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iF488 Anti-Human CD81 Antibody

Catalog Number:	106003, 106004
Size:	25 tests, 100 tests
Target Name:	CD81, S5.7, CVID6, TSPAN28
Regulatory Status:	RUO

PRODUCT DETAILS

Clone:	5A6
Application:	Flow Cytometry
Reactivity:	Human, Chimpanzee
Format:	iF488
Isotype:	Mouse IgG1
Antibody Type:	Monoclonal
Formulation:	Phosphate-buffered solution, pH 7.2, containing 0.09% sodium azide and 0.2% (w/v) BSA
Protein Concentration:	Supplied at a lot-specific concentration.
Storage and Handling:	The antibody solution should be stored undiluted between 2°C and 8°C, and protected from prolonged exposure to light. Do not freeze.
Recommended Usage:	For flow cytometric staining, it is recommended to use 5 µL of this reagent per 0.5-1.0 million cells in a 100 µL volume. Optimal reagent performance should be determined by titration for each specific application. iF488 has an excitation max at 491 nm and an emission max at 516 nm.
Excitation Laser:	Blue Laser (488 nm)
Isotype Control:	301409
RRID:	AB_3738695
GeneID:	975

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CD81 is a ubiquitously expressed cell surface protein belonging to the tetraspanin family, which is involved in organizing membrane microdomains and regulating cell signaling, adhesion, and trafficking. CD81 is expressed on a wide range of cell types, including B cells, T cells, natural killer (NK) cells, dendritic cells, hepatocytes, and endothelial cells. In immunology, CD81 is best known as a component of the B cell coreceptor complex and as a canonical marker of exosomes and other extracellular vesicles.

Structurally, CD81 is a small (~26 kDa) tetraspanin protein characterized by four transmembrane helices, two extracellular loops (a small extracellular loop and a large extracellular loop), and short cytoplasmic N- and C-terminal tails. The large extracellular loop contains conserved cysteine residues that form disulfide bonds critical for maintaining structural integrity and for mediating

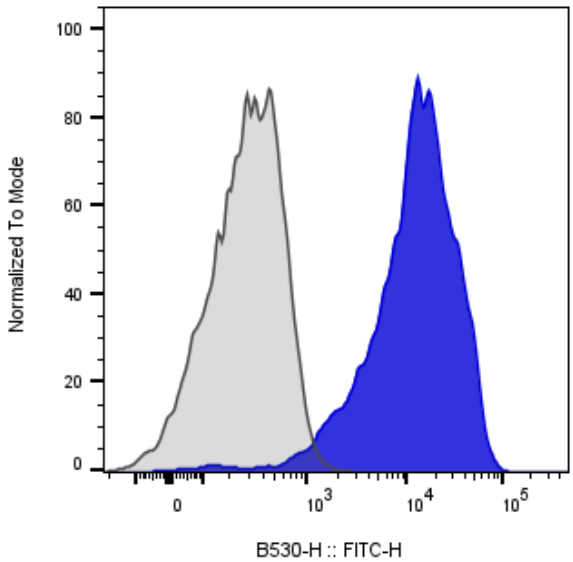
protein–protein interactions. Rather than functioning as a classical ligand-binding receptor, CD81 organizes tetraspanin-enriched microdomains (TEMs) by associating laterally with other membrane proteins, including CD19, CD21, integrins, and signaling receptors.

Functionally, CD81 plays an important role in immune cell activation and signal transduction. On B cells, CD81 associates with CD19 and CD21 to form the B cell coreceptor complex, which lowers the threshold for B cell receptor (BCR) signaling and enhances antibody responses. CD81 also contributes to T cell activation, NK cell cytotoxicity, and cell migration by modulating the spatial organization and signaling efficiency of associated receptors. In addition, CD81 is highly enriched in exosomes, where it contributes to vesicle formation, cargo organization, and intercellular communication.

CD81 is implicated in several diseases. It is best known as a critical entry factor for hepatitis C virus (HCV), serving as a coreceptor that facilitates viral attachment and entry into hepatocytes. CD81 expression and function have also been linked to cancer progression, where altered tetraspanin networks can influence tumor cell adhesion, migration, and metastasis. In hematologic malignancies, CD81 expression patterns are used in immunophenotyping and may reflect stages of B cell differentiation or disease state.

Therapeutically, CD81 has both direct and indirect relevance. Blocking antibodies and small molecules targeting CD81 have been investigated as antiviral strategies to prevent HCV entry. In oncology and immunotherapy, CD81 is primarily leveraged as a biomarker and as a component of immune cell signaling pathways rather than a direct target. Additionally, CD81 is widely used as a surface marker for exosome isolation and characterization, supporting its growing importance in diagnostics, biomarker discovery, and the development of exosome-based therapeutic delivery systems.

PRODUCT DATA



Human peripheral blood lymphocytes stained with either iF488 Anti-Human CD81 clone 5A6 (blue histogram) or an isotype control (gray histogram).

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