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## SignalStain<sup>®</sup> EDTA Unmasking Solution (10X)

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Small 125 ml Petite 25 ml



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**Description:** SignalStain<sup>®</sup> EDTA Unmasking Solution (10X) is used for antigen unmasking of formalin fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue sections or cell pellets in immunohistochemical assays (IHC-P). Cell Signaling Technology recommends the optimal unmasking reagent for each IHC-P approved antibody. Please consult the primary antibody datasheet to determine if this solution is recommended for your specific product.

**Background:** Proteins within fixed tissue sections contain chemical cross-links that may prevent antibody access or mask antigen targets in immunohistochemical assays. This limited access may vary among different tissues or antigens. Heatinduced antigen unmasking improves accessibility of antibodies to tissue antigens (1).

## **Background References:**

(1) Yamashita, S. (2007) *Prog Histochem Cytochem* 41, 141-200.

**Storage:** Store 10X buffer at 4°C. At 10X, this buffer is stable for 12 months. Always prepare fresh 1X solutions daily.

**Directions for Use:** Dilute to a 1X Unmasking Solution using ddH<sub>2</sub>O just before use. Bring slides to a boil in 1X SignalStain<sup>®</sup> EDTA Unmasking Solution. Follow with 15 min at a sub-boiling temperature. No cooling is necessary.

Antigen unmasking protocols utilizing a water bath are not recommended. While antigen unmasking performed with a microwave is preferred, the staining of particular tissues or antigen targets may require the use of a pressure cooker.

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