

# Human Integrin $\alpha 6 \beta 1$ Heterodimer Alexa Fluor® 350-conjugated Antibody

Recombinant Monoclonal Rabbit IgG Clone # 2548B

Catalog Number: FAB7809U

100 µg

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Species Reactivity</b>	Human
<b>Specificity</b>	Detects human Integrin $\alpha 6 \beta 1$ in direct ELISAs. In direct ELISA, less than 1% of cross reactivity with recombinant human (rh) Integrin $\beta 1$ and recombinant mouse (rm) Integrin $\alpha 6$ is observed. In direct ELISA, no cross-reactivity with rhIntegrin $\alpha 3$ , $\beta 2$ , $\beta 3$ , $\beta 5$ , $\beta 6$ , $\beta 7$ , and rmIntegrin $\beta 1$ is observed.
<b>Source</b>	Recombinant Monoclonal Rabbit IgG Clone # 2548B
<b>Purification</b>	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
<b>Immunogen</b>	Chinese Hamster Ovary cell line, CHO-derived Human Integrin $\alpha 6 \beta 1$ heterodimer Phe24-Ser1012(Integrin alpha 6) and Gln21-Asp728 (Integrin beta1) Accession # NP_000201
<b>Conjugate</b>	Alexa Fluor 350 Excitation Wavelength: 346 nm Emission Wavelength: 442 nm
<b>Formulation</b>	Supplied 0.2 mg/mL in a saline solution containing BSA and Sodium Azide.  *Contains <0.1% Sodium Azide, which is not hazardous at this concentration according to GHS classifications. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for additional information and handling instructions.

## APPLICATIONS

**Please Note:** Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application. [General Protocols](#) are available in the Technical Information section on our website.

	<b>Recommended Concentration</b>	<b>Sample</b>
<b>Flow Cytometry</b>	0.25-1 µg/10 <sup>6</sup> cells	Human PBMC

## PREPARATION AND STORAGE

<b>Shipping</b>	The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
<b>Stability &amp; Storage</b>	<b>Protect from light. Do not freeze.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied.</li> </ul>

## 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 ~150 kDa  $\alpha 6$ /CD49f and 130 kDa  $\beta 1$ /CD29 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 human  $\alpha 6$  (X1) heavy chain shares 94-95% aa identity with mouse, rat, bovine, and canine  $\alpha 6$ , and the human  $\beta 1$  ECD shares 92-96% aa sequence identity with rat, bovine, mouse, 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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