

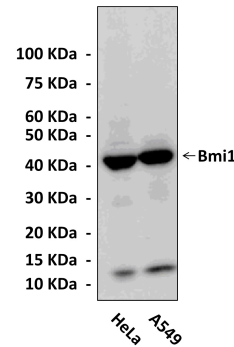
## BACKGROUND

Bmi1 is a member of the Polycomb group of transcription repressors that was initially identified as an oncogene cooperating with c-myc in a murine model of lymphoma.<sup>1</sup> Bmi1 has a RING finger at the amino-terminus and a central helix-turn-helix domain. The RING finger domain is required for the generation of lymphoma in Eμ-Bmi1 transgenic mice. Postnatal mice lacking Bmi1 exhibit defects in hematopoiesis, skeletal patterning, neurological functions, and development of the cerebellum.<sup>2</sup> It has recently been shown that Bmi1 is necessary for efficient self-renewing cell divisions of adult HSCs as well as adult peripheral and central nervous system neural stem cells, but that it is less critical for the generation of differentiated progeny.<sup>3</sup> BMI1 may also play a key role in some types of cancer. Gene-profiling studies suggest that Bmi1 modulates HSC self-renewal through the regulation of genes important for stem cell fate decisions, as well as survival genes, antiproliferative genes, and stem cell-associated genes including p16Ink4a and p19Arf.<sup>4</sup> Bmi1 could be used as a molecular target to induce senescence in cancer stem cells.

### References:

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## QUALITY CONTROL DATA



Specific detection of Bmi1 proteins by anti-Bmi1 (10H8) Western Blot analysis in various cell lysates: HeLa, and A549.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### Source:

*E. coli*-expressed recombinant human Bmi1 protein fragments.

### Specificity and Sensitivity:

This antibody detects endogenous levels of human Bmi1 proteins.

**Storage Buffer:** PBS and 30% glycerol

### Storage:

Store at -20°C for at least one year. Store at 4°C for frequent use. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

## APPLICATIONS

Application:	*Dilution:
WB	1:1000
IP	n/d
IHC	n/d
ICC	n/d
FACS	n/d

\*Optimal dilutions must be determined by end user.

