

Trichrome, Uterus Control Slides – Technical Memo

CONTROL SLIDES:	Part 4695A	Part 4695B
	10 Slide/Set	98 Slide/Set

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS:

Tissue: Positive staining uterus.

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

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

Quality Control Stain: Gomori One-Step Aniline Blue 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 Trichrome, Gomori One-Step, Aniline Blue Stain Kit:

	Part 9176B/A	Individual Stain Solution
Solution A: Bouin Fluid	250/500 ml	Part 1020
Solution B: Ferric Chloride, Acidified	125/250 ml	Part 1409
Solution C: Hematoxylin 1%, Alcoholic	125/250 ml	Part 1409
Solution D: Trichrome Stain, Gomori One-Step, Aniline Blue	250/500 ml	Part 1403
Solution E: Acetic Acid 0.5%, Aqueous	250/500 ml	Part 100121

APPLICATION:

Newcomer Supply Trichrome, Uterus Control Slides are for the positive histochemical staining of connective tissue and to differentially demonstrate collagen and muscle fibers.

PRESTAINING PREPARATION:

- Heat dry sections in oven according to your laboratory protocol.
- Preheat Solution A: Bouin Fluid to 56°-60°C in oven or water bath.
(Skip if using overnight method or microwave procedure.)

NEWCOMER SUPPLY VALIDATION 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.
- Mordant in preheated Solution A: Bouin Fluid (Step #2) for one hour at 56°-60°C or overnight at room temperature. Cool at room temperature for 5-10 minutes.
 - Skip Step #4 if tissue was originally Bouin fixed.

Microwave Modification: See Procedure Note #3.

 - Place slides in a plastic Coplin jar containing Solution A: Bouin Fluid. Microwave for 5 minutes at 60°C.
- Wash well in running tap water; rinse in distilled water.
- Prepare fresh Weigert Iron Hematoxylin; combine and mix well.
 - Solution B: Ferric Chloride, Acidified 20 ml
 - Solution C: Hematoxylin 1%, Alcoholic 20 ml
- Stain in fresh Weigert Iron Hematoxylin for 10 minutes.
- Wash in running tap water for 10 minutes; rinse in distilled water.
 - See Procedure Note #4.
- Stain with Solution D: Trichrome Stain, Gomori One-Step, Aniline Blue for 20 minutes.
- Differentiate in Solution E: Acetic Acid 0.5%, Aqueous; 2 minutes.
- Rinse quickly in distilled water.
- 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:

Collagen and mucin	Blue
Muscle fibers, cytoplasm and keratin	Red
Nuclei	Blue/black

PROCEDURE NOTES:

- Drain slides after each step to prevent solution carry over.
- Do not allow sections to dry out at any point during procedure.
- The microwave procedure was tested using a laboratory-grade microwave oven. This procedure is a guideline and techniques should be developed for use in your laboratory.
- If Weigert Iron Hematoxylin is not completely washed from tissue sections, nuclear and cytoplasmic staining may be compromised.
- Trichrome, Uterus Control Slides can be used as positive controls with any Trichrome procedure.
- If using a xylene substitute, follow manufacturer's recommendation for deparaffinization and clearing steps.

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