



Caldesmon

IHC of Caldesmon on an FFPE Appendix Tissue

Description Caldesmon 1, also known as CALD1, is a human gene. Caldesmon is a calmodulin-binding protein. Like Calponin, Caldesmon tonically inhibits the ATPase activity of myosin in smooth muscle. This gene encodes a Calmodulin and actin-binding protein that play an essential role in the regulation of smooth muscle and nonmuscle contraction.

Two closely-related variants of human Caldesmon have been identified. The h-Caldesmon variant (120–150 kD) is predominantly expressed in smooth muscle, whereas l-Caldesmon (70–80 kD) is found in non-muscle tissue and cells. Neither of the two variants has been detected in skeletal muscle. Anti-Caldesmon recognizes only the h-Caldesmon variant. Anti-Caldesmon antibody labels smooth muscle and tumors of smooth muscle, myofibroblastic, and myoepithelial differentiation. Anti-Caldesmon has also been used to differentiate Epithelioid Mesothelioma from Serous Papillary Carcinoma of the ovary.

Antibody Type	Mouse Monoclonal	Clone	CALD-31
Isotype	IgG1/K	Reactivity	Paraffin, Frozen
Localization	Cytoplasmic	Control	Appendix, Uterus, Leiomyoma
Storage	Store at 2°-8°C	Stability	2 years

For long-term storage of the concentrated antibody, it is recommended that aliquots of the antibody be frozen at -20°C in glycerol 50% (frost-free freezers are not recommended). Repeated freezing and thawing must be avoided. Dilute using an antibody diluent such as ImmunoDetector Protein Block/Antibody Diluent (BSB 0040 and BSB 0041) or ImmunoDNA Background Blocker (BSB 0103-BSB 0107).

Presentation Anti-Caldesmon (CALD-31) is a mouse monoclonal antibody derived from cell culture supernatant that is concentrated, dialyzed, filter sterilized and diluted in buffer pH 7.5, containing BSA and sodium azide as a preservative.

Availability	Catalog No.	Antibody Type	Dilution	Volume/QTY
	BSB 6099	Prediluted	Ready-To-Use	3.0 ml
	BSB 6100	Prediluted	Ready-To-Use	7.0 ml
	BSB 6101	Prediluted	Ready-To-Use	15.0 ml
	BSB 6102	Concentrated	1:100-1:400	0.1 ml
	BSB 6103	Concentrated	1:100-1:400	0.5 ml
	BSB 6104	Concentrated	1:100-1:400	1.0 ml
	BSB 6105	Control Slides		5

Note: For concentrated antibodies, please centrifuge prior to use to ensure recovery of all product.

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Protocol Suggested protocol on reverse

Recommended Immunohistochemical Protocol

- Pretreatment**
1. Cut and mount 3-4 micron formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues on positive charged slides.
 2. Air dry for 2 hours at 58° C.
 3. Deparaffinize, dehydrate and rehydrate tissues.
 4. Subject tissues to heat epitope retrieval using a suitable retrieval solution such as **ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate** (BSB 0020-BSB 0023) or **EDTA** (BSB 0030-BSB 0033).
 5. Any of three heating methods may be used:
 - a. **Electric Pressure Cooker**
Place standoff rack at base of pressure cooker. Add 1-2 inches of distilled water to the pressure cooker and turn heat to high, and incubate for 15 minutes. Open and immediately transfer slides to room temperature.
 - b. **Water Bath Method**
Place tissues/slides in a pre-warmed staining dish or coplin jar containing the **ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate** or **EDTA** in a water bath set at 95°-99° C. Incubate for 30-60 minutes.
 - c. **Conventional Steamer Method**
Place tissues/slides in a pre-warmed staining dish or coplin jar containing the **ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate** or **EDTA** in a Steamer, cover and steam for 30-60 minutes.
 6. After heat treatment, transfer slides in **ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate** or **EDTA** to room temperature and let stand for 15-20 minutes.
 7. Wash slides with IHC wash buffer or DI water.
 8. Continue IHC staining protocol.

Immunohistochemical Protocol

Step	ImmunoDetector (AP or HRP)	PolyDetector (AP or HRP)
Peroxidase/AP Block	5 minutes	5 minutes
Primary Antibody	30 minutes	45 minutes
Secondary Biotinylated Link	10 minutes	Not Applicable
AP or HRP Label	10 minutes	45 minutes
Substrate-Chromogen	5-10 minutes	10 minutes
Counterstaining	Time varies with counterstain	Time varies with counterstain

