

Smac (h): 293T Lysate: sc-159888

BACKGROUND

The activation of caspases is a key regulatory step in apoptosis. Once cytochrome c is released from the mitochondria into the cytosol, it binds Apaf-1 to form an oligomeric cytochrome c/Apaf-1 complex, which induces caspase activation. Inhibitors of Apoptosis Proteins (IAPs), are a family of proteins that regulate the cytochrome c/Apaf-1 caspase activating pathway. Like cytochrome c, Smac (for second mitochondria-derived activator of caspase, also designated DIABLO in mouse for direct IAP binding protein with low PI) promotes caspase activation in the cytochrome c/Apaf-1/caspase-9 pathway by binding IAPs and preventing them from inhibiting caspases. In healthy cells, Smac is a mitochondrial protein, but when cells undergo apoptosis, Smac is released into the cytosol.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: DIABLO (human) mapping to 12q24.31.

PRODUCT

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

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.

APPLICATIONS

Smac (h): 293T Lysate is suitable as a Western Blotting positive control for human reactive Smac antibodies. Recommended use: 10-20 µl per lane.

Control 293T Lysate: sc-117752 is available as a Western Blotting negative control lysate derived from non-transfected 293T cells.

RESEARCH USE

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

PROTOCOLS

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