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Alcian Blue (pH 1.0) Stain Kit

Description: The Alcian Blue (pH 1.0) Stain Kit is intended for use in the histological visualization of strongly sulfated mucosubstances.

Strongly Sulfated Mucosubstances:	Blue
Nuclei:	Red
Background:	Pink

Uses/Limitations:
For In-Vitro Diagnostic use only.
Histological applications.
Do not use past expiration date.
Use caution when handling these reagents.

Control Tissue:
Small Intestine
Appendix
Colon

Availability/Contents:

Kit Contents	Storage Conditions
Alcian Blue, pH 1.0 (250 ml)	Room Temperature
Safranin O Solution (250ml)	Room Temperature
Acetic Acid Solution (500 ml)	Room Temperature

Precautions:
Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
Harmful if swallowed.
Follow all Federal, State, and local regulations regarding disposal.
Use in chemical fume hood whenever possible.

Storage: 18° C  25° C

Store Components at Room Temperature.

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Procedure (Standard):

1. Deparaffinize sections if necessary and hydrate to distilled water.
2. Incubate slide in Acetic Acid solution for 3 minutes.
3. Incubate slide in Alcian Blue (pH 1.0) solution for 30 minutes at room temperature or 15 minutes at 37° C.
4. If desired, rinse slide briefly in Acetic Acid solution to remove excess Alcian Blue.
5. Rinse for 2 minutes in running tap water followed by 2 changes of distilled water.
6. Stain slide in Safranin O Solution for 5 minutes.
7. Rinse for 2 minutes in running tap water followed by 2 changes of distilled water.
8. Dehydrate through graded alcohols.
9. Clear, and mount in synthetic resin.

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