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# Factor B shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44916-V

## BACKGROUND

The complement component proteins, C3, C4 and C5, are potent anaphylatoxins that are released during complement activation. Binding of these proteins to their respective G protein-coupled receptors, C3 $\alpha$ R, C1R and C5 $\alpha$ R, induces proinflammatory events, such as cellular degranulation, smooth muscle contraction, arachidonic acid metabolism, cytokine release, leukocyte activation and cellular chemotaxis. Complement Factor B, also designated Properdin Factor B or PBF2, is part of the alternate pathway of the complement system and is cleaved by Factor D into two fragments: B $\alpha$  and B $\beta$ . B $\beta$  combines with complement Factor 3 $\beta$  to produce the C3 or C5 convertase and plays a role in the differentiation and proliferation of preactivated B lymphocytes, lysis of erythrocytes, stimulation of lymphocyte blastogenesis and rapid spreading of peripheral blood monocytes. B $\alpha$  is important in inhibiting the proliferation of preactivated B lymphocytes. Adipsin, also designated complement Factor D, is a serine protease that cleaves complement Factor B and may be involved in obesity. Factor H controls the function of the alternative complement pathway. FHR-1 (complement Factor H related protein 1) may play a role in lipid metabolism.

## REFERENCES

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Cfb (mouse) mapping to 17 B1.

## PRODUCT

Factor B 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 Factor B siRNA (m): sc-44916 and Factor B shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-44916-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

## STORAGE

Store lentiviral particles at  $-80^\circ$  C. Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once thawed, particles can be stored at  $4^\circ$  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

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

Factor B (H-95): sc-67141 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Factor B 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-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (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-rabbit IgG-FITC: sc-2012 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-rabbit IgG-TR: sc-2780 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Factor B gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Factor B (m)-PR: sc-44916-PR (20  $\mu$ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be  $55-60^\circ$  C and the extension temperature should be  $68-72^\circ$  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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