Topfer Reagent

**Intended use**
Topfer Reagent is used as an indicator in determination of strength of free acids in gastric contents by titration method.

**Composition**

**Ingredients**
- Dimethylaminobenzene  0.5gm
- 95% Ethanol  100ml

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters**

**Directions**
Filter the contents of sample through two thicknesses of gauze, if necessary. Take 10 ml of it and put it in a porcelain evaporating dish and add 1 or 2 drops Topfer Reagent and 1 or 2 drops of phenolphthalein solution (1% alcoholic solution). Titrate with 0.1 N NaOH until the red colour disappears. This reading should be taken for free hydrochloric acid. Continue titration until the red colour of phenolphthalein appears, further addition of alkali does not darken the red colour. Take the burette reading for the total acidity, counting from the original reading.

**Principle And Interpretation**
Gastric secretion contains hydrochloric acid, secreted by the pariental cells of the fundus and upper body of the stomach and an alkaline enzyme-mucoprotein complex secreted by the superficial mucosal cells. There are two laboratory methods for gastric analysis. The tubeless technique investigates the ability of the stomach to produce acid. The incubation technique allows measurement of gastric secretion under basal and maximal output conditions and gives the quantitative values of gastric secretion. Topfer reagent is used for titration of acid with 0.1 N sodium hydroxide and phenolphthalein.

**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**
Orange coloured solution.

**Clarity**
Clear without any precipitate.

**Test**
Gastric analysis is carried out using Topfer reagent as an indicator for the titration of gastric acid with 0.1 N sodium hydroxide and phenolphthalein.

**Results**
Can be calculated as :

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{\% \text{ Free HCl acidity}} = \frac{\text{No. of mm from beginning} \times 10}{\text{to the first reading}}
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{\% \text{ Total acidity}} = \frac{\text{No. of mm from beginning} \times 10}{\text{to the last reading}}
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Storage and Shelf Life
Store below 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) Textbook of Medical laboratory Technology; Praful B. Godkar