# Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)

Concentrated and Prediluted Monoclonal Antibody 901-411-111717



Catalog Number:CM 411 A, CPM 411 AADescription:0.1, 1.0 ml, concentrated6.0 ml, predilutedDilution:1:200Ready-to-use

**Diluent:** Renoir Red N/A

## **Intended Use:**

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use

Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH) [FSH03] is a mouse monoclonal antibody that is intended for laboratory use in the qualitative identification of FSH- $\beta$  protein by immunohistochemistry (IHC) in formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) human tissues. The clinical interpretation of any staining or its absence should be complemented by morphological studies using proper controls and should be evaluated within the context of the patient's clinical history and other diagnostic tests by a qualified pathologist.

## **Summary and Explanation:**

Follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) is a hormone found in humans and other animals. It is synthesized and secreted by gonadotrophs of the anterior pituitary gland. FSH is involved in the maturation of ovarian follicles and estrogen secretion in females. In males, FSH stimulates the secretion of testosterone. FSH is a useful marker in the study of pituitary disease, classification of pituitary tumors and in the differential diagnosis of primary and metastatic tumors of the pituitary.

# **Principle of Procedure:**

Antigen detection in tissues and cells is a multi-step immunohistochemical process. The initial step binds the primary antibody to its specific epitope. After labeling the antigen with a primary antibody, a secondary antibody is added to bind to the primary antibody. An enzyme label is then added to bind to the secondary antibody; this detection of the bound antibody is evidenced by a colorimetric reaction.

Source: Mouse monoclonal

Species Reactivity: Human; others not tested

Clone: FSH03 Isotype: IgG1/kappa

Total Protein Concentration: ~10 mg/ml. Call for lot specific Ig

concentration.

Epitope/Antigen: FSH-ß Cellular Localization: Cytoplasmic Positive Tissue Control: Anterior pituitary

**Known Applications:** 

Immunohistochemistry (formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues)

Supplied As: Buffer with protein carrier and preservative

Storage and Stability:

Store at 2°C to 8°C. Do not use after expiration date printed on vial. If reagents are stored under conditions other than those specified in the package insert, they must be verified by the user. Diluted reagents should be used promptly; any remaining reagent should be stored at 2°C to 8°C.

#### **Protocol Recommendations:**

Peroxide Block: Block for 5 minutes with Biocare's Peroxidazed 1.
Pretreatment Solution (recommended): Reveal\* or Pepsin digestion

#### **Pretreatment Protocol:**

Heat Retrieval Method:

Perform heat retrieval using Biocare's Reveal Decloaker. Refer to the Reveal Decloaker product data sheet for specific instructions.

Digestion Method:

Digest with Pepsin enzyme for 15 minutes at RT.

**Protein Block (Optional):** Incubate for 5-10 minutes at RT with Biocare's Background Punisher.

## **Protocol Recommendations Cont'd:**

**Primary Antibody:** Incubate for 30-60 minutes at RT. **Probe:** Incubate for 10 minutes at RT with a secondary probe. **Polymer:** Incubate for 10-20 minutes at RT with a tertiary polymer. **Chromogen:** Incubate for 5 minutes at RT with Biocare's DAB — OR — Incubate for 5-7 minutes at RT with Biocare's Warp Red.

## Counterstain:

Counterstain with hematoxylin. Rinse with deionized water. Apply Tacha's Bluing Solution for 1 minute. Rinse with deionized water.

#### **Technical Note:**

This antibody has been standardized with Biocare's MACH 4 detection system. Use TBS buffer for washing steps.

\*Do not use DIVA Decloaker as it may cause high background staining. **Limitations:** 

The optimum antibody dilution and protocols for a specific application can vary. These include, but are not limited to fixation, heat-retrieval method, incubation times, tissue section thickness and detection kit used. Due to the superior sensitivity of these unique reagents, the recommended incubation times and titers listed are not applicable to other detection systems, as results may vary. The data sheet recommendations and protocols are based on exclusive use of Biocare products. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the investigator to determine optimal conditions. The clinical interpretation of any positive or negative staining should be evaluated within the context of clinical presentation, morphology and other histopathological criteria by a qualified pathologist. The clinical interpretation of any positive or negative staining should be complemented by morphological studies using proper positive and negative internal and external controls as well as other diagnostic tests.

#### **Quality Control:**

Refer to CLSI Quality Standards for Design and Implementation of Immunohistochemistry Assays; Approved Guideline-Second edition (I/LA28-A2) CLSI Wayne, PA USA (www.clsi.org). 2011

## Precautions:

- 1. This antibody contains less than 0.1% sodium azide. Concentrations less than 0.1% are not reportable hazardous materials according to U.S. 29 CFR 1910.1200, OSHA Hazard communication and EC Directive 91/155/EC. Sodium azide (NaN $_3$ ) used as a preservative is toxic if ingested. Sodium azide may react with lead and copper plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. Upon disposal, flush with large volumes of water to prevent azide build-up in plumbing. (Center for Disease Control, 1976, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, 1976) (4)
- 2. Specimens, before and after fixation, and all materials exposed to them should be handled as if capable of transmitting infection and disposed of with proper precautions. Never pipette reagents by mouth and avoid contacting the skin and mucous membranes with reagents and specimens. If reagents or specimens come into contact with sensitive areas, wash with copious amounts of water. (5)
- 3. Microbial contamination of reagents may result in an increase in nonspecific staining.
- 4. Incubation times or temperatures other than those specified may give erroneous results. The user must validate any such change.
- 5. Do not use reagent after the expiration date printed on the vial.
- 6. The SDS is available upon request and is located at http://biocare.net.



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## **Troubleshooting:**

Follow the antibody specific protocol recommendations according to data sheet provided. If atypical results occur, contact Biocare's Technical Support at 1-800-542-2002.

#### References:

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- 2. Osamura RY, Watanabe K. Immunohistochemical studies of human FSH producing pituitary adenomas. Virchows Arch A Pathol Anat Histopathol. 1988;413(1):61-8.
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- 4. Center for Disease Control Manual. Guide: Safety Management, NO. CDC-22, Atlanta, GA. April 30, 1976 "Decontamination of Laboratory Sink Drains to Remove Azide Salts."
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