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# Synaptopodin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44134-V



The Power to Overtion

#### **BACKGROUND**

Dendritic spines are dynamic structures that alter their shape and size by remodeling the cytoskeleton in response to changes in synaptic activity. Synaptopodin is a proline-rich, actin-associated protein expressed in mature dendritic spines and renal podocytes. Synaptopodin appears to play a role in the actin-based plasticity of spines by linking actin to the spine apparatus. In the principal neurons of the hippocampus, synaptopodin preferentially localizes to the spine neck. Synaptopodin expression increases during long-term potentiation (LTP) *in vivo* and elevated levels of synaptopodin correlate with the persistence of LTP. In renal podocytes, synaptopodin localizes to the foot processes. Synaptopodin is absent in the sclerosed glomeruli of diopathic nephrotic syndrome. Myopodin, a member of the synaptopodin, myopodin associates with actin and appears to display Actin-bundling activity. Myopodin is frequently absent in invasive prostate cancer and may serve as a prognostic marker for prostate cancers.

#### **REFERENCES**

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#### **CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: SYNPO (human) mapping to 5q33.1.

#### **PRODUCT**

Synaptopodin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is a pool of concentrated, transduction-ready viral particles containing 3 target-specific constructs that encode 19-25 nt (plus hairpin) shRNA designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ l frozen stock containing 1.0 x  $10^6$  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 Synaptopodin siRNA (h): sc-44134 and Synaptopodin shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-44134-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.

#### **PROTOCOLS**

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#### **APPLICATIONS**

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

#### **SUPPORT REAGENTS**

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200  $\mu$ l frozen viral stock containing 1.0 x 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**

Synaptopodin (P-19): sc-21537 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Synaptopodin 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 donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2020 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (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 donkey anti-goat IgG-FITC: sc-2024 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or donkey anti-goat IgG-TR: sc-2783 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

#### **RT-PCR REAGENTS**

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Synaptopodin gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Synaptopodin (h)-PR: sc-44134-PR (20  $\mu$ I). 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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