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# c-Myc shRNA (h2) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44248-V

## BACKGROUND

c-Myc-, N-Myc- and L-Myc-encoded proteins function in cell proliferation, differentiation and neoplastic disease. They are located in the nucleus and have relatively short half lives. Amplification of the c-Myc gene has been found in several types of human tumors including lung, breast and colon carcinomas. The presence of a leucine zipper, the helix-loop-helix and a basic region in the c-Myc COOH terminus provided initial evidence for a sequence-specific binding function. A basic region helix-loop-helix leucine zipper motif protein, called Max, specifically associates with c-Myc, N-Myc and L-Myc. The Myc-Max complex binds to DNA in a sequence-specific manner. Max can also form heterodimers with at least two additional bHLH-Zip proteins, Mad and Mxi1, and Mad-Max dimers have been shown to repress transcription through interaction with mSin3.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: MYC (human) mapping to 8q24.21.

## PRODUCT

c-Myc 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  $1.0 \times 10^6$  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 c-Myc siRNA (h2): sc-44248 and c-Myc shRNA Plasmid (h2): sc-44248-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.

## PROTOCOLS

See our web site at [www.scbt.com](http://www.scbt.com) or our catalog for detailed protocols and support products.

## APPLICATIONS

c-Myc shRNA (h2) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of c-Myc expression in human cells.

## SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200  $\mu$ l frozen viral stock containing  $1.0 \times 10^6$  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

c-Myc (C-12): sc-398624 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of 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 c-Myc gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: c-Myc (h2)-PR: sc-44248-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 437 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.

## RESEARCH USE

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