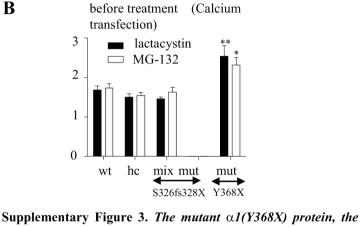


Ratio of total α1 subunit IDVs after lac or MG-132 treatment vs IDVs



p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01 vs wild-type n = 4).

NMD-insensitve a1 minigene subunit protein was increased with proteasome inhibition. (A) HEK 293T cells were cotransfected with  $\beta 2$  and  $\gamma 2S$  subunit cDNAs and wild-type  $\alpha 1$  subunit minigene (ratio of 1:1:1, (wt) or mut α1(Y368X) subunit minigene (ratio of 1:1:1 (mut). The cells were incubated with or without lactacystin (10 μM) (left) or MG-132 (3μM) (right) for 6 hr before harvest. The total cell lysates (15 µg/lane) were analyzed by 10% SDS-PAGE. With proteasomal inhibition, there was an increase in the  $\alpha 1(Y368X)$  subunit main band (43 KDa) and appearance of a third band that was likely an unglycosylated form of the mutant band or a degraded fragment. histogram displays the ratio of increase of protein with lactacystin or MG-132 treatment over the protein without treatment. treatment with either lactacystin or MG-132 increased the total wild-type at subunit expression in wt, hc and mixed conditions and mutant  $\alpha 1(Y368X)$  subunit protein expressions. There was no mutant α1(S326fs328X) protein detected by Western blot either before or after lactacystin or MG-132 treatments (\*