# caspase-12 siRNA (h): sc-72797



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#### **BACKGROUND**

A unique family of cysteine proteases has been described that differs in sequence, structure and substrate specificity from any previously described protease family. This family, Ced-3/caspase-1, is composed of caspase-1, caspase-2, caspase-3, caspase-4, caspase-6 and caspase-7 (also designated Mch3, ICE-LAP3 or CMH-1), caspase-9, caspase-10, caspase-14, and caspase-5/caspase-12. Ced-3/caspase-1 family members function as key components of the apoptotic machinery and act to destroy specific target proteins which are critical to cellular longevity. Caspase-5 (also designated TY or ICE<sub>rel</sub>III) can cleave its own precursor, an activity that requires the cysteine 245 residue. The mouse homolog of caspase-5 is designated caspase-12. Frameshift mutations in caspase-5 have been identified in MMP tumors of the endometrium, colon and stomach, indicating that caspase-5 may be a new target gene in the microsatellite mutator pathway for cancer.

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#### CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CASP12 (human) mapping to 11q22.3.

## **PRODUCT**

caspase-12 siRNA (h) is a pool of 2 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 caspase-12 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-72797-SH and caspase-12 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-72797-V as alternate gene silencing products.

For independent verification of caspase-12 (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-72797A and sc-72797B.

### 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**

caspase-12 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of caspase-12 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**

caspase-12 (1611): sc-21747 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of caspase-12 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 caspase-12 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: caspase-12 (h)-PR: sc-72797-PR (20  $\mu$ l, 465 bp). 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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