Napsin A
Prediluted Polyclonal Antibody
Control Number: 901-434-081617

Catalog Number: PP 434 AA
Description: 6.0 ml, prediluted
Dilution: Ready-to-use
Diluent: N/A

Intended Use:
For In Vitro Diagnostic Use

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

Source: Rabbit polyclonal
Species Reactivity: Human, others not tested
Clone: N/A
Isotype: N/A
Total Protein Concentration: ~10 mg/ml. Call for lot specific Ig concentration.
Epitope/Antigen: Human Napsin A
Cellular Localization: Cytoplasmic (granular)
Positive Control: Lung adenocarcinoma
Normal Tissue: Lung
Abnormal Tissue: Lung adenocarcinoma and some thyroid cancers

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.

Protocol Recommendations:
Peroxide Block:
Block for 5 minutes with Biocare's Peroxidazed 1.

Pretreatment Solution: 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.

Protocol Recommendations Cont’d:
Protein Block:
Optional: Incubate for 5-10 minutes at RT with Biocare's Background Punisher.
Primary Antibody: Incubate for 30 minutes at RT.
Probe: N/A
Polymer: Incubate for 30 minutes at RT with a Polymer.
Chromogen:
Incubate for 5 minutes at RT when using Biocare's DAB. - OR - Incubate for 5-7 minutes at RT when using 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. 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. These products are tools that can be used for interpretation of morphological findings in conjunction with other diagnostic tests and pertinent clinical data by a qualified pathologist.

Quality Control:
Refer to NCCLS Quality Assurance for Immunocytochemistry approved guidelines, December 1999 MM4-A Vol.19 No.26 for more information about tissue controls.

Precautions:
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)

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. Microbial contamination of reagents may result in an increase in nonspecific staining. Incubation times or temperatures other than those specified may give erroneous results. The user must validate any such change. The MSDS is available upon request.

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: