

Detection of BRDU in Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded Mouse Tissue

Reagent and Antibody Information

[1X Wash Buffer](#)

[3% Hydrogen Peroxide](#)

[1% BSA Diluent](#)

[1X Citrate Buffer](#)

[DAB Chromogen](#)

[Hematoxylin](#)

Blocking Solution: Dakocytomation Protein Block Serum-Free Ready-To-Use

Dakocytomation Corporation

Carpinteria, CA 93013

www.dako.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 Monoclonal Biotinylated BRDU Antibody (Clone BU20a)

Biocare Medical

Concord, CA 94520

www.biocare.net

1-800-799-9499

Catalog # ARC 3042

Lot # 030613

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

Vector Laboratories, Inc.

Burlingame, CA 94010

www.vectorlabs.com

1-800-227-6666

Catalog # PK-7100

Staining Procedure

Positive Control Tissue: Tissue that has BRDU-labeled cells via BRDU incorporation into the animal
Stain localization: Nuclear

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 Decloaker

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. *Maximum Pressure* _____

Depressurize for 10 minutes.

Remove pan top and cool for 10 minutes. *Temperature Before Cooling Slides* _____

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.

6. Block with the Dako protein-blocking reagent for 10 minutes at room temperature.

Lot # _____ Exp. Date _____

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 1:25 dilution. 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 Vectastain R.T.U. Elite Label and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.

Exp. Date _____ New Kit: yes / no

11. Rinse slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each.
12. 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
13. Rinse the slides in tap water 3 minutes.
14. Counterstain with hematoxylin for 20 seconds.
15. Rinse the slides in tap water until water is clear.
16. Gently agitate slides in 1X wash buffer until the tissues turn blue.
17. 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

18. Coverslip

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