## Detection of SP-A 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 Donkey Serum Jackson Immunoresearch Laboratories, Inc. West Grove, PA 19390 www.jacksonimmuno.com 1-800-367-5296 Catalog # 017-000-011

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

Primary Antibody: Rabbit Polyclonal SP-A Antibody (H-148) Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc. Santa Cruz, CA 95060 www.scbt.com 1-800-457-3801 Catalog # sc-13977

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

Secondary Antibody: Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Biotin-SP-Conjugated Jackson Immunoresearch Laboratories, Inc. West Grove, PA 19390 www.jacksonimmuno.com 1-800-367-5296 Catalog # 711-065-152 Label Complex: Vectastain Elite ABC Kit (Standard) Vector Laboratories, Inc. Burlingame, CA 94010 www.vectorlabs.com 1-800-227-6666 Catalog # PK-6100

#### **Staining Procedure**

Positive Control Tissue: Bronchiolar epithelium Stain Localization: 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. <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.
- 6. Block with 10% Normal Donkey 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 1:10 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 1:10 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 donkey 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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