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# Nek2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43960-V

## BACKGROUND

NIMA was originally shown in *Aspergillus nidulans* to be necessary for entry into mitosis. NIMA-related mammalian proteins have since been identified as Nek1, Nek2, Nek3 and Nek4 (also designated STK2 or NRK2). High expression of Nek1 is seen in male and female germ cell lines of mouse. Nek2 is the closest known mammalian relative to NIMA. Like NIMA, Nek2 expression peaks at the G<sub>2</sub> to M phase transition. Nek3 is a predominantly cytoplasmic enzyme that was detectable in all organs studied. Levels of Nek3 seem to remain unchanged throughout the cell cycle, but appear to be elevated in G<sub>0</sub>-arrested, quiescent fibroblasts. In developing testicular germ cells, differential patterns of expression were seen for Nek1, Nek2 and Nek4, indicating possible overlapping, but non-identical functions.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: NEK2 (human) mapping to 1q32.3.

## PRODUCT

Nek2 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 µl frozen stock containing 1.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> 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 Nek2 siRNA (h): sc-43960 and Nek2 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43960-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

## 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

Nek2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of Nek2 expression in human cells.

## SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200 µl frozen viral stock containing 1.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> 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

Nek2 (D-8): sc-55601 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Nek2 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 Nek2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Nek2 (h)-PR: sc-43960-PR (20 µl, 537 bp). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

## 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.

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