

Smad3/4 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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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 ³²P]-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 μ l reaction mixture containing 3-10 μ g nuclear extract and 1 μ g poly dl-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 μ l of the appropriate TransCruz® Gel Supershift antibody per 20 μ l 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

Smad3/4 CONSENSUS OLIGONUCLEOTIDE: sc-2597

- binding site for Smad3/4 transcription factor complex (3)

5' - TCG AGA GCC AGA CA AA GCC AGA CA T
TT AGC AGA CAC - 3'

3' - AGC TCG CGG TCT GTT TTT CGG TCT GTA
AAT CGG TCT GTG - 5'

Smad3/4 MUTANT OLIGONUCLEOTIDE: sc-2598

- identical to sc-2597 with the exception of "C" \rightarrow "T" and "G" \rightarrow "C" substitutions in the CAGA binding motif (3)

5' - TCG AGA GC I A CA I AA AA GC I A CA I AT
TT AGC I A CA I AC - 3'

3' - AGC TCT CGA TGT ATT TTT CGA TGT ATA
AAT CGA TGT ATG - 5'

SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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STORAGE

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

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PROTOCOLS

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