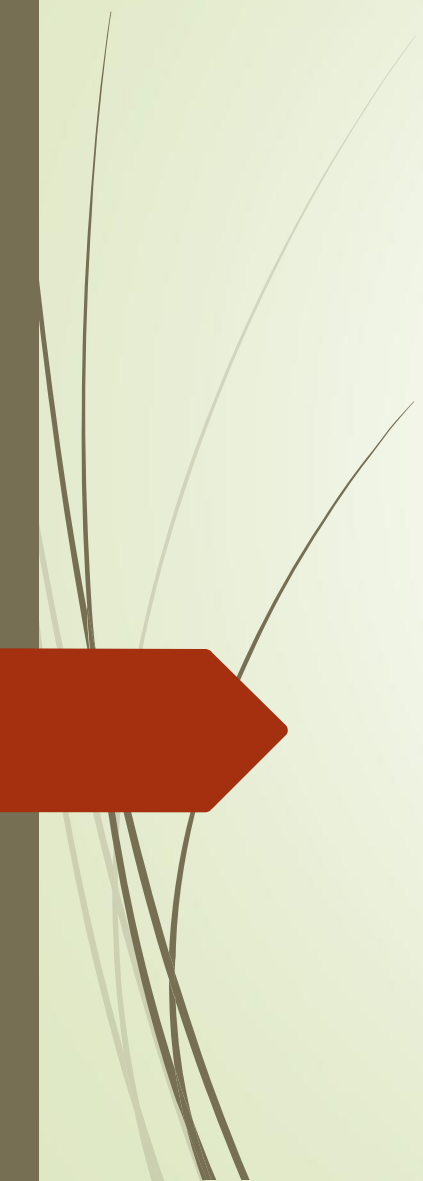




INTERPRETATION OF HISTOGRAM

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CBC (Complete blood count)

- همراه با داده های عددی، **هیستوگرام و سیتوگرام ها** پراکندگی آنالایزر خونی خودکار اطلاعات ارزشمندی را ارائه می دهد.
- این مهم است که اپراتورها ضمن **تفسیر داده های** عددی، درک اساسی از خروجی **گرافیکی** داشته باشند.
- این می تواند ابزار تشخیصی داده های خودکار را تقویت کند و در نهایت بیمار از تشخیص و نتیجه بهتر بهره مند شود.
- با این حال برخی اختلالات خون شناختی و غیرموفولوژیکی با استفاده از آنالیز خودکار CBC قابل تشخیص نیستند، لازم است علاوه بر اسمیر خون محیطی، **تست های تکمیلی** روی آنها انجام شود.

پارامترهای مختلف CBC

- RBC count
- Hgb
- Hct
- MCV
- MCH
- MCHC
- RDW-SD
- RDW-CV
- NRBC%
- NRBC#
- RET%
- RET#
- IRF-Immature Reticulocyte Fraction
- RET-He

- WBC count
- NEUT%
- LYMPH%
- MONO%
- EO%
- BASO%
- NEUT#
- LYMPH #
- MONO#
- EO#
- BASO#
- IG%—Immature Granulocyte Count
- IG#—Immature Granulocyte Count

- PLATELET count
- MPV
- Pct
- PDW
- IPF-Immature platelet fraction (measurement of reticulated platelets) to monitor thrombopoietic activity of the marrow
- HPC-Quantitative hematopoietic progenitor cell count as a screen for the optimal presence of hematopoietic progenitor cells in peripheral blood and cord blood samples

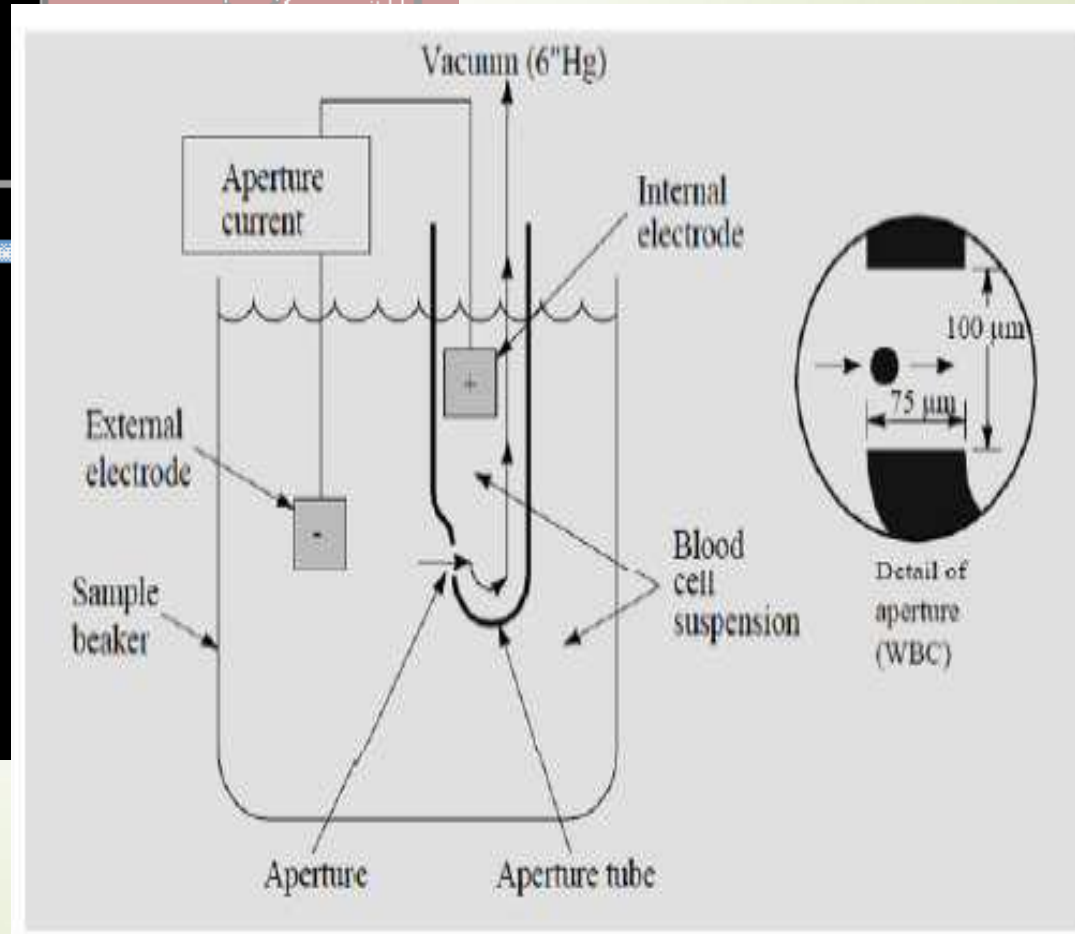
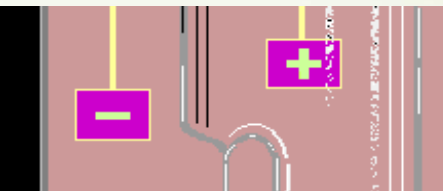
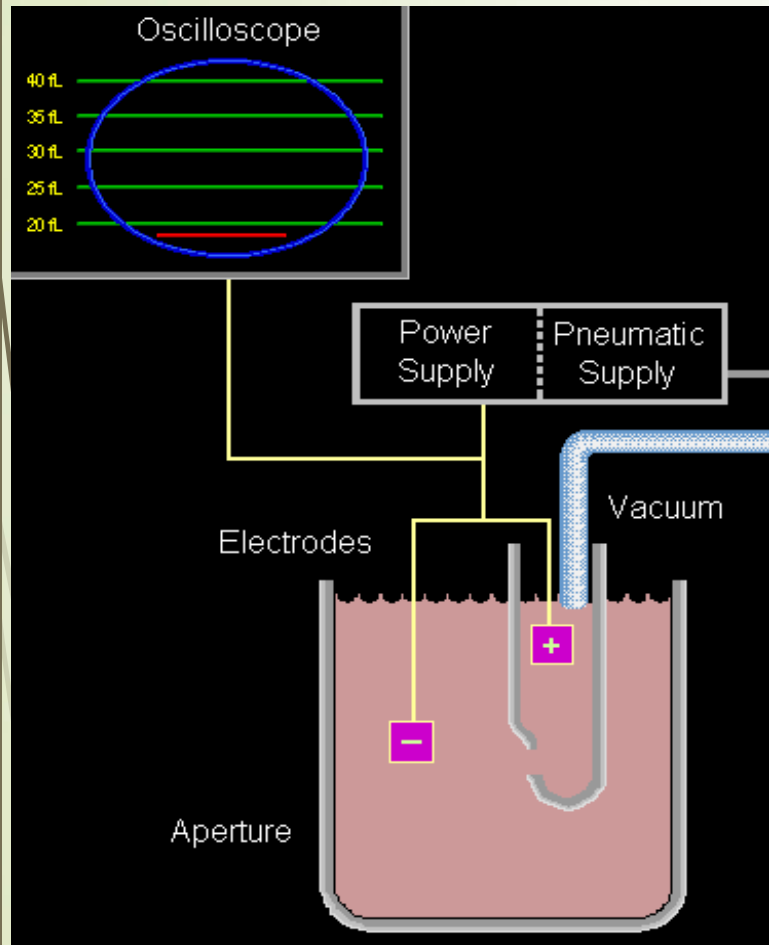
(#=Absolute count, % = percent count)

اصول کار دستگاه‌های سل کانتر



ابتدا با رقت 1 به 125 جهت
سنجش هموگلوبین و شمارش
WBC

نمونه 1/125 برای بار دوم 50
جهت برابر رقیق شده
شمارش RBC/Plt

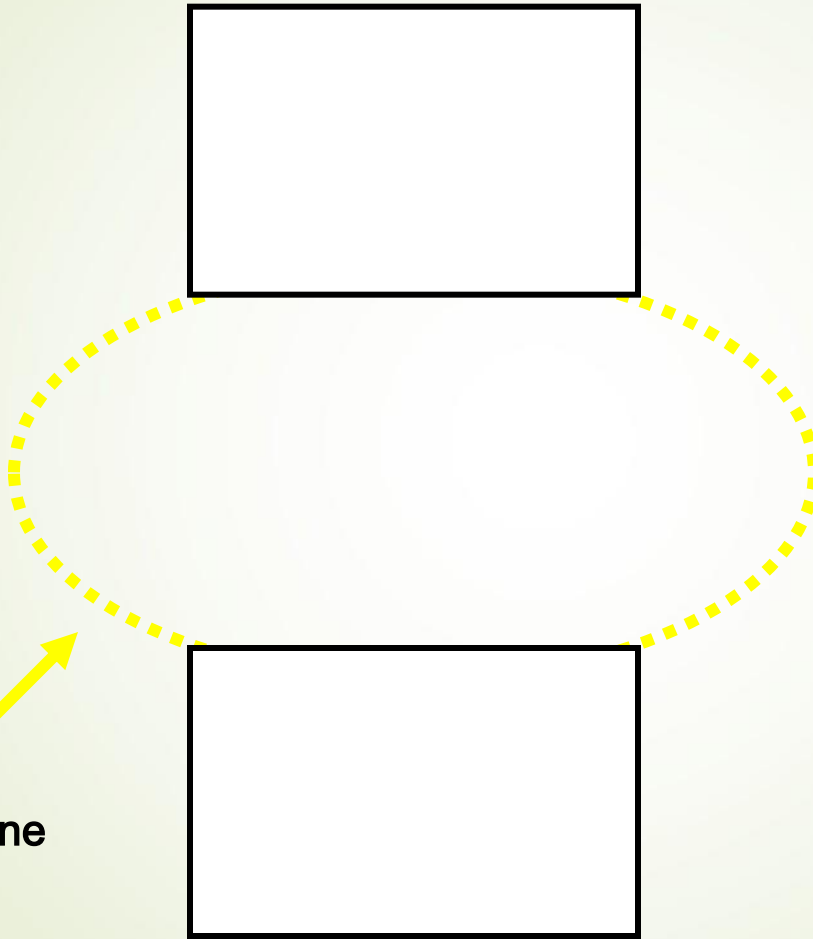


The Coulter Principle

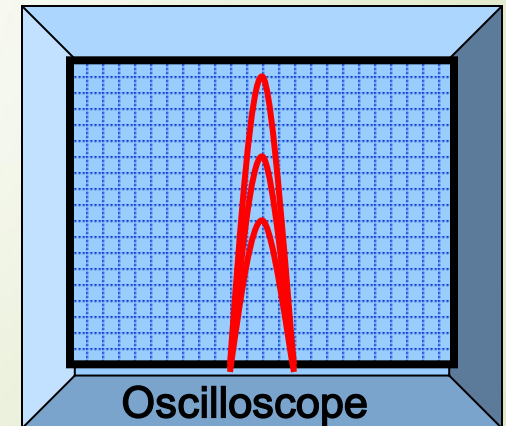
Red Blood Cell



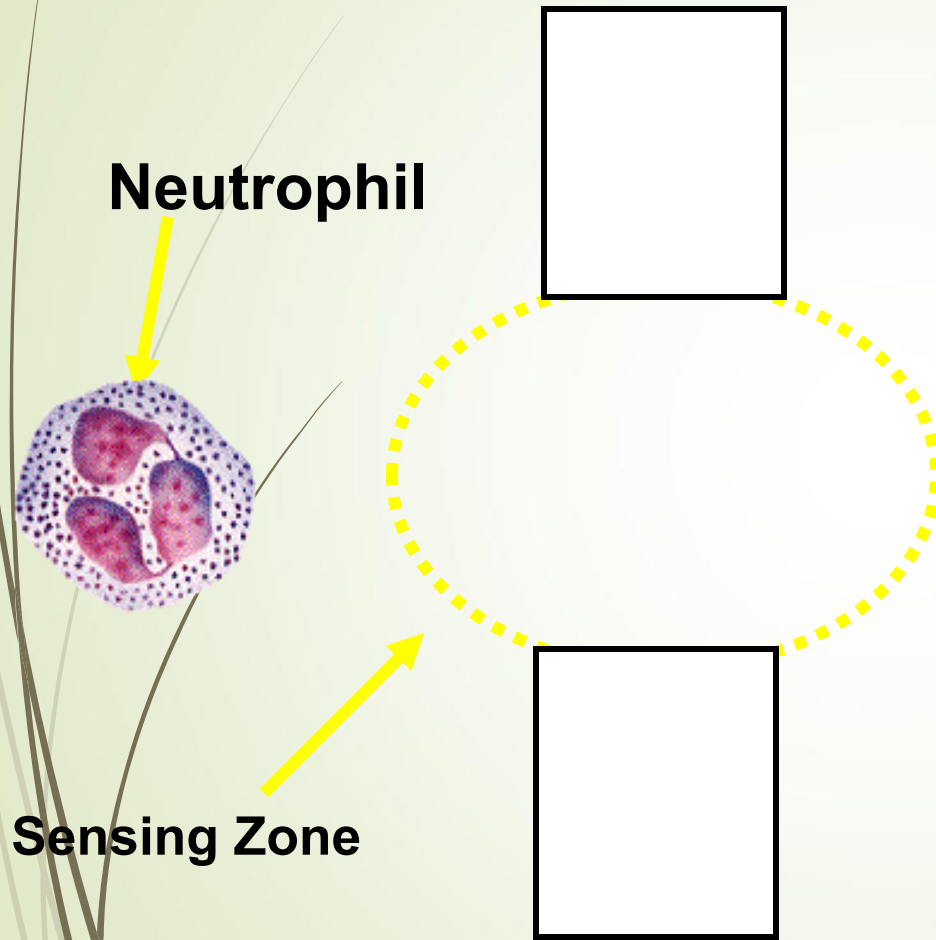
Sensing Zone



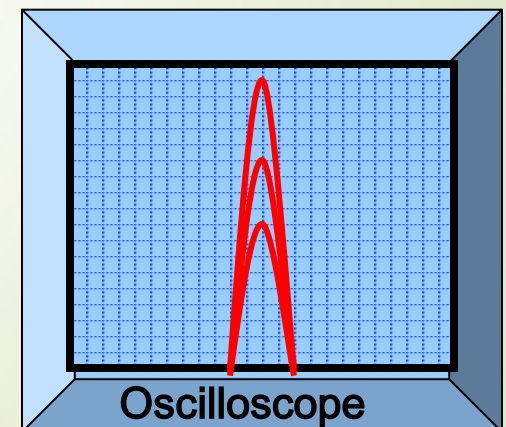
A red cell passes through RBC aperture



The Coulter Principle



A white cell
passes through
WBC aperture





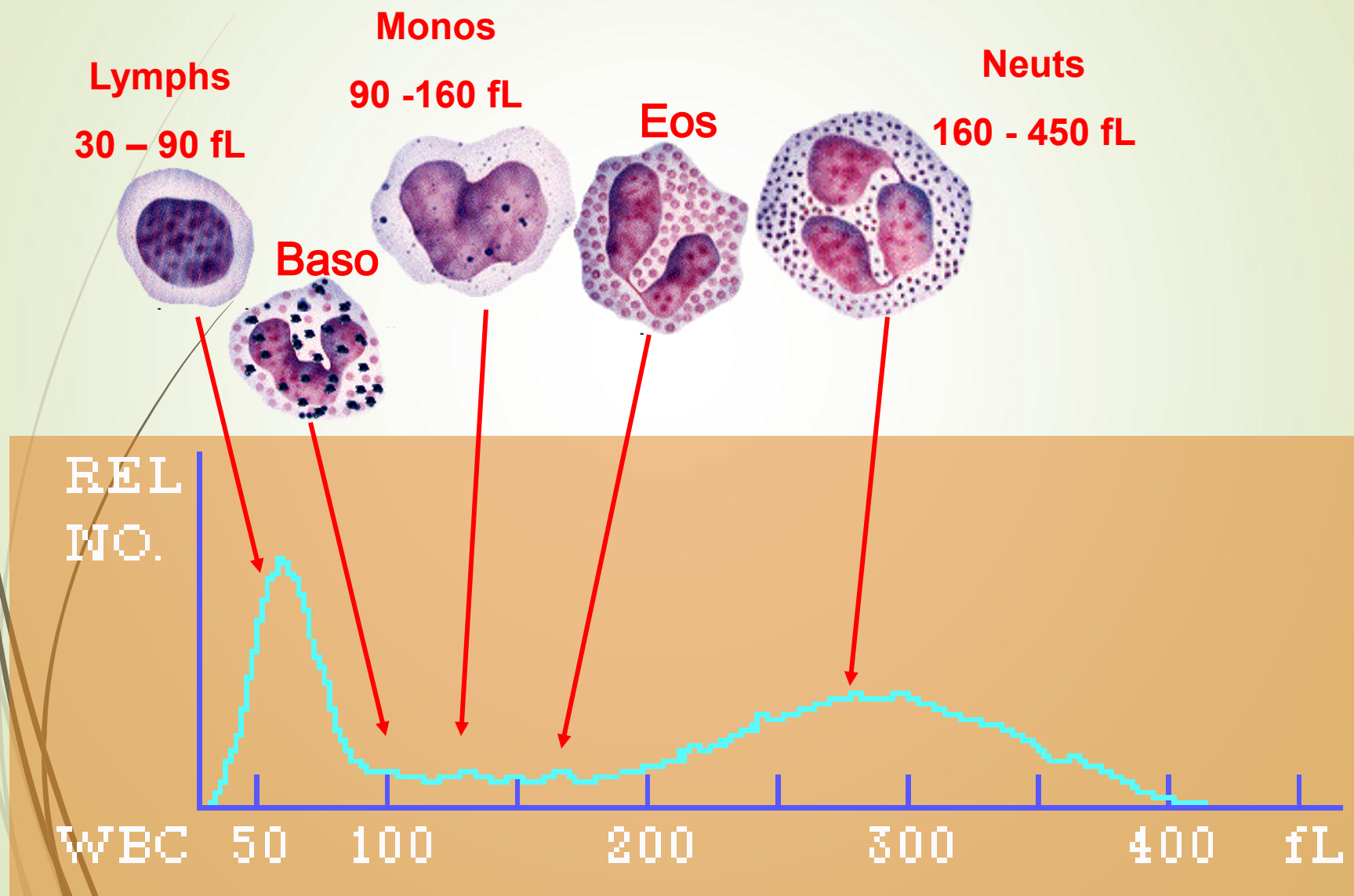
➤ Discriminations thresholds

- **Platelet**- with a volume of 8-12 fl are counted from 2-30 fl.
- **RBC**- with volume of 80-100 fl is detected from 30 -250 fl.
- **WBC**- RBC are lysed by lytic reagent .
- the different WBC discriminator set at different levels between the ranges of 30-450 fl.

Before adding lysing reagent	Cell diameter in μm	After fl
Neutrophils	10 - 15	150 - 250
Basophils	9 - 14	70 - 130
Eosinophils	11 - 16	90 - 140
Monocytes	12 - 20	90 - 150
Lymphocytes	7 - 12	30 - 90

نوع سلول	اندازه واقعی در خون	اندازه در سیستم امپدانسی
لنفوسیت	کوچکترین، ۱۴۰-۱۹۵ fL	کوچکترین، ۳۵-۹۰ fL
منوسیت	بزرگترین، ۳۰۰-۳۵۰ fL	متوسط، ۹۰-۱۵۰ fL
نوتروفیل	متوسط، ۲۴۵-۲۹۰ fL	بزرگترین، ۱۵۰-۴۵۰ fL
ائوزینوفیل	متوسط، ۲۴۰-۲۹۰ fL	متوسط، ۹۰-۱۵۰ fL
بازوفیل	متوسط، ۲۴۰-۲۹۰ fL	متوسط، ۹۰-۱۵۰ fL
سلول های غیر طبیعی	متغیر	متغیر

Coulter WBC Histogram



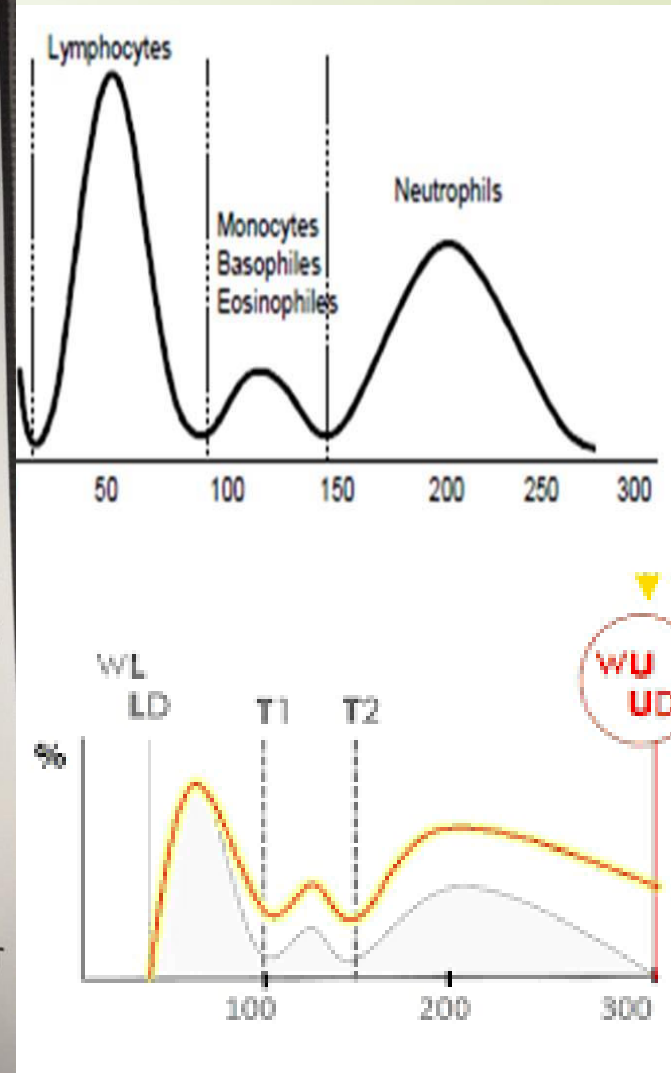
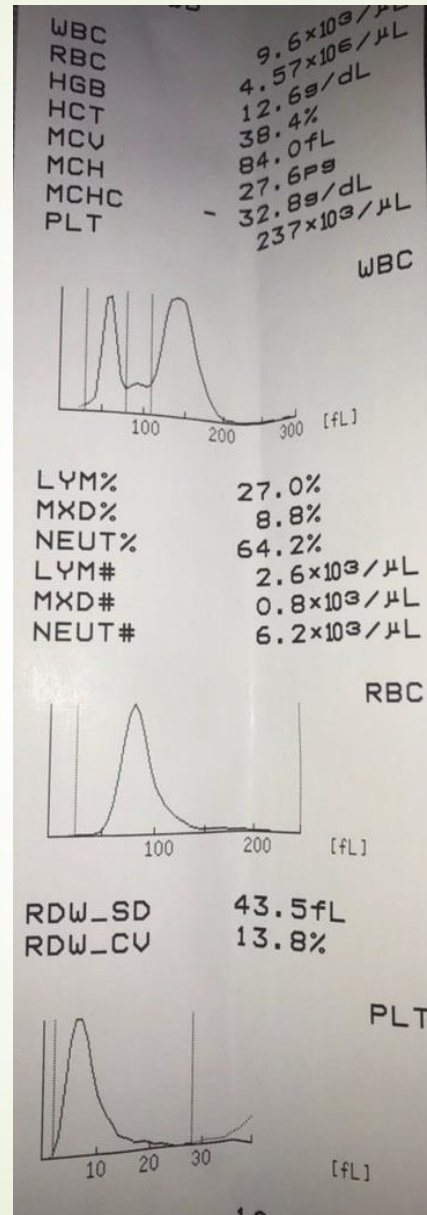
WL: Abnormal height at **lower** discriminator of WBC Histogram (LD)

➤ WU: Abnormal height at **upper** discriminator of WBC Histogram (UD)

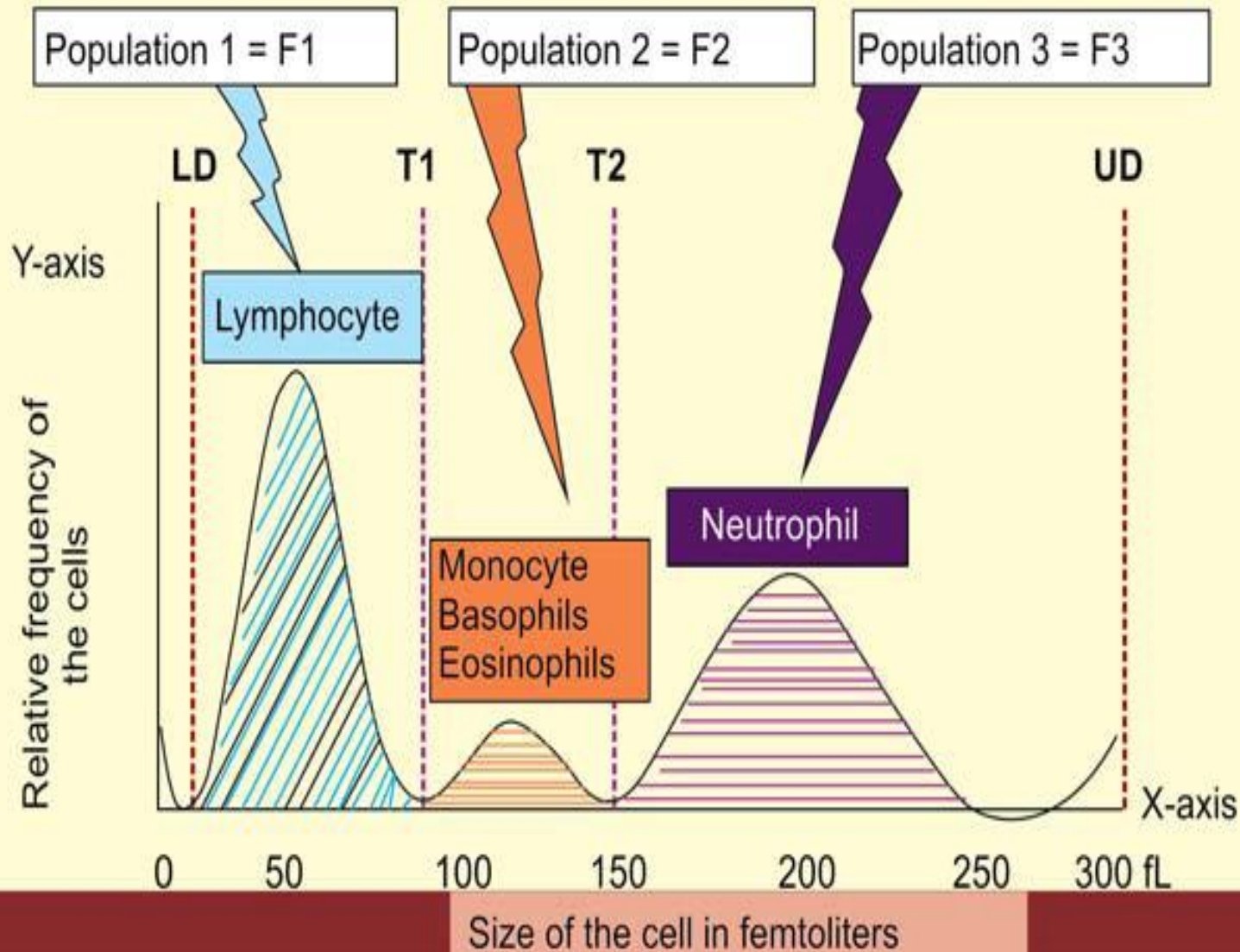
➤ T1: Valley 1 not found

➤ T2: Valley 2 not found

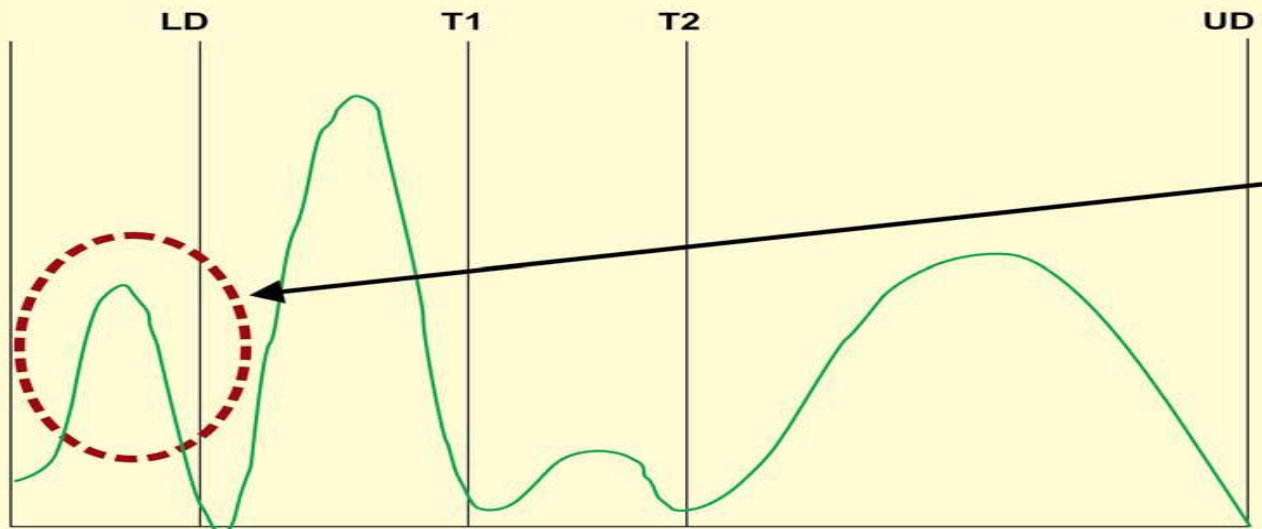
➤ F1, F2, F3: Abnormal height at the points



NORMAL WBC HISTOGRAM



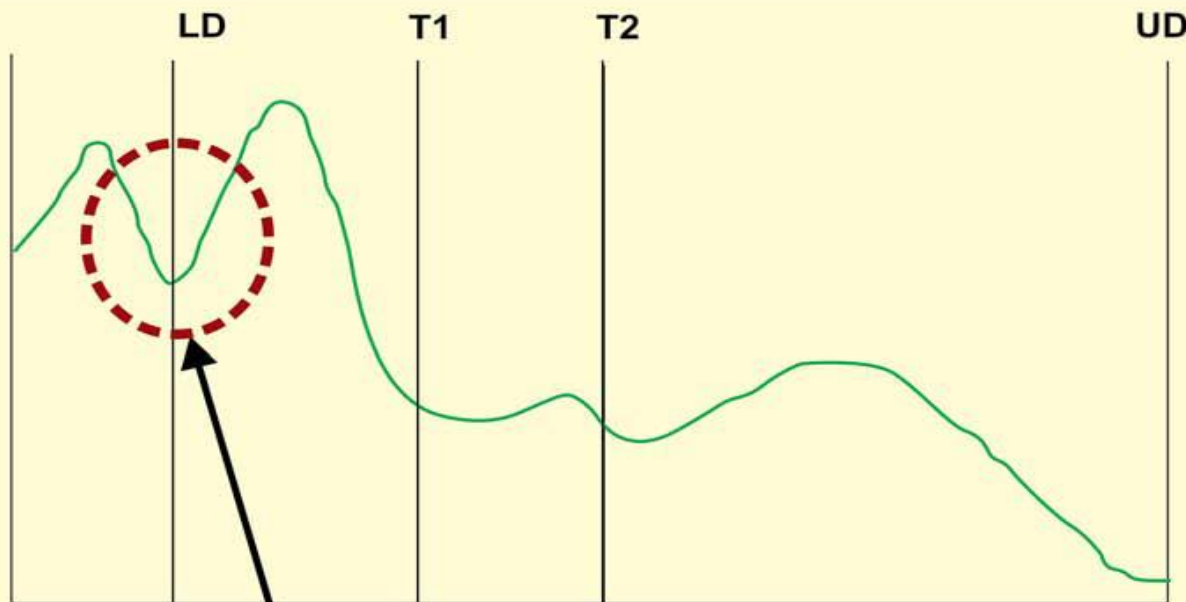
Flag “WL”, Curve does not begin at the basis line



Large numbers of particles are detected in front of lower WBC discriminator

Possible causes:

- Platelet aggregation as in EDTA incompatibility



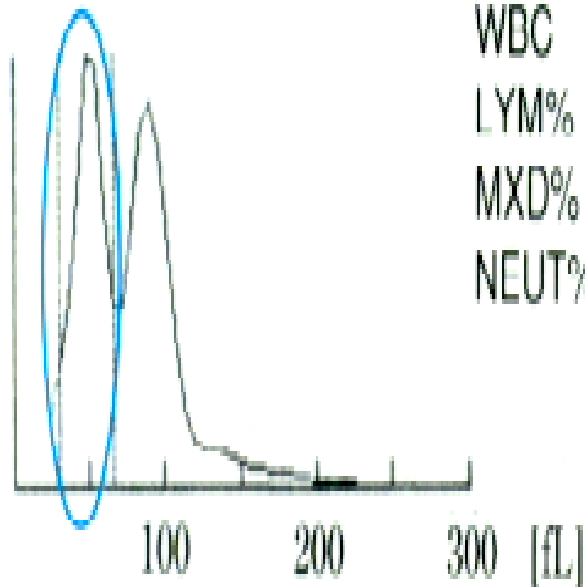
Possible causes :

- Nucleated RBC
- Unlysed RBC
- Platelet clumps as in EDTA incompatibility and coagulated sample
- Cold agglutinins
- Impedance noise

The curve does not start at the baseline

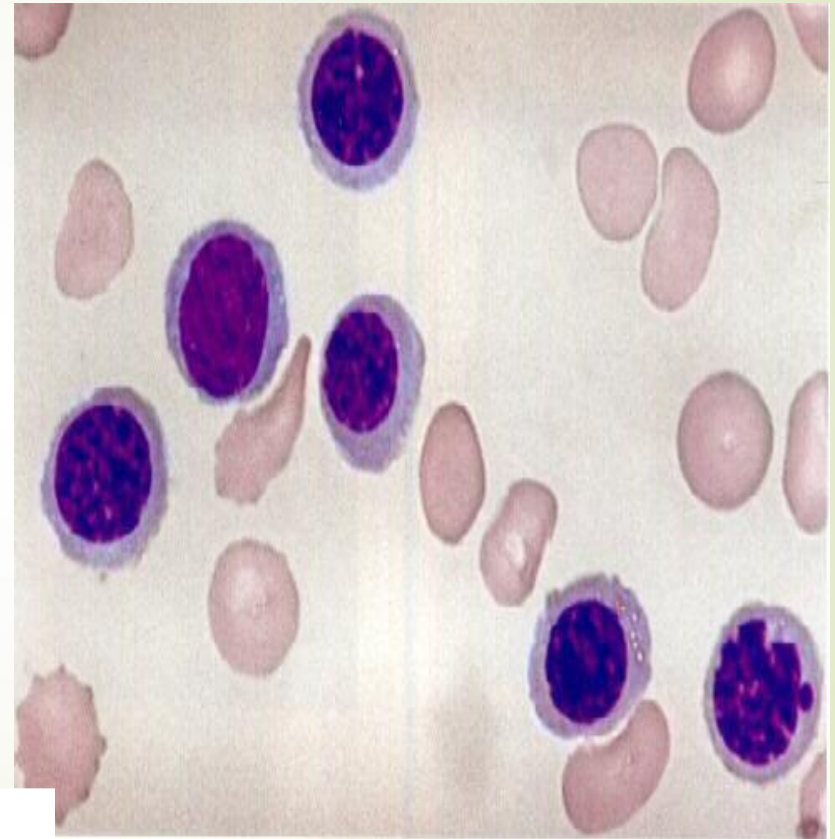
Case -

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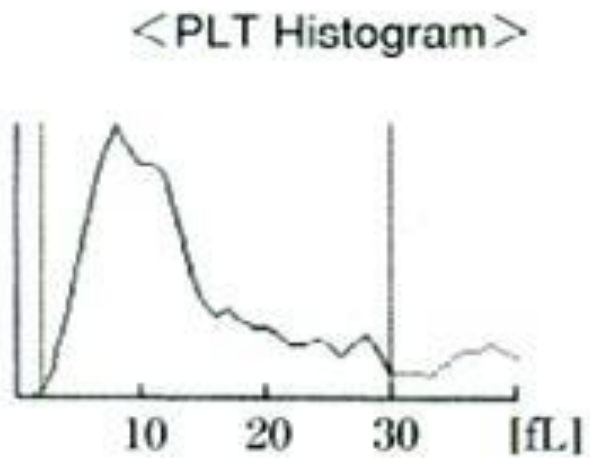
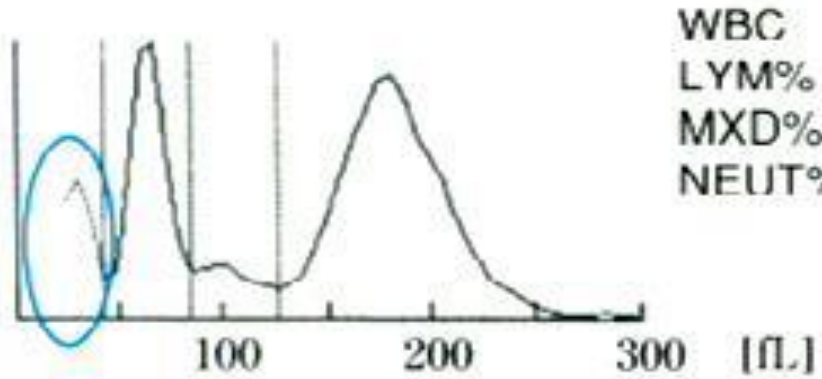


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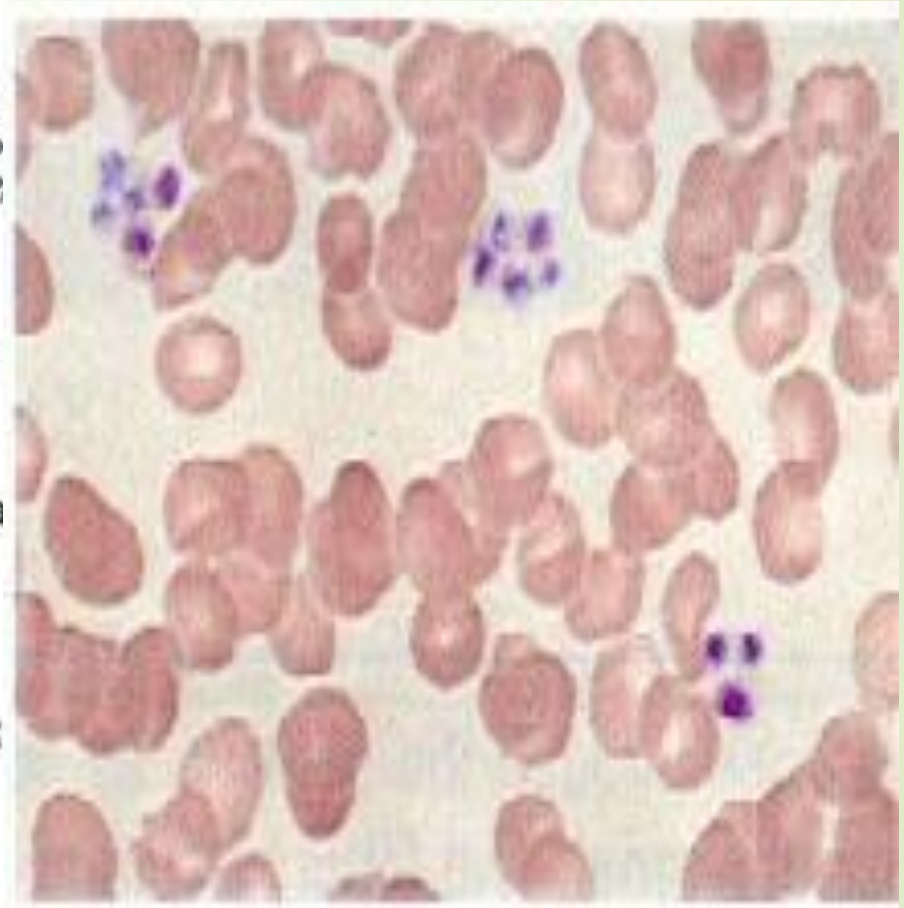
WBC WL* 56.1X1
LYM% WL* 0.427(42%)
MXD% WL *
NEUT% *



$$\text{Corrected WBC} = \frac{100 \times \text{Total WBC}}{100 + \text{NRBC}}$$

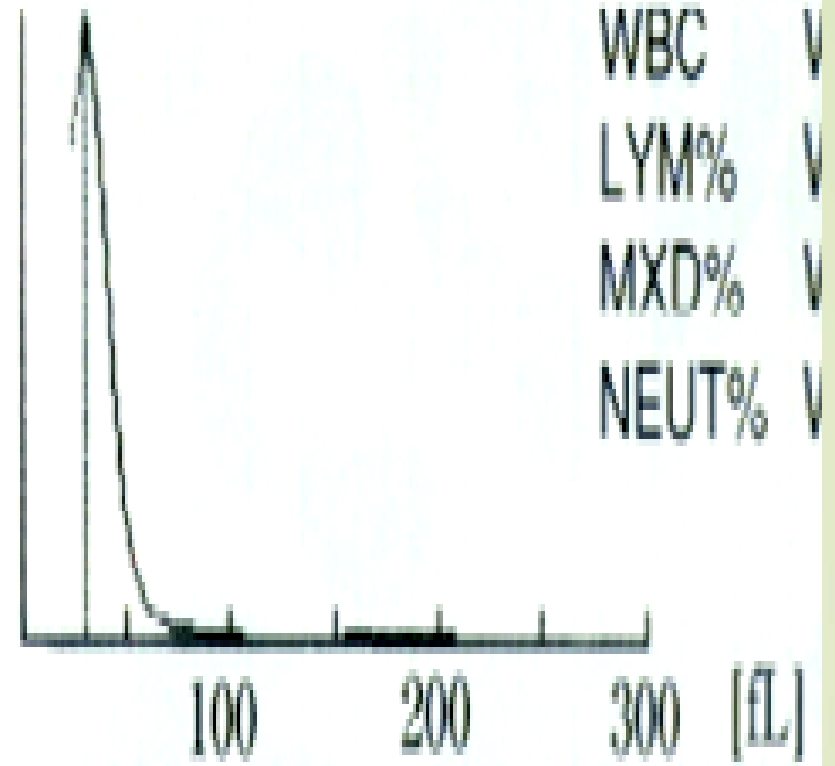
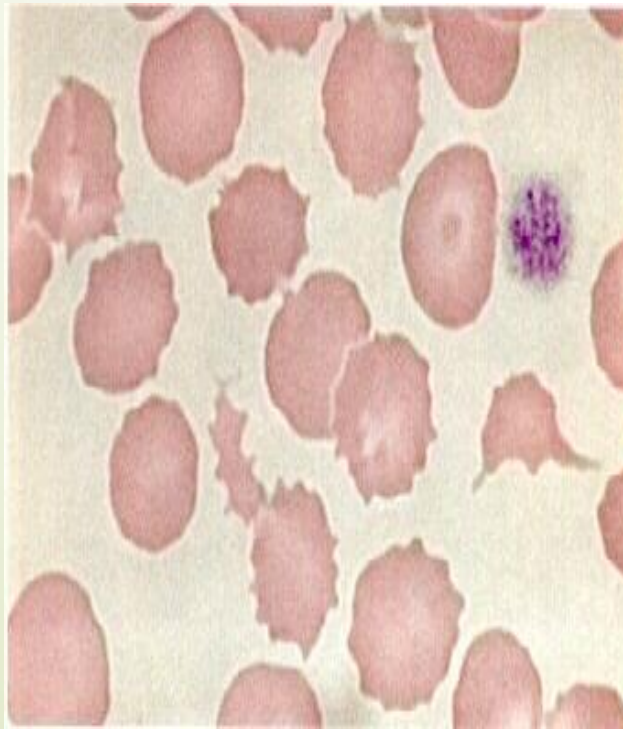


<mea
PLT
PDW
MPV
P-LCR



Case

- WBC ➤ **49.4 x10⁹/L**
- LYM% ➤ -.-
- MXD% ➤ -.-
- NEUT % ➤ -.-



Insufficient Lysing of Erythrocytes

LD

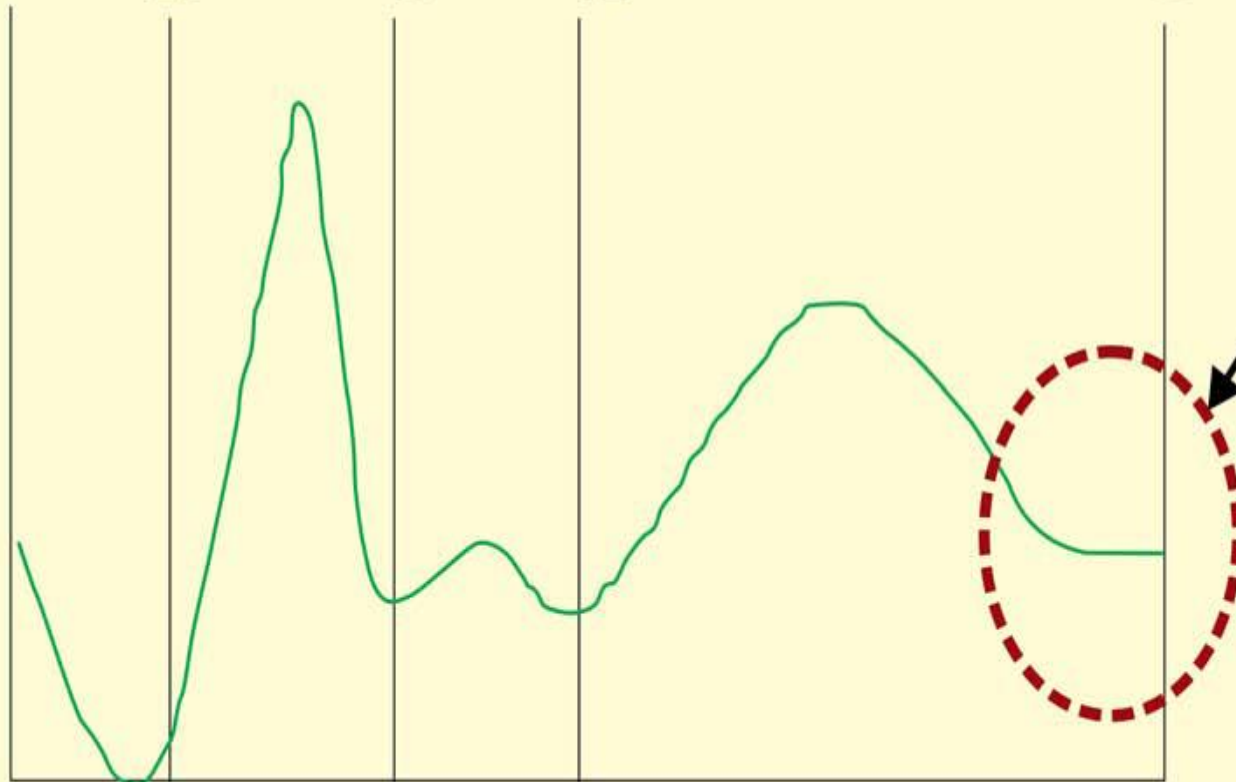
T1

T2

UD

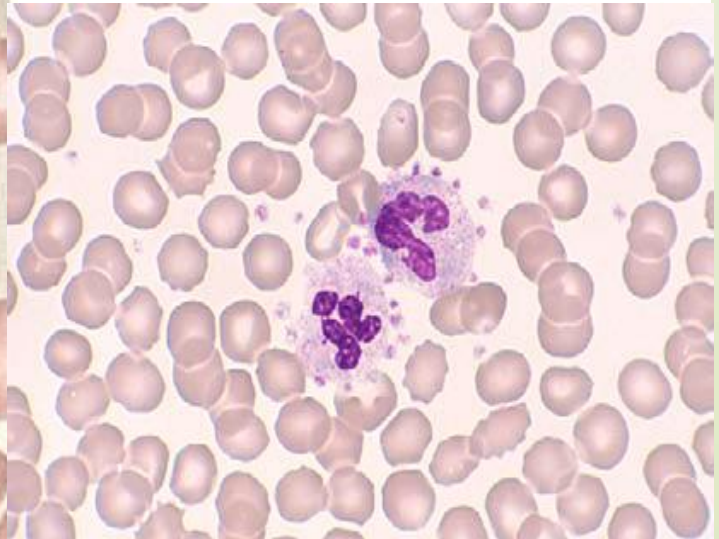
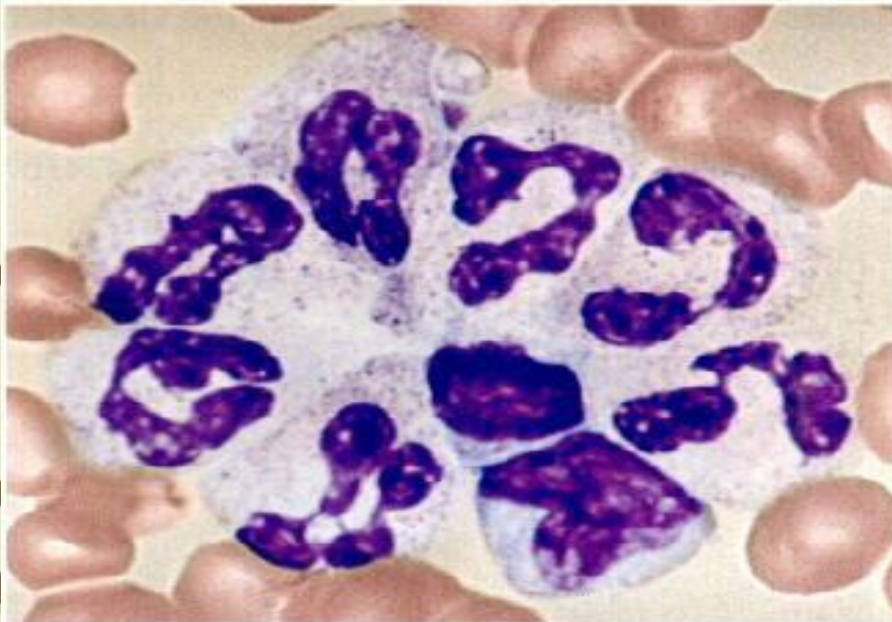
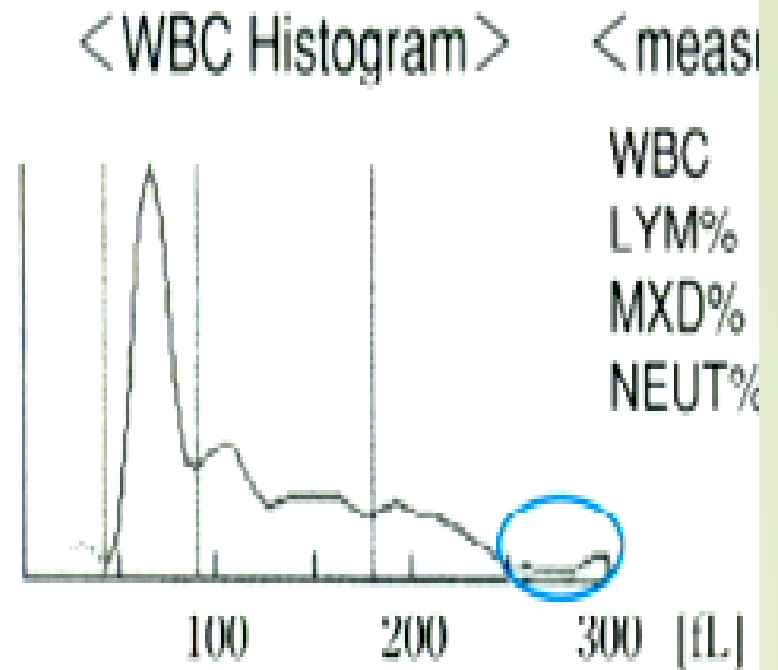
Possible causes :

- Extreme leukocytosis
- WBC aggregation as in satellite phenomenon



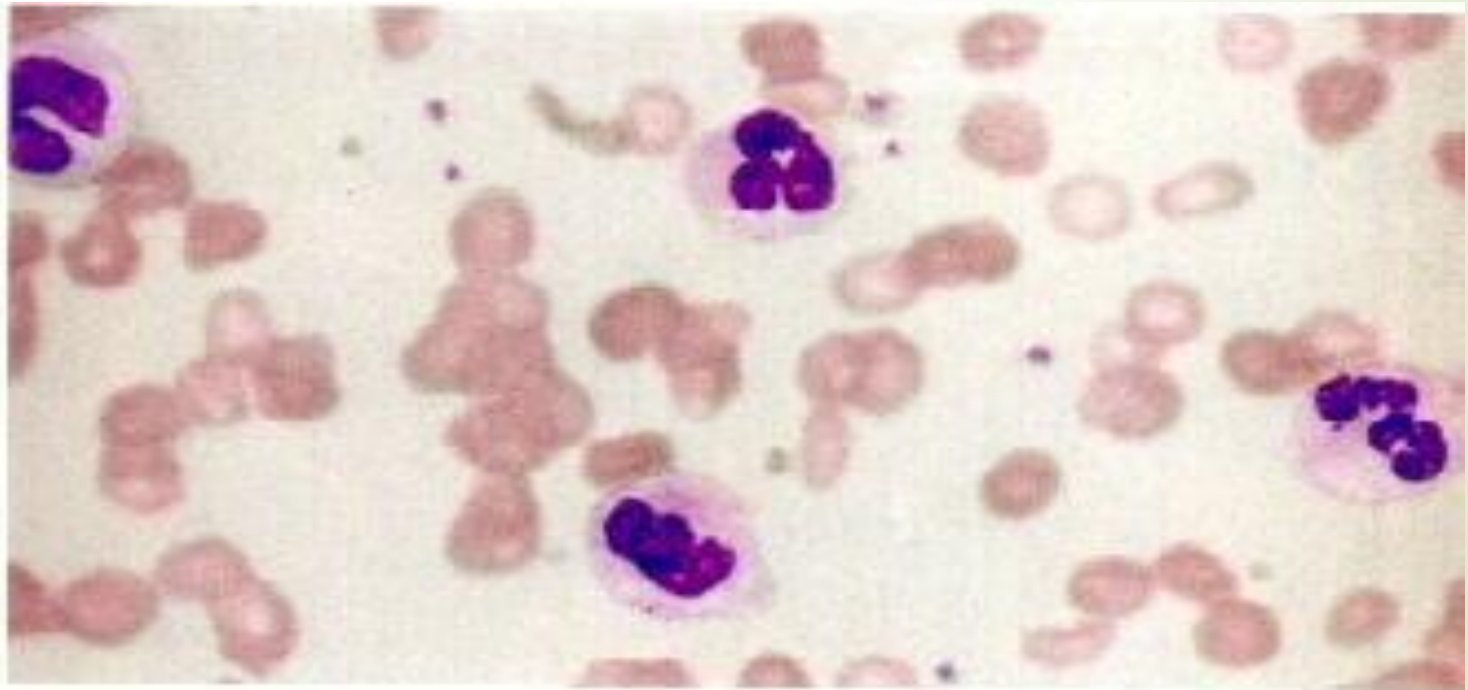
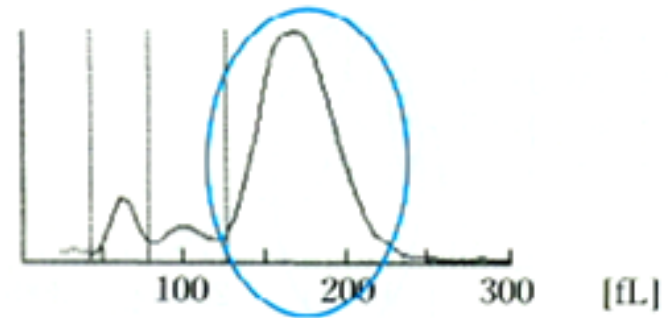
Case

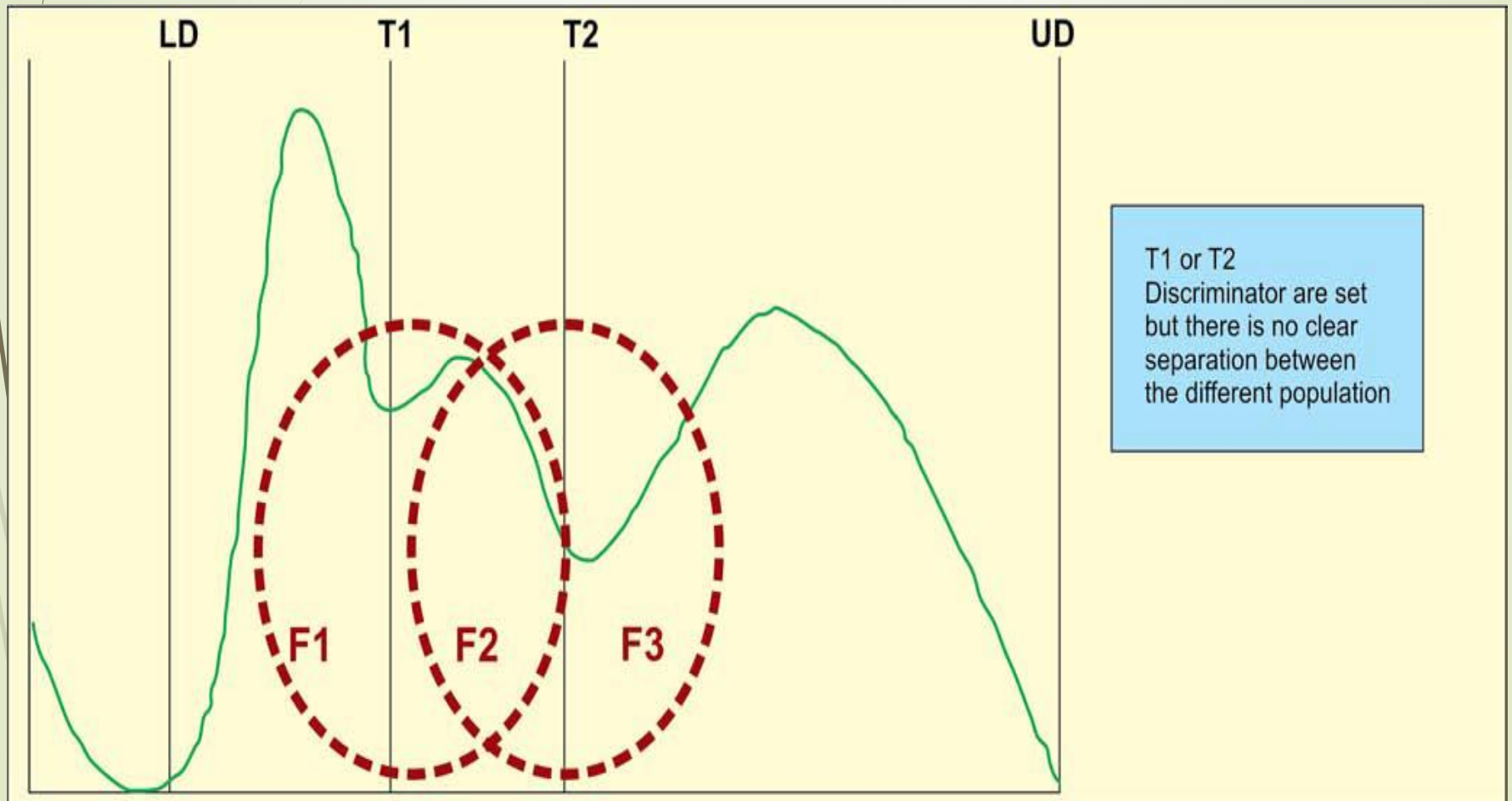
- WBC $2.3 \times 10^9/L$
- LYM% 39.7%
- MXD% 32.2%
- NEUT% 28.1%



Case -

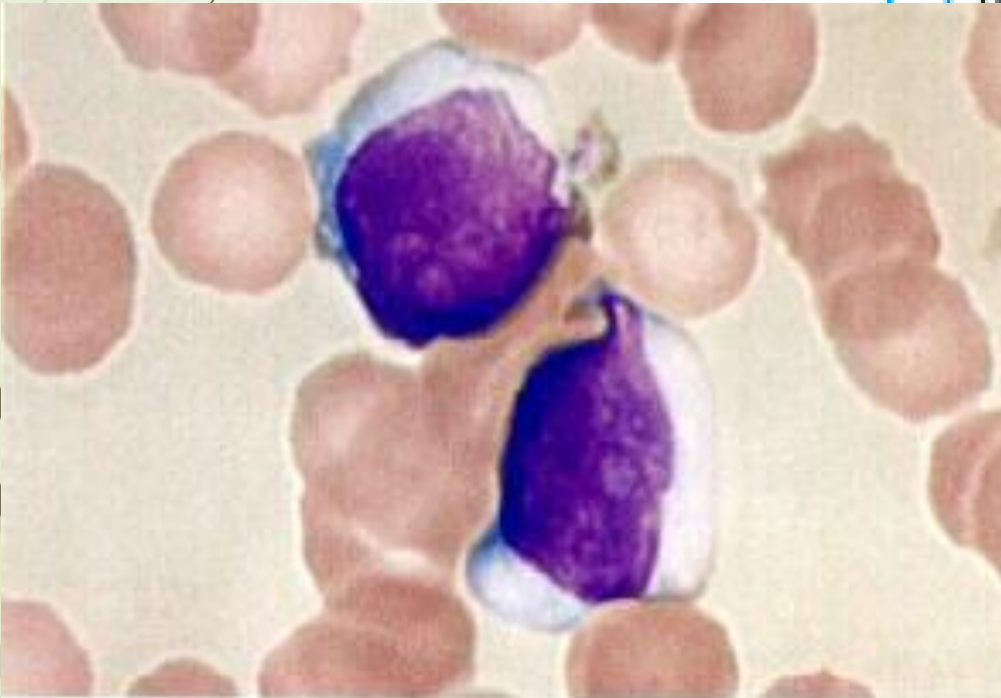
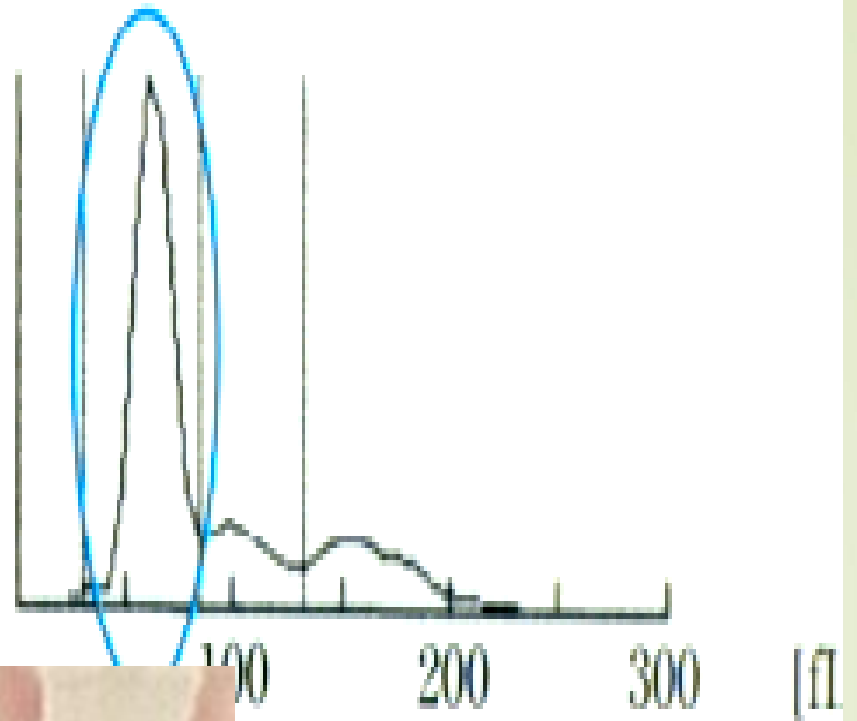
WBC + 23.8 x 10⁹/L
LYM% 8.1%
MXD% 7.9%
NEUT% **84.0%**





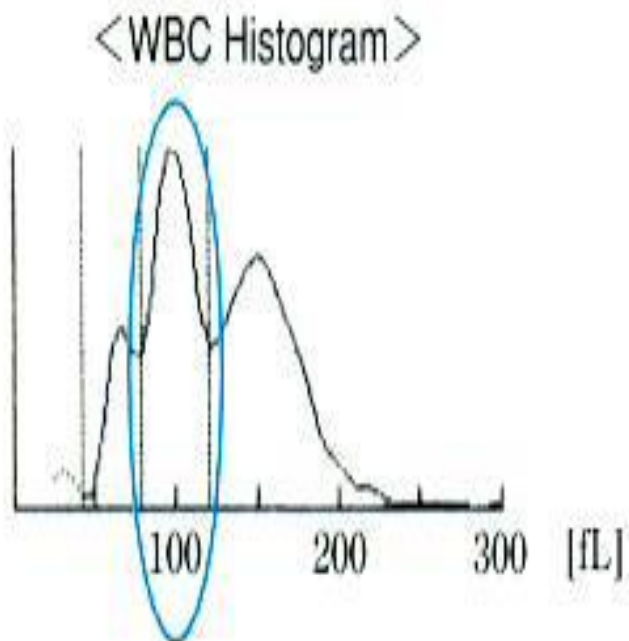
Case -

- WBC $7.9 \times 10^9/L$
- LYM% + 64.7%
- MXD% 15.8%
- NEUT% - 19.5%



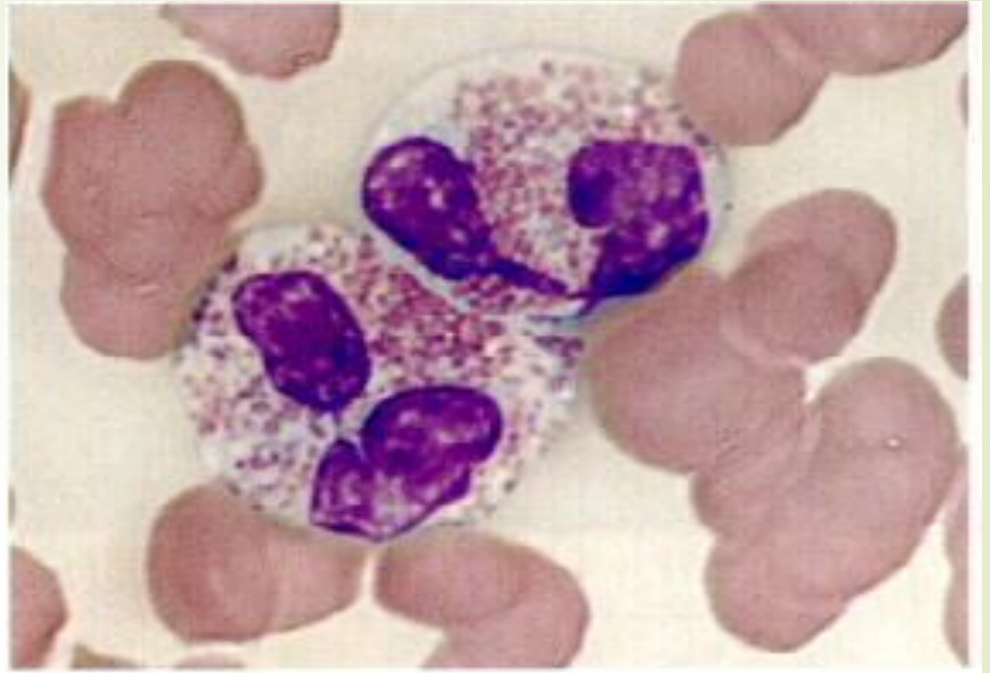
Case

- WBC $7.7 \times 10^9/L$
- LYM% F1 * 13.2%
- MXD% F2 * **37.7%**
- NEUT% 49.1%

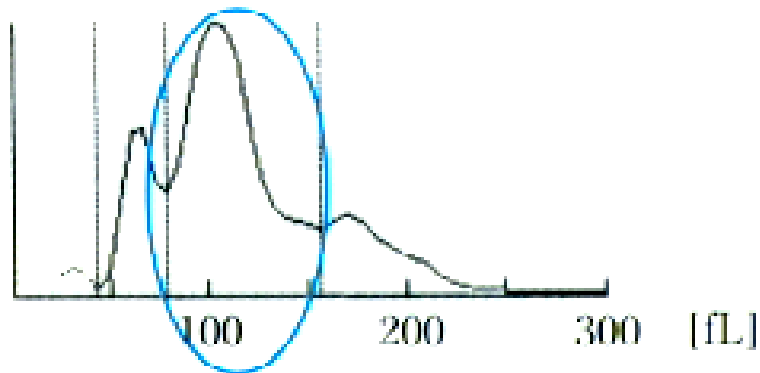


Case

WBC $4.3 \times 10^9/L$
LYM% 18,3%
MXD% **+ 62,2%**
NEUT% 19.5%

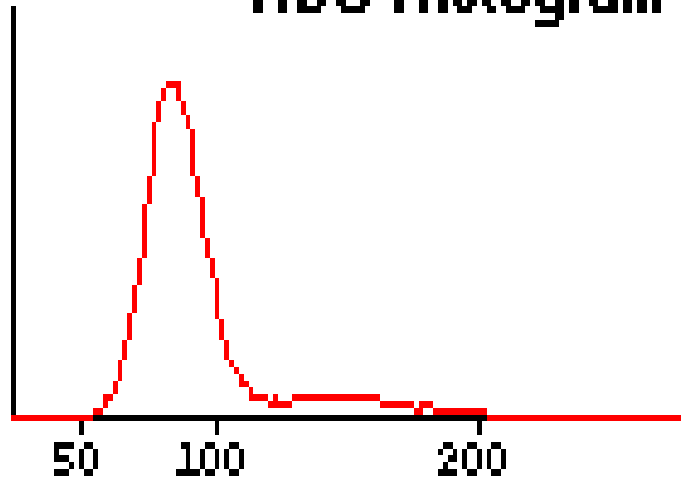


<WBC Histogram>



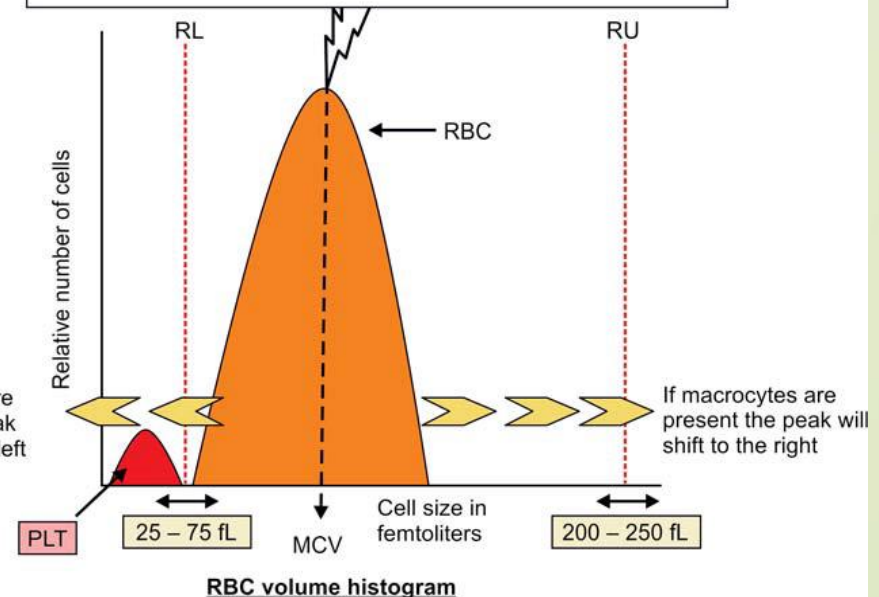
RBC HISTOGRAM

RBC Histogram



NORMAL

The floating area in the range of 60 fL to 125 fL depending upon the peak and location of histogram MCV and RDW are calculated



Index	male	Female
Red cell count	4.5-6.5	3.9-5.6
Hb (gr/dl)	13.5-17.5	11.5-15.5
Hct (%)	40-52	36-48
MCV (fl)	80-96	78-96
MCH (pg)	27-34	27-34
MCHC (%)	32-36	32-36

Box 2.1 Grading of anaemia

- Mild: Haemoglobin from lower limit of normal to 10.0 g/dl
- Moderate: 10.0–7.0 g/dl
- Severe: < 7.0 g/dl

Box 2.2 "Rule of 3"

- Red cell count in millions/cmm $\times 3 =$ Haemoglobin in g/dl
- Haemoglobin in g/dl $\times 3 =$ PCV in %

Rule of 3 is used as a mathematical check by clinicians and technologists
Rule of 3 applies mainly to normocytic normochromic specimens

Question 1: Does my patient have anemia?

RBC-Hb- HCT

Question 2: What type of anemia is there if there is anemia?

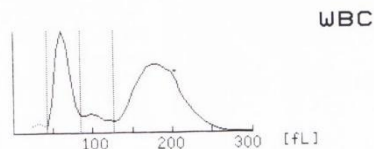
MCV-MCH-RDW

Question 3: Does my patient with anemia have other cellular disorders such as white blood cells and platelets?

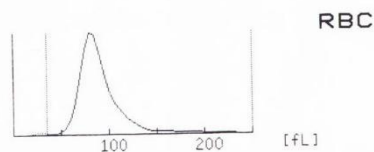
WBC and PLT count

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Mode WB

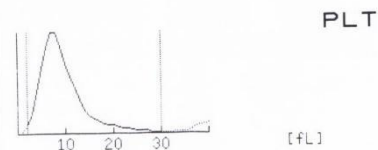
WBC $8.2 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
RBC $4.69 \times 10^6/\mu\text{L}$
HGB 14.0g/dL
HCT 40.7%
MCV 86.8fL
MCH 29.9pg
MCHC 34.4g/dL
PLT AG $276 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$



LYM% 29.4%
MXD% 8.3%
NEUT% 62.3%
LYM# $2.4 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
MXD# $0.7 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
NEUT# $5.1 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$



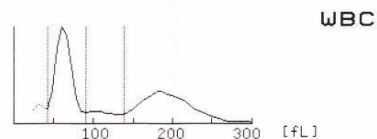
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RDW_CV 13.1%



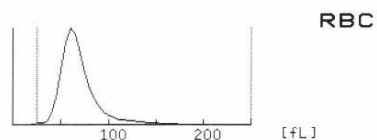
PDW 11.8fL
MPV 9.5fL
P_LCR 21.7%

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Time 03:20
Mode WB

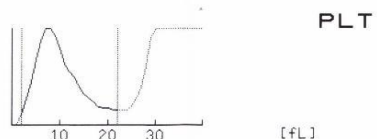
WBC $6.4 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
RBC $5.33 \times 10^6/\mu\text{L}$
HGB 10.7g/dL
HCT 35.2%
MCV $- 66.0\text{fL}$
MCH $- 20.1\text{pg}$
MCHC $- 30.4\text{g/dL}$
PLT PL* $209 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$



LYM% 44.3%
MXD% 9.0%
NEUT% 46.7%
LYM# $2.8 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
MXD# $0.6 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
NEUT# $3.0 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$



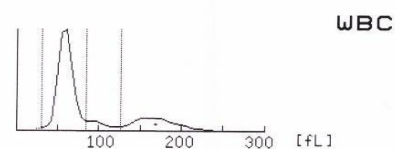
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RDW_CV 15.7%



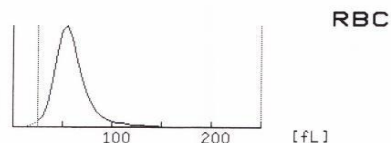
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MPV PL* 10.0fL
P_LCR PL* 28.7%

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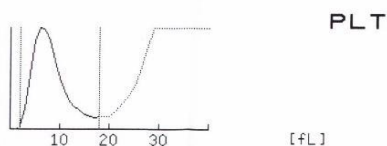
WBC $9.3 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
RBC $4.34 \times 10^6/\mu\text{L}$
HGB $- 6.1\text{g/dL}$
HCT $- 25.1\%$
MCV $- 57.8\text{fL}$
MCH $- 14.1\text{pg}$
MCHC $- 24.3\text{g/dL}$
PLT + $704 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$



LYM% + 67.4%
MXD% 8.0%
NEUT% - 24.6%
LYM# $6.3 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
MXD# $0.7 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
NEUT# $2.3 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$



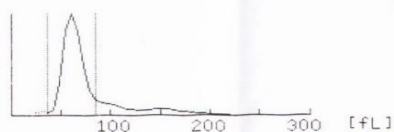
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RDW_CV + 19.6%



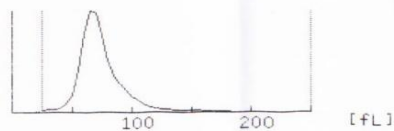
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P_LCR 13.8%

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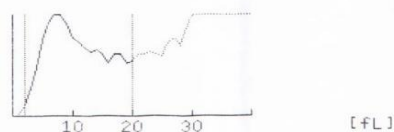
WBC $7.7 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
 RBC $3.69 \times 10^6/\mu\text{L}$
 HGB - 7.8g/dL
 HCT 26.6%
 MCV - 72.1fL
 MCH - 21.1pg
 MCHC - 29.3g/dL
 PLT PL* $71 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$



LYM% + 76.0%
 MXD% T2 ---.-%
 NEUT% T2 ---.-%
 LYM# $5.9 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
 MXD# T2 ---. $\times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
 NEUT# T2 ---. $\times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$



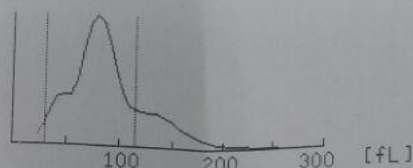
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 RDW-CV 14.0%



PDW DW ---. -fL
 MPV PL ---. -fL
 P-LCR PL ---. -%

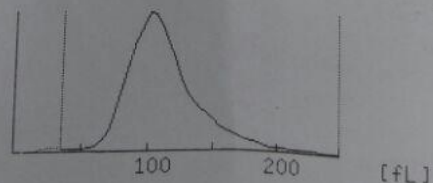
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 RBC - $2.25 \times 10^6/\mu\text{L}$
 HGB 8.2g/dL
 HCT - 24.5%
 MCV 108.9fL
 MCH 36.4pg
 MCHC 33.5g/dL
 PLT PL* $64 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$

WBC



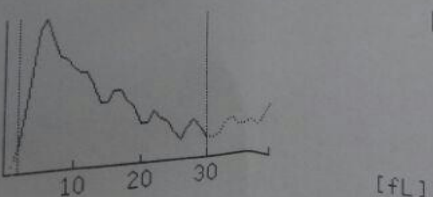
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 W-MCR T2 ---.-%
 W-LCR T2 ---.-%
 W-SCC $38.2 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
 W-MCC T2 ---. $\times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
 W-LCC T2 ---. $\times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$

RBC



RDW-SD + 67.3fL
 RDW-CV + 17.5%

PLT



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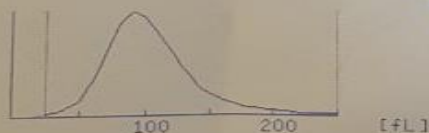
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 RBC - $1.85 \times 10^6/\mu\text{L}$
 HGB - 5.5g/dL
 HCT - 18.7%
 MCV 101.1fL
 MCH 29.7pg
 MCHC - 29.4g/dL
 PLT - $37 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$

WBC



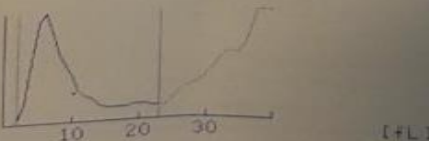
LYM% + 72.4%
 MXD% 7.8%
 NEUT% - 19.8%
 LYM# $5.4 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
 MXD# $0.6 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$
 NEUT# $1.5 \times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$

RBC



RDW-SD + 85.9fL
 RDW-CV + 25.1%

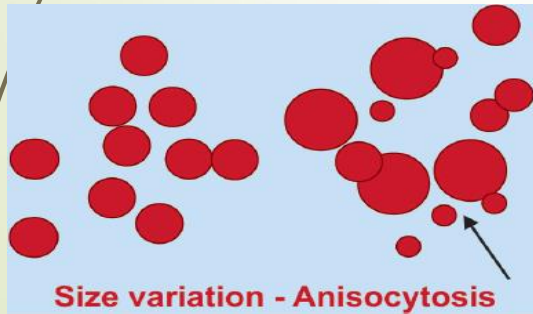
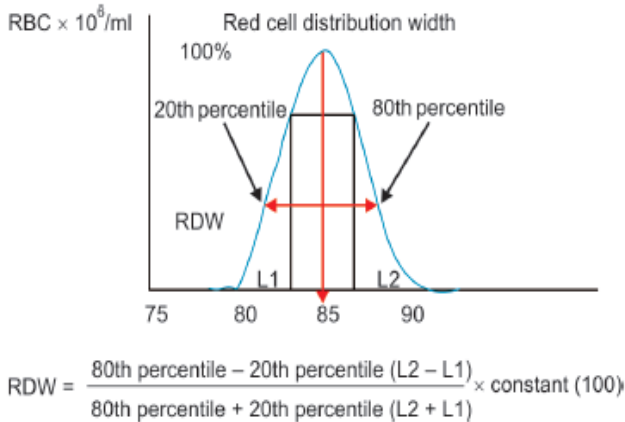
PLT



PDW 10.4fL
 MPV 9.2fL
 P-LCR 22.8%

RED CELL DISTRIBUTION WIDTH (RDW)

میزان توزیع گلبول های قرمز



- آنیزوسایتوز در RBC ها، تنوع اندازه ی سلول ها در یک جمعیت سلولی، یا هتروژنیتی گسترده در لام محیطی، بر اساس CV (ضریب تنوع و تغییرات) می باشد.
- CV (ضریب تغییرات) به این معناست که اندازه گیری تکرار شونده چقدر است.
- ضریب تغییرات (CV) اندازه گلبول قرمز تحت عنوان RDW گزارش می شود.
- شاخص ناهمگونی سلول های قرمز نباید فقط عرض هیستوگرام باشد، زیرا این تنها SD را اندازه می گیرد.

RED CELL DISTRIBUTION WIDTH (RDW)

RDW-CV

RDW-CV از فرمول زیر محاسبه می شود:

$$RDW-CV = (MCV / \text{انحراف استاندارد RBC}) \times 100$$

SD نشان می دهد که تنوع سائز اریتروسیت ها در حدود میانگین است. از آن جهت که SD بر MCV تقسیم شده می فهمیم که RDW-CV به میانگین مقدار MCV اریتروسیت ها نیز بستگی دارد.

شاخص مرجع: 11.5 – 14.5 %

RDW-SD

تعیین RDW-SD یک اندازه گیری واقعی از منحنی توزیع عرض اریتروسیت هاست. این اندازه گیری در ارتفاع نسبی 20 درصدی بالاتر از خط مبنا انجام می شود. هر چه منحنی عریض تر باشد اریتروسیت ها گستره ی بزرگ تری از اندازه های مختلف را دارند و شاخص RDW-SD بالاتر خواهد بود.

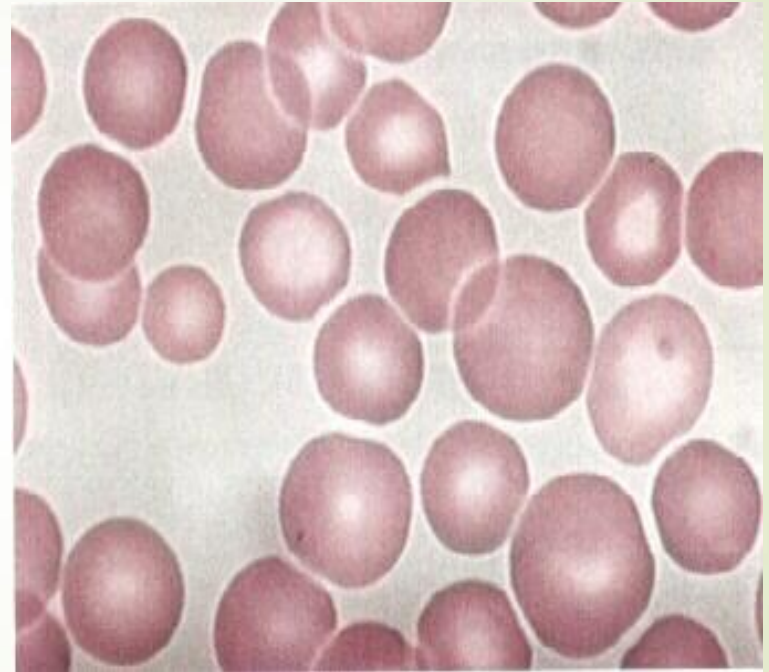
شاخص مرجع: 35-45fl

بدین ترتیب SD داده شده می تواند بسته به MCV، طبیعی یا غیرطبیعی باشد.

پس محاسبه ی RDW-SD مهم تر می باشد. برخلاف بیشتر متغیر ها که می توانند بصورت غیرطبیعی بالا و پایین باشند، هیچ اختلالی با RDW پایین تر از حد طبیعی وجود ندارد.

Case

➤ RBC	➤ $4.15 \times 10^{12}/L$
➤ HGB	➤ 14.0g/dl
➤ HCT	➤ 40.8%
➤ MCV	➤ 98.3fl
➤ MCH	➤ 33.7pg
➤ MCHC	➤ 34.3g/dl
➤ RDW	➤ 22.7%



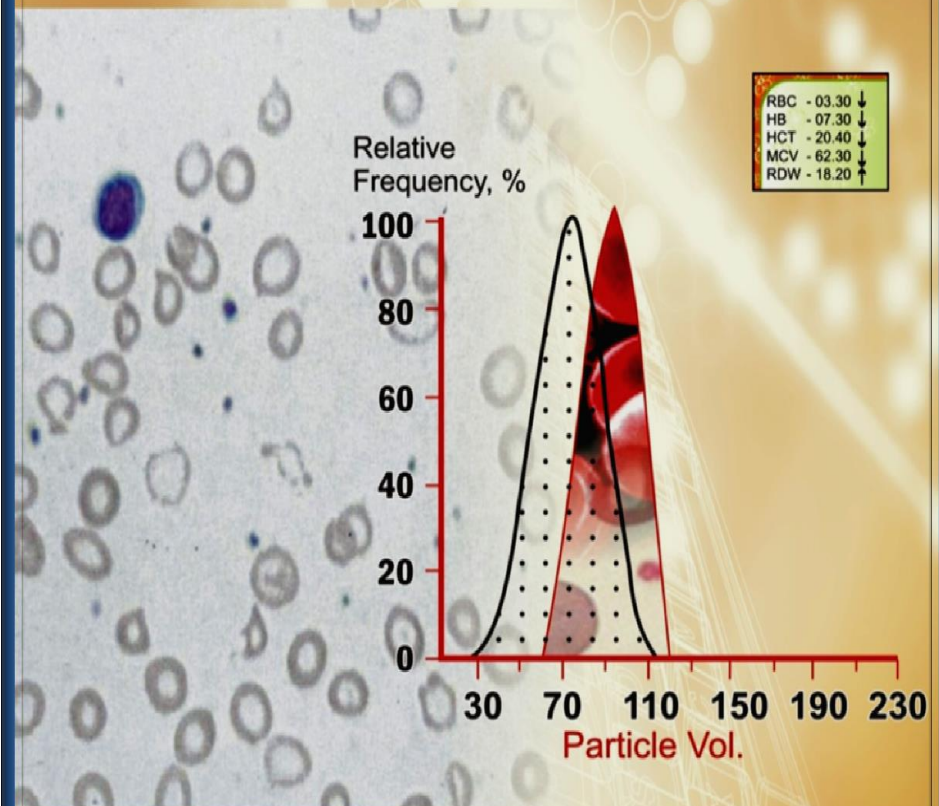
Anemia is present, MCV is very low, and the smear is very abnormal

RDW is abnormally high;

Histogram remains abnormal.

The diagnosis is easily

Advanced Iron Deficiency

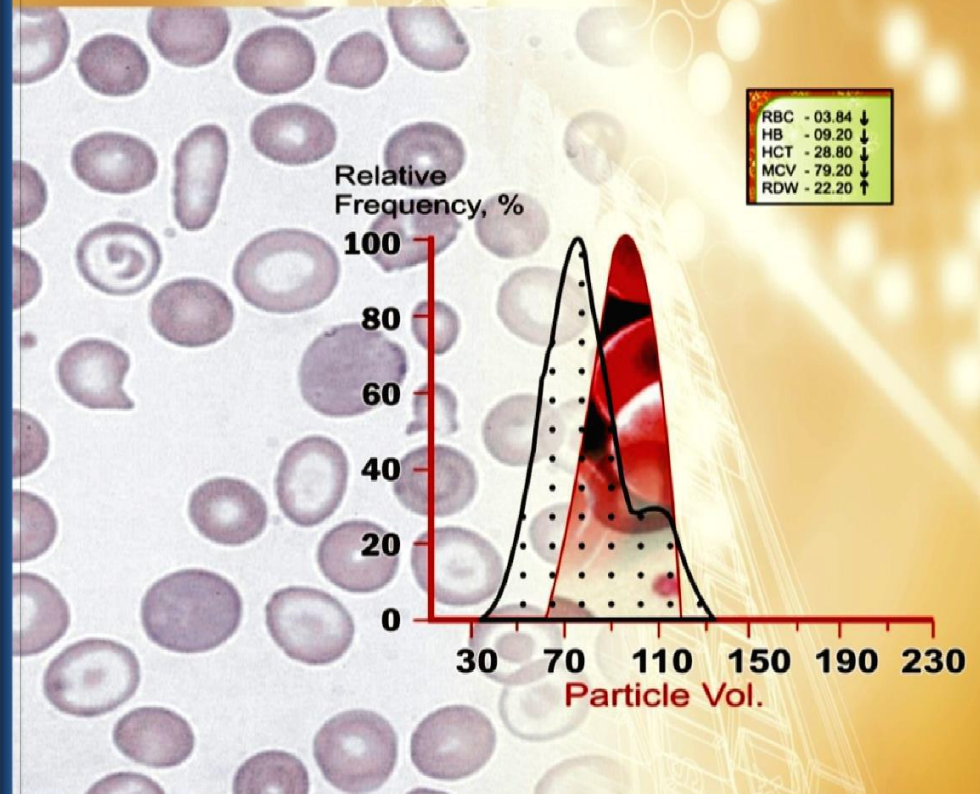


The red cell count is increasing,
MCV is not yet normal, and
Two populations of red cells are

microcytes, and newly
formed normocytes.

*The two populations are
distinguished easily on the
red cell histogram but not so
easily on the peripheral blood
smear.*

Recovery from Iron Deficiency





➤ RL: (LD)

- Giant Platelets
- Micro-Erythrocytes
- Platelet Clumps

➤ RU: (UD)

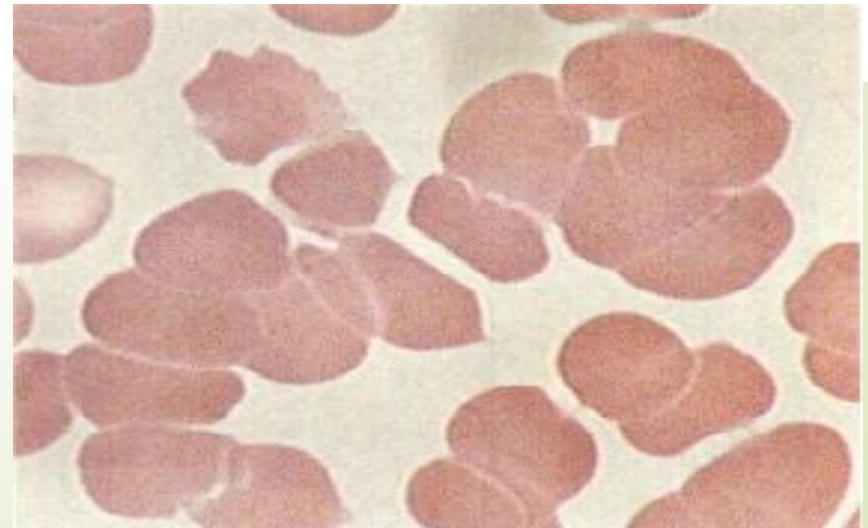
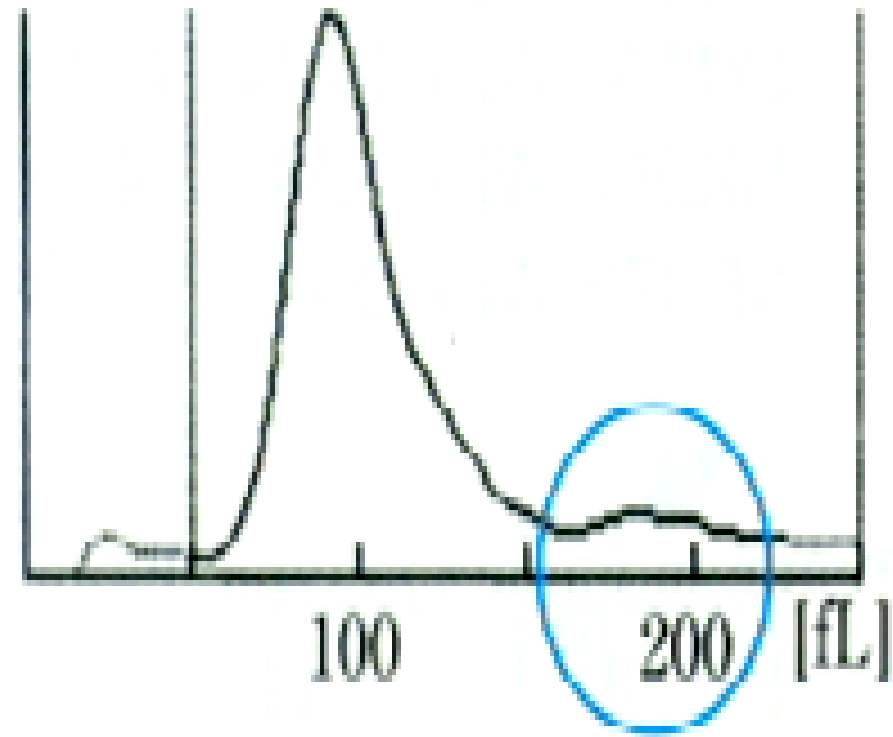
- Cold Agglutinins(check MCHC > 40 g/dl)
- Erythroblasts / Normoblasts

➤ MP: **Multiple peaks:**

- Iron deficiency in therapy
- Infection or Tumor Anemia
- Transfusions

Case

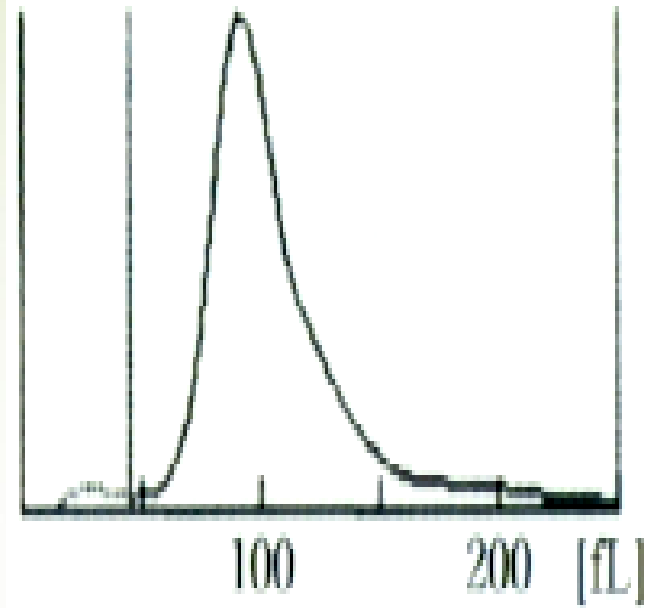
➤ RBC	➤ 2.23 x10¹²/L
➤ HGB	➤ 14.4g/dl
➤ HCT	➤ 24.9%
➤ MCV	➤ 111.7fl
➤ MCH	➤ 64.6pg
➤ MCHC	➤ 57.8g/dl
➤ RDW	➤ 25.4fl



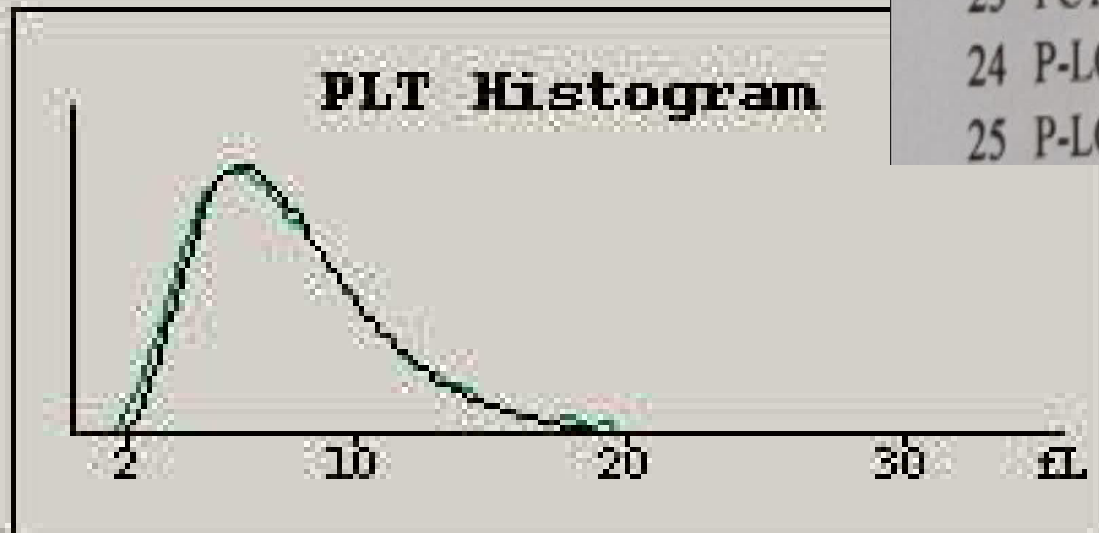
Cold Agglutinins

Incubation 30 min

➤ RBC	➤ 4.35 x10¹²/L
➤ HGB	➤ 14.5g/dl
➤ HCT	➤ 43.5%
➤ MCV	➤ 100.0fl
➤ MCH	➤ 33.3pg
➤ MCHC	➤ 33.3g/dl
➤ RDW	➤ 14.7fl



PLT HISTOGRAMS



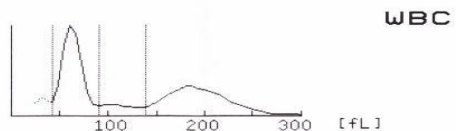
20	PLT	61	L	$10^3/\mu\text{L}$	117 - 420
21	MPV	10.6		fL	6.5 - 12.0
22	PDW	17.6	H		15.0 - 17.0
23	PCT	0.065	L	%	0.108 - 0.282
24	P-LCC	19	L	$10^3/\mu\text{L}$	30 - 90
25	P-LCR	30.6		%	11.0 - 45.0

NORMAL

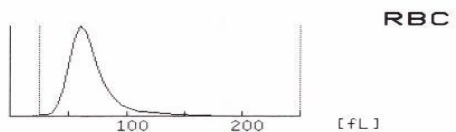
PL: Abnormal height at **lower discriminator**

20. 469
Date 20/07/2024
Time 03:20
Mode WB

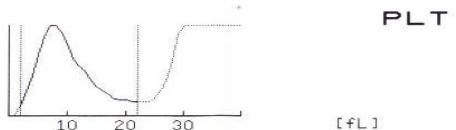
WBC $6.4 \times 10^9 / \mu\text{L}$
RBC $5.33 \times 10^6 / \mu\text{L}$
HGB 10.7 g/dL
HCT 35.2%
MCV 66.0 fL
MCH 20.1 pg
MCHC 30.4 g/dL
PLT PL* $209 \times 10^9 / \mu\text{L}$



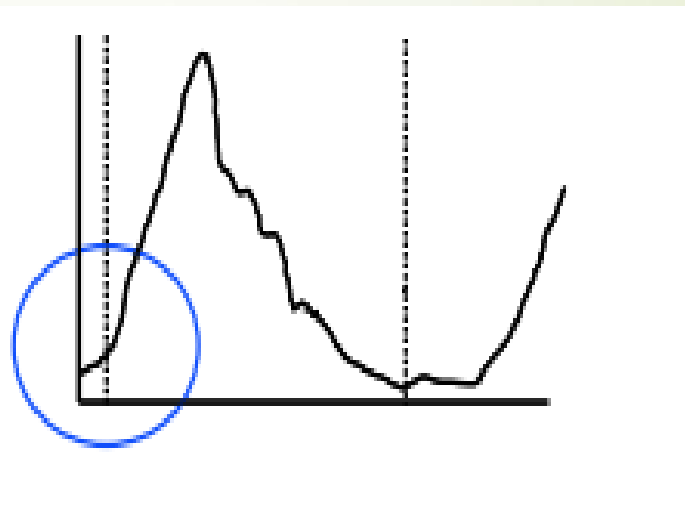
LYM% 44.3%
MXD% 9.0%
NEUT% 46.7%
LYM# $2.8 \times 10^9 / \mu\text{L}$
MXD# $0.6 \times 10^9 / \mu\text{L}$
NEUT# $3.0 \times 10^9 / \mu\text{L}$



RDW-SD 38.8 fL
RDW-CV 15.7%



PDW PL* 15.5 fL
MPV PL* 10.0 fL
P-LCR PL* 28.7%

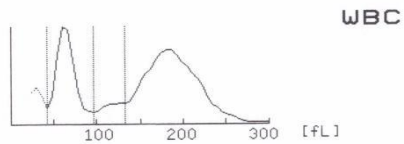


- High blank value
- Cell fragments

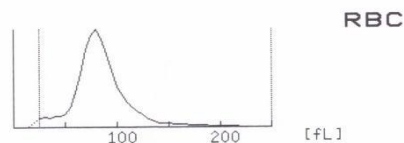
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No. 521
 Date 2024/08/27
 Time 10:46
 Mode WB

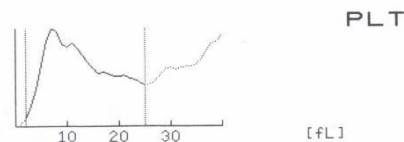
JBC $8.5 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
 RBC $3.75 \times 10^6 / \mu\text{L}$
 HGB 10.9 g/dL
 HCT 30.5%
 MCV $- 81.3 \text{ fL}$
 MCH 29.1 pg
 MCHC 35.7 g/dL
 PLT PU* $336 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$



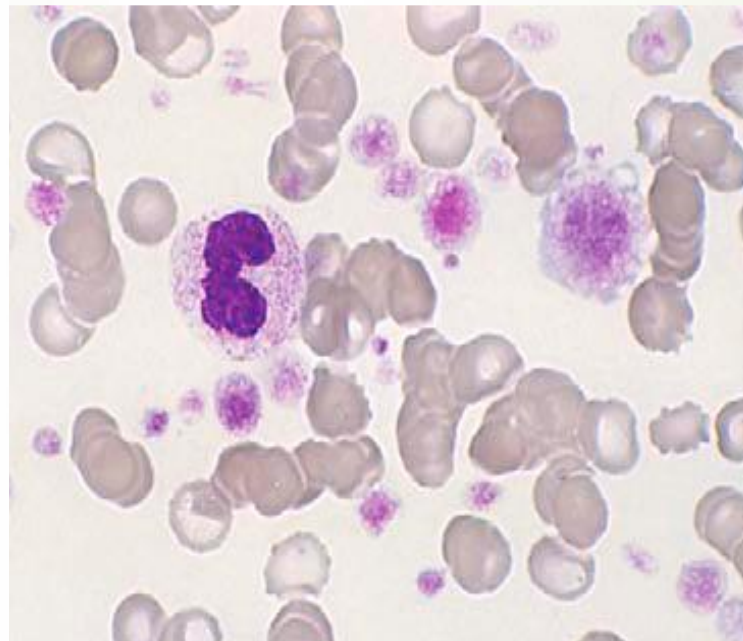
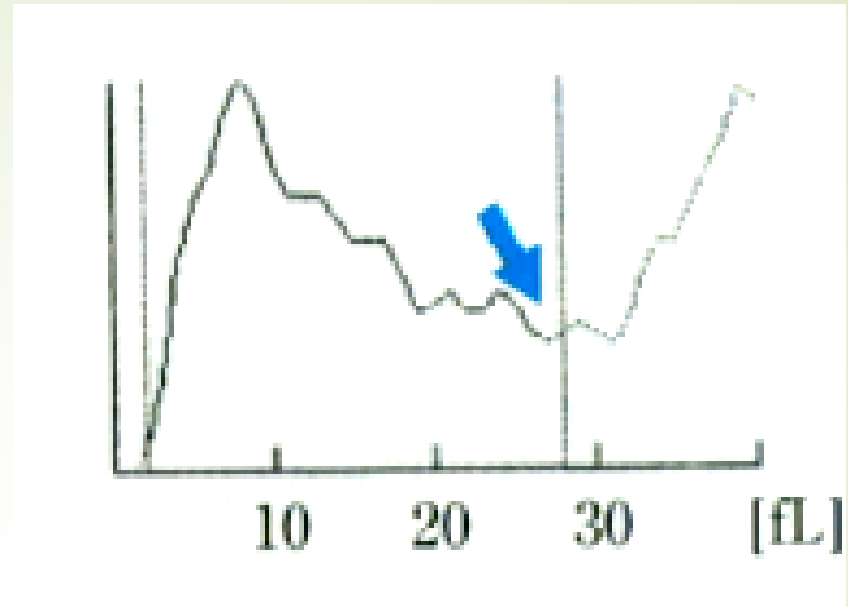
LYM% 28.9%
 MXD% 7.5%
 NEUT% 63.6%
 LYM# $2.5 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
 MXD# $0.6 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
 NEUT# $5.4 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$



RDW-SD 50.6 fL
 RDW-CV + 19.2%



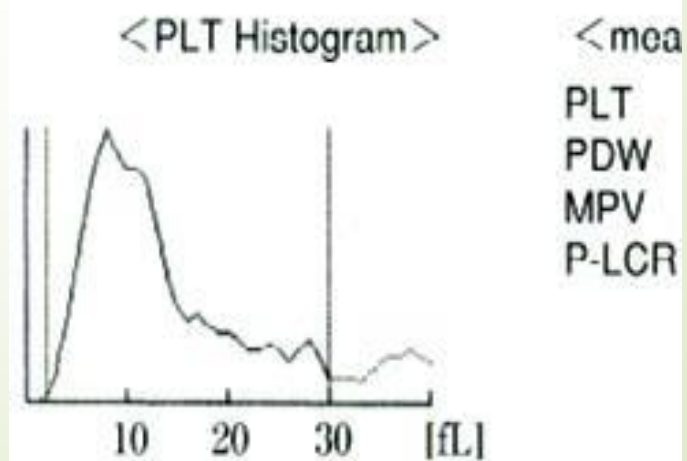
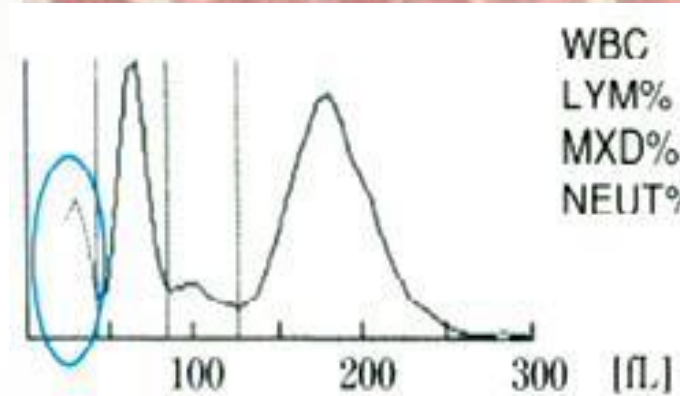
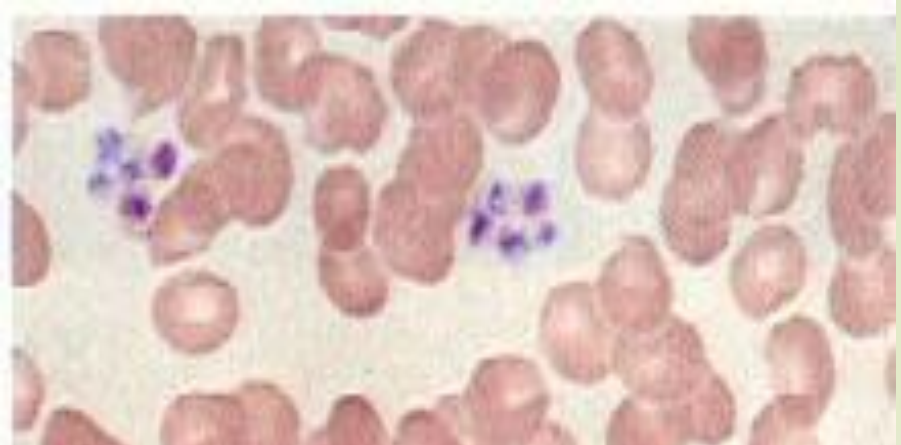
PDW DW ---. -fL
 MPV PU ---. -fL
 P-LCR PU ---. -%



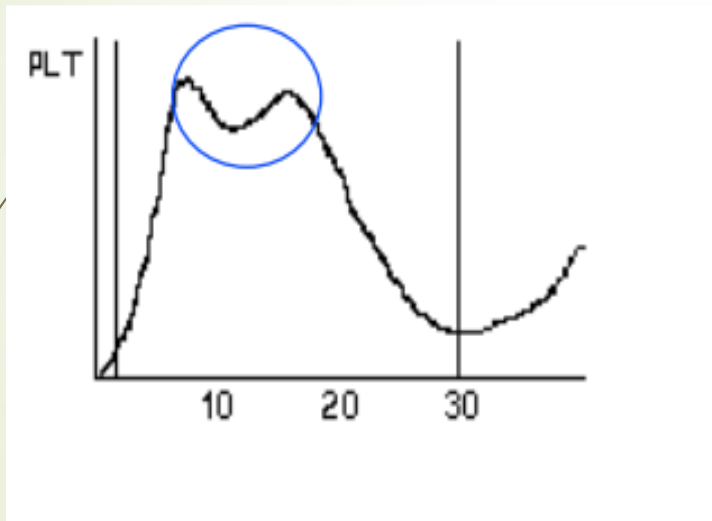
- PLT Clumps
- Giant Platelets
- Microerythrocytes

Case

WBC	6.0 x10 ⁹ /L
➤ LYM%	27.5%
➤ MXD%	7.9%
➤ NEUT %	64.4%
➤ PLT	86 x10 ⁹ /L
➤ PDW	18.6fl
➤ MPV	12.8fl
➤ P-LCR	43.7%



MP



- Platelet Transfusions
- Platelet Aggregation
- Chemotherapy

No. 19
Date 2019/02/28
Time 09:41
Mode WB

WBC ! $132.3 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
RBC - $3.46 \times 10^6 / \mu\text{L}$
HGB * 10.5 g/dL
HCT - 35.5%
MCV + 102.6 fL
MCH * 30.3 pg
MCHC * 29.6 g/dL
PLT AG- $110 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$

LYM% + 70.9%
MXD% T2 ---.-%
NEUT% T2 ---.-%
LYM# $93.8 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
MXD# T2 ---. - $\times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
NEUT# T2 ---. - $\times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
RDW_SD + 61.1 fL
RDW_CV + 18.1%
PDW - 8.4 fL
MPV - 7.6 fL
P_LCR - 11.1%

ID. 57
Date 29/12/2018
Time 13:53
Mode WB

WBC $4.5 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
RBC + $5.68 \times 10^6 / \mu\text{L}$
HGB - 9.6 g/dL
HCT - 32.7%
MCV - 57.6 fL
MCH - 16.9 pg
MCHC - 29.4 g/dL
PLT PU* $380 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$

LYM% 54.3%
MXD% 12.5%
NEUT% - 33.2%
LYM# $2.4 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
MXD# $0.6 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
NEUT# $1.5 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$

RDW_SD 37.9 fL
RDW_CV + 19.6%
PDW DW ---. - fL
MPV PU ---. - fL
P_LCR PU ---. - %
PCT PU+ ---. - %

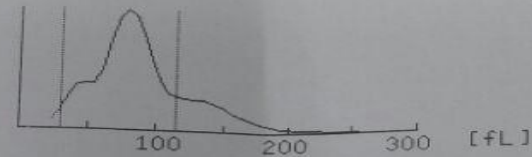
No. 11111
 Date 98/02/18 08:34
 Mode WB

WBC $4.4 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
 RBC $4.20 \times 10^6 / \mu\text{L}$
 HGB 12.4 g/dL
 HCT 37.0%
 MCV 88.1 fL
 MCH 29.5 pg
 MCHC 33.5 g/dL
 PLT AG $154 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$

WBC $+ 49.6 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
 RBC $- 2.25 \times 10^6 / \mu\text{L}$
 HGB 8.2 g/dL
 HCT $- 24.5\%$
 MCV 108.9 fL
 MCH 36.4 pg
 MCHC 33.5 g/dL
 PLT $64 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$

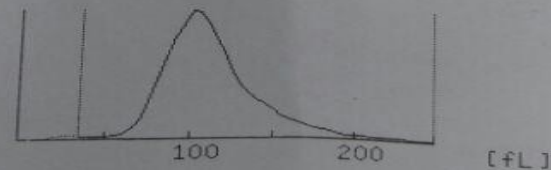
PL*

WBC



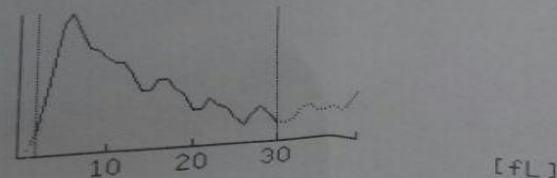
W_SCR $+ 77.0\%$
 W_MCR T2 $---.-%$
 W_LCR T2 $---.-%$
 W_SCC $38.2 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
 W_MCC T2 $---. \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
 W_LCC T2 $---. \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$

RBC



RDW_SD $+ 67.3 \text{ fL}$
 RDW_CV $+ 17.5\%$

PLT



Cell Name Grading System: minimum of **1000 RBC should be evaluated** to provide a precise percentage of the cells having a particular morphological abnormality.

	Few/1+	Mod/2+ ,%	Many/3+ ,%		Few/1+	Mod/2+ ,%	Many/3+ ,%
➤ Anisocytosis	N/A	% 11–20	>20	➤ Oval macrocytes	N/A	2–5	>5
➤ Macrocytes	N/A	11–20	>20				
➤ Microcytes	N/A	11–20	>20	➤ Bite cells	N/A	1–2	>2
➤ Hypochromic	N/A	11–20	>20	➤ Blister cells	N/A	1–2	>2
				➤ Schistocytes	<1%	1–2	>2
➤ Polychromasia	N/A	5–20	>20	➤ Sickle cells	N/A	1–2	>2
➤ Acanthocytes	N/A	5–20	>20				
➤ Echinocytes	N/A	5–20	>20	➤ Howell-Jolly bodies	N/A	2–3	>3
➤ Elliptocytes	N/A	5–20	>20	➤ Pappenheimer bodies	N/A	2–3	>3
➤ Ovalocytes	N/A	5–20	>20				
➤ Spherocytes	N/A	5–20	>20				
➤ Stomatocytes	N/A	5–20	>20				
➤ Target cells	N/A	5–20	>20				
➤ Teardrop cells	N/A	5–20	>20				
➤ Basophilic stippling	N/A	5–20	>20				

RBC Histogram

ABN / INDICATOR	PROBABLE CAUSE	COMMENT
Left of curve does not touch baseline	Schistocytes and extremely small red cells	Review smear CBC and Platelet histogram
Bimodal peak	Transfused cells, therapeutic response	Review Smear
Right portion of curve extended	Red cell autoagglutination	Review CBC & Smear
Left shift of curve	Microcytes	Review smear & CBC
Right shift of curve	Macrocytes	Review smear & CBC

WBC Histogram

ABN / INDICATOR	PROBABLE CAUSE	COMMENT
Trail extending downward at extreme left, or lymph peak not starting at baseline	NRBC, Plt clumping, unlysed RBC, cryoproteins, parasites	Review smear and correct WBC for NRBC
Peak to the left of lymph peak or widening of lymph peak towards left	NRBC	Review smear & correct WBC for NRBC
Widening of lymph peak to right	Atypical lymphs, blasts, plasma cells, hairy cells, eosinophilia, basophilia	Review smear
Wider mono peak	Monocytosis, plasma cells, eosinophilia, basophilia, blasts	Review smear

WBC Histogram

ABN / INDICATOR	PROBABLE CAUSE	COMMENT
WBC histogram (lymph peak) does not start at baseline	Giant platelets, NRBC, Plt clumping	Review smear, correct WBC for NRBC
Elevation of left portion of granulocyte	Left Shift	Review smear
Elevation of right portion of granulocyte peak	Neutrophilia, Hyperseg,	Review smear

Platelet Histogram

ABN / INDICATOR	PROBABLE CAUSE	COMMENT
Peak or spike at left end of histogram (2-8 fl)	Cytoplasmic fragments	Review smear
Spike towards right end of histogram	Schistocytes, microcytes, giant platelets	Review smear + CBC (↓ MCV & ↑ RDW) (↑ MPV & ↑ PDW)
Bimodal peak	Cytoplasmic fragments	Review smear

Known interfering substance

RBCs

- High WBCs esp if RBCs is low →

↑RBCs

- Agglutinated RBCs → ↓ RBCs

Hb

Turbidity of the blood sample → ↑ Hb

- Elevated WBCs
- Elevated lipids
- Fetal bloods



MCV

- ★ Red cell agglutination
- ★ ↑ number of large platelets

HT

- ★ Red cell agglutination

RDW

- ★ Agglutination of RBCs
- ★ Nutritional deficiency
- ★ Blood transfusion

WBCs interfering subs.

- ★ Normoblasts → ↑ WBCs
- ★ Unlysed RBCs → ↑ WBCs
- ★ MM → ↑ WBCs (ppt protein)
- ★ Hemolysis → ↑ WBCs (red cell stroma)
- ★ Leukemia → ↓ WBCs (↑ cell fragility)
→ In CLL small lymph not counted
- ★ Cryoglobulin → ↑ all parameters of blood



Platelets

- ★ RBCs fragments → ↑ plat (microcytes)
- ★ WBCs fragments → ↑ plat (microcytes)
- ★ Chemotherapy → ↓ plat (↑ plat. fragments)
- ★ Hemolysis → ↑ Plat (red cell strom)
- ★ ACD blood → ↓ plat (plat. Aggregation)
- ★ RBCs inclusion → ↑ plat. (Malaria, H.j bodies)
- ★ Plat. agglutination → ↓ plat



Lymphocytes

- ★ **Nucleated RBCs → ↑ lymph**
- ★ **Parasites → ↑ lymph**
- ★ **Resistent RBCs → ↑ lymph**

Monocytes

- ★ **↑ in large lymphocytes, atypical lymph, blasts and basophils**

Granulocytes

- ★ **↑ in eosinophilia, blasts, promyelo, myelo, metameyl and plasma cell**



CONCLUSION



Histogram in conjunction with absolute counts give valuable information about the abnormality of the sample & the need for follow up peripheral blood examination. Histogram should be used as quality check **but not diagnostic** for any pathological condition. **The manual blood film remains the definitive tool for complete haematological analysis.**

