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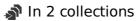
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Immunofluorescence staining



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ABSTRACT

This protocol describes the immunofluorescence staining of cells.

ATTACHMENTS

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Recipes and products:

A	В
8% Paraformaldehyde (PFA)	
PFA	20 g
1M NaOH	0.5 ml
1x PBS	100 ml

Note

- Heat to ~ 60 °C to dilute. Then filter through folded filters into new cylinder.
- Fill up to 🗸 250 mL with 1x PBS.

Dako Mounting Medium

Fluorescence Mounting Medium Agilent Technologies Catalog #S302380-2

NGS (normal-goat serum)

X Normal Goat Serum Blocking Solution BIOZOL Catalog #VEC-S-1000

Note

- Prepare aliquots out of stock and store in ♣ -20 °C
- Filter before use to avoid contamination.

DAPI (DAPI (4',6-Diamidino-2-Phenylindole, Dilactate)

25m

Fixation of the cells: Strategy 1, i.e., HEK cells

- 1 Remove medium.
- 2 Wash with 1× PBS.



Remove PBS and add 4% PFA to the cells.



Note

Note: For a coverslip in a 24 multi-well use at least 4 300 µL /well.

4 Incubate 🕙 00:10:00 at 🖟 Room temperature

10m

- - 5 Collect PFA.
 - **6** Wash 1× PBS.



6.1 Wash with 1× PBS for 00:05:00 at 8 Room temperature (1/3)

5m

6.2 Wash with 1× PBS for 00:05:00 at Room temperature . (2/3)

5m

6.3 Wash with 1× PBS for 00:05:00 at Room temperature . (3/3)

5m

Fixation of the cells: Strategy 2, i.e., neurons

25m

Add the same volume of 8% PFA as medium is in the well to the well.



8 Incubate 👏 00:10:00 at 🖟 Room temperature

10m

- - 9 Collect PFA in a falcon.
- 10 Wash in 1× PBS.



10.1 Wash with 1× PBS for 00:05:00 at Room temperature . (1/2)

5m

10.2 Wash with 1× PBS for 00:05:00 at Room temperature . (2/2)

5m

Note

Storage until ICC: Keep coverslips in $1 \times PBS$, seal the plate with parafilm and store at 4 °C.

Blocking and permeabilization

25m

- **11** Remove 1X PBS.
- 12 Add \angle 300 μ L /well of blocking solution.



Note

Blocking solution: 10% NGS [normal goat serum] in PBS + Triton X-100 0,1%, filter the solution before using it.

13 Incubate at least 01:00:00 at Room temperature

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Staining: Day 1

25m

- 14 Prepare antibody in blocking solution containing 5% NGS.
- Put a drop ($\underline{\mathbb{Z}}$ 50 μL) of Primary antibody solution on the parafilm surface.

Remove the coverslips from the plate and gently put it upside-down on the antibody drop.



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Staining: Day 2

25m

18 Wash:



18.1 Wash for © 00:05:00 in PBS + Triton X-100 0.1%. (1/3)

5m

18.2 Wash for 00:05:00 in PBS + Triton X-100 0.1%. (2/3)

5m

18.3 Wash for 00:05:00 in PBS + Triton X-100 0.1%. (3/3)

5m

19 Prepare secondary antibody in blocking solution containing 5% NGS.

Note

Note: Keep in the dark.



- **27.2** Wash with 1X PBS. (2/2)
- Mount the slides:
- 28.1 Put a drop (\underline{L} 10 μL) of DAKO mounting reagent on the slide.
- **28.2** Take out the coverslip from the plate.
- 28.3 Dry it by gently tapping the coverslip's edge on a lens-cleaner tissue.
- **28.4** Gently put the coverslips upside-down on the DAKO drop.
- 28.5 Leave it dry (24:00:00 , DARK, Room temperature).
- Store in a slide-box at 4 °C.

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