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# ABX Diluent (20L)

- ABX Pentra 60 / 60C+
- ABX Pentra DX120 / DF120
- Pentra ES60 / MS60 / MS CRP
- Pentra DX Nexus / DF Nexus
- ABX Pentra XL80
- Pentra XLR
- Yumizen H500 OT / CT / H550
- Yumizen H1500 / H2500

## Hematology Devices (for *in vitro* diagnostic use)

### Intended Use

**ABX Diluent** is a buffered isotonic solution intended for *in vitro* diagnostic use and designed for sheathing and diluting leucocytes (WBC), and for the determination and differentiation of blood cells, and the measurement of hematocrit on HORIBA Medical blood cell counters.

### Warnings and Precautions <sup>a</sup>

- **ABX Diluent** is for professional *in vitro* diagnostic use only.
- It is the user's responsibility to verify that this document is applicable to the product use.
- This reagent is classified as non-hazardous in compliance with regulation (EC) N°.1272/2008.
- Risk of injury: when handling the ABX Diluent, the reagent may fall due to handle breakage.
- Users are advised to wear approved protective clothing when handling chemical products: lab coat, gloves, and eye protection.
- Observe the standard laboratory precautions for use and follow national or local health and safety guidelines.
- In the event of a malaise following skin contact, ingestion, or inhalation, consult a doctor.
- Please refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) associated with **ABX Diluent**.
- This reagent is destined for use with HORIBA Medical blood cell counters specified above. HORIBA Medical cannot guarantee the correct functioning of this reagent with instruments other than those specified above, or with instruments not manufactured by HORIBA Medical.

### Waste Management

Please refer to local legal requirements. This reagent contains less than 0.1% of sodium azide as a preservative. Sodium azide may react with lead and copper to form explosive metal azides.

### Microbiological State

Not applicable.

### Description and Composition

#### Description:

Limpid and colourless aqueous solution.

#### Composition:

Organic buffer	< 5%
Preservative	< 0.1%
Surfactant	< 0.1%

### Storage and Stability

- **Storage condition (before opening):** 18-25°C (65-77°F).  
Do not freeze.
- **Open stability:** 6 months maximum at 18-25°C (65-77°F) after opening and within the expiration limit.
- **Expiration date:** refer to "expiration date" reagent packaging label.

<sup>a</sup>Modification: recommendation added.

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## Materials Required but not Provided

- Automated hematology analyzer.
- Calibrator: **ABX Minocal**.
- Control: refer to the user manual for the specific control used with your instrument.
- Standard laboratory equipment.

## Specimen

### Sample collection:

All blood samples should be collected using proper technique! Consider all specimens, reagents, calibrators, controls, etc. that contain human specimen extracts as potentially infectious and follow biosafety practices (1, 2). When collecting blood specimens, venous blood is recommended, but arterial blood may also be used in extreme cases. Blood collection must be placed in vacuum or atmospheric collection tubes (3, 4). The sample collection tube has to be filled to the exact quantity of blood indicated on the tube itself to avoid variations in the results.

### Recommended anti-coagulant:

The recommended anticoagulant is  $K_3$ -EDTA with the proper proportion of blood to anticoagulant as specified by the tube manufacturer.  $K_2$ -EDTA is an acceptable alternative, as long as the sample collection is made in normal conditions. Otherwise, blood clots may be possible.

### Blood sample stability:

Sample stability at low temperature: Ten "normal" and ten "pathological" specimens were collected from the routine laboratory workload and stored at 4°C. Sample stability was assessed over a period of 72 hours. The results (mean of ten tests) conclude with a relative sample stability claim of:

- 48 hours for the CBC parameters
- 24 hours for the DIFF parameters

Sample stability at room temperature: Ten "normal" and ten "pathological" specimens were collected from the routine laboratory workload and stored at room temperature (25°C). Sample stability was assessed over a period of 72 hours. The results (mean of ten tests) conclude with a relative sample stability claim of:

- 48 hours for the CBC parameters
- 24 hours for the DIFF parameters

## Microsampling:

Instrument sampling mode enables the user to work with microsamples for pediatrics and geriatrics (refer to the instrument user manual for the minimum blood sample volume). These microsamples can only be used in the following conditions:

- The tube must always be held in vertical position.
- Blood mixing must be obtained by slight tapping on the tube. Do not rotate the tube for mixing, otherwise the blood will be spread on the tube side, and the minimum required level will be lost.

## Mixing:

Blood samples must be gently and thoroughly mixed just before sampling. This ensures a homogeneous mixture for measurement.

## Procedure

This reagent is ready to use.

1. Refer to the user manual to identify **ABX Diluent** using the barcode reader or manually.
2. Uncap the new reagent container.
3. Insert the stopper assembly straw into the container.
4. Tighten the stopper assembly to ensure an adequate seal.
5. Install the **ABX Diluent** container below the instrument as described in the user manual.

Follow instructions displayed on your instrument software.

Refer to the instrument user manual for detailed analysis and control procedures.

## Methodology

**ABX Diluent** is a saline and buffered electrolytic solution which allows the dilution and the preparation of blood sample for analysis. The presence of non-ionic surfactant ensures an optimal dynamic of flow in the whole hydraulic systems of the instrument. The electrolytic action supports the counting of the cells by impedance.

This reagent is also used to stop the chemical reactions of some other reagents. This reagent is also used in the rinsing and cleaning cycles of the hydraulic systems of the instrument.

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## Performance Characteristics and Limitations of the Method

Refer to the user manual for the performance characteristics of the instrument and the limitations of the analyses on instrument parameters.

## Calculation and Interpretation of Analytical Results

Refer to the instrument user manual for calculation and interpretation of analytical results.

## Changes in the Procedure and in the Performance

### Packaging spoiling

In case of protective packaging spoiling, do not use **ABX Diluent** if the damages might have an effect on the product performance.

### Signs of deterioration

In the event of any signs of physical or chemical deterioration (turbidity, change in colour etc.) **ABX Diluent** should be replaced.

### Temperature limits

Do not use **ABX Diluent** if it has been frozen or kept at excessive heat.

Before using **ABX Diluent**, make sure it has reached the operating temperature conditions as described in the instrument user manual.

## Internal Quality Control

HORIBA Medical control bloods must be used to periodically assess the integrity of the reagents and the instrument in the specified ranges.

HORIBA Medical offers an Online Interlaboratory Comparison Program (QCP) which provides internet access to:

- Submit Internal Quality Control results online.
- Monitor analytical performances and compare directly with hundreds of laboratories worldwide.
- Obtain real time peer group statistical reports from QCP

More informations are available at:

<http://qcp.horiba-abx.com>

## Traceability of Calibrators and Control Materials

Not applicable.

## Reference Intervals

Not applicable.

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