

MCDh 4 concentrate

REF. 313610-1000

Differential staining of cellular structures



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For professional use only.

Please read all this information carefully before using this device.

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Intended use

MCDh 4 concentrate is intended to be used in combination with Kit RAL Stainer MCDh and RAL Stainer instrument for the differential staining of cellular structures prior microscopic examination.

If applicable, RAL Diagnostics recommends using the associated RAL Diagnostics products and cannot guarantee that the expected results will be achieved if used in combination with products of other brands.

Principle

The MCDh panoptic staining allows to perform blood cell counting, realised by using successively four reagents: MCDh 1, MCDh 2, MCDh 3 and MCDh 4.

MCDh 1, formulated with ethylic alcohol, is a mixture of neutral stains. It allows a smear fixation and prepares the staining, especially the one of hydrosoluble elements such as basophilic granules. Those stains are inactive in alcoholic medium, and only react selectively when released in MCDh 2 solution. This releasing generates the precipitation of neutral stains, leading to erythrocytes, cytoplasm of neutrophilic granulocytes as well as eosinophilic granules staining. MCDh 3 is an aqueous solution which stains cytoplasm of monocytes and lymphocytes. MCDh 3 also eases the metachromasia process as it colours azurophilic granules red. Eventually, MCDh 4 removes excess of stain and participates to differentiation of cellular elements thanks to action of specially selected rinsing agents.

The successive action of MCDh 1, MCDh 2, MCDh 3 and MCDh 4 brings the violet colour (typical Romanowsky-Giemsa effect), particularly visible in chromatin, platelets and neutrophilic granules.

Device description

MCDh 4 concentrate

Clear colourless solution
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1 X 1 L

For a specific batch, refer to the analysis certificate of the batch available at my.ral-diagnostics.fr.

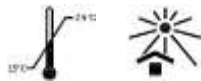
Storage

Storage temperature: 15-25°C away from light.

Bottle shelf life before opening: refer to the expiry date on the label.

Bottle shelf life after opening: 2 months after dilution.

Once opened, the duration of use overrules the expiry date



Active components

MCDh 4 concentrate

Potassic mono phosphate - CAS 7778-77-0: ca 0.03%

Anhydrous disodic phosphate - CAS 7558-79-4: ca 0.03%

Hazard classification and safety information



MCDh 4 concentrate

Warning: H226 - Flammable liquid and vapour. H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction. H319 - Causes serious eye irritation. H336 - May cause drowsiness or dizziness. H411 - Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

P210 - Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray. P280 - Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection. P312 - Call doctor, a POISON CENTER if you feel unwell. P333+P313 - If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. P391 - Collect spillage.

CONT	5-chloro-2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one/ 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one
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CONT	Isopropyl alcohol
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Personnel qualification

All samples and products must be handled by qualified and authorized personnel, using individual or collective protection, in accordance with the national directives in force in the laboratories. Personnel must also be aware of the classification of hazardous materials indicated on the label and the safety data sheet (available at my.ral-diagnostics.fr).

The specimen must be treated in accordance with procedures available in the laboratory and required by national authorities.

The diagnosis must be conducted by qualified and authorized personnel, in accordance with the procedures in force within the laboratory.

Specific equipment and reagents required but not provided

Microscope slides, absolute ethanol and these following RAL Diagnostics devices:
Kit RAL Stainer MCDh REF. 360200-0000 and RAL Stainer REF. 405000

This equipment may vary depending on the protocol. Please refer to the relevant protocol (see the section operating procedure) to ensure that you have the necessary equipment to carry out tests.

Operating procedure

The equipment used for sample processing must comply with the supplier's instructions for use.

Sample preparation

Manual blood smear: Mix the tube by slow inversion and install a smearing droplet device. Invert the tube and lightly press the drop depositor onto a slide to deposit a small drop of blood (Fig. 1- slide A at step 1).

Using another slide tilted at 45° (Fig. 1- slide B at step 1), spread the blood by capillarity on the short edge (Fig. 1- steps 2 & 3) using a pushing motion (Fig. 1- step 4). A good quality smear does not reach the end of the slide and has a gradual decrease in thickness until the end is feathered. Allow the smear to air dry before fixing or staining.

NB: if you do not have a smearing droplet device, open the tube, and use a pipette to deposit a blood drop.

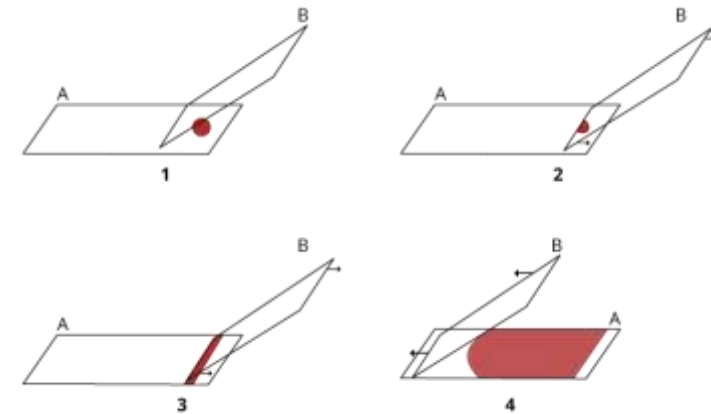


Figure 1. Schematic representation of performing a blood smear

A & B: slides, 1 – 4: steps 1 to 4

Reagents and instruments preparation

Prepare the rinsing solution in the rising tank by diluting the MCDh 4, concentrate content to 8L of distilled or demineralized water. Then connect the rinsing tank to RAL Stainer. This rinsing liquid has a shelf life of 2 months after dilution.

Protocols

The staining steps of the protocols indicated below consist of a successive dipping of the slides in the different staining baths.

Bath staining method - Manual microscopic analysis

Processing time: 11 min 10 s

Steps	Reagent	Time [mm: ss]	Indications
Fix and pre-stain	MCDh1	07:00	Without agitation
Stain	MCDh2	03:00	With agitation
Stain	MCDh2	00:30	
Stain	MCDh3	00:30	
Rinse	Reconstituted MCDh 4	00:10	
Dry	No	03:00	No

Note: In case of refringence/water artefact phenomena, pre-fix the slides 2min in a bath of absolute ethanol before staining. Directly start the staining after pre-fixation step without drying the slides.

According to your staining habits, other staining protocols may be offered to you at my.ral-diagnostics.fr, including those for CellaVision automates analysis.

Expected results

Nuclei / chromatin: +/- dense purple
Granulocytes cytoplasm: light purplish-pink
Granulocytes eosinophilic granules: orangey
Granulocytes basophilic granules: dark blue
Granulocytes neutrophilic granules: +/- deep purple
Lymphocytes cytoplasm with RNA: pure blue
Lymphocytes cytoplasm without RNA: light blue
Lymphocytes azurophilic granules: red
Monocytes cytoplasm: cloudy blue
Erythrocytes: pinkish-beige
Platelets chromomere: purplish-red
Platelets hyalomere: bluish
Blood parasites nucleus: red
Blood parasites cytoplasm: blue

If observed results vary from those expected, please contact RAL Diagnostics technical service through your usual supplier for assistance.

Performance

This medical device is state of the art. Its analytical performance, scientific validity and medical relevance are assessed in the CE marking review.

To ensure product performance, use clean and dry laboratory equipment.

The laboratory is responsible for notifying the manufacturer and state competent authority of any serious incident relating to the medical device uses.

User quality control

Users are responsible for determining the appropriate quality control procedures for their laboratory and complying with applicable laboratory regulations.

RAL Diagnostics recommends staining a freshly made blood smear with a normal WBC count and no known abnormal pathology at reagent renewal and for the first staining cycle each day. Slides stained for quality control purposes should be checked to ensure that they are satisfactory for intended test (properly stained and free of precipitate).

These quality control procedures should only be performed by qualified personnel.

Other products

For more information contact your usual supplier.

Recommendations, notes, and troubleshooting

Products appearance

If the appearance of the products differs from the description above, do not use it and contact RAL Diagnostics technical service through your usual supplier for assistance.

Procedures notes

To prevent products degradation, please comply with the storage and handling recommendations specified in this manual.

MCDh 4 concentrate solution may have a yellow tint without altering the quality of staining. It must be diluted Q.S 8 L in the RAL Stainer rinsing tank of 10 L capacity. Pour the 1L of MCDh 4 concentrate bottle and complete to 8 L with distilled or demineralized water. This rinsing solution has a shelf life of 2 months after dilution.

Different batches of reconstituted products can be mixed in the rinsing tank of RAL Stainer.

Products stability

Every RAL Diagnostics product can be used until the expiry date indicated on, in its original packaging if it is still hermetically sealed.

Staining stability

Staining quality and reproducibility depend on the correct use of the products. Staining conducted according to these recommendations will remain stable for several days. If it is necessary to store the stained smears for several months or years, RAL Diagnostics recommended mounting them with a coverslip, using a suitable mounting liquid and storing them in a light and dustproof container.

Instructions for cleaning and waste disposal

All biological samples, effluents and used consumables should be considered potentially hazardous.



To avoid any risk, apply the following instructions: dispose of samples, effluents and consumables in accordance with laboratory standards and applicable national and local standards and regulations.

Chemical and biological waste must be collected and processed by specialized, registered companies.

Table of symbols and abbreviations

Depending on the product, you may find the following symbols on the device or the packaging material.

GHS PICTOGRAMS	INTERPRETATION
	Explosive
	Flammable
	Oxidizer
	Compressed gas
	Corrosive
	Toxic
	Harmful
	Health Hazard
	Environmental Hazard
	No labelling applicable

SYMBOL	INTERPRETATION
	Batch code
	Serial number
	Catalogue reference
	Date of manufacture
	Use up to
	Unique device identifier
	Manufacturer
	Importer
	Entry distributing the medical advice in the region concerned
	CE marking device
	In vitro diagnostic medical device
	Authorized Representative in the European Community
	Authorized Representative in Switzerland
	Complies with UK guidelines
	Do not use if packaging is damaged
	Keep away from light
	Temperature limit: 15-25°C
	Temperature limit: 15-30°C
	Keep dry
	Box: handling upwards
	Fragile
	Sterilised by irradiation
	Single sterile barrier system with outer protective packaging
	Sterile and radiation-sterilised barrier suit
	Do not reuse
	Do not resterilize
	Contents sufficient for n tests
	Hazardous material contained
	Consult instructions for use
	Use
	After opening, use within XX months
	The product must not be used in conjunction with an automatic colouring machine
	Indicates a medical device that contains potentially carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic (CMR) substances, or substances classified as endocrine disruptors

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