



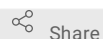
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Brain Slicing for Immunohistochemistry

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ABSTRACT

Protocol is used for sectioning brains in order to use in downstream IHC experiments.

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GUIDELINES

This protocol is for perfused brains only. For snap-frozen brains, post-fix prior to using this protocol.

MATERIALS TEXT

- 1x PBS
- Petri dish
- Straight razor blade
- 1 50 ml falcon tube per brain
- Multiple 20 ml scintillation vials
- Paintbrush
- Mounting media
- 1x PBS + 0.1% sodium azide

BEFORE STARTING

Cryostat should be set to -9°C

Set the cutting thickness to 40 µm

Label vials and fill with 10-15 mL of PBS + Azide

Clean cryostat blade with 70% ethanol and set blade in cryostat for 30 minutes

Once the blade is locked into the cryostat, adjust the glass cover so that it very slightly extends past the blade

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☒ [Phosphate Buffered Saline](#) Thermo Fisher

Wash brain with 1x [Scientific Catalog #28374](#)

- 1.1 Dispose of the current solution that brain is in into the proper waste stream
 - 1.2 Transfer brain into [50 ml Falcon tube Contributed by users](#) with [20-25 mL](#) of 1x PBS.
Invert the tube to wash and pour out PBS.
 - 1.3 Repeat 2x for a total of 3 washes
- 2 Place cleaned brain flat onto petri dish. Using straight razor blade, cut of back half of cerebellum perpendicular to petri dish
- 3 Place the chuck onto dry ice. Place the brain in the center of the chuck with cerebellum on the bottom and use [Richard-Allan Scientific™ Neg-50™ Frozen Section Medium, Colorless Neg-50 Thermo Fisher Catalog #6502](#) to add 1 layer of glue on bottom edge of brain.
 - 3.1 Once the first layer is frozen, repeat process 2x for a total of 3 layers of mounting media.
- 4 Insert chuck into holder with dorsal side of brain facing up. The front of the brain should be pointing directly at you. This is to create coronal sections.
 - 4.1 Start turning the handle slowly and make adjustments to the positioning of the brain if needed. Make sure each slice is cutting evenly at the correct angle.
- 5 Slice until you get to the region of interest. Place glass cover onto blade to collect the slices
- 6 Collect ~5 slices and use a wet paint brush to carefully transfer the slices in the first vial. If you need to collect more than 5 slices for this region, continue collecting in groups of 5 and transfer each group into the next vial.
- 7 Repeat steps 5-6 to get slices from all the regions of interests.
- 8 When finished, store with vials with the slices in [4 °C](#)