Immunofluorescence assays (IFA) to quantify intracellular invasion and visualize organelles



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T. gondii Lytic Cycle



Attachment







Methods

According to the protocol in Page 12:

- specific primary Ab (alpha –SAG1)
- secondary (Rop2)

Invasion assay (red/green)



Immunofluorescence assay or IFA

Step 1: No permeabilization!!

Staining of the extracellular parasites (primary Ab: surface marker, ex: anti-SAG1)

Step 2: after permeabilization !!

Staining of the intracellular <u>and</u> extracellular parasites (primary Ab: inside marker, ex: anti-GAP45 then secondary Ab)



DAPI

Anti Rabbit (GAP45)

Anti Mouse (ROP2)













-ATc

Periphry (GAP45)



Host's nucleus

Parasite's nucleus

Rhoptry (Ron2)

Organelles (Rhoptery)





Invasion assay - Atc group

Invasion assay + Atc group

Green: Extracellular Red: Intracellular



Green: Extracellular Red: Intracellular

-ATc

+ATc

ASP3 knockdown severely impacts invasion

Invasion Assay



