

TWIK-3 siRNA (h): sc-96794

BACKGROUND

Potassium (K⁺) channels are divided into three subclasses, reflecting the number of transmembrane segments (TMS), which are designated 6TMS, 4TMS and 2TMS. Members of the 4TMS class contain two distinct pore regions, and include TASK, TREK, TRAAK, and TWIK. TWIK-1 mRNA is expressed abundantly in brain and at lower levels in lung, kidney and skeletal muscle. Human TWIK-2 is expressed in pancreas, placenta and heart, while mouse TWIK-2 is expressed in liver. TWIK-2 is inhibited by intracellular, but not extracellular, acidification. TWIK-3, also known as KCNK7, exists as a homodimer and three alternatively spliced isoforms. Localized to the endoplasmic reticulum, TWIK-3 is a 307 amino acid multi-pass membrane protein and is a member of the two pore domain potassium channel family. The function of TWIK-3 has not been characterized.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: KCNK7 (human) mapping to 11q13.1.

PRODUCT

TWIK-3 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 TWIK-3 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-96794-SH and TWIK-3 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-96794-V as alternate gene silencing products.

PROTOCOLS

See our web site at 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 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

TWIK-3 siRNA (h) is recommended for the inhibition of TWIK-3 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.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor TWIK-3 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: TWIK-3 (h)-PR: sc-96794-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.