the activity of Rab proteins. GGTase-II also contains an α subunit and a β subunit.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Rabggtb (mouse) mapping to 3 H3.

PRODUCT

GGTase-II β shRNA (m) 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 GGTase-II β siRNA (m): sc-45438 and GGTase-II β shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-45438-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.

PROTOCOLS

See our web site at www.scbt.com or our catalog for detailed protocols and support products.

APPLICATIONS

GGTase-II β shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of GGTase-II β 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

GGTase-II β (B-12): sc-365901 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of GGTase-II β 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 GGTase-II β gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: GGTase-II β (m)-PR: sc-45438-PR (20 μ l). 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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