BACKGROUND
DNA-mismatch repair (MMR) is an essential process in maintaining genetic stability. Lack of a functional DNA-mismatch repair pathway is a common characteristic of several different types of human cancers, either due to an MMR gene mutation or promoter methylation gene silencing. MLH1 is an integral part of the protein complex responsible for mismatch repair and is expressed in lymphocytes, heart, colon, breast, lung, spleen, tests, prostate, thyroid and gall bladder tissues, and is methylated in several ovarian tumors. Loss of MLH1 protein expression is associated with a mutated phenotype, microsatellite instability and a predisposition to cancer. In hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer (HNPPC), an autosomal dominant inherited cancer syndrome that signifies a high risk of colorectal and various other types of cancer, the MLH1 gene exhibits a pathogenic mutation. Certain cancer cell lines, including leukemia CCRF-CEM, colon HCT 116 and KM12, and ovarian cancers SK-OV-3 and IGROV-1, show complete deficiency of MLH1, while MLH1 is expressed in 60% of melanomas, 70% of noninvasive squamous cell carcinomas and 30% of invasive squamous cell carcinomas.

REFERENCES

CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION
Genetic locus: MLH1 (human) mapping to 3p22.

PRODUCT
MLH1 (h): 293 Lysate represents a lysate of human MLH1 transfected 293 cells and is provided as 100 µg protein in 200 µl SDS-PAGE buffer.

APPLICATIONS
MLH1 (h): 293 Lysate is suitable as a Western Blotting positive control for human reactive MLH1 antibodies. Recommended use: 10-20 µl per lane. Control 293 Lysate: sc-110760 is available as a Western Blotting negative control lysate derived from non-tranfected 293 cells.

RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS
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-2039 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2035 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048.

STORAGE
Store at -20° C. Repeated freezing and thawing should be minimized. Sample vial should be boiled once prior to use. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

RESEARCH USE
For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

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