



Metallothionein 4 siRNA (h): sc-93186

BACKGROUND

Metallothionein (MT) is a sulfhydryl- and cysteine-rich protein that is found in microorganisms, plants and all invertebrate and vertebrate animals. Metallothioneins are a group of ubiquitous low-molecular-weight proteins that have functional roles in cell growth, repair and differentiation. Due to their essential role in the protection of cells against the toxicity of cadmium, mercury, and copper, metallothioneins are implicated primarily in metal ion detoxification. Metallothionein, as an acute phase or stress-response protein and free radical scavenger, is related to inflammation and cellular protection from reactive forms of oxygen, ionizing radiation, pharmacological agents and mutagens. Metallothioneins are known to be broadly expressed in heart, liver, kidney, breast and testis tissue.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: MT4 (human) mapping to 16q12.2.

PRODUCT

Metallothionein 4 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 Metallothionein 4 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-93186-SH and Metallothionein 4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-93186-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

Metallothionein 4 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of Metallothionein 4 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.

RESEARCH USE

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

PROTOCOLS

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