




**IVD** dispositivo medico-diagnostico in vitro

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### Application.

Recommended method to show melanina in histologic sections.

### Principle

Argentaffine reaction is based on the intrinsic capacity of some tissue components to reduce silver in an ammoniacal solution to metallic silver. To point out false positive results, on request we can supply reagents for depigmentation of melanin (Mallory's bleach). Depigmentation has to be effected on control section before silver impregnation.

### Warning

Fixatives containing heavy metal salts (mercury chloride, potassium dichromate) should be avoided since deposits of such salts may cause false positive results. It is necessary to use distilled water for all the washings and perfectly clean glassware.

### Method

- 1) Flood slides for 60 minutes into solution (1). 2) Wash in distilled water.
- 3) Stain slides in solution (2) for 10 minutes at 25°C. 4) Wash in distilled water.
- 5) Immerse slides into solution (3) for 5 minutes. 6) Wash in distilled water.
- 7) Counterstain with solution (4) for 10 minutes.
- 8) Dehydrate through ascending alcohols.
- 9) Clear in xylene. 10) Mount with DdMount.

### Results

Melanina: black in specimen, absent in control.

(The presence of black precipitates is due to false positivity)

Nuclei: red

### Reagents

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| 1 - Ammoniacal silver nitrate solution | 30 ml |
| 2 - Gold chloride solution             | 30 ml |
| 3 - Sodium thiosulphate                | 30 ml |
| 4 - Nuclear fast red solution          | 30 ml |

\* Technical's note: staining time vary according to age, types of solutions, thickness of sections, et. When Gill (code 09-178) modified solution is used, get the best result, staining time (maximum 1-5 minutes), for best change in color, wash quickly in tap water, and then in Scott acidulated solution, (code 00-136). For sections fixed in Bouin, we recommend the use of haematoxylin modified acid AB (code 09-183). Please note the alcoholic loses eosin stain with the use, of the days are stretched over time colouring. If you are using purified eosin, check the time, and possibly diluted in ethyl alcohol 96°C, if the cytoplasmic staining was too strong. Before use, filter the following solutions; alcoholic eosin, eosin phloxine; Harris haematoxylin, Gill's haematoxylin. The acidified aqueous solution of eosin is prepared by slowly adding glacial acetic acid.

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**Endnotes**

- 1 The timing suggested in the leaflet are approximate and may vary according to your specific needs. If they are used intensively, for staining solutions may lose their dyes, so it is necessary to extend the time of staining solutions, or replace with new products.
2. Include positive control slides in each session.
3. Some hydraulic systems deliver acidic water, unsuitable for use for the part of the procedure for the blue coloration. If tap water is acidic, instead using a dilute alkaline solution, for example, water buffered by Scott.
4. The presence of purple or red-brown nuclei a blue color indicates unsatisfactory.
5. If you over-eosin staining, nuclear staining may be masked. If done correctly, with eosin staining shows a three-tone effect. To increase the differentiation of eosin, extend the time of immersion in alcohol, or use a first alcohol with a higher water content. You can adjust the times of immersion in alcohol to obtain an adequate eosin staining.
6. We do not recommend the addition of stock solution in the working solutions of haematoxylin and eosin.
7. Avoid excessive drag (carryover) of water solutions in alcoholic eosin.
8. The data generated by this procedure are to be used only to support the diagnosis and should be evaluated in conjunction with other tests and diagnostic data

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