Detection of GST-pi 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

Staining Kit: Vectastain Elite ABC Kit (Rabbit IgG) Vector Laboratories, Inc. Burlingame, CA 94010 www.vectorlabs.com 1-800-227-6666 Catalog # PK-6101

Note: This kit contains all reagents necessary to make the secondary antibody and label complex.

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

Primary Antibody: Rabbit Anti-Glutathione S-Transferase pi Antibody Novocastra Laboratories Ltd Newcastle upon Tyne, UK <u>www.novocastra.com</u> +44 (0) 191 215 0567 Catalog # NCL-GSTpi

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

Staining Procedure

Positive Control Tissue: Liver tissue containing foci Stain Localization: Cytoplasmic / 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 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 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 5% Normal Goat 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 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 1:250 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 the appropriate 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 Rabbit Elite Kit, and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
- 11. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X Wash Buffer for 5 minutes each.
- 12. Apply the label complex from the Rabbit Elite Kit, and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature. (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 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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