

# MKP-2 siRNA (m): sc-38999

## BACKGROUND

MKP-2 (MAP kinase phosphatase 2, Dual specificity protein phosphatase 4 (DUSP4)) is a phosphatase involved in the complex MAPKKK cascade. MKP-2 belongs to the protein-tyrosine phosphatase family (Non-receptor class dual specificity subfamily) and contains one rhodanese domain and one tyrosine-protein phosphatase domain. A dual specificity protein phosphatase, MKP-2 has a stringent substrate specificity for MAPKs. It acts to regulate mitogenic signal transduction by dephosphorylating both Thr and Tyr residues on MAP kinases ERK 1 and ERK 2. Transcription factor E2F-1, which is responsible for mediating apoptosis and suppressing tumorigenesis, acts as a transcriptional regulator of MKP-2. E2F-1 is physically associated with the MKP-2 promoter and can transactivate the promoter of the MKP-2 gene. Specifically, E2F-1 binds to a perfect palindromic motif in the MKP-2 promoter. MKP-2 is an essential cell death mediator in the E2F-1 pathway and may lead to the development of new strategies for cancer treatment.

## REFERENCES

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: *Dusp4* (mouse) mapping to 8 A4.

## PRODUCT

MKP-2 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 MKP-2 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-38999-SH and MKP-2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-38999-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of MKP-2 (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-38999A, sc-38999B and sc-38999C.

## 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

MKP-2 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of MKP-2 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

MKP-2 (F-10): sc-17821 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of MKP-2 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™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz® 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® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor MKP-2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: MKP-2 (m)-PR: sc-38999-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 588 bp). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

1. Valledor, A.F., et al. 2008. IFN- $\gamma$ -mediated inhibition of MAPK phosphatase expression results in prolonged MAPK activity in response to M-CSF and inhibition of proliferation. *Blood* 112: 3274-3282.

## 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.