

# Mnk2 siRNA (h): sc-35951

## BACKGROUND

The MAPKAP (for MAP kinase activated protein) kinases are a group of MAP kinase substrates which are themselves kinases. In response to activation, the MAP kinases phosphorylate downstream components on a consensus Pro-X-Ser/Thr-Pro motif. Several kinases that contain this motif have been identified and serve as substrates for the ERK and p38 MAP kinases, including the serine/threonine kinases Rsk-1 (also designated MAPKAP kinase-1), Rsk-2 and Rsk-3, which are phosphorylated by ERK1 and ERK2. Similarly, p38 phosphorylates and activates the serine/threonine kinases MAPKAP kinase-2 and MAPKAP kinase-3 (also designated 3pK). The serine/threonine kinases Mnk1 and Mnk2 are substrates for both ERK and p38 MAP kinases.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: MKNK2 (human) mapping to 19p13.3.

## PRODUCT

Mnk2 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  $\mu$ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see Mnk2 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-35951-SH and Mnk2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35951-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Mnk2 (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-35951A, sc-35951B and sc-35951C.

## 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

Mnk2 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of Mnk2 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  $\mu$ 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.

## GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

Mnk2 (B-6): sc-271559 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Mnk2 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 $\kappa$  BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker<sup>™</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Mnk2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Mnk2 (h)-PR: sc-35951-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

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