

# ITCH

**PDB:** 5C7M

**Entry Clone Accession:** ITCH: BC011571

**Entry Clone Source:** MGC:AU66-H3

**SGC Clone Accession:** ITCH: SDC094-D06

Ubv.it.02: YTC006-E08

**Tag:** N-terminal His6-tag, TEV cleavable

**Host:** BL21(DE3)-V2R

**Vector:** ITCH: pET28-MHL; Ubv.it.02: pNIC-CH

**Prelude:** itch.483.862, in reference to sequence NP\_113671.3

**Sequence:** ITCH:

mhahhhhhsgrenlyfqqYVRDFKAKVQYFRFWCQQQLAMPQHIKITVTRKTLFEDSFQQIMSFSP  
QDLRRRLWVIFPGEEGLDYGGVAREWFFLLSHEVSNPYCLFEYAGKDNYCLQINPASYI  
NPDLKYFRFIGRFIAMALFHGKFIDTGFSLPFYKRILNKPVGLKDLESIDPEFYNSLIWVK  
ENNIECDLEMYFSVDKEILGEIKSHDLKPNGGNILVTEENKEEYIRMVAEWRLSRGVVEE  
QTQAFFEGFNEILPQQYLQYFDAKELEVLLCGMQEIDLNDWQRHAIYRRYARTSKQIMW  
FWQFVKEIDNEKRMRLLQFVTGTCRLPVGGFADLMGSNPGPKFCIEKVGKENWLPRSH  
TCFNRLDLPPYKSYEQLKEKLLFAIEETEGFGQE

Ubiquitin Variant, Ubv.it.02:

MHILVKTLRGKTITLEVEPSDTIENVKAKIQDKEGIPPDQQRLLFGGNKLEDGRTLSDYNI  
QKESNLYLLLRLGSKFhhhhhh

## Growth

**Procedure:** LEX Bubbling. The target proteins were expressed in *E. coli* by inoculating 50 mL of overnight culture grown in Luria-Bertani medium into a 2 L of Terrific Broth medium in the presence of 50 ug/mL kanamycin, 600 uL anti-foam at 37 degree. When OD600 reached ~3.0, the temperature of the medium was lowered to 18 degree and the culture was induced with 0.5 mM IPTG. The cells were allowed to grow overnight before harvested by centrifugation (12,227g 10min) and flash frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 degree.

## Purification

**Procedure:** 4L cell pellet was resuspended in a total volume of 200 ml lysis extraction buffer and the cells disrupted by sonication (10min, 10 sec on, 10 sec off, output 100-120 W). The lysate was centrifuged at 16,000 rpm (25,800xg RCF(average) for 60 minutes and the supernatant was loaded onto 5 mL opencobalt metal-affinity resin column. The column was then washed 3 times with 15mL washing buffer each. Bound proteins were eluted using 15 mL elution buffer in total. Pooled fractions were diluted to ~100mL using Q column buffer A and loaded on a HiTrap Q column (GE Healthcare) and eluted with 1M NaCl gradient(20CV). The elutants containing the target protein were pooled and concentrated. The final protein concentration is 30 mg/mL measured by nano-drop based on UV-absorbance at 280nM. The purity of the preparation is tested by SDS-PAGE to be >95%.

## Structure Determination

**Ubiquitin variant Ubv.IT.02 MassSpec:** ITCH, uncut version native protein expected 47429.3, measured 47429.9

Ubv.it.02, measured 9748.3 Da, as expected

**Crystallization:** The ITCH and ubiquitin variant ubv.it.02 were mixed at molarity ratio 1:2, and then concentrated to 17mg/ml. The protein sample was mixed with 1mg/mL chymotrypsin at a 1:1000 (W/W) chymotrypsin:protein ratio right before set up crystallization. Crystal was initially obtained from SGC-I screen condition A05. Crystal used for structure refinement was grown in 1.6M NH4SO4, 0.2M NaAc, 0.1M HEPES pH 7.5, 5% Ethylene Glycol in hanging drop setup, using 1.2uL protein, 1.2uL well solution over 0.5 mL reservoir buffer at 20 °C. Crystals grow to moutable size for ~1 weeks. Harvested crystal was flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen. A well solution containing 20% glycerol was used as the cryo-protectant.