

Blue Chromogen

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Instructions for Use

Please read before using this product.

Check the integrity of the packaging before use.

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Intended Use

This detection component is for *research use only*. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

Blue Chromogen is to be used in conjunction with BOND Polymer Refine HRP PLEX Detection (Catalog No. DS9914) for the detection of tissue-bound mouse and rabbit IgG as well as some mouse IgM primary antibodies. It is intended for staining sections of formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue on the BOND RX and BOND RXm automated system.

Blue Chromogen must be used with laboratory best practice in the use of tissue controls. For assurance, laboratories should stain each sample in conjunction with positive, negative, and other tissue specific controls as needed.

Summary and Explanation

Immunohistochemical techniques can be used to demonstrate the presence of antigens in tissue and cells (see "Using BOND Reagents" in your BOND user documentation).

Slides generated using Blue Chromogen are suitable for aqueous mounting only. Please refer to Product Specific Limitations section below.

For multiplex information please refer to the multiplex guidance section.

Using Blue Chromogen in combination with the BOND automated system reduces the possibility of human error and inherent variability resulting from individual reagent dilution, manual pipetting and reagent application.

Reagents Provided

Reagents provided are sufficient for 20 individual BOND staining runs, a maximum of 100 slides.

To achieve a maximum of 100 slides from this Blue Chromogen, slides must be batched in quantities of 5 per Slide Staining Assembly. Batching in quantities of less than 5 will result in fewer stained slides.

- Blue Part A (1.5 mL)
- Blue Part B (23.5 mL)
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Dilution and Mixing

Blue Chromogen is optimized for use on the BOND RX and BOND RXm system. Reconstitution, mixing, dilution, or titration of these reagents is not required.

Materials Required But Not Provided

- BOND Polymer Refine HRP PLEX Detection (Catalog No. DS9914) is required to obtain IHC and ISH results.
- Recommended for use with Red Counterstain (Catalog No. AR9895).

Refer to "Using BOND Reagents" in your BOND user documentation for a complete list of materials required for specimen treatment and immunohistochemical staining using the BOND system.

Storage and Stability

Store at 2–8 °C. Do not freeze. Do not use after the expiration date indicated on the label. Return to 2–8 °C immediately after use.

There are no obvious signs to indicate instability of this product, therefore positive and negative controls should be run simultaneously with unknown specimens (refer to "Quality Control" in the "Using BOND Reagents" section of your BOND user documentation).

If unexpected staining is observed that cannot be explained by variations in laboratory procedures and a problem with the Blue Chromogen is suspected, contact your local distributor or the regional office of Leica Biosystems immediately.

Storage conditions other than those specified above must be verified by the user¹.

Precautions

- This detection component is for research use only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.
- To obtain a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet contact your local distributor or regional office of Leica Biosystems, or alternatively, visit the Leica Biosystems' website, www.LeicaBiosystems.com.
- 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 precautions². Never pipette reagents by mouth and avoid contacting the skin and mucous membranes with reagents or specimens. If reagents or specimens come in contact with sensitive areas, wash with copious amounts of water. Seek medical advice.
- Consult Federal, State or local regulations for disposal of any potentially toxic components.
- Measures to minimize microbial contamination of reagents need to be taken to prevent the occurrence of non-specific staining.

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Scan each of the barcode labels on Blue Part A and both Blue Part B containers to register the reagents into the BOND Reagent Inventory.

Load all three containers into a BOND Reagent Tray and load onto the BOND RX or BOND RXm.

Blue Chromogen was developed for use on the BOND RX and BOND RXm automated system using *IHC Protocol S and *ISH Protocol X.

*IHC Protocol S and *ISH Protocol X includes BOND Polymer Refine HRP PLEX Detection (Catalog No. DS9914) and Red Counterstain (Catalog No. AR9895) dispense and incubation steps. All three products are required to run *IHC Protocol S and *ISH Protocol X.

Operating parameters for application of the detection system reagents on the BOND Processing Module have been optimized at Leica Biosystems. These can be displayed by following the instructions in your BOND user documentation.

Product Specific Limitations

Blue Chromogen has been optimized at Leica Biosystems for use with BOND Polymer Refine HRP PLEX Detection (Catalog No. DS9914), Red Counterstain (Catalog No. AR9895) and BOND ancillary reagents. Laboratories may use their own primary antibodies provided they have been diluted to an appropriate concentration with BOND Primary Antibody Diluent (Catalog No. AR9352). Users who deviate from recommended test procedures must accept responsibility for interpretation of results under these circumstances.

The appropriate concentration of user's own primary antibodies may vary, due to variation in tissue fixation and the effectiveness of antigen enhancement and must be determined empirically. Negative reagent controls should be used when optimizing retrieval conditions and primary antibody concentrations.

Slides generated using Blue Chromogen are suitable for aqueous mounting only. The precipitate formed is soluble in organic solvents like alcohol and xylenes and therefore cannot be mounted with conventional dehydrating, clearing and mounting protocols. Slides should be air dried at room temperature, or in a 60 °C or 37 °C incubator for a minimum of 30 minutes.

Leica CV Ultra Mounting Medium (Catalog No. 14070937891) is recommended as a suitable mountant. Slides generated using Blue Chromogen are recommended to be counterstained with Red Counterstain (Catalog No. AR9895).

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Multiplex Guidance

Blue Chromogen (Catalog No. DC9896) can be used in conjunction with Green Chromogen (Catalog No. DC9913), BOND Polymer Refine Red Detection (Catalog No. DS9390) and BOND Polymer Refine Detection (Catalog No. DS9800) to generate multiplex slides. The order of detection can be optimised by the user however, the Blue Chromogen specific staining can take a purple hue when used before BOND Polymer Refine Red Detection, therefore it is recommended that Blue Chromogen is applied after BOND Polymer Refine Red Detection.

When multiplexing please take into consideration the compatible dehydration and mounting procedures of all chromogens included.

Troubleshooting

Refer to reference 3 for remedial action.

If the result does not correspond to the expected results with the use of controls, the test should be repeated.

If the staining result is not as expected and you wish to troubleshoot performance of the instrument and detection system independently, your local Leica representative can provide specific protocols. The ancillary reagent must be used in conformance to the package instructions and within the shelf life indicated on the product itself.

Further Information

Further information on immunostaining with BOND reagents, under the headings Principle of the Procedure, Materials Required, Specimen Preparation, Quality Control, Assay Verification, Interpretation of Staining, Key to Symbols on Labels, and General Limitations can be found in "Using BOND Reagents" in your BOND user documentation.

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