

# TACI siRNA (h): sc-40243

## BACKGROUND

The NFAT (nuclear factor of activated T cells) family of transcription factors regulates cytokine expression in T cells through *cis*-acting elements located in the promoters of the cytokine genes. The NFAT family consists of the cytoplasmic NFAT (NFATc), transcription factors NFATc1, NFATc2, NFATc3 and NFATc4, and nuclear NFAT (NFATn). Each of these transcription factors plays a role in T cell activation. CAML (calcium-signal modulating cyclophilin ligand) has been identified as an activator of NFAT and NF-IL2A when overexpressed in Jurkat cells. CAML has also been shown to activate calcineurin by causing calcium influx. TACI (transmembrane activator and CAML-interactor), a member of the TNF receptor superfamily, was identified based on its capacity to bind to CAML and has been shown to induce activation of NFAT in the presence of CAML.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: TNFRSF13B (human) mapping to 17p11.2.

## PRODUCT

TACI siRNA (h) 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 TACI shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-40243-SH and TACI shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40243-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of TACI (h) gene silencing results, we also provide the individual siRNA duplex components. Each is available as 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA. These include: sc-40243A, sc-40243B and sc-40243C.

## 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

TACI siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of TACI expression in human 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

TACI (C-9): sc-365253 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of TACI 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™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz® 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® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor TACI gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: TACI (h)-PR: sc-40243-PR (20  $\mu$ l). 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](http://www.scbt.com) for detailed protocols and support products.