



Immunohistochemistry Protocol for Sternberger Monoclonal Antibodies [↗](#)

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PROTOCOL STATUS

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GUIDELINES

Use with Ultra Streptavidin Detection Kit ([SIG-32250](#)) or ([SIG-32248](#))

Positive control: Normal human cerebellum (except SMI-71, which should be rat brain)

Clear Slides

- 1 Clear Slides: Removes paraffin and hydrates the tissue.

Xylene	5 minutes in each of (3) different 250mL containers
100% alcohol	5 minutes in each of (3) different 250mL containers
95% alcohol	3 minutes in (1) 250mL container
70% alcohol	3 minutes in (1) 250mL container
water	1 minutes in each of (3) different 250mL containers
H2O2 (3%)	15 minutes in (1) 250mL container

Rinse slides

- 2 Rinse slides with lab grade water.

Note: Lab grade filtered water such as injection grade, cell culture grade, Reverse Osmosis De-Ionization (RODI)

Antigen Retrieval

- 3 Heat slides in 1X Retrieve ALL3 solution for 1 minute 40 seconds on high power in microwave

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- 4 Reduce to low power and simmer 10 minutes in microwave.

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- 5 Remove from microwave and allow slides to cool on the bench top for 10 minutes.

00:10:00

- 6 Rinse slides with lab grade water.

- 7 Apply serum block for at least 5 minutes. Do NOT wash after this step.

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- 8 Blot off serum block.

- 9 Apply primary antibody (see recommended dilution from datasheet).

- 10 Incubate primary antibody 60 minutes at room temperature.

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- 11 Rinse slides with 1X PBS.

- 12 Apply USA Linking reagent - 20 minutes incubation.
(If using a biotinylated product, omit this step)

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- 13 Rinse slides with 1X PBS.

- 14 Apply Labeling Reagent - 20 minutes incubation. 🕒 00:20:00

- 15 Rinse with 1X PBS.

- 16 Apply chromogen - 5 minutes incubation. Dilute according to manufacturer's instructions. 🕒 00:05:00

1. AEC Chromogen: 20µL AEC chromogen + 1mL AEC substrate buffer
2. DAB Chromogen: 40µL DAB chromogen + 1mL DAB substrate buffer

Counterstain

- 17 Submerge slides in Mayer's Hematoxylin for 30 seconds.

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18 Rinse under running lab grade water for 1 minute or until water is clear.

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19 Submerge slides in Bluing Reagent for 1 minute.

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20 Rinse under running lab grade water for 1 minute.

 00:01:00

Clear slides

21 Clear slides: Dehydrate the tissue.

1. 95% alcohol 3 minutes in (1) 250mL container
2. 100% alcohol 5 minutes in each of (3) different 250mL container
3. Xylene 5 minutes in each of (3) different 250mL container

Coverslip

22 Cover slip slide using Permanent Aqueous Mounting Medium ([SIG-31010](#)).

Note: Do not use xylene based mount with AEC Chromogen as it will dissolve the chromogen



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