Detection of Synaptophysin 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

Blocking Serum: Normal Goat Serum
Jackson Immunoresearch Laboratories, Inc.
West Grove, PA 19390
www.jacksonimmuno.com
1-800-367-5296
Catalog # 005-000-121

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-Synaptophysin Antibody
Lab Vision / Thermo Fisher Scientific
Fremont, CA 94539
www.labvision.com
1-800-828-1628
Catalog # RB-1461

Secondary Antibody: Biotinylated Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L)
Vector Laboratories, Inc.
Burlingame, CA 94010
www.vectorlabs.com
1-800-227-6666
Catalog # BA-1000

Label Complex: Peroxidase-Conjugated Streptavidin SS Label
Biogenex Laboratories
San Ramon, CA 94583
www.biogenex.com
1-800-421-4149
Catalog # HK330-9K

Staining Procedure

Positive Control Tissue: Pancreas (islets of Langerhans). Decreased stain intensity is observed in aged-slides (> 2 months) and over-fixed tissues.
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. Heat-Induced Epitope Retrieval Using The Steamer
   Add distilled water to the bottom portion of the steamer.
   Preheat 200ml of 1X citrate buffer in a Tissue Tek® container in the steamer between 95ºC and 100ºC.
   Immerse a full rack of slides into the citrate buffer and place the lid back on the steamer.
   (Insert blank slides into any empty slots in the rack to ensure even heating of slides)
   Steam the slides for 20 minutes.
   Remove container from steamer and cool for 20 minutes.
   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 10% normal goat 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 the primary antibody at a 1:75 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 1:75 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 goat anti-rabbit secondary antibody at a 1:2000. Incubate for 15 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 Streptavidin SS Label. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
    Lot #_____ Exp. Date _____

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

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:

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

20. Coverslip

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