Napsin A
Prediluted Polyclonal Antibody
901-434-050819

Intended Use:
For In Vitro Diagnostic Use
Napsin A is a rabbit polyclonal antibody that is intended for laboratory use in the qualitative identification of napsin A 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:
Napsin A is a pepsin-like aspartic proteinase. It is expressed in type II pneumocytes and in adenocarcinomas of the lung and kidney. Studies have shown that Napsin A is both a more sensitive and specific marker than TTF-1 and is extremely specific for lung adenocarcinomas. Most studies show Napsin A is 100% specific for lung adenocarcinoma versus lung SqCC. When used in combination, the Desmoglein 3 + Napsin A antibody cocktail are very sensitive and specific markers for discriminating between lung squamous cell carcinoma and lung adenocarcinoma. Used as a panel with TTF-1 and CK5, this antibody cocktail is extremely accurate and may be used as a first-line screen for lung cancer.

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 one-step or two-step detection procedure can be applied. A one-step procedure will feature an enzyme labeled polymer that binds the primary antibody. A two-step procedure will feature a linker antibody added to bind to the primary antibody. An enzyme-labeled polymer is then added to bind the linker antibody. These detections of the bound antibodies are evidenced by a colorimetric reaction.

Source: Rabbit polyclonal
Species Reactivity: Human, others not tested
Clone: N/A
Isotype: N/A
Protein Concentration: Lot specific Ig concentration is not available.
Epitope/Antigen: Human Napsin A
Cellular Localization: Cytoplasmic (granular)
Positive Tissue Control: Lung 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.

Protocol Recommendations (VALENT® Automated Slide Staining Platform):
VlTR434 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:

Deparaffinization: Deparaffinize for 8 minutes with Val DePar.

Pretreatment: Perform heat retrieval at 98°C for 60 minutes using Val AR-Hi pH, 5X (use at 1X).

Peroxidase Block: Block for 5 minutes with Val Peroxidase Block.

Protocol Recommendations (VALENT Automated Slide Staining Platform) Cont’d:

Primary Antibody: Incubate for 45 minutes.
Secondary: N/A
Linker: Incubate for 10 minutes with Val Universal Linker.
Polymer: Incubate for 20 minutes with Val Universal Polymer.
Chromogen: Incubate for 5 minutes with Val DAB.

Counterstain: Countercsatin for 5 minutes with Val Hematoxylin.

Protocol Recommendations (intelliPATH FLX® and manual use):

Peroxide Block: Block for 5 minutes with Biocare’s Peroxidazed 1.

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

Primary Antibody: Incubate for 5-10 minutes at RT with Background Punisher.
Probe: N/A

Polymer: Incubate for 30 minutes at RT with a secondary-conjugated polymer.

Chromogen: Incubate for 5 minutes at RT with Biocare’s DAB - OR - Incubate for 5-7 minutes at RT with War Red.

Counterstain: Countercsatin with hematoxylin. Rinse with deionized water. Apply Tach’s Bluing Solution for 1 minute. Rinse with deionized water.

Technical Notes:
This antibody, for intelliPATH FLX and manual use, has been standardized with MACH 4 detection system. 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 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) (6)
Precautions Cont’d:
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. (7)
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: