## Chondrex, Inc.

## Immunization Grade Chick Type XI Collagen, Lyophilized

Catalog # 1081

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DESCRIPTION:	Type XI collagen is purified from pepsin-solubilized cartilage by repeat salt precipitation.
	Type XI collagen is one of three types of collagen which make up cartilage fibrils and consists of three $\alpha$ -chains, $\alpha 1$ (XI), $\alpha 2$ (XI), and $\alpha 3$ (XI), where $\alpha 3$ (XI) is homologous to the $\alpha 1$ (II) chain of type II collagen (1).
	NOTE: Type XI collagen shares significant similarities with type V collagen, which consists of $\alpha 1$ (V), $\alpha 2$ (V), and $\alpha 3$ (V) chains, but these alpha chains are not identical (2).
APPLICATION:	Use as an immunizing antigen to generate antibodies, an antigen to detect anti-type XI collagen antibodies in ELISA, or as a standard for gel analysis.
	NOTE: Antibodies against type II collagen partially cross-react to type XI collagen due to the homology between $\alpha 3$ (XI) and $\alpha 1$ (II).
QUANTITY:	5 mg
FORM:	Lyophilized powder
SOURCE:	Chick articular cartilage
MOLECULAR WEIGHT:	Intact type XI collagen: approximately 360 kDa. By 6% gel analysis, type XI collagen is separated into three $\alpha$ -chains: $\alpha$ 1 (XI), $\alpha$ 2(XI), and $\alpha$ 3 (XI) (1052, 1478, and 1060 A.A. residues) from the top of the gel.
PURITY:	>90% by SDS-PAGE gel analysis
STORAGE:	4°C in the dark for lyophilized form and -20°C for solution form. Collagen may gradually degrade under neutral conditions.
STABILITY:	2 years
NOTES:	Type XI collagen can be dissolved at 4 mg/ml in an acidic solution such as 0.01-0.05M acetic acid, pH 3.0-3.3 or 0.15M citrate buffer, pH 3.6 by stirring at 4°C overnight. To neutralize the solution, add 10X neutral buffer containing 1.5M NaCl or dialyze the solution against a neutral buffer.
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