

# TRESK siRNA (r): sc-270382

## BACKGROUND

Potassium channels play an important role in cell excitability and plasticity. The pore loop domain, a highly conserved region common to all potassium channels, is involved in determining potassium ion selectivity. The family of potassium channels possessing two-pore loop domains consists of both inward and outwardly rectifying channels and includes THIK-1, THIK-2, TRESK, TALK-1 and TALK-2. Members of this family are all characterized by four transmembrane domains and may function to help influence the resting membrane potential of cells. TWIK-related spinal cord K<sup>+</sup> (TRESK) is the most sensitive volatile anesthetic-activated channel in the family and may function to mediate the effects of inhaled anesthetics in the central nervous system in a manner that is sensitive to immunosuppressive drugs. TRESK is activated by the calcium signal from calcineurin, a calcium/calmodulin-dependent phosphatase, and is highly sensitive to zinc.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Kcnk18 (rat) mapping to 1q55.

## PRODUCT

TRESK siRNA (r) is a pool of 2 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 TRESK shRNA Plasmid (r): sc-270382-SH and TRESK shRNA (r) Lentiviral Particles: sc-270382-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of TRESK (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-270382A and sc-270382B.

## 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

TRESK siRNA (r) is recommended for the inhibition of TRESK 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 TRESK gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: TRESK (r)-PR: sc-270382-PR (20  $\mu$ 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

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