

anti-MiTF antibody, rabbit serum, ChIP grade

73-107 100 µl

Mitf (Microphthalmia-associated transcription factor) is a transcription factor that contains both basic helix-loop-helix and leucine zipper structural features. It plays a critical role in the differentiation of various cell types such as neural crest-derived melanocytes, mast cells, osteoclasts and optic cup-derived retinal pigment epithelium. Mutations in Mitf cause auditory-pigmentary syndromes, such as Waardenburg syndrome type 2 and Tietz syndrome. Alternatively spliced transcript variants encoding different isoforms have been identified.

The antibody was produced by immunizing rabbit with recombinant human **Mitf** protein in the laboratory of Prof. H. Yamamoto.

Applications:

- 1. Western blotting (1/5,000:Different splicing isoforms detected).
- 2. Immunohistochemistry ($1/300 \sim 1/1,000$).
- 3. Immunofluorescence staining
- 4.ChIP (1/200: Users should examine the best conditions which depend on samples and the ways of extract preparation)

Immunogen: Recombinant full-size human Mitf protein with His tag

Specificity: Specific to human, mouse, chicken and Xenopus Mitf. Especially it works well with the eye.

Form: Antiserum added with 0.05% sodium azide

Storage: shipped at 4°C or -20°C, and upon arrival, aliquot and store at -20°C or below

Data Link: UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot human: <u>O75030</u> (MITF_HUMAN), mouse: <u>Q08874</u> (MITF_MOUSE), chicken: <u>O73871</u> (O73871_CHICK), Xenopus: <u>A4IID0</u> (A4IID0_XENTR), OMIM (human): <u>156845</u>

References: This antibody was used in the following references.

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DAPI anti-MiTF antibody

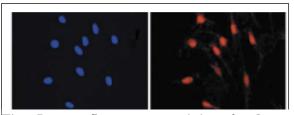


Fig.1 Immunofluorescence staining of melanocytes.

Mouse primary melanocytes 6 weeks after explantation was processed for immunofluorescence

microscopy using anti-MiTF antibody and DAPI

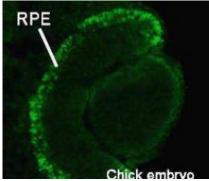


Fig.2 Immunohistochemical staining of Mitf in chick embrio at stage 14.

Embrio was fixed with paraformal dehyde and embedded in OCT compound and sectioned with a cryostat at 8 $\,\mu$ m. Anti-MiTF antibody was used at 1/300 dilution. As second antibody, Alexa 488 conjugated anti-rabbit IgG was used.

At stage 14, Mitif protein is detected throughout the RPE (Retinal Pigment Epithelium).