

New parameter's application---HF-MCV

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Instrument: BC-6200 1/BC-6200 2

Background: Blood routine department work with Mindray BC6200. The daily sample quantity is 700-800/day. All samples will be checked with microscope.



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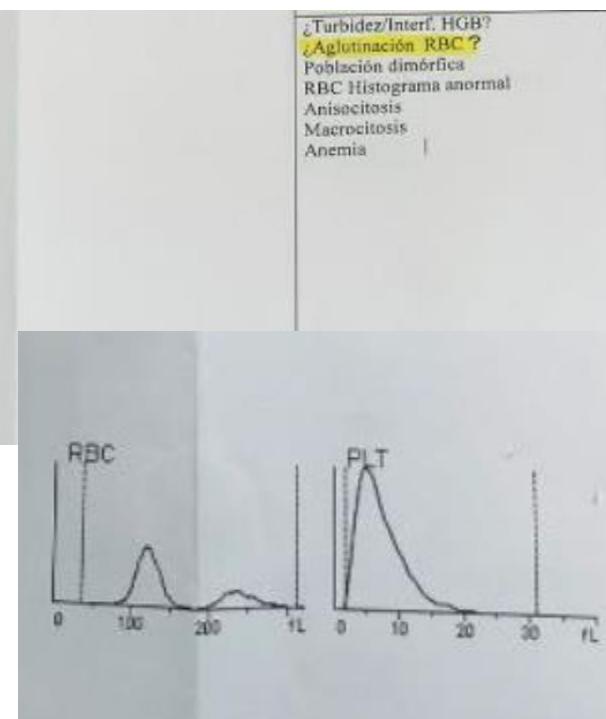
Main issue: the customer complain about for cold agglutination samples **they need to do the treatment to get more accurate results** like warm water incubation, plasma replacement ect.. And they found the similar results with CD and CDR mode. They need instrument to help them get more accurate results with cold agglutination samples.

BC-6200 1: RBC 0.80, HGB 8.9, HCT12.3%, MCV 153.9fL(CD Mode) instrument give alarm: RBC Agglutination?

BC-6200 2: RBC 0.69, HGB 9.0, HCT11.0%, MCV 158.9 fL(CDR Mode)

1 TW%	RL	4.42 10 ³ /uL	5.00 - 10.00
2 Neu%	RL	73.3 %	50.0 - 70.0
3 Linf%	RL	19.4 %	20.0 - 40.0
4 Mon%	R	6.2 %	3.0 - 10.0
5 Eos%	RL	0.4 %	0.5 - 5.0
6 Bas%	R	0.3 %	0.0 - 1.0
7 IMG%	R	0.4 %	0.0 - 100.0
8 Neu#	R	3.24 10 ³ /uL	2.00 - 7.00
9 Linf#	R	0.86 10 ³ /uL	0.80 - 4.00
1 Mon#	R	0.27 10 ³ /uL	0.12 - 1.00
1 Eos#	R	0.02 10 ³ /uL	0.02 - 0.50
1 Bas#	R	0.01 10 ³ /uL	0.00 - 0.10
1 IMG#	R	0.02 10 ³ /uL	0.00 - 999.99
1 RBC	RL	0.80-10 ⁶ /uL	4.00 - 5.50
1 HGB	RL	8.9 g/dL	12.0 - 16.0
1 HCT	RL	12.3 %	40.0 - 54.0
1 MCV	RH	153.9 fL	80.0 - 100.0
1 MCH	RH	111.1 pg	27.0 - 34.0
1 MCHC	RH	72.4 g/dL	32.0 - 36.0

Analyzer 1

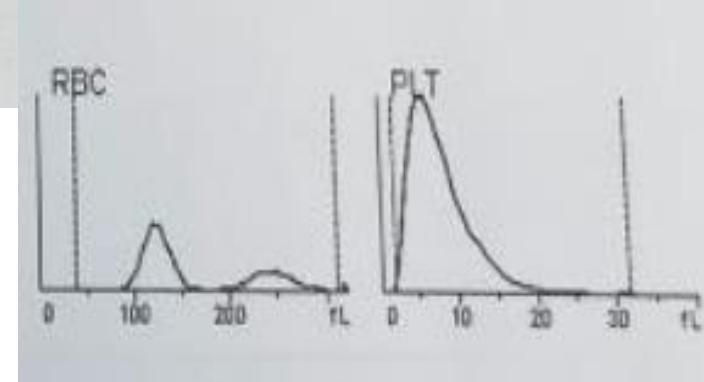


Modo:	Cerrar-WB-CDR/PLT-8X	Fecha nacim.:	Posic. tubo:
N.º serie:	TW-16001587		Setal
Diagnóstico:			

Parám. Result Unid Intervalos de ref...

1 WBC	RL	4.68 10³/uL	5.00 - 10.00
2 Neu%	RL	73.0 %	50.0 - 70.0
3 Linf%	RL	19.6 %	20.0 - 40.0
4 Mon%	R	5.9 %	3.0 - 12.0
5 Eos%	RL	0.4 %	0.5 - 5.0
6 Bas%	R	0.3 %	0.0 - 1.0
7 IMG%	R	0.8 %	0.0 - 3.0
8 Neu#	R	3.41 10³/uL	2.00 - 7.00
9 Linf#	R	0.92 10³/uL	0.80 - 4.00
1 Mon#	R	0.28 10³/uL	0.12 - 1.20
1 Bas#	R	0.01 10³/uL	0.00 - 0.10
1 IMG#	R	0.04 10³/uL	0.00 - 3.00
1 RBC	RL	0.69 10⁶/uL	4.00 - 5.50
1 HGB	RL	9.0 g/dL	11.0 - 15.0
1 HCT	RL	11.0 %	30.0 - 45.0
1 MCV	RH	158.9 fL	80.0 - 96.0
1 MCH	RH	130.4 pg	27.0 - 32.0
1 MCHC	RH	81.8 g/dL	32.0 - 36.0
2 RDW-CV	RH	43.3 %	11.5 - 14.5

Analyzer 2



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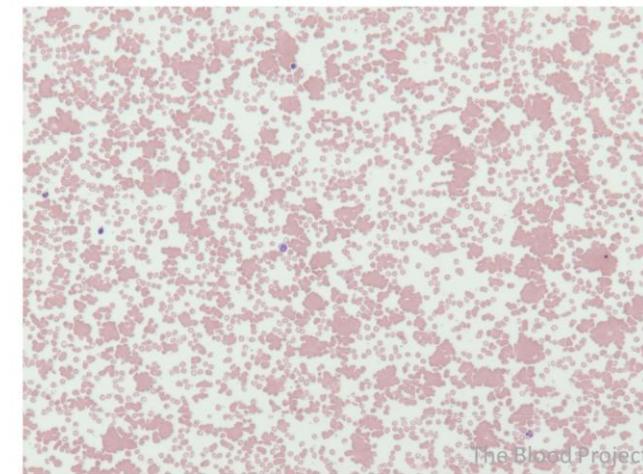
Summary

Cold agglutination caused by the RBC self-agglutination with vitro&low temperature higher agglutinin in body, which can be reversed under certain condition.

When sample happen cold agglutination, which will lead to RBC,HCT false decrease, MCV, MCH, MCHC false increase.

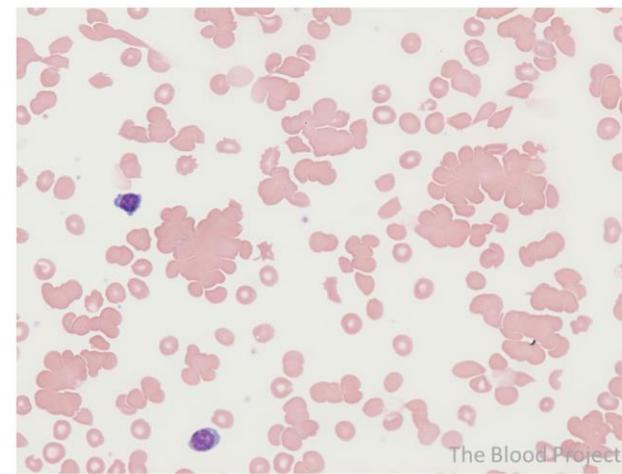


The appearance of cold agglutination



Low power view of a peripheral smear from a patient with cold agglutin disease shows typical appearance of red cell agglutination (10x).

Low power view of a peripheral smear from a patient with cold agglutin disease (10x)*



This blood film from a patient with cold agglutin disease shows typical appearance of red cell agglutination consisting of clumps of red cells, which have lost their central pallor owing to the effect of overlapping cytoplasm. Agglutinated masses of red cells of variable size are noted in this view (50x, oil).

This blood film from a patient with cold agglutin disease (50x)*

RBC agglutination

The appearance of blood	Uneven attachment of blocky or sand-like particles on the test tube wall (mild cases may not be visible in appearance).
The influence for results	RBC and HCT false decrease, MCV, MCH, MCHC false increase , especially for MCH and MCHC, RBC and HGB not in proportional(333 rules)
Flags/Histogram information for instrument	RBC agglutination? Turbidity/HGB Interfere? RBC Histogram Abnormal
Smear	Sand-like particles are visible on the blood smear, making it difficult to spread, resulting in an uneven blood smear.
The morphology of RBC with microscope	Red blood cells are unevenly distributed.
Correction action	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Incubation under 37°C then re-test2. Dilute with warm saline then re-test with pre-diluent mode3. Plasma replacement with warm saline then re-test (severe cold agglutination)
Common causes	Primary cold agglutinin syndrome, chlamydial infection, infectious mononucleosis, autoimmune diseases, chronic lymphocytic proliferation diseases; can also be seen in liver diseases, malaria, etc.

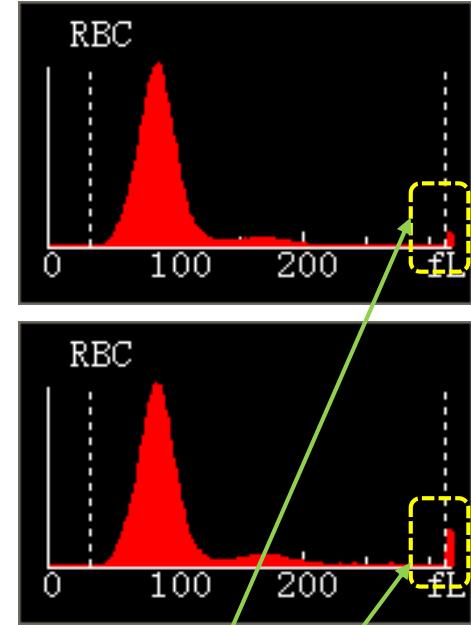
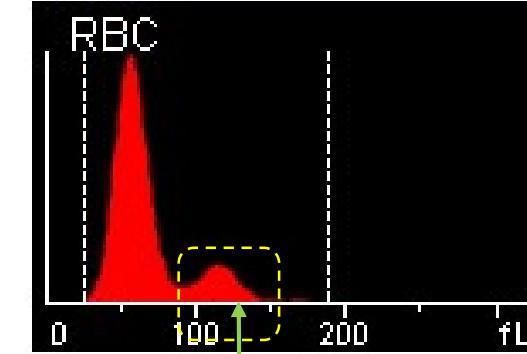
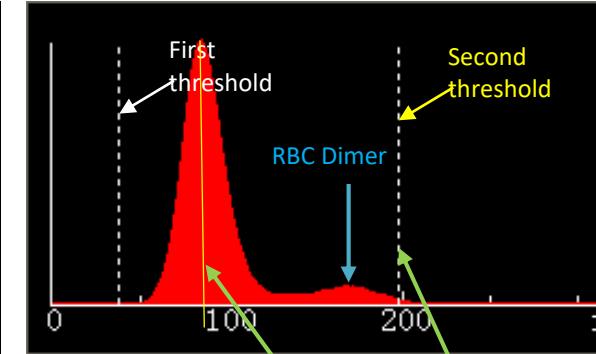
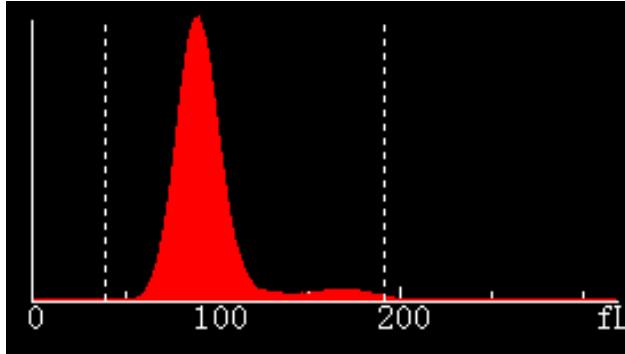
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- ✓ RBC histogram is in the normal distribution shape
- ✓ The RBC peak central axis is within 82~95fL
- ✓ The front and back area of peak without any other distribution
- ✓ There might be a tiny peak within 150~190fL due to RBC dimers.

RBC Agglutination?

Algorithm 1:

➢ MCHC > 380g/L & MCH > 40pg & RBC < $3.50 \times 10^{12}/\text{L}$)
or MCHC > 380g/L & MCH > 40pg & RU% > 6%)

RU refer to the second threshold line

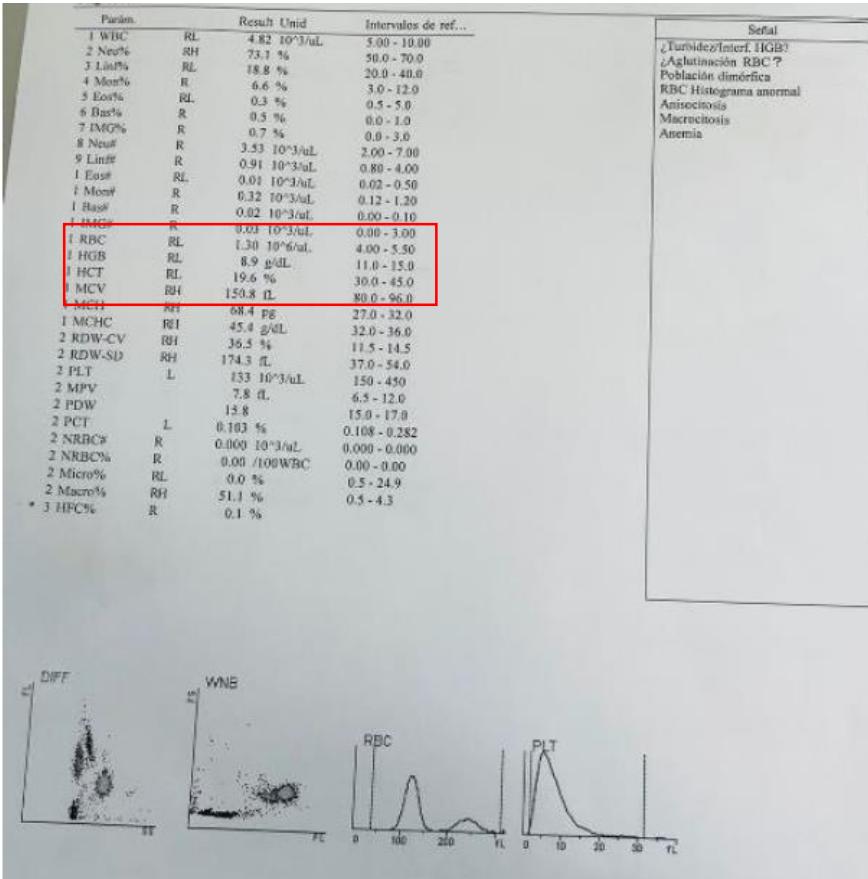
$$RU\% = 100 * \frac{RBCHist[RU]}{RBCHist[Peak]}$$

Algorithm 2:

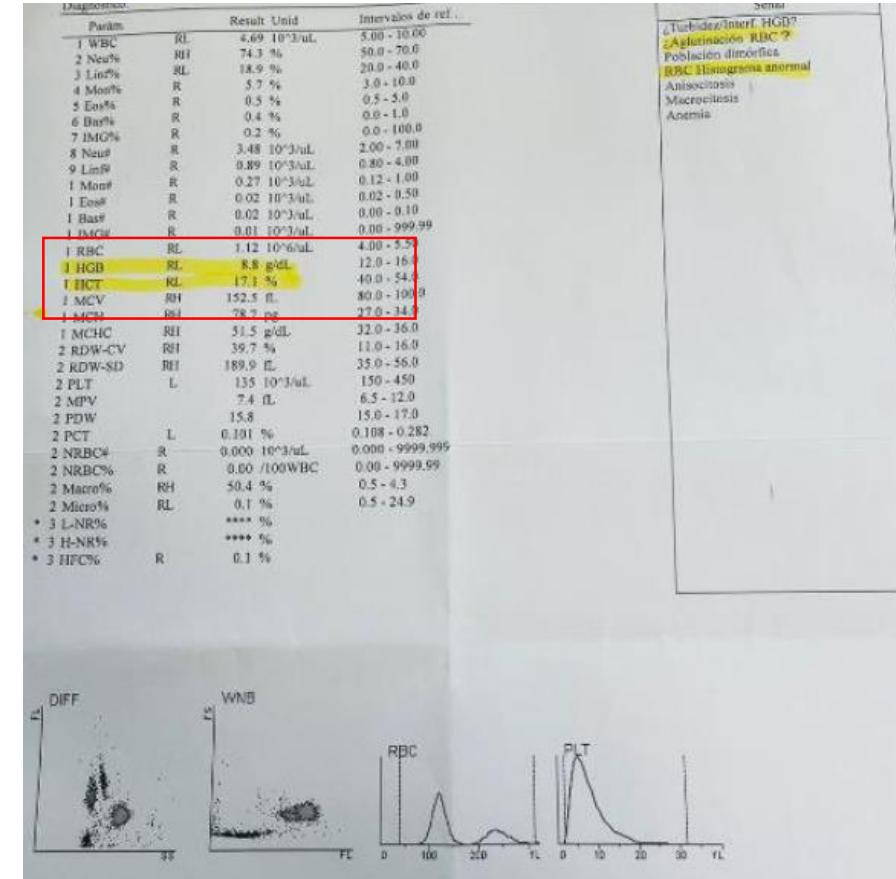
The are the tail in the end of tail (exceed the threshold)

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After incubation with warm water for 30 minutes



Instrument 1 RBC1.3 HGB8.9
HCT19.6% MCV150.8



Instrument 1 RBC1.12 HGB8.8
HCT17.1% MCV152.5

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After incubation it improved but did not make the correction, perform the washes according to our protocol, centrifuging the sample at 2000rpm for 5 min and replacing the plasma with saline solution in the same proportion 3 times in that same order. The sample was processed on both analyzers

Analyzer 1: RBC 2.05, HGB 8.4, HCT 25.2%, MCV 123.1fL

Analyzer 2: RBC 2.04, HGB 8.5 HCT 24.4%, MCV 119.6fL

Parám.	Result	Unid	Intervalos de ref...
1 WBC	RL	$4.06 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	5.00 - 10.00
2 Neut%	RH	79.1 %	50.0 - 70.0
3 Lin%	RL	14.1 %	20.0 - 40.0
4 Mon%	R	4.6 %	3.0 - 12.0
5 Eos%	R	0.7 %	0.5 - 2.0
6 Bas%	R	0.6 %	0.0 - 1.0
7 IMG%	R	0.9 %	0.0 - 3.0
8 Neut#	R	$3.21 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	2.00 - 7.00
9 Lin#	RL	$0.57 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	0.80 - 4.00
1 Eos#	R	$0.03 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	0.02 - 0.50
1 Mon#	R	$0.19 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	0.12 - 1.20
1 Bas#	R	$0.02 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	0.00 - 0.10
1 IMG#	R	$0.04 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	0.00 - 3.00
1 RBC	RL	$2.05 \cdot 10^6/\mu\text{L}$	4.00 - 5.50
1 HGB	L	8.4 g/dL	11.0 - 15.0
1 HCT	RL	23.2 %	30.0 - 45.0
1 MCV	RH	123.1 fL	80.0 - 96.0
1 MCH	RH	41.1 pg	27.0 - 32.0

Linfopenia
↓ Aglutinación RBC ?
Macrocitosis
Anemia
Reticulocitosis
Trombocitopenia

Parám.	Result	Unid	Intervalos de ref...	Señal
1 WBC	L	$3.97 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	5.00 - 10.00	Pancitopenia
2 Neu%	H	81.5 %	50.0 - 70.0	↓ Granulocitos inmaduros?
3 Lin%	L	11.4 %	20.0 - 40.0	Linfopenia
4 Mon%		4.5 %	3.0 - 10.0	Macrocitosis
5 Eos%		0.8 %	0.5 - 5.0	Anemia
6 Bas%		0.5 %	0.0 - 1.0	Trombocitopenia
7 IMG%		1.3 %	0.0 - 100.0	
8 Neut#		$3.24 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	2.00 - 7.00	
9 Lin#	L	$0.45 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	0.80 - 4.00	
1 Mon#		$0.18 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	0.12 - 1.00	
1 Eos#		$0.03 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	0.02 - 0.50	
1 Bas#		$0.02 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	0.00 - 0.10	
1 IMG#		$0.05 \cdot 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	0.00 - 999.99	
1 RBC	L	$2.04 \cdot 10^6/\mu\text{L}$	4.00 - 5.50	
1 HGB	L	8.5 g/dL	12.0 - 16.0	
1 HCT	L	24.4 %	40.0 - 54.0	
1 MCV	H	119.6 fL	80.0 - 100.0	
1 MCH	H	41.5 pg	27.0 - 34.0	
1 MCHC		34.8 g/dL	32.0 - 36.0	

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RBC_O	2.35	R	10^1...
HGB_O	20	R	g/L
Micro#	0.00	R	10^1...
Macro#	0.38	R	10^1...
HF_MCV	117.5	R	fL
MRV	117.0	R	fL
FRC%	0.78	R	%
FRC#	0.0054	R	10^1...
RPI	1.1	R	

HGB	90	R	g/L
RBC	0.69	R	10^1...
HCT	11.0	R	%
MCV	158.9	R	fL
MCH	130.4	R	Pg
MCHC	818	R	g/L
RDW_CV	43.3	R	%
RDW_SD	220.1	R	fL
HDW	48.1	R	g/L
Micro%	0.2	R	%

Mindray RBC-I:0.69
RBC-O:2.35
MCV: 158.9
HF-MCV:117.5

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The results comparison

Parameters	First time analyzer 1	First time analyzer 2	First incubation analyzer 1	First incubation analyzer 2	Plasma replacement analyzer 1(CDR)	Plasma replacement analyzer 2	Reference parameters
RBC	0.80	0.69	1.30	1.12	2.05	2.04	RBC-O 2.35
HGB	8.9	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.4	8.5	8.9
HCT	12.3	11.0	19.6	17.1	25.2	24.4	RBC-O*HF-MCV 27.6
MCV	153.9	158.9	150.8	152.5	123.1	119.6	HF-MCV 117.5
MCH	111.1	130.4	68.4	78.7	41.1	41.5	HGB/RBC-O 37.9
MCHC	72.4	81.8	45.4	51.5	33.3	34.8	HGB/HCT 32.2

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How to quickly find RBC cold agglutination?

- ✓ Set the auto-validation rules to help select the abnormal samples, like: MCHC > 380g/L or higher than the reference range upper limit 20 g/L
- ✓ Set the special flag like RBC agglutination to select the samples
- ✓ Check the appearance of samples (**Uneven attachment of blocky or sand-like particles** on the test tube wall); RBC related parameters like the ratio of RBC, HGB, HCT(333 rules); check the RBC histogram shape(two peaks?)



The screenshot shows the software interface for rule configuration. On the left, there's a sidebar with various setup tabs: Samples, QC, Consistency, More, System Setup, Validation Rules, Expert Tip Setup, and Digital. The Validation Rules tab is active. In the center, there's a 'Rule Tree (Current Effective Rules)' diagram and a 'Default Config Group (0.0%)' table. The rule tree shows a sequence of checks: Abnormal Sample Check → Panic Value Check → Parameter and Flag Check → Abnormal Range Delta Check → Clinical Exception. The 'Parameter and Flag Check' step is highlighted in blue. The 'Default Config Group' table lists various parameters and their ranges, along with their respective flags and usage rates. A specific row for 'MCHC' is highlighted in red, showing its range as 300-320. To the right of the table is a 'Flag' section with a table showing flags like 'WBC Scattergram Abn.', 'RBC Agglutination?', etc., each with their own parameters and usage rates. The 'RBC Agglutination?' row is also highlighted in red.

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When we found the cold agglutination samples, how to deal with it?

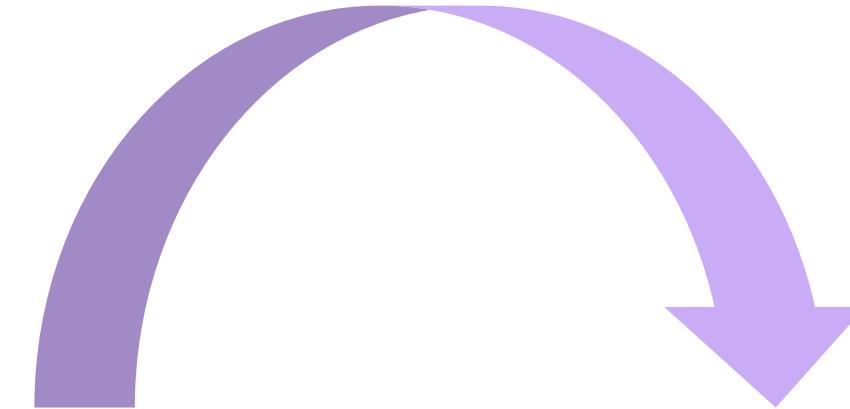


37°C incubation: warm sample in 37°C water about 30mins-1h then test the samples, it's the common solution to solve the problem. But for severe agglutination samples, it can't be disaggregation

Plasma replacement: centrifuge samples with 3000r/min for 5mins, absorb the upper layer for plasma and discard it. Add DS diluent or saline to wash about 3-5 times, later mix the sample and test with instrument.



Note: plasma replacement can correct RBC related parameters, but the procedure can loss WBC and PLT, which will lower the counting number, especially for PLT. So we suggest to use the first test results for PLT, WBC



The calculation from parameters:
 $RBC=RBC-O$
 $HGB=HGB-O/HGB$
 $MCV=HF-MCV$
 $HCT=RBC*HF-MCV$
 $MCH=HGB/RBC-O$
 $MCHC=HGB/HCT$

Case Summary

How to release the report?

- ◆ Check the change for RBC and related parameters: after the treatment or the calculation, whether the parameters are different, or a big bias
- ◆ If use plasma replacement method, the RBC series parameter use after plasmas replacement results, and PLT, WBC should use before the RBC replacement
- ◆ It's recommend that note on the report: this sample have cold agglutination problem, the RBC series results are the corrected just for reference
- ◆ Can refer to HF-MCV(RUO) and the calculation results

Thanks!

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