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**Immunohistochemistry (Microwave pretreatment)**

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5. **Microwave treatment\*: 90 °C, 10 min (10 mM Citrate buffer, pH 6.0)**
6. **Cool down (leave it lay).**
7. **Rinse by running water, 3 min.**
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- 2) Heat for 10 minutes (500 W) after boiling in a kitchen microwave.

Note: Cover the beaker with a plastic wrap loosely to avoid evaporation of the buffer.

Preparation of 10 mM Citrate buffer, pH 6.0

- 1) Solve 2.1 g of citric acid (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(OH)(COOH)<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O=210.14) in 900 mL deionized water.
- 2) Adjust the pH to 6.0 with sodium hydroxide solution (add about 13 mL as 2M-NaOH).
- 3) Fill deionized water to a volume of 1,000 mL.

**Immunohistochemistry (Autoclave pretreatment)**

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4. **Hydration:**  
80% Ethanol → 70% Ethanol → 60% Ethanol → rinse by running water, 1 min.
5. **Autoclave treatment\*: 110 °C, 10 min (10 mM Citrate buffer, pH 6.0)**
6. **Cool down (leave it lay).**
7. **Rinse by running water, 3 min.**
8. **Rinse by TBS-T**
9. **Blocking: 5% normal serum of secondary antibody animal (e.g. goat whole serum), room temp. 30 min.**
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19. **Counter staining**

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- 1) Put 500mL of buffer into a 500mL beaker, and then soak the whole basket with tissue sections inside in the beaker.
- 2) Heat for 10 minutes (110 °C) by autovlave.

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**Immunohistochemistry (Trypsin pretreatment)**

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4. **Hydration:**  
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5. **Rinse by TBS-T**
6. **Trypsin pretreatment: (0.1 %), room temp. 30 min.**  
\*Condition setting by each laboratory is recommended as reactions may vary depending on the type of tissue or condition of fixation.
7. **Rinse by TBS-T**
8. **Blocking: 5% normal serum of secondary antibody animal (e.g. goat whole serum), room temp. 30 min.**
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17. **Rinse by running water, 3 min.**
18. **Counter staining**

**Immunohistochemistry (Formic acid pretreatment)**

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4. **Hydration:**  
80% Ethanol → 70% Ethanol → 60% Ethanol → rinse by running water, 1 min.
5. **Formic acid treatment: more than 99 % formic acid, room temp. 5 min.**  
(acceptable concentration is over 70 %)
6. **Rinse by running water, 3 min.**
7. **Rinse by TBS-T**
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**Immunohistochemistry****(Microwave or Autoclave treatment after Formic acid pretreatment)**

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7. **Microwave treatment\* or**  
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**Antibody Absorption Test by Antigen Peptide**

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- 1) Add antibody solution and peptide solution into antibody dilution buffer (1 % BSA in PBS).  
The ratio of antibody and peptide is 1 mol : 20 mol.  
In this case, use deionized water instead of peptides solution as control.
- 2) Incubation with rotating for overnight at 4°C.  
Treat the control in parallel.
- 3) Use the treated solutions as primary antibody.

Calculation for step 1).

For example #18134 HGF-beta (H495) Rabbit IgG

Molecular weight of Antigen Peptide for HGF-beta (H495) is 1,847.15.

And we assume the molecular weight of our antibody product is about 150,000

Rate of

Antibody : Peptide

= 1 mol : 20 mol

= 150,000 : 1,847 x 20

= 1 g : 0.24 g

In the case of ;

Starting concentration of antibody solution is 100 µg/mL.

Starting concentration of peptides solution is 100 µg/mL.

Concentration of antibody for use in IHC or W.B. is 5 µg/mL.

If you would like to make 1 mL of solution, please confect them as below.

	Antibody solution (100 µg/mL)	Peptides solution (100 µg/mL)	1 % BSA in PBS
Peptide (+)	50 µL	12 µL	938 µL
Peptide (-)	50 µL	-	950 µL



## Western Blotting

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### Reagents

**-2x Sample buffer**

125mM Tris-HCl (pH6.8), 4% SDS, 20% Glycerol, 10% 2-Mercaptoethanol, 0.02% BPB

**-HRP conjugated secondary antibody**

Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Goat IgG Fab' HRP (IBL, #17502) or

Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Goat IgG Fab' HRP (IBL, #17601)

**-Blocking solution**

3% milk, 1% BSA, 0.05% NaN<sub>3</sub> / PBS

**-Washing solution**

0.05% Tween20/PBS

**-ECL Western Blotting Detection Reagent**

GE Healthcare, # RPN2106

### Procedure

1. **PAGE: Apply 10 - 20 $\mu$ L of prepared sample to polyacrylamide gel (7-12 %).**
2. **Electrophoresis**
3. **Blotting: Transfer to a nylon membrane.**
4. **Blocking the membrane with blocking solution: 2hrs. at 37°C**
5. **Wash with washing solution, 5 min. x 3 times**
6. **Primary antibody: 2hrs. at 37°C or overnight at 4°C**
7. **Wash with washing solution, 5 min. x 3 times**
8. **Second antibody: 1hr. at 37°C**
9. **Wash with washing solution, 5 min. x 3 times**
10. **Detection with ECL**

### Example of sample preparation

**Cell lysate**

- 1) **Wash the cultured cells with PBS and trypsin treatment as necessary.**
- 2) **Wash with PBS after cessation of trypsin action and count the number of cells.**
- 3) **Suspend the cells in 2x Sample buffer (1 - 5 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells/10 $\mu$ L).**
- 4) **Sonication**
- 5) **Boiling (heat block), 3min.**
- 6) **Centrifugation, 14,000 rpm. 3min. at 4°C**
- 7) **Use the supernatant.**

**Cell culture medium**

**Use the supernatant**

## Immuno-precipitation

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### Reagent

**1. TNE buffer:**

10 mM Tris-HCl (pH7.8), 1% NP-40, 0.15 M NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 10 µg/mL aprotinin

**2. Protein G-Sepharose 4 Fast Flow (GE Healthcare #17-0618-01):**

Be washed by TNE buffer

### Procedure

- 1. Add Protein G-Sepharose to prepared sample (e.g. extraction supernatant)  
: 50 µL/1 mL sample**
- 2. Rotating incubation: 4°C overnight**
- 3. Centrifugation: 4 °C 14,000 rpm 20 min.**
- 4. Add antibody to supernatant: about 3 µg/100 – 400 µL**
- 5. Rotating incubation: 4°C 1 hr**
- 6. Add Protein G-Sepharose to the solution: 20 µL/100 – 400 µL**
- 7. Rotating incubation: 4°C 1 hr**
- 8. Wash the pellet by TNE buffer, 4 °C 5,000 rpm 1 min x 5 times**
- 9. Immunoprecipitate**
- 10. Use for western blot or other experiment**