

IscU1/2 (h2): 293T Lysate: sc-174306

BACKGROUND

Iron-sulfur (Fe-S) clusters are cofactors that are essential for a wide variety of processes, including facilitation of electron transfer processes in oxidative phosphorylation, catalysis of enzymatic reactions in aconitase and dehydratases and maintenance of structural integrity in the DNA repair enzyme endonuclease III. In bacteria and eukaryotes, several new genes are implicated in the biogenesis of Fe-S cluster-containing proteins. IscU1 and IscU2, homologs to bacterial IscU and NifU, are iron cluster-assembly proteins. Deletion of either IscU1 or IscU2 results in increased accumulation of iron within the mitochondria, loss of activity of the [4Fe-4S] aconitase enzyme and suppression of oxidative damage in cells lacking cytosolic copper/zinc superoxide dismutase. IscU1 and IscU2 are regulated by the iron status of the cell and localize primarily in the mitochondria. In human cells, alternative splicing of IscU pre-mRNA results in synthesis of these two proteins, which differ at the N-terminus and localize either to the cytosol (IscU1) or the mitochondria (IscU2). IscU proteins interact with IscS, a cysteine desulfurase, to sequester inorganic sulfur for Fe-S cluster assembly. IscU-IscS protein complex localizes in both mitochondria and cytosol, implying that Fe-S cluster assembly takes place in multiple subcellular compartments in mammalian cells.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: ISCU (human) mapping to 12q23.3.

PRODUCT

IscU1/2 (h2): 293T Lysate represents a lysate of human IscU1/2 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.

PROTOCOLS

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

APPLICATIONS

IscU1/2 (h2): 293T Lysate is suitable as a Western Blotting positive control for human reactive IscU1/2 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.