

Supporting Information

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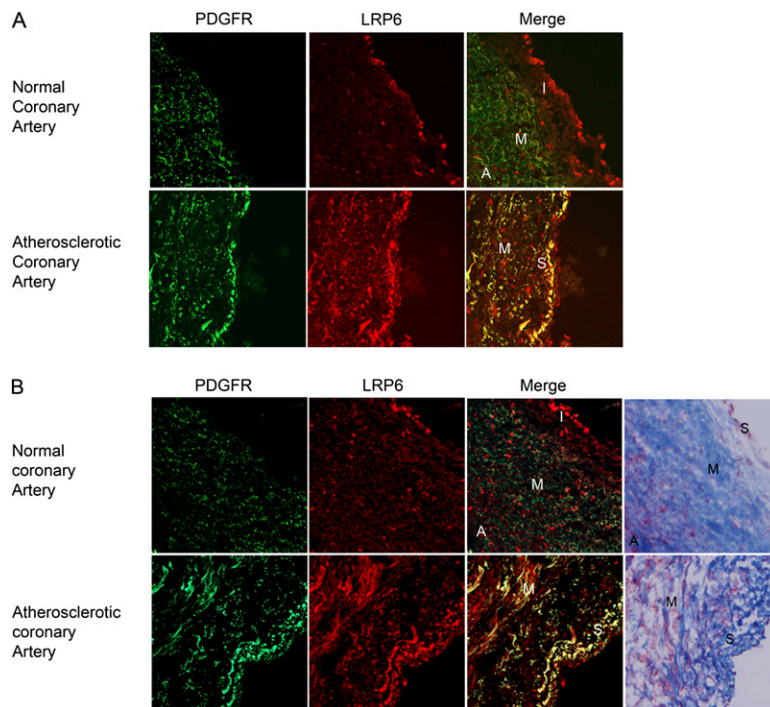


Fig. S1. (A and B) PDGF receptor β (PDGFR- β) and LDL receptor-related protein 6 (LRP6) expression in normal and atherosclerotic coronary arteries. Cross-sections of normal arteries (Upper) and atherosclerotic lesions (Lower) stained for PDGFR and LRP6 are shown. B also shows the Sudan staining of the normal and the atherosclerotic vessels for better orientation. To show PDGFR/LRP6 expression, only a cell-rich segment of the atherosclerotic lesion that lacks lipid core is shown. A, adventitia; I, intima; M, muscularis; S, subintima.

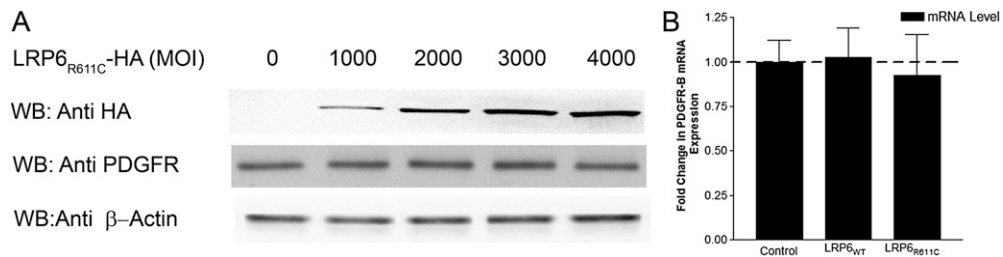


Fig. S2. Dose effect of LRP6_{R611C} on endogenous PDGFR- β expression. (A) No significant changes in PDGFR- β expression levels were noted with LRP6_{R611C}. (B) PDGFR- β mRNA expression levels. There was no difference in mRNA expression levels of PDGFR- β in cells infected with empty vector or with adenovirus vector expressing LRP6_{WT} or LRP6_{R611C}.

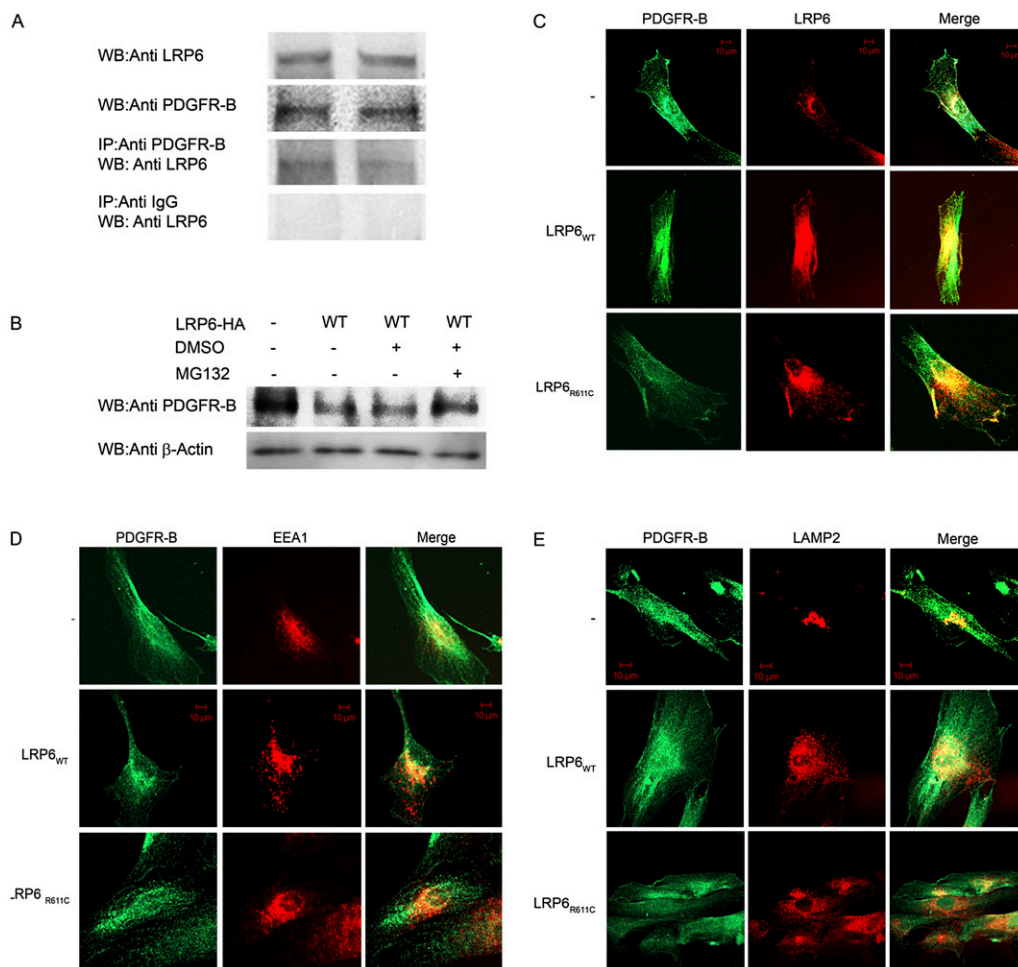


Fig. S3. (A) Coimmunoprecipitation of the native LRP6 and PDGFR in human aortic smooth muscle cells. (B) Inhibition of the proteosomal degradation with MG132 partially rescues reduced expression of PDGFR- β ($P = 0.02$). (C–E) Colocalization of LRP6, PDGFR- β , early endosomal antigen 1 (EEA1), and (lysosomal-associated membrane protein 2) Lamp2 in unstimulated primary aortic smooth muscle cells infected with plasmids expressing LRP6_{WT} and LRP6_{R611C} and empty plasmids. LRP6_{WT} and LRP6_{R611C} both colocalize with PDGFR- β (C) and EEA1 (D). Colocalization of PDGFR- β with the lysosomal marker LAMP2 (E) was observed in more than two-thirds of the cells overexpressing LRP6_{WT} and was significantly higher than in cells overexpressing LRP6_{R611C} and cells infected with empty vector.

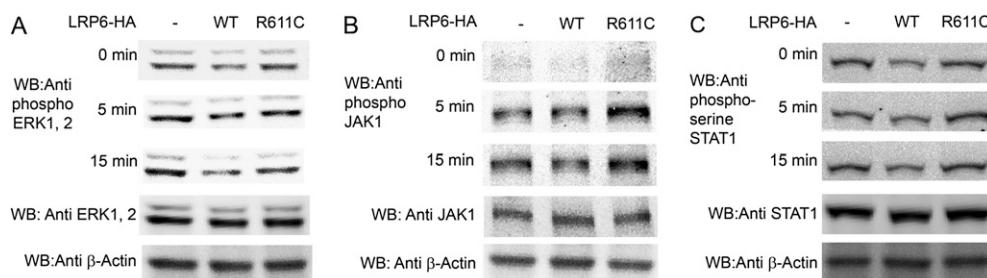


Fig. S4. Expression levels of PDGF signal peptides. Phosphorylation of (A) ERK1/2, (B) JAK1, and (C) STAT1 is significantly lower in cells expressing LRP6_{WT} than in uninfected cells after stimulation with PDGF ($P = 0.02$, 0.03, and 0.01, respectively). In comparison, JAK1 phosphorylation is increased considerably in cells expressing LRP6_{R611C} as compared with LRP6_{WT} ($P < 0.01$) and uninfected cells ($P < 0.05$).