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# plexin-A1 siRNA (m): sc-42171

## BACKGROUND

Plexins are a family of large, transmembrane receptors for multiple classes of semaphorins in vertebrates. Plexins are widely expressed, and regions of their extracellular domain are homologous to both scatter factor receptors and semaphorin domains. Plexins may act as semaphorin receptors alone or in combination with neuropilins. Plexins are divided into four subfamilies designated plexin-A, -B, -C, and -D. *Drosophila* plexin-A is a receptor for class I semaphorins and controls motor and axon guidance. Plexin-A3 mediates cell-repelling cues. Plexins-B and -C are receptors for Sema 4 and Sema 7, respectively.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: *Plxn1* (mouse) mapping to 6 D1.

## PRODUCT

plexin-A1 siRNA (m) 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 plexin-A1 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-42171-SH and plexin-A1 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42171-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of plexin-A1 (m) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-42171A, sc-42171B and sc-42171C.

## 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

plexin-A1 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of plexin-A1 expression in mouse 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 plexin-A1 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: plexin-A1 (m)-PR: sc-42171-PR (20  $\mu$ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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## RESEARCH USE

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