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# ARA54 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44878-V

## BACKGROUND

Androgens exhibit a wide range of effects on the development, maintenance and regulation of male phenotype and reproductive physiology in males. The androgen receptor (AR) is a member of the steroid superfamily of ligand-dependent transcription factors. ARs bind the two biologically active androgens, testosterone (T) and dihydrotestosterone (DHT). ARA54 contains a RING finger and functions as an AR coactivator. Testis, thymus, spleen, colon, prostate and uterus express ARA54 at high levels. ARA160 associates with an ATP-dependent chromatin remodeling factor known as the SNF/SWI complex. The FXXLF motif present in AR coactivators mediates their interaction with AR but not their transcription-related activity. The genes encoding human ARA54 and ARA160 map to chromosomes 5q23.3-q31.1 and 3p21-p12, respectively.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Rnf14 (mouse) mapping to 18 B3.

## PRODUCT

ARA54 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 ARA54 siRNA (m): sc-44878 and ARA54 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-44878-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

## RESEARCH USE

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## APPLICATIONS

ARA54 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of ARA54 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

ARA54 (B-10): sc-376701 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of ARA54 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 ARA54 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: ARA54 (m)-PR: sc-44878-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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