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# plexin-B2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45423-V

## BACKGROUND

Plexins are a family of large, transmembrane receptors for multiple classes of semaphorins in vertebrates. They are widely expressed, and regions of their extracellular domain are homologous to both scatter factor receptors and semaphorin domains. Plexins may act as semaphorin receptors alone or in combination with neuropilins. Plexins are divided into four subfamilies designated plexin -A, -B, -C and -D. Plexin-B1 and -B2 are both receptors for SEMA4D, which stimulates axonal outgrowth of embryonic dorsal root ganglion neurons. Plexin-B3 binds to SEMA5A, which controls axon guidance and can initiate the intracellular signaling of the hepatocyte growth factor/scatter factor receptor Met.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Plxn2 (mouse) mapping to 15 E3.

## PRODUCT

plexin-B2 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 plexin-B2 siRNA (m): sc-45423 and plexin-B2 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-45423-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

## RESEARCH USE

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## APPLICATIONS

plexin-B2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of plexin-B2 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

plexin-B2 (A-5): sc-373969 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of plexin-B2 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 IgM-HRP: sc-2064 (dilution range: 1:500-1:5,000), TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-mouse IgM-FITC: sc-2082 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-mouse IgM-TR: sc-2983 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz<sup>™</sup> Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor plexin-B2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: plexin-B2 (m)-PR: sc-45423-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 533 bp). 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.

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