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Introduction

Molecular in vitro diagnostics, including molecular pathology, has enabled a significant progress in medicine. Further progress is expected with new technologies analyzing nucleic acids, proteins, and metabolites in human tissues and body fluids. However, the profiles and/or integrity of these molecules can change drastically during specimen collection, transport, storage, and processing, thus making the outcome from diagnostics or research unreliable or even impossible because the subsequent examination assay will not determine the situation in the patient but an artificial molecular pattern generated during the pre-examination process.

Although originally thought as being impossible due to the crosslinking activities of formaldehyde, protein isolation techniques from formalin-fixed and paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissues have been much improved in recent years. Heat-induced reversal of formaldehyde-induced crosslinks has been demonstrated as an essential step in the protein isolation procedures^{[5][6]}. Currently, most investigators accept that proteins isolated from FFPE tissue are suitable for downstream proteomic examination^[7].

Protein profiles, protein integrities, and protein–protein interactions in tissues can change drastically before, during and after collection (due to, e.g. gene induction, gene down regulation, protein degradation). Protein species amounts can change differently in different donors'/patients' tissues. The expression of genes can be influenced by the given treatment or intervention (surgery, biopsy), or drugs administered for anaesthesia or even treatment of concomitant disease as well as by the different environmental conditions after the tissue removal from the body.

Furthermore, the formalin-fixation and paraffin-embedding processes lead to modifications of the protein molecules, which can impact the validity and reliability of the examination test results.

Therefore, it is essential to take special measures to minimize the described protein profile changes and modifications within tissues for subsequent examination.

A standardization of the entire process from specimen collection to the protein examination is needed. Studies have been undertaken to determine the important influencing factors. This document draws upon such work to codify and standardize the steps for FFPE tissue with regard to protein examination in what is referred to as the pre-examination phase.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- "shall" indicates a requirement;
- "should" indicates a recommendation;
- "may" indicates a permission;
- "can" indicates a possibility or a capability.

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Part 2: Isolated proteins

1 Scope

This document gives guidelines on the handling, documentation, storage and processing of formalin-fixed and paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue specimens intended for the examination of isolated proteins during the pre-examination phase before a molecular assay is performed.

This document is applicable to molecular in vitro diagnostic examinations including laboratory developed tests performed by medical laboratories and molecular pathology laboratories. It is also intended to be used by laboratory customers, in vitro diagnostics developers and manufacturers, biobanks, institutions and commercial organizations performing biomedical research, and regulatory authorities.

This document is not applicable for protein examination by immunohistochemistry.

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2 Normative references

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