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NPY siRNA (r): sc-270204

BACKGROUND

The NPY hormone family consists of NPY, PP and peptide YY. NPY (neuropeptide Y) is a 36 amino acid protein that consists of a polyproline stretch followed by an amphipathic α -helix. NPY shares a 50% amino acid homology with pancreatic polypeptide gene (PP). NPY is expressed throughout the central and peripheral nervous system, particularly in the deep layers of the cortex and smaller cell bodies in the white matter. NPY interacts with the Y-receptor family of G protein-coupled receptors. NPY interacts with NPY receptor Y1 to increase corticotropin levels and decrease noradrenaline levels in the hypothalamus. Through interactions in the hypothalamus, NPY plays important roles in the regulation of energy balance by stimulating food intake. NPY favors energy storage by increasing lipoprotein lipase activity in white adipose tissue. A Leucine 7 to Proline 7 polymorphism has been implicated in an increase in alcohol preference, and decrease in cholesterol metabolism.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Npy (rat) mapping to 4q24.

PRODUCT

NPY 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 μ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see NPY shRNA Plasmid (r): sc-270204-SH and NPY shRNA (r) Lentiviral Particles: sc-270204-V as alternate gene silencing 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

NPY siRNA (r) is recommended for the inhibition of NPY 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 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.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

NPY (F-6): sc-133080 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of NPY 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 κ BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG κ BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz® Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use m-IgG κ BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgG κ BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor NPY gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: NPY (r)-PR: sc-270204-PR (20 μ 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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