Anti-Hepatitis B Virus Core Antigen (HBcAg) [Polyclonal]

Catalog No.	Description
AR082-5RE	6 ml of Ready-to-Use Antibody for use with BioGenex Super Sensitive™ Detection Systems OR equivalent detection system
AR082-10RE	10 ml of Ready-to-Use Antibody in a barcode labeled vial for use with BioGenex Super Sensitive™ Detection Systems and i6000™ Automated Staining Systems
PU082-UPE	1 ml of Concentrated Antibody for use with BioGenex Super Sensitive™ Detection Systems OR equivalent detection system
PU082-5UPE	0.5 ml of Concentrated Antibody for use with BioGenex Super Sensitive™ Detection Systems OR equivalent detection system
AW082-YCDE	Ready-to-Use Antibody in Barcode labeled vial for use on the Xmatrx® Elite Staining System, 160 tests
AW082-50DE	Ready-to-Use Antibody in Barcode labeled vial for use on the Xmatrx® Elite Staining System, 50 tests
AW082-4M	Ready-to-Use Antibody in Barcode labeled vial for use on the NanoVIP® Staining System, 50 tests

Clone	Species	Ig Class
Polyclonal	Rabbit	N/A

Intended Use

For Research Use only. This antibody is designed for the specific localization of Hepatitis B core antigen (HBcAg) in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue sections. Evaluation must be performed by a qualified pathologist.

Summary and Explanation

HBcAg is the designation given to the antigenic activity of the 28 nm nucleocapsid core of Hepatitis B Virus. Immunocytochemical staining for HBcAg can provide conclusive evidence for a viral etiology in hepatitis. Furthermore, viral antigenic expression in liver cells can be correlated with the histopathologic changes, thus facilitating investigation into the mechanism of virus-induced injury. HBcAg is not detected in the serum of either acutely or chronically infected individuals. As the patient becomes symptomatic, HBc antibody becomes detectable. This antibody stains Hepatitis B Virus Core Antigen in nuclei of infected cells in tissue sections stained by immunohistochemical techniques.

Storage and Handling

Store at 2-8°C. Fresh dilutions, if required, should be prepared prior to use and are stable and steady for up to one day at room temperature (20-26°C). Diluted antibody preparations can be refrigerated or frozen for extended shelf life.

Principles of the Procedure

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

Reagents Provided

Rabbit Polyclonal Antibody Hepatitis B core antigen (HBcAg) is affinity purified and diluted in PBS, pH 7.2, containing 1% BSA and 0.09% sodium azide.

Dilution of Primary Antibody

BioGenex Ready-to-Use antibodies have been optimized for use with the recommended BioGenex Detection System and should not require further dilution.

BioGenex concentrated antibodies must be diluted in accordance with the recommended protocol when used with the recommended BioGenex Detection System.

Recommended Protocol

Refer to the following table for conditions specifically recommended for this antibody. Refer to the BioGenex website for guidance on specific staining protocols or other requirements.

Parameter	BioGenex Recommendations
Control Tissue	Hepatitis tissue as available with Biogenex FB-082PE* & FG-082PE*
Recommended Dilution for Concentrated Antibody	**1:50-100 in HK156**
Recommended Pretreatment (Manual/i6000)**	EZ-AR2 (HK522-XAK)
Recommended Pretreatment (Xmatrx & NanoVIP)	EZ-AR2 Elegance (HX032-YCD & HX046-08XN)
Antibody Incubation (Manual/i6000)	30-60 Min at RT
Antibody Incubation (Xmatrx & NanoVIP)	30-60 Min at 25°C
Detection System for Manual, Xmatrx, NanoVIP & i6000 systems***	Use BioGenex Two-Step **OR** One-Step Super Sensitive™ Polymer-HRP IHC Detection System/DAB; see p. 2 for more information

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*FB: positive control micro chamber slides, FG: positive control microscopic slides. Xmatrx & NanoVIP require micro chamber slides.
**Pretreatment times will vary based on individual microwave power.
***For automation systems (Xmatrx-Elite, NanoVIP & i6000 Diagnostics), refer to the factory protocols provided with the instrument.

Detection System	Two-Step HRP Kit	One-Step HRP Kit	Link and Label Kit
Manual	QD440-XAKEN (1000 Test)	QD630-XAKEN (1000 Test)	QP300-XAKE (1000 Test)
	QD430-XAKEN (1000 Test)		
	QD420-YIKEN (500 Test)	QD620-XAKEN (500 Test)	QP900-9LE (500 Test)
	QD400-60KEN (60 Test)		
Xmatrx - Automation	QD550-YCDEN (200 Test)	QD610-YADEN (200 Test)	N/A
NanoVIP-Automation	QD551-YCDEN (100 Test)	QD611-YADEN (100 Test)	N/A
i6000 - Automation	QD410-YAXEN (200 Test)	QD610-YAXEN (200 Test)	N/A
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Precautions

This product contains sodium azide at concentrations of less than 0.1%. Sodium azide is not classified as a hazardous chemical at the product concentrations, but proper handling protocols should be observed. For more information, a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for sodium azide is available upon request. Dispose of unused reagents according to Local, State and Federal Regulations. Wear suitable Personal Protective Equipment, do not pipette reagents by mouth, and avoid contact of reagents and specimens with skin and mucous membranes. If reagents or specimens come in contact with sensitive area, wash with copious amounts of water.

Quality Control

Refer to BioGenex detection system documents for guidance on general quality control procedures.

Troubleshooting

Refer to the troubleshooting section in the documentation for BioGenex Detection Systems (or equivalent detection systems) for remedial actions on detection system related issues, or contact BioGenex Technical Support Department at 1-800-421-4149 or support@biogenex.com or your local distributor to report unusual staining.

Expected Results

This antibody stains nucleus in positive cells in formalin-fixed, paraffin embedded tissue sections. An example image of a tissue section stained with this antibody can be found on the product page on the BioGenex website. Interpretation of the staining result is solely the responsibility of the user. Experimental results should be confirmed by a medically-established diagnostic product or procedure.

Limitations of the Procedure

Improper tissue handling and processing prior to immunostaining can lead to inconsistent results. Variations in embedding and fixation or the nature of the tissue may lead to variations in results. Endogenous peroxidase activity or pseudo peroxidase activity in erythrocytes and tissue biotin may result in non-specific staining based on the detection system employed. Tissues containing Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg) may give false positive with horseradish peroxidase systems. Improper counterstaining and mounting may compromise the interpretation of results.

Bibliography

1. Bryan JA, and Gregg MB. Am J Med Sci 270:271-282, 1975.
2. Shih JW-K and Gerin JL. J Virol 21:347-357, 1977

	Temperature Limitation		Batch Code
	Use By Date		Consult Instructions for Use
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