

# $\alpha/\beta$ -synuclein siRNA (h): sc-43589

## BACKGROUND

The synucleins, including  $\alpha$ -synuclein (also designated NACP for nonamyloid component precursor),  $\beta$ -synuclein (also designated PNP 14 for phospho-neuroprotein 14) and  $\gamma$ -synuclein (also designated persyn or BCSG1 for breast cancer-specific gene 1) are presynaptic proteins abundant in neurons. Synucleins are predominantly expressed in the brain and are speculated to be involved in synaptic regulation and neuronal plasticity.  $\alpha$ -Synuclein, identified as a component of Alzheimer's disease amyloid plaques, is localized to neuronal cell bodies and synapses. Coordinate expression of  $\alpha$ -synuclein and  $\beta$ -synuclein may be important during hematopoietic cell differentiation. A mutant form of  $\alpha$ -synuclein is found in patients with early onset Parkinson's disease.  $\gamma$ -Synuclein is associated with axonal pathology in Parkinson's disease.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: SNCA (human) mapping to 4q22.1, SNCB (human) mapping to 5q35.2.

## PRODUCT

$\alpha/\beta$ -synuclein siRNA (h) is a pool of 2 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  $\alpha/\beta$ -synuclein shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43589-SH and  $\alpha/\beta$ -synuclein shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43589-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of  $\alpha/\beta$ -synuclein (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-43589A and sc-43589B.

## 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

$\alpha/\beta$ -synuclein siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of  $\alpha/\beta$ -synuclein 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

$\alpha$ -synuclein (211): sc-12767 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of  $\alpha/\beta$ -synuclein 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<sup>™</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

## PROTOCOLS

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