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# Glucagon Receptor shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45765-V

## BACKGROUND

Glucagon, a pancreatic hormone, functions as an antagonist to Insulin, stimulating the conversion of glycogen to glucose and increasing blood sugar levels. GLP-1 functions as a transmitter in the central nervous system, inhibiting feeding and drinking behavior. Both glucagon and GLP-1 function through their specific binding to the glucagon receptor or GLP-1R, respectively. The glucagon receptor shows expression in liver, kidney and adipose tissue. The GLP-1R expression primarily localizes to areas of the hypothalamus involved in feeding behavior. Both receptors and their ligands serve as potential targets for the therapeutic treatment of diabetes.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: GCGR (human) mapping to 17.

## PRODUCT

Glucagon Receptor 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 Glucagon Receptor siRNA (h): sc-45765 and Glucagon Receptor shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-45765-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

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## APPLICATIONS

Glucagon Receptor shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of Glucagon Receptor 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

Glucagon Receptor (I-16): sc-34638 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Glucagon Receptor 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 Glucagon Receptor gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Glucagon Receptor (h)-PR: sc-45765-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.

## RESEARCH USE

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