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UC Davis - Immunohistochemistry IBA1 V.2 [↗](#)

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ABSTRACT

Summary:

Ionized calcium-binding adapter molecule 1 (IBA1) is specifically expressed in macrophages / microglia and is upregulated during the activation of these cells. Iba1 expression is up-regulated in microglia following nerve injury,[4] central nervous system ischemia, and several other brain diseases. Furthermore it has been found in atherosclerotic plaques and at sites of vascular injury.

Modified from: IHC Methods and Materials VMTH - Anatomic Pathology, UC-Davis

EXTERNAL LINK

<https://mmpc.org/shared/document.aspx?id=257&docType=Protocol>

MATERIALS

NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
xylene		
ethanol		
Hydrogen peroxide		
Methanol		
Target retrieval solution	S1699	Dako
0.1M Phosphate Buffered Saline pH 7.4		
Normal horse serum		
Tween-20		
IBA Ab	019-19741	Wako
polymer based HRP	RC542H	Biocare Medical
NovaRed for peroxidase	SK-4800	Vector Laboratories
Mayer's Hematoxylin	S3309	Dako
coverslip	2935-245	Corning

MATERIALS TEXT

Reagent Preparation:

Reagent1: PBS-Tween 20

Reagents and Materials:

0.1M Phosphate buffered saline (PBS), pH 7.4 100mL
Tween 20 20μL

Procedure:
Mix to dissolve.

Reagent 2: Antibody diluent/blocking solution

Reagents and Materials:

PBS-Tween 20 90mL
Normal Horse Serum (NHS) 10mL

Procedure:
Mix to dissolve.

Note:

Dako [RRID:SCR_013530](#)

Wako [RRID:SCR_013651](#)

Biocare Medical [RRID: SCR-013549](#)

Vector Laboratories, [RRID:SCR_000821](#)

IBA Ab #019-19741, Cite this, (**Wako Cat# 019-19741**, [RRID:AB_839504](#))

NovaRed for peroxidase #SK-4800, Cite this, (**Vector Laboratories Cat# SK-4800**, [RRID:AB_2336845](#))

SAFETY WARNINGS

WARNING:

Formalin is, toxic, flammable and considered a carcinogen

Xylene, ethanol and methanol are all flammable and should be used in fume hood away from open flames or sparks

All blood components and biological materials should be handled as potentially hazardous. Follow universal precautions established by CDC when handling and disposing of infectious agents.

- 1 Immunohistochemistry was performed on four-micron thick, formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue sections, mounted on charged slides, and air-dried overnight at 37°C.
- 2 Sections were deparaffinized through xylene to 100% reagent alcohol, and then treated with 0.3% hydrogen peroxide in 100% methanol for 30 minutes.
- 3 Sections were rehydrated to deionized water through 95% and 70% reagent alcohols. Antigen retrieval was performed on sections for IBA-1 with heat induced epitope retrieval in a Black & Decker Steamer using Target Retrieval Solution for 30 minutes at 95°C, followed by a 20 minute cool down.
- 4 After antigen retrieval, slides were rinsed in deionized water and placed in 0.1M Phosphate Buffered Saline, pH 7.4 (PBS).

- 5 Sections were blocked for 20 minutes with antibody diluent and primary antibodies were applied without rinsing and incubated for 1 hour.
 - a. All post-antigen retrieval incubations are in a humidity chamber at room temperature.
- 6 After primary incubation, samples are rinsed twice for three minutes with PBS-Tween 20 between each subsequent reagent application.
- 7 A single step, polymer based HRP (BioCare Medical, RC542H) was applied for 30 minutes to label rabbit anti-IBA-1.
- 8 All labels were visualized with NovaRed for peroxidase (Vector SK-4800), per manufacturer's instructions.
- 9 Sections are counterstained in Mayer's Hematoxylin, air dried and coverslipped.



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