

PATHOLOGY CORE

Gallyas Stain Protocol

Stock Solutions

0.5% Acetic Acid

- Add 5ml of glacial acetic acid to 1L of dH₂O

1% Silver Nitrate

- Add 2g of silver nitrate to 200ml of dH₂O and stir until dissolved. Store in a dark container.

Developer A

- Dissolve 50g anhydrous sodium carbonate in 1000ml dH₂O

Developer B

- Dissolve 1.9g ammonium nitrate
2.0g silver nitrate
10g Tungstosilicic Acid
in 1000ml of dH₂O

Developer C

- Dissolve 1.9g ammonium nitrate
2.0g silver nitrate
10g Tungstosilicic Acid
7.6ml 37% Formaldehyde
in 1000ml of dH₂O

5% Periodic Acid

- Dissolve 50g of periodic acid in 1000ml of dH₂O

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*All glassware must be acid washed. Use plastic forceps and gloves when handling all reagents. Don't use any metal in this protocol (staining racks, forceps, etc.)

1. Deparaffinize & hydrate: 2X Xylene 5min; 1min each 2X 100%EtOH; 1X 95%EtOH; 1X 80% EtOH; 1X 70% EtOH; dH₂O
2. Place sections in 5% Periodic Acid 5min (3min for mouse sections)
3. Place in dH₂O 2X for 5min
4. Prepare Silver Iodide solution:
 - a. In 150ml dH₂O add 12g of Sodium Hydroxide and stir until dissolved; then add 30g of Potassium Iodide and stir until dissolved; then add 10.5ml of 1% Silver Nitrate; then add dH₂O up to a total volume of 300ml.
5. Place sections in Silver Iodide solution for 1min.
6. Place in 0.5% Acetic Acid for 5min (2X)
7. Rinse in dH₂O
8. Prepare Developer
 - a. Solution A 200ml
 - b. Solution B 100ml added dropwise at first
 - c. Solution C 100ml added dropwise at first
 - d. Make sure you stir mixture as you add B and C. Also add with a pipette in a thin jet.
9. Place sections in developer until sections turn a pale brown/gray(5-10min). Check by eye only after placing in acetic acid. If needed to develop longer, place back in developer
10. Stop development in 0.5% acetic acid for 5min
11. Dehydrate 1 min each 1X 70%EtOH; 1X 80%EtOH; 2X 95%EtOH; 2X 100%EtOH; 5min each 2X Xylene
12. Cover slip with cyto seal