Pan Cytokeratin [AE1/AE3]
Concentrated and Prediluted Antibody Cocktail
901-011-041519

Intended Use:
For In Vitro Diagnostic Use
Pan Cytokeratin [AE1/AE3] is a mouse monoclonal antibody cocktail that is intended for laboratory use in the qualitative identification of a broad spectrum of acidic and basic cytokeratin proteins 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:
AE1/AE3 recognizes the acidic and basic (Type I and II) subfamilies of cytokeratins. The cocktail of these two antibodies can be used to detect most human epithelia. The acidic cytokeratins have molecular weights of 56.5, 55, 51, 50, 48, 46, 45, and 40 kDa. The basic cytokeratins have molecular weights of 65-67, 64, 59, 58, 56 and 52 kDa. This pan cytokeratin antibody has proved useful as a screener for the majority of human carcinomas.

Principle of Procedure:
Antigen detection in tissues and cells is a multi-step immunohistochemical process. The initial step involves the primary antibody to its specific epitope. After labeling the antigen with a primary antibody, a one-, two- or three-step detection procedure can be employed. The one-step procedure will feature an enzyme-labeled polymer that binds to the primary antibody. A two-step procedure will feature a secondary antibody added to bind to the primary antibody. An enzyme-labeled polymer is then added to bind to the secondary antibody. The three-step detection procedure will feature a secondary antibody added to bind to the primary antibody followed by a linker antibody step for maximum binding. An enzyme-labeled polymer is then added to bind to the linker antibody. These detections of the bound antibodies are evidenced by a colorimetric reaction.

Source: Mouse monoclonal
Species Reactivity: Human, mouse and rat
Clone: AE1/AE3
Isotype: IgG1
Protein Concentration: Call for lot specific Ig concentration.
Epitope/Antigen: AE1/AE3
Cellular Localization: Cytoplasmic
Positive Tissue Control: Skin or adenocarcinoma
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. The product is stable to the expiration date printed on the label, when stored under these conditions. Do not use after expiration date. Diluted reagents should be used promptly; any remaining reagent should be stored at 2°C to 8°C.

Protocol Recommendations (VALENT® Automated Slide Staining Platform): VLM011 is intended for use with the VALENT. Refer to the User Manual for specific instructions for use. Protocol parameters in the Protocol Manager should be programmed as follows:

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<td>IPI 011 G10</td>
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Technical Note:
1. With cytokeratin markers, heat retrieval may provide a higher sensitivity assay; whereas, enzyme digestion may produce greater specificity. Users should validate the pretreatment method for their specific application.
2. This antibody, for intelliPATH FLX and manual use, has been standardized with MACH 4 detection system. Use TBS for washing steps.

Protocol Recommendations (intelliPATH FLX® and manual use):

Peroxide Block: Block for 5 minutes with Peroxidase 1.
Pretreatment Protocol:
Pretreatment: Perform heat retrieval using Reveal Decloaker. Refer to the Reveal Decloaker data sheet for specific instructions.
Protein Block (Optional): Incubate for 5-10 minutes at RT with Val Universal Blocker.
Primary Antibody: Incubate for 30 minutes at RT.
Secondary: Incubate for 10 minutes with Val Mouse Secondary.
Linker: Incubate for 10 minutes with Val Universal Linker.
Polymer: Incubate for 10 minutes with Val Universal Polymer.
Chromogen: Incubate for 5 minutes with Val DAB.
Counterstain: Counterstain for 5 minutes with Val Hematoxylin.

Protocol Recommendations (Ventana BenchMark XT / ULTRA):

VP011 is intended for use with the BenchMark XT / ULTRA. Refer to the User Manual for specific instructions for use. Recommended protocol parameters are as follows:

Template/Detection: UltraView DAB
Pretreatment Protocol: ULTRA CCt Standard
Primary Antibody: 32 minutes, 37°C
ultraBlock (V-Blocker BRI4001): Incubate for 4 minutes (with appropriate Option # registered by user)
V-Blocker is recommended to be applied prior to any detection system.
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.

Quality Control:

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 (NaN₃) 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) (5)
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. (6)
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.

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: