

Table S1. Primers used in this study

Goal PCR	Fragment ^a	Primer name ^b	Sequence (5'→3') ^c	Remarks
<i>Preparation of knock out constructs</i>				
Δmaf_{MGI-2}	a	FwNMC0595 RvNMC0595	CGCGCGAGATCTTGGAAAATTACGAAAGAGCAAGGTCAAGATTTA CGCGCGCCATGGGGCGGGTATGCCGGTCAGTGTGCCGCA	BglII NcoI
	b	FwNMC1790N RvNMC1790E	CGCGCGCATATGACCGTGAAACCGCTGCGAAGACTG CGCGCGGATATCAAAGCGGACGGTGTAACCAA	NdeI EcoRV
$\Delta maf_{B2IB-CTs_{MGI-2}}$	b	FwNMC1790B RvNMC1790Nc	CGCGCGAGATCTACCGTGAAACCGCTGCGAAGACTG CGCGCGCCATGGAAAAGCGGACGGTGTAACCAA	BglII NcoI
	c	FwNMC0602 RvNMC0603	CGCGCGCATATGATGATGAGTGTAAGAATTATTC CGCGCGGATATCTCAACTATAATCATTTTTTCTTAAAG	NdeI EcoRV
Δmaf_{MGI-1}	d	FwNMC1788 RvNMC1788	CGCGCGAGATCTATGATGGAAACACAGCTTTACATC CGCGCGCCATGGGGCGGGTATGCCGGTCAGTGTGCCGCA	BglII NcoI
	b	FwNMC1790N RvNMC1790E	CGCGCGCATATGACCGTGAAACCGCTGCGAAGACTG CGCGCGGATATCAAAGCGGACGGTGTAACCAA	NdeI EcoRV
$\Delta maf_{BIB-CTs_{MGI-1}}$	b	FwNMC1790B RvNMC1790Nc	CGCGCGAGATCTACCGTGAAACCGCTGCGAAGACTG CGCGCGCCATGGAAAAGCGGACGGTGTAACCAA	BglII NcoI
	e	FwNMC1790N RvNMC1790E	CGCGCGCATATGACCGTGAAACCGCTGCGAAGACTG CGCGCGGATATCAAAGCGGACGGTGTAACCAA	NdeI EcoRV
Δmaf_{MGI-3}	f	FwNMC2082 RvNMC2082	CGCGCGAGATCTATGGATCGCGCCACCGCCGACTACATGGGCATGATG CGCGCGCCATGGAGATTTTCTCCTTTGATGAAAAAC	BglII NcoI
	g	FwNMC2083N RvNMC2084E	CGCGCGCATATGCGACACTGCCTTTCTTTCCCACTT CGCGCGGATATCGAGAAATCGACCATTAATCCTTCC	NdeI EcoRV
$\Delta MGI-3$	f	FwNMC2082 RvNMC2082	CGCGCGAGATCTATGGATCGCGCCACCGCCGACTACATGGGCATGATG CGCGCGCCATGGAGATTTTCTCCTTTGATGAAAAAC	BglII NcoI
	h	FwNMC2095N RvNMC2095E	CGCGCGCATATGGGTTACCTATCAAATAATTTACCT CGCGCGGATATCAGTTTTTTAATGACATCGGTCTAT	NdeI EcoRV
$\Delta maf_{BIB-CTs_{MGI-3}}$	g	FwNMC2082B RvNMC2082N	CGCGCGAGATCTATGGATCGCGCCACCGCCGACTACATGGGCATGATG CGCGCGCCATGGAGATTTTCTCCTTTGATGAAAAAC	BglII NcoI
	h	FwNMC2095N RvNMC2095E	CGCGCGCATATGGGTTACCTATCAAATAATTTACCT CGCGCGGATATCAGTTTTTTAATGACATCGGTCTAT	NdeI EcoRV
<i>Preparation of plasmids for overexpression</i>				
$MafI_{MGI-3}$		FwMMC2085 fw Re NMC2084	GCGCGCCATATGATGAAAAAAAATATTTTTTAC GCGCGCCTCGAGTTTTCCAGTGGCTCAAATAATTGTTTC	NdeI XhoI
$MafI_{MGI-2}$		Fw0598 Rev0598	GCGCGCCATATGAATATATTACCAAGCTGGCTGCGAGTCGG GCGCGCCTCGAGCGCTTGCGAAATAATTCCTTTCTCC	NdeI XhoI

Toxic domain of MafB _{MGI-2}	Fw0597ct	GCGCGCCCATGGACTACAAAGACGATGACGACAAGGGG	NcoI, Flag- tagged SacII
	Rev0597ct	ACTAAAATTCATGATGGAGCTCAAGGGAAAC GCGCGCCCGCGGCTATTGCACCTTTTAAATGGTTTTAGGG	
Toxic domain of MafB _{MGI-3}	Fw2084ct	GCGCGCCCATGGACTACAAAGACGATGACGACAAGAAC	NcoI, Flag- tagged SacII
	Rev2084ct	AAGCCAGTTGTTAAATC GCGCGCCCGCGGTCATTGACAAAATATCCAGAATGA	
<i>Cloning procedures</i>			
Amplification of the <i>araBAD</i> promoter	FwArac	GCGCGCAGTACTATCGATGCATAATGTGCC	ScaI
	RevArac	GCGCGCCCGCGGTCCTACTCAGGAGAGCGT	SacII

^a Letters correspond to the PCR fragments indicated in Figure 1.

^b Primer names are based on the corresponding gene locus in strain FAM18.

^c Restriction sites (underlined) used for cloning and sequences for protein tags (italics) for included in primers sequences are indicated.