

Product Information

Monoclonal Anti-pan-Cytokeratin clone PCK-26

Reagent designed and manufactured under cGMP controls suitable for use in an IVD application.

Catalog Number **SRE0061**

Product Description

Monoclonal Anti-Pan Cytokeratin (mouse IgG1 isotype) is derived from the PCK-26 hybridoma produced by the fusion of mouse myeloma cells and splenocytes from BALB/c mice immunized with a cytokeratin preparation from human epidermis. The isotype is determined by a double diffusion immunoassay using Mouse Monoclonal Antibody Isotyping Reagents (Catalog Number ISO2).

Monoclonal Anti-Pan Cytokeratin may be used for the localization of cytokeratins using various immunochemical assays such as immunoblotting, dot blotting, and immunohistochemistry (immunofluorescence and immunoenzymatic staining).

Monoclonal Anti-Pan Cytokeratin recognizes the 58 kDa cytokeratin 5, the 56 kDa cytokeratin 6 and the 52 kDa cytokeratin 8 band in immunoblotting.¹ The PCK-26 clone produces a broad spectrum antibody, which reacts specifically with a wide variety of normal, reactive and neoplastic epithelial tissues. The antibody reacts with simple, cornifying and non-cornifying squamous epithelia, and pseudostratified epithelia. It does not react with non-epithelial normal human tissues. This antibody can be applied to methanol or acetone-fixed frozen sections, and to protease-digested, formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded human tissues. Similarly embedded methacarn-fixed material is also suitable for cytokeratin demonstration. Anti-Pan Cytokeratin cross reacts with cytokeratins from many species (e.g., rabbit, guinea pig, goat, bovine, sheep, rat, mouse, hamster, dog, cat, chicken, viper, lizard, and carp).

Intermediate-sized filaments are abundant cytoplasmic structural proteins found in most vertebrate cells. Cytokeratins, a group comprising at least 29 different proteins, are characteristic of epithelial and trichocytic cells. Cytokeratin 5, 6, and 8 are members of the type II neutral-to-basic subfamily. Cytokeratin peptide 5 (58 kDa) is the primary type II keratin in stratified epithelia while cytokeratin type 8 (52 kDa) is a major type II keratin in simple epithelia. Cytokeratin 6 (56 kDa) is a "hyperproliferation" cytokeratin expressed in tissues with natural or pathological high turnover.

Monoclonal antibodies to cytokeratins are specific markers of epithelial cell differentiation and have been widely used as tools in tumor identification and classification. Monoclonal Anti-Pan Cytokeratin is a broadly reactive group-type antibody, which recognizes an epitope present in most human epithelial tissues. It facilitates the typing of normal, metaplastic, and neoplastic cells and it may aid in the discrimination of carcinomas and non-epithelial tumors such as sarcomas, lymphomas, and neural tumors. It is also useful in detecting micrometastases in lymph nodes and other tissues and for determining the origin of poorly differentiated tumors.^{1,2}

Reagent

The product is provided as ascites fluid with 0.1% sodium azide as a preservative.

Precautions and Disclaimer

For manufacturing, processing, or repacking. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

Storage/Stability

For continuous use, store at 2-8 °C. For extended storage, freeze in working aliquots. Repeated freezing and thawing is not recommended. Storage in "frost-free" freezers is also not recommended. If slight turbidity occurs upon prolonged storage, clarify the solution by centrifugation before use.

Product Profile

Indirect immunofluorescence: Titer: 1:300

The antibody titer was determined by indirect immunofluorescent staining of protease-digested, formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded sections of human or animal tissues.

Note: In order to obtain the best results using various techniques and preparations, it is recommended that each individual user determine their optimal working dilutions by titration assay.

References

1. Moll, R. et al., *Cell*, **31**, 11 (1981).
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