

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>Source</b>	Chinese Hamster Ovary cell line, CHO-derived			
	Mouse Integrin $\alpha 6$ (Phe24-Gly1011) Accession # Q61739	HP	GGSGGGGS	Acidic Tail
	Mouse Integrin $\beta 1$ (Gln21-Asp728) Accession # P09055	HP	GGSGGGGS	Basic Tail
	N-terminus		C-terminus	

**N-terminal Sequence** Phe24 ( $\alpha 6$  subunit) & Gln21 predicted: No results obtained, sequencing might be blocked ( $\beta 1$  subunit)

**Analysis**

**Structure / Form** Noncovalently-linked heterodimer

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 119 kDa ( $\alpha 6$  subunit) & 86.4 kDa ( $\beta 1$  subunit)

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**SDS-PAGE** 105-120 & 125-150 kDa, reducing conditions

**Activity** Measured by its binding ability in a functional ELISA.  
When Recombinant Human Laminin  $\alpha 4$  (Catalog # 7340-A4) is coated at 5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ , Recombinant Mouse Integrin  $\alpha 6\beta 1$  binds with an apparent  $K_D < 5\text{nM}$ .

**Endotoxin Level**  $< 0.10$  EU per 1  $\mu\text{g}$  of the protein by the LAL method.

**Purity**  $> 95\%$ , by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.

**Formulation** Lyophilized from a 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  filtered solution in PBS. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

**PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

**Reconstitution** Reconstitute at 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  in PBS.

**Shipping** The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.

**Stability & Storage** Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

- 12 months from date of receipt,  $-20$  to  $-70$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$  as supplied.
- 1 month, 2 to 8  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  under sterile conditions after reconstitution.
- 3 months,  $-20$  to  $-70$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$  under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

**BACKGROUND**

Integrin  $\alpha 6\beta 1$ , also called platelet glycoprotein GPIIb-IIIa, is a laminin binding integrin that is expressed on T cells, monocytes, endothelial cells, stem cells, and platelets (1-9). The non-covalent heterodimer is composed of  $\sim 150$  kDa  $\alpha 6/\text{CD}49\text{f}$  and 130 kDa  $\beta 1/\text{CD}29$  type I transmembrane glycoprotein subunits (2). While  $\alpha 6$  pairs only with  $\beta 1$  or  $\beta 4$ , twelve integrins share the  $\beta 1$  subunit (1-5). The  $\alpha 6$  subunit is cleaved into extracellular heavy and transmembrane light chains (3). Alternative splicing in the human  $\alpha 6$  extracellular domain (ECD) at amino acid (aa) 216 creates X1 (ubiquitous), X2 and X1X2 isoforms, while splicing at a mouse or human cytoplasmic site creates A and B isoforms (10, 11). These forms do not appear to alter the binding specificity (4, 10, 11). The  $\beta 1$  ECD contains a vWFA domain, which participates in binding. Each subunit then has a transmembrane sequence and a short cytoplasmic tail. The dimer is folded when it is least active. Divalent cations and intracellular (inside-out) signaling convert it to its most active, extended and open conformation (1, 2). The mouse  $\alpha 6$  heavy chain shares 98% aa identity with rat and 92-93% with human (X1), bovine, and canine  $\alpha 6$ , and the mouse  $\beta 1$  ECD shares 98% aa identity with rat and 93-94% with human, bovine, porcine, ovine, canine and feline  $\beta 1$ .  $\alpha 6\beta 1$  shows broad specificity for adhesion to laminin isoforms (4, 10). Its expression on human and mouse pluripotent stem cells is important for attachment, expansion, and self-renewal on LN-511 (laminin  $\alpha 5\beta 1\gamma 1$ ) (6, 7). The secreted protein Netrin-4 and the laminin  $\gamma 1$  subunit form an adhesion-activating complex with  $\alpha 6\beta 1$  on mouse neural stem cells and human lymphatic endothelial cells that promotes lymphangiogenesis (8, 9).  $\alpha 6\beta 1$  up-regulation on cancers such as prostate, glioma, and hepatoma is reported to enhance tumorigenicity, motility, invasion and metastasis (12-14).  $\alpha 6\beta 1$  cleavage via uPA (urokinase-type plasminogen activator) facilitates tumorigenicity in prostate cancers, and interaction of hepatoma  $\alpha 6\beta 1$  with EMMPRIN/CD147 may also enhance tumorigenicity by inducing uPA and other metalloproteinases (12, 13).

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