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1 Introduction

Technical Instructions for Spotting Antibody Microarrays

Store frozen at -20 °C. Allow package to equilibrate at room temperature before opening.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW


NEXTERION® Slide P is manufactured using high quality glass (dimensions 75.6 mm x 25.0 mm x 1.0 mm) and laser cutting technologies, to obtain defect and particle free slide surfaces with very tight dimensional tolerances. The slide has a very low thickness deviation, an ultra-flat surface, and an extremely low inherent fluorescence. NEXTERION® Slide P is ideally suited for the immobilization of antibodies or antibody fragments and further processing with cell lysates or serum samples as it is very resistant to non-specific binding. The polymer coating provides an ideal environment for low to medium density antibody arrays and enables long-term stability and functionality. (Please note: NEXTERION® Slide P is not recommended for high density arrays, as the surface is less hydrophobic than comparable products. Please consider using NEXTERION® Slide H as alternative). The combination of covalent attachment with a very low background results in a superior signal-to-noise ratio.

Only one surface of the slide has been coated. To identify the coated side: Looking towards the slide, if it is possible to read the bar code numbers correctly then you are looking at the correct surface for printing.

We only recommend printing within the chemically reactive and homogeneous spotting area which is 72 x 22 mm.

2 Storage and handling

1. The reactive *N*-Hydroxysuccinimide (NHS) groups in the NEXTERION® Slide P coating will undergo hydrolysis if not properly protected from moisture. The slides are packaged in moisture barrier bags for shipment and storage. It is strongly recommended that you store the slides frozen at -20 °C in their original packaging. The hydrolysis of NEXTERION® Slide P coating is extremely slow at low temperature. Use before the expiry date stated on the label.
2. The packaging should be allowed to equilibrate completely at room temperature prior to opening. Failure to do so will lead to condensation on the slide surface and loss of activity. After opening, seal any unused slides in the pouch with desiccant and re-freeze.
3. Avoid direct contact with the surface of the slides to minimize contamination and abrasion of the coated surface. Always wear gloves and only hold the slides by the edges.
4. NEXTERION® Slide P should be opened in a clean environment to avoid particulate contamination on the coated surface.

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3 General precautions

1. The protocols contained in this document are meant to be a general guideline only and some optimization may be required depending on the application and samples being analyzed.
2. Refer to manufacturer supplied Material Safety and Data Sheets (MSDS) for proper handling and disposal of all chemicals.
3. NEXTERION[®] Slide P is for research use only, and not for *in vitro* diagnostic use.

4 Recommended reagents

1. *Protein Print Buffer*: you could use PBS based buffers, however, we recommend the use of the pre-made NEXTERION[®] Spot PB.
Adding 3 - 5 % trehalose and/or 0.005 % Pluronic F127 (Sigma Aldrich) to PBS based printing buffers can significantly increase the signal intensity.
2. *Deactivation Solution*: 25 mM ethanolamine in 100 mM boric acid (final pH 8.5) with 0.01 % Tween[®] 20

Preparation of the Deactivation Solution:

The boric acid and Tween[®] 20 solution can be prepared in advance. The Deactivation Solution itself should always be freshly prepared immediately before use.

Components for 400 ml Deactivation Solution:

- 100 ml boric acid in diH₂O, (resulting pH should be ~ 4.2 without adjustment)
 - 50 ml ethanolamine
 - 400 µl 10% Tween[®] 20 in diH₂O
- fill up to 400 ml with diH₂O (resulting pH should be ~ 8.5 without adjustment)

3. *PBS*: 137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 4.3 mM Na₂HPO₄, 1.4 mM KH₂PO₄, pH 7.5
4. *Incubation Buffer* (PBST, 0.05 %): PBS with 0.05 % Tween[®] 20
5. *Wash Buffer 1* (PBST, 2.0 %): PBS with 2.0 % Tween[®] 20
6. *Wash Buffer 2* (PBST, 1.0 %): PBS with 1.0 % Tween[®] 20
7. *Wash Buffer 3* (PBST, 0.5 %): PBS with 0.5 % Tween[®] 20
8. *Wash Buffer 4* (PBST, 0.1 %): PBS with 0.1 % Tween[®] 20

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5 Recommended equipment

1. Cover slips (such as PGC Scientific 44-596) or FAST® Frame Multi-Slide Plate (Whatman/GE Healthcare, 10486001)
2. Humidified hybridization chamber (such as GeneMachines HybChamber). Place a 25 mm layer of NaCl in a chamber filled with water and cover with an airtight lid. This forms a chamber with a nominally 75 % relative humidity.
3. Centrifuge with slide holders or compressed nitrogen gas to dry the slides.
4. Coplin jars (VWR 25457-006) or slide dish and rack combo (Fisher 900200) may be used for washing the slides.

6 Antibody concentration for spotting

NEXTERION® Slide P provides covalent attachment of antibodies through amino groups of amino acids side chains on the protein surface. The coupling efficiency of the covalent chemistry depends on a number of factors, including pH, protein print concentration, and the nature of the protein itself.

An antibody probe concentration ranging from 0.025 to 1 mg/ml is recommended to ensure sufficient probe loading and to enable reliable and consistent assay results.


7 Array printing

NEXTERION® Slide P is compatible with all microarray printing or spotting methods, including contact printing and piezo or ink-jet technologies.

Note: If you were previously using slides that were thicker than 1.0 mm, for optimal spotting you may need to re-calibrate the distance between the slide surface and the spotting pins.

8 Antibody immobilization

We recommend that you print antibodies at 50 % relative humidity and then place arrays overnight at 75 % relative humidity, as this will ensure maximum coupling efficiency to surface.

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9 Storage of printed slides

If you want to store printed arrays, please do so after printing/immobilization, but before washing/blocking. The printed antibody arrays can be placed in a slide box and stored sealed at -20°C and are at least stable for 6 months.

10 Washing and blocking

Because NEXTERION® Slide P has a reactive surface chemistry, off-feature or unspotted areas must be deactivated (blocked) before any other biomolecules are incubated with the surface.

Failure to block the surface can lead to the covalent attachment of assay molecules to the NEXTERION® Slide P surface, thus leading to high background. The slides should be blocked after printing as described below. Due to the very low non-specific binding characteristics of the surface the use of proteins in the blocking solution is not recommended, and actually discouraged. We do not recommend the use of non-fat dry milk in the blocking or assay steps.


1. Submerge slides in the *Deactivation Solution* (as described in the Recommended reagents section) for 1 h to deactivate all the remaining functional groups. This can be performed in a clean 50 ml conical tube or holder designed for microscope slides. Gentle agitation can be used.

Note that lab gloves may contain powder residues that can contaminate the slide surface and can lead to an increased, non-uniform background. Avoid allowing residues from the gloves to fall onto the array.

2. Remove the slides from the *Deactivation Solution* and wash the slides for 5 min with *Wash Buffer 4* (as described in the Reagents Required section).
3. Dry the arrays in an oil-free air or nitrogen stream, or by centrifugation (200 x g for 5 min) to avoid any water marks or streaks on the slide surface.

11 Assay conditions

The printed NEXTERION® Slide P are robust and compatible with conditions encountered in most antibody-based assays. However, an incubation buffer comprised of phosphate buffered saline with 0.05 % Tween® 20 (*Incubation Buffer*, see description under Recommended reagents) is recommended. It is not advisable to use buffers containing non-fat dry milk.

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12 Target incubation

Incubation in FAST® Frame Multi-Slide Plates (please see manufacturer's manual for details) has shown to give very good results with antibody based applications on NEXTERION® Slide P as well as incubation using coverslips (described below).

1. Dilute the labeled target in an appropriate amount of *Incubation Buffer* to allow full array coverage.
2. Pipette the target containing *Incubation Buffer* onto the array surface.
3. Carefully place a cover slip over the array, avoiding the entrapment of any air bubbles.

Caution: Ensure that the cover slips are appropriate for microarray use; some cover slips may require cleaning before use.

4. Transfer to a hybridization chamber, containing sufficient diH₂O to maintain humidity, but ensure that the excess diH₂O does not come into contact with the array.
5. Place the sealed hybridization chamber into a water bath held at room temperature. All incubations steps with labeled target should be carried out in the dark to avoid photo bleaching of the fluorescent dyes.

13 Washing

Caution: Do not allow slides to dry out between washes, and protect from light whenever possible.

Note: The solutions recommended below for washing are a general guidance; alternative washes may be required depending on the application.

1. Remove the array from hybridization chamber, taking care not to disturb the cover slip.
2. Place the array into a slide rack and immerse in a dish containing *Wash Buffer 1* for 10 - 30 sec. Plunge gently until the cover slip separates from the array.
3. Once the cover slip has been removed, place the array into a slide rack and immerse in a dish containing *Wash Buffer 2*. Wash with shaking for 5 min.

Note: Strong agitation will help to reduce the background!

4. Wash in *Wash Buffer 3* for 2 min. with agitation.
5. Wash in *Wash Buffer 4* for 2 min. with agitation.
6. Wash two times in *PBS* for 2 min. with agitation.
7. Dry the array in an oil-free air or nitrogen stream or by centrifugation (200 x g for 3 - 5 min.) to avoid any water marks or streaks on the slide surface.
8. Protect the array from light, dust, and abrasion until ready for scanning.

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14 Important information about patents

Using arrays based on SCHOTT NEXTERION® products for dual color analysis on a single array in which at least two different samples are labeled with at least two different labels may require a license under one of the following patents: U.S. patent nos. 5,770,358 or 5,800,992 or 6,225,625 and U.S. patent no. 5,830,645. Manufacturing and use of probe arrays may require a license under the following patents: U.S. patent no. 6,040,138 or 5,445,934 or 5,744,305 and under the following patents owned by Oxford Gene Technology Ltd. ("OGT"): European patent no. EP 0,373,203, U.S. patent nos. 5,700,637 and 6,054,270 and Japanese patent nos. 3393528 and 3386391 ("The OGT patents"). Other patents may apply. The purchase of SCHOTT NEXTERION® products does not convey any license under any of the OGT patents or any of the other patents referred to. For all applications SCHOTT North America Inc. and SCHOTT Technical Glass Solutions GmbH make no representation or warranty that the practice of its technology and products or any improvement will not infringe or violate any domestic or foreign patent of any third party. Before making or using any oligonucleotide arrays you should contact OGT to discuss a licence. To inquire about licensing under the OGT patents, please contact OGT at licensing@ogt.co.uk.