**R.B.C. Diluting Fluid (Hayem's)**

**Intended Use**
R.B.C. Diluting Fluid (Hayemis) is used as diluting fluid for blood specimens to count red blood cells under high powder by haemocytometry.

**Composition**

**Ingredients**
- Mercuric chloride: 0.25 gm
- Sodium sulphate: 2.50 gm
- Sodium chloride: 0.50 gm
- Distilled water: 100.0 ml
- Final pH (at 25°C): 5.9±0.1

**Directions**

1) Draw EDTA anticoagulated blood to exactly the 0.5 mark of the RBC pipette.
2) Wipe the tip of the pipette, clean with a piece of dry gauge without touching the opening of the capillary and immerse in the freshly filtered diluting fluid.
3) Do not insert the pipette in the bottle of counting solution.
4) By gentle mouth suction, draw the diluting fluid steadily into the pipette to exactly the 101 mark past the bulb, rotating the pipette on its long axis to ensure thorough mixing of blood and diluent.
5) Immediately mix the contents of the pipette thoroughly by placing the thumb over one end and shake for 1 minute.
6) Diluted blood must be examined within 2 hours.

**Principle And Interpretation**
RBC diluting fluid is isotonic with blood, hence hemolysis does not take place. Normal Saline also can be used. But it causes slight creation of red blood cells and allows rouleaux formation. The blood specimen is diluted 1:200 with the RBC diluting fluid and cells are counted under high power (40 x objective) by using a counting chamber. The number of cells in undiluted blood are calculated and reported as the number of Red cells per cu mm (MI) of whole blood.

**Warning and Precautions**
In Vitro diagnostic use only. Read the label before opening the container. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Follow good microbiological lab practices while handling specimens and culture. Standard precautions as per established guidelines should be followed while handling clinical specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

**Performance and Evaluation**
Performance of the product is expected when used as per the direction on the label within the expiry period when stored at recommended temperature.

**Quality Control**

**Appearance**
Colourless, solution.

**Clarity**
Clear with no insoluble particles.

**Reaction**
Reaction of the solution at 25°C

**pH**
5.80-6.00
Results
Under high power magnification, count the cells in the centre and in the four corner squares of the central ruled area.

Calculation

Red blood cells/mm$^3$ in the original blood = \( \frac{\text{Cell counted \times \text{dilution factor}}}{\text{Volume counted \text{in mm}^3}} \)  
= \( \frac{\text{Cell counted \times 200}}{0.02\text{mm}^3} \)  
= \( \text{Cell counted \times 10}^4 \)

Storage and Shelf Life
Store between 10-30°C in tightly closed container and away from bright light. Use before expiry date on label. On opening, product should be properly stored in dry ventilated area protected from extremes of temperature and sources of ignition. Seal the container tightly after use.

Disposal
User must ensure safe disposal by autoclaving and/or incineration of used or unusable preparations of this product. Follow established laboratory procedures in disposing of infectious materials and material that comes into contact with clinical sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques (2,3).

Reference
1. Text book of Medical Laboratory Technology; Praful B. Godkar

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