Novocastra™ Lyophilized Mouse Monoclonal Antibody
Cytokeratin 7

Product Code: NCL-CK7-OVTL

Intended Use
FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY.

Specificity
Human cytokeratin 7 intermediate filament protein.

Clone
OV-TL 12/30

Ig Class
IgG1, kappa

Antigen Used for Immunizations
OTN 11 ovarian carcinoma cell line.

Hybridoma Partner
Mouse myeloma (Sp2/0-Ag14).

Preparation
Lyophilized immunoglobulin, purified and diluted in PBS with 1% BSA containing 15 mM sodium azide. Reconstitute with the volume of sterile distilled water indicated on the vial label.

Effective on Frozen Tissue
Yes. Acetone fixation recommended.

Effective on Paraffin Wax Embedded Tissue
Yes (using the high temperature antigen unmasking technique: see overleaf, or trypsin digestion of sections).

Recommendations on Use
Immunohistochemistry: Typical working dilution 1:50. High temperature antigen unmasking technique, or trypsin digestion of sections. 60 minutes primary antibody incubation at 25 °C. Standard ABC technique. Western Blotting: typical working dilution 1:500–1:1000.

Positive Controls
Immunohistochemistry: Breast.
Western Blotting: HeLa cell line.

Staining Pattern
Cytoplasmic and membrane.

Storage and Stability
Store unopened lyophilized antibody at 4 °C. Under these conditions, there is no significant loss in product performance up to the expiry date indicated on the vial label. The reconstituted antibody is stable for at least two months when stored at 4 °C. For long term storage, it is recommended that aliquots of the antibody are frozen at -20 °C (frost-free freezers are not recommended). Repeated freezing and thawing must be avoided. Prepare working dilutions on the day of use.

General Overview
NCL-CK7-OVTL reacts with the human cytokeratin intermediate filament protein (54 kD) identified as cytokeratin 7. The antibody reacts with a large number of epithelial cell types including many ductal and glandular epithelia. NCL-CK7-OVTL distinguishes between certain types of normal glandular epithelia of which lung and breast are positive and colon and prostate are negative. No reactivity with other cytokeratins has been observed and, in general, the antibody does not react with stratified squamous epithelia but it does react with transitional epithelium of the urinary tract. Hepatocytes are negative while bile duct epithelial cells are positive.

General References
Instructions for Use

High Temperature Antigen Unmasking Technique Followed by Trypsin Digestion for Immunohistochemical Demonstration on Paraffin Sections

1. Deparaffinize sections and rehydrate to distilled water.
2. Place sections in 0.5% hydrogen peroxide/methanol for 10 minutes (or use other appropriate endogenous peroxidase blocking procedure). Wash sections in tap water.
3. Heat 1500 mL of the recommended unmasking solution (0.01 M citrate buffer, pH 6.0 (or Epitope Retrieval Solution, RE7113) unless otherwise indicated overleaf - see other Epitope Retrieval Solutions in the range) until boiling in a stainless steel pressure cooker. Cover but do not lock lid.
4. Position slides into metal staining racks (do not place slides close together as uneven staining may occur) and lower into pressure cooker ensuring slides are completely immersed in unmasking solution. Lock lid.
5. When the pressure cooker reaches operating temperature and pressure (after about 5 minutes) start a timer for 1 minute (unless otherwise indicated on the data sheet).
6. When the timer rings, remove pressure cooker from heat source and run under cold water with lid on. DO NOT OPEN LID UNTIL THE INDICATORS SHOW THAT PRESSURE HAS BEEN RELEASED. Open lid, remove slides and place immediately into a bath of tap water.
7. Place slides in pre-heated distilled water to bring the sections to 37 °C for a minimum of 5 minutes.
8. Incubate sections in pre-heated Trypsin solution at 37 °C for 30 seconds.
9. Rinse sections in running tap water.
10. Proceed with immunohistochemistry protocol.
11. Wash sections in TBS* buffer (pH 7.6) for 1 x 5 minutes.
12. Place sections in diluted normal serum (or RTU Normal Horse Serum) for 10 minutes.
13. Incubate sections with primary antibody. Use Antibody Diluent RE7133 (where available).
14. Wash in TBS buffer for 2 x 5 minutes.
15. Incubate sections in an appropriate biotinylated secondary antibody.
16. Wash in TBS buffer for 2 x 5 minutes.
17. Incubate slides in ABC reagent (or RTU streptavidin/peroxidase complex).
18. Wash in TBS buffer for 2 x 5 minutes.
19. Incubate slides in DAB or other suitable peroxidase substrate.
20. Wash thoroughly in running tap water.
21. Counterstain with hematoxylin (if required), dehydrate and mount.

Solutions

Trypsin Solution

*Trypsin containing chymotrypsin should always be used. The enzyme activities can vary from a supplier and between batches. Such variations may affect the incubation time required.

Preheat the following to 37 °C using a water bath:

(i) 200 mL of TBS
(ii) 200 mL of distilled water.

Dissolve 0.2 g Trypsin 250 and 0.2 g Calcium Chloride in the 200 mL of TBS.

Once the Trypsin solution is at 37 °C, pH to 7.8 with 1 M sodium hydroxide.

0.01 M Citrate Buffer (pH 6.0) or RE7113 (where available).

Add 3.84 grams of Citric acid (anhdyrous) to 1.8 L of distilled water. Adjust to pH 6.0 using concentrated NaOH. Make up to 2 L with distilled water.

1 mM EDTA (pH 8.0) or RE7116 (where available).

Add 0.37 g of EDTA (SIGMA product code E-5134) to 1 L of distilled water. Adjust pH to 8.0 using 1.0 M NaOH.

20 mM TRIS/0.65 mM EDTA/0.0005% TWEEN (pH 9.0) or RE7119 (where available)

Dissolve 14.4 g Tris (BDH product code 271197K) and 1.44 g EDTA (SIGMA product code E-5134) to 0.55 L of distilled water. Adjust pH to 9.0 with 1 M HCl and add 0.3 mL Tween 20 (SIGMA product code P-1379). Make up to 0.6 L with distilled water. This is a 10x concentrate which should be diluted with distilled water as required (eg 150 mL diluted with 1350 mL of distilled water).

* In most applications, 10 mM phosphate, 0.15 M NaCl, pH 7.6 (PBS) can be used instead of 50 mM Tris, 0.15 M NaCl, pH 7.6 (TBS).

Safety Note

To ensure the correct and safe use of your pressure cooker, PLEASE READ THE MANUFACTURER’S INSTRUCTIONS.