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Volociximab Biosimilar (Anti-human Integrin $\alpha 5\beta 1$ Monoclonal Antibody

Volociximab is a high-affinity IgG4 chimeric (82% human, 18% murine) monoclonal antibody that specifically binds to $\alpha 5\beta 1$ integrin. Integrins are a superfamily of widely expressed transmembrane glycoprotein receptors for extracellular matrix ligands, such as fibronectin, vitronectin, laminin, collagens, and other plasma membrane proteins, and function in the regulation of a broad variety of cellular processes, including embryogenesis, inflammation, bone metabolism, apoptosis, cell proliferation, angiogenesis, and tumor metastasis.

Integrins exist as noncovalent heterodimers comprising α and β subunits. Receptor diversity, function, and versatility in ligand binding is determined by the specific pairing of α and β subunits. The cytoplasmic tail of the β subunit links to the actin cytoskeleton and components of the focal adhesion plaque. The interaction with the focal adhesion plaque can lead to signaling, through different pathways, to influence cell survival, growth, and motility. Consequently, all of these protein associations allow cells to sense and respond to their extracellular environment.

Endothelial cell expression of the $\alpha 5\beta 1$ integrin and the ligand fibronectin are both up-regulated during tumor angiogenesis. The sites of the $\alpha 5\beta 1$ integrin increase in expression and are more accessible in the vasculature during angiogenesis and tumor growth, which is in contrast to normal tissue vasculature. Disruption of $\alpha 5\beta 1$ integrin binding to fibronectin results in the inhibition of angiogenesis and the induction of apoptosis of activated endothelial cells. In preclinical models, selective antagonists targeted to $\alpha 5\beta 1$ integrin inhibit tumor growth.

Relevant preclinical models for the mechanism of action and antitumor activity evaluation were selected based on the cross-reactivity of volociximab to the nonhuman $\alpha 5\beta 1$ homologues. Volociximab and its parent mouse antibody, IIA1, do not cross-react with murine $\alpha 5\beta 1$ integrin, but do cross-react and block the chicken and cynomolgus monkey target protein. Volociximab inhibited human umbilical vein endothelial cells from forming tube-like vessel structures in a three-dimensional fibrin matrix in vitro and was independent of the growth factor stimulus. These data suggest that the $\alpha 5\beta 1$ signaling pathways are downstream of growth factor stimulation. Moreover, volociximab inhibited growth factor-stimulated human neonatal foreskin vascular growth when grafted into severe combined immunodeficient mice in vivo. In addition, volociximab inhibited vessel formation and human tumor xenograft growth in the chicken chorioallantoic membrane model in ovo. Finally, in a preclinical model of choroidal neovascularization in cynomolgus monkeys, volociximab was a potent inhibitor of angiogenesis.

Product Details	
CAS No.	558480-40-3
Species Reactivity	Human
Source	Volociximab biosimilar CHO stable cell line
Isotype	Recombinant Humanized IgG4 Monoclonal Antibody
Class	Monoclonal
Type	Antibody
Clone	Volociximab Biosimilar
Conjugate	Unconjugated
Immunogen	Human Integrin $\alpha 5\beta 1$
Purity	>95%
Molecular Weight	145.5 kDa
Protein Concentration	1 mg/ml
Formulation	0.2 μ M filtered solution, pH 6.0
Storage conditions	4°C for short time, -20°C or -80°C for long time.