

Features of constructs are colour coded as GST-tag, His-tag, Sumo-tag, TEV cleavage site, thrombin cleavage site and HMGB1.

Constructs A01, A02 and A03 span a C-terminally truncated version of HMGB1: aa. 11-160  
Constructs A04, A05 and A06 spans the full-length HMGB1: aa. 1-215

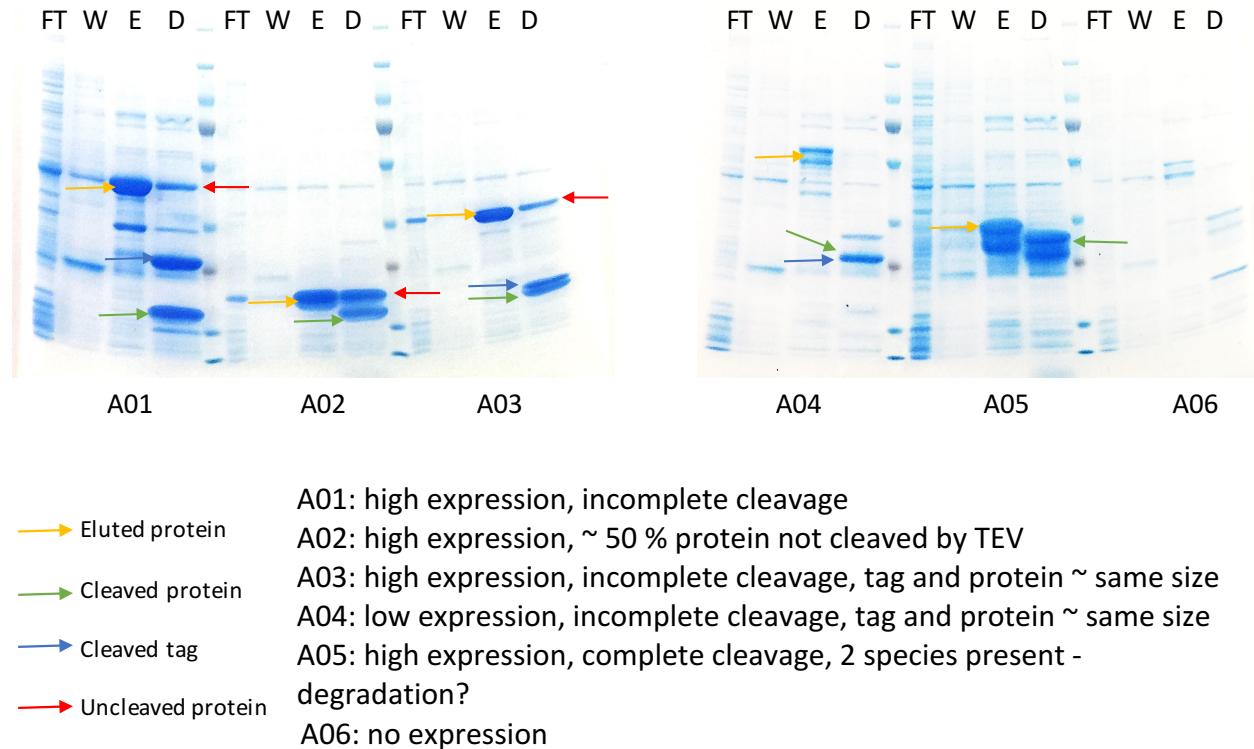
## Protein Expression:

Each construct transformed into *E. coli* BL21 codon plus RIL. Resulting starter culture used to inoculate 2 L LB culture. Cultures grown at 37 °C until OD<sub>600</sub> ~ 0.6 and inoculated with 0.2 mM IPTG before growing overnight at 18 °C. Cells were then harvested by centrifugation.

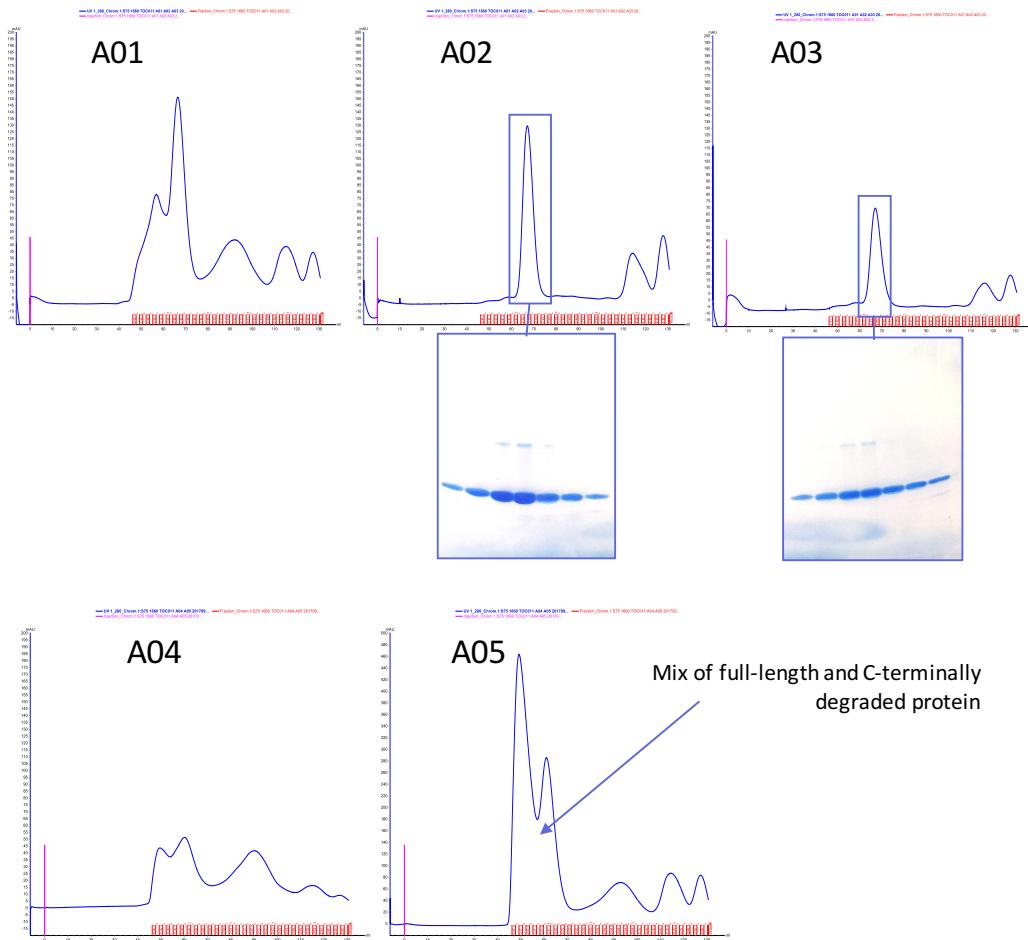
## Protein Purification:

HMGB1 cell pellets resuspended in ~ 200 mL 20 mM Hepes pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl supplemented with benzonase and 1 x protease inhibitor mix for each construct. Resuspensions lysed by

sonication and then clarified by centrifugation before rocking with ~ 5 mL Ni-NTA resin per construct at 4 °C for 1 hour (FT). Beads were washed with 200 mL resuspension buffer supplemented with 15 mM imidazole (W). Protein eluted with resuspension buffer supplemented with 300 mM imidazole (E). Eluted protein digested with TEV (A02/3/5/6) or thrombin (A01/4) overnight at 4 °C with dialysis with snakeskin MWCO 3000 against resuspension buffer (D).



Protein dialysed (fresh buffer) and digested for further 6 hours before samples rocked with ~ 2 mL Ni-NTA resin per construct at 4 °C for 1 hour. Cleaved protein flow through then concentrated to ~ 5 mL and run on S75 16/60 column in 20 mM Hepes pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl at 1 ml/min.



### Conclusions:

Full-length (1-215) HMGB1 has lower expression and is more unstable than the C-terminally truncated constructs (11-160).

Final yield of A02 – 5.8 mg/mL 50 µL x 12, A03 – 3.5 mg/mL 50 µL x 10. Protein flash frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at – 80 °C.