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# neurexin II siRNA (h): sc-42054

## BACKGROUND

Neurexins comprise a family of neuronal cell surface proteins, which include neurexin I (NRXN1), neurexin II (NRXN2), neurexin III (NRXN3) and CASPR (neurexin IV). Neurexins I-III are expressed as  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  isoforms. The  $\alpha$  isoforms are made of three cassettes, which contain two LNS (laminin A, neur-exins, sex hormone-binding)-domains separated by EGF domains, followed by a transmembrane region and a 55 amino acid cytoplasmic C-terminal. The  $\alpha$  isoforms bind to neurexophilins at the second LNS site and to the excitatory neurotoxin  $\alpha$ -latrotoxin. The  $\beta$  isoforms have only one LNS-domain, bind to neuroligins, and play a role in the formation and remodeling of synapses.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: NRXN2 (human) mapping to 11q13.1.

## PRODUCT

neurexin II siRNA (h) is a pool of 3 target-specific 19-25 nt siRNAs designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA, sufficient for a 10  $\mu$ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see neurexin II shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-42054-SH and neurexin II shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42054-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of neurexin II (h) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-42054A, sc-42054B and sc-42054C.

## PROTOCOLS

See our web site at [www.scbt.com](http://www.scbt.com) for detailed protocols and support products.

## STORAGE AND RESUSPENSION

Store lyophilized siRNA duplex at -20° C with desiccant. Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once resuspended, store at -20° C, avoid contact with RNAses and repeated freeze thaw cycles.

Resuspend lyophilized siRNA duplex in 330  $\mu$ l of the RNase-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330  $\mu$ l of RNase-free water makes a 10  $\mu$ M solution in a 10  $\mu$ M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

## APPLICATIONS

neurexin II siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of neurexin II expression in human cells.

## SUPPORT REAGENTS

For optimal siRNA transfection efficiency, Santa Cruz Biotechnology's siRNA Transfection Reagent: sc-29528 (0.3 ml), siRNA Transfection Medium: sc-36868 (20 ml) and siRNA Dilution Buffer: sc-29527 (1.5 ml) are recommended. Control siRNAs or Fluorescein Conjugated Control siRNAs are available as 10  $\mu$ M in 66  $\mu$ l. Each contain a scrambled sequence that will not lead to the specific degradation of any known cellular mRNA. Fluorescein Conjugated Control siRNAs include: sc-36869, sc-44239, sc-44240 and sc-44241. Control siRNAs include: sc-37007, sc-44230, sc-44231, sc-44232, sc-44233, sc-44234, sc-44235, sc-44236, sc-44237 and sc-44238.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor neurexin II gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: neurexin II (h)-PR: sc-42054-PR (20  $\mu$ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

## RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.