

PC4 siRNA (h): sc-106359

BACKGROUND

In eukaryotic cells, transcription is regulated in part by high molecular weight coactivating complexes that mediate signals between transcriptional activators and RNA polymerase. RNA polymerase II (RNAPII) holoenzyme contains numerous proteins that largely consist of RNA processing factors, RNA helicase, general transcription factors and Srb coactivating complexes. RNAPII mediated basal and gene-specific transcriptional activation requires the association of various cofactors that include PC4 (human positive cofactor 4). PC4 interacts with the activation domain of transcription factor IIA (TFIIA) and TATA-binding protein (TBP)-associated factors (TAFs) to directly bind to double stranded DNA. PC4 induces both activation and repression of RNAPII basal transcription depending on the presence or absence of these transcription factors and holoenzyme components. Additionally, PC4 is phosphorylated by TFIIID and TFIIH, which releases PC4 from the DNA promoter region and, thereby, inhibits the assembly of PC4 into the transcriptional promoting complex and blocks transcription.

REFERENCES

1. Ge, H., et al. 1994. Purification, cloning, and characterization of a human coactivator, PC4, that mediates transcriptional activation of class II genes. *Cell* 78: 513-523.
2. Kaiser, K., et al. 1995. The coactivator p15 (PC4) initiates transcriptional activation during TFIIA-TFIIID-promoter complex formation. *EMBO J.* 14: 3520-3527.
3. Chao, D.M., et al. 1996. A mammalian Srb protein associated with an RNA polymerase II holoenzyme. *Nature* 380: 82-85.
4. Malik, S., et al. 1998. A dynamic model for PC4 coactivator function in RNA polymerase II transcription. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 95: 2192-2197.
5. Jiang, Y.W., et al. 1998. Mammalian mediator of transcriptional regulation and its possible role as an end-point of signal transduction pathways. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 95: 8538-8543.
6. Wu, S.Y., et al. 1998. Properties of PC4 and an RNA polymerase II complex in directing activated and basal transcription *in vitro*. *J. Biol. Chem.* 273: 12492-12498.

CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: PCSK4 (human) mapping to 19p13.3.

PRODUCT

PC4 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 μ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see PC4 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-106359-SH and PC4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-106359-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of PC4 (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-106359A, sc-106359B and sc-106359C.

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

PC4 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of PC4 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 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.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor PC4 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: PC4 (h)-PR: sc-106359-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

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