

Scheme 2016, Assessment Run 48

Aalborg, 18th September 2016

Dear participant

Please find enclosed pairs of unstained sections according to your submitted protocols. If you are in any doubt, please read the details on the website: www.nordiqc.org, or send us an e-mail: nordiqc@rn.dk. Also inform us if slides are missing.

Please note your three digit participant number (NQC...) shown on the address label. This number **must** be indicated on all new slide labels and used for any communication with NordiQC.

Stain the sections according to your protocol (only one protocol for each marker), and return for *each* marker one stained slide - marked with your participant number - to NordiQC at the above address not later than **11th October**. Keep the remaining NordiQC slides to serve as a control set.

In-house controls shall, if possible be placed on the NordiQC slide. Batch in-house controls (separate control slides) shall NOT be submitted to NordiQC.

Submitted sections are stored by NordiQC for future documentation and will not be returned to the laboratories. However, the laboratories can request their stained sections for review in case their control set is lost.

The general results are available on the website on 9th December. Examples of optimal as well as insufficient stains will be illustrated (anonymously) and the corresponding methods described. Protocols giving optimal results will be published on the NordiQC website. Monographs describing the relevant epitopes and the expected staining patterns are available on the website.

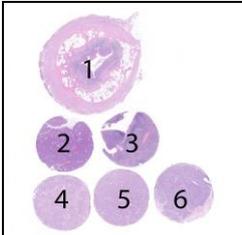
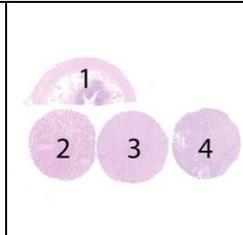
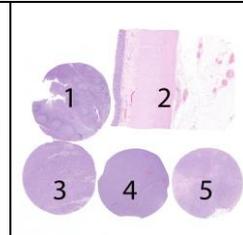
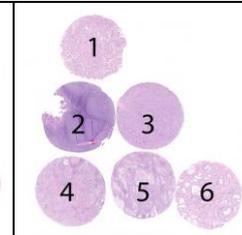
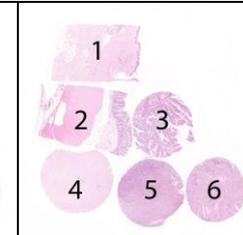
Also on 9th December each laboratory will receive an e-mail with their individual assessment scores and (particularly in case of borderline or poor marks) comments to the stains and suggestions for protocol improvement.

Best regards,

NordiQC

Contents of the multitissue sections

Top row closest to the glass label.

				
CDX2: 1: Appendix 2: Pancreas 3: Tonsil 4: Lung adenocarcinoma 5-6: Colon adenocarcinoma	DES: 1: Appendix 2: Placenta 3: Leiomyoma 4: Rhabdomyosarcoma	MUM1: 1: Tonsil 2: Colon 3-4: DLBCL 5: Mb Hodgkin, classical type	p40 / p63: 1: Placenta 2: Tonsil 3: Lung adenocarcinoma 4-5: Lung squamous cell carcinoma 6: Prostate hyperplasia	SOX10: 1: Skin 2: Colon 3: Colon adenocarcinoma 4: Schwannoma 5-6: Malignant melanoma