

Identifyn Standards for Optical Microscopy Methods™Identifyn Primary Antibody**Rabbit anti-Human 53BP1 Polyclonal, IgG***Cat ID# - PA-RP 000008*Identifyn® Secondary Antibodies**Identifyn®SRM Alexa Fluor™ 647 Affinity Purified Goat Anti-Rabbit, IgG (H + L)***Cat ID# - SA 000057***Identifyn® SRM Alexa Fluor™ 488 Affinity Purified Donkey Anti-Mouse, IgG (H + L)***Cat ID# - SA 000015*

53BP1 (P53-binding protein 1) is a crucial player in the DNA damage response (DDR), particularly in the repair of double-strand breaks (DSBs). It has a range of functions that contribute to genomic stability and an appropriate response to DNA damage. The following are the prominent roles and functions of 53BP1 in DNA repair:

DNA Damage Sensing: 53BP1 is among the early proteins recruited to DNA damage sites. It recognizes and binds to the phosphorylated form of H2AX (γ -H2AX), a histone variant phosphorylated at double-strand break sites. This ability to localize to DNA damage sites helps to recruit other proteins involved in DNA repair and signaling.

Non-Homologous End Joining (NHEJ): 53BP1 significantly promotes NHEJ, a pathway to repair double-strand breaks, especially in the G1 phase of the cell cycle when a homologous template is unavailable. 53BP1 promotes this pathway by:

Facilitating Synapsis: 53BP1 helps align the broken DNA ends, preparing them for ligation by the NHEJ machinery.

Restricting End Resection: By inhibiting the end resection process (a step in homologous recombination), 53BP1 ensures that NHEJ remains the primary repair mechanism for DSBs in cells not in the S or G2 phase.

Interaction with Other DNA Repair Proteins: 53BP1 interacts with other proteins to promote NHEJ, such as RIF1 (Rap1 Interacting Factor 1) and the Shieldin complex. These interactions help determine the repair pathway choice, favoring NHEJ over homologous recombination when appropriate.

DNA Damage Signaling: 53BP1 is involved in amplifying DNA damage signaling, contributing to the recruitment of additional repair proteins and activating cell cycle checkpoints. This signaling function helps maintain genomic stability by ensuring that cells do not progress through the cell cycle with unrepaired DNA damage.

Tumor Suppression and Genome Stability: 53BP1 has tumor suppressive properties, given its role in promoting accurate repair and maintaining genomic stability. Its ability to ensure proper repair of DSBs and its interaction with other DDR proteins make it an essential player in preventing mutations and chromosomal aberrations that can lead to cancer.

In summary, 53BP1 is a multifaceted protein in the DNA damage response, promoting non-homologous end joining, facilitating DNA damage signaling, and contributing to genomic stability. Its interactions with other DNA repair proteins and its role in regulating the choice of repair pathways are crucial for maintaining cellular integrity and preventing tumorigenesis.

Method

HeLa cells were grown on acid-etched #1.5H cover glass to ~50% confluency, then fixed in -20°C methanol and blocked with [Thermo Fisher Fish Serum Blocker \(cat#37527X3\)](#). The primary antibody, Rabbit anti-Human 53BP1 Polyclonal, IgG, was incubated for 1 hour at room temperature at a 1:250 dilution. Cells were washed 3X in PBS. Identifyn® SRM Alexa Fluor™ 647 Affinity Purified Goat Anti-Rabbit, IgG (H + L), was incubated at room temperature for 1 hour at a dilution of 1:1000. Cells were washed 3 times in PBS.

The second primary antibody, [Alpha Tubulin Monoclonal Antibody \(DM1A\)](#), was incubated for 1 hour at room temperature at a 1:250 dilution. Cells were washed 3X in PBS. Identifyn® SRM Alexa Fluor™ 488 Affinity Purified Donkey Anti-Mouse, IgG (H + L) was incubated for 1 hour at room temperature at a dilution of 1:1000. Cells were washed 5X in PBS and mounted using [ProLong™ Diamond Antifade Mountant with DAPI, cat#P36962](#).

Microscope

Zeiss Axio Imager.M1 Widefield, using a Plan-Apochromat 63x/1.40 Oil M27, Axiocam 705, and X-Cite Xylis Lamp, was used with the following parameters for each dye:

Single Plane (2D)

Channels = 3
Scaling (Per Pixel) = 0.110 µm X 0.110 µm
Image size (Pixels) = 1000 X 1010
Image Size (Scaled) = 109.52 µm X 110.62 µm
Bit Depth = 14 Bit
Image Center Position = X: 0.00 µm, Y: 0.00 µm
ROI Center Offset = X: 0.00 µm, Y: 0.00 µm

647 -

Reflector = 50 Cy 5
Beam Splitter = 660
Filter Excitation Wavelength = 625 - 655
Filter Emission Wavelength = 665 - 715
Contrast Method = Fluorescence
Light source = X-Cite Xylis Lamp Intensity @15.00%
Exposure Time = 150 ms
Excitation Wavelength = 653
Emission Wavelength = 668
Effective NA = 1.4
Imaging Device = Axiocam 705
Camera Adapter = 1X
Depth of Focus = 1.03 µm
Binning Mode = 2,2

488 -

Reflector = 38 eGFP

Beam Splitter = 495
 Filter Excitation Wavelength = 450 - 490
 Filter Emission Wavelength = 500 - 550
 Contrast Method = Fluorescence
 Light source = X-Cite Xylis Lamp Intensity @15.00%
 Exposure Time = 150 ms
 Excitation Wavelength = 493
 Emission Wavelength = 517
 Effective NA = 1.4
 Imaging Device = Axiocam 705
 Camera Adapter = 1X
 Depth of Focus = 0.80 μm
 Binning Mode = 2,2

DAPI -

Reflector = 49 DAPI
 Beam Splitter = 395
 Filter Excitation Wavelength = 335 - 383
 Filter Emission Wavelength = 420 - 470
 Contrast Method = Fluorescence
 Light source = X-Cite Xylis Lamp Intensity @10.00%
 Exposure Time = 25 ms
 Excitation Wavelength = 353
 Emission Wavelength = 465
 Effective NA = 1.4
 Imaging Device = Axiocam 705
 Camera Adapter = 1X
 Depth of Focus = 0.72 μm
 Binning Mode = 2,2

Split View - Panel A

The top-left panel features Rabbit anti-Human 53BP1 Polyclonal, IgG, visualized with Identifyn® SRM Alexa Fluor™ 647 Affinity Purified Goat Anti-Rabbit, IgG (H + L), the top-right panel shows Alpha Tubulin visualized with Identifyn® SRM Alexa Fluor™ 488 Affinity Purified Donkey Anti-Mouse, IgG (H + L), the bottom-left panel features DAPI nuclear staining, and the bottom-right panel features the merged image of all channels.

Colocalization View - Panel B, and Image Panel C, note the circular white mask used to take measurements.

Horizontal Axis - AF647, Threshold 190, Range Auto
 Vertical Axis - DAPI, Threshold 386, Range Auto

Zeiss Zen Acquisition Settings - Panel D

Shown are the acquisition settings across all three channels, including LED intensity and exposure times, along with all other relevant parameters, provided for methodological transparency.

Summary

Panels B and C present orthogonal intensity profiles of 53BP1 (horizontal axis) and DAPI (vertical axis), demonstrating nuclear localization of 53BP1 following etoposide-induced DNA damage. No measurable signal is detected within the nucleolus or cytoplasm, consistent with compartment-restricted recruitment. Panel D: Imaging acquisition parameters are reported for methodological transparency: 53BP1 counterstained with an Identifyn® 647 secondary antibody was acquired with 15% LED input and a 150 ms exposure time in Zeiss ZEN.

Image Correction

None

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