



Cytokeratin 8 (M20)

CATALOG NUMBER: MUB0318P
CLONE: M20
SPECIES / ISOTYPE: mouse IgG1
PRODUCT FORM: purified monoclonal antibody

BACKGROUND

Cytokeratins are a subfamily of intermediate filament proteins and are characterized by a remarkable biochemical diversity, represented in epithelial tissues by at least 20 different polypeptides. They range in molecular weight between 40 kDa and 68 kDa and isoelectric pH between 4.9 – 7.8. The individual cytokeratin polypeptides are numbered 1 to 20.

The various epithelia in the human body usually express cytokeratins which are not only characteristic of the type of epithelium, but also related to the degree of maturation or differentiation within an epithelium.

Cytokeratin subtype expression patterns are used to an increasing extent in the distinction of different types of epithelial malignancies. The cytokeratin antibodies are not only of assistance in the differential diagnosis of tumors using immunohistochemistry on tissue sections, but are also a useful tool in cytopathology and flow cytometric assays.

SOURCE

M20 is a mouse monoclonal IgG1 antibody derived by fusion of murine myeloma cells with spleen cells from a mouse immunized with keratin isolated from the human breast carcinoma cell line MCF-7.

PRODUCT

Each vial contains 100 µl 1 mg/ml purified monoclonal antibody in PBS containing 0.09% sodium azide.

SPECIFICITY

M20 reacts with glandular epithelial cells (endocrine and exocrine) as well as mesothelial cells of the digestive, respiratory and urogenital tract and most adenocarcinomas derived from these cells.

M20 is suitable for immunoblotting, immunocytochemistry, immunohistochemistry on frozen tissues and flow cytometry. Optimal antibody dilution should be determined by titration; recommended range is 1:100 – 1:200 for immunohistochemistry with avidin-biotinylated horseradish peroxidase complex (ABC) as detection

reagent, and 1:100 – 1:1000 for immunoblotting applications.

SPECIES REACTIVITY

Human and mouse.

STORAGE

Store at 4°C, or in small aliquots at –20°C.

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