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# cystatin C siRNA (r): sc-156084

## BACKGROUND

Cystatin C is a cysteine (thiol) protease inhibitor that belongs to the type II cystatin gene superfamily and is the most abundant extracellular inhibitor of cysteine proteases. Cystatin C is a constitutively secreted, amyloidogenic protein, which forms a two-fold symmetric dimer and modulates both cysteine protease activity and the expression of class II MHC molecules. Expression of cystatin C is an indicator of kidney function and glomerular filtration rate. Mutations in the cystatin C gene can lead to protein aggregates, which are implicated in hereditary amyloid angiopathy (HCCAA) and cerebral hemorrhage. Although both wild-type and mutant cystatin C are capable of forming concentration dependent inactive dimers, mutant cystatin C dimerizes at lower concentrations and is more susceptible to serine proteases, which may facilitate aggregation. In neuronal cells, oxidative stress stimulates expression of cystatin C, which may positively regulate apoptosis.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Cst3 (rat) mapping to 3q41.

## PRODUCT

cystatin C siRNA (r) is a target-specific 19-25 nt siRNA 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 cystatin C shRNA Plasmid (r): sc-156084-SH and cystatin C shRNA (r) Lentiviral Particles: sc-156084-V as alternate gene silencing products.

## 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

cystatin C siRNA (r) is recommended for the inhibition of cystatin C expression in rat 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

cystatin C (T12): sc-73879 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of cystatin C 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).

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor cystatin C gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: cystatin C (r)-PR: sc-156084-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.