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CD5 and CD6 Immunobiology: Multitask Immunomodulatory Molecules in Infection, Cancer and Autoimmunity

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Despite being among the first lymphocyte surface receptors identified thanks to the advent of monoclonal antibody technology, the immunobiology of CD5 and CD6 still remains incompletely understood. Both molecules were shown to be physically associated with antigen-specific clonotypic receptor complexes from T (TCR/CD3) and B1a (BCR) cells and capable of finetuning (either negatively or positively) the activation and differentiation signals mediated by such relevant receptors. On the other hand, we later learned that CD5 and CD6 expression also extend to other quantitatively minor but functionally relevant cell subsets (e.g., macrophages, dendritic cells, NK cells) and that the interacting partners of CD5 and CD6 include not only endogenous counterreceptors but also conserved pathogen-associated structures of bacterial, parasitic, fungal, or viral origin. For this Special Issue, we invite submissions on recent advances in the immunobiology of CD5 and CD6 receptors relevant to the pathophysiology and treatment of infectious, neoplastic, and autoimmune disorders.

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