

# β-1,3-Gal-T4 siRNA (h): sc-61920

## BACKGROUND

β-1,3-Gal-T4 (β-3-galactosyltransferase 4), also known as Gal-T2, is a member of the β-1,3-Gal-T family of type II membrane bound glycoproteins. It is expressed in various tissues including pancreas, heart, skeletal muscle and, to a lesser extent, brain, kidney, placenta, lung, liver and some cancer cells. β-1,3-Gal-T4 localizes to the Golgi apparatus. It consists of an N-terminal cytoplasmic domain, a transmembrane domain, a hydrophobic stem region and a catalytic domain. Unlike other β-1,3-Gal-T family members, β-1,3-Gal-T4 has only one N-linked glycosylation site. Enzymatic activity of β-1,3-Gal-T4 is dependent on glycosylation at this site. Active β-1,3-Gal-T4 catalyzes the addition of galactose (from the sugar donor UDP-Gal) to the N-acetylgalactosamine residue of gangliosides GM2, GD2 and GT2 or to the glycolipid GA2.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: B3GALT4 (human) mapping to 6p21.32.

## PRODUCT

β-1,3-Gal-T4 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 μM solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see β-1,3-Gal-T4 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-61920-SH and β-1,3-Gal-T4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-61920-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of β-1,3-Gal-T4 (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-61920A, sc-61920B and sc-61920C.

## 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 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

β-1,3-Gal-T4 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of β-1,3-Gal-T4 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 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.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor β-1,3-Gal-T4 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: β-1,3-Gal-T4 (h)-PR: sc-61920-PR (20 μl). 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.