

Applications

- Treatment of a broad range of cancers where interferon expression is suppressed
- Increases effectiveness of interferon treatments for cancer
- Gene therapy
- Diagnostic

Advantages

- Potential to treat broad range of cancers
- Over-expression of SARI does not adversely affect normal cells

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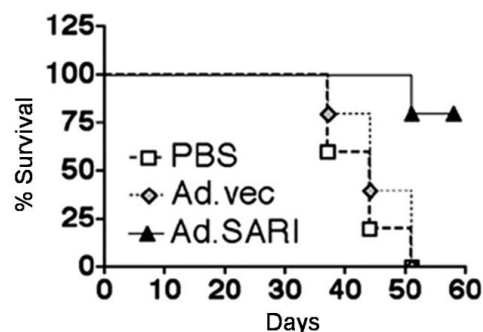
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Market Need

Interferon (IFN) has potent anti-tumor effects. It has been used to treat a number of solid tumors and hematological malignancies, including melanoma, renal cell carcinoma, Kaposi's sarcoma and malignant glioma. Methods aimed at increasing the effectiveness of these biologics are needed.

Technology Summary

This is a novel gene (designated SARI) that mediates IFN-induced growth inhibition of cancer cells. SARI expression is suppressed in a large number of cancers, and its suppression is required for continued proliferation of these cells. *In vitro* and *in vivo* studies have shown that over-expressing the SARI gene has profound anti-growth and anti-survival effects on cancer cells and tumors, but not normal cells. They have developed methods and gene therapy vectors for over-expressing the SARI gene products for use as anti-cancer agents. Induced production of the SARI gene product in cancer cells could be used to increase the effectiveness of IFN treatments or used alone as a gene therapy. Thus, this is a novel gene for therapeutic applications in cancer.



Survival of mice with subcutaneous xenografts treated with PBS, adenosine virus vector or adenosine virus vector coding SARI

Technology Status

U.S. Patent pending: 13/130,745:

For more information please see journal article: Su Z *et al.* PNAS 2008;105:20906-20911 & Dash *et al.* Oncogene 2010; 59: 4412-23

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