

## **Objectives**

- To estimate the number of RBC in blood sample
- To estimate the number of total WBC in blood sample
- To perform a differential count for a blood sample

### Introduction

• **Complete blood count (CBC)** is a series of tests used to evaluate the <u>composition</u> and <u>concentration</u> of the cellular components of blood.

### A CBC test usually includes:

- I. WBC count
- I. WBC differential count
- II. **RBC count**
- III. HCT ?
- IV. Hb
- v. **Red blood cell indices:** There are three red blood cell indices: mean corpuscular volume (MCV), mean corpuscular hemoglobin (MCH), and mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration (MCHC).

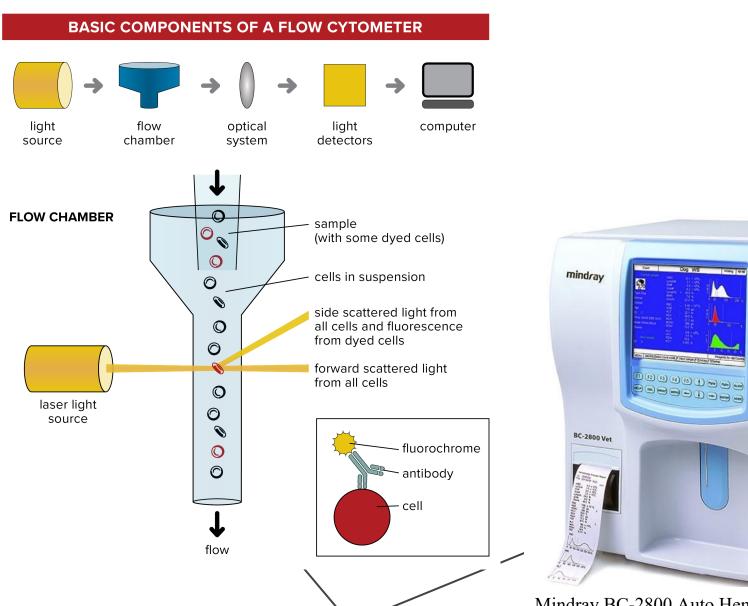
- VII. Platelet count
- **VIII.** Mean platelet volume (MPV)
- IX. Platelet distribution width (PDW)

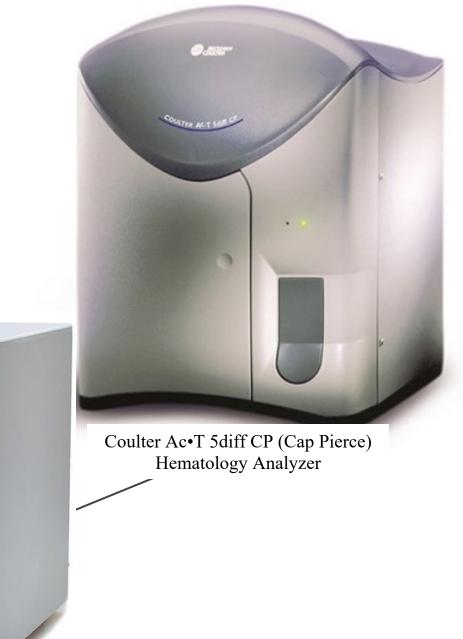
### **Complete Blood Count (CBC)**

- **CBC** can applied by two way:
  - 1. <u>Automated</u> blood count
  - 2. <u>Manual blood count</u>
- Automated blood count:
  - CBC is performed by an automated analyzer that counts the **numbers** and **types** of <u>different cells</u> <u>within the blood.</u>
  - It aspirates a <u>very small amount</u> of the sample through the <u>narrow tubing</u>, within this tubing, there are <u>sensors</u> that count the <u>number of cells</u> going through it, and can identify the type of cell; this is called <u>*flow-cytometry*</u>.

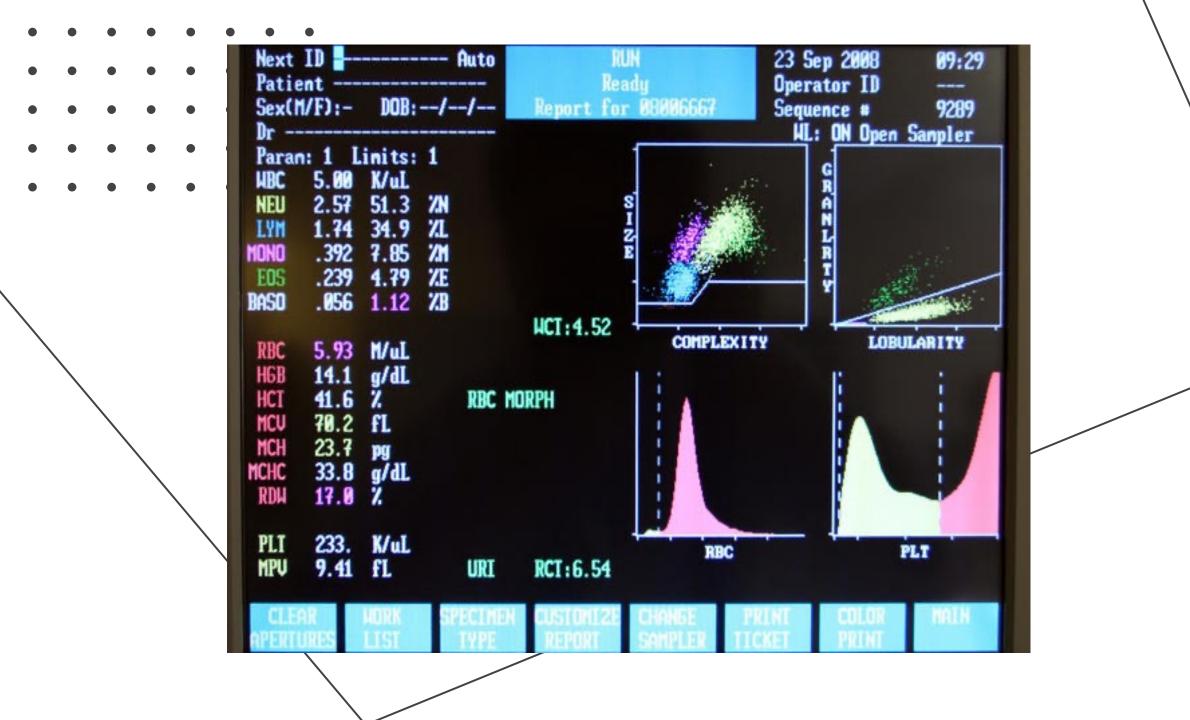


### **Flow cytometer**





Mindray BC-2800 Auto Hematology Analyzer



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	Test Name	Result		Units	Flag	Reference Range		
	CBC W/ 5 PART					Run by: TB	on 2/22/2012 09:33	
	WBC	2.1		K/uL		4.0 - 11.2		
	RBC	4.15		M/uL		4.00 - 5.60		
	HGB	13.5		gm/dL		12.0 - 16.0		
$\backslash$	HCT	39.5		%VOL		35.0 - 50.0		
$\backslash$	MCV	95		fl		82 - 98		
	PLATELETS	172		K/uL		140 - 440		
	MCH	32.6		pg		26.0 - 36.0		
	MCHC	34.3		g/dL	1	27.0 - 36.0		
	RDW	13.2		%		9.0 - 18.0		
	MPV	7.3		fl		6.0 - 12.0		
	NEU%	55.2		%		45.0 - 65.0		
	LYMPH%	30.9		%		20.0 - 50.0		
	MONO%	9.0		%		0.0 - 11.0		
	EOS%	4.0		%		0.0 - 7.0		
	BASO%	0.9		%		0.0 - 3.0		
	NEUT#	1.17		K/uL		2.00 - 8.00		
	LYMPH#	0.65		K/uL		1.80 - 4.80		
	MONO#	0.19		K/uL		0.10 - 1.10		
	EOO#					0.10 1.10		

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0.00 - 0.80

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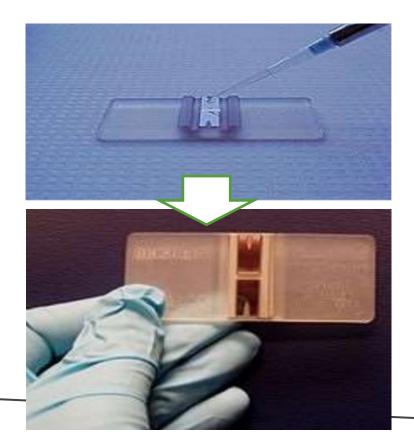
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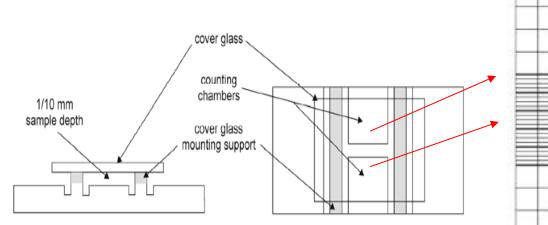
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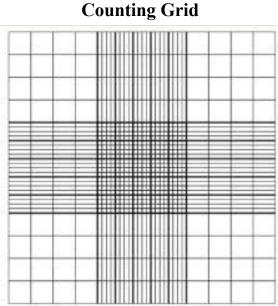
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- Manual Blood Count
  - This measurement is made with a **microscope** and a specially ruled chamber

(Hemocytometer) using diluted blood.







# (A) **RBC** Count

- It is test done to determine the number of RBC in a sample of blood, also it evaluate the size and shape of RBC.
- It is range from **4.2 5.5** million RBC per cubic millimeter (mm<sup>3</sup>).
- It is considered a very important indicator of a patient's health.

#### Low RBC count

- Anemia
- Acute or chronic blood loss

#### High RBC count

- Polycythemia
- Renal problem, Why?

### Normally high (RBC count)

- People who live at high altitudes
- Smokers

Oxygen is low  $\rightarrow$  RBC synthesis increases

## (B) WBC Count

- Total leukocytes count shows the **number of WBC** in a sample of blood.
- A normal WBC count is between **4,500-11,000** cells per cubic millimeter (mm<sup>3</sup>).
- The number of WBC is sometimes used to identify <u>an infection</u> or to <u>monitor the body's response to</u> <u>treatment.</u>

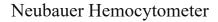
Low WBC count → Leukopenia High WBC count → Leukocytosis

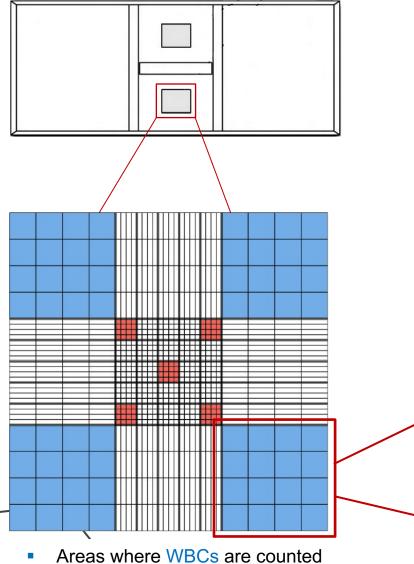
### A. Regarding RBC

- The process involves by **counting cells** in <u>several squares</u> of the grid and obtain an average number.
- This number is multiply by a factor that compensates the amount of dilution.
- The final results expresses the number of **RBC** /**mm**<sup>3</sup> of original blood sample.

### **B.** Regarding WBC

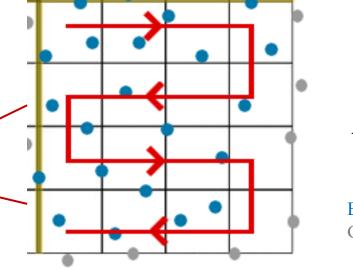
- It is necessary to obtain **RBC free** preparation of WBC from blood.
- Suspension of the red blood cell in a very **hypotonic solution** will lead to the destruction of RBC.





Areas where **RBCs** are counted



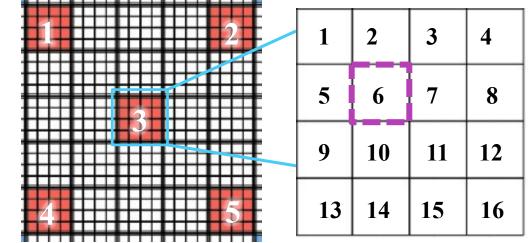


Counting **2 sides** in L shape (i.e. count the cells settled on the top and left sides) (Yellow sides) And (exclude the cells on the bottom and right sides) Counting in zigzag in all squares Blue cells are counted Grey cells aren't counted

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### Calculations

- RBC blood cell count ( 5 squares)
  - Find the sum of RBCs in 5 large squares, and divide it with 80 (5 x 16) small squares to find the <u>average in one square</u>, multiply it by 200 to allow for the dilution and then multiply by 4000 to obtain the number per cubic milliliter.
  - The sum of RBCs in 5 large squares = (84) + (71) + (63) + (93) + (83) = 394 cells.
  - The average of RBCs in one square  $=\frac{394}{5x16} = \frac{394}{80} = 4.9$  cells.
  - **RBC count=**  $4.9 \ge 200 \ge 4000 = 4 \text{ million/mm}^3$ .
- Normal range= 4.2-5 million/mm<sup>3</sup>



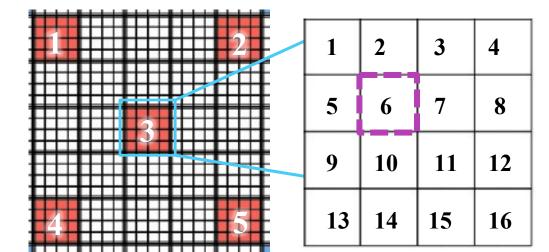
- **RBC count**= The average of RBCs in one square (1) x Dilution factor (2) x Reciprocal of volume (3)
- The sum of RBCs in 5 large squares = (84) + (71) + (63) + (93) + (83) = 394 cells.

• (1) The average of RBCs in one square= 
$$\frac{\text{No. of cells in 5 squares}}{\text{No. of small squares}} = \frac{394}{(16 \text{ x 5}) = 80} = 4.9 \text{ cells.}$$

• (2) Dilution factor = 
$$\frac{\text{Final volume (RBC solution)}}{\text{aliquot volume (blood sample)}} = \frac{200}{1} = 200$$

• (3) Reciprocal of volume= 
$$\frac{1}{\text{cubic volume}} = \frac{1}{0.00025 \text{ mm}^3} = 4000$$

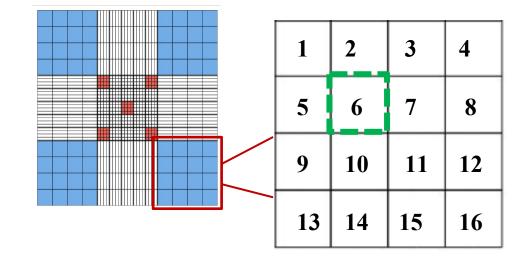
• **RBC count**=  $4.9 \ge 200 \ge 4000 = 4 \text{ million/mm}^3$ 



### Calculations

- WBC blood cell count ( 4 squares)
  - Find the sum of WBCs in **4 large squares**, and **divide it with 64** (<u>4 X 16</u>) small squares to find the <u>average in one square</u>, **multiply it by 20** to allow for the dilution and then **multiply by 160** to obtain the number per cubic milliliter.
  - The sum of WBCs in 4 large squares = (16) + (21) + (17) + (15) = 69 cells.
  - The average of WBCs in one square =  $\frac{69}{64}$  = 1.07 cells.
  - WBC count=  $1 \times 20 \times 160 = 3200 \text{ Cells/mm}^3$ .

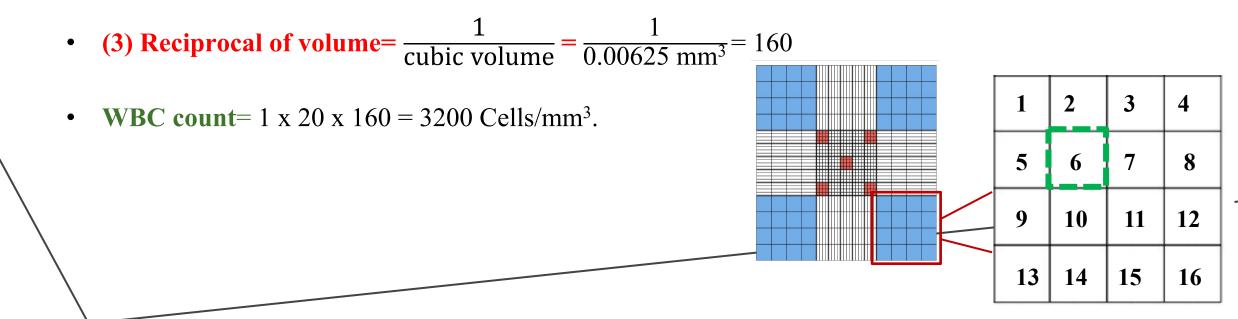
Normal range= 4500-11000 cells /mm<sup>3</sup>



- WBC count= The average of WBCs in one square (1) x Dilution factor (2) x Reciprocal of volume (3)
- The sum of WBCs in 4 large squares = (16) + (21) + (17) + (15) = 69 cells.

• (1) The average of WBCs in one square = 
$$\frac{\text{No. of cells in 4 squares}}{\text{No. of small squares}} = \frac{69}{(16 \text{ x 4}) = 64} = 1.07 \text{ cells.}$$

• (2) Dilution factor= 
$$\frac{\text{Final volume (WBC solution)}}{\text{aliquot volume (blood sample)}} = \frac{20}{1} = 20$$

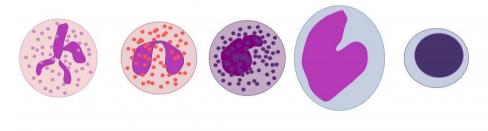


# (C) Differential Count

#### • It determines the **number** of each **type of WBC** present in the blood.

Class of white cells	White cell type		% of total white cell population		
		Neutrophils	40 - 75		
Granulocytes	Polymorphonuclear	Eosinophils	1 - 6		
		Basophils	Approx. 1		
		Monocytes	2 - 10		
Non-granular leukocytes	Mononuclear	Lymphocytes	20 - 45		
		Plasma Cells	*		

\*: Rarely seen in blood, but present in the tissues.

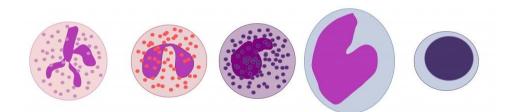


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# Principle

- Classification of polymorphonuclear granulocytes (PMN) is based on the size, shape, number and staining characteristics of their granules .
- Leishman's stain
  - It is based on a mixture of methylene blue and eosin.
  - It **differentiates between WBC** as indicated in the following table:

Type of cell	Color of the stain			
Neutrophils nuclei	Purple			
Eosinophils granules	Orange - Red			
Basophils granules	Dark Blue			
Monocytes cytoplasm	Grey blue			
Lymphocytes nuclei	Dark Purple			
Platelets granules	Violet			
RBC	Pink			



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