# Cytokeratin HMW [34βE12]

Concentrated and Prediluted Monoclonal Antibody 902-127-122817



Catalog Number:	ACR 127 A, C	APR 127 AA, H
Description:	0.1, 1.0 ml, concentrated	6.0, 25 ml, prediluted
Dilution:	1:100	Ready-to-use
Diluent:	Van Gogh Yellow	N/A

## Intended Use:

For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

#### **Summary and Explanation:**

 $34\beta$ E12 recognizes cytokeratins (CK) 1, 5, 10 and 14. This antibody is reactive with squamous and adeno-squamous carcinomas; adenocarcinomas are negative (2,4). Studies have shown in normal epithelia,  $34\beta$ E12 stains stratified epithelia, myoepithelial cells and basal cells in the prostate gland and bronchi.  $34\beta$ E12 has also been shown to be a useful tool that differentiates squamous carcinomas and adenocarcinomas as well as benign and malignant tumors of the prostate gland.

#### **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. A secondary antibody may be applied to bind the primary antibody, followed by an enzyme labeled polymer; or an enzyme labeled polymer may be applied directly to bind the primary antibody. The detection of the bound primary antibody is evidenced by an enzyme-mediated colorimetric reaction.

Source: Mouse monoclonal

**Species Reactivity:** Human **Clone:** 34βE12

**Isotype:** IgG1/kappa

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

**Epitope/Antigen:** HMW CK [34βE12]

Cellular Localization: Cytoplasmic

Positive Tissue Control: Skin, prostate or squamous cell carcinoma 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.

### Staining Protocol Recommendations:

**Peroxide Block:** Block for 5 minutes with Biocare's Peroxidazed 1. **Pretreatment:** Perform heat retrieval using Biocare's Reveal Decloaker. Refer to the Reveal Decloaker product data sheet for

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

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. **Technical Note:** 

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

## Limitations:

This product is provided for Research Use Only (RUO) and is not for use in diagnostic procedures. Suitability for specific applications may vary and it is the responsibility of the end user to determine the appropriate application for its use.

# 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<sub>3</sub>) 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 in 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.

## **Technical Support:**

Contact Biocare's Technical Support at 1-800-542-2002 for questions regarding this product.

## **References:**

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