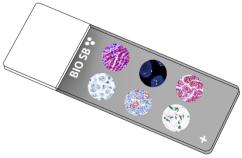


ATRX Control Slides





Intended Use

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use.

Summary and Explanation

 α -thalassemia/mental retardation syndrome X-linked (*ATRX*) gene is located on chromosome Xq21.1. ATRX is involved in many fundamental cellular processes such as transcription, replication, DNA repair and recombination. Germline mutations of *ATRX* have been found to cause the complex genetic disorder called Alpha-Thalassemia mental retardation syndrome. Somatic mutations, deletions, and altered ATRX expression levels were found to be prevalent in several cancer types. A study reported the loss of ATRX expression was found to be a prognostic marker for chromosome instability in pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors. There is also evidence that highlights the role of ATRX as a biomarker in breast cancer in which ATRX expression was significantly associated with tumor grade.

Mutation/loss of ATRX expression has been described in anaplastic gliomas. A study explored the role of ATRX status in the molecular classification of anaplastic gliomas and its impact on survival. Loss of ATRX expression was detected in 45 % of anaplastic astrocytomas (AA), 27 % of anaplastic oligoastrocytomas (AOA) and 10 % of anaplastic oligodendrogliomas (AO). Survival analysis showed a marked separation of IDH mutant astrocytic tumors into two groups based on ATRX status: tumors with ATRX loss had a significantly better prognosis. Another recent study analyzed the use of ATRX, IDH and 1p/19q codeletion in a series of astrocytomas, oligodendrogliomas, oligoastrocytomas and glioblastomas and presented an algorithm based on stepwise analysis with initial immunohistochemistry for ATRX and IDH1-R132H followed by 1p/19q analysis, then by IDH sequencing, which reduces the number of molecular analyses and has a far better association with patient outcome.

Presentation

Five slides of ATRX positive tissues, each mounted on Hydrophilic Plus Slides, provided in a plastic mailer.

Catalog No.	Quantity		
BSB-9022-CS	5 slides		
BSB 3299	5 slides		
BSB-3711-CS	5 slides		

Storage Store at 20-25°C

Precautions

1. For professional users only. Results should be interpreted by a qualified medical professional.

2. Ensure proper handling procedures are used with this reagent.

3. Always wear personal protective equipment such as a laboratory coat, goggles, and gloves when handling reagents.

4. Dispose of unused solution with copious amounts of water.

5. Follow safety precautions of the heating device used for epitope retrieval (TintoRetriever Pressure Cooker or similar).

8. For additional safety information, refer to Safety Data Sheet for this product.

9. For complete recommendations for handling biological specimens, please refer to the CDC document, "Guidelines for Safe Work Practices in Human and Animal Medical Diagnostic Laboratories" (see References in this document).

Stability

This product is stable up to the expiration date on the product label. Do not use after expiration date listed on package label.

IHC Protocol

1. Subject tissues to heat induced epitope retrieval (HIER) using a suitable retrieval solution such as ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate (BSB 0020-BSB 0023) or EDTA (BSB 0030-BSB 0033).

2. Any of three heating methods may be used:

a. TintoRetriever Pressure Cooker or Equivalent

Place tissues/slides in a staining dish or coplin jar containing the ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate or EDTA and place on trivet in the pressure cooker. Add 1-2 inches of distilled water to the pressure cooker and turn heat to high. Incubate for 15 minutes. Open and immediately transfer slides to room temperature.

b. TintoRetriever PT Module or Water Bath Method

Place tissues/slides in a pre-warmed staining dish or coplin jar containing the ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate or EDTA at 95°-99° C. Incubate for 30-60 minutes.

c. Conventional Steamer Method

Place tissues/slides in a pre-warmed staining dish or coplin jar containing the ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate or EDTA in a steamer, cover and steam for 30-60 minutes.

 After heat treatment, transfer slides in ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate or EDTA to room temperature and let stand for 15-20 minutes.
For manual staining, perform antibody incubation at ambient temperature. For automated staining methods, perform antibody incubation according to instrument manufacturer's instructions.
Wash slides with ImmunoDNA washer or DI water.

6. Continue IHC staining protocol. Wash slides between each step with ImmunoDNA washer solution.

Abbreviated Immunohistochemical Protocol

Step	ImmunoDetector AP/HRP	PolyDetector AP/HRP	PolyDetector Plus HRP	
Peroxidase/AP Blocker	5 min.	5 min.	5 min	
Primary Antibody	30-60 min.	30-60 min.	30-60 min.	
1st Step Detection	10 min.	30-45 min.	15 min.	
2nd Step Detection	10 min.	Not Applicable	15 min.	
Substrate- Chromogen	5-10 min.	5-10 min.	5-10 min.	
Counterstain / Coverslip	Varies	Varies	Varies	

Abbreviated IF Protocol

Step	Incubation Time		
Rinse slides in IF wash buffer	5 minutes		
Drain and wipe excess IF wash buffer off slide			
Conduct remaining steps in the dark			
Apply Antibody	30-60 minutes		
Rinse with 3 changes of IF wash buffer	3x15 minutes each		
Coverslip with IF mounting medium			

Mounting Protocols

For detailed instructions using biodegradable permanent mounting media such as XyGreen PermaMounter (BSB 0169-0174) or organic solvent based resin such as PermaMounter (BSB 0094-0097), refer to PI0174 or PI0097.

Product Limitations

Due to inherent variability present in immunohistochemical procedures (including fixation time of tissues, dilution factor of antibody, retrieval method utilized, and incubation time), optimal performance should be established through the use of positive and negative controls. Results should be interpreted by a qualified medical professional.

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