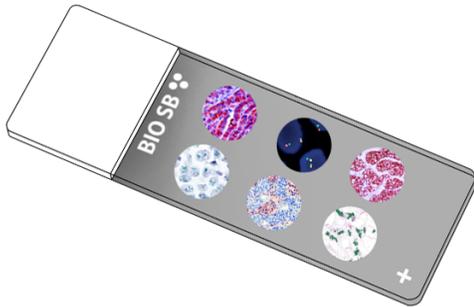


## SMAD4/DPC4 Control Slides



### Intended Use

For In Vitro Diagnostic Use.

### Summary and Explanation

SMAD 4, also known as DPC4 or SMAD family member n<sup>o</sup>4, is a protein involved in cell signaling in mammals. SMAD 4 forms with SMAD 3 a complex which can bind to DNA and modify the expression of several genes related to cellular activities such as proliferation or differentiation. SMAD 4 serves as a mediator between extracellular growth factors from the TGF $\beta$  family and genes inside the cell nucleus. The abbreviation coin co-SMAD stands for common mediator. SMAD 4 is also defined as a signal transducer.

SMAD4, is often found mutated in many cancers. The mutation can be inherited or acquired during an individual's lifetime. If inherited, the mutation affects both somatic and sexual cells. If the SMAD 4 mutation is acquired, it will only exist in certain somatic cells. Indeed, SMAD 4 is not synthesized by all cells. The protein is present in skin, pancreatic, colon, uterus and epithelial cells. It is also produced by fibroblasts. The functional SMAD 4 participates in the regulation of the TGF- $\beta$  signal transduction pathway, which negatively regulates growth of epithelial cells and the extracellular matrix (ECM). When the structure of SMAD 4 is altered, expression of the genes involved in cell growth is no longer regulated and cell proliferation can go on without any inhibition. The important number of cell divisions leads to the forming of tumors and then to multiploid colorectal cancer and pancreatic carcinoma. It is found inactivated in at least 50% of pancreatic cancers. SMAD 4 is also found mutated in the autosomal dominant disease juvenile polyposis syndrome. Juvenile polyposis syndrome is characterized by hamartomatous polyps in the gastrointestinal tract. These polyps are usually benign; however, they are at greater risk of developing gastrointestinal cancers, in particular colon cancer.

Approximately 55% of pancreatic cancers bear deletions or mutations in SMAD4/DPC4. Patients undergoing surgical resection of their pancreatic adenocarcinoma, survival of patients whose tumors expressed SMAD4 protein was significantly longer (unadjusted median survival, 19.2 months) as compared with 14.7 months without SMAD4 protein expression (P = 0.03). This SMAD4 survival benefit persisted after adjustment for prognostic factors including tumor size, margin status, lymph node status, pathological stage, blood loss, and use of adjuvant chemoradiotherapy.

### Presentation

Five slides of SMAD4/DPC4 positive tissues, each mounted on Hydrophilic Plus Slides, provided in a plastic mailer.

Catalog No.	Quantity
BSB-9378-CS	5 slides
BSB 3210	5 slides
BSB 3405	5 slides

**Storage** Store at 20-25°C

### Precautions

1. For professional users only. Results should be interpreted by a qualified medical professional.
2. Ensure proper handling procedures are used with this reagent.
3. Always wear personal protective equipment such as a laboratory coat, goggles, and gloves when handling reagents.
4. Dispose of unused solution with copious amounts of water.
5. Follow safety precautions of the heating device used for epitope retrieval (TintoRetriever Pressure Cooker or similar).
8. For additional safety information, refer to the Safety Data Sheet for this product.
9. For complete recommendations for handling biological specimens, please refer to the CDC document, "Guidelines for Safe Work Practices in Human and Animal Medical Diagnostic Laboratories" (see References in this document).

### Stability

**This product is stable up to the expiration date on the product label.**

Do not use the after expiration date listed on the package label.

### IHC Protocol

1. Subject tissues to heat induced epitope retrieval (HIER) using a suitable retrieval solution such as ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate (BSB 0020-BSB 0023) or EDTA (BSB 0030-BSB 0033).
2. Any of three heating methods may be used:
  - a. TintoRetriever Pressure Cooker or Equivalent**  
Place tissues/slides in a staining dish or coplin jar containing the ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate or EDTA and place on trivet in the pressure cooker. Add 1-2 inches of distilled water to the pressure cooker and turn heat to high. Incubate for 15 minutes. Open and immediately transfer slides to room temperature.
  - b. TintoRetriever PT Module or Water Bath Method**  
Place tissues/slides in a pre-warmed staining dish or coplin jar containing the ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate or EDTA at 95°-99° C. Incubate for 30-60 minutes.
  - c. Conventional Steamer Method**  
Place tissues/slides in a pre-warmed staining dish or coplin jar containing the ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate or EDTA in a steamer, cover and steam for 30-60 minutes.
3. After heat treatment, transfer slides in ImmunoDNA Retriever with Citrate or EDTA to room temperature and let stand for 15-20 minutes.
4. For manual staining, perform antibody incubation at ambient temperature. For automated staining methods, perform antibody incubation according to instrument manufacturer's instructions.
5. Wash slides with ImmunoDNA washer or DI water.
6. Continue IHC staining protocol. Wash slides between each step with ImmunoDNA washer solution.

### Abbreviated Immunohistochemical Protocol

Step	ImmunoDetector AP/HRP	PolyDetector AP/HRP	PolyDetector Plus HRP
Peroxidase/AP Blocker	5 min.	5 min.	5 min
Primary Antibody	30-60 min.	30-60 min.	30-60 min.
1st Step Detection	10 min.	30-45 min.	15 min.
2nd Step Detection	10 min.	Not Applicable	15 min.
Substrate- Chromogen	5-10 min.	5-10 min.	5-10 min.
Counterstain / Coverslip	Varies	Varies	Varies

### Abbreviated IF Protocol

Step	Incubation Time
Rinse slides in IF wash buffer	5 minutes
Drain and wipe excess IF wash buffer off slide	
Conduct remaining steps in the dark	
Apply Antibody	30-60 minutes
Rinse with 3 changes of IF wash buffer	3x15 minutes each
Coverslip with IF mounting medium	

### Mounting Protocols

For detailed instructions using biodegradable permanent mounting media such as XyGreen PermaMunter (BSB 0169-0174) or organic solvent based resin such as PermaMunter (BSB 0094-0097), refer to PI0174 or PI0097.

### Product Limitations

Due to inherent variability present in immunohistochemical procedures (including fixation time of tissues, dilution factor of antibody, retrieval method utilized, and incubation time), optimal performance should be established through the use of positive and negative controls. Results should be interpreted by a qualified medical professional.

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### Symbol Key / Légende des symboles/Erläuterung der Symbole

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