

Elastic, Skin Control Slides – Technical Memo

CONTROL SLIDES:	Part 4195A	Part 4195B
	10 Slide/Set	98 Slide/Set

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS:

Tissue: Positive staining skin.

Fixation: Formalin 10%, Phosphate Buffered (Part 1090).

Section/Glass: Paraffin sections cut at 4 microns on Superfrost™ Plus slides.

Quality Control Stain: Verhoeff-Van Gieson Elastic quality control stained slide(s) included.

Reactivity: Guaranteed product specific reactivity for one year from date of receipt. Revalidate after one year to verify continued reactivity.

Storage: 15-30°C in a light deprived and humidity controlled environment.

Intended Use: To verify histological techniques and reagent reactivity.

Before using unstained control slides, review the enclosed stained slide(s) to ensure that this tissue source is acceptable for testing needs.

CONTROL SLIDE VALIDATION:

With Elastic, Verhoeff Stain Kit:	Part 9116A/B	Individual Stain Solution
Solution A: Hematoxylin 5%, Alcoholic	125/250 ml	Part 11623
Solution B: Ferric Chloride 10%, Aqueous	125/250 ml	Part 10856
Solution C: Iodine, Weigert & Lugol, Aqueous	75/150 ml	Part 12092
Solution D: Sodium Thiosulfate 5%, Aqueous	250/500 ml	Part 1389
Solution E: Van Gieson Stain	250/500 ml	Part 1404

APPLICATION:

Newcomer Supply Elastic, Skin Control Slides are for the positive histochemical staining of elastic fibers in skin.

PRESTAINING PREPARATION:

- Heat dry sections in oven according to your laboratory protocol.
- Prepare **fresh** Verhoeff Working Solution by combining in the exact order listed, mixing well after each addition. Save for Step #5.
 - Solution A: Hematoxylin 5%, Alcoholic 20 ml
 - Solution B: Ferric Chloride 10%, Aqueous 8 ml
 - Solution C: Iodine, Weigert & Lugol, Aqueous 8 ml
- Prepare **fresh** Ferric Chloride 2%, Aqueous Solution for Step #7.
 - Solution B: Ferric Chloride 10%, Aqueous 10 ml
 - Distilled water 40 ml

STAINING PROCEDURE:

- Deparaffinize sections thoroughly in three changes of xylene, 3 minutes each. Hydrate through two changes each of 100% and 95% ethyl alcohols, 10 dips each. Wash well with distilled water.
 - See Procedure Notes #1 and #2.
- Stain in **fresh** Verhoeff Working Solution (Step #2) for 20 minutes.
 - Discard solution after successful differentiation in Step #7.
- Rinse in several changes of tap water.
- Differentiate **each slide individually** in **fresh** Ferric Chloride 2%, Aqueous Solution (Step #3) with agitation; approximately 20 dips.
- Check differentiation; rinse well in tap water and check microscopically for black elastic staining with gray background.
 - Repeat in Ferric Chloride 2%, Aqueous Solution if necessary until desired elastic differentiation is achieved.
 - See Procedure Notes #3 and #4.
- Wash well in tap water.
- Place in Solution D: Sodium Thiosulfate 5%, Aqueous for 1 minute.
- Wash well in running tap water for 5 minutes.
- Counterstain in Solution E: Van Gieson Stain for 3 to 5 minutes.
- Dehydrate in two changes each of 95% and 100% ethyl alcohol. Clear in three changes of xylene, 10 dips each; coverslip with compatible mounting medium.

RESULTS:

Elastic fibers/tissue/nuclei	Blue-black to black
Collagen	Red
Other tissue elements	Yellow

PROCEDURE NOTES:

- Drain slides after each step to prevent solution carry over.
- Do not allow sections to dry out at any point during procedure.
- It is easy to over-differentiate in Ferric Chloride 2%, Aqueous Solution.
 - If background is completely colorless, the section has been over-differentiated.
 - Over-differentiated sections may be re-stained in Step #5 provided sections have not been treated with alcohol.
- Slides must be individually differentiated. Differentiation can vary dependent upon the amount of elastic tissue present in sections.
- If using a xylene substitute, closely follow the manufacturer's recommendations for deparaffinization and clearing steps.

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