



Cytokeratin 5 & 6

IHC of CK 5 and 6 on an FFPE Prostate Tissue

Description Cytokeratin 5 (58 kDa) is a high-molecular weight, basic type of cytokeratin expressed in basal, intermediate and superficial-cell layers of stratified epithelia as well as transitional epithelia, complex epithelia, mesothelial cells and Mesothelioma. Cytokeratin 6 (56 kD) is also a high-molecular weight, basic type cytokeratin expressed by proliferating squamous epithelium often paired with Cytokeratin 16.

CK 5 and 6 are positively seen in nearly 100% of Malignant Mesotheliomas and is rarely seen in Lung Adenocarcinomas. CK 5 and 6 can positively be seen in undifferentiated Large-cell Carcinoma as well as Squamous Carcinoma. Fewer than 10% of Carcinomas of the breast, colon, and prostate stain positively for this marker. CK 5 and 6 have also been used successfully as a myoepithelial cell marker in the prostate to determine malignancy.

Antibody Type	Mouse Monoclonal	Clone	D5/16B4
Isotype	IgG1	Reactivity	Paraffin, Frozen
Localization	Cytoplasmic	Control	Mesothelioma, Prostate
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-CK 5 & 6 is a cocktail of mouse monoclonal antibodies 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 5400	Prediluted	Ready-To-Use	3.0 ml
	BSB 5401	Prediluted	Ready-To-Use	7.0 ml
	BSB 5402	Prediluted	Ready-To-Use	15.0 ml
	BSB 5403	Concentrated	1:25-1:100	0.1 ml
	BSB 5404	Concentrated	1:25-1:100	0.5 ml
	BSB 5405	Concentrated	1:25-1:100	1.0 ml
	BSB 5406	Control Slides		5

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

- References**
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 2. Ordonez NG, *Am J Surg Pathol.* 22(10):1203-1214
 3. Cury PM, Butcher DW, et al. *Mod Pathol.* 2000;13(2):107-12

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

