

Supporting Information

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Generation of *WSTF* Knockout Mice. *WSTF* genomic DNA fragments were obtained from the RP23–240H6 BAC clone by PCR. The targeting vector consisted of a 1.0-kb 5' homologous region and a 10-kb 3' homologous region, and the *neo* cassette was replaced with a 1.0-kb fragment containing an exon encoding the translation initiation site. Three targeted TT2 ES-cell clones (Wa-103–105), identified by Southern analysis using probes A and neo, were aggregated with single eight-cell embryos from CD-1 mice (1). Chimeric males were mated with C57BL/6 females and subsequent procedures were performed on a mixed C57BL/6×CBA background. Two lines exhibited the same phenotypic abnormalities. Offspring were genotyped either by Southern analysis using probe A, or by PCR using 3 specific primers that distinguished wild-type, heterozygous, and homozygous mice.

RT-PCR and Northern Blot Analysis. Total RNA from murine tissues and embryos was isolated with the ISOGEN kit (Wako) according to the manufacturer's protocol. For northern blot analyses (2), 30 μ g of RNA was used with the indicated cDNA as a probe. For RT-PCR, cDNAs were generated by oligo dT-primed reverse transcriptase from 1 μ g total RNA (3). PCR and real-time quantitative RT-PCR (qPCR) was performed as reported in ref. 4.

Flow Cytometric Analysis. The cell cycles of *WSTF*^{-/-} and wild-type MEF cells were analyzed by flow cytometry as described in ref. 5. In brief, exponentially growing MEF cells were fixed with ethanol and DNA was stained with propidium iodide (PI). DNA

content of each MEF cell was measured with a FACS Caliber analyzer (BD Bioscience).

Immunoprecipitation. After washing cells twice with ice-cold PBS, collected cells were resuspended in 1 mL of ice-cold lysis buffer [10 mM Tris·HCl (pH 7.4), 10 mM NaCl, 3 mM MgCl₂, and 0.5% (vol/vol) Nonidet P-40], incubated on ice for 30 min, and centrifuged for 5 min at 500 × *g*. Sedimented nuclear fractions were resuspended in TNE buffer [10 mM Tris·HCl (pH 7.5), 1% Nonidet P-40, 0.15 M NaCl, and 1 mM EDTA] and incubated for 30 min on ice. After centrifugation, the supernatants were used as whole cell extracts for immunoprecipitation by using anti-FLAG M2 affinity resin (Sigma) or the indicated antibodies with protein G Sepharose (GE Healthcare) followed by Western blot analysis with the indicated antibodies (3, 6, 7).

GST Pull-Down Assay. A series of transcription factors fused to GST were expressed in *E. coli*, as described in refs. 6 and 8. The predicted sizes of the expressed proteins were verified by SDS/PAGE. For the GST pull-down assays, bacterially expressed GST fusion proteins, or GST bound to glutathione-Sepharose 4B beads (GE Healthcare), were incubated for 2 h at 30 °C with [³⁵S]methionine-labeled proteins expressed by in vitro translation by using the TNT-coupled transcription-translation system (Promega). Free proteins were removed by washing the beads with NET-N⁺ buffer (150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 20 mM Tris·HCl, pH 7.5, 0.5% Nonidet P-40, 1 mM PMSF, and 1 mM DTT). Bound proteins were eluted by boiling in SDS sample buffer and analyzed by 10% SDS/PAGE. After electrophoresis, radiolabeled proteins were visualized by using an image analyzer (BAS1500, Fuji).

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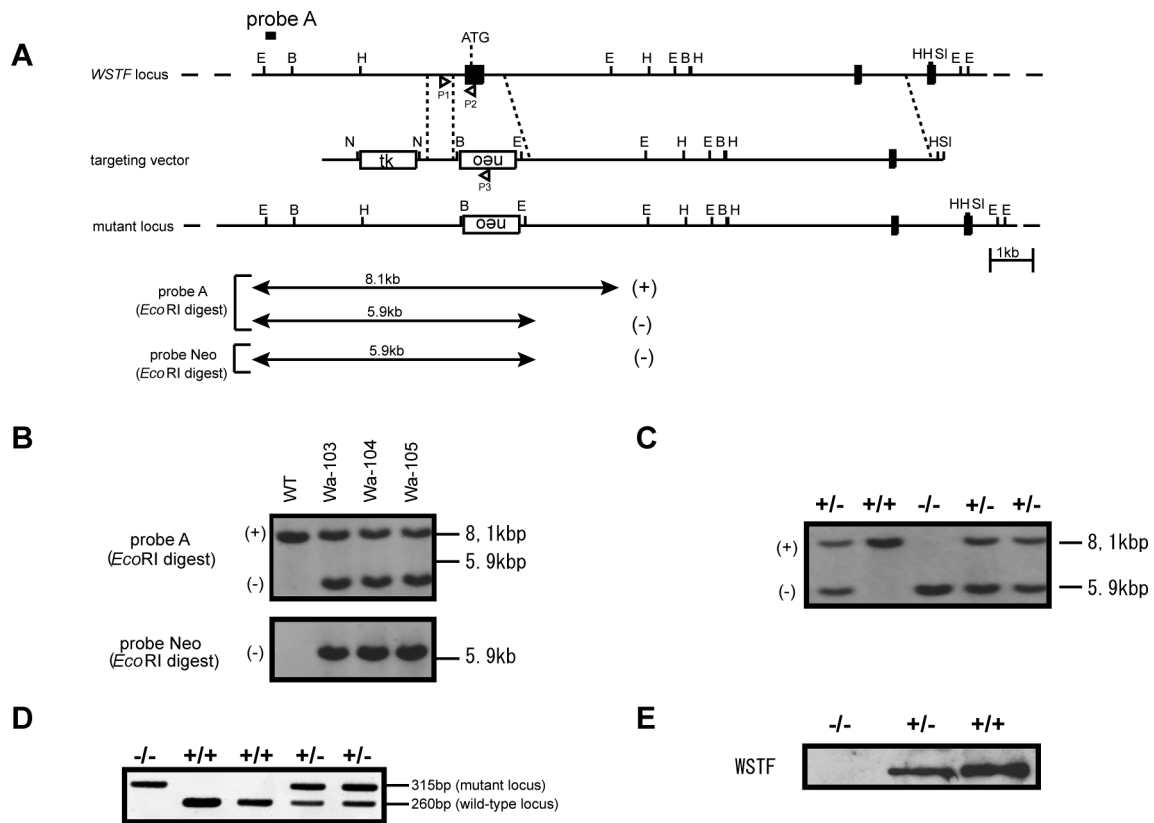


Fig. S1. Targeted disruption of the *WSTF* gene. (A) The targeted *WSTF* gene locus. Wild-type *WSTF* locus (Top), targeting vector (Middle), and predicted mutant locus (Bottom). Filled boxes indicate exons. Digested fragments detected by probe A and probe neo are indicated by arrows. B, *Bam*HI; E, *Eco*RI; H, *Hind*III; SI, *Sal*I. Mice were generated following our standard method as described in refs. 1 and 9. (B) Southern blot analysis of targeted ES clones. Genomic DNA from wild-type TT2 cells (WT) and homologous targeted clones (Wa-103–105) were digested with *Eco*RI and hybridized to the external probe (probe A), or to the neo probe. (C) Southern blot analysis of tail DNA from the offspring of heterozygous litter mates with probe A as described for B. (D) PCR genotyping of E9.5 embryos using three primers (P1, P2, and P3) as indicated in A. Primer 1 and primer 2 were used to detect the wild-type allele (amplification of a 260-bp fragment). Primer 2 and primer 3 were used to detect the targeted allele (amplification of a 315-bp fragment). (E) Western blot analysis of *WSTF* protein from wild-type, heterozygote, and homozygote E10.5 embryos.

