

# Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free ab214441

KO VALIDATED Recombinant RabMAb

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### Overview

<b>Product name</b>	Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free
<b>Description</b>	Rabbit monoclonal [EPR3894] to MLH1 - BSA and Azide free
<b>Host species</b>	Rabbit
<b>Specificity</b>	The mouse and rat recommendation is based on the WB results. We do not guarantee IHC-P for mouse and rat.
<b>Tested applications</b>	<b>Suitable for:</b> Flow Cyt (Intra), IHC-P, WB, ICC/IF <b>Unsuitable for:</b> IP
<b>Species reactivity</b>	<b>Reacts with:</b> Mouse, Rat, Human
<b>Immunogen</b>	Synthetic peptide. This information is proprietary to Abcam and/or its suppliers.
<b>Positive control</b>	293T, HeLa, A431, and SW480 cell lysates; Human colonic adenocarcinoma and tonsil tissues. Flow cyto (intra): Hap1 cells
<b>General notes</b>	ab214441 is the carrier-free version of <a href="#">ab92312</a> .

Our **carrier-free** antibodies are typically supplied in a PBS-only formulation, purified and free of BSA, sodium azide and glycerol. The carrier-free buffer and high concentration allow for increased conjugation efficiency.

This conjugation-ready format is designed for use with fluorochromes, metal isotopes, oligonucleotides, and enzymes, which makes them ideal for antibody labelling, functional and cell-based assays, flow-based assays (e.g. mass cytometry) and Multiplex Imaging applications.

Use our [conjugation kits](#) for antibody conjugates that are ready-to-use in as little as 20 minutes with <1 minute hands-on-time and 100% antibody recovery: available for fluorescent dyes, HRP, biotin and gold.

This product is compatible with the Maxpar<sup>®</sup> Antibody Labeling Kit from Fluidigm, without the need for antibody preparation. Maxpar<sup>®</sup> is a trademark of Fluidigm Canada Inc.

This product is a recombinant monoclonal antibody, which offers several advantages including:

- High batch-to-batch consistency and reproducibility
- Improved sensitivity and specificity
- Long-term security of supply
- Animal-free production

For more information [see here](#).

Our RabMAb<sup>®</sup> technology is a patented hybridoma-based technology for making rabbit monoclonal antibodies. For details on our patents, please refer to [RabMAb<sup>®</sup> patents](#).

## Properties

Form	Liquid
Storage instructions	Shipped at 4°C. Store at +4°C. Do Not Freeze.
Storage buffer	pH: 7.2 Constituent: PBS
Carrier free	Yes
Purity	Protein A purified
Clonality	Monoclonal
Clone number	EPR3894
Isotype	IgG

## Applications

**The Abpromise guarantee** Our [Abpromise guarantee](#) covers the use of ab214441 in the following tested applications. The application notes include recommended starting dilutions; optimal dilutions/concentrations should be determined by the end user.

Application	Abreviews	Notes
Flow Cyt (Intra)		Use at an assay dependent concentration. <b>ab199376</b> - Rabbitmonoclonal IgG, is suitable for use as an isotype control with this antibody.
IHC-P		Use at an assay dependent concentration.
WB		Use at an assay dependent concentration. Predicted molecular weight: 84 kDa.
ICC/IF		Use at an assay dependent concentration.

**Application notes** Is unsuitable for IP.

## Target

**Function** Heterodimerizes with PMS2 to form MutL alpha, a component of the post-replicative DNA mismatch repair system (MMR). DNA repair is initiated by MutS alpha (MSH2-MSH6) or MutS beta (MSH2-MSH6) binding to a dsDNA mismatch, then MutL alpha is recruited to the heteroduplex. Assembly of the MutL-MutS-heteroduplex ternary complex in presence of RFC and PCNA is sufficient to activate endonuclease activity of PMS2. It introduces single-strand breaks near the mismatch and thus generates new entry points for the exonuclease EXO1 to degrade the strand containing the mismatch. DNA methylation would prevent cleavage and therefore assure that only the newly mutated DNA strand is going to be corrected. MutL alpha (MLH1-PMS2)

interacts physically with the clamp loader subunits of DNA polymerase III, suggesting that it may play a role to recruit the DNA polymerase III to the site of the MMR. Also implicated in DNA damage signaling, a process which induces cell cycle arrest and can lead to apoptosis in case of major DNA damages. Heterodimerizes with MLH3 to form MutL gamma which plays a role in meiosis.

**Tissue specificity**

Colon, lymphocytes, breast, lung, spleen, testis, prostate, thyroid, gall bladder and heart.

**Involvement in disease**

Defects in MLH1 are the cause of hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer type 2 (HNPCC2) [MIM:609310]. Mutations in more than one gene locus can be involved alone or in combination in the production of the HNPCC phenotype (also called Lynch syndrome). Most families with clinically recognized HNPCC have mutations in either MLH1 or MSH2 genes. HNPCC is an autosomal, dominantly inherited disease associated with marked increase in cancer susceptibility. It is characterized by a familial predisposition to early onset colorectal carcinoma (CRC) and extra-colonic cancers of the gastrointestinal, urological and female reproductive tracts. HNPCC is reported to be the most common form of inherited colorectal cancer in the Western world, and accounts for 15% of all colon cancers. Cancers in HNPCC originate within benign neoplastic polyps termed adenomas. Clinically, HNPCC is often divided into two subgroups. Type I: hereditary predisposition to colorectal cancer, a young age of onset, and carcinoma observed in the proximal colon. Type II: patients have an increased risk for cancers in certain tissues such as the uterus, ovary, breast, stomach, small intestine, skin, and larynx in addition to the colon. Diagnosis of classical HNPCC is based on the Amsterdam criteria: 3 or more relatives affected by colorectal cancer, one a first degree relative of the other two; 2 or more generation affected; 1 or more colorectal cancers presenting before 50 years of age; exclusion of hereditary polyposis syndromes. The term 'suspected HNPCC' or 'incomplete HNPCC' can be used to describe families who do not or only partially fulfill the Amsterdam criteria, but in whom a genetic basis for colon cancer is strongly suspected.

Defects in MLH1 are a cause of mismatch repair cancer syndrome (MMRCS) [MIM:276300]; also known as Turcot syndrome or brain tumor-polyposis syndrome 1 (BTPS1). MMRCS is an autosomal dominant disorder characterized by malignant tumors of the brain associated with multiple colorectal adenomas. Skin features include sebaceous cysts, hyperpigmented and cafe au lait spots.

Defects in MLH1 are a cause of Muir-Torre syndrome (MuToS) [MIM:158320]; also abbreviated MTS. MuToS is a rare autosomal dominant disorder characterized by sebaceous neoplasms and visceral malignancy.

Note=Defects in MLH1 may contribute to lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS), a non-invasive neoplastic disease of the breast.

Defects in MLH1 are a cause of susceptibility to endometrial cancer (ENDMC) [MIM:608089].

Note=Some epigenetic changes can be transmitted unchanged through the germline (termed 'epigenetic inheritance'). Evidence that this mechanism occurs in humans is provided by the identification of individuals in whom 1 allele of the MLH1 gene is epigenetically silenced throughout the soma (implying a germline event). These individuals are affected by HNPCC but does not have identifiable mutations in MLH1, even though it is silenced, which demonstrates that an epimutation can phenocopy a genetic disease.

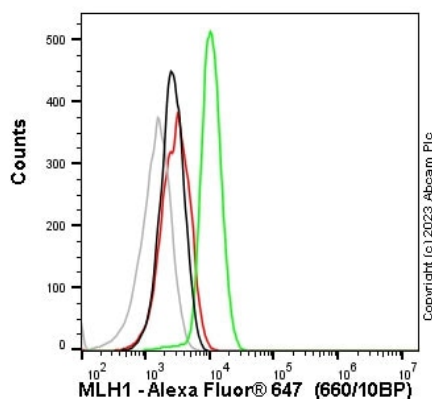
**Sequence similarities**

Belongs to the DNA mismatch repair mutL/hexB family.

**Cellular localization**

Nucleus.

**Images**



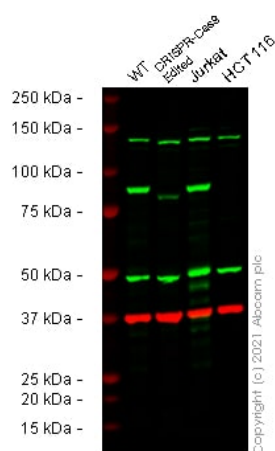
Flow Cytometry (Intracellular) - Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

This data was developed using the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation containing PBS, BSA, glycerol, and sodium azide ([ab92312](#)).

Flow cytometry overlay histogram showing wild-type Hap1 (green line) and MLH1 knockout Hap1 stained with [ab92312](#) (red line). The cells were fixed with 80% methanol (5 min) and then permeabilised with 0.1% PBS-Triton X-100 for 15 min. The cells were then incubated in 1x PBS containing 10% normal goat serum to block non-specific protein-protein interaction followed by the antibody ([ab92312](#)) ( $1 \times 10^6$  in 100  $\mu$ l at 0.2  $\mu$ g/ml (1/9835)) for 30 min at 22°C.

The secondary antibody Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor® 647) preadsorbed was incubated at 1/4000 for 30 min at 22°C

Isotype control antibody Recombinant Rabbit IgG, monoclonal [EPR25A] - Isotype Control was used at the same concentration and conditions as the primary antibody (wild-type Hap1 - black line, MLH1 knockout Hap1 - grey line). Unlabelled sample was also used as a control (this line is not shown for the purpose of simplicity).



Western blot - Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

**All lanes :** Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] ([ab92312](#)) at 1/2000 dilution

**Lane 1 :** Wild-type A549 cell lysate

**Lane 2 :** MLH1 CRISPR-Cas9 edited A549 cell lysate

**Lane 3 :** Jurkat cell lysate

**Lane 4 :** HCT 116 cell lysate

Lysates/proteins at 20  $\mu$ g per lane.

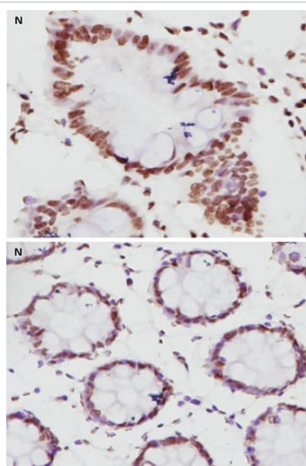
Performed under reducing conditions.

**Predicted band size:** 84 kDa

**Observed band size:** 85 kDa

False colour image of Western blot: Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] staining at 1/2000 dilution, shown in green; Mouse anti-GAPDH antibody [6C5] ([ab8245](#)) loading control staining at 1/20000 dilution, shown in red. In Western blot, [ab92312](#) was shown to bind specifically to MLH1. A band was observed at 85

kDa in wild-type A549 cell lysates with no signal observed at this size in MLH1 CRISPR-Cas9 edited cell line **ab276105** (CRISPR-Cas9 edited cell lysate **ab283566**). The band observed in the CRISPR-Cas9 edited lysate lane below 85 kDa is likely to represent a truncated form of MLH1. This has not been investigated further and the functional properties of the gene product have not been determined. To generate this image, wild-type and MLH1 CRISPR-Cas9 edited A549 cell lysates were analysed. First, samples were run on an SDS-PAGE gel then transferred onto a nitrocellulose membrane. Membranes were blocked in 3 % milk in TBS-0.1 % Tween<sup>®</sup> 20 (TBS-T) before incubation with primary antibodies overnight at 4°C. Blots were washed four times in TBS-T, incubated with secondary antibodies for 1 h at room temperature, washed again four times then imaged. Secondary antibodies used were Goat anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (IRDye<sup>®</sup> 800CW) preabsorbed (**ab216773**) and Goat anti-Mouse IgG H&L (IRDye<sup>®</sup> 680RD) preabsorbed (**ab216776**) at 1/20000 dilution.



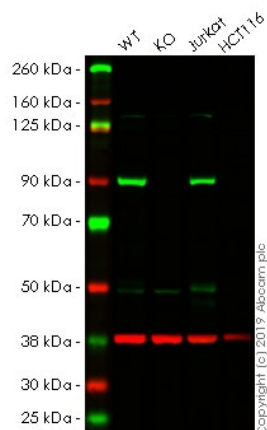
Unpurified **ab92312** staining MLH1 in human colorectal (top) and gastric tissue (bottom) by immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections).

Heat mediated antigen retrieval was performed via the pressure cooker method before commencing with IHC staining protocol.

This data was developed using the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation containing PBS, BSA, glycerol, and sodium azide (**ab92312**).

Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) - Anti-MLH1 antibody  
[EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

Image from Wang X et al. PLoS One. 2011;6(10):e25913. Epub 2011 Oct 12. Fig 3.; doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0025913; October 12 2011 PLoS ONE 6(10): e25913.



Western blot - Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

**All lanes :** Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] ([ab92312](#)) at 1/10000 dilution

**Lane 1 :** Wild-type HeLa cell lysate

**Lane 2 :** MLH1 knockout HeLa cell lysate

**Lane 3 :** Jurkat cell lysate

**Lane 4 :** HCT116 cell lysate

Lysates/proteins at 20 µg per lane.

Performed under reducing conditions.

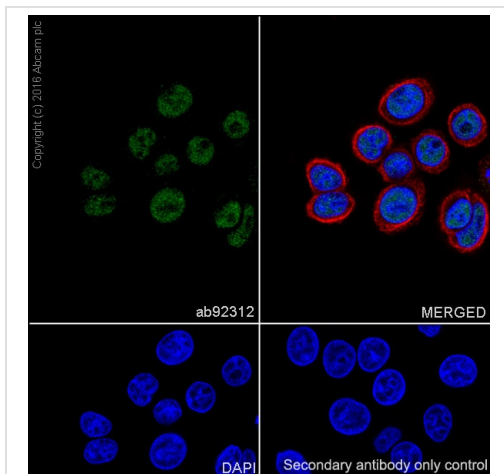
**Predicted band size:** 84 kDa

**Observed band size:** 85 kDa

This data was developed using the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation ([ab92312](#)).

**Lanes 1-4:** Merged signal (red and green). Green - [ab92312](#) observed at 90 kDa. Red - loading control [ab8245](#) observed at 37 kDa.

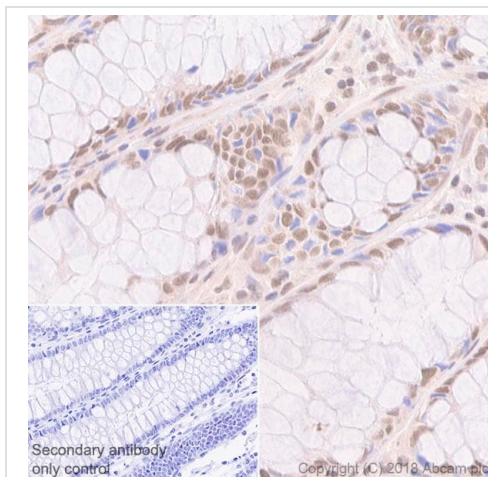
[ab92312](#) Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] was shown to specifically react with MLH1 in wild-type HeLa cells. Loss of signal was observed when knockout cell line [ab267223](#) (knockout cell lysate [ab257172](#)) was used. Wild-type and MLH1 knockout samples were subjected to SDS-PAGE. [ab92312](#) and Anti-GAPDH antibody [6C5] - Loading Control were incubated overnight at 4°C at 1 in 10000 dilution and 1 in 20000 dilution respectively. Blots were developed with Goat anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (IRDye® 800CW) preadsorbed ([ab216773](#)) and Goat anti-Mouse IgG H&L (IRDye® 680RD) preadsorbed ([ab216776](#)) secondary antibodies at 1 in 20000 dilution for 1 hour at room temperature before imaging.



Immunocytochemistry/ Immunofluorescence - Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

Immunocytochemistry/ Immunofluorescence analysis of SW480 (Human colorectal adenocarcinoma epithelial cell) cells labeling MLH1 with purified **ab92312** at 1:500 dilution (1.6 µg/ml). Cells were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde and permeabilized with 0.1% tritonX-100. Cells were counterstained with **ab195889** anti-alpha tubulin antibody [DM1A] - Microtubule Marker (Alexa Fluor®594) 1:200 (2.5 µg/ml). Goat anti rabbit IgG (Alexa Fluor®488, **ab150077**) was used as the secondary antibody at 1:1000 (2 µg/ml) dilution. DAPI nuclear counterstain. PBS instead of the primary antibody was used as the secondary antibody only control.

This data was developed using the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation containing PBS, BSA, glycerol, and sodium azide (**ab92312**).

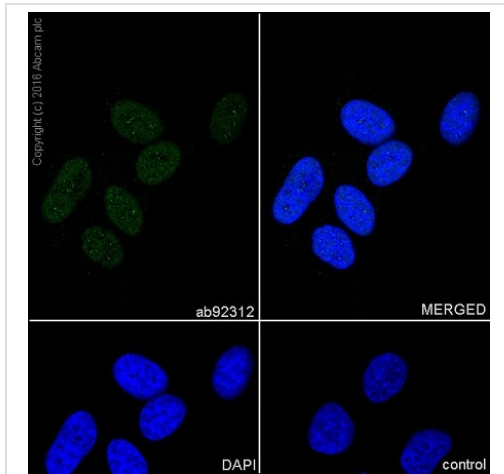


Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) - Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) analysis of human colon tissue sections labeling MLH1 with purified **ab92312** at 1:250 dilution (2.9 µg/ml). Heat mediated antigen retrieval was performed using citrate (pH 6.0) ImmunoHistoProbe one step HRP Polymer (ready to use) was used as the secondary antibody. Negative control: PBS instead of the primary antibody. Hematoxylin was used as a counterstain

This data was developed using the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation containing PBS, BSA, glycerol, and sodium azide (**ab92312**).



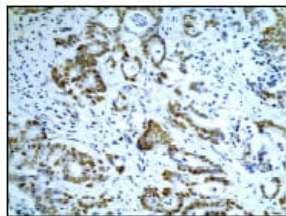


Immunocytochemistry/ Immunofluorescence - Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

Immunocytochemistry/Immunofluorescence analysis of HeLa (human cervix adenocarcinoma) labelling MLH1 with purified **ab92312** at 1/1000. Cells were fixed with 4% PFA and permeabilized with 0.1% Triton X-100. An Alexa Fluor® 488-conjugated goat anti-rabbit IgG (1/1000) was used as the secondary antibody (**ab150077**). Nuclei counterstained with DAPI (blue).

Control: PBS only

This data was developed using the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation containing PBS, BSA, glycerol, and sodium azide (**ab92312**).

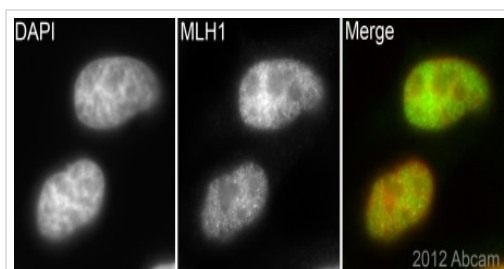


Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) - Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

Unpurified **ab92312** at 1/100 dilution staining MLH1 in human colonic adenocarcinoma by immunohistochemistry, paraffin-embedded tissue. The use of an HRP/AP polymerized antibody is recommended for a secondary antibody.

Heat mediated antigen retrieval was performed via the pressure cooker method before commencing with IHC staining protocol.

This data was developed using the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation containing PBS, BSA, glycerol, and sodium azide (**ab92312**).



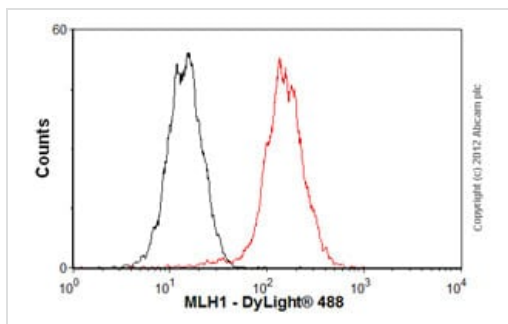
Immunocytochemistry/ Immunofluorescence - Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

Unpurified **ab92312** (1/200) staining MLH1 in HeLa cells (green). Cells were fixed in paraformaldehyde, permeabilised with 0.5% Triton X100/PBS and counterstained with DAPI in order to highlight the nucleus (red). For further experimental details please refer to abreview.

This data was developed using the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation containing PBS, BSA, glycerol, and sodium azide (**ab92312**).

This image is courtesy of an Abreview submitted by Kirk McManus.

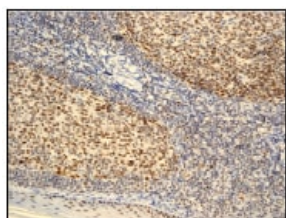




Flow Cytometry (Intracellular) - Anti-MLH1 antibody  
[EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

Overlay histogram showing HeLa cells stained with unpurified **ab92312** (red line). The cells were fixed with 80% methanol (5 min) and then permeabilized with 0.1% PBS-Tween for 20 min. The cells were then incubated in 1x PBS / 10% normal goat serum / 0.3M glycine to block non-specific protein-protein interactions followed by the antibody (**ab92312**, 1/100 dilution) for 30 min at 22°C. The secondary antibody used was DyLight® 488 goat anti-rabbit IgG (H+L) (**ab96899**) at 1/500 dilution for 30 min at 22°C. Isotype control antibody (black line) was rabbit IgG (monoclonal) (1 µg/1x10<sup>6</sup> cells) used under the same conditions. Acquisition of >5,000 events was performed.

This data was developed using the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation containing PBS, BSA, glycerol, and sodium azide (**ab92312**).



Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) - Anti-MLH1 antibody  
[EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

Unpurified **ab92312** at 1/100 dilution staining MLH1 in human tonsil by immunohistochemistry, paraffin-embedded tissue. The use of an HRP/AP polymerized antibody is recommended for a secondary antibody.

Heat mediated antigen retrieval was performed via the pressure cooker method before commencing with IHC staining protocol.

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Tissue Microarray (TMA) data for ab92312					
Normal tissue samples			Malignant tissue samples		
Human cardiac muscle	✗	Human placenta	✓	Human glioma	✓
Human cerebrum	✓	Human skeletal muscle	✓	Human hepatocellular carcinoma	✓
Human colon	✓	Human skin	✓	Human lung carcinoma	✓
Human endometrium	✓	Human spleen	✓	Human ovarian carcinoma	✓
Human kidney	✓	Human stomach	✓	Human pancreatic carcinoma	✓
Human liver	✗	Human testis	✓	Human prostatic hyperplasia	✗
Human lung	✓	Human thyroid	✓	Human thyroid carcinoma	✓
Human mammary gland	✓	Human tonsil	✓		
Human pancreas	✓				

Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) - Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

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**Success from the first experiment**  
Confirmed specificity

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Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894] - BSA and Azide free (ab214441)

Tissue Microarrays stained for " Anti-MLH1 antibody [EPR3894]" using " **ab92312**" in immunohistochemical analysis. This table provides a detailed overview of positive (tick mark) and negative (cross mark) staining per sample type tested. The sections were pre-treated using Heat mediated antigen retrieval using **ab93678** (citrate buffer, pH 6.0). The sections were incubated with **ab92312** at +4°C overnight. ImmunoHistoProbe one step HRP Polymer (ready to use) was used as the secondary antibody.

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