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## Product Information

### Monoclonal Anti-Integrin $\alpha$ V (CD51),

Clone P2W7

Tissue Culture Supernatant

Product Number **I 3783**

#### Product Description

Monoclonal Anti-Human Integrin  $\alpha$ V (mouse IgG1, kappa isotype) is derived from the P2W7 hybridoma produced by the fusion of mouse myeloma cells and splenocytes from a mouse immunized with an ocular melanoma cell line expressing high levels of human integrin  $\alpha_v\beta_2$ . The antibody is Protein A purified from tissue culture supernatant.

Monoclonal Anti-Human Integrin  $\alpha$ V is specific for human integrin  $\alpha$ V (160 kDa). The antibody may be used in flow cytometry.

Integrins are important extracellular matrix (ECM) receptor proteins located on cell surfaces. They are heterodimers composed of an alpha and a beta transmembrane glycoprotein subunit. Around twenty-two different integrins (different alpha/ beta subunit combinations) are found in nature. Integrins are generally present in high concentrations at the cell surface, but, unlike most other cell-surface receptors, they bind ligands with very low affinity. Due to their weak individual binding, integrins need to cluster and bind in-groups in order to effectively bind the ECM. Integrins bind many different ligands including laminin. Each integrin is made up of a large N-terminal extracellular domain that binds the ECM ligand and a small C-terminal cytoplasmic domain that mediates interaction with the actin cytoskeleton and signaling function.<sup>1</sup>

A subset of integrins contains the vitronectin  $\alpha$  subunit receptor,  $\alpha_v$ . Alpha V integrins serve as receptors for extracellular matrix proteins and can interact with ligands through the arginine-glycine-aspartic acid (RGD) recognition motif. The alpha V subunit can be associated with different beta subunits, including  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_3$ ,  $\beta_5$ ,  $\beta_6$ , and  $\beta_8$ .<sup>2,3</sup>

#### Reagents

Monoclonal Anti-Human Integrin  $\alpha$ V is supplied in a buffer of 50 mM sodium phosphate, pH 7.5, 100 mM potassium chloride, 150 mM sodium chloride, and 0.5 mg/ml gentamicin sulfate as a preservative.

Concentration: 1.0 mg/ml

#### Storage/Stability

Store at 2-8 °C. Freeze/thawing is not recommended. If slight turbidity occurs upon prolonged storage, clarify the solution by centrifugation before use.

#### Procedure

##### Flow Cytometry

To each tube, add  $5 \times 10^5$  washed cultured UM-SCC (squamous cell carcinoma) cells. Add 20  $\mu$ l of human IgG (250  $\mu$ g/ml) to each tube and incubate for 5 minutes to block nonspecific binding. Then add 80  $\mu$ l of the antibody at 10  $\mu$ g/ml and incubate on ice for 45 minutes. At the end of the incubation, wash the cells twice. Add a secondary reagent such as goat anti-mouse IgG/FITC and incubate for 30-45 minutes. After the secondary incubation, wash the mixture three times, fix, and analyze in a flow cytometer.

#### Product Profile

For flow cytometry, a working antibody concentration of 10  $\mu$ g/ml (80  $\mu$ l/tube) is recommended.

Note: In order to obtain the best results and assay sensitivity in various techniques and preparations, we recommend determining the optimal working dilution by titration.

## References

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