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DATASHEET

Cresyl Violet Solution (1%)

Product overview

Name Cresyl Violet Solution (1%)

Cat No HB5608

Alternative names Cresyl Echt Violet Solution (0.1%), Cresyl Violet Nissl substance stain solution

Biological description Selectively stains Nissl substance in neurons on formalin fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue. Commonly

used for identifying the basic neuronal structure in brain and spinal cord tissue. Nissl granules stain purple/ violet while nuclei of neuroglia and endothelial cells are slightly bluer than Nissl granules (violet

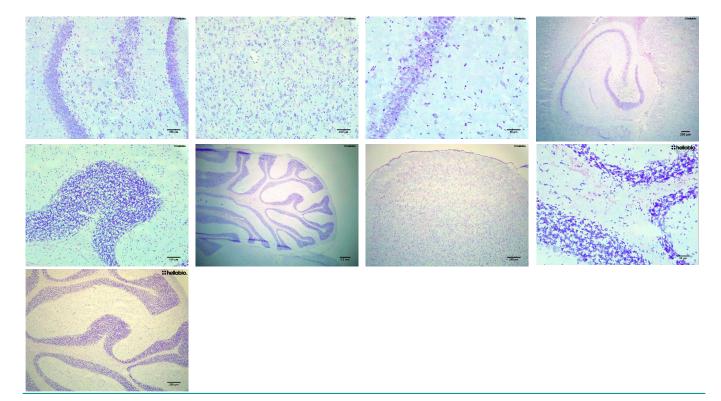
to dark blue).

Control Tissue: Cerebral Cortex

Biological action Description Dyes & stains

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Images



Biological Data

Application notes

Protocol:

Working Solutions: This stain may be diluted up to 1:10 with deionized water just before use.

- 1. Deparaffinize and hydrate sections to distilled water.
- 2. Apply Cresyl Violet Acetate solution (or your Cresyl Violet Acetate working solution) to tissue for 3-5 minutes
- 3. Quickly rinse in 1 change of distilled water.
- 4. Dehydrate rapidly in absolute alcohol. Please note that alcohol may remove the stain from tissue over time.
- 5. Clear in 3 or 4 changes of xylene/xylene substitute and
- 6. Mount with synthetic resin.

#Protocol 1: Cresyl Violet staining of frozen brain sections

- 10µm fresh frozen sections were cut on a cryostat then fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin for 10 minutes
- Sections were washed 3 times in dH₂O then incubated for 8 minutes in acidified cresyl violet solution (5 drops of 10% acetic acid in 30ml of cresyl violet solution)
- Sections were then differentiated in 96% alcohol briefly (acidified with 3 drops 10% acetic acid / 50ml alcohol) before being then washed in 100% alcohol and allowed to air dry
- Once dry, slides were incubated in xylene 3 times for 5 minutes and then mounted using DPX.

Note: If using paraffin embedded sections, deparaffinise the sections before hydrating into distilled water and then proceed with staining in Cresyl Violet solution

Solubility & Handling

Storage instructions Storage of solutions Room temperature

Prepare and use solutions on the same day if possible. Store solutions at -20 °C for up to one month if storage is required. Equilibrate to RT and ensure the solution is precipitate free before use.

Shipping Conditions

Important

Stable for ambient temperature shipping. Follow storage instructions on receipt.

This product is for RESEARCH USE ONLY and is not intended for therapeutic or diagnostic use. Not for human or veterinary use

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