

Tacha's Automated Hematoxylin Counterstain

Control Number: 901-NMHEM-081917

Catalog Number: NM-HEM M

Description: 500 ml

Intended Use:

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use

Tacha's Automated Hematoxylin is a modified Lillie-Mayer Hematoxylin staining reagent intended for visualization of cellular nuclei in tissue sections and cellular preparations. The clinical interpretation of any staining or its absence should be complemented by morphological studies and proper controls and should be evaluated within the context of the patient's clinical history and other diagnostic tests by a qualified pathologist.

Summary & Explanation:

Biocare's progressive hematoxylin is water-based and is specially formulated for immunohistochemistry. It can be used for both paraffin and frozen sections. Tacha's Automated Hematoxylin stain nuclei a beautiful sky-blue and provides the end-user high contrast staining for DAB, AEC, Bajoran Purple and Fast Red procedures. Tacha's hematoxylin contains an anti-oxidant, and in most cases does not need filtering. It can also be used on an automated staining system.

Known Applications:

Immunohistochemistry (formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues)

Supplied As:

Ready-to-use

Materials and Reagents Needed But Not Provided:

Microscope slides, positively charged
Desert Chamber* (Drying oven)
Positive and negative tissue controls
Xylene (Could be substituted with xylene substitute*)
Ethanol or reagent alcohol
Decloaking Chamber* (Pressure cooker)
Deionized or distilled water
Wash buffer*(TBS/PBS)
Pretreatment reagents*
Enzyme digestion*
Avidin-Biotin Blocking Kit*(Labeled streptavidin kits only)
Peroxidase block*
Protein block*
Primary antibody*
Negative control reagents*
Detection kits*
Detection components*
Chromogens*
Bluing reagent*
Mounting medium*

* Biocare Medical Products: Refer to a Biocare Medical catalog for further information regarding catalog numbers and ordering information. Certain reagents listed above are based on specific application and detection system used.

Storage and Stability:

Store at room temperature away from light. Do not use after expiration date printed on vial. If reagents are stored under conditions other than those specified in the package insert, they must be verified by the user. Diluted reagents should be used promptly; any remaining reagent should be stored at room temperature.

Protocol Recommendations:

1. After applying the chromogen of choice, rinse slides with TBS wash buffer.
2. Apply one water rinse.
3. Apply 250-500 microliters of Tacha's Automated Hematoxylin for 1 to 5 minutes.
4. Wash with automated TBS wash buffer.

Limitations:

The protocols for a specific application can vary. These include, but are not limited to: fixation, heat-retrieval method, incubation times, tissue section thickness and detection kit used. Due to the superior sensitivity of these unique reagents, the recommended incubation times and titers listed are not applicable to other detection systems, as results may vary. The data sheet recommendations and protocols are based on exclusive use of Biocare products. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the investigator to determine optimal conditions. The clinical interpretation of any positive or negative staining should be evaluated within the context of clinical presentation, morphology and other histopathological criteria by a qualified pathologist. The clinical interpretation of any positive or negative staining should be complemented by morphological studies using proper positive and negative internal and external controls as well as other diagnostic tests.

Quality Control:

Refer to CLSI Quality Standards for Design and Implementation of Immunohistochemistry Assays; Approved Guideline-Second edition (I/LA28-A2) CLSI Wayne, PA, USA (www.clsi.org). 2011

Precautions:

1. This product is not classified as hazardous. The preservative used in this reagent is Proclin 300 and the concentration is less than 0.25%. Overexposure to Proclin 300 can cause skin and eye irritation and irritation to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. The concentration of Proclin 300 in this product does not meet the OSHA criteria for a hazardous substance. Wear disposable gloves when handling reagents.
2. Specimens, before and after fixation, and all materials exposed to them should be handled as if capable of transmitting infection and disposed of with proper precautions.
3. Never pipette reagents by mouth and avoid contacting the skin and mucous membranes with reagents and specimens. If reagents or specimens come in contact with sensitive areas, wash with copious amounts of water. Microbial contamination of reagents may result in an increase in nonspecific staining.
4. Incubation times or temperatures other than those specified may give erroneous results. The user must validate any such change.
5. The SDS is available upon request and is located at <http://biocare.net>.
6. Consult OSHA, federal, state or local regulations for disposal of any toxic substances. Proclin™ is a trademark of Rohm and Haas Company, or of its subsidiaries or affiliates..

Warnings:

1. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment and avoid contact with skin and eyes.
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Troubleshooting:

Follow the reagent specific protocol recommendations according to data sheet provided. If atypical results occur, contact Biocare's Technical Support at 1-800-542-2002.