

## SLC51 family of steroid-derived molecule transporters in GtoPdb v.2021.3

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### Abstract

The SLC51 organic solute transporter family of transporters is a pair of heterodimeric proteins which regulate bile salt movements in the small intestine, bile duct, and liver, as part of the enterohepatic circulation [2, 5, 1]. OST $\alpha$ /OST $\beta$  is also expressed in steroidogenic cells of the brain and adrenal gland, where it may contribute to steroid movement [6]. Bile acid transport is suggested to be facilitative and independent of sodium, potassium, chloride ions or protons [5, 2]. OST $\alpha$ /OST $\beta$  heterodimers have been shown to transport [<sup>3</sup>H]taurocholic acid, [<sup>3</sup>H]dehydroepiandrosterone sulphate, [<sup>3</sup>H]estrone-3-sulphate, [<sup>3</sup>H]pregnenolone sulphate and [<sup>3</sup>H]dehydroepiandrosterone sulphate [2, 5, 6]. OST $\alpha$ /OST $\beta$ -mediated transport of bile salts is inhibited by clofazimine [10]. OST $\alpha$  is suggested to be a seven TM protein, while OST $\beta$  is a single TM 'ancillary' protein, both of which are thought to have intracellular C-termini [8]. Both proteins function in solute transport [8, 4]. Inherited mutations in OST $\alpha$  and OST $\beta$  are associated with liver disease and congenital diarrhea in children [9, 7].

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