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Gemin4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43799-V

BACKGROUND

Gemin4 is a component of the SMN core complex which, while in the cytoplasm, plays an essential role in ribonucleoprotein (snRNP) assembly, including the biogenesis, delivery and recycling of snRNPs to the spliceosome. In the nucleus, where SMN is required for pre-mRNA splicing, Gemin4 concentrates next to coiled bodies in subnuclear structures called gems, that are highly enriched in splicosomal snRNPs, and in the nucleolus. Deletion or loss-of-function mutations in the SMN lead to the neurodegenerative disease spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). The human Gemin4 maps to chromosome 17p13.3.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: GEMIN4 (human) mapping to 17p13.3.

PRODUCT

Gemin4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles are concentrated, transduction-ready viral particles containing a target-specific construct that encodes a 19-25 nt (plus hairpin) shRNA designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 200 μ l frozen stock containing 1.0×10^6 infectious units of virus (IFU) in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium with 25 mM HEPES pH 7.3. Suitable for 10-20 transductions. Also see Gemin4 siRNA (h): sc-43799 and Gemin4 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43799-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

BIOSAFETY

Lentiviral particles can be employed in standard Biosafety Level 2 tissue culture facilities (and should be treated with the same level of caution as with any other potentially infectious reagent). Lentiviral particles are replication-incompetent and are designed to self-inactivate after transduction and integration of shRNA constructs into genomic DNA of target cells.

STORAGE

Store lentiviral particles at -80° C. Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once thawed, particles can be stored at 4° C for up to one week. Avoid repeated freeze thaw cycles.

APPLICATIONS

Gemin4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of Gemin4 expression in human cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200 μ l frozen viral stock containing 1.0×10^6 infectious units of virus (IFU); contains an shRNA construct encoding a scrambled sequence that will not lead to the specific degradation of any known cellular mRNA.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

Gemin4 (A-11): sc-166017 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Gemin4 gene expression knockdown by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000) or immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2005 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:32,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2031 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-mouse IgG-FITC: sc-2010 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-mouse IgG-TR: sc-2781 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Gemin4 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Gemin4 (h)-PR: sc-43799-PR (20 μ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be $55-60^{\circ}$ C and the extension temperature should be $68-72^{\circ}$ C.

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