

Rabbit monoclonal antibody against
CK5/CK6/ERG
(QR027/QR028/QR040)
Research Use Only (RUO)

Product identification

C-C024-01	0.1 ml Concentrate
C-C024-05	0.5 ml Concentrate
C-C024-10	1 ml Concentrate
P-C024-30	3 ml Ready-to-use
P-C024-70	7 ml Ready-to-use
P-C024-150	15 ml Ready-to-use

Intended use

For research purposes only. Anti-human antibody for immunohistochemical applications to detect the antigen CK5/CK6/ERG (QR027/QR028/QR040 on formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissues.

Summary and explanation

Keratins are cytoplasmic intermediate filament proteins expressed by epithelial cells. Cytokeratins, 5 & 6, are type II keratins that are in combination useful in differentiating mesothelioma (positive) from lung carcinoma (negative) or metastatic carcinoma in the pleura (negative). It detects undifferentiated large cell carcinoma, squamous carcinoma, spindle cell squamous cell carcinoma of the skin, malignancies of prostate and breast and it helps to discriminate between ductal hyperplasia of the breast (strong staining) and solid papillary DCIS (negative). ERG, also known as ETS related gene, is a member of the ETS family of transcription factors that play important roles in cell development, differentiation, proliferation, apoptosis and tissue remodeling. The antibody labels endothelial cells, lymphocytes, and prostate cancer cells. Overexpression of ERG is associated with prostate cancer. Furthermore, the TMPRSS2-ERG fusion caused by translocations and interstitial deletions, is implicated in aggressive forms of prostate cancer. EWS-ERG, or EWS-Fli-1 fusion, is a characteristic of Ewing's sarcoma.

Principle of the procedure

The stated primary antibody is suitable for immunohistochemical staining of FFPE tissue sections based on specific antigen-antibody reaction. Using a detection system linked to horseradish peroxidase (HRP) or alkaline phosphatase (AP) the antigen visualization is performed via specific binding of the primary antibody. Secondary antibody is binding to the primary antibody, and the enzyme complex labels this complex. The enzymatic activation of the chromogen results in a visible reaction product at the antigen site. Each step is incubated for a precise time and temperature and requires interposed washing steps. The specimen may then be counterstained. Results are interpreted using a light microscope.

Materials provided

Primary antibody	Anti-CK5/CK6/ERG (QR027/QR028/QR040)
Host	Rabbit
Subclass	IgG
Immunogen	Synthetic peptide of human CK5/CK6/ERG
Antibody concentrate	Concentrated antibody in TRIS (pH 7.4) with < 0.1 % sodium azide

Recommended working dilution range	1:50 – 1:100
Ready-to-use antibody	Prediluted antibody in TRIS (pH 7.4) with < 0.1 % sodium azide

Product label shows the specific lot number.

Prediluted antibody is ready-to-use and optimized for staining. No further dilution, reconstitution, mixing, or titration is needed. Antibody concentrate is optimized for dilution within dilution range using Q Diluent for IHC (Cat. No. 400100295). Indicated dilution range should be considered as recommendation and depends on different facts (tissue, fixation, incubation conditions, etc.). Optimum dilution to be determined in user's own system.

Materials required but not provided

- Positive and negative controls
- Microscope slides (positively charged) and cover slips
- Staining jars
- Timer
- Xylene or xylene alternative, e.g. Q Dewax Solution (Cat. No. 400301105)
- Ethanol
- Deionized or distilled water
- Heating equipment for tissue pretreatment step
- Antibody diluent, e.g. Q Diluent for IHC (Cat. No. 400100295)
- Antigen retrieval reagent, e.g. Q Retrieval Low pH 6.0 (Cat. No. 401602092) or Q Retrieval High pH 9.0 (Cat. No. 401602392)
- Detection system, e.g. PolyQ Stain kits and appropriate chromogen
- Wash buffer: TBS (Cat. No. 402000192) or TBS-Tween20 (Cat. No. 402000492)
- Blocking reagent
- Hematoxylin
- Mounting medium
- Light microscope

Storage and handling

Store at 2 – 8 °C.

When stored correctly, the antibody is stable up to the expiration date indicated on the vial. This is also valid for durability after opening. Do not use after expiration date. To ensure proper reagent delivery and stability of the antibody, replace the dispenser cap after every use and immediately place the bottle cool in an upright position.

Specimen preparation

Routinely processed, FFPE tissues are suitable for use with this primary antibody. The recommended tissue fixative is 10 % neutral buffered formalin. Variable results may occur as a result of prolonged fixation or special processes such as decalcification of bone marrow preparations. Thickness of tissue sections, which should be placed on positively charged slides, should be 2 – 5 µm. Pretreatment of deparaffinized tissue with heat-induced epitope retrieval (HIER) is recommended. Slides should be stained as soon as possible, as antigenicity of cut tissue sections may diminish over time. The optimum pretreatment protocol must be determined in user's own system.

Warnings and precautions

1. Authorized and skilled personnel may only use the product.
2. There are no estimated health risks, if the product is used as directed. MSDS is available on request.

3. Product contains sodium azide as preservative. Pure sodium azide is toxic. The concentration of sodium azide in this reagent is < 0.1 % which is not classified as hazardous.
4. Do not use reagents after expiration date.
5. Take reasonable precautions when handling reagents. Use protective clothing and gloves.
6. All hazardous materials should be disposed according to guidelines for hazardous waste disposal. Materials of human or animal origin should be handled as biohazardous materials and disposed of with proper precautions.
7. Avoid microbial contamination of reagents as it may cause incorrect results.

Staining procedure

Primary antibody has been optimized for use in combination with PolyQ Stain detection systems. The following data are recommendations. Due to variation in tissue fixation and processing, as well as general lab instrument and environmental conditions, it may be necessary to adjust incubation times. The optimum protocol must be determined in user's own system.

Antigen retrieval: HIER; Boil tissue sections in Q Retrieval for 20 min followed by cooling at room temperature (RT) for 20 min.

Incubation of primary antibody for 30 – 60 min at RT.

Staining protocol: Follow the procedure described in the instructions of the used detection system.

Quality control procedures

Positive tissue control

A positive tissue control must be run with every staining procedure performed for monitoring the correct performance of processed tissues and test reagents.

Example for positive tissue control:
Mesothelioma, prostate, prostate adenocarcinoma.

Negative tissue control

Negative tissue controls provide an indication of non-specific background staining.

The variety of cell types present in most tissue sections offers internal negative control sites. Therefore, the same tissue used for the positive tissue control may be used as the negative tissue control.

Negative control reagent

A negative control reagent is used in place of the primary antibody to evaluate non-specific staining. Host species and incubation time should be similar to primary antibody.

Interpretation of results

The immunostaining procedure causes a colored reaction product to precipitate at the antigen sites localized by the primary antibody.

Cellular localization: CK5/6: cytoplasmic, ERG: nuclear.

Positive staining intensity should be assessed within the context of any background staining of the negative reagent control.

Note: A negative result means that the antigen in question was not detected, not that the antigen is absent in the cells or tissue assayed. A panel of antibodies may be used to verify the results. Additionally, the morphology of each tissue sample should be examined utilizing a hematoxylin and eosin stained section.

Limitations

1. Errors excepted. This data sheet contains general information.
2. For research use only.
3. For laboratory use only.
4. This reagent is "for professional use only" as immunohistochemistry is a multiple step process that requires specialized training in the selection of the appropriate reagents, tissues, fixation and processing, preparation of the immunohistochemistry slide, choice of detection system, and interpretation of the staining results.
5. Tissue staining is dependent on the handling, processing and storage of the tissue prior to staining. Improper fixation, freezing, thawing, washing, drying, heating, sectioning, or contamination with other tissues or fluids may produce artifacts, antibody trapping, or incorrect results. Optimal performance requires adequate specimen quality as well as appropriate sample preparation.
6. Excessive or incomplete counterstaining may compromise proper interpretation of results.
7. False positive results may be seen because of non-immunological binding of proteins or substrate reaction products. They may also be caused by pseudo peroxidase activity (erythrocytes), endogenous biotin (example: liver, brain, kidney) or endogenous peroxidase activity (cytochrome C).
8. When used in blocking steps, normal sera from the same animal source as the secondary antisera may cause false negative or false positive results because of the effect of autoantibodies or natural antibodies.
9. Tissues from persons infected with hepatitis B virus and containing hepatitis B surface antigen may exhibit nonspecific staining with HRP.
10. Unexpected results may occur due to biological variability of antigen expression in neoplasms or other pathological tissues.
11. Manufacturer is not liable for incorrect results due to visual evaluation.
12. Prediluted antibodies are ready-to-use and optimized for staining. Further dilution may lead to incorrect results.
13. After successful validation users may dilute antibody concentrates according to requirements. Appropriate controls must be employed and documented.
14. The performance of the product was established using the procedures provided in this package insert only and modifications to these procedures may lead to changes in efficiency. Non-application as prescribed in this data sheet leads to loss of all liability. Any changes in product, composition, implementation, as well as use in combination with any reagents other than recommended herein is not allowed; users are responsible themselves for those changes and have to perform prior validation.
15. Application in combination with devices requires prior validation.
16. We do not take responsibility for any possible damage including personal injury, time or effort on economic loss caused by this product. Our warranty is limited to the price paid for the product.

Troubleshooting

1. Only intact cells should be used for interpretation of staining results, as degenerated cells show non-specific staining.
2. If no staining occurs, control application order of reagents. Follow all indications given in the instructions for use.
3. Do not allow the sections to dry out.
4. If weak staining occurs, pay attention during staining steps to freshly prepared chromogen, incubation times

- and temperatures, as well as accurate draining off of reagents.
5. Avoid surplus background staining by optimal removal of paraffin, washing of slides and dilution of primary antibody. If excessive background staining occurs, high levels of endogenous biotin may be present (unless a biotin-free detection system is being used). A biotin blocking step should be included.
 6. Sodium azide inactivates HRP, which may lead to false results. Wash sections in sodium azide free buffer.
 7. Contact customer service of quartett Biotechnologie GmbH in case of any uncertainties.

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






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Explanation of symbols

	Bestellnummer Catalog number		Verwendbar bis Use by
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	Hersteller Manufacturer		Bei beschädigter Verpackung nicht verwenden Do not use if package damaged
	Achtung Caution		Gebrauchsanweisung beachten Consult instructions for use