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Tra-2α siRNA (h): sc-38564

BACKGROUND

Human transformer-2 α (Tra-2α) and Tra-2β are nuclear proteins that associate with distinct pre-mRNA splicing enhancer elements. Tra-2α is the functional homolog of the *Drosophila* TRA-2 protein, which regulates the female specific pre-mRNA splicing pattern of the doublesex (dsx) gene in *Drosophila*. Human Tra-2 proteins are able to actively splice *Drosophila* sex factors; however, human Tra-2α has not been shown to induce sexual differentiation suggesting that human Tra-2α may regulate splicing patterns involving alternative mechanisms. Tra-2α and Tra-2β contain a single RNP-type RNA-binding domain and selectively bind to purine-rich sequences to facilitate mRNA splicing. Expression of Tra-2β is upregulated during the reoxygenation of hypoxic astrocytes. Tra-2α and Tra-2β interact with the serine/arginine-rich (SR) family of splicing factors to form Tra-2/SR complexes that then regulate tissue-specific alternative splicing patterns of many pre-mRNAs.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: TRA2A (human) mapping to 7p15.3.

PRODUCT

Tra-2α 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 µM solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see Tra-2α shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-38564-SH and Tra-2α shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-38564-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Tra-2α (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-38564A, sc-38564B and sc-38564C.

RESEARCH USE

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

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 µl of the RNAse-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330 µl of RNAse-free water makes a 10 µM solution in a 10 µM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

APPLICATIONS

Tra-2α siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of Tra-2α 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 µM in 66 µl. 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 Tra-2α gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Tra-2α (h)-PR: sc-38564-PR (20 µl). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

PROTOCOLS

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