
**A-110 GIEMSA FOR H-PYLORI
AND MAST CELLS (microwave)**

Fixation: 10% Buffered Neutral Formalin (F-113).

Technique: Cut paraffin section at 3 microns.

Procedure:

1. Deparaffinize and hydrate to distilled water.
2. Place promptly in **Methanol** (A-110-1), for 2 minutes.
3. Preheat Working Geimsa solution in microwave on high for 45 seconds. Filter the hot solution into a coplin jar containing the slides. Stain for 2 minutes.

To prepare working solution mix:

7.0 ml **Geimsa Stock** (A-110-2)

38 ml Distilled water

5 ml **Methanol** (A-110-1)

Prepare fresh- do not reuse!!

4. Rinse quickly in distilled water
5. Dip one slide at a time in **Acetic Acid, 1%** (A-110-3).
6. Rinse quickly in distilled water.
7. Rinse in 3 changes of **Methanol** (A-110-1).
8. Clear in **Xylene** (C-120) and mount.

Stain Results:

Red Blood Cells	Pink
Nuclei	Blue
H-Pylori, fungi and other bacteria	Blue
Mast Cells	Purple
Rickettsia	Purple

NOTE: The use of methanol to dehydrate stained sections prior to mounting seems to provide lighter staining of surrounding tissue, offering better contrast with stained organisms.

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