

## HEPARAN SULFATE &amp; CHONDROITIN SULFATE IMMUNOSTAINING

## Immunohistochemistry for Heparan Sulfate and Chondroitin Sulfate

**Reagents****Antibodies to Heparan Sulfate:**

10E4, 3G10

**Antibodies to Chondroitin Sulfate:**

LY111, CS-56, 1-B-5, 2-B-6, 3-B-3

**GAGases:**

Heparitinase I (20 mU/ml of sodium acetate buffer-3.3 mM calcium chloride, pH 7.0)

Chondroitinase ABC Protease free (1-5 U/ml of 20 mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8.0)

**Procedure**

1. Prepare slides and controls.
2. Preincubate sections with reaction buffer of GAGase for 15 minutes at 37°C.
3. Incubate with GAGase for 1-2 hours at 37°C. Wash.
4. Block endogenous peroxidase with 0.3% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> methanol.
5. Incubate with 1% BSA in PBS for 1 hour at room temperature.
6. Incubate with anti-HS or anti-CS antibody for 1-2 hours at room temperature. Wash.
7. Incubate with HRP conjugated anti-mouse IgG or IgM for 1 hour at room temperature. Wash.
8. Incubate with HRP substrate. Wash.
9. Observe by microscopy.

**References****Antibodies to Heparan Sulfate**

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**Antibodies to Chondroitin Sulfate**

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## Flow Cytometry for Heparan Sulfate

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**Cells:**

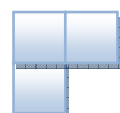
K-562, PLC/PRF/5

**GAGases:**

Heparitinase I (50 mU/ml of phosphate buffer saline, pH 7.4 (PBS))

**Procedure**

1. Incubate 1 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells with 100 µl of Heparitinase I or PBS for 20 minutes at 37°C. Wash.
2. Incubate cells with anti-HS for 30 minutes at 4°C. Wash.
3. Incubate cells with FITC conjugated F(ab')<sub>2</sub> fragment anti-mouse IgG or IgM for 30 minutes at 4°C. Wash.
4. Analyze using manufacturers instructions.



## Immunoprecipitation for Chondroitin Sulfate Proteoglycan

### Reagents

#### **Antibodies to Chondroitin Sulfate:**

1-B-5, 2-B-6

#### **GAGases:**

Chondroitinase ABC Protease free (1-5 U/ml of 100 mM sodium acetate buffer, pH 8.0 or 20 mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8.0)

### Procedure

1. Prepare <sup>125</sup>I proteoglycan fractions by Chloramin T method.
2. Incubate <sup>125</sup>I labeled proteoglycan fractions with GAGase for 1 hour at 37°C.  
(Treat 3 µg of sample with 100 mU of Chondroitinase ABC)
3. Incubate sample with normal mouse IgG and Protein G Sepharose for 1 hour at 4°C.
4. Remove Protein G Sepharose binding non-specific immune complexes and save supernatant.
5. Incubate supernatant with anti-CS antibody and new Protein G Sepharose for 3 hours at 4°C. Wash.
6. Boil Protein G Sepharose binding specific immune complexes with SDS-PAGE sample buffer for 5 minutes.
7. Save supernatant after centrifugation.
8. Run supernatant on SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions.
9. Place gel in direct contact with X-ray film and develop using manufacturers instructions.

## Western Blot for Heparan Sulfate Proteoglycan

### Reagents

#### **Antibody to Heparan Sulfate:**

3G10

#### **GAGases:**

Heparitinase I (200 mU/ml of sodium acetate buffer-3.3 mM calcium chloride, pH 7.0)

#### **Membranes:**

PVDF membrane or nitrocellulose membrane

### Procedure

1. Incubate partially purified proteoglycan fractions with GAGase for 1 hour at 37°C.
  - a) Treat 1.5 µg of sample with 2 mU of Heparitinase I for heparan sulfate proteoglycan
  - b) Treat 1 µg of sample with 100 mU of Chondroitinase ABC for chondroitin sulfate proteoglycan.
2. Run samples on SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions.
3. Transfer it to membrane.
4. Blocking with 10% skim milk in PBS for 30 minutes at 37°C.
5. Incubate with anti-HS or anti-CS antibody for 1 hour at room temperature. Wash.
6. Incubate with HRP conjugated anti-mouse IgG or IgM for 1 hour at room temperature. Wash.
7. Incubate with HRP substrate. Wash.

### References

#### **Antibodies to Heparan Sulfate**

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#### **Antibodies to Chondroitin Sulfate**

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#### **Abbreviations**

BSA - Bovine serum albumin  
FITC - Fluorescein isothiocyanate  
SDS - Sodium dodecyl sulfate

PBS - Phosphate buffered saline  
HUVECs - human umbilical vein endothelial cells  
PAGE - polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis

