

# Detection of ZO-1 in Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded Rat Tissue

## Reagent and Antibody Information

[1X Wash Buffer](#)

[3% Hydrogen Peroxide](#)

[1% BSA Diluent](#)

[Protease](#)

[Normal Rabbit IgG – Affinity Purified](#)

[DAB Chromogen](#)

[Hematoxylin](#)

Blocking Serum: Normal Donkey Serum

Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories, Inc.

West Grove, PA 19390

[www.jacksonimmuno.com](http://www.jacksonimmuno.com)

1-800-367-5296

Catalog # 017-000-001

Avidin / Biotin Blocking Kit

Vector Laboratories, Inc.

Burlingame, CA 94010

[www.vectorlabs.com](http://www.vectorlabs.com)

1-800-227-6666

Catalog # SP-2001

Primary Antibody: Rabbit Polyclonal Anti-ZO-1 Antibody

Invitrogen

Carlsband, CA 92008

[www.invitrogen.com](http://www.invitrogen.com)

1-800-955-6288

Catalog # 61-7300

Secondary Antibody: Biotin-Conjugated Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG

Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories, Inc.

West Grove, PA 19390

[www.jacksonimmuno.com](http://www.jacksonimmuno.com)

1-800-367-5296

Catalog # 711-065-152

Label Complex: R.T.U. Vectastain Elite ABC Reagent

Vector Laboratories, Inc.

Burlingame, CA 94010

[www.vectorlabs.com](http://www.vectorlabs.com)

1-800-227-6666

Catalog # PK-7100

## **Staining Procedure**

Positive Control Tissue: Kidney (capillary loops in glomeruli)

Stain Localization: Cytoplasmic

1. Deparaffinize and hydrate slides through the following solutions:

Solution	Repetitions	Time
Xylene	2 times	5 minutes
100% Ethanol	2 times	3 minutes
95% Ethanol	2 times	3 minutes
1X Wash Buffer	2 times	5 minutes

2. Quench endogenous peroxidase by placing the slides in 3% hydrogen peroxide for 15 minutes.

3. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each.

4. Proteolytic-Induced Epitope Retrieval Using Protease

Incubate the slides in a 0.01% protease solution (made in distilled water) for 5 minutes at 37°C.

Rinse the slide in distilled water for 1 minute to stop the enzymatic reaction.

5. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each time.

6. Block with 10% normal donkey serum for 20 minutes at room temperature.

Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Reconstituted \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT RINSE SLIDES. CONTINUE TO AVIDIN-BIOTIN BLOCK.

7. Avidin / Biotin Blocking Kit

Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ New Kit: yes / no

Apply avidin block for 15 minutes at room temperature.

Quick rinse in 1X wash buffer.

Apply biotin block for 15 minutes at room temperature.

DO NOT RINSE SECTIONS WITH BUFFER BEFORE ADDING PRIMARY ANTIBODY.

ONLY WIPE EXCESS BLOCK.

8. Apply primary antibody at a 1:25 dilution. Incubate for 1 hour at room temperature.

Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

For negative control slides, dilute normal rabbit IgG so that it's IgG protein concentration matches that of the primary antibody (if necessary). Then make a 1:25 dilution. If the concentrations can't be matched using this method, the dilution for the negative reagent may need to be adjusted. Apply the negative and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature.

Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

9. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each.

10. Apply the donkey anti-rabbit secondary antibody at a 1:1000 dilution. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.

Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Reconstituted \_\_\_\_\_

11. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each.

12. Apply the Vectastain R.T.U. Elite Label and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ New Kit: yes / no

13. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each time.

14. Apply the DAB chromogen. Incubate in the dark for 6 minutes at room temperature.

(Add 1 drop of DAB per ml of substrate)

Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ New Kit: yes / no

15. Rinse the slides in tap water 3 minutes.

16. Counterstain with hematoxylin for 20 seconds.

17. Rinse the slides in tap water until water is clear.

18. Gently agitate slides in 1X wash buffer until the tissues turn blue.

19. Dehydrate through the following solutions:

Solutions	Repetitions	Time
95% Ethanol	1 time	3 minutes
100% Ethanol	3 times	3 minutes
Xylene	2 times	5 minutes

20. Coverslip

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