

INTENDED USE

QC1™ PVA (Zn) Quality Control Slides are designed for the quality control of parasitology stain techniques. The slides utilize a PVA (Zn) fixed parasite as a parasitology stain control, yielding a positive staining reaction. QC1 PVA (Zn) Slides are intended to be used to validate each batch of sample slides to verify both the quality of the staining reagents and the technique of the procedure.

SUMMARY

The identification of the intestinal protozoa is based upon unstained and stained morphology, as observed in several types of staining preparations. A number of simple staining techniques have been developed over the years which are satisfactory for diagnostic work. The most commonly used staining technique is the modified Wheatley's Trichrome Stain procedure.

QC1 PVA (Zn) Slides contain parasite substrates necessary for a positive staining reaction by the Wheatley's Trichrome Stain procedure. The QC1 PVA (Zn) contain a fixed concentration of *Giardia lamblia* trophozoites.

FOR IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC USE ONLY

PRECAUTIONS

Handle the substrate slides by the edges. Do not touch the surface of the slide, as this may damage the substrate. The stain control slides contain PVA (Zn) fixed parasite concentrations. Routine laboratory controls should be used when handling the slides.

STABILITY AND STORAGE

The substrate slides are stable to the stated expiration date when stored at the required temperature. Store at room temperature: 15-30°C.

USER QUALITY CONTROL

QC1 PVA (Zn) Slides contain substrates at the optimal concentration necessary for a positive staining reaction of *Giardia lamblia* trophozoites.

PROCEDURE

Materials Provided: QC1 PVA (Zn) Slides.

Materials Not Provided: Staining reagents, microscope w/oil immersion lens, coverslips and mounting medium.

Wheatley's Trichrome Stain Procedure

| Reagent | Timing |
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| 70% Ethanol (0003359) | 3-5 minutes. Remove and drain off excess liquid by touching edge of slide to absorbent material. |
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| Trichrome Stain* (0003351) | 10 minutes. Remove and drain off excess liquid by touching edge of slide to absorbent material. |
| 90% Acid-Ethanol (0003350) | 1 -3 seconds. When stain begins to run from the smear, transfer immediately to the next step. |
| 100% Ethanol**(0003303) | 10 seconds. Remove and drain off excess liquid by touching edge of slide to absorbent material. |
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| PRO-CLEAR™ (0003336) or Xylene (0003342) | 10 minutes. Remove and drain off excess liquid by touching edge of slide to absorbent material. |
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| Coverslip with a mounting medium and examine with an oil immersion lens | |

NOTE: The Xylene substitute AmeriClear® does not yield appropriate stain results and should not be used.

* **NOTE:** Staining time varies depending on the intensity desired for the final result.

****NOTE:** 100% ethanol or ethanol based reagent alcohol (or equivalent).

EXPECTED RESULTS

Wheatley's Trichrome Stain:

The cytoplasm of cysts and trophozoites is blue-green tinged with purple. The nuclear chromatin, chromatoid bodies, erythrocytes and bacteria stain red or red purple.

LIMITATIONS OF PROCEDURES

The Wheatley's Trichrome Stain method is usually a trouble-free procedure when followed as directed. Any problems that may occur will usually be one of the following:

Problem: Poor contrast of chromatin material.

Cause: Over-decolorizing.

Solution: Decolorizing only requires very brief contact with the 90% Acid-Ethanol, followed by an immediate dip in 100% ethanol.

Problem: Stained preparation is "cloudy" with poor contrast of cellular material.

Cause: Carryover of solutions from one step to another. Excessive staining (more than 30-40 slides) will weaken or dilute the stain.

Solution: Change all solutions regularly to avoid staining clarity problems.

Problem: Persistent staining failure after considering all of the above.

Cause: Faulty technique and/or contaminated reagents.

Solution: Discard the entire stain series. Try again with new staining solutions.

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