

## MEKK3 Recombinant Adenovirus

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**CATALOG NUMBER:** ADV-162

**STORAGE:** -80°C

**QUANTITY AND CONCENTRATION:** 50 µl,  $1 \times 10^{11}$  VP/mL in TBS containing 10% Glycerol

### **Background**

Recombinant adenoviruses have tremendous potential in both research and therapeutic applications. There are numerous advantages in using an adenovirus to introduce genetic material into host cells. The permissive host cell range is very wide. The virus has been used to infect many mammalian cell types (both replicative and non-replicative) for high expression of the recombinant protein. Recombinant adenoviruses are especially useful for gene transfer and protein expression in cell lines that have low transfection efficiency with liposome. After entering cells, the virus remains epichromosomal (i.e. does not integrate into the host chromosome so does not activate or inactivate host genes). Recently, recombinant adenoviruses have been used to deliver RNAi into cells.

Mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAPK), including ERK1/2, p38, and JNK1/2, are important regulators of cell function. The ERK MAPKs are most frequently activated by mitogens, whereas the JNK and p38 MAPKs are strongly responsive to stress and inflammatory signals. The MAPKs are activated through multiple intracellular phosphorylation cascade events. The core unit includes MAPKKKs and MAPKKs. ERK5, also known as BMK1, shares high homology in the N-terminal kinase domain with ERK1/2, but has a unique long C-terminal domain. MEKK3 activates the activity of ERK5 through MEK5. The provided recombinant adenovirus contains murine MEKK3 sequence.

### **Safety Consideration**

Remember that you will be working with samples containing infectious virus. Follow the recommended NIH guidelines for all materials containing BSL-2 organisms. Always wear gloves, use filtered tips and work under a biosafety hood.

### **Methods**

The appropriate amount of viruses used for infecting cells is critical for the outcome of your experiments. If not enough virus is used, it will not give 100% of infection. If too much virus is used, it will cause cytotoxicity or other undesired effects. The amount of adenovirus cell surface receptors vary greatly among different cell types therefore the optimal concentration differs dramatically between cell types. A range of 10-200 MOI (multiplicity of infection) is used for most cell lines, but up to 1000 MOI may be used for lymphoid cell lines.

Traditionally, Infectivity particles are measured in culture by a plaque-forming unit assay (PFU) that scores the number of viral plaques as a function of dilution. In contrast to the 10-day infection of a classical plaque assay, Cell Biolabs' QuickTiter™ Adenovirus Titer Immunoassay Kit (Cat. #VPK-109) only requires 2-day infection, and there is no agar overlay step. The kit antibody against hexon protein recognizes all serotypes of adenovirus by immunocytochemistry (see Flow Chart).

Seed 293 cells in 24 or 12-well plate for 1 hr



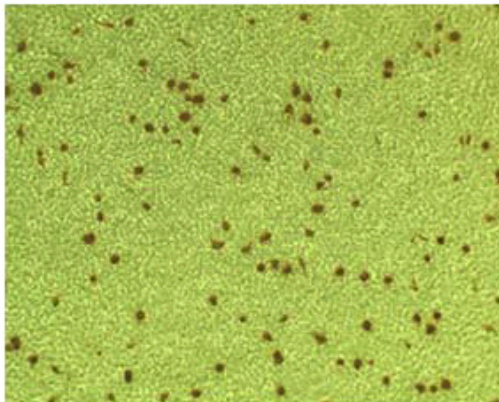
Prepare Adenovirus Serial Dilutions  
and Infect 293 cells for 48 hrs



Anti-Hexon Immunocytochemistry Staining



Count Positive Cells and Calculate Viral Titer



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