

# Desmoglein 3 + p40 (M)

Prediluted Monoclonal Antibody Cocktail  
901-3067-041218

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**Catalog Number:** API 3067 AA  
**Description:** 6.0 ml, prediluted  
**Dilution:** Ready-to-use  
**Diluent:** N/A

## Intended Use:

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use

Desmoglein 3 + p40 (M) [BC11 + BC28] is a mouse monoclonal antibody cocktail intended for laboratory use in the qualitative identification of desmoglein 3 and p40 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:

Desmoglein 3 (DSG3) is a calcium-binding transmembrane glycoprotein component of desmosomes in vertebrate epithelial cells. Currently, three desmoglein subfamily members have been identified and all are members of the cadherin cell adhesion molecule superfamily (1,2). Desmogleins exhibit membranous expression and connect with cytokeratins through desmoplakins and plakoglobin. DSG3 is particularly important in the cellular adhesion of squamous epithelium, and as a result, it is often highly expressed in various squamous cell carcinomas (SqCC) (3). In lung squamous cell carcinoma specifically, DSG3 has demonstrated a sensitivity of 85-100%, and an ability to discriminate lung adenocarcinoma with a specificity of 98-100% (3-6).

The mouse monoclonal antibody p40 [BC28] recognizes an epitope unique to the p40 protein and may have applications in cases where p63 has traditionally been used. To date, p63 [4A4] has been a frequently used marker for lung SqCC, as well as for bladder, breast, prostate, and head and neck cancers. p63 [4A4] recognizes both the p63 and p40 proteins (7). As a result, p63 [4A4] has proven to be a sensitive marker for lung SqCC; however, it suffers from specificity limitations due to reactivity in a subset of lung adenocarcinomas (ADC). In contrast, p40 is selectively expressed in lung SqCC, offering an opportunity for improved specificity (5,7,8). p40 (M) [BC28] recognizes an epitope unique to p40, which may result in diminished reactivity in lung ADC and increased specificity.

In several studies, staining with a rabbit polyclonal anti-p40 antibody was equivalent to p63 [4A4] in sensitivity for lung SqCC, but p40 exhibited markedly superior specificity due to staining in fewer cases of lung ADC compared to p63 (5,7-9). In an in-house study, Biocare's mouse monoclonal anti-p40 [BC28] demonstrated similar sensitivity and specificity as the rabbit polyclonal antibody, staining 97% (65/67) of lung SqCC cases and 0% (0/71) of lung ADC cases; however, p40 expression may be observed with either antibody in select cases of lung ADC.

The combination of both membrane and nuclear staining of DSG3 and p40, respectively, may increase overall sensitivity for lung SqCC, and in some cases, may aid the pathologist with difficult cytology and surgical specimens (5). U.S. Patent 9,428,576 and patents pending.

## 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.

## Reagent Provided:

Desmoglein 3 + p40 (M) is provided as a prediluted antibody cocktail of anti-Desmoglein 3 and anti-p40 antibodies, in buffer with carrier protein and preservative.

Antibody	anti-Desmoglein 3	anti-p40
Clone	BC11	BC28
Source	Mouse monoclonal	Mouse monoclonal
Isotype	IgG1	IgG1
Epitope/ Antigen	Desmoglein 3	amino acids 5-17
Cellular Localization	Membrane	Nuclear
Staining	Brown (DAB)	Brown (DAB)

## Storage and Stability:

Store at 2°C to 8°C. Do not use reagent after the expiration date printed on the vial. If reagents are stored under conditions other than those specified in the package insert, they must be verified by the user.

## Known Applications:

Immunohistochemistry (formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues)

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

**Positive Tissue Control:** Lung squamous cell carcinoma

## 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 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 Notes:

This antibody has been standardized with Biocare's MACH 4 detection system. Use TBS buffer 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. 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). (10)
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. (11)
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>.

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## 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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