# MITF (h3): 293T Lysate: sc-114536



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## **BACKGROUND**

MITF (microphthalmia-associated transcription factor) is a melanocytic nuclear protein that contains basic helix-loop-helix (HLH) and leucine zipper (LZ) domains. These protein motifs are frequently observed in other transcription factors and are particularly common to members of the Myc family. MITF can directly associate with DNA as a homodimer and is required for the development and differentiation of melanocytes. Its expression is upregulated by cAMP and cAMP-dependent pathways. MITF activates several different gene promoters by binding to their E-boxes. Tyrosinase, TRP1 and TRP2 are pigment synthesis genes activated by MITF. When MITF is phosphorylated on Ser 73 (via the MAPK pathway), it associates with co-activators of the p300/CBP family and enhances transcription. MITF has several isoforms including MITF-M which is specifically expressed in melanocytes. In MITF-deficient mice there is a complete absence of melanocytes.

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## **CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: MITF (human) mapping to 3p14.1.

# **PRODUCT**

MITF (h3): 293T Lysate represents a lysate of human MITF transfected 293T cells and is provided as 100  $\mu$ g protein in 200  $\mu$ l SDS-PAGE buffer.

#### **RESEARCH USE**

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

## **APPLICATIONS**

MITF (h3): 293T Lysate is suitable as a Western Blotting positive control for human reactive MITF antibodies. Recommended use:  $10-20~\mu$ l per lane.

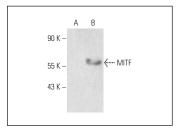
Control 293T Lysate: sc-117752 is available as a Western Blotting negative control lysate derived from non-tranfected 293T cells.

MITF (D-9): sc-515925 is recommended as a positive control antibody for Western Blot analysis of enhanced human MITF expression in MITF transfected 293T cells (starting dilution 1:100, dilution range 1:100-1:1,000).

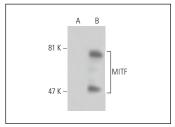
## **RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS**

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use m-lgG $\lambda$  BP-HRP: sc-516132 or m-lgG $\lambda$  BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516132-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker<sup>TM</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz $^{\circ}$  Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048.

#### DATA







MITF (SPM290): sc-56433. Western blot analysis of MITF expression in non-transfected: sc-117752 (A) and human MITF transfected: sc-114536 (B) 293T whole cell lysates.

# **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.

### **PROTOCOLS**

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