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**Breast Analyte Control<sup>DR</sup>**

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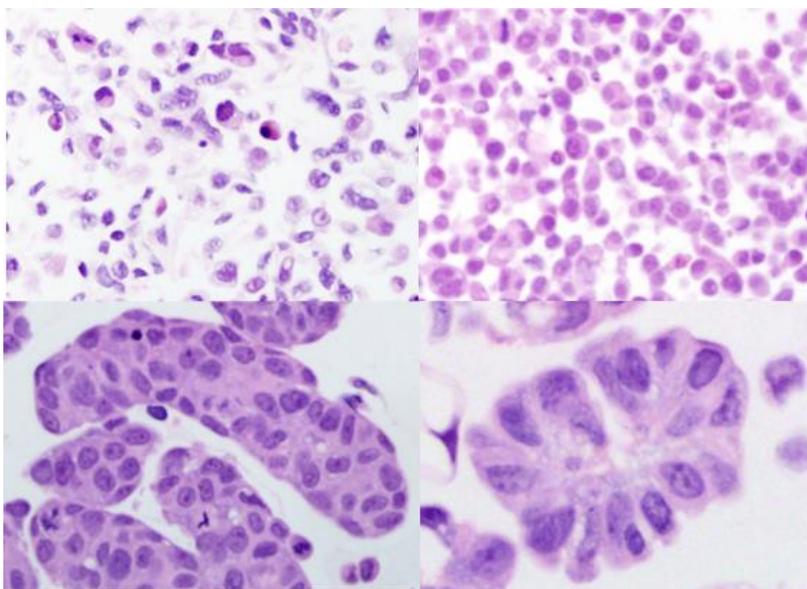
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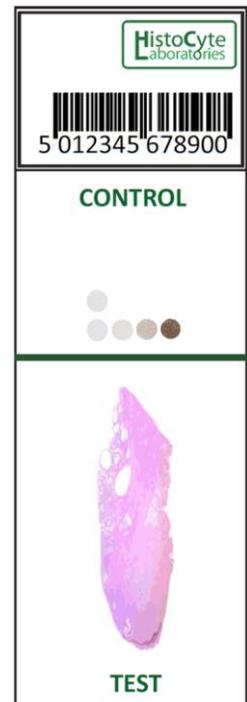
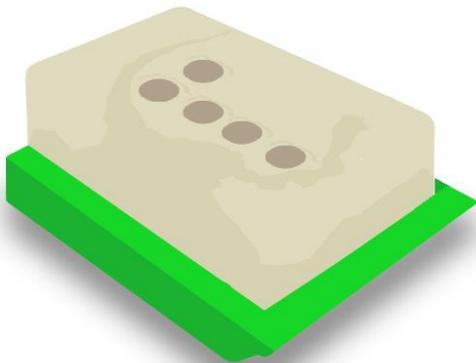
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# Breast Analyte Control<sup>DR</sup>

**Breast Analyte Control<sup>DR</sup>** is part of the *Dynamic Range* of HistoCyte Products. When a Dynamic Range or a control of high sensitivity is required the **Breast Analyte Control<sup>DR</sup>** is ideal. This product contains four cells of varying expression for a variety of breast biomarkers, including Her2, Estrogen Receptor and Progesterone Receptor. It also includes an osteosarcoma negative control.

**Breast Analyte Control<sup>DR</sup>** is available as pre-cut slides (2 slide and 5 slide mailers) and cell microarray blocks.



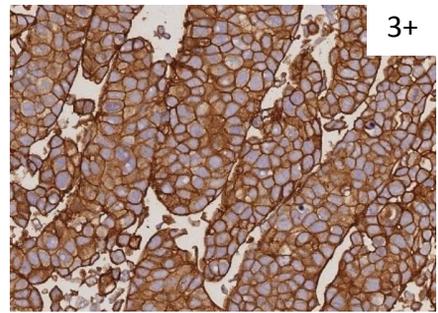
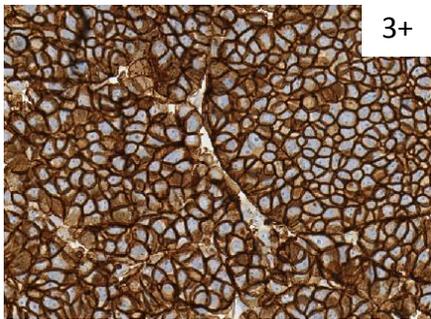
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# Breast Analyte Control<sup>DR</sup> Her2

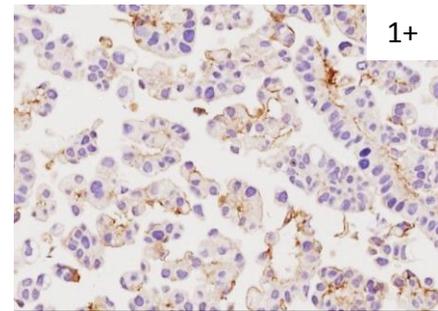
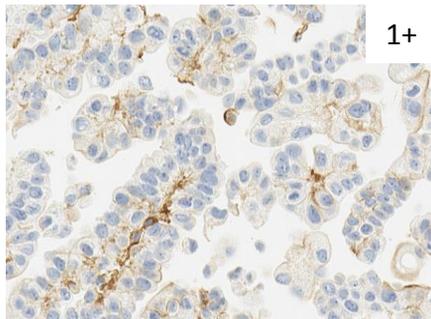
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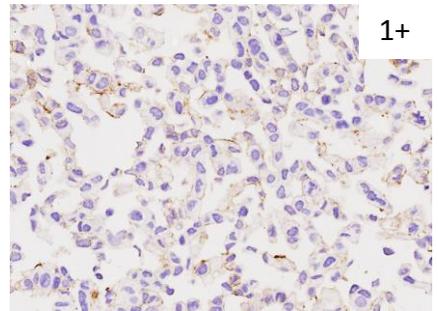
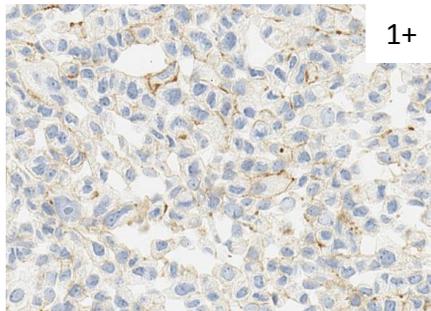
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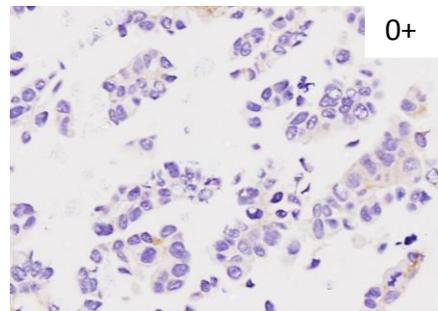
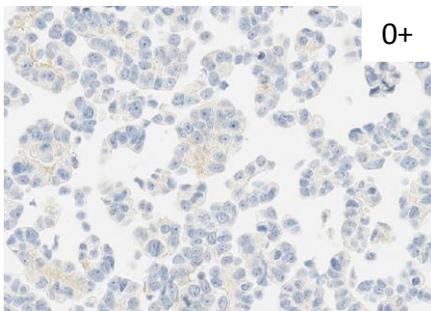
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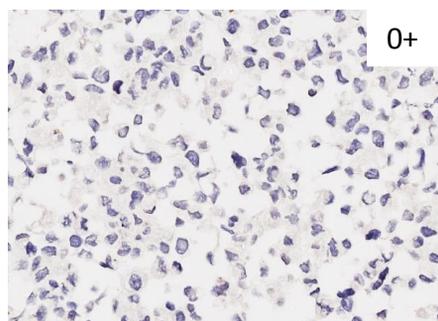
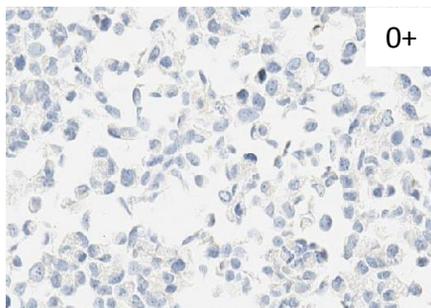
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Breast Adenocarcinoma



Osteosarcoma



# Her2 1+ versus 2+ Cells

Her2 2+ is difficult to obtain in laboratories and not always consistent. Tumour is often highly heterogeneous either because of the way the protein is expressed or because of the affects of fixation and processing.

2+ creates the greatest degree of inter-observer discordance<sup>1</sup>.

“Is it a weak 2+ or a strong 1+?”



There is no linear correlation between 0/1+/2+ and 3+ (orange vs blue lines).

The linear relationship between 0, 1+ and 2+, makes 1+ cell line is the best predictor of assay drift (red line).

There are two 1+ cells in the Breast Analyte Control<sup>DR</sup> allowing a laboratory to demonstrate consistency within the control.

Diagnostic algorithms are not necessarily a means to assess Quality. While Her2 are scored 0, 1+, 2+, 3+ controls in laboratories are often scored using an adapted system to convey how the assay has performed. See table below.

	QC score						
Her2	0	0/1+	1+	1/2+	2+	2/3+	3+

This “grey” area is necessary to impart to the pathologist how the laboratory feel the assay has performed. This QC score can be reflected on by the pathologist scoring the case. This is where the score has to be within the 0, 1+, 2+, 3+. There can be no grey area.

1. Turashvili G, Leung S, Turbin D, Montgomery K, Gilks B, West R, Carrier M, Huntsman D, Aparicio S. Inter-observer reproducibility of Her 2 immunohistochemical assessment and concordance with fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH): pathologist assessment compared to quantitative image analysis. BMC Cancer. 2009 May 29;9:165

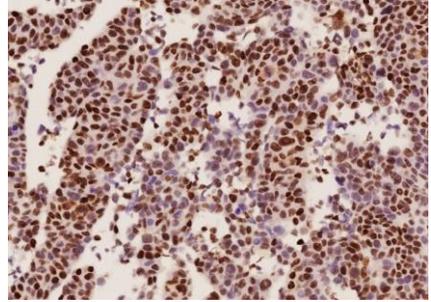
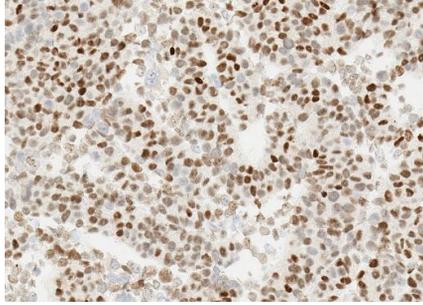
2. Receptor load figures taken from Bond Oracle HER2 IHC System Interpretation Guide, Leica BioSystems, 2011.

# Breast Analyte Control<sup>DR</sup> ER

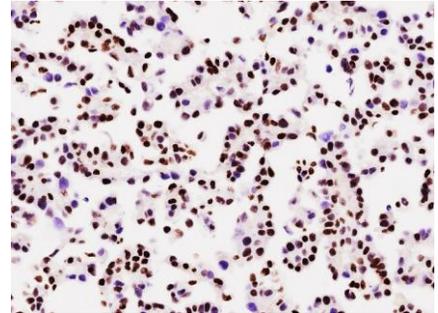
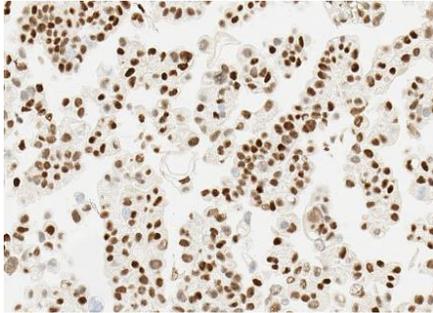
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Leica (6F11)

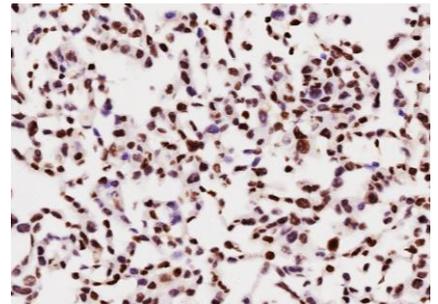
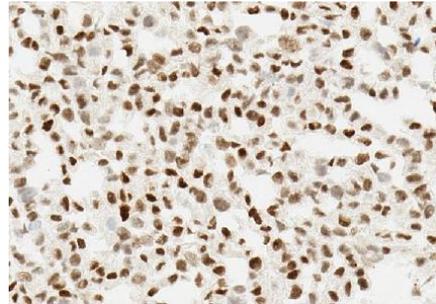
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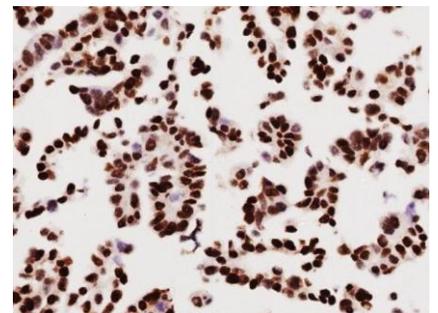
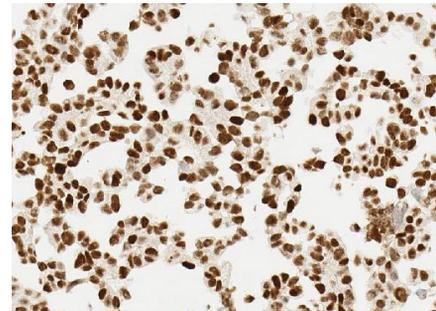
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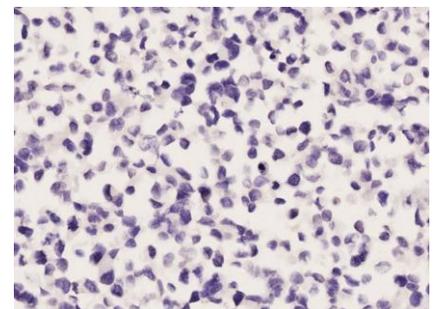
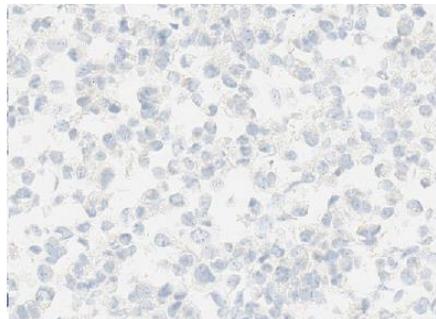
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Breast Adenocarcinoma



Osteosarcoma

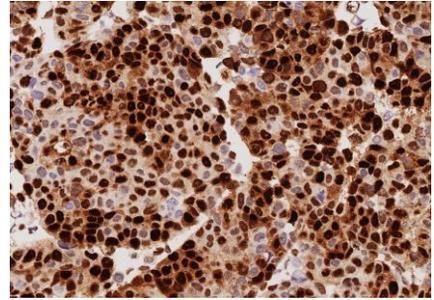
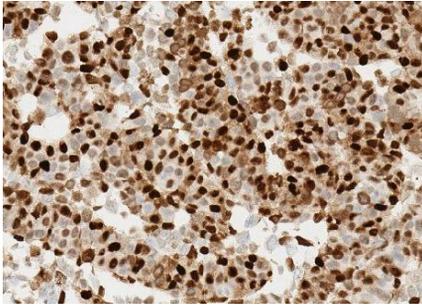


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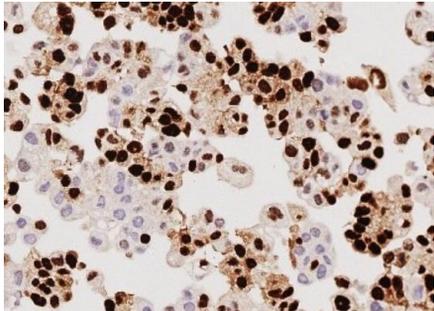
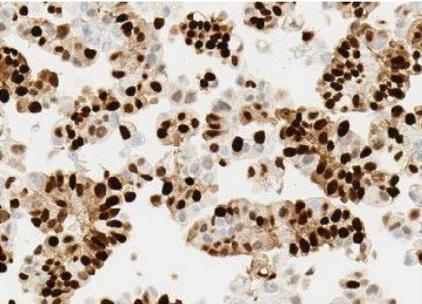
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Leica (16)

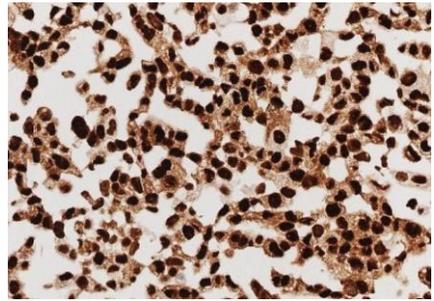
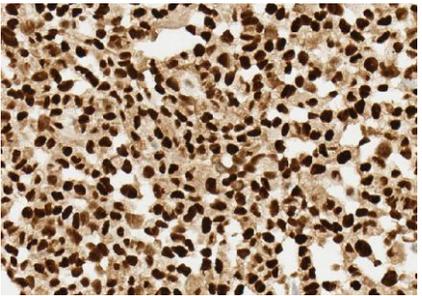
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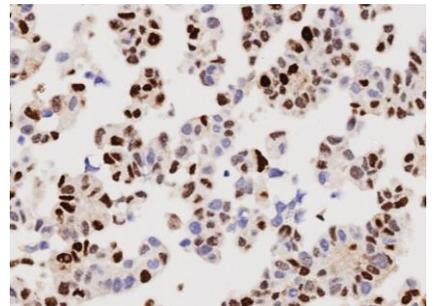
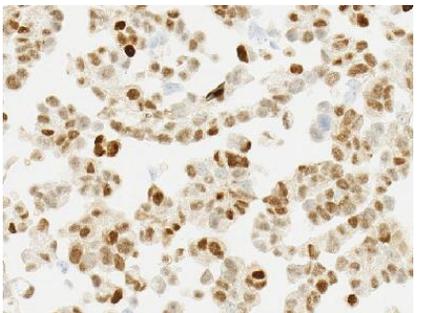
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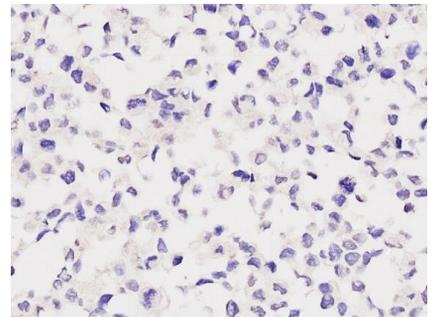
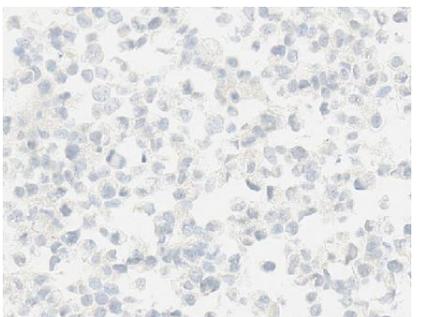
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Breast  
Adenocarcinoma



Osteosarcoma



## QC Scoring: ER/PR

The heterogeneous cells are the key to determining how significantly the assay performance fluctuates. If the assay over stains or under stains, more or less of the cells in the heterogeneous cores will stain. For both ER and PR there are three cores with heterogeneous expression.

Due to the heterogeneous expression in the cores Quickscore or Allred scoring is not useful in assessing the cells. This is specifically for clinical assessment in tissue.

As the heterogeneous cell cores provide the utility for the control, a QC scoring method needs to be applied rather than a clinical one.

The table below has an example of a scoring method that easily conveys assay performance to the pathologist.

QC score	Result	Definition
1	Query/ fail	Control not staining as normal. Too weak. Repeat if necessary upon review of test sample.
2	Pass	Performance lower than expected but within tolerance
3	Pass	Performance as expected
4	Pass	Performance higher than expected but within tolerance
5	Query/ fail	Control not staining as normal. Too strong. Repeat if necessary upon review of test sample.



## Also Available from HistoCyte Laboratories Ltd

Targets	Product Name	Format	Code
HPV/p16	<b>HPV/p16 Analyte Control<sup>DR</sup></b> (Four core with dynamic range of HPV gene copies)	Slide (2)	HCL001
		Slide (5)	HCL002
		Block	HCL003
	<b>HPV/p16 Analyte Control</b> (Three core with standard range of HPV gene copies)	Slide (2)	HCL004
		Slide (5)	HCL005
		Block	HCL006
ALK	<b>ALK-Lung Analyte Control</b> (Two core positive and negative for the EML4-ALK translocation)	Slide (2)	HCL007
		Slide (5)	HCL008
		Block	HCL009
	<b>ALK-Lymphoma Analyte Control</b> (Two core positive and negative for the NPM-ALK translocation)	Slide (2)	HCL010
		Slide (5)	HCL011
		Block	HCL012
Breast Analyte Control	<b>Breast Analyte Control</b> (Two cores, one positive for Her2, ER and PR. The other negative)	Slide (2)	HCL013
		Slide (5)	HCL014
		Block	HCL015
	<b>Breast Analyte Control<sup>DR</sup></b> (Five cores with a dynamic range of expression of Her2, ER and PR. Including negative control)	Slide (2)	HCL016
		Slide (5)	HCL017
		Block	HCL018

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