

# Biotin labelled chromosome Detection Protocol detect with Texas Red



## Introduction

The FISH protocol is divided into two stages. Denaturation and Hybridisation are performed on **Day One**. Washing and Detection are performed on **Day Two**.

On day one, the DNA of the chromosomes and paints is denatured and the hybridisation process (reannealing) takes place overnight. On day two, the slides are washed to remove unbound DNA sequences followed by detection, counterstaining and mounting.

| Kit Contents |   |         |
|--------------|---|---------|
| Product Code | Description                               | Volume  |
| 1124-B3-50   | Detect B3 (Texas Red avidin)              | 30µl    |
| 1124-B4-50   | Detect B4 (Biotinylated goat anti avidin) | 30µl    |
| 1124-DT-25   | Detergent (Tween 20)                      | 2 x 1ml |
| 1124-MD-50   | Reagent MD (Antifade + DAPI)              | 1.25ml  |

## Requirements (not provided)

| Equipment  | Reagents              |
|--|-----------------------|
| Ethanol cleaned slides                             | Sodium Chloride       |
| Coverslips   | Sodium Citrate        |
| Eppendorf tubes                                    | HCl                   |
| Coplin jars  | Formamide             |
| Humidified chamber                                 | Absolute Ethanol      |
| Micro-pipette 1µl, 10µl, 500µl                     | Fixogum rubber cement |
| Pipette 10ml, 20ml                                 | Clear nail varnish    |
| Vortex   | Double water          |
| Parafilm   |                       |
| Micro-centrifuge                                   |                       |
| 45°C Water bath                                    |                       |
| 37°C Incubator                                     |                       |
| Fluorescence microscope with a suitable filter set |                       |

## Approx time:

Preparation 20 min

Procedure 40 min

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**Solutions to be prepared:** 20XSSC  
1XSSC  
4XSSC  
Detergent wash solution  
Stringency wash solution  
Working Reagent A  
Working Reagent B

**Solution 20XSSC:** 87.6g NaCl  
44.1g Na Citrate  
up to 500ml Deionised water

*Adjust pH to 7.0 using concentrated HCl (before finalising water volume), aliquot and autoclave. Store at 4°C).*

**Solution 1XSSC:** 25ml 20XSSC  
475ml Deionised water  
500ml 1XSSC

**Solution 4XSSC:** 100ml 20XSSC  
400ml Deionised water  
500ml 4XSSC

**Detergent wash solution:** 500ml 4XSSC  
250µl Detergent DT  
500ml Detergent wash solution

**Stringency wash solution:** 50ml Formamide  
50ml 1XSSC  
100ml Stringency wash solution

*Stringency wash solution can be reused up to 5 times but should be discarded after 2 months*

**Working Reagent A:** 8µl Detection reagent B3  
2040µl Detergent wash solution  
2048µl Working Reagent A (B3) (1:250)

*Incubate in the dark for 5 min. Microcentrifuge at 11.000g for 5 min.*

**Working Reagent B:** 8µl Detection reagent B4  
1020µl Detergent wash solution  
1028µl Working Reagent B (B4) (1:125)

*Incubate in the dark for 5 min. Microcentrifuge at 11.000g for 5 min.*

**Note:** *Ensure all solutions are mixed well.*

*All solution volumes sufficient for 10 slides*

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## Procedure: Washing

1. Pre-warm to 45°C in a water bath at least 30 min before starting:  
Two Coplin jars of Stringency wash solution (50ml each)  
Three Coplin jars of Solution 1XSSC (50ml each)  
One Coplin jar of Detergent wash solution (50ml)

**Note:** *The temperature is important. Check the temperature of the solutions in the Coplin jar and not of the water in the water bath.*

2. Take out the slide from the incubator and carefully remove the rubber cement. Place in Solution 1XSSC to remove the coverslip.

**Note:** *Do not allow to dry.*

3. Stringency washes:  
Wash slides twice by incubating 5 min each in Stringency wash solution (45°C).  
Wash slides twice by incubating 5 min each in Solution 1XSSC (45°C).  
Incubate slide for 4 min in Detergent wash solution. (45°C),

## Procedure: Detection

4. Apply 100µl of Working Reagent A onto the slide and cover with Parafilm immediately.
5. Incubate slide in a humidified box for 15-20 min at 37°C.
6. Remove Parafilm from the slide and wash 3 times for 4 min each time in the Detergent wash solution at room temperature.
7. Apply 100µl of Working Reagent B onto the slide and cover with Parafilm immediately.
8. Incubate slide in a humidified box for 15-20min at 37°C.
9. Remove Parafilm from the slide and wash 3 times for 4 minutes each time in the Detergent wash solution at room temperature.
10. Apply 100µl of Working Reagent A onto the slide and cover with Parafilm immediately.
11. Incubate slide in a humidified box for 15-20 min at 37°C.
12. Remove Parafilm from the slide and wash 3 times for 4 min each time in the Detergent wash solution at room temperature.
13. Drain the slide well and mount with 50µl of Reagent MD.
14. Apply glass coverslip and seal with nail varnish. Store slides in the dark at 4°C.

**Note:** *You get almost no air bubbles when supplied Reagent MD is applied on the coverslip and the almost dry (but not dried out!) slide is laid face-down on the coverslip.*

15. View slides using standard epifluorescence filters for Texas Red and for counterstain DAPI.

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