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# 🌐 Immunohistochemical staining, vibratome sections

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## ABSTRACT

This protocol outlines general procedures for Immunohistochemical staining, using vibratome sections.

## ATTACHMENTS

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We use this protocol and it's working

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## MATERIALS

### Reagents Needed

- 3% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in 1 x PBS
- 1 x PBS 0.1% Triton X-100
- 1 x PBS 0.1% Triton X-100 + 10% serum (accordingly to the secondary Abs)
- Primary Antibodies (TH Ab152 1/5000)
- Biotinylated Secondary Antibodies (SAR 1/300)
- Streptavidine-HRP complex (1/1000)
- DAB + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (1.4 µl H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for 5 ml filtered DAB solution)
  - DAB solution: 10 mg DAB (=1 tablet) for 25 ml 0.05 TRIS (TBS) pH 7.6; dissolve and filter through 0.22 µm filter, add H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> just before
- PBS or PBS + 0.1% Na Azide
- ½ PBS + ½ AD
- Ethanol:
  - 70% ethanol
  - 90% ethanol
  - 100% ethanol
- HistoClear II
- DPX mountant

### Consumables Needed

- Coverslips
- Slides

### Equipment Needed

- Wobbler

## SAFETY WARNINGS



Please refer to the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for health and environmental hazards.

## BEFORE START INSTRUCTIONS

This protocol uses floating sections in 24-well plate in [M] 1 X PBS .

# Quench Endogenous Peroxidase Activity

20m

1 Incubate samples in 1 x PBS 3% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, for 00:10:00 at Room temperature on the wobbler (to quench endogenous peroxidase activity) using 500 µL / well. 10m



2 Rinse with 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS.



3 Rinse with 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS for 00:05:00 on wobbler. 5m



4 Repeat: rinse with 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS for 00:05:00 on wobbler. 5m



## Primary Antibody Incubation

40m

5 Add 250 µL Primary Abs in 1 x PBS 0.1% Triton X-100 + 10% serum (accordingly to the secondary Ab), Overnight at Room temperature on wobbler. 40m



### Note

Dilution: 1<sup>st</sup> AB: TH Ab152 1/5000

6 Rinse with 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS.



7 Rinse with 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS for 00:05:00 on wobbler. 5m



8 Repeat: rinse with [M] 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS for 00:05:00 on wobbler.

5m



## Secondary Antibody Incubation

20m

9 Add 250  $\mu$ L biotinylated Secondary Abs in 1 x PBS 0.1% Triton X-100 for 00:30:00 at Room temperature on wobbler.

30m



### Note

Dilution: 2<sup>nd</sup> AB: SAR 1/300

10 Rinse with [M] 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS .



11 Rinse with [M] 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS for 00:05:00 on wobbler.

5m



12 Repeat: rinse with [M] 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS for 00:05:00 on wobbler.

5m



## Streptavidine-HRP complex Incubation

30m

13 Add 250  $\mu$ L Streptavidine-HRP complex 1/1000 (in 1 x PBS 0.1% Triton X-100) for 00:30:00 at Room temperature on wobbler.

30m



### Note

Dilution: STRP-HRP 1/1000

14 Rinse with [M] 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS .



15 Rinse with [M] 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS for ⌚ 00:05:00 on wobbler.

5m



16 Repeat: rinse with [M] 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS for ⌚ 00:05:00 on wobbler.

5m



## DAB + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

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### Safety information

Work on DAB Bench!

Prepare DAB solution: ⚗ 10 mg DAB (=1 tablet) for ⚗ 25 mL 0.05 TRIS (TBS) pH 7.6 ; dissolve and filter through 0.22 µm filter, add H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> just before use! Or Vector SG (TH).

(Add ⚗ 1.4 µL H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for ⚗ 5 mL filtered DAB solution ).

18 Add ⚗ 250 µL DAB + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (**ON DAB BENCH!**). Allow reaction to proceed for a few minutes at ⚗ Room temperature **without wobbling**.

19 Rinse with [M] 0.1 % (v/v) Triton X-100 in 1x PBS .



20 Replace TBS Triton X-100 with PBS or [M] 0.1 % (v/v) Sodium Azide in PBS in case sections are not to be mounted immediately. Store at 4 °C .

### ½ PBS + ½ AD Rinse

30m

21 Briefly rinse sections in ½ PBS + ½ AD and mount on gelatin coated microscopy slides. Allow to dry for 00:30:00 in flow or couple of hours on bench.

30m

### Dehydration

25m

22 Dehydrate samples in [M] 70 % (v/v) ethanol for 00:05:00 .

5m

23 Dehydrate samples in [M] 90 % (v/v) ethanol for 00:05:00 .

5m

24 Dehydrate samples in [M] 100 % (v/v) ethanol for 00:05:00 .

5m

25 Repeat: dehydrate samples in [M] 100 % (v/v) ethanol for 00:05:00 .


5m

26 Replace ethanol with HistoClear II for 00:05:00 .

5m

## Mounting

30m

27 Mount coverslips on top of the slides with DPX and allow to dry  Overnight in the flow.

30m



28 Press out bubbles next morning.