

mib*^{ta52b}*Nature of the mutation**

The *ta52b* allele contains a single T-to-G point mutation that changes Met to Arg at amino acid residue 1013 that is located in the prototypical RING domain of the Mib protein (Itoh et al., Developmental Cell 4: 67-82, 2003).

Genotyping assay

Genotyping of the *ta52b* allele is based on the RFLP assay (**R**estriction **F**ragment **L**ength **P**olymorphism; Botstein *et al.*, Am. J. Hum. Genet. 32: 314-331, 1980). This method is used to detect a mutation that either creates or abolishes a site recognized by a specific restriction enzyme. In the RFLP assay, a sequence of interest is first PCR-amplified and then the PCR product is subjected to restriction enzyme digestion. The presence or absence of the mutation is determined by the resulting restriction pattern. The *ta52b* mutation abolishes a site recognized by the NlaIII restriction enzyme.

Primers:

MIB_03: 5' GCA CCT GTC AGC TGT GTG GAG 3'

MIB_04: 5' GGG CAC TTG TAT GAA AAA TAC AGT C 3'

PCR program (55_30_30):

1. 94°C for 3 min
2. 94°C for 30 sec
3. **55°C for 30 sec**
4. 72°C for 30 sec
5. Go to step 2 (above) for 39 cycles
6. 72°C for 5 min
7. 8.0°C hold
8. END

Product size: 271 bp**Digestion of the PCR product with the NlaIII restriction enzyme:**

Product type	Product digestion	DNA fragments after digestion (bp)
PCR product derived from the WT template	cleaved	242 bp and 29 bp
PCR product containing the mutation	unaffected	271 bp

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is highly recommended to use WT positive controls to monitor whether enzyme digestion has been carried out to completion. Without this control, partially digested WT samples can be mistakenly regarded as heterozygous samples.

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