

# GPR50 siRNA (m): sc-61015

## BACKGROUND

G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) play a central role in mediating the intracellular effects of numerous neurotransmitters and hormones, including melatonin. GPR50, also designated Melatonin-related receptor, GPCR50 and H9, does not bind Melatonin. It is a multi-pass membrane protein primarily detected in hypothalamus and pituitary. GPR50 is a 613 amino acid protein that contains the seven hydrophobic segments that are characteristic of GPCRs, as well as the distinguishing sequence motifs of the Melatonin receptor GPCR family. The GPR50 protein is 45% identical to the Melatonin receptors 1A and 1B and has an unusually long proline-rich C-terminal tail. Research suggests that a deletion variant within the GPR50 gene is a sex-specific risk factor for susceptibility to BPAD (bipolar affective disorder) and that other variants in the gene may be sex-specific risk factors in the development of schizophrenia.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Gpr50 (mouse) mapping to X A7.2.

## PRODUCT

GPR50 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 GPR50 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-61015-SH and GPR50 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-61015-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of GPR50 (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-61015A, sc-61015B and sc-61015C.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## 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

GPR50 siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of GPR50 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 GPR50 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: GPR50 (m)-PR: sc-61015-PR (20  $\mu$ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

## PROTOCOLS

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