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Product Overview

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Accession(Primary)	K0BRG7
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Target information (K0BRG7)

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About Gene Symbol

Background

The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) and Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) have posed significant global health threats in recent years. Central to their pathogenesis is the interaction between the viral spike proteins and host cell receptors. This research aims to investigate the receptor binding domain (RBD) of SARS and MERS spike proteins and its implications for viral entry and the development of therapeutic interventions. Understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying viral-host interactions can pave the way for targeted therapeutic strategies against these deadly coronaviruses. Structure and Function of SARS and MERS Spike RBD:

The spike proteins of SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV are critical for viral entry into host cells. These proteins consist of two subunits: S1, responsible for receptor binding, and S2, involved in membrane fusion. The receptor binding domain (RBD) within the S1 subunit specifically interacts with host cell receptors, enabling viral attachment and entry. The RBDs of SARS and MERS spike proteins exhibit unique structural features and binding affinities for their respective receptors. Interaction with ACE2 and DPP4 Receptors: The SARS-CoV spike protein RBD interacts with the angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2)

receptor, which is abundantly expressed in the respiratory tract. The binding of SARS-CoV RBD to ACE2 facilitates viral entry into host cells. On the other hand, the MERS-CoV spike protein RBD interacts with the dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP4) receptor, predominantly expressed in the lungs and other tissues. The ACE2 and DPP4 receptors play crucial roles in determining the host range and tissue tropism of SARS and MERS coronaviruses.

Implications for Viral Pathogenesis: The binding of SARS and MERS spike RBDs to their respective receptors triggers conformational changes in the spike protein, leading to membrane fusion and subsequent viral entry. This process is crucial for viral replication and the spread of infection within the host. The specificity and affinity of the RBD-receptor interaction influence viral tropism, tissue damage, and disease severity. Understanding the determinants of RBD-receptor binding can provide insights into viral pathogenesis and potential therapeutic targets.

Development of Therapeutic Interventions: The RBD of SARS and MERS spike proteins represents a promising target for the development of antiviral therapeutics. Several strategies have been explored, including monoclonal antibodies and small molecule inhibitors, to disrupt the RBD-receptor interaction and inhibit viral entry. These approaches aim to block the binding interface between the spike RBD and the host receptor, thereby preventing viral attachment and entry. Additionally, vaccine development efforts have focused on generating neutralizing antibodies against the RBD to elicit protective immune responses.

Conclusion: The investigation of the receptor binding domain (RBD) of SARS and MERS spike proteins sheds light on the molecular mechanisms underlying viral entry and pathogenesis. The specific interactions between the spike RBD and host cell receptors play a crucial role in determining viral tropism and tissue damage. Targeting the RBD-receptor interaction holds promise for the development of effective therapeutics against SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV, and potentially other related coronaviruses. Further research and development efforts are needed to exploit the potential of the spike RBD as a therapeutic target and to combat future coronavirus outbreaks.