SANTA CRUZ BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC.

Cytokeratin 4 siRNA (h): sc-72078

BACKGROUND

Cytokeratins are a subfamily of intermediate filament keratins that are characterized by a remarkable biochemical diversity, which is represented in human epithelial tissues by at least 20 different polypeptides. Cytokeratins range in isoelectric range between 4.9 and 7.8. Cytokeratin 1 has the highest molecular weight, while Cytokeratin 19 has the lowest molecular weight. The cytokeratins are divided into the type I and type II subgroups. Type II family members comprise the basic to neutral members, Cytokeratins 1-8, while the type I group comprises the acidic members, Cytokeratins 9-20. Various epithelia in the human body usually express cytokeratins which are characteristic of the type of epithelium and related to the degree of maturation or differentiation within said epithelium. Cytokeratin subtype expression patterns are used to an increasing extent in the distinction of different types of epithelial malignancies. Cytokeratin 4 is expressed in differentiated layers of the mucosal and esophageal epithelia along with Cytokeratin 13.

REFERENCES

1. van Muijen, G.N., et al. 1986. Cell type heterogeneity of cytokeratin expression in complex epithelia and carcinomas as demonstrated by monoclonal antibodies specific for cytokeratins nos. 4 and 13. Exp. Cell Res. 162: 97-113.
2. Broekaert, D., et al. 1990. An investigation of cytokeratin expression in skin epithelial cysts and some uncommon types of cystic tumours using chain-specific antibodies. Arch. Dermatol. Res. 282: 383-391.
3. van der Velden, L.A., et al. 1993. Cytokeratin expression in normal and (pre)malignant head and neck epithelia: an overview. Head Neck 15: 133-146.
4. Silen, A., et al. 1994. Evaluation of a new tumor marker for Cytokeratin 8 and 18 fragments in healthy individuals and prostate cancer patients. Prostate 24: 326-332.
5. Silen, A., et al. 1995. A novel IRMA and ELISA for quantifying Cytokeratin 8 and 18 fragments in the sera of healthy individuals and cancer patients. Scan. J. Clin. Lab. Invest. 55: 153-161.
6. Marceau, N. and Loranger, A. 1995. Cytokeratin expression, fibrillar organization and subtle function in liver cells. Biochem. Cell Biol. 73: 619-625.

CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: KRT4 (human) mapping to 12q13.13.

PRODUCT

Cytokeratin 4 siRNA (h) is a pool of 3 target-specific 19-25 nt siRNAs designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA, sufficient for a 10 µM solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see Cytokeratin 4 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-72078-SH and Cytokeratin 4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-72078-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Cytokeratin 4 (h) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-72078A, sc-72078B and sc-72078C.

STORAGE AND RESUSPENSION

Store lyophilized siRNA duplex at -20° C with desiccant. Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once resuspended, store at -20° C, avoid contact with RNAses and repeated freeze thaw cycles.

Resuspend lyophilized siRNA duplex in 330 µl of the RNAse-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330 µl of RNAse-free water makes a 10 µM solution in a 10 µM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

APPLICATIONS

Cytokeratin 4 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of Cytokeratin 4 expression in human cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

For optimal siRNA transfection efficiency, Santa Cruz Biotechnology's siRNA Transfection Reagent: sc-29528 (0.3 ml), siRNA Transfection Medium: sc-36868 (20 ml) and siRNA Dilution Buffer: sc-29527 (1.5 ml) are recommended. Control siRNAs or Fluorescein Conjugated Control siRNAs are available as 10 µM in 66 µl. Each contain a scrambled sequence that will not lead to the specific degradation of any known cellular mRNA. Fluorescein Conjugated Control siRNAs include: sc-36869, sc-44239, sc-44240 and sc-44241. Control siRNAs include: sc-37007, sc-44230, sc-44231, sc-44232, sc-44233, sc-44234, sc-44235, sc-44236, sc-44237 and sc-44238.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

Cytokeratin 4 (6B10): sc-52321 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Cytokeratin 4 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).

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Cytokeratin 4 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Cytokeratin 4 (h)-PR: sc-72078-PR (20 µl). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

RESEARCH USE

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

PROTOCOLS

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