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CODEX® Multiplexed Imaging | Modality Overview

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This is an overview of all protocols currently in use by the Vanderbilt Diabetes Research Center [Islet & Pancreas Analysis \(IPA\) Core](#) and Powers/Brissova Research Group for performing multiplexed imaging of the human pancreas using the CO-Detection by indEXing (CODEX®) platform (now [PhenoCycler™](#); Akoya Biosciences). It includes links to each of the individual protocols that make up the workflow for various applications and projects.

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1 Procure and/or prepare samples fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA).

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(HuBMAP)

[Mouse Pancreas Dissection and Fixation for Cryosectioning](#) (IPA Core)

4% PFA fixation optimally preserves pancreas cell morphology and improves staining quality. Tissues may be embedded in either Optimal Temperature Cutting (OCT) media or carboxymethylcellulose (CMC).

2 Prepare coverslips with pancreas sections.



CODEX® Multiplexed Imaging | Tissue Sectioning
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① Samples mounted on coverslips can be stored at **-80 °C** for up to 2 months. All of our optimization of this protocol was done on **10 µm** cryosections.

3 Design antibody panel using a combination of [preconjugated](#) or custom-conjugated primary antibodies.



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Validation
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① For information on HuBMAP Organ Mapping Antibody Panels (OMAPs), please visit the CCF Portal [here](#).

4 Label tissue with primary antibodies and prepare reagents for imaging.



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① See also: [Akoya Biosciences PhenoCycler™ User Manual](#)

5 Perform cyclic fluorescent imaging of tissue.



CODEX® Multiplexed Imaging | Microscope Setup and Tissue
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6 Process raw imaging data.

As of May 2022, raw imaging data is processed using CODEX Processor v1.8.1.9 (Akoya Biosciences), which performs image stitching, z-plane selection, background subtraction, deconvolution, and shading correction.

① See also: [CODEX® Processor](#) User Instructions & Technical Notes

7 [Optional] Perform registration with other imaging modalities.

Autofluorescence (AF) Registration (HuBMAP)



Data Processing and Image Registration
**by Jamie Allen,
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