MOLECULAR FEATURES OF THE INTEGRIN RECEPTOR AND ITS INTERACTION WITH THE FMDV, AN IN SILICO STUDY

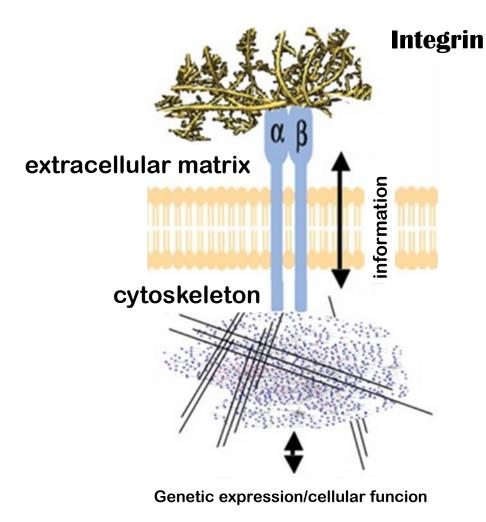
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Integrate

Metalloprotein

Two subunits

Three domains

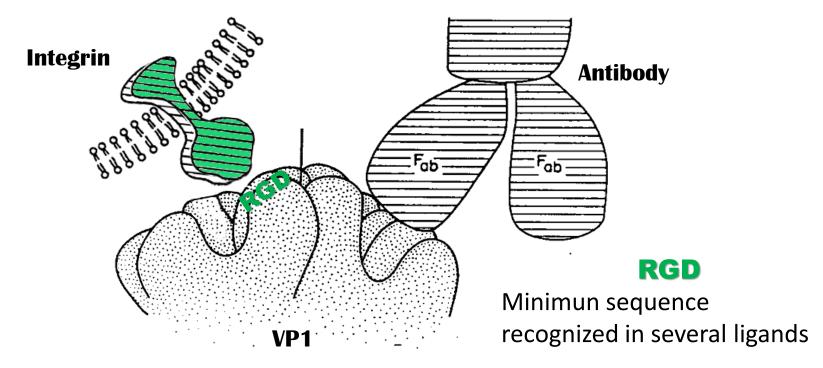
Bovine β6 interacts better







- Goal: exploring the full $\alpha V\beta 6$ amino acidic sequence space at the interaction interface with the RGD motif region and compare with the other β subunits
- **Approach**: Molecular modeling by **FoldX** app.





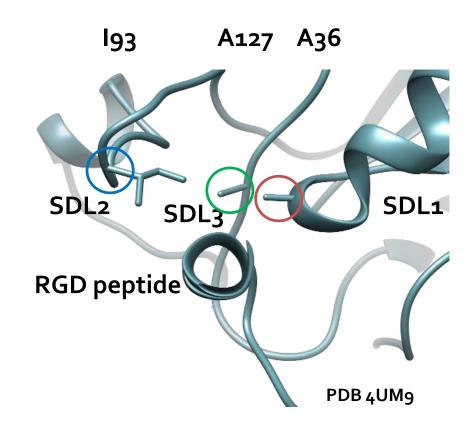




Reference:

Representation of the quasiatomic structure of the human αVβ6 integrin, in complex with an RGD peptide. Key residues are circled for each of the 3 **specificity determining loop** (**SDL**) of the β6 (**HUM It-β6**) subunit.



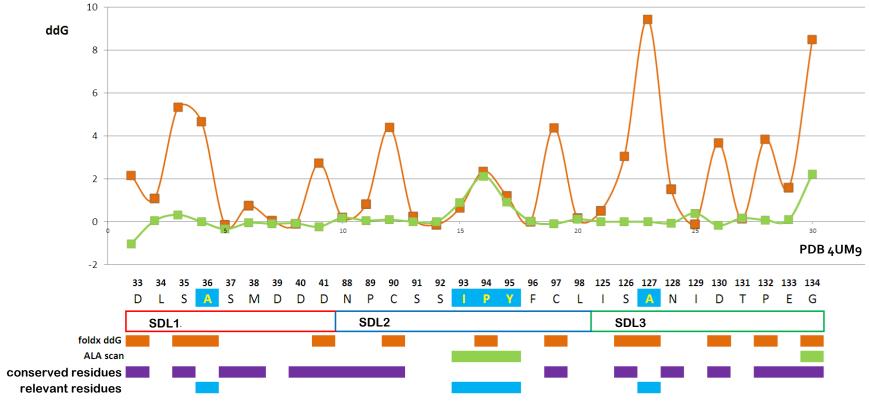








Mutational ddG analysis through SDLs residues



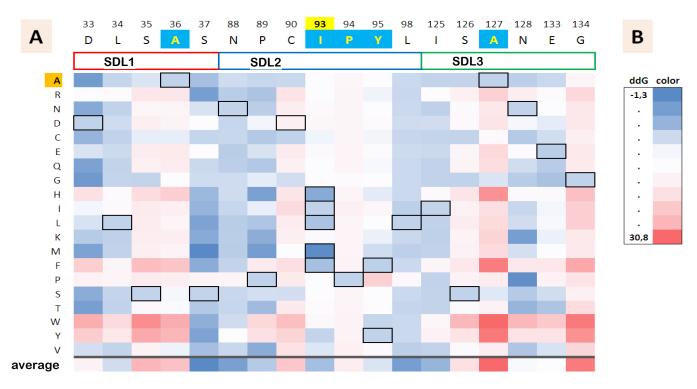
Plot of interaction energy variation, as ddG average, sampling the 20 natural mutations per every SDL residue (orange curve). Green line, an ALA scan plot, ddG values by mutating for alanine. Purple line: conserved residues over different β subunits







HUMAN It-β6 | Detailed Mutational ddG Heatmap



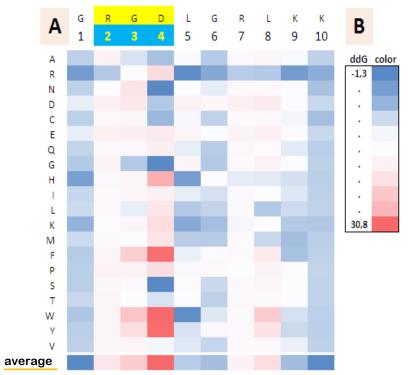
Those residues that are not conserved but has low tolerance to mutations are candidates to be an especificity determinanat between the integrin β 6 and their ligand. From this analysis, we obtained 5 key residues

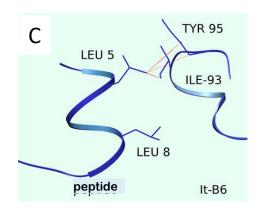






RGD peptide|| Detailed Mutational ddG Heatmap



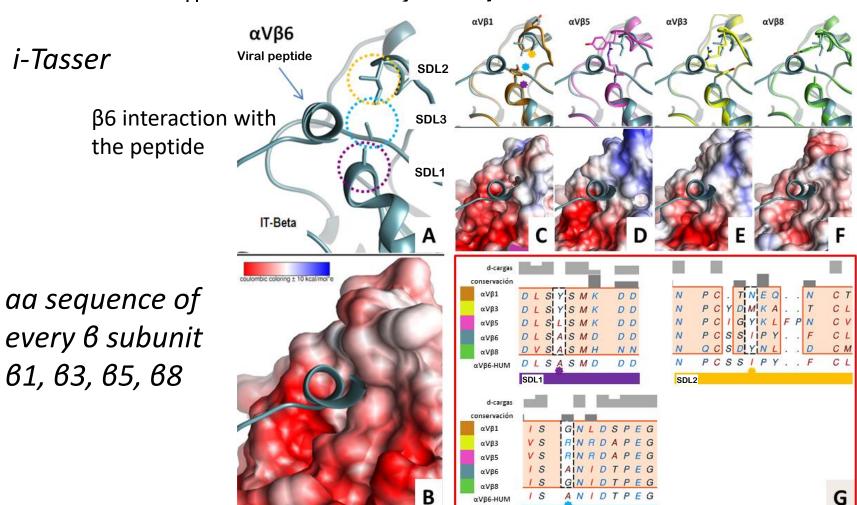








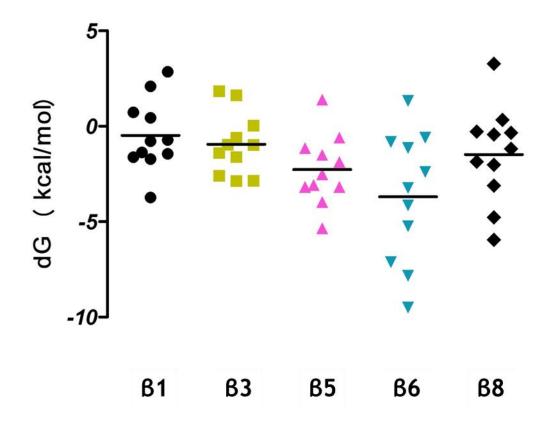
BOVINE | | Molecular analysis of βx-It/site A FMDV interaction







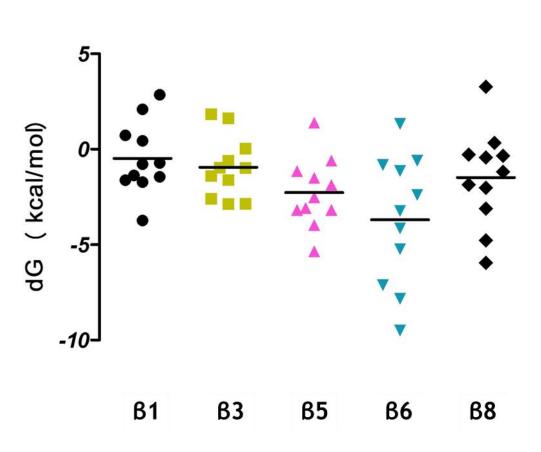












the bovine integrin $\alpha V\beta 6$ preferentially presents a unique hydrophobic interface which supports their specificity for the alfa helix presented at the end of the RGD peptide. IT subunits (β 3 and β 5) at the same interaction interface residues, present more polar or bulky amino acids which result in a less compatible interaction







CONCLUSIONS

- By computational means is possible to detect those relevant residues at β6 integrin and RGD peptide interaction in human and bovine model.
- The higher affinity of the β6 integrin for the antigenic site A of FMDV originates in the hydrophobic nature and volume of three aa keys of the SDLs.
- This is compatible with the aa of the nonpolar face of the amphipathic helix downstream of the viral RGD motif.







