

# N-SMase2 siRNA (h): sc-62655

## BACKGROUND

N-SMase2 (neutral sphingomyelinase 2), also known as NSMASE2 or SMPD3 (sphingomyelin phosphodiesterase 3), is a ubiquitously expressed 655 amino acid member of the magnesium-dependent phosphohydrolase protein family. Localized to the membrane of the Golgi apparatus, N-SMase2 functions to catalyze the hydrolysis of sphingomyelin to form ceramide and phosphocholine—two proteins that mediate cell growth arrest and apoptosis. N-SMase2 is enzymatically activated by unsaturated fatty acids and phosphatidylserine and, through regulation of ceramide synthesis, is involved in growth suppression and postnatal development. Expression of N-SMase2 is upregulated during the G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> phases of the cell cycle and optimal N-SMase2 activity occurs at a slightly basic pH of 7.5. N-SMase2 deficiency is the cause of chondrodysplasia, a genetic disorder characterized by impaired bone growth that leads to short stature, bowlegs and underdeveloped joints.

## REFERENCES

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: SMPD3 (human) mapping to 16q22.1.

## PRODUCT

N-SMase2 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 N-SMase2 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-62655-SH and N-SMase2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-62655-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of N-SMase2 (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-62655A, sc-62655B and sc-62655C.

## 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

N-SMase2 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of N-SMase2 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.

## GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

N-SMase2 (G-6): sc-166637 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of N-SMase2 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-IgGκ BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgGκ BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz® Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use m-IgGκ BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgGκ BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor N-SMase2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: N-SMase2 (h)-PR: sc-62655-PR (20 µl, 580 bp). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

- Lu, Z., et al. 2015. GPR40/FFA1 and neutral sphingomyelinase are involved in palmitate-boosted inflammatory response of microvascular endothelial cells to LPS. *Atherosclerosis* 240: 163-173.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## PROTOCOLS

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