Detection of p21 in Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded Rat Tissue

Reagents:

1X Automation Buffer
3% Hydrogen Peroxide
Antibody Diluent
Citrate Buffer
DAB Chromagen
Hematoxylin

Antibody Information:

Blocking Serum: Normal Horse Serum
Jackson Immunoresearch Laboratories, Inc.
West Grove, PA 19390
www.jacksonimmuno.com
1-800-367-5296
Catalog #008-000-001

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

Primary antibody: Mouse anti-p21 (F-5)
Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
www.scbt.com
1-800-457-3801
Catalog #sc-1429

Negative control serum: Normal Mouse Serum
Jackson Immunoresearch Laboratories, Inc.
West Grove, PA 19390
www.jacksonimmuno.com
1-800-367-5296
Catalog #015-000-001

Secondary antibody: Biotinylated horse anti-mouse IgG
Vector Laboratories, Inc.
Burlingame, CA 94010
www.vectorlabs.com
1-800-227-6666
Catalog #BA-2001

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

Staining Procedure

-Positive Control Tissue:Rat multi-tissue (pancreas, liver, lung)
-Stain Localization: Nuclear

Deparaffinize and hydrate slides through the following solutions.

Xylene	2 times	5 minutes
100% EtOH	2 times	3 minutes
95% EtOH	2 times	3 minutes
1X Automation Buffer	2 times	5 minutes

1 Quench endogenous peroxidase by placing slides in 3% hydrogen peroxide for 15 minutes.

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

3. Unmasking Techniques using the decloaker.
Add 500 ml D/W to the pan of the decloaker.
Place full rack of slides in 200 ml of 1X citrate buffer and place in the decloaker.
Decloak for 5 minutes. Pressure_____
Depressurize for 10 minutes.
Remove pan top and cool for 10 min. Temp_____
Rinse in D/W, 2x for 3 min each

4. Rinse slides in 2 changes of 1X Automation Buffer for 5 minutes each.

5. Apply 10% Normal Horse Serum solution for 20 minutes at room temperature.
Lot#_____ Reconstituted Date_____

6. Apply Avidin/Biotin block
Lot#_____ Exp Date_____ New Kit: yes / no
Apply avidin block - 15 min at RT.
Quick rinse in 1X AB.
Apply biotin block - 15 min at RT.
Wipe excess block

DO NOT RINSE SECTIONS WITH BUFFER.

7. Apply primary antibody (p21) at a 1:10 dilutions and incubate overnight at 4 degrees C.
Lot#_____ Aliquoted yes / no Date Aliquoted_____

For negative control slides, normalize the protein concentration of normal mouse serum to the protein concentration of the primary antibody (p21) and use this to make the 1:10 dilution. Apply to slides and incubate overnight at 4 degrees C.
Lot #_____ Reconstituted Date_____

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Remove slides from 4 degrees and allow to warm up for 30 minutes.

8. Rinse slides in 2 changes of 1X Automation Buffer for 5 minutes each.

9. Apply the secondary antibody (biotinylated horse anti-mouse at a 1:500 dilution and incubate for 30 minutes.
Lot#_____ Reconstituted Date_____

10. Rinse slides in 2 changes of 1X Automation Buffer for 5 minutes each.

11. Apply the label antibody and incubate for 30 minutes.
(Prepare at least 30 mins prior to use)
Exp Date _____ New Kit: yes / no

12. Apply liquid Dako DAB Chromagen for 6 minutes in the dark.
(Add 1 drop of DAB per ml of substrate)
Lot #_____ Exp. Date_____ New Kit: yes / no

13. Rinse in tap water 3 minutes.

14. Counterstain with Modified Harris Hematoxylin for 30 seconds.

15. Rinse in tap water until water is clear.

16. Place slides in 1X Automation buffer for 1 minute with gentle agitation to blue slides.

17. Dehydrate through the following solutions.

95% Ethanol	1 change	3 minutes
100% EtOH	3 changes	3 minutes
Xylene	2 changes	5 minutes

18. Coverslip
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