



# Relaxin Receptor 1 siRNA (m): sc-40178

## BACKGROUND

G protein-coupled receptors (GPRs) are a protein family of transmembrane receptors that transmit an extracellular signal (ligand binding) into an intracellular signal (G protein activation). Relaxin Receptor 1, also known as Relaxin/insulin-like family peptide receptor 1, RXFP1, LGR7 or RXFP1, is a leucine-rich repeat G protein-coupled receptor that binds Relaxins and INSL3 (insulin-like peptide 3). Expressed in brain, placenta, uterus, kidney, prostate, testis, adrenal, heart, ovary and skin, Relaxin Receptor 1 localizes to the cell membrane and contains ten LRR (leucine-rich repeats) and an LDL-receptor class A domain. Upon Relaxin or INSL3 binding to Relaxin Receptor 1, adenylylate (A) cyclase is activated, leading to an increased intracellular concentration of cAMP. cAMP is a key intracellular regulator; it mediates the activities of numerous hormones, including ACTH, Glucagon and epinephrine, and plays an important role in modulating cellular activity. Due to alternative splicing events, two Relaxin Receptor 1 isoforms are expressed.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Rxfp1 (mouse) mapping to 3 E3.

## PROTOCOLS

See our web site at [www.scbt.com](http://www.scbt.com) for detailed protocols and support products.

## PRODUCT

Relaxin Receptor 1 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 Relaxin Receptor 1 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-40178-SH and Relaxin Receptor 1 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40178-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Relaxin Receptor 1 (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-40178A, sc-40178B and sc-40178C.

## 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

Relaxin Receptor 1 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of Relaxin Receptor 1 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 Relaxin Receptor 1 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Relaxin Receptor 1 (m)-PR: sc-40178-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 466 bp). 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.