

# C/EBP $\alpha$ siRNA (m): sc-37048

## BACKGROUND

The transcription factor C/EBP  $\alpha$  (CCAAT-enhancer binding protein) is a heat-stable, sequence-specific DNA-binding protein that binds avidly to several different *cis*-regulatory DNA sequences commonly associated with viral and cellular genes transcribed by RNA polymerase II. C/EBP  $\alpha$  regulates gene expression in a variety of tissues including liver, adipose, lung and intestine. C/EBP  $\alpha$  is a basic region/leucine zipper transcription factor selectively expressed during the differentiation of liver, adipose tissue, blood cells and the endocrine pancreas. C/EBP  $\alpha$  uses a bipartite structural motif to bind DNA and appears to function exclusively in terminally differentiated, growth-arrested cells. In the liver, C/EBP  $\alpha$  is a transactivator of several genes, which are regulated by growth hormone. Growth hormone enhances not only the levels of C/EBP  $\alpha$  mRNA and protein, but also the DNA binding activity of C/EBP  $\alpha$ . C/EBP  $\alpha$  functions as an important transcription factor that regulates different genes, including prolactin gene expression.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Cebpa (mouse) mapping to 7 B1.

## PRODUCT

C/EBP  $\alpha$  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  $\mu$ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see C/EBP  $\alpha$  shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-37048-SH and C/EBP  $\alpha$  shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-37048-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of C/EBP  $\alpha$  (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-37048A, sc-37048B and sc-37048C.

## 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

C/EBP  $\alpha$  siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of C/EBP  $\alpha$  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  $\mu$ 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

C/EBP  $\alpha$  (D-5): sc-365318 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of C/EBP  $\alpha$  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).

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor C/EBP  $\alpha$  gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: C/EBP  $\alpha$  (m)-PR: sc-37048-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 587 bp). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

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## RESEARCH USE

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

## PROTOCOLS

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