

5 α -Reductase 2 siRNA (m): sc-41399

BACKGROUND

Steroid 5 α -Reductase is an important enzyme in androgen physiology because it catalyzes the conversion of testosterone into the more potent 5 α -dihydrotestosterone, which mediates androgen effects on target tissues. The enzyme exists as two isoforms: type 1, which is expressed mainly in the skin; and type 2, which is expressed mainly in the prostate. In cultured human skin cells, 5 α -Reductase 1 shows heterogeneity of protein, and has different levels of transcriptional and translational expression. 5 α -Reductase 1 is expressed in all portions of the hair follicle, whereas 5 α -Reductase 2 is expressed only in mesenchymal portions. In addition, 5 α -Reductase 1 is mainly expressed in human breast carcinoma and may play a role in the *in situ* production and actions of the potent androgen 5 α -dihydrotestosterone, including inhibition of cancer cell proliferation in hormone-dependent human breast carcinoma. The 5 α -Reductase-3 α -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase complex is present in the human brain, suggesting that the complex may be involved in the synthesis of neuroactive steroids or the catabolism of neurotoxic steroids.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Srd5a2 (mouse) mapping to 17 E2.

PRODUCT

5 α -Reductase 2 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 μ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see 5 α -Reductase 2 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-41399-SH and 5 α -Reductase 2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-41399-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of 5 α -Reductase 2 (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-41399A, sc-41399B and sc-41399C.

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

5 α -Reductase 2 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of 5 α -Reductase 2 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 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.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor 5 α -Reductase 2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: 5 α -Reductase 2 (m)-PR: sc-41399-PR (20 μ 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 for detailed protocols and support products.