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# HoxA13 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45666-V

## BACKGROUND

The Hox proteins play a role in development and cellular differentiation by regulating downstream target genes. Specifically, the Hox proteins direct DNA-protein and protein-protein interactions that assist in determining the morphologic features associated with the anterior-posterior body axis. HoxA13 and HoxD13 also bind to other BMP and TGF- $\beta$ /activin-regulated Smad proteins including Smad1 and Smad2, but not Smad4. In humans and mice, loss of HOXA13 function causes defects in the growth and patterning of the digits and interdigital tissues. Analysis of HoxA13 expression reveals a pattern of localization overlapping with sites of reduced Bmp2 and Bmp7 expression in HoxA13 mutant limbs. HoxA13 regulates Bmp2 and Bmp7 expression, providing a link between HoxA13, its target genes and the specific developmental processes affected by loss of HoxA13 function.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: HOXA13 (human) mapping to 7p15.2.

## PRODUCT

HoxA13 shRNA (h) 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 HoxA13 siRNA (h): sc-45666 and HoxA13 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-45666-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

HoxA13 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of HoxA13 expression in human 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

HoxA13 (K-12): sc-46123 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of HoxA13 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 donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2020 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (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 donkey anti-goat IgG-FITC: sc-2024 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or donkey anti-goat IgG-TR: sc-2783 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor HoxA13 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: HoxA13 (h)-PR: sc-45666-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 413 bp). 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.

## RESEARCH USE

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