Basic Protocols for Antibody-Based Detection

There are many variations of antibody detection methods. These protocols are intended as general guidelines and should be optimized for best results. Note: protect fluorescent conjugates from light during antibody incubation and subsequent steps.

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Immunofluorescence Staining for Microscopy

Materials required:
- PBS or HBSS (buffer with Ca\(^{2+}\)/Mg\(^{2+}\) may be optimal for adherent cells)
- Paraformaldehyde, 4% in PBS, or methanol pre-chilled to -20°C (see notes to step 2 below)
- 1X Phosphate Buffered Saline (Ca\(^{2+}\)/Mg\(^{2+}\)-free is acceptable)
- PBS + 2% fish gelatin + 0.1% Triton® X-100
- Primary antibody
- Secondary antibody (not necessary if using labeled primary antibody)
- Antifade mounting medium
- Coverslip sealant (for wet-mounted coverslips only)

Workflow overview:
- Fix (≤20 min.) (optional stopping point)
- Block/permeabilize (30 min.) (optional stopping point)
- Primary antibody (2 hours or overnight)
- Washes (20-30 min.)
- Secondary antibody (30 min. to 2 hours)
- Washes, (20-30 min.)
- Mount (optional stopping point)
- Image

Procedure:
1. Rinse cells twice with PBS or HBSS to remove cell culture medium. Use the same volume for washes as you would for cell culture medium (we use 100 uL per well of a 96-well plate). For some cell types, buffer with Ca\(^{2+}\)/Mg\(^{2+}\) may be necessary to prevent cell rounding and detachment. Prior to fixation, we prefer to use HBSS + Ca\(^{2+}\)/Mg\(^{2+}\) for adherent cells.

2. Fix cells with 4% paraformaldehyde/PBS, 20 min. at room temperature. Alternatively, fix cells in pre-chilled methanol at -20°C for 5-10 min.
   Note: Check the information provided by the primary antibody supplier to see if a specific fixation method is recommended. If the optimal fixation conditions are unknown, it may be necessary to test different fixation methods for a specific antibody or target epitope.
   Note: Methanol fixation is not compatible with phalloidin staining.

3. Rinse three times with PBS to remove traces of fixative.
   Note: In our experience, cells can be stored in PBS after fixation for several weeks. Keep samples well-sealed or in a humidified box to avoid evaporation of buffer.

4. Block and permeabilize cells in PBS + 2% fish gelatin + 0.1% Triton® X-100.
   Optional: You can store samples at 4°C for several weeks at this point. Keep samples well-sealed or in a humidified box to avoid evaporation of buffer.
   Note: When using some highly charged fluorescent dyes, specialized blocking buffers such as our TrueBlack® IF Background Suppressor System may reduce background.

5. Dilute primary antibody in fresh blocking/permeabilization buffer at the concentration recommended by the antibody supplier.
   Note: You may need to perform a titration experiment to determine the optimal concentration of primary antibody.

6. Add enough diluted antibody solution to cover cells completely. We usually use 50-100 uL per well of a 96-well plate.
   Note: For cells on coverslips, add 50-100 uL of diluted antibody solution and overlay with a piece of Parafilm® to spread solution evenly over the specimen, making sure there are no bubbles. Keep samples in a humidified chamber to avoid evaporation.

7. Incubate 1-2 hours at room temperature or overnight at 4°C (in our experience, 4°C overnight gives the best results). If using fluorescently labeled primary antibodies, protect samples from light.
   Note: Other stains such as nuclear counterstains, lectins, or phalloidin conjugates can be added together with labeled antibodies at this step, or at step 10 if using labeled secondary antibodies.

8. Rinse cells twice with PBS, then wash 3 x 5 min. with PBS.
   Note: Alternatively, rinse cells twice with PBS, incubate in PBS for 30 min., then rinse with PBS. Cells can be left in PBS for longer times without negatively affecting staining.

9. If using directly labeled primary antibodies, proceed to step 12. If using labeled secondary antibodies, proceed to step 10.

10. Dilute secondary antibody in blocking/permeabilization buffer at 1 ug/mL.
    Cover cells with secondary antibody solution as in step 5 and incubate for 30 min. to 2 hours at room temperature, protected from light.

11. Wash cells as in step 8.

12. Mount samples in fluorescence antifade mounting media such as EverBrite™ Mounting Medium (medium with DAPI can be used for blue nuclear counterstaining). For chambered coverglass or multi-well coverglass plates, remove all traces of buffer and add enough mounting medium to completely cover the cells.
    Note: For coverslips, wet-set or hard-set mounting medium may be used. Follow mounting medium instructions for mounting coverslips. If wet-set mounting medium is used, the edges of the coverslip must be sealed with nail polish or CoverGrip™ Coverslip Sealant (recommended) before imaging.

13. Store samples in the dark at 4°C until ready to image. Samples can be stored in mounting medium at 4°C for six months or longer.
    Note: Phalloidin staining is less stable than antibody staining. Staining with most phalloidin conjugates is stable at 4°C for several days, but for best results it should be imaged within 24 hours.
Cell Surface Staining for Flow Cytometry

Materials required:
- Live-or-Dye™ Fixable Viability Stain or dead cell nucleic acid stain (optional)
- Primary antibody
- Secondary antibody (not required if using labeled primary antibody)
- Flow buffer (PBS + 2% bovine serum or BSA + 0.02% sodium azide)
- Flow cytometry tubes (12 x 75 mm polypropylene tubes)

Workflow overview:
- Aliquot cells to flow tubes
- Primary antibody incubation (30 min.)
- Wash and centrifuge (5 min.) 2x
- Fixation followed by wash (optional)
- Secondary antibody incubation (not required for labeled primary) (30 min.)
- Wash and centrifuge (5 min.) 2x (optional stopping point if fixation is used)
- Analyze by flow cytometry

Procedure:
1. Detach adherent cells from substrate by trypsinization or with a commercial non-enzymatic cell lift solution.
2. Optional: To exclude dead cells from analysis, resuspend cells in PBS or other protein-free buffer and stain cells with a fixable dead cell dye, such as our Live-or-Dye™ Fixable Viability Stains, according to the product protocol.
   Note: If cell fixation will not be performed, a non-fixable dead cell stain, such as PI or 7-AAD, can be added together with primary or secondary antibody.
3. Adjust cell density to 10^6 cells per mL in flow buffer.
4. Aliquot 100 uL of cell suspension per flow cytometry tube for a total of 10^6 cells per tube. Place tubes on ice.
5. Add primary antibodies to tubes and vortex gently to mix. Incubate tubes on ice (or at 4°C) for 30 min. If using directly conjugated fluorescent primary antibodies, tubes should be protected from light.
   Note: Primary antibody concentration must be optimized for different applications, but 0.5-1 ug antibody per tube is a common starting concentration.
6. Wash by adding 1 mL flow buffer to each tube and pellet cells by centrifugation for 5 min. at 350 x g.
7. Pour off the wash buffer from the tubes into a waste container.
8. Repeat wash (steps 6-7).
9. Optional: Cells can be fixed at this step with your preferred fixative. After fixation, wash as in steps 6-7.
11. After pouring off wash buffer, resuspend cells in residual buffer (~100 uL) by gentle vortexing.
12. Add 1 ug of each secondary antibody to each tube and vortex gently to mix. Incubate at room temperature, protected from light, for 30 min.
   Note: For biotinylated primary antibodies, Streptavidin conjugates can be used for detection, typically at 0.25 ug/tube.
13. Wash cells twice in flow buffer (repeat steps 6-7).
14. After pouring off wash buffer, add 500 uL flow buffer per tube.
15. Analyze by flow cytometry in the correct channel for your conjugate. Mix by gentle vortexing before loading each sample on cytometer.
   Note: If fixation is performed in step 7, cells can be stored at 4°C, protected from light, for several days before analysis.

Intracellular Staining for Flow Cytometry

Materials required:
- 1X Phosphate Buffered Saline
- Live-or-Dye™ Fixable Viability Stain (optional)
- Flow Cytometry Fixation/Permeabilization Kit
- Primary antibody
- Secondary antibody (not required if using directly labeled primary antibody)
- Flow buffer (PBS + 2% bovine serum or BSA + 0.02% sodium azide)
- Flow cytometry tubes (12 x 75 mm polypropylene tubes)

Workflow overview:
- Aliquot cells to flow tubes
- Fixation (20 min.)
- Wash and centrifuge (5 min.)
- Permeabilization/primary antibody (30 min.)
- Wash and centrifuge (5 min.) 2x
- Secondary antibody (not required for directly labeled primary) (30 min.)
- Wash and centrifuge (5 min.) 2x (optional stopping point)
- Analyze by flow cytometry

Procedure:
1. Detach adherent cells from substrate by trypsinization or with a commercial non-enzymatic cell lift solution.
2. Optional: To exclude dead cells from analysis, resuspend cells in PBS and stain with a fixable dead cell dye, such as our Live-or-Dye™ Fixable Viability Stains according to the product protocol.
3. Optional: Perform antibody staining for cell surface markers (see Cell Surface Antibody Staining for Flow Cytometry).
4. Adjust cell density to 10^6 cells per mL in PBS.
5. Aliquot 100 uL cell suspension to each 12 x 75 mm polypropylene flow cytometry tubes for a total of 10^6 cells per tube.
6. Add 100 uL fixation buffer to each tube and mix by gentle vortexing. Incubate at room temperature for 20 min.
   Note: If using directly labeled primary antibodies, protect tubes from light.
7. Add 1 mL PBS to each tube and pellet cells by centrifugation for 5 min. at 350 x g.
8. Pour off the wash buffer from the tubes into a waste container.
9. Add 100 uL permeabilization buffer to each tube and mix by gentle vortexing.
10. Add primary antibodies to the tubes and vortex gently to mix. Incubate at room temperature for 30 min.
   Note: Primary antibody concentration must be optimized for different applications, but 0.5-1 ug antibody per tube is a common starting concentration.
11. Add 1 ug secondary antibodies to each tube and vortex gently to mix. Incubate at room temperature, protected from light, for 30 min.
   Note: For biotinylated primary antibodies, Streptavidin conjugates can be used for detection, typically at 0.25 ug/tube.
12. Wash cells twice in flow buffer (repeat steps 6-7).
13. If using directly labeled primary antibodies, proceed to step 17. If using secondary antibodies, continue with step 14.
14. After pouring off wash buffer, resuspend cells in residual buffer (~100 uL) by gentle vortexing.
15. Add 1 ug secondary antibodies to each tube and vortex gently to mix. Incubate at room temperature, protected from light, for 30 min.
   Note: For biotinylated primary antibodies, Streptavidin conjugates can be used for detection, typically at 0.25 ug/tube.
16. Wash cells twice in flow buffer (repeat step 8-9).
17. After pouring off wash buffer, add 500 uL of flow buffer per tube.
18. Analyze by flow cytometry in the correct channel for your conjugate. Mix by gentle vortexing before loading each sample on cytometer.
   Note: Cells can be stored at 4°C, protected from light, for several days before analysis.
Fluorescent Western Blotting

Materials required:
- Total protein prestain kit (optional)
- Ponceau S (optional)
- Blocking buffer (see general considerations below)
- PBS or TBS with 0.1% Tween®-20 (see general consideration below)
- Primary antibody
- Secondary antibody (not required if using labeled primary antibody)

Workflow overview:
- Optional: Perform total protein pre-staining
- Perform SDS-PAGE and protein transfer (~2 hours) (optional stopping point)
- Optional: Confirm protein transfer
- Blocking (30-60 min.)
- Primary antibody incubation (2 hours or overnight)
- Washes (~30-60 min.)
- Secondary antibody incubation (not required for labeled primary antibody) (30 min. to 2 hours)
- Washes (~30-60 min.)
- Dry membrane (optional stopping point)
- Scan fluorescence

General considerations for fluorescent western detection:
- Multiplex fluorescence western detection requires an imaging system capable of detecting multiple fluorescent conjugates. For best results, use a gel imager or scanner specifically designed for imaging fluorescent blots.
- Far-red or near-infrared dyes are optimal for fluorescent western, because background is lower in these wavelengths. Visible fluorescent dyes can be used, but generally will have lower signal-to-noise ratio due to higher autofluorescence of proteins and blotting membranes in the visible spectrum.
- Optimal protein loading amount varies depending on detection method and target expression level, but ranges between 1-10 µg/lane for most applications.
- Blue tracking dyes in SDS-PAGE loading buffer can fluoresce in the far-red/near-infrared spectra; loading buffer with an orange tracking dye is recommended for fluorescent western detection.
- Either nitrocellulose or PVDF may be used for fluorescent western, but autofluorescence can vary widely among different sources of blotting membrane. In our experience, nitrocellulose and low fluorescence PVDF membranes show similar background fluorescence, but PVDF can give higher sensitivity, possibly due to higher protein binding.
- After protein transfer, dried blotting membranes can be stored at room temperature for months to years prior to detection.
- 9 cm² petri dishes hold 5-10 mL and are convenient for washing and incubating mini-blots. Alternatively, commercially available black blotting boxes for fluorescent westerns come in a variety of sizes for blots or membrane strips.
- Which buffer to use, PBS or TBS? Before the development of chemiluminescence-based and fluorescence-based western detection, alkaline phosphatase substrates were commonly used for western detection. At that time, Tris-buffered saline (TBS) was the buffer of choice for western blots, because phosphate buffers could interfere with alkaline phosphatase signal development. In our experience, PBS and TBS can be used for routine fluorescent western detection with similar results. Some researchers prefer to use TBS for phosphoprotein detection out of concern that phosphate buffers may interfere with phospho-specific antibody binding.
- BSA, non-fat dry milk, and fish gelatin can be used for western blot blocking and antibody dilution buffers. These blocking agents are usually used at 1-5% in PBS (or TBS) + 0.1% Tween®20. Commercially available blocking buffers developed specifically for fluorescent western detection, such as our TrueBlack® WB Blocking Buffer, can give lower background than other blocking agents.
- It may be desirable to minimize the volume of antibody solutions used for blotting by using sealable bags or small containers. Enough solution should be used to freely move across the blot without trapping bubbles.
- For blocking and wash steps, don’t skimp on volume. Use 5-10 mL buffer for a mini-blot. The blot should move freely in the buffer.

Procedure:
1. Optional: To fluorescently label total protein in your sample for transfer confirmation and western normalization, use a total protein prestaining kit, such as our Mix-n-Stain™ Total Protein Prestain Kit, according to the kit protocol.
2. Perform SDS-PAGE and western transfer using standard protocols. Note: After transfer, membranes can be rinsed in water, dried, and stored between sheets of filter paper at room temperature for months or longer.
3. Optional: Confirm protein transfer by imaging total protein prestain (if used), or by staining the membrane with Ponceau S dye according to the supplier instructions.
   Note: Ponceau S can be used for visual staining of cell lysate proteins at ~10 µg total protein per lane, but may not be sensitive enough to detect lower protein loading amounts. Our Mix-n-Stain™ Total Protein Prestain Kit can detect as little as 1 ng total protein per lane.
4. If using PVDF membranes, re-wet the membrane in methanol, then rinse in water. For nitrocellulose membranes, proceed to step 5.
5. Place blot in a clean dish containing blocking buffer of your choice. Use enough buffer to completely cover the blot and allow it to move freely in the dish.
6. Block membrane for 30 min. to 1 hour at room temperature with gentle rocking.
7. Dilute primary antibody to recommended concentration in fresh blocking buffer. Pour off the blocking buffer and add enough diluted antibody solution to allow the membrane to move freely with no stationary bubbles or dry spots.
8. Incubate membrane with gentle rocking for 1-2 hours at room temperature or overnight at 4°C. If using fluorescently labeled primary antibodies, protect from light.
9. Rinse membrane three times with PBS or TBS with 0.1% Tween®-20, then wash 5x for 5-10 min. each wash with rocking. Use a generous amount of wash buffer so blots move freely during washes.
10. If using fluorescently labeled primary antibodies, continue to step 14. If using labeled secondary antibody conjugates, continue to step 11.
11. Dilute secondary antibody in fresh blocking buffer at the concentration recommended by the supplier for western blot (usually in the range of 50-100 ng/mL). Add to blot as in step 7. Incubate 30 min. to 2 hours with rocking.
12. Note: Some near-IR secondary antibody conjugates require additional detergent to be added to the buffer, check the supplier instructions for your antibody conjugate and blocking buffer for recommendations.
14. Rinse blot once in buffer without detergent and dry before imaging using a compatible fluorescence imaging system.
   Note: Dried blots can be stored between sheets of filter paper at room temperature in the dark and re-scanned after months or even years. Note: Keep blots wet at all times and store in buffer if they are to be stripped and probed with additional antibodies.
### Troubleshooting Tips for Antibody Staining

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| No staining or low signal             | **Primary antibody not validated for application**  
  • Check that primary antibody is recommended for your application.  
  • Validate antibody with positive control cell line or tissue that expresses the target.  
  • Check that the species reactivity of the antibody is compatible with your sample. |
|                                       | **Target protein not expressed**  
  Check literature or Human Protein Atlas to confirm expression in your sample.                                                                 |                                                                                                           |
|                                       | **Antibody concentration too low**  
  Perform a titration of antibody concentration to find the optimal concentration. The optimal concentration for primary antibodies can vary widely; concentrations for initial testing usually start around 1 ug/mL or higher. Secondary antibodies are typically used at 1 ug/mL for cell staining and as low as 50 ug/mL for near-infrared western detection. |
|                                       | **Intracellular target not accessible for surface staining for flow cytometry**  
  Diagnosis: Check that the antibody epitope is in an extracellular domain of the target protein. Perform intracellular staining to determine if target is localized inside the cell. | • Use an antibody raised against an extracellular domain of the protein, or that is validated for surface staining.  
  • Perform intracellular staining for intracellular targets. |
|                                       | **Secondary antibodies not compatible with serum proteins used for blocking**  
  If using anti-goat or anti-bovine secondary antibodies, avoid blocking buffers with milk, goat serum, or bovine serum albumin. |
|                                       | **Fluorescence photobleaching during microscopy**  
  Use antifade mounting medium. Some fluorescent dyes are more photostable than others, choose photostable dyes like rhodamine-based CF® dyes for microscopy applications. |
|                                       | **Imaging settings not compatible with dyes**  
  Check that you are using the correct excitation/emission settings for the dyes. Note that far-red conjugates are not visible to the human eye, and must be imaged using a CCD camera or confocal microscope. |
| Cell or tissue autofluorescence       | **Note: Autofluorescence is a major and nearly universal source of background in tissue sections, and also is present in some primary cells and pigmented cell types.**  
  Diagnosis: Include an unstained control to determine the level of autofluorescence in your sample. | • Cellular autofluorescence is high in blue wavelengths, so avoid using blue fluorescent conjugates for low expressing targets.  
  • Use TrueBlack® Lipofuscin Autofluorescence Quencher to quench tissue autofluorescence.  
  • Amplify your specific signal over background by using indirect immunofluorescence (primary + secondary antibody) or tyramide signal amplification. |
| High background or non-specific staining | **Cross-reactivity of secondary antibody with other antibodies or proteins in sample**  
  Diagnosis: Perform staining controls with secondary antibody alone to determine whether the secondary antibody is binding the sample directly. For multiple staining experiments, stain with each primary and secondary combination separately to detect unexpected antibody cross-reactivity. | • For indirect staining (primary + secondary antibody) with multiple primary antibodies, use secondary antibodies that are highly cross-adsorbed to prevent cross-reactivity.  
  • When staining rat tissue with anti-mouse antibodies, use secondary antibodies that are highly cross-adsorbed against rat.  
  • Staining of mouse tissues with anti-mouse antibodies (known as mouse-on-mouse staining) may require special protocols to block binding of endogenous antibodies in the tissue.  
  • Highly charged fluorescent dyes, including CF®405S, Alexa Fluor® 647, or Cy®65.5 can contribute to non-specific binding of conjugates. Specialized blocking buffers such as TrueBlack® Background Supressor System or TrueBlack® WB Blocking Buffer can reduce background from charged dyes. |
|                                       | **Fluorescence cross-talk between channels**  
  Diagnosis: For multi-color experiments, perform controls with each stain alone, and image in all channels to determine whether there is fluorescence cross-talk or bleed-through of dye fluorescence between channels. | • Choose dyes that are spectrally well-separated for multicolor imaging. The Spectra Viewer at www.biotium.com can be useful for this purpose.  
  • Multi-color flow cytometry analysis may require fluorescence compensation. See your cytometer user manual for information.  
  • Confocal microscopy imaging settings can be optimized to minimize cross-talk by limiting cross-excitation during scanning, or by changing the emission cut-off for different dyes.  
  • For DAPI fluorescence bleeds into the green channel, reduce the concentration of DAPI, or optimize confocal imaging settings to prevent cross-talk. Far-red nuclear counterstains for the Cy®65 channel, such as RedDot™2, also can be used to avoid this problem. |
|                                       | **Blotting membrane autofluorescence**  
  Diagnosis: Scan an unused blotting membrane next to your western blot to detect membrane autofluorescence. | Use low fluorescence PVDF for fluorescent western detection. In our experience, nitrocellulose and low fluorescence PVDF membranes show similar background fluorescence, but PVDF can give higher sensitivity, possibly due to higher protein binding. |
|                                       | **Suboptimal western blot blocking**  
  Test different blocking agents to find the optimal conditions, or try a blocking buffer specifically designed for fluorescent westerns, like the TrueBlack® WB Blocking Buffer Kit. |
|                                       | **Insufficient washing of western blots**  
  Increasing the number of washes can improve background for western blots. Use a generous volume of wash buffer with rocking so blots move freely during washing. |
|                                       | **Antibody concentration too high**  
  Diagnosis: If both signal and background are high, antibody concentration may be too high. | Perform a titration of antibody concentration to find the optimal concentration. The optimal concentration for primary antibodies can vary widely; concentrations for initial testing usually start around 1 ug/mL or higher. Secondary antibodies are typically used at 1 ug/mL for cell staining and as low as 50 ug/mL for near-infrared western detection. |
## Products for Immunofluorescence

Please visit [www.biotium.com](http://www.biotium.com) to view our full selection of products featuring bright and photostable fluorescent CF® dyes: primary and secondary antibodies; Mix-n-Stain™ antibody labeling kits; streptavidin, phalloidin, and other bioconjugates; and tyramide signal amplification kits.

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