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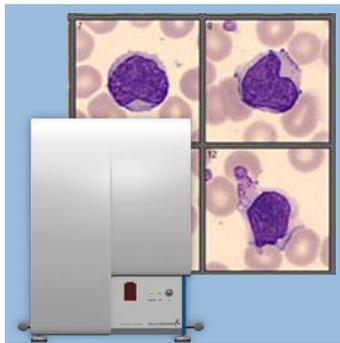


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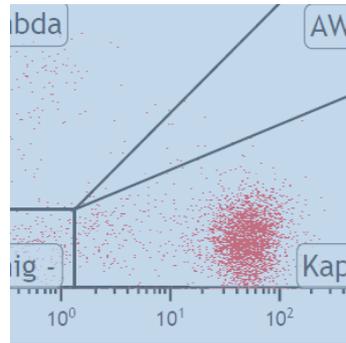
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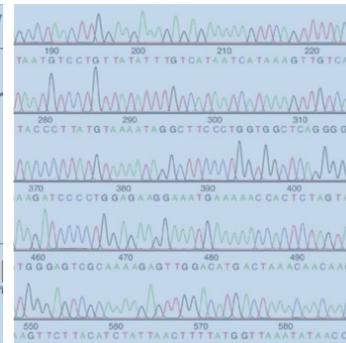
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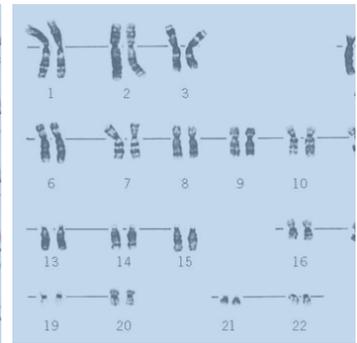
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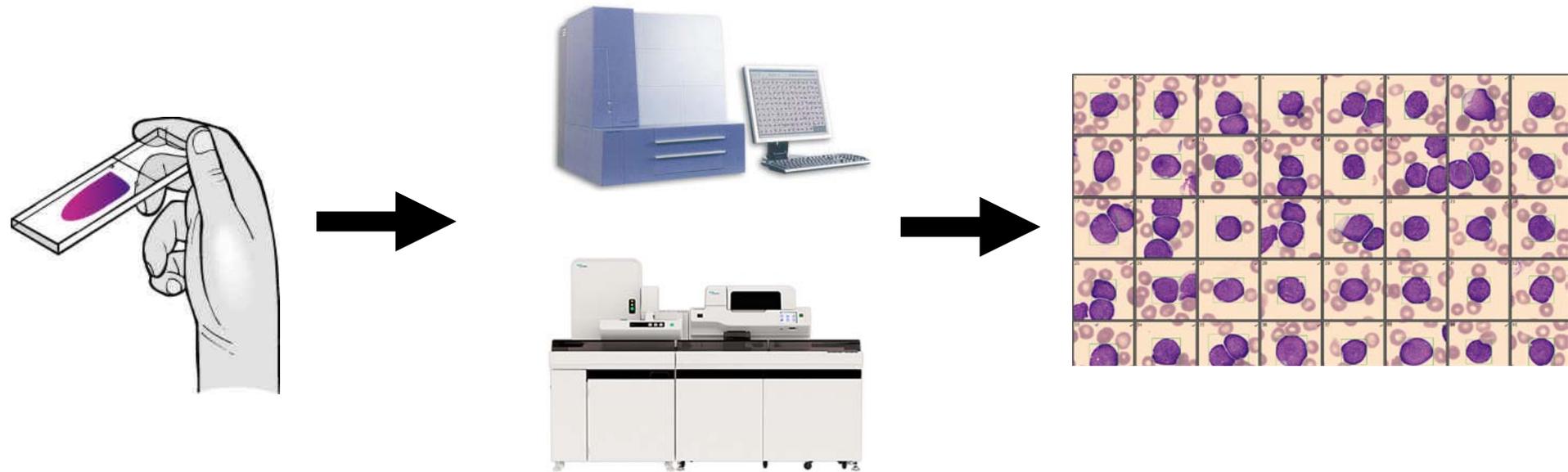
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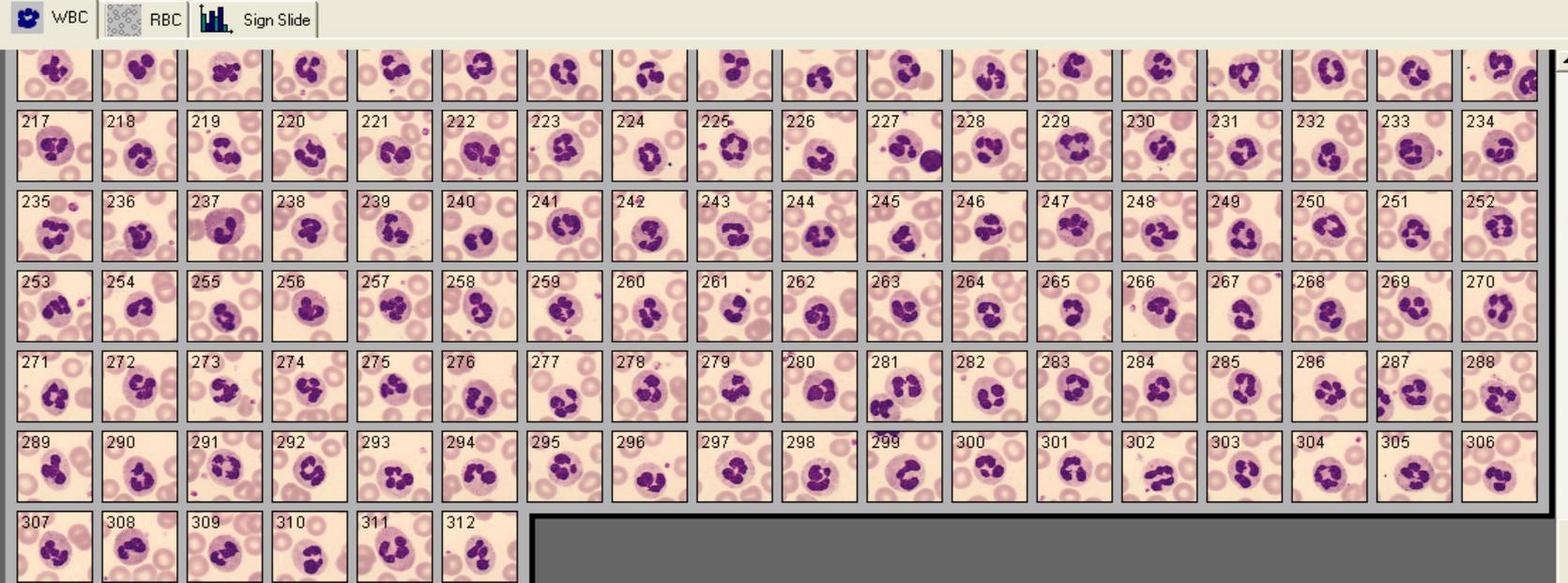
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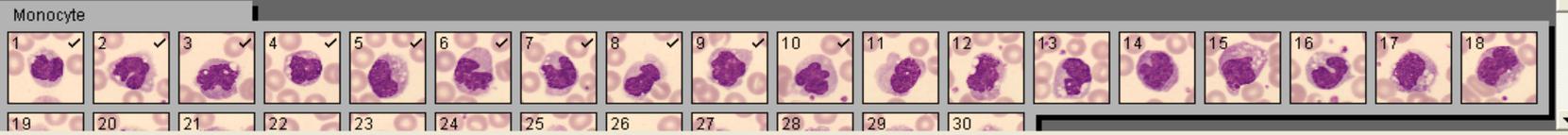
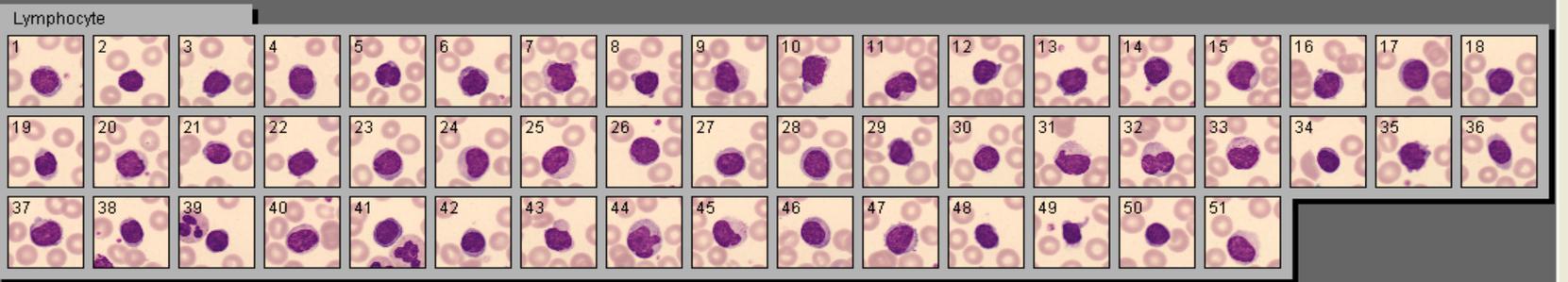
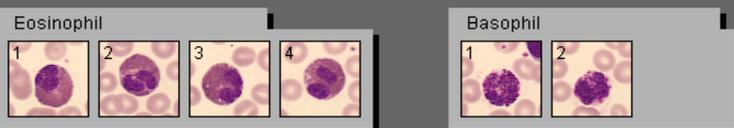
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WBC

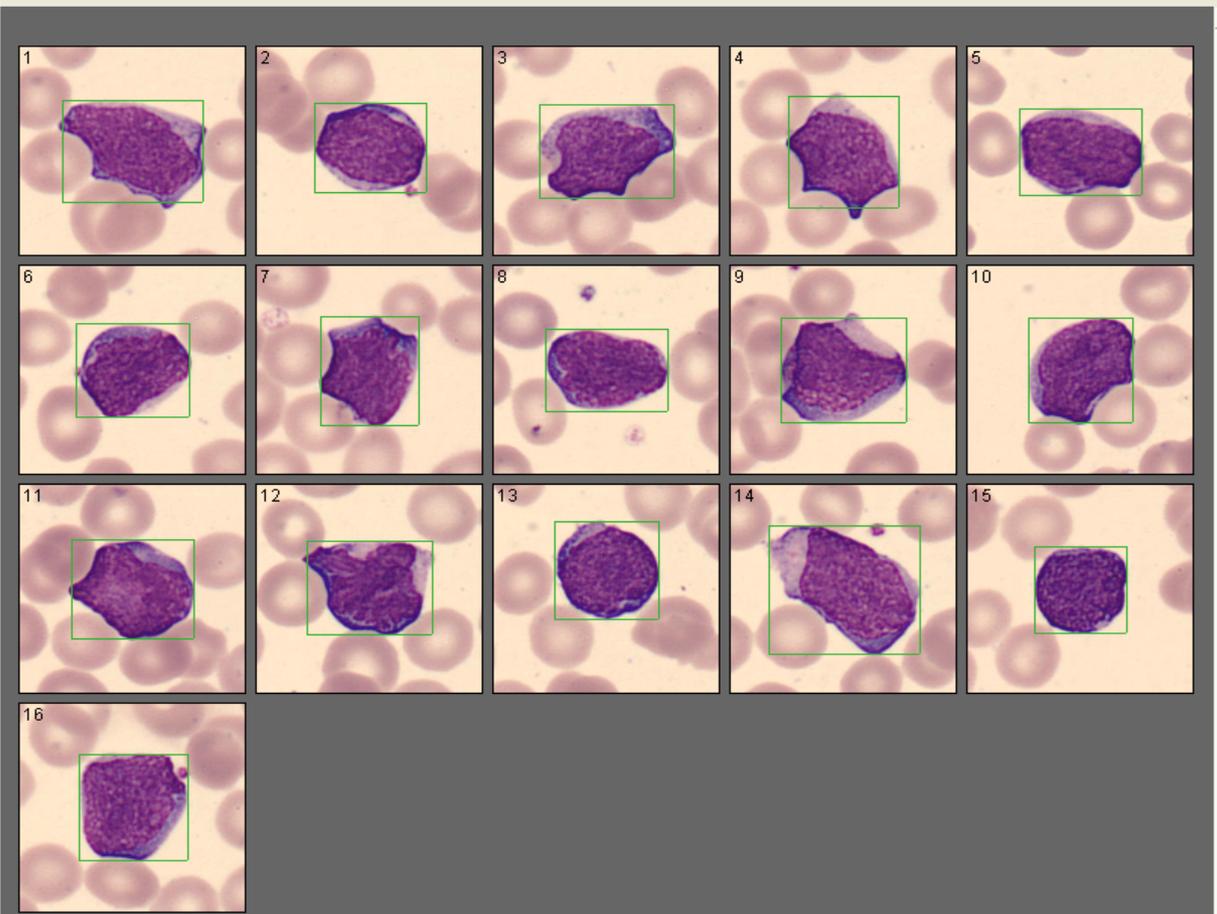
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• Myelocyte	-
• Metamyelocyte	-
• Promonocyte	-
• Prolymphocyte	-
• Blast (no lineage spec)	16
• Lymphocyte, variant form	-
• Plasma cell	-
• Hairy cell	-
• Cleaved cells	2
Total	200

Non-WBC

	Count
• Erythroblast (NRBC)	4
• Giant thrombocyte	3
• Thrombocyte aggregation	-
• Megakaryocyte	-
• Smudge cell	3
• Artefact	-
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WBC comment
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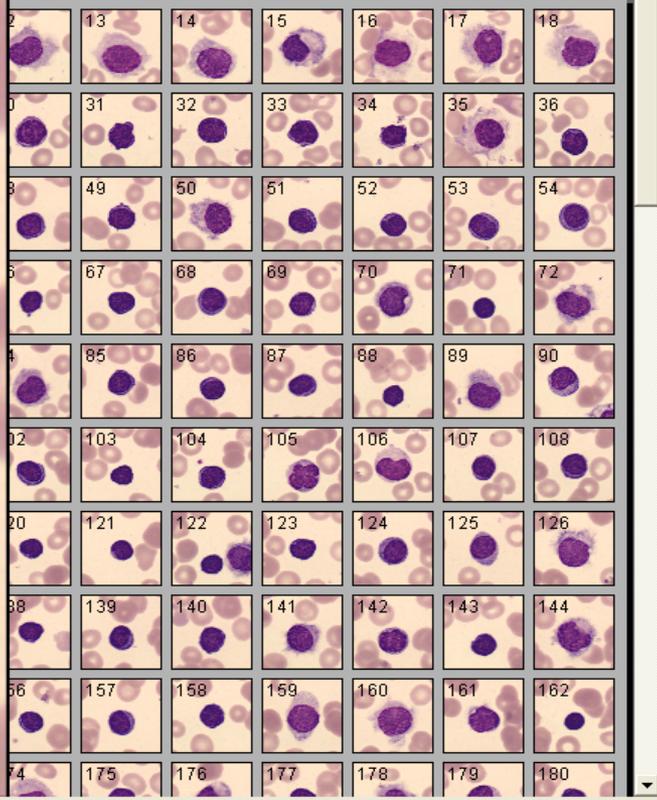
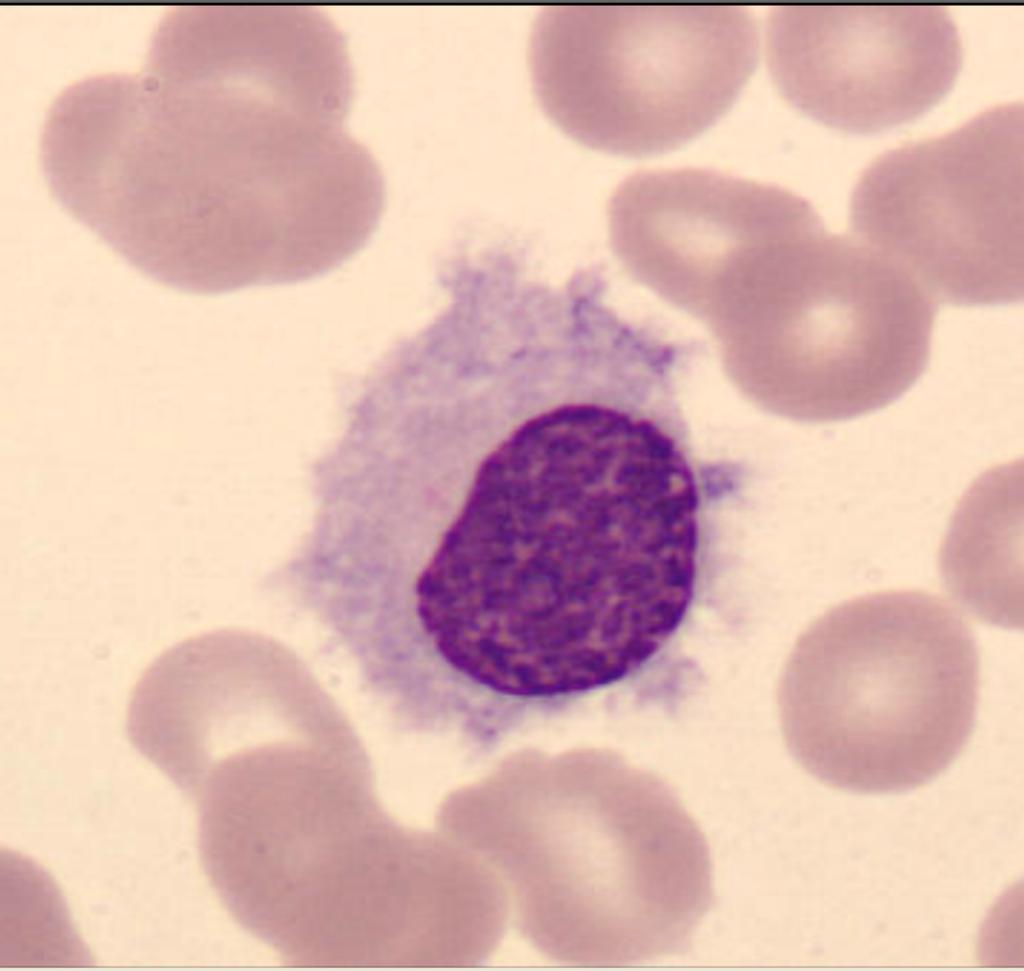
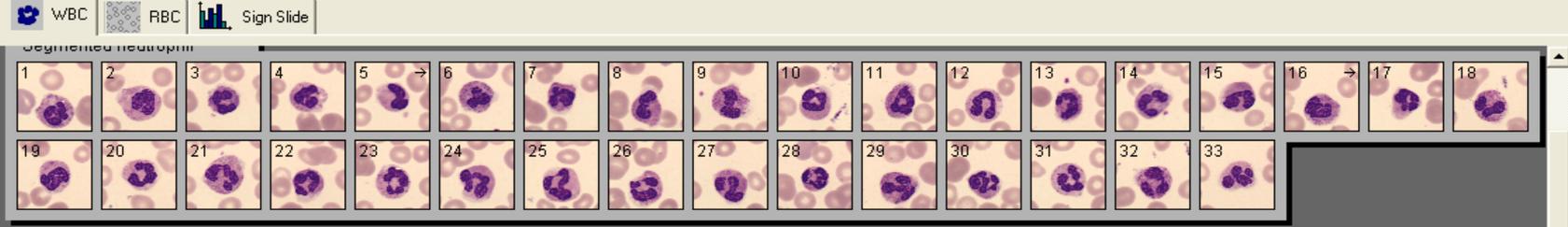
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Examination of peripheral blood films using automated microscopy; evaluation of Diffmaster Octavia and Cellavision DM96

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Background: Differential counting of peripheral blood cells is an important diagnostic tool. Yet, this technique requires highly trained staff, is labour intensive and has limited statistical reliability. A recent development in this field was the introduction of automated peripheral blood differential counting systems. These computerised systems provide an automated morphological analysis of peripheral blood films, including a preclassification of both red and white cells (RBCs and WBCs, respectively).

Aims: To investigate the ability of two automated microscopy systems to examine peripheral blood smears.

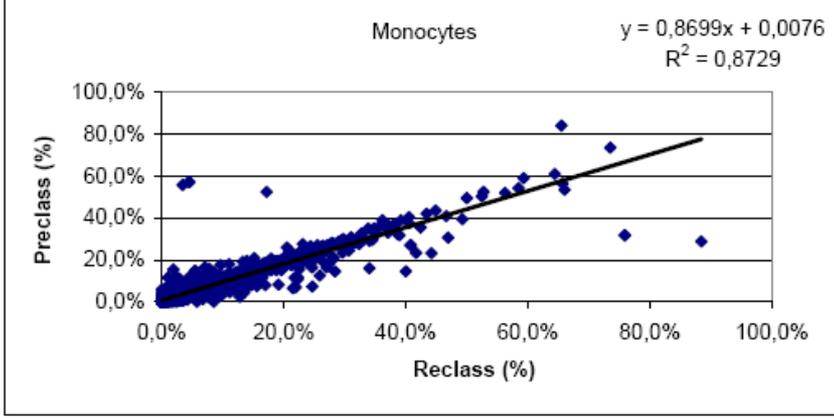
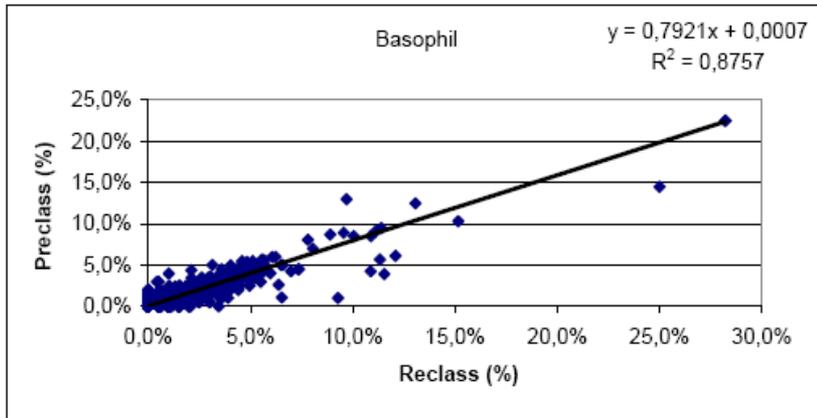
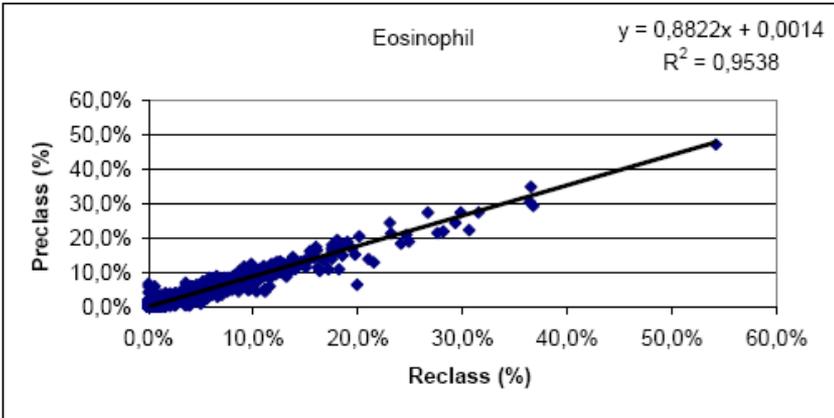
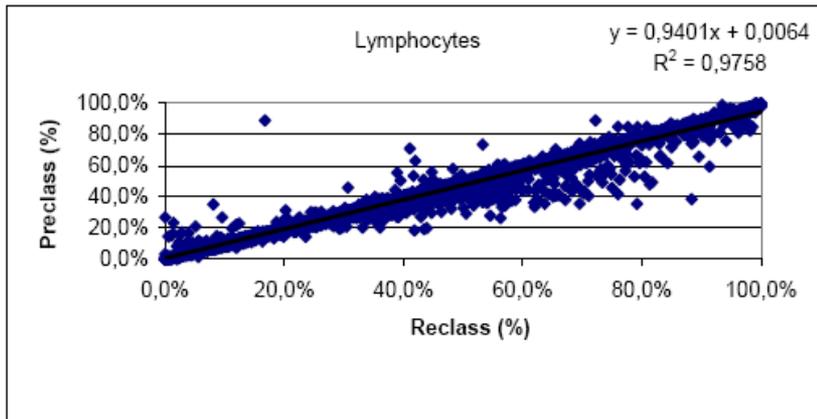
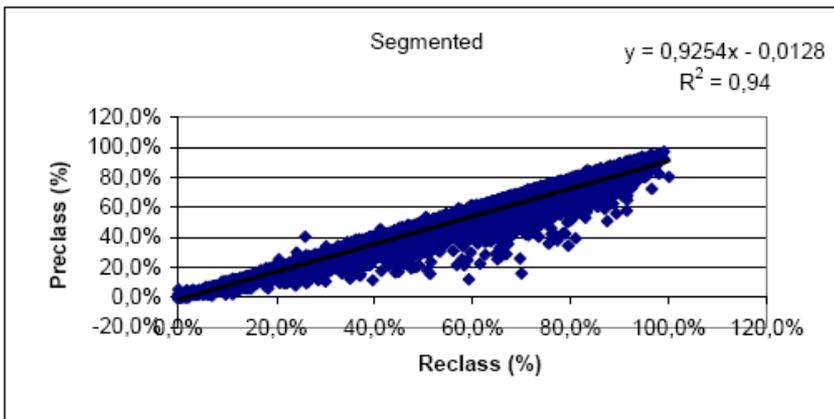
Methods: Two automated microscopy systems, the Cellavision Diffmaster Octavia (Octavia) and Cellavision DM96 (DM96), were evaluated.

Results: The overall predassification accuracy values for the Octavia and the DM96 systems were 87% and 92%, respectively. Evaluation of accuracy (WBC analysis) showed good correlation for both automated systems when compared with manual differentiation. Total analysis time (including post classification) was 5.4 min/slide for the Octavia and 3.2 min/slide for the DM96 (100 WBC/slide) system. The DM96 required even less time than manual differentiation by an experienced biomedical scientist.

Conclusions: The Octavia and the DM96 are automated cell analysis systems capable of morphological classification of RBCs and WBCs in peripheral blood smears. Classification accuracy depends on the type of pathological changes in the blood sample. Both systems operate most effectively in the analysis of non-pathological blood samples.

Differential counting of blood cells is an important diagnostic tool for successful treatment and management of patients. Reliable and efficient analysis of patient samples is therefore crucial. Current automated cell counters are based on laser-light scatter and flow-cytochemical princi-

scientist. Coupled with automated sample handling, a "walk-away" system can be created that can partially replace the biomedical scientist. In addition, these systems should be capable of storing relevant morphological data and distribute images to other workstations for review purposes (*telehaema-*



	R^2
segmented neutrophils	0,94
lymphocytes	0,98
eosinophils	0,95
basophils	0,88
monocytes	0,87

Blast cell sensitivity!

DM96/User	Pos	Neg	Total
Pos	241	0	241
Neg	2238	4575	6813
Total	2479	4575	

Specificity 67%
Sensitivity 100%

False pos ratio 33%
False neg ratio 0%

Automated morphological analysis of cells in body fluids by the digital microscopy system DM96

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ABSTRACT

Background Differential counting and morphological analysis of nucleated cells in body fluids (eg, cerebrospinal fluid and pleural fluid) are of great diagnostic importance to the clinician. A recent development in this field was the introduction of an application for an automated microscopy system, the DM96 Body Fluid module, enabling the automated analysis of body fluid samples. This computerised system provides an automated morphological analysis of body fluids, including an automated classification of all nucleated cells.

Aims To investigate the ability of the digital microscopy system, DM96, to automatically classify cells in different types of body fluids.

Methods A total of 177 body fluids (including cerebrospinal fluid, abdominal fluid and continuous ambulant peritoneal dialysis fluid) were analysed on the DM96, and results were compared with the manual microscopy method.

Results A study in 177 samples demonstrates an overall preclassification accuracy of 90% in spinal fluid and 83% in other body fluids using the automated system. Correlation coefficients for postclassification as compared with manual review range from 0.92 to 0.99 for spinal fluid sample analyses and from 0.83 to 0.98 for other body fluids. The within-run variation of automated

findings and those of previous evaluations of the DM96,^{4,5} we decided to put the DM96 into practice in our central laboratory location.

In the past 3–4 years, the DM96 has improved the morphological analysis of blood samples in our laboratory in terms of quality of morphological assessment and turnaround time, and requiring less staff. Moreover, the detection of low percentages of abnormal cells (eg, blasts) in peripheral blood smears has improved using the digital morphology system. This is not only due to increasing the standard differential to 200 cells per sample but also because the system will group cells with similar morphology automatically in one category, thereby facilitating the recognition of pathological cells. Furthermore, the system allows for easy discussion with colleagues about the classification of an individual cell and even with experts in other laboratories using remote access or email. The results of all analyses, including all images, are stored for review purposes.

Body fluid material, such as cerebrospinal fluid, requires adequate technical expertise to ensure proper handling and analysis. Samples are collected at the cost of considerable discomfort for the patient and usually yield only a limited volume of material available for analysis. Moreover, there are

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WBC

	Count	%
• Unidentified	193	100.0
• Neutrophil	-	-
• Lymphocyte	-	-
• Eosinophil	-	-
• Macrophage	-	-
• Other	-	-
Total	193	100

Non-WBC

	Count	%
• Smudge cell	22	-
• Artefact	-	-

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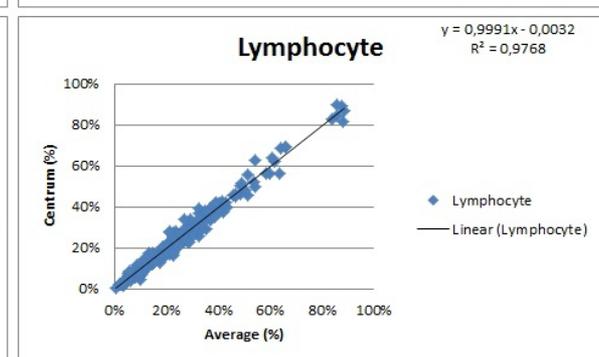
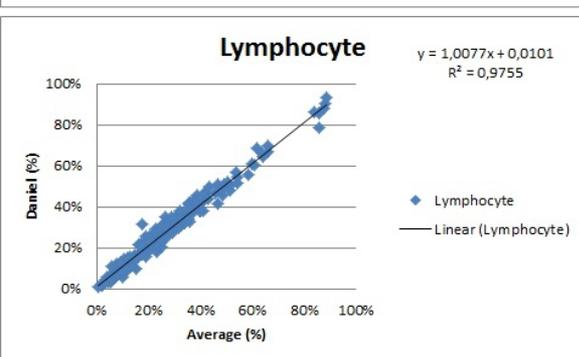
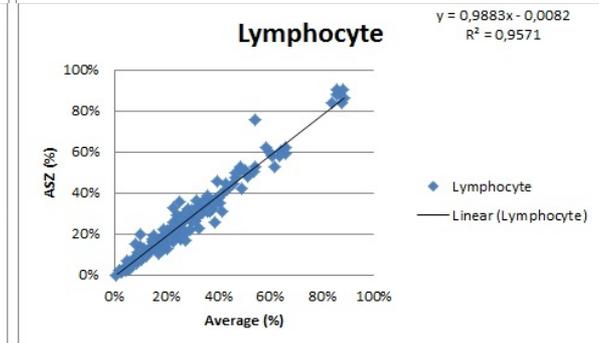
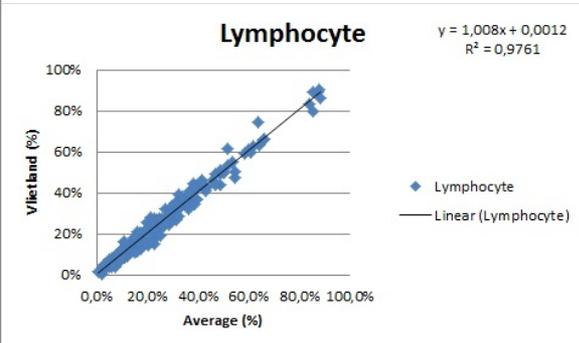
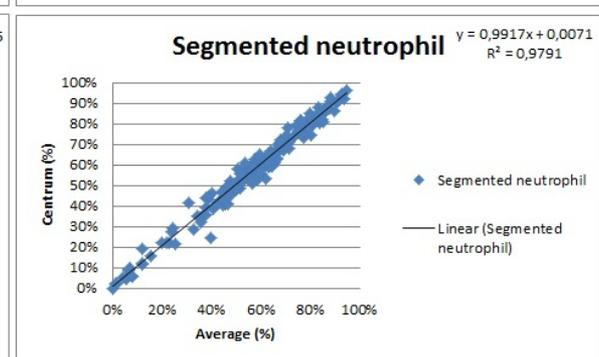
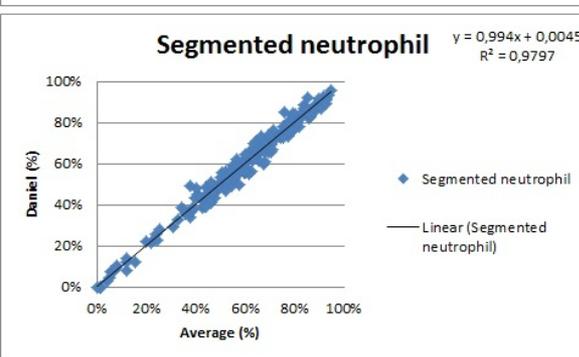
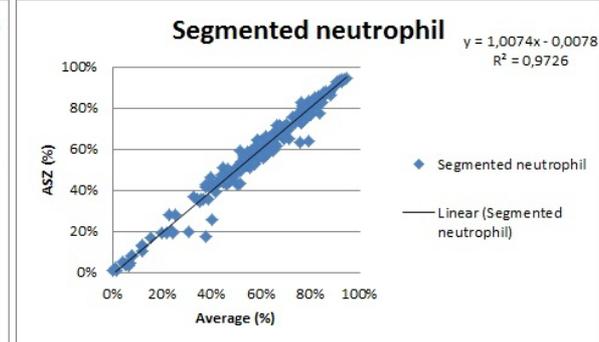
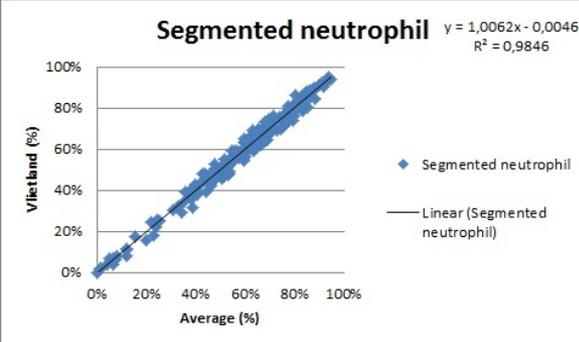
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Reproducibility? Inter-Laboratory

- 200 samples/slides
- 4 different hospital locations
- Comparison of 5-part differential and blasts



R^2 -values:

Neutro's: 0,97-0,98

Eo's: 0,82-0,88

Lymfo's: 0,96-0,98

Mono's: 0,89-0,91

Baso's: 0,49-0,59

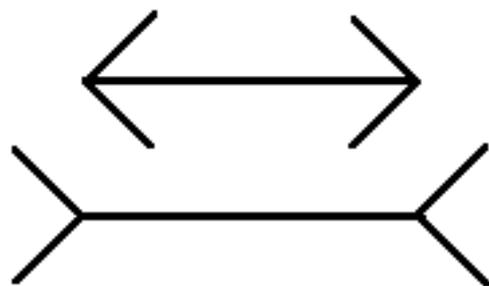
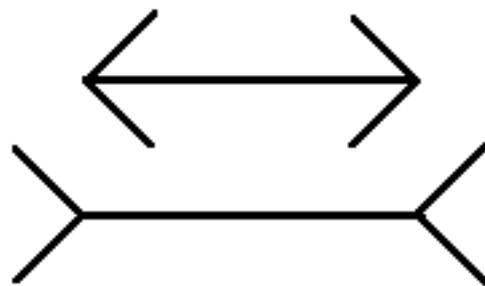
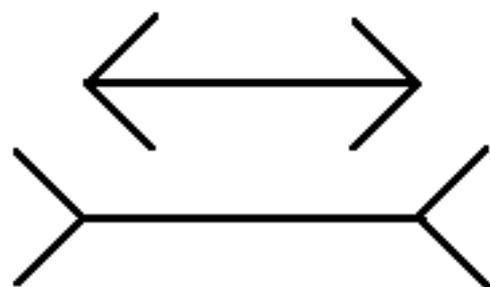
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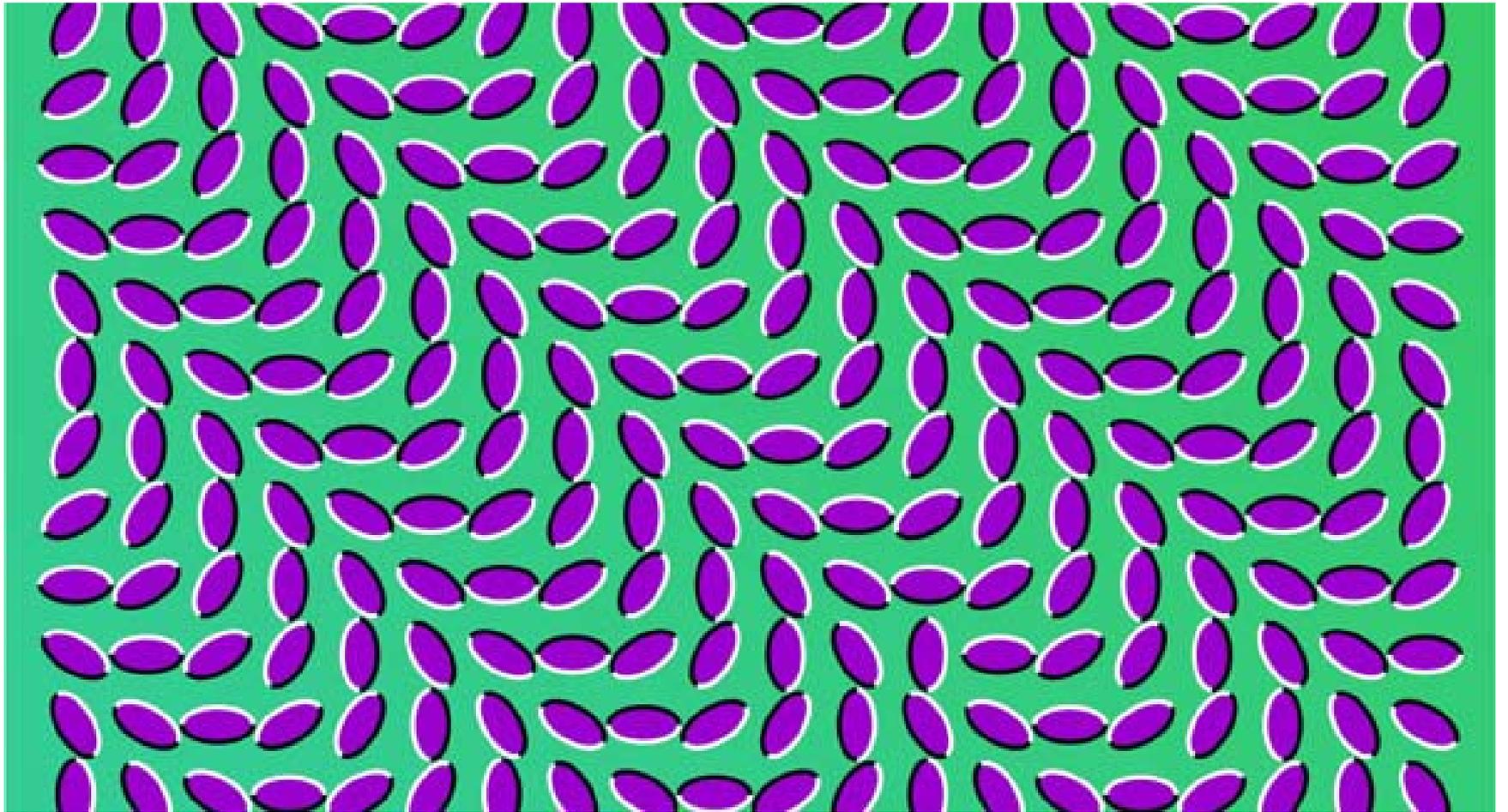
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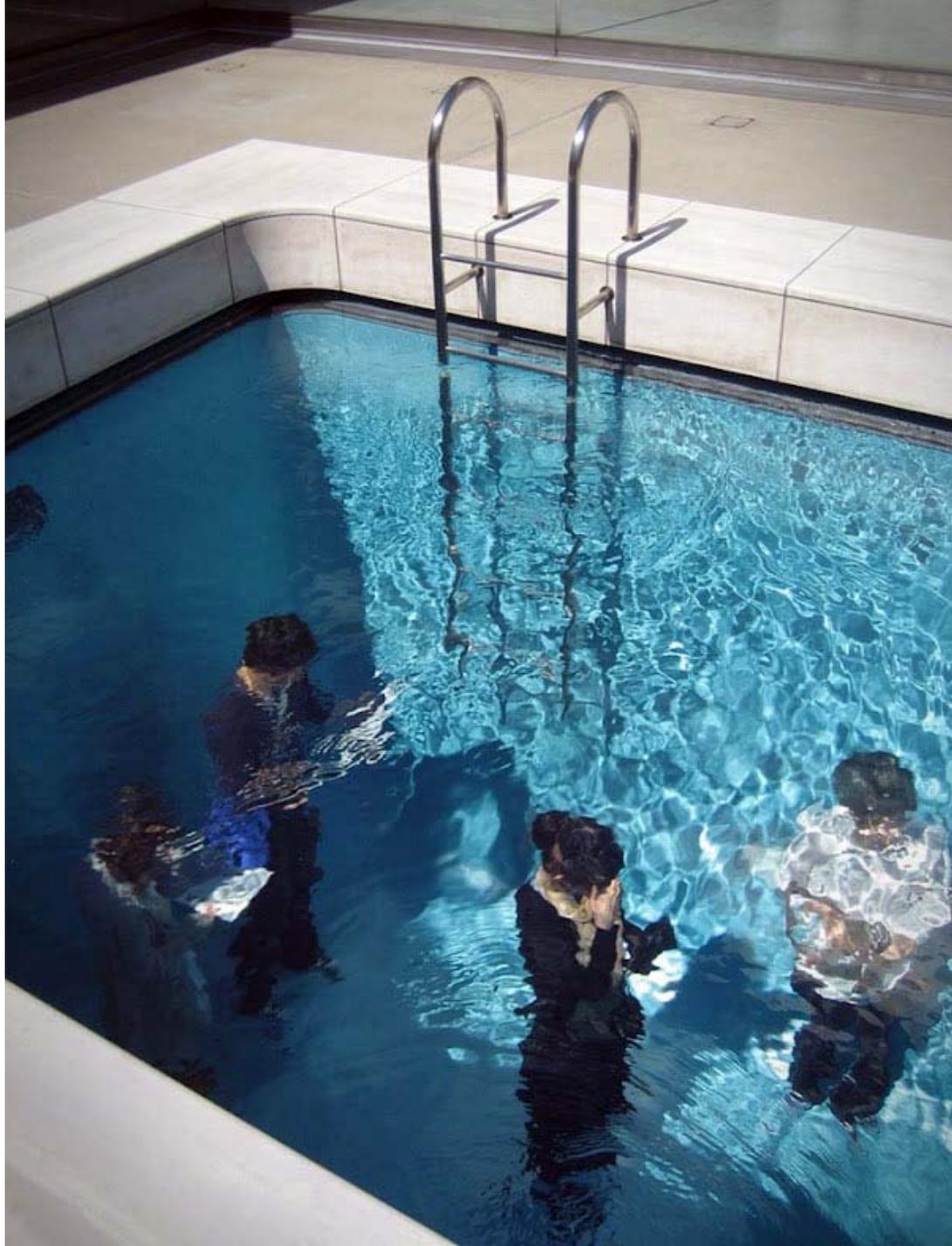
- Works in daily routine for leukocytes in peripheral blood and other fluids
- Is reliable, accurate and displays a high blast cell sensitivity
- Is reproducible
- Excellent learning tool for the next generation

- Not everything is what it seems...













- So, the human eye is far from objective
- And...context matters

Reporting and grading of abnormal red blood cell morphology

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SUMMARY

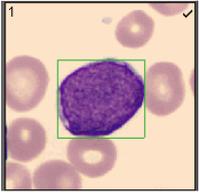
In spite of the continual standardization of test result formats, the improvements of laboratory technologies, publications of reference guidelines, and the advancements in hematology analyzers, the methods of reporting or grading abnormal red blood cell morphology still vary among laboratories everywhere. This article describes the methods or systems of reporting abnormal red cell morphology and the conditions associated with the abnormalities.

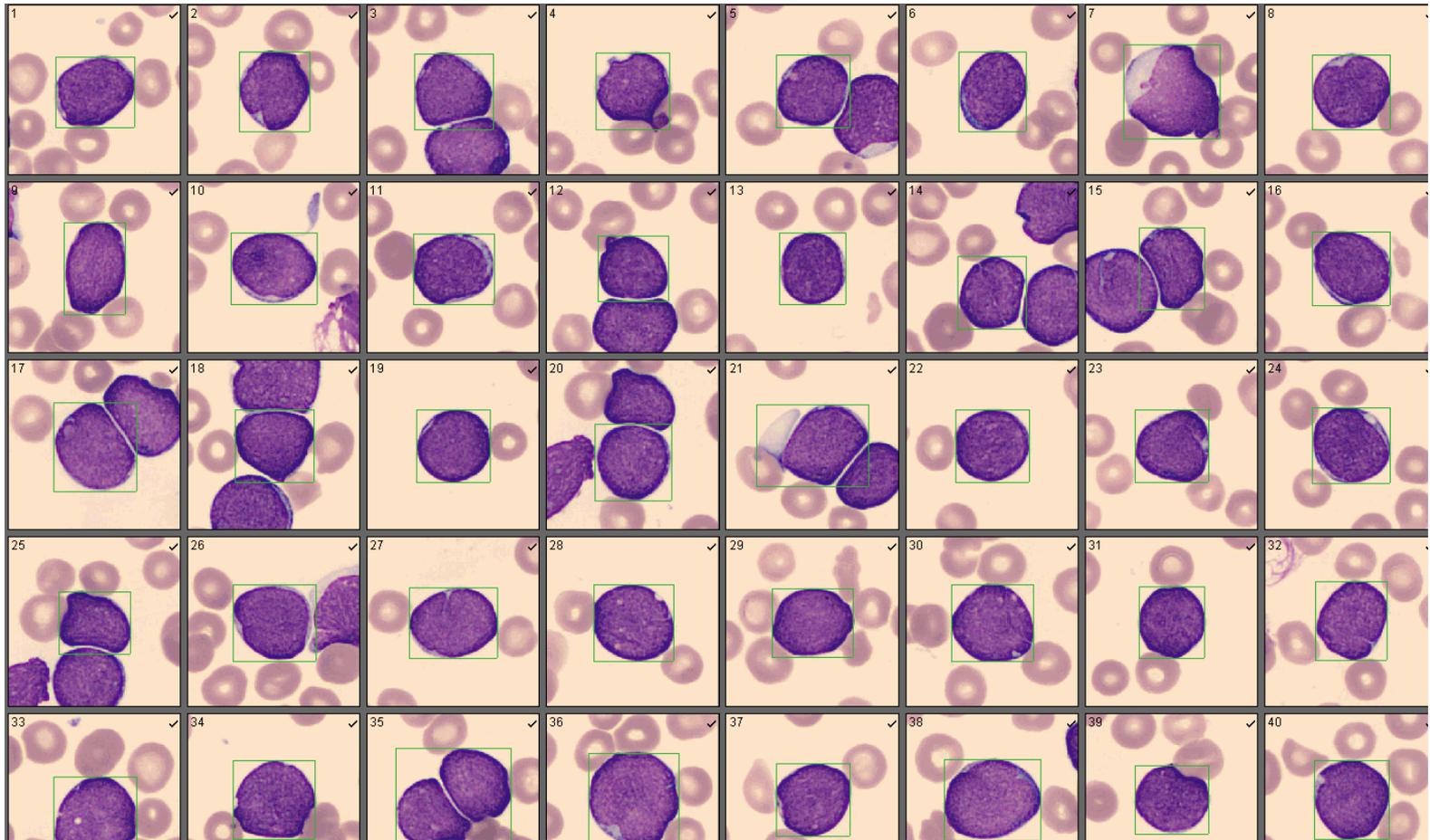
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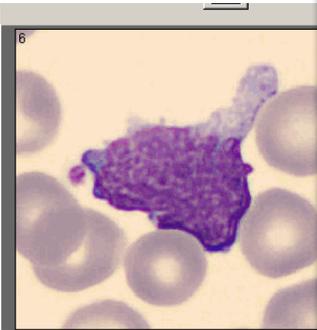
Red blood cells (cell type)	Normal (nonspecific)	1+ (%) (Slight/few)	2+ (%) (Moderate)	3+ (%) (Marked)
Hypochromasia (MCH – pg)	27–34 pg	5–15 22–26	16–40 18–21	>40 <18
Polychromasia		3–5	6–20	>20
Microcytes (MCV – fL)	80–99 fL	70–79	60–69	<60
Macrocytes (MCV – fL)	80–99 fL	100–110	111–125	>125
Schistocytes (Fragments)		1–5	6–15	>15
Elliptocytes/Ovalocytes		6–20	21–50	>50
Rouleaux			11–50	>50
Spherocytes		1–5	6–20	>20
Target cells		5–10	11–25	>25
Acanthocytes		1–10	11–30	>30
Burr cells – – – >				

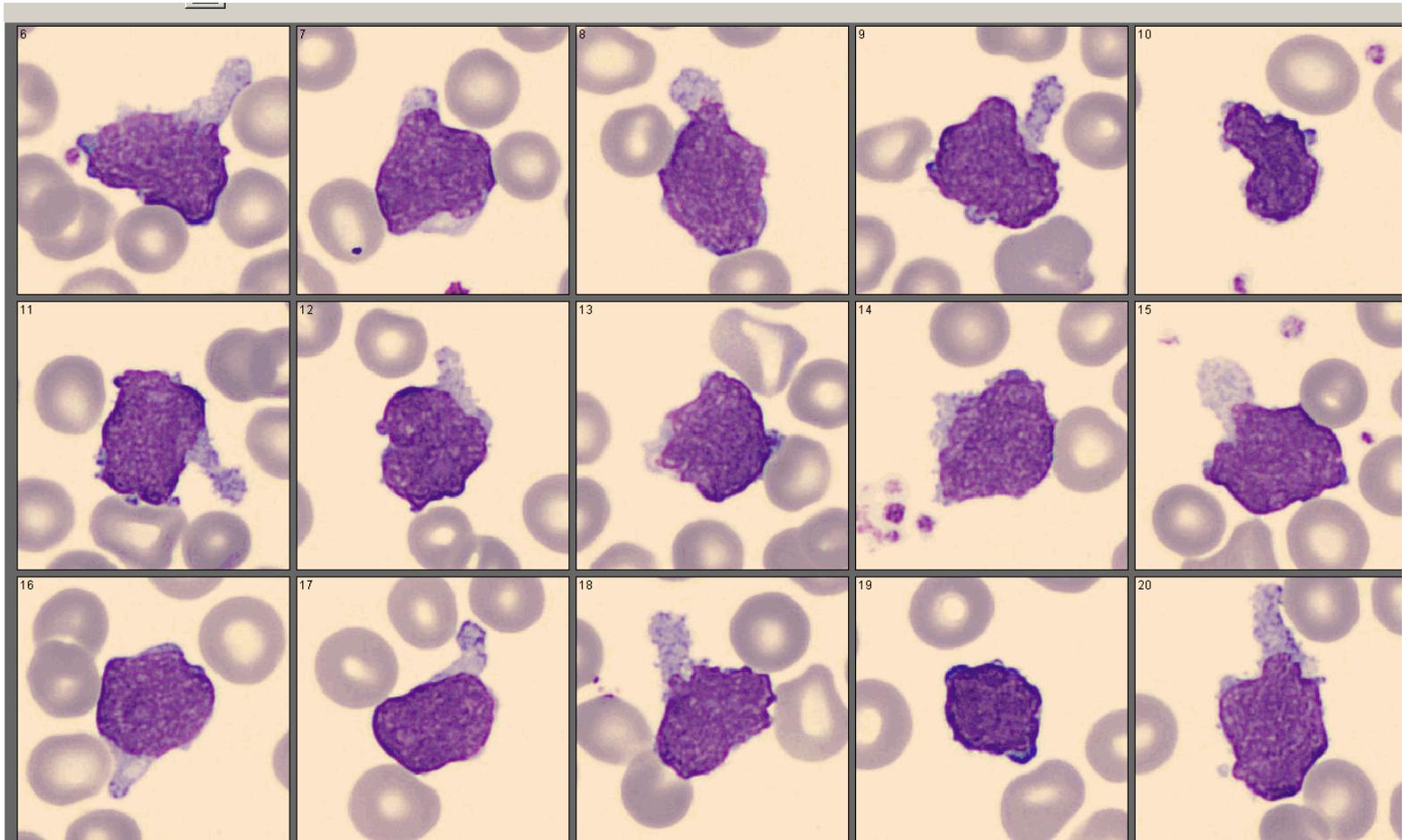
Table 2. Conditions associated with abnormal RBC morphology based on their grading [4, 8, 13–20]			
Cell type	Slight* (1+) to Moderate* (2+)		Marked 3+
Schistocytes (Fragments)	Hypersplenism	Thalassemia major	Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia
	Myeloid metaplasia	Severe burns	Disseminated intravascular coagulation
	Megaloblastic anemia	Mechanical hemolytic anemia (prosthetic heart valve)	Vasculitis syndromes
	Iron deficiency anemia	Hereditary pyropoikilocytosis	
	Cancer cytotoxic chemotherapy	Metastatic carcinoma	
	Enzymes deficiencies	Chronic renal failure	
	Premature infants	Unstable hemoglobin	
	Renal graft rejection	Malignant hypertension	
	Infection		
	Severe sepsis		
Elliptocytes/ Ovalocytes	Myelofibrosis		
	Megaloblastic anemia	Hereditary pyropoikilocytosis	Hereditary elliptocytes
	Severe iron deficiency anemia	Myelofibrosis	
	Sickle cell anemia	Hemoglobin C trait	
	Hypersplenic state	South East Asian ovalocytosis	
	Metastatic carcinoma		
Rouleaux	Sideroblastic state		
	Thalassemia trait		
		Hyperfibrinogenemia	Multiple myeloma
		Hyperglobulinemia	Waldenstrom's
Spherocytes		Chronic inflammatory Disorders	Macroglobulinemia
	Post splenectomy	Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia	Hereditary spherocytosis
	Liver disease	Hereditary pyropoikilocytosis	Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
	Hemoglobinopathies	Severe burns	Hemolytic transfusion reaction
	Older population of transfused red cells	Hypersplenism	ABO incompatibility
	Heart valve prosthesis	Clostridium perfringens	
	Heinz body hemolytic anemia		
	Premature infants		
	Mvelofibrosis		

- Despite efforts to standardisation of RBC morphology and grading there are still inter-laboratory differences...









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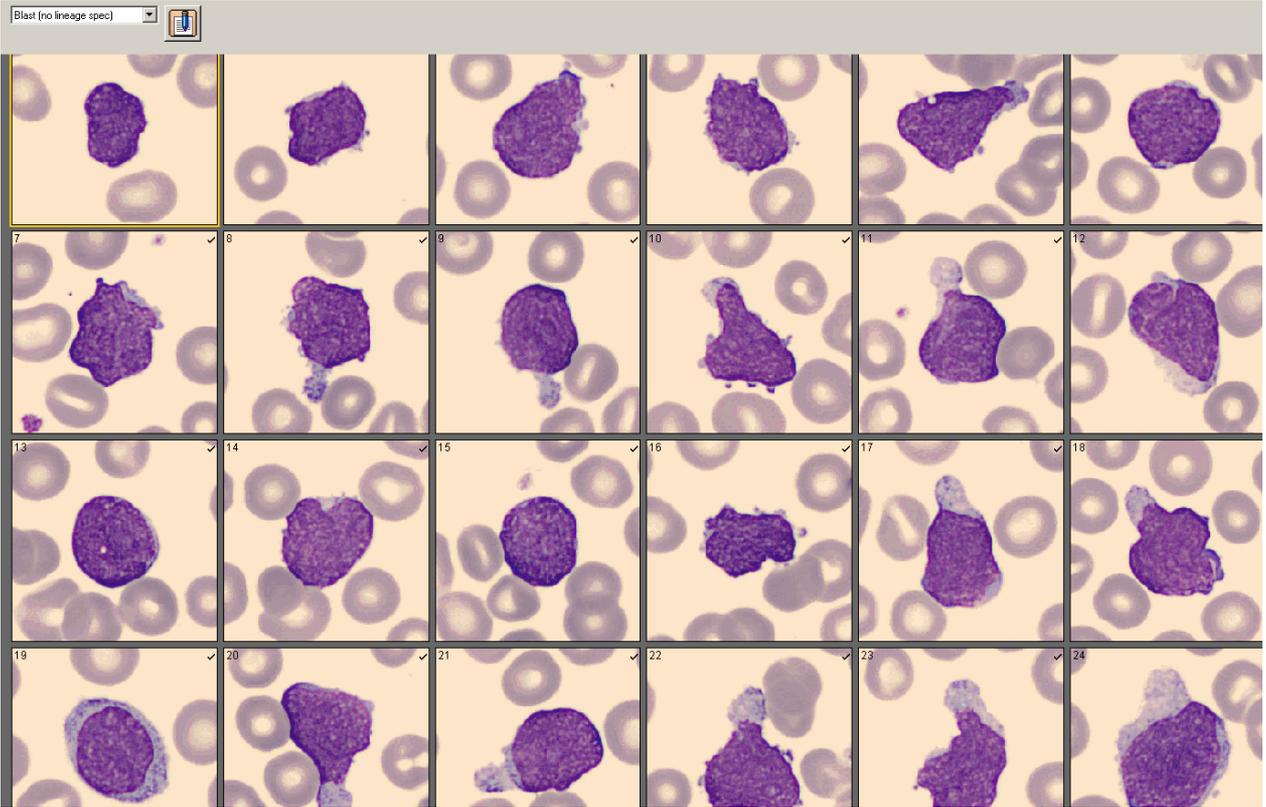
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• Unidentified	-	-
• Band neutrophil	-	-
• Segmented neutrophil	9	4.1
• Eosinophil	-	-
• Basophil	1	0.5
• Lymphocyte	147	67.7
• Monocyte	-	-
• Promyelocyte	-	-
• Myelocyte	-	-
• Metamyelocyte	-	-
• Promonocyte	-	-
• Polymphocyte	-	-
• Blast (no lineage spec)	60	27.6
• Lymphocyte, variant form	-	-
• Plasma cell	-	-
• Hairy cell	-	-
• Cleaved cells	-	-
Total	217	100

Non-WBC	Count	%
• Erythroblast (NRBC)	-	-
• Giant thrombocyte	1	-
• Thrombocyte aggregation	4	-
• Megakaryocyte	-	-
• Smudge cell	18	-
• Artefact	69	-

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WBC comment



Digital Imaging of RBC's



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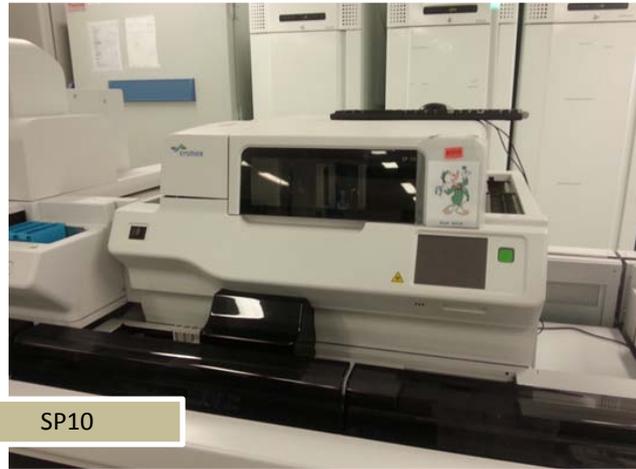
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Introduction

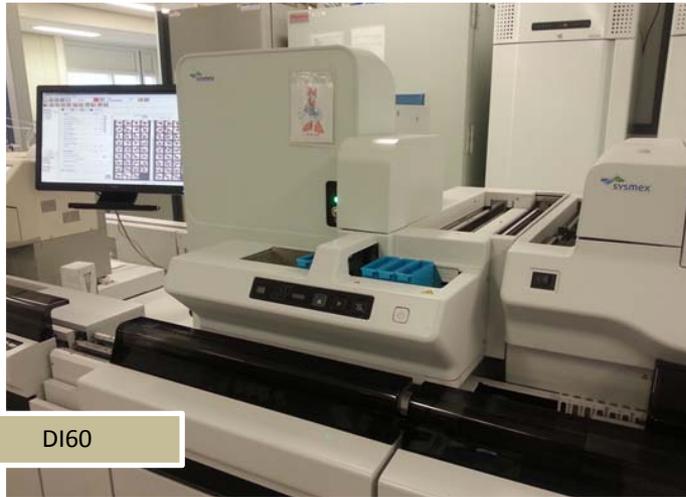
- **Aim of the study:** validate a novel morphological RBC-module which is capable of correct detection and classification of RBC abnormalities.
 - is determination of a cut-off value possible?
- Automatic classification of leukocytes is already used on a routine basis in variety of labs around the world.
 - now also possible in a total lab automation setting (e.g. DI-60, Sysmex).



Cellcounter



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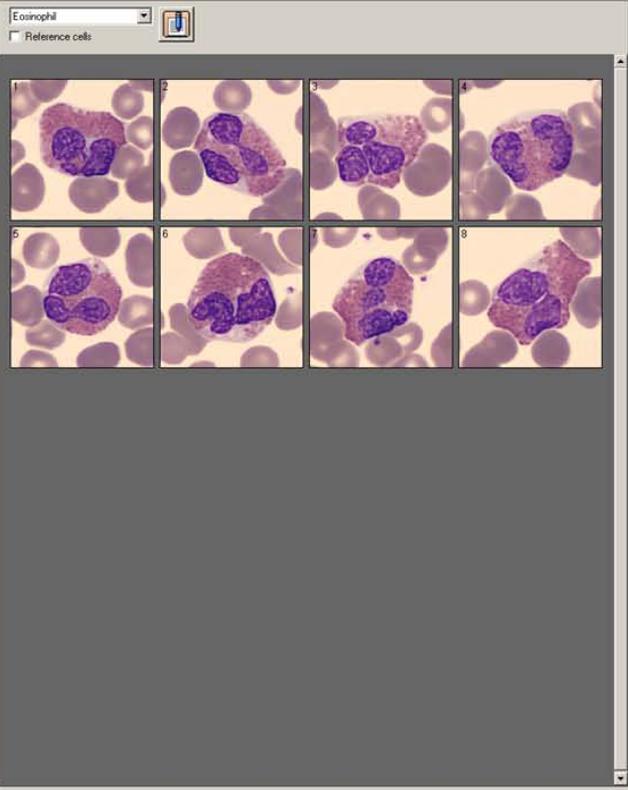
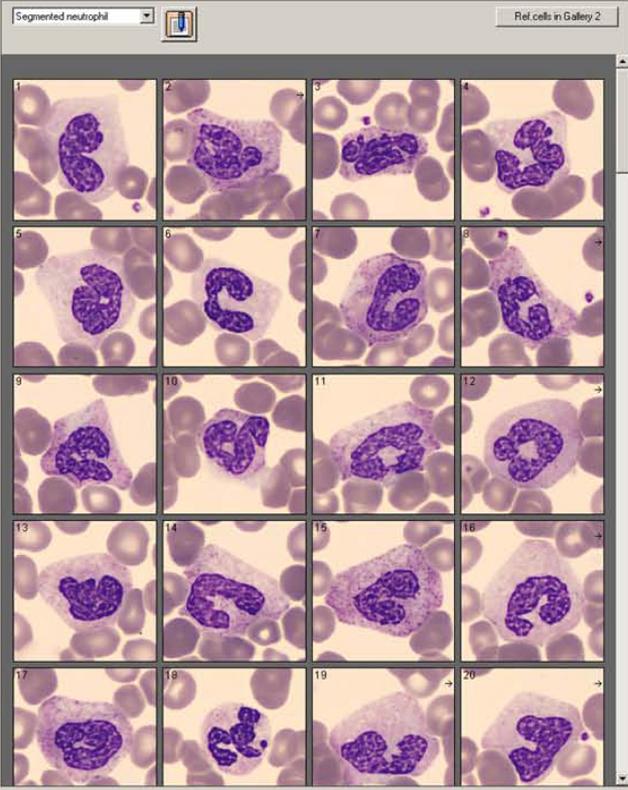
DI60

WBC	Count	%
• Unidentified	-	-
• Band neutrophil	-	-
• Segmented neutrophil	130	65.0 ✓
• Eosinophil	8	4.0 ✓
• Basophil	1	0.5 ✓
• Lymphocyte	18	9.0 ✓
• Monocyte	21	10.5 ✓
• Promyelocyte	-	-
• Myelocyte	-	-
• Metamyelocyte	1	0.5 ✓
• Promonocyte	-	-
• Polymphocyte	-	-
• Blast (no lineage spec)	2	1.0 ✓
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• Plasma cell	-	-
• Hairy cell	-	-
• Cleaved cells	-	-
Total	200	100

Non-WBC	Count	%
• Erythroblast (NRBC)	1	- ✓
• Giant thrombocyte	-	-
• Thrombocyte aggregation	-	-
• Megakaryocyte	-	-
• Smudge cell	5	- ✓
• Artefact	3	- ✓

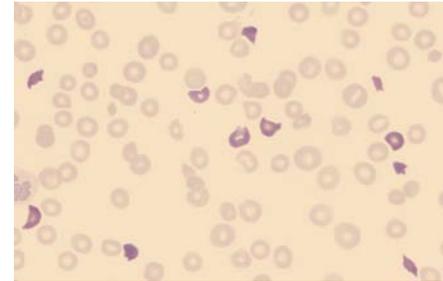
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WBC comment



- Detection of morphological RBC abnormalities is essential in the diagnostic process of several diseases:

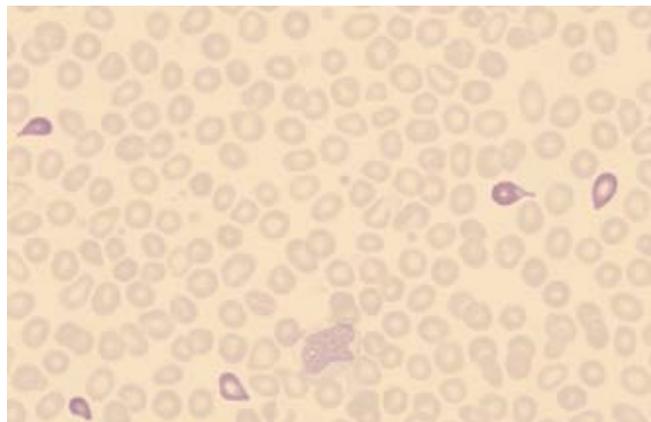
- TTP; fragmentocytes/schistocytes
- Myelofibrosis; teardrop cells
- Thalassemia; target cells



- **TTP (Trombotische trombocytopenische purpura):**
 - Acute, medical emergency
 - ADAM-TS 13 enzyme non-functional (no cleaving of vWF)
 - Hemolytic anemia & trombocytopenia
 - Patients display:
 - Fever, neurological symptoms, kidney failure, hemolytic anemia & trombocytopenia & fragmentocytes/schistocytes.

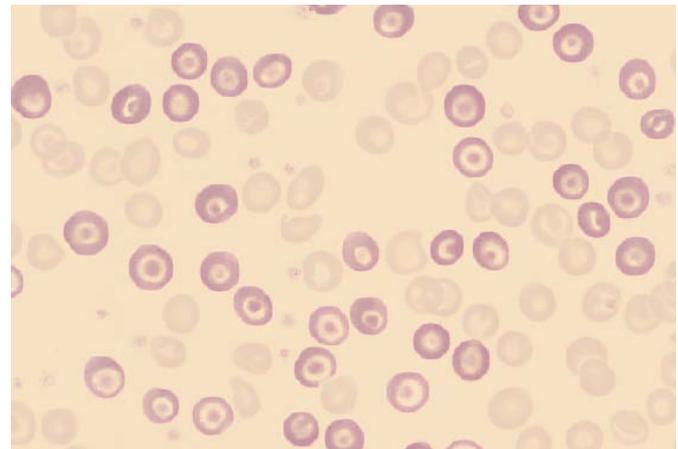
- **Myelofibrosis:**

- Myeloproliferative disorder
- Uncontrolled fibrosis of bone-marrow
- No room for normal hematopoiesis -> extramedullary hematopoiesis
- hallmarks:
 - Progressive anemia, pancytopenia, splenomegaly or hepatomegaly (extramedullary hematopoiesis), leuko-erythroblastosis, myeloid precursors and teardrop cells in the peripheral blood smear.
 - Usually begins with leuko- & thrombocytosis.
 - JAK2- and recently discovered CALR-mutation



- **Thalassemia:**

- Hemoglobinopathies
- Thalassemia is caused by variant or missing genes that affect how the body makes hemoglobin
- Normal hemoglobin -> 4 globin chains; 2 alpha en 2 bèta-globin chains
- Two main forms; alpha- en bèta-thalassemia
- Autosomal recessive disorder
- Diagnostics:
 - Usual low MCV and high erythrocyte count
 - Mild anemia usually
 - Target cells



Materials and methods

- Peripheral blood smears of 316 patient samples and 10 healthy individuals (determination of a “cut-off” value)
 - 80 samples were used containing fragmentocytes, target cells and teardrop cells
- May-Grünwald Giemsa staining using SP-10 (automatic slidemaker/stainer)
 - 2000-4000 erythrocytes were analysed/blood smear
 - Pre-classification by the RBC module and post-classification manually
- Statistical analysis using EP-evaluator (Passing-Bablok)



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Sign Slide

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- Hypochromatic cells 1 ○ ● ○ ○ ○ 11.7

SIZE

- Anisocytosis 1 ○ ○ ● ○ ○ 11.1
- Microcytes 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 6.5
- Macrocytes 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 4.7

SHAPE

- Poikilocytosis 1 ○ ○ ● ○ ○ 19.5
- Target cells 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 2.6
- Schistocytes 2 ○ ○ ● ● ○ 3.7
- Helmet cells 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 0.4
- Sickle cells 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 0.1
- Spherocytes 1 ○ ○ ● ○ ○ 1.0
- Elliptocytes 1 ○ ○ ● ○ ○ 7.6
- Ovalocytes 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 0.4
- Tear drop cells 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 0.8
- Stomatocytes 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 2.2
- Acanthocytes 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 0.0
- Echinocytes 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 0.7

INCLUSIONS

- Howell-Jolly 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 0.1
- Pappenheimer 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 0.1
- Basophilic stippling 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 0.0
- Parasites 0 ● ○ ○ ○ ○ 0.0

TRASH

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Exclude RBC Analysis

RBC comment

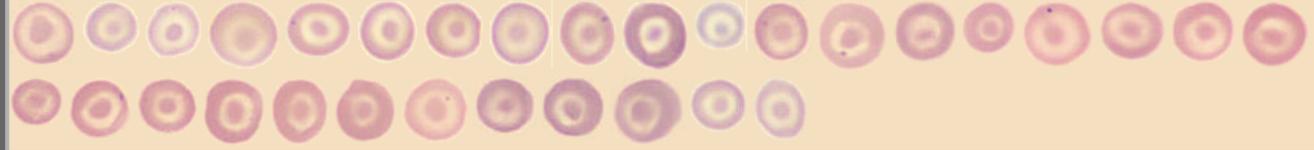
Overview

Individual Cells

Target cells (61)



Example Cells : Target cells



Schistocytes (88)



Helmet cells (9)



Sickle cells (2)



Spherocytes (24)



RBC Sign Slide

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• Microcytes	1	○	○	○	20.0
• Macrocytes	0	●	○	○	5.3
SHAPE					
• Poikilocytosis	1	○	●	○	18.6
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• Schistocytes	3	○	●	●	10.6
• Helmet cells	0	●	○	○	0.3
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• Echinocytes	0	○	○	○	0.4
INCLUSIONS					
• Howell-Jolly	0	●	○	○	0.5
• Pappenheimer	0	●	○	○	0.0
• Basophilic stippling	0	●	○	○	0.8
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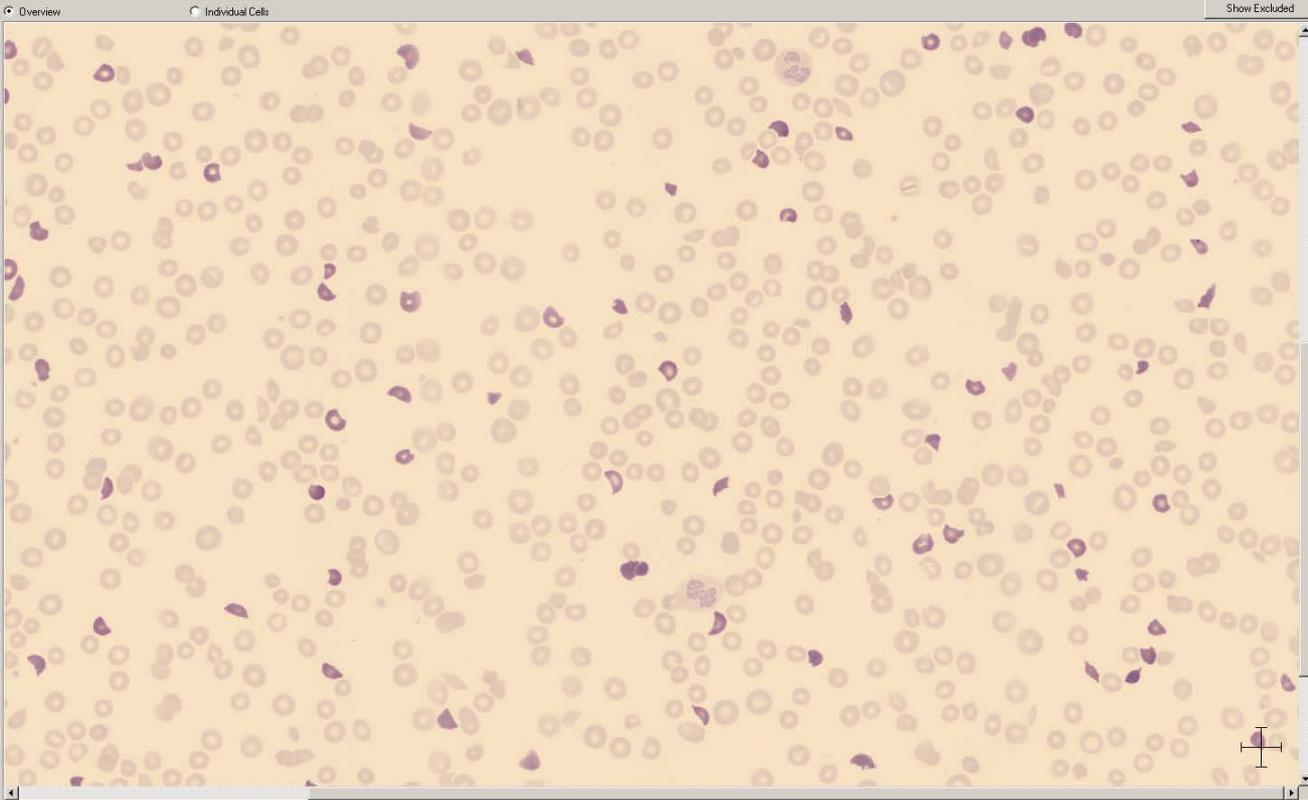
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Overview Individual Cells Show Excluded

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 Use characterization

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TRASH					

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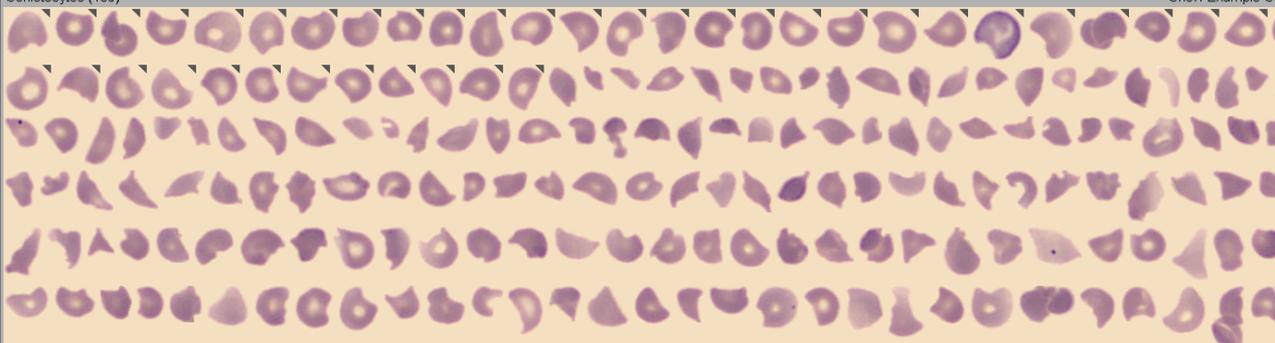
RBC comment

Overview Individual Cells

Target cells (3) Show Example Cell



Schistocytes (185) Show Example Cell



Helmet cells (6) Show Example Cell



Sickle cells (4) Show Example Cell



Spherocytes (12) Show Example Cell



RBC Sign Slide

Report all as 0 - normal
 Use characterization

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• Microcytes	0	●	○	○	3.5
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• Tear drop cells	0	●	○	○	0.0
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• Echinocytes	0	●	○	○	2.2
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• Howell-Jolly	0	●	○	○	0.1
• Pappenheimer	0	●	○	○	0.2
• Basophilic stippling	0	●	○	○	0.0
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TRASH					

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RBC comment

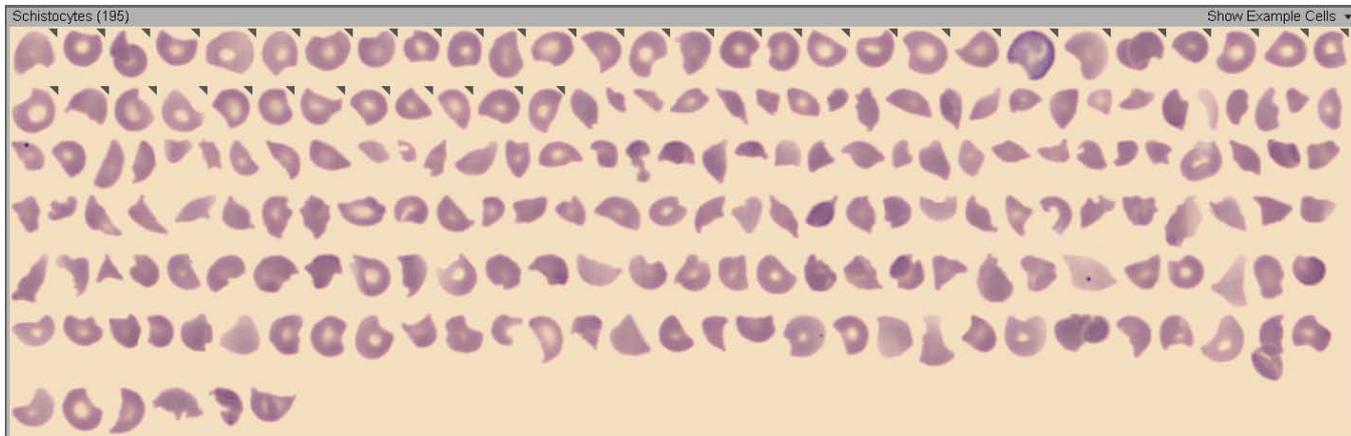
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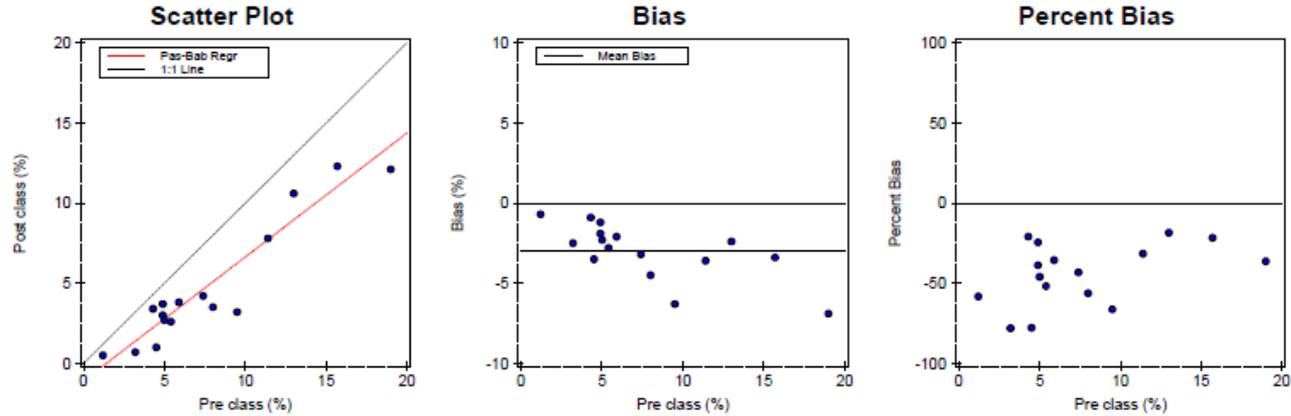
Fragmentocytes/schistocytes:

- 16 samples resulting in a pre-classification between 1.2% and 19.0%
- Between 0.5% and 12.3% in the post-classification

- Pre-classification healthy individuals (n=10) < 1%
- Post-classification < 0,5% fragmentocytes/schistocytes



Egele, Riedl et al., Journal of Hematology; 2015; 4(2): 184-186.



Regression Analysis

	Deming	Passing-Bablok	Regular
Slope	0.785 (0.636 to 0.934)	0.773 (0.579 to 0.938)	0.752 (0.604 to 0.900)
Intercept	-1.36 (-2.70 to -0.01)	-1.09 (-2.37 to 0.04)	-1.10 (-2.44 to 0.24)
Std Err Est	1.31	--	1.30

95% Confidence Intervals are shown in parentheses

Figuur 1. Figure showing comparison of pre- and post-classification of fragmentocytes.

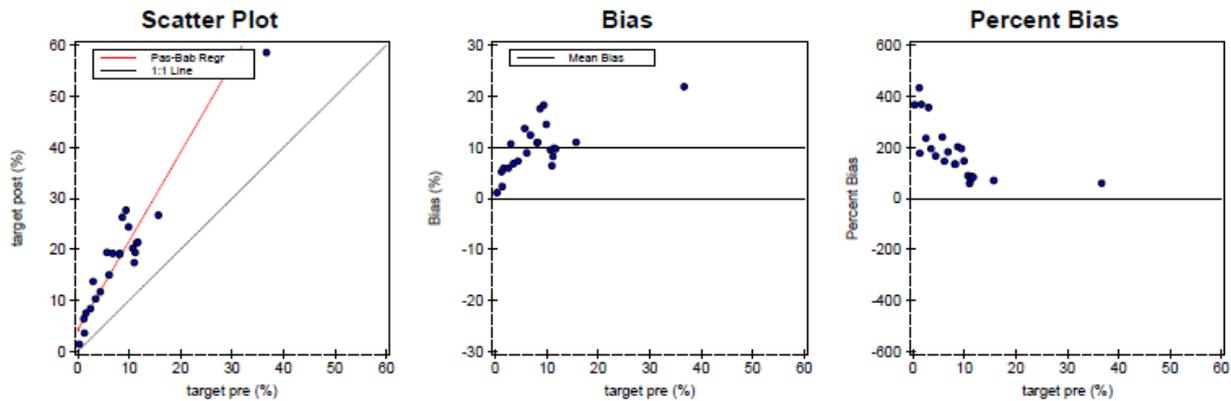
- $y=x$ line of $y=0,8x-1$
- Correlatiecoëfficiënt of 0,95

Targetcells:

- 23 samples resulting in a pre-classification between 0.3% and 36.7%
- Between 1.4% and 58.6% targetcells in the post-classification

- Pre-classification healthy individuals $\leq 0.5\%$
- $< 1.4\%$ targetcells in the post-classification





Regression Analysis

	Deming	Passing-Bablok	Regular
Slope	1.570 (1.349 to 1.792)	1.743 (1.425 to 2.265)	1.462 (1.246 to 1.678)
Intercept	5.27 (2.83 to 7.71)	4.20 (1.19 to 5.31)	6.16 (3.78 to 8.54)
Std Err Est	3.74	--	3.65

95% Confidence Intervals are shown in parentheses

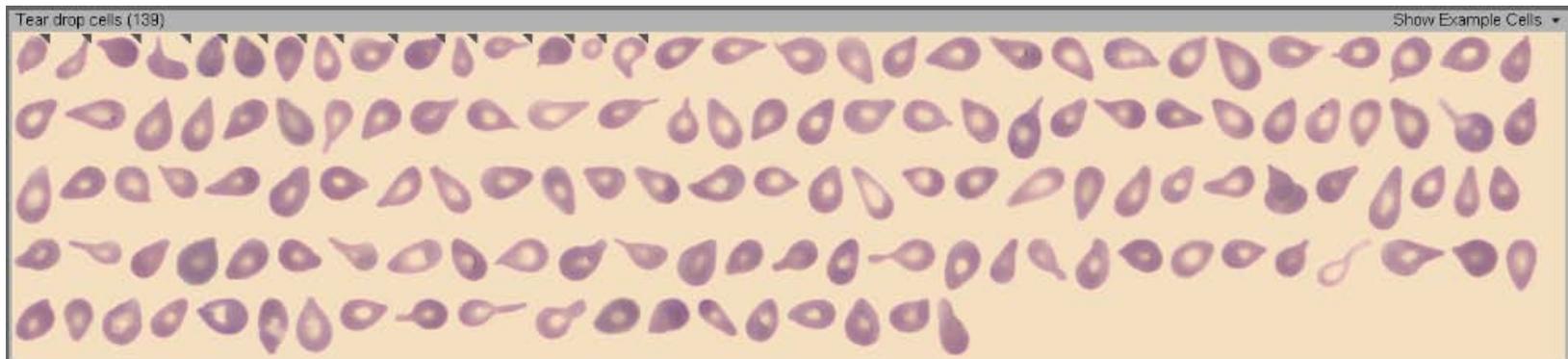
Figuur 2. Figure showing comparison of pre- and post-classification of targetcells.

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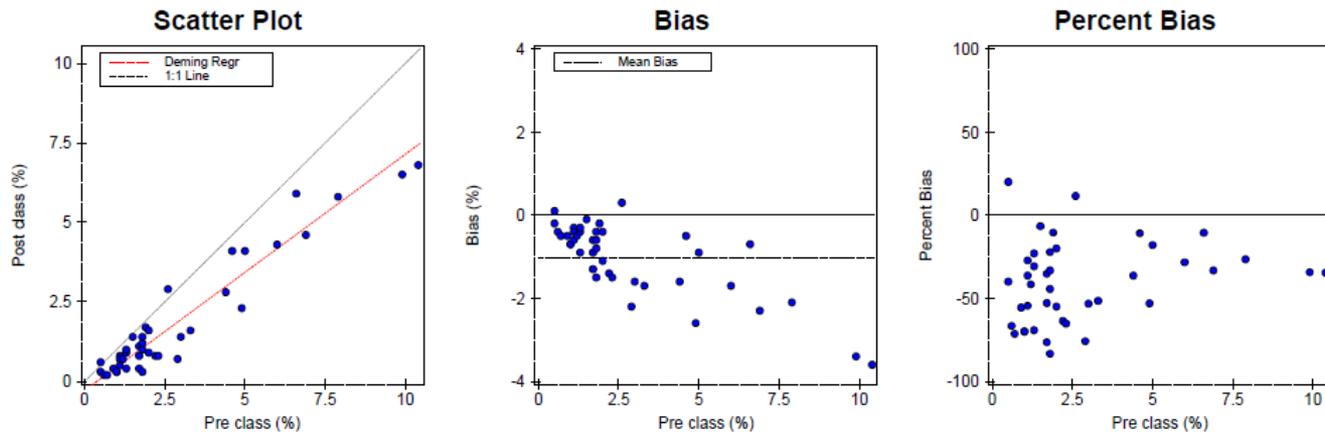
Teardropcells:

- 41 samples resulting in a pre-classification between 0.5% and 10.4%
- Post-classificatie between 0.2% and 6.8%

- Pre-classification healthy individuals $\leq 0.5\%$
- $< 0.1\%$ teardropcells in the post-classification



Diagnosis	Number of samples
Myelofibrosis	13
Myelofibrosis evolved from PV	2
MDS	6
CLL	3
Iron deficiency anemia	3
ET	1
PV	1
Varying from solid tumors to sickle cell anemia and thalassemia	12
Total	41



Regression Analysis

	Deming	Regular
Slope	0.743 (0.673 to 0.814)	0.720 (0.650 to 0.791)
Intercept	-0.29 (-0.56 to -0.02)	-0.22 (-0.49 to 0.04)
Std Err Est	0.55	0.55

95% Confidence Intervals are shown in parentheses

Figur 3. Figure showing comparison of pre- and post-classification of teardropcells.

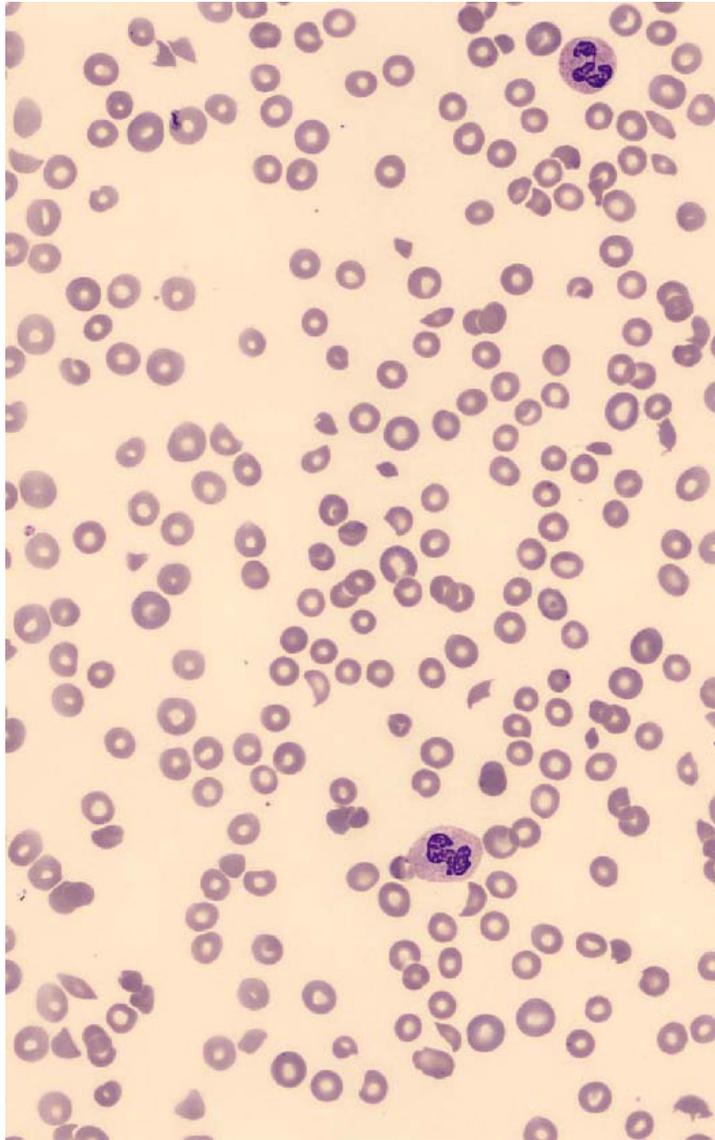
- $y=x$ line of $y= 0,8x$
- Correlatiecoëfficiënt of 0,95

Conclusion

- Correlation between pre- and post-classification in the detection and quantification of fragmentocytes, targetcells and teardropcells in this study.
- Morphological RBC abnormalities are now depicted with 1+, 2+ or 3+ scores
 - Can now be scored/displayed in percentages.
- “cut-off” values for:
 - Fragmentocytes/schistocytes; > 1% - abnormal
 - Targetcellen; > 0,5% - abnormal
 - Traandruppelcellen; > 0,5% - abnormal
- The time is ripe to only report clinical relevant RBC morphological abnormalities.
- Cellcounters & Digital microscopes are pathology filters!

Discussion & Future perspectives

- Integration of cell counter flaggings with DM96/DI-60 flaggings!
- Gold standard? Will digital microscopy become the gold standard?
- Exciting clinical studies possible! Diagnosis of diseases in an earlier stage possible? Example MPN?
- Malaria?
- Morphological detection and classification of leukocytes and red blood cells possible.....trombocytes?
- In the nearby future complete digital imaging of a peripheral blood smear possible!!



Questions?

Malaria



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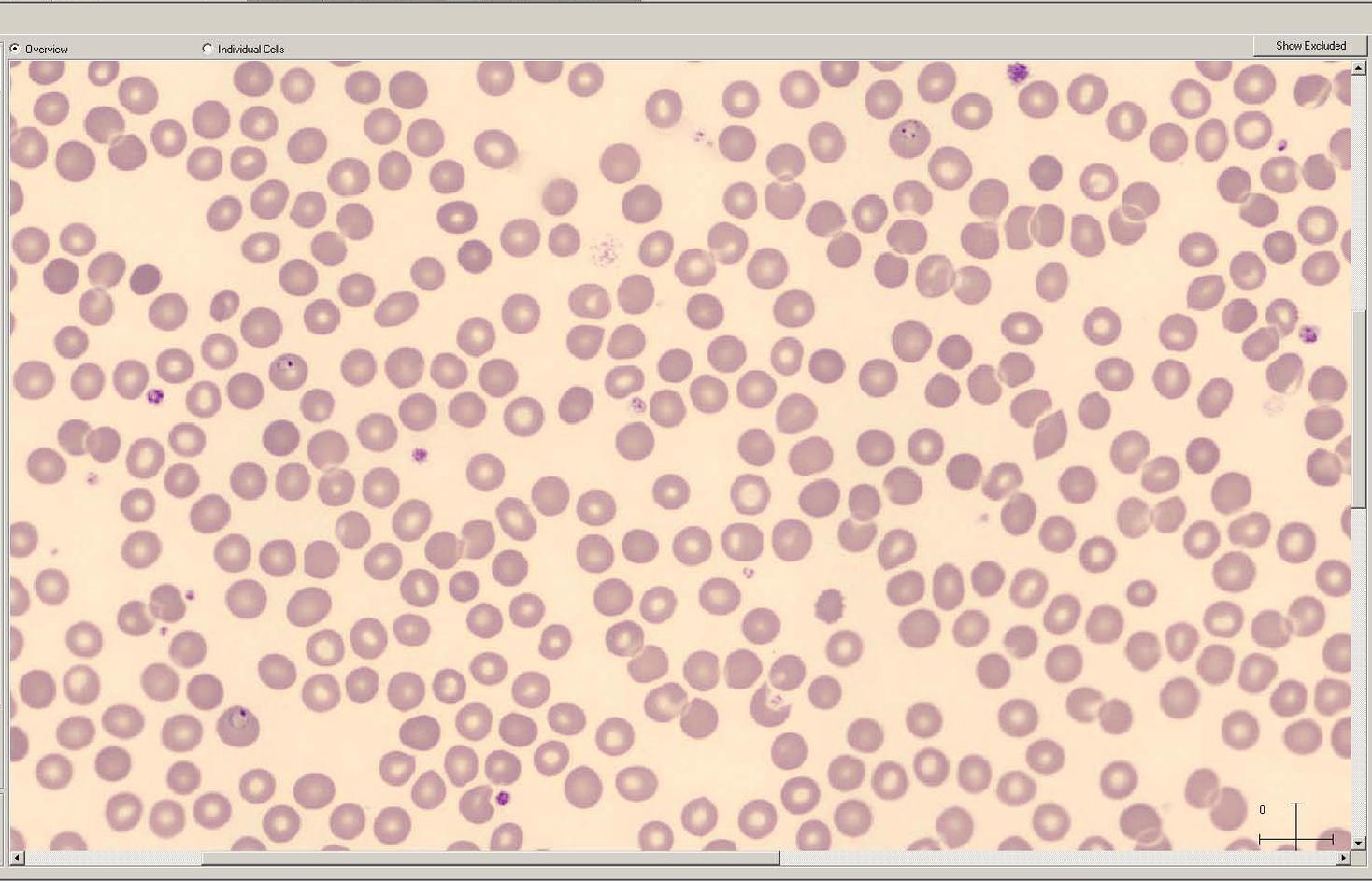
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RBC comment



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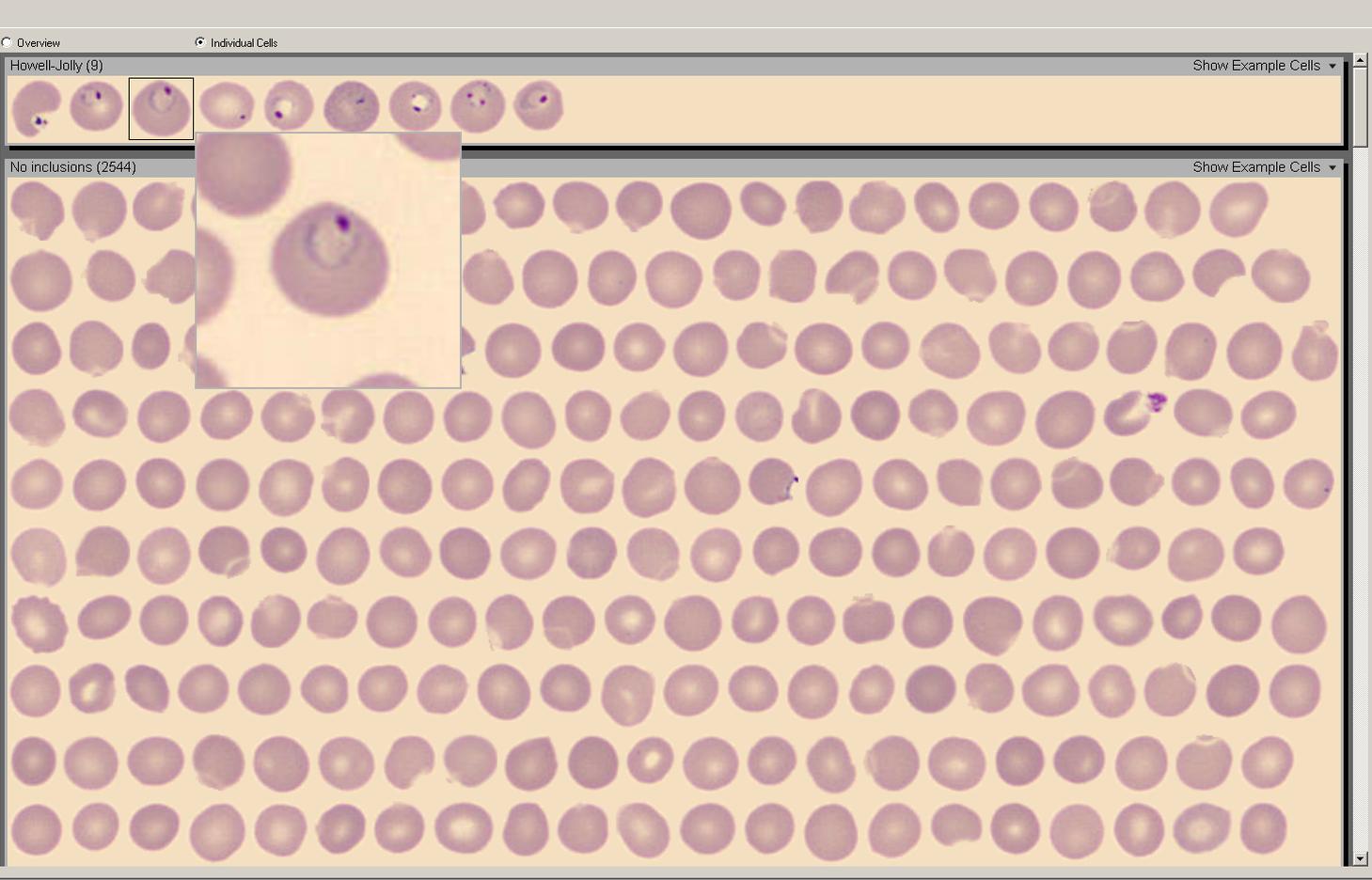
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RBC comment

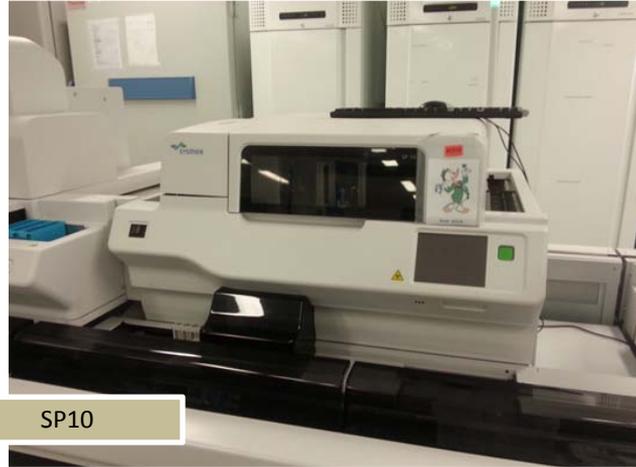


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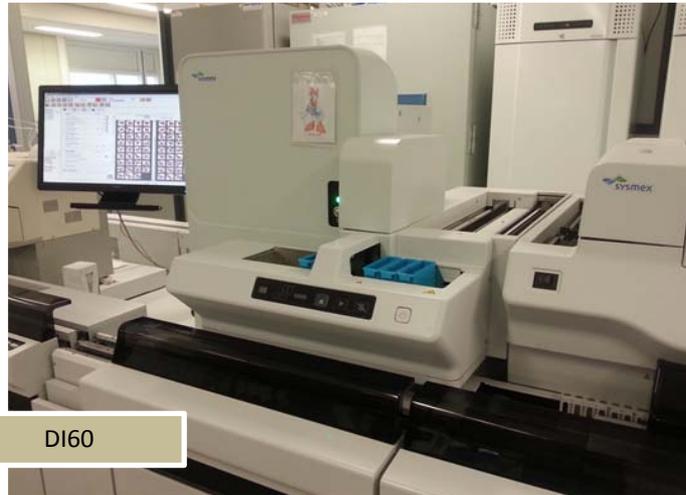
- 22-year-old-boy (prisoner at that time) was admitted to our emergency ward
- He had been suffering from malaise
- At the emergency ward he displayed neurological symptoms
- Brain CT-scan showed no abnormalities



Cellcounter



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(4.60 - 6.20 10e12/L	Erythrocyten	1.89 L		2.19 L	2.49 L
(0.0 - 2.5 %	Reticulocyten				12.3 H
(11.0 - 16.0 %	RDW	16.2 H		16.0	15.9
(0.3 - 2.0 g/L	Haptoglobine			< 0.1 L	
(130 - 700 pmol/L	vitamine B12				302 *
(5 - nmol/L	foliumzuur				9
(25 - 250 ug/L	Ferritine				188
(14 - 28 umol/L	IJzer				20.5
(2.00 - 3.60 g/L	Transferrine				2.31
(45 - 80 umol/L	TIJBC				58
(20 - 60 %	Verzadigingspercentage				36
(150 - 400 10e9/L	Trombocyten	8 L		9 L	23 L
(- 32 sec	APTT	28			
(8 - 11 sec	Protrombinetijd	13 H			
	INR	1.2			
(4.3 - 10.0 10e9/L	Leukocyten	9.6		11.5 H	7.0
(0.0 - 0.15 10e9/L	Basofielen			< 0.1	< 0.1
(- 0.7 10e9/L	Eosinofielen			< 0.1	0.2
(1.0 - 4.0 10e9/L	Lymfocyten			0.5 L	1.1

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(59 - 104 umol/L Creatinine		84		97	70
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(8 - 16 mmol/L Anion gap		12			
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(0.70 - 1.05 mmol/L Magnesium		0.67 L			
(64 - 82 g/L Totaal eiwit	68				
(35 - 50 g/L Albumine	40	42		47	
(- 17 umol/L Bilirubine		26 H		49 H	
(0 - 5 umol/L Bilirubine direct				7 H	
(- 50 E/L Gamma GT		14		15	16
(- 120 E/L Alkalische fosfatase		61		71	
(- 200 E/L CK				148	
(- 37 E/L ASAT		59 H		70 H	38 H
(- 41 E/L ALAT		24		24	22
(- 250 E/L LDH		1225 H		1486 H	876 H
(- 115 E/L Amylase (totaal)				42	
(4.0 - 7.8 mmol/L Glucose		7.6		6.0	4.9
(0.5 - 2.2 mmol/L Lactaat		2.0		2.6 H	

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• Hypochrometic cells	0	●	○	○	2.2
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• Anisocytosis	2	○	●	●	25.3
• Microcytes	1	○	○	○	20.0
• Macrocytes	0	●	○	○	5.3
SHAPE					
• Poikilocytosis	1	○	●	○	18.6
• Target cells	0	●	○	○	0.2
• Schistocytes	3	○	●	●	10.6
• Helmet cells	0	●	○	○	0.3
• Sickle cells	0	○	○	○	0.2
• Spherocytes	0	●	○	○	0.7
• Elliptocytes	0	●	○	○	2.1
• Ovalocytes	0	●	○	○	1.0
• Tear drop cells	0	●	○	○	0.7
• Stomatocytes	0	●	○	○	2.3
• Acanthocytes	0	●	○	○	0.1
• Echinocytes	0	●	○	○	0.4
INCLUSIONS					
• Howell-Jolly	0	●	○	○	0.5
• Pappenheimer	0	●	○	○	0.0
• Basophilic stippling	0	●	○	○	0.8
• Parasites	0	●	○	○	0.0
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RBC comment

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• Macrocytes 0 5.3

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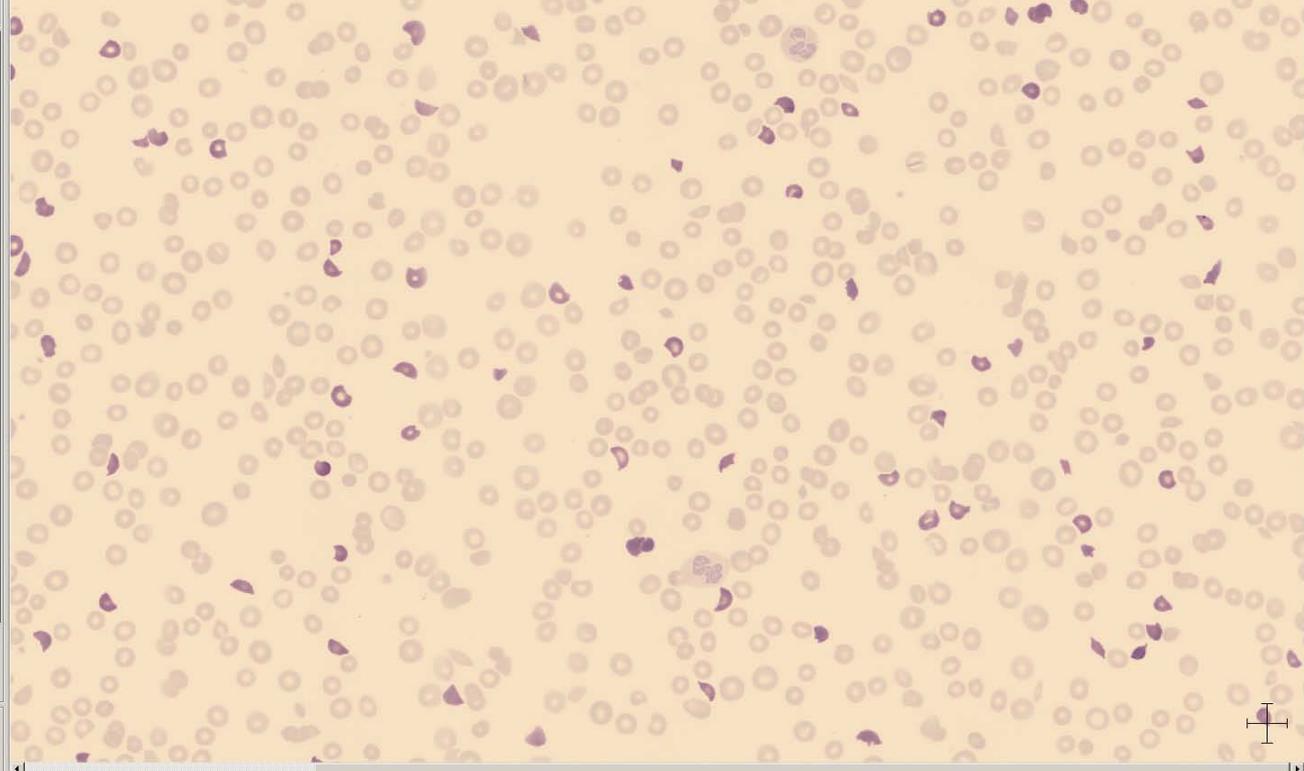
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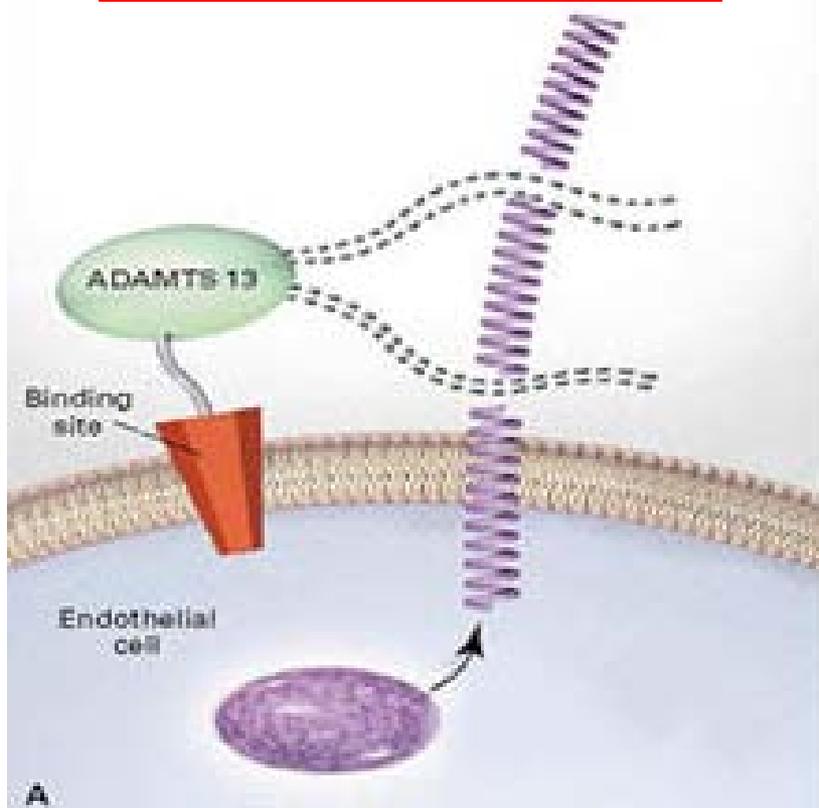
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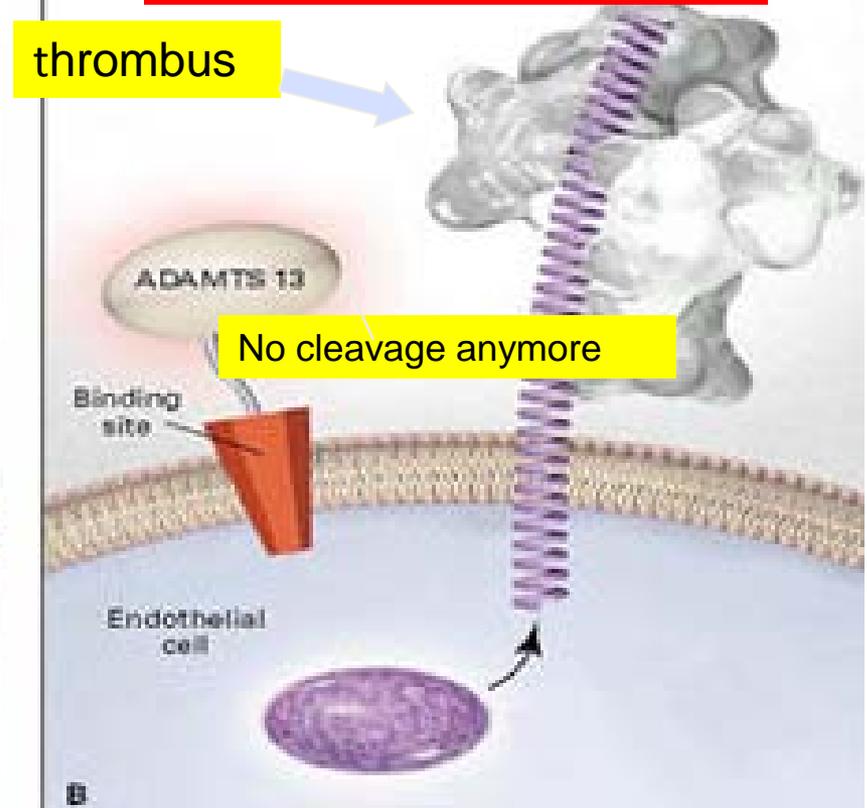
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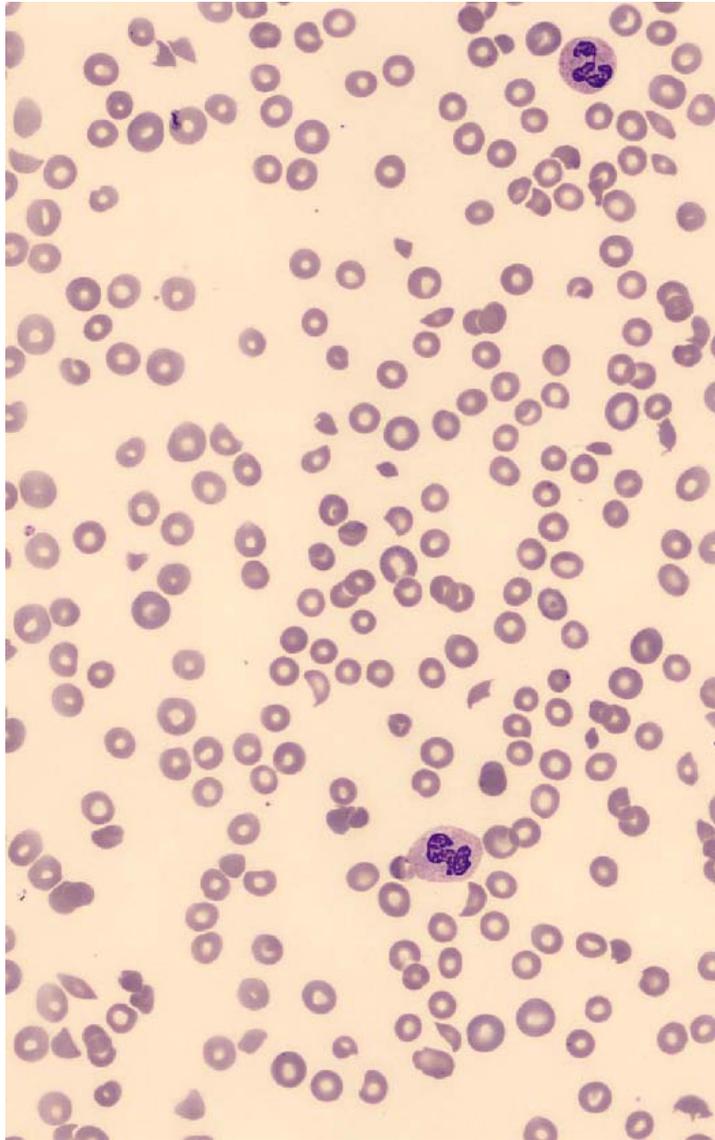


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