

Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 Immunohistochemistry

Test Description

Test is useful for determining overexpression of HER2 protein of gastric and esophageal adenocarcinoma in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue sections (with reflex to FISH testing).

Clinical Information

Human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (*HER2*), is a proto-oncogene located on chromosome 17q21 that encodes a transmembrane protein with tyrosine kinase activity, a member of the HER receptor family and is involved in signal transduction pathways, leading to cell growth and differentiation. Amplification and overexpression of the *HER2* gene have been associated with a shorter disease-free survival and shorter overall survival in gastric and gastroesophageal junction cancers, as well as breast, endometrial, and ovarian cancer.

Specimen

Sample Type: FFPE block 15727/21
Site: Cholangiocarcinoma
Pathology ID: MOLQ/IHC-4418/21
Disease: Cholangiocarcinoma

Scoring

The scoring system is based on type and origin of tumor.

Score	Staining Pattern	Interpretation
0	No reactivity or membranous reactivity in <10% of cancer cells	Negative
1+	Faint or barely perceptible membranous reactivity in ≥10% if cancer cells; cells are reactive only in part of their membrane.	Negative
2+	Weak to moderate complete, basolateral or lateral membranous reactivity in ≥10% of tumor cells	Equivocal
3+	Strong complete, basolateral or lateral membranous reactivity in >10% of cancer cells.	Positive

Interpretation

Results are reported as positive (3+ HER2 protein expression), equivocal (2+), or negative (0 or 1+).

Equivocal (2+) cases will automatically reflex to FISH testing at an additional charge.

Methodology

Immunostaining for HER2 protein was done using PathnSitu Rabbit Anti-Human HER2 monoclonal (Clone EP3) antibody (#PR047)

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Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 (HER2/neu): (Score 2)

Microscopy Evaluation

HE Staining (Figure 1)

Tumor cells: 28%

Her2/neu by IHC: Score 1+

Percentage of cells with partial membrane staining: 15% (Weakimmunostaining) (Figure 2)

HE Stained Section

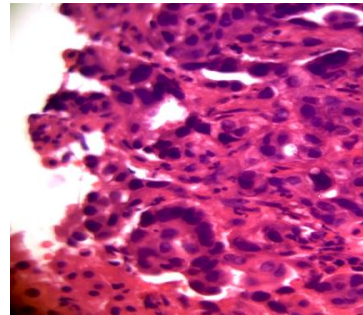


Figure 1

HER2/Neu IHC- Tumor

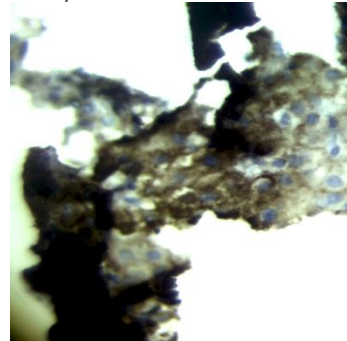


Figure 2

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