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# IFN-α7 siRNA (m): sc-146166



## BACKGROUND

The genes encoding type I interferons (IFNs), which include fourteen IFN- $\alpha$  genes, one IFN- $\beta$  gene, an IFN- $\omega$  (also known as IFN- $\alpha$  II1) gene, and a number of IFN- $\omega$  pseudogenes, are clustered on human chromosome 9p21.3. Interferon- $\alpha$  and - $\beta$  are cytokines that are widely known to induce potent antiviral activity. They exert a variety of other biological effects, including antitumor and immunomodulatory activities and are increasingly used clinically to treat a range of malignancies, myelodysplasias and autoimmune diseases. IFN- $\omega$  is antigenically different from human IFN- $\alpha$ , IFN- $\beta$  or IFN- $\gamma$ , but is a component of natural mixtures of IFN species produced by virus-induced leukocytes or Burkitt's lymphoma cells. The type I interferon receptor (IFN- $\alpha$ R) interacts with IFN- $\alpha$ , IFN- $\beta$  and IFN- $\omega$ , and seems to be a multisub-unit receptor. IFN- $\alpha$ 7 (interferon  $\alpha$ -7), also known as LeIF J (interferon  $\alpha$ -J) or IFN- $\alpha$ -J1, is a 189 amino acid secreted protein that has antiviral activity and belongs to the  $\alpha/\beta$  interferon family.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Ifna7 (mouse) mapping to 4 C4.

#### PRODUCT

IFN- $\alpha$ 7 siRNA (m) 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 IFN- $\alpha$ 7 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-146166-SH and IFN- $\alpha$ 7 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-146166-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  $\mu$ 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**

IFN- $\alpha$ 7 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of IFN- $\alpha$ 7 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 IFN- $\alpha$ 7 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: IFN- $\alpha$ 7 (m)-PR: sc-146166-PR (20 µl). 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

See our web site at www.scbt.com for detailed protocols and support products.