

plasminogen siRNA (h): sc-40857

BACKGROUND

Cleavage of the serine proteinase plasminogen to form plasmin is the central event in the dissolution of blood clots by the fibrinolytic system. Within the fibrinolytic cascade, the serine proteinases urokinase-type plasminogen activator (uPA) and tissue-type plasminogen activator (tPA) activate the proenzyme plasminogen by cleaving plasminogen to form the fibrinolytically active enzyme plasmin. The enzyme plasmin consists of a heavy chain of 561 amino acids, which originates from the N-terminus of plasminogen, and a light chain of 230 amino acid residues, which is derived from the C-terminus of plasminogen. Plasmin is a proangiogenic proteinase that is capable of degrading a variety of extracellular matrix proteins and that facilitates endothelial cell migration and angiogenesis. In the presence of free sulfhydryl donors (FSD), plasmin undergoes auto-proteolysis and is converted to the enzyme angiostatin, which blocks angiogenesis and neovascularization and can inhibit the growth of primary and metastatic tumors.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: PLG (human) mapping to 6q26.

PRODUCT

plasminogen 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 μ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see plasminogen shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-40857-SH and plasminogen shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40857-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of plasminogen (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-40857A, sc-40857B and sc-40857C.

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 μ l of the RNase-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330 μ l of RNase-free water makes a 10 μ M solution in a 10 μ M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

APPLICATIONS

plasminogen siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of plasminogen 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 μ M in 66 μ 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

plasminogen (B-11): sc-376324 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of plasminogen 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 κ BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG κ 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 κ BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgG κ 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 plasminogen gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: plasminogen (h)-PR: sc-40857-PR (20 μ l, 522 bp). 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.