

# FOXC2 siRNA (m): sc-45366

## BACKGROUND

FOXC2 is a member of forkhead/winged helix transcription factor family, whose members serve as key regulators in embryogenesis and cell differentiation. FOXC2 functions as a key regulator of adipocyte metabolism by increasing the sensitivity of the  $\beta$ -adrenergic cAMP protein kinase A (PKA) signaling pathway through alteration of adipocyte PKA holoenzyme composition. Increased FOXC2 levels, induced by high fat diet, seem to counteract most of the symptoms associated with obesity. FOXC2 expression is also associated with the early stage of chondrogenic differentiation both *in vivo* and *in vitro*. FOXC2 haploinsufficiency results in lymphedema-distichiasis (LD), an autosomal dominant disorder that classically presents as lymphedema of the limbs and double rows of eyelashes (distichiasis). Mutant mice null for FOXC2 show defects in axial and cranial skeletogenesis, suggesting a requirement of FOXC2 for skeletal tissue development. FOXC2 interacts with FOXC1 in the Notch signaling pathway and in kidney and heart development.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: *Foxc2* (mouse) mapping to 8 E1.

## PRODUCT

FOXC2 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 FOXC2 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-45366-SH and FOXC2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45366-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of FOXC2 (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-45366A, sc-45366B and sc-45366C.

## 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

FOXC2 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of FOXC2 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

FOXC2 (G-7): sc-515234 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of FOXC2 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 FOXC2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: FOXC2 (m)-PR: sc-45366-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 576 bp). 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.