

# GSTA1 siRNA (h): sc-105421

## BACKGROUND

Members of the glutathione S-transferase (GST) family of proteins function in the detoxification of xenobiotics to protect cells against toxicant-induced damage. GSTs are differentially expressed in lung, liver and kidney tissue. Three isoforms, GSTA1-1, GSTA1-4 and GSTM1, localize to the mitochondria in addition to the cytoplasm. In normal and transformed cells, the oncoprotein Myb transcriptionally upregulates GSTM1. This isoform shows high specific activity for aflatoxin B1 epoxide conjugation, suggesting an important role for this interaction in the defense against both chemical and oxidative stress. The C-terminal domain of GSTA1 may form a component of the hydrophobic substrate-binding site, but in contrast appears not to be directly involved in GSH binding and is not absolutely essential for catalytic activity.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: GSTA1 (human) mapping to 6p12.2.

## PRODUCT

GSTA1 siRNA (h) 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 GSTA1 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-105421-SH and GSTA1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-105421-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of GSTA1 (h) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-105421A, sc-105421B and sc-105421C.

## 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

GSTA1 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of GSTA1 expression in human 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

GSTA1 (286CT8.1.5): sc-517334 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of GSTA1 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 GSTA1 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: GSTA1 (h)-PR: sc-105421-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 524 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.

## PROTOCOLS

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