

# IKK- $\epsilon$ siRNA (m): sc-39057

## BACKGROUND

The transcription factor NF $\kappa$ B is retained in the cytoplasm in an inactive form by the inhibitory protein I $\kappa$ B. Activation of NF $\kappa$ B requires that I $\kappa$ B be phosphorylated on specific serine residues, which results in targeted degradation of I $\kappa$ B. I $\kappa$ B kinase  $\alpha$  (IKK $\alpha$ ), previously designated CHUK, interacts with I $\kappa$ B- $\alpha$  and specifically phosphorylates I $\kappa$ B- $\alpha$  on the sites that trigger its degradation, Serines 32 and 36. The functional IKK complex contains three subunits, IKK $\alpha$ , IKK $\beta$  and IKK $\gamma$  (also designated NEMO), and each appear to make essential contributions to I $\kappa$ B phosphorylation. IKK- $\epsilon$ , also designated IKK-i or IKBKE, is a serine/threonine kinase that shares homology with IKK $\alpha$  and IKK $\beta$ . IKK- $\epsilon$  is primarily expressed in immune cells and is induced by lipopolysaccharide and by proinflammatory cytokines including TNF $\alpha$ , IL-1 and IL-6. Overexpression of IKK- $\epsilon$  has been shown to result in phosphorylation of I $\kappa$ B $\alpha$  on Ser 32 and Ser 36, and in NF $\kappa$ B activation, suggesting that IKK- $\epsilon$  may act as an I $\kappa$ B kinase in the immune system.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Ikbke (mouse) mapping to 1 E4.

## PRODUCT

IKK- $\epsilon$  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 IKK- $\epsilon$  shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-39057-SH and IKK- $\epsilon$  shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-39057-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of IKK- $\epsilon$  (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-39057A, sc-39057B and sc-39057C.

## 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

IKK- $\epsilon$  siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of IKK- $\epsilon$  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

IKK- $\epsilon$  (A-11): sc-376114 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of IKK- $\epsilon$  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<sup>TM</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor IKK- $\epsilon$  gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: IKK- $\epsilon$  (m)-PR: sc-39057-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 441 bp). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

1. Li, X., et al. 2017. The tyrosine kinase Src promotes phosphorylation of the kinase TBK1 to facilitate type I interferon production after viral infection. *Sci. Signal.* 10: eaee0435.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## PROTOCOLS

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