

Calponin 2 siRNA (h): sc-29891

BACKGROUND

Calponin regulates smooth muscle cell contraction and is a marker of smooth muscle cell differentiation. Calponin, an Actin- and Tropomyosin-binding protein, is characterized as an inhibitory factor of smooth-muscle actomyosin activity. Calponin is implicated in the regulation of smooth muscle contraction through its interaction with F-Actin and inhibition of the Actin-activated MgATPase activity of phosphorylated myosin. Both properties are lost following phosphorylation (primarily at Serine 175) by protein kinase C or calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II. The three forms of Calponin, Calponin 1 (basic Calponin), Calponin 2 (neutral Calponin) and Calponin 3 (acidic Calponin) are found in smooth muscle tissue. Additionally, Calponin 2 is found in heart muscle tissue and Calponin 3 is found in the brain.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CNN2 (human) mapping to 19p13.3.

PRODUCT

Calponin 2 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 Calponin 2 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-29891-SH and Calponin 2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-29891-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Calponin 2 (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-29891A, sc-29891B and sc-29891C.

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.

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

Calponin 2 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of Calponin 2 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 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.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

Calponin 1/2/3 (G-10): sc-136987 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Calponin 2 gene expression knockdown by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000) or immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use m-IgG κ BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG κ BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz® Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use m-IgG κ BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgG κ BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Calponin 2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Calponin 2 (h)-PR: sc-29891-PR (20 μ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.