



Helios siRNA (m): sc-38008

BACKGROUND

Ikaros family members, including Ikaros and Helios, are nuclear factors that colocalize with DNA replication machinery components in higher-order chromatin structures and respond to signaling events, such as T cell activation. Helios and Ikaros bind to similar DNA sequences, and they function as hemopoietic-specific transcription factors. Members of the Ikaros family contain zinc-finger domains that are involved in DNA-binding and in the formation of homodimers and heterodimers between Ikaros family members. Expression of Ikaros is primarily detected in the thymus and spleen, where it is essential for regulating T-cell specific gene transcription and for the differentiation and commitment of early hemopoietic progenitors to the B and T lymphoid lineages. Similarly, Helios expression is detected primarily in T cells and in the earliest embryonic hemopoietic precursors and in adult stem cells. Ikaros and Helios also appear to regulate cell cycle entry by inducing transcriptional repression under varying conditions and, thereby, mediate T cell activation and IL-2 mediated signaling events.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Znf1a2 (mouse) mapping to 1 C3.

PRODUCT

Helios 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 Helios shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-38008-SH and Helios shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-38008-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Helios (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-38008A, sc-38008B and sc-38008C.

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

Helios siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of Helios 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.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

Helios (E-7): sc-390357 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Helios 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 Helios gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Helios (m)-PR: sc-38008-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.

PROTOCOLS

See our web site at www.scbt.com for detailed protocols and support products.