

Streptavidin-Xtra™ IF594

Catalog number: 46004, 46005

Unit size: 100 ug, 1 mg

| Component | Storage | Amount | |
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| | | Cat No. 46004 | Cat No. 46005 |
| Streptavidin-Xtra™ IF594 | Freeze (<-15 °C), Minimize light exposure | 100 ug | 1 mg |

OVERVIEW

Streptavidin conjugates are widely used in combing with biotin conjugates for detecting a variety of biological targets such as proteins, nucleic acids and other molecules. They are used as an ideal choice for many biological detections such as immunofluorescence microscopy, flow cytometry, western blot and other biological applications since streptavidin has a strong affinity binding biotin which is not affected over a broad range of pH and temperature. AAT Bioquest® offers a variety of streptavidin conjugates labeled with the classic fluorescent dyes (for example: FITC, TRITC, Texas Red®, Cy3®, Cy5® and Cy7®) and also our superior water soluble, photostable iFluor™ and mFluor™ dyes. However, the conventional biotin-avidin detection systems are still limited by the limited signal intensity of the existing fluorescent conjugates. The Streptavidin Xtra™ iFluor conjugates are a new family of super bright streptavidin conjugates with nearly identical excitation and emission properties to Alexa Fluor fluorophores with 3~5 folds signal improvement. It is a set of powerful tools to detect low abundance targets in cell imaging or flow cytometry. iFluor™ 555 is one of the most common red fluorescence colors for the Texas Red channel imaging.

KEY PARAMETERS

Instrument: Fluorescence microscope
 Excitation: Cy3/TRITC filter set
 Emission: Cy3/TRITC filter set
 Recommended plate: Black wall/clear bottom

Instrument: Flow cytometer
 Excitation: 561 nm laser
 Emission: 610/20 nm filter
 Instrument specification(s): PE-Texas Red channel

PREPARATION OF STOCK SOLUTIONS

Unless otherwise noted, all unused stock solutions should be divided into single-use aliquots and stored at -20 °C after preparation. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Streptavidin-Xtra™ stock solution (1 mg/mL):

Add 100 uL for Cat# 46004 and 1 mL for Cat# 46005 of ddH₂O to make 1 mg/mL stock solution.

Note This reconstituted solution remains stable for 6 months without significant change when stored at 4 °C and kept from light. For longer storage, the reconstituted solution could be either divided into single-used aliquots, or added equal volume of glycerol (50% in final concentration) without aliquoting, and store the solution at -20°C (protected from light).

PREPARATION OF WORKING SOLUTION

Streptavidin-Xtra™ working solution:

For IF, the suggested staining concentration is at 1-5 ug/ml. For FACS, the suggested concentration is at 0.1-0.5 ug / 100 uL / million cells in staining buffer.

Note PBS + 0.1% BSA can be used as a staining buffer.

Note For the best performance of each application, the optimal concentration of this reagent needs to be carefully determined.

Note The suggested working dilution is provided as a guide only. It is recommended that the users titrate the product in their tests using proper

positive and negative controls.

SAMPLE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

1. Block and treat the samples with antibodies of interest as per the manufacturer's recommendations.
2. Add biotin conjugated secondary antibody working solution in the samples at appropriate concentration and duration.

Note Please verify the compatibility and type of your biotin conjugated antibody with the primary antibody used in the experiment. For example, If the primary antibody is Mouse antibody then Goat Anti-Mouse antibody bound with biotin can be used for the assay.

3. Incubate the cells with Streptavidin-Xtra™ working solution at room temperature for 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Note Optimal time for incubation needs to be determined carefully.

4. Remove the working solution and resuspend the cells in your choice of buffer.
5. Take the image using the fluorescence microscope or record the intensity using flow cytometer.

EXAMPLE DATA ANALYSIS AND FIGURES

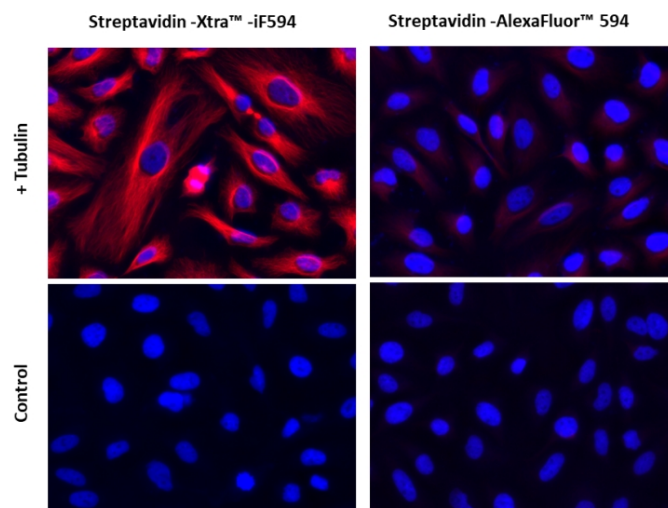


Figure 1. Images of HeLa cells stained with Streptavidin-Xtra™ iFluor™ conjugates and Streptavidin Alexa Fluor™ conjugate.

HeLa cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 30 minutes, permeabilized with 0.02% Triton™ X-100 for 10 minutes, and blocked with 1% BSA for 1 hour. Fixed HeLa cells were then stained with 1 µg/mL alpha Tubulin Mouse Monoclonal Antibody for 1 hour at room temperature, followed by GxM IgG-biotin (Cat# 46201) stain and then visualized with Streptavidin-Xtra™ iFluor 594 and Streptavidin-Alexa Fluor™ 594. Cell nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (Blue, Cat#17535).

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