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1. Description

Components	20 µg StemMACS™ Sox2 mRNA encoding the transcription factor Sox2 (ANOP3; MCOPS3; Entrez Gene ID 6657).
	1 mL Double-distilled Water , RNase-free
Specifications	<i>In vitro</i> transcribed, polyadenylated and capped mRNA that has been modified with pseudouridine and 5-methyl-cytidine to reduce the innate antiviral response to single-stranded RNA.
Formulation	Lyophilized from a filtered (0.2 µm) solution.
Storage	Store the lyophilized product at –20 °C. The expiration date is indicated on the label. After reconstitution, the product can be stored at –70 °C for up to 3 month.
Quality control	mRNA size has been verified on an Agilent Bioanalyzer System. Sox2 protein expression after transfection was confirmed by immunofluorescence.

1.1 Principle

The transient expression of key developmental regulators, recombinases or markers via mRNA transfection is a powerful tool for modulating cell fate. StemMACS mRNAs are highly pure, *in vitro*-transcribed mRNAs that have been carefully optimized and validated to ensure high level expression after transfection.

1.2 Background information

Sox2 is a member of the SRY-related HMG-box (SOX) family of transcription factors involved in the regulation of embryonic development and in the determination of cell fate. The product of this gene is required for stem-cell maintenance in the central nervous system, and also regulates gene expression in the stomach. Exogenous expression of Sox2 in combination with other transcription factors has been used to generate induced pluripotent stem cells.

1.3 Applications

- Modulation of pluripotency

2. Protocol: Reconstitution of lyophilizate

▲ RNA is susceptible to degradation by exogenous ribonucleases. Wear gloves, use RNase-free reagents, tubes, and pipette tips.

1. Dissolve StemMACS Sox2 mRNA in 200 µL of Double-distilled Water. Vortex thoroughly. The final concentration will be 0.1 µg/µL.
2. Briefly centrifuge to collect the content at the bottom of the tube.
3. Prepare aliquots and store at –70 °C to –80 °C. Do not subject aliquots to more than two freeze-thaw cycles.

For satisfactory transfection results, use a protocol that is optimized for your specific cell type. StemMACS™ eGFP mRNA or StemMACS™ Nuclear eGFP mRNA allow easy evaluation of transfection efficiency and are recommended as positive controls.

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