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Odf2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43411-V



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BACKGROUND

The major cytoskeletal structures in the mammalian sperm tail are the outer dense fibers (ODF) and the fibrous sheath (FS). The ODFs are located on the outside of the axoneme, and they help maintain the passive elastic structures and elastic recoil of the sperm tail. Human ODFs consist of approximately 10 major and at least 15 minor proteins. The major proteins of the ODF include Odf1, Odf2, and Odf3, which compose a family of proteins that are preferentially expressed during mammalian spermiogenesis. The human Odf1 gene maps to chromosome 8q22. The human Odf2 gene maps to chromosome 9q34. Both Odf1 and Odf2 are exclusively expressed in testis. Odf2 interacts with Odf1 during assembly of the outer dense fibers by means of leucine zippers in both proteins. Odf1 can also self interact. The Odf proteins may be involved in male infertility as a result of flagellar dysfunction.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Odf2 (mouse) mapping to 2 B.

PRODUCT

Odf2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles are concentrated, transduction-ready viral particles containing a target-specific construct that encodes a 19-25 nt (plus hairpin) shRNA designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 200 μ l frozen stock containing 1.0 x 10 6 infectious units of virus (IFU) in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium with 25 mM HEPES pH 7.3. Suitable for 10-20 transductions. Also see Odf2 siRNA (m): sc-43411 and Odf2 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-43411-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

STORAGE

Store lentiviral particles at -80 $^{\circ}$ C. Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once thawed, particles can be stored at 4 $^{\circ}$ C for up to one week. Avoid repeated freeze thaw cycles.

PROTOCOLS

See our web site at www.scbt.com or our catalog for detailed protocols and support products.

APPLICATIONS

Odf2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of Odf2 expression in mouse cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200 μ l frozen viral stock containing 1.0 x 10 6 infectious units of virus (IFU); contains an shRNA construct encoding a scrambled sequence that will not lead to the specific degradation of any known cellular mRNA.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

Odf2 (G-8): sc-365874 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of Odf2 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 (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2005 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:32,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2031 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluo-rescence: use goat anti-mouse IgG-FITC: sc-2010 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor Odf2 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: Odf2 (m)-PR: sc-43411-PR (20 μ). Annealing temperature for the primers should be 55-60° C and the extension temperature should be 68-72° C.

BIOSAFETY

Lentiviral particles can be employed in standard Biosafety Level 2 tissue culture facilities (and should be treated with the same level of caution as with any other potentially infectious reagent). Lentiviral particles are replication-incompetent and are designed to self-inactivate after transduction and integration of shRNA constructs into genomic DNA of target cells.

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