

# Na<sup>+</sup> CP type Iα siRNA (h): sc-42642

## BACKGROUND

Voltage-gated sodium channels are selective ion channels that regulate the permeability of sodium ions in excitable cells. During the propagation of an action potential, sodium channels allow an influx of sodium ions, which rapidly depolarize the cell. The three glycoproteins that comprise the voltage-gated sodium channel proteins include a pore-forming  $\alpha$  subunit, a non-covalently associated  $\beta$ 1 subunit and a disulfide-linked  $\beta$ 2 subunit. The two  $\beta$  subunits regulate the level of channel expression, modulate gating and function as cell adhesion molecules for cellular aggregation and cytoskeleton interaction. The  $\alpha$  subunits of sodium channels type I and III are predominantly expressed in neuronal cell bodies and proximal processes, while type II  $\alpha$  subunits are more abundant along axons. The  $\beta$ 1 subunit of sodium channel type I is expressed in brain, skeletal and cardiac muscle. In the brain,  $\beta$ 1 and  $\beta$ 2 are highly expressed in Purkinje cells, and  $\beta$ 1 is also expressed in the pyramidal cells of the deep cerebellar nuclei. Impaired voltage-gated sodium channels lead to a number of diseases including myotonia.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: SCN1A (human) mapping to 2q24.3.

## PRODUCT

Na<sup>+</sup> CP type Iα 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 Na<sup>+</sup> CP type Iα shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-42642-SH and Na<sup>+</sup> CP type Iα shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42642-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of Na<sup>+</sup> CP type Iα (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-42642A, sc-42642B and sc-42642C.

## PROTOCOLS

See our web site at [www.scbt.com](http://www.scbt.com) for detailed protocols and support products.

## 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

Na<sup>+</sup> CP type Iα siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of Na<sup>+</sup> CP type Iα 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 Na<sup>+</sup> CP type Iα gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Na<sup>+</sup> CP type Iα (h)-PR: sc-42642-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.