

Detection of Metallothionein in Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded Rat Tissue

Reagent and Antibody Information

[1X Wash Buffer](#)
[3% Hydrogen Peroxide](#)
[1% BSA Diluent](#)
[1X Citrate Buffer](#)
[DAB Chromagen](#)
[Hematoxylin](#)

Blocking Solution: Dakocytomation Protein Block Serum-Free Ready-To-Use
Dakocytomation Corporation
Carpinteria CA 93013
www.dakousa.com
1-800-235-5763
Code No. X0909

Avidin / Biotin Blocking Kit
Vector Laboratories, Inc.
Burlingame, CA 94010
www.vectorlabs.com
1-800-227-6666
Catalog # SP-2001

Primary Antibody: Mouse Anti-Metallothionein (E9) Antibody
Invitrogen / Zymed
San Francisco, CA
<http://www.invitrogen.com>
1-760-603-7200
Catalog # 18-0133

Negative Control Serum: Normal Mouse Serum
Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories, Inc.
West Grove, PA 19390
www.jacksonimmuno.com
1-800-367-5296
Catalog # 015-000-001

Staining Kit: LSAB+ System-HRP
Dakocytomation Corporation
Carpinteria CA 93013
www.dakousa.com
1-800-235-5763
Code No. K0690

Note: This kit includes reagents needed for the secondary antibody (link) and label complex.

Staining Procedure

Positive Control Tissue: Hair follicles of normal skin
Stain Localization: Nuclear and 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. Heat-Induced Epitope Retrieval Using The Microwave

Place a full rack of slides into a Tissue Tek® container with 200 ml of 1X citrate buffer
(Insert blank slides into any empty slots in the rack to ensure even heating of slides)

Microwave for 5 minutes at power level 5.

Cool for 1 minute. (Add more citrate buffer, if necessary.)

Microwave again for 5 minutes at power level 5. *Temperature Before Cooling Slides* _____

Cool 20 minutes at room temperature.

Rinse the slides in 2 changes of distilled water for 3 minutes each time.

5. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X Wash Buffer for 5 minutes each time.

6. Block with the Dako Protein Blocking Reagent for 10 minutes at room temperature.

Lot # _____ Exp Date _____

DO NOT RINSE THE 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 SLIDES WITH BUFFER BEFORE ADDING PRIMARY ANTIBODY.
ONLY WIPE EXCESS BUFFER.

8. Apply the primary antibody at a 1:250 dilution, and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature.

Lot # _____ Date Aliquoted _____

For negative control slides, dilute the protein concentration of the normal rabbit serum to match that of

the primary antibody. Make a 1:250 dilution from this normalized serum, and apply to the slides. Incubate for 1 hour at room temperature.

Lot # _____ Date Reconstituted _____

9. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X Wash Buffer for 5 minutes each.

LSAB+ Kit

Lot # _____ Exp Date _____

10. Apply the Link (yellow bottle) from the LSAB+ Kit, and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.

11. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X Wash Buffer for 5 minutes each.

12. Apply the Label (red bottle) from the LSAB+ Kit, and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.

13. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X Wash Buffer for 5 minutes each.

14. Apply the DAB chromagen, and 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 Harris Hematoxylin for 20 seconds.

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

18. Gently agitate slides in 1X Wash Buffer until they turn blue.

19. Dehydrate through the following solutions:

Solution	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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