

INTERPRETATION of LEUCOCYTES PICTURE

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Complete Blood Count:

| | Patient Value | Normal Range 2 years – 6 years |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| WBC | $8.4 \times 10^9 / L$ | (5.0 – 17.0) |
| RBC | $2.77 \times 10^{12} / L$ | (3.90 – 5.30) |
| Hgb | 7.5 g/dl | (11.5 – 13.5) |
| Hct | 21.8 % | (34.0 – 40.0) |
| MCV | 78.6 fl | (75.0 – 87.0) |
| MCH | 26.9 pg | (25.0 – 31.0) |
| MCHC | 34.2 gm/dl | (31.0 – 36.0) |
| RDW | 17.3 % | (11.5 – 15.0) |
| PLT | $192 \times 10^9 / L$ | (150 – 450) |

Differential:

| | Absolute | Normal Range Number | 2 years – 6 years |
|-------------|----------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Neutrophils | 43 % | (3.61) | (1.50 – 8.50) |
| Bands | 6 % | (0.50) | (0.00 – 1.00) |
| Lymphocytes | 41 % | (3.44) | (3.00 – 9.50) |
| Monocytes | 4 % | (0.34) | (0.00 – 0.80) |
| Eosinophils | 3 % | (0.25) | (0.02 – 0.65) |

Evaluation of the White blood cells (WBCs) WBCs picture



Total WBCs count

Differential leucocytes count

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PARAMETERS OF LEUCOCYTES PICTURE

Total WBCs count

Hemocytometer

Blood Cell Counter

Differential LC

Blood film

Blood Cell Counter

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The significance of blood smear examination

1. Identification of different animal species.
2. Morphological examination of the erythrocytes and leucocytes.
3. Carrying out the Differential leucocyte count.
4. Diagnosis of leukemia.

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The significance of blood smear examination

5. Diagnosis of blood parasites.
6. Diagnosis of bacterial diseases.
7. Prognosis of disease.
8. Diagnosis of toxicity with some heavy metals like lead.

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The significance of blood smear examination

9. Estimation of the degree of anemia.
10. Diagnosis of some viral diseases (Canine Distemper)
11. Evaluation of the bone marrow.
12. Indirect method for counting of platelets.

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INTERPRETATION OF LEUCOCYTES PICTURE

1. Leucocytosis.

2. Leucopenia.

3. Neutrophilia.

4. Neutropenia.

5. Lymphocytosis.

6. Lymphopenia

7. Eosinophilia

8. Eosinopenia

9. Basophilia.

10. Basopenia

11. Monocytosis

12. Monocytopenia

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1. Leucocytosis

Means increase the total leucocytic count above the normal upper limit specific for each animal species / unit volume of blood. It is either **physiological or pathological**.

a. Physiological leucocytosis

Causes:

Age of the animal

Breed or species of the animal

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a. Physiological leucocytosis

Muscular exercise and apprehension

Stage of pregnancy

Estrus

Stage of digestion

b. Pathological leucocytosis

Causes:

- Generalized infection such as (Pasteurellosis, leptospirosis and salmonellosis).
- Localized infection caused by bacteria such as *Staphylococcus*, *Streptococcus* and *Corynebacteria Spp.*

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Pathological leucocytosis

- Rapidly growing neoplasm.
- Acute hemorrhage particularly into one of the body cavities.
- Sudden haemolysis of the erythrocytes.
- Leukaemia and trauma.

2. Leucopenia

Decrease the total leucocytic count below the minimum normal limit specific for each animal species.

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2. Leucopenia

Causes:

- A. Degeneration, depression, depletion and destruction of the bone marrow**
- B. Viral infection:** Such as canine distemper, infectious canine hepatitis and swine influenza.
- C. Bacterial endotoxins:** Endotoxins of gram-negative bacteria are located at or in the cell wall and are released on autolysis of the bacteria as *Escherichia coli* endotoxins. Endotoxins resulted in a decrease in lymphocytes and neutrophils

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2. Leucopenia

D. Overwhelming bacterial infection: Bacterial toxæmia and septicaemia.

E. Cachetic and debilitated states.

F. Physical agents such as x rays

G. Chemical agents:

- Antibiotics as chloramphenicol, penicillin and streptomycin.
- Analgesics
- Inorganic chemicals: Lead, benzene, bismuth, mercury.

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NEUTROPHILIA

Neutrophilia means increase the number of neutrophils in the circulation over about $10 \times 10^9 / l$ in monogastric animals and about $4 \times 10^9/l$ in ruminants.

Causes

As leucocytosis

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NEUTROPENIA

Neutropenia means decrease the number of neutrophils in the circulation under about $4 \times 10^9 / l$ in monogastric animals and about $1 \times 10^9/l$ in ruminants.

Causes

As leucopenia except viral infection

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LYMPHOCYTOSIS

Lymphocytosis means increase the number of lymphocytes in the circulation over about $6 \times 10^9 / l$ in monogastric animals and about $9 \times 10^9/l$ in ruminants.

Causes

1. Recovery from viral infection.
2. Following vaccination.
3. Hypoadrenocorticism.
4. Decrease level of ACTH.
5. Lymphoid leukaemia.

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LYMPHOPENIA

Lymphopenia means decrease the number of lymphocytes in the circulation under about $1 \times 10^9 / l$ in monogastric animals and about $3 \times 10^9/l$ in ruminants.

Causes

- Hyperadrenocorticism in stress, steroid therapy.
- Acute viral infection as canine distemper, canine hepatitis and infectious feline enteritis.
- Ionizing radiation or immunosuppressive drugs.

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EOSINOPHILIA

Eosinophilia means increase the number of eosinophils in the circulation over about $1 \times 10^9 / l$.

Causes

- Allergy.
- Parasitic infection.
- Adrenocortical insufficiency.
- Granulocytic leukaemia.

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EOSINOPENIA

Eosinopenia means decrease the number of eosinophils in the circulation under about $0.1 \times 10^9 / l$.

Causes

- Stress.
- After administration of ACTH or corticoids as a therapeutic measure.
- Hyperactivity of adrenal gland.

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BASOPHILIA

Basophilia means increase the number of basophils in the circulation over about $0.5 \times 10^9 / l$.

Causes

- Adrenocortical insufficiency.
- Basophilic granulocytic leukemia.
- Hypothyroidism.

BASOPENIA

Basopenia means decrease the number of circulating basophils. Since it is quite normal to find no basophils at all in a blood film, the theoretical possibilities of Basopenia are not worth considering in clinical situation.

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MONOCYTOSIS

Monocytosis refers to an increase the number of circulating monocytes above about $0.5 \times 10^9/l$.

Causes

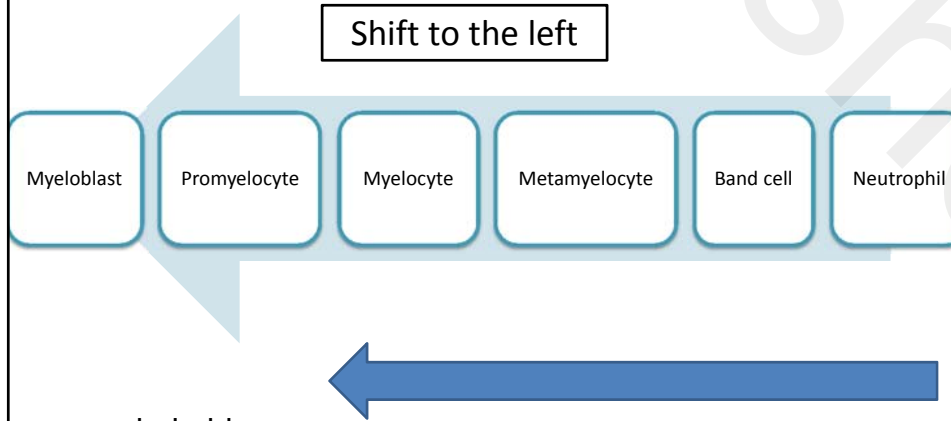
- Chronic diseases.
- Monocytic leukaemia.
- Listeriosis in swines.
- Hyperadrenocorticism.
- ACTH and corticoid treatment in dog, cow and cat.

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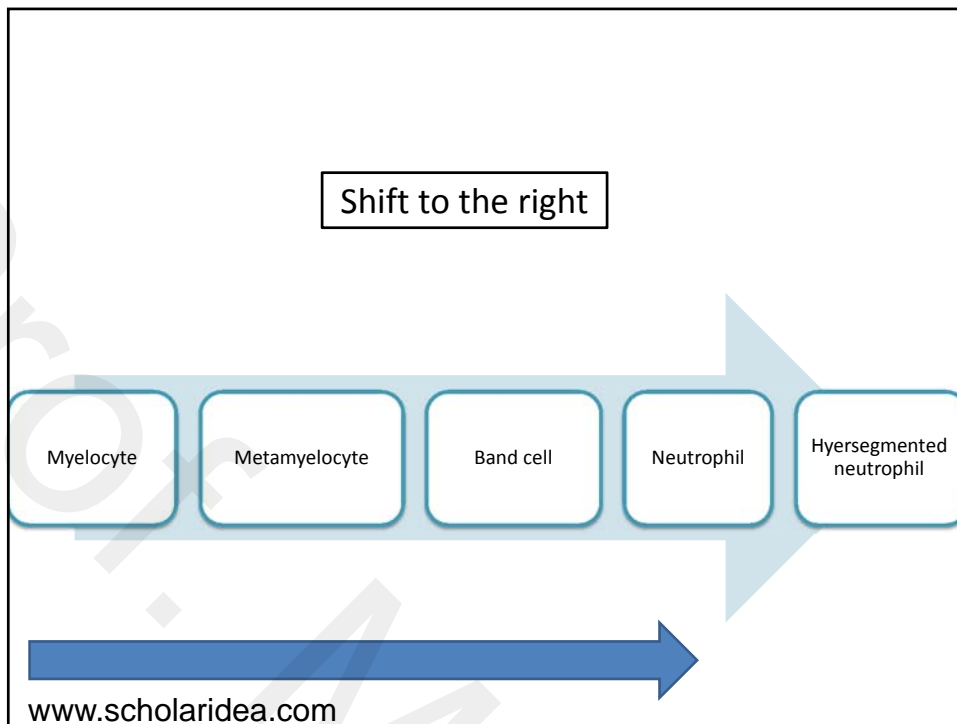
SCHILLING INDEX

It is an index used for classification of neutrophils depending on maturation of neutrophils.

Shift to the left



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Shift to the left

Shift to the left is used to denote an increase in the number of immature neutrophils in the peripheral circulation i.e. more than 7 % band cells.

- a. Regenerative shift to the left:** This shift is characterized by a leucocytosis, neutrophilia and with the appearance of immature neutrophilic granulocytes in peripheral blood, it is either:
1. A slight shift to the left: It is limited to the occurrence of band neutrophils.
 2. A moderate shift to the left: It includes both band and metamyelocyte neutrophils.
 3. A marked left shift: Would bring myelocytes and progranulocytes into peripheral blood

Prognosis: Good prognosis.

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b. Degenerative shift to the left

- There is normal, low total leucocytic count accompanied by moderate to marked shift to the left.
- This alteration is a result of inability of bone marrow to mature cells in response to infection and as a result increase the number of immature forms appear in the blood which show toxic changes.
- A degenerative left shift is common in septicemia.
- Toxic neutrophils are considered abnormal cells and are present in the blood as a reflection of toxic condition.

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Toxic neutrophils appear as:

- Signs of toxaemia are seen in neutrophils in diseases accompanied by depression of granulopoiesis.
- Appear in acute inflammatory diseases as peritonitis, pericarditis, mastitis and metritis.
- The appearance of blue black granules.
- The presence of vacuoles located in the cytoplasm along the periphery of the cell.
- Toxic granulation results from precipitation of the basophilic ground substance to form blue black granules.

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LEUKAEMOID REACTION

- A blood picture exhibiting a marked leucocytosis with a considerable number of immature WBCs. It is similar to left shift of the regenerative type in which there is an extreme leucocytosis simulating that observed in leukemic leukaemia.
- Leukaemoid reaction indicates extreme Leucocytosis. With severe left shift to metamyelocyte and myelocytes but no signs of hemopoietic neoplasia and indicate severe inflammation.

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