

# Gallocyanin-chrome alum method

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Subsequent to immunohistological procedures, counterstaining of tissue sections with gallocyanin is a useful alternative to haematoxylin, carmine or other dyes for nuclear staining.\*

## Gallocyanin (Einarson)

Chemicals	Chemical solution										
Gallocyanin (C.I. 51030) Chromium potassium sulfate (chrome alum) HCl (25%) Ethanol Distilled water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chrome alum stock solution: 5.0 g chrome alum dissolved in 100.0 mL distilled water</li><li>• EINARSON gallocyanin dye solution: 0.15 g gallocyanin dissolved in 100 mL chrome alum stock solution</li></ul> <p>bring the mixture to boil and simmer for 15 min</p> <p>mixture is cooled down and filtered</p> <p>pH control: if pH is not 1.65, then adjust with 1 M HCl</p>										
<b>Staining procedure</b> Immuno-stained sections are passed through distilled water and stained: <table><tbody><tr><td>– EINARSON gallocyanin dye solution</td><td>24-48 hours</td></tr><tr><td>– Distilled water</td><td>several rinses</td></tr><tr><td>– distilled water</td><td>3 x 1 min</td></tr><tr><td>– 70% ethanol</td><td>2 x 1 min</td></tr><tr><td>– 96% ethanol</td><td>2 x 1 min</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Slides are passed into absolute ethanol and dehydrated, then mounted (resinous medium) under coverglass</p>		– EINARSON gallocyanin dye solution	24-48 hours	– Distilled water	several rinses	– distilled water	3 x 1 min	– 70% ethanol	2 x 1 min	– 96% ethanol	2 x 1 min
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## References for further readings

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\* Dyes and other chemicals in histological staining can be toxic. They must be handled with care

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