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Abstract

Fixation and Immunostaining protocol for tissue and cell culture

Materials

Buffers
2x Fix: 8% PFA in 2xPBS: Prepare from
32%PFA in sealed EMS ampule, + 8ml 10x PBS, + 22ml ddH20, stable light
protected at 4 degrees for 2 weeks.
Fix: prepare fresh on day of use. Mix 2x Fix with ddH20, 1:1
Quench: Wash Buffer + 100mM Glycine + 0.1%
Sodium Azide
Block: Wash Buffer + 10% normal donkey
serum + 0.1% Sodium Azide
Wash: 1x PBS + 0.1% Triton-X 100
DAPI 50x stock: dilute -80 frozen DAPI
aliquot (50Kx concentrate) 1:1000 in
filtered TC grade H_2O; store LP, 4°C up to 4 months

1 Prepare 1x Fix by dilution from 2x Fix (see Description)

2 Gently aspirate culture supernatant, wash gently with PBS, and replace with cold Fix buffer

3 Incubate 30min @ 4° C or on ice 30m

4 Aspirate fix and wash gently 3x with PBS (incubate 1-2min each)

5 Aspirate and add Quench to permeabilize cells/tissue, at least 15 min room temperature (RT). Note: this and all steps in humidified chamber (HC). Can store samples for weeks/months at 4 degrees

6 Aspirate and add Block buffer, 30 min RT 30m

7 Incubate with primary antibodies cocktail (1-2 hrs RT or 4°C overnight (ON)

8 Wash 3x 5min (wash buffer) 15m

9 Prepare secondary antibodies in Wash buffer (1:500-1:1000), filter, light protect (LP).Note: This and all subsequent steps LP 17h

10 Incubate with secondary antibodies 1hr RT, light protected (LP) 1h

11 Wash 3× 5min 15m

12 Incubate with 1x DAPI in Wash buffer 5-10 min 10m

13 Wash 1x

14 Rinse very briefly with filtered H2O, 2x

15 Remove excess water, do not dry samples

16 Add Fluoromount-G (~20ul/well or ~100ul/slide) and apply No 1.5H coverslip (slowly lower, no bubbles) or other mountant

17 Dry ON, LP, RT