## Histostaining Atlas of Special Stains





#### Intended use

Routinely processed samples (paraffin-embedded) may be used. The preferred fixative is neutral buffered formalin. The clinical interpretation of any staining, or its absence, should be complemented by morphological studies and proper controls, and should be evaluated within the context of the patient's clinical history and other diagnostic tests by a qualified pathologist. All reagents have been optimally prepared for use on Dako's Artisan Staining System and require no mixing or diluting.

#### Storage

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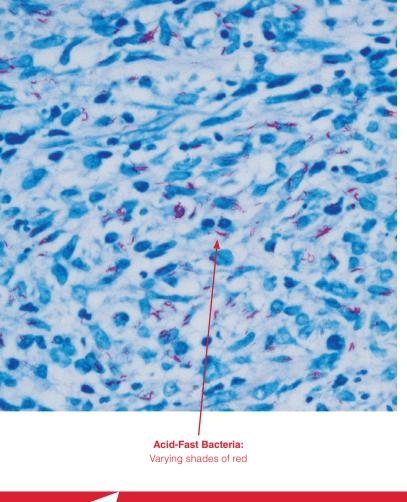
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# Acid-Fast Bacteria (AFB)

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, acid-fast bacteria, such as Mycobacterium, in tissue samples.

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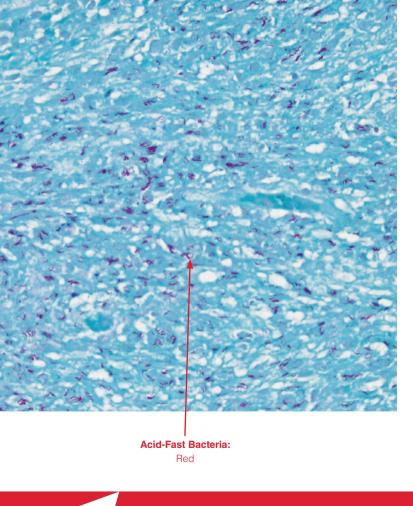
Staining Interpretation: Acid-fast bacteria: Varying shades of red

Background: Light blue

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Tissue infected with acid-fast bacteria

Time per Slide\*: 0:12:43



# Acid-Fast Bacteria (AFB) Light Green

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, acid-fast bacteria, such as Mycobacterium, in tissue samples.

Product Code: AR362

Staining Interpretation:

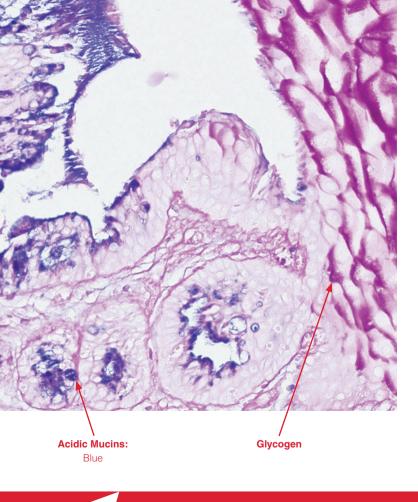
Acid-fast bacteria: Varying shades of red

■ Background: Light green

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Tissue infected with acid-fast bacteria

Time per Slide\*: 0:12:43



## Alcian Blue/PAS

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, acidic and neutral mucins in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR169

Staining Interpretation:

- Neutral mucins: Magenta
- Acidic mucins: Blue
- Mixtures of acidic and neutral mucins: Color depends on the dominant entity and will range from blue-purple or purple through violet or mauve

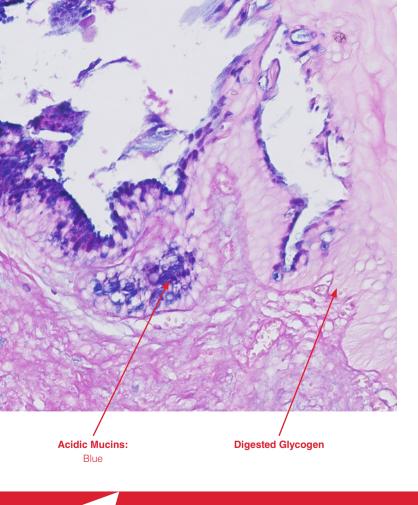
Cut Thickness:

4 µm

- Control Tissue: Neutral Mucin: Stomach, prostate
  - Acidic Mucin: Skin, umbilical cord
  - Weakly sulfated epithelial mucin: Large intestine

Time per Slide\*:

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# Alcian Blue/PAS with Alpha-Amylase

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, acidic and neutral mucins in tissue samples. Alpha-Amylase digestion removes any glycogen in the tissue

Product Code: Staining Interpretation: AR169 (with AR171)

n: Neutral mucins: Magenta

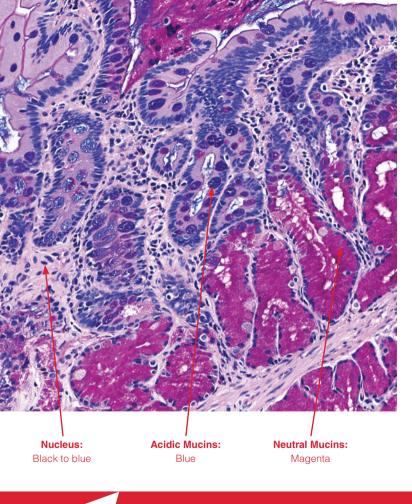
Acidic mucins: Blue

Mixtures of acidic and neutral mucins:
 Color depends on the dominant entity and will range from blue-purple to violet-mauve

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Stomach, colon or umbilical cord

Time per Slide\*: 0:37:45



## Alcian Blue/PAS/Hematoxylin

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, acidic and neutral mucins in tissue samples.

Product Code:

#### AR178

Staining Interpretation:

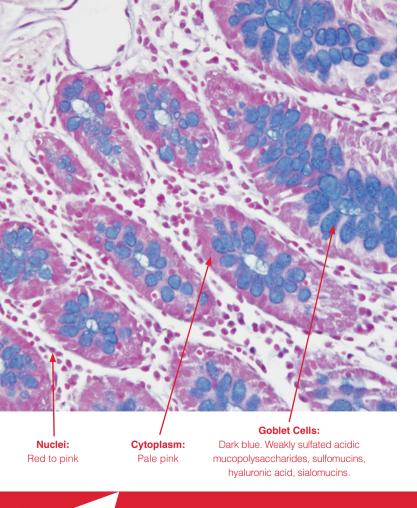
- Neutral mucins: Magenta
- Acidic mucins: Blue
- Mixtures of acidic and neutral mucins:
   Color depends on the dominant entity and will range from green or purple through violet or manye
- Nucleus: Black to blue

Cut Thickness: Control Tissue: 4 µm

- Neutral Mucin: Stomach, prostate
- Acidic Mucin: Skin, umbilical cord
- Weakly sulfated epithelial mucin: Large intestine

Time per Slide\*:

0:36:29



# Alcian Blue pH 2.5

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, acidic and neutral mucins in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR160

Staining Interpretation:

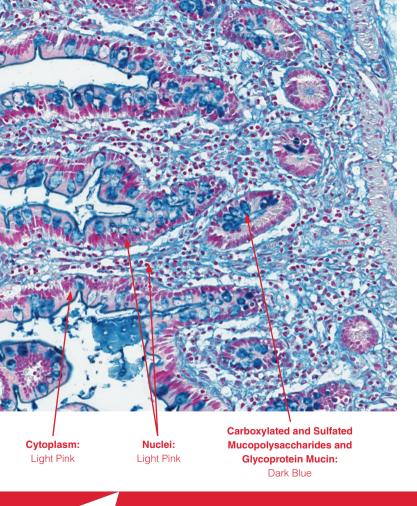
- Weakly sulfated acidic mucopolysaccharides, sulfomucins, hyaluronic acid, sialomucins:
- Dark blue

  Nuclei: Red to pink
- Cytoplasm: Pale pink

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Small intestine, umbilical cord or colon

Time per Slide\*: 0:26:03



#### Colloidal Iron

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, carboxylated and sulfated mucopolysaccharides and glycoprotein mucin in tissue samples.

Product Code: AR307

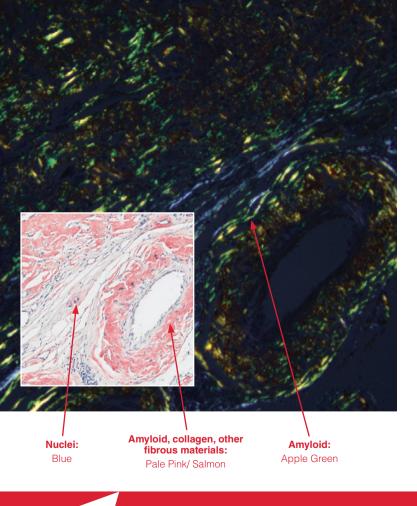
Staining Interpretation:

- Carboxylated and sulfated mucopolysaccharides and glycoprotein mucin: Dark blue
- Nuclei: Light pink
- Cytomplasm: Light pink

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Small intestine

Time per Slide\*: 0:40:16



# Congo Red

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by **polarized** light microscopy, amyloid in tissue samples.

Product Code:

Staining Interpretation:

Polarized Light Microscopy

Amyloid: Apple green

Light Microscopy

 Amyloid, collagen, other fibrous materials: Pale pink/salmon

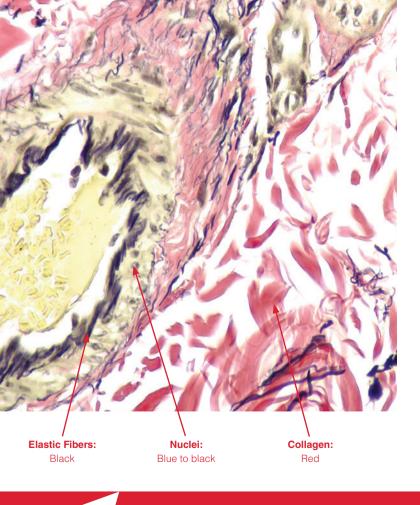
Nuclei: Blue

Cut Thickness: 8 µm

Control Tissue: Tissue with amyloid or heart tissue

AR161

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## Elastic

Intended for laboratory use to indentify, by light microscopy, elastic fibers in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR163

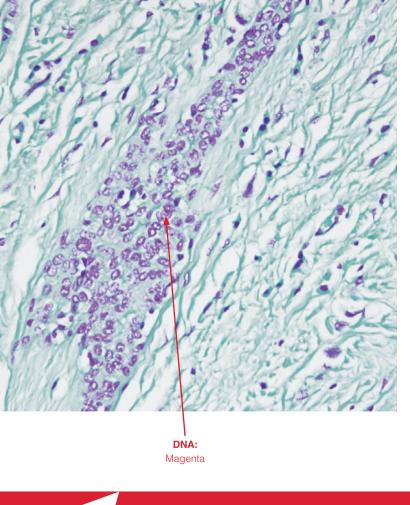
Staining Interpretation:

- Elastin fibers: Black
- Nuclei: Blue to black
- Collagen: Red
- Other tissue elements: Yellow

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Cross section of artery, appendix and skin

Time per Slide\*: 0:19:20



# Feulgen

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy and image analysis, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA).

Product Code: AR174

Staining Interpretation: 

DNA: Magenta

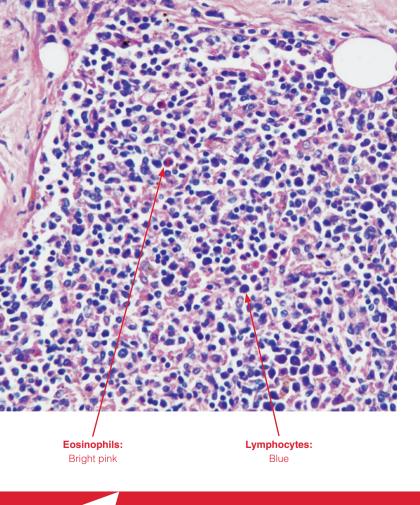
■ Background: Light green

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Aneuploidy breast tumor

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## Giemsa

Intended for laboratory use to differentiate, by light microscopy, hematopoietic cells (i.e. mast cells, basophiles, polymorphonuclear leukocytes etc), in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR164

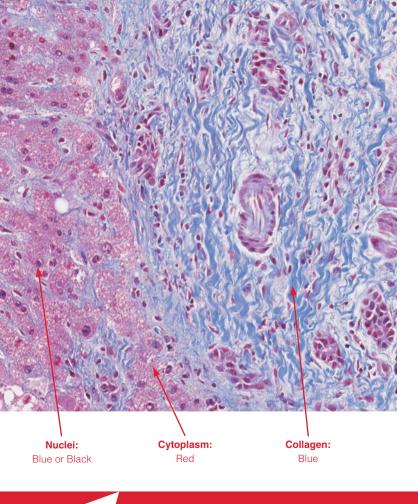
Staining Interpretation:

- Mast cell granules: Purple
- Basophils: Purple
- Eosinophils: Bright pink
- Lymphocytes: Blue

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Tissue containing mast cells

Time per Slide\*: 01:01:48



### Gomori's Blue Trichrome

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, connective tissue in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR167

Staining Interpretation:

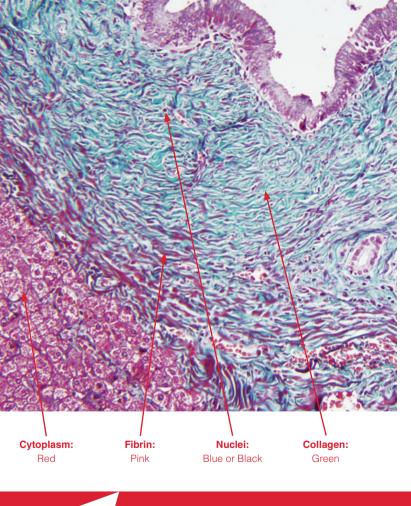
- Cytoplasm: Red
- Fibrin: Pink
- Collagen: Blue
- Nuclei: Blue or black
- Erythrocytes: Red

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Uterus, kidney and liver

Time per Slide\*: 0:45:02

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## Gomori's Green Trichrome

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, connective tissue in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR166

Staining Interpretation:

Cytoplasm: Red

Fibrin: Pink

Collagen: Green

Nuclei: Blue or black

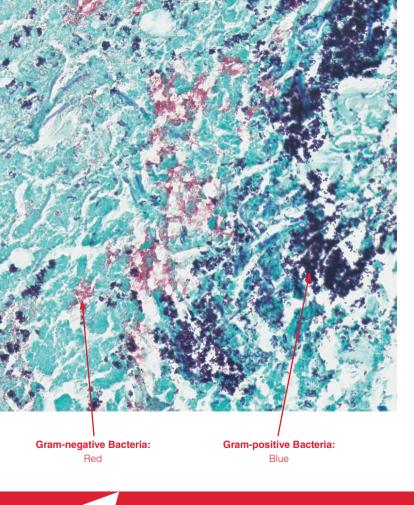
Erythrocytes: Red

Cut Thickness: Control Tissue: 4 µm

Uterus, small intestine, liver, appendix and

fallopian tube.

Time per Slide\*: 0:29:13



#### Gram

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, Gram-positive and Gram-negative microorganisms in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR175

Staining Interpretation:

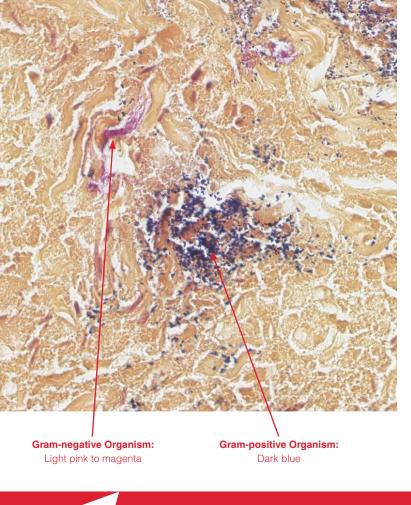
- Gram-positive organisms: Blue
- Gram-negative organisms: Red
- Background: Varying shades of blue/green

Cut Thickness: Control Tissue: 4 µm

Tissue containing both Gram positive and Gram

negative bacteria.

Time per Slide\*: 0:24:00



## Gram Yellow

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, Gram-positive and Gramnegative microorganisms in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR306

4 µm

Staining Interpretation:

- Gram-positive organisms: Dark Blue
- Gram-negative organisms: Light Pink to Magenta
- Background: Yellow

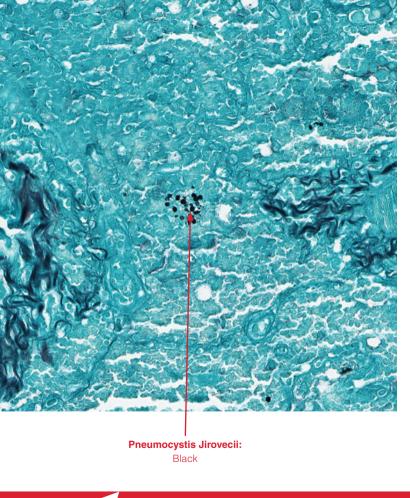
Cut Thickness:

Control Tissue:

Tissue containing both Gram-positive and Gram-

negative bacteria.

Time per Slide\*: 0:21:20



## Grocott's Methenamine Silver (GMS)

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, fungal organisms and *Pneumocystis jirovecii* (formerly known as carinii) in tissue samples

Product Code:

AR176

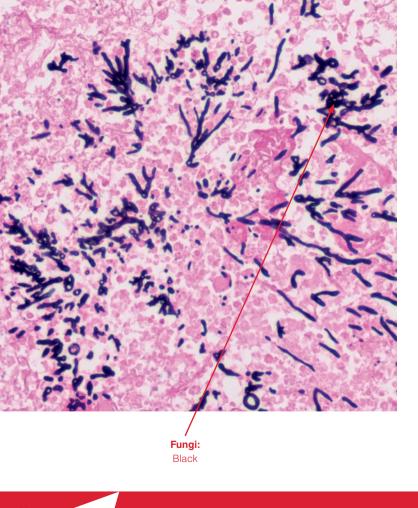
Staining Interpretation:

- Fungi: Black
- Pneumocystis: Black
- Background: Light green

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Tissue with Aspergillus, Candida or *Pneumocystis* 

Time per Slide\*: 0:50:19



# Grocott's Methenamine Silver (GMS) Eosin

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, fungal organisms and *Pneumocystis jirovecii* (formerly known as carinii) in tissue samples.

Product Code:

Staining Interpretation:

AR376

Fungi: Black

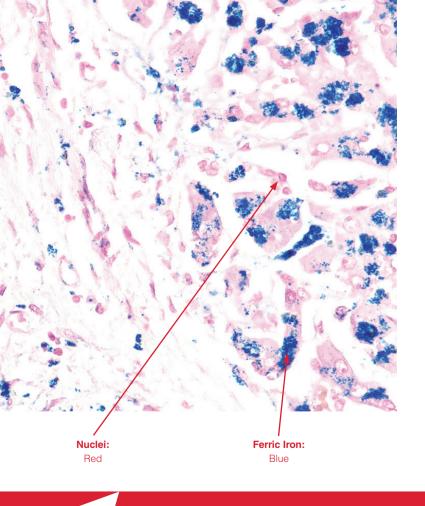
Pneumocystis: Black

Background: Pink

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Tissue with Aspergillus, Candida or *Pneumocystis* 

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### Iron

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, ferric iron deposits in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR158

Staining Interpretation:

Ferric iron: Blue

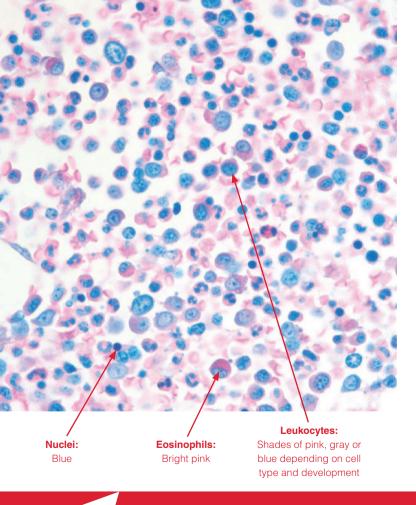
Nuclei: Red

Background: Pink

Cut Thickness: 4 µm
Control Tissue: Splee

Spleen or liver with hemosiderosis

Time per Slide\*: 0:09:58



# Jenner-Wright Giemsa

Intended for laboratory use to differentiate, by light microscopy, hematopoietic cells in bone marrow tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR308 Staining Interpretation:

Nuclei: Blue

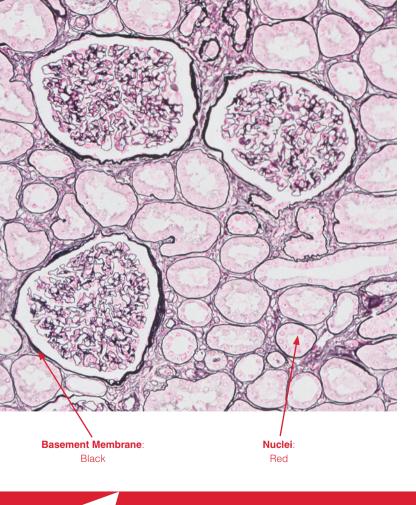
Eosinophils: Bright Pink

Leukocytes: Shades of pink, gray, or blue depending on cell type and development

Cut Thickness: 2-3 µm

Control Tissue: Bone Marrow or spleen

Time per Slide\*: 0:16:42



# Jones' Basement Membrane (PAS-M)

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, basement membranes in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR180

Staining Interpretation:

■ Basement membrane: Black

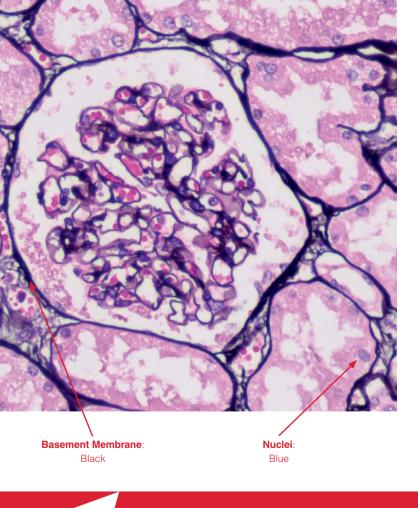
Nuclei: Red

Background: Pink

Cut Thickness: 2 µm Control Tissue: Kidne

Kidney with glomeri

Time per Slide\*: 0:52:53



# Jones' Basement Membrane (PAS-M) H&E

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, basement membranes in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR480

Staining Interpretation:

■ Basement membrane: Black

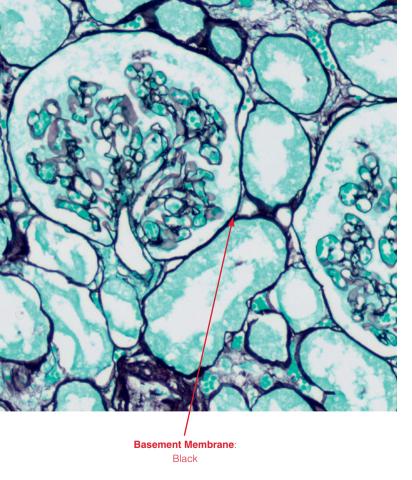
Nuclei: Blue

Background: Pink2 μm

Cut Thickness: 2 Control Tissue: K

Kidney with glomeri

Time per Slide\*: 0:45:21



# Jones' Basement Membrane (PAS-M) Light Green

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, basement membranes in tissue samples cut at 2 microns.

Product Code:

Staining Interpretation:

■ Basement membrane: Black

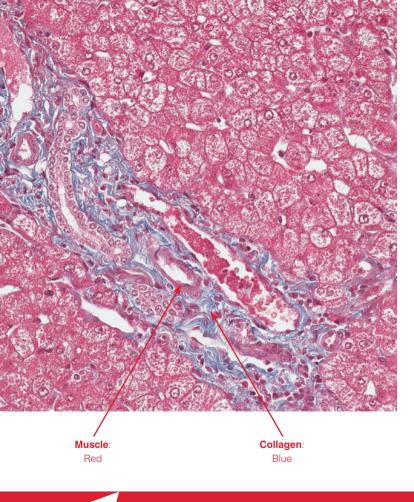
Background: Light green

Cut Thickness: 2 µm

Control Tissue: Kidney with glomeri

AR380

Time per Slide\*: 0:42:55



## Masson's Trichrome

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, connective tissue and muscle in tissue samples.

Product Code: AR173

Staining Interpretation:

Muscle fibers: Red

Fibrin: Pink

Collagen: Blue

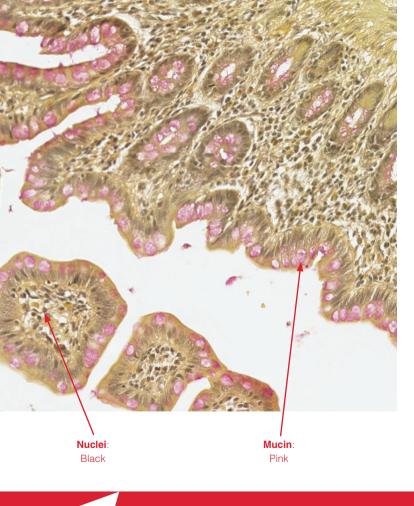
Nuclei: Blue or blackErythrocytes: Red

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Uterus, small intestine, liver, appendix or

fallopian tube

Time per Slide\*: 0:57:15



## Mucicarmine

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, epithelial mucins in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR168

Staining Interpretation:

■ Mucin: Pink

Nuclei: Black

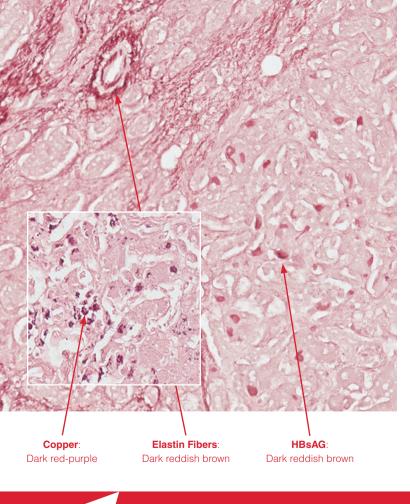
Background: Yellow

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Small intestine, colon or appendix

Time per Slide\*: 0:50:54

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### Orcein

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, the viral inclusion bodies of Hepatitis B surface antigen(HBsAG) and Copper associated proteins in tissue samples.

Product Code:

AR313

Staining Interpretation:

- HBsAG/Elastin fibers: Dark reddish brown
- Copper associated protein: Dark red-purple
- Background: Pale pink pink

Cut Thickness: Control Tissue: 4 µm

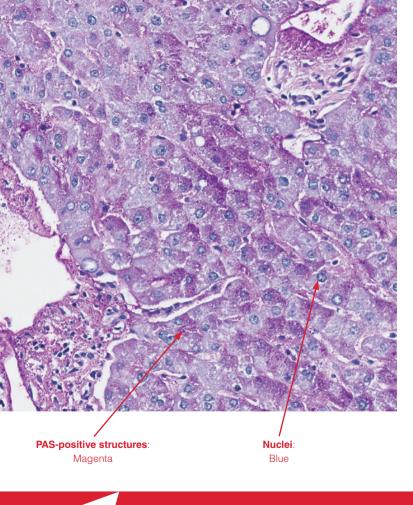
Liver tissue containing positive HBsAG. Fetal liver can be used for Copper or liver with Wilson's disease. A multi-block containing positive liver for

HBsAG and Copper with normal liver is

recommended.

Time per Slide\*:

0:15:44



# Periodic Acid-Schiff (PAS)

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, glycogen and mucopolysaccharide components in tissue samples.

Product Code:

Staining Interpretation:

■ PAS-positive structures: Magenta

Nuclei: BlueBackground: Pink

Cut Thickness: Control Tissue: 4 µm

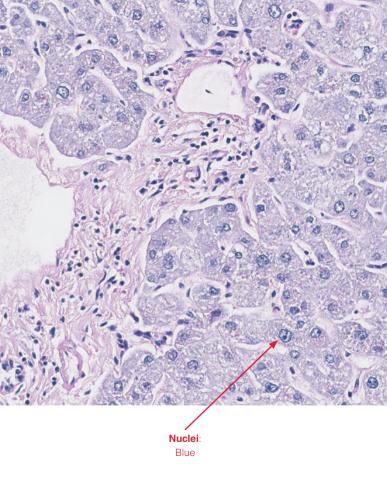
AR165

Kidney for basement membrane

Liver with glycogen

Time per Slide\*:

0:59:59



# Periodic Acid-Schiff (PAS) with Alpha-Amylase

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, glycogen and mucopolysaccharide components in tissue samples. Alpha-Amylase digestion removes any glycogen in the tissue.

Product Code: Staining Interpretation: AR165 (with AR171)

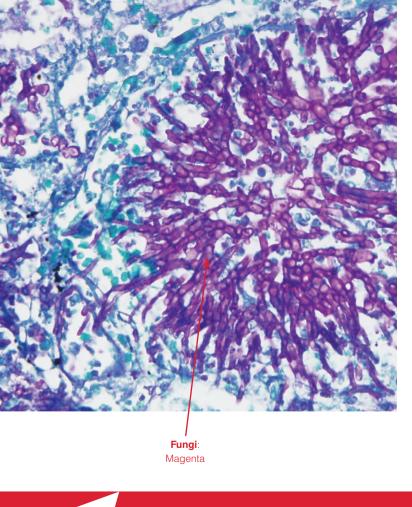
Nuclei: Blue

Background: Pink

Cut Thickness: 4 µm Control Tissue:

Liver containing glycogen

Time per Slide\*: 01:14:02



# Periodic Acid-Schiff (PAS) Green

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, fungi in tissue samples.

Product Code: AR172

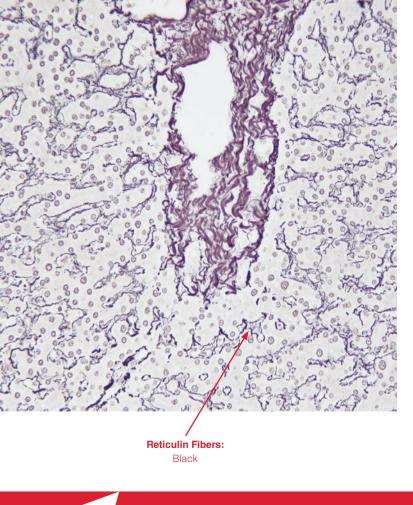
Staining Interpretation: Fungi: Magenta

■ Background: Blue - green

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Skin tissue with Candida albicans

Time per Slide\*: 0:24:12



### Reticulin/No Counterstain

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, reticulin fibers in tissue samples.

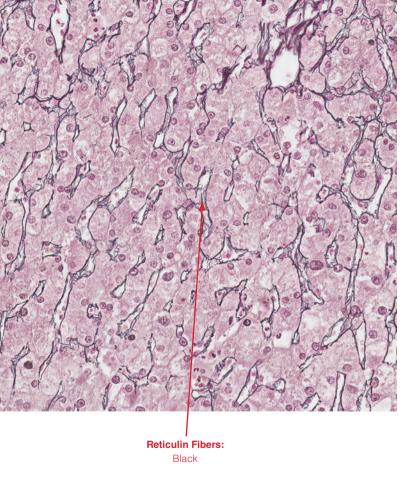
Product Code: AR182

Staining Interpretation: Reticulin fibers: Black

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Liver, spleen and lymph node

Time per Slide\*: 00:38:57



### Reticulin/Nuclear Fast Red

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, reticulin fibers in tissue samples.

Product Code: AR179

Staining Interpretation:

Control Tissue:

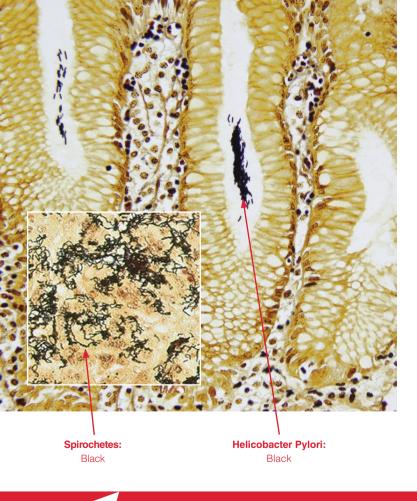
■ Reticulin fibers: Black

■ Background: Red

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Liver, spleen or lymph node

Time per Slide\*: 01:02:59



# Warthin-Starry

Intended for laboratory use to identify, by light microscopy, *Helicobacter pylori* and spirochete microorganisms in tissue samples.

Product Code:

Staining Interpretation:

AR181 ■ Helicobactor pylori: Black

Spirochetes: Black

■ Background: Golden yellow

Cut Thickness: 4 µm

Control Tissue: Tissue with helicobacter and spirochetes

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