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Cluster of Differentiation

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Cell surface antigens that are differentially expressed on the surface of cells in both a tissue- and differentiation stage-specific manner. Identification of differentiation antigens can be used to characterize, and isolate, the types of cells in a sample and can identify cells that have undergone differentiation or transformation.