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AZURE A, powder dye

IVD In vitro diagnostic medical device

Methylene Azure, C.I. 52005

For metachromatic staining of mast cells, mucins and nuclei

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

REF Catalogue number: AA-P-25 (25 g)

Introduction

Histology, cytology and other related scientific disciplines study the microscopic anatomy of tissues and cells. In order to achieve good tissue and cellular structure visualization, the samples need to be stained in a correct manner. Azure A powder dye is obtained by oxidation of Methylene blue dye. It is a strong metachromatic dye. It is also used for staining mastocytes, sulfonated and carboxylated mucins and nuclei.

Product description

• AZURE A - Powder dye for manufacturing solution for microscopic identification of mastocytes, mucins, and nuclei

Other preparations and reagents used in preparing the dye solution:

30% ethanol (C₂H₅OH)

Preparing the solutions for staining

0.1% Azure A dye solution:

- Dissolve 0.1 g of Azure A dye in 70 mL of distilled/demineralized water.
- Add 30 mL of 30% ethanol and stir well.
- Filter before use.

Results

Mastocyte granules, mucins - purple Nuclei - blue

Note

The mentioned formulation is only one of the ways of preparing the dye solution. Depending on personal requests and standard laboratory operating procedures, the dye solution can be prepared 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. Both positive and negative controls are recommended before applying.

Safety at work and environmental protection

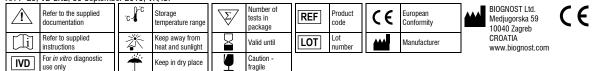
Handle the product in accordance with safety at work and environmental protection guidelines. Used solutions and out of date solutions should be disposed of as special waste in accordance with national guidelines. Chemicals used in this procedure could pose danger to human health. Tested tissue specimens 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 which is available on demand.

Storing, stability and expiry date

Keep Azure A powder dye in a tightly closed original package at temperature between 15°C and 25°C. Keep in dry places, do not freeze and avoid exposure to direct sunlight. Stability period is 3 years. Expiry date is printed on the product's label.

References

1. Conn, J. (1977): Biological Stains, 9th ed., Baltimore: Williams and Wilkens Co.



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