# Detection of Synaptophysin in Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin- Embedded Mouse and Rat Tissue

**Reagent and Antibody Information**

1X Wash Buffer
3% Hydrogen Peroxide
1% BSA Diluent
1X Citrate Buffer
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-Synaptophysin Antibody
Lab Vision / Thermo Fisher Scientific
Fremont, CA 94539
www.labvision.com
1-800-828-1628
Catalog # RB-1461-P1

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: Peroxidase-Conjugated Streptavidin SS Label
Biogenex Laboratories
San Ramon, CA 94583
www.biogenex.com
1-800-421-4149
Catalog # HK330-9K

**Staining Procedure**

Positive Control Tissue: Pancreas (islets of Langerhans). Decreased stain intensity is observed in aged-slides (> 2 months) and over-fixed tissues.
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. 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 time.

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 the primary antibody at a 1:200 dilution, and incubate for 30 minutes 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 1:200 dilution from this normalized serum, and apply to the slides. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
   Lot #_____ Date Reconstituted_____

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

10. Apply the goat anti-rabbit secondary antibody at a 1:2000, and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
    Lot #_____ Reconstituted Date_____

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

12. Apply the Streptavidin SS Label, and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
    Lot #_____ Exp Date _____

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 |

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