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# β-glucosidase shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44905-V

## BACKGROUND

β-glucosidase is a predominantly liver enzyme which efficiently hydrolyzes β-D-glucoside and β-D-galactoside. Defects in β-glucosidase cause Gaucher disease, an inherited condition distinguished by the accumulation of glucosylceramide within the cells of the reticuloendothelial system. β-glucosidase is used in enzyme replacement treatment aimed at treating Gaucher disease. The absorption of dietary flavonoid glycosides in humans involves a critical deglycosylation step that is mediated by epithelial β-glucosidases.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Gba (mouse) mapping to 3 F1.

## PRODUCT

β-glucosidase 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 μl frozen stock containing 1.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> 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 β-glucosidase siRNA (m): sc-44905 and β-glucosidase shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-44905-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

## 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

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

## APPLICATIONS

β-glucosidase shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of β-glucosidase expression in mouse cells.

## SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200 μl frozen viral stock containing 1.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> 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

β-glucosidase (C-2): sc-365745 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of β-glucosidase 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 β-glucosidase gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: β-glucosidase (m)-PR: sc-44905-PR (20 μl). 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.

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