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## Immunohistochemistry of free floating slices

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## Abstract

This protocol details the immunohistochemistry of free floating slices.



## Steps

2w 0d 5h 40m

1

2w

### Note



**Step 1 is for fresh tissue only, otherwise, start directly to step 2**

Fix with paraformaldehyde (PFA) 4% Overnight at Room temperature .

- 4 g of PFA
- Dissolve in 100 mL de PBS (pH 7.3 ) previously heated to around 60 °C .
- Mix the solution until it completely clears up.
- Filter and store at 4 °C for a duration of 336:00:00 .

2 Rinse with PBS 1X (3X 10 min) under agitation.

2.1 Rinse with PBS 1X for 00:10:00 under agitation (1/3).

10m



2.2 Rinse with PBS 1X for 00:10:00 under agitation (2/3).

10m



2.3 Rinse with PBS 1X for 00:10:00 under agitation (3/3).

10m



3 Permeabilize and block the non-specific primary antibodies bindings in a 24-well multiwell plate by incubating under agitation for 01:00:00 with 0.5 mL to 1 mL of a BSA enriched ab solution ( 10 mL of ab solution for 1 g of BSA).

1h



4 All the subsequent steps are done using the following ab solution:

- 95 mL of PBS 7.3
- 20 mg of NaN<sub>3</sub> (final 0.02 %)
- 300 µL of Triton X-100 (final 0.3 %)



-  500 mg of BSA (final 0.5 %)
-  5 mL of goat serum (final 5 %)

5 Dilute the primary antibodies in the ab solution and apply  0.5 mL per well (up to 10 slices)

 Overnight at  Room temperature under agitation.

1h



6 Rinse the slices with PBS (3X 10 min) under agitation.



6.1 Rinse the slices with PBS for  00:10:00 under agitation (1/3).

10m



6.2 Rinse the slices with PBS for  00:10:00 under agitation (2/3).

10m



6.3 Rinse the slices with PBS for  00:10:00 under agitation (3/3).

10m



7 Dilute the secondary antibodies in the ab solution and apply  0.5 mL per well (up to 10 slices) for  02:00:00 at  Room temperature under agitation.

2h



8 Rinse the slices with PBS (3X 10 min) under agitation.



8.1 Rinse the slices with PBS for  00:10:00 under agitation (1/3).

10m



8.2 Rinse the slices with PBS for  00:10:00 under agitation (2/3).

10m



8.3 Rinse the slices with PBS for  00:10:00 under agitation (3/3).

10m



9 Mount the slices on charged (+) glass slides submerged in PBS.



- 10 Let the mounted slices dry (about  00:10:00 ).

10m

**Note**

\*Don't wait too long otherwise salt deposits will start to appear and affect your staining.

- 11 Seal the slides with  100  $\mu$ L -  120  $\mu$ L /slide of Fluoromount G and a rectangular glass coverslip and seal the coverslip to the slide with nail polish.