**APPLICATIONS:**
The gene product HER2/neu (also known as c-erbB-2 gene product, p185 or CD380) belongs to the protein family of epidermal growth factor receptors. It is a 185 kDa transmembrane glycoprotein with tyrosine kinase activity. Some adenocarcinomas including carcinomas of the gastrointestinal tract and ovarian carcinomas as well as up to 30% of all breast carcinomas are showing an overexpression of HER2. It was shown that overexpression of HER2 is correlated with bad prognosis. Similar observations were made for osteosarcomas as well as stomach and bladder carcinomas. Proof of HER2 overexpression in breast carcinoma is regarded to be necessary for a therapy with Trastuzumab (Herceptin™). The antibody clone SP3 is directed against the extracellular domain of the HER2 protein. Immunohistochemistry (IHC) is a complex technique in which tissue fixation and embedding, as well as the nature of the tissues before immunostaining, especially different types of tissue fixation and embedding, as well as the nature of the tissues themselves may cause inconsistent results (Nadji and Morales, 1983). Endogenous pseudoperoxidase and peroxidase activity or endogenous biotin and alkaline phosphatase activity can cause non-specific staining results depending on the detection system used. Tissues that contain Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) can produce false positives when using HRP detection systems (Omata et al, 1980). Insufficient contrast staining and/or improper mounting of the sample may influence the interpretation of results.

**Isotype:** IgG  
**Immunogen:** Recombinant protein corresponding to the extracellular domain of human HER2 protein. 
**Staining pattern:** Cell membrane. 
**Positive control:** Tissue sample from breast carcinoma with overexpression of the oncoprotein. 
**External negative control:** Tissue sample homologous to the issue sample from breast carcinoma with overexpression of the oncoprotein. 

**SUMMARY, EXPLANATION AND LIMITATIONS:**
The gene product HER-2/neu is a transmembrane glycoprotein with tyrosine kinase activity. It is a 185 kDa oncoprotein with a molecular weight of 185 kDa. It is a 185 kDa transmembrane glycoprotein with tyrosine kinase activity. Some adenocarcinomas including carcinomas of the gastrointestinal tract and ovarian carcinomas as well as up to 30% of all breast carcinomas are showing an overexpression of HER2. It was shown that overexpression of HER2 is correlated with bad prognosis. Similar observations were made for osteosarcomas as well as stomach and bladder carcinomas. Proof of HER2 overexpression in breast carcinoma is regarded to be necessary for a therapy with Trastuzumab (Herceptin™). The antibody clone SP3 is directed against the extracellular domain of the HER2 protein. Immunohistochemistry (IHC) is a complex technique in which tissue fixation and embedding, as well as the nature of the tissues before immunostaining, especially different types of tissue fixation and embedding, as well as the nature of the tissues themselves may cause inconsistent results (Nadji and Morales, 1983). Endogenous pseudoperoxidase and peroxidase activity or endogenous biotin and alkaline phosphatase activity can cause non-specific staining results depending on the detection system used. Tissues that contain Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) can produce false positives when using HRP detection systems (Omata et al, 1980). Insufficient contrast staining and/or improper mounting of the sample may influence the interpretation of results.

**METHODS AND PROCEDURE:**
Principles of the procedure: The demonstrations of antigens by IHC is a sequential procedure with several steps involving first the application of a specific antibody for the antigen of interest (primary antibody), then a secondary antibody which joins to the first, an enzyme complex, and the addition of a chromogenic substrate. The sample is washed between each step. Enzymatic activation of the chromogenic substrate creates a visible product where the antigen is located. The results are interpreted using a light microscope. The primary antibody can be used both in manual IHC and with automated immunostainers.

**Specimen:** Paraffin-embedded tissue samples should be used. The antibody is also useful for immunostaining frozen tissue samples. Western blot techniques are not recommended.

**Staining procedure:**

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Amplification and development of the immunostaining: Follow standard procedure and the recommendations given by the manufacturer for the materials used. In the case of using automated immunostainers, use the specified buffers and materials for each instrument.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS BUT NOT SUPPLIED:**
All reagents, materials, and laboratory equipment for IHC procedures are not provided with this antibody. This includes adhesive slides and cover slips, positive and negative control tissues, Xylene or adequate substitute, ethanol, distilled H2O, heat pretreatment equipment (pressure cooker, steamer, microwave), pipettes, Coplin jars, glass jars, moist chamber, histological baths, negative control reagents, counter-staining solution, mounting materials, and microscope. Buffered solutions for antigen retrieval, enzyme treatments, highly sensitive detection systems, and other auxiliary
reagents are available from Gennova Scientific.

**STORAGE AND STABILITY:**
Store at 2-8 °C until the expiration date printed on product label. Do not use after the expiration date. If fresh solutions are required, these must be prepared immediately prior to use, and will be stable for at least one day at room temperature (20-25°C). Unused portion of antibody preparation should be discarded after one day. If the product is stored under different conditions from those stipulated in these technical indications, the new conditions must be verified by the user. The validity period of the ready to use products when opened, is the same as the expiration date indicated on the label of intact product.

Gennova Scientific guarantees that the product will maintain all of the described characteristics from the production date until the expiration date, as long as the product is stored and used as recommended. No other guarantees are provided. Under no circumstances is Gennova Scientific obliged to cover damages caused by use of this reagent.

**TROUBLESHOOTING:**
If unusual staining is observed or any other deviations from the expected results, please read these instructions carefully, along with the instructions from the detection system. If this does not solve the problem, please contact Gennova Scientific’s technical support department or your local distributor.

**PRECAUTIONS:**
Use only by qualified personnel.

Use proper protective equipment in order to avoid contact with reagents and samples in the eyes, skin, and mucosal tissues. In case of contact with sensitive areas, immediately flush the affected area with water. Avoid microbial contamination of the reagent, as this may produce nonspecific staining results. This antibody contains sodium azide (NaN₃) used as a stabilising agent, which is not considered to be a hazardous material in the concentration used. Concentration of sodium azide in drainage pipes made of lead or copper can cause the formation of highly explosive metallic azides. In order to avoid this, sodium azide must be disposed of along with a large volume of running water. Material safety data sheet (MSDS) for pure sodium azide is available upon request.

**PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS:**
Gennova Scientific has performed studies to evaluate the functioning of these antibodies for use with standard detection systems, concluding that the product is both specific and sensitive for the antigen of interest.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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Anti- **c-erbB-2/HER2/neu** (Clone: **SP3**)
Rabbit monoclonal antibody
Reference: AP10050; AP10050C

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