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# Filaggrin siRNA (m): sc-44779

## BACKGROUND

Profilaggrin is a large, insoluble, highly phosphorylated precursor protein containing several tandem copies of a 324 amino acid stretch. Mammalian profilaggrin is a major protein component of keratohyalin granules in the living cells of the epidermis. Keratohyalin granules contribute to the keratin content of dead cornified cells. During terminal differentiation of the epidermis, profilaggrin is proteolytically processed into active Filaggrin molecules that promote aggregation and disulfide-bond formation of keratin intermediate filaments. Active Filaggrin is present at a level of the epidermis where keratinocytes are in transition between the live nucleated granular layer and the anucleate cornified layer, suggesting that Filaggrin aids in the terminal differentiation process by facilitating apoptotic machinery.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Flg (mouse) mapping to 3 F2.1.

## PRODUCT

Filaggrin 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  $\mu$ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see Filaggrin shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-44779-SH and Filaggrin shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44779-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Filaggrin (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-44779A, sc-44779B and sc-44779C.

## PROTOCOLS

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

## 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  $\mu$ l of the RNase-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330  $\mu$ l of RNase-free water makes a 10  $\mu$ M solution in a 10  $\mu$ M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

## APPLICATIONS

Filaggrin siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of Filaggrin 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  $\mu$ M in 66  $\mu$ l. 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 Filaggrin gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Filaggrin (m)-PR: sc-44779-PR (20  $\mu$ l). 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.