Tissue-Tek[®] Quick-Ray[™] Tissue Microarray System

Fast and cost-effective TMAs





continuous innovation for pathology

Tissue Microarray for clinical or research applications

Tissue Microarray (TMA) is a collection of multiple tissue cores from different cases arranged in an XY grid in a paraffin recipient block. Serial sections of reproducible thickness are produced and mounted on charged slides. These slides are ideal for producing positive and negative immunohistochemistry (IHC) control slides.

The Tissue-Tek[®] Quick-Ray[™] uses a Punch Pen and a hollow Punch Tip to remove tissue cores as small as 1 mm in diameter from a donor block. Extracted tissue is inserted into a pre-formed Recipient Block and reembedded into a single microarray block. The Tissue-Tek Quick-Ray is the only system available that uses a patented, pre-formed paraffin Recipient Block, saving time and resources without having to purchase expensive instruments.

The finished block is then sectioned on a microtome; the sections are mounted on charged glass slides and stained. Each TMA block can be cut into 300-400 sections at 4-5 microns. Common applications performed on a TMA slide include IHC, and fluorescent in situ hybridization (ISH) for both clinical, basic or applied research or drug discovery.



Tissue-Tek[®] Quick-Ray[™] System

The Tissue-Tek Quick-Ray System represents an efficient technique available for producing quality TMAs in less time than traditional methods, at a fraction of the cost.

Simple TMA preparation

Tissue-Tek Quick-Ray's compact design and versatility makes building a TMA astoundingly simple. The construction of a TMA block can be done on any clean counter. A dedicated space is not required.

How to make a TMA block



- 1. Select the start position and orient the Recipient Block.
- 2. Screw the Punch Tip onto the Punch Pen.
- 3. Turn Punch Pen knob clockwise until appropriate depth is reached.
- 4. Insert Punch Pen straight down into the donor block, applying even pressure.
- 5. Pull Punch Pen straight out of donor block.
- 6. Insert extracted tissue into an open core in the Recipient Block.
- 7. Repeat steps 4 through 6 until Recipient Block is full.
- 8. Gently push or tap all tissue cores to ensure evenness for microtomy.



How to embed a TMA block





- 1. Place completed Recipient Block into Recipient Base Mold.
- 2. Place Recipient Base Mold in a 60° oven for approximatly 30 minutes.
- 3. After 30 minutes or when block is transparent, remove from oven.
- 4. Place Tissue-Tek[®] Uni-Cassette[®] on top of transparent Recipient Block.
- 5. Dispense paraffin into **Recipient Base Mold:** adequately covering the cassette.
- 6. Place Recipient Base Mold on Cryo plate to solidify the Recipient Block.
- 7. Once Recipient Block is solidified it is ready for microtomy.



How to section a TMA block



- 1. Place Recipient Block in microtome.
- 2. Face Recipient Block.
- 3. Cut sections to make a ribbon.
- 4. Place ribbon in water bath.
- 5. Pick-up section onto a charged slide.
- 6. Proceed with standard operating procedures for advanced staining.



List of Tissue-Tek Quick-Ray products

Product code	Product name and quantity
8010	Tissue-Tek [®] Quick-Ray [™] System (1 Punch Pen, 4 Recipient Blocks; 1, 2, 3 and 5 mm, 1 Recipient Base Mold, 4 Punch Tips; 1, 2, 3, 5 mm; 1 Punch Guide)
8011	Tissue-Tek [®] Quick-Ray [™] Punch Guide, 1 mm
8012	Tissue-Tek [®] Quick-Ray [™] Punch Tip, 1 mm
8013	Tissue-Tek [®] Quick-Ray [™] Punch Tip, 2 mm
8014	Tissue-Tek®Quick-Ray [™] Punch Tip, 3 mm
8015	Tissue-Tek [®] Quick-Ray [™] Punch Tip, 5 mm
8016	Tissue-Tek [®] Quick-Ray [™] Recipient Block, 1 mm
8017	Tissue-Tek [®] Quick-Ray [™] Recipient Block, 2 mm
8018	Tissue-Tek [®] Quick-Ray [™] Recipient Block, 3 mm
8019	Tissue-Tek [®] Quick-Ray [™] Recipient Block, 5 mm
8020	Tissue-Tek [®] Quick-Ray [™] Recipient Base Mold; 3/case



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