## Detection of Cytokeratin 14 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 Serum: Normal Horse Serum Jackson Immunoresearch Laboratories, Inc. West Grove, PA 19390 www.jacksonimmuno.com 1-800-367-5296 Catalog # 008-000-001

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

Primary Antibody: Monoclonal Monoclonal Antibody to Cytokeratin 14 Abcam Inc Cambridge, MA 02139 www.abcam.com 1-888-772-2226 Catalog # ab20209-100

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

Secondary Antibody: Biotinylated Horse Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Vector Laboratories, Inc. Burlingame, CA 94010 www.vectorlabs.com 1-800-227-6666 Catalog # BA-2001 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: Skin 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 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 time.
- 6. Block with 10% Normal Horse Serum for 20 minutes at room temperature. Lot #\_\_\_\_\_ Date Reconstituted\_\_\_\_\_

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

7. <u>Avidin / Biotin Blocking Kit</u> Lot #\_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date\_\_\_\_\_New Kit: yes / no

Apply avidin block - 15 minutes at room temperature. Quick rinse in 1X Wash Buffer. Apply biotin block - 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 1:250 dilution and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature. Lot #\_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date\_\_\_\_\_

For negative control slides, dilute the protein concentration of the normal mouse 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.

- 10. Apply the horse anti-mouse secondary antibody at a 1:500 dilution and 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 Streptavidin SS Label and 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 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 30 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:

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

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