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# plakophilin 4 siRNA (m): sc-152291

## BACKGROUND

Plakophilins 1, 2, 3 and 4 (PKP1–4) influence development and participate in linking cadherins to cytoskeletal intermediate filaments. Plakophilins 1–4 contain arm-repeat (armadillo) domains and localize to nuclei and cell desmosomes (cell-cell junctions found in suprabasal layers of stratifying epithelia that undergo mechanical stress). Plakophilin 1 mediates increases in desmosomal protein content, desmosome assembly and regulation of cell migration. Plakophilin 2 is important for desmosome assembly and is an essential morphogenic factor and architectural component of the heart. Plakophilin 3 plays a role in both desmosome-dependent adhesion and signaling pathways. Plakophilin 4 is a component of desmosomal adhesion plaques that regulates junctional plaque organization and cadherin function.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Pkp4 (mouse) mapping to 2 C1.1.

## PRODUCT

plakophilin 4 siRNA (m) 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  $\mu$ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see plakophilin 4 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-152291-SH and plakophilin 4 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-152291-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of plakophilin 4 (m) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-152291A, sc-152291B and sc-152291C.

## PROTOCOLS

See our web site at [www.scbt.com](http://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  $\mu$ l of the RNase-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330  $\mu$ l of RNase-free water makes a 10  $\mu$ M solution in a 10  $\mu$ M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

## APPLICATIONS

plakophilin 4 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of plakophilin 4 expression in mouse 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  $\mu$ M in 66  $\mu$ 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 plakophilin 4 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: plakophilin 4 (m)-PR: sc-152291-PR (20  $\mu$ l). 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.