

# Mucin 5AC siRNA (h): sc-37131

## BACKGROUND

Mucins are a group of high molecular weight glycoproteins consisting of a mucin core protein and O-linked carbohydrates. Mucin 6 carries GlcNAc $\alpha$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4Gal $\beta$  $\rightarrow$ R structures, indicating that  $\alpha$ 1, 4-N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase is important to the formation of the mucous glycoproteins *in vivo*. Mucin 5AC is a gel-forming mucin that is secreted from surface mucous cells. Glucocorticoid is required for the expression of Mucin 5AC mRNA and high doses of hydrocortisone suppresses its expression. Additionally, asthmatic fluid stimulates Mucin 5AC synthesis several-fold. The pro-inflammatory cytokines IL-6 and TNF $\alpha$  stimulate Mucin 5AC secretion and thus contribute to the upregulation of mucin by chronic inflammation. Expression of Mucin 5AC is retinoic acid (RA)- or retinol-dependent, and RA control of mucin genes is mediated by the retinoid acid receptor RAR $\alpha$  and, to a lesser extent, by RAR $\gamma$ . Thyroid hormone binding to thyroid receptors inhibits Mucin 5AC gene expression. Mucin 5AC is also expressed in normal endocervical epithelium, small intestine, gastric cells (Lewis type 1) and gastric metaplasia and it is one of the major mucins in the ethmoid mucosa.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: MUC5AC (human) mapping to 11p15.5.

## PROTOCOLS

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

## PRODUCT

Mucin 5AC 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 Mucin 5AC shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-37131-SH and Mucin 5AC shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-37131-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Mucin 5AC (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-37131A, sc-37131B and sc-37131C.

## 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

Mucin 5AC siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of Mucin 5AC 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

Mucin 5AC (45M1): sc-21701 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Mucin 5AC 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 Mucin 5AC gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Mucin 5AC (h)-PR: sc-37131-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 594 bp). 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.