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NuMA siRNA (m): sc-44345

BACKGROUND

There are a multitude of structural components in the nucleus that sustain proper structure and function relationships with respect to nuclear assembly and mitosis. The human nuclear mitotic apparatus protein gene, also designated NuMA, maps to chromosome 11q13.4 and encodes a noncentrosomal protein. NuMA possesses microtubule (MT) binding capacity via its carboxyl terminal region and is involved in spindle pole organization. NuMA is essential for the organization and stabilization of spindle poles from early mitosis until at least the onset of anaphase. During interphase, NuMA is present throughout the nucleus and upon entering mitosis, localizes to the spindle apparatus. During mitosis, NuMA forms aggregates that interact with microtubules and certain motor proteins and as a result may draw together the minus-ends of microtubules, thereby helping to organize them into a bipolar spindle. In contrast to mitotic cells, post-mitotic neurons display NuMA both in the nucleus and in the cytoplasm. Elevated levels of NuMA expression have been reported in cancer patients, particularly in colorectal carcinoma and early colorectal cancers.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Numa1 (mouse) mapping to 7 E3.

PRODUCT

NuMA siRNA (m) is a pool of 3 target-specific 19-25 nt siRNAs designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA, sufficient for a 10 µM solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see NuMA shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-44345-SH and NuMA shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44345-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of NuMA (m) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-44345A, sc-44345B and sc-44345C.

STORAGE AND RESUSPENSION

Store lyophilized siRNA duplex at -20° C with desiccant. Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once resuspended, store at -20° C, avoid contact with RNAses and repeated freeze thaw cycles.

Resuspend lyophilized siRNA duplex in 330 µl of the RNAse-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330 µl of RNAse-free water makes a 10 µM solution in a 10 µM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

APPLICATIONS

NuMA siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of NuMA expression in mouse cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

For optimal siRNA transfection efficiency, Santa Cruz Biotechnology's siRNA Transfection Reagent: sc-29528 (0.3 ml), siRNA Transfection Medium: sc-36868 (20 ml) and siRNA Dilution Buffer: sc-29527 (1.5 ml) are recommended. Control siRNAs or Fluorescein Conjugated Control siRNAs are available as 10 µM in 66 µl. Each contain a scrambled sequence that will not lead to the specific degradation of any known cellular mRNA. Fluorescein Conjugated Control siRNAs include: sc-36869, sc-44239, sc-44240 and sc-44241. Control siRNAs include: sc-37007, sc-44230, sc-44231, sc-44232, sc-44233, sc-44234, sc-44235, sc-44236, sc-44237 and sc-44238.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor NuMA gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: NuMA (m)-PR: sc-44345-PR (20 µl). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

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