

# RIG-I siRNA (m): sc-61481

## BACKGROUND

The innate immune system senses viral infection by recognizing many different viral components and triggering specific antiviral responses. Intracellular double-stranded RNA (dsRNA) is a major sign of replication for many viruses. Retinoic acid inducible gene I (RIG-I) is a 925 amino acid, interferon-inducible cellular DExD/H-box RNA helicase that activates type I interferon (IFN), an important effector of the innate immune system that is sensitive to these dsRNA viruses. dsRNA is normally present in very low quantities in cells, so when a virus is present, the elevated levels of dsRNA act as a sign telling RIG-I to activate the production of IFN. RIG-I does this by using its helicase domain to bind to viral dsRNA, thus transmitting the activation signal for IFN through IκB kinase-related kinases and inducing IFN expression. RIG-I is expressed in the cytoplasm of fibroblasts and conventional dendritic cells and can distinguish between many different RNA viruses.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Ddx58 (mouse) mapping to 4 A5.

## PRODUCT

RIG-I 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 μM solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see RIG-I shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-61481-SH and RIG-I shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-61481-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of RIG-I (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-61481A, sc-61481B and sc-61481C.

## 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 μl of the RNase-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330 μl of RNase-free water makes a 10 μM solution in a 10 μM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

## APPLICATIONS

RIG-I siRNA (m) is recommended for the inhibition of RIG-I 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 μM in 66 μl. 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

RIG-I (D-12): sc-376845 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of RIG-I 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).

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor RIG-I gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: RIG-I (m)-PR: sc-61481-PR (20 μl, 488 bp). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

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## RESEARCH USE

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