

PolyStain Triple Staining Kit - for Mouse, Rabbit and Rat Antibody on Mouse tissue

> NB-23-00138-1 (24ml) NB-23-00138-2 (72ml) NB-23-00138-3 (240ml)





PolyStain TS Kit - Mouse, Rabbit and Rat Antibody on Mouse tissue for Immunohistochemistry Staining

Polymer-HRP&AP triple staining kit to detect mouse, rabbit and rat primary antibodies on mouse tissue with DAB (Brown), Permanent Red (Red), and Emerald (Green)

NB-23-00138-1 size: 6+6+12 = 24ml (for 120 slides*) NB-23-00138-2 size: 18+18+36 = 72ml (for 360 slides*) NB-23-00138-3 size: 60+60+120 = 240ml (for 1200 slides*)

* if use 100µL per slide

Intended Use:

The PolyStain TS Kit - MRRt-Ms A is designed to use with user supplied mouse, rat and rabbit primary antibodies to detect three distinct antigens on mouse tissue, cell sample or human tissue. This kit has been tested on paraffin embedded tissue, which can be used on frozen tissue or cell smears. For frozen tissues, a lower temperature of 65°C must be used during the Antibody Blocker step (Reagent 3) to prevent dissociation of the tissue from the slide. Please read through the entire protocol, as all steps must be performed in the defined order to achieve proper staining.

Triple immunohistostaining uses traditional methods to reveal three distinct antigens and their co-expression on a single tissue^{1, 2}. The PolyStain TS Kit - MRRt-Ms A contains the following polymer enzyme conjugates: polymer-HRP anti-mouse IgG, polymer-AP anti-rat IgG and polymer-HRP anti-rabbit IgG with three substrates/chromogens; DAB (brown), Permanent Red (Red), and Emerald (green). The PolyStain TS Kit - MRRt-Ms A is a non-biotin system, avoiding non-specific binding caused by endogenous biotin. This kit has been optimized to show no cross reaction when detecting more than two primary antibodies from the mouse and rat host species, using our unique blocking system. Simplified steps allow users to complete triple staining within 5 hours (without antigen retrieval) or 6-7 hours (with antigen retrieval). This protocol also includes a method to dehydrate, clear and permanently mount slides with coverslip.

Kit Components:

| Component No. | Content | NB-23-00138-1 | NB-23-00138-2 | NB-23-00138-3 |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Reagent 1 | Mouse HRP Polymer (RTU) | 12mL | 18mLx2 | 120mL |
| Reagent 2A | DAB Substrate (RTU) | 15mL | 18mLx2 | 120mL |
| Reagent 2B | DAB Chromogen (20x) | 1.5mL | 2mL | 6mL |
| Reagent 3 | Antibody Blocker (40x) | 15mLx2 | 50mL | 100mL |
| Reagent 4 | Rat Primer (RTU) | 12mL | 18mLx2 | 120mL |
| Reagent 5 | Rat AP Polymer (RTU) | 6mL | 18mL | 60mL |
| Reagent 6 | Rabbit HRP Polymer (RTU) | 6mL | 18mL | 60mL |
| Reagent 7A | Permanent Red Substrate (RTU) | 15mL | 18mLx2 | 120mL |
| Reagent 7B | Permanent Red Activator (5x) | 3mL | 7.2mL | 12mLx2 |
| Reagent 7C | Permanent Red Chromogen (100x) | 150μL | 360μL | 1.2mL |
| Reagent 8 | Emerald Chromogen (RTU) | 15mL | 18mLx2 | 120mL |
| Reagent 9 | NeoBio Mount Universal (RTU) | 12mL | 18mLx2 | NA |

HRP = Horseradish Peroxidase AP = Alkaline Phosphatase Ms = Mouse Rb = Rabbit Rt = Rat



Recommended Protocol:

- 1. Proper Fixation: To ensure the quality of the staining and obtain reproducible performance, user needs to supply appropriately fixed tissue and well prepared slides.
- 2. Tissue needs to be adhered to the slide tightly to avoid falling off.
- 3. Paraffin embedded sections must be deparaffinize with xylene and rehydrated with a graded series of alcohols before staining.
- 4. Cell smear samples should be prepared as close to a monolayer as possible to obtain satisfactory results.
- 5. Control slides are recommended for interpretation of results: positive, reagent (slides treated with Isotype control reagent), and negative control.
- 6. DO NOT let specimen or tissue dry during protocol. This will generate false positive and/or false negative signal.
- 7. The fixation, tissue section thickness, antigen retrieval and primary antibody dilution and incubation time effect results significantly. Investigator needs to consider all factors and determine optimal conditions when interpreting results.
- 8. We recommend TBS-T to be used as the wash buffer to get the highest sensitivity and clean background. Phosphate in the PBS-T may inhibit the activity of the alkaline phosphatase. Note: 1X TBS-T =50mM Tris HCl, 150mM NaCl, 0.05% Tween-20 pH7.6. (10xTBS-T wash buffer, 500ml, NB-23-00201)

Equipment or material needed but not provided:

- 1. Equipment and material for deparaffinization, such as fume absorbing hood, etc.
- 2. Heat source (microwave or hot plate) for HIER and antigen retrieval buffers
- 3. Thermometer, Timer, Beaker
- 4. Wash buffer: 0.01 M PBS with 0.5% Tween20, pH7.4 or 50mM Tris HCl, 150mM NaCl, 0.05% Tween-20 pH7.6.
- 5. Peroxidase and alkaline phosphatase blocking buffer
- 6. 100% ethanol, 100% Xylene
- 7. Hematoxylin
- 8. Coverslip

Staining protocol selection and limitation of the kit:

- Most antigens will not be destroyed by heat. However, users need to check if there are proteins
 on the tissue that are heat sensitive before proceeding with the staining.
- Protocol-A worksheet is suitable when all primary antibodies need pretreatment or no primary antibody needs pretreatment.
- Protocol-B worksheet is suitable when mouse primary antibody needs pretreatment or rabbit
 & rat primary antibodies are sensitive to pre-treatment.
- C worksheet is suitable when rat and rabbit primary antibodies need pretreatment or mouse primary antibody is sensitive to pretreatment.
- Please read the following table carefully before you start the experiment to ensure the result.
- This kit is not suitable for the following condition: 2 proteins are heat sensitive and detected by rat and mouse antibodies, and rabbit antibody requires HIER or 2 proteins are heat sensitive and detected by rabbit and mouse antibodies, and rat antibody requires HIER.





| Protocol A | I VC & DIO (CCI) | Incubation | | |
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| Steps / Reagent | Staining Protocol | | | |
| Peroxidase and Alkaline Phosphatase Blocking Reagent Not provided | a. Incubate slides in peroxidase and alkaline phosphatase blocking reagent. We recommend NeoPure Dual Enzyme Block (NB-23-00193-1, 18ml / NB-23-00193-2 100ml). b. Rinse the slide using distilled water at least twice. | | | |
| Antigen retrieval: Refer to primary antibody data sheet. Supplied by user. | a. Refer to primary antibody data sheet for antigen retrieval methods. b. Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T (See note 8 above); 3 times for 2 minutes each. | Up to 1 hour | | |
| 3. Primary Antibody: Add Mouse Primary Supplied by user. | Note: Investigator needs to optimize dilution prior to triple staining. a. Apply 2 drops or enough volume of mouse primary antibody mixture to cover the tissue completely. Incubate in moist chamber for 30-60 min. Recommend 30min to shorten total protocol time. Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T; 3 times for 2 minutes each. | 30 minutes | | |
| 4. Reagent 1: Mouse HRP Polymer (RTU) | a. Apply 1 to 2 drops (50-100μL) of Reagent 1 (Mouse HRP Polymer) to cover the tissue completely. b. Incubate in moist chamber for 15 min. c. Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T; 3 times for 2 minutes each. | 15 minutes | | |
| 5. Reagent 2A&2B Reagent 2A: DAB Substrate (RTU) Reagent 2B: DAB Chromogen (20x) | Note: Make enough DAB working solution by adding 1 drop of Reagent 2B (DAB Chromogen) in 1mL of Reagent 2A (DAB Substrate). Mix well. Store at 4ºC and use within 7 hours. a. Apply 1 to 2 drops (50-100μL) of your DAB working solution to cover the tissue completely. b. Incubate for 5min. c. Rinse slides in multiple changes of distilled water 2min, 3 times or under running tap water for 1minute. | 5 minutes | | |
| 6. Reagent 3: Antibody Blocker (40x) | Note: This step will block antibodies of previous step so no cross reaction will occur in this protocol. HIER can be done immediately after Antibody Blocker step if the primary antibodies requires antigen retrieval. For frozen tissues, a lower temperature of 65°C must be used during the Antibody Blocker step to prevent dissociation of the tissue from the slide. a. Use hot plate or water bath to heat diluted Reagent 3 (Antibody Blocker) to 1x solution (1 part of Antibody Blocker in 39 parts of distilled water) to 80°C. Make enough volume to cover the tissue in beaker. b. Put slides in heated Antibody Blocker for 10 minutes at 80°C. Remove slides from the Antibody blocker; cool slides 5 seconds. c. Rinse slides in multiple changes of distilled water. d. If antigen retrieval step is required go directly to step 7 if not complete step 6e and move on to step 8. Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T; 3 times for 2 minutes each. | 10 minutes | | |
| 7. Antigen retrieval: Refer to primary antibody data sheet. | a. Refer to primary antibody data sheet for antigen retrieva methods. b. Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T; 3 times for 2 minutes each. | Up to 1 hour | | |



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| 8. Primary antibody mix: | Note : Investigator needs to optimize dilution prior to triple staining. | |
| Add Rat and Rabbit primary antibody | a. Apply 2 drops or enough volume of the rat and rabbit | |
| | primary antibody mixture to cover the tissue completely. Incubate | 30 to 60 |
| Supplied by user. | in moist chamber for 30-60 min. Recommend 30 minutes to | minutes |
| | shorten total protocol time. | iiiiiutes |
| | b. Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T ; | |
| | 3 times for 2 minutes each. | |
| 9. Reagent 4: | Note: This step is required for activation of RAT AP Polymer, DO NOT skip . | |
| Rat Primer(RTU) | a. Apply 1 to 2 drops (50-100μL) of Reagent 4 (Rat Primer) to | |
| | cover the tissue completely. | |
| | b. Incubate in moist chamber for 10 min. | 10 minutes |
| | c. Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T ; 3 | |
| | times for 2 minutes each. | |
| 10. Mix Reagent 5: Rat AP | Note: Mix Reagent 5 (Rat AP Polymer) with Reagent 6 (Rabbit HRP | |
| Polymer(RTU) | Polymer) at 1:1 ratio, do not mix more than you will need for experiment. | |
| with Reagent 6 : Rabbit HRP | This mixture is not stable long term for either polymer. | |
| _ | a. Apply 1 to 2 drops (50-100μL) of Polymer mixture to cover | 30 minutes |
| Polymer(RTU) | the tissue completely. Incubate slides in moist chamber for 30 min. | |
| | b. Wash with 1xTBS-T only; 3 times for 2 minutes each. | |
| 11. Reagent 7A, 7B, 7C | Note: Shake Permanent Red Activator before adding into Permanent Red | |
| 11. Reagent 7A, 7B, 7C | Substrate. | |
| Reagent 7A: | a. Add 200μL of Reagent 7B (Activator) into 1mL of Reagent | |
| <u>-</u> | 7A (Substrate) and mix well. Add 10μL of Reagent 7C | |
| Permanent Red Substrate (RTU) | (Chromogen) into the mixture and mix well. | |
| Reagent 7B: | [Note: For fewer slides, Add 100µL of Reagent 7B (Activator) into | |
| Permanent Red Activator (5x) | 500μL of Reagent 7A (Substrate) and mix well. Add 5μL of Reagent | |
| Reagent 7C: Permanent Red Chromogen (100x) | 7C (Chromogen) into the mixture and mix well.] | 10min |
| | b. Apply 2 drops (100μL) or enough volume of GBI- | |
| To get maximum sensitivity of AP | Permanent Red working solution to completely cover the tissue. | |
| polymer, Please repeat chromogen | Incubate for 10 min, observe appropriate color development. To | |
| step | increase AP signal aspirate or tap off chromogen and apply 2-3 | |
| | drops (100μL) again of the GBI-Permanent Red working solution | |
| | to completely cover the tissue for additional 5 to 10min. | |
| | c. Rinse well with distilled water. | |
| 12. Counterstain (Optional) | Note: If two antigens are co-localized in nuclear you want less counter | |
| (Optional but must be done before | stain to optimize the visualization in the nucleus; however you can | |
| Emerald Chromogen step) | counter stain using normal protocol time if antigens are co-localized in | |
| Not provided | cytoplasm or membrane or the three antigens are localized in different | |
| · | cells. | |
| | a. Counterstain dip in diluted hematoxylin for 5 seconds for nuclear co- | |
| | localization or 30 seconds for cytoplasmic or membrane co- | 5 seconds |
| | localization. DO NOT over stain with hematoxylin. | |
| | Rinse thoroughly with tap water for 1min. | |
| | b. Put slides in PBS for 5-10 seconds to blue, DO NOT over blue. | |
| | c. Rinse well in distilled or tap water for 1min. | |
| | d. Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T ; | |
| | 3 times for 2 minutes each. | |
| 13. Reagent 8 | a. Apply 1 to 2 drops (50-100μL) of Reagent 8 (Emerald Chromogen) | |
| | to cover the tissue completely. | |
| Emerald Chromogen (RTU) | b. Incubate slides in humid chamber for 5minutes. | |
| J (- / | c. Wash slides in tap water for 30 seconds! | |
| | | 5minutes |
| Do hematoxylin first. | Important to READ: Emerald Chromogen is water soluble, counter stain | Similates |
| Do hematoxylin first. | Important to READ: Emerald Chromogen is water soluble, counter stain first. Do not leave slides sitting in water. Always stain Emerald | Similates |
| Do hematoxylin first. | | Similates |



| 14.Dehydrate section | Note: Please wipe off extra water and air dry slides before dehydration | | |
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| | and clear. | | |
| It is important to follow the | a. Dehydrate with 80% ethanol 20seconds. | | |
| protocol. | b. Dehydrate with 95% ethanol 20seconds. | | |
| | c. Dehydrate with 100% ethanol 20seconds. | 2 : | |
| | d. Dehydrate with 100% ethanol 20seconds. | 2 min | |
| | e. Dehydrate with 100% ethanol 20seconds. | | |
| | f. Dehydrate with xylene 20seconds. | | |
| | CAUTION: DO NOT dehydrate in xylene longer than 20 seconds! It will | | |
| | erase Permanent Red stain! | | |
| 15. Reagent 9 | a. Apply 1 drop (50μL) of Reagent 9 (NeoBio Mount Universal) | | |
| | to cover the tissue section and apply glass coverslip. | | |
| NeoBio Mount Universal (RTU) | b. Apply force to coverslip to squeeze out any extra mountant | | |
| | and bubbles for optimal clarity. Removing excess also to prevent | | |
| | leaching of GBI-Permanent Red stain. | | |

Trouble Shooting

| Problem | Tips |
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| | Need to adjust the titer of each antibody. |
| | 2. The amount of each protein expressed on tissue may be |
| | 3. different. |
| Uneven stain on 3 primary antibodies | Set slides in water too long so that Emerald is washed away. |
| | 4. Set slides in Xylene too long so that Permanent Red is washed |
| | away. |
| Emerald Chromogon is blue not green | 1. Emerald should be green when non colocalized with Permanent |
| Emerald Chromogen is blue not green when non co-localized with Permanent | Red. If Emerald chromogen is blue the titer on the primary |
| Red. | antibody is not dilute enough for the protocol. Re-titer primary |
| neu. | antibodies individually first. |
| No stain on 1 or 2 antibodies | Missing steps or step reversed. |
| Green Background on the slide | Titer primary antibody. |
| Dormanant Dad is leaching | 1. Use fresh 100% ethanol and xylene. |
| Permanent Red is leaching | 2. Slide sat too long in xylene. Do not go over 20seconds! |
| Artifacts on slides | 1. Slides not completely dried before mount. Use fresh 100% |
| Artifacts off silves | Ethanol and xylene. |

Precautious:

DAB may be carcinogenic. Please wear gloves, eye protection and take other necessary precautions. If any of the reagent come in contact with skin wash area completely with plenty of water and soap. If irritation develops seek medical attention.

Remarks:

For research use only.

Storage:

Store at 4°C.

References:

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- 2. Polak J. M and Van Noorden S. Introduction to Immunocytochemistry Second Edition. Bios Scientific Publishers. P41-54. 1997



Work Sheet for PolyStain TS Kit

We designed this work sheet to help you track of each step. We recommend you use this sheet to record the actual time of each step conducted as it will be helpful for questions with our technical support.

To insure that all steps are done properly, we recommend that the user fill in the actual time of their experimental step and any variation. Results will vary if time recommendations are not followed. RTU translates to ready to use.

- Used for tester to check "V" each step during the experiment
- Steps follow after de-paraffinization
- Refer to insert for details of each step

Protocol A is suitable when all primary antibodies need pretreatment or no primary antibody needs pretreatment.

| | Step/ Protocol | Protocol A | Experiment 1 Date: | Experiment 2 Date: | Experiment 3 Date: | Experiment 4 Date: |
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| 1 | Step 1 | NeoPure Dual Enzyme Block is recommended. User supplied | | | | |
| 2 | Step 2 | HIER(Optional) | | | | |
| 3 | Step 3 | Mouse 1°Ab User supplied (30-60 min) | | | | |
| 4 | Step 4 | Reagent 1 Mouse HRP Polymer RTU (15 min) | | | | |
| 5 | Step 5 | Reagent 2A & Reagent 2B DAB requires mixing (5 min) | | | | |
| 6 | Step 6 | Reagent 3 Antibody Blocker requires mixing (10 min) | | | | |
| 7 | Step 8 | Rabbit 1°Ab & Rat 1°Ab (30-60 min) | | | | |
| 8 | Step 9 | Reagent 4 Rat Primer RTU (10 min) | | | | |
| 9 | Step 10 | Reagent 5 & Reagent 6 Rat AP Polymer & Rabbit HRP Polymer require mixing (30 min) Wash with 1xTBS-T only. | | | | |
| 10 | Step 11 | Reagent 7A, Reagent 7B& Reagent 7C Permanent Red requires mixing. (10min) | | | | |
| 11 | Step 12 | Counter stain (5-10 sec) See Note User supplied | | | | |
| 12 | Step 13 | Reagent 8 Emerald Chromogen RTU (5min) | | | | |
| 13 | Step 14 | It is important to follow the protocol. To maintain stain! Dehydrate section 20seconds for each step | | | | |
| 14 | Step 15 | Reagent 9 NeoBio Mount Universal RTU Mount & coverslip | | | | |
| 15 | Result | Stain pattern on controls are correct: Fill in Yes or NO | | | | |



Note:

- 1.Normal wash steps = Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T; 3 times for 2 minutes each.
- 2.*Using as a co-localization staining kit,

If antigens are co-localized in nucleus counter stain and blue should be for 5 seconds to blue.

If antigens are co-localized in cytoplasm and membrane or in different cells counter stain using normal protocol time. Testing result:

Protocol B is suitable when mouse primary antibody needs pretreatment or rabbit & rat primary antibodies are sensitive to pre-treatment.

| | Step/ Protocol | Protocol B | Experiment 1 Date: | Experiment 2 Date: | Experiment 3 Date: | Experiment 4 Date: |
|----|-------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Step 1 | NeoPure Dual Enzyme Block is recommended. User supplied User supplied | | | | |
| 2 | Step 8 | Rabbit 1°Ab & Rat 1°Ab (30-60 min) | | | | |
| 3 | Step 9 | Reagent 4 Rat Primer RTU (10 min) | | | | |
| 4 | Step 10 | Reagent 5 & Reagent 6 Rat AP Polymer & Rabbit HRP Polymer require mixing (30 min) | | | | |
| 5 | Step 5 | Reagent 2A & Reagent 2B DAB requires mixing (5 min) | | | | |
| 6 | Step 11 | Reagent 7A, Reagent 7B& Reagent 7C Permanent Red requires mixing. (10min) | | | | |
| 7 | Step 7 | HIER Supplied by user | | | | |
| 8 | Step 3 | Mouse 1°Ab (30-60 min) | | | | |
| 9 | Step 4 | Reagent 1 Mouse HRP Polymer RTU (15 min) | | | | |
| 10 | Step 12 | Counter stain (5-10 sec) See Note User supplied | | | | |
| 11 | Step 13 | Reagent 8 Emerald Chromogen RTU (5min) | | | | |
| 12 | Step 14 | It is important to follow the protocol. To maintain stain! Dehydrate section 20seconds for each step | | | | |
| 13 | Step 15 | Reagent 9 NeoBio Mount Universal RTU Mount & coverslip | | | | |
| 14 | Result | Stain pattern on controls are correct: Fill in Yes or NO | | | | |

Note:

- 1.Normal wash steps = Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T; 3 times for 2 minutes each.
- 2.*Using as a co-localization staining kit,

If antigens are co-localized in nucleus counter stain and blue should be for 5 seconds to blue.

If antigens are co-localized in cytoplasm and membrane or in different cells counter stain using normal protocol time. Testing result:



Protocol C is suitable when rat and rabbit primary antibodies need pretreatment or mouse primary antibody is sensitive to pretreatment.

| | Step/ Protocol | Protocol C | Experiment 1 Date: | Experiment 2 Date: | Experiment 3 Date: | Experiment 4 Date: |
|----|-------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Step 1 | NeoPure Dual Enzyme Block is recommended. User supplied | Date. | Date. | Date. | Date. |
| 2 | Step 3 | Mouse 1°Ab User supplied (30-60 min) | | | | |
| 3 | Step 4 | Reagent 1 Mouse HRP Polymer RTU (15 min) | | | | |
| 4 | Step 5 | Reagent 2A & Reagent 2B DAB requires mixing (5 min) | | | | |
| 5 | Step 7 | HIER Supplied by user | | | | |
| 6 | Step 8 | Rabbit 1°Ab & Rat 1°Ab (30-60 min) | | | | |
| 7 | Step 9 | Reagent 4 Rat Primer RTU (10 min) | | | | |
| 8 | Step 10 | Reagent 5 & Reagent 6 Rat AP Polymer & Rabbit HRP Polymer require mixing (30 min) | | | | |
| 9 | Step 11 | Reagent 7A, Reagent 7B& Reagent 7C Permanent Red requires mixing. (10min) | | | | |
| 10 | Step 12 | Counter stain (5-10 sec) See Note User supplied | | | | |
| 11 | Step 13 | Reagent 8 Emerald Chromogen RTU (5min) | | | | |
| 12 | Step 14 | It is important to follow the protocol. To maintain stain! Dehydrate section 20seconds for each step | | | | |
| 13 | Step 15 | Reagent 9 NeoBio Mount Universal RTU Mount & coverslip | | | | |
| 14 | Result | Stain pattern on controls are correct: Fill in Yes or NO | | | | |

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- 1.Normal wash steps = Wash with PBS-T containing 0.05% Tween-20 or 1X TBS-T; 3 times for 2 minutes each.
- 2.*Using as a co-localization staining kit,

If antigens are co-localized in nucleus counter stain and blue should be for 5 seconds to blue.

If antigens are co-localized in cytoplasm and membrane or in different cells counter stain using normal protocol time. Testing result: