

**Localization** – Cytoplasm

**Host Species** – Rabbit

**Ig Class** – IgG, kappa

### Intended Use

This antibody is designed for the specific localization of Cytokeratin 18 in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue sections.

### Storage & Handling

Store RTU Vial at 2-8°C. Fresh dilutions for concentrated antibodies, if required, should be prepared prior to use and are stable for up to one day at room temperature (20-26°C).

### Working Principle

IHC is a two-step process wherein the primary antibody binds to the antigen of interest and that binding is detected by a chromogen. The primary antibody may be used in IHC using manual techniques or any Automated Staining System. Positive and negative controls should always be run simultaneously with all patient specimens.

### Product Description

Cytokeratin 18 (CK18; also referred to as Keratin 18, KRT18, or type I cytoskeletal keratin 18) is a member of the type I (acidic) subfamily of low-molecular-weight keratins and typically forms heterodimers with cytokeratin 8. CK18 is expressed in epithelial cells of the gastrointestinal, respiratory, and urogenital tracts, as well as in endocrine and exocrine tissues and mesothelial cells. Its distribution is largely restricted to non-squamous epithelia, where it is consistently detected in the majority of adenocarcinomas and ductal carcinomas, but is characteristically absent in squamous cell carcinomas. Hepatocellular carcinomas demonstrate expression restricted to cytokeratins 8 and 18. Pathogenic variants in the KRT18 gene have been associated with cryptogenic cirrhosis. Two transcript isoforms encoding an identical CK18 protein have been identified. Cytokeratin expression profiling serves as an increasingly valuable tool for distinguishing subtypes of epithelial malignancies. Antibodies against CK18, applied in immunohistochemistry, cytopathology, and flow cytometric analyses, are widely utilized in the differential diagnosis of tumors and in the characterization of epithelial lineage.

### Material Supplied

Cytokeratin 18 antibody is affinity purified and diluted in PBS, pH 7.4, containing 1% BSA and 0.09% sodium azide.

### Material required But Not Supplied

- Xylene
- DI Water
- Control Tissues
- Isopropyl alcohol
- Antigen retrieval buffers
- Hematoxylin
- Positive charged slides
- Blocking Reagents
- Mounting media
- Wash Buffer
- Detection System
- Cover glass

### Working Reagent Procedure

- Ready-to-Use antibodies have been optimized for use with the recommended protocols and should not require further dilution.
- Concentrated antibodies must be diluted in accordance with the recommended protocol.

### Recommended Protocol

Refer the following table for the details on specific recommended protocol for this antibody.

<b>Control Tissue</b>	Liver, colon	<b>Antibody Incubation Time</b>	30-60 Minutes at RT
<b>Dilution factor</b>	<b>1:20-50</b> (Antibody Diluent: DH144)	<b>Retrieval Pre-treatment</b>	<b>Tris-EDTA based HIER</b> (AR9 Buffer: DH020)

### Precautions

*This product should be used by qualified and trained professional users only.*

Avoid microbial contamination of reagents to minimize non-specific staining. Never pipette reagents by mouth. Avoid contact of reagents and specimens with skin. If reagents or specimens come into contact with sensitive area, wash with sufficient amounts of water. Dispose of the unused reagents. This kit contain sodium azide at concentrations of less than 0.1%. Sodium azide is not classified as a hazardous chemical at these concentrations, but proper handling protocols should be observed. For more information on product hazards, precautions and waste disposal, *Material Safety Data Sheets* are available upon request.







### Limitations

Improper tissue handling and processing prior to immunostaining can lead to inconsistent results. Variations in embedding and fixation or the nature of the tissue may lead to variations in results. Endogenous peroxidase activity or pseudo peroxidase activity in erythrocytes and tissue biotin may result in non-specific staining based on the detection system employed. Tissues containing Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg) may give false positive with horseradish peroxidase systems. Improper counterstaining and mounting may compromise the interpretation of results. Interpretation of the staining result is solely the responsibility of the user. Experimental results should be confirmed by a medically-established diagnostic product or procedure. Evaluation must be performed by a qualified pathologist.

### Troubleshooting

For Technical Support contact us at +91 - 7506501122 or [info@dygnova.com](mailto:info@dygnova.com) or your local distributor to report unusual staining.

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	Manufacturer Details		Use by Date	<b>LOT</b>	Lot/Batch Number
	Manufacturing Date		Consult Instructions for Use	<b>REF</b>	Catalogue Number
	Temperature Limits		Sufficient for 'n' assays / tests	<b>IVD</b>	In-vitro Diagnostic Medical Device