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Immunostaining with 8-OHdG Monoclonal Antibody (catalog no. 12501)

#### Tissue Preparation

8-OHdG monoclonal antibody reacts on both 50 um frozen tissue sections and paraffin-embedded sections. Tissue should be dissected fresh and fixed in periodate-lysine-paraformaldehyde (PLP) at 4°C overnight.

#### PLP

Heat 1 L dH<sub>2</sub>O to 60°C. Add 60 g paraformaldehyde. Add 33 g dibasic NaPO<sub>4</sub>. Cool to room termperature in a cold water bath. Add 9 g monobasic NaPO<sub>4</sub>.

Add 9 g monobasic NaPO<sub>4</sub>. Add 6.45 g Na-*m*-periodate. Add 41.1 g lysine (HCl salt). Filter and dilute to 3 L with dH<sub>2</sub>O. Adjust pH to 7.6 with 1.0 N NaOH (approx. 20-30 ml).

Tissue prepared for frozen sectioning must be cryoprotected in a 20% glycerol-2% DMSO solution in phosphate buffer for 24-48 hours. Tissue will sink to the bottom of container when fully penetrated. This will eliminate freezing artifact from cutting.

**Glycerol-DMSO** (for 3 L) 2.4 L 0.1 M phosphate buffer 600 ml glycerol 60 ml DMSO

### **0.1 M Phosphate Buffer**, pH 7.4 (for 1 L) 1 L dH<sub>2</sub>O 11 g dibasic NaPO<sub>4</sub> 3 g monobasic NaPO<sub>4</sub>

After frozen sectioning, tissue should be stored in phosphate buffer with 0.08% sodium azide.

# Staining Sections By DAB Procedure

Paraffin-embedded sections must be deparaffinized by sequential immersion in the following for 3 minutes each: xylene (twice), absolute ethanol (twice). Agitate gently in each solution. Proceed with the following procedure.

1. Pretreat sections with a methanolperoxide solution to eliminate endogenous peroxidases.

#### **Methanol-Peroxide**

100 ml absolute methanol 1 ml 33% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

Incubate sections in methanolperoxide solution for 30 minutes, room temperature.

2. Wash sections 3 times for 10 minutes each in 0.1 M phosphate buffered saline (PBS)

PBS, pH 7.4 (for 1 L) 1 L dH<sub>2</sub>O 11 g dibasic NaPO<sub>4</sub> 3 g monobasic NaPO<sub>4</sub> 8.5 g NaCl

- 3. Incubate sections for 1 hour in 10% normal goat serum in PBS.
- 4. Incubate sections in the primary antibody for 18-24 hours at room temperature. Depending on the nature of the sample, a shorter incubation time may be used. It is

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recommended that a concentration range of 1-10 ug/ml be evaluated in order to determine the optimal concentration for each type of tissue sample. Dilute antibody in PBS containing 0.3% Triton X-100, 0.08% sodium azide and 2% normal goat serum.

NOTE: A humidified chamber is necessary when staining paraffin sections. Slides should be placed flat and primary antibody applied over the section, covering it completely.

- 5. Rinse sections 3 times for 10 minutes each in PBS.
- 6. Incubate for 3 hours with peroxidase-conjugated goat antimouse IgG (Boehringer-Mannheim, Indianapolis, IN) diluted 1:300 in PBS with 2% normal goat serum.
- 7. Rinse sections 3 times for 10 minutes each in PBS.
- 8. Incubate sections for 5-10 minutes in a solution of 0.5 mg/ml 3,3' diamino-benzidine tetrahydrochloride (DAB, Sigma, St. Louis, MO) and 0.005% hydrogen peroxide in 0.05 M tris HCl buffer, pH 7.6 plus imidazole (10 ml/110 ml Tris buffer).

**50 mM Tris Buffer**, pH 7.6 1 L dH<sub>2</sub>O 6 g Trizma base 3 ml concentrated HCl (37%)

**Sodium Imidazole** 100 ml 0.1 M phosphate buffer 0.7 g sodium imidazole

- 9. Rinse sections 3 times for 10 minutes each in PBS.
- 10. Mount free-floating sections on subbed slides and air dry.

### **Subbing Solution**

500 ml dH<sub>2</sub>O 2.5 g gelatin 0.25 g chromium potassium sulfate Heat to 60°C. Filter and proceed to coat slides. Once slides are air dried, sections can be mounted.

- 11. Dehydrate mounted/paraffin sections by sequential immersion in the following for 3 minutes each: 70% ethanol, 95% ethanol, absolute ethanol, xylene. Agitate gently in each solution.
- 12. Apply coverslip with Permount in a chemical fume hood.