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PP2C α siRNA(m): sc-45215

BACKGROUND

The phosphorylation and dephosphorylation of proteins on serine and threonine residues is an essential means of regulating a broad range of cellular functions in eukaryotes, including division, homeostasis and apoptosis. A group of proteins that are intimately involved in this process are the serine/threonine protein phosphatases. Protein phosphatase 2C α (PP2C α) has broad specificity. It dephosphorylates and negatively regulates the activities of MAP kinases and MAP kinase kinases and also inhibits the activation of p38 and JNK kinase cascades induced by environmental stresses. PP2C α also induces the expression of endogenous p53 and the p53-responsive gene p21, leading to cell cycle arrest and apoptosis. The PP2C α protein, which contains an active site containing a dinuclear metal ion center, shows highest expression in epithelial cells as well as in the digestive tract, lung, kidney, breast, prostate, endocrine glands and brain.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Ppm1a (mouse) mapping to 12 C3.

PRODUCT

PP2C α 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 μ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see PP2C α shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-45215-SH and PP2C α shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45215-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of PP2C α (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-45215A, sc-45215B and sc-45215C.

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

APPLICATIONS

PP2C α siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of PP2C α 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 μ M in 66 μ 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.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

PP2C α (7F12): sc-517264 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of PP2C α 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).

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor PP2C α 1 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: PP2C α (m)-PR: sc-45215-PR (20 μ l, 545 bp). 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.

PROTOCOLS

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