

Fig. S1. PrP exists as pro-PrP in M2 and A7 cells

A). A diagrammatic drawing on the processing of PrP, and the location of the epitopes of the anti-PrP monoclonal antibodies (mAbs).

B). Immunoblots show that a glycosylated PrP from WV cells is sensitive to treatment with PNGase, but PrP from M2 and A7 cells is resistant to PNGase. Hence, the PrP in M2 and A7 cell has no N-linked glycans. To prepare cell lysate, cells were seeded overnight, and lysates were prepared in lysis buffer containing 20 mM Tris (pH7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 1mM EDTA, 1mM EGTA, 1% Triton X-100, 2.5 mM sodium pyrophosphate, 1mM β -glycerolphosphate, 1 mM Na_3VO_4 . 1mM PMSF, and EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail was added just before cell lysis. PrP was subjected to PNGase-F treatment according to the protocols provided by the provider. After treatment, samples were separated on SDS-PAGE and immunoblotted with an anti-PrP mAb.

C). Histograms show that the PrP on the cell surface of M2 and A7 cells is resistant. Thus, cell surface PrP on M2 and A7 cells lacks the GPI-anchor. (BG, background, cells stained with irrelevant mAb D7C7).

D). Immunoblots show that affinity purified PrP from WV cells does not react with an anti-serum that is specific for the GPI-PSS of PrP. On the other hand, the PrP from M2 and A7 cells does react with the anti-serum. Thus, the PrP in M2 and A7 cells retains its GPI-PSS (IP, immunoprecipitation; IM, immunoblot). To detect GPI-PSS on PrP, mAb 8B4 affinity purified PrP was separated and detected with affinity purified rabbit anti PrP-GPI-PSS.

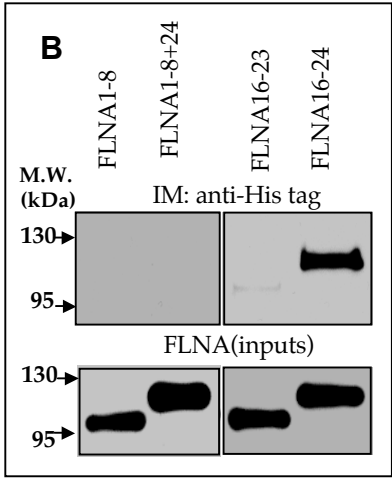
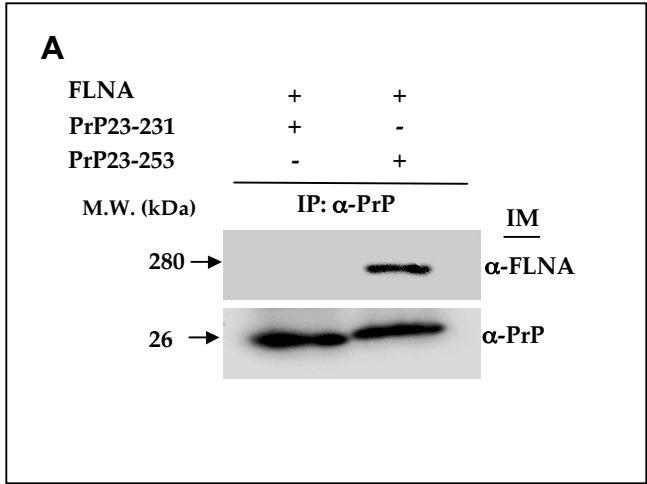


Fig. S2. Identification of the pro-PrP binding motif on FLNA

A). Immunoblots show that in an *in vitro* pull-down assay, FLNA binds pro-PrP(23-253) but not mature PrP(23-231).

B). Immunoblots show that in *in vitro* pull-down assays, pro-PrP does not bind to the N-terminus domains 1 to 8 of FLNA, domains 1 to 8 linked to 24, or domains 16 to 23. On the other hand, pro-PrP does bind to domains 16 to domain 24 of FLNA. Therefore, pro-PrP does not bind domain 24 alone, it binds to the C-terminus between domains 16 and 23 of FLNA.

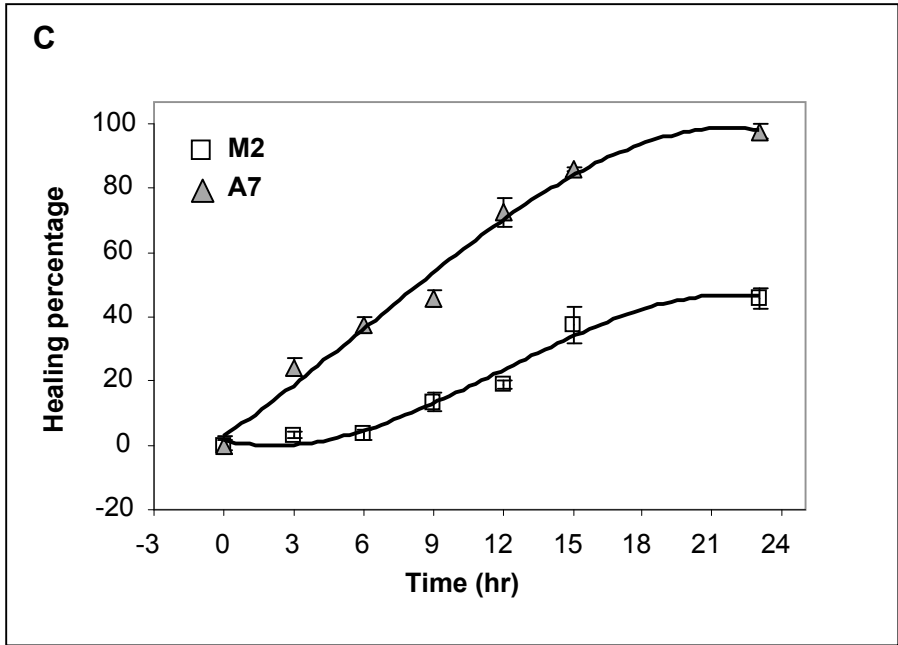
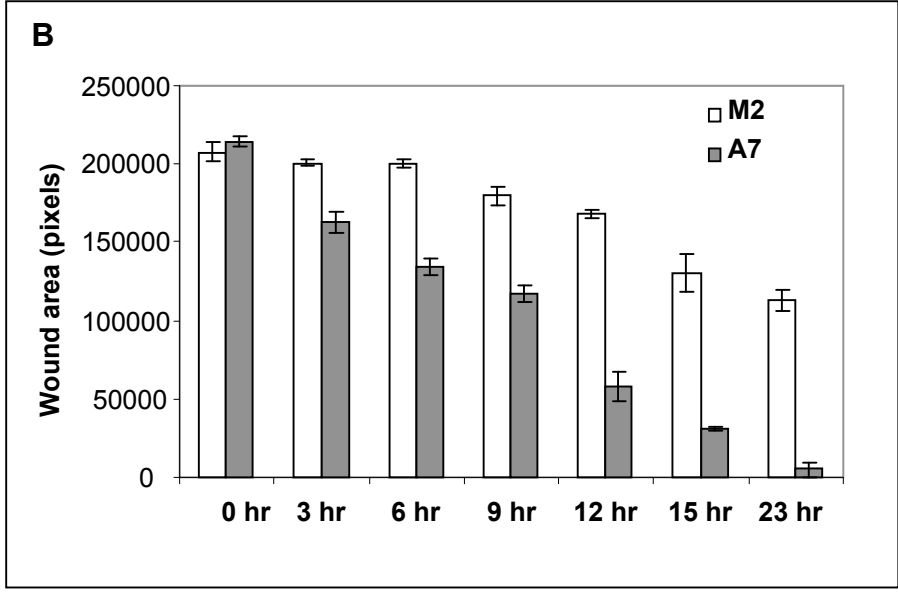
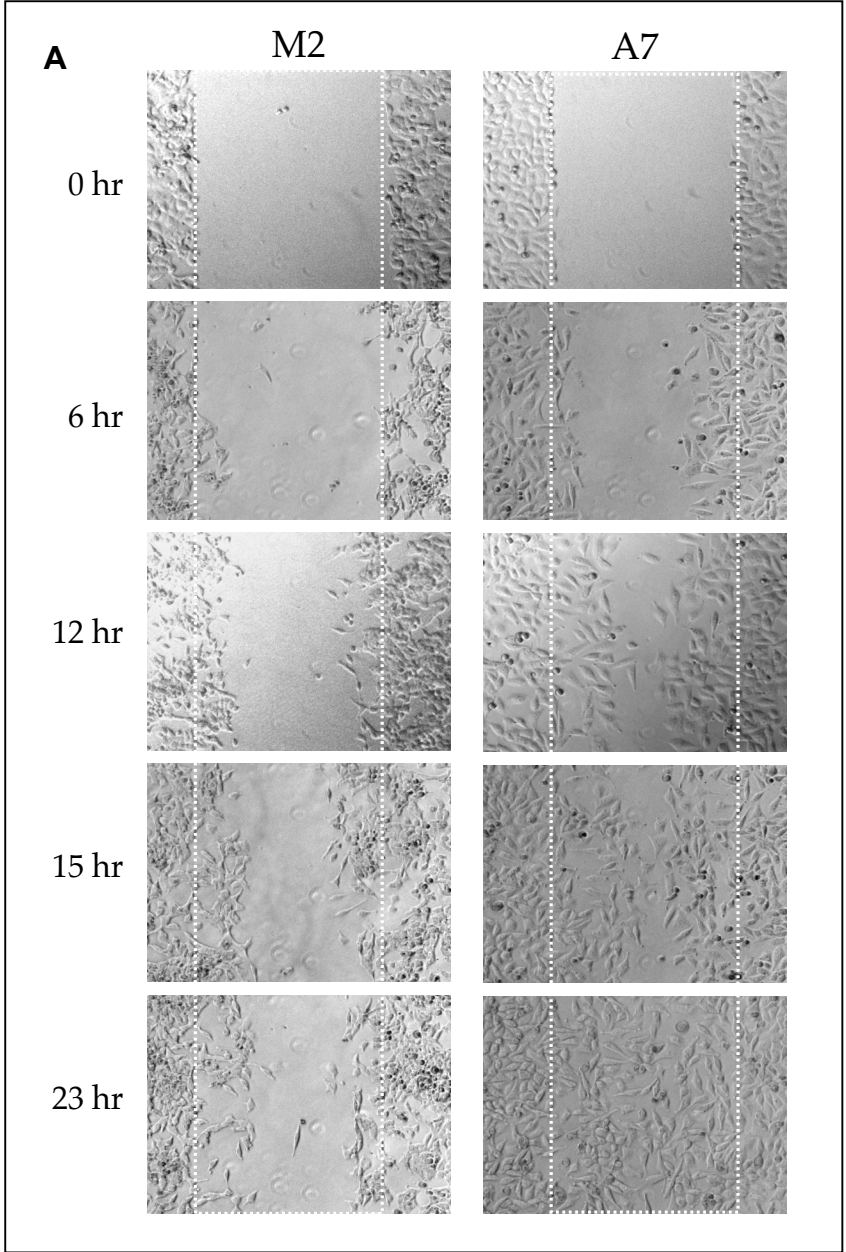


Fig. S3. M2 cells are deficient in cell spreading and migration compared to A7 cells

A). Microscopic photographs show that M2 cells are deficient in spreading and migration comparing to A2 cells. Photograph taken at various times after wound healing from two representative wells. The two dashed white lines mark the boundary of the wound. Magnification: 10×10 .

B and C). Quantification results of the wound-healing assay; results presented were the average \pm S.E. of the triplicate wells.

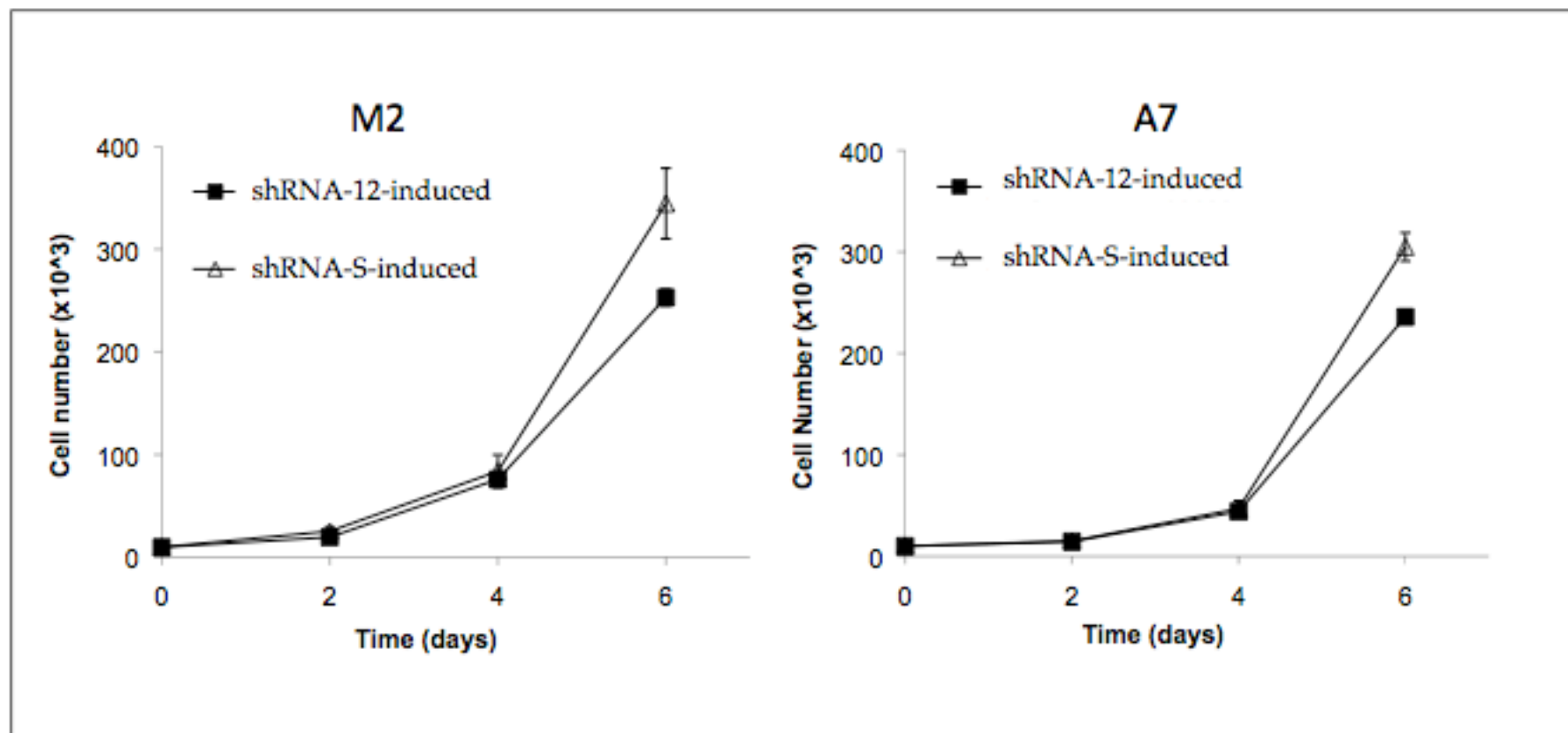


Fig. S4. Down regulation of PrP did not alter the proliferation of M2 and A7 cells: Single cell suspension of the tumor cells were prepared and counted. Equal numbers of the tumor cells (1×10^4) were then plated in a 96 well tissue culture plates in triplicates. At different times after culture, the cells from each well were harvested and counted. The results presented were the mean \pm S.E. of two experiments. The proliferation of PrP down regulated and control cells are comparable at 2 and 4 days after plating. The numbers of PrP down regulated M2 and A7 cells are reduced slightly at 6 days after plating. Results presented were the average \pm S.E. of the triplicate wells.

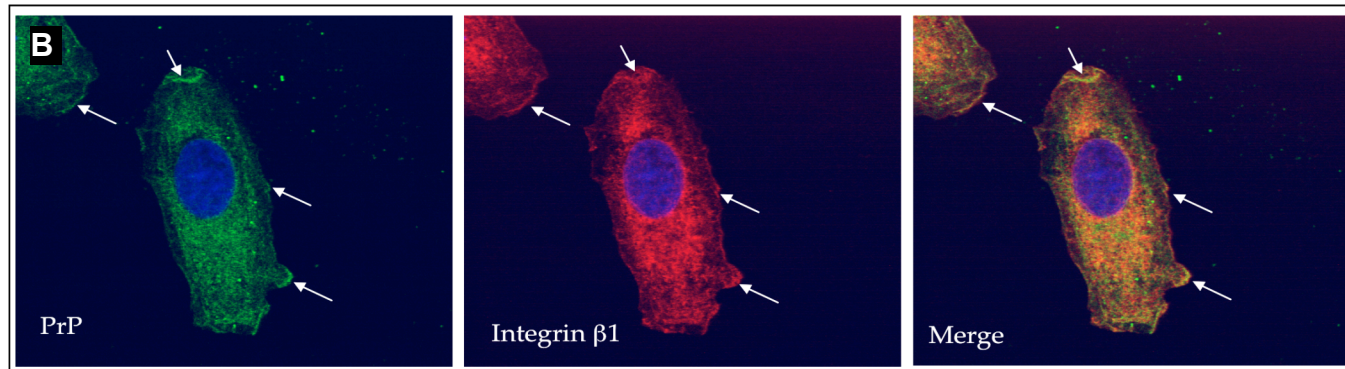
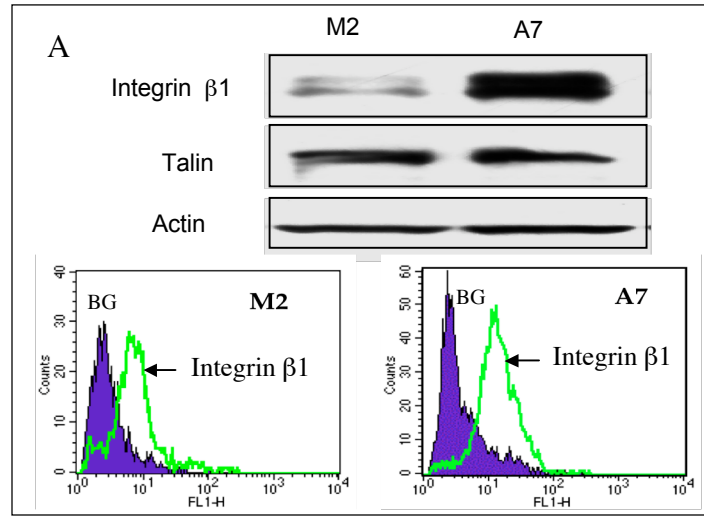


Fig. S5. Co-purification of FLNA and integrin β 1 and the effects of down-regulation of PrP on integrin β 1 and FLNA association:

A. Immunoblots show that A7 cells have more integrin β 1 than M2 cells, but the levels of talin in the two cell lines are comparable. Histograms show that A7 cells also have more cell surface integrin β 1 than M2 cells.

B. Confocal microscopic photos show that integrin β 1 and PrP are partially co-localized in A7 cells (Arrows mark the areas of co-localization). Original magnification: 10×10 .

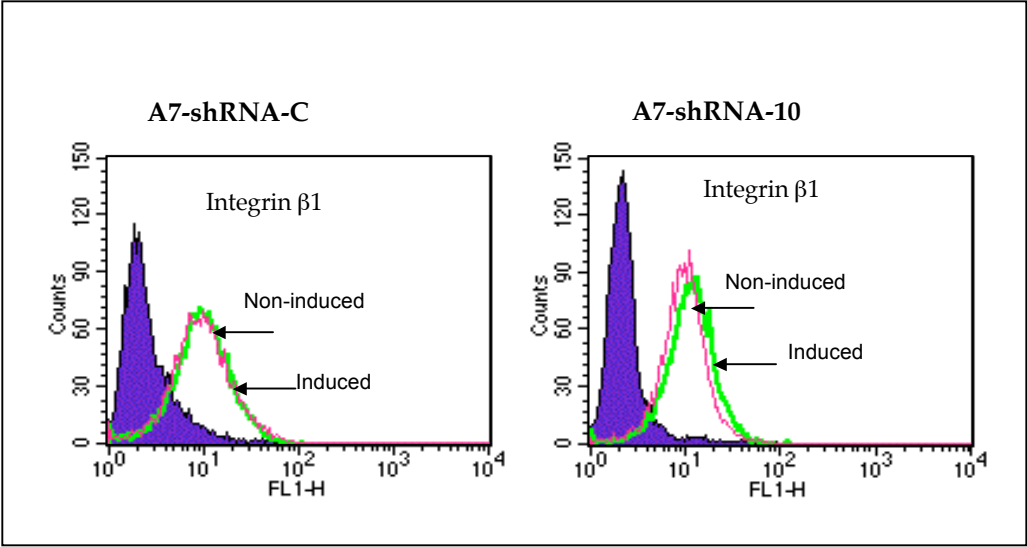


Fig. S6. Histograms show that down regulation of PrP does not change the expression levels of cell surface integrin β 1 on A7 cells:

Single cell suspension of A7 or PrP down regulated A7 cells are stained with an anti-integrin β 1 mAb followed by a FITC conjugated goat anti-mouse antibody. Stained cells are then analyzed in a flow cytometry. (BG, background staining with irrelevant, control Mab D7C7).

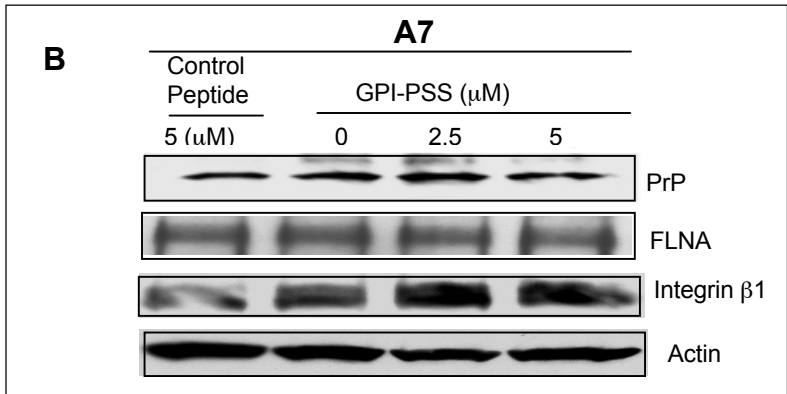
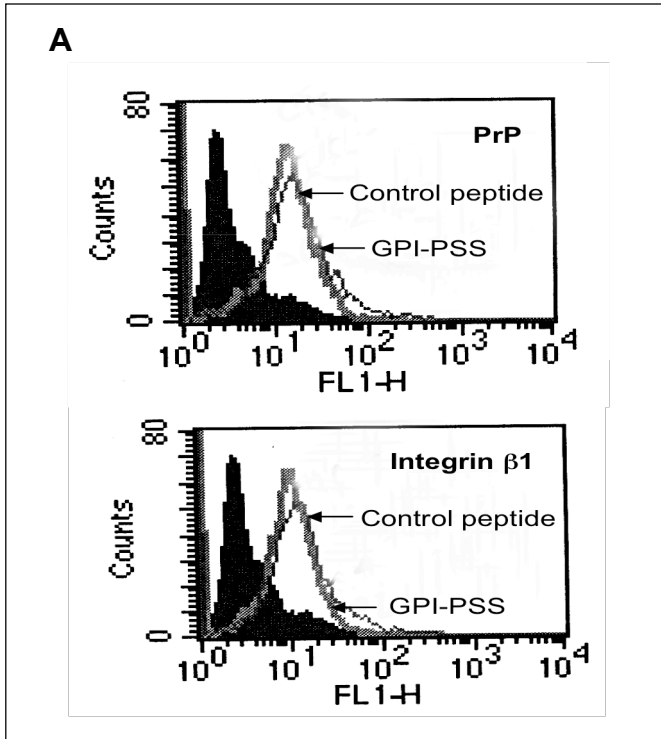


Fig. S7. A PrP-GPI-PSS inhibits A7 cell spreading and migration

A. Histograms show that incubation of A7 cells with the KKRPK-PrP-GPI-PSS (5mM) for 15 hrs did not alter the cell surface expression levels of either PrP or integrin β 1.

B. Immunoblots show that incubation of A7 cells with the KKRPK-PrP-GPI-PSS (5 μ M) for 15 hrs does not alter the expression of total PrP, FLNa and integrin β 1.