

AZOCARMINE, SOLUTION

IVD *In vitro* diagnostic medical device CE

For use in Azan Trichrome kit

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

REF Product code: AZ-OT-100T (100 mL) AZ-OT-250 (250 mL)

Introduction

Azocarmine, solution is a component of Azan Trichrome kit for staining connective tissues. The kit is used for visualizing muscles, collagen fibers, glial cells, glomerular cells, chromatin and erythrocytes of the same section. Azan Trichrome kit contains two acid dyes: Azocarmine G and Aniline Blue counterstain. Azocarmine G is used at the beginning stage of the staining procedure, and Aniline Blue is used at the final stage, after the section is treated with phosphomolybdic acid. In order to achieve high quality staining results, it is necessary to stain the section using Azocarmine G, and then differentiate it progressively using aniline alcoholic solution in order to enable counterstaining of certain structures (such as collagen) of the section.

Product description

- **AZOCARMINE, SOLUTION** – Aqueous solution of Azocarmine G powder dye.

Example of use of Azocarmine, solution as a component of Azan Trichrome kit:

Other slides and reagents that may be used in staining:

- Fixatives such as BioGnost's neutral buffered formaldehyde solutions: Formaldehyde NB 4%, Formaldehyde NB 10%
- Dehydrating/rehydrating agent, such as BioGnost's alcohol solutions: Histanol 70, Histanol 80, Histanol 95 and Histanol 100
- Clearing agent, such as BioClear xylene or its aliphatic hydrocarbon substitutes, such as BioClear New
- Infiltration and fitting agent, such as BioGnost's granulated paraffin BioWax Plus 56/58, BioWax 56/68, BioWax Blue, BioWax Micro.
- Glass slides used in histology, pathology and cytology, such as VitroGnost SUPER GRADE or VitroGnost COLOR, or one of 30 (and more) BioGnost's glass slides
- Covering agents for microscopic sections and mounting cover glass, such as BioGnost's BioMount, BioMount High, BioMount M, BioMount New, BioMount DPX, BioMount DPX High, BioMount DPX Low, BioMount C, BioMount Aqua, or Canada Balsam
- VitroGnost cover glass, dimensions range from 18x18 mm to 24x60 mm
- BioGnost's immersion oils, such as Immersion oil, Cedarwood oil, Immersion oils types A and B
- Other components of Azan Trichrome kit: Aniline, alcoholic solution, Acid alcohol, Azan, Phosphomolybdic acid, 5% solution, Azan reagent

NOTE

- Reagent must cover the section entirely during staining.

Preparing the histological sections for staining

- Fix the tissue sample tightly (4% NB Formaldehyde, 10% NB Formaldehyde), rinse with water and dehydrate through series of ascending alcohol solutions (Histanol 70, Histanol 80, Histanol 95 and Histanol 100).
- Clear the sample with intermedium; in xylene (BioClear) or in a xylene substitute (BioClear New).
- Infiltrate and fit the sample in paraffin (BioWax Plus 56/58, BioWax 56/58, BioWax Blue, BioWax Micro).
- Cut the paraffin block to 4-6 µm slices and place them on a VitroGnost glass slide.

Procedure for staining histology samples by using five 250 mL reagent kit (AZT-K-250)

Pour the reagents into glass staining jars (Coplín, Hellendahl or Schifferdecker), return to original bottles after staining. Close tightly. Filter the reagents if necessary.

1.	Deparaffinize the section in xylene (BioClear) or in a xylene substitute (BioClear New)	3 exchanges, 10 min each
2.	Rehydrate using 100% alcohol (Histanol 100)	2 exchanges, 5 and 3 min
3.	Rehydrate using 95% alcohol (Histanol 95)	2 min
4.	Rehydrate in distilled (demi) water	2 min
5.	Heat Azocarmine solution to +56°C and immerse the sections. Cover the staining jar to avoid evaporation	30 min at +56 °C
6.	Cool the sections down to room temperature	5 min
7.	Rinse the section with tap water	until the excessive dye is washed off of the section (a few seconds)
8.	Immerse into Aniline, alcoholic solution and differentiate Note: it is recommended to differentiate using microscopic examination of the section. Rinse the section with distilled (demi) water and examine the section microscopically. Repeat the step if necessary.	1 min
9.	Immerse into Acid alcohol, Azan	1 min
10.	Move to the next step without rinsing the section	
11.	Immerse into Phosphomolybdic acid, 5% solution Cover the staining jar to avoid evaporation	Treat intestinal sections and sections of small intestine (and similar tissues) for 30 minutes; treat the kidney sections for 60 minutes
12.	Move to the next step without rinsing the section	
13.	Immerse in Azan reagent. Cover the staining jar to avoid evaporation	Stain intestinal sections and sections of small intestine (and similar tissues) for 30 minutes; treat the kidney sections for 60 minutes
14.	Rinse in distilled (demi) water	2 exchanges, 5 dips each
15.	Dehydrate using 70% alcohol (Histanol 70)	5 dips
16.	Dehydrate using 95% alcohol (Histanol 95)	5 dips
17.	Dehydrate using 100% alcohol (Histanol 100)	2 min
18.	Clear the section in xylene (BioClear) or in a xylene substitute (BioClear New)	2 exchanges, 5 min each

Immediately after clearing apply an appropriate BioMount medium for covering/mounting on the section. If BioClear xylene was used, use one of BioGnost's mounting xylene-based media (BioMount, BioMount High, BioMount M, BioMount DPX, BioMount C, or universal BioMount New). If BioClear New xylene substitute was used, the appropriate covering agent is BioMount New. Cover the section with a VitroGnost cover glass.

Result

Nuclei, erythrocytes, acidophilic granules of the pituitary gland - red

Neurofibrils (neuroglia) - hues of red

Muscle fibers - pink to red-pink

Collagen, reticulin, basophilic cell membranes, renal glomerular stroma, basement membranes - blue to dark blue

Elastic fibers - no color

Note

Staining procedures are not standardized and they depend on standard operating procedures of individual laboratories and the experience of the personnel conducting the staining procedure. Intensity of staining depends on the period of immersion in the dye. Depending on personal requests and standard laboratory operating procedures, sample processing and staining can be carried out according to other protocols.

Preparing the sample and diagnostics

Use only appropriate instruments for collecting and preparing the samples. Process the samples with modern technology and mark them clearly. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for handling. In order to avoid mistakes, the staining procedure and diagnostics should only be conducted by authorized and qualified personnel. Use only microscope according to standards of the medical diagnostic laboratory.

Safety at work and environmental protection

Handle the product in accordance with safety at work and environmental protection guidelines. Used solutions and out of date solutions should be disposed of as special waste in accordance with national guidelines. Chemicals used in this procedure could pose danger to human health. Tested tissue specimens are potentially infectious. Necessary safety measures for protecting human health should be taken in accordance with good laboratory practice. Act in accordance with signs and warnings notices printed on the product's label, as well as in BioGnost's material safety data sheet.














Storing, stability and expiry date

Keep Azocarmine solution in a tightly sealed original packaging at temperature of +15°C to +25°C. Keep in dry places, do not freeze and avoid exposing to direct sunlight. Date of manufacture and expiry date are printed on the product's label.

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	Refer to the supplied documentation		Storage temperature range		Number of tests in package		Product code		European Conformity
	Refer to supplied instructions		Keep away from heat and sunlight		Valid until		Lot number		Manufacturer
	For <i>in vitro</i> diagnostic use only		Keep in dry place		Caution - fragile				

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