

**Rodent Block M****Blocking Reagent**

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CERTIFIED****Catalog Number:** RBM961 G, H, L, MM**Description:** 6.0, 25, 100 ml, 1L**Intended Use:**

For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures

**Summary & Explanation:**

Rodent Block M is an immunohistochemical reagent designed for blocking endogenous mouse IgG and non-specific background in mouse tissues and red blood cells. Rodent Block M can be used with Mouse-on-Mouse, Rabbit-on-Rodent and Rat-on-Mouse detection systems. After the application of Rodent Block M, the desired primary antibody can be applied. It can also be used on an automated staining system.

**Known Applications:**

Immunohistochemistry (formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues)

**Supplied As:**

Blue buffer with proprietary blocking reagent and preservative.

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

Microscope slides, positively charged  
Desert chamber\* (Drying oven)  
Positive and negative tissue controls  
Xylene (Could be replaced with a xylene substitute\*)  
Ethanol or reagent alcohol  
Decloaking chamber\* (Pressure cooker)  
Deionized or distilled water  
Wash buffer\*  
Pretreatment Reagents\*  
Enzyme Digestion\*  
Avidin-Biotin Blocking Kit\* (Labeled Streptavidin Kits Only)  
Peroxidase block\*  
Primary antibody\*  
Negative Control Reagents\*  
Detection Kits\*  
Detection Components\*  
Chromogens\*  
Hematoxylin\*  
Bluing Reagent\*  
Mounting media\*

\* 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 2°C to 8°C. 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 2°C to 8°C.

**Protocol Recommendations:**

For immunohistochemistry, Rodent Block M is applied prior to primary antibody as follows:

1. If using a horseradish peroxidase (HRP) system, block with Biocare's Peroxidized 1 for 3-5 minutes.
2. Wash in 2 changes of TBS wash buffer.
3. If antigen retrieval is required, retrieve with Biocare's Rodent Decloaker.
4. Apply Rodent Block M on tissues or cells for 15-30 minutes. Wash in 2 changes of TBS wash buffer.
5. Apply primary antibody. For optimum staining, incubate primary antibody for 30 minutes to 2 hours at room temperature, or overnight at 2-8°C. Wash in 2 changes of TBS wash buffer.
6. Continue staining protocol with desired detection.

**Protocol Notes:**

Rodent Block M may have certain limitations. Tissues such as spleen or other tissues with high amounts of endogenous mouse IgG may be difficult to block completely. Biocare's Rodent Block M used in conjunction with Biocare's XM Factor will dramatically reduce or completely eliminate endogenous mouse IgG.

**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 NCCLS Quality Assurance for Immunocytochemistry approved guidelines, December 1999 MM4-A Vol.19 No.26 for more information on tissue controls.

**Precautions:**

This product is not classified as hazardous. The preservative used in this reagent is Proclin 950 and the concentration is less than 0.25%. Overexposure to Proclin 950 can cause skin and eye irritation and irritation to mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract. The concentration of Proclin 950 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.

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

**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.

