

Appendix 1

The specific operating procedures of blood specimens containing a series of concentration gradients of blast cells

- (I) Whole blood samples containing a high concentration of blasts were centrifuged to obtain white blood cells as the 100% concentration point.
- (II) Mix it with the DS diluent to obtain a 50% concentration point, and follow the above steps to prepare the white blood cell suspension with 10 concentration gradients;
- (III) Ten leukocyte suspensions (50 μ L) with different concentration gradients was added to 10 healthy controls (950 μ L) of the same blood grouping to obtain 10 specimens with different blast cell concentration gradients (test pool #1–10, 1 mL/specimen);
- (IV) Ten test pools were tested twice in the full channel mode of the Mindray BC-7500CRP and Sysmex XN-1000;
- (V) The “Blast” flags (including Blast? and Abn Lympho/Blast?) of the 2 instruments were compared and recorded. Mindray SC-120 micro mode was used to prepare a blood smear (Wright-Giemsa staining) with 100% concentration point specimens. Two senior experimenters reviewed the blood smears above and calculated the absolute value of blast cells in a series of concentrations of the specimens (halved in succession) according to the microscopic examination results of the Blast% and leukocyte counts of the test pool #1 specimens;
- (VI) Another 15 specimens with high concentrations of blast cells were selected to repeat steps (I–VI) to obtain a total of 16 groups of experimental data;
- (VII) The minimum blast cell percentage (Blast%) and the minimum blast cell count (Blast#) corresponding to the “blast” flags of the 2 instruments were counted.