

## Cell Marque™ Tissue Diagnostics

# h-Caldesmon (hHCD)

## Mouse Monoclonal Primary Antibody

Caldesmon is a protein that facilitates the regulation of cellular contraction through complexing with calmodulin, tropomyosin, and actin. Its high molecular weight isoform (h-caldesmon) has been identified to have restricted expression in visceral and vascular smooth muscle cells. In particular, strong expression of h-caldesmon has been observed in non-neoplastic uterine myometrium while being entirely absent in the endometrial layer.<sup>1</sup> In spindle cell tumor pathology, overlapping immunohistochemical staining profiles between smooth muscle cells and myofibroblastic cells has not allowed for reliable identification of true smooth muscle tumors. Immunohistochemical detection of h-caldesmon has been demonstrated to aid in the distinguishing smooth muscle tumors, such as leiomyoma and leiomyosarcoma from myofibroblastic lesions, such as inflammatory myofibroblastic tumors and fibromatoses.<sup>2</sup>

**References:**

1. Nucci, MR, et al. h-Caldesmon expression effectively distinguishes endometrial stromal tumors from uterine smooth muscle tumors. *Am J Surg Pathol.* 2001; 25(4):455-463.
2. Ceballos, KM, et al. Is anti-h-caldesmon useful for distinguishing smooth muscle and myofibroblastic tumors? An immunohistochemical study. *Am J Clin Pathol.* 2000; 114(5):746-753.

**Intended Use:**

h-Caldesmon (hHCD) Mouse Monoclonal Antibody is intended for laboratory use in the detection of the h-Caldesmon protein in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue stained in qualitative immunohistochemistry (IHC) testing. This product is not a stand-alone diagnostic, and cannot be used for diagnosis, treatment, prevention, or mitigation of disease.

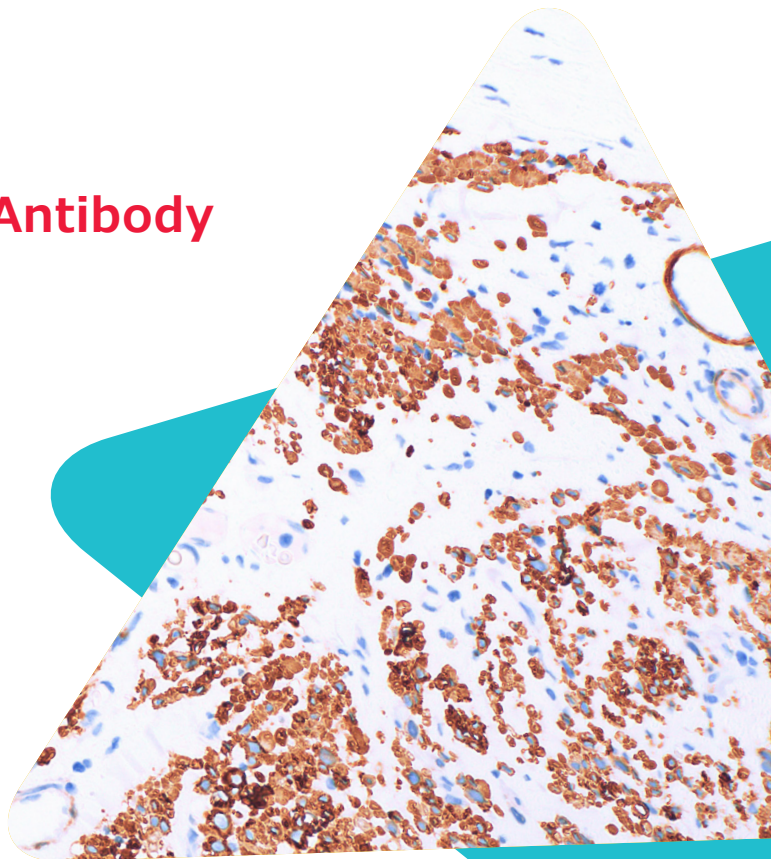
**Product Information:**

**Visualization:** Cytoplasmic

**Controls:** Stomach, Smooth Muscle, Bladder, Colon, Leiomyoma

**Dilution Range:** 1:50-1:100

**Associated Specialty:** Soft Tissue Pathology

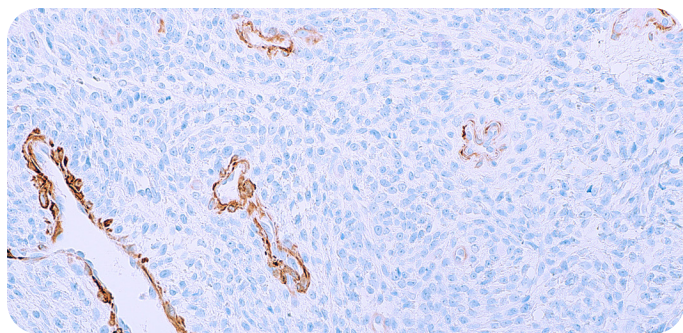


h-Caldesmon on leiomyosarcoma.

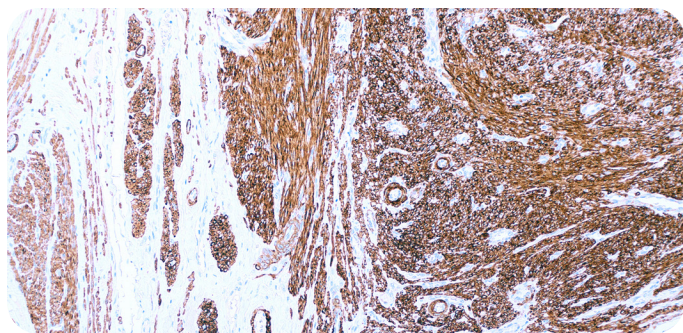
**Ordering Information**

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1.0 mL predilute ready-to-use	451M-17
7.0 mL predilute ready-to-use	451M-18





h-Caldesmon on rhabdomyosarcoma.



h-Caldesmon on leiomyosarcoma.

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