



USF-1 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-36784-SH

BACKGROUND

The ubiquitously expressed cellular upstream stimulatory factor (USF) consists of USF-1 and USF-2 polypeptides which independently exhibit site-specific DNA binding and are members of the c-Myc-related family of regulatory factors containing helix-loop-helix domains. USF also contains a leucine repeat that is required for efficient DNA binding. USF was originally identified as an upstream stimulatory factor that binds the core sequence CACGTG in the adenovirus late promoter. These findings, together with the demonstration of cooperative interaction between USF and the initiator-binding protein, TFII-I, raises the possibility of a more general involvement of USF in transcriptional regulation. While expression of both USF-1 and USF-2 species is ubiquitous, different ratios of USF homo- and heterodimers are found in different cell types.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: *Usf1* (mouse) mapping to 1 H3.

PRODUCT

USF-1 shRNA Plasmid (m) is a pool of 3 target-specific lentiviral vector plasmids each encoding 19-25 nt (plus hairpin) shRNAs designed to knock down gene expression. Each plasmid contains a puromycin resistance gene for the selection of cells stably expressing shRNA. Each vial contains 20 µg of lyophilized shRNA plasmid DNA. Suitable for up to 20 transfections. Also see USF-1 siRNA (m): sc-36784 and USF-1 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-36784-V as alternate gene silencing products.

RESEARCH USE

The purchase of this product conveys to the buyer the nontransferable right to use the purchased amount of the product and all replicates and derivatives for research purposes conducted by the buyer in his laboratory only (whether the buyer is an academic or for-profit entity). The buyer cannot sell or otherwise transfer (a) this product (b) its components or (c) materials made using this product or its components to a third party, or otherwise use this product or its components or materials made using this product or its components for Commercial Purposes.

STORAGE AND RESUSPENSION

Store lyophilized shRNA plasmid DNA at 4° C with desiccant. Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once resuspended, store at 4° C for short term storage or -80° C for long term storage. Avoid repeated freeze thaw cycles.

Resuspend lyophilized shRNA plasmid DNA in 200 µl of the deionized water provided. Resuspension of the shRNA plasmid DNA in 200 µl of deionized water makes a 0.1 µg/µl solution in a 10 mM Tris, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

APPLICATIONS

USF-1 shRNA Plasmid (m) is recommended for the inhibition of USF-1 expression in mouse cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

For optimal shRNA Plasmid transfection efficiency, Santa Cruz Biotechnology's shRNA Plasmid Transfection Reagent: sc-108061 (0.2 ml) and shRNA Plasmid Transfection Medium: sc-108062 (20 ml) are recommended. Control shRNAs are available as 20 µg lyophilized plasmid DNA. Each encodes a scrambled shRNA sequence that will not lead to the specific degradation of any known cellular mRNA. Control shRNA Plasmids include: sc-108060, sc-108065 and sc-108066.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

USF-1 (G-2): sc-390027 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of USF-1 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-IgGκ BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgGκ 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-IgGκ BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgGκ 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 USF-1 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: USF-1 (m)-PR: sc-36784-PR (20 µl, 592 bp). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

PROTOCOLS

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