Advanced Targeting Systems

Anti-Conjugated 5-Hydroxytryptophan
RABBIT POLYCLONAL
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Example of ELISA protocol used to test conjugated 5-hydroxytryptrytophan:

1. Coating of conjugated 5-hydroxytryptophan (15μg/ml) in maxisorp well plates (Nunc) with a solution of sodium carbonate buffer 0.05M (pH 9.6) containing sodium metabisulfite 0.001M (SMB), during sixteen hours at 4°C.
2. Saturation of well plates with of a solution of PBS (pH 7.3) containing 2.5g/l of BSA (Acros), 0.05%Tween 20 (Acros) and SMB 0.001M during one hour at 37°C.
3. Wash with PBS Tween (two times).
4. Anti-conjugated 5-hydroxytryptophan antibodies will be diluted (1/1,000-1/5,000) in PBS containing 2.5g/l BSA, 10% of glycerol and SMB 0.001M, 200μl by well plate (incubating during 2 hours at 37°C).
5. Wash with PBS Tween (three times).
6. 200μl of peroxidase-labeled sheep anti-rabbit (Bio-Rad) diluted (1/10,000) in a solution of PBS containing 2.5g/l BSA, 10% of glycerol, 0.5% of Tween and SMB 0.001M, will be applied by well plate (during one hour at 37°C) .
7. Well plates will be rinsed with a PBS Tween (three times).
8. And finally the peroxidase will be developed by incubating 200μl by well plate of a citrate 0.1M/phosphate 0.2M (pH 5) solution containing 0.4% of OPD (Sigma) and 0.03% of hydrogen peroxide (Acros) for ten minutes in the dark, after that, we will stop the reaction by the addition of 50μl of 2M HCl.
9. The optical density will be measured at 492nm, to obtain the different values.

Example of Immunohistochemistry used to test conjugated 5-hydroxytryptrytophan:

Detection of conjugated 5-hydroxytryptophan in rat brain

1. Perfusion: The rat is anesthetized with sodium Pentobarbital or Nembutal and perfused intracardially through the aorta using a pump with the following solutions:
   solution A (30ml): 200-300ml/min
   solution B (500ml): 200-300ml/min
   Solution A: cacodylate 0.1M, sodium metabisulfite 10g/l, pH = 6.2
   Solution B: cacodylate 0.1M, sodium metabisulfite 10g/l and glutaraldehyde 3-5% pH = 7.5
2. Post fixation: 15 to 30 min in solution B, then 4 soft washes in Tris 0.05M with sodium metabisulfite 8.5g/l, pH 7.5 (solution C).
3. Tissue sectioning: Cryostat or vibratome sections can be used.
4. Reduction step: Sections are reduced with the solution C containing sodium borohydride (0.1M) for 10 min. Then, the sections are washed 4 times with solution C without sodium borohydride.
5. Application of anti-conjugated 5-hydroxytryptophan antibodies: The final dilution is 1/1,000 to 1/5,000 in solution C containing triton X100 0.5%, plus 2% of non-specific serum. A dozen of sections can be incubated with 2ml of antibody solution overnight at 4°C. Then, after this period, the sections are washed 3 times (10 min) with solution C.

Note: Antibodies may be used at a higher dilution. The customer should explore the antibody dilution to reduce the possibility of high background. Note that a substitution in the buffer system as used in our protocol may change the background and the antibody recognition.

6. PAP procedure:
   Second antibody: Sections are incubated with 1/100 dilution of goat anti-rabbit in solution C for 3 hours at 20°C or 1 hour at 37°C. Then, they are washed 3 times (10 min) with solution C;
   PAP: Sections are incubated with 1/1000 dilution of rabbit peroxidase anti-peroxidase complex in solution C for 1 hour at 37°C. Then, they are washed 3 times (10 min) with solution C;
   Revelation: Antibody-antigen complexes are revealed using diaminobenzidine (25mg/100ml) (or other chromogen) dissolved in Tris 0.05M and filtrated ; 0.05% of H_2O_2 is added. The sections are incubated for 10 min at 20°C. Reaction is stopped by transferring sections in 5ml of Tris 0.05M.