

Detection of COX-2 in Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded Rat Tissue

Reagent and Antibody Information

[1X Wash Buffer](#)

[3% Hydrogen Peroxide](#)

[1% BSA Diluent](#)

Distilled Water

[DAB Chromagen](#)

[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 Anti-Mouse COX-2 Antibody

Cayman Chemical

Ann Arbor, MI 48108

www.caymanchem.com

1-800-364-9897

Catalog # 160106

Negative Control Serum: Normal Rabbit Serum

Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories, Inc.

West Grove, PA 19390

www.jacksonimmuno.com

1-800-367-5296

Catalog # 011-000-001

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: Vectastain Elite ABC Kit (Standard)

Vector Laboratories, Inc.

Burlingame, CA 94010

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Catalog # PK-6100

Staining Procedure

Positive Control Tissue: Male reproductive system: highest level of expression located at the distal vas deferens where it inserts into the bladder (weak staining at the proximal end of the vas deferens)

Stain Localization: Peri-nuclear and cytoplasmic

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 slides in 2 changes of 1X Wash Buffer for 5 minutes each.

4. Heat-Induced Epitope Retrieval Using The Microwave

Place a full rack of slides into a Tissue Tek® container with 200 ml of distilled water (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 distilled, 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.

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 primary antibody at a 1:1500 dilution, and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature.

Lot # _____ Exp. Date _____

For negative control slides, dilute the protein concentration of the normal rabbit serum to match that of the primary antibody. Make a 1:1500 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 time.

10. Apply the goat anti-rabbit 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 time.

12. Apply the label complex from the Standard Elite Kit, and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature. (Prepare at least 30 minutes prior to use.)

Exp. Date _____ New Kit: yes / no

13. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X Wash Buffer for 5 minutes each time.

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 20 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:

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

20. Coverslip

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