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elastin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43360-V

BACKGROUND

Elastic fibers, which are comprised primarily of elastin, endow loose connective tissue with a resilience that complements the tensile strength of collagenous fibers. Elastin is the main component of the extracellular matrix of arteries and it performs a regulatory function during arterial development by controlling proliferation of smooth muscle and stabilizing arterial structure. Elastin is composed largely of glycine, proline and other hydrophobic residues and contains multiple lysine-derived crosslinks, such as desmosines, which link individual polypeptide chains into a rubber-like network. During aging, the elasticity of connective tissue becomes reduced, due to the cross-linking of collagenous fibers with elastin. Deficiencies of elastin are associated with multiple disorders, such as supravalvular aortic stenosis and Williams-Beuren syndrome. The human elastin gene maps to chromosome 7q11.23.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: ELN (human) mapping to 7q11.23.

PRODUCT

elastin 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 1.0×10^6 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 elastin siRNA (h): sc-43360 and elastin shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43360-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.

PROTOCOLS

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

APPLICATIONS

elastin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of elastin expression in human cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200 µl frozen viral stock containing 1.0×10^6 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.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

elastin (A-8): sc-374638 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of elastin 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).

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2005 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:32,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2031 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-mouse IgG-FITC: sc-2010 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-mouse IgG-TR: sc-2781 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor elastin gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: elastin (h)-PR: sc-43360-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.

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