E. coli ssDNA/LyoVec™

Single-stranded sheared E. coli DNA complexed with LyoVec[™]; a TLR9 ligand

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https://www.invivogen.com/ecoli-ssdna-lyovec

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

Contents

- $4 \times 50 \,\mu g$ lyophilized *E. coli* ssDNA/LyoVec[™] 1:2 ratio (w/w) Note: Each vial contains 50 μg of *E. coli* K12 ssDNA complexed with $100 \,\mu g$ LyoVec[™].
- 10 ml endotoxin-free water

Storage and stability

- *E. coli* ssDNA/LyoVec[™] is shipped at room temperature. Upon receipt, store at -20°C. Lyophilized product is stable for 1 year at -20°C.
- Upon resuspension, store product at 4°C. Resuspended product is stable for 1 week at 4°C.

Quality control

- The biological activity has been tested using cellular assays.
- The absence of bacterial contamination (e.g. lipoproteins and endotoxins) has been confirmed using HEK-Blue[™] TLR2 cells and HEK-Blue[™] TLR4 cells.

DESCRIPTION

E. coli ssDNA/LyoVec™ is a Toll-like receptor 9 (TLR9) ligand. It comprises E. coli ssDNA an ultrapure, endotoxin-free preparation of bacterial single-stranded DNA (ssDNA) which is complexed with the cationic lipid-based transfection reagent LyoVec™. This allows a better internalization of the immunostimulatory DNA to the acidic endosomal compartment where TLR9 is expressed.

TLR9 specifically recognizes CpG DNA that is unmethylated and single-stranded (ss). Upon recognition, it initiates a signaling cascade leading to the activation of the transcription factors NF-kB, AP-1, and interferon regulatory factor 7 (IRF7) with the subsequent production of pro-inflammatory cytokines. Methylation of the cytosine within the CpG motif strongly reduces the affinity of TLR9^{1, 2}. In addition, double-stranded (ds) CpG DNA is a much weaker stimulator of TLR9 compared to its ss counterpart1. Unlike mammalian DNA, bacterial DNA is rich in unmethylated CpG motifs and thus activates TLR9. InvivoGen provides bacterial ssDNA as sheared single-stranded DNA fragments produced by treating genomic E. coli DNA with ultrasound followed by heat denaturation. These fragments are complexed with LvoVec[™] to allow penetration of the DNA in the cells. E. coli ssDNA/LyoVec™ activates TLR9 similarly to CpG-ODNs in a species-independent manner. Of note, the ability of *E. coli* ssDNA/LyoVec[™] to induce an inflammatory response has been described in the literature³.

1. Rutz M. et al., 2004. Toll-like receptor 9 binds single-stranded CpG-DNA in a sequence- and pH-dependent manner. Eur J Immunol. 16:17-22. 2. Cornelie S. et al., 2004. Direct evidence that toll-like receptor 9 (TLR9) functionally binds plasmid DNA by specific cytosine-phosphate-guanine motif recognition. J Biol Chem. 279:15124-9. 3. Yu S. et al., 2014. TLR sorting by Rab11 endosomes maintains intestinal epithelial-microbial homeostasis. EMBO J. 33:1882-95.

METHODS

Preparation of stock solution (50 µg/ml)

- Add 1 ml endotoxin-free water (provided) per vial and mix gently. Allow at least 15 minutes for complete solubilization.

Working concentrations: 500 ng/ml - 5 µg/ml for TLR9

TLR9 stimulation using E. coli ssDNA/LyoVec™

E. coli ssDNA/LyoVec™ can be used to stimulate in cells expressing the TLR9 gene, such as in HEK-Blue™ TLR9 cells. These cells were transfected with the TLR9 gene and an NF-κB-inducible secreted alkaline phosphatase (SEAP) reporter gene. Levels of SEAP can be easily determined with HEK-Blue™ Detection, a SEAP detection medium that turns purple/blue in the presence of alkaline phosphatase.

For more information, https://www.invivogen.com/hek-blue-tlr9

- 1. Dispense 20 μl of *E. coli* ssDNA/LyoVec[™] (500 ng/ml -5 μg/ml final concentration) per well of a 96-well plate.
- 2. Prepare a suspension of HEK-Blue™ TLR9 cells in HEK-Blue™ Detection medium.
- 3. Immediately add 180 µl of the cell suspension to each *E. coli* ssDNA/LyoVec[™]-containing well.
- 4. Incubate the plate at 37°C in a CO₂ incubator for 6-24 hours.
- 5. Determine SEAP levels using a spectrophotometer at 620-655 nm.

RELATED PRODUCTS

Product	Description	Cat.Code
1-DNA EC		U-l
dsDNA-EC	dsDNA from E. coli K12	tlrl-ecdna
HEK-Blue™ Detection	SEAP detection medium	hb-det2
HEK-Blue™ hTLR9 Cells	Human TLR9 reporter cells	hkb-htlr9
HEK-Blue™ mTLR9 Cells	Murine TLR9 reporter cells	hkb-mtlr9
ODN 1585	Murine TLR9 ligand	tlrl-1585
ODN 2006	Human TLR9 ligand	tlrl-2006

