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# SEN8 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45721-V

## BACKGROUND

SUMO (small ubiquitin-related modifier), a member of the ubiquitin-like protein family, regulates diverse cellular functions of a variety of target proteins, including transcription, DNA repair, nucleocytoplasmic trafficking and chromosome segregation. SUMO precursor proteins undergo cleavage of the residues after the "GG" region by SUMO-specific proteases in maturation. This cleavage of the precursor is a prerequisite for subsequent sumoylation. The sentrin-specific (or SUMO-specific) protease (SEN) proteins belong to the peptidase C48 family and include SENP1-3 and SENP5-8. SENP1, SENP2 and SENP3 degrade UBL1 and SMT3H2 conjugates and subsequently release the monomers from sumoylated substrates. HIPK2 is a desumoylation target for SENP1 which shuttles between the cytoplasm and the nucleus. Mutation analyses reveal that SENP1 contains the nuclear export sequence (NES) within the extreme carboxyl-terminal region, and SENP1 is exported to the cytoplasm in a NES-dependent manner. SENP2 has been implicated as a downregulator of CTNNB1 levels and may therefore be a modulator of the Wnt pathway. SUMO protease SENP3 reverses the sumoylation of MEF2 to augment its transcriptional and myogenic activities. SENP5 localizes to the nucleolus and preferentially processes SUMO-3. It is thought to play a role in mitosis and/or cytokinesis. SENP6 localizes to the cytoplasm and releases SUMO-1. Expression of SENP6 is higher in reproductive organs, indicating that it may mediate processes related to reproduction. SENP8 is involved in the release of sentrins.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: *Senp8* (mouse) mapping to 9 B.

## PRODUCT

SEN8 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 SENP8 siRNA (m): sc-45721 and SENP8 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-45721-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.

## APPLICATIONS

SEN8 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of SENP8 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

SEN8 (FL-212): sc-67077 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of SENP8 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 SENP8 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: SENP8 (m)-PR: sc-45721-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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