

# SignalSilence® GSK-3 $\alpha$ siRNA I (Mouse Specific)

✓ 10  $\mu$ M in 300  $\mu$ l  
(100 transfections)



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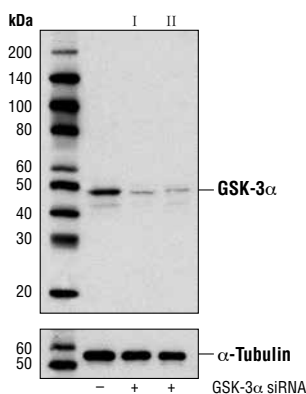
## Species Cross-Reactivity: M

**Description:** SignalSilence® GSK-3 $\alpha$  siRNA I (Mouse Specific) from Cell Signaling Technology (CST) allows the researcher to specifically inhibit GSK-3 $\alpha$  expression using RNA interference, a method whereby gene expression can be selectively silenced through the delivery of double stranded RNA molecules into the cell. All SignalSilence® siRNA products from CST are rigorously tested in-house and have been shown to reduce target protein expression by western analysis.

**Background:** Glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3) was initially identified as an enzyme that regulates glycogen synthesis in response to insulin (1). GSK-3 is a ubiquitously expressed serine/threonine protein kinase that phosphorylates and inactivates glycogen synthase. GSK-3 is a critical downstream element of the PI3 kinase/Akt cell survival pathway whose activity can be inhibited by Akt-mediated phosphorylation at Ser21 of GSK-3 $\alpha$  and Ser9 of GSK-3 $\beta$  (2,3). GSK-3 has been implicated in the regulation of cell fate in *Dictyostelium* and is a component of the Wnt signaling pathway required for *Drosophila*, *Xenopus* and mammalian development (4). GSK-3 has been shown to regulate cyclin D1 proteolysis and subcellular localization (5).

**Directions for Use:** CST recommends transfection with 100 nM SignalSilence® GSK-3 $\alpha$  siRNA I (Mouse Specific) 48 to 72 hours prior to cell lysis. For transfection procedure, follow protocol provided by the transfection reagent manufacturer. Please feel free to contact CST with any questions on use.

**Quality Control:** Oligonucleotide synthesis is monitored base by base through trityl analysis to ensure appropriate coupling efficiency. The oligo is subsequently purified by affinity-solid phase extraction. The annealed RNA duplex is further analyzed by mass spectrometry to verify the exact composition of the duplex. Each lot is compared to the previous lot by mass spectrometry to ensure maximum lot-to-lot consistency.



Western blot analysis of extracts from NIH/3T3 cells, transfected with 100 nM SignalSilence® Control siRNA (Unconjugated) #6568 (-), SignalSilence® GSK-3 $\alpha$  siRNA I (Mouse Specific) #6568 (+) or SignalSilence® GSK-3 $\alpha$  siRNA II (Mouse Specific) #6335 (+), using GSK-3 $\alpha$  Antibody #9338 (upper) or  $\alpha$ -Tubulin (11H10) Rabbit mAb #2125 (lower). The GSK-3 $\alpha$  Antibody confirms silencing of GSK-3 $\alpha$  expression, while the  $\alpha$ -Tubulin (11H10) Rabbit mAb is used as a loading control.

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Swiss-Prot Acc. #Q2NL51

**Storage:** GSK-3 $\alpha$  siRNA I (Mouse Specific) is supplied in RNase-free water. Aliquot and store at -20°C.

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## Background References:

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