

# PXR siRNA (m): sc-44058

## BACKGROUND

Steroid hormones function as signaling molecules by diffusing into cells and interacting with specific intracellular receptors to regulate gene expression. This superfamily of receptors includes both steroid and nonsteroid receptors. Like many nonsteroid hormone receptors, PXR (pregnane X receptor) binds as a heterodimer with RXR to a DNA sequence typical of a nonsteroid hormone receptor; however, PXR is activated by several steroids, such as naturally occurring pregnanes and synthetic glucocorticoids and anti-glucocorticoids. PXR exists as two alternatively spliced isoforms, PXR.1 and PXR.2. PXR is thought to define a novel steroid hormone signaling pathway that may account for some of the effects of synthetic glucocorticoids and antiglucocorticoids that are not mediated through the classical glucocorticoid receptor signaling pathway.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Nr1i2 (mouse) mapping to 16 B3.

## PRODUCT

PXR 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  $\mu$ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see PXR shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-44058-SH and PXR shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44058-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of PXR (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-44058A, sc-44058B and sc-44058C.

## 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

PXR siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of PXR 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  $\mu$ 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 PXR gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: PXR (m)-PR: sc-44058-PR (20  $\mu$ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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## RESEARCH USE

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

## PROTOCOLS

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