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Isolation of nuclei from paraffin-embedded tissue with subsequent immunostaining [↗](#)

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ABSTRACT

This protocol describes how individual nuclei are isolated from paraffin tissue and then stained immunohistochemically

EXTERNAL LINK

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THIS PROTOCOL ACCOMPANIES THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATION

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STEPS MATERIALS

NAME ▾	CATALOG # ▾	VENDOR ▾
Target Retrieval Solution pH9	S2367	Dako
Dako REAL Antibody Diluent	S2022	Dako
Saponin	A4518.0100	AppliChem
BSA	0163.2	Carl Roth

- 1 cut 60µm sections from paraffin material and add to an 1,5ml tube
- 2 dewaxing by addition of xylene; 99%; 96%; 70% Ethanol each for
⌚ 60:00:00 ⚡ Room temperature
remove and replace after incubation

- 3 after removing the last rehydration step add Target Retrieval Solution  400 µl

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Target Retrieval Solution pH9

by [Dako](#)

Catalog #: S2367

centrifugation  5000 rpm , 5min.



Centrifuge


Benchtop Centrifuge

Eppendorf 5405000441 

Any benchtop centrifuge will suffice



discard the supernatant

add Target Retrieval Solution once.  400 µl

- 5 add 0,2mm diameter stainless steel beads
place the tube in a homogenizer such as



Homognizer

Bullet Blender storm 24 NA-BB-15




homogenize for  02:00:00 max. speed.




There should be no more large pieces of tissue to be seen.

check the result, repeat if necessary

- 6 The heat induced epitope retrieval (HIER) in the water bath follows.

Place the tube in a preheated water bath  98 °C  60:00:00

allow the tube to cool at room temperature for  30:00:00

7 remove the buffer by centrifugation

 **5000 rpm , 5min.**

discard supernatant

8 add 1x IHC- washing buffer




IHC-Waschpuffer


resuspend pellet by vortexing
repeat step 7

9 prepare the antibody diluent composite


Dako Real Antibody Diluent
0,5% Saponin
2% BSA



Dako REAL Antibody Diluent
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Catalog #: [S2022](#)




Saponin
by [AppliChem](#)
Catalog #: [A4518.0100](#)
CAS Number: 8047-15-2



BSA
by [Carl Roth](#)
Catalog #: [0163.2](#)

10 after centrifugation
discard supernatant

start equilibration

add antibody diluent composite  **400 µl**

resuspend the pellet


incubate  **Room temperature**  **30:00:00**

11 Addition of the primary Antibody


The concentration must be determined for each antibody.

Incubation 🕒 **16:00:00 over Night**

🌡 **4 °C** by agitation

 Rotator


Stuart Rotator SB3 SB3 [🔗](#)

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12 centrifugation, ⚙ **5000 rpm , 5min.**

discard the supernatant

add IHC Waschpuffer

 IHC-Waschpuffer

repeat once

13 preparation of the secondary antibody in the antibody diluent composite in a predetermined concentration

mix well


incubation 🌡 **Room temperature** 🕒 **60:00:00**

14 repeat step 7

15 store in Aqua dest 🌡 **4 °C** if necessary

16 We performed fluorescence immunostaining for 3D reconstruction with laser-scanning microscope (Leica TCS SP8) afterwards.

If a dapi staining is necessary, it can be connected at the end.

 Dapi staining should be performed immediately before microscopy.



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