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# IRS-1 shRNA (h2) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44268-V

## BACKGROUND

The Insulin receptor substrate-1 (IRS-1), a protein major substrate of the Insulin receptor, is phosphorylated in response to stimulation of cells by Insulin, Insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) and interleukin 4 (IL-4). IRS-1 is phosphorylated on serine, threonine and tyrosine residues in a variety of tissues. An Insulin-sensitive serine/threonine kinase casein kinase II mediates a portion of the Insulin-stimulated serine/threonine phosphorylation of overexpressed IRS-1 *in vivo*. Thr 502 is identified as the major casein kinase II-catalyzed phosphorylation site in rat IRS-1, and Ser 99 is an additional phosphorylation site catalyzed by casein kinase II. Thus, casein kinase II-catalyzed phosphorylation of IRS-1 may be a component of the intracellular Insulin signaling cascade. IRS-1 contains three putative binding sites for 14-3-3 (Ser 270, Ser 374 and Ser 641) and the motif around Ser 270 is located in the phosphotyrosine binding domain of IRS-1, which is responsible for the interaction with the Insulin receptor. The association of 14-3-3 with IRS-1 increases significantly upon treatment with okadaic acid, a potent serine/ threonine phosphatase inhibitor. Therefore, the association of 14-3-3 protein may play a role in the regulation of Insulin sensitivity by interrupting the association between the Insulin receptor and IRS-1.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: IRS1 (human) mapping to 2q36.3.

## PRODUCT

IRS-1 shRNA (h2) Lentiviral Particles is a pool of concentrated, transduction-ready viral particles containing 3 target-specific constructs that encode 19-25 nt (plus hairpin) shRNA designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ l frozen stock containing  $1.0 \times 10^6$  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 IRS-1 siRNA (h2): sc-44268 and IRS-1 shRNA Plasmid (h2): sc-44268-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.

## APPLICATIONS

IRS-1 shRNA (h2) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of IRS-1 expression in human cells.

## SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200  $\mu$ l frozen viral stock containing  $1.0 \times 10^6$  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

IRS-1 (C-20): sc-559 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of 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-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (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) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-FITC: sc-2012 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-rabbit IgG-TR: sc-2780 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor IRS-1 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: IRS-1 (h2)-PR: sc-44268-PR (20  $\mu$ l). Annealing temperature for the primers should be  $55-60^{\circ}$  C and the extension temperature should be  $68-72^{\circ}$  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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