



**Rabbit on Rodent AP-Polymer**  
Rabbit Primary Antibodies on Mouse and Rat Tissues  
Polymer Detection

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Control Number: 902-RMR625-102411

**Catalog Number:** RMR625 G, H

**Description:** 6.0, 25 ml

**Intended Use:**

For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

**Summary & Explanation:**

Rabbit-on-Rodent AP-Polymer has been developed for use with rabbit monoclonal/polyclonal antibodies on mouse and rat tissues. Rabbit primary antibodies on mouse and rat tissues are advantageous because rabbit secondary detection systems can be used with minimum cross-reactivity to endogenous mouse and rat IgG. Advantages of Biocare Medical's polymer technology are increased sensitivity, reduction of IHC steps and elimination of endogenous biotin. It can be used with formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues, floating sections, frozen sections or cell cultures. Biocare's Rabbit-on-Rodent AP-Polymer is ideal for single staining and may also be used in double and triple staining techniques.

In some tissues such as spleen, endogenous mouse or rat IgG may be difficult to eliminate. Biocare Medical has developed an antigen retrieval solution (Rodent Decloaker) that helps reduce or eliminate endogenous IgG and non-specific background staining while simultaneously, performing antigen retrieval. Temperature dependent protocols at 80°C, 95°C and 125°C can be performed using Biocare's Decloaking Chamber.

Biocare Medical has additional products to help eliminate persistent rat and mouse IgG. The XM and XR Factors are two potent blockers for eliminating endogenous mouse or rat IgG. By adding 1-2 drops (1 drop equals 33µl) of the XM or XR Factor to 2.5 ml of Rabbit-on-Rodent AP-Polymer detection, endogenous mouse or rat IgG will be reduced dramatically or completely eliminated. In addition Rodent Block M (mouse tissue) and Rodent Block R (rat tissue) block for non-specific background staining and reduce staining due to endogenous mouse or rat IgG. Rodent Block M or R is applied to the tissue prior to the primary antibody for 15 to 30 minutes.

**Known Applications:**

Immunohistochemistry on formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues, floating sections, frozen sections, and cell cultures.

**Supplied As:**

**6ml Kit**

Rabbit-on-Rodent AP-Polymer (RMR625G) 6ml

**25ml Kit**

Rabbit-on-Rodent AP-Polymer (RMR625H) 25ml

**Materials and Reagents Needed But Not Provided:**

Rodent Decloaker, 10X (RD913)  
XM Factor (XMF963) or XR Factor (XRF964)  
Rodent Block M (RBM961) or Rodent Block R (RBR962)  
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)  
Enzyme Digestion\*  
Peroxidase block\*  
Primary antibody\*  
Negative Control Reagents\*  
Chromogens\*  
Hematoxylin\*  
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.

**Species Reactivity:**

Rabbit IgG heavy and light chains with minimum cross-reactivity on mouse and rat tissues.

**Storage and Stability:**

Store at 2°C-8°C. Do not use after expiration date printed on vials. If reagents are stored under conditions other than those specified in the package insert, they must be verified by the user.

**Protocol Recommendations:**

1. Deparaffinize slides in Biocare's Slide Brite or xylene.
2. Hydrate slides in a series of graded alcohols to water.
3. **Optional:** Post-fix tissues in 10% formalin for 30 minutes (see Technical Note #1). Wash in DI water.
4. **Optional:** Immerse slides in Biocare's Peroxidized 1 blocking reagent for 3-5 minutes. Wash in DI water (see Technical Note #2).
5. **Optional:** Place slides in 1X Rodent Decloaker and heat to 80°C, 95°C or 125°C using Biocare's Decloaking Chamber. Heating times can be used as follows (see Technical Note #3):
  - 80°C for 30-120 minutes or overnight for 12-18 hours
  - 95°C for 30-60 minutes
  - 125°C for 30 seconds to 5 minutes
 Remove slides and wash in DI water.
6. Digestion Technique (**Optional**):
  - Place slides in 1X Rodent Decloaker at 80°C for 15-30 minutes. Wash in DI water.
  - A post digestion can be performed using pepsin at room temperature (RT) for 2-5 minutes. Wash in TBS wash buffer.
  - If Rodent Decloaker is not used, apply pepsin at RT for 10-15 minutes and wash in TBS wash buffer.
  - If using Rodent Decloaker at 95 or 125°C, a post digestion can be performed using pepsin at RT for 30-60 seconds. Wash in TBS wash buffer.
7. **Optional:** If troublesome background staining occurs, apply Rodent Block M (on mouse tissue) or Rodent Block R (on rat tissue) for 15-30 minutes to reduce non-specific background staining and/or endogenous mouse or rat IgG. Wash in TBS buffer.
8. Apply primary antibody for 30-60 minutes at RT or overnight at 2-8°C. Wash in TBS wash buffer (see Technical Note #4).
9. Apply Rabbit-on-Rodent AP-Polymer for 20-30 minutes. Wash in TBS wash buffer (see Technical Note #5).
10. Chromogen: Incubate for 5-7 minutes when using Biocare's Warp Red.
11. Rinse in DI water.
12. Counterstain with hematoxylin. Rinse with deionized water. Apply Tacha's Bluing Solution for 1 minute. Rinse with deionized water.
13. Dehydrate, clear and coverslip.

**Technical Notes:**

1. Post-fixing tissue sections on slides for 15-30 minutes in 10% formalin (apply after step #2) reduces endogenous mouse and rat IgG and helps prevent tissues from falling off the slides.
2. Blocking for endogenous peroxidase is not required; however, immersing slides in Peroxidized 1 bleaches tissues and red blood cells which produces better contrast for alkaline phosphatase staining procedures.
3. This product is designed to work with 1X Rodent Decloaker. Other antigen retrieval solutions and/or protocols may cause non-specific background or insufficient staining.
4. Biocare's Background Sniper can be used as a diluent to reduce non-specific background staining.
5. If endogenous mouse or rat IgG is observed in tissue sections, add 1-2 drops (1 drop equals 33ul) of XM or XR Factor to 2.5 ml of Rabbit AP- Polymer.





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**Precautions:**

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.

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. 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. Incubation times or temperatures other than those specified may give erroneous results. The user must validate any such change. The MSDS is available upon request and is located at <http://biocare.net/support/msds/>.

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.

**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.

**Troubleshooting Guide:**

**No Staining**

1. Critical reagent (such as primary antibody) omitted.
2. Staining steps performed incorrectly or in the wrong order.
3. Heat-induced epitope retrieval (HIER) step was performed incorrectly using the wrong time, the wrong order or the wrong pretreatment.
4. Insufficient amount of antigen.
5. Primary antibody incubation period too short.
6. Improperly mixed substrate and/or chromogen solution(s).

**Weak Staining**

1. Tissue is either over-fixed or under-fixed.
2. Primary antibody incubation too short.
3. Low expression of antigen.
4. Heat-induced epitope retrieval (HIER) steps performed incorrectly using wrong time, in the wrong order, or the wrong pretreatment.
5. Over-development of substrate.
6. Excessive rinsing during wash steps.
7. Omission of critical reagent.
8. Incorrect procedure in reagent preparation.
9. Improper procedure in test steps.

**Non-specific or High Background Staining**

1. Tissue is either over-fixed or under-fixed.
2. Endogenous alkaline phosphatase (not blocked with levamisole).
3. Endogenous biotin in specimen (not blocked with avidin biotin blocking agent).
4. Incorrect blocking reagent used; blocker should be from same species in which the secondary antibody was raised.
5. Tissue may need a longer or a more specific protein block.
6. Substrate is overly-developed.
7. Tissue was inadequately rinsed.
8. Deparaffinization incomplete.
9. Tissue damaged or necrotic.

**Tissues Falling-Off**

1. Slides were not positively charged.
2. A slide adhesive was used in the waterbath.
3. Tissue was not dried properly.
4. Tissue contained too much fat.

**Specific staining too dark**

1. Concentrated antibody not diluted out properly (being used at too high of a concentration).
2. Incubation of primary antibody, or detection too long.

**Protocol Notes:**

N/A

**Performance Characteristics:**

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. These products are tools that can be used for interpretation of morphological findings in conjunction with other diagnostic tests and pertinent clinical data by a qualified pathologist.

**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](http://www.clsi.org)). 2011

**Limitations & Warranty:**

There are no warranties, expressed or implied, which extend beyond this description. Biocare is not liable for property damage, personal injury, or economic loss caused by this product.

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