Detection of F4/80 in Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded Mouse Tissue

Reagent and Antibody Information

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

Blocking Serum: Normal Rabbit Serum
Jackson Immunoresearch Laboratories, Inc.
West Grove, PA 19390
www.jacksonimmuno.com
1-800-367-5296
Catalog # 011-000-001

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

Primary Antibody: Rat Anti-F4/80 Monoclonal Antibody (BM8)
Santa Cruz Biotechnology
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
www.scbt.com
1-800-457-3801
Catalog # sc-52664

Negative Control Serum: Purified Mouse IgG2a Isotype Control Serum
BD Biosciences
San Jose, CA 95131
www.bdpharma.com
1-877-232-8995
Catalog # 559073

Secondary Antibody: Biotinylated Rabbit Anti-Rat IgG (H+L)
Vector Laboratories, Inc.
Burlingame, CA 94010
www.vectorlabs.com
1-800-227-6666
Catalog # BA-4001

Label Complex: Vectastain Standard Elite ABC Kit
Vector Laboratories, Inc.
Burlingame, CA 94010
www.vectorlabs.com
1-800-227-6666
Catalog # PK-6100

Staining Procedure

Positive Control Tissue: Spleen - macrophages
Stain Localization: Cytoplasmic and membrane

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 5% Normal Rabbit 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 1:25 dilution, and incubate for 1 hour at room temperature.
   Lot #_____ Exp Date _____

   For negative control slides, dilute the protein concentration of the rat IgG2a serum to match that of the primary antibody, if necessary. 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 rabbit anti-rat secondary antibody at a 1:200 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 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:

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

20. Coverslip