

Immunohistochemistry: Immunoperoxydase staining for frozen tissue sections

- 1. Leave frozen tissue sections warm at room temperature for 1 to 2 hours.
- 2. Fix the sections in cold acetone for 10 min.
- 3. Wash twice in PBS.
- 4. If necessary, block endogenous peroxydase by incubating in 0.1% H₂O₂ in 70% methanol for 10-30 minutes.
- 5. Wash once in PBS.
- 6. Incubate sections for 1 hour in 1.5% normal blocking serum in PBS, derived from the same species in which secondary has been raised. Remove blocking serum from slides.
- 7. Incubate with appropriately diluted primary antibody for at least 1 hour at room temperature or overnight at 4°C. Wash twice in PBS.
- 8. Incubate the sections with the peroxydase conjugated secondary antibody at recommended dilution. Incubate for 30-60 minutes at room temperature. Wash twice in PBS.
- 9. Stain with the appropriate substrate DAB solution or AEC solution for 10 minutes.
- 10. Wash with demineralised water.
- 11. Briefly counterstain with haematoxylin for 1-10 minutes.
- 12. Wash gently in running water until blue colour is clearly visible.
- Dehydrate by increasing solution of ethanol and xylene solvent, mount with medium and examine by light microscopy.