Pan Cytokeratin [AE1/AE3]
Concentrated and Prediluted Antibody Cocktail
901-011-021517

Catalog Number:
CM 011 A, B, C
PM 011 AA, H
IPI 011 G10
Description:
0.1, 0.5, 1.0 ml, concentrated
6.0, 25 ml, prediluted
10 ml, prediluted
Dilution:
1:100
Ready-to-use
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Diluent:
Da Vinci Green
N/A
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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 basic 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 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, mouse and rat
Clone: AE1/AE3
Isotype: IgG1
Total Protein Concentration: ~10 mg/ml. Call for lot specific Ig concentration.
Epitope/Antigen: AE1/AE3
Cellular Localization: Cytoplasmic
Positive 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 2ºC to 8ºC. Do not use after expiration date provided on the label.

Protocol Recommendations (intelliPATH and manual use)
Cont’d:
Digestion Method:
Digest with Trypsin enzyme for 5 minutes at 37ºC -or- for 20 minutes at RT.
Protein Block (Optional): Incubate for 5-10 minutes at RT with Biocare’s Background Pherinizer.
Primary Antibody: Incubate for 30 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.

intelliPATH™ Automated Slide Stainer:
IPI011 is intended for use on the intelliPATH™ Automated Slide Stainer. Refer to the intelliPATH Automated Slide Stainer manual for specific instructions on its use. When using the intelliPATH, peroxidase block with intelliPATH Peroxidase Blocking Reagent (I855000) may be performed following pretreatment.

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 has been optimized for use with Biocare’s MACH 4 Universal HRP-Polymer Detection and intelliPATH Universal HRP Detection Kit. Use TBS for washing steps.

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 titer 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:

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
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   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:


