

# **Overview of staining methods in histology**



#### **STAINING**

Different cell or tissue structures are not apparent without staining. Cellular structures exhibit different affinity to <u>staining dyes</u>:

alkaline dyes – react with anionic structures BASOPHILIA (basophilic structures in the cell – nucleus, nucleolus, ribosomes, cytoplasm with rough ER)

acid dyes – react with cationic groups ACIDOPHILIA – (acidophilic structures in the cell – cytoplasm, smooth ER)

no or weak reaction **NEUTROPHILIA** 

#### **ROUTINE STAINING with HEMATOXYLINE – EOSIN (HE)**

Hematoxyline – basic (nuclear) dye

Eosin – acid (cytoplasmic) dye

- <u>Staining procedure</u>:
- paraffin must be removed (dissolved) by xylene
- sections are rehydrated in descending series of ethanol (100%  $\rightarrow$  96%  $\rightarrow$  80%)
- staining with hematoxyline
- differentiation in acid ethanol and water (excess of dye is removed)
- staining with eosin
- rinsing in water (excess of dye is removed)
- dehydration in graded ethanol series ( $80\% \rightarrow 96\% \rightarrow 100\%$ )
- clearing in xylene



# HEMATOXYLINE – EOSIN (HE)



#### **Automatic slide stainer**



#### staining set of boxes with media



#### Hematoxyline Eosin (HE)

Results of staining:

cell nuclei – blue/violet cytoplasm – pink collagen fibers – pink muscle cells – dark pink/red

2 – Apex linguae (HE)



Hematoxyline Eosin Saffron (HES)

Results of staining:

cell nuclei – blue/violet cell cytoplasm – pink collagen fibers – yellow

yellow Masson trichrom

11 – Oesophagus (HES)



#### Azokarmin Aniline blue Orange G (AZAN)

Results of staining:

cell nuclei – purple cell cytoplasm – pink collagen fibers – blue erythrocytes – orange

blue Masson trichrom

99 – umbilical cord (AZAN)



#### **Impregnation** with AgNO<sub>3</sub>

Reticular fibers Nucleus of reticular cell Lymphocytes

68 – Lien (impregnation)

Slide 28 – elastic cartilage Staining – **orcein** Result – **red-brown elastic fibers** 



Slide 31 – renal cortex Staining – Weigert-van Giesson Result – cherry-red collagen fibers



Slide 49 – vagina - glycogen Staining – **Best carmine** Result – **darc pink glycogen** 



Slide 65 – myocardium Staining – **Heidenhain** Result – **black cardiomyocytes** 



Slide 76 –cortex cerebri Staining – **impregnation** Result – **brown cells** 



Slide 68 – lien Staining – **impregnation** Result – **black reticular fibers** 



Slide 78 – cerebellum Staining – **Nissl** Result – **blue RER, N, ncl.** 



Slide 95 – bone Staining – **Schmorl** Result – rusty brown **bone tissue** 



Slide 87 – nerve - myelin Staining – **luxol blue** Result – **blue myelin** 



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They allow you to find them easily and study them using a microscope when the normal classes are opened.

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