

MSH2 Immunohistochemistry

Test Description

Defects in the mismatch repair (MMR) pathway is one of the best defined molecular pathways involved in both inherited and sporadic cancer pathogenesis. Established methods to classify tumors as MMR-deficient cancers include: 1) immunohistochemistry (IHC) to measure loss of MMR protein expression; and 2) microsatellite instability analysis to identify those with a microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) phenotype.

Well established for: Hereditary Non-Polyposis Colorectal Cancer (HNPCC)-associated cancers (i.e., cancers of the colorectum, endometrium, stomach, ovaries, urinary tract, other gastrointestinal sites and brain). Loss of MMR protein expression may help to identify those with germline MMR gene mutations, which in turn may provide individuals with an opportunity for cancer prevention through colorectal, endometrial and ovarian cancer risk management options as outlined in the NCCN guidelines.

Specimen

Sample Type: FFPE block A/H/10863/24 **Site**: Tumor with intramural fibroid and serosa **Disease**: Endometrial cancer

Interpretation

Staining must be classified based on nuclear staining intensity and distribution to generate a <u>Combined Expression Score</u>.

Score	Score 0-00%
(Based on the percentage of	Score 1: 1-33% Positive Tumor Cells
positive cells)	Score 2: 34-66% Positive Tumor Cells
	Score 3: 67-100% Positive Tumor Cells
Intensity	Score 0: Least intensity
	Score 1: Mild intensity
	Score 2: Moderate intensity
	Score 3: Most intensity
COMBINED EXPRESSION	Total Score 0: Negative
SCORE:	Total Score 1-3: Weak
(The product of intensity and staining)	Total Score 4-6: Moderate Total Score 7-9: Strong

For full-section slides, any value of ≤3 was categorized as having loss of expression, ≥3 was categorized as presence of expression. Immunostaining for MSH2 protein was done using PathnSitu Rabbit MSH2 monoclonal (Clone RED2) antibody (#PR055)

Note

There are two general models for how MMR proteins regulate cell-cycle checkpoints and apoptosis. The first is based on the concept of "futile repair"; that is, mismatch repair attempts to correct lesions that cannot be repaired and that during this process generate double-stranded breaks, which then trigger checkpoint and apoptosis. The second is based on the notion that mismatch repair proteins directly participate in signaling. MSH2 / MSH6 heterodimer binds to mismatched bases and several other types of DNA lesions thus, they can detect lesions. When encountering mismatched bases during DNA replication, theMSH2 / MSH6- complex recruits repair enzymes tocorrect such replication mistakes and directly participate in DNA damage signaling. This result indicates that the repair function of MSH2 can be separated from its signaling function. Although these

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MSH2: Presence of Expression

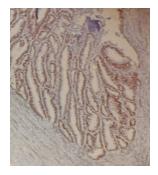
Microscopy Evaluation

MLH2 by IHC:

Percentage of cells nuclear staining: 90% (Score 3) Intensity: (Score 3)

Combined Expression Score: 6 (Moderate)

MSH2 IHC - Tumor



MSH2-POSITIVE

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two lines of evidence indicate mismatch repair proteins to participate in DNA damage signaling, they certainly have not ruled out a role for futile repair in the induction of apoptosis.

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