



# Neuregulin-4 siRNA (m): sc-39684

## BACKGROUND

The ErbB/HER family of receptor tyrosine kinases consists of four receptors that bind a large number of growth factor ligands sharing an epidermal growth factor-(EGF)-like motif. The neuregulins (NRGs) are a diverse family of proteins that arise by alternative splicing from a single gene. These proteins play an important role in controlling the growth and differentiation of glial, epithelial, and muscle cells. Whereas ErbB-1 binds seven different ligands whose prototype is EGF, the four families of neuregulins activate ErbB-3 and/or ErbB-4. Neuregulin-1 (also known as heregulin) has diverse functions in neural development, and one of them is to upregulate the expression of acetylcholine receptors at muscle fibers during the formation of neuromuscular junctions. Neuregulin-2 exhibits a distinct expression pattern in adult brain and developing heart. Neuregulin-3 is expressed in cell lines derived from breast cancer and is a potential regulator of normal and malignant breast epithelial cells. Neuregulin-4 is detected in the adult pancreas and weakly in muscle.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Nrg4 (mouse) mapping to 9 B.

## PRODUCT

Neuregulin-4 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 Neuregulin-4 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-39684-SH and Neuregulin-4 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-39684-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Neuregulin-4 (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-39684A, sc-39684B and sc-39684C.

## 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

Neuregulin-4 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of Neuregulin-4 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.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Neuregulin-4 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Neuregulin-4 (m)-PR: sc-39684-PR (20  $\mu$ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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## RESEARCH USE

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

## PROTOCOLS

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