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Abstract

This protocol aims to examine the association of calf-intestinal alkaline phosphatase (CIAP)-resistant alpha-synuclein phosphorylated at serine 129 (PSER129) and proteinase K (PK)-resistant alpha-synuclein (aSyn) in the mouse brain, particularly in M83 transgenic mice treated with preformed fibrils. M83 lines exhibit a notably higher abundance of endogenous PSER129 compared to wild-type mice.

Materials

- **Dilution media:**

	A	B
	Tris-HCl, pH 7.4	50 mM
	NaCl	150 mM
	Triton- X100	0.5%

 Alkaline Phosphatase, Calf Intestinal (20 u/μl) **Promega Catalog #M2825**

- **CIAP buffer:**

	A	B
	NaCl	100 mM
	Tris-HCl	50 mM
	MgCl ₂ , pH 7.9	10 mM
	Autoclave and store RT	

- **Blocking buffer:**

	A	B
	Dilution media	100 mL
	Normal serum	3 mL
	BSA	2 g
	Triton X100	0.4 mL
	Mix well so the Triton is completely dissolved	

- **Borate buffer:**

	A	B
	Borate buffer, pH 8.5	0.05 M
	DI H ₂ O	300 mL
	Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	5.72 g

A	B
Mix well to dissolve completely. Adjust to pH 8.5	

▪ **Components:**

A	B
Borate buffer	10 mL
H ₂ O ₂	1 uL
TF	5 uL

▪ **Sodium Citrate Buffer, pH 6.0 (1L):**


A	B
Sodium citrate-Trisodium salt (Dihydrate) in 1000 mL DI water	2.94 g
Tween-20	0.5 mL
Mix well	


▪ **PBS:**

A	B
Tris-HCl, pH 7.2	50 mM
NaCl	158 mM

 Proteinase K Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #E00491

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Troubleshooting

Day 1

1d 1h 10m

- 1 Wash free-floating tissue (3 × 10 minutes) in dilution media (DM). 

Dilution media:

	A	B
	Tris-HCl, pH 7.4	50 mM
	NaCl	150 mM
	Triton- X100	0.5%

- 1.1 Wash free-floating tissue for  00:10:00 in dilution media (DM). (1/3) 





- 1.2 Wash free-floating tissue for  00:10:00 in dilution media (DM). (2/3) 





- 1.3 Wash free-floating tissue for  00:10:00 in dilution media (DM). (3/3) 



- 2 Incubate the samples with 1% Triton X-100 in DM for  00:10:00 . 



- 3 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . 



- 4 Wash the tissues in CIAP buffer (2×10 minutes). 

CIAP buffer:

	A	B
	NaCl	100 mM
	Tris-HCl	50 mM
	MgCl ₂ , pH 7.9	10 mM



A	B
Autoclave and store RT	

4.1 Wash the tissues in CIAP buffer for 00:10:00 . (1/2)

10m



4.2 Wash the tissues in CIAP buffer for 00:10:00 . (2/2)

10m



5 Incubate the tissues with CIAP at a dilution of 1:333 for 24:00:00 at 37 °C on a shaker.

1d



- Alkaline Phosphatase, Calf Intestinal (20 u/μl) **Promega Catalog #M2825** .
- In 500uL CIAP buffer, add 1.5 μl CIAP (30 units).

Day 2

8h 30m

6 Wash in DM (3 × 10 minutes).



6.1 Wash in DM for 00:10:00 . (1/3)

10m



6.2 Wash in DM for 00:10:00 . (2/3)

10m



6.3 Wash in DM for 00:10:00 . (3/3)

10m





7 Endogenous peroxidase inhibition and serum blocking step (1-hour incubation):

- 0.3% H₂O₂+0.1% Sodium Azide in 50 mL blocking buffer.
- **Blocking buffer:**

A	B
Dilution media	100 mL
Normal serum	3 mL
BSA	2 g
Triton X100	0.4 mL
Mix well so the Triton is completely dissolved	

8 Dilute primary antibody in blocking buffer. Incubate  Overnight at  4 °C .

8h

- Recombinant Anti-Alpha-synuclein (phospho S129) antibody (EP1536Y, ab51253), dilution factor: 1:50K
- In  30 mL blocking buffer, add  0.6 µL PSER129 antibody.




Day 3

17h 20m


9 Wash in DM (3 × 10 minutes).



9.1 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . (1/3)


10m



9.2 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . (2/3)


10m



9.3 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . (3/3)

10m



10 HRP-Secondary antibody incubation 1:1000 dilution ( 01:00:00).

1h


- Solvent is  100 mL DM +  1 mL normal serum +  1 g BSA

11 Wash in DM (2 × 10 minutes).




11.1 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . (1/2)

10m

11.2 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . (2/2)

10m


12 Wash in borate buffer for  00:10:00 .

10m

▪ **Borate buffer:**

A	B
Borate buffer, pH 8.5	0.05 M
DI H2O	300 mL
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	5.72 g
Mix well to dissolve completely. Adjust to pH 8.5	



13 Incubate with tyramide fluorophore (TF) for  00:30:00 while blocking light. After this step, always protect the tissues from light.

30m



▪ **Components:**

A	B
Borate buffer	10 mL
H2O2	1 uL
TF	5 uL

14 Wash in DM (2 × 10 minutes).



14.1 Wash in DM  00:10:00 . (1/2)


10m






14.2 Wash in DM  00:10:00 . (2/2)

10m



15 View under the microscope to confirm successful staining. 

16 Heat water bath to  80 °C -  85 °C for  01:30:00 before the primary antibody elution step. 1h 30m



17 Place the dish containing sodium citrate buffer in the water bath and heat it for  00:10:00 . 10m

▪ **Sodium Citrate Buffer, pH 6.0 (1L):**

A	B
Sodium citrate-Trisodium salt (Dihydrate) in 1000 mL DI water	2.94 g
Tween-20	0.5 mL
Mix well	

18 Wash the tissues in sodium citrate buffer for  00:10:00 10m


19 Incubate the tissues in the heated sodium citrate buffer for  00:30:00 . 30m

20 Cool the dish containing tissues to  Room temperature (at least  00:20:00). 20m


21 Wash in DM for 10 min x 2 times. 

21.1 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . (1/2) 10m

21.2 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . (2/2) 10m

22 Mount the tissues on Superfrost Plus Microscope Slides (Fisherbrand), and completely dry it for at least  02:00:00 . 2h

23 Heat water bath to  37 °C for  00:30:00 before the PK digestion step. 30m



24 Place the dish containing PBS in the water bath and heat it for  00:10:00 . 10m

▪ **PBS:**

	A	B
	Tris-HCl, pH 7.2	50 mM
	NaCl	158 mM


25 Add the PK to the PBS at a dilution of 1:666 and mix well. 


▪  Proteinase K **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #EO0491**

▪  30 mL PBS, add  45 µL PK.

26 Incubate the mounted tissues in the PK containing PBS for  00:30:00 . 30m


27 Wash the slide in PBS (2 × 5 minutes). 

27.1 Wash the slide in PBS for  00:05:00 . (1/2) 5m

27.2 Wash the slide in PBS for  00:05:00 . (2/2) 5m


28 Incubate the slide in 4% PFA for  00:30:00 at  Room temperature on a shaker. 30m

29 Wash in DM (2 × 5 minutes). 

29.1 Wash in DM for  00:05:00 . (1/2)



5m





29.2 Wash in DM for  00:05:00 . (2/2)

5m





30 Block the tissues on slide using Bloxall endogenous blocking solution (Vector Laboratories) for  00:10:00 at  Room temperature on a shaker.

10m

31 Dilute primary antibody in blocking buffer. Incubate  Overnight at  4 °C .

8h



- Recombinant Anti-Alpha-synuclein antibody (EPR20535, ab212184), dilution factor: 1:20K
- In  30 mL blocking buffer, add  1.5 μL aSyn antibody.

Day 4

3h 50m

32 Wash in DM (3 × 10 minutes).



32.1 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . (1/3)


10m



32.2 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . (2/3)


10m



32.3 Wash in DM for  00:10:00 . (3/3)

10m



33 HRP-Secondary antibody incubation 1:1000 dilution ( 01:00:00).

1h

- Solvent is  100 mL DM +  1 mL normal serum +  1 g BSA

34 Wash in DM (2 × 10 minutes).



34.1 Wash in DM for 00:10:00 . (1/2)

10m



34.2 Wash in DM for 00:10:00 . (2/2)

10m



35 Wash in borate buffer for 00:10:00 .

10m

▪ **Borate Buffer:**

A	B
Borate buffer, pH 8.5	0.05 M
DI H2O	300 mL
Sodium tetraborate decahydrate	5.72 g
Mix well to dissolve completely. Adjust to pH 8.5	

35.1 Incubate with tyramide fluorophore (TF) for 00:30:00 while blocking light.

30m



35.2 Wash in DM (2 × 10 minutes).

20m

▪ Wash in DM 00:10:00 . (1/2)




▪ Wash in DM 00:10:00 . (2/2)



35.3 **Components:**



A	B
Borate buffer	10 mL
H2O2	1 uL

	A	B
	TF	5 uL

36 View under the microscope to confirm successful staining. 


37 Wash in PBS (2 × 10 minutes). 


37.1 Wash in PBS for  00:10:00 . (1/2) 



37.2 Wash in PBS for  00:10:00 . (2/2) 


38 Counterstain with DAPI for  00:20:00 at  Room temperature . 

- 1:2000 dilution in ddH₂O or PBS.

39 Wash the tissues in PBS (2 × 10 minutes). 

39.1 Wash the tissues in PBS for  00:10:00 . (1/2) 

39.2 Wash the tissues in PBS for  00:10:00 . (2/2) 

40 Cover the slide with Fluoroshield, and coverslip. Seal with nail polish on all sides of the coverslip. Always protect the slides from light. Slides can be stored at  4 °C . 