## Detection of COX-1 in Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded in Mouse Tissue

## **Reagent and Antibody Information**

1X Wash Buffer 3% Hydrogen Peroxide 1% BSA Diluent 1X Citrate Buffer DAB Chromagen Hematoxylin

Staining Kit: M.O.M. Immunodetection Peroxidase Kit Vector Laboratories, Inc. Burlingame, CA 94010 www.vectorlabs.com 1-800-227-6666 Catalog # PK-2200

**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: Mouse Anti-Sheep COX-1 Caymen Chemical Ann Arbor, MI 48108 www.caymanchem.com 1-800-364-9897 Catalog # 160110

<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

## **Staining Procedure**

Positive Control Tissue: Male reproductive tract (vas deferens and epididymis) 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 the slides in 2 changes of 1X Wash Buffer for 5 minutes each.
- 4. <u>Heat-Induced Epitope Retrieval Using The Microwave</u> 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.

M.O.M Peroxidase Kit Exp. Date\_\_\_\_\_ New Kit: yes / no

6. Apply the blocking reagent from the M.O.M. Kit and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature. (Add 2 drops of the Mouse IgG Blocking Reagent to 2.5 ml of 1X PBS.)

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

**M.O.M. Diluent**: Add 600ul of the Protein Concentrate stock solution to 7.5 ml of 1X PBS. Use this as the diluent for the primary, negative, and secondary antibodies.

8. Apply the primary antibody at a 1:25 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 1:25 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 secondary antibody from the M.O.M. Kit and incubate for 10 minutes at room temperature. (Add 10ul of the Biotinylated anti-Mouse IgG Reagent to 2.5 ml of the M.O.M. Dilutent).
- 11. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X Wash Buffer for 5 minutes each.
- 12. Apply the label complex from the M.O.M. Kit and incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature. (Add 2 drops of Reagent A to 2.5 ml of 1X PBS. Mix. Then add 2 drops of Reagent B and mix. Prepare at least 30 minutes prior to use.)
- 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

20. Coverslip

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