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# β-defensin 7 siRNA (m): sc-142984



#### BACKGROUND

 $\beta$ -defensins (also designated BDs, or hBDs in human) are small cationic peptides with broad-spectrum antimicrobial activity against a variety of enveloped viruses, fungi and bacteria. Produced in mucosal epithelia and neutrophils of several species,  $\beta$ -defensins are developmentally regulated. The family of  $\beta$ -defensin proteins share a common defensin-motif that is characterized by multiple cysteine residues and a highly conserved tertiary structure. Besides playing a significant role in host immune defense, many  $\beta$ -defensins also are involved in sperm maturation and capacitation. With specific expression in the testis,  $\beta$ -defensin 7, also known as  $\beta$ -defensin 107, is a 66 amino acid secreted protein that most likely contains a signal peptide sequence that requires cleavage by proteolytic enzymes in order to become biologically active.

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#### PROTOCOLS

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

#### CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Defb7 (mouse) mapping to 8 A1.3.

# PRODUCT

 $\beta$ -defensin 7 siRNA (m) is a target-specific 19-25 nt siRNA 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  $\beta$ -defensin 7 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-142984-SH and  $\beta$ -defensin 7 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-142984-V as alternate gene silencing 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**

 $\beta\text{-defensin 7}$  siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of  $\beta\text{-defensin 7}$  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.

# **RESEARCH USE**

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.