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Bmf siRNA (h): sc-45930

BACKGROUND

The BH3-only proteins, which include Blk, Bad, Bik, Hrk, Bid, Bim, NOXA, PUMA and Bmf, are proapoptotic members of the Bcl-2 family. Bcl-2 modifying factor (Bmf) is a BH3-only protein that binds prosurvival Bcl-2 family members to initiate apoptosis. Bmf is sequestered to Myosin V motors on Actin in the cytoskeleton by associating with Dynein light chain 2 (DLC2) homodimers. If the cell undergoes loss of attachment (anoikis), the cytoskeleton is disrupted and Bmf is released from DLC2. Bmf then translocates to the mitochondria, where Bcl-2 (an anti-apoptotic family member) is sequestered. The BH3 domain of Bmf facilitates binding to a hydrophobic groove on the surface of Bcl-2. Binding results in a caspase cascade leading to apoptosis. Bmf is widely expressed in tissues such as pancreas, liver and kidney, and in hematopoietic tissues. The gene encoding Bmf maps to chromosome 15q15.1.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: BMF (human) mapping to 15q15.1.

PRODUCT

Bmf 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 μ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see Bmf shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-45930-SH and Bmf shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45930-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Bmf (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-45930A, sc-45930B and sc-45930C.

PROTOCOLS

See our web site at www.scbt.com for detailed protocols and support products.

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 μ l of the RNase-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330 μ l of RNase-free water makes a 10 μ M solution in a 10 μ M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

APPLICATIONS

Bmf siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of Bmf 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 μ M in 66 μ l. 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 Bmf gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Bmf (h)-PR: sc-45930-PR (20 μ l, 570 bp). 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.