

galectin-9 siRNA (m): sc-35445

BACKGROUND

Galectins are a family of soluble β -galactoside-binding animal lectins that modulate cell-to-cell adhesion and cell-to-extracellular matrix (ECM) interactions and play a role in tumor progression, pre-mRNA splicing and apoptosis. One member of this family, galectin-9, also known as Ecalectin, Gal-9, hUAT2, HOM-HD-21 or LGALS9, maps to human chromosome 17. Galectin-9 is an integral membrane protein that exists as two isoforms, a long form and a short form, which differ by an internal stretch of 32 amino acids. Galectin-9 is an eosinophile chemoattractant produced by activated T lymphocytes that is expressed in organs of the gastrointestinal tract, aorta, liver, kidney, pancreatic islets, lung, tonsil and some colorectal carcinoma, and in the cell lines HUVEC, U-937, HL60, HeLa and Jurkat. Introduction of IL-1 β enhances galectin-9 expression. Increased expression of galectin-9 induces apoptosis in thymocytes and CD8⁺ cells. Galectin-9 is involved in immuno/inflammation processes in potential-sensitive uric acid translocation and contributes to inflammatory reactions in the central nervous system (CNS). Galectin-5, also known as RL-18, may function in erythrocyte differentiation.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Lgals9 (mouse) mapping to 11 B5.

PRODUCT

galectin-9 siRNA (m) 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 galectin-9 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-35445-SH and galectin-9 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35445-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of galectin-9 (m) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-35445A, sc-35445B and sc-35445C.

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

galectin-9 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of galectin-9 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 galectin-9 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: galectin-9 (m)-PR: sc-35445-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.