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Multiplex Immunofluorescence (mIF) SOP

Version 1.0

1. Analyte(s):

Panel Vectra 9C (PD1, CD68, FOXP3, CD45RO, CD34, CD8, PD-L1, CD3)

2. Technical platform(s):

This procedure describes an automated system for staining multiplex immunofluorescence paraffin sections using the Bond RX by Leica Biosystems and its Research Detection System 2. The Bond RX instrument enables small volumes of reagent (as little as 150 µl per slide) to be uniformly applied over the tissue sections on a slide and has continuous batch processing, allowing for independent start and finish times for each batch of 10 slides.

3. Reagents, controls, and calibrators:

Optimized reagents:

- Bond Research Detection System 2 (Leica Biosystems, DS9777) (enhance staining quality)
- Detection Buffer (1X TBS)
- OPAL 7-COLOR AUTOMATION IHC KIT (AKOYA BIOSCIENCES, NEL821001KT):
 - OPAL PKI Blocking Buffer
 - Opal Polymer HRP Mouse + Rabbit
 - 1X Amplification Diluent
 - Opal 520 Reagent
 - Opal 540 Reagent
 - Opal 570 Reagent
 - Opal 620 Reagent
 - Opal 650 Reagent
 - Opal 690 Reagent
 - Spectral DAPI solution 1X
- OPAL POLARIS 780 REAGENT PACK (AKOYA BIOSCIENCES, FP1501001KT):
 - Opal Polaris 780 Reagent (780R)
 - Opal TSA-DIG 780 (780D)
- OPAL POLARIS 480 REAGENT PACK (AKOYA BIOSCIENCES, FP1500001KT):
 - Opal Polaris 480 Reagent
- Bond Dewax Solution (Leica Biosystems, AR9222)
- 100% alcohol
- Bond Wash solution (Leica Biosystems, AR9590)
- Bond Epitope retrieval solution ER1 Low pH (Leica Biosystems, AR9961) or ER2 High pH (Leica Biosystems, AR9640)
- TBS Buffer (Santa Cruz Biotechnology Inc., SC-362186)

Panel 9C Antibodies

| Antibody | PD1 | CD68 | FOXP3 | CD45RO | CD34 | CD8 | PD-L1 | CD3 ε | |
|---------------------------|---|------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Clone | EPR4877(2) | PG-M1 | D2W8E | UCHL1 | EP373Y | C8/144B | E1L3N | D7A6E | |
| Vendor | Abcam | Dako | Cell Signaling Technology | Leica Biosystems | Abcam | Thermo Scientific | Cell Signaling Technology | Cell Signaling Technology | |
| Catalog # | AB137132 | M087601-2 | 98377S | PA0146 | AB81289 | MS-457s | 13684S | 85061 | |
| (+) Control Tissue | Tonsil | | | | | | | | |
| (-) Control Tissue | Tonsil (only Primary antibody without Opal Polymer-HRP Ms + Rb and TSA-Dye, DAPI) Tonsil (only Opal Polymer-HRP Ms + Rb without Primary antibody and TSA-Dye, DAPI) Tonsil (only TSA-Dye without Primary antibody and Opal Polymer-HRP Ms + Rb, DAPI) | | | | | | | | |
| Retrieval Method | High target | Low target | Low target | Low target | High target | Low target | Low Target | Low Target | |
| Dilution | 1:250 | 1:50 | 1:50 | PURE | 1:100 | 1:25 | 1:1500 | 1:100 | |
| TSA-Dye | 620(1:100) | 540(1:100) | 650(1:200) | 570(1:100) | 480 1:100 | 520(1:100) | 690(1:100) | 780 R (1:25) 780 D(1:100) | |
| Detection Kit | Opal Polymer HRP Ms + Rb | | | | | | | | |

4. Automated Steps: (Deparaffinization, epitope retrieval, immunostaining, and counterstaining): Opal 7 – color (v5.2 plus)

- a) Bond Dewax Solution x 3 changes at 72°C.
- b) 100% alcohol x 3 changes.
- c) Wash solution x 3 changes.
- d) Epitope retrieval solution ER1 Low pH or ER2 High pH depending upon antibody protocol for 20 minutes at 95°C and cool down to RT.
- e) Wash solution x 3 changes.
- f) OPAL PKI Blocking Buffer 10 minutes at RT.
- g) Primary antibody (Ab) for 30-60 minutes at RT depending upon antibody protocol.
- h) Wash solution x 4 changes.
- i) Opal Polymer-HRP Ms + Rb for 10 minutes at RT.
- j) Wash solution x 3 changes.
- k) TSA-Dye for 10 minutes.
Repeat from step c—step k, staining the next antibody (Ab), totally 8 antibodies (See above tables for Panel 9 / Panel 10).
- l) Wash solution x 3 changes or 4 changes.
- m) Epitope retrieval solution ER1 Low pH 20 minutes at 95°C and cool down to ambient temperature for 12 minutes.
- n) Wash solution x 3 changes.
- o) Opal DAPI for 1 minutes
- p) Opal DAPI for 5 min
- q) Wash solution x 3 changes.

5. Manual Completion Steps:

- r) Unload slides from the instrument and place into 1X TBS Buffer.
- s) Wash and clear sections through 3 changes of TBS Buffer.
- t) Mount sections with cover glass using ProLong® Diamond Antifade Mountant (Opal Mount medium)

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