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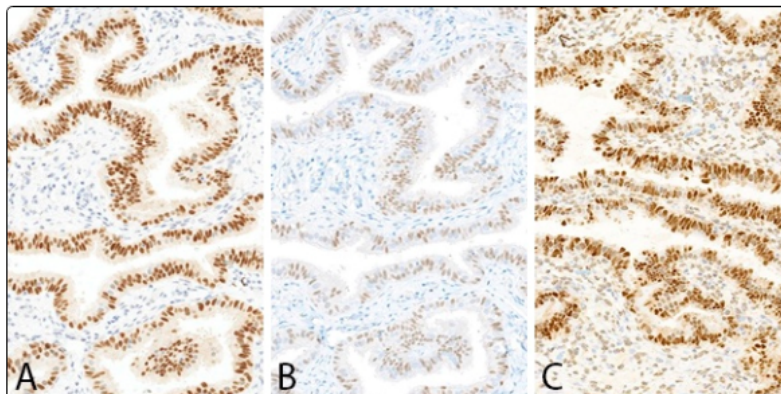


# QA of IHC in Gynaecological, GI and Liver pathology

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Serial sections of Fallopian tube stained for PAX8 in three laboratories. Lab A gets an optimal result, lab B a too weak staining with false negative reaction in ciliated cells, and lab C a too strong staining with false positive reaction in stromal cells. See the details in the PAX8 assessment, run 51.

Results - module 51, B24, H12, C2

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Individual results for the runs 51, B24 and H12 are now available (after logging in). Results from C2 will be available on the 14th January 2018. Click to see an overview of the results.

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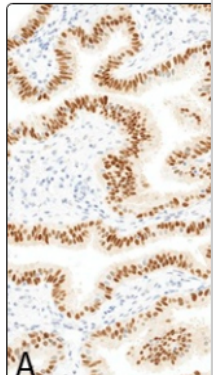
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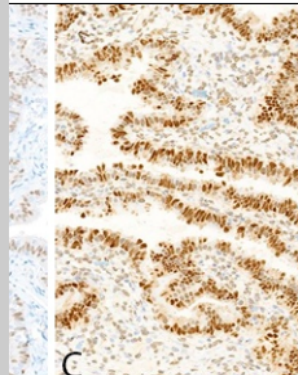
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| Module                       | Runs | Tests | DKK    | EUR   |
|------------------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|
| General                      | 3    | 17    | 7,500  | 1,008 |
| Breast cancer                | 2    | 4     | 3,600  | 483   |
| HER2 ISH                     | 2    | 2     | 1,700  | 228   |
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|                               |   |    |       |     |
|-------------------------------|---|----|-------|-----|
| General (after 3rd January)   | 2 | 11 | 5,500 | 739 |
| General (after 24th March)    | 1 | 5  | 3,500 | 470 |
| Breast (after 3rd January)    | 1 | 2  | 2,500 | 336 |
| HER-2 ISH (after 3rd January) | 1 | 1  | 1,200 | 161 |
| Companion (after 3rd January) | 1 | 1  | 2,000 | 268 |

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| Module           | Winter  | Spring  | Autum  |
|------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>General</b>   | <b>Run 52</b><br><u>CR MSH6 SYP TdT</u><br><u>VIM</u> | <b>Run 53</b><br><u>BSAP CGA ECAD</u><br><u>OCT3/4 PMS2</u> | <b>Run 54</b><br><u>CD8 CEA CK-PAN</u><br><u>GATA3 Podop</u> |
| <b>Breast</b>    | <b>Run B25</b><br><u>ER HER2 IHC</u>                  |   | <b>Run B26</b><br><u>ER HER2 IHC PR</u>                      |
| <b>HER2</b>      | <b>Run H13</b><br><u>HER2 ISH</u>                     |   | <b>Run H14</b><br><u>HER2 ISH</u>                            |
| <b>Companion</b> | <b>Run C3</b><br><u>PD-L1</u>                         |   | <b>Run C4</b><br><u>PD-L1</u>                                |

| Dates                      | Winter          | Spring          | Autum           |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Protocol submission opens  | 1 Dec 2017      | 12 Feb          | 1 Aug           |
| Protocol submission closes | 3 Jan           | 13 Mar          | 4 Sep           |
| Shipping of slides         | 9 Jan           | 21 Mar          | 12 Sep          |
| Deadline for slide return  | 13 Feb          | 1 May           | 11 Oct          |
| Assessment General         | 6 Mar - 8 Mar   | 23 May - 25 May | 24 Oct - 26 Oct |
| Assessment Breast          | 15 Mar - 16 Mar |                 | 8 Nov - 9 Nov   |
| Assessment HER2            | 23 Mar          |                 | 16 Nov          |
| Assessment Companion       | 5 Apr           |                 | 20 Nov          |
| Publication of results     | 20 Apr          | 9 Jul           | 7 Dec           |

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|--|------------------|---|----------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CDX2</li><li>• CEA</li><li>• Cadherin 17</li><li>• SMAD4</li></ul>                                     | <b>GI</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MLH1</li><li>• MSH2</li><li>• MSH6</li><li>• PMS2</li></ul> | <b>GI + Fem. Gen</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PAX8</li><li>• CA125</li><li>• WT1</li></ul>   | <b>Fem. Gen.</b> |   |                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arginase</li><li>• Glypican 3</li><li>• Glutamin synthetase</li><li>• Hepatocellular antigen</li></ul> | <b>Liver</b>     |   |                      |

# IHC – Protocols and controls – GYN, GI, Liver

|       | Recommendable clones (conc.)*     | Less successful clones (conc.)              | RTU "plug and play"*** giving optimal result |
|-------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| CEA   | mAb II-7<br>mAb CEA31<br>mAb COL1 | mAb 12-140-10<br>mAb PARLAM4<br>mAb TF3H8-1 | Leica: mAb II-7<br>VMS: mAb CEA31            |
| CDX2  | mAb DAK-CDX2<br>rmAb EPR2764Y     | mAb AMT28<br>mAb CDX2-88                    | Dako: mAb DAK-CDX2<br>VMS: rmAb EPR2764Y     |
| CAD17 | rmAb SP183***                     |   |  |
| SMAD4 | mAb BC8<br>rmAb EP618Y***         |   |  |

\* Potential to provide optimal result by a laboratory developed test (LDT)

\*\* Using the protocol settings as recommended by the vendor – incubation, retrieval, detection kit.

\*\*\* Aalborg University Hospital data



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|       | Positive tissue control HE*                             | Positive tissue control LE**                            | Negative tissue control NE***           |
|-------|---|---|---|
| CEA   | Appendix:<br>Brushborder of columnar epith. cells       | Appendix:<br>Cytoplasm. compartm. of col. epith. cells. | Liver:<br>Hepatocytes                   |
| CDX2  | Appendix:<br>Columnar epithelial cells                  | Pancreas:<br>Epith. cells of intercalating ducts        | Liver:<br>Hepatocytes                   |
| CAD17 | Appendix:<br>Columnar epithelial cells                  | Pancreas:<br>Scattered col. epith. cells of large ducts | Liver:<br>Hepatocytes                   |
| SMAD4 | Tonsil:<br>Dispersed squam. epith. cells + plasma cells | Tonsil:<br>Lymphocytes                                  | Tumour:<br>Neoplasia with loss of SMAD4 |

\* HE = High expression

\*\* LE = Low expression

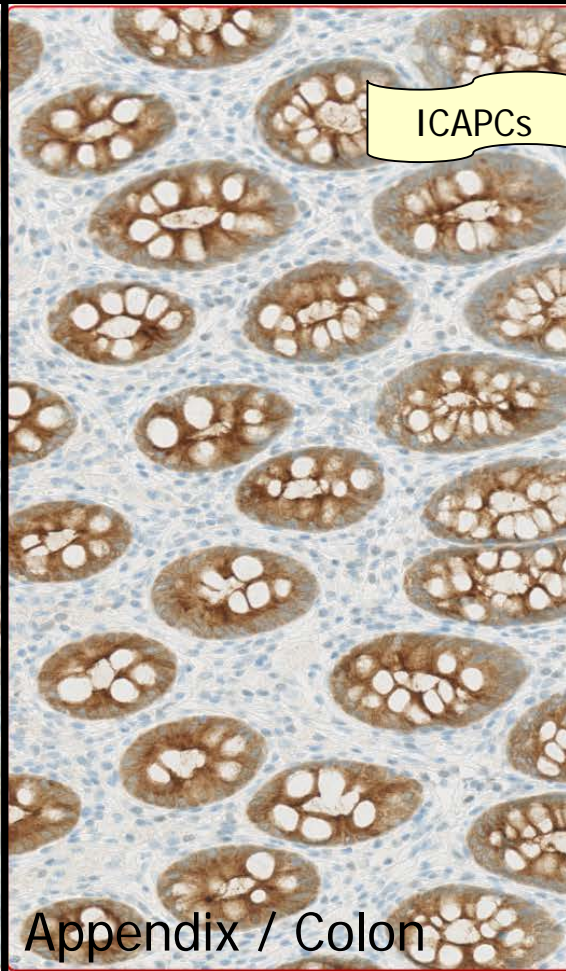
\*\*\* NE = No expression

## CEA reaction pattern



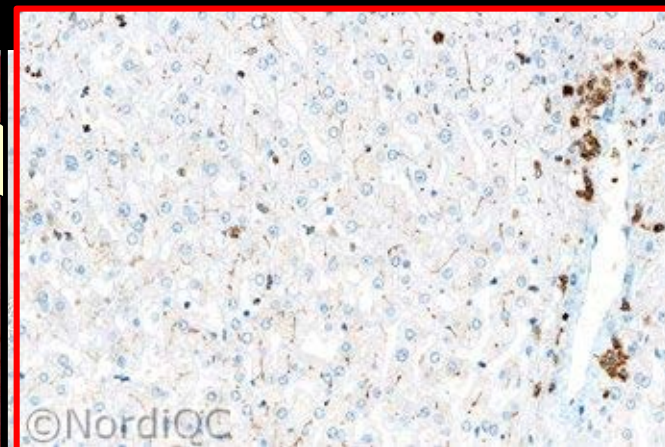
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A strong accentuation of the brushborder / glycocalyx of the luminal epithelial cells.



Appendix / Colon

An at least weak to moderate and distinct cytoplasmic staining reaction of the vast majority of epithelial cells.



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Liver

No staining reaction.

No staining of bile canaliculi, leucocytes and Kupffer cells (NCA, BGP)

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**Table 1. Abs and assessment marks for CEA, run 37**

| Concentrated Abs                   | N   | Vendor                 | Optimal | Good | Borderl. | Poor | Suff. <sup>1</sup> | Suff. ops <sup>2</sup> |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------------------|---------|------|----------|------|--------------------|------------------------|
| mAb clone <b>12-140-10</b>         | 6   | Leica/Novocastra       | 0       | 0    | 1        | 5    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>CEA31</b>             | 1   | Cell Marque            | 1       | 0    | 0        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb <b>COL-1</b>                   | 9   | Thermo/Neomarkers      | 13      | 4    | 4        | 0    | 81 %               | 100 %                  |
|                                    | 4   | Biocare                |         |      |          |      |                    |                        |
|                                    | 4   | Invitrogen/Zymed       |         |      |          |      |                    |                        |
|                                    | 3   | Immunologic            |         |      |          |      |                    |                        |
|                                    | 1   | Zytomed                |         |      |          |      |                    |                        |
| mAb <b>II-7</b>                    | 89  | Dako                   | 12      | 42   | 33       | 2    | 61 %               | 93 %                   |
| mAb <b>PARLAM 4</b>                | 1   | BioScience Products AG | 0       | 0    | 1        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| rmAb <b>EP216</b>                  | 1   | Epitomics              | 0       | 1    | 0        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| <b>Ready-To-Use Abs</b>            |     |                        |         |      |          |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>B01-94-11-M AM009</b> | 1   | Biogenex               | 0       | 0    | 1        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>CEA31 760-4594</b>    | 12  | Ventana/Cell Marque    | 9       | 2    | 1        | 0    | 92 %               | 92 %                   |
| mAb clone <b>CEA31 236M</b>        | 1   | Cell Marque            | 1       | 0    | 0        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>CEA31 ZM-0062</b>     | 1   | Zhongshan              | 0       | 0    | 1        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>COL-1 PM058</b>       | 1   | Biocare                | 0       | 1    | 0        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>II-7 IR/IS622</b>     | 33  | Dako                   | 1       | 19   | 13       | 0    | 61 %               | 80 %                   |
| rmAb clone <b>II-7 N1586</b>       | 2   | Dako                   | 0       | 2    | 0        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>II-7 PA0004</b>       | 4   | Leica                  | 1       | 3    | 0        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>TF3H8-1 760-2507</b>  | 16  | Ventana                | 0       | 0    | 0        | 16   | 0 %                | 0 %                    |
| <b>Total</b>                       | 190 |                        | 38      | 74   | 55       | 23   | -                  |                        |
| <b>Proportion</b>                  |     |                        | 20 %    | 39 % | 29 %     | 12 % | 59 %               |                        |

1) Proportion of sufficient stains (optimal or good), 2) Proportion of sufficient stains with optimal protocol settings only, see below.

COL-1 & CEA31

Optimal on all platforms

II-7 less successful especially on VMS and Omnis

Clone !

HIER  
Titre



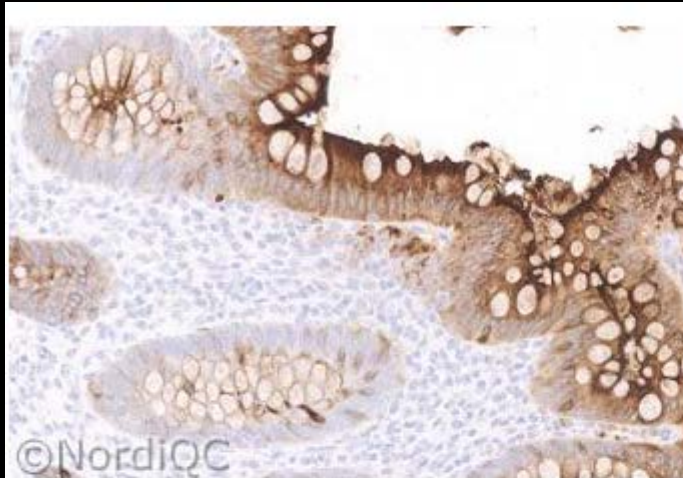


Fig. 1a. Optimal CEA staining of the appendix using the mAb clone CEA31 optimally calibrated and with HIER. A weak to moderate staining reaction is seen in the vast majority of the luminal epithelial cells of the appendix, whereas the glycocalyx show an intense staining reaction. Also compare with Figs. 2a – 4a, same protocol.

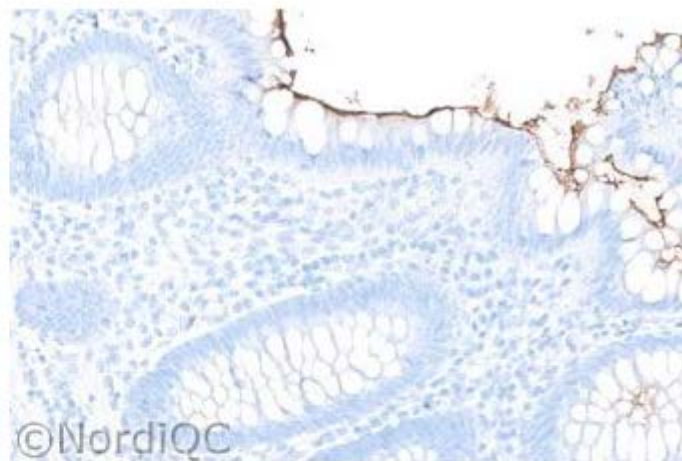


Fig. 1b. Insufficient CEA staining of the appendix using the mAb clone II-7 with a less successful protocol – insufficient HIER and too diluted Ab. Only the glycocalyx is distinctively demonstrated, while the cytoplasmic compartment of the epithelial cells is unstained - same field as in Fig. 1a. Also compare with Figs. 2b & 3b, same protocol.

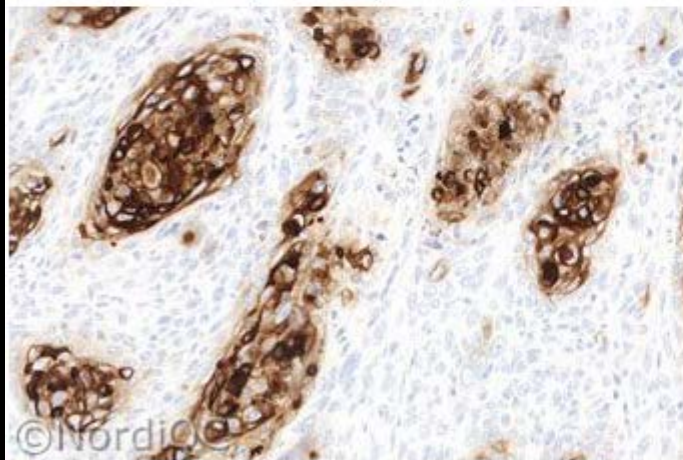


Fig. 2a. Optimal CEA staining of the colon adenocarcinoma, tissue core no. 4 using same protocol as in Fig. 1a. Virtually all the neoplastic cells show a strong and distinct cytoplasmic staining reaction. No background staining is seen.

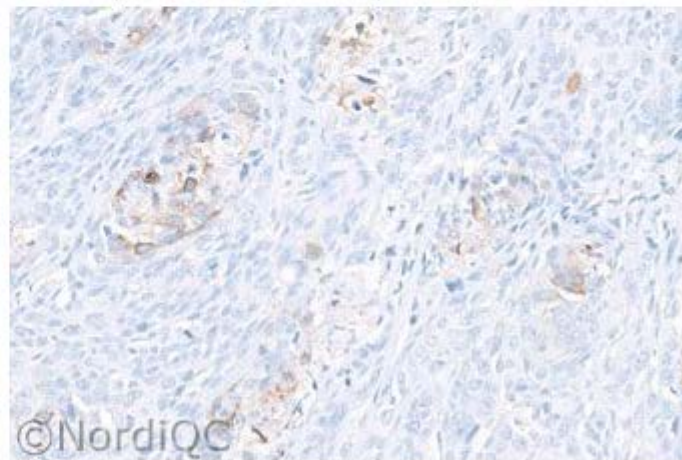


Fig. 2b. Insufficient CEA staining of the colon adenocarcinoma, tissue core no. 4 using same protocol as in Fig. 1b. – same field as in Fig. 2a. The proportion and intensity of the neoplastic cells demonstrated is significantly reduced compared to the level expected and obtained in Fig. 2a.

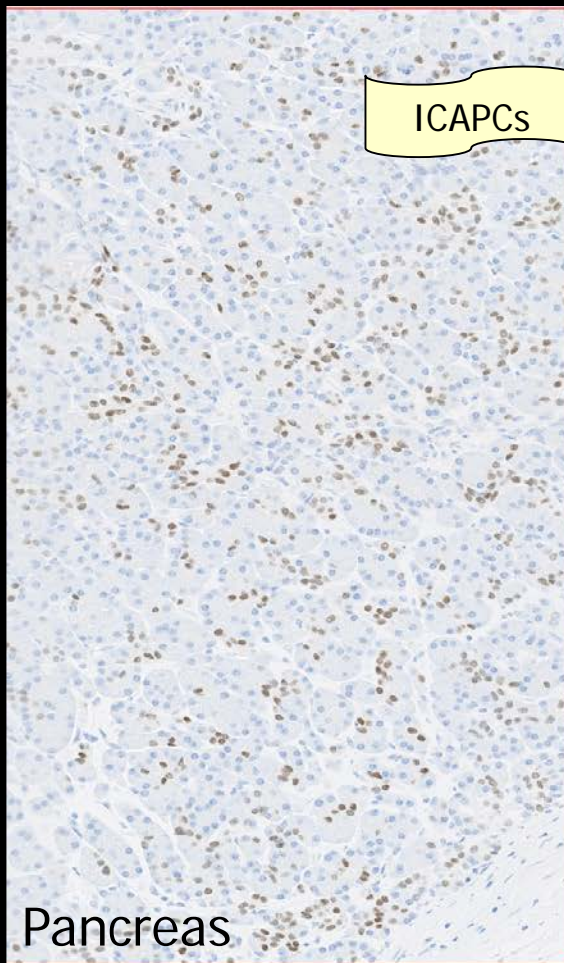


## CDX2 reaction pattern



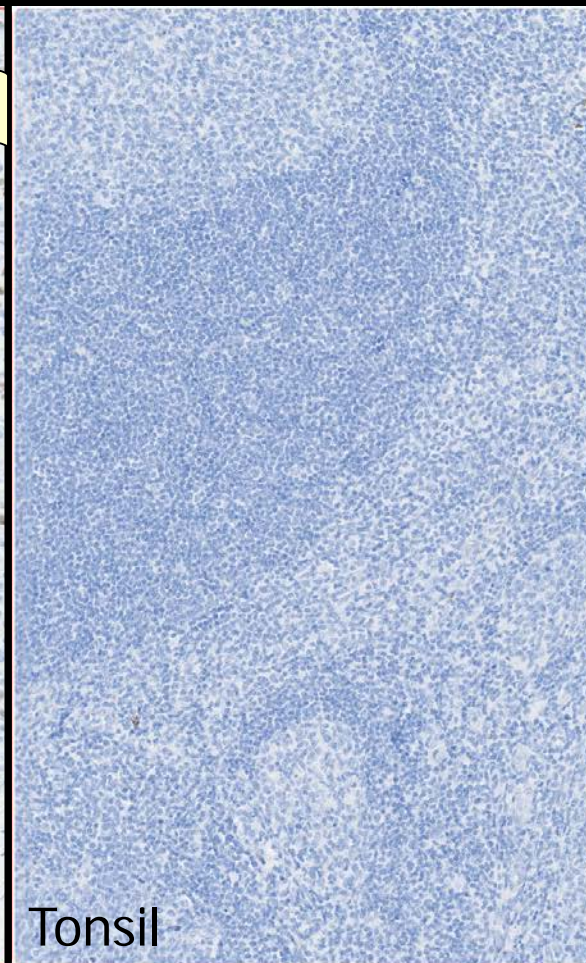
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A strong nuclear staining reaction of virtually all epithelial cells. A weak to moderate cytoplasmic staining reaction can be expected.



Pancreas

An at least weak to moderate and distinct nuclear staining reaction of the vast majority of epithelial cells of intercalating ducts.



Tonsil

No staining reaction. *Few lymphocytes may show a faint nuclear staining reaction.*



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Table 1. Antibodies and assessment marks for CDX2, run 48

| Concentrated antibodies                    | n   | Vendor                | Optimal | Good | Borderline | Poor | Suff. <sup>1</sup> | Suff. OPS <sup>2</sup> |
|--|-----|-----------------------|---------|------|------------|------|--------------------|------------------------|
| mAb clone <b>AMT28</b>                     | 2   | Leica/Novocastra      | 0       | 0    | 0          | 2    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>CDX2-88</b>                   | 2   | Biocare               | 0       | 0    | 1          | 3    | -                  | -                      |
|  | 2   | Biogenex              |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>DAK-CDX2</b>                  | 31  | Agilent/Dako          | 6       | 9    | 7          | 9    | 48%                | 57%                    |
| rmAb clone <b>EPR2764Y</b>                 | 31  | Cell Marque           |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|  | 5   | Thermo/Neomarkers     |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|  | 4   | Immunologic           |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|  | 4   | Zytomed               |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|  | 2   | Monosan               |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|  | 2   | Zeta Corporation      | 28      | 14   | 7          | 3    | 81%                | 81%                    |
|  | 1   | A.Menarini            |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|  | 1   | Abcam                 |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|  | 1   | Nordic Biosite        |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|  | 1   | Thermo/Pierce         |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| Ready-To-Use antibodies                    |     |                       |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>BC39 API3184</b>              | 1   | Biocare               | 0       | 0    | 0          | 1    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>CDX2-88 PM226</b>             | 1   | Biocare               | 0       | 1    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>CDX2-88 AM392</b>             | 1   | Biogenex              | 0       | 1    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb <b>DAK-CDX2 IR080/IS080</b>            | 34  | Agilent/Dako          | 18      | 10   | 5          | 1    | 82%                | 93%                    |
| mAb <b>DAK-CDX2 GA080</b>                  | 26  | Agilent/Dako          | 16      | 4    | 3          | 3    | 77%                | 100%                   |
| rmAb clone <b>EP25 RMPD059</b>             | 1   | Diagnostic Biosystems | 0       | 0    | 1          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| rmAb clone <b>EP25 PA0375</b>              | 7   | Leica/Novocastra      | 4       | 3    | 0          | 0    | 100%               | 100%                   |
| rmAb clone <b>EP25 MAD-000645QD</b>        | 3   | Master Diagnostica    | 0       | 3    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| rmAb clone <b>EPR2764Y RMA-0631</b>        | 1   | Maixin                | 1       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>EPR2764Y RM-2116-R7</b>       | 1   | Thermo/Neomarkers     | 0       | 0    | 1          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| rmAb clone <b>EPR2764Y 760-4380/ 235R*</b> | 103 | Ventana/Cell Marque   | 81      | 15   | 5          | 2    | 93%                | 96%                    |
| Total                                      | 268 |                       | 154     | 60   | 30         | 24   | -                  |                        |
| Proportion                                 |     |                       | 58%     | 22%  | 11%        | 9%   | 80%                |                        |

1) Proportion of sufficient stains (optimal or good).

2) Proportion of sufficient stains with optimal protocol settings only, see below.

\* Products merged due to imprecise antibody selection at the NordiQC homepage for protocol submission.

AMT28 and CDX2-88 lower pass rate – used by a significantly lower proportion – 3% in this run vs 70% in run 27 2009.

**DAK-CDX2 & EPR2764Y** 😊

RTU superior

Control tissue !

Table 2: Optimal results for CDX2 using concentrated antibodies on the 3 main IHC systems\*

| Concentrated antibodies    | Dako Autostainer Link / Classic |              | Ventana BenchMark XT / Ultra |            | Leica Bond III / Max |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
|                            | TRS pH 9.0                      | TRS pH 6.1   | CC1 pH 8.5                   | CC2 pH 6.0 | ER2 pH 9.0           | ER1 pH 6.0 |
| mAb clone <b>CDX2-88</b>   | 50 %<br>1/2**                   | -            | 0 %<br>0/8                   | -          | 50 %<br>1/2          | -          |
| mAb clone <b>DAK-CDX2</b>  | 67 %<br>6/9                     | -            | 0 %<br>0/7                   | -          | -                    | -          |
| rmAb clone <b>EPR2764Y</b> | 60 %<br>3/5                     | 100 %<br>1/1 | 63 %<br>10/16                | -          | 80 %<br>4/5          | 0 %<br>0/2 |

\* Antibody concentration applied as listed above, HIER buffers and detection kits used as provided by the vendors of the respective platforms. \*\* Number of optimal results/number of laboratories using this buffer.

Dako conc. and RTU format of mAb clone DAK-CDX2 will show an inferior pass-rate on a VMS platform

Frequently Dako RTU format was applied on VMS.....!

Table 2. Proportion of sufficient results for CDX2 in the five NordiQC runs performed

|                    | Run 22 2008 | Run 27 2009 | Run 33 2011 | Run 38 2013 | Run 48 2016 |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Participants, n=   | 56          | 93          | 148         | 200         | 268         |
| Sufficient results | 64%         | 46%         | 51%         | 73%         | 80%         |

< use of mAb clones CDX2-88 and AMT28

- Inappropriate RTU settings

- use of modified protocol settings of otherwise successful RTU product

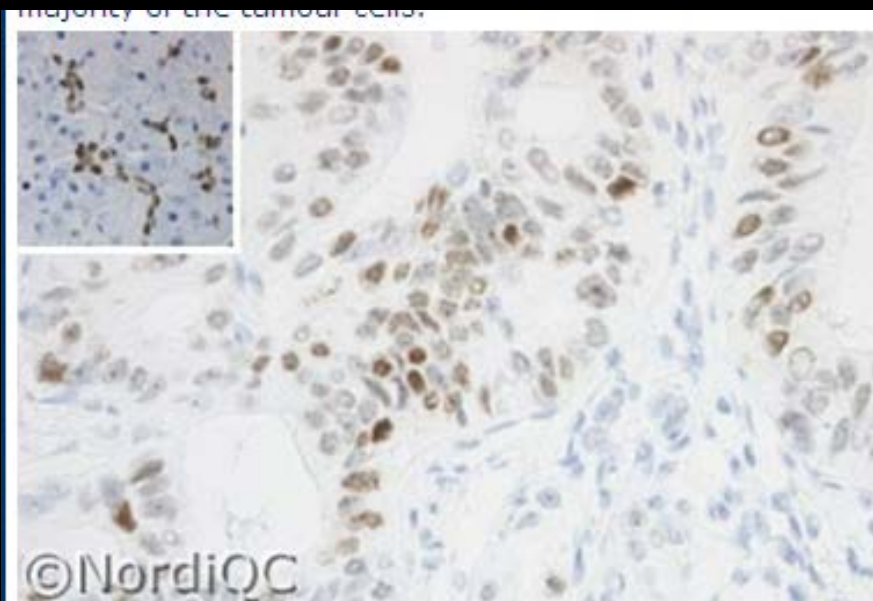


Fig. 4a. Pancreas adenocarcinoma and normal pancreas (insert) showing optimal staining for CDX2 with clone the mAb clone DAK-CDX2 in a Ready-To-Use format and performed at the Autostainer platform. A weak to moderate staining is seen in the majority of the ductal epithelial cells of the pancreas and in the majority of the tumour cells in the pancreas adenocarcinoma.

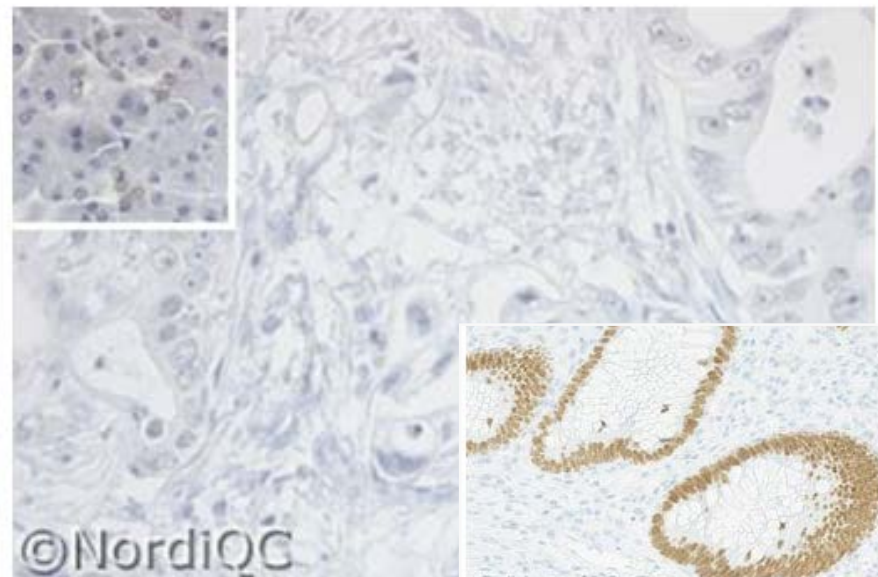
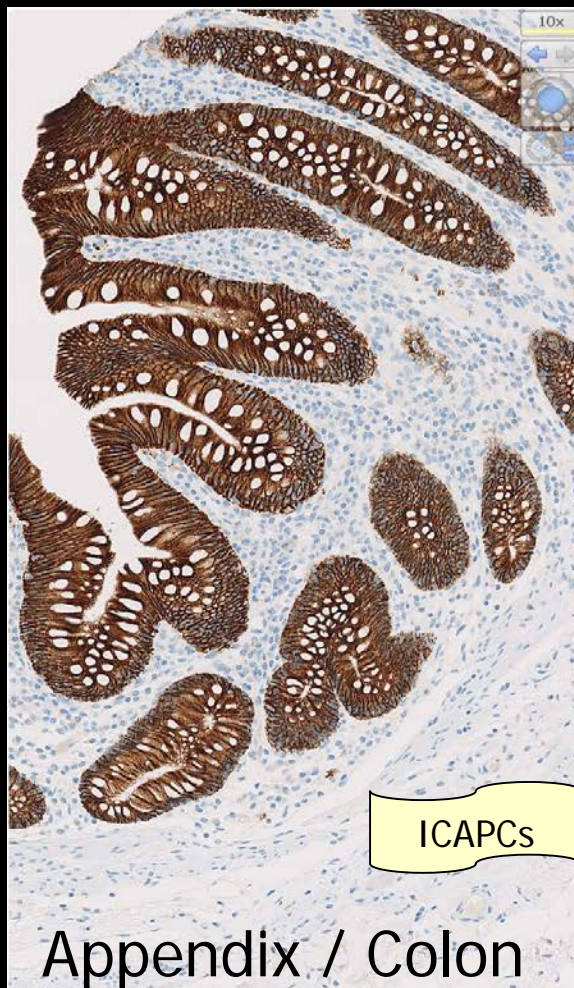


Fig. 4b. Pancreas adenocarcinoma and normal pancreas (insert) showing an insufficient staining for CDX2. Same Ready-To-Use product of the mAb clone DAK-CDX2 as in Fig. 4a was used, but performed at the Ventana Benchmark platform. Only a faint staining in very few ductal epithelial cells is seen and the tumour cells are negative. The mAb clone DAK-CDX2 was found to have an suboptimal performance on the Ventana Benchmark platform.

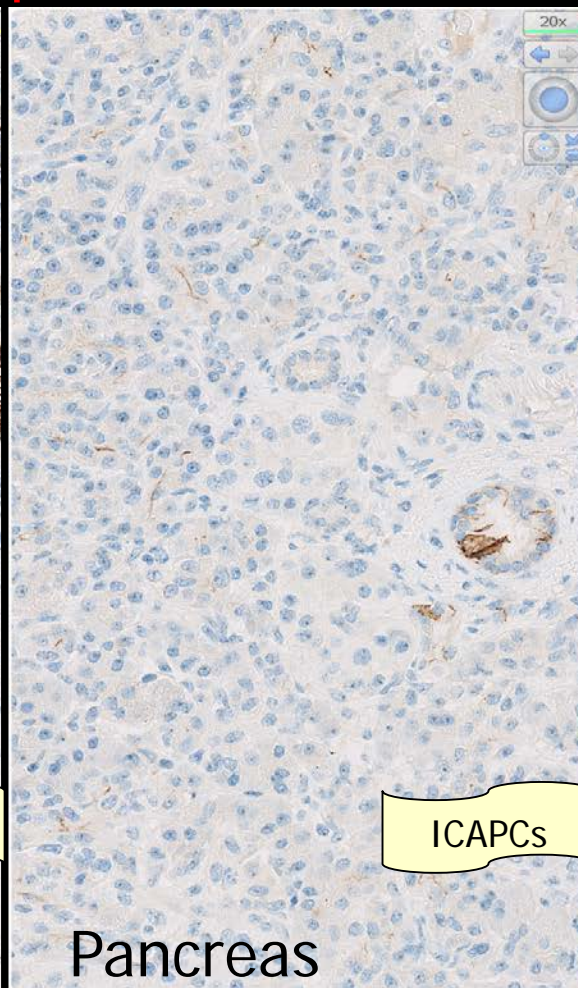
Dilution of RTU format, use of RTU format "out of system" !!!!



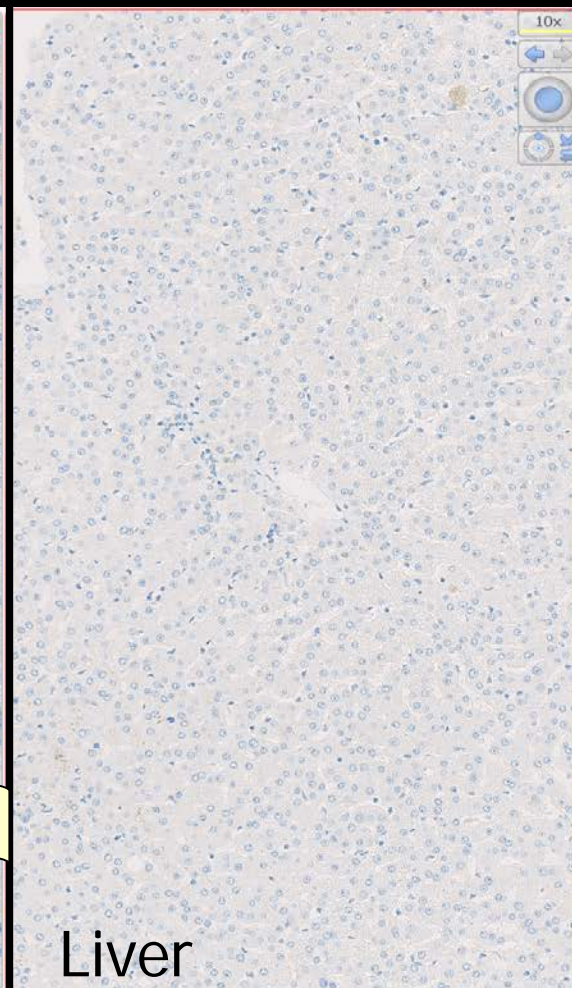
## Cadherin 17 reaction pattern



A moderate to strong membranous staining of virtually all columnar epithelial cells – both luminal and crypt base.



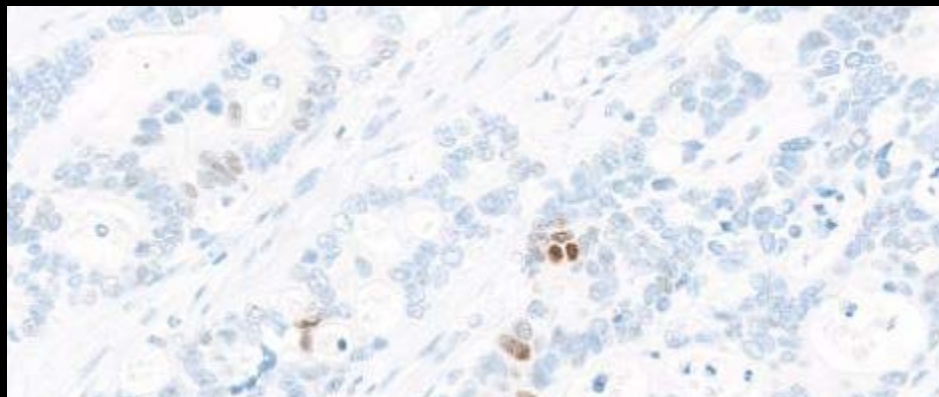
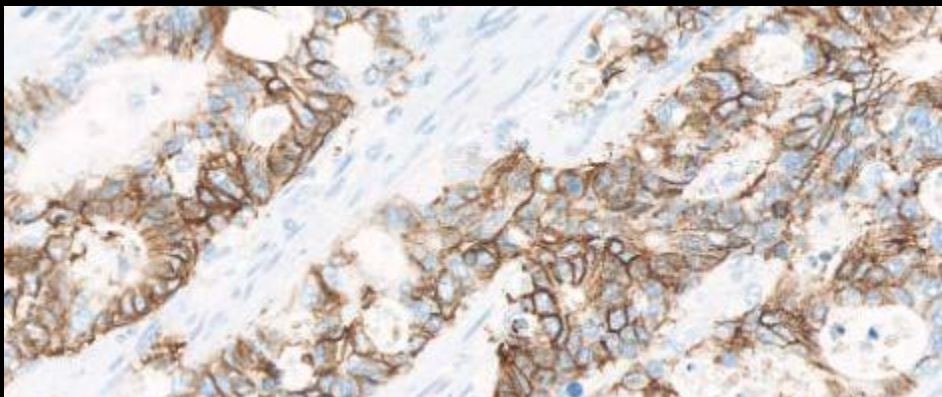
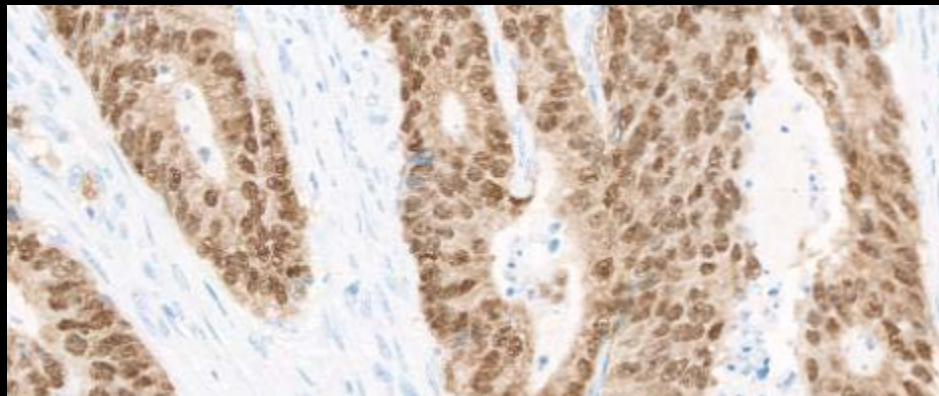
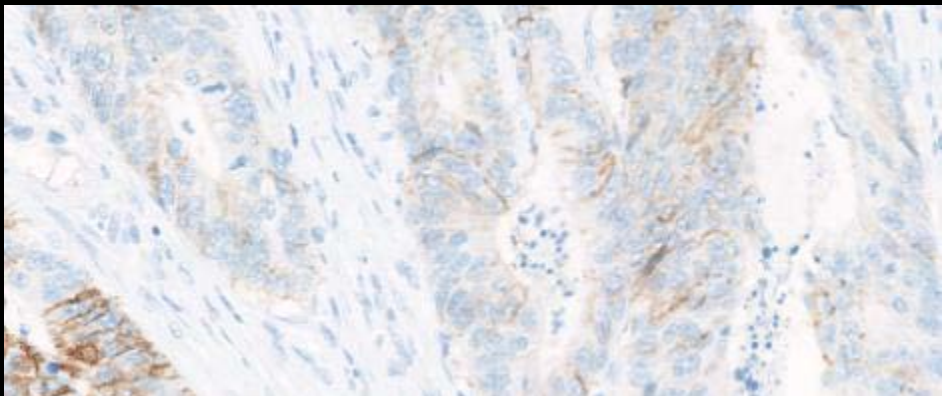
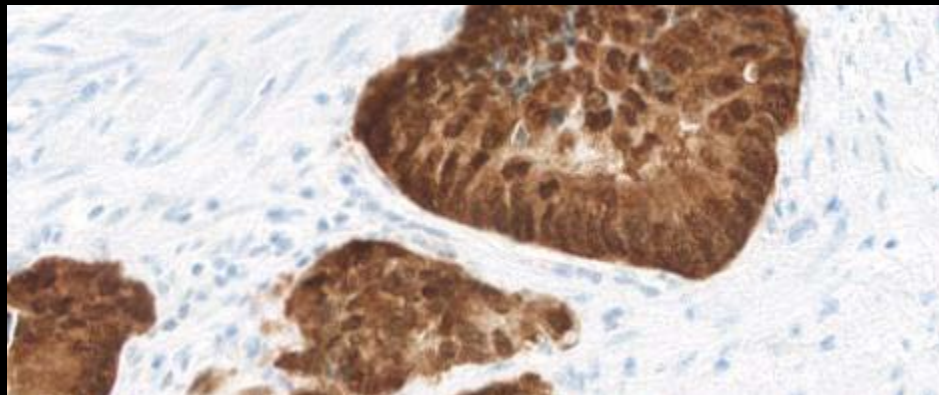
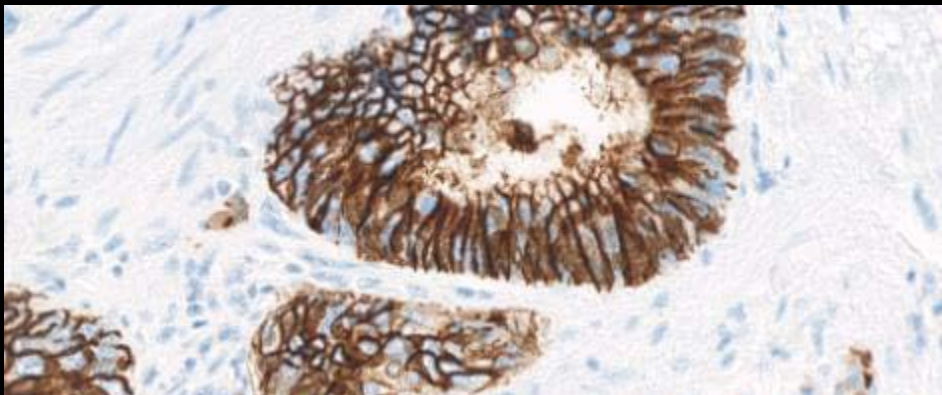
A weak to moderate membranous staining of dispersed columnar epithelial cells of large ducts and exocrine acini.



No staining reaction should be seen.



# IHC – Protocols and controls – GYN, GI, Liver



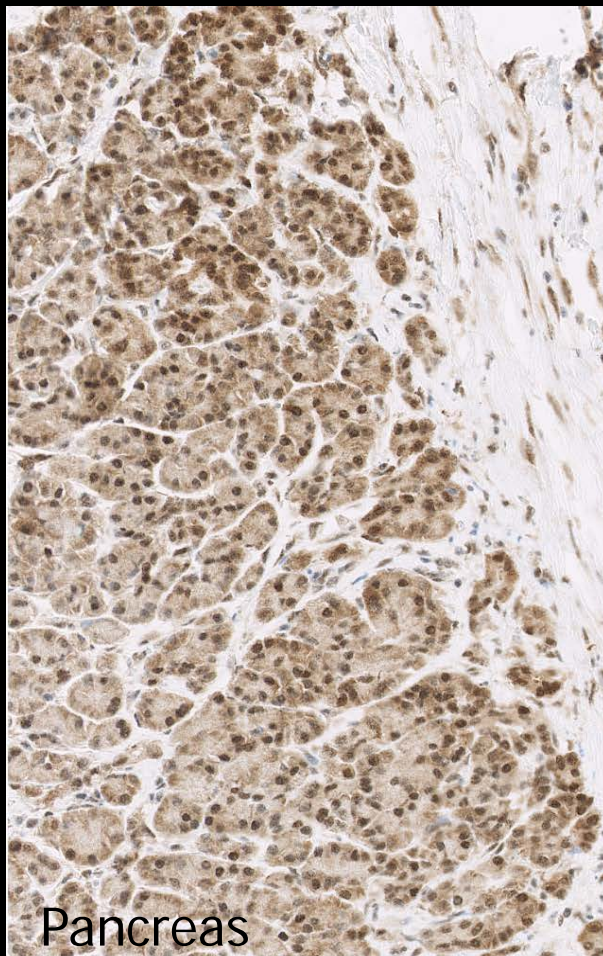
Colon adenocarcinomas

Cadherin 17, rmAb SP183

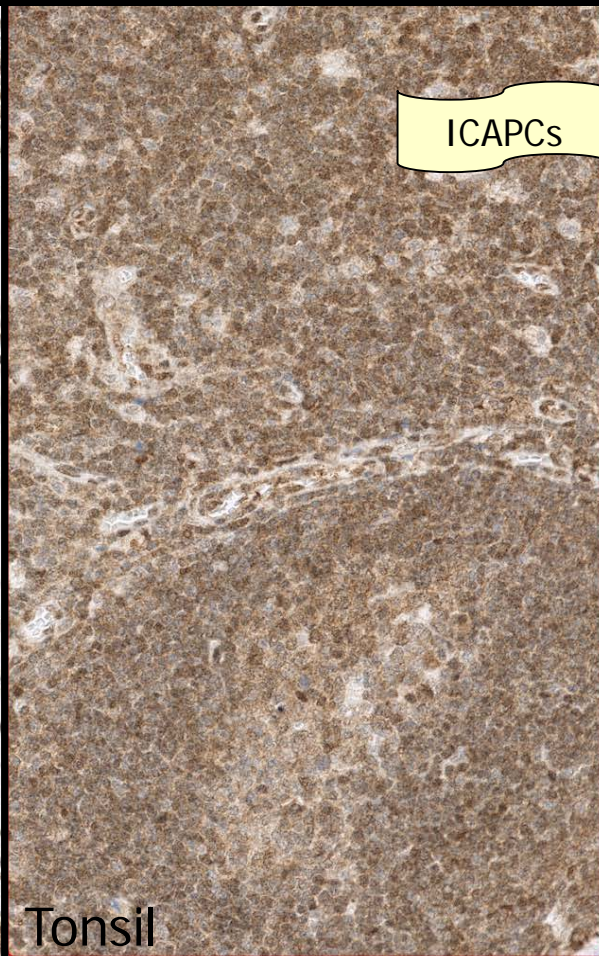
CDX2, rmAb EPR2764Y



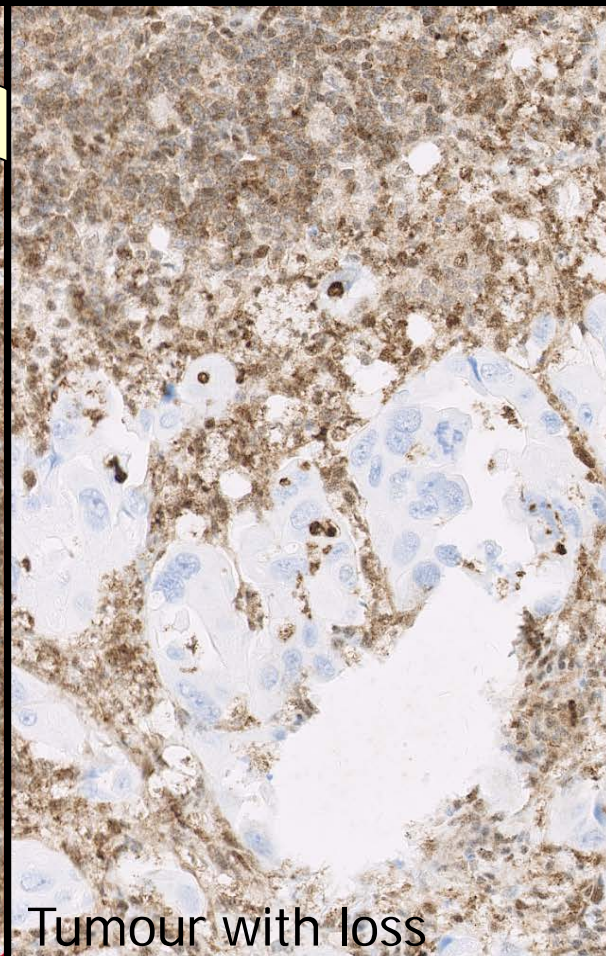
## SMAD4 reaction pattern



A moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction of the majority of all cells. A weak to moderate cytoplasmic staining reaction can be expected.



A moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction of the majority of all cells. A weak to moderate cytoplasmic staining reaction can be expected.

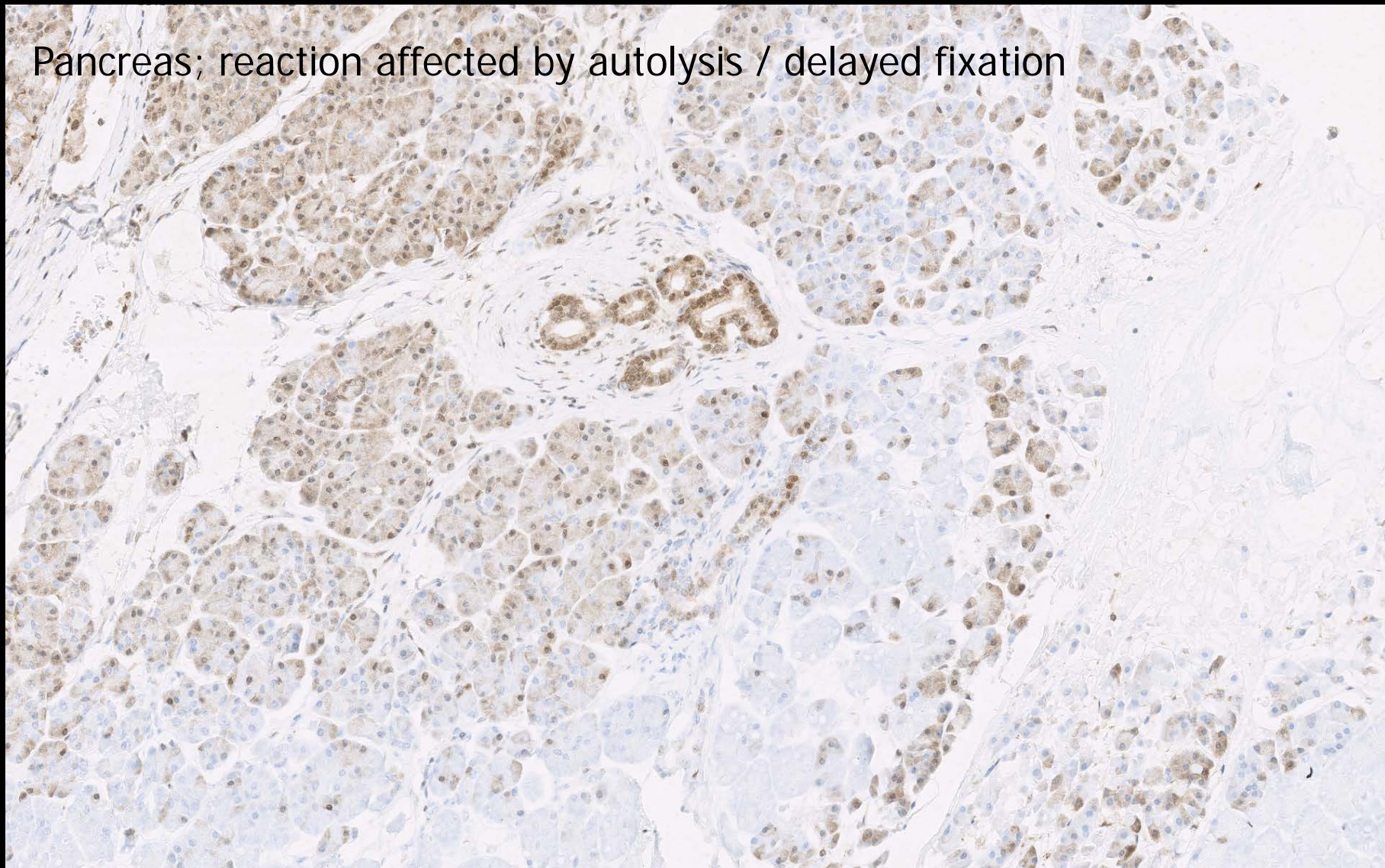


No nuclear staining reaction in neoplastic cells. Stromal cells serving as internal positive control.



## SMAD4 reaction pattern

Pancreas; reaction affected by autolysis / delayed fixation

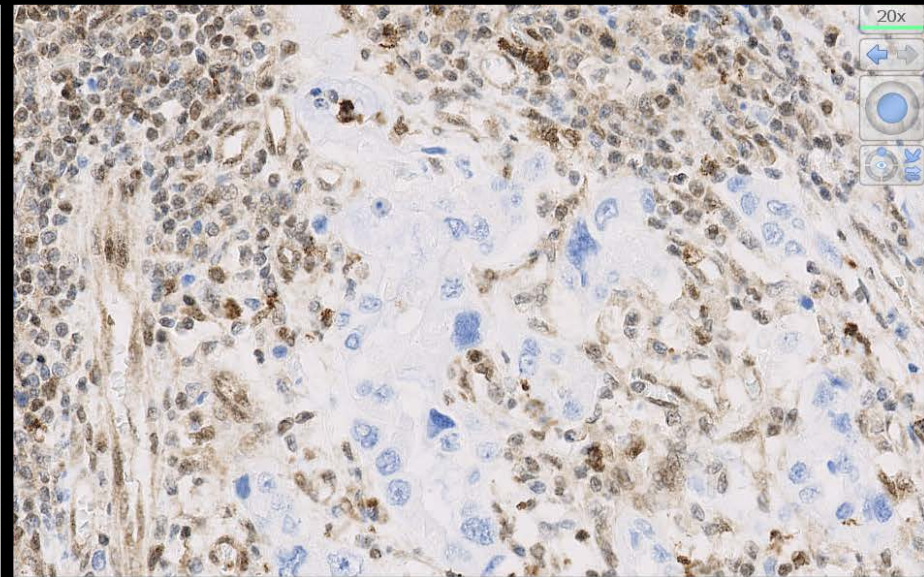
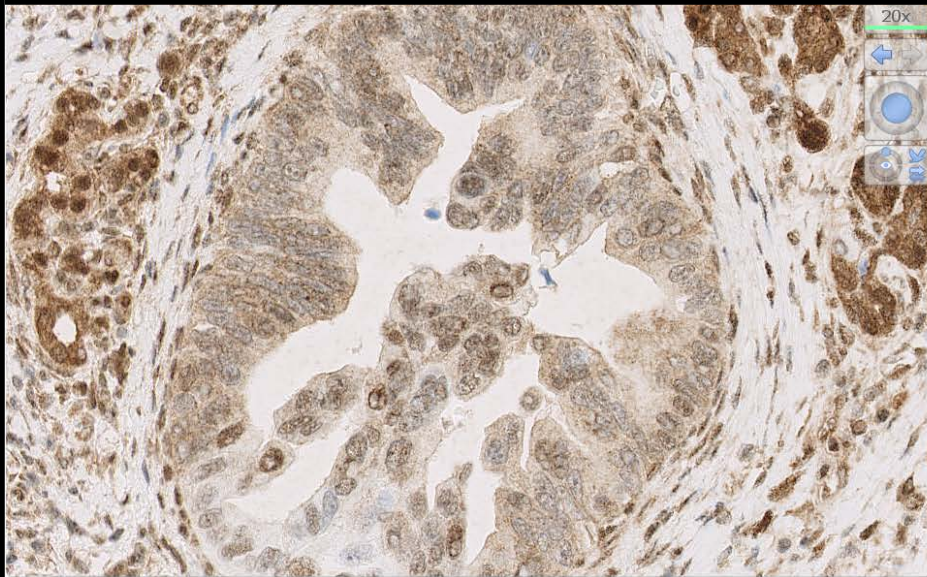
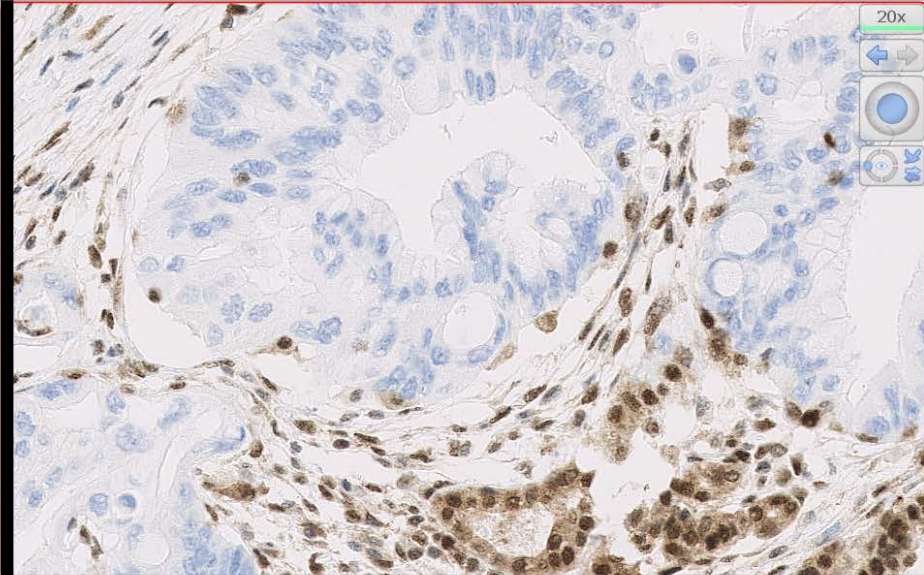








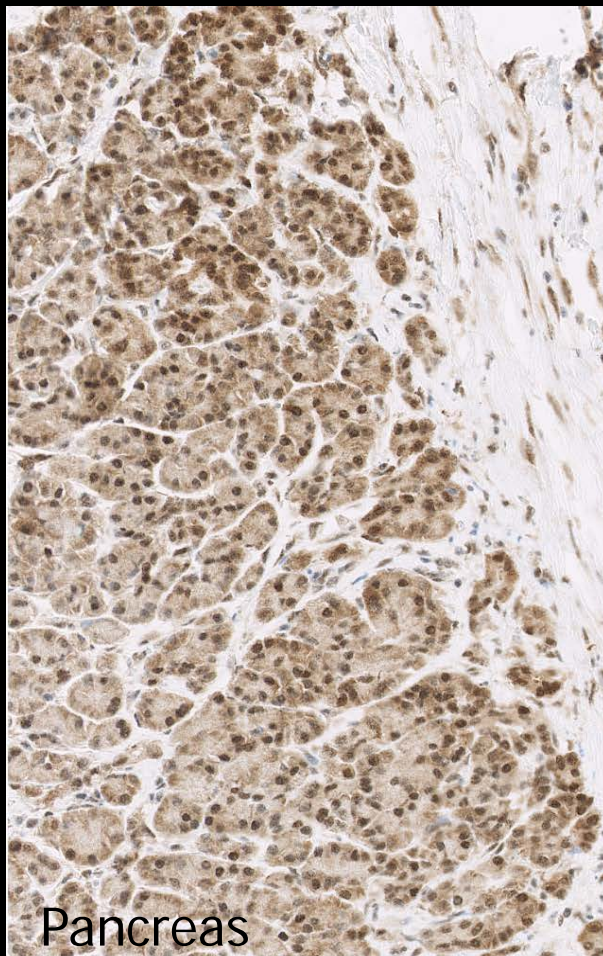
# IHC – Protocols and controls – GYN, GI, Liver



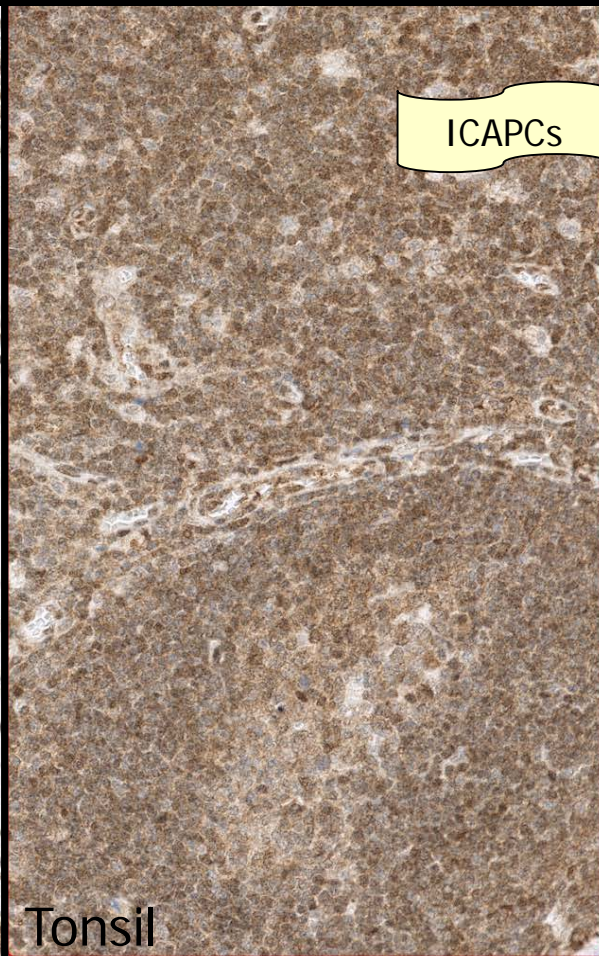
SMAD4 staining: mAb BC8, HIER TE pH 9, FLEX+



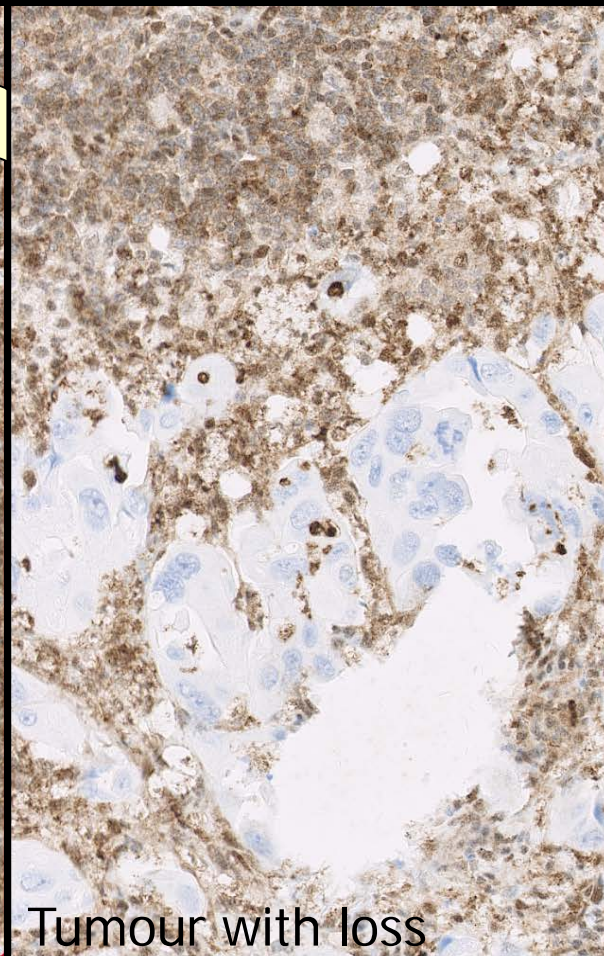
## SMAD4 reaction pattern



A moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction of the majority of all cells. A weak to moderate cytoplasmic staining reaction can be expected.



A moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction of the majority of all cells. A weak to moderate cytoplasmic staining reaction can be expected.



No nuclear staining reaction in neoplastic cells. Stromal cells serving as internal positive control.



## UPT II: CDX2

Basic protocol settings for an optimal staining result (NQC)

|                  | Retrieval    | Titre    | Detection | RTU     | Detection   |
|------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| mAb<br>DAK-CDX2* | HIER high pH | 1:10-30  | 3-step    | Dako    | 2- & 3-step |
| rmAb<br>EPR2764Y | HIER high pH | 1:50-100 | 3-step    | Ventana | 2- & 3-step |

## UPT II: CEA

Basic protocol settings for an optimal staining result (NQC)

|              | Retrieval    | Titre     | Detection   | RTU         | Detection   |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| mAb<br>II-7* | HIER high pH | 1:25-200  | 3-step      | Dako, Leica | 3-step      |
| mAb<br>CEA31 | HIER high pH | 1:100-400 | 2- & 3-step | Ventana     | 2- & 3-step |
| mAb<br>COL-1 | HIER high pH | 1:100-500 | 2- & 3-step |             |             |

\* Inferior performance on VMS stainer platform

## UPT II: SMAD4

Basic protocol settings for an optimal staining result (Internal data)

|             | Retrieval | Titre       | Detection | RTU | Detection |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----|-----------|
| mAb BC8*    | HIER high | 1:200-400   | 3-step    | -   | -         |
| rmAb EP618Y | HIER high | 1:800-1.500 | 3-step    | -   | -         |

## UPT II: Cadherin 17

|            | Retrieval    | Titre    | Detection | RTU | Detection |
|------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----|-----------|
| rmAb SP183 | HIER high pH | 1:50-100 | 3-step    | -   | -         |

\* Inferior performance on Dako OMNIS and VMS stainer platform

# IHC – Protocols and controls – GYN, GI, Liver

|       | Recommendable clones (conc.)  | Less successful clones (conc.) | RTU "plug and play" giving optimal result |
|-------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| PAX8  | mAb BC12*<br>mAb ILQ-50<br>mAb MRQ-50*, **<br>rmAb ZR-1**<br>rmAb EP298<br>(rmAb EP331)<br>pAb 10336-1-AP | pAb 363                        |   |
| CA125 | mAb M11<br>rmAb OV185:2   |                                | Dako: mAb M11                             |
| WT1   | mAb 6F-H2<br>mAb WT49   |                                | Dako: mAb 6F-H2<br>Leica: mAb WT49        |

\* Inferior performance on VMS & Leica stainer platforms

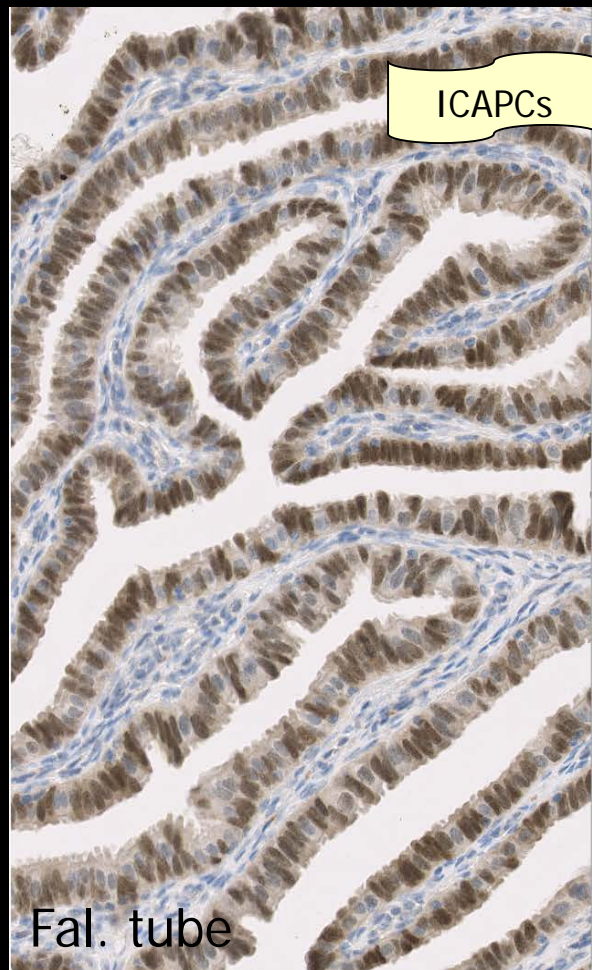
\*\* Inferior performance on Dako Omnis stainer platform

\*\* Lot-to-lot variations

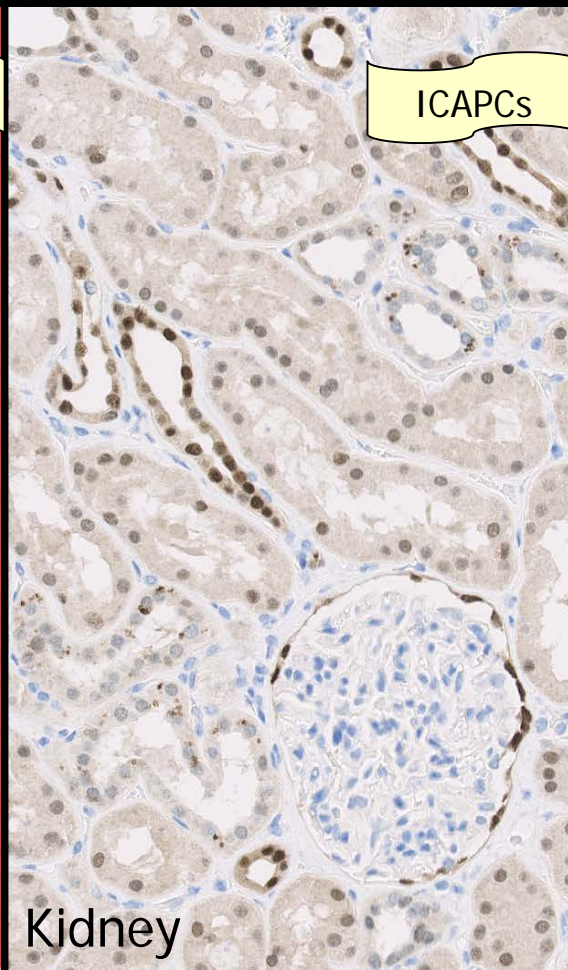
# IHC – Protocols and controls – GYN, GI, Liver

|       | Positive tissue control HE   | Positive tissue control LE   | Negative tissue control NE                      |
|-------|--|--|---|
| PAX8  | <p>Fallopian tube: Secretory epithelial cells.</p> <p>Kidney: Epithelial cells of collecting ducts and lining Bowman capsules.</p> | <p>Fallopian tube: Ciliated epithelial cells.</p> <p>Kidney: Epithelial cells of proximal tubules.</p> | Appendix: Epithelial cells                      |
| CA125 | <i>Fallopian tube: Brushborder of columnar epith. cells.</i>   | <i>Fallopian tube: Brushborder of columnar epith. cells.</i>   | Appendix: Columnar epithelial cells             |
| WT1   | Fallopian tube: Columnar epithelial cells  | Kidney: Parietal epithelial cells and podocytes  | Tonsil: Lymphocytes, endothelial cells (nuclei) |

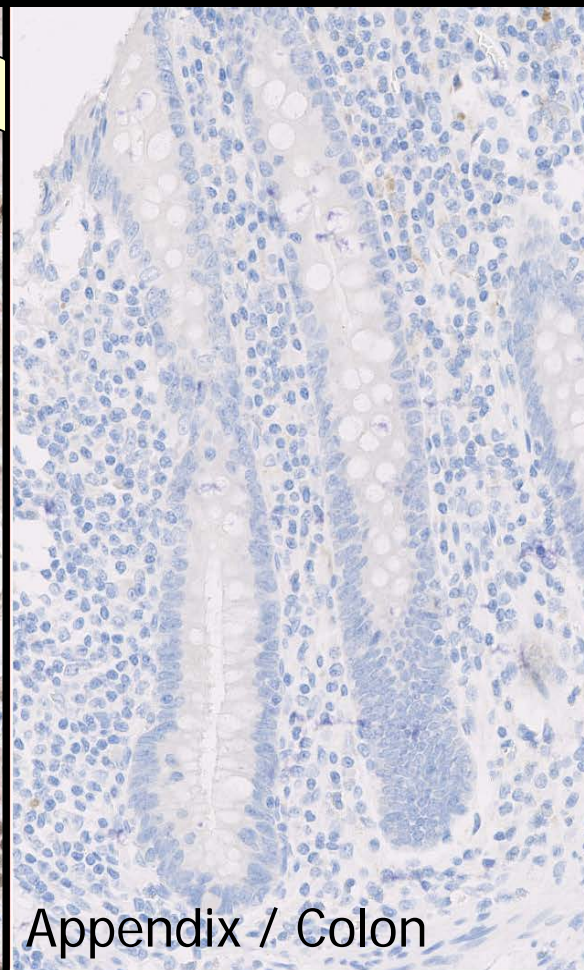
## PAX8 reaction pattern



A strong nuclear staining reaction of virtually all secretory epithelial cells. A weak to moderate nuclear staining reaction of the majority of ciliated cells.



An at least weak but distinct nuclear staining of the majority of epithelial cells of proximal tubules. Moderate to strong nuclear staining of epithelial cells of distal tubules and Bowman.



No staining reaction of epithelial cells.



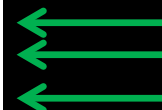
# IHC – Protocols and controls – GYN, GI, Liver

**Table 1. Antibodies and assessment marks for PAX8, run 42**

| Concentrated antibodies              | n   | Vendor                | Optimal | Good | Borderline | Poor | Suff. <sup>1</sup> | Suff. OPS <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|---------|------|------------|------|--------------------|------------------------|
| mAb clone <b>MRQ-50</b>              | 33  | Cell Marque           | 19      | 8    | 6          | 0    | 82%                | 81%                    |
| mAb clone <b>BC12</b>                | 7   | BioCare               | 1       | 3    | 1          | 2    | 57%                | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>ILQ-150</b>             | 1   | Immunologic           | 1       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>PAX8R1</b>              | 1   | Abcam                 | 0       | 1    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| rmAb clone <b>ZR-1</b>               | 1   | Abcam                 | 2       | 0    | 0          | 1    | -                  | -                      |
|                                      | 1   | Zeta                  |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      | 1   | Zhongshan             |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| pAb, <b>363A</b>                     | 11  | Cell Marque           | 0       | 4    | 7          | 0    | 36%                | -                      |
| pAb, <b>10336-1-AP</b>               | 11  | Protein Tech          | 5       | 5    | 0          | 1    | 91%                | 100%                   |
| pAb, <b>CP379</b>                    | 4   | Biocare               | 1       | 2    | 1          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| pAb, <b>RBK047</b>                   | 2   | Zytomed Systems       | 0       | 1    | 1          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| pAb, <b>HPA030062</b>                | 1   | Atlas Antibodies      | 0       | 0    | 0          | 1    | -                  | -                      |
| pAb, <b>ILP3633-C05</b>              | 1   | Immunologic           | 0       | 1    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| pAb, <b>ABE671</b>                   | 1   | Millipore             | 0       | 0    | 1          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| pAb, <b>NBP1-32440</b>               | 1   | Novus                 | 1       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| Ready-To-Use antibodies              |     |                       |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>MRQ-50 760-4618</b>     | 36  | Ventana/Cell Marque   | 2       | 20   | 12         | 2    | 61%                | 73%                    |
| mAb clone <b>MRQ-50 MAD-000550QD</b> | 3   | Master Diagnostica    | 3       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>MRQ-50 363M</b>         | 2   | Cell Marque           | 1       | 1    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>BC12 API438</b>         | 3   | BioCare               | 3       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>BC12 PDM 180</b>        | 1   | Diagnostic Biosystems | 0       | 0    | 0          | 1    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>ILQ-150 ILM4403</b>     | 1   | Immunologic           | 1       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| Total                                | 125 |                       | 41      | 47   | 29         | 8    | -                  |                        |
| Proportion                           |     |                       | 33%     | 38%  | 23%        | 6%   | 71%                |                        |

1) Proportion of sufficient stains (optimal or good),

2) Proportion of sufficient stains with optimal protocol settings only, see below.



Choose clone depending on platform...

Use 3-step system

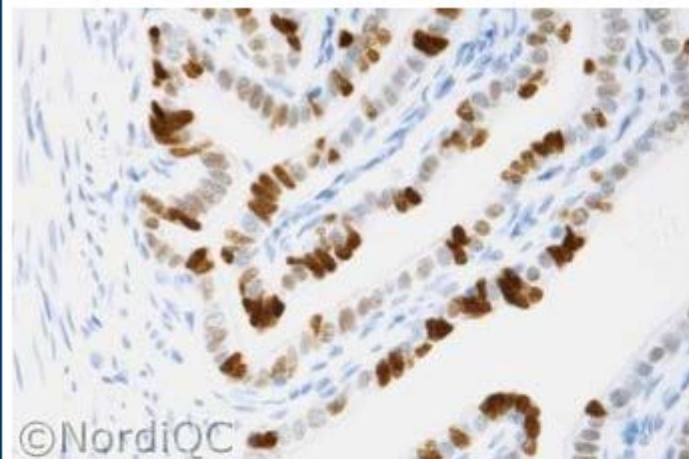


Fig. 1a. Optimal PAX8 staining of the Fallopian tube using the mAb clone MRQ-50 as a concentrate, HIER in TRS pH 6.1 and a 3-step polymer based detection system. Virtually all the ciliated epithelial cells show a distinct, weak to moderate nuclear staining reaction, while the secretory epithelial cells are strongly labelled.

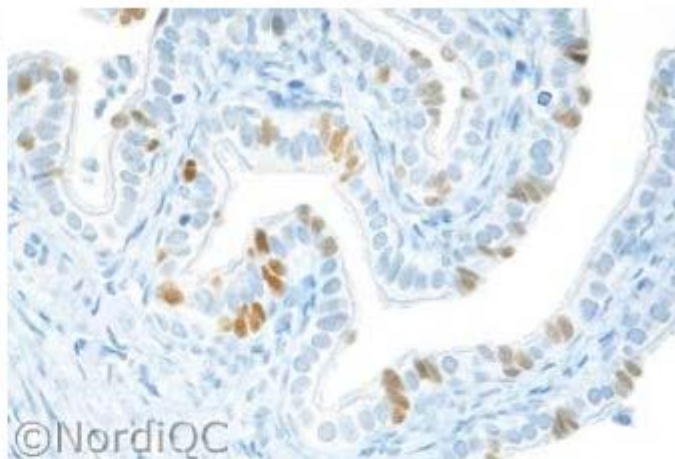


Fig. 1b. Insufficient PAX8 staining of the Fallopian tube using the mAb clone MRQ-50 as a concentrate with a protocol giving a too low sensitivity (a too low concentration of the primary Ab and a 2-step multimer based detection system) - same field as in Fig. 1a. The proportion of positive cells and the intensity of the staining reaction are significantly reduced compared to the result obtained in Fig. 1a. Also compare with Fig. 2b, same protocol.

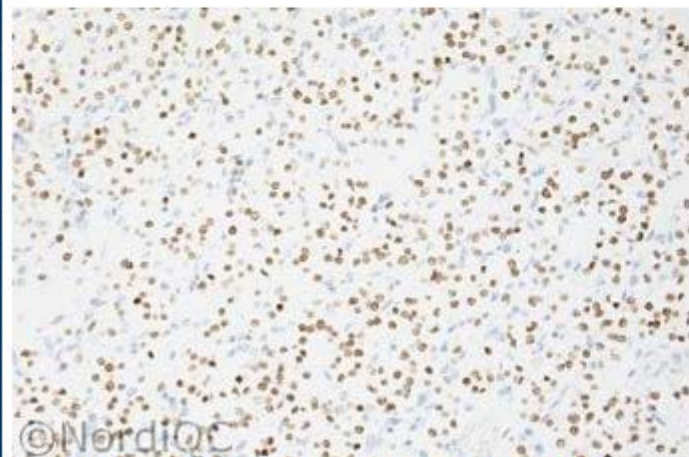


Fig. 2a. Optimal PAX8 staining of the renal clear cell carcinoma using same protocol as in Fig. 1a. The majority of the neoplastic cells show a moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction.

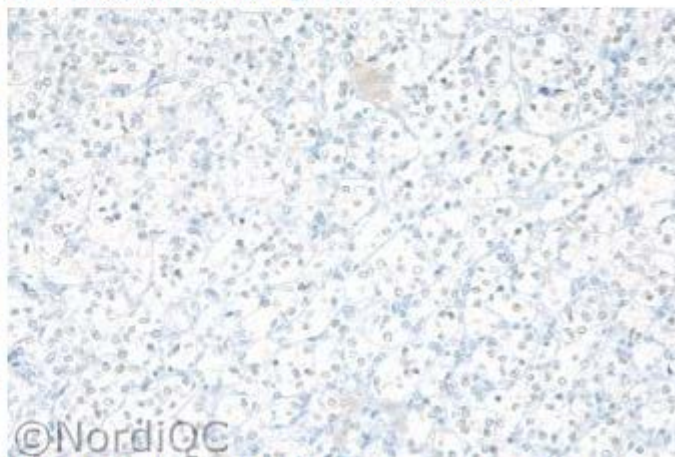


Fig. 2b. Insufficient PAX8 staining of the renal clear cell carcinoma using same protocol as in Fig. 1b - same field as in Fig. 2a. Only scattered neoplastic cells show an equivocal staining reaction.

Dako AS48:

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ZR-1, BC12,  
MRQ-50 or  
Prot. Tech

VMS, Dako  
OMNIS:

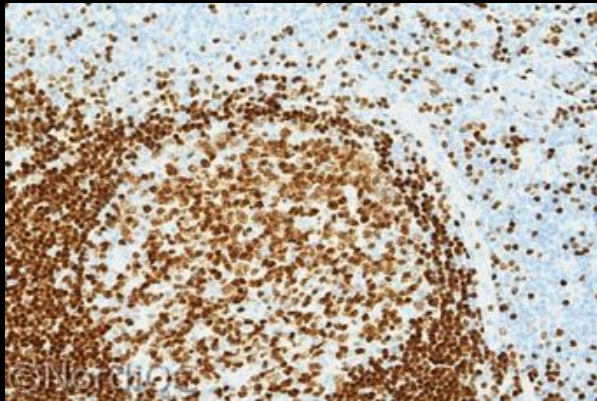
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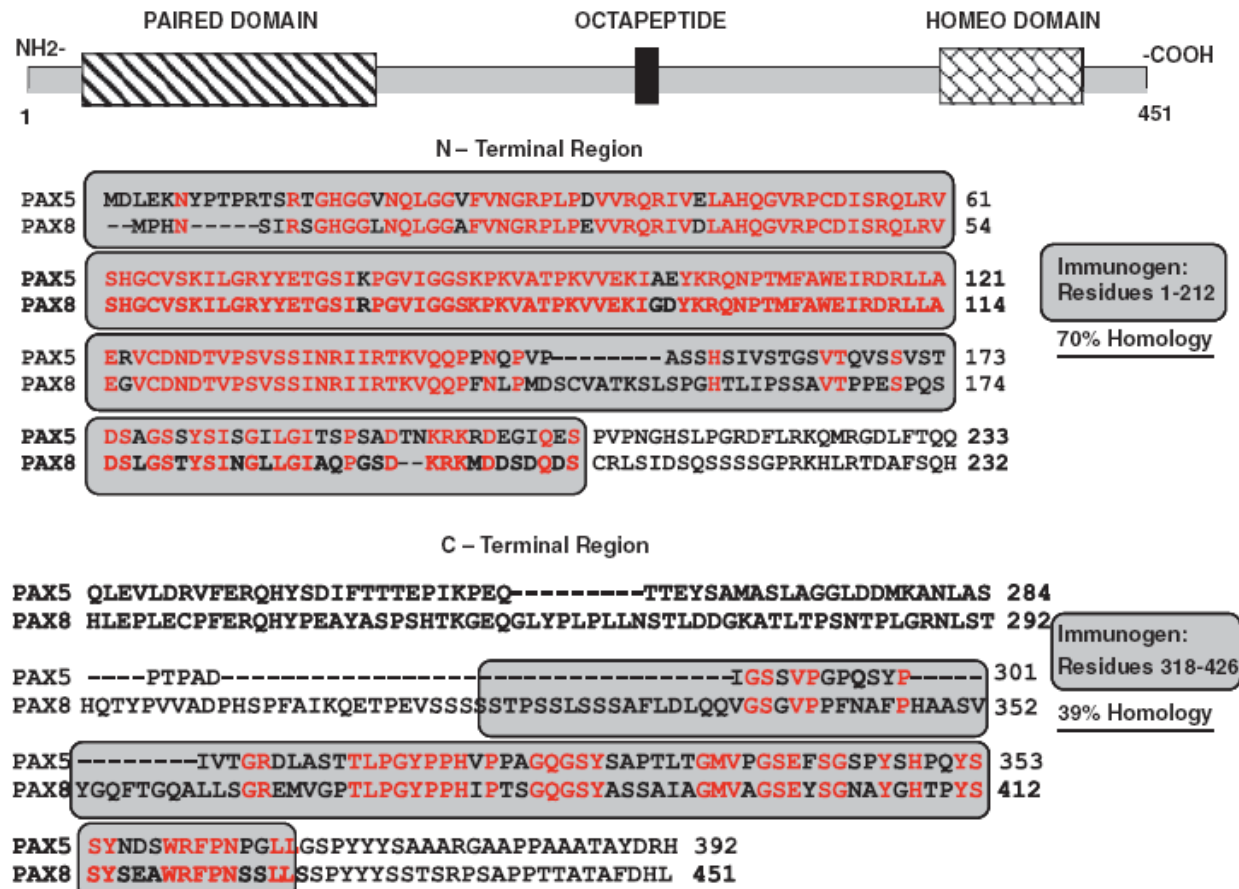
## **N-terminal PAX8 polyclonal antibody shows cross-reactivity with N-terminal region of PAX5 and is responsible for reports of PAX8 positivity in malignant lymphomas**

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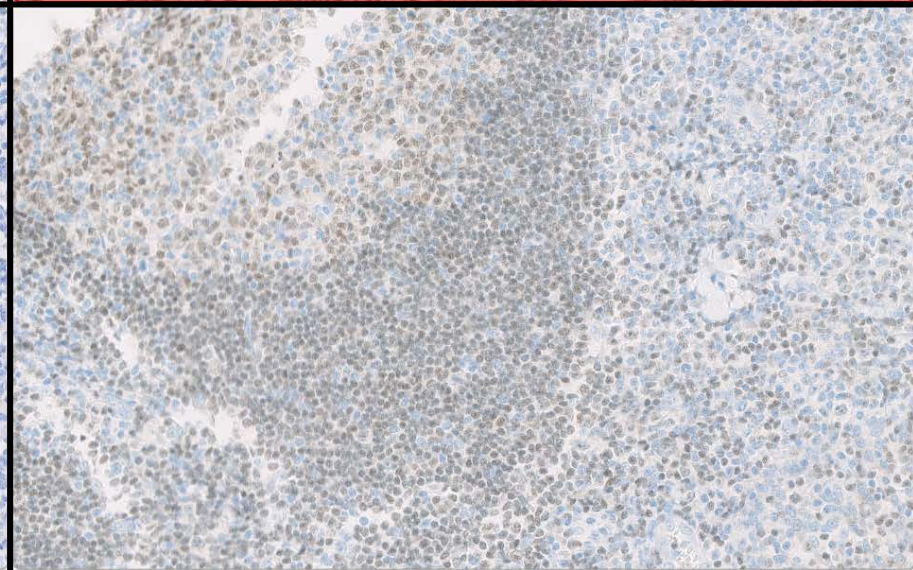
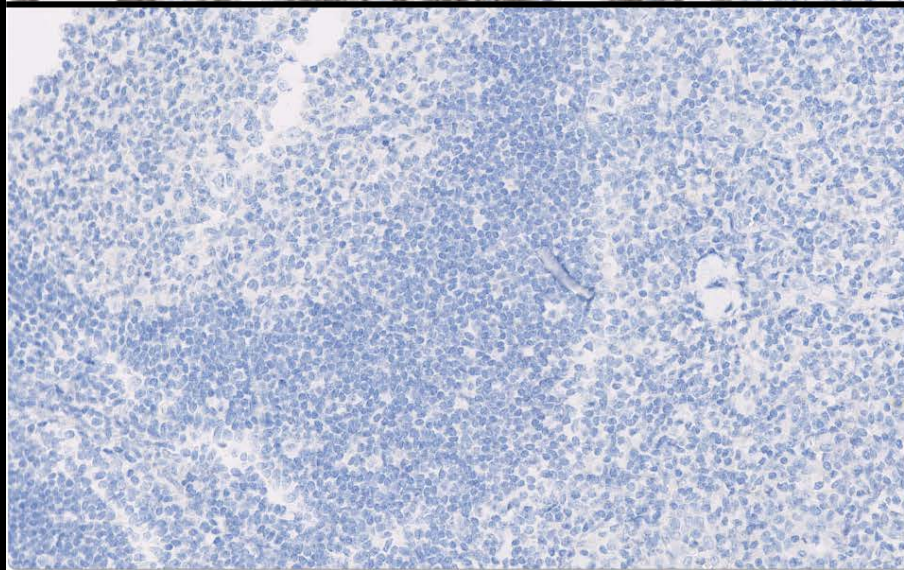
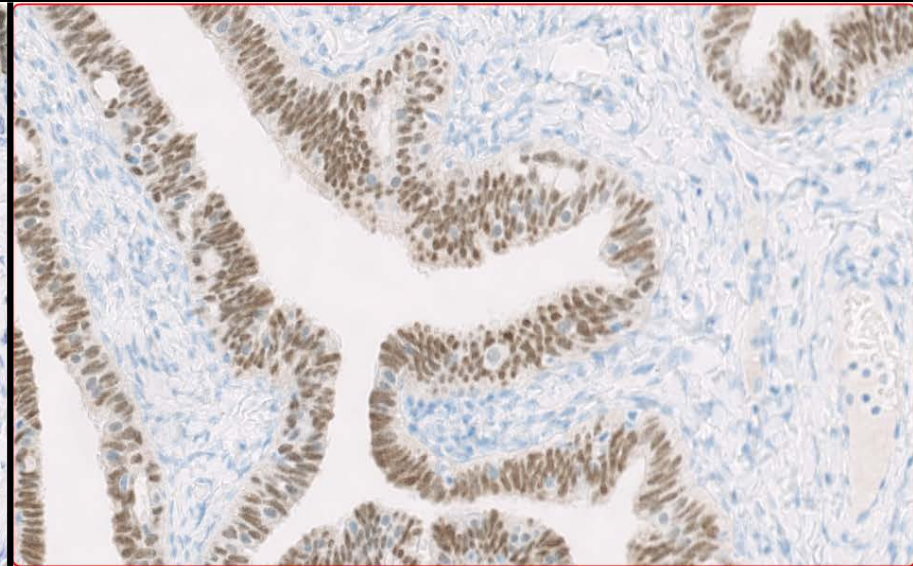
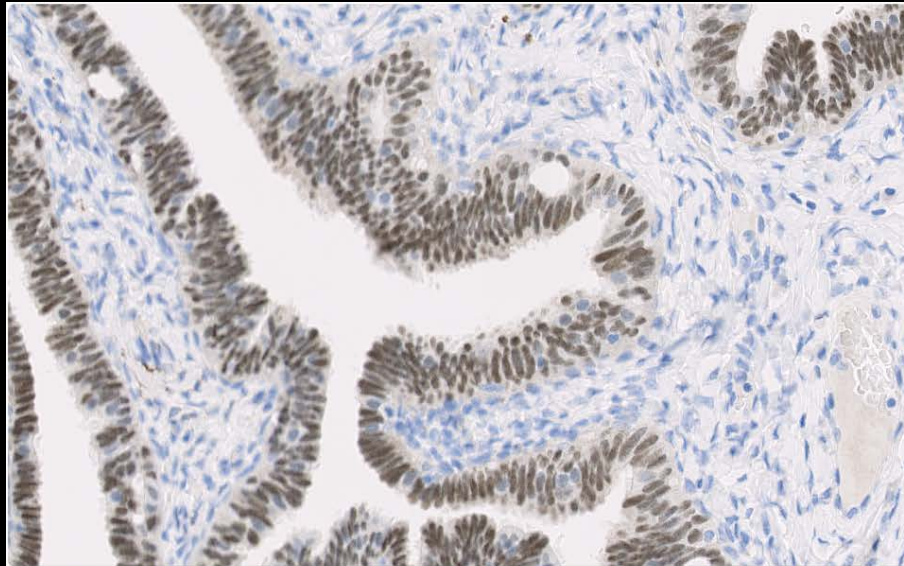
**Tonsil stained for PAX8 =  
Same pattern as for PAX5**



**Figure 1** Schematic representation of PAX8 protein, and human PAX5 and PAX8 protein sequence comparison. The region in gray cover the sequence of the PAX8 antibodies (against N-terminal region top and C-terminal region bottom) and their homology with the sequences of PAX-5, N-terminal region (top) and C-terminal region (bottom).



# IHC – Protocols and controls – GYN, GI, Liver



mAb clone BC12 (C-term.)  
rmAb clone EP298 (C-term)

mAb clone MRQ-50 (N-term.)



PAX8 antibodies towards N-terminal (most likely..):

mAb clone MRQ-50 (Roche/Cell Marque)

pAb 10336-1-AP (Protein Tech group)

pAb A363 (Cell Marque)

pAb CP 379 (Biocare)

PAX8 antibodies towards C-terminal (most likely..):

mAb clone BC12 (Biocare)

mAb clone PAX8R1 (Abcam)

rmAb clone ZR1 (Zeta)

rmAb EP298 (Epitomics/Cell Marque)

## PAX8 antibodies towards N-terminal (most likely..):

Fallopian tube – secretory & ciliated cells

Kidney – epithelial cells lining the proximal tubules

Thyroid – epithelial cells lining the follicles

Tonsil – B-lymphocytes

Pancreas – neuroendocrine cells

## PAX8 antibodies towards C-terminal (most likely..):

Fallopian tube – secretory & ciliated cells

Kidney – epithelial cells lining the proximal tubules

Thyroid – epithelial cells lining the follicles

## PAX8

### Basic protocol settings for an optimal staining result (NQC)

|                              | Retrieval               | Titre                  | Detection            | RTU            | Detection          |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| mAb<br>MRQ-50*               | HIER High               | 1:25-200               | 3-step               | <i>Ventana</i> | <i>3-step (OP)</i> |
| mAb<br>BC12*                 | HIER High               | 1:20-30                | 3-step               | -              | -                  |
| <b><u>rmAb<br/>EP298</u></b> | <b><u>HIER High</u></b> | <b><u>1:50-150</u></b> | <b><u>3-step</u></b> | -              | -                  |
| rmAb<br>ZR-1                 | HIER High**             | 1:25-800               | 3-step               | -              | -                  |
| pAb<br>10336-1-AP            | HIER High               | 1:100-800              | 3-step               | -              | -                  |

\* Inferior performance on VMS & Dako Omnis stainer platform

\*\* VMS: P3 4 min + HIER CC1 32M

**Table 3. Proportion of optimal results for PAX8 using concentrated antibodies on the 3 main IHC systems\***

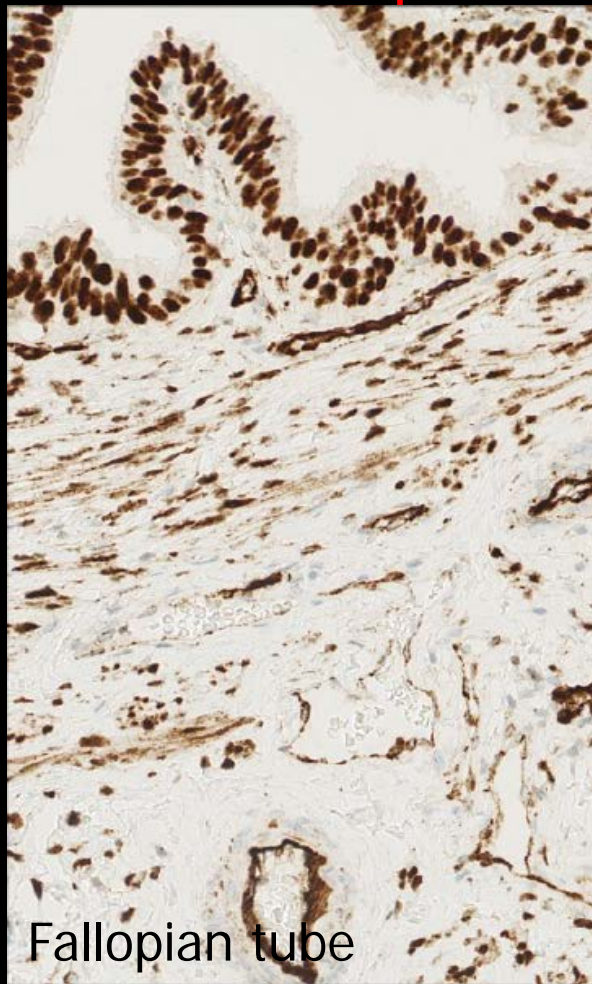
| Concentrated antibodies | Dako Autostainer Link / Classic / Omnis |            | Ventana BenchMark XT / Ultra |            | Leica Bond III / Max |            |
|-------------------------|---|------------|------------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
|                         | TRS pH 9.0                              | TRS pH 6.1 | CC1 pH 8.5                   | CC2 pH 6.0 | ER2 pH 9.0           | ER1 pH 6.0 |
| mAb clone <b>MRQ-50</b> | 6/7<br>(85%)**                          | 0/2        | 1/10<br>(10%)                | -          | 6/6<br>(100%)        | 1/1        |
| mAb clone <b>BC12</b>   | 0/2                                     | -          | 0/2                          | -          | 0/1                  | -          |
| pAb <b>10336-1-AP</b>   | 1/2                                     | 0/1        | 2/3                          | 1/2        | 0/2                  | -          |

\* Antibody concentration applied as listed above, HIER buffers and detection kits used as recommended by the vendors of the respective platforms.

\*\* (number of optimal results/number of laboratories using this buffer)

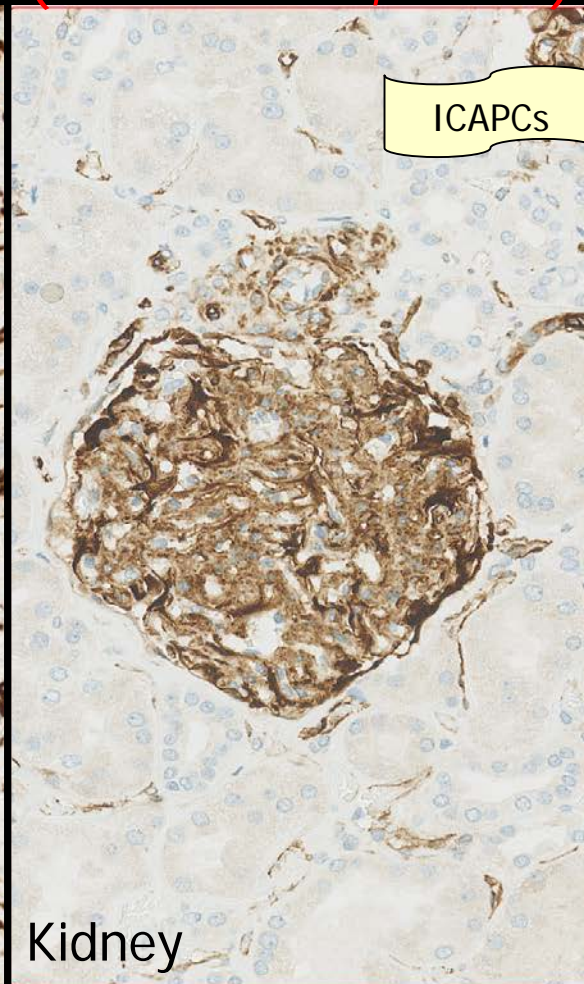


## WT1 reaction pattern (mAb 6F-H2, HIER)



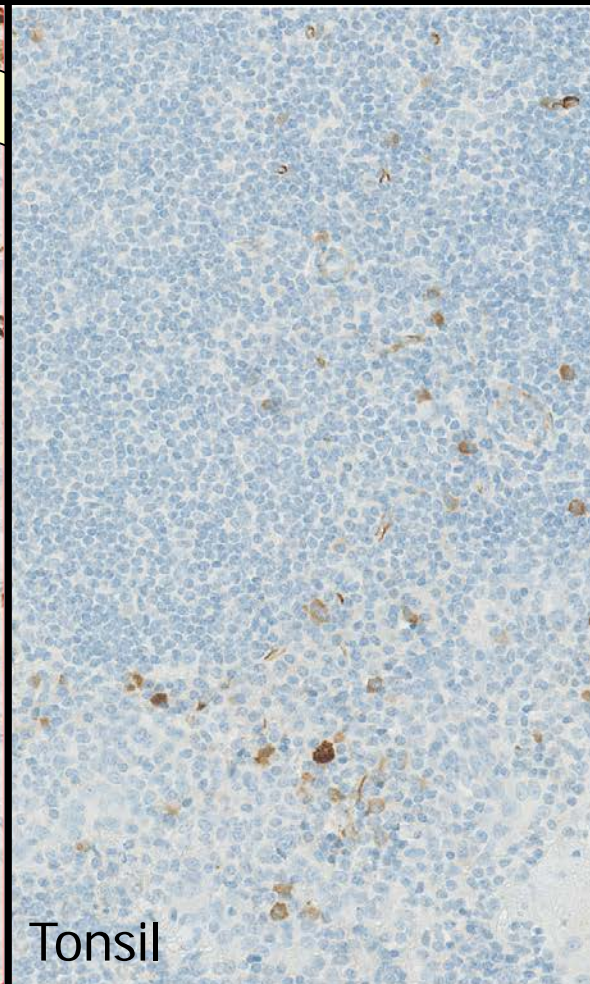
Fallopian tube

A moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction of virtually all epithelial (and stromal ) cells. A weak to moderate cytoplasmic staining in many cells will be seen.



Kidney

*A moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction in parietal epithelial cells and podocytes of the Bowman capsule.....*

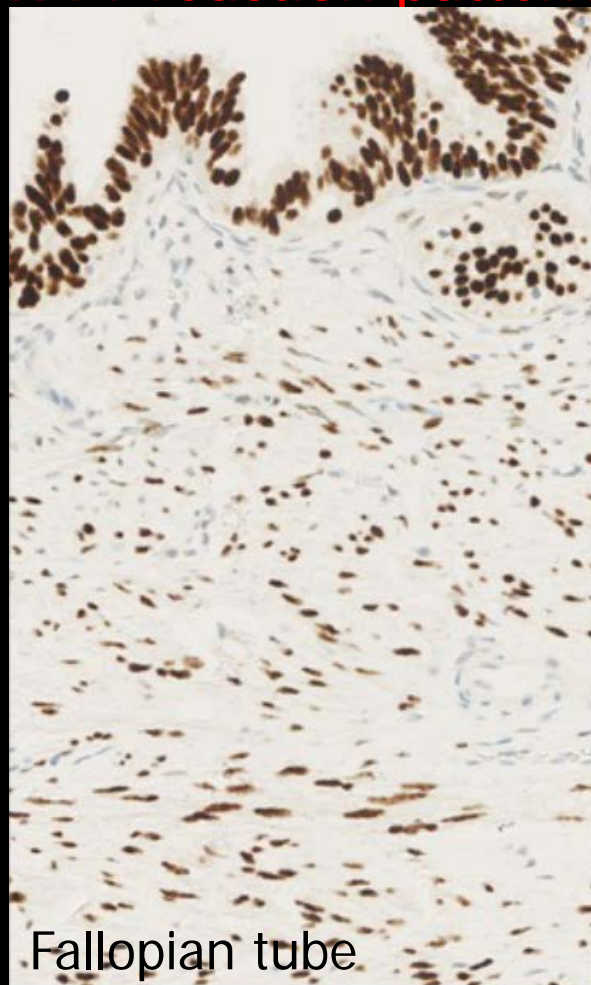


Tonsil

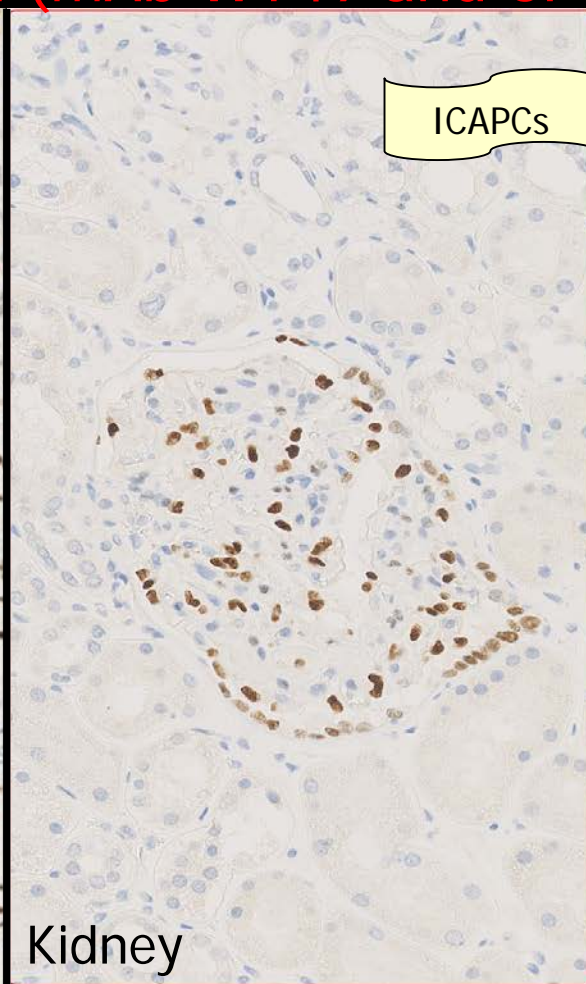
No nuclear staining reaction of lymphocytes, endothelial cells etc.



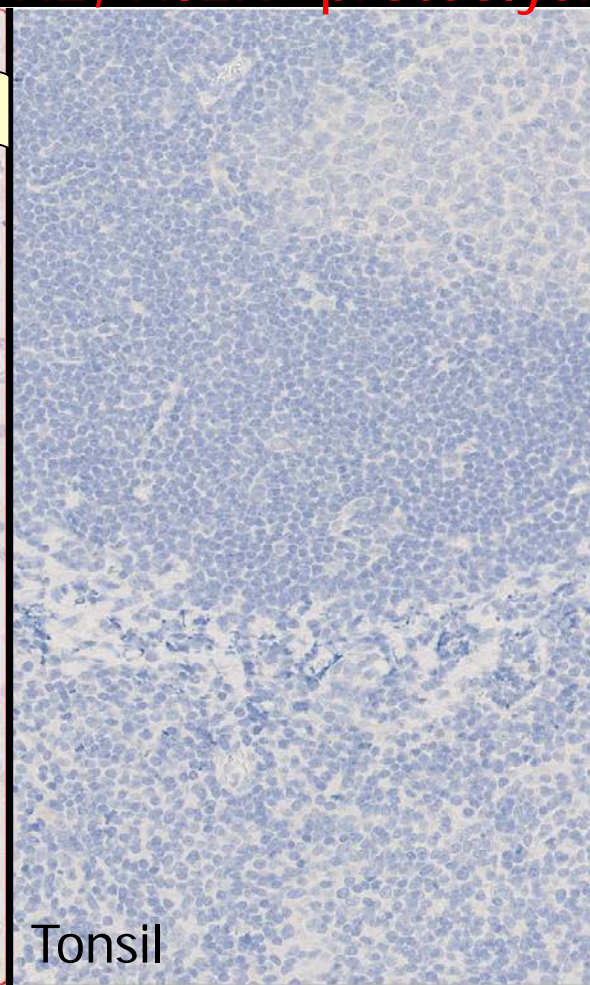
## WT1 reaction pattern (mAb WT49 and 6F-H2, HIER+proteolysis)



A moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction of virtually all epithelial (and stromal ) cells.



A moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction in parietal epithelial cells and podocytes of the Bowman capsule.



No nuclear staining reaction of lymphocytes, endothelial cells etc.

# IHC – Protocols and controls – GYN, GI, Liver

Table 1. Antibodies and assessment marks for WT1, run 43

| Concentrated antibodies              | n   | Vendor              | Optimal | Good | Borderline | Poor | Suff. <sup>1</sup> | Suff. OPS <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|---------|------|------------|------|--------------------|------------------------|
| mmAb clone <b>6F-H2</b>              | 70  | Dako                |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      | 7   | Cell Marque         |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      | 2   | Immunologic         |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      | 1   | BioSB               |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      | 1   | Genemed             |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      | 1   | Novous              |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      | 1   | Thermo Fisher       |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      | 1   | Zeta                |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mmAb clone <b>WT49</b>               | 20  | Leica/Novocastra    |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| rmAb clone <b>EP122</b>              | 1   | Monosan             |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| pAb, <b>C-19</b>                     | 1   | Epitomics           |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| pAb, <b>RB-9267-P1</b>               | 1   | Santa Cruz          |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      | 1   | Thermo Fisher       |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| Ready-To-Use antibodies              |     |                     |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mmAb clone <b>6F-H2 IR055/IS055</b>  | 51  | Dako                |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mmAb clone <b>6F-H2 760-4397</b>     | 45  | Ventana/Cell Marque |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mmAb clone <b>6F-H2 348M-98</b>      | 3   | Cell Marque         |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mmAb clone <b>6F-H2 PM258</b>        | 1   | BioCare             |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mmAb clone <b>6F-H2 MAD-005671QD</b> | 1   | Master Diagnostica  |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mmAb clone <b>6F-H2 MON-RTU1210</b>  | 1   | Monosan             |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mmAb clone <b>WT49 PA0562</b>        | 8   | Leica/Novocastra    |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mmAb clone <b>MX012 MAB-0678</b>     | 1   | Maixin              |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| rmAb clone <b>EP122 AN828-5M</b>     | 1   | Biogenex            |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      |     |                     |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      |     |                     |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                      |     |                     |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| Total                                | 220 |                     |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| Proportion                           |     |                     |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |

1) Proportion of sufficient stains (optimal or good)

2) Proportion of sufficient stains with optimal protocol settings only, see below.

← Optimal but challenging to read

← Optimal and easy to read

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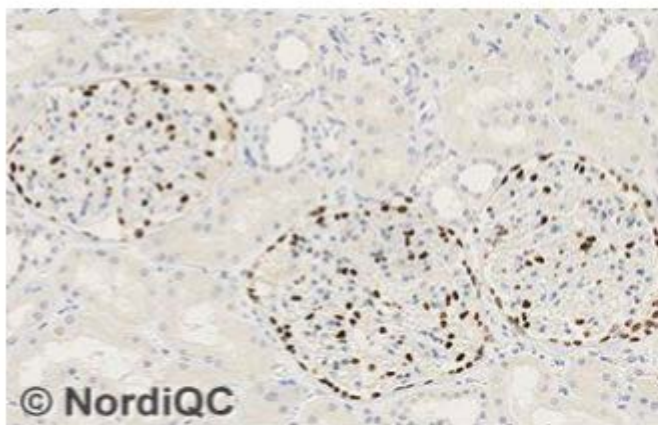
Insufficient:

- Too low titre
- Short incubation time
- (*WT49 on VMS*)

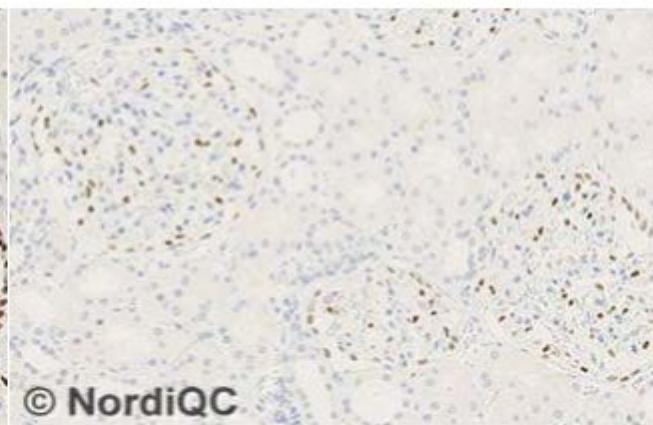


# IHC – Protocols and controls – GYN, GI, Liver

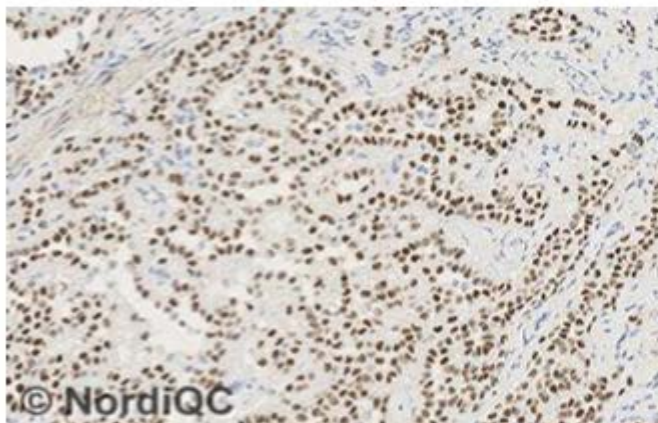
WT49 – HIER ER2, 3-step polymer  
1:10 – 25 min.      1:25 – 15 min.



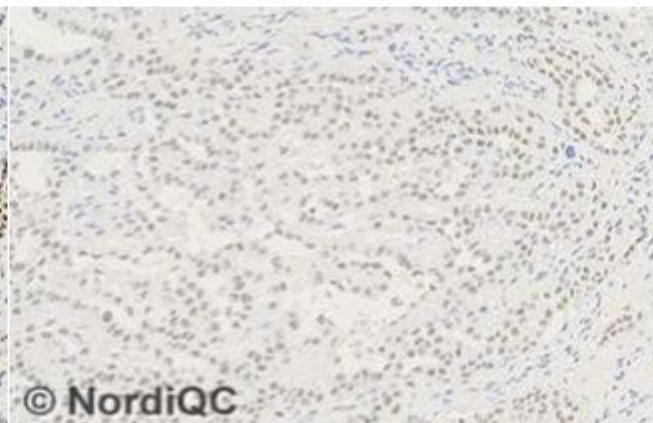
**Fig. 2a**  
Optimal WT1 staining of the kidney using the same protocol as in Fig. 1a. A strong, distinct nuclear staining of the podocytes and the epithelial cells lining the Bowman capsule is seen. Compare with Fig. 2b.



**Fig. 2b**  
Insufficient WT1 staining of the kidney using the same protocol as in Fig. 1b. Only a weak nuclear staining of the podocytes and the epithelial cells lining the Bowman capsule is seen. Compare with Fig. 2a. - same field.

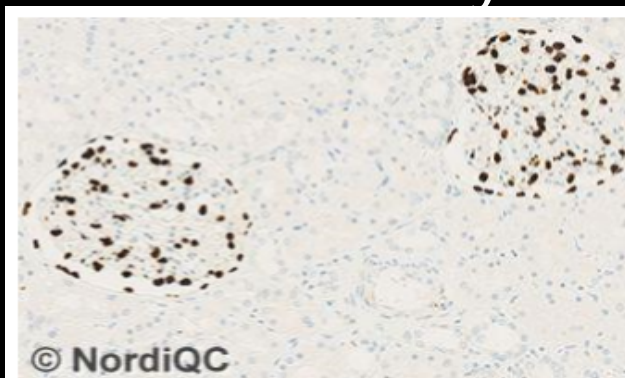


**Fig. 3a**  
Optimal WT1 staining of the mesothelioma using the same protocol as in Figs. 1a & 2a. A strong, nuclear staining is seen in virtually all the neoplastic cells of the mesothelioma. Compare with Fig. 3b.

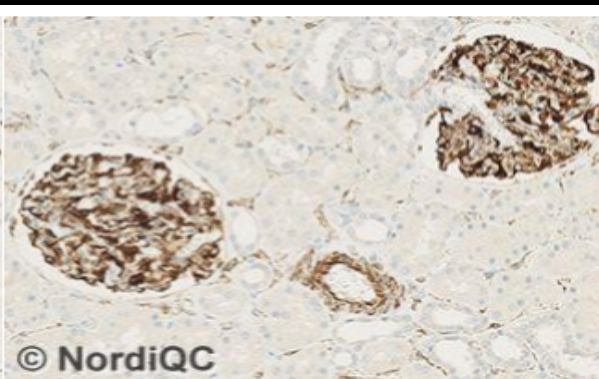


**Fig. 3b**  
Insufficient WT1 staining of the mesothelioma using the same protocol as in Figs. 1b & 2b. The majority of neoplastic cells display only a moderate to weak nuclear staining reaction. Compare with Fig. 3a. - same field.

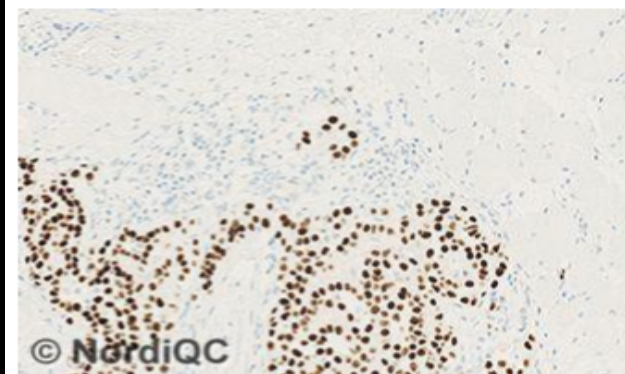
## 6F-H2 – RTU, 3-step multimer HIER + Proteolysis HIER



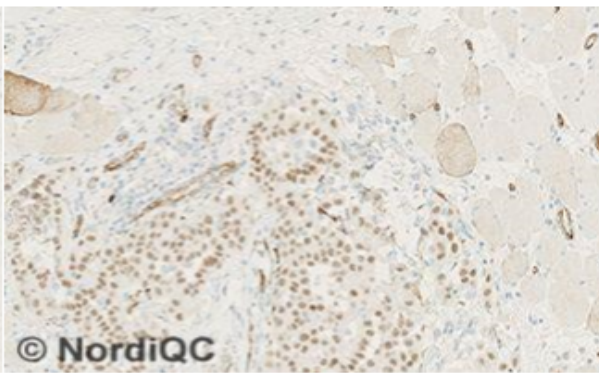
**Fig. 5a**  
Optimal WT1 staining of the kidney using the mmAb 6F-H2 (Ventana/Cell Marque, RTU) with HIER in an alkaline buffer (CC1, Ventana) followed by protease treatment in Protease 3 (Ventana) using a 3-step multimer system (OptiView, Ventana) and performed on the BenchMark Ultra. A strong, distinct nuclear staining of the podocytes and the epithelial cells lining the Bowman capsule is seen. No cytoplasmic staining of endothelial and muscle cells is seen. Compare with Fig. 5b.



**Fig. 5b**  
Good WT1 staining of the kidney using the mmAb 6F-H2 (Ventana/Cell Marque, RTU) with HIER in an alkaline buffer (CC1, Ventana) using a 3-step multimer system (OptiView, Ventana) and performed on the BenchMark Ultra. A moderate nuclear staining of the podocytes and the epithelial cells lining the Bowman capsule is seen. Moderate cytoplasmic staining of endothelial and muscle cells is also seen, making interpretation more challenging. Compare with Fig. 5a. - same field.



**Fig. 6a**  
Optimal WT1 staining in the mesothelioma using the same protocol as in Figs. 5a. Virtually all the neoplastic cells show a moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction. No cytoplasmic reaction is seen. Compare with Fig 6b.



**Fig. 6b**  
Good WT1 staining in the mesothelioma using the same protocol as in Fig. 5b. The majority of the neoplastic cells show a moderate nuclear staining reaction. A moderate cytoplasmic reaction is seen in the endothelial cells and smooth muscle cells. A minor proportion of skeletal muscle cells exhibit weak to moderate cytoplasmic reaction. Compare with Fig. 6a - same field.

## UPT III: WT1

Basic protocol settings for an optimal staining result (NQC)

|              | Retrieval                      | Titre     | Detection   | RTU            | Detection          |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| mAb<br>6F-H2 | HIER high pH                   | 1:30-400  | 2- & 3-step | Dako           | 2- & 3-step        |
| mAb<br>6F-H2 | HIER high pH<br>+ proteolysis* | 1:200-250 | 3-step      | <i>Ventana</i> | <i>3-step (OP)</i> |
| mAb<br>WT1   | HIER high pH                   | 1:10-25   | 3-step      | Leica          | 3-step             |

\* e.g. VMS: HIER in CC1 32 min + P3 for 4-8 min.



## MMR

### Basic protocol settings for an optimal staining result (NQC)

|      | Recommendable clones (conc.)*                | Less successful clones (conc.) | RTU "plug and play"*** giving optimal result |
|------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| MLH1 | <b>mAb ES05</b><br>mAb G168-15<br>mAb GM011  | mAb G168-728                   | Dako: mAb ES05<br>Leica: mAb ES05            |
| MSH2 | <b>mAb FE11</b><br>mAb G219-1129             | mAb 25D12                      | Dako: mAb FE11<br>VMS: G219-1129             |
| MSH6 | <b>rmAb EP49</b><br>rmAb EPR3945             | mAb 44                         | Dako: rmAb EP49                              |
| PMS2 | mAb 16-4<br><b>rmAb EP51</b><br>rmAb EPR3947 |                                | Dako: rmAb EP51<br>VMS: rmAb EPR3947         |

\* Potential to provide optimal result by a laboratory developed test (LDT)

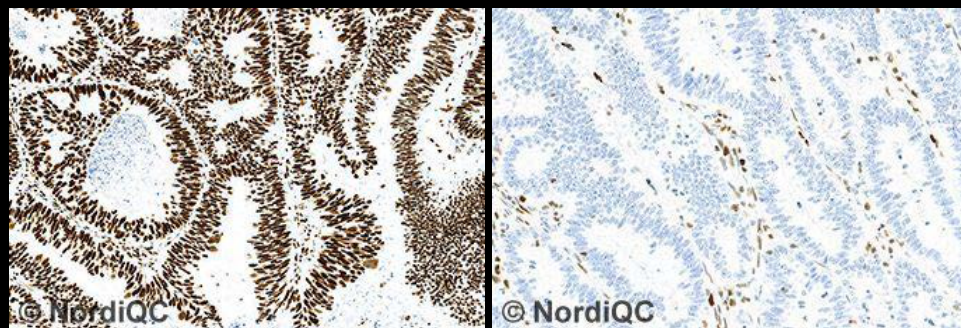
\*\* Using the protocol settings as recommended by the vendor – incubation, retrieval, detection kit.

## IHC test: Fit for purpose –

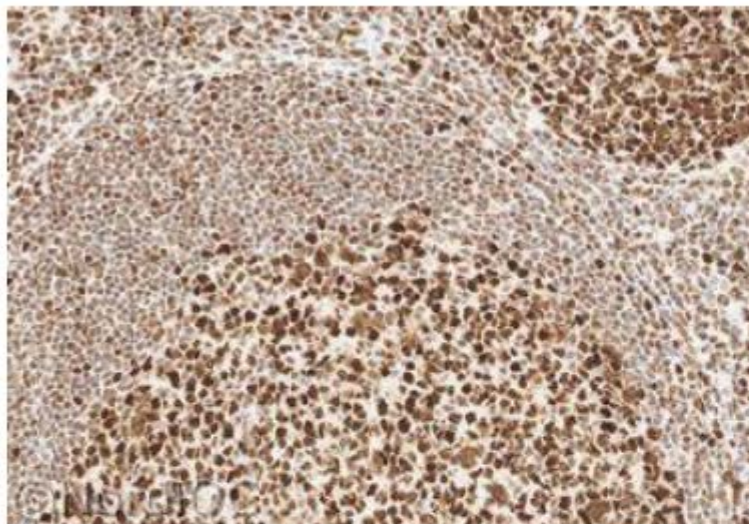
All IHC tests both laboratory developed assays and RTU systems must be calibrated for the diagnostic use

E.g. IHC assays for mismatch repair proteins (MMR)

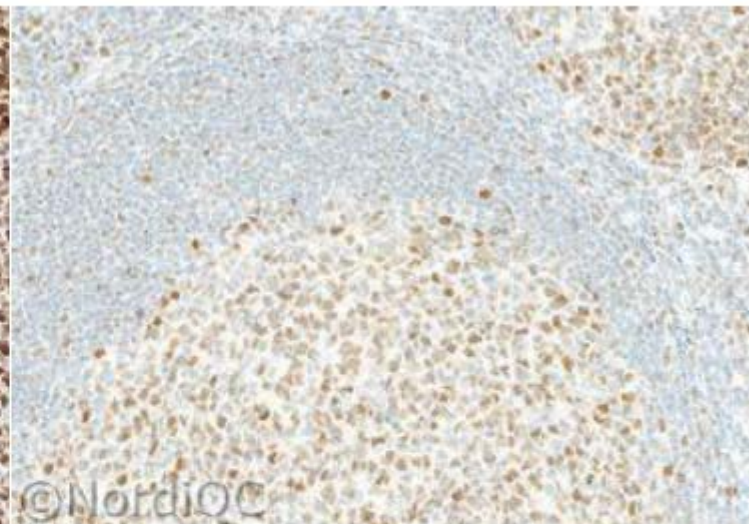
| Purpose   | Diagnostic utility  | Tool   | Application   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Disease screening of patients with Lynch syndrome | IHC results have been shown to have high concordance to mutation analysis | IHC panel for 4 MMR proteins;<br>MLH1, MSH2, MSH6 & PMS2 | Identification of a reliable IHC protocol and interpretation guidelines for the pathologist |
| Diagnostic relevant                               | Diagnostic validity   | Technically possible                                     | Diagnostic possible   |



## MMR General pattern



**Fig. 1a**  
Optimal staining reaction for MLH1 of the tonsil using the mAb clone ES05, HIER in an alkaline buffer and a 3-step polymer based detection system. Virtually all the mantle zone B-cells show a moderate and distinct nuclear staining reaction, while the germinal centre B-cells show a strong nuclear staining reaction. Also compare with Figs. 2a and 3a, same protocol.

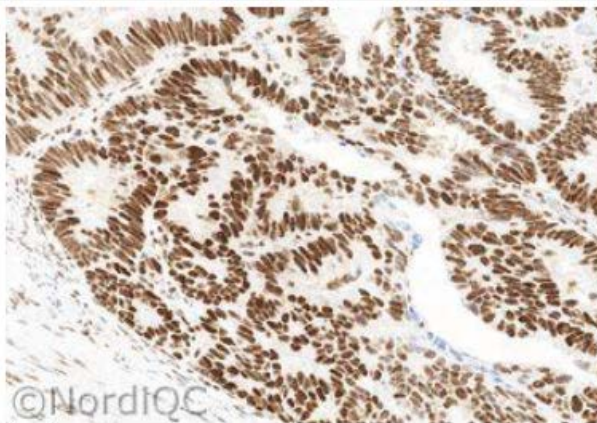


**Fig. 1b**  
Insufficient staining reaction for MLH1 of the tonsil using the mAb clone ES05 with a protocol providing a too low sensitivity (2-step multimer based detection system and/or a too low concentration of the primary Ab) - same field as in Fig. 1a. Only the germinal centre B-cells are demonstrated, while the mantle zone B-cells expressing a low level of MLH1 are virtually unstained. Also compare with Figs. 2b and 3b, same protocol.

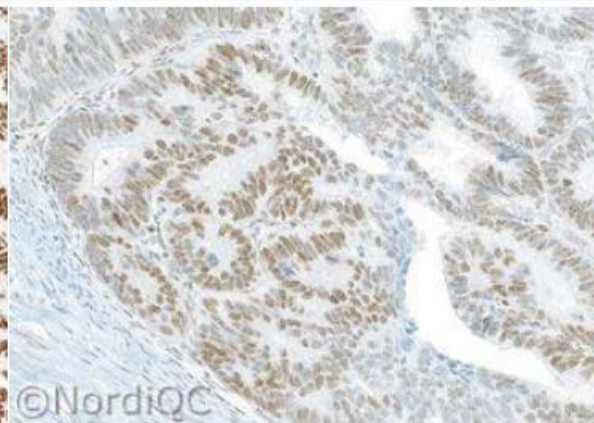
Interpretation based on internal tissue control.

Negative IHC result in neoplastic cells must be confirmed by identification of stromal cells being positive !

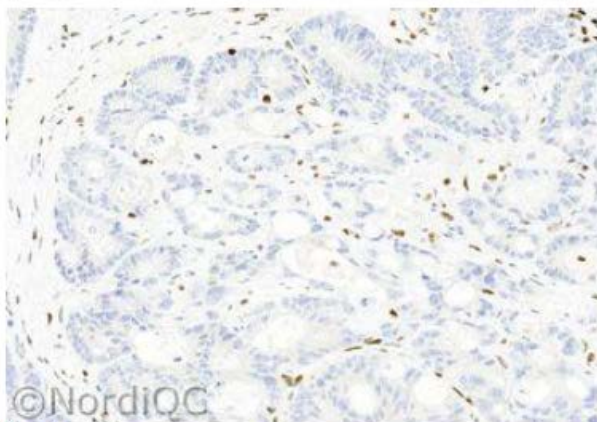




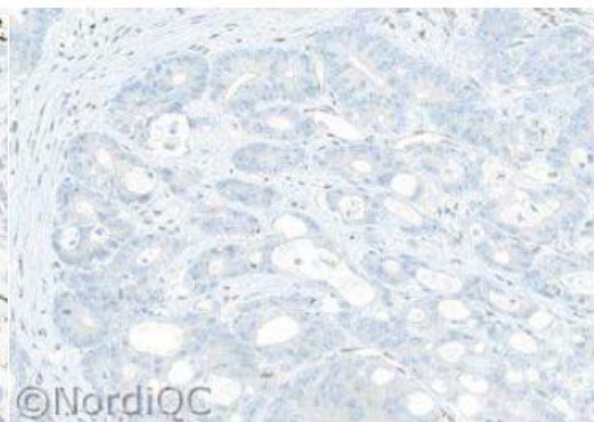
**Fig. 2a**  
Optimal staining reaction for MLH1 of the colon adenocarcinoma tissue core no. 5 with normal MLH1 expression using same protocol as in Fig. 1a. Virtually all the neoplastic cells show a moderate to strong nuclear staining reaction. A high signal-to-noise ratio is obtained. No background staining is seen and a distinct nuclear staining reaction in the stromal cells is seen.



**Fig. 2b**  
Insufficient staining reaction for MLH1 of the colon adenocarcinoma tissue core no. 5 using same protocol as in Fig. 1b - same field as in Fig. 2a. The proportion of positive cells and the intensity of the staining reaction are significantly reduced compared to the result in Fig. 2, especially note the stromal cells are virtually negative. Also compare with Fig. 3b, same protocol.



**Fig. 3a**  
Optimal staining reaction for MLH1 of the colon adenocarcinoma no. 3 with loss of MLH1 using same protocol as in Figs. 1a & 2a. The neoplastic cells are negative, while lymphocytes and stromal cells show a distinct nuclear staining reaction serving as internal positive tissue control.



**Fig. 3b**  
Insufficient staining reaction for MLH1 of the colon adenocarcinoma no. 3 with loss of MLH1 using same protocol as in Figs. 1b & 2b - same field as in Fig. 3a. No staining reaction in the neoplastic cells is seen, but as also virtually no nuclear staining reaction is seen in the normal stromal cells, the staining pattern can not reliably be interpreted.



Assessment Run 41 2014

## Mismatch Repair Protein MSH2 (MSH2)

[Recommended MSH2 protocols](#)

[Recommended MSH2 control tissue](#)

### Material

The slide to be stained for [MSH2](#) comprised:

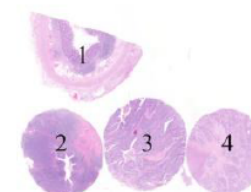
1. Appendix, 2. Tonsil, 3. Colon adenocarcinoma with normal MSH2 expression, 4. Colon adenocarcinoma with loss of MSH2 expression.

All tissues were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin.

Criteria for assessing a MSH2 staining as optimal were:

- An at least weak to moderate, distinct nuclear staining reaction of virtually all cells in the appendix.
- An at least weak to moderate, distinct nuclear staining reaction of virtually all mantle zone B-cells and a moderate to strong, distinct nuclear staining reaction of the germinal centre B-cells in the tonsil.
- A moderate to strong, distinct nuclear staining reaction in virtually all neoplastic cells of the colon adenocarcinoma no. 3.
- No nuclear staining reaction of the neoplastic cells of the colon adenocarcinoma no. 4, but a distinct nuclear staining reaction in the vast majority of other cells (stromal cells, lymphocytes etc.).

A weak cytoplasmic staining reaction was accepted.



### Participation

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Number of laboratories registered for MSH2, run 41 | 155       |
| Number of laboratories returning slides            | 143 (92%) |

### Results

143 laboratories participated in this assessment. Of these, 96 (67%) achieved a sufficient mark (optimal or good). Table 1 summarizes the antibodies (Abs) used and assessment marks (see page 2).

Table 1. Antibodies and assessment marks for MSH2, run 41

| Concentrated antibodies                 | n   | Vendor                | Optimal | Good | Borderline | Poor | Suff. <sup>1</sup> | Suff. OPS <sup>2</sup> |
|---|-----|-----------------------|---------|------|------------|------|--------------------|------------------------|
| mAb clone <b>25D12</b>                  | 12  | Leica/Novocastra      | 0       | 0    | 12         | 2    | -                  | -                      |
|   | 1   | Diagnostic BioSystems |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|   | 1   | Thermo/NeoMarkers     |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>FE11</b>                   | 10  | Biocare               | 3       | 10   | 9          | 0    | 59%                | 80%                    |
|   | 6   | Dako                  |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|   | 6   | Millipore/Calbiochem  |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>G219-1129</b>              | 11  | BD Biosciences        | 4       | 6    | 6          | 4    | 50%                | 90%                    |
|   | 8   | Cell Marque           |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|   | 1   | Monosan               |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>GB12</b>                   | 1   | Millipore/Calbiochem  | 0       | 0    | 1          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| Ready-To-Use antibodies                 |     |                       |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>25D12 PA0048</b>           | 3   | Leica/Novocastra      | 0       | 0    | 3          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>FE11 IR085</b>             | 23  | Dako                  | 20      | 2    | 1          | 0    | 96%                | 100%                   |
| mAb clone <b>FE11 PM219</b>             | 2   | Biocare               | 0       | 2    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>FE11 MSG031</b>            | 1   | Zytomed               | 1       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>G219-1129 760-4265</b>     | 50  | Ventana/Cell Marque   | 26      | 19   | 3          | 2    | 90%                | 93%                    |
| mAb clone <b>G219-1129 286M-18</b>      | 5   | Cell Marque           | 2       | 1    | 2          | 0    | 60%                | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>G219-1129 MAD-000371QD</b> | 2   | Master Diagnostica    | 0       | 0    | 2          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| Total                                   | 143 |                       | 56      | 40   | 39         | 8    | -                  |                        |
| Proportion                              |     |                       | 39%     | 28%  | 27%        | 6%   | 67%                |                        |

1) Proportion of sufficient stains (optimal or good)

2) Proportion of sufficient stains with optimal protocol settings only, see below.



Clone

Titre

RTU > In-house



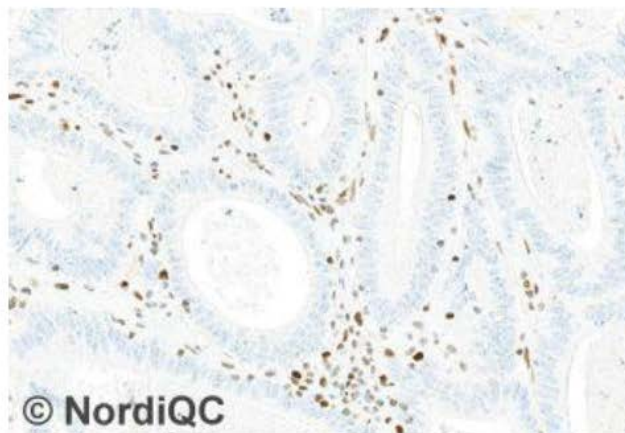
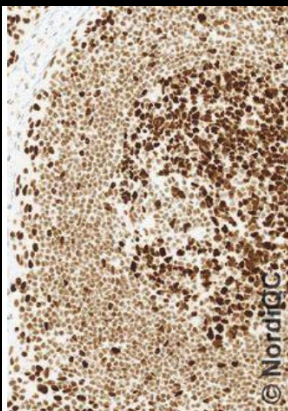


Fig. 3a (X200)

Optimal MSH2 staining of the colon adenocarcinoma no. 4 with loss of MSH2 expression using same protocol as in Figs. 1a & 2a. The neoplastic cells are negative, while stromal cells show a distinct nuclear staining reaction serving as internal positive tissue control.

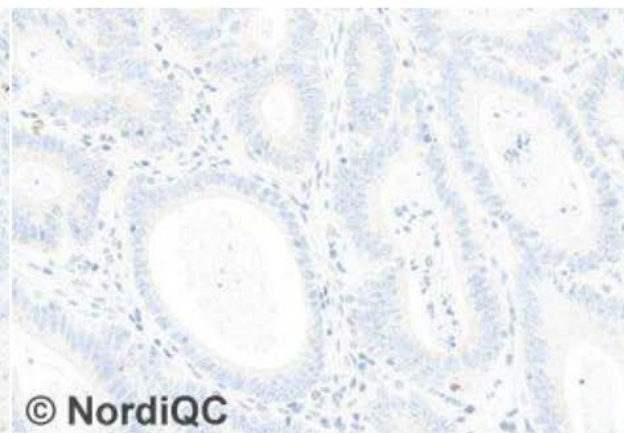


Fig. 3b (2400)

Insufficient MSH2 staining of the colon adenocarcinoma no. 4 with loss of MSH2 expression using same protocol as in Figs. 1b & 2b – same field as in Fig. 3a. No staining reaction in the neoplastic cells is seen, but as no nuclear staining reaction in the normal stromal cells is present, the staining pattern cannot reliably be interpreted.

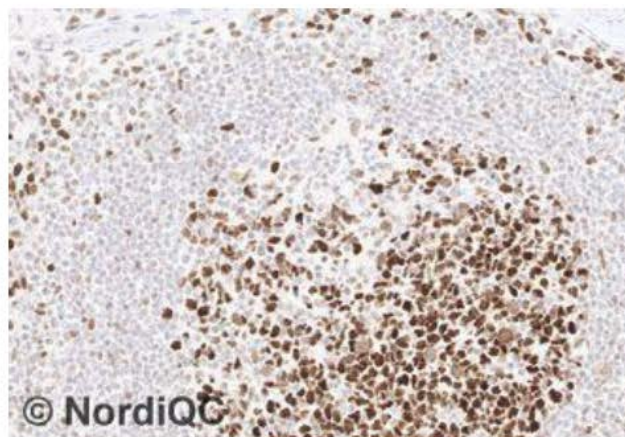
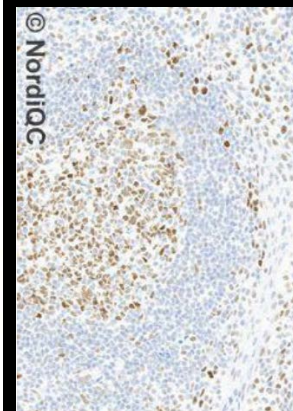


Fig.4a

Insufficient staining reaction for MSH2 using the mAb clone 25D12 with HIER in an alkaline buffer and a 3-step polymer based detection system. Mantle zone B-cells only show a faint or equivocal nuclear staining reaction, whereas germinal centre B-cells show a strong nuclear staining reaction. Also compare with Fig. 4b, same protocol.

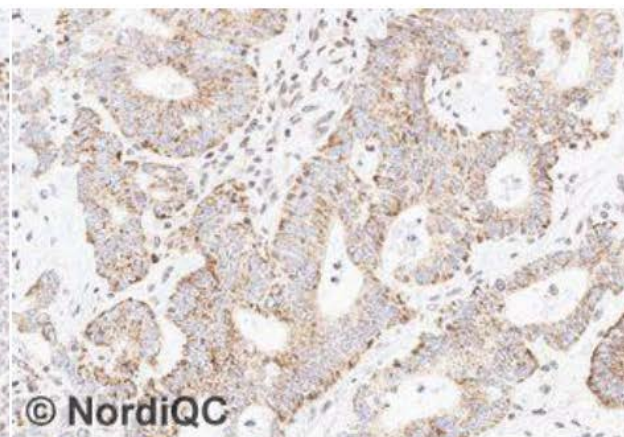


Fig. 4b

Insufficient staining reaction for MSH2 of the colon adenocarcinoma no. 4 with loss of MSH2 expression using same protocol as in Fig. 4a. The combination of an excessive granular cytoplasmic staining reaction in the neoplastic cells and a faint nuclear staining reaction of the stromal cells complicates the interpretation. In this run all protocols (n=17) based on the mAb clone 25D12 gave an insufficient result.



## Assessment Run 43 2015

### MSH6

[Recommended MSH6 protocols](#)

[Recommended MSH6 control tissue](#)

#### Material

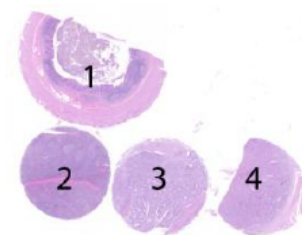
The slide to be stained for [MSH6](#) comprised:

1. Appendix 2. Tonsil fixed for 24 hours, 3. Colon adenocarcinoma with normal MSH6 expression, 4. Colon adenocarcinoma with loss of MSH6 expression.

All tissues were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin.

Criteria for assessing MSH6 staining as optimal included:

- An at least weak to moderate, distinct nuclear staining reaction of virtually all cells in the appendix
- An at least weak to moderate, distinct nuclear staining reaction of virtually all mantle zone B-cells and a moderate to strong, distinct nuclear staining reaction of the germinal centre B-cells in the tonsil
- A moderate to strong, distinct nuclear staining reaction of virtually all neoplastic cells in the colon adenocarcinoma no. 3
- No nuclear staining reaction of the neoplastic cells in the colon adenocarcinomas no. 4, but a distinct nuclear staining reaction in the vast majority of other cells (stromal cells, lymphocytes etc).
- A generally weak cytoplasmic staining reaction was accepted.



#### Participation

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Number of laboratories registered for MSH6, run 43 | 173       |
| Number of laboratories returning slides            | 153 (88%) |

#### Results

153 laboratories participated in this assessment. 96 (63%) of these achieved a sufficient mark (optimal or good). Table 1 summarizes antibodies (Abs) used and assessment marks (see page 2).



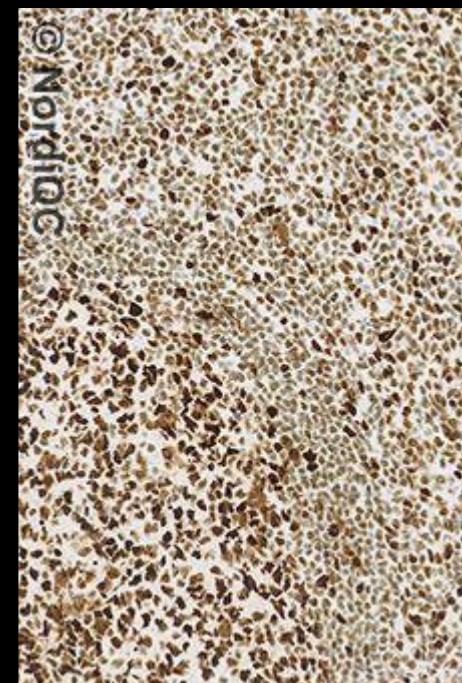
Table 1. Antibodies and assessment marks for MSH6, run 43

| Concentrated antibodies             | n   | Vendor                       | Optimal | Good | Borderline | Poor | Suff. <sup>1</sup> | Suff. OPS <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|---------|------|------------|------|--------------------|------------------------|
| mAb clone <b>44</b>                 | 12  | BD Biosciences               | 0       | 1    | 14         | 1    | 6%                 | -                      |
|                                     | 2   | Cell Marque                  |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                     | 1   | Diagnostic Biosystems        |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                     | 1   | Zeta                         |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>BC/44</b>              | 6   | Biocare                      | 1       | 3    | 2          | 0    | 67%                | 67%                    |
| mAb clone <b>PU29</b>               | 6   | Leica/Novocastra             | 0       | 1    | 4          | 1    | 17%                | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>SPM525</b>             | 1   | Zytomed Systems              | 0       | 0    | 0          | 1    | -                  | -                      |
| rmAb clone <b>EP49</b>              | 20  | Epitomics                    | 22      | 7    | 3          | 0    | 91%                | 91%                    |
|                                     | 12  | Dako                         |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| rmAb clone <b>EPR3945</b>           | 4   | Abcam                        | 5       | 3    | 0          | 0    | 100%               | 100%                   |
|                                     | 2   | Epitomics                    |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                     | 1   | Gene Tex                     |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
|                                     | 1   | Nordic Biosite               |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| rmAb clone <b>SP93</b>              | 2   | Cell Marque                  | 3       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
|                                     | 1   | Spring Bioscience            |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| Ready-To-Use antibodies             |     |                              |         |      |            |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>44 790-4455</b>        | 33  | Ventana                      | 1       | 9    | 22         | 1    | 30%                | 40%                    |
| mAb clone <b>44 287M</b>            | 2   | Cell Marque                  | 0       | 0    | 2          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>44 PDM 147</b>         | 1   | Diagnostic Biosystems        | 0       | 0    | 1          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>44 081374</b>          | 1   | Invitrogen/Life Technologies | 0       | 0    | 1          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>44 MAB-0643</b>        | 1   | Maixin                       | 1       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb <b>BC/44 M265</b>               | 2   | Biocare                      | 0       | 1    | 1          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| rmAb clone <b>EP49 IR086</b>        | 35  | Dako                         | 24      | 8    | 3          | 0    | 91%                | 96%                    |
| rmAb clone <b>EP49 MAD-000635QD</b> | 2   | Master Diagnostica           | 1       | 1    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| rmAb clone <b>EP49 AN780-5M</b>     | 1   | Biogenex                     | 1       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| rmAb clone <b>SP93 287R</b>         | 2   | Cell Marque                  | 1       | 1    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| rmAb <b>SP93 M3931</b>              | 1   | Spring Bioscience            | 1       | 0    | 0          | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| Total                               | 153 |                              | 61      | 35   | 53         | 4    | -                  |                        |
| Proportion                          |     |                              | 40%     | 23%  | 35%        | 2%   | 63%                |                        |

1) Proportion of sufficient stains (optimal or good)

2) Proportion of sufficient stains with optimal protocol settings only, see below.

Choice of clone.....





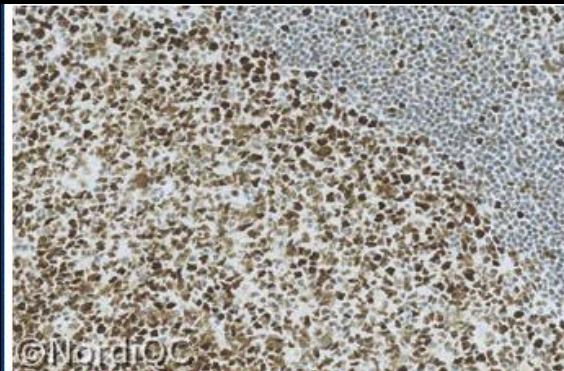


Fig. 1a. Optimal staining for MSH6 of the tonsil using the mAb clone EP49 optimally calibrated, HIER in an alkaline buffer and a 3-step polymer based detection system. Virtually all the mantle zone B-cells show a distinct, moderate to strong nuclear staining, while the germinal centre B-cells show a strong nuclear staining.

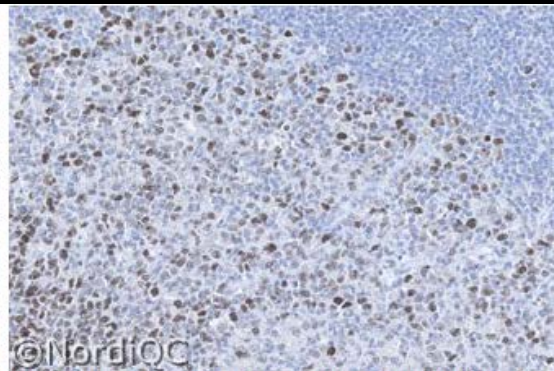


Fig. 1b. Insufficient staining for MSH6 of the tonsil using the mAb clone 44, by a protocol with a too low sensitivity (2-step polymer and too low. conc. of the primary Ab), same field as in Fig. 1a. Only the germinal centre B-cells are demonstrated, while the mantle zone B-cells expressing limited MSH6 are virtually unstained. Also compare with Figs. 2b. & 3b., same protocol.

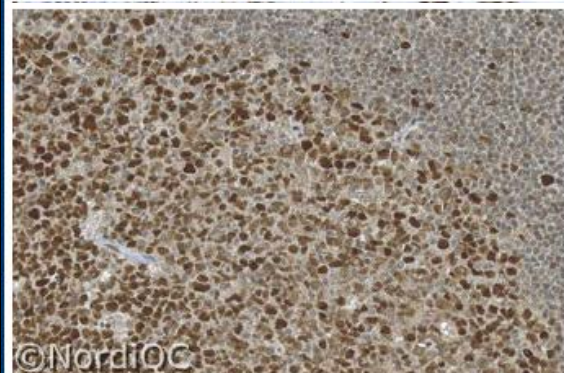


Fig. 4a. Staining for MSH6 of the tonsil using the mAb clone 44 by HIER in an alkaline buffer and a 3-step polymer based detection system – same field as in Fig. 1a. Virtually all the mantle zone B-cells show a moderate to strong nuclear staining, while the germinal centre B-cells show a strong nuclear staining. However also compare with Fig. 4b, same protocol.

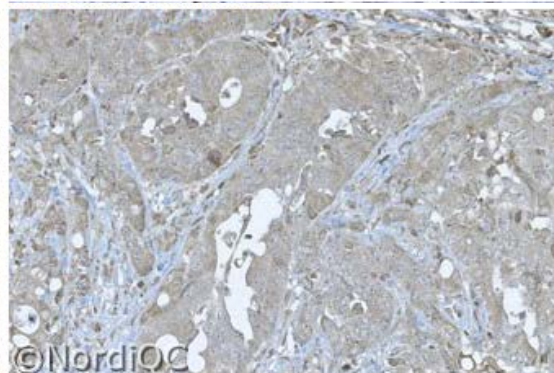
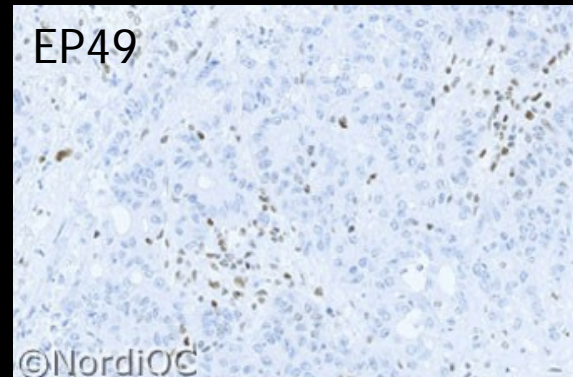


Fig. 4b. Insufficient staining for MSH6 of the colon adenocarcinoma no. 5 with loss of MSH6 protein using same protocol as in Fig. 4a. The excessive cytoplasmic staining in both the neoplastic cells and in the stromal cells obscures the interpretation of the nuclear staining. This staining pattern was typically seen when the mAb clone 44 was applied with a high sensitive protocol.

MSH6 "issues":

mAb clone 44 used  
Difficult to calibrate

EP49





# IHC – Protocols and controls – GYN, GI, Liver

|          | Positive tissue control HE* | Positive tissue control LE**            | Negative tissue control NE*** |
|----------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| HEPA     | Liver:<br>Hepatocytes       | Appendix:<br>Scattered epithelial cells | Tonsil:<br>Lymphocytes,...    |
| Arginase | Liver:<br>Hepatocytes       | .....                                   | Tonsil:<br>Lymphocytes,...    |
| Glyp 3   | Placenta:<br>Trophoblasts   | Appendix:<br>Nerves                     | Liver:<br>Hepatocytes         |

\* HE = High expression

\*\* LE = Low expression

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|          | Recommendable clones (conc.)* | Less successful clones (conc.) | RTU "plug and play"*** giving optimal result |
|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| HEPA     | mAb OCH1E5                    |                                | Dako: mAb OCH1E5<br>VMS: mAb OCH1E5          |
| Arginase | rmAb SP156***                 |                                |  |
| Glyp 3   | mAb 1G12                      |                                | VMS: mAb OCH1E5                              |

\* Potential to provide optimal result by a laboratory developed test (LDT)

\*\* Using the protocol settings as recommended by the vendor – incubation, retrieval, detection kit.

\*\*\* Aalborg University Hospital data

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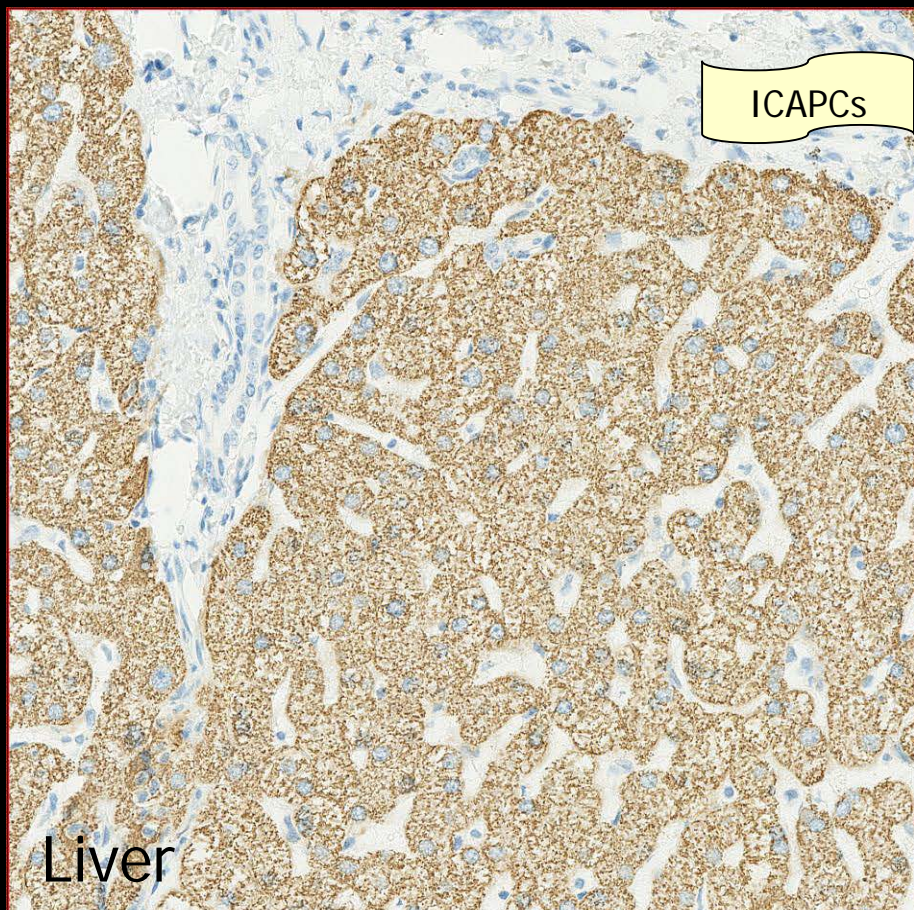
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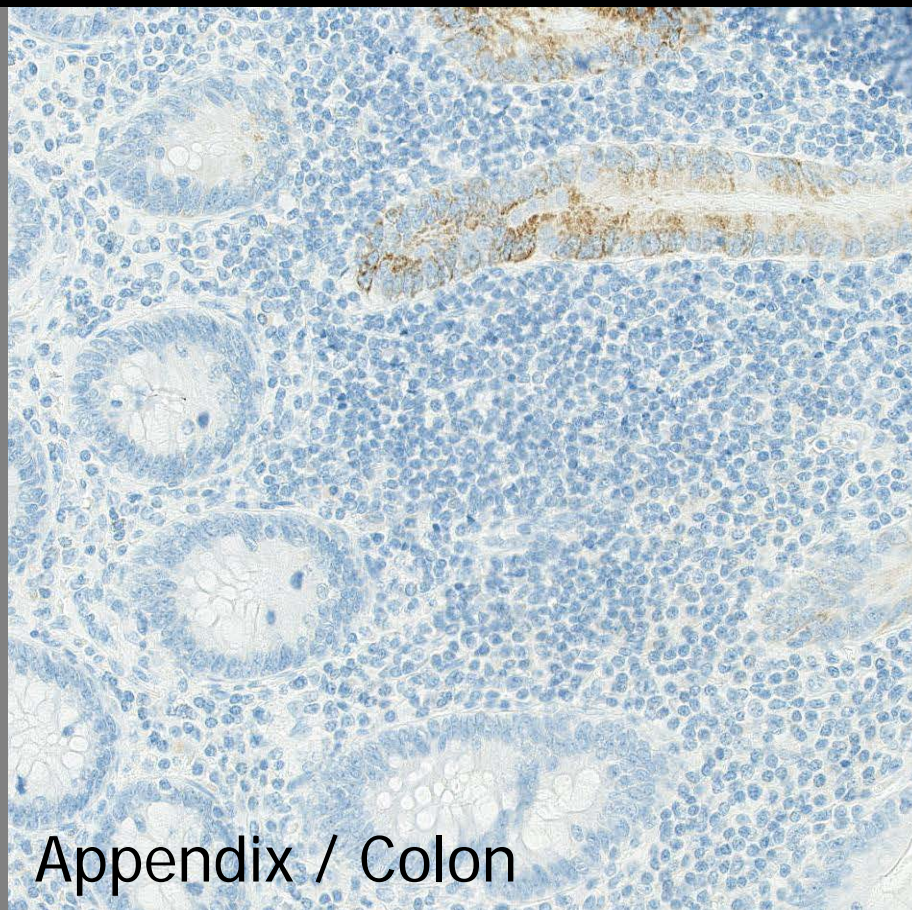


## HEPA reaction pattern



A moderate to strong granular cytoplasmic staining reaction in virtually all hepatocytes (mitochondria)

No-go for biotin based detection systems.



No staining reaction of lymphocytes, stromal cells, muscle cells and vast majority of epithelial cells.



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Table 1. Abs and assessment marks for Hepa, run 36

| Concentrated Abs                   | N                           | Vendor   | Optimal | Good | Borderl. | Poor | Suff. <sup>1</sup> | Suff. OPS <sup>2</sup> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------|------|----------|------|--------------------|------------------------|
| mAb clone <b>OCH1E5</b>            | 93<br>6<br>5<br>2<br>1<br>1 | Dako<br>Leica/Novocastra<br>Thermo/NeoMarkers<br>Cell Marque<br>Diagnostic Biosystems<br>Maxim | 48      | 38   | 19       | 3    | 80 %               | 90 %                   |
| <b>Ready-To-Use Abs</b>            |                             |  |         |      |          |      |                    |                        |
| mAb clone <b>OCH1E5 IS/IR624</b>   | 25                          | Dako   | 21      | 4    | 0        | 0    | 100 %              | 100 %                  |
| mAb clone <b>OCH1E5 760-4350</b>   | 20                          | Ventana/Cell Marque  | 18      | 2    | 0        | 0    | 100 %              | 100 %                  |
| mAb clone <b>OCH1E5 264M-97/98</b> | 3                           | Cell Marque  | 2       | 1    | 0        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>OCH1E5 BSB 5629</b>   | 1                           | BioSB  | 1       | 0    | 0        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| mAb clone <b>OCH1E5 113-03</b>     | 1                           | Master Diagnostica   | 0       | 1    | 0        | 0    | -                  | -                      |
| <b>Total</b>                       | 158                         |  | 90      | 46   | 19       | 3    | -                  |                        |
| <b>Proportion</b>                  |                             |  | 57 %    | 29 % | 12 %     | 2 %  | 86 %               |                        |

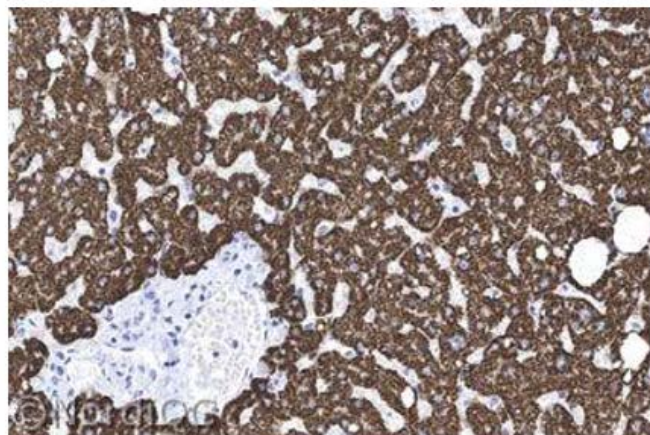
1) Proportion of sufficient stains (optimal or good)

2) Proportion of sufficient stains with optimal protocol settings only, see below.

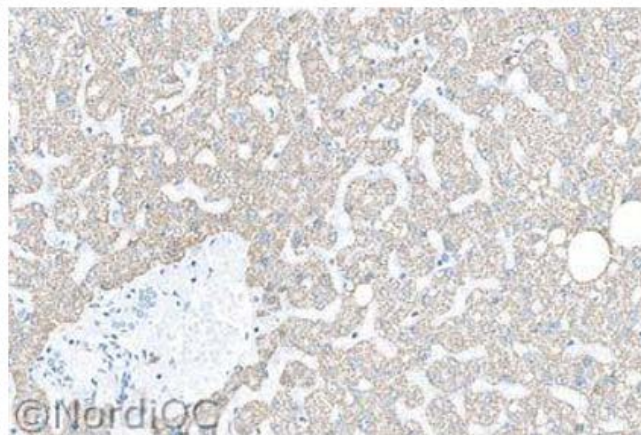
+ HIER

+ Non-biotin system

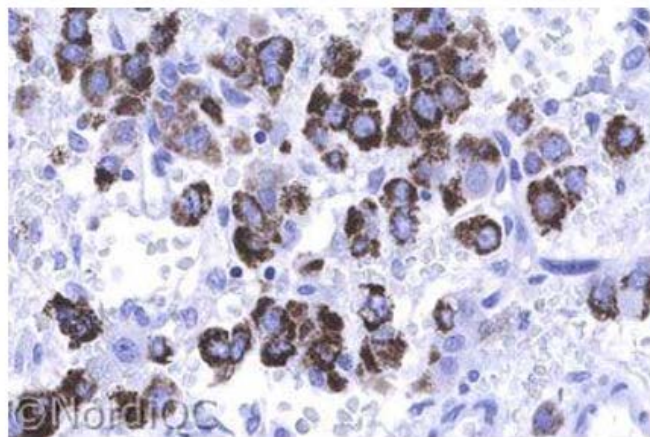
RTU superior



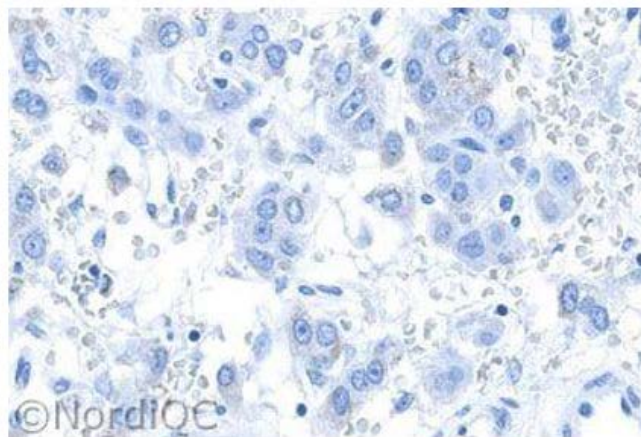
**Fig. 1a**  
Optimal Hepa staining of the liver using the mAb clone OCH1E5 optimally calibrated and with HIER. Virtually all the hepatocytes show a strong, granular cytoplasmic staining reaction. No background staining or staining of the bile ductal epithelial cells is seen.



**Fig. 1b**  
Insufficient staining for Hepa of the liver, using the mAb clone OCH1E5 with protocol settings giving a too low sensitivity (too low concentration of the primary Ab) - same field as in Fig. 1a. The intensity of the cells demonstrated is significantly reduced. Also compare with Fig. 2b - same protocol.



**Fig. 2a**  
Optimal Hepa staining of the hepatocellular carcinoma, tissue no. 4 in the NordiQC multiblock using same protocol as in Fig. 1a. Virtually all the neoplastic cells show a strong and distinct cytoplasmic staining reaction. No background staining is seen.

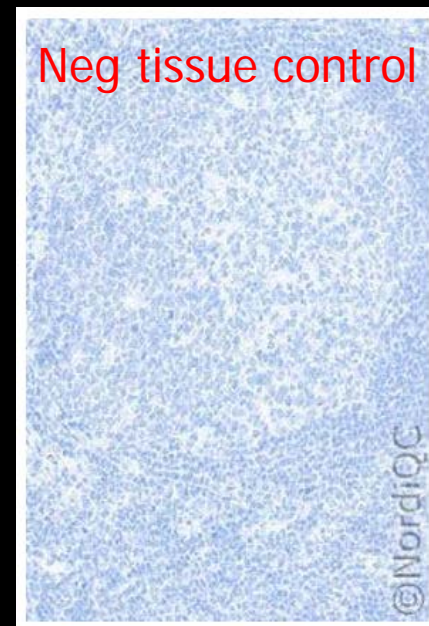


**Fig. 2b**  
Insufficient staining for Hepa of the hepatocellular carcinoma, tissue no. 4 in the NordiQC multiblock using same protocol as in Fig. 1b - same field as in Fig. 2a. Only scattered neoplastic cells show a weak and equivocal staining reaction.

ASAP....

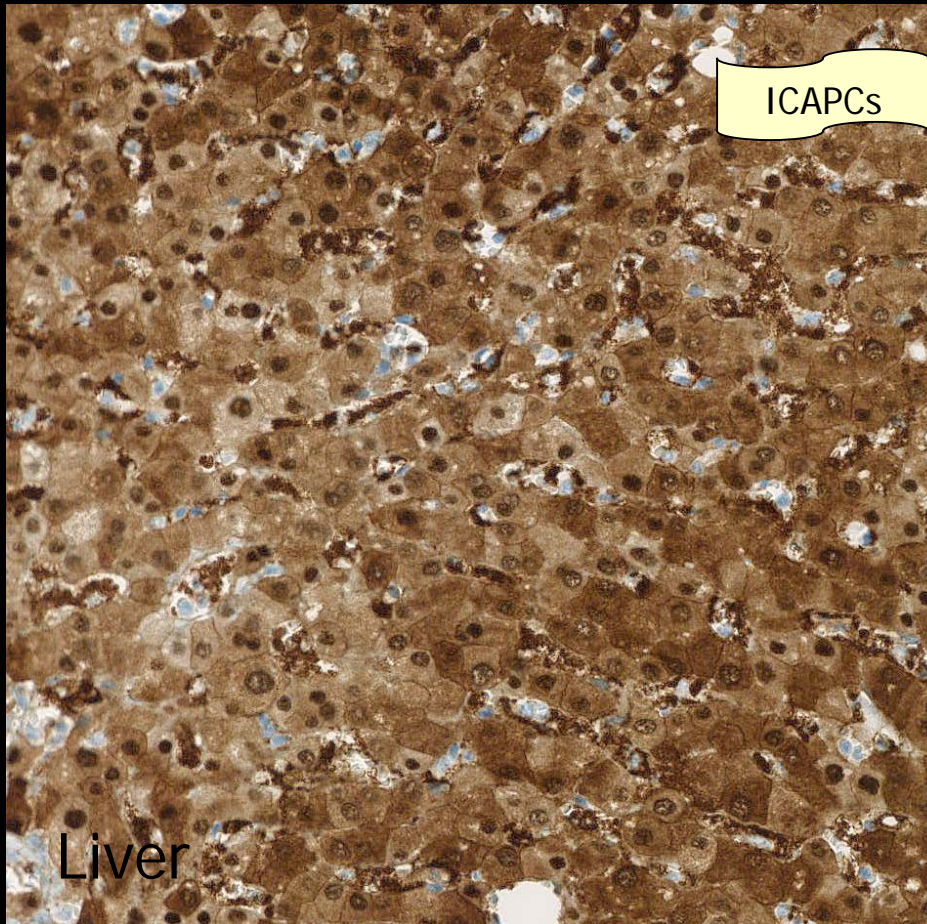
As Strong  
As Possible

Neg tissue control

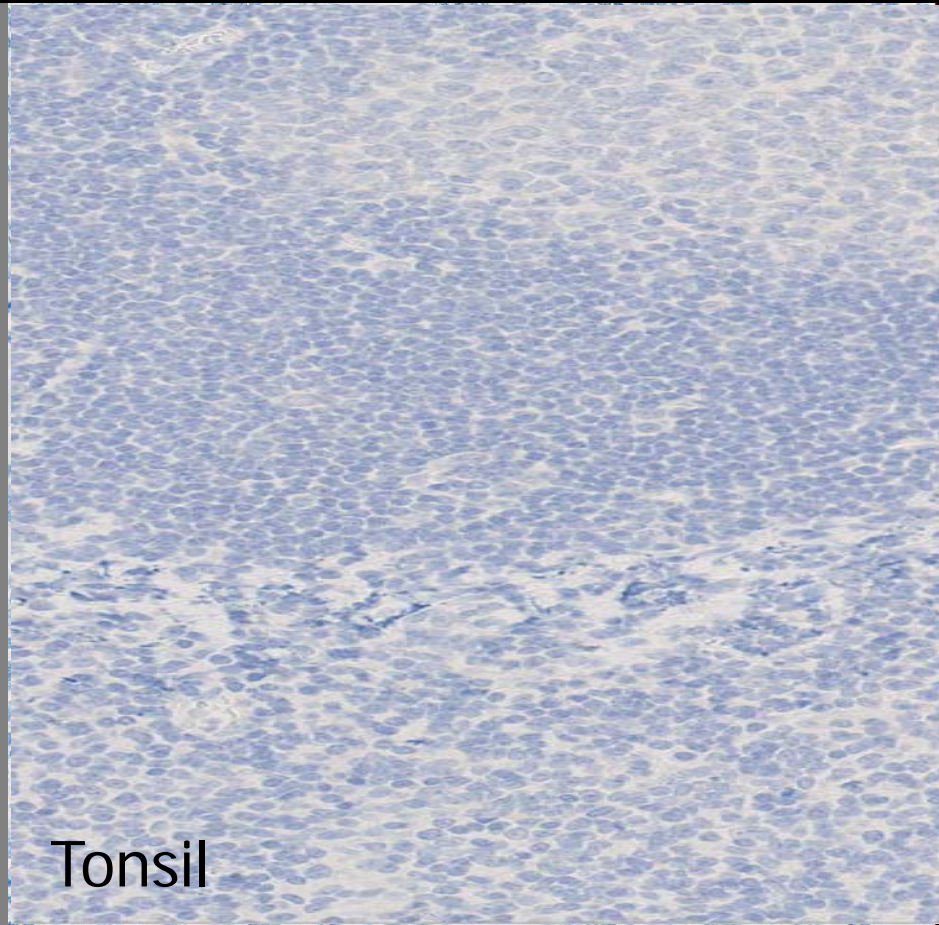




## Arginase reaction pattern



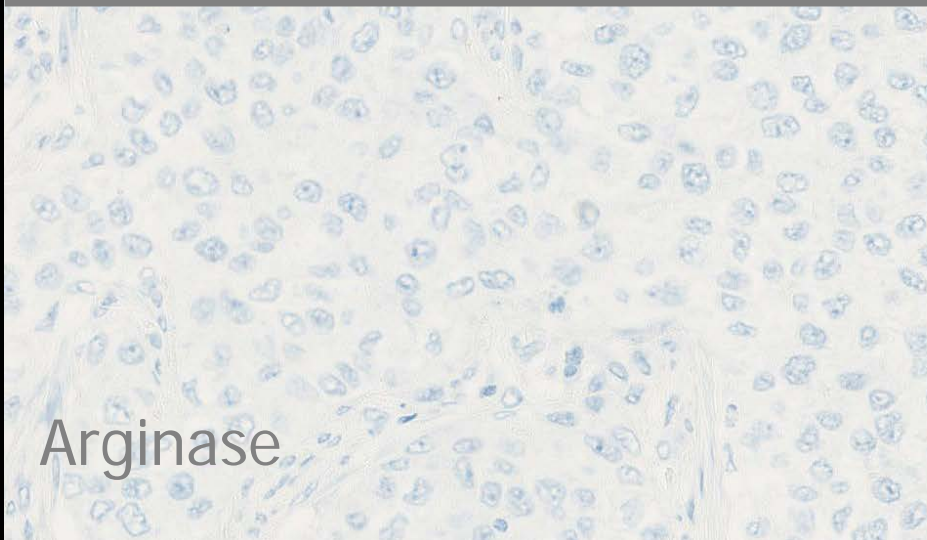
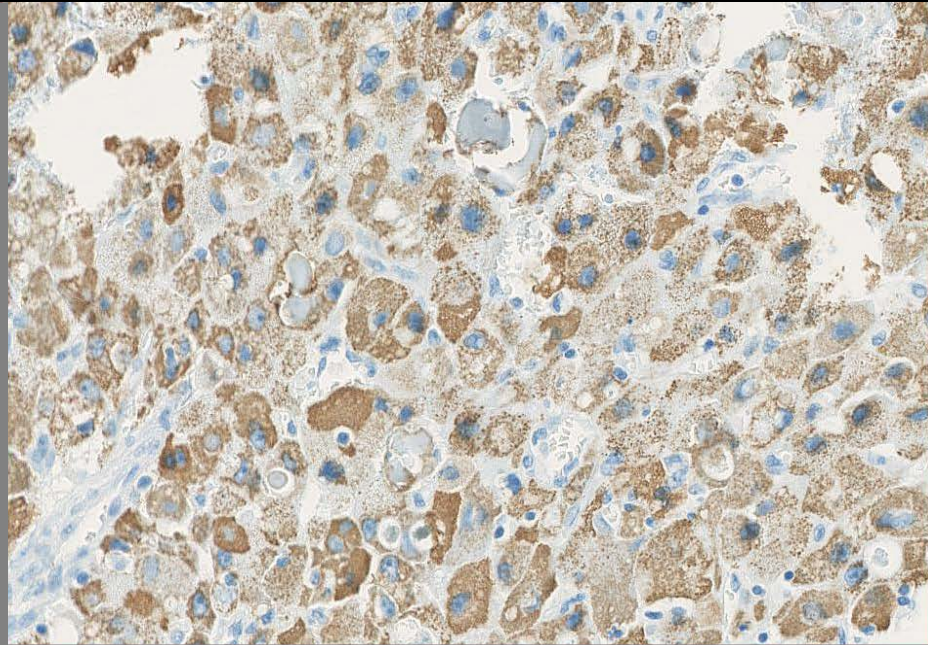
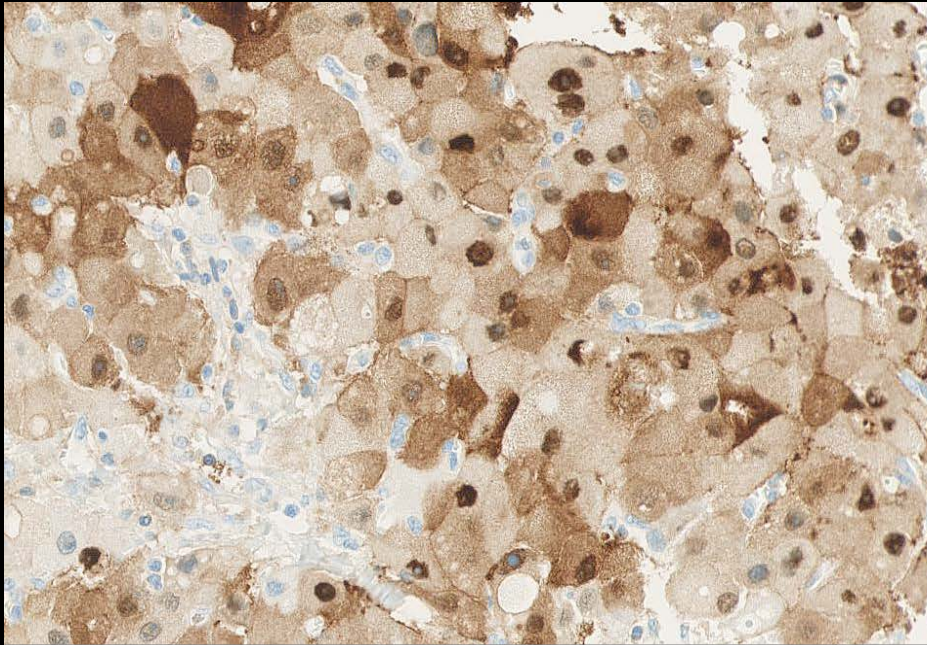
A moderate to strong nuclear and cytoplasmic staining reaction in virtually all hepatocytes).



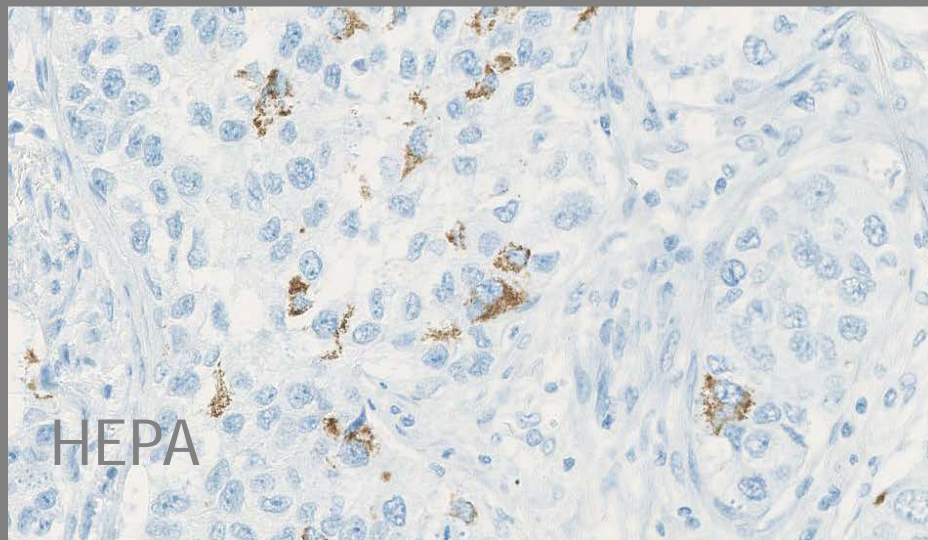
No staining reaction.



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Arginase

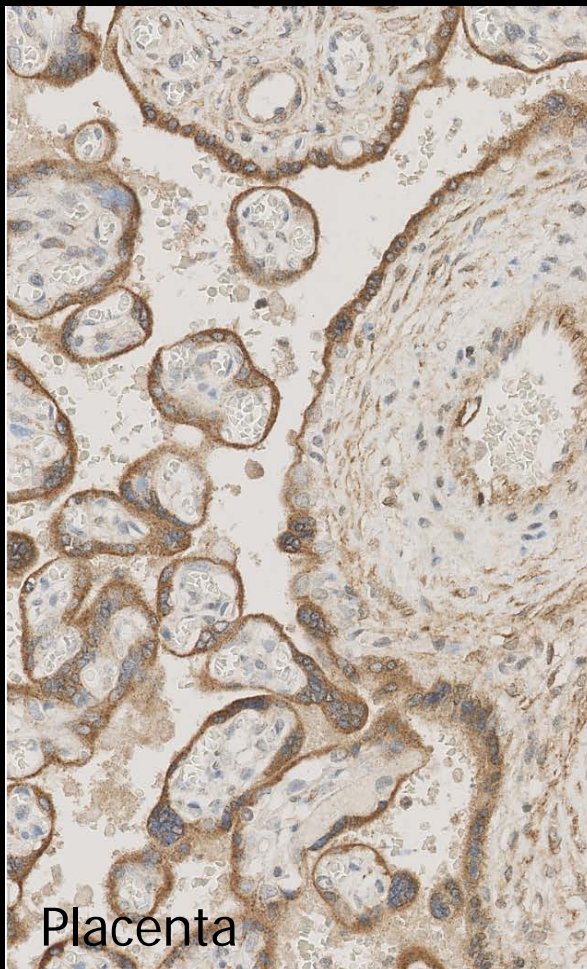


HEPA

**Hepatocellular carcinoma & undifferentiated carcinoma**

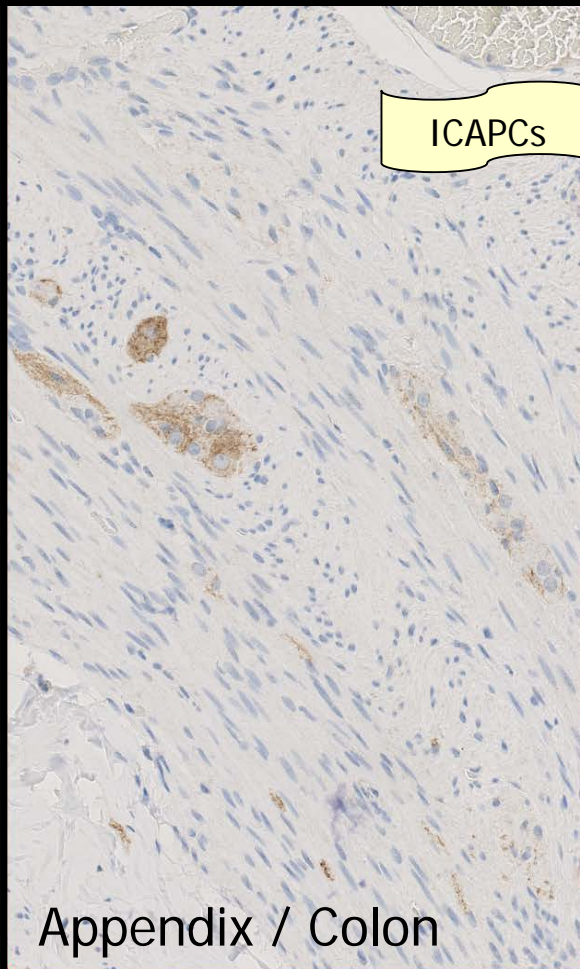


## Glypican 3 reaction pattern



Placenta

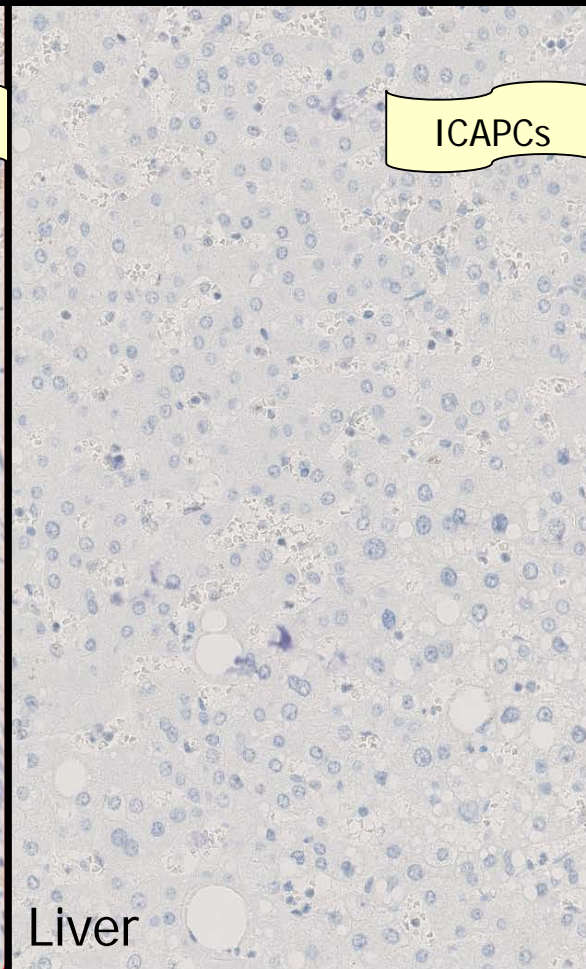
An at least moderate predominantly cytoplasmic staining reaction of the vast majority of trophoblastic cells. Weak reaction in stromal and endothelial cells.



ICAPCs

Appendix / Colon

An at least weak but distinct cytoplasmic staining reaction of peripheral nerves.



ICAPCs

Liver

No staining reaction.

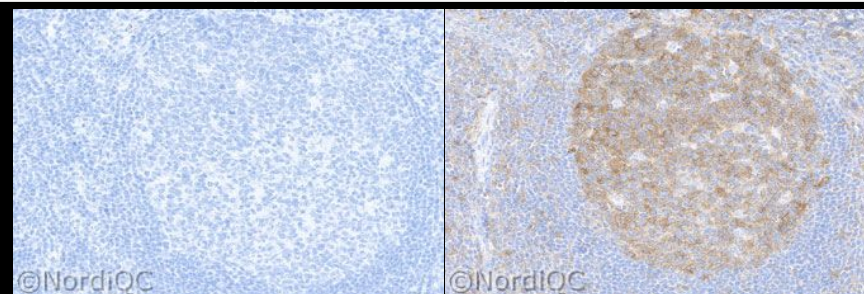


## UPT II: HEPA

Basic protocol settings for an optimal staining result (NQC)

|                | Retrieval | Titre      | Detection   | RTU             | Detection                   |
|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| mAb<br>OCH1E5* | HIER      | 1:30-1.200 | 2- & 3-step | Dako<br>Ventana | 2- & 3-step<br>2- & 3- step |

\* Less successful performance on Bond stainer



## UPT II: Glypican 3 & Arginase\*

*NordiQC data and In-house pre-liminary data\**

|                             | Retrieval | Titre    | Detection   | RTU     | Detection   |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| mAb<br>1G12                 | HIER      | 1:20-200 | 2- & 3-step | Ventana | 2- & 3-step |
| <u>rmAb</u><br><u>SP156</u> | HIER TE   | 1:25-50  | 3-step      | -       | -           |