BACKGROUND

Interleukin-1 receptor (IL1R)-associated kinases (IRAKs) are important mediators in the signal transduction of Toll-like receptor (TLR) and IL1R family members, collectively referred to as TIRs. IRAK family members include two active kinases, IRAK-1 and IRAK-4, and two inactive kinases, IRAK-2 and IRAK-M. Binding of IL-1 to its cognate receptor results in the activation of the NFκB signaling pathway and MAP kinase pathways. IRAK-4 appears to act upstream of other IRAKs and phosphorylates IRAK-1 on threonine 387. It is highly expressed in liver and kidney tissues, but also displays a wide, low level of expression in other tissues. IRAK-4 is an essential component of innate immunity. Deficiency of IRAK-4 leads to recurrent bacterial infections and profound hyporesponsiveness to LPS and IL-1. Therefore, IRAK-4 may be a potential target for therapeutic drug design.

REFERENCES


CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Irak4 (mouse) mapping to 15 E3.

PRODUCT

IRAK-4 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 µl frozen stock containing 1.0 x 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 IRAK-4 siRNA (m): sc-45401 and IRAK-4 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-45401-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

IRAK-4 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of IRAK-4 expression in mouse cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200 µl frozen viral stock containing 1.0 x 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.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor IRAK-4 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: IRAK-4 (m)-PR: sc-45401-PR (20 µl). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° 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.

RESEARCH USE

The purchase of this product conveys to the buyer the nontransferable right to use the purchased amount of the product and all replicates and derivatives for research purposes conducted by the buyer in his laboratory only (whether the buyer is an academic or for-profit entity). The buyer cannot sell or otherwise transfer (a) this product (b) its components or (c) materials made using this product or its components to a third party, or otherwise use this product or its components or materials made using this product or its components for Commercial Purposes.

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