

**Table S7: Determination of total and cell surface expression with Nano-Glo®HiBiT Lytic/Extracellular detection system, and maximal cAMP response  $E_{max}$  via AlphaScreen®.** Data are given as the result of four to eight independent experiments performed in triplicates  $\pm$  SEM. Wild-type MC4R (WT) stimulation as fold over MC4R basal for all assays is  $20 \pm 1.06$  fold for  $\alpha$ -MSH,  $22 \pm 1.15$  fold for NDP- $\alpha$ -MSH and  $14.53 \pm 1.53$  for setmelanotide, all set as 100 %. Expression data were cleaned by performing a ROUT test with  $Q = 1\%$ . Statistics were done by one-way ANOVA with Kruskal-Wallis test. WT was tested against all mutants stimulated with the indicated ligand: a:  $p < 0.05$ ; b:  $p < 0.01$ ; c:  $p < 0.001$ ; d:  $p < 0.0001$ .

Substitution	Total expression [fold over WT basal]	Cell surface expression [fold over WT basal]	Basal [fold over WT basal]	$\alpha$ -MSH $E_{max}$ [% of WT at 1 $\mu$ M]	NDP- $\alpha$ -MSH $E_{max}$ [% of WT at 1 $\mu$ M]	Set-melanotide $E_{max}$ [% of WT at 1 $\mu$ M]
MC4R WT	1	1	1	100	100	100
E100N	1.30 $\pm$ 0.10	2.42 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>d</sup>	0.98 $\pm$ 0.08	11.35 $\pm$ 1.45 <sup>a</sup>	56.10 $\pm$ 4.13 <sup>a</sup>	103 $\pm$ 13
T101A	1.41 $\pm$ 0.07	0.89 $\pm$ 0.11	1.16 $\pm$ 0.16 <sup>a</sup>	189 $\pm$ 10 <sup>d</sup>	155 $\pm$ 12 <sup>b</sup>	-
D122S	1.63 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>c</sup>	1.41 $\pm$ 0.09	1.16 $\pm$ 0.06	40.10 $\pm$ 3.46	129 $\pm$ 8.56	138 $\pm$ 11
N123A	0.53 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>d</sup>	0.60 $\pm$ 0.05 <sup>c</sup>	1.05 $\pm$ 0.05	163 $\pm$ 13 <sup>b</sup>	119 $\pm$ 7.89	154 $\pm$ 11 <sup>b</sup>
D126S	1.28 $\pm$ 0.07	1.87 $\pm$ 0.14 <sup>c</sup>	0.90 $\pm$ 0.05 <sup>a</sup>	13.92 $\pm$ 1.67 <sup>a</sup>	91.23 $\pm$ 7.74	81.69 $\pm$ 7.77
C130A	0.99 $\pm$ 0.04	1.13 $\pm$ 0.09	1.03 $\pm$ 0.09	147 $\pm$ 9.24 <sup>a</sup>	114 $\pm$ 9.25	-
L133A	1.11 $\pm$ 0.10	0.78 $\pm$ 0.15	1.03 $\pm$ 0.05	130 $\pm$ 6	152 $\pm$ 8 <sup>a</sup>	-
L133F	0.97 $\pm$ 0.09	1.34 $\pm$ 0.11	0.85 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>a</sup>	112 $\pm$ 6	137 $\pm$ 7	-
I137A	0.83 $\pm$ 0.04	0.79 $\pm$ 0.03	1.30 $\pm$ 0.08	92.78 $\pm$ 4.96	99.40 $\pm$ 4.89	-
I137F	0.81 $\pm$ 0.07	0.57 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>b</sup>	1.02 $\pm$ 0.06	76.65 $\pm$ 3.93	94.21 $\pm$ 5.53	-
T150A	0.60 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>c</sup>	0.58 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>b</sup>	0.76 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>d</sup>	26.11. $\pm$ 1.64 <sup>d</sup>	18.07 $\pm$ 2.17 <sup>d</sup>	32.41 $\pm$ 1.87 <sup>d</sup>
T150I	0.69 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>a</sup>	0.55 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>b</sup>	0.88 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>c</sup>	36.46 $\pm$ 2.24 <sup>d</sup>	40.74 $\pm$ 2.08 <sup>d</sup>	-
T150D	0.41 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>d</sup>	0.47 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>c</sup>	0.85 $\pm$ 0.05	9.88 $\pm$ 0.91 <sup>d</sup>	10.85 $\pm$ 0.86 <sup>c</sup>	-
T150F	1.09 $\pm$ 0.05	0.88 $\pm$ 0.03	0.83 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>	42.60 $\pm$ 2.41 <sup>d</sup>	55.68 $\pm$ 4.64 <sup>a</sup>	-
T150S	1.44 $\pm$ 0.09	1.23 $\pm$ 0.05	0.77 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>c</sup>	77.81 $\pm$ 5.11 <sup>a</sup>	86.18 $\pm$ 5.14	-
H158A	1.35 $\pm$ 0.17	1.37 $\pm$ 0.16	2.49 $\pm$ 0.19 <sup>d</sup>	129 $\pm$ 15	129 $\pm$ 15	148 $\pm$ 17 <sup>b</sup>
F184V	1.14 $\pm$ 0.07	1.82 $\pm$ 0.14 <sup>c</sup>	1.24 $\pm$ 0.11	149 $\pm$ 14	91.65 $\pm$ 8.29	-
S188A	1.10 $\pm$ 0.13	1.15 $\pm$ 0.06	0.94 $\pm$ 0.07	148 $\pm$ 11 <sup>a</sup>	142 $\pm$ 15	-
D189S	0.98 $\pm$ 0.06	1.51 $\pm$ 0.13	0.80 $\pm$ 0.06	151 $\pm$ 16	166 $\pm$ 28	-
S191A	1.00 $\pm$ 0.06	0.89 $\pm$ 0.04	1.00 $\pm$ 0.04	199 $\pm$ 18 <sup>c</sup>	197 $\pm$ 22 <sup>c</sup>	-
L197A	0.78 $\pm$ 0.06	1.12 $\pm$ 0.16	0.84 $\pm$ 0.05	152 $\pm$ 11	171 $\pm$ 24 <sup>a</sup>	-
M204A	0.60 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>c</sup>	0.69 $\pm$ 0.04	1.81 $\pm$ 0.13 <sup>d</sup>	113 $\pm$ 5	103 $\pm$ 5	-
L205A	0.92 $\pm$ 0.06	0.82 $\pm$ 0.08	1.21 $\pm$ 0.06	101 $\pm$ 7	99.85 $\pm$ 5.61	-
L205F	1.14 $\pm$ 0.05	1.02 $\pm$ 0.04	2.32 $\pm$ 0.20 <sup>d</sup>	112 $\pm$ 6	112 $\pm$ 6	-
F254A	1.73 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>a</sup>	0.94 $\pm$ 0.04	1.02 $\pm$ 0.03	88.67 $\pm$ 5.41	85.09 $\pm$ 5.23	-
F254M	1.99 $\pm$ 0.17 <sup>b</sup>	1.57 $\pm$ 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	0.99 $\pm$ 0.04	77.33 $\pm$ 8.14	97.12 $\pm$ 10.32	-
W258A	0.73 $\pm$ 0.07	0.48 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>c</sup>	0.94 $\pm$ 0.07	61.40 $\pm$ 4.13 <sup>d</sup>	65.04 $\pm$ 5.30 <sup>b</sup>	-
W258F	1.30 $\pm$ 0.09	0.96 $\pm$ 0.06	2.48 $\pm$ 0.22 <sup>d</sup>	78.13 $\pm$ 4.39 <sup>a</sup>	72.66 $\pm$ 4.83	-
F261V	0.81 $\pm$ 0.04	0.77 $\pm$ 0.10	0.93 $\pm$ 0.08	63.54 $\pm$ 4.19	61.61 $\pm$ 5.96	112 $\pm$ 8
H264A	0.47 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>d</sup>	1.35 $\pm$ 0.05	1.10 $\pm$ 0.07	10.21 $\pm$ 0.94 <sup>a</sup>	133 $\pm$ 9.10	111 $\pm$ 10
L265A	0.62 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>d</sup>	0.78 $\pm$ 0.05	0.89 $\pm$ 0.08	83.68 $\pm$ 6.16	140 $\pm$ 12	-
Y268F	0.98 $\pm$ 0.07	1.06 $\pm$ 0.06	0.87 $\pm$ 0.03	140 $\pm$ 16	133 $\pm$ 14	-
H283A	0.95 $\pm$ 0.07	1.17 $\pm$ 0.08	1.40 $\pm$ 0.18	164 $\pm$ 15 <sup>a</sup>	152 $\pm$ 21	-
F284V	0.67 $\pm$ 0.09 <sup>b</sup>	0.90 $\pm$ 0.05	1.08 $\pm$ 0.03	145 $\pm$ 14	165 $\pm$ 27	-

N285S	$0.86 \pm 0.07$	$0.99 \pm 0.07$	$1.14 \pm 0.05$	$173 \pm 16^a$	$167 \pm 22$	-
Y287V	$0.74 \pm 0.02$	$1.75 \pm 0.10^b$	$0.99 \pm 0.04$	$148 \pm 12$	$142 \pm 18$	-
L288A	$0.51 \pm 0.04^d$	$0.47 \pm 0.05^d$	$0.94 \pm 0.04$	$76.41 \pm 5.51$	$129 \pm 12$	-
I291A	$0.49 \pm 0.03^d$	$0.54 \pm 0.05^b$	$0.94 \pm 0.03$	$11.09 \pm 0.94^d$	$8.98 \pm 0.69^d$	-
I291F	$0.81 \pm 0.08$	$0.54 \pm 0.04^c$	$0.92 \pm 0.05$	$79.83 \pm 6.47$	$71.34 \pm 6.02$	-