CD44
Prediluted Monoclonal Antibody
Control Number: 901-380-090817

Catalog Number: PM 380 AA
Description: 6.0 ml, prediluted
Dilution: Ready-to-use
Diluent: N/A

Intended Use:
For In Vitro Diagnostic Use

CD44 [BC8] is a mouse monoclonal antibody that is intended for laboratory use in the qualitative identification of CD44 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:
CD44 is a transmembranous glycoprotein (80 kDa) responsible for cell adhesion that is expressed in a wide range of normal tissues, such as tonsil, breast, prostate, skin, bladder and cervical squamous epithelium (1). Studies have shown that CD44, also known as HCAM, plays an important role in the cascade of metastasis and progression of human malignant tumors (2). In breast cancer studies, evaluation of CD44 expression has been useful in the differentiation of benign and malignant papillary lesions (2). Expression of CD44s, the most common CD44 isoform, has been reported to be associated with increased survival of patients with node-negative invasive breast carcinoma (3). Further studies have shown a subpopulation of CD44+/CD24- in breast cancer cells have stem/progenitor cell properties (4).

The CD44 predilute (PM380) has been titered specifically for use in bladder cancer. It may be used as an optional step with Uro-2™ (CK20 + p53) Multiplex Cocktail (API3001DS).

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, an enzyme labeled polymer is then added to bind to the primary antibody. The detection of the bound antibody is evidenced by a colorimetric reaction.

Source: Mouse monoclonal
Species Reactivity: Human; others not tested
Clone: BC8
Isotype: IgG1
Total Protein Concentration: ~10 mg/ml. Call for lot specific Ig concentration.

Epitope/Antigen: CD44

Cellular Localization: Cytoplasmic/cell membrane

Positive Control: Breast cancer or tonsil

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.

Protocol Recommendations:
Peroxide Block: Block for 5 minutes with Biocare's Peroxidazed 1.
Pretreatment Solution (recommended): Diva

Pretreatment Protocol:
Heat Retrieval Method:
Retrieve sections under pressure using Biocare's Decloaking Chamber, followed by a wash in distilled water; alternatively, steam tissue sections for 45-60 minutes. Allow solution to cool for 10 minutes then wash in distilled water.

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Technical Note:
This antibody has been standardized with Biocare's MACH 2 detection system. It can also be used on an automated staining system and with other Biocare polymer detection kits. 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:

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 (Na3N) 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.
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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.