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# HIF-1 $\alpha$ shRNA (h2) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44225-V

## BACKGROUND

Cell growth and viability is compromised by oxygen deprivation (hypoxia). Hypoxia-inducible factors, including HIF-1 $\alpha$ , Arnt 1 (also designated HIF-1 $\beta$ ), EPAS-1 (also designated HIF-2 $\alpha$ ) and HIF-3 $\alpha$ , induce glycolysis, erythropoiesis and angiogenesis in order to restore oxygen homeostasis. Hypoxia-inducible factors are members of the Per-Arnt-Sim (PAS) domain transcription factor family. In response to hypoxia, HIF-1 $\alpha$  is upregulated and forms a heterodimer with Arnt 1 to form the HIF-1 complex. The HIF-1 complex recognizes and binds to the hypoxia responsive element (HRE) of hypoxia-inducible genes, thereby activating transcription. Hypoxia-inducible expression of some genes, such as Glut-1, p53, p21 or Bcl-2, is HIF-1 $\alpha$  dependent, whereas expression of others, such as p27, GADD 153 or HO-1, is HIF-1 $\alpha$  independent. EPAS-1 and HIF-3 $\alpha$  have also been shown to form heterodimeric complexes with Arnt 1 in response to hypoxia.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: HIF1A (human) mapping to 14q23.2.

## PRODUCT

HIF-1 $\alpha$  shRNA (h2) 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<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 HIF-1 $\alpha$  siRNA (h2): sc-44225 and HIF-1 $\alpha$  shRNA Plasmid (h2): sc-44225-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

## STORAGE

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

## APPLICATIONS

HIF-1 $\alpha$  shRNA (h2) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of HIF-1 $\alpha$  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<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

HIF-1 $\alpha$  (H-206): sc-10790 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of HIF-1 $\alpha$  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-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (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-rabbit IgG-FITC: sc-2012 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-rabbit IgG-TR: sc-2780 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor HIF-1 $\alpha$  gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: HIF-1 $\alpha$  (h2)-PR: sc-44225-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 506 bp). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60 $^{\circ}$  C and the extension temperature should be 68-72 $^{\circ}$  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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