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Amyloid Stain Kit (Congo Red)

Description: The Amyloid Stain Kit (Congo Red) is intended for use in the histological visualization of amyloid in tissue sections. Examination under a polarizing microscope results in green birefringence of amyloid.

Amyloid:	Red to Pink
Erythrocytes:	Light Orange
Eosinophil Granules:	Orange to Red
Nuclei:	Blue

Uses/Limitations: For In-Vitro Diagnostic use only.
 Histological applications.
 Do not use past expiration date.
 Use caution when handling these reagents.


Control Tissue: Freshly cut sections containing amyloid.
 Cut sections 6-12 microns to show smaller amyloid deposits.


Availability/Contents:

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Kit Contents</u>	<u>Storage Conditions</u>
CRA030	Congo Red Solution (30 ml)	Room Temperature
HMM030	Hematoxylin (30 ml)	Room Temperature
BRT030	Bluing Reagent 300 ml)	Room Temperature

Required but not included: 95% Ethyl Alcohol
 100% Ethyl Alcohol

Precautions: Congo Red Solution is flammable.
 Keep away from open flame.
 Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
 Harmful if swallowed.
 Follow all Federal, State, and local regulations regarding disposal.
 Use in chemical fume hood whenever possible.

Storage: 18° C  25° C

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Procedure (Standard):

1. Deparaffinize sections if necessary and hydrate to distilled water.
2. Apply 4-6 drops of Hematoxylin and incubate for 5 minutes.
3. Rinse slide in tap water.
4. Apply 4-6 drops of Bluing Reagent and incubate for 30 seconds.
5. Rinse slide in distilled water.
6. Dip slide in 95% alcohol for 5 seconds.
7. Apply 4-6 drops of Congo Red Solution and incubate for 20 minutes.
8. Dip twice (quickly) in 100% alcohol.
9. Dip repeatedly (4-5 dips) in clearing agent, and mount in synthetic resin.

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