BACKGROUND
The initiation of gene transcription involves the ordered assembly of a multi-protein complex on proximal promoter elements such as the TATA box. In addition to RNA polymerase II, the transcription factors class II (TFII) family of proteins are required for initiation of transcription, as the first step in the formation of this initiation complex is the stable binding of TFIIID to the TATA box. An additional TFII related protein, BTF3, does not directly associate with the proximal promoter, but rather forms a stable complex with RNA pol II and facilitates RNA pol II assembling into the complex. The BTF3 gene is ubiquitously expressed and encodes for two protein isoforms, BTF3a and BTF3b, which are produced from alternative splicing. The BTF3 proteins are identical except that BTF3b lacks the first 44 amino acids at the N-terminal of BTF3a. As a consequence of this deletion, BTF3b is unable to induce transcription, despite being able to bind RNA pol II. Additionally, BTF3a and BTF3b associate with the widely expressed protein kinase CK2. CK2 phosphorylates and facilitates RNA pol II assembling into the complex. The BTF3 gene is required for the efficient transcription of the tRNA and 55 rRNA genes by RNA polIII.

APPLICATIONS
BTF3a/b (H-9) is recommended for detection of BTF3a and BTF3b of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:100, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 µg per 100-500 µg of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)], immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

Suitable for use as control antibody for BTF3a/b siRNA (h): sc-38513, BTF3a/b siRNA (m): sc-38514, BTF3a/b shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-38513-SH, BTF3a/b shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-38514-SH, BTF3a/b shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-38513-V and BTF3a/b shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-38514-V.

Molecular Weight of BTF3a: 27 kDa.

Positive Controls: Raji whole cell lysate: sc-364236, HL-60 nuclear extract: sc-2147 or NAMALWA cell lysate: sc-2234.

REFERENCES

CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION
Genetic locus: BTF3 (human) mapping to 5q13.2; Btf3 (mouse) mapping to 13 D1.

SOURCE
BTF3a/b (H-9) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against amino acids 1-206 representing full length BTF3a of human origin.

PRODUCT
Each vial contains 200 µg IgG 2b kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

STORAGE
Store at 4°C, **DO NOT FREEZE**. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

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

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