

# $\gamma$ C-crystallin siRNA (h): sc-40454

## BACKGROUND

Crystallins, the major proteins of the vertebrate eye lens, are responsible for maintaining the transparency and the refractive index of the lens. Crystallins are divided into  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  families, all of which usually contain seven distinctive protein regions, including four homologous motifs, one connecting peptide and N- and C-terminal extensions. The  $\gamma$ -crystallin family is comprised of seven closely related proteins designated  $\gamma$ A-,  $\gamma$ B-,  $\gamma$ C-,  $\gamma$ D-,  $\gamma$ E-,  $\gamma$ F- and  $\gamma$ G-crystallin.  $\gamma$ C-crystallin, also known as CRYGC or CRYG3, is a 174 amino acid member of the  $\gamma$ -crystallin family. Functioning as a monomer that has a two-domain beta fold,  $\gamma$ C-crystallin, like other members of its family, plays a key role in ensuring the proper structure of the vertebrate eye lens. Defects in the gene encoding  $\gamma$ C-crystallin are the cause of autosomal dominant cataracts, variable zonular pulverulent cataracts and Coppock-like cataracts (CCLs), all of which are characterized by impaired vision due to abnormalities in the lens of the eye.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CRYGC (human) mapping to 2q33.3.

## 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.

## PRODUCT

$\gamma$ C-crystallin 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  $\gamma$ C-crystallin shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-40454-SH and  $\gamma$ C-crystallin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40454-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of  $\gamma$ C-crystallin (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-40454A, sc-40454B and sc-40454C.

## 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

$\gamma$ C-crystallin siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of  $\gamma$ C-crystallin 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.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor  $\gamma$ C-crystallin gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer:  $\gamma$ C-crystallin (h)-PR: sc-40454-PR (20  $\mu$ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.