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PDE6Aα siRNA (h): sc-45461

BACKGROUND

Cyclic guanosine monophosphate (cGMP)-specific phosphodiesterase (PDE6) plays a crucial role in the phototransduction cascade in the vertebrate retina. The enzyme consists of an α and a β subunit, with catalytic and cGMP binding activity, respectively, as well as two inhibitory γ subunits and a δ subunit. PDE6 reduces intracellular cytoplasmic cGMP levels, specifically in photoreceptor cells. Mutations in the human PDE6A gene, which encodes the α subunit, account for roughly 3-4% of the cases of recessive retinitis pigmentosa (RP) in North America.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: PDE6A (human) mapping to 5q32.

PRODUCT

PDE6Aα siRNA (h) 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 µM solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see PDE6Aα shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-45461-SH and PDE6Aα shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45461-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of PDE6Aα (h) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-45461A, sc-45461B and sc-45461C.

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 µl of the RNAse-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330 µl of RNAse-free water makes a 10 µM solution in a 10 µM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

APPLICATIONS

PDE6Aα siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of PDE6Aα expression in human 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 µM in 66 µl. 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.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor PDE6Aα gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: PDE6Aα (h)-PR: sc-45461-PR (20 µl). 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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