IHC-Amplified Fluorescent Frozen Sections

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ABSTRACT

Immunohistochemistry protocol used for staining with fluorescent secondary antibodies to highlight specific tissue structures and amplify specific antibody signals.

ATTACHMENTS

Fluor Immun Protocol-Biotin-Streptavidin-Slides (amplification).docx

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GUIDELINES

Frozen tissues cut in 30 micron intervals were used in this protocol. Do not touch the tissue on the slide or it will come off.

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MATERIALS TEXT

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Normal Donkey Serum Contributed by users Catalog #017-000-121
Citifluor AF-1 anti-fading solution Electron Microscopy Sciences
KimWipes Fischer Scientific
Triton X-100
Sigma Catalog #93426
PBS Contributed by users
ImmEdge hydrophobic barrier pen Vector Laboratories Catalog #H-4000
Superfrost™ Disposable Microscope Slides, White; 3 x 1 in. x 1mm Thermo
Fisher Catalog #12550123
Bovine Serum Albumin Thermo
Fisher Catalog #15561020
Coplin Staining Jar Thermo
Fisher Catalog #194
Scientific Device Humidity/Slide Moisture Chamber Thermo
Fisher Catalog #23769522

Slides boxes wrapped in tinfoil to store slides in -20 degrees Celsius prior to cutting.
Various primaries and secondaries dependent upon structure of interest.
Glass coverslips in various sizes depending on tissue size.

Primaries:
Neuropeptide Y (NPY) Antibody from Immunostar Catalog#22940
Anti-Tyrosine Hydroxylase (TH) from Millipore Catalog#AB1542
VACHT from Synaptic Systems Catalog#139 103
Anti-PGP9.5 antibody from abcam Catalog#ab108986

Secondaries:
Alexa Fluor 488 conjugated AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG from Jackson ImmunoResearch Catalog#711-545-152
Alexa Fluor 555 conjugated Donkey Anti-Goat IgG from ThermoFisher Catalog#A-21432
Alexa Fluor 555 conjugated Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG from ThermoFisher Catalog#A-31572
Alexa Fluor 594 conjugated Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG from Jackson ImmunoResearch Catalog#711-585-152
Alexa Fluor 594 conjugated Donkey Anti-Goat IgG from ThermoFisher Catalog#A-11058
Biotin-SP-conjugated AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Goat IgG from Jackson ImmunoResearch Catalog#705-065-147
Streptavidin from Thermo Scientific Catalog#21842

1 Day 1: Using the PAP Pen, carefully draw a water barrier circle around the tissue sections on the slide – allow this circle to dry for several seconds or up to approx. one minute

2 Rinse slides with PBS (pH 7.3-7.4): 4 x 5 min each

3 Rinse slides with 0.5% BSA + 0.4% Triton X-100 in PBS): 1 x 10 min

4 Remove slides one at a time and using a clean Kimwipe, carefully wipe around the tissue sections to dry the slide
5. Place the slides into a black, covered slide incubation box/humidity box

6. Cover the tissue sections with blocking buffer (10% normal donkey serum in 1.0% BSA + 0.4% Triton X-100 + PBS)

7. Allow the sections to remain in blocking buffer for 1.5-2 hrs. at RT

8. Pour off the blocking buffer

9. Replace with primary antibody solution (antibody of choice diluted in 1.0% BSA + 0.4% Triton X-100 + PBS)

10. Incubate tissue with primary antibody overnight in incubation box

11. Day 2: Rinse slides with PBS: 4 x 5 min

12. Rinse slides with 0.5% BSA + 0.4% Triton X-100 + PBS: 1 x 10 min

13. Place the slides into a black, covered slide incubation box/humidity box

14. Cover the tissue sections with blocking buffer (10% normal donkey serum in 1.0% BSA + 0.4% Triton X-100 + PBS)

15. Allow the sections to remain in blocking buffer for 1.5-2 hrs. at RT

16. Prepare fluorescent secondary antibody (secondary antibody should be diluted in 1.0% BSA + 0.4% Triton X-100 + PBS)

17. Cover the tissue with the secondary antibody solution and incubate for 2 hrs. at RT in the incubation box. *From this
point on, use low light and/or cover tissues.*

18 Rinse slides with PBS: 4 x 5 min

19 Remove excess PBS with a Kimwipe

20 Prepare fluorescent Streptavidin secondary antibody (should be diluted in 1.0% BSA + 0.4% Triton X-100 + PBS)

21 Cover the tissue with the fluorescent Streptavidin antibody solution and incubate for 2 hrs. at RT in the incubation box.

22 Rinse slides with PBS: 4 x 5 min

23 Remove excess PBS with a Kimwipe

24 Carefully add a drop of mounting medium to the center of the tissue and apply cover glass

25 Seal cover glass with clear nail polish. For thicker tissue, add a weight before sealing