

**European survey of C4d immunostaining protocols on paraffin sections (total number of European centres: 25)**

		N. of European centres
<b>C4d antibodies</b>	Biomedica (pc)	21
	Quidel (mc)	1
	"Biozol" (pc)	1
	DB Biotech (pc)	1
	Pantec (pc)	1
<b>Range of dilutions</b>	Biomedica: 1:10 to 1:4000	
	Quidel: 1:10 to 1:100	
	"Biozol": 1:40	
	DB Biotech: 1:40	
	Pantec : 1:50	
<b>Range of dilutions for the most used antibody (Biomedica)</b>	1:10 – 1/120	21
<b>Antigen retrieval</b>	Pressure cook	5
	Microwave	3
	PT link	4
	Other	10
<b>Incubation time</b>	1 hour	10
	5 – 48 minutes	10
	Overnight	4
	2 hours	1
<b>Incubation temperature</b>	Room temperature	18
	37°	4
	4°	3
<b>Blocking method</b>	H2O2	15
	None	5
	Other	5
<b>Fixation</b>	10% formalin	25
<b>Processing</b>	Rapid	12
	Overnight	12
	Not stated	1