



Cadherin11

Invitrogen cat #71-7600

Immunohistochemistry Protocol For Formalin Fixed Paraffin Embedded Tissue
Cut sections at 3 microns and bake overnight at 60°C

Day 1

1. Bake slides at **60°C for minimum of 30 minutes** prior to staining.
2. Deparaffinize tissues in xylene (3 changes, 5 minutes each), and rehydrate through graded alcohols (2 changes in 100%, and 95%, 1 change 70% for 5 minutes each).
3. Wash twice in deionized water for 5 minutes each.
4. Antigen Retrieval is performed in a water bath with a **1X Dako Antigen Retrieval Solution (Dako S1699) at 70°C for 1 hour**. After the incubation, let the slides cool down to room temperature for about 20 minutes.
5. Outline each section with a **PAP pen**.
6. Quench the endogenous peroxidase activity with **DAKO Dual Endogenous Enzyme Blocking Reagent (Dako S2003) for 30 min**.
7. Rinse the slides in 3 changes of deionized water and once in 1X PBST.
8. Block non-specific binding sites **with 1:20 Vector Normal Goat Serum (Vector S1000) – incubate for 30 min**.
9. Drain off the normal serum. Do not rinse or wash it off the slides.
10. Block endogenous biotin **with the BEAT Blocking Solutions (Invitrogen cat# 50-300)** Add 2 drops of blocking solution **1A** to each section and **incubate for 30 min**.
11. Rinse the sections in deionized water.
12. Then rinse the sections **twice in 1X PBST for 3 minutes each**.
13. Add 2 drops of blocking solution **1B** to each section and **incubate for 10 min**.
14. Then rinse the sections **twice in 1X PBST for 3 minutes each**.
15. Prepare the primary antibody in **1:50 Normal Goat Serum**, this decreases non-specific staining. Negative control slides need to be incubated only with 1:50 normal goat serum.
16. Incubate the slides **overnight at 4°C** with a **1:200** dilution of **Cadherin11 primary antibody (Invitrogen cat# 71-7600) for 2-3 month old adult sections**.



Day 2

1. Let slides warm up to room temperature for 30 minutes, then rinse **5 times with 1X PBST for 5 minutes each.**
2. Incubate with a **1:200** dilution of **Vector Biotinylated Goat anti-rabbit** secondary antibody (*Vector BA-1000*) for **30 min.**
3. Wash 5 times with 1X PBST for 5 minutes each.
4. Incubate with a **1:250** dilution **Streptavidin-HRP reagent** (*Thermo Scientific cat#21130*) for **30 min.**
5. Wash 4 times with 1X PBST, then twice in deionized water for 5 minutes each.
6. Detect color reaction with **Vector Impact DAB** (*Vector SK-4105*) for a few minutes (check under microscope)
7. Stop the reaction with deionized water.
8. Counterstain the sections with **Hematoxylin** (*Zymed Cat # 93-3943*) for 5 minutes.
9. Rinse in tap water.
10. Place slides in 1X PBS for 1-3 minutes.
11. Rinse with deionized water.
12. Dehydrate quickly through 95% ethanol (3 changes) and 2 changes of 100% ethanol.
13. Clear in 3 changes of xylene and mount with Cytoseal.

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