

# Ki-67 + pHH3

Prediluted Multiplex Antibody Reagent  
901-3198DS-090817

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<b>Catalog Number:</b>	<b>API 3198DS AA</b>
<b>Description:</b>	6.0 ml, prediluted
<b>Dilution:</b>	Ready-to-use
<b>Diluent:</b>	N/A

## Intended Use:

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use

Ki-67 + pHH3 is a cocktail of mouse and rabbit monoclonal antibodies that is intended for laboratory use in the qualitative identification of Ki-67 and phosphohistone H3 (Ser10) 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:

The Ki-67 nuclear antigen is associated with cell proliferation and found throughout the cell cycle; though not in G0 phase (1,2). The assessment of Ki-67 proliferation in breast cancers has shown the Ki-67 labelling index is an important predictor of survival (3).

Microscopic evaluation of mitotic figures on H&E is a routine procedure in the assessment of the tumor grades (4). However, the counting of mitosis is manual and time consuming with assorted difficulties as well as variabilities between interobserver assessments (5). Histone H3 phosphorylation at Serine10 (pHH3) is in association with mitotic chromatin condensation in late G2 and M phase of the cell cycle. pHH3 can distinguish mitosis from apoptotic nuclei (6). The immunohistochemical staining of Serine10-pHH3 has been reported to be comparable to mitotic figures in the H&E section (7-10).

Immunohistochemical studies have shown immunostaining using anti-Ki-67 and anti-pHH3 antibodies provided improved prediction of recurrence of tumors and may become effective ancillary tools in deciding on optimal therapeutic management (11). Other studies have shown Ki-67 and pHH3 can be useful in separating malignant melanoma from benign nevi (12).

## Principle of Procedure:

This product is a primary antibody cocktail of mouse and rabbit antibodies, which may be used in a Multiplex IHC staining procedure to produce a two-color stain. Following application of the primary antibody cocktail to the tissue sample, detection is performed by separate secondary antibodies specific for each species (i.e. mouse or rabbit) of the primary antibody cocktail, which are conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP) or alkaline phosphatase (AP) enzymes. Visualization is accomplished by the application of chromogenic substrates (DAB and Warp Red), which are enzymatically activated (by HRP or AP, respectively) to produce a colored reaction product at the antigen site. The specimen may be counterstained and coverslipped. Results are interpreted using a light microscope.

## Reagent Provided:

Ki-67 + pHH3 is provided as a prediluted antibody cocktail of anti-Ki-67 and anti-pHH3 antibodies in buffer with carrier protein and preservative.

<b>Antibody</b>	anti-Ki-67	anti-pHH3
<b>Clone</b>	MIB-1	BC37
<b>Source</b>	Mouse monoclonal	Rabbit monoclonal
<b>Isotype</b>	IgG/kappa	IgG
<b>Epitope/ Antigen</b>	1002 bp Ki-67 cDNA fragment	PhosphoSer10 of Histone H3
<b>Cellular Localization</b>	Nuclear	Nuclear (mitotic figure)
<b>Staining</b>	Red (Warp Red)	Black (Deep Space)

## 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.

## Known Applications:

Immunohistochemistry (formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues)

**Species Reactivity:** Human; others not tested

**Positive Tissue Control:** Melanoma or colon cancer

## Protocol Recommendations:

### Peroxide Block:

Block for 5 minutes with Biocare's Peroxidized 1.

**Pretreatment:** Perform heat retrieval using Biocare's Diva Decloaker. Refer to the Diva Decloaker data sheet for specific instructions.

**Protein Block:** Incubate for 10 minutes at RT with Biocare's Background Punisher.

**Primary Antibody:** Incubate for 30 minutes at RT.

**Double Stain Detection:** Incubate for 30 minutes at RT using Biocare's MACH 2 Double Stain 1.

**Chromogen (1):** Incubate for 5 minutes at RT with Biocare's Deep Space Black.

**Chromogen (2):** Incubate for 5-7 minutes at RT with Biocare's Warp Red. Rinse in deionized water.

### Counterstain:

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

## Technical Notes:

- This antibody has been standardized with Biocare's MACH 2 Double Stain 1. Use TBS buffer for washing steps.
- This cocktail can also be used to create a triple stain with either Pan Melanoma Cocktail 2 (Cat# CM178) or CK8/18 (Cat# AP13161) using the techniques explained below. In below techniques, hematoxylin must be performed after denaturing and prior to the second antibody application (of either Pan Melanoma 2 or CK8/18). Only DI water may be used for washes immediately preceding Vina Green Chromogen application as well as for all washes after Vina Green Chromogen application (see Vina Green™ Chromogen Kit data sheet).

**Melanoma:** Triple stains can be performed on melanoma by skipping the hematoxylin step and by adding the following protocol steps after the DAB Chromogen application listed in the Ki-67 + pHH3 Protocol Recommendations:



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### **Melanoma Cont'd:**

Denature (Cat# DNS001) at 1:10 for 5 minutes. Rinse in TBS followed by DI water.

Apply hematoxylin for 1-5 minutes. Rinse in TBS.

Apply Biocare's Pan Melanoma-2 (MART-1 + Tyrosinase) concentrate (Cat# CM178) diluted 1:25 in Van Gogh Yellow diluent for 30 to 60 minutes. Rinse in TBS.

Apply MACH 2 Mouse HRP detection for 30 minutes. Rinse in TBS followed by DI water.

Apply Vina Green Chromogen (Cat# BRR807) for 10 minutes. Rinse in DI water.

Dry at 60°C for 15 minutes and coverslip (see Vina Green data sheet for instructions on coverslipping and other reagent usage).

**Adenocarcinoma:** Triple stains can be performed on adenocarcinomas by skipping the hematoxylin step and by adding the following protocol steps after the DAB Chromogen application listed in the Ki-67 + pHH3 Protocol Recommendations:

Denature (Cat# DNS001) at 1:10 for 5 minutes. Rinse in TBS followed by DI water.

Apply hematoxylin for 1-5 minutes. Rinse in TBS.

Apply Biocare's Rabbit Monoclonal CK8/18 (Cat# API3161) for 30 to 60 minutes. Rinse in TBS.

Apply MACH 2 Rabbit HRP detection for 30 minutes. Rinse in TBS followed by DI water.

Apply Vina Green Chromogen (Cat# BRR807) for 10 minutes. Rinse in DI water.

Dry at 60°C for 15 minutes and coverslip (see Vina Green data sheet for instructions on coverslipping and other reagent usage).

### **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<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) (13)
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. (14)

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.

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