# DIFFERENTIAL LEUKOCYTE COUNT (DLC)

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#### *Principle*

#### □ Apparatus

#### **Procedure**

**Precaution** 

### DLC CONTINUE

#### □ PRINCIPLE:

## BLOOD SMEAR IS PREPARED, STAINED WITH LEISHMAN'S STAIN AND CELLS ARE IDENTIFIED UNDER OIL IMMERSION LENS.



□ 4-5 GLASS SLIDES □ LANCET/ SPRIT/COTTON □ LEISHMAN'S STAIN □ MICROSCOPE □ CEDAR WOOD OIL □ DISTILLED WATER □ STAINING TRAY



### preparation of blood smear

#### □ staining of blood smear

## Examination of smear under oil immersion(100x) lens

## Preparation of smear

## selection of spreader

- which has smooth edge, without coarse or uneven edge should be avoided.
- wash out the grease or oil, if it present in the glass slides as well as at the edge of the spreader slide.
- we have to use oil and grease free slides.



A good smear has following characteristics

□ tongue shaped ( head ,body, tail)

 $\square$  should cover 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the slide

Should not be thick(single cell thickness)

should not have marks or blank spaces in the smear.





## staining of blood smear

#### Leishman's stain:

- Belongs to *Romanowsky* group of stain.
- □ Contains acidic and basic dye.

Composition:

- Methylene blue- basic dye, positively charged and stains negatively charged [acidic] particles ( stains nucleus of WBCs, the cytoplasm and basophilic granules)
- Eosin –acidic dye, negatively charged and stains positively charged (basic) particles (stains eosinophilic granules / RBCs)
- □ Acetone free methyl alcohol-(*fixative* fix the smear to the slide)

#### **OTHER STAINS**

#### U WRIGHT STAIN

#### □ FIELD STAIN

### STAINING THE SMEAR

#### □ MAKE SURE THE SLIDE IS DRY

- POUR THE LEISHMAN'S STAIN DROP BY DROP
  TILL IT COVERS ENTIRE SMEAR (8-10 DROPS)
- NOTE THE TIME ALLOW FOR 1-2 MINs (its known as *FIXATION TIME*)
- ADD DOUBLE THE AMOUNT DROPS OF DISTILLED WATER
- WAIT FOR 6-8 MINS (FORMATION OF CATIONS AND ANIONS OF BASIC AND ACIDIC DYE REPECTIVELY) its knows as STAINING TIME.



(PERIPHERAL BLOOD SMEAR)

# **TO DETERMINE THE DLC- (GRANULOCYTES /AGRANULOCYTES)**

#### **TO STUDY THE MORPHOLOGY OF RBCS**

DETECT THE PRESENCE OF PARASITES LIKE MALARIA, FILARIA

SEX DETERMINATION CAN BE DONE BY IDENTIFICATION OF BAR BODY EXAMINATION OF SMEAR UNDER OIL IMMERSION LENS (100X)

#### □ FOCUS UNDER HIGH POWER (100X)

#### DUT ONE DROP OF CEDAR WOOD OIL





#### 10-14

NUCLEUS HAVING 2-5 LOBES PURPULE/PINK IN COLOUR

#### CYTOPLASM PINK IN COLOUR HAVING FINE PINK OR PURPLE GRANULES





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10-14 MICRON/ NUCLEUS BILOBED PURPULE BLUE COLOUR

COARSE ORANGE TO RED IN COLOUR GRANULES/ CYTOPLASM PINK COLOUR

### BASOPHIL



## MONOCYTE



8-10 /NUCLEUS 2-3 LOBES/NOT PROPERLY VISIBLE BECAUSE OF GRANULES/ COARSE BLUISH BLACK GRANULES OVERLYING THE NUCLEUS 18-22/NOTCHED OR OVAL OR HORSE SHOE SHAPE NUCLEUS NONE OR MODERATE COARSE AZURE GRANULES CYTOPLASM SKY BLUE

### LYMPHOCYTE



SMALL LYMPHOCYTE 7-10 NUCLEUS LARGE ROUND FILLS THE WHOLE CELL SKY BLUE THIN RIM SKY BLUE/NONE OR MODERATE GRANEULES LARGE LYMPHOCYTE 10-14 SMALL ROUND NUCLEUS CYTOPLASM SKY BLUE GRANEULS NONE OR FEW

#### **CELL COUNT**

CELLS	SIZE	NUCLEUS	CYTOPLASM	GRANULES
NEUTROPHIL	10-14	2-5 LOBES PURPULE/PIN K	PINK	FINE PINK OR PURPLE GRANULES
EOSINOPHIL	10-14 MICRON	BILOBED PURPULE BLUE COLOUR	PINK	COARSE RED IN COLOUR
BASOPHIL	8-10	2-3 LOBES/NOT PROPERLY VISIBLE BECAUSE OF GRANULES	PALE PINK	COARSE BLUISH BLACK GRANULES OVERLYING THE NUCLEUS
LARGE LYMPHOCYTE	10-14	SMALL ROUND NUCLEUS	SKY BLUE	NONE OR FEW
SMALL LYMPHOCYTE	7-10	LARGE ROUND FILLS THE WHOLE CELL	SKY BLUE THIN RIM	SKY BLUE/NONE OR MODERATE GRANEULES
MONOCYTE	18-22	NOTCHED OR OVAL OR HORSE SHOE SHAPE	SKY BLUE	NONE OR MODERATE COARSE AZURE GRANULES

#### NORMAL DLC

□ NEUTROPHIL 50-70%

□ LYPHOCYTE 20-40%

 $\square MONOCYTE 2-8\%$ 

 $\square EOSINOPHIL 1-4\%$ 

BASOPHIL

0-1%

### METHOD OF COUNTING

#### DRAW 100 SQUARES

#### DIDENTIFY THE VARIOUS CELLS ENTER FIRST LETTER

N-NEUTROHIL E-EOSINOPHIL B-BASOPHIL L- LYMPHOCYTE M-MONOCYTE

## **OBSERVATION**

- $\square$  NEUTROPHIL= ?%
- $\Box$  EOSINOPHIL = ?%
- $\Box$  LYMPHOCYTE= ?%
- $\square$  MONOCYTE = ?%
- $\square BASOPHILS = ?\%$

#### ABSOLUTE NEUTROPHIL = WBC count x neutrophil %= -cumm 100

### **ARNETH COUNT**

#### DETERMINATION OF THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF NEUTROPHILS ON THE BASIS OF NUMBER LOBES IN THEIR NUCLEUS

Normal count

- N1 2-10%
- N2 20-30%
- N3 40-50%
- N4-10-15%
- N5 2-5 %

# SHIFT TO LEFT –MORE YOUNGER CELLS (REGENARATIVE SHIFT)

# SHIFT TO RIGHT - MORE OLDER CELLS (DEGENARATIVE SHIFT)

# Try to Identify the Cell and Their Name





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