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# Vgl-2 siRNA (m): sc-155102

## BACKGROUND

Vgl-2 (transcription cofactor vestigial-like protein 2), also known as VITO-1, is a 317 amino acid protein that contains a domain through which it interacts with TEF-1, a protein that plays a role in controlling the expression of numerous genes. Specific to skeletal muscle, Vgl-2 is expressed highly in adult fast muscle and is expressed at lower levels in adult slow muscle and fetal skeletal muscle. During muscle differentiation, Vgl-2 mRNA levels increase and Vgl-2 translocates from the cytoplasm to the nucleus. Overexpression of Vgl-2 in MYOD-transfected 10T1/2 mouse embryonic fibroblasts increases expression of myosin heavy chain (MHC), which is a marker of terminal muscle differentiation. This evidence suggests that Vgl-2 is essential for muscle gene expression. There are two isoforms of Vgl-2 that are produced as a result of alternative splicing events.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Vgl2 (mouse) mapping to 10 B3.

## PRODUCT

Vgl-2 siRNA (m) is a pool of 2 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 Vgl-2 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-155102-SH and Vgl-2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-155102-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Vgl-2 (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-155102A and sc-155102B.

## 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

Vgl-2 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of Vgl-2 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 Vgl-2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Vgl-2 (m)-PR: sc-155102-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.

## PROTOCOLS

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