Laminin Immunohistochemistry ABC/HRP

The fixation is routine paraformaldehyde or formalin fixation of tissue prior to paraffin embedding. However, the staining procedure must include an antigen retrieval step pretreating the deparaffinized sections with pepsin. This is required for all laminin antibodies used on paraffin tissue.

Proteolytic antigen retrieval:

1. Apply 250 µL of pepsin at 4mg/mL in 0.01M HCL (pH ~2.0).
2. Incubate for 60 minutes at 37C in a humid chamber.
3. Wash x2 in distilled H2O, 5 min. each wash.

Mount paraffin sections on Fisher Plus slides. Bake for >2 hours at 50C.

1. Deparaffinize mounted sections in xylene: 2 changes 5 min each, and a 3rd change for 10 min.
2. Exchange ethanol with 2 changes of 100% EtOH for 5 min each.
3. Quench endogenous peroxidase for 30 min in 100% methanol + 1% H2O2.
5. 5 min. in 95% EtOH; 5 min. in 70% EtOH; 5 min. in running H2O. Rinse with dH2O.

Circumscribe the sections with PAP Pen.

7. Apply 1 degrees antibody. Aspirate Blocking Buffer and immediately apply rabbit anti-EHS laminin (MuirLab prep) diluted to 1 µg/ml in Blocking Buffer. Apply 100ul to sections, and incubate overnight at 4C in humidified chamber.
8. Aspirate 1 degrees antibody and wash slides in a rack by immersion in PBS with 3 changes over >=15 min.
9. Apply biotinylated 2 degrees antibody. Dilute biotinylated swine anti-rabbit 1/500 in Blocking Buffer. Apply 100ul to sections, and incubate for 2 hr. at ambient temperature in humidified chamber. (Before end of incubation, prepare ABC reagents as stated in step 10.)
10. Unmask antigen by proteolysis. Cover sections with 100ul of 4mg/ml of pepsin (Sigma #P6887) dissolved in 0.01M HCL. Treat for 1 hr at 37C in humidified chamber. Rinse in running H2O.
11. Blocking: Block background staining by covering sections with 100ul of PBS containing 10% normal swine serum (Blocking Buffer) for 1 hr at ambient temperature in humidified chamber.

Aspirate Blocking Buffer and immediately apply rabbit anti-EHS laminin (MuirLab prep) diluted to 1 µg/ml in Blocking Buffer. Apply 100ul to sections, and incubate overnight at 4C in humidified chamber. (Before end of incubation, prepare ABC reagents as stated in step 10.)

12. Aspirate ABC solution and Wash by immersion in PBS with 3 changes over >=20 min.
13. Develop with chromogenic substrate. Immediately before use, mix in 3 ml of PBS, 1.5 mg DAB (diaminobenzidine-[HCl]4; Sigma #D5637) and 2ul H2O2 (30%). Filter with a 0.2um syringe filter. Apply 100ul to sections and let develop for 12 min at ambient temperature. Stop chromogenic reaction by submerge slides in running H2O.

5 min in 70% EtOH; 5 min in 95% EtOH; 5 min in 100% EtOH; 5 min in 100% EtOH

Additional

Immunohistochemistry Protocol De-paraffinize: xylene x2 5 min (to remove paraffin) xylene x1 10 min 100% ethanol x2 5 min (to remove xylene) Quench endogenous peroxidase: Quench with 1% H2O2 in 100% methanol (v/v) for 30 min at RT. Rehydrate: 95% ethanol x1 5 min 70% ethanol x1 5 min distilled H2O x2 5 min Circumscribe tissue sections with PAP pen. Proteolytic antigen retrieval: Apply 250 ul of pepsin at 4 mg/ml in 0.01M HCL (pH ~2.0). Incubate for 60 min at 37C in a humid chamber. Wash x2 in distilled H2O, 5 min each wash.

Block background: Apply 250 ul of 10% normal goat serum in PBS. Incubate for 30 min at 37C. Pour off excess blocking solution from slides, do not allow tissue to dry. Immunostaining - primary antibody: A. Apply 250 ul of anti-laminin 1 degrees Ab at 1:1000 in PBS containing 10% goat serum. B. Apply 250 ul of 10% goat serum in PBS as negative control. Incubate overnight at 37C in a humid chamber. Immunostaining - secondary antibody: Wash x2 in PBS, 5 min each wash. Apply 250 ul of 2 degrees Ab at 1:500 in PBS. Incubate for 30 min at 37C in a humid chamber. Wash x2 in PBS, 5 min each wash. DAB substrate: Apply 250 ul DAB solution and allow brown color to develop for 30 min at RT. DAB is carcinogenic therefore dispose of it as hazardous chemical waste. Rinse briefly in running distilled H2O to stop reaction. Wash x2 in distilled H2O, 5 min each wash. Mount: Air dry slides for a few
minutes. Apply 3-4 drops of Crystal/Mount to tissue sections. Spread evenly by rotation. Dry slides in a 37°C oven for 1-2 hours.

**RECIPES FOR LAMININ STAINING PROTOCOL**

**10X PBS Stock Solution**

- 1.37M NaCl 80.06 g
- 137 mM NaCl 0.027M KCl 2.01 g
- 2.7 mM KCl 0.043M Na2HPO4 6.11 g
- 4.3 mM Na2HPO4 0.014M KH2PO4 1.92 g
- 1.4 mM KH2PO4

Dissolve in 800 ml distilled H2O. pH to 7.4 with 5N NaOH. QS to 1L with distilled H2O.

The following volumes are for 20 tissue sections (18 test and 2 controls).

**Pepsin Solution**

Dissolve 20 mg of pepsin in 5 ml of 0.01M HCl (pH ~2.0). Pepsin: Roche 03 117 901 001 (from porcine stomach) (EC 3.4.23.1)

**Endogenous Peroxidase Block**

1% (v/v) = 2.5 ml of 30% H2O2 in 250 ml of 100% methanol (where 30% H2O2 is treated as 100%).

**Non-specific Protein Block**

Prepare a 10% solution by diluting 1 ml of normal goat serum in 9 ml of PBS. Goat serum: Sigma G-9023.

**Antibodies**

1 degrees Ab: rabbit anti-rat laminin PAb (Novus Biologicals NB 300-144).

Prepare at 1:1000 by adding 4.5 ul 1 degrees Ab to 4.5 ml of 10% goat serum in PBS.

2 degrees Ab: goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP (Santa Cruz sc-2030).

Prepare at 1:500 by adding 10 ul 2 degrees Ab to 5 ml of PBS.

**DAB substrate**

DAB: Sigma D-4293. DAB (3,3’ diaminobenzidine) is carcinogenic. Prepare by dissolving one DAB tablet and one H2O2 tablet in 5 ml of distilled H2O.

**Mount**

Crystal/Mount, an aqueous based, mounting medium, is from Biomeda (catalog no. M02).

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