

Anti-OLIG1 Immunocytofluorescence Protocol

Catalog #: 1537-OLIG1 Species: rabbit Tissue/ Cells: Rat oligodendrocytes

Fixation: 4% paraformaldehyde, 15 minutes at room temperature **Antibody incubation:** <u>Primary Antibody</u>- 4C, overnight <u>Secondary Antibody</u>- RT, 2 hours

Materials Required

- ✓ Fixative: 4% paraformaldehyde in 1xPBS
- ✓ 1x PBS: 137 mM NaCl, 28 mM Na₂HPO₄, 5.4 mM KCl, 2.9 mM KH₂PO₄, pH 7.6
- ✓ Wash Solution: 0.4% Triton-X 100 in 1xPBS
- ✓ Blocking buffer: 3% BSA in 1xPBS
- ✓ Incubation buffer: 1% BSA in 1xPBS
- ✓ Secondary Antibody: example used is Goat-Anti-Rabbit Alexa 647 from Invitrogen, cat <u>#A-21245</u>
- ✓ Mountant: Prolong Gold Antifade Mountant from ThermoFisher, Cat # P10144

Before you begin

This protocol is intended for adherent cells grown in 6 well plates or in 35mm dishes using a glass coverslip placed on top of the cells. These work well with most immunofluorescence microscopes using lenses up to 100X magnification.

Protocol

- 1. Draw off culture medium with aspirator and wash cells with 1xPBS.
- 2. Remove 1xPBS and add 1 ml of fixative to the dish. Incubate at room temperature for 15 minutes.
- 3. Remove the fixative and wash with wash buffer 3 times.
- 4. Incubate blocking buffer for 30 minutes at room temperature.
- 5. Rinse cells with wash buffer 3 times, in 10 minute intervals.
- 6. Dilute the Anti-OLIG1 (Cat. # 1537-OLIG1) to 1:100 in incubation buffer. Incubate cells overnight at 4C.
- 7. Remove primary antibody and wash with wash buffer 3 times, in 10 minute intervals.
- 8. Dilute secondary antibody in incubation buffer per manufacturer's recommendation. Incubate cells for 2 hours at room temperature.

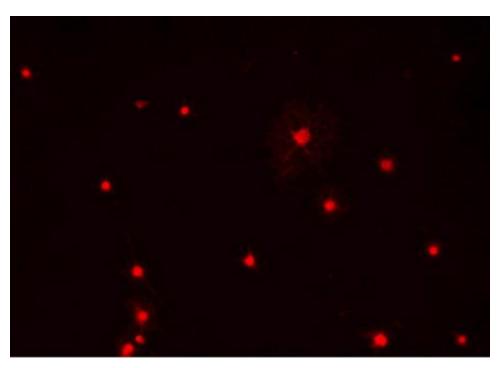
Tech Tip:

- a. Alexa Fluor 648 dye diluted 1:2000 was used to produce image below.
- 9. Remove secondary antibody and wash with wash buffer 3 times, in 5 minute intervals.
- 10. Apply mounting medium intended for fluorescence onto dish and gently place glass cover slip before viewing under the microscope.



Tech Tip:

a. There are various mounting medias for fluorescence that can be used, for this protocol the medium used was ProLong Gold (<u>Molecular Probes</u>).



Immunostaining of primary rat oligodendrocytes using anti-Olig1 (cat. #1537-OLIG1, red, 1:100).