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Brn-3 Consensus and Mutant Oligonucleotides

BACKGROUND

Electrophoretic mobility shift assays (EMSAs), also known as gel shift assays, provide a relatively straightforward and sensitive method for studying binding interactions between transcription factors and consensus DNA binding elements. For such studies, DNA probes are provided as double-stranded oligonucleotides designed with 5' OH blunt ends to facilitate labeling to high specific activity with polynucleotide kinase. These are constructed both with specific DNA binding consensus sequences for various transcription factors and as control or "mutant" probes in which one or more nucleotides mapping within the consensus binding site has been substituted.

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3. Xiang, M., et al. 1995. The Brn-3 family of POU-domain factors: primary structure binding specificity, and expression in subsets of retinal ganglion cells and somatosensory neurons. J. Neurosci. 15: 4762-4785.

GEL SHIFT ASSAYS

For gel shift analysis, prepare nuclear extracts following the method of Dignam, et al (1).

- NOTE: Spin oligonucleotide vial before opening. Product may be lodged in vial cap.
- Label oligonucleotide probe (TransCruz™ Gel Shift Oligonucleotides) with [γ^{32} P]-ATP to 50,000 cpm/ng by using polynucleotide kinase.
- Prepare gel shift reaction buffer as follows: 10 mM Tris (Tris: sc-3715), pH 7.5, 50 mM NaCl (NaCl: sc-29108, 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT: sc-29089), 1 mM EDTA (EDTA: sc-29092), 5% glycerol (glycerol: sc-29095).
- Prepare 20 µl reaction mixture containing 3-10 µg nuclear extract and 1 µg poly dI-dC in gel shift reaction buffer. Add 0.5 ng labeled oligonucleotide probe and incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature. This constitutes the control sample for detection of DNA-protein complexes (2).
- To detect an antibody supershift or block of the DNA-protein complex, prepare reaction mixture as described above, also adding 1-2 µl of the appropriate TransCruz™ Gel Supershift antibody per 20 µl of reaction volume. Antibody is normally added subsequent to addition of labeled oligonucleotide probe, but result may be improved by adding antibody prior to probe. Incubate at 4° C for 1 hour to overnight, or at room temperature for 15-45 minutes.
- Resolve DNA-protein complexes by electrophoresis (25-35 ma) through a 4% polyacrylamide gel containing 50 mM Tris, pH 7.5, 0.38 M glycine (glycine: sc-29096) and 2 mM EDTA. Dry the gel and visualize by autoradiography.

RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

PRODUCT

Brn-3 CONSENSUS OLIGONUCLEOTIDE: sc-2595

- binding site for Brn-3 transcription factor (3)

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5′— CAC  AGC TCA  TTA  ACG  CGC — 3′
3′— GTG  TCG AGT  AAT  TGC  GCG — 5′
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Brn-3 MUTANT OLIGONUCLEOTIDE: sc-2596

- identical to sc-2595 with the exception of a "TT"→"GC" substitution in the Brn-3 binding site (3)

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5′— CAC  AGC TCA  GCA  ACG  CGC — 3′
3′— GTG  TCG AGT  CGT  TGC  GCG — 5′
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SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

1 Metcalfe, S. and Moffatt-Bruce, S. 2000. An *ex vivo* model of tolerance vs. rejection: comparison of different signal transducers and activators of transcription, Stat1, Stat4, Stat5 and Stat6. Clin. Chem. Lab. Med. 38: 1195-1199.

STORAGE

Store at -20° C; stable for one year from the date of shipment.

NOTE: Spin oligonucleotide vial before opening. Product may be lodged in vial cap.

PROTOCOLS

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