

RHODAMINE B, C.I. 45170

IVD In vitro diagnostic medical device

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Basic Violet, Acid Red 52
For staining acid-fast bacteria acc. to Truant

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

REF Product code: RHB-P-25 (25 g)

Introduction

Histology, cytology and other related scientific disciplines study the microscopic anatomy of tissues and cells. In order to achieve a good tissue and cellular structure, the samples need to be stained in a correct manner. Rhodamine B powder dye is used in various staining methods in microscopy. It is used in clinical microbiology and histology for detecting tuberculosis Mycobacteria and other acid-fast bacteria. Staining using Rhodamine B is a fluorescent method of visualizing acid-fast bacteria. Mycobacteria are difficult to stain due to high amount of lipids and wax in their cellular membranes. When stained using Rhodamine B dye, acid-fast mycobactera retain the dye even when exposed to strong destaining solutions, such as HCI-ethanol.

Product description

• RHODAMINE B - Powder dye for making solution for detecting Mycobacterium tuberculosis and other acid-fast bacteria.

Other preparations and reagents used in preparing the dye solution:

- Microscopy powder dye, such as BioGnost's Auramine O dye (product code AU-P-25)
- Phenol (C₆H₅OH)
- Glycerol (C₃H₅(OH)₃)

Preparing the solutions for staining

Rhodamine B-Auramine O staining solution:

- Dissolve by mixing 3 g of Auramine 0 powder dye and 1.5 g of Rhodamine B powder dye in 150 ml of glycerol at room temperature. Add 20 ml of molten phenol (at 45°C) and 100 ml of distilled/demineralized water.
- · After mixing, filter through glass wool

Results

Tb bacterija (ARB) - red or greenish fluorescence Background - dark

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 Rhodamine B 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. Expiry date is stated on the product's label.

References

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