1. Intended use
The *ZytoDot* Pretreatment Kit is intended to be used for heat pretreatment and enzyme digestion of formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded specimens prior to chromogenic *in situ* hybridization (CISH). The kit is intended to be used in combination with a *ZytoDot* Implementation Kit (Prod. No. C-3044-40 or Prod. No. C-3018-40) and a respective *ZytoDot* CISH Probe.

Interpretation of the results must be made within the context of the patient’s clinical history with respect to further clinical and pathologic data of the patient by a qualified pathologist.

2. Clinical relevance
Genetic aberrations, e.g., deletions and/or amplifications, are associated with various human neoplasms. Chromosomal aneuploidies are observed in many congenital disorders.

3. Test principle
The chromogenic *in situ* hybridization (CISH) technique allows the detection and visualization of specific nucleic acid sequences in cell preparations. Hapten-labeled nucleotide fragments, so called CISH probes, and their complementary target sequences in the preparations are co-denatured and subsequently allowed to anneal during hybridization. Afterwards, unspecific and unbound probe fragments are removed by stringency washing steps. Duplex formation of the labeled probe can be visualized using primary (unmarked) antibodies, which are detected by secondary polymerized enzyme-conjugated antibodies. The enzymatic reaction with chromogenic substrates leads to the formation of colored precipitates. After counterstaining the nucleus with a nuclear dye, hybridized probe fragments are visualized by light microscopy.

4. Reagents provided
The *ZytoDot* Pretreatment Kit is available in one size and is composed of:

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<tr>
<td>PT2</td>
<td>Heat Pretreatment Solution EDTA</td>
<td>500 ml</td>
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<td>ES1</td>
<td>Pepsin Solution</td>
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C-3004-40 (40 tests): Component ES1 is sufficient for 40 reactions. Component PT2 is sufficient for 7 staining jars of 70 ml each.

5. Materials required but not provided
- *ZytoDot* CISH Probe
- *ZytoDot* CISH Implementation Kit (Prod. No.-C-3018-40) or *ZytoDot* 2C CISH Implementation Kit (Prod. No. C-3044-10/-40)
- Positive and negative control tissue
- Microscope slides, positively charged
- Water bath (80°C, 98°C)
- Hybridizer or hot plate
- Hybridizer or humidity chamber in hybridization oven
- Adjustable pipettes (10 µl, 1000 µl)
- Staining jars or baths
- Timer
- Calibrated thermometer
- Ethanol or reagent alcohol
- Xylene
- Methanol 100%
- Hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) 30%
- Deionized or distilled water
- Coverslips (22 mm x 22 mm, 24 mm x 32 mm)
- Rubber cement, e.g., Fixogum Rubber Cement (Prod. No. E-4005-50/-125) or similar
- Adequately maintained light microscope (400-630x)

The *ZytoDot* Pretreatment Kit is intended to be used in CISH procedures using *ZytoVision* Probes and kits. For information on materials required for CISH procedures, please refer to the instructions for use of the respective *ZytoVision* Probe and implementation kit.

6. Storage and handling
Store at 2-8°C in an upright position. Return to storage conditions immediately after use. Do not use reagents beyond expiry date indicated on the label. The product is stable until expiry date indicated on the label when handled accordingly.

7. Warnings and precautions
- Read the instructions for use prior to use!
- Do not use the reagents after the expiry date has been reached!
- This product contains substances (in low concentrations and volumes) that are harmful to health and potentially infectious. Avoid any direct contact with the reagents. Take appropriate protective measures (use disposable gloves, protective glasses, and lab garments)!
- If reagents come into contact with skin, rinse skin immediately with copious amounts of water!
- A material safety data sheet is available on our homepage (www.zytovision.com).
- Do not reuse reagents, unless reuse is explicitly permitted!
- Avoid any cross-contamination and micro-bacterial contamination of the reagents!
- The specimens must not be allowed to dry during the hybridization and washing steps!

Special labeling of ES1
EUH208 Contains Pepsin A. May produce an allergic reaction.
EUH210 Safety data sheet available on request. < 20 % of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown acute toxicity (inhalation).
Hazard and precautionary statements for PT2

The hazard determining component is a mixture of: 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one [EC no. 247-500-7] and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one [EC no. 220-239-6] (3:1)

Warning

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.

P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.

P333+P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P362+P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

For further information concerning this point, please refer to the instructions for use of the respective ZytoVision Probe and implementation kit.

8. Limitations

• For in vitro diagnostic use.
• For professional use only.
• The clinical interpretation of any positive staining, or its absence, must be done within the context of clinical history, morphology, other histopathological criteria as well as other diagnostic tests. It is the responsibility of a qualified pathologist to be familiar with the CISH probes, reagents, diagnostic panels, and methods used to produce the stained preparation. Staining must be performed in a certified, licensed laboratory under the supervision of a pathologist who is responsible for reviewing the stained slides and assuring the adequacy of positive and negative controls.
• Specimen staining, especially signal intensity and background staining, is dependent on the handling and processing of the specimen prior to staining. Improper fixation, freezing, thawing, washing, drying, heating, sectioning, or contamination with other specimens or fluids may produce artifacts or false results. Inconsistent results may result from variations in fixation and embedding methods, as well as from inherent irregularities within the specimen.
• The performance was validated using the procedures described in these instructions for use. Modifications to these procedures might alter the performance and have to be validated by the user.

9. Interfering substances

Refer to the instructions for use of the respective implementation kit.

10. Preparation of specimens

Refer to the instructions for use of the respective implementation kit.

11. Preparatory treatment of the device

The product is ready-to-use. No reconstitution, mixing, or dilution is required.

12. Assay procedure

For detailed information on how to perform CISH with ZytoDot products, including heat pretreatment and proteolysis with the ZytoDot Pretreatment Kit, please refer to the instructions for use of the respective implementation kit.

Preparatory steps


2. Preparation of 3% H₂O₂: Dilute 1 part 30% H₂O₂ in 9 parts 100% methanol.

13. Interpretation of results

Please refer to the instructions for use of the respective ZytoDot CISH Probe.

14. Recommended quality control procedures

Please refer to the instructions for use of the respective ZytoDot CISH Probe.

15. Performance characteristics

Please refer to the instructions for use of the respective ZytoDot CISH Probe.

16. Disposal

The disposal of reagents must be carried out in accordance with local regulations.

17. Troubleshooting

Any deviation from the operating instructions can lead to inferior staining results or to no staining at all. Please refer to the instructions for use of the respective ZytoDot CISH Probe and implementation kit for further information.

18. Literature


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