

ζ-crystallin siRNA (h): sc-106887

BACKGROUND

Crystallins are divided into two classes: taxon-specific, or enzyme, and ubiquitous. The ubiquitous crystallins constitute the major proteins of the vertebrate eye lens, where they maintain the transparency and refractive index of the lens. The taxon-specific crystallins, also designated phylogenetically-restricted crystallins, include λ-, μ-, and ζ-crystallin, which all share homology to various enzymes. λ-crystallin is best described in rabbit, where it shares homology with L-3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase from porcine. The human μ-crystallin gene maps to chromosome 16p12.2, and encodes a protein that is expressed in neural tissue, muscle, and kidney. Unlike other crystallins, μ-crystallin does not perform a structural role in lens tissue, but rather it binds NADPH and thyroid hormone, which indicates that it may have other regulatory or developmental functions. ζ-crystallin/quinone reductase is present at low levels in human lens tissue. It has NADPH-dependent quinone reductase activity distinct from other known quinone reductases, and may play a role as a pH response element-binding protein.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CRYZ (human) mapping to 1p31.1.

PRODUCT

ζ-crystallin 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 μM solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see ζ-crystallin shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-106887-SH and ζ-crystallin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-106887-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of ζ-crystallin (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-106887A, sc-106887B and sc-106887C.

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 μl of the RNase-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330 μl of RNase-free water makes a 10 μM solution in a 10 μM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

APPLICATIONS

ζ-crystallin siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of ζ-crystallin 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 μM in 66 μl. 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 ζ-crystallin gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: ζ-crystallin (h)-PR: sc-106887-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.