

# Human Exhausted CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cell IHC Antibody Sampler Kit



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1 Kit (9 x 20 microliters)

| Product Includes                                               | Product # | Quantity | Mol. Wt       | Isotype/Source |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| CD3ε (D7A6E™) XP <sup>®</sup> Rabbit mAb                       | 85061     | 20 µl    | 23 kDa        | Rabbit IgG     |
| CD8α (D8A8Y) Rabbit mAb                                        | 85336     | 20 µl    | 29 kDa        | Rabbit IgG     |
| Tox/Tox2 (E6I3Q) Rabbit mAb                                    | 73758     | 20 µl    | 60-80 kDa     | Rabbit IgG     |
| TCF1/TCF7 (C63D9) Rabbit mAb                                   | 2203      | 20 µl    | 48, 50 kDa    | Rabbit IgG     |
| Granzyme B (D6E9W) Rabbit mAb                                  | 46890     | 20 µl    | 30 kDa        | Rabbit IgG     |
| PD-1 (Intracellular Domain) (D4W2J) XP <sup>®</sup> Rabbit mAb | 86163     | 20 µl    | 52-65 kDa     | Rabbit IgG     |
| TIGIT (E5Y1W) XP <sup>®</sup> Rabbit mAb                       | 99567     | 20 µl    | 18, 30-40 kDa | Rabbit IgG     |
| TIM-3 (D5D5R™) XP <sup>®</sup> Rabbit mAb                      | 45208     | 20 µl    | 45-70 kDa     | Rabbit IgG     |
| LAG3 (D2G4O) XP <sup>®</sup> Rabbit mAb                        | 15372     | 20 µl    | 60-80 kDa     | Rabbit IgG     |
| Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody                           | 7074      | 100 µl   |               | Goat           |
|                                                                |           |          |               |                |

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#### Description

### Storage

### **Background**

The Human Exhausted CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cell IHC Antibody Sampler Kit provides an economical means of characterizing the extent of exhaustion in T cells in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue samples.

Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100  $\mu$ g/ml BSA, 50% glycerol and less than 0.02% sodium azide. Store at  $-20^{\circ}$ C. *Do not aliquot the antibodies.* 

Cluster of Differentiation 3 (CD3) is a multiunit protein complex expressed on the surface of T cells that directly associates with the T cell receptor (TCR). CD3 is composed of four polypeptides:  $\zeta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\epsilon$ , and  $\delta$ . Engagement of the TCR complex with antigens presented in major histocompatibility complexes induces tyrosine phosphorylation in the immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif (ITAM) of CD3 proteins. CD3 phosphorylation is required for downstream signaling through ZAP-70 and p85 subunit of PI-3 kinase, leading to T cell activation, proliferation, and effector functions (1). CD8 is a transmembrane glycoprotein expressed primarily on cytotoxic T cells, but has also been described on a subset of dendritic cells in mice (2,3). On T cells, CD8 is a co-receptor for the TCR, and these two distinct structures are required to recognize antigen bound to MHC Class I. CD8 ensures specificity of the TCR-antigen interaction, prolongs the contact between the T cell and the antigen presenting cell, and recruits the tyrosine kinase Lck, which is essential for T cell activation (2).

Tox, Tox2, and TCF1/TCF7 play key roles in T cell development. Tox is also induced by high antigen stimulation during chronic viral infection or cancer, regulating T cell persistence and exhaustion. TCF1/TCF7 preserves the effector function of exhausted T cells during viral infection or cancer. EOMES is a key transcription factor for memory T cells and for full effector differentiation of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells. The dynamic expression of these transcription factors help characterize the extent to which a T cell is exhausted and will respond to antigen stimulation (4-8). Granzyme B is a serine protease expressed by cytotoxic T lymphocytes and natural killer (NK) cells and is a key component of immune responses to pathogens and transformed cells (9).

PD-1 (PDCD1, CD279), TIGIT (VSIG9, VSTM3), TIM-3 (HAVCR2), and LAG3 (CD223) are immune cell co-inhibitory receptors (also known as immune checkpoints) that negatively regulate T cell function and dampen the immune response to pathogens and cancer (10-15). In addition to activated T cells, PD-1 is expressed by activated B cells and monocytes. Following interaction with its ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2, PD-1 is phosphorylated at ITIM and ITSM motifs leading to recruitment of protein tyrosine phosphatases SHP-1 and SHP-2 and suppression of TCR signaling. TIGIT is expressed at low levels on subsets of T cells and NK cells, and is upregulated at the protein level following activation of these cells. TIGIT marks exhausted T cells in the tumor microenvironment and during human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. TIM-3 is expressed by exhausted T cells in the settings of chronic infection and cancer. Tumor-infiltrating macrophages and dendritic cells also express TIM-3. LAG3 is primarily expressed by activated CD4+ T cells, CD8+ T cells, FoxP3+ T regulatory cells (Tregs), and natural killer (NK) cells. Co-expression of multiple immune checkpoints help characterize the extent to which a T cell is exhausted and will respond to antigen stimulation. Therapeutic blockade of several of these immune

checkpoint receptors is a promising strategy for neoplastic intervention by enabling anti-tumor immune responses (10-15).

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