

## Glial Fibrillary Acidic Protein (GFAP{M})

Concentrated and Prediluted Monoclonal Antibody

Control Number: 902-065-090717

<b>Catalog Number:</b>	ACR 065 A, C	APR 065 AA
<b>Description:</b>	0.1, 1.0 ml, concentrated	6.0 ml, prediluted
<b>Dilution:</b>	1:50 -1:150	Ready-to-use
<b>Diluent:</b>	Van Gogh Yellow	N/A

**Intended Use:**

For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

**Summary and Explanation:**

This antibody is known to react with human GFAP. It shows no cross-reaction with other intermediate filaments. Anti-GFAP stains astrocytes, ependymal cells and corresponding tumors (2). Studies have shown GFAP is useful for distinguishing neoplasms of astrocytic origin and in differentiating gliomas from metastatic lesions in the brain. According to studies, Neuroblastomas, Schwannomas, as well as extra-CNS tumors are not labeled. Negative staining has been observed with lymphatic tissue, muscle, gastrointestinal tract, liver, kidney, pancreas and bladder.

**Principle of Procedure:**

Antigen detection in tissues and cells is a multi-step immunohistochemical process. The initial step binds the primary antibody to its specific epitope. After labeling the antigen with a primary antibody, a secondary antibody is added to bind to the primary antibody. An enzyme label is then added to bind to the secondary antibody; this detection of the bound antibody is evidenced by a colorimetric reaction.

**Source:** Mouse monoclonal

**Species Reactivity:** Human, mouse and rat

**Clone:** GA-5

**Isotype:** IgG1

**Total Protein Concentration:** ~10 mg/ml. Call for lot specific Ig concentration.

**Epitope/Antigen:** Glial Fibrillary Acidic Protein

**Cellular Localization:** Cytoplasmic

**Positive Control:** Normal brain or astrocytoma

**Known Applications:**

Immunohistochemistry (formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues)

**Supplied As:** Buffer with protein carrier and preservative

**Storage and Stability:**

Store at 2°C to 8°C. Do not use after expiration date printed on vial. If reagents are stored under conditions other than those specified in the package insert, they must be verified by the user. Diluted reagents should be used promptly; any remaining reagent should be stored at 2°C to 8°C.

**Staining Protocol Recommendations:**

**Peroxide Block:**

Block for 5 minutes with Biocare's Peroxidized 1.

**Pretreatment Solution (recommended):** Reveal

**Pretreatment Protocol:**

Heat Retrieval Method:

Retrieve sections under pressure using Biocare's Decloaking Chamber at 80°C for 60 minutes, followed by a wash in distilled water. Alternatively, steam tissue sections for 45-60 minutes. Allow solution to cool for 20 minutes then wash in distilled water.

**Protein Block (Optional):** Incubate for 5-10 minutes at RT with Biocare's Background Punisher.

**Primary Antibody:** Incubate for 30 minutes at RT.

**Probe:** Incubate for 10 minutes at RT with a secondary probe.

**Polymer:** Incubate for 10 minutes at RT with a tertiary polymer.

**Staining Protocol Recommendations Cont'd:**

**Chromogen:**

Incubate for 5 minutes at RT with Biocare's DAB - OR - Incubate for 5-7 minutes at RT with Biocare's Warp Red.

**Counterstain:**

Counterstain with hematoxylin. Rinse with deionized water. Apply Tacha's Bluing Solution for 1 minute. Rinse with deionized water.

**Technical Note:**

This antibody has been standardized with Biocare's MACH 4 detection system. It can also be used on an automated staining system and with other Biocare polymer detection kits.

**Limitations:**

This product is provided for Research Use Only (RUO) and is not for use in diagnostic procedures. Suitability for specific applications may vary and it is the responsibility of the end user to determine the appropriate application for its use.

**Precautions:**

1. This antibody contains less than 0.1% sodium azide. Concentrations less than 0.1% are not reportable hazardous materials according to U.S. 29 CFR 1910.1200, OSHA Hazard communication and EC Directive 91/155/EC. Sodium azide (NaN<sub>3</sub>) used as a preservative is toxic if ingested. Sodium azide may react with lead and copper plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. Upon disposal, flush with large volumes of water to prevent azide build-up in plumbing. (Center for Disease Control, 1976, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, 1976) (3)
2. Specimens, before and after fixation, and all materials exposed to them should be handled as if capable of transmitting infection and disposed of with proper precautions. Never pipette reagents by mouth and avoid contacting the skin and mucous membranes with reagents and specimens. If reagents or specimens come in contact with sensitive areas, wash with copious amounts of water. (4)
3. Microbial contamination of reagents may result in an increase in nonspecific staining.
4. Incubation times or temperatures other than those specified may give erroneous results. The user must validate any such change.
5. Do not use reagent after the expiration date printed on the vial.
6. The MSDS is available upon request and is located at <http://biocare.net/support/msds/>.

**Technical Support:**

Contact Biocare's Technical Support at 1-800-542-2002 for questions regarding this product.

**References:**

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