



**Tyramide - AcalephFluor488**  
**Fluorescence IHC Detection Kit**  
**User Manual**

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Fluorescence IHC staining kit using Tyramide - AcalephFluor488

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Tyramide signal amplification (TSA), also called catalyzed reporter deposition (CARD), is a highly sensitive enzymatic method which can enable the detection of low-abundance targets in histochemical analysis. TSA utilizes the catalytic activity of HRP for the covalent deposition of labeled tyramide on and near target proteins or nucleic acid sequences in situ. In the presence of low hydrogen peroxide ( $H_2O_2$ ), HRP is able to convert labeled tyramide substrates into highly-reactive, short-lived tyramide radicals that rapidly bind to tyrosine residues on and proximal to the enzyme site. These labels can be detected by standard chromogenic or fluorescent techniques.

## II. KIT COMPONENTS

Component	20 Assays	100 Assays	Storage	Cap
DAPI (200X)	10 µl x 1	50 µl x 1	4 °C	Blue
Tyramide - AcalephFluor488 (200X)	10 µl x 1	50 µl x 1	4 °C	Green
Goat Anti-Mouse/Rabbit HRP Polymer	2 ml x 1	10 ml x 1	4 °C	Blue
Tyramide Amplification Buffer	2 ml x 1	10 ml x 1	4 °C	Brown
Antifade Mounting Medium	100 µl x 1	500 µl x 1	4 °C	Clear
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## III. STORAGE AND STABILITY

All kit components are stable at 2-8 °C for 1 year.

#### **IV. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED**

1. Xylene
2. Ethanol
3. Hydrogen Peroxide
4. Pipettor
5. Timer
6. Microwave
7. IHC pen
8. PBST
9. BSA
10. Fluorescence microscope

## **V. WORKING SOLUTION PREPARATION**

All reagents need to be centrifuged before use.

### **1. DAPI Working Solution**

Add 1  $\mu$ l DAPI (200X) into 200  $\mu$ l PBS before use, mix.

### **2. Tyramide - AcalephFluor488 Working Solution**

Add 1  $\mu$ l Tyramide - AcalephFluor488 Reagent (200X) into 200  $\mu$ l Tyramide

Amplification Buffer before use, mix.

## **VI. ASSAY PROCEDURE**

### **1. De-paraffinizing (de-waxing) and rehydrating**

1.1 Heat the slides in tissue-drying oven for 45 minutes at 60°C. Place the slides in a rack, and perform the following washes:

Xylene I: 15 mins

Xylene II: 15 mins

100% Ethanol: 5 mins

95% Ethanol: 5 mins

85% Ethanol: 5 mins

70% Ethanol: 5 mins

1.2 The slides are placed in a lab draught cupboard to rinse off ethanol.

1.3 Finally, wash the slides in the pure water.

### **2. Antigen or epitope retrieval**

2.1 Add the appropriate antigen retrieval buffer (EDTA pH 9.0 or sodium citrate pH 6.0) to the microwaveable vessel.

2.2 Place the slides in the microwaveable vessel. Then place the vessel inside the microwave (1200W).

2.3 Boil for 8 mins in microwave (1200 W) under medium heat, then stop heating for 8 mins, followed by low and medium heat for 7 mins. Other heat-induced epitope retrieval methods can also be used, e.g., heated at 120 °C 1-2 min, 100 °C 20mins or 95 °C in a water bath.

Be sure to monitor for evaporation and watch out for boiling over during the procedure. Do not let the slides dry out.

2.4 After cooling down in room temperature, place the slides in PBS (pH 7.4) to wash 3 X 5 mins on a decolorizing shaker.

Notes: To get best results, antigen retrieval buffer and protocol should be determined according to the tissue types and antigen types.

### **3. Blocking endogenous peroxidase**

3.1 Add enough 3% hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) to cover the slides.

3.2 Incubate for 15 mins in the dark at room temperature.

3.3 Place the slides in PBS (pH 7.4) to wash 3 X 5 mins on a decolorizing shaker.

#### **4. Blocking**

4.1 Drain slides and then use an IHC pen to draw a circle around each sample on your slide (to hold antibody solution within the target area).

4.2 Add 3% BSA-PBST solution (or other blocking buffer) inside the circle to cover the tissues, incubate 30 mins at room temperature.

#### **5. Primary antibody incubation**

5.1 Remove blocking buffer and add primary antibody diluted by recommended antibody diluent overnight at 4°C or 37°C for 1-2h.

#### **6. HRP Polymer incubation**

6.1 Place the slides in PBS (pH 7.4) and wash 3 X 5 mins on a decolorizing shaker.

6.2 Incubate slides with HRP Polymer (100 µl for each slice) in the dark at room temperature for 60 mins.

6.3 Wash 3 X 5 mins with PBS buffer.

#### **7. Tyramide labeling**

7.1 Apply the Tyramide - AcalephFluor488 Working Solution to each sample (100 µl for each slice) and incubate for 10-15 mins at room temperature.

7.2 Wash 3 X 5 mins with PBS buffer.

#### **8. Denoise**

Repeat steps 2.

#### **9. DAPI counterstaining**

9.1 Place the slides in PBS (pH 7.4) and wash 3 X 5 mins on a decolorizing shaker.

9.2 Apply the DAPI solution (100 µl for each slice) to each sample and incubate in the dark at room temperature for 10 mins.

#### **10. Mounting the slides**

10.1 Place the slides in PBS (pH 7.4) and wash 3 X 5 mins on a decolorizing shaker.

10.2 Add antifade mounting medium (3-5 µl for each slice) to cover the section.



## 11. View the slides

View the sample using a fluorescence microscope with appropriate filters.

**Note:** To get the best results from multiplex staining, the experimental condition must be optimized.

**Fluorophore Excitation and Emission Maxima**

Fluorophore	Excitation	Emission
DAPI	368 nm	461 nm
Tyramide - AcalephFluor488	490 nm	515 nm

## **VII. NOTICE**

1. Please centrifuge the reagent to the bottom of the tube before use.
2. Negative control should be set up during the experiment (without antibodies or TSA dye).
3. Higher concentrations TSA dye may cause the background or the signal too strong.  
We recommend the dilution from 1:100 to 1:1000.
4. If labeling cell samples or frozen sections, need to proceed a pre-experiment and determine whether the reagent is available or not.

## VIII. TROUBLESHOOTING

### Low Signal

- Titer primary and/or TSA dyes to determine optimum concentration for TSA detection.
- Increase primary antibody and/or TSA dye Working Solution incubation time.

### Excess Signal

- Decrease concentration of primary antibody.
- Decrease concentration of TSA dyes.
- Decrease TSA dye Working Solution incubation time.

### High Background

- Add extra step to block endogenous peroxidases.
- Titer primary and/or TSA dyes to determine optimum concentration for TSA detection.
- Make fresh buffers.
- Evaluate laboratory water source for contamination.
- Increase number and/or length of washes.

## **IX. TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

For troubleshooting, information or assistance, please go online to [www.cohesionbio.com](http://www.cohesionbio.com) or contact us at [techsupport@cohesionbio.com](mailto:techsupport@cohesionbio.com)