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



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Products Included	Product #	Quantity	Isotype/Source
CD3 $\epsilon$ (D7A6E™) XP® Rabbit mAb	85061	20 $\mu$ l	Rabbit IgG
CD8 $\alpha$ (D8A8Y) Rabbit mAb	85336	20 $\mu$ l	Rabbit IgG
Tox/Tox2 (E6I3Q) Rabbit mAb	73758	20 $\mu$ l	Rabbit IgG
TCF1/TCF7 (C63D9) Rabbit mAb	2203	20 $\mu$ l	Rabbit IgG
Granzyme B (D6E9W) Rabbit mAb	46890	20 $\mu$ l	Rabbit IgG
PD-1 (D4W2J) XP® Rabbit mAb	86163	20 $\mu$ l	Rabbit IgG
TIGIT (E5Y1W) XP® Rabbit mAb	99567	20 $\mu$ l	Rabbit IgG
TIM-3 (D5D5R™) XP® Rabbit mAb	45208	20 $\mu$ l	Rabbit IgG
LAG3 (D2G40™) XP® Rabbit mAb	15372	20 $\mu$ l	Rabbit IgG
Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody	7074	100 $\mu$ l	Goat

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**Description:** 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.

**Background:** 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 (VSI9, 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<sup>+</sup> T cells, CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, FoxP3<sup>+</sup> 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).

**Specificity/Sensitivity:** Each antibody in the Human Exhausted CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cell IHC Antibody Sampler Kit detects endogenous levels of its target human protein. Tox/Tox2 (E6I3Q) Rabbit mAb does not cross-react with Tox3 or Tox4 proteins. TCF1/TCF7 (C63D9) Rabbit mAb does not recognize the dominant negative isoforms of TCF1/TCF7 lacking the amino-terminal  $\beta$ -catenin binding domain and does not cross-react with LEF1. Granzyme B (D6E9W) Rabbit mAb recognizes human Granzyme B protein and is also reactive with mouse Granzyme B; however, this antibody is not suggested for immunohistochemical analysis of mouse tissues. Instead, Granzyme B (E5V2L) Rabbit mAb

**Storage:** 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°C. Do not aliquot the antibodies.

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(Mouse Specific) #44153 is recommended for IHC analysis of mouse tissue samples. Non-specific staining using Granzyme B (D6E9W) Rabbit mAb in the sweat glands has been observed. TIGIT (E5Y1W) XP® Rabbit mAb cross-reacts with an unidentified protein of 42 kDa in some cell extracts.

**Source/Purification:** Monoclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to residues surrounding the carboxy terminus of human CD8 $\alpha$  protein, Glu178 of human CD3 $\epsilon$  protein, Ala522 of human Tox protein, Pro96 of human TCF1/TCF7 protein, and Ala274 of human PD-1 protein. Monoclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with a recombinant protein specific to human Granzyme B protein, the carboxy terminus of human TIGIT protein, the extracellular domain of human TIM-3 protein, and the amino terminus of human LAG3 protein.

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