

## Names for LW (ISBT 016) Blood Group Alleles

### Intro

General description: The LW blood group system consists of four antigens carried on a glycoprotein of 241 amino acids, ICAM-4, which belongs to the ICAM family of proteins. It has a leader sequence of 30 amino acids, and two I-set IgSF domains that characteristic of this family.

Gene name: *ICAM4; LW*  
 Number of exons: 3  
 Initiation codon: Beginning of exon 1  
 Stop codon: End of exon 3  
 Entrez Gene ID: 3386  
 LRG: LRG\_809  
 LRG sequence: NG\_007728.1 (genomic)  
 NM\_001544.4 (transcript)

Reference allele: *LW\*05* (shaded)  
 Acceptable: *LW\*A*, or *LW<sup>a</sup>* if inferred by haemagglutination

Reference allele  
*LW\*05* encodes: LW5, LW6, LW8

Phenotype	Allele name	Nucleotide change	Exon Intron	Predicted amino acid change †	(Reference No.) PMID	Accession number	rs number
LW:5 or LW(a+)	<i>LW*05</i> or <i>LW*A</i>				PMID: 7632968	KF725837	
LW:7 or LW(b+)	<i>LW*07</i> or <i>LW*B</i>	c.299A>G	1	p.Gln100Arg	PMID: 7632968	AH004780.1	rs77493670
LW:-8 or LWEM-	<i>LW*05.-8</i>	c.309C>A	1	p.Asp103Glu	PMID: 35412682	MN412704	n.a.
Null phenotypes							
LW:-6 or LW(a-b-)	<i>LW*05N.01</i>	c.346_355del	1	p.Thr116Glufs*19	PMID: 8639917	X93093.1	rs778248852 rs1476627024
LW:-6 or LW(a-b-)	<i>LW*05N.02</i>	c.137delT	1	p.Val46Glyfs*7	(1) Abstract		n.a.
LW:-6 or LW(a-b-)	<i>LW*05N.03</i>	c.2T>A	1	p.Met1Lys	(1) Abstract		n.a.

† change from historical counting of #1 as Ala of the mature (membrane-bound protein): 100 as 70; thus, all amino acid numbers will increase by 30.

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Intro	LRG added		LRG 809 added
Intro			Changed number of antigens from three to four
Intro	LW8		Added to antigens encoded by reference allele
Allele Table	Antigen/allele added		<i>LW*05.-8</i>
Allele Table	Antigen/allele added		<i>LW*05N.02</i>
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References	added		References added
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