

Msx-1 siRNA (m): sc-149665

BACKGROUND

Msx homeobox genes encode for transcription factors that control morphogenesis and are expressed at sites of epithelial-mesenchymal interaction during embryogenesis, such as the tooth. Two of these genes, Msx-1 and Msx-2, are key factors for the development of tooth and craniofacial skeleton. Msx-1 also downregulates a master gene of skeletal cells differentiation. Msx-1 and Msx-2 contribute to the initial patterning of dentition as well as playing a pivotal role in terminal cell differentiation. In addition, Msx-1 and Msx-2 are expressed in the epidermis, hair follicles and fibroblasts of the developing fetal skin. In adult skin, Msx-1 and Msx-2 expression is confined to epithelially derived structures. Msx-2 is detected as a diffuse cytoplasmic signal in fetal epidermis and portions of the hair follicle and dermis, but is localized to the nucleus in the adult epidermis. Msx-1 and Msx-2 are also expressed during critical developmental stages of neural tube and neural crest, suggesting that these genes play an important role in organogenesis.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Msx1 (mouse) mapping to 5 B3.

PRODUCT

Msx-1 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 Msx-1 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43945-SH and Msx-1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43945-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Msx-1 (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-43945A, sc-43945B and sc-43945C.

PROTOCOLS

See our web site at 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 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

Msx-1 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of Msx-1 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 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 Msx-1 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Msx-1 (m)-PR: sc-149665-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.