

# Immunohistochemistry Protocol for Sternberger Monoclonal Antibodies

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## Abstract

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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)

## Protocol

### Clear Slides

#### Step 1.

Clear Slides: Removes paraffin and hydrates the tissue.

A.	Xylene	5 minutes in each of (3) different 250mL containers
B.	100% alcohol	5 minutes in each of (3) different 250mL containers
C.	95% alcohol	3 minutes in (1) 250mL container
D.	70% alcohol	3 minutes in (1) 250mL container
E.	water	1 minutes in each of (3) different 250mL containers
F.	H2O2 (3%)	15 minutes in (1) 250mL container

### Rinse slides

#### Step 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

##### Step 3.

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

 DURATION

00:01:40

#### Antigen Retrieval

##### Step 4.

Reduce to low power and simmer 10 minutes in microwave

 DURATION

00:10:00

#### Antigen Retrieval

##### Step 5.

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

 DURATION

00:10:00

#### Antigen Retrieval

##### Step 6.

Rinse slides with lab grade water

##### Step 7.

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

 DURATION

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##### Step 8.

Blot off serum block

##### Step 9.

Apply primary antibody (see recommended dilution from datasheet)

##### Step 10.

Incubate primary antibody 60 minutes at room temperature.

 DURATION

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### Step 11.

Rinse slides with 1X PBS

### Step 12.

Apply USA Linking reagent - 20 minutes incubation.

*(If using a biotinylated product, omit this step)*

 DURATION

00:20:00

### Step 13.

Rinse slides with 1X PBS

### Step 14.

Apply Labeling Reagent - 20 minutes incubation

 DURATION

00:20:00

### Step 15.

Rinse with 1X PBS

### Step 16.

Apply chromogen - 5 minutes incubation. Dilute according to manufacturer's instructions.

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

 DURATION

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### Step 17.

Rinse slides with lab grade water

## Counterstain

### Step 18.

Submerge slides in Mayer's Hematoxylin for 30 seconds

 DURATION

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## Counterstain

### Step 19.

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

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## Counterstain

### Step 20.

Submerge slides in Bluing Reagent for 1 minute

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## Counterstain

### Step 21.

Rinse under running lab grade water for 1 minute

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## Clear slides

### Step 22.

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

### Step 23.

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*