

# Caytaxin siRNA (r): sc-270232

## BACKGROUND

Caytaxin, also known as ATCA (ataxia cayman type protein), CLAC or BNIP-H, is a 371 amino acid neuron-restricted protein that exists as three alternatively spliced isoforms. Deficiency or mutation of the gene encoding Caytaxin is associated with Cayman ataxia, a recessive congenital ataxia specific to a restricted population on Grand Cayman Island. Symptoms of Cayman ataxia include hypotonia, psychomotor retardation and cerebellar dysfunction, including wide-based ataxic gait, nystagmus, intention tremor and dysarthria. Localizing to mitochondria, Caytaxin binds UKHC and contains one CRAL-TRIO domain that is used to interact with small lipophilic molecules. As an adaptor protein, Caytaxin regulates transport of mitochondria, and, as observed in RNA interference studies, suppression of Caytaxin leads to mitochondrial redistribution in neurites.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Atcay (rat) mapping to 7q11.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## PROTOCOLS

See our web site at [www.scbt.com](http://www.scbt.com) for detailed protocols and support products.

## PRODUCT

Caytaxin siRNA (r) 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 Caytaxin shRNA Plasmid (r): sc-270232-SH and Caytaxin shRNA (r) Lentiviral Particles: sc-270232-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Caytaxin (r) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-270232A, sc-270232B and sc-270232C.

## 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

Caytaxin siRNA (r) is recommended for the inhibition of Caytaxin expression in rat 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.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Caytaxin gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Caytaxin (r)-PR: sc-270232-PR (20  $\mu$ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.