This gene is a member of a phylogenetically conserved family of genes that share a common DNAbinding domain, the T-box. T-box genes encode transcription factors involved in the regulation of developmental processes. This gene is the human ortholog of mouse Tbx19/Tpit gene. Studies in mouse show that Tpit protein is present only in the two pituitary pro-opiomelanocortin (POMC)expressing lineages, the corticotrophs and melanotrophs.

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