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# CUL-4B siRNA (m): sc-155877

## BACKGROUND

Cullin proteins comprise a distinct family of mediators that participate in the selective targeting of proteins for ubiquitin (Ub)-mediated proteolysis. CUL-1, which is the mammalian homolog of Cdc53 from yeast, is an integral component of the E3 ubiquitin ligase complex designated SCF. The SCF (Skp1/CUL-1/F-box protein complex) consists of Skp1 associating with both CUL-1 and an F-box protein, such as Skp2, which determines the substrate specificity of the complex. CUL-1 mediated ubiquitination results in the degradation of cell cycle proteins cyclin D, p21 and cyclin E. Another cullin, CUL-3 facilitates the degradation of cyclin E independent of SCF activity, while CUL-2 associates with the tumor suppressing protein VHL and elongin B to form VBC complexes, which structurally resemble the SCF ligase. Proteolysis also occurs by way of CUL-4A and CUL-4B associating with Nedd-8, a ubiquitin-like protein, where they too function as active components of a multifunctional E3 complex. CUL-5, or vasopressin-activated, calcium-mobilizing protein (VACM-1), is also included in the cullin family as it shares substantial sequence homology with CUL-1.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Cul4b (mouse) mapping to X A3.3.

## PRODUCT

CUL-4B 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 CUL-4B shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-155877-SH and CUL-4B shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-155877-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of CUL-4B (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-155877A, sc-155877B and sc-155877C.

## 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

CUL-4B siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of CUL-4B 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.

## GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

CUL-4 (H-11): sc-377188 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of CUL-4B 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 reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker<sup>™</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor CUL-4B gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: CUL-4B (m)-PR: sc-155877-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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