



Thrombocount reagent

R083

Intended use

Thrombocount Reagent is recommended for manual counting of thrombocyte (platelets).

Composition**

Ingredients

Ammonium oxalate, monohydrate	10.0 gm
Mercuric chloride	0.01 gm
Distilled water	990.0 ml

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

1. Draw blood into a leukocyte pipette up to the 0.5 mark, then aspirate Thrombo-Count reagent (R083) up to the 11 mark. The dilution is 1:20. (A dilution of 1:100 can also be prepared, draw blood to the 1.0 mark of an erythrocyte pipette and thrombocount reagent (R083) up to the 101 mark).
2. Mix blood and Thrombo-Count carefully, leave for 5 min, mix again briefly.
3. Discard the first 5 drops and fill the Neubauer counting chamber, leave to sediment for approximately 15 min.
4. Counting is performed with a 40x objective. Count the thrombocytes in the 5 medium-sized group square from the center of the chamber (each of which is composed of 16 basic squares = 80 of the smallest squares with a chamber volume of 1/4000 μ l).

Principle And Interpretation

Thrombocyte counting is a routine method in haematological analysis. Dilution and preparation of a blood sample of known volume is the basis of thrombocyte counting method. The blood is hemolyzed by the reaction solution. The required cell type in a defined volume is counted and the number of cells per microliter of blood is then calculated.

Type of specimen

Clinical specimen: Anticoagulated venous blood.

Specimen Collection and Handling

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines.

Warning and Precautions

In Vitro diagnostic use only. Read the label before opening the container. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/ eye protection/face protection. Follow good microbiological lab practices while handling specimens and culture. Standard precautions as per established guidelines should be followed while handling clinical specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

Limitations

Focus to recognize the silken shine of the spherical thrombocytes. All the erythrocytes are ideally destroyed. However, many membrane ghost or reticulocytes can be seen as shadow on the bottom of the chamber. A phase contrast microscope with green filter facilitates identification and counting of the thrombocytes.

Performance and Evaluation

Performance of the medium is expected when used as per the direction on the label within the expiry period when stored at recommended temperature

Quality Control

- **Appearance** : Colourless solution
- **Clarity** : Clear without any insoluble particles.
- **Calculation:** Thrombocyte count = $\frac{N \times D \times 4000}{80} = N \times 1000$ cells/ μ l (D=20)

D= Dilution factor (20 or 100)

N= number of thrombocytes in the group 5 square (= 80 of the smallest squares)

Result:

Under high power magnification, count the cells in the five center squares of neubauer counting chamber.

When leukocyte pipette is used : count from 5 group squares x 1000

When erythrocyte pipette is used : count from 5 group squares x 5000

Normal range: 150,000-300,000 thrombocytes/ μ l

Storage and Shelf Life

Store between 10- 30°C in tightly closed container and away from bright light. Use before expiry date on label. On opening, product should be properly stored in dry ventilated area protected from extremes of temperature and sources of ignition. Seal the container tightly after use

Disposal

User must ensure safe disposal by autoclaving and/or incineration of used or unusable preparations of this product. Follow established laboratory procedures in disposing of infectious materials and material that comes into contact with clinical sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques.

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