



## Oil Red O Staining Kit

(ORed)

Cat. No.0843

100mL

### Product Description

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Oil Red O is a fat-soluble diazo dye used for staining lipid and fat deposits in cells and tissues. While samples may be fresh, frozen or formalin fixed, Oil Red O is not compatible with paraffin embedded tissue sections. It is normal to observe Oil Red O precipitates. Therefore, working solution must be prepared fresh through filtration using Whatman paper or a syringe-driven filter unit.

### Kit Components

Cat. No.	# of vials	Name	Quantity	Storage
0843a	1	Oil Red O Stock	100 ml	room temperature
0843b	2	Fixative	100 ml	room temperature

### Materials Supplied by User

Whatman Paper

Funnel

Deionized H<sub>2</sub>O (diH<sub>2</sub>O)

Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) - Cat. No. 0303

0.2µM syringe-driven filter unit (Millipore) – optional

### Product use

This kit is for research use only. Not for use in animals, humans, or diagnostic procedures.

### Shipping

Room temperature.

### Procedures

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#### A. Preparation of Working Solution

1. Dilute Oil Red O Stock solution 3:2 using deionized H<sub>2</sub>O to make Oil Red O working solution.

Example: 3mL Oil Red O stock + 2mL deionized H<sub>2</sub>O

2. Place a piece of Whatman paper inside the funnel and filter the Oil Red O working solution.

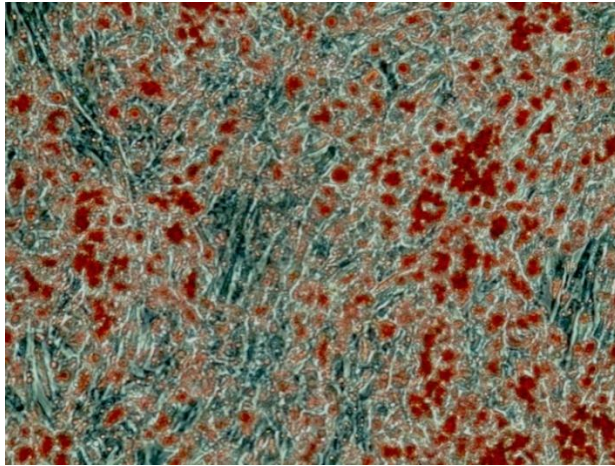
Alternatively, syringe filter unit can be used in place of a Whatman paper/ funnel system to filter the Oil Red O working solution.

3. Working solution must be used within 24 hours post filtration.

#### B. Cell or Tissue Fixation

1. Wash cells or tissue sections once in PBS.
2. Fix cells or tissue sections using the provided fixative solution at room temperature for 15 min. Fixation time should be empirically determined for individual user sample.
3. Remove fixative and wash sample 3X with diH<sub>2</sub>O.

4. Remove  $\text{diH}_2\text{O}$  and pipette Oil Red O working solution. Volume varies depending on sample vessel. Enough solution should be used to completely cover sample.
5. Incubate for 15min at room temperature.
6. Remove Oil Red O working solution and wash 5X with  $\text{diH}_2\text{O}$ .
7. Samples are now ready for imaging under microscope and should appear red.



**Figure 1** ScienCell™ Oil Red O kit was used to stain for the presence of lipids.