**IL-6 siRNA (m): sc-39628**

**BACKGROUND**

Interleukin-6, or IL-6, is a multifunctional protein, 212 amino acids in length, that plays critical roles in host defense, immune response and hematopoiesis. IL-6 is constituively expressed by epidermal Langerhans cells and its expression is induced in stimulated keratinocytes. IL-6, IL-1β and TNFα act as endogenous pyrogens, regulating the fever response to bacterial infection. The IL-6 receptor is a trimeric complex composed of an IL-6-specific α chain and a homodimer of the gp130 glycoprotein common to the IL-6, IL-11, CNTF, OSM and LIF receptors. Stimulation with IL-6 leads to gp130 homodimerization and the activation of associated kinases JAK1 and JAK2. Once activated, JAK1 and JAK2 phosphorylate Stat3, causing its nuclear translocation and transcription of Stat3-responsive genes. IL-6 has also been shown to activate the Ras/MAP kinase pathway, which regulates NF-IL6 transcription.

**REFERENCES**


**CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: Il6 (mouse) mapping to 5 B1.

**PRODUCT**

IL-6 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 µM solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see IL-6 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-39628-SH and IL-6 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-39628-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of IL-6 (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-39628A, sc-39628B and sc-39628C.

**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**

IL-6 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of IL-6 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-36888 (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.

**GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING**

IL-6 (C12-1-hIL-6): sc-32296 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of IL-6 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® HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG® 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® HRP: sc-516140 or m-IgG® HRP: 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 IL-6 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: IL-6 (m)-PR: sc-39628-PR (20 µl, 542 bp). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

**SELECT PRODUCT CITATION**


**PROTOCOLS**

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