## Detection of Superoxide Dismutase 2 in Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded Rat Tissue

## **Reagent and Antibody Information**

1X Wash Buffer
3% Hydrogen Peroxide
1% BSA Diluent
1X Citrate Buffer
Normal Rabbit IgG – Affinity Purified
DAB Chromogen
Hematoxylin

Staining Kit: Vectastain Elite ABC Kit (Rabbit IgG)

Vector Laboratories, Inc. Burlingame, CA 94010 www.vectorlabs.com 1-800-227-6666 Catalog # PK-6101

**Note**: This kit contains all reagents necessary to make the blocking reagent, secondary antibody and label complex.

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

Primary Antibody: Rabbit Polyclonal Anti-Superoxide Dismutase 2 Antibody

Abcam Inc Cambridge, MA 02139 www.abcam.com 1-888-772-2226 Catalog # ab13533

## **Staining Procedure**

Positive Control Tissue: Brain or LPS-treated liver

Stain Localization: Cytoplasmic

1. Deparaffinize and hydrate slides through the following solutions:

| 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 slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each.

| 4. | <u>Heat-Induced Epitope Retrieval Using The Decloaker</u>                                    |
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|    | Add 500 ml of distilled water to the pan inside the decloaker.                               |
|    | 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)      |
|    | Place the container stably inside the pan and decloak for 5 minutes. <i>Maximum Pressure</i> |
|    | Depressurize for 10 minutes.   |
|    | Remove pan top and cool for 10 minutes. <i>Temperature Before Cooling Slides</i>             |
|    | Rinse the slides in 2 changes of distilled water for 3 minutes each time.                    |
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5. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each time.

| Vectastain Rab | bit Elite Staining Kit |     |   |    |
|----------------|------------------------|-----|---|----|
| Exp. Date      | New Kit:               | ves | / | no |

6. Apply the blocking solution from the Rabbit Elite Kit and incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature.

| DO NOT RINSE                    | THE SLIDES. CONTINU                  | JE TO AVIDIN-BIOTIN BLOCK         | ζ.        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 7. Avidin / Biotin Blo          |                                      |                                   |           |
|                                 |                                      | New Kit: yes / no                 |           |
|                                 | for 15 minutes at room to            | emperature.                       |           |
| Quick rinse in 1X               | wash buffer.                         |                                   |           |
| Apply biotin block              | for 15 minutes at room te            | emperature.                       |           |
| DO NOT RINSE S<br>ONLY WIPE EXC |                                      | BEFORE ADDING PRIMARY A           | ANTIBODY  |
|                                 | ibody at a 1:1000 dilution Exp. Date | . Incubate for 1 hour at room tem | perature. |

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 1:1000 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   |   |
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| 9. Rinse the | slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer   | for 5 minutes each.                                 |
| 10. Apply th | ne secondary antibody from Rabbit Elit  | e Kit. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature. |
| 11. Rinse th | e slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffe  | r for 5 minutes each.                               |
| 12. Apply th | ne label complex from the Rabbit Elite  | Kit. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.   |
| 13. Rinse th | e slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffe  | r for 5 minutes each.                               |
| (Add 1       | ne DAB chromogen. Incubate in the dated and the dated are described by the dated are detected by the dated are dated as a substitution of the dated are detected by the dated are detected by the dated are dated as a substitution of the dated are dated are dated as a substitution of the dated are dated are dated as a substitution of the dated are dated are dated are dated as a substitution of the dated are dated | rk for 6 minutes at room temperature.               |

- 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:

| 95% Ethanol  | 1 time  | 3 minutes |
|--------------|---------|-----------|
| 100% Ethanol | 3 times | 3 minutes |
| Xylene       | 2 times | 5 minutes |

20. Coverslip

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