

# Instructions For Use SHM-IFU

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## SensiTek HRP Anti-Mouse Lab Pack

Species of Origin:
Antigen Specificity:
Preadsorbed Against:
Goat
Anti-Mouse
Human

Enzyme Conjugate: Horseradish Peroxidase

Chromogen Substrate: None Provided

**Uses/Limitations:** Do not use past expiration date.

For immunohistochemical studies.

#### Availability:

REF # Volume

SHM125 125ml Super Block, 125ml SensiTek Anti-Mouse, 125ml SensiTek HRP.

SHM500 500ml Super Block, 500ml SensiTek Anti-Mouse, 500ml SensiTek HRP.

SHM999 1000ml Super Block, 1000ml SensiTek Anti-Mouse, 1000ml SensiTek HRP.

**Storage:** 2-8° Centigrade.

#### Procedure:

- 1. Deparaffinize and rehydrate tissue section.
- Wash 2 times in Tris Buffered Saline + Tween 20 (20X) pH 7.4 (catalog # TBT500).
- If required, incubate tissue in digestive enzyme (catalog # PSS060 or TSS155) or Citrate Plus (catalog # CPL500).
- 4. Wash 3 times in Tris Buffered Saline + Tween 20 (20X) pH 7.4 (catalog # TBT500).
- Apply Super Block 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 Tris Buffered Saline + Tween 20 (20X) pH 7.4 (catalog # TBT500).
- 7. Apply primary antibody and incubate according to manufacturer's protocol.
- 8. Wash 3 times in Tris Buffered Saline + Tween 20 (20X) pH 7.4 (catalog # TBT500).
- 9. Apply UltraTek Anti-Mouse (yellow solution), and incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature.
- 10. Wash 3 times in Tris Buffered Saline + Tween 20 (20X) pH 7.4 (catalog # TBT500).
- 11. Apply SensiTek HRP (red solution), and incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature.

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- 12. Wash 3 times in Tris Buffered Saline + Tween 20 (20X) pH 7.4 (catalog # TBT500).
- Apply chromogen intended for use with Horseradish Peroxidase and incubate as desired.
- 14. For optimal results counterstain using Hematoxylin for Automation (catalog # HAQ500).
- 15. Coverslip using mounting media of choice (catalog # AMT030 or PMT030).

#### **Troubleshooting Guide**

### Overstaining:

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

### Nonspecific Background Staining:

- 1. Rinsing between steps was inadequate.
- Tissue was allowed to dry with reagents on.
- 3. Folds in tissue trapped reagents.
- 4. Tissue contains endogenous peroxidase.
- 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.
- 3. 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).

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### No Staining:

- 1. Steps were inadvertently left out.
- 2. There is no antigen in the tissue.
- 3. The primary antibody is not of mouse, rat, rabbit or guinea pig origin.
- 4. Chromogenic substrate has been replaced with another that is not intended for use with Horseradish Peroxidase.

**Precautions:** Handle with care and dispose of according to all regulations.