

β-defensin 118 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-77117-V

BACKGROUND

β-defensins (also designated BDs, or hBDs in human) are small cationic peptides with broad-spectrum antimicrobial activity against a variety of enveloped viruses, fungi and bacteria. Produced in mucosal epithelia and neutrophils of several species, β-defensins are developmentally regulated. The family of β-defensin proteins share a common defensin-motif that is characterized by multiple cysteine residues and a highly conserved tertiary structure. Besides playing a significant role in host immune defense, many β-defensins also are involved in sperm maturation and capacitation. β-defensin 118, also known as ESC42, is a 123 amino acid sperm-binding protein that is highly expressed in the epididymis and is regulated by androgens. It participates in both epididymal innate immunity and sperm protection in the reproductive tract by killing bacteria through membrane permeabilization, therefore inhibiting macromolecular synthesis and resulting in the release of cell contents.

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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 for detailed protocols and support products.

CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: DEFB118 (human) mapping to 20q11.21.

PRODUCT

β-defensin 118 shRNA (h) 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 10⁶ 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 β-defensin 118 siRNA (h): sc-77117 and β-defensin 118 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-77117-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

APPLICATIONS

β-defensin 118 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of β-defensin 118 expression in human cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200 μl frozen viral stock containing 1.0 x 10⁶ 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 β-defensin 118 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: β-defensin 118 (h)-PR: sc-77117-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

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