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T1R2 siRNA (m): sc-40197

BACKGROUND

The sense of taste provides animals with valuable information about the quality and nutritional value of food. There are four widely accepted categories of taste perception, sweet, bitter, salty, and sour. A controversial fifth taste, known as umami or monosodium glutamate (MSG), has also been described. A family of G protein-coupled receptors are involved in taste perception, and includes T1R, which is involved in sweet and umami taste perception, and T2R, which is involved in bitter taste perception. The T1R family consists of three members, T1R1, T1R2, and T1R3. These proteins form heterodimers, which alters the selectivity of the subunits. The T1R2 and T1R3 heterodimer functions as a receptor for sweet taste, and recognizes several sweet-tasting molecules, such as sucrose, saccharin, dulcin, and acesulfame-K. The T1R1 and T1R3 heterodimer recognizes L-amino-acids to perceive umami taste. Sweet taste transduction is carried out by two pathways. First, sucrose and other sugars activate $G_{\alpha s}$ via the T1Rs, which activates adenylyl cyclase to generate cAMP. Artificial sweeteners bind to either $G_{\beta\gamma}$ or $G_{\alpha q}$ coupled T1Rs to activate PLCβ2 and generate IP3 and DAG. Both pathways ultimately lead to neurotransmitter release. The mouse T1R3 gene maps to chromosome 4 near the Sac locus, a primary determinant of sweet preference in mice, and it is expressed in a subset of taste cells in circumvallate, foliate, and fungiform taste papillae.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Tas1r2 (mouse) mapping to 4 D3.

PRODUCT

T1R2 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 T1R2 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-40197-SH and T1R2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40197-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of T1R2 (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-40197A, sc-40197B and sc-40197C.

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

T1R2 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of T1R2 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 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.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor T1R2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: T1R2 (m)-PR: sc-40197-PR (20 µl). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

RESEARCH USE

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

PROTOCOLS

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