

## Instructions For Use AME080-IFU

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### UltraTek Alk-Phos (Anti-Rabbit) Ready-To-Use (70 slide)

Species of Origin: Goat

Antigen Specificity: Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L)
Preabsorbed Against: Human, Mouse, Rat
Enzyme Conjugate: Alkaline Phosphatase

Chromogen Substrate: Fast- Red

#### Procedure:

- 1. Deparaffinize and rehydrate tissue section.
- 2. Wash 2 times in buffer.
- 3. If required, incubate tissue in digestive enzyme.
- 4. Wash 4 times in buffer.
- 5. Apply Super Block (blue cap), and incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature to block nonspecific background staining. **Note:** Do not exceed 10 minutes or there may be a reduction in desired stain.
- 6. Wash 1 time in buffer.
- 7. Apply primary antibody and incubate according to manufacturer's protocol.
- 8. Wash 4 times in buffer.
- 9. Apply UltraTek Anti-Rabbit (yellow cap), and incubate for 10 minutes at room temperature.
- 10. Wash 4 times in buffer.
- 11. Apply UltraTek Alk-Phos Label (red cap), and incubate for 10 minutes at room temperature.
- 12. Rinse 4 times in buffer.
- 13. Add 1 Fast-Red tablet to a vial of Naphthol Phosphate Buffer and shake until tablet is dissolved. Apply to tissue section for 10-20 minutes or until desired stain intensity is achieved. WARNING: Handle with care and dispose of according to all regulations.
- 14. Counterstain and coverslip using a aqueous mounting media.

#### Troubleshooting Guide

#### Overstaining:

- 1. Concentration of the primary antibody was too high or the incubation time was too long.
- 2. Temperature during incubation was too high.
- Incubation time with link antibody or streptavidin/enzyme label was too long.

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#### Nonspecific Background Staining:

- 1. Rinsing between steps was inadequate.
- 2. Tissue was allowed to dry with reagents on.
- 3. Folds in tissue trapped reagents.
- 4. Tissue contains endogenous alkaline phosphatase.
- 5. Tissue contains endogenous biotin.
- 6. Antigen migrated in tissue.
- 7. Excessive tissue adhesive on slides.
- 8. Inadequate blocking with protein block.

#### Weak Staining:

- 1. Primary antibody concentration was too low or incubation time was too short.
- 2. Reagents are past their expiration date.
- Inadequate removal of wash water between steps, resulting in dilution of reagents.
- 4. Counterstain or mounting media were incompatible and dissolved the chromogen reaction product.
- 5. Room temperature was excessively cool.
- 6. The primary antibody does not recognize an antigen that survives fixation and embedding in high enough amounts.
- 7. Excessive incubation with protein block (Super Block).

#### No Staining:

- 1. Steps were inadvertently left out.
- 2. There is no antigen in the tissue.
- 3. The primary antibody is not of rabbit origin.
- Chromogenic substrate has been replaced with another that is not intended for use with alkaline phosphatase.