

TSSK 2 siRNA (h): sc-76768

BACKGROUND

TSSK 2 (testis-specific serine kinase 2), also known as DGS-G (DiGeorge syndrome protein G), SPOGA2 or STK22B (serine/threonine-protein kinase 22B), is a testis-specific serine/threonine kinase that belongs to the CAMK serine/threonine-protein kinase family. Localizing to the cytoplasm, TSSK 2 contains one protein kinase domain and is believed to play a role in the late stages of spermatogenesis. TSSK 2 shares 83% amino acid identity with the related protein kinase TSSK 1. Specifically, TSSK 2 uses magnesium as a cofactor and catalyzes the transfer of a phosphate from ATP to a target protein, such as SPAG16. Loss of TSSK 2 due to chromosomal deletion has been implicated in velocardiofacial/DiGeorge syndrome (VCFS/DGS), a disorder of development that is characterized by palate anomalies, facial anomalies, immunodeficiency, conotruncal cardiac malformations and hypocalcemia.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: TSSK2 (human) mapping to 22q11.21.

PROTOCOLS

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PRODUCT

TSSK 2 siRNA (h) is a target-specific 19-25 nt siRNA designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 3.3 nmol of lyophilized siRNA, sufficient for a 10 μ M solution once resuspended using protocol below. Suitable for 50-100 transfections. Also see TSSK 2 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-76768-SH and TSSK 2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-76768-V as alternate gene silencing 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 μ l of the RNase-free water provided. Resuspension of the siRNA duplex in 330 μ l of RNase-free water makes a 10 μ M solution in a 10 μ M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 20 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA buffered solution.

APPLICATIONS

TSSK 2 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of TSSK 2 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 μ M in 66 μ 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.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

TSSK 2 (S-09): sc-100437 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of TSSK 2 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 TSSK 2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: TSSK 2 (h)-PR: sc-76768-PR (20 μ l). 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.