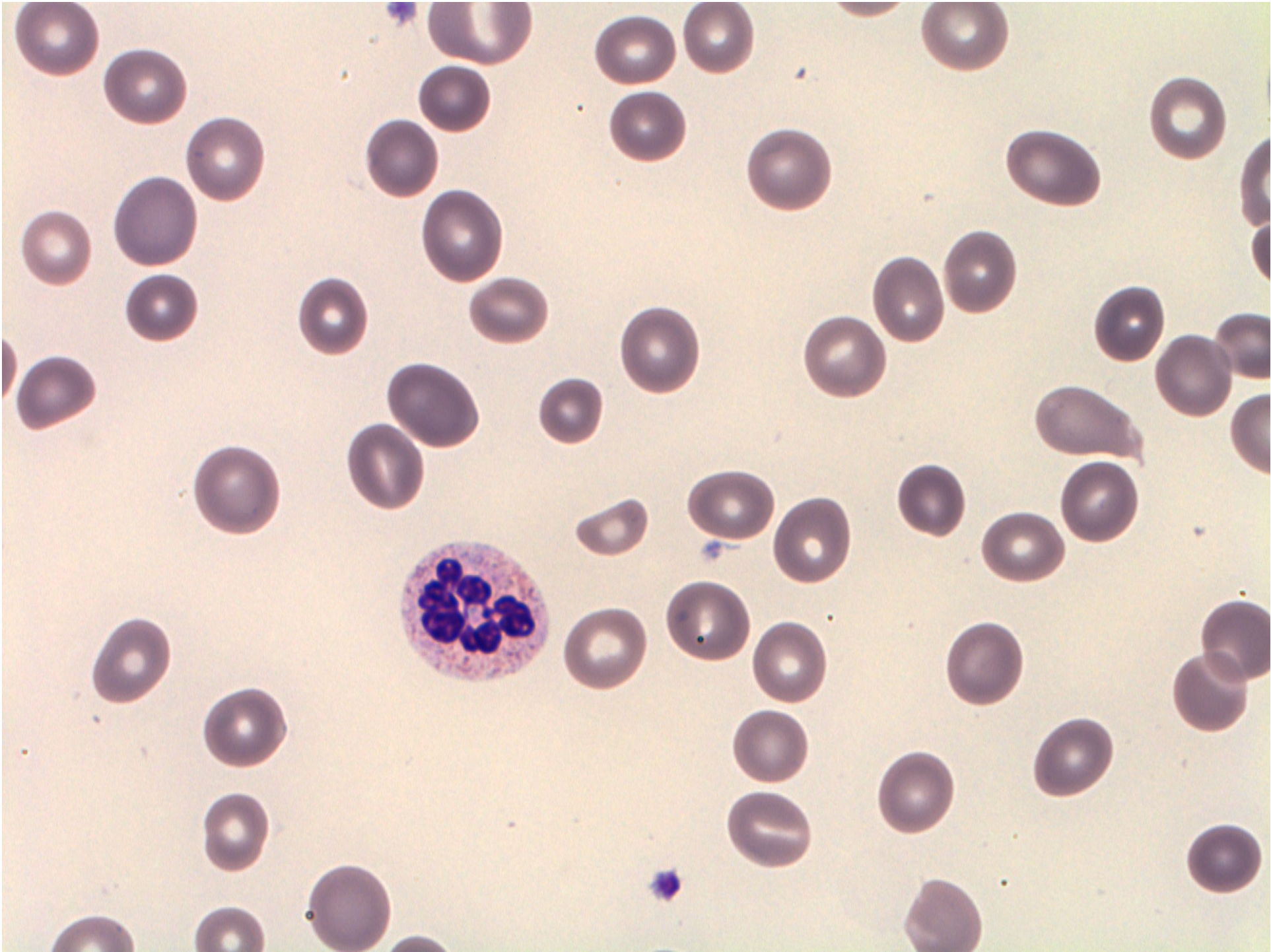


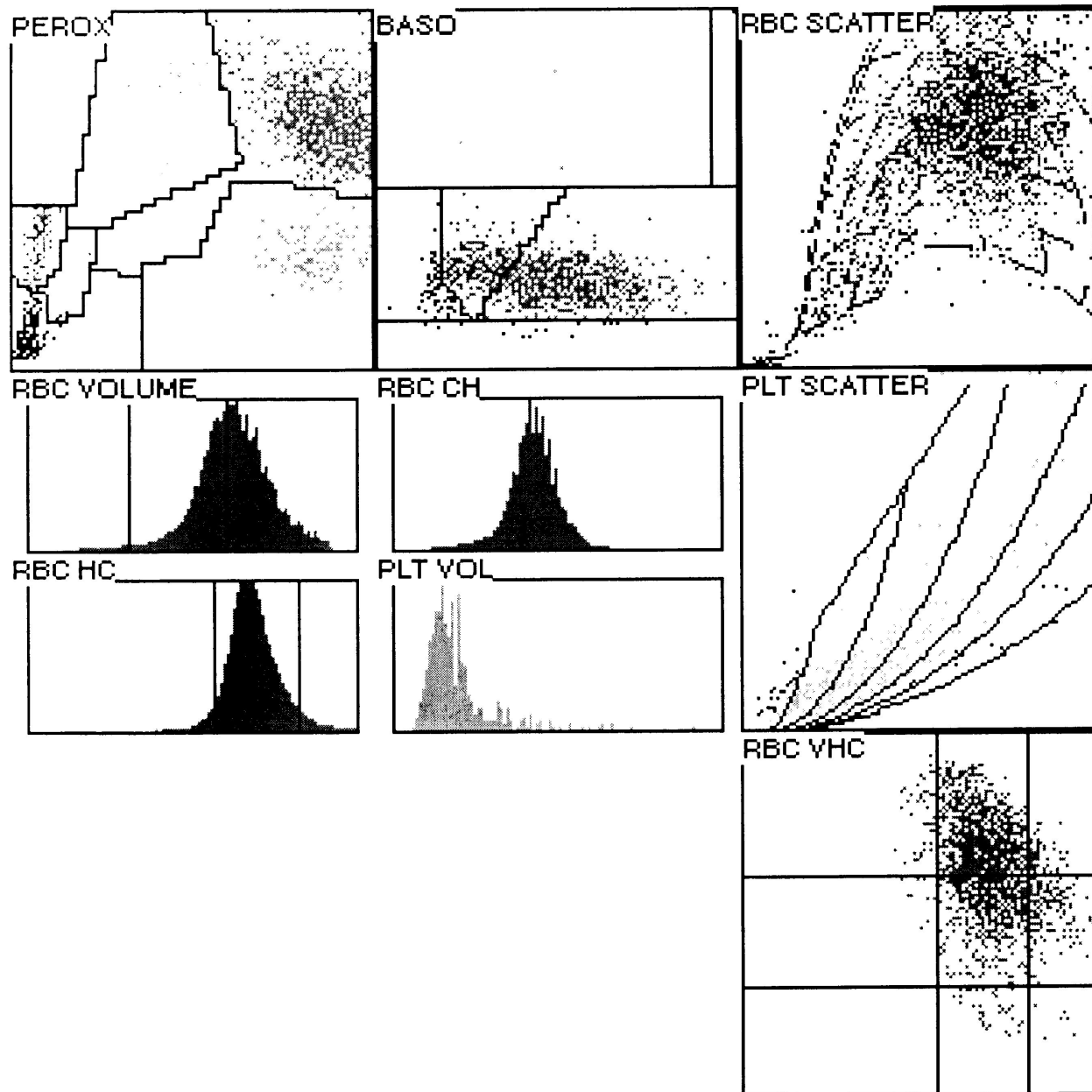
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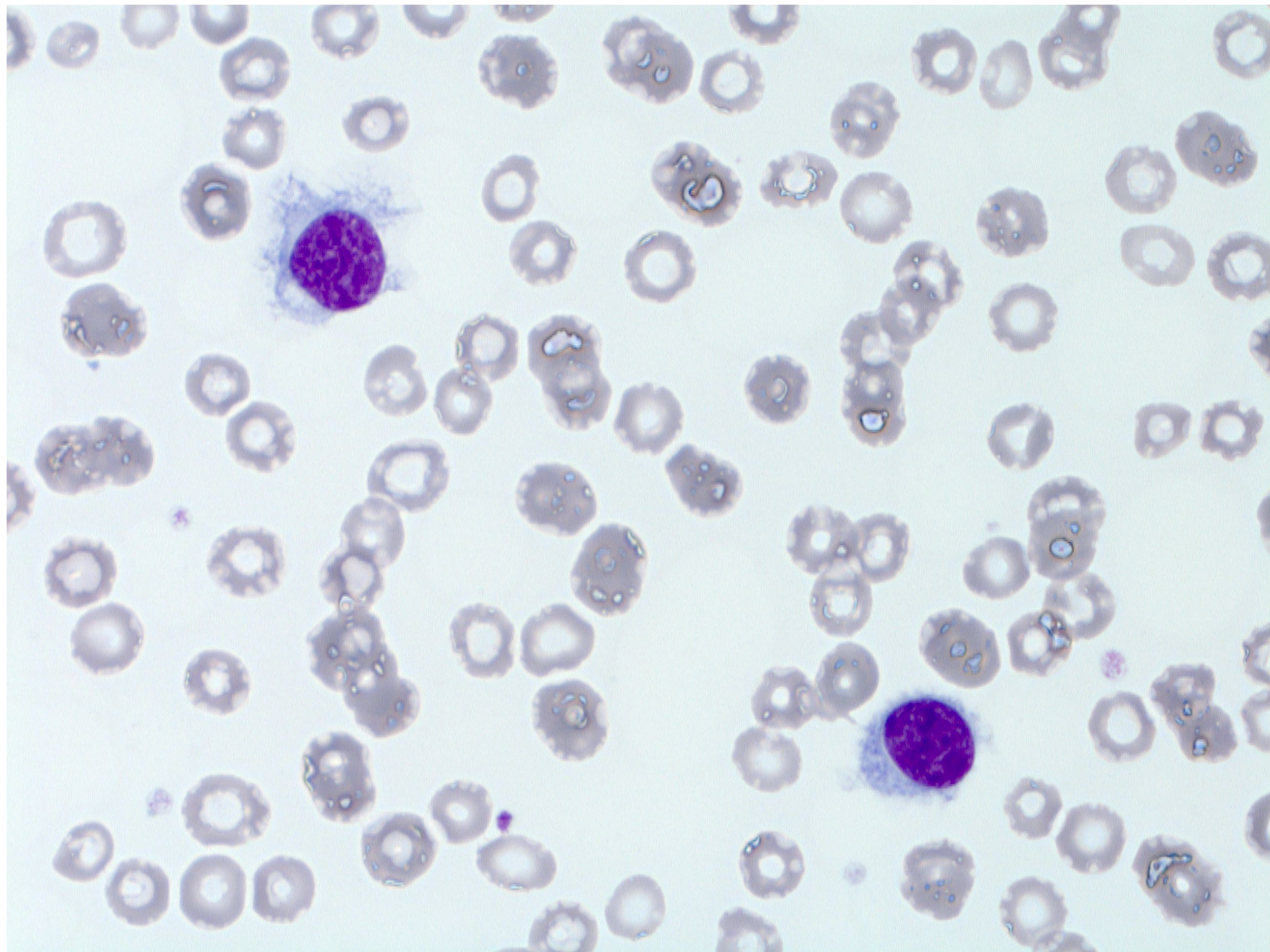
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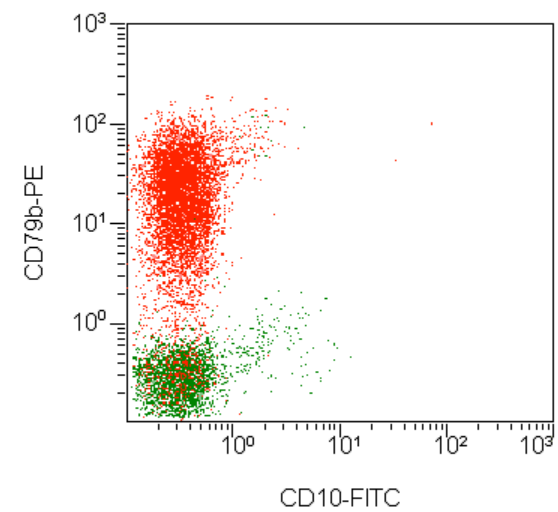
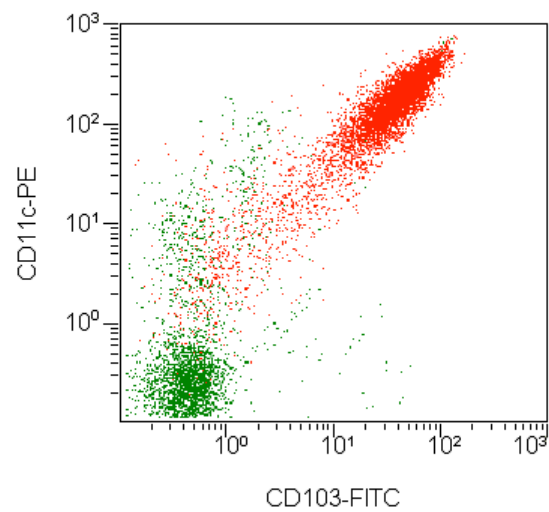
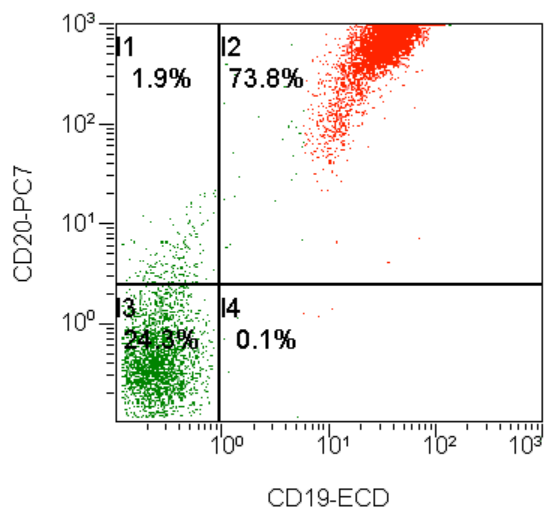
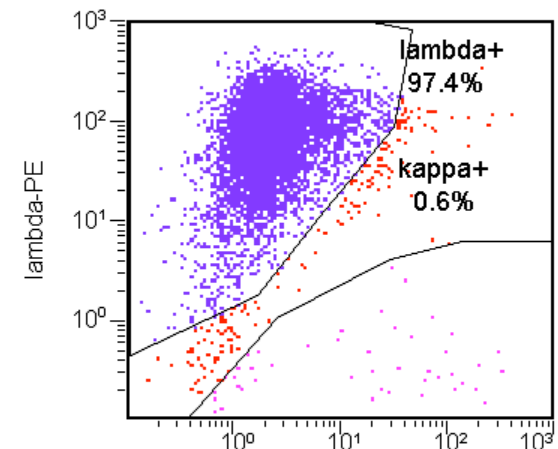
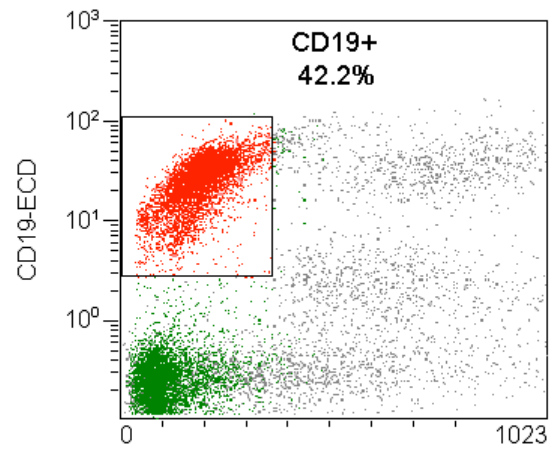
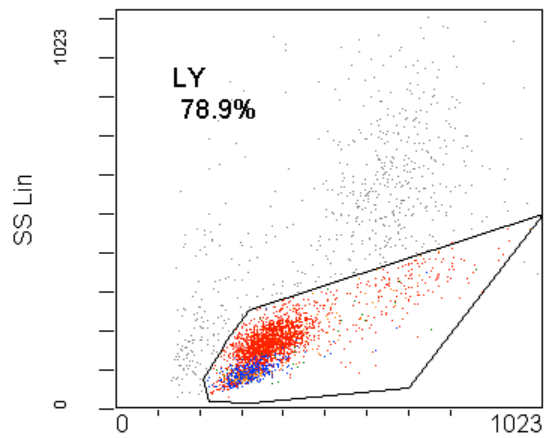
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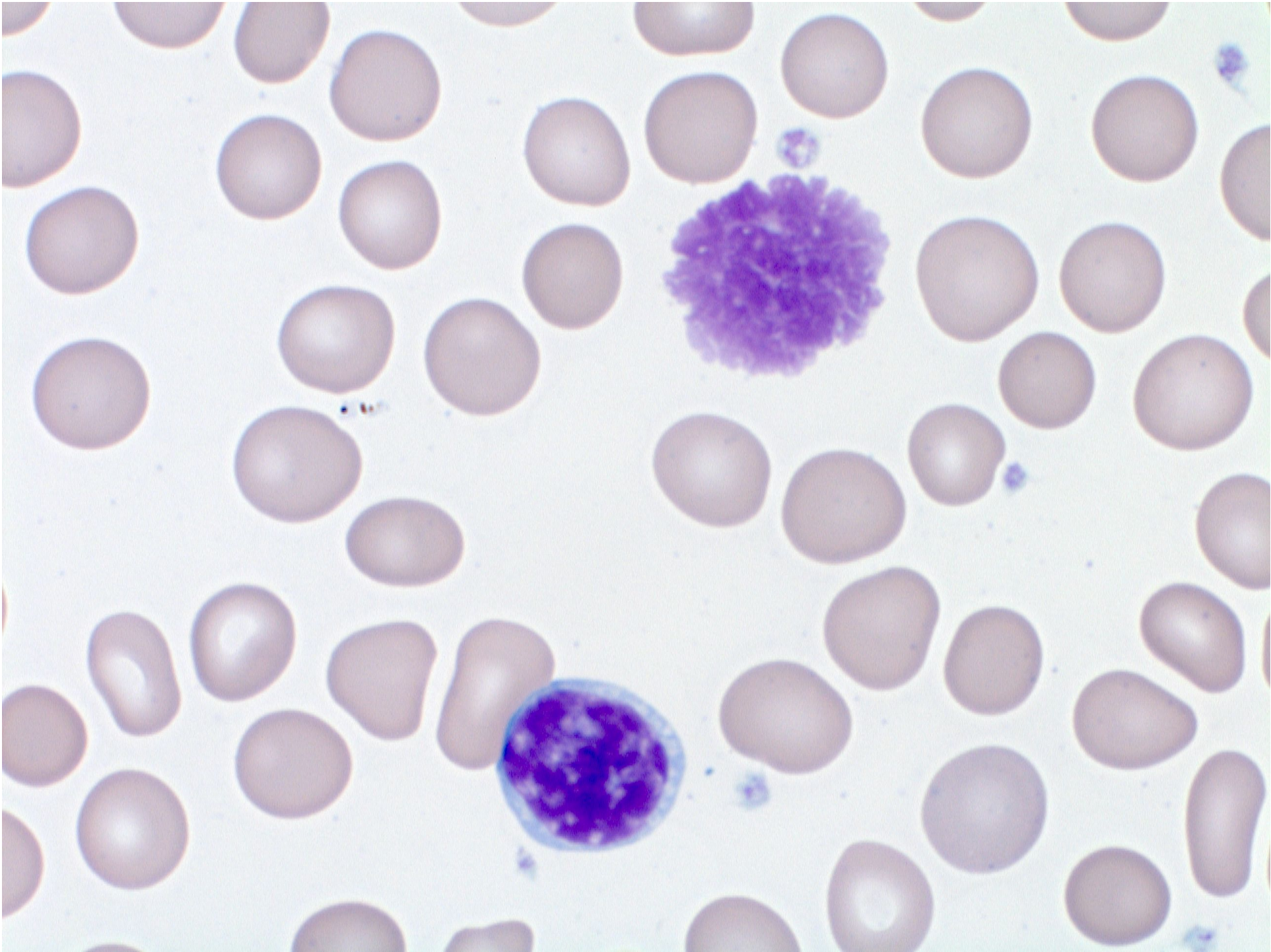
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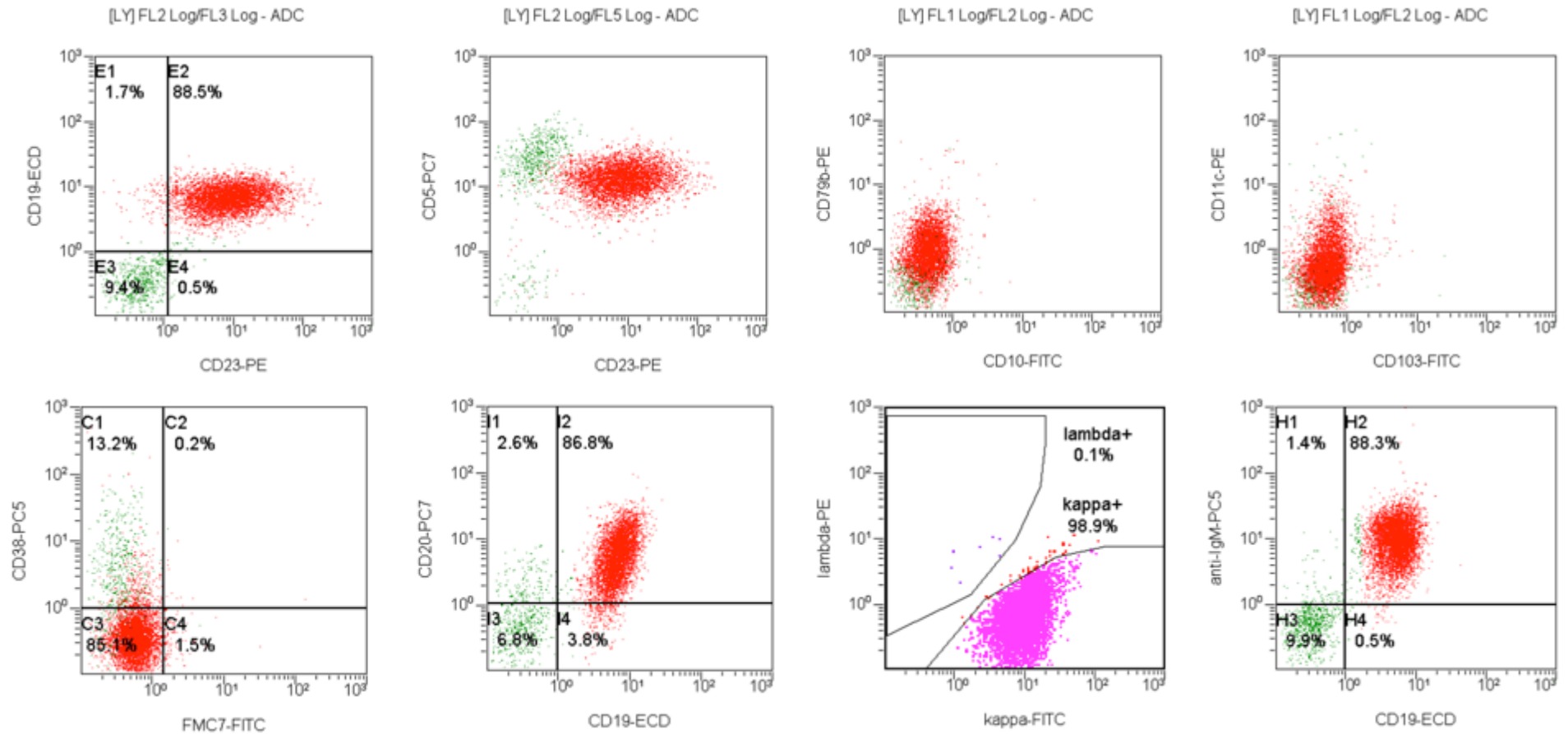


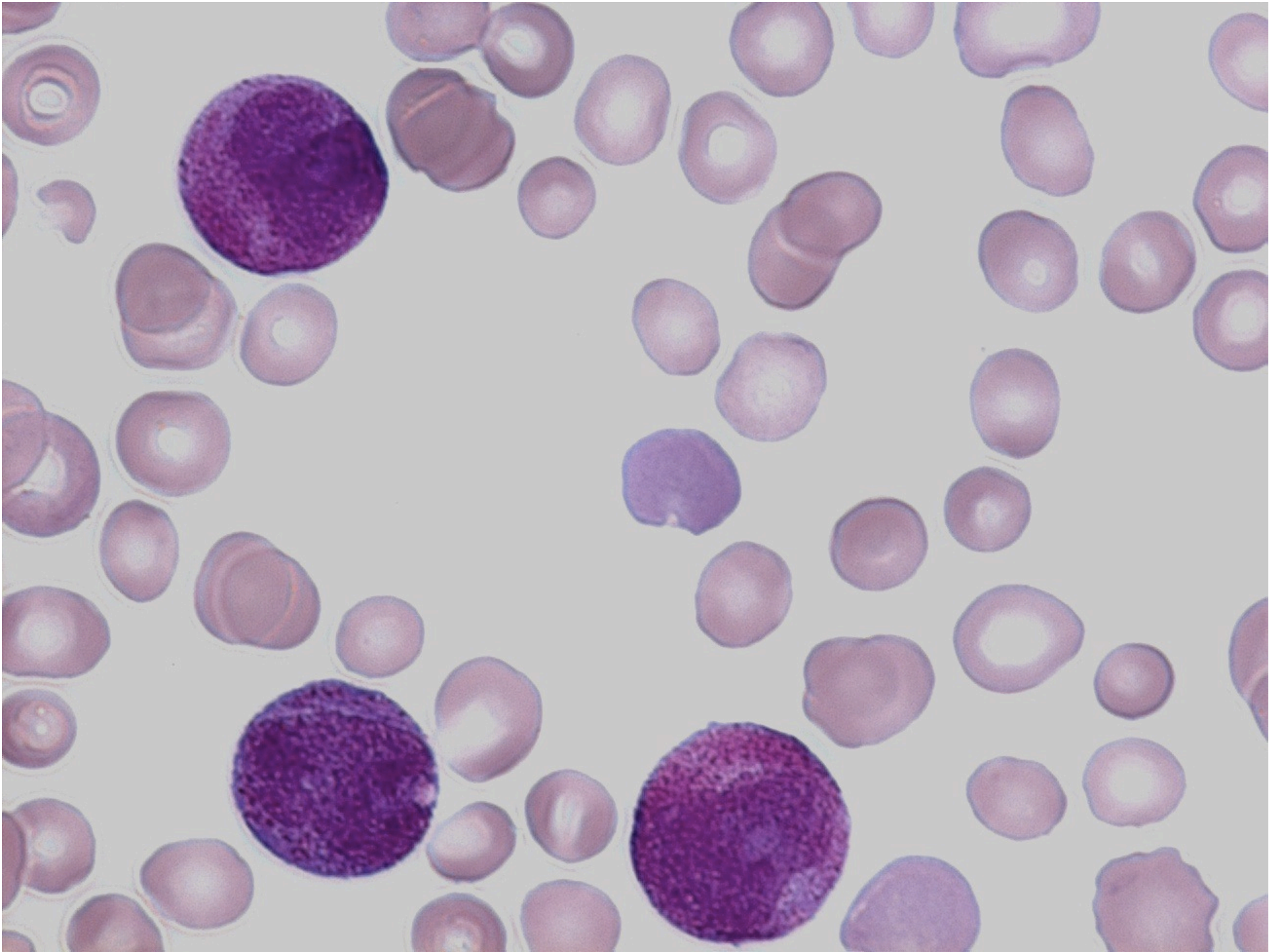


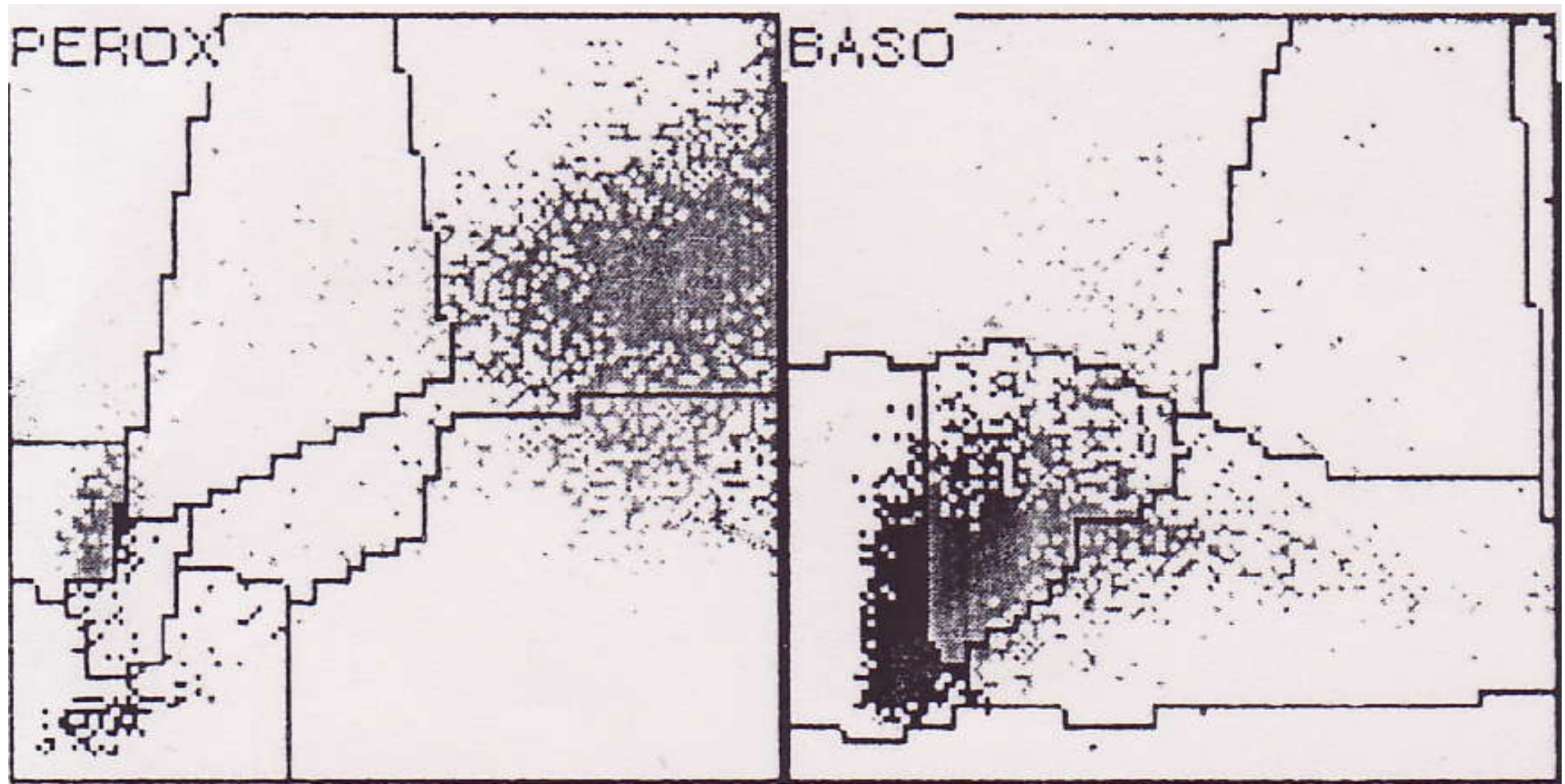






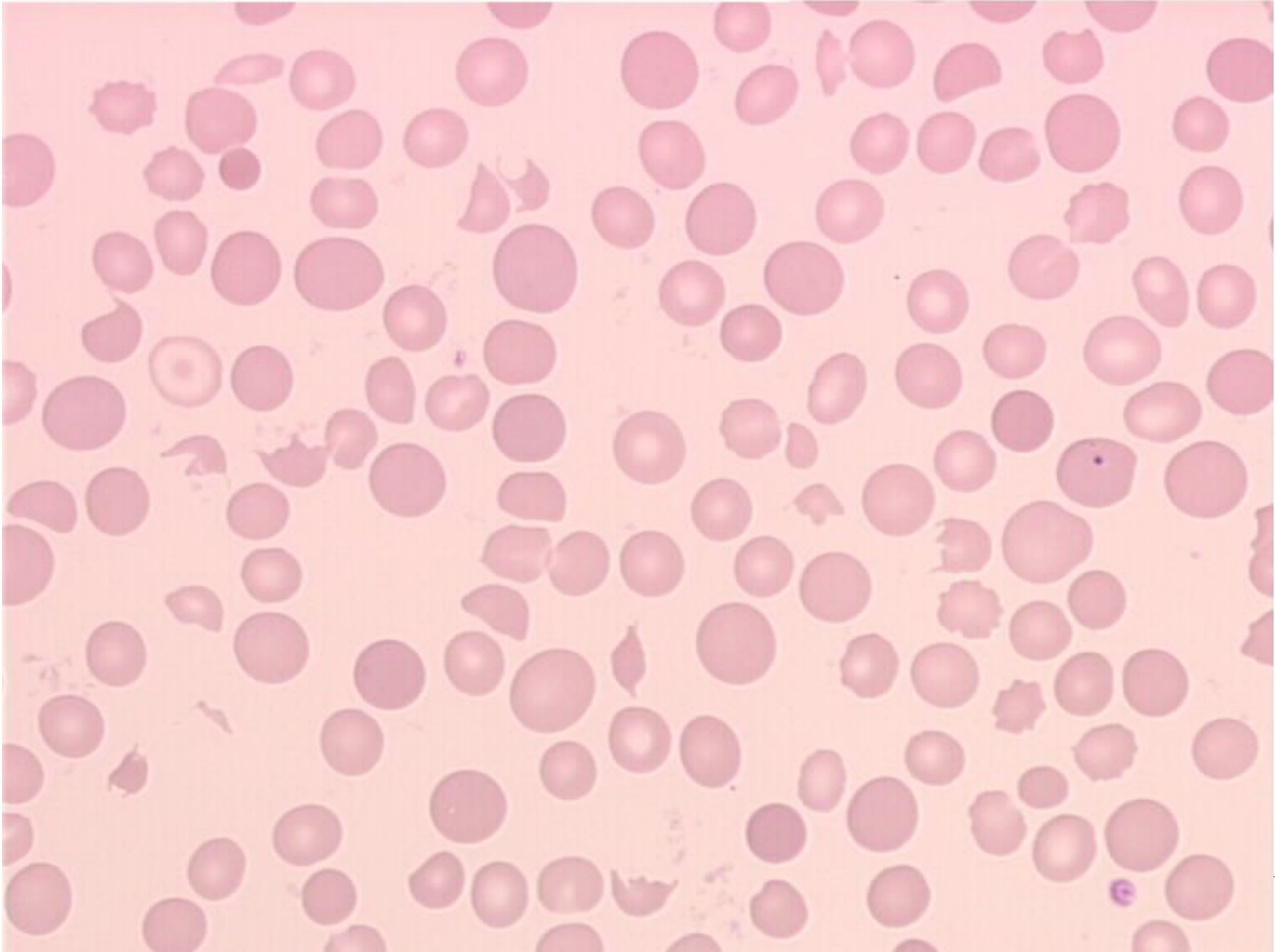


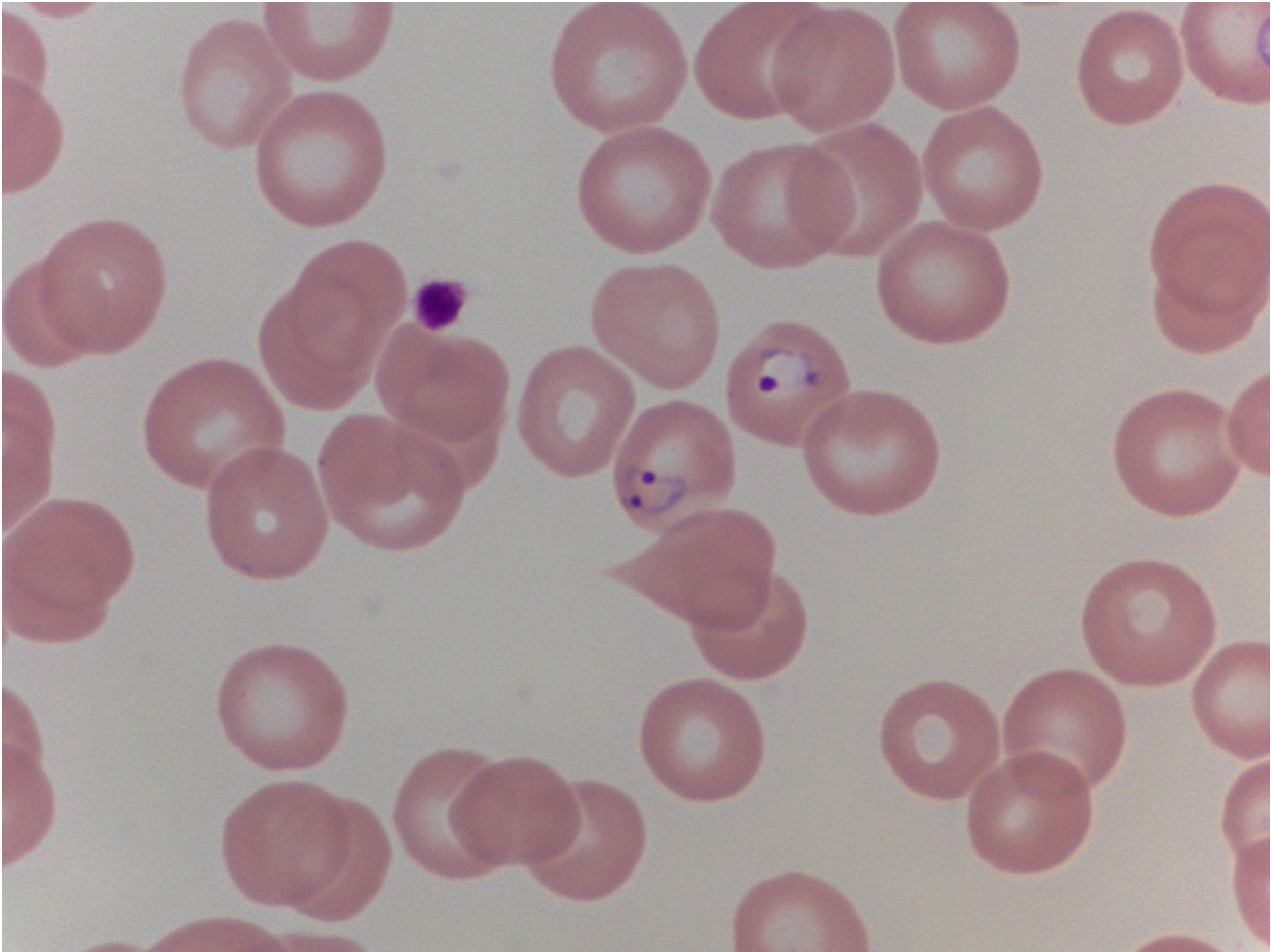






IS THERE STILL A ROLE FOR THE MANUAL BLOOD COUNT?





Indication for examination of a blood smear

Table 1. Clinical Indications for Examination of a Blood Smear.

Features suggestive of anemia, unexplained jaundice, or both
Features suggestive of sickle cell disease — dactylitis or sudden splenic enlargement and pallor in a young child or, in an older child or adult, limb, abdominal, or chest pain
Features suggestive of thrombocytopenia (e.g., petechiae or abnormal bruising) or neutropenia (e.g., unexpected or severe infection)
Features suggestive of a lymphoma or other lymphoproliferative disorder — lymphadenopathy, splenomegaly, enlargement of the thymus (a mediastinal mass on radiology) or other lymphoid organs, skin lesions suggestive of infiltration, bone pain, and systemic symptoms such as fever, sweating, itching, and weight loss
Features suggestive of a myeloproliferative disease — splenomegaly, plethora, itching, or weight loss
Suspicion of disseminated intravascular coagulation*
Acute or recent-onset renal failure or unexplained renal enlargement, particularly in a child
On retinal examination, hemorrhages, exudates, signs of hyperviscosity, or optic atrophy
Suspicion of a bacterial or parasitic disease that can be diagnosed from a blood smear
Features suggestive of disseminated nonhematopoietic cancer — weight loss, malaise, bone pain
General ill health, often with malaise and fever, suggesting infectious mononucleosis or other viral infection or inflammatory or malignant disease

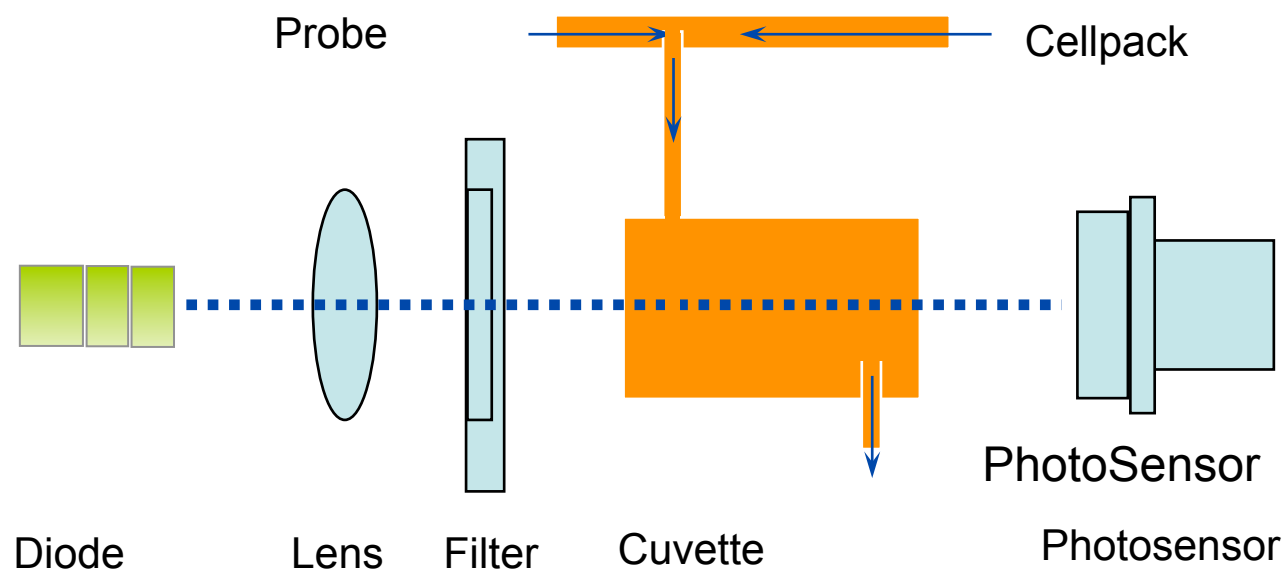
The blood counters



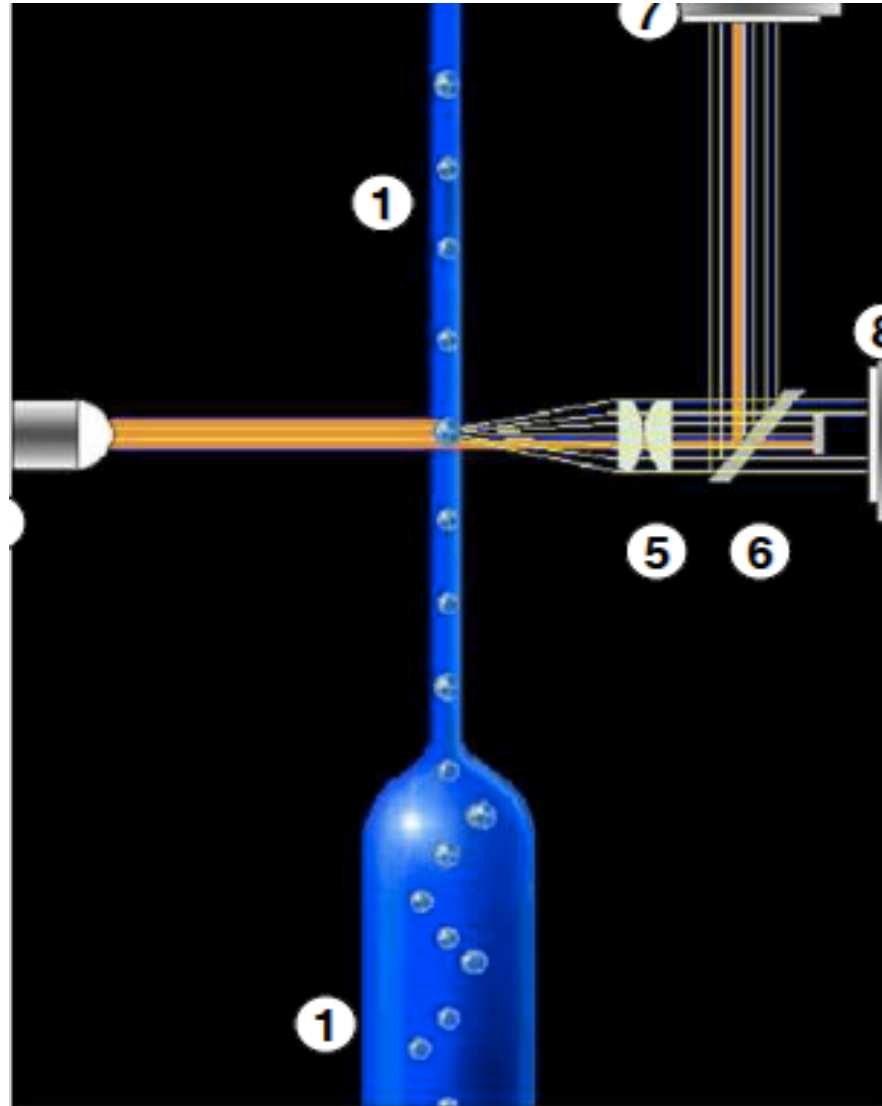
Principles of cell counters

- Light absorption
- Light scatter
- Impedance
- Fluorescence
- Electrical conductivity

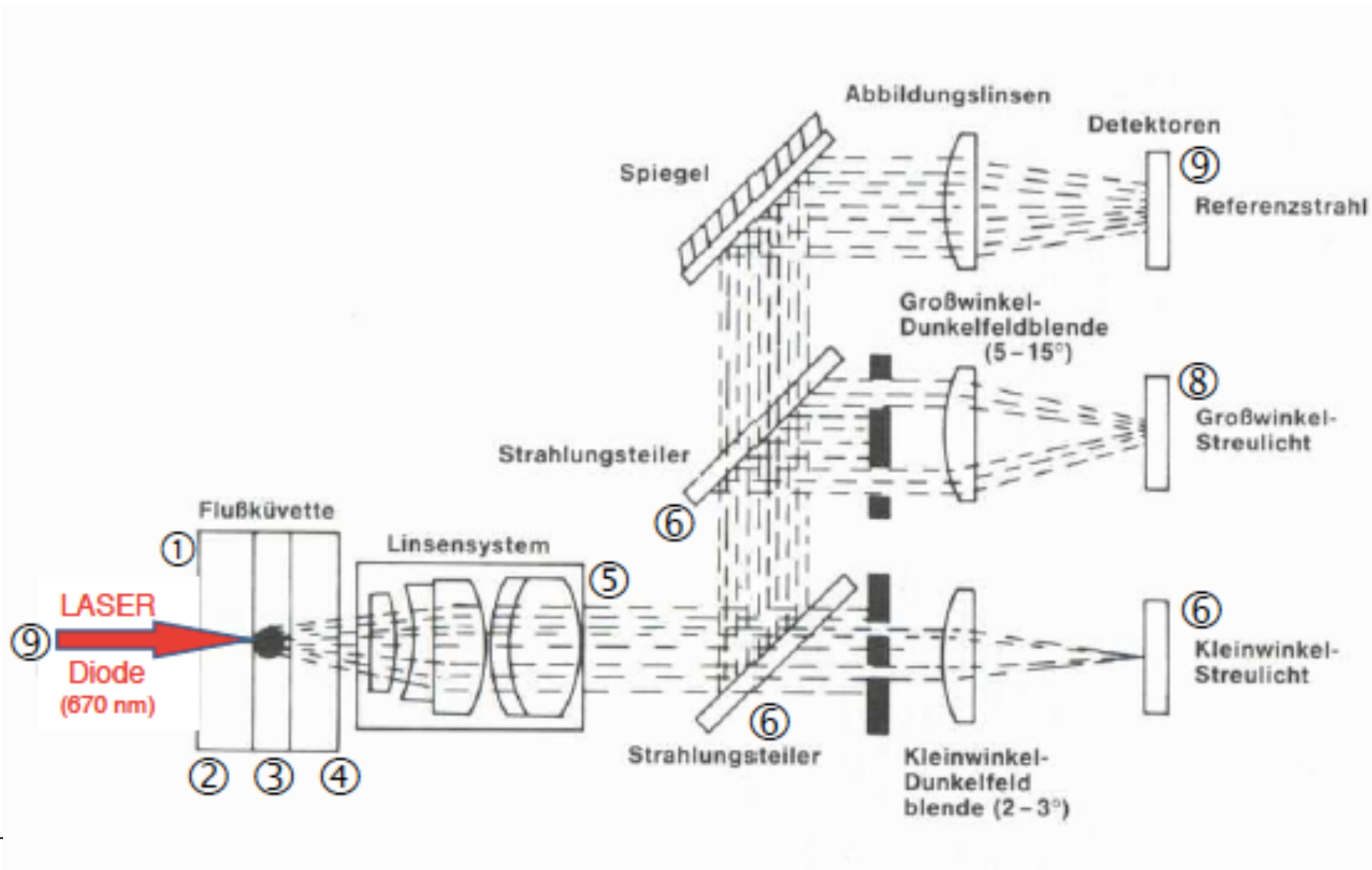
Hemoglobin photometry



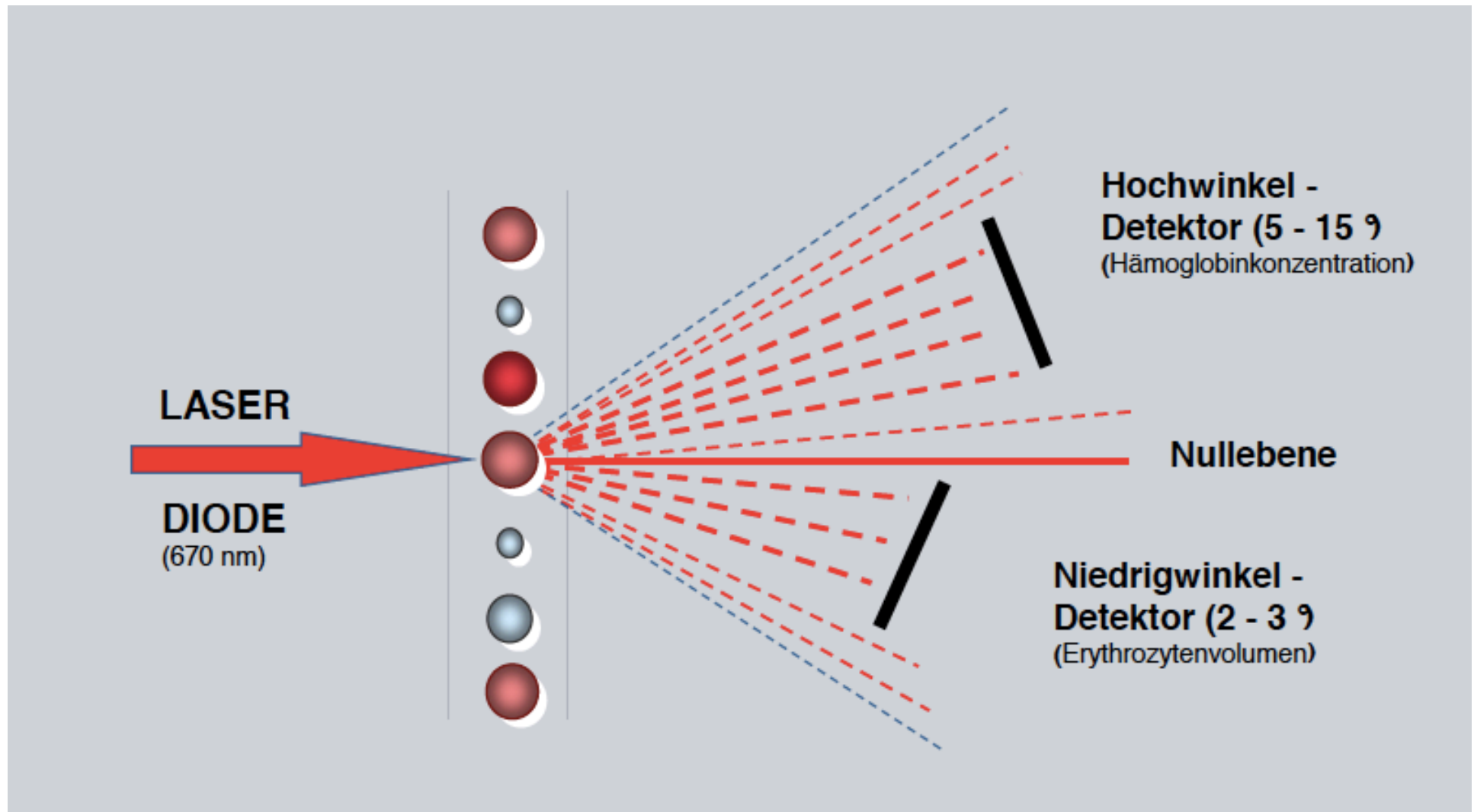
WBC Count: Light scattering



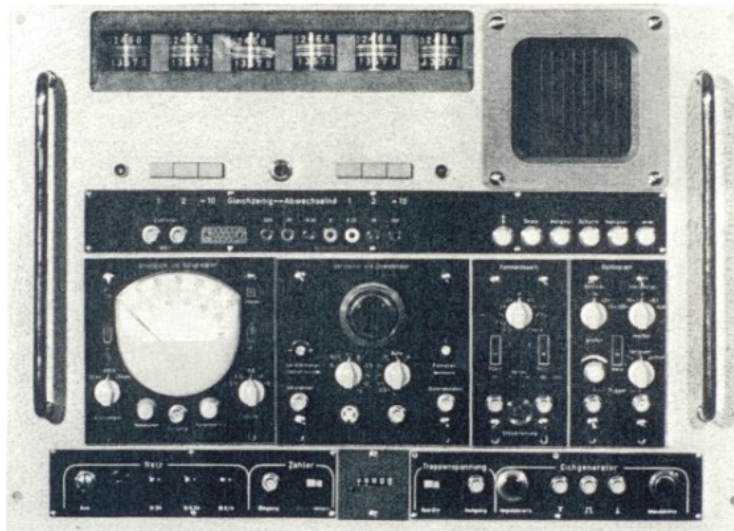
ADVIA: RBC/PLT channel



The RBC method



The Coulter principle



Coulter

Oct. 20, 1953

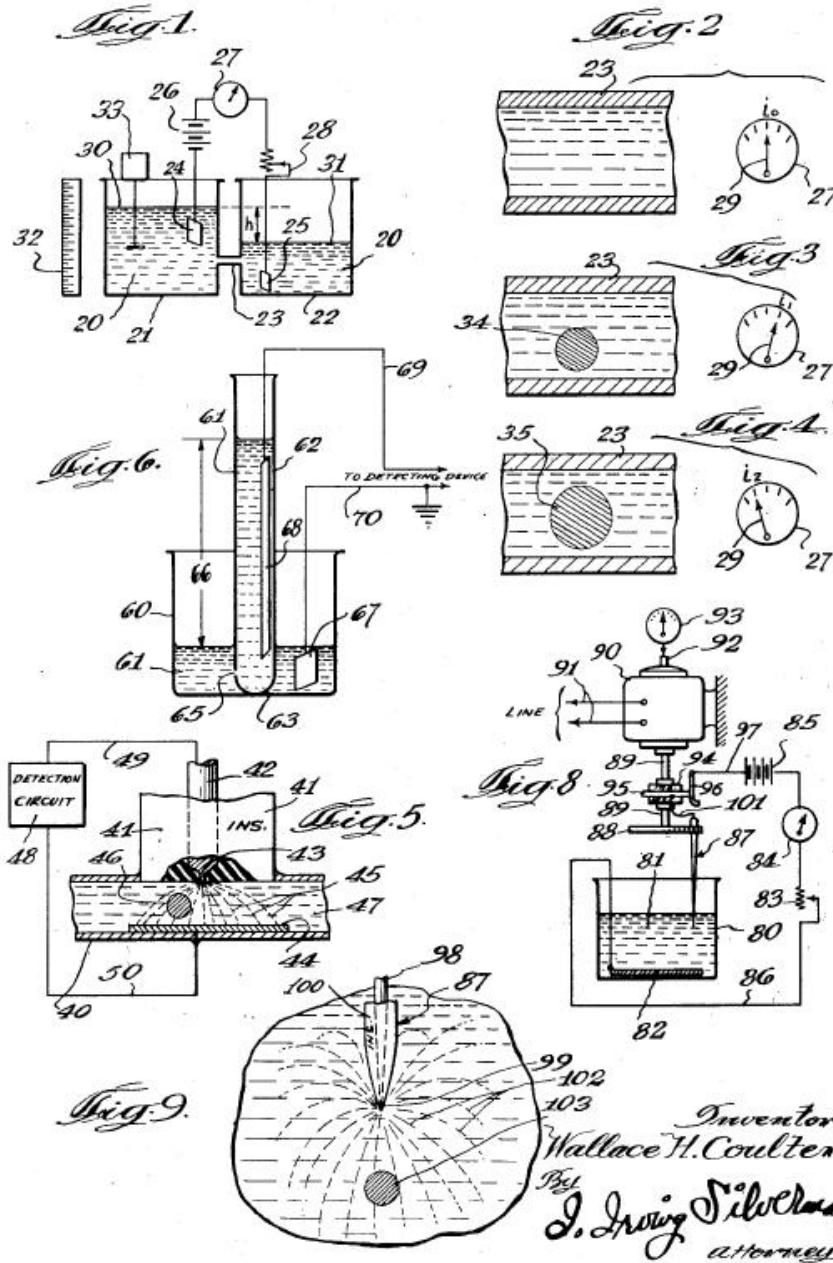
W. H. COULTER

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MEANS FOR COUNTING PARTICLES SUSPENDED IN A FLUID

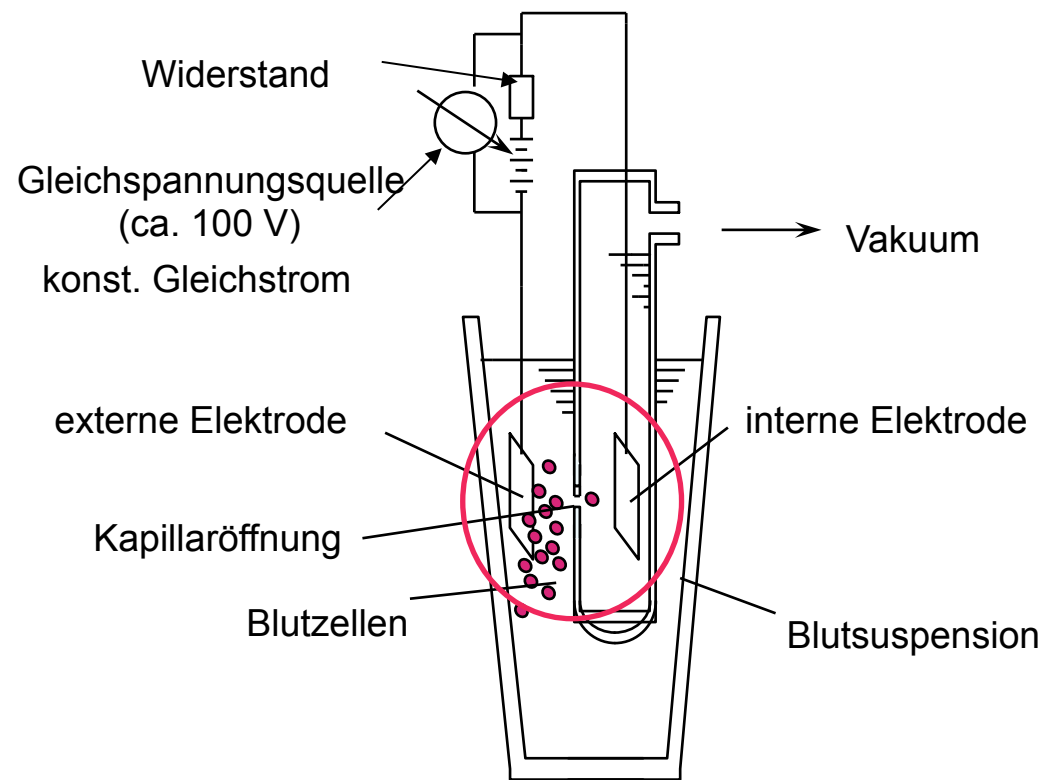
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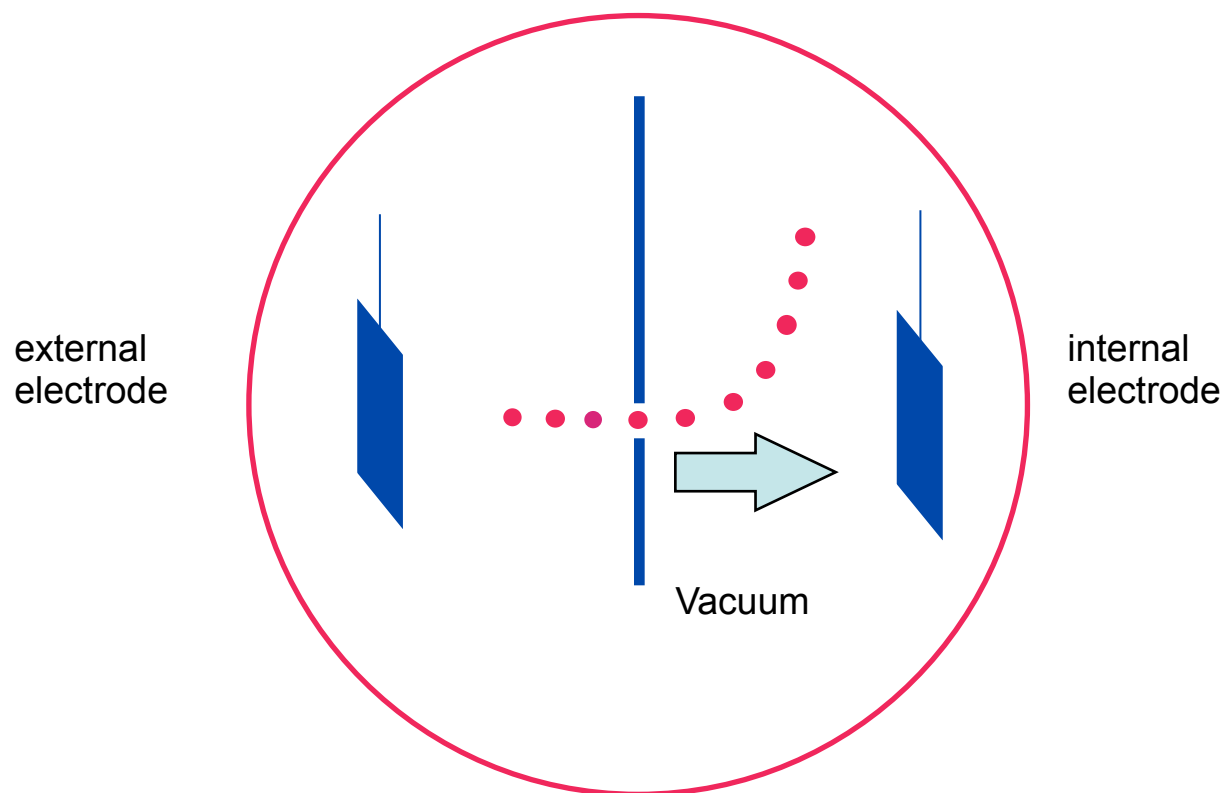
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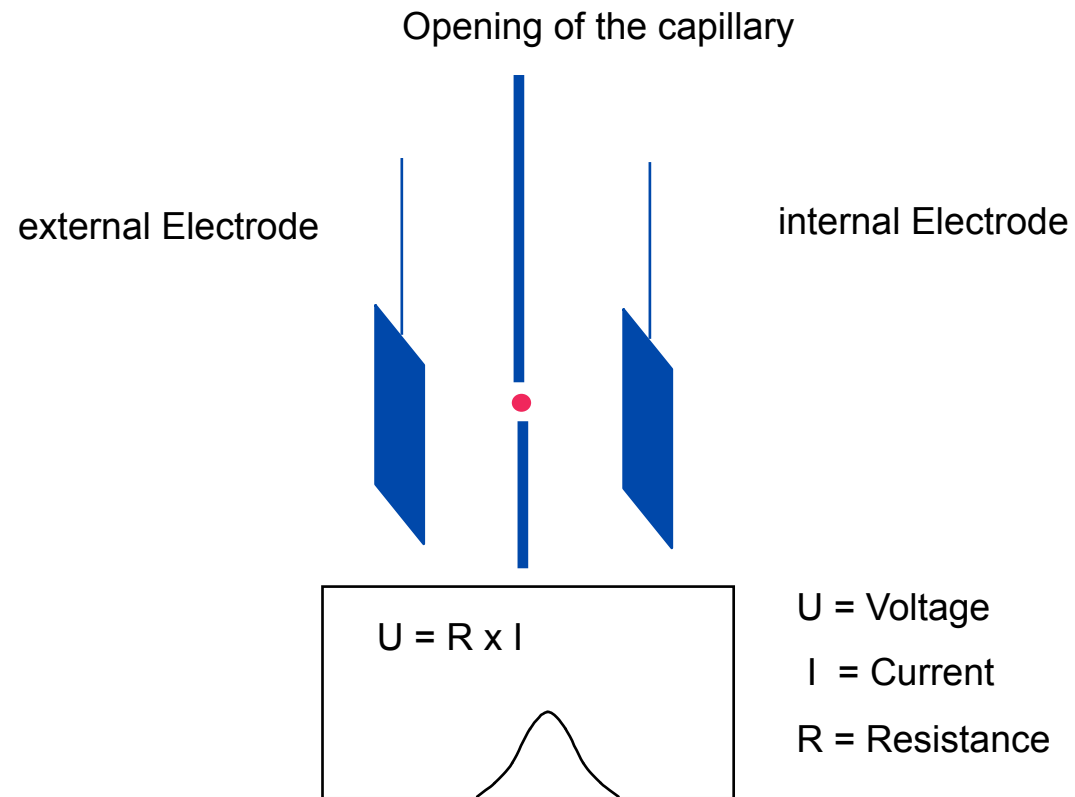


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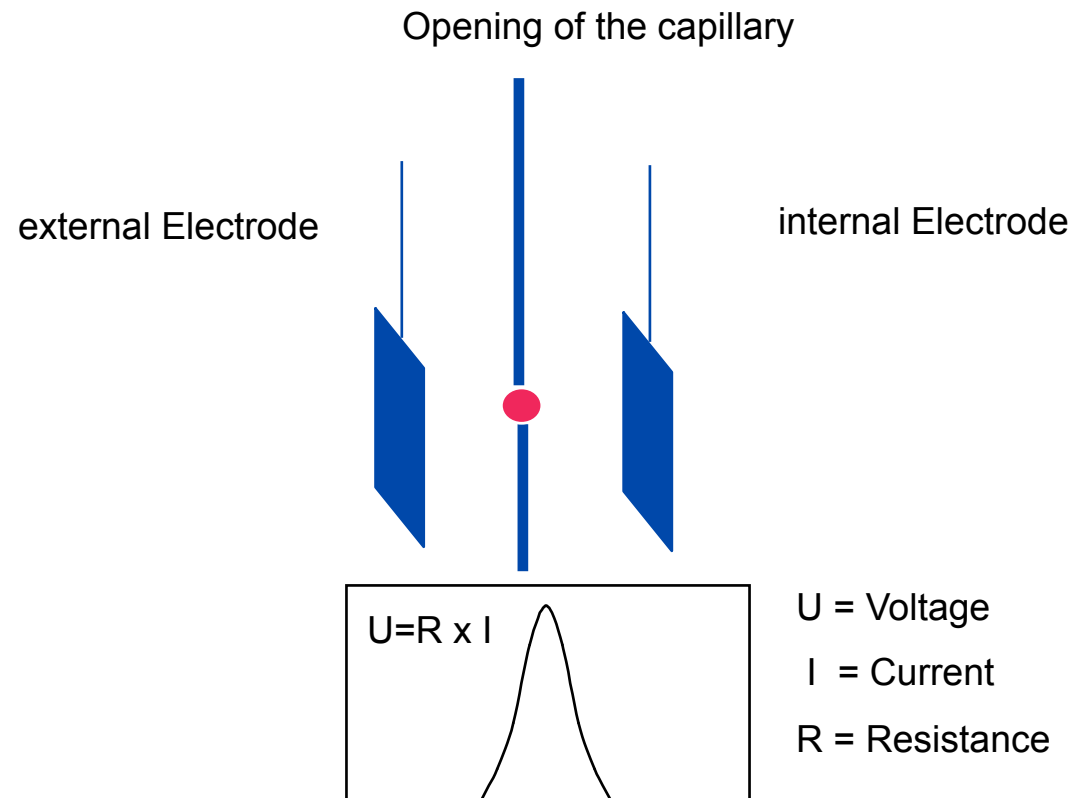
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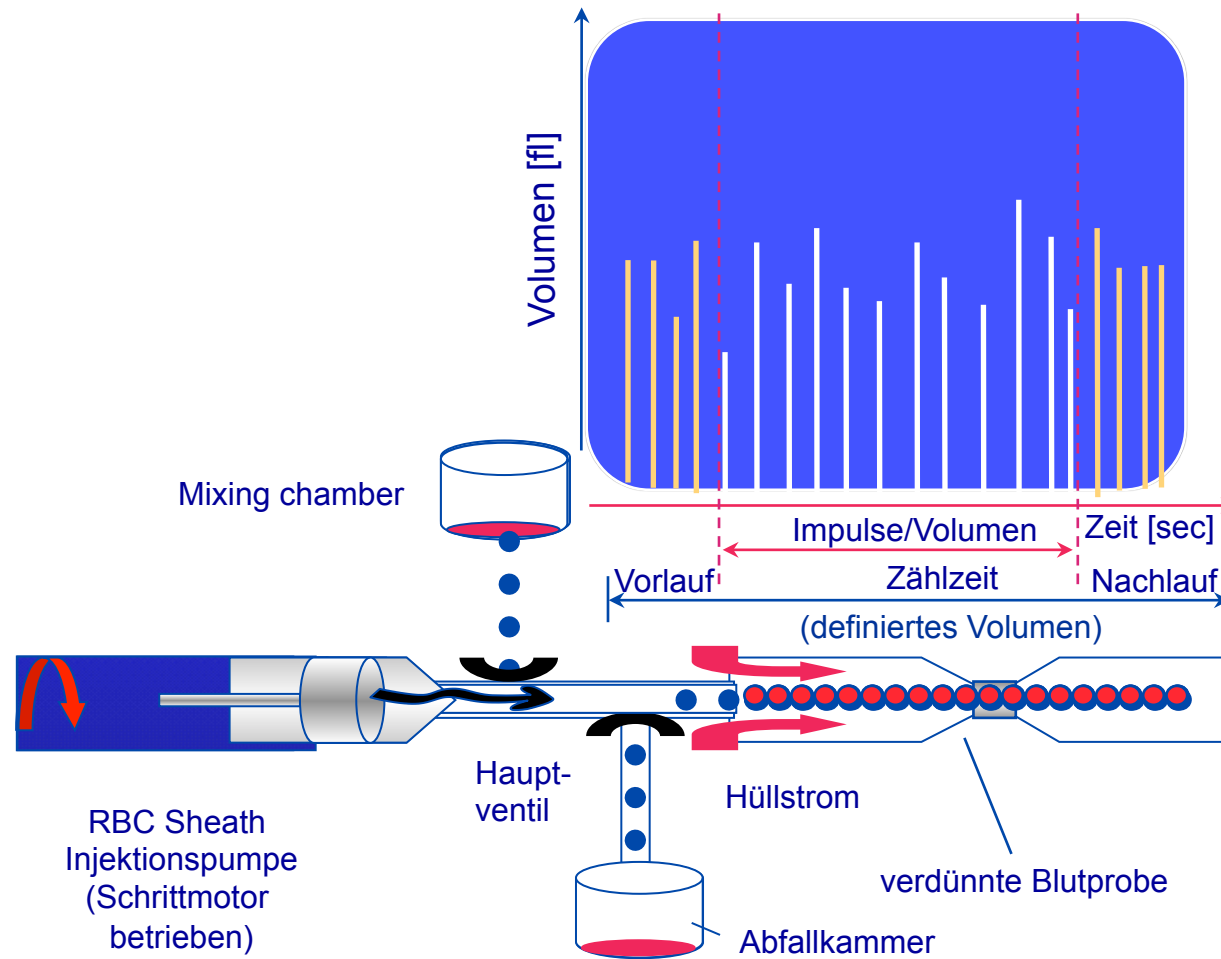
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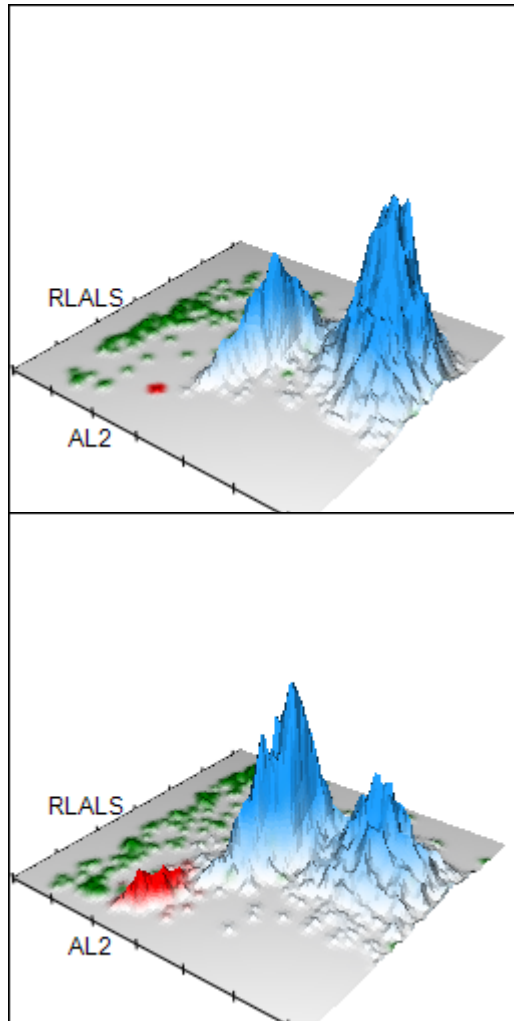
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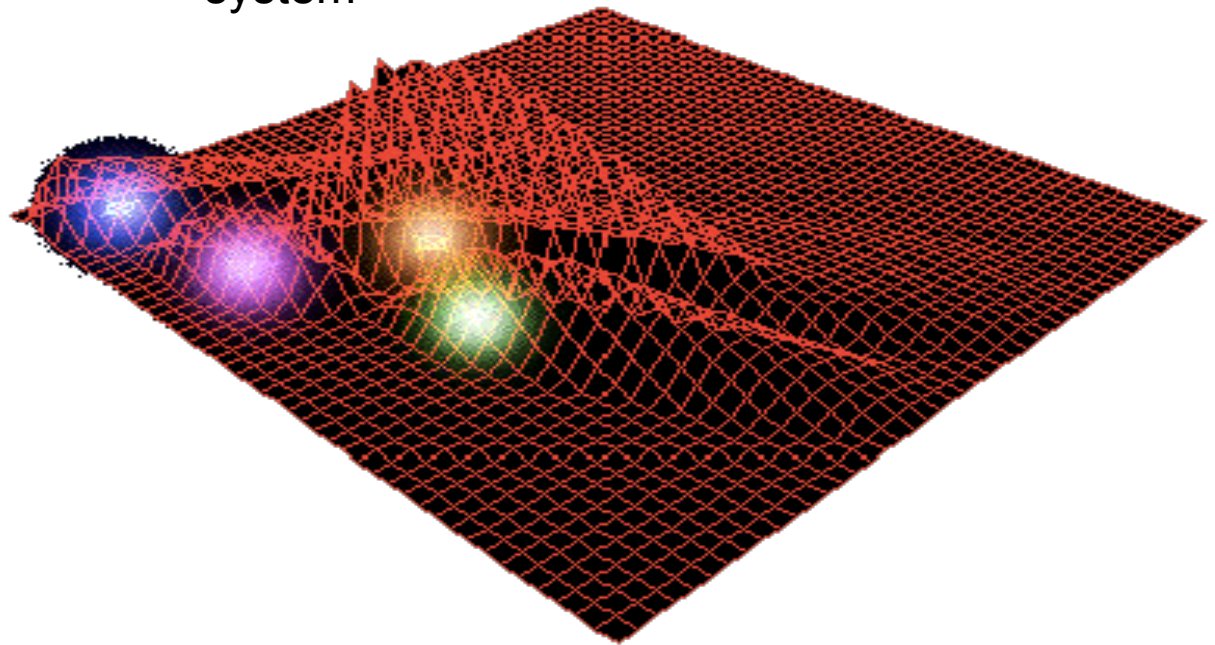
Technologies employed for the differential counts

Instrument and manufacturer	Technology employed for differential count
Coulter	Impedance with low- and high-frequency electromagnetic current Laser light scattering
Sysmex	Impedance with low-frequency direct current Impedance with radiofrequency current
ADVIA	Light scattering Absorbance (Peroxydase)
Cobas	Electrical impedance Light absorbance

Advanced systems



ACAS = Adaptive cluster analysis system

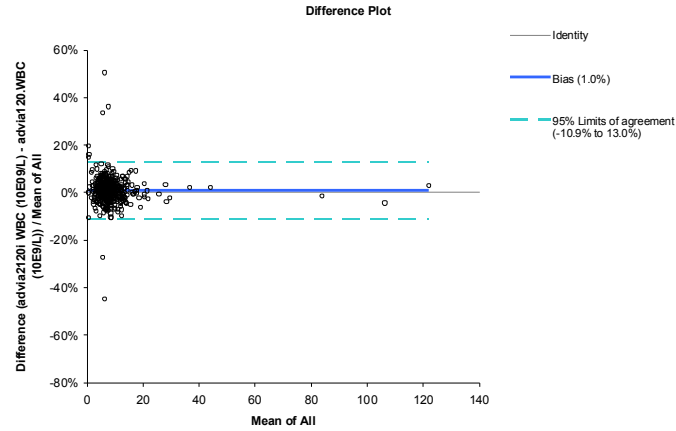


VCS = Volume/Conductivity/Scatter

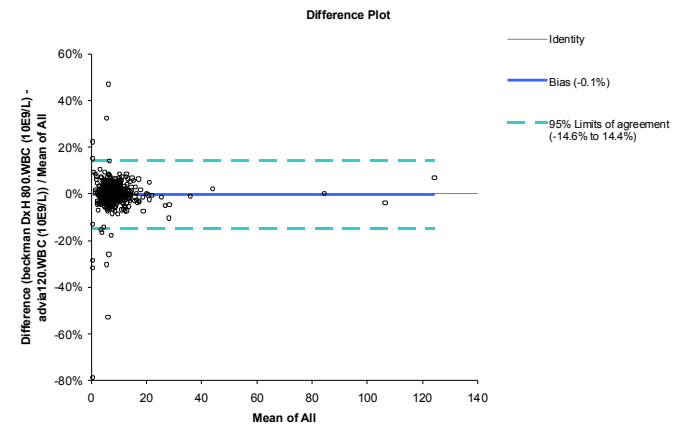


COMPARABILITY OF THE CELL COUNTERS

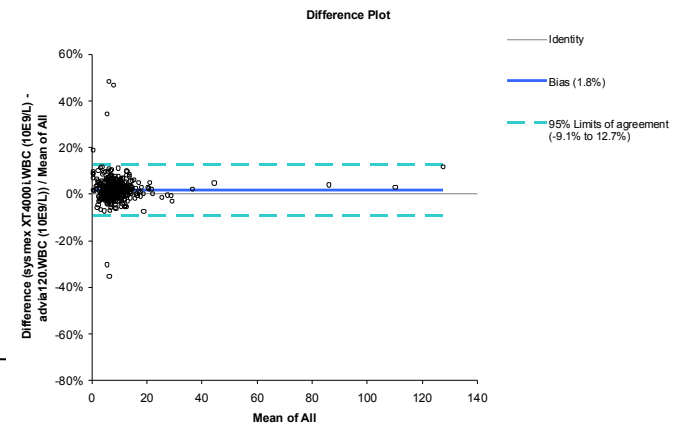
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ADVIA120 vs.
ADVIA2120

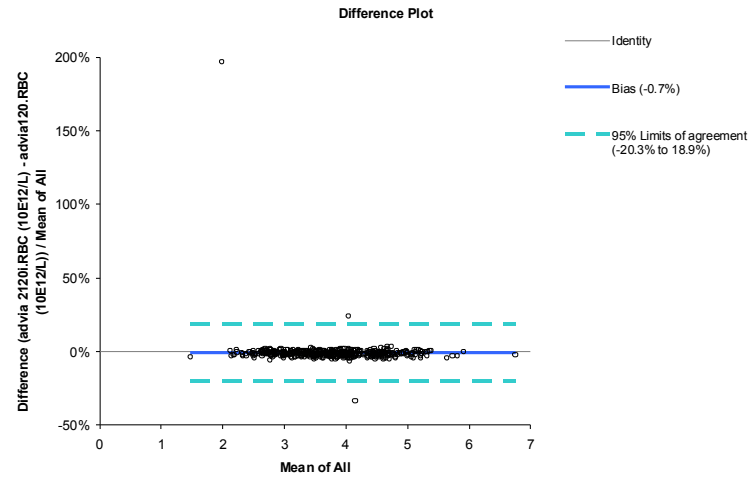


ADVIA120 vs.
DxH800

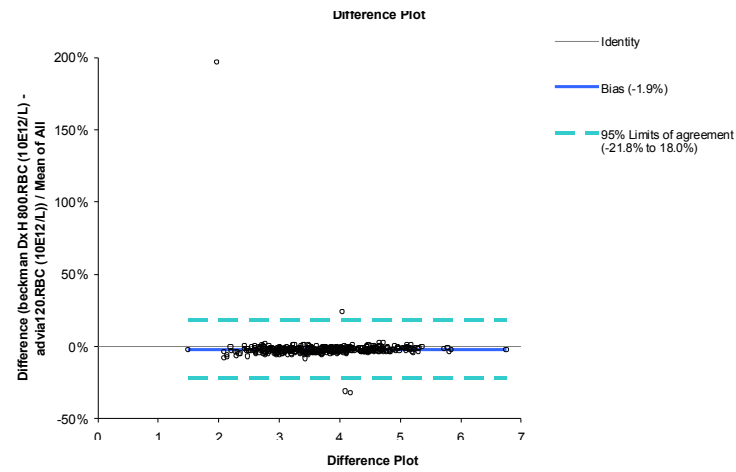


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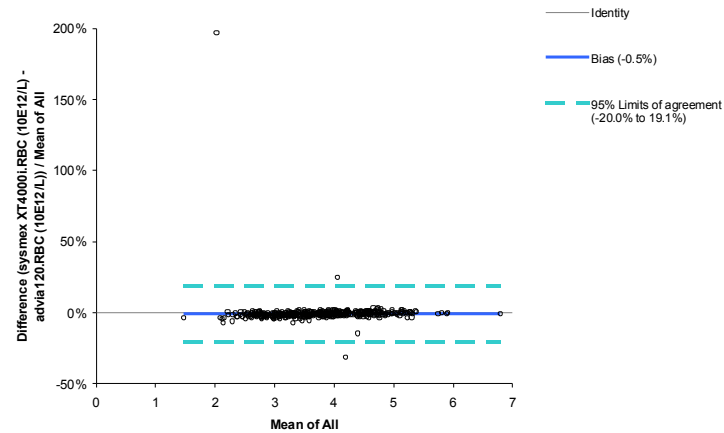
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ADVIA120 vs.
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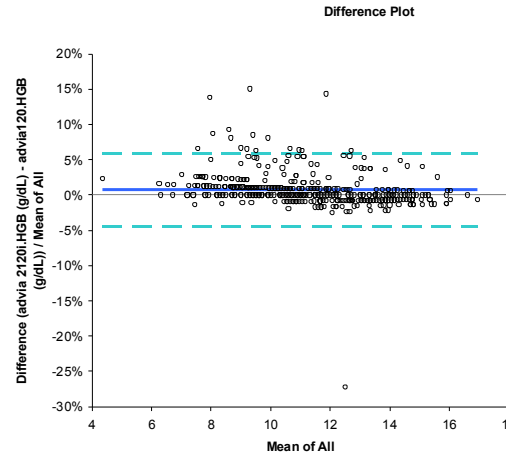


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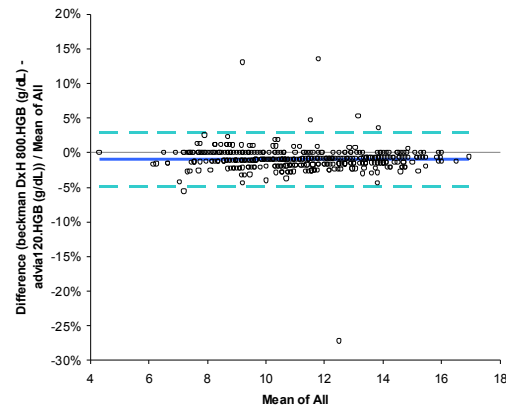


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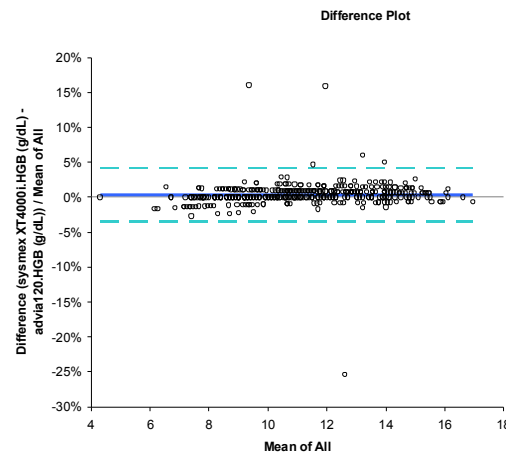
Hemoglobin



ADVIA120 vs.
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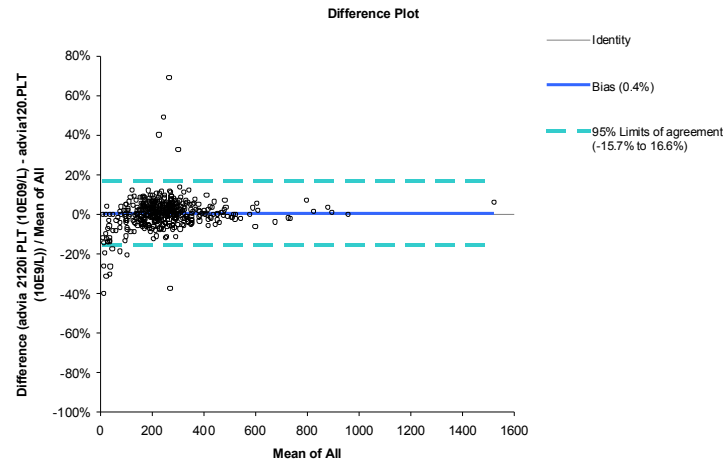


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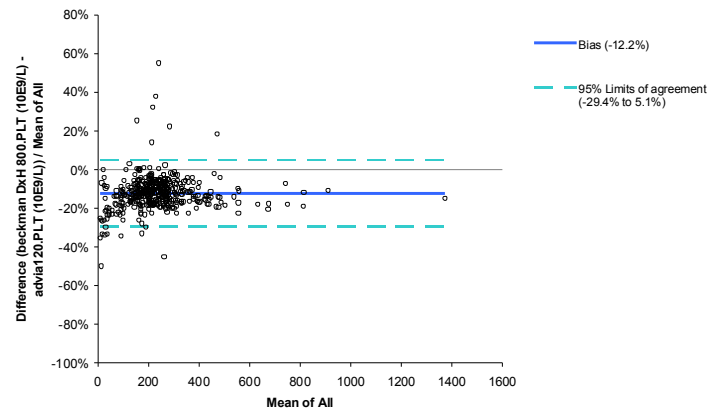


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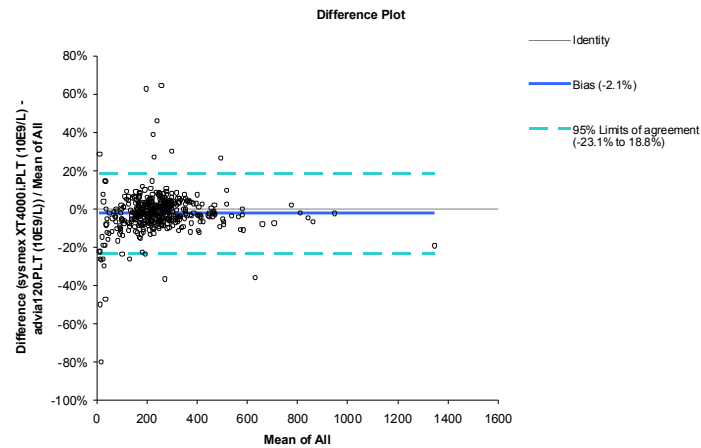
Platelets



ADVIA120 vs.
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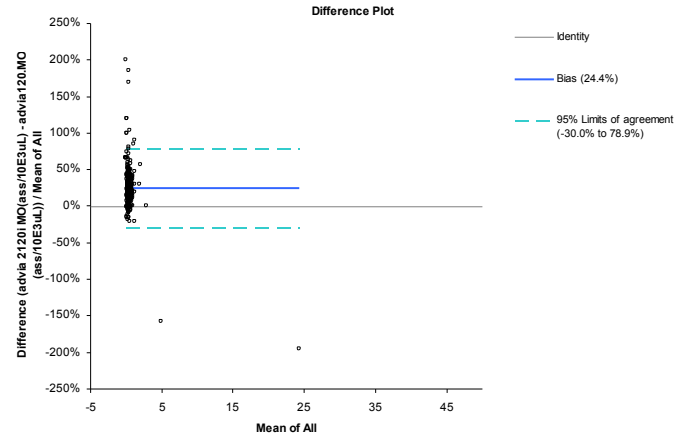


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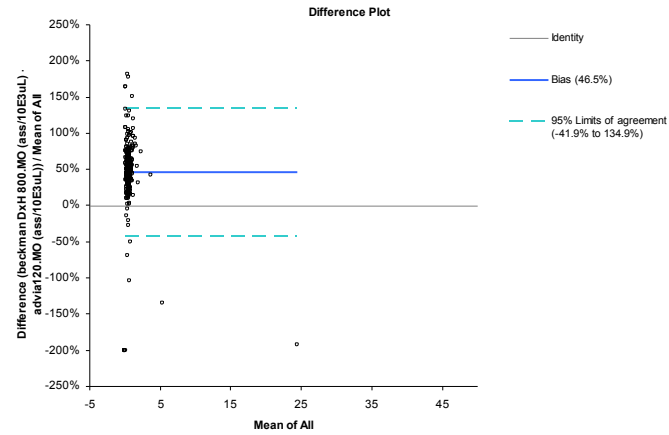


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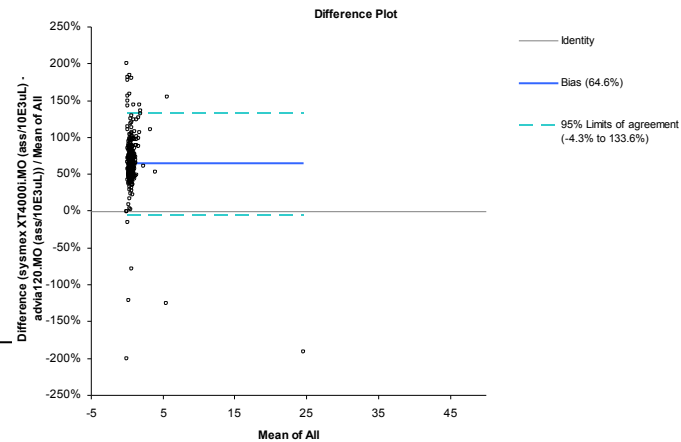
Monocytes



ADVIA120 vs.
ADVIA2120



ADVIA120 vs.
DxH800



ADVIA120 vs.
XE4000i

	CD-Sapphire	ADVIA 120	LH 750	XE-2100
Blasts				
TP	17 (4.0)	13 (3.0)	14 (3.3)	20 (4.7)
TN	391 (90.9)	350 (81.4)	398 (92.6)	369 (85.8)
FP	17 (4.0)	58 (13.5)	10 (2.3)	39 (9.1)
FN	5 (1.2)	9 (2.1)	8 (1.9)	2 (0.5)
Sensitivity (%)	77.3	59.1*	63.6	90.9*
Specificity (%)	95.8	85.8	97.5	90.4
Efficiency (%)	94.9	84.4†	95.8†	90.5
Immature granulocytes and/or Left shift				
TP	59 (13.7)	51 (11.9)	36 (8.4)	56 (13.0)
TN	303 (70.5)	274 (63.7)	346 (80.5)	328 (76.3)
FP	58 (13.5)	87 (20.2)	15 (3.5)	33 (7.7)
FN	10 (2.3)	18 (4.2)	33 (7.7)	13 (3.0)
Sensitivity (%)	85.5‡	73.9	52.2‡	81.2
Specificity (%)	83.9	75.9	95.8	90.9
Efficiency (%)	94.2§	75.6§	88.8	89.3
Atypical lymphocytes				
TP	2 (0.5)	3 (0.7)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.5)
TN	387 (90.0)	362 (84.2)	407 (94.7)	381 (88.6)
FP	38 (8.8)	63 (14.7)	18 (4.2)	44 (10.2)
FN	3 (0.7)	2 (0.5)	5 (1.2)	3 (0.7)
Sensitivity (%)	40.0	60.0	0.0	40.0
Specificity (%)	91.1	85.2	95.8	89.6
Efficiency (%)	90.5	84.9¶	94.7¶	89.1
Nucleated RBC				
TP	4 (0.9)	2 (0.5)	9 (2.1)	7 (1.6)
TN	411 (95.6)	407 (94.7)	403 (93.7)	400 (93.0)
FP	7 (1.6)	11 (2.6)	15 (3.5)	18 (4.2)
FN	8 (1.9)	10 (2.3)	3 (0.7)	5 (1.2)
Sensitivity (%)	33.3	16.7**	75.0**	58.3
Specificity (%)	98.3	97.4	96.4	95.7
Efficiency (%)	96.5	95.1	95.8	94.7

NEW PARAMETERS IN BLOOD CELL COUNTING

Newer parameters

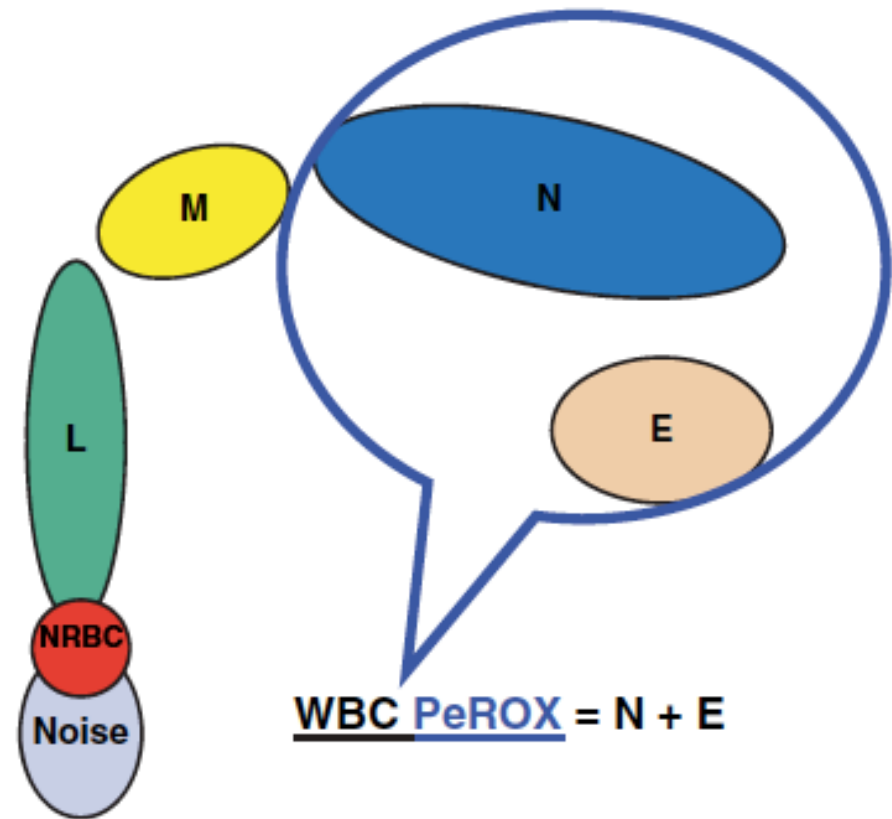
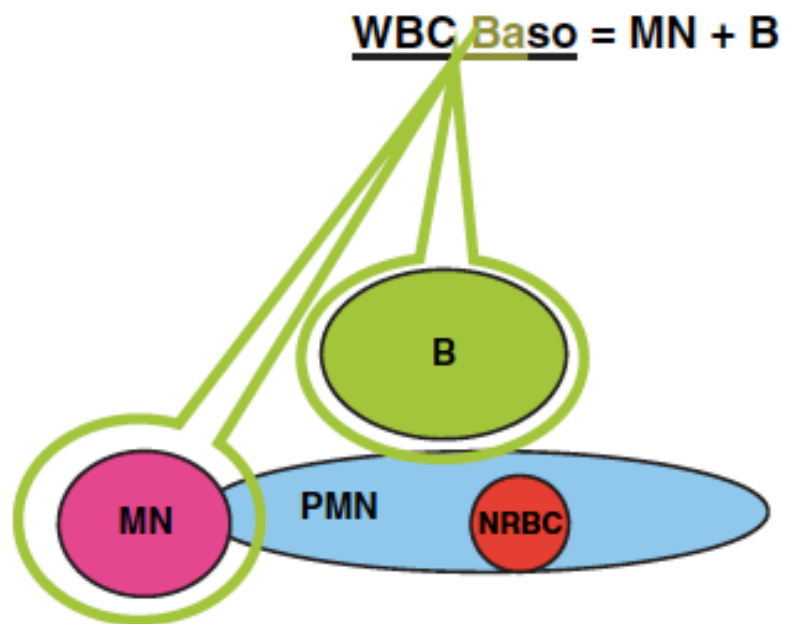
	DxH800	XE4000i	ADVIA 2120
Nucleated RBC (NRBC)	✓	✓	✓
Immature granulocytes (IG)		✓	(✓)
Reticulocyte hemoglobin	(✓)	(✓)	✓
Reticulocyte volume (MRV)	✓		
Immature reticulocytes (IR)	✓	✓	✓
Hypochromic RBC	(✓)	✓	✓
Fragmented red cells (FRC)		✓	✓
Immature platelet fraction (IPF)		✓	

Reticulocyte hemoglobin DxH800: RSF, XE4000i Ret-Hb, ADVIA2120 CHr
Hypochromic RBC: DxH800: LHD, ADVIA2120 Hypochromic RBC

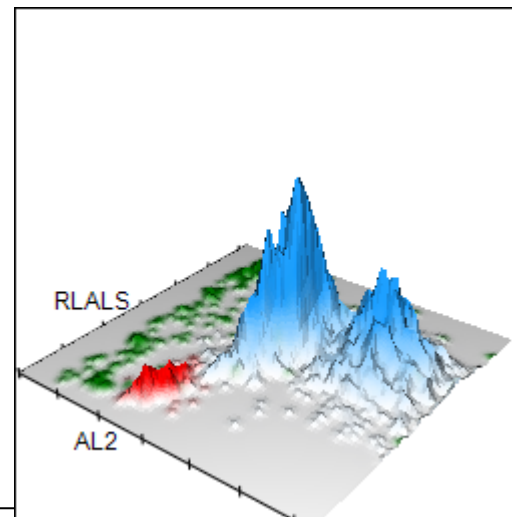
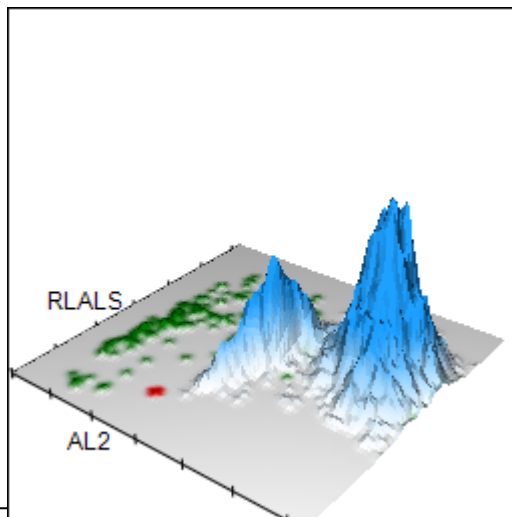
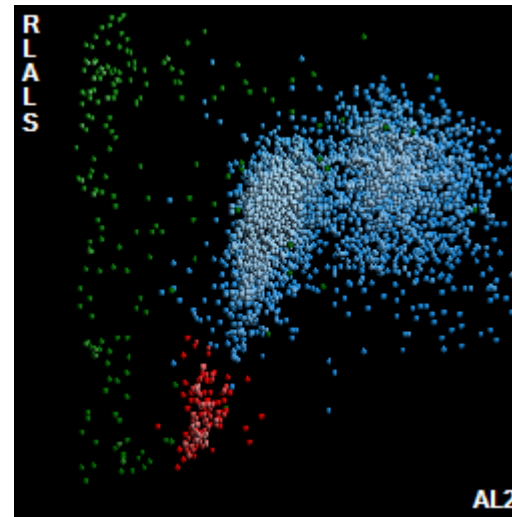
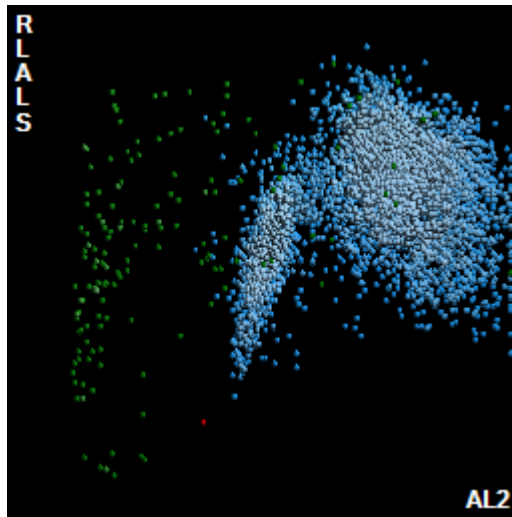
Nucleated red blood cells

- Clinical significance
 - Disease detection
 - Automatic correction of WBC and lymphocyte counts
- Different techniques
 - Signature position on the impedance size WBC histogram (DxH800)
 - Basophil channel and the Peroxidase channel (ADVIA)
 - Flow cytometry (XE-2100)

NRBC ADVIA



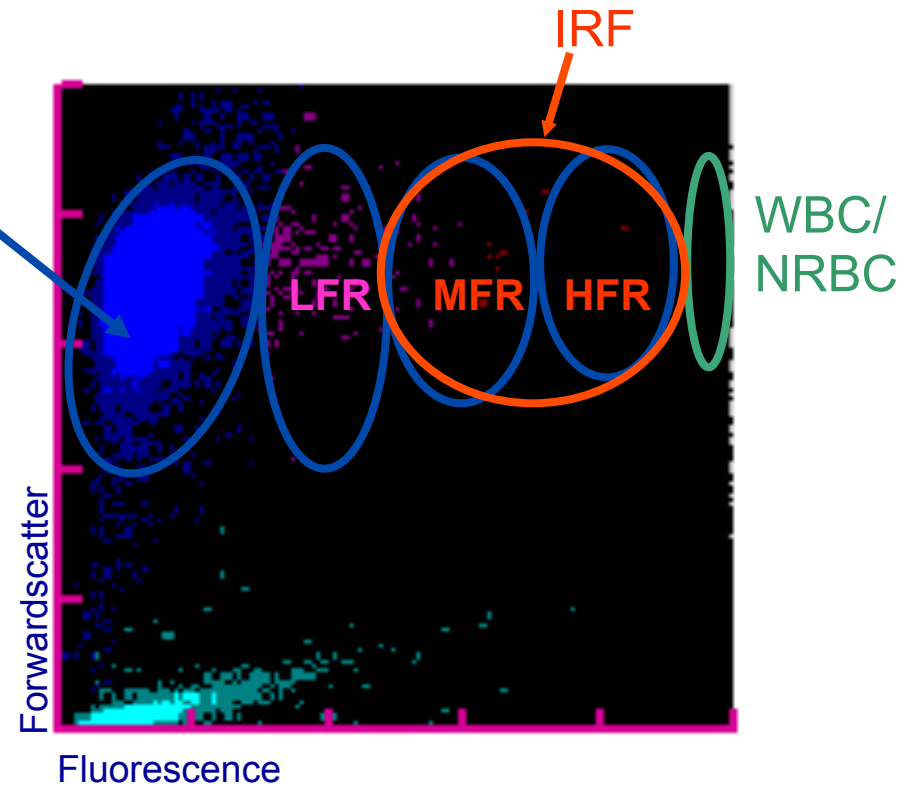
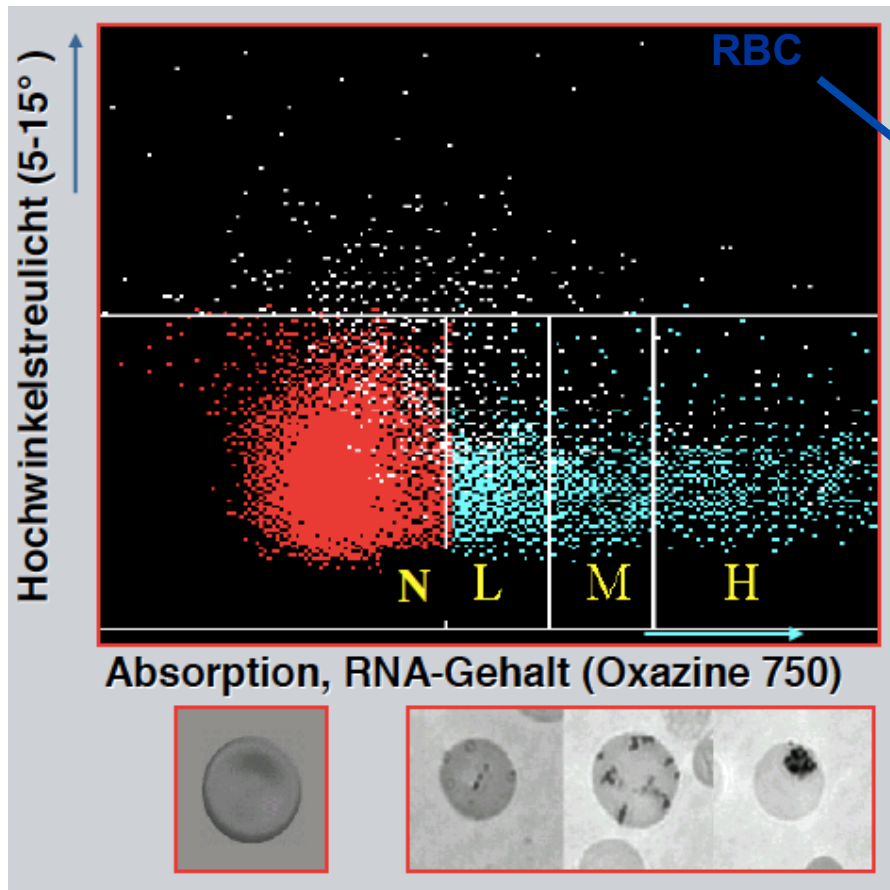
NRBC Beckman Coulter



Immature reticulocyte fraction (IRF)

- Most immature reticulocytes
- Clinical significance
 - Earliest increase of the reticulocyte fraction
 - Monitoring BM regeneration
 - Hemolysis
 - Therapy of iron-deficiency

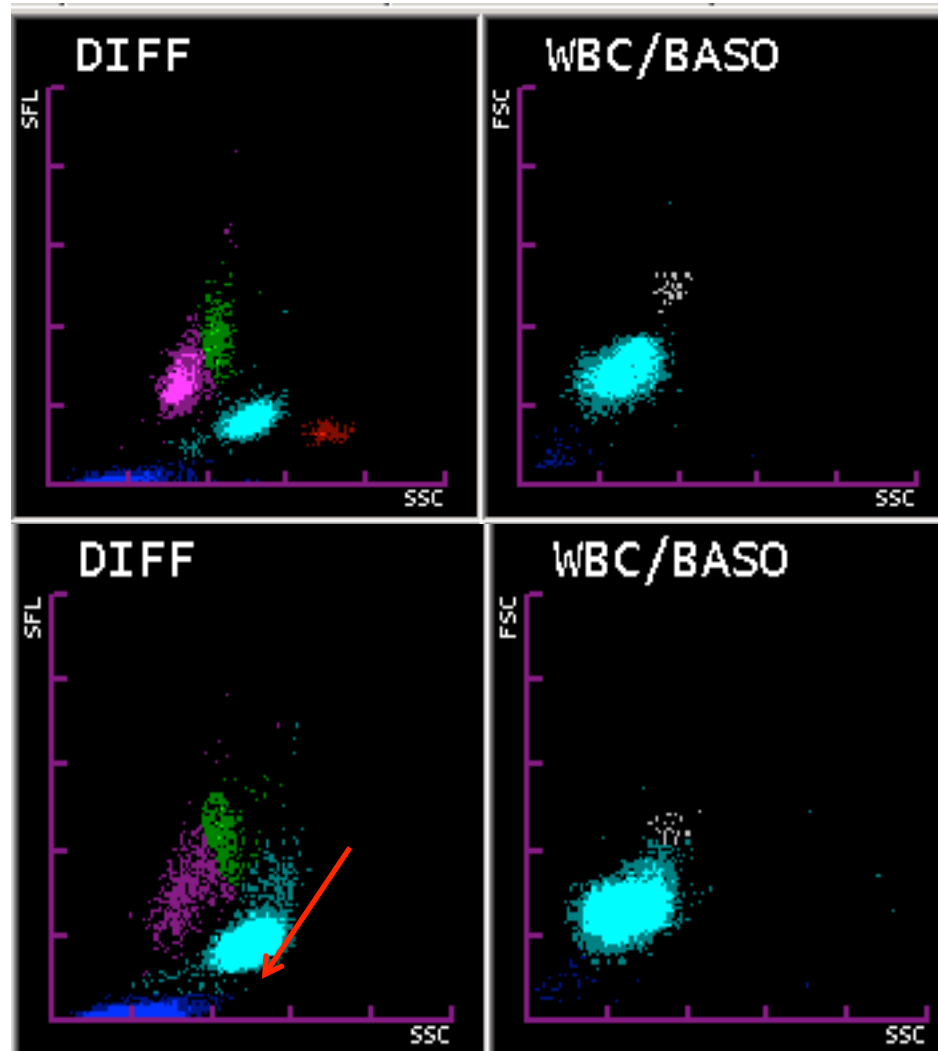
Immature reticulocyte fraction



Parameters of functional iron deficiency

- **CHr**, hypochromic RBC (ADVIA)
 - Measurement: Two-angle scatter
- **Ret-He** (Sysmex)
 - Reticulocyte fluorescence and FSC
- **MRV** (mean reticulocyte volume), **LHD** (Low hemoglobin density), **MAF** (microcytic anemia factor), **RSf** (Red blood cell size factor), (Beckman Coulter)
- Clinical utility
 - Predicting of iron deficiency
 - Manage iron supplementation therapy

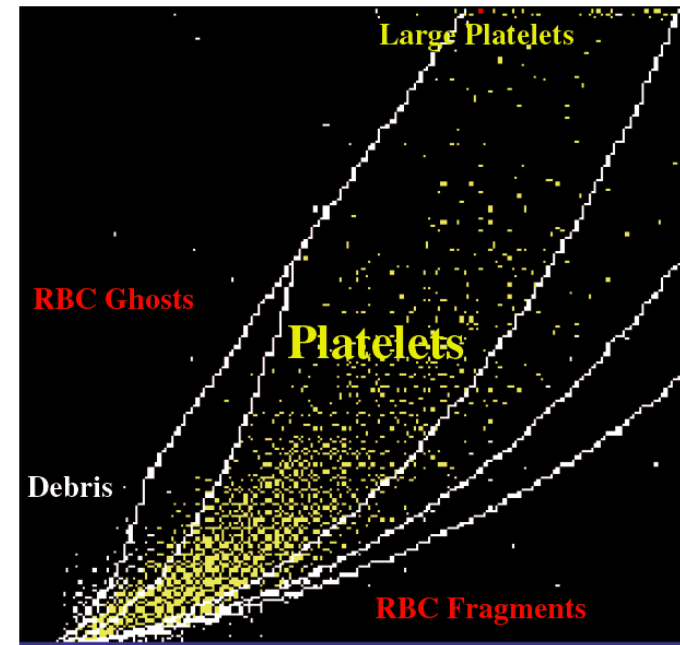
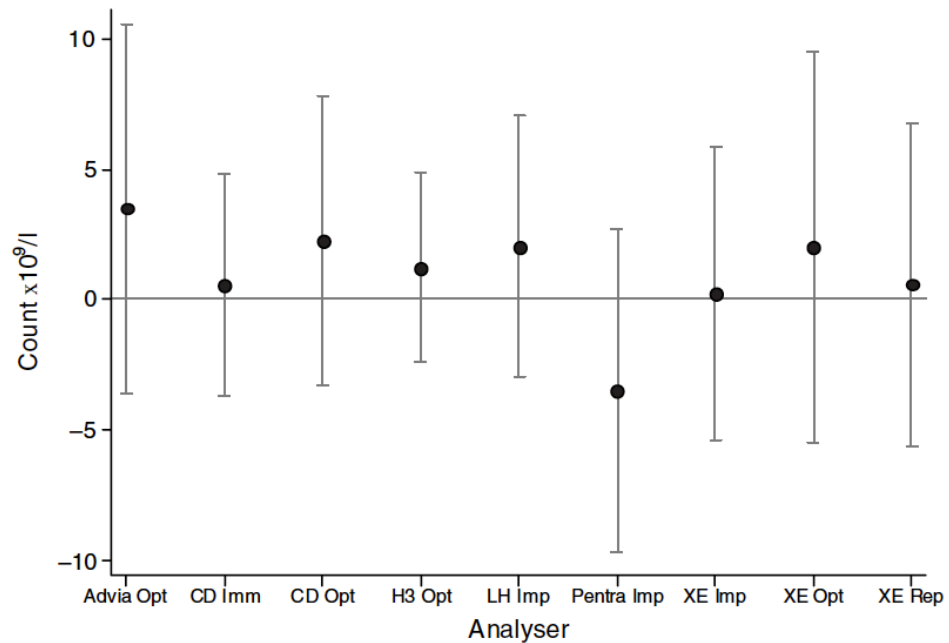
Immature granulocytes



Immature granulocytes

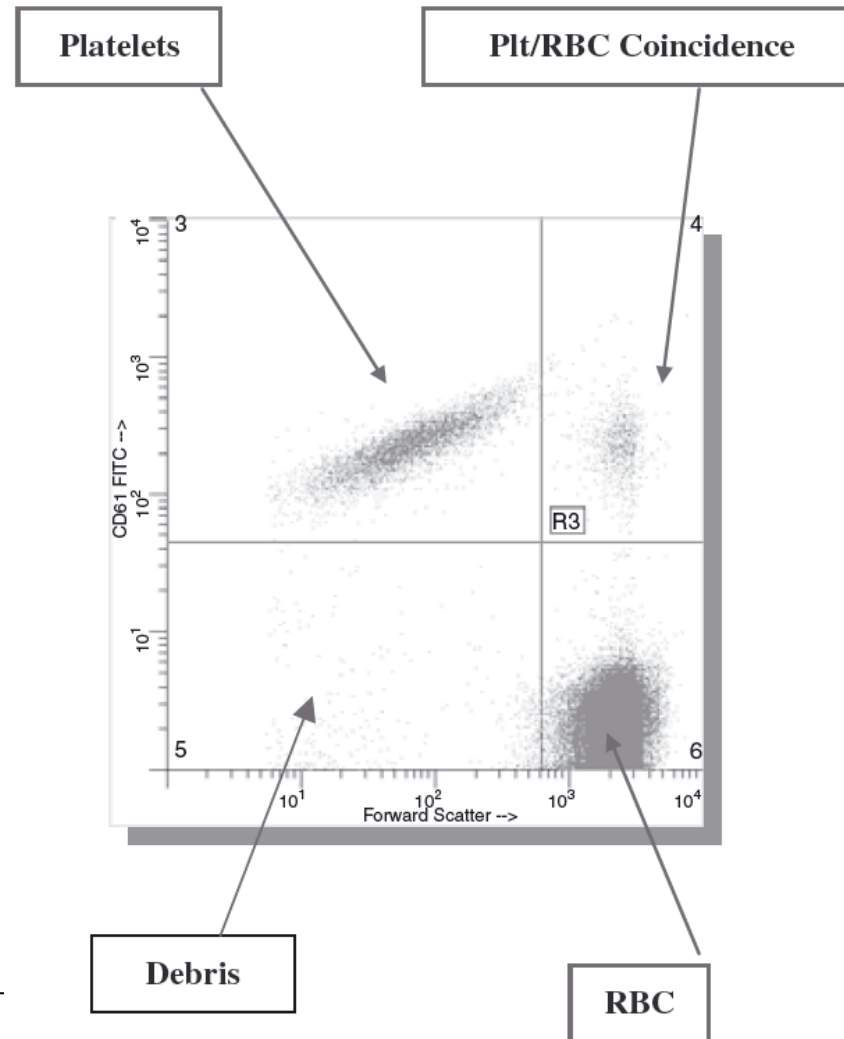
- Sysmex only
- Promyelocytes, myelocytes, metamyelocytes
- Clinical application??
 - Detection of inflammation

Platelet measurement

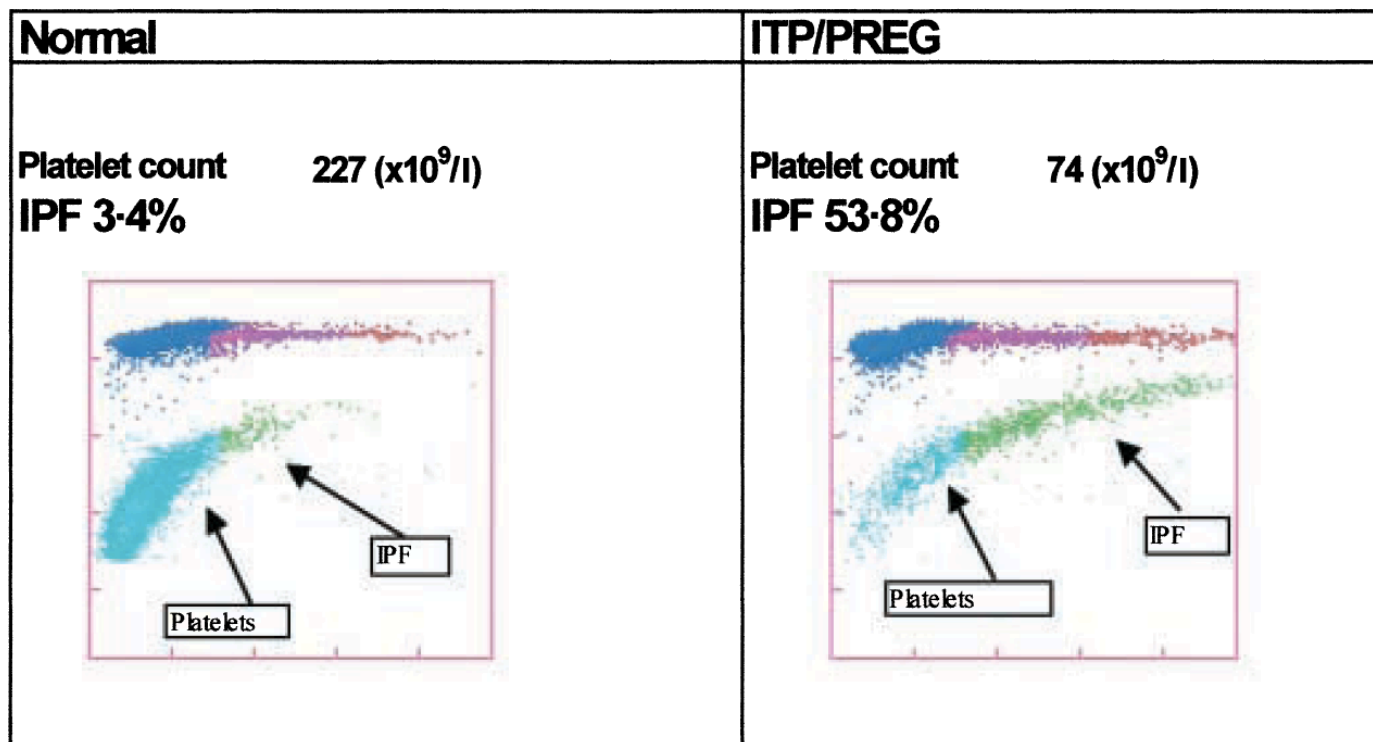


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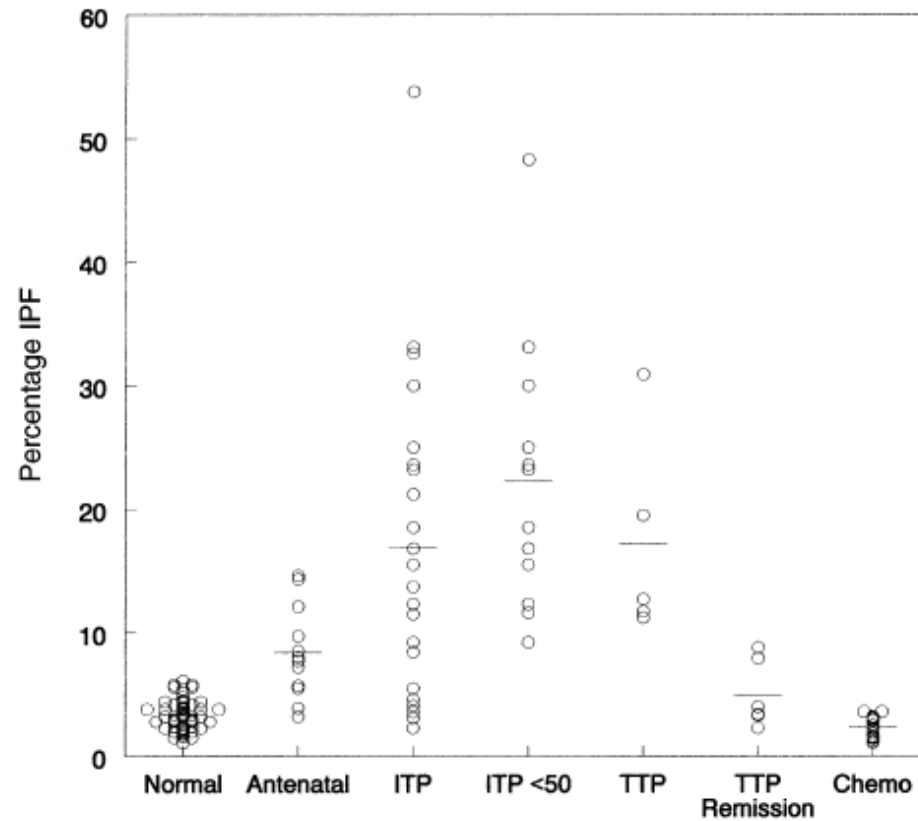
Immunological platelet counting



Immature platelet fraction



Immature platelet fraction



Conclusions

- Cell counters are increasingly sophisticated
- The basic values are comparable
- Increasing amount of new parameters
 - Often no internal or external QC
- The complex analysis matrices of the new cell counters offer interesting options
- Their clinical applications have to be evaluated

Automated digital imaging systems

Classify White Blood Cells - Press Spacebar to Continue

Total Cells:556 | Cells Found by User:0 | Total Cells In View:200 | Case ID:1000004141 | Review ID:1000003525 | Image ID:1000009830 | Facility:100001

77x

0 - Unclassified (Count: 187)

1. WBC 2. RBC 3. Platelet 4. Complete

13 of 100 Classified

Show at most 200 Cells.

Code	Class Description	Hot Key	Pct
1	Neutrophil	NumPad1	
2	Lymphocyte	NumPad2	
3	Monocyte	NumPad3	
4	Banded Granulocyte	NumPad4	
5	Reactive Lymphocyte	NumPad5	
6	Eosinophil	NumPad6	
7	Basophil	NumPad9	
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9	Myelocyte	NumPad8	
10	Promyelocyte	P	
11	Blast Cell	B	
12	Nucleated Red Cell	N	

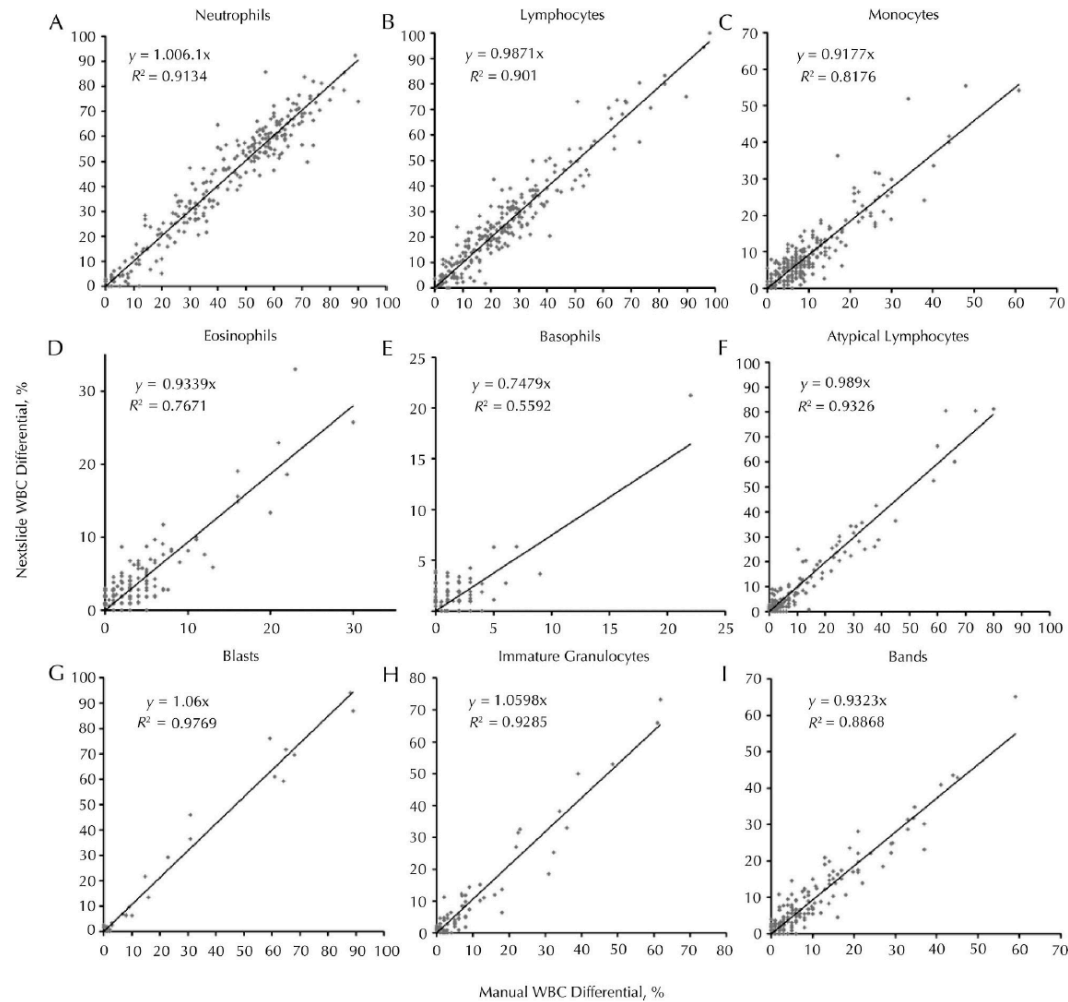
Toxic Granulation	None	Present
Toxic Vacuolation	None	Present
Dohle Bodies	None	Present
Auer Rods	None	Present
Clefted Lymphocytes	None	Present
Hairy Projection	None	Present
Smudge Cells	None	Present

Patient Name: Barcode Result: Barcode NA 9.04 um

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Automated digital imaging systems



Is there still a role for manual
blood count?

Yes, there is, but

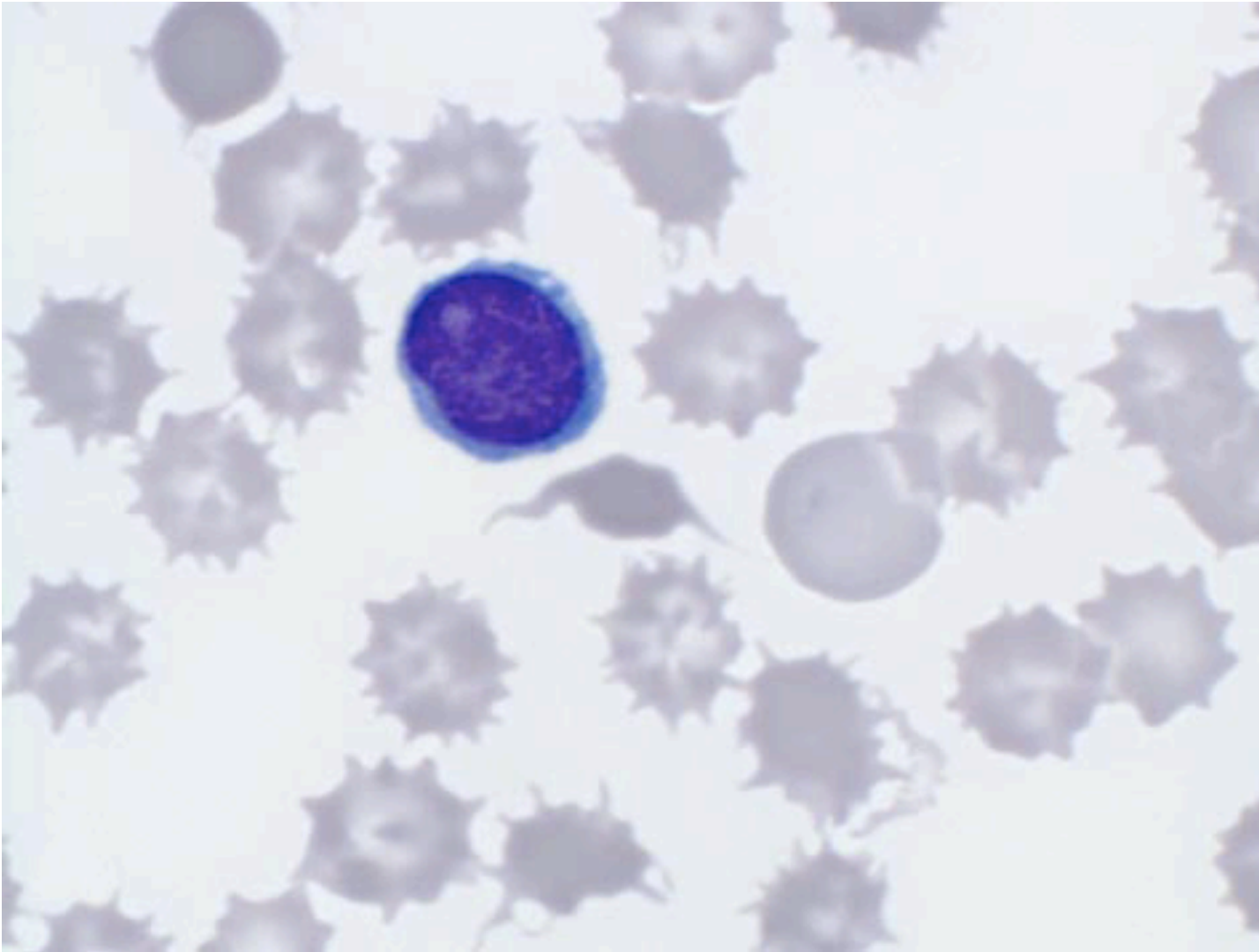
qualitative, not quantitative

Manual vs automated: RBC

	Automated	Manual
Hemoglobin	+++	-
Micro-/Macrocytosis	+++	-
Hypo-/Hyperchromia	+++	-
Anisocytosis	+++	+
Fragmentocytes	+	+++
Poikilocytosis	-	+++
RBC inclusions	-	+++
Reticulocytes	+++	+ (Supravital stainings)
Dysplasia	+	+++

Manual vs automated: WBC

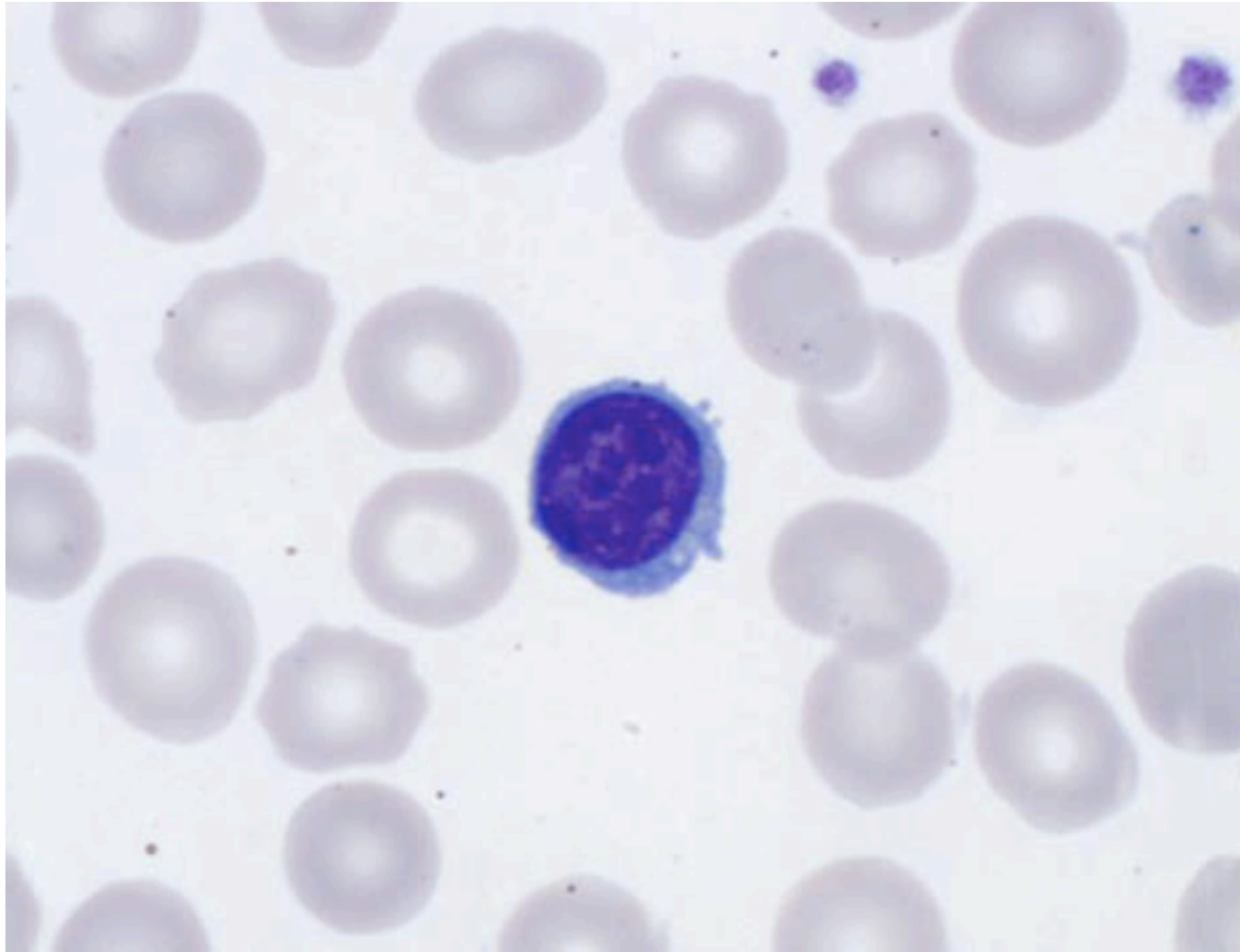
	Automated	Manual
Neutrophils	++	++
Basophils	+++ (if neg), - (if pos)	+++
Lymphocytes	++	++
Eosinophils	+++	++
Monocytes	+	++
Myeloid precursors	+	+++
Blasts	+++	+++
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Case report

- A 34-year-old patient
- Coombs negative hemolytic anemia with numerous spiculated RBC
- Spur cell anemia
 - end-stage alcoholic liver disease, renal failure
 - accumulation of excess membrane cholesterol
 - impaired deformability and reduced RBC survival
 - Poor prognosis (median survival of a few months)

- Orthotopic liver transplantation
 - Primary graft failure
- Urgent retransplantation
- 3 months follow-up:
 - Alcohol abstinence
 - Sustained improvement of the anemia and transfusion independence.





Automated vs manual

Automated analyzers

Pro

- Superior accuracy and precision
- Fast
- Online possibilities

Con

- Complexity and variation of cells remains challenging for analyzers
- Acquisition costs

Manual evaluation

Pro

- Overview
- Dysplastic changes
- Long experience

Con

- Labor-intensive
- Expensive
- Requires highly-trained staff
- Delayed results