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# Eppin shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44423-V

## BACKGROUND

Eppin, an epididymal protease inhibitor, belongs to the WFDC family and to the telomeric cluster. The gene encoding the protein is localized to chromosome 20q12-q13 in centromeric and telomeric clusters. It expresses three mRNAs encoding two isoforms of a cystine-rich protein that contains Kunitz-type and WAP-type (four disulfide core) protease inhibitor consensus sequences. The mouse gene lies in a cluster of putative Eppin-like genes on mouse chromosome 2. Following ejaculation, Eppin is bound to semenogelin in seminal plasma and on human spermatozoa. This complex of Eppin and Semenogelin can provide antimicrobial activity for spermatozoa. It can also provide for the preparation and survival of spermatozoa for fertility in the female reproductive tract. Eppin, which is a secreted protein, is expressed in epididymis and testis.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Spinlw1 (mouse) mapping to 2 H3.

## PRODUCT

Eppin shRNA (m) 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 Eppin siRNA (m): sc-44423 and Eppin shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-44423-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

## RESEARCH USE

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## APPLICATIONS

Eppin shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of Eppin expression in mouse 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

Eppin (I-12): sc-34604 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Eppin 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 Eppin gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Eppin (m)-PR: sc-44423-PR (20  $\mu$ l). 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.

## 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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