



- EU SPIDIA Project -

Pre-analytical handling of biosamples; optimising biobank sample quality for protein and nucleic acid studies

Symposium on Biosample Quality Guy's Hospital, London, May 9th 2012

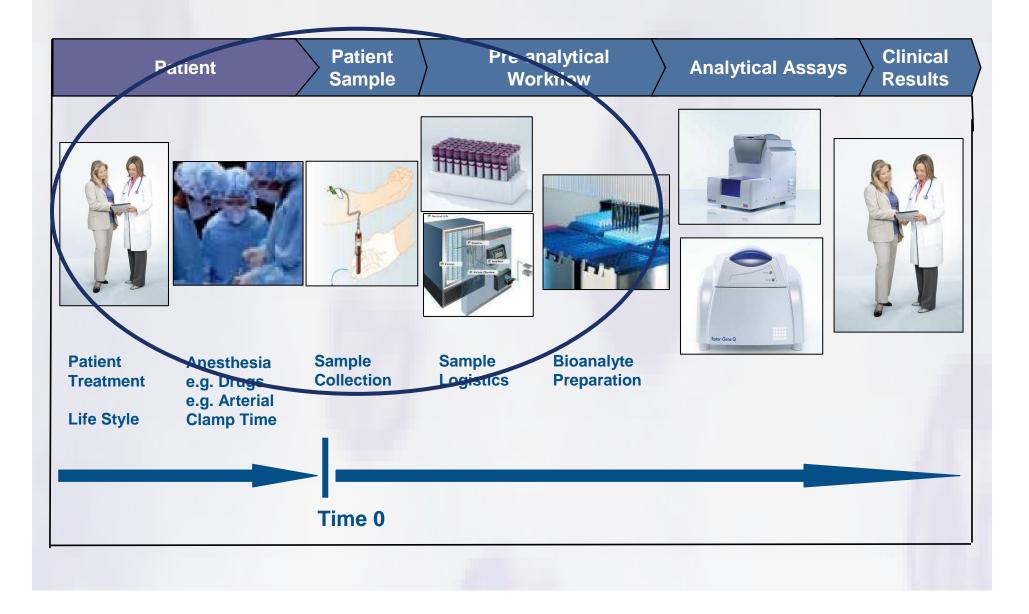
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<u>Standardization and Improvement of Generic</u> <u>Pre-analytical Tools and Procedures for</u> <u>In Vitro Diagnostics</u>

- Project Facts & Goals
- New Technologies & Tools
- Guidelines & Dissemination
- Evaluation of PAXgene Tissue

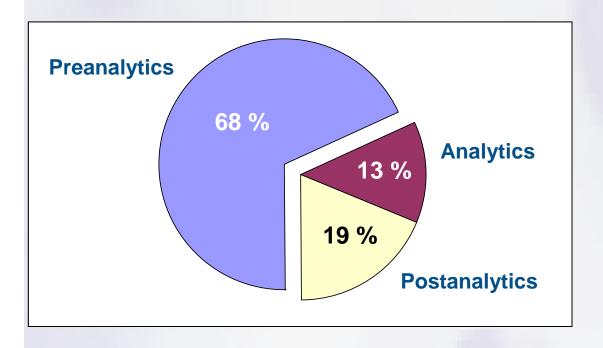
Molecular Diagnostic Workflow From Patients to Clinical Results



SPIDIA It is Real Problem

"Preanalytical errors still account for nearly 60%-70% of all problems occurring in laboratory diagnostics, most of them attributable to mishandling procedures during collection, handling, preparing or storing the specimens".

Lippi G. *et al.*. Preanalytical quality improvement: from dream to reality. Clin Chem Lab Med. 2011 Jul; 49(7):1113-26. Epub 2011 Apr 25.



Costs of ~ 460,000 \$ / year in an average German hospital caused by pre-analytical errors Frost & Sullivan 2011 on behalf of BD

Improvements Needed



- Understanding biomolecule profile changes during pre-analytical workflows
- New pre-analytical technologies preventing biomolecule profile changes
- New evidence based standards and guidelines
- Detailed description of biological / clinical samples histories for research, biobanking, diagnostics
- Ideally sample quality markers

SPIDIA Project Main Goals

New pre-analytical tools & technologies (Blood, Plasma, Tissue, Swabs)

Sample quality markers (Blood, Tissue)

Pan-European guidelines for preanalytics (Blood, Tissue)

Training and dissemination

Project Facts

- Program European Commission FP7-HEALTH
- Consortium
- Coordinator
- Run Time
- Budget
- Co-operations
- Web page
- Newsletter

- 7 public research organizations 8 companies
- 1 standards organization (CEN)
- QIAGEN GmbH
 - October 2008 September 2012 (prolongation requested)
 - 13 Mio € (9 Mio € EC contribution)
 - NCI / OBBR, CLSI, EFCC, BBMRI and other international initiatives and organizations
 - www.spidia.eu



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New Technology & Tools Ongoing Developments

Tissue

Stabilization of morphology, antigenicity, DNA, RNA, proteome

Fine Needle Aspirates

Stabilization of morphology, antigenicity, DNA, RNA, proteome

Plasma

New stabilization technologies

Whole Blood

New stabilization technologies

Swabs

Stabilization and improved processing for molecular analysis

Stabilized Whole Blood

Integrated automated sample-to-result workflows (cellular RNA, ncRNAs incl. miRNAs)

SPIDIA Sample Quality Marker Discovery

Quality marker for blood and tissue

- To monitor changes in clinical sample materials
- Ischemia time, storage time and temperature

Quality markers blood measuring RNA up- & downregulation

- >180 micro arrays (time course experiments)
- 17 marker candidates (specific RNA degradation or gene down regulation, specific RNA gene induction)
- Technical assay validation
- Next step: Performance validation within larger donor cohorts



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Evidence Based Guidelines Examples Blood DNA & RNA, Plasma ccfDNA

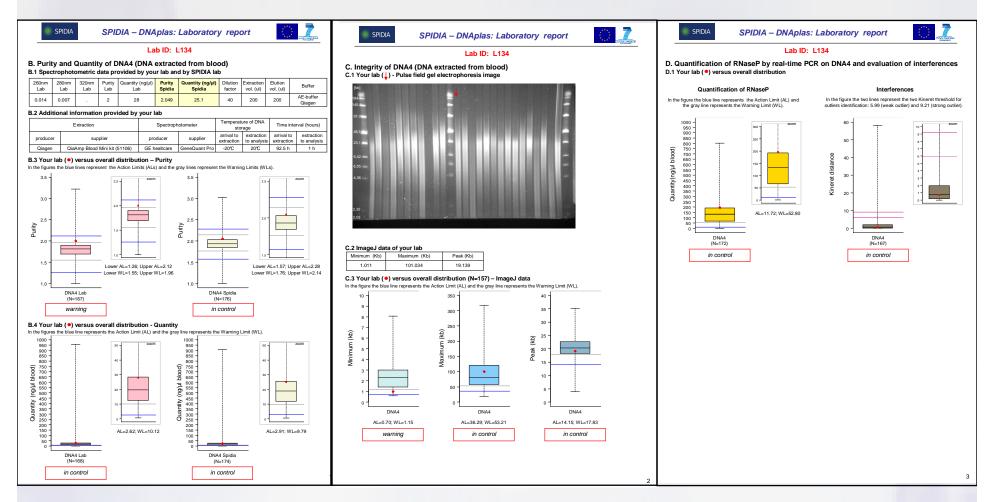
Let by Prof. Pazzagli (Univ. Florence), supported by the EFCC



- Phase 1 Trials Laboratories used their workflows & tools
- Phase 2 Trials Laboratories use SPIDIA's optimized workflows
- Guidelines / Technical Reports Development CEN

SPIDIA Trials	No. of Participants (29 countries)	Participants who sent NA samples back	Percentage of NA samples sent back
Blood RNA	102	93	91 %
Blood DNA	130	121	93 %
Plasma DNA	67	62	93 %
Total	299	276	92 %





Pazzagli et al.. University of Florence - manuscript in preparation

Statistical analysis by Verderio P. et al. (IRCCS, Milano)

SPIDIA Dissemination

- Trainings, Workshops
- Newsletter (subscribe at www.sidia.eu)
- Scientific publications 3 papers published, 6 manuscript submitted
- Co-operation with international initiatives and organizations
 - NCI / OBBR
 - Biospecimen Research Network (BRN)
 - Cancer Human Biobank (caHUB)
 - CLSI
 - EFCC
 - BBMRI
 - CD-Society (Austria)
 - m4 Cluster (Munich)



Agenda

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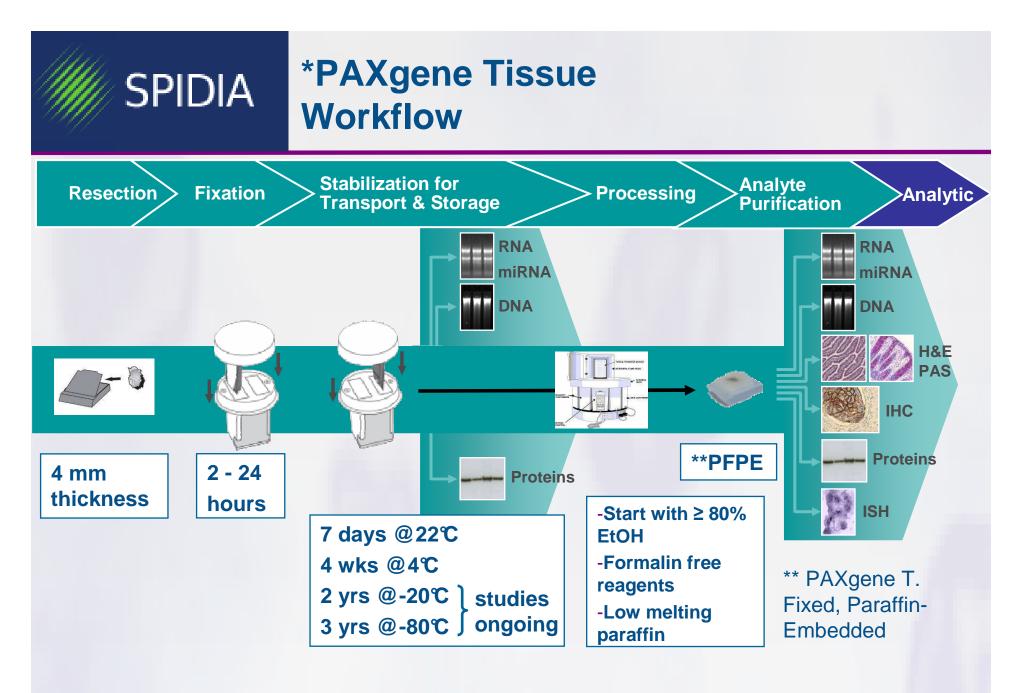
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 - PAXgene Tissue System & Workflow
 - Evaluation studies

Tissue Preservation

Stabilization of Morphology and Biomolecules

- **Development began in 2007:**
 - >1,500 compounds and combinations screened
- Technology requirements

- Histomorphology must be equivalent to FFPE tissue
- RNA, DNA, miRNA must be preserved and of high quality
- Two-reagent system finalized in 2009
 - Fixation and stabilization reagents, both formalin-free
 - Evaluation within Spidia ongoing
 - >8,000 tissue samples tested to date
- First collection device
 - Available as *PAXgene Tissue Container
 - Container with two chamber one closure
- * For Research Use Only



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PAXgene Tissue System Components

PAXgene Tissue Container



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- Tissue Fixation
- Tissue Stabilization
- Process Standardization
- Formalin-Free

PAXgene Tissue Kits





RNA

RNA&miRNA

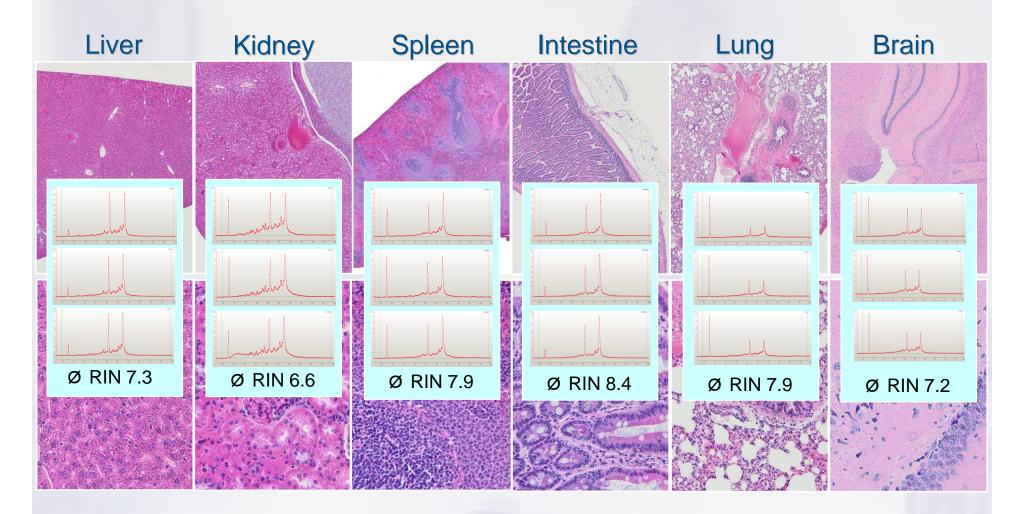
DNA

- PAXgene Tissue Supplementary Protocols
 - RNA/DNA or miRNA purification from microdisected tissue
 - Purification of full-length proteins from PFPE samples

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Morphology & RNA Preservation in Rat PFPE Tissue Samples

4 hours fixation, 7 days stabilization at 22°C

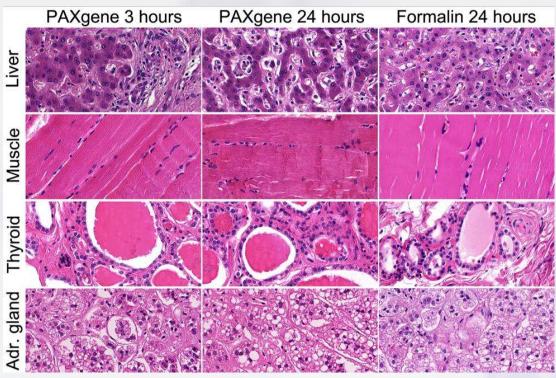




Morphology Preservation in Human Samples

Histological Assessment of PAXgene Tissue Fixation and Stabilization Reagents Kap M. *et al.*, PLoS ONE 6(11): e27704 (2011)

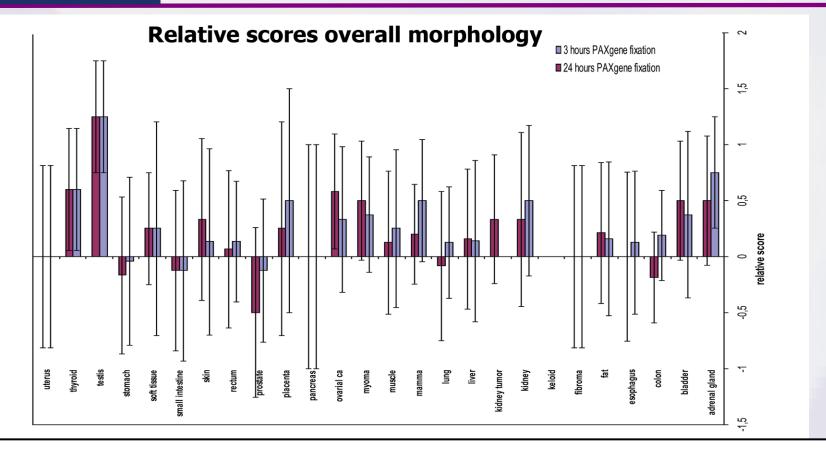
- 26 human tissue types
- Mirrored samples FFPE and PFPE
- Evaluation by virtual microscopy
- 4 pathologists from three institutes
- Scoring system -2 to +2
 - nuclear details
 - cytoplasmic details
 - membrane details
 - contrast
 - overall impression



Kap et al.

Morphology Preservation

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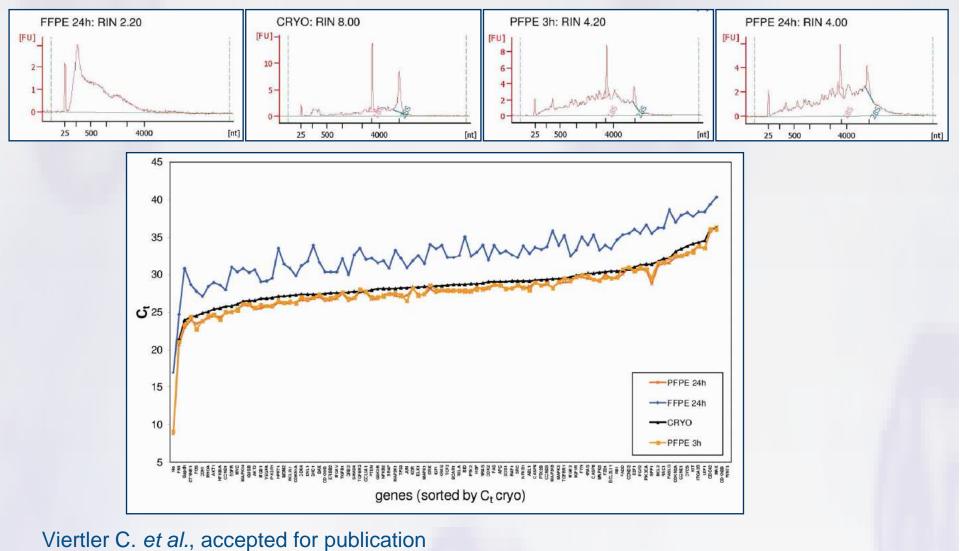


"morphology of PAXgene-fixed paraffin embedded tissue was well preserved" "in general results obtained with PAXgene-fixed tissue are comparable to those of formalin-fixed tissue"

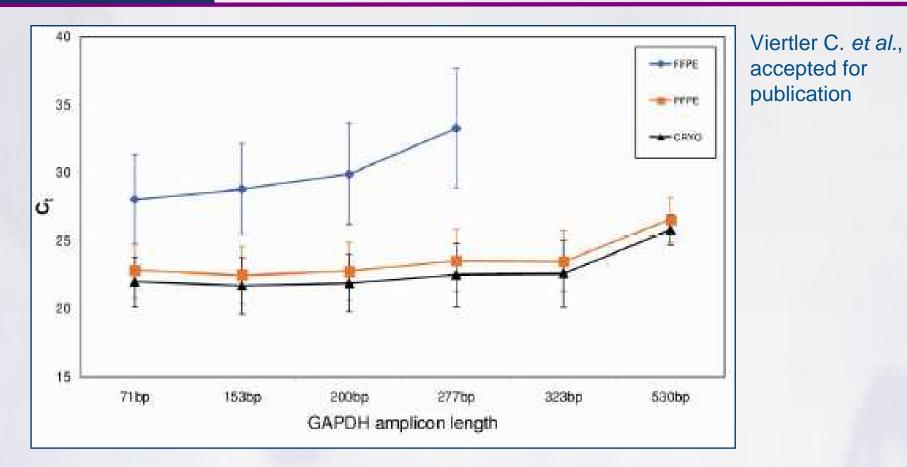
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RNA Preservation Human Clinical Samples

Liver sample: Cryo, PAXgene tissue and formalin fixed



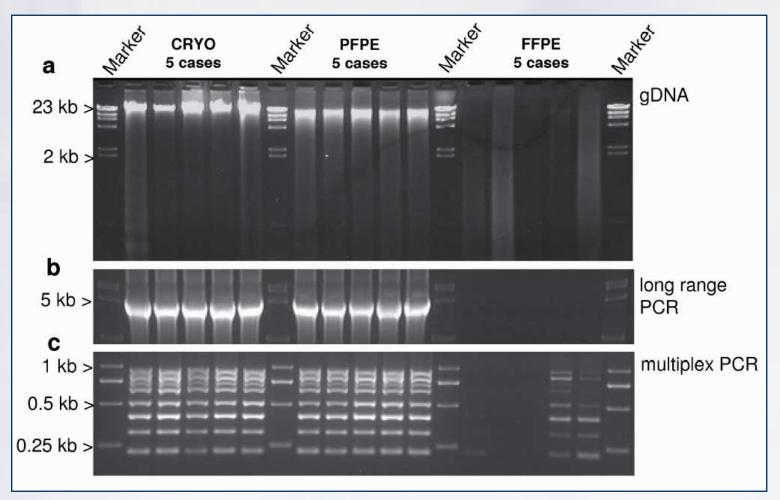
SPIDIA RNA Preservation Human Clinical Samples



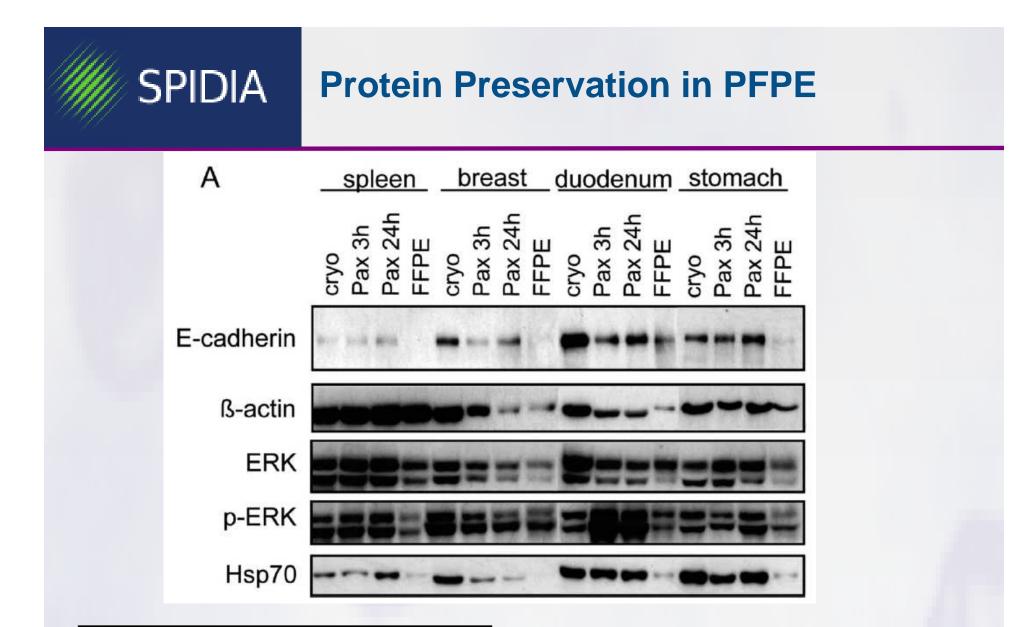
- Ct summary of more than 800 RT-qPCR assays
- 45 human malignant and non-malignant tissue samples from different organs
- Samples fixed with PAXgene Tissue for 3 to 120 hours

SPIDIA DNA Preservation Human Clinical Samples

Colorectal cancer cases (CRC): Cryo, PAXgene tissue and formalin fixed



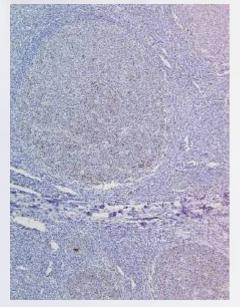
Viertler C. et al., accepted for publication

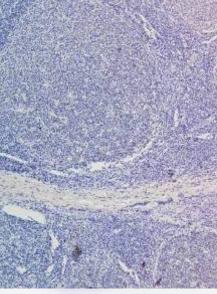


Proteins from PFPE tissues are nondegraded and immunoreactive Ergin B. *et al.* Proteomic analysis of PAXgene fixed tissues. *J Proteome Res.* 9(10), 5188-96 (2010)

Immunohistochemistry Assay Optimization

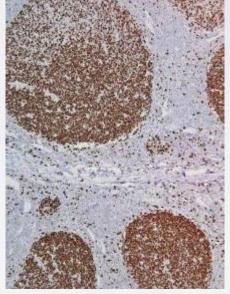
- PFPE human tonsil
- Ki-67, clone MIB-1
- Labelled streptavidin-biotin (LSAB) assay

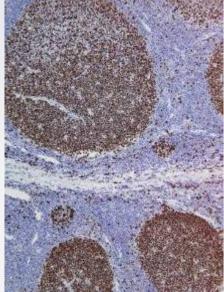




20 min at 98℃ in citrate buffer pH 6

no retrieval

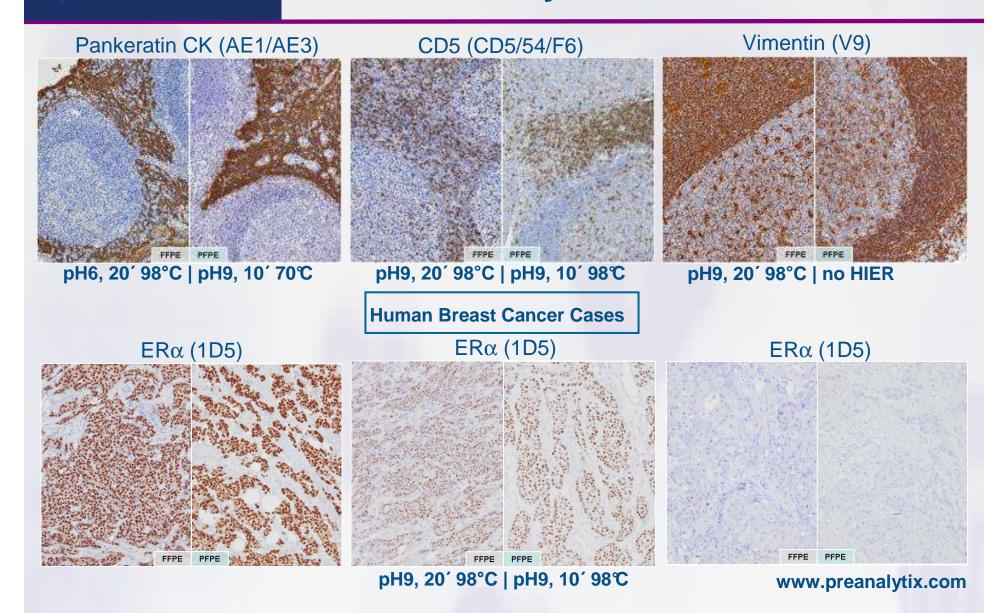




20 min at 98℃ in 10 min at 70℃ in Tris/EDTA buffer pH 9

Tris/EDTA buffer pH 9

SPIDIA Immunohistochemistry Different Assays



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