

VECTASHIELD® Vibrance™

Antifade Mounting Medium with DAPI

Cat. No.:	H-1800
Concentration of DAPI:	0.9 µg/ml
Storage:	Refrigerate
Refractive Index:	1.38 (initial) 1.47 (cured)

DESCRIPTION

VECTASHIELD Vibrance Antifade Mounting Medium prevents rapid photobleaching of fluorescent proteins and fluorescent dyes on cell and tissue section preparations. VECTASHIELD Vibrance Antifade Mounting Medium is supplied as an aqueous, ready-to-use formulation which will cure (set) over several hours at room temperature to immobilize the coverslip. No further sealing of the coverslip is required.

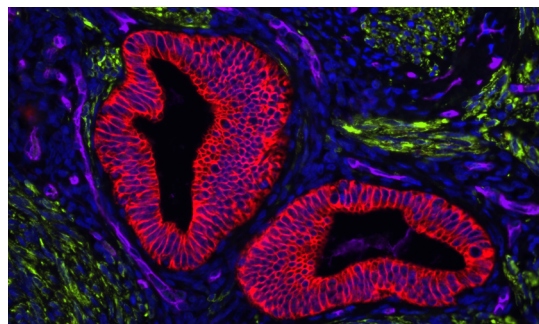
Each lot is tested for photobleaching retardance with qualitative and quantitative methods.

This formulation of VECTASHIELD Vibrance Antifade Mounting Medium contains 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI), which fluoresces when bound to DNA. DAPI excites around 360 nm and emits around 460 nm when bound to DNA, producing a blue fluorescence, and is ideal as a nuclear or chromosomal counterstain.

VECTASHIELD Vibrance Antifade Mounting Medium is compatible with the majority of commercially available fluorescent dyes.

VECTASHIELD Antifade Mounting Media Products:

Product	Counterstain	Cat. No.	Unit Size	Hardening
VECTASHIELD Antifade Mounting Medium	none	H-1000	10 ml	no
	DAPI	H-1200	10 ml	no
	PI	H-1300	10 ml	no
VECTASHIELD HardSet™ Antifade Mounting Medium	none	H-1400	10 ml	yes
	DAPI	H-1500	10 ml	yes
	TRITC-Phalloidin	H-1600	10 ml	yes
VECTASHIELD Vibrance Antifade Mounting Medium	none	H-1700	2 ml, 10 ml	yes
	DAPI	H-1800	2 ml, 10 ml	yes



Human Uterine section (FFPE): Stained for Desmin (green) and Cytokeratin (red) using VectaFluor™ Duet Double Labeling Kit (DK-8828), and vasculature using DyLight® 649 UEA I lectin (purple). Mounted in VECTASHIELD Vibrance Antifade Mounting Medium with DAPI (blue).

The antifade properties of the medium are effective across the spectrum, including far red channels.

APPLICATION

To mount tissue sections or cells, prepare the slide by removing excess liquid. Keep the specimen moist and do not dry. Use a disposable pipet or pipet tip to dispense VECTASHIELD Vibrance Antifade Mounting Medium onto the specimen and coverslip. Small drop volumes of approximately 25 µl (per 22 mm x 22 mm coverslip) are recommended. For specimens mounted on coverslips, dispense mounting medium onto a clean slide and slowly lower the coverslip onto the medium.

Place mounted samples on a flat, dry surface in the dark and allow the medium to cure. Slides can be viewed 30 minutes after mounting, however optimal antifade performance is achieved after 2 hours. The refractive index will reach 1.47 when fully cured (24 hours). For long-term storage, store slides at room temperature or refrigerate.

Note: DAPI is a mutagen and appropriate precautions should be taken when using it.