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mAb35-SAP

TARGETED SAP CONJUGATE

a tool for eliminating cells that express nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChR); targeted via mAb35 and eliminated via saporin

Catalog Number: BETA-034
Quantity: 25 micrograms
Format: PBS (0.14 M Sodium Chloride; 0.003 M Potassium Chloride; 0.002 M Potassium Phosphate; 0.01 M Sodium Phosphate; pH 7.4), no preservative.

Background: Targeted SAP conjugates are powerful and specific lesioning agents used in the technique known as Molecular Surgery. The ribosome-inactivating protein, saporin (from the seeds of the plant, *Saponaria officinalis*) is bound to a targeting agent (anything that is recognized on the cell surface and internalized). The targeted conjugate is administered to cells (*in vitro* or *in vivo*). The targeting agent seeks out and binds to its target on the cell surface. The conjugate is internalized, saporin breaks away from the targeting agent, and inactivates the ribosomes which causes protein inhibition and, ultimately, cell death. Cells that do not have the cell surface marker are not affected.
Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors (nAChR) respond to acetylcholine as well as nicotine. This antibody can be used to map structural features on the surface of the acetylcholine molecule relevant to the aspect of its function as a neurotransmitter receptor. Acetylcholine receptor plays a role as an immunogen and antigen in the autoimmune disease Myasthena Gravis (MG). Anti-nAChR is also useful in the research of Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases.

Specificity & Preparation: This targeted toxin recognizes cells that express nicotinic acetylcholine receptors. mAb-SAP is a chemical conjugate of mAb35 and the ribosome-inactivating protein, saporin. This antibody binds to nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChR) in several species, including human and rat. The antibody was originally raised against the electric organ of *Electrophorus electricus* and produces experimental autoimmune myasthenia graves. mAb35 cross-reacts with muscle-type and some neuronal nAChRs. It reacts with a single epitope in a1, a3, and a5 subunits of nAChR.

Usage: mAb35-SAP eliminates cells expressing the nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChR). All other cells are left untouched. It is useful in retrograde transport (see Wiley *et al*, 1989). **There may be lot-to-lot variation in material; working dilutions must be determined by end user. If this is a new lot, you must assess the proper working dilution before beginning a full experimental protocol.**

Storage: Gently spin down material 5-10 seconds in a microfuge before use. Store the material in undiluted aliquots at –20°C. Material should be aliquoted to a convenient volume and quantity to avoid repeated freezing and thawing that can damage the protein content. Under these conditions, the material has a very stable shelf-life. Thawing should be done at room temperature or on ice. The thawed solution should remain on ice until use.
Do not use a reducing agent (such as dithiothreitol, beta-mercaptoethanol or ascorbic acid) with this material. It will inactivate the toxin.
This material is an extremely potent cytotoxin. Handling should be done by experienced personnel. Gloves and safety glasses are required when handling this product. Care in disposal is mandatory; autoclaving or exposure to 0.2 M sodium hydroxide will inactivate the material. All labware that comes into contact with this material should be likewise treated.

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Selected References:

1. Wiley RG, Stirpe F, Thorpe P, Oeltmann TN (1989) Neuronotoxic effects of monoclonal anti-Thy 1 antibody (OX7) coupled to the ribosome inactivating protein, saporin, as studied by suicide transport experiments in the rat. *Brain Res* 505:44-54.

Control(s): Rat IgG-SAP

Safety:
Good laboratory technique must be employed for safe handling of this product. This requires observation of the following practices:

1. Wear appropriate laboratory attire, including lab coat, gloves and safety glasses.
2. Do not pipet by mouth, inhale, ingest or allow product to come into contact with open wounds. Wash thoroughly any part of the body which comes into contact with the product.
3. Avoid accidental autoinjection by exercising extreme care when handling in conjunction with any injection device.
4. This product is intended for research use by qualified personnel only. It is not intended for use in humans or as a diagnostic agent. Advanced Targeting Systems is not liable for any damages resulting from the misuse or handling of this product.