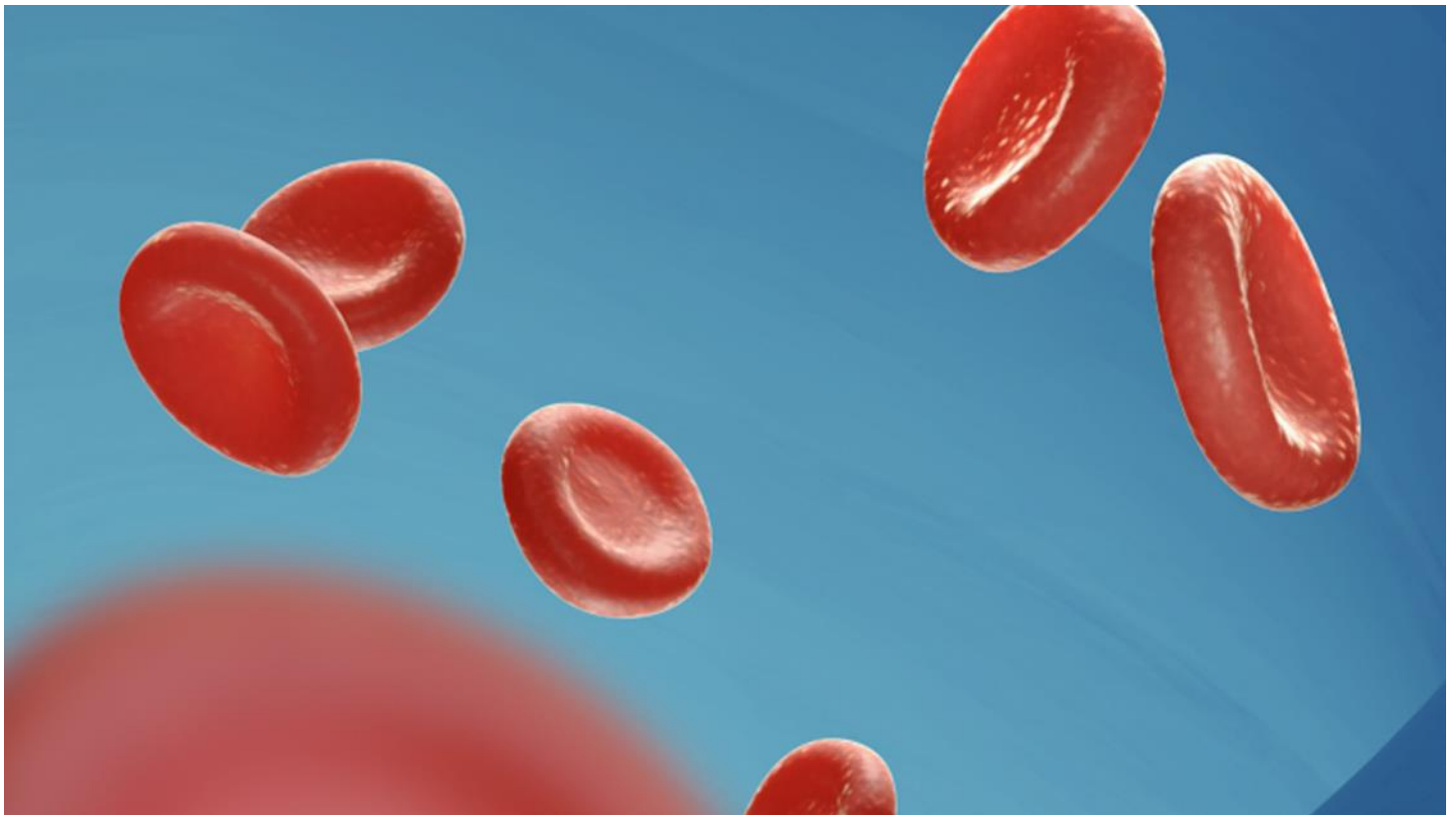


# Literature List – Red Blood Cells

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## General

NEW

### Ortiz A *et al.* (2020)

Performance Comparison of Sysmex Hematology Analyzers XN-550 and XN-10  
Sysmex J Int; 30(1): 9

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lusion%3A%20The%20XN%2D550%20has,hospital%20laboratories%20and%20physician%20clinics.](https://www.sysmex.co.jp/en/products_solutions/library/journal/vol30_no1/summary02.html#:~:text=Conc%20lusion%3A%20The%20XN%2D550%20has,hospital%20laboratories%20and%20physician%20clinics.)

**What we see as the essence:** The XN-550 is highly reliable with functionality comparable to the XN-10. It has shown high correlation coefficients and excellent comparative performance in all CBC, DIFF and RET parameters (except BASO%). The overall flagging comparison was excellent among the XN-10, the XN-550 and the manual differential.

### Ianni B *et al.* (2020)

Defining Normal Healthy Term Newborn Automated Hematologic Reference Intervals at 24 Hours of Life  
Arch Pathol Lab Med; Online ahead of print

Free online: <https://meridian.allenpress.com/aplm/article-lookup/doi/10.5858/arpa.2019-0444-OA>

**What we see as the essence:** Reference intervals on Sysmex XN-Series for normal healthy term newborns at 23-25 hours of life were prospectively established for CBC, IG%, IG#, IRF, RET-H<sub>e</sub>, IPF and IPF#.

### Smit B *et al.* (2020)

Massive hemolysis due to *Clostridium perfringens*: a laboratory's perspective  
Clin Chem Lab Med; 58(11): e295

Free online: [https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/ahead-of-print/article-10.1515-cclm-2020-  
0676/article-10.1515-cclm-2020-0676.xml](https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/ahead-of-print/article-10.1515-cclm-2020-0676/article-10.1515-cclm-2020-0676.xml)

**What we see as the essence:** A case report describing laboratory findings in two patients with *Clostridium perfringens* sepsis. Massive haemolysis, ghost cells in peripheral blood smear, differences in haemoglobin parameters (total haemoglobin and intraerythrocytic haemoglobin) and distinct microcytic RBC populations may occur as indirect indicators and support early recognition.

### **Nivaggioni V *et al.* (2020)**

Use of Sysmex XN-10 red blood cell parameters for screening of hereditary red blood cell diseases and iron deficiency anaemia

Int J Lab Hematol; 42(6): 697

Free online: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/ijlh.13278>

**What we see as the essence:** A two-step decision tree, based on the XN-10 RBC and reticulocyte parameters, delivers a good prediction and classification between patients with a hereditary RBC disease from iron deficiency anaemia and other patients. These results can be used to optimise microscopy review for reticulocytes.

### **Johnson S *et al.* (2019)**

A CBC algorithm combined with immature platelet fraction is able to identify JAK2 V617F mutation-positive polycythaemia vera patients

Int J Lab Hematol; 41(2): 271

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/ijlh.12967>

**What we see as the essence:** The study proposes an algorithm based on CBC and IPF# parameters that allows to identify a cohort of high-likelihood polycythaemia vera (PV) patients and refer them for haematological review. IPF# > 20 × 10<sup>9</sup>/L in combination with positive CBC criteria can identify JAK2 V617F mutation-positive PV patients.

### **Moioli V *et al.* (2019)**

Mozhaisk haemoglobin variant effects on leukocyte differential channel using the Sysmex XN series Chem Lab Med; 57(12): e324

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/57/12/article-pe324.xml>

**What we see as the essence:** Case study showing an abnormal WDF scattergram with a decrease of the fluorescence signal, causing the flag 'WBC Abn Scattergram'. In association with the microscopic revision and further genetic analysis an unstable haemoglobin (Hb Mozhaisk) was confirmed.

### **Arbiol-Roca A *et al.* (2018)**

Reference intervals for a complete blood count on an automated haematology analyser Sysmex XN in healthy adults from the southern metropolitan area of Barcelona

EJIFCC; 29(1): 48

Free online: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5949618/>

**What we see as the essence:** The aim of the study was to establish reference intervals for CBC, DIFF and reticulocytes for a Spanish population. Significant gender differences were found for RBC, PLT, HCT and HGB.

### **Huisjes R *et al.* (2018)**

Digital microscopy as a screening tool for the diagnosis of hereditary hemolytic anemia  
Int J Lab Hematol; 40(2): 159

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/ijlh.12758>

**What we see as the essence:** Advanced RBC Morphology from CellaVision was used to characterise hereditary haemolytic anaemia. Cutoffs were reported for several RBC abnormalities and showed a high sensitivity and specificity for detection of different conditions.

### **Jongbloed W *et al.* (2018)**

Unstable haemoglobin variant Hb Leiden is detected on Sysmex XN-Series analysers  
Clin Chem Lab Med; 56(9): e249

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/56/9/article-pe249.xml>

**What we see as the essence:** Case study with an abnormal WDF scattergram observed on the XN-9000 causing the flag "WBC abnormal scattergram" which highlighted the inability to separate the white blood cell population. Further genetic analysis confirmed an unstable haemoglobin.

### **Cao J *et al.* (2017)**

Establishing a Stand-Alone Laboratory Dedicated to the Care of Patients With Ebola Virus Disease  
Lab Med; 48(2): 188

<https://doi.org/10.1093/labmed/lmw072>

**What we see as the essence:** The pocH-100i was used in a laboratory dedicated to detection of Ebola virus disease. Its accuracy was verified by comparison with the XE-2100 in the main laboratory, and its precision and reportable range were also consistent with Sysmex's claims.

### **Jo S *et al.* (2017)**

Performance evaluation of recently launched Sysmex XN-550 Automatic Hematology Analyzer  
Int J Lab Hematol; 39(1): e4

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/ijlh.12571>

**What we see as the essence:** The XN-550 showed a good analytical performance and strong correlation with XE-2100 and XN-3000 analysers for routine CBC parameters.

### **Teixeira C *et al.* (2017)**

Automated detection of unstable hemoglobin variants by Sysmex XE-Series analyzers  
Clin Chem Lab Med; 55(11): 243

<https://www.degruyter.com/doi/10.1515/cclm-2017-0231>

**What we see as the essence:** The authors tested 9 samples with known unstable HGB variants and reported that only the XE-2100 flagged the samples in contrast to the SIEMENS Healthineers ADVIA. This may help in diagnosing a congenital haemolytic anaemia.

### **Tailor H *et al.* (2017)**

Evaluation of the Sysmex XN-550, a Novel Compact Haematology analyser from the XN-L ® series, compared to the XN-20 system  
Int J Lab Hematol; 39(6): 585

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/ijlh.12701>

**What we see as the essence:** Samples from adult patients (N=202) were measured on the XN-550 and compared with an XN-20. Good correlations and low bias were observed for all parameters except for BASO%. PLT-O from the XN-550 showed no significant bias compared to PLT-F from the XN-20.

### **Berda-Haddad Y *et al.* (2017)**

Increased mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration: artefact or pathological condition?  
Int J Lab Hematol; 39(1): 32

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijlh.12565/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** The use of the optical RBC parameters from the XN-Series can save time and help in the determination of the cause of increased MCHC.

### **Tamigniau A *et al.* (2017)**

From XE-2100 to XN-9000, from SIS Standard to GFHC recommendations for slide review: potential impact on review rate and turnaround time  
Ann Biol Clin (Paris); 75(3): 285

<https://doi.org/10.1684/abc.2017.1242>

**What we see as the essence:** Changing from the XE-2100 to XN-9000 and implementing the Biomedical Validation ruleset led to a significant reduction in review rate (from 35.8% to 25.9%) and TAT. In this hospital this resulted in a cost reduction of 7000 Euros over 6 months.

### **Egele A *et al.* (2016)**

Classification of several morphological red blood cell abnormalities by DM96 digital imaging  
Int J Lab Hematol; 38(5): e98

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijlh.12530>

**What we see as the essence:** The authors report the cutoff values for most of the RBC abnormalities that can be detected by the Advanced RBC Morphology software.

### **Geara C *et al.* (2016)**

Comparative study of quantitative performances between the new Sysmex XN-L (XN-550) haematology analyser and the XN-9000 in a routine laboratory  
Int J Lab Hematol; 38(1): e10

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/ijlh.12441>

**What we see as the essence:** The XN-Series and XN-L Series were compared; correlations were good and the study showed that the XN-L Series provided the same high quality as the XN-Series.

### **Van Dievoet MA *et al.* (2016)**

Performance evaluation of the Sysmex® XP-300 in an oncology setting: evaluation and comparison of hematological parameters with the Sysmex® XN-3000  
Int J Lab Hematol; 38(5): 490

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijlh.12522/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** The XP-300 showed very good precision and linearity results, comparable with the XN-3000 analyser.

### **Cornet E *et al.* (2016)**

Evaluation and optimization of the extended information process unit (E-IPU) validation module integrating the sysmex flag systems and the recommendations of the French-speaking cellular hematology group (GFHC)  
Scand J Clin Lab Invest; 76(6): 465

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00365513.2016.1199049?scroll=top&needAccess=true>

**What we see as the essence:** Using the biomedical validation criteria, 21.3% of samples triggered a smear review. Modification of four criteria reduced the number of smears from 21.3% to 15.0% without loss of clinical value.

### **Bruegel M *et al.* (2015)**

Comparison of five automated hematology analyzers in a university hospital setting: Abbott Cell-Dyn Sapphire, Beckman Coulter DxH 800, Siemens Advia 2120i, Sysmex XE-5000, and Sysmex XN-2000  
Clin Chem Lab Med; 53(7): 1057

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/53/7/article-p1057.xml>

**What we see as the essence:** A comparison of Abbott, Beckman Coulter, Siemens and Sysmex analysers found superior flagging performance of the XN-2000, especially for blasts and variant lymphocytes. Otherwise, the analysers were comparable.

### **Tabé Y *et al.* (2015)**

Performance evaluation of the digital cell imaging analyzer DI-60 integrated into the fully automated Sysmex XN hematology analyzer system  
Clin Chem Lab Med; 53(2): 281

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/53/2/article-p281.xml>

**What we see as the essence:** This performance evaluation of the digital imaging analyser DI-60 showed a good agreement between results from the DI-60 and manual microscopy. In addition, blasts were correctly classified with 95% sensitivity and 99% specificity.

### **Egele A *et al.* (2015)**

Automated detection and classification of teardrop cells by a novel RBC module using digital imaging/microscopy  
Int J Lab Hematol; 37(6):e153

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijlh.12399>

**What we see as the essence:** The authors report excellent detection of teardrop cells in samples from patients with myelofibrosis and MDS, using the Advanced RBC Morphology software.

### **Ferrero-Vacher C *et al.* (2015)**

Utilisation des paramètres érythrocytaires Sysmex dans un cas d'hémolyse sévère (Erythrocytic parameters Sysmex in a case of severe haemolysis)  
Annales de Biologie Clinique; 73(6): 729

**Article in French:** [http://www.jle.com/fr/revues/abc/e-docs/utilisation\\_des\\_parametres\\_erythrocytaires\\_sysmex\\_dans\\_un\\_cas\\_dhemolyse\\_severeparametres\\_erythrocytaires\\_sysmex\\_et\\_hemolyse\\_305923/article.phtml](http://www.jle.com/fr/revues/abc/e-docs/utilisation_des_parametres_erythrocytaires_sysmex_dans_un_cas_dhemolyse_severeparametres_erythrocytaires_sysmex_et_hemolyse_305923/article.phtml)

**What we see as the essence:** Case report of severe haemolytic anaemia with cold agglutinins, identified by increased MCHC and qualitative alarms. The RBC-O and HGB-O parameters from the RET channel, and the RBC most frequent volume (R-MFV) allowed to report the correct results.



### **Arneth B *et al.* (2015)**

Technology and New Fluorescence Flow Cytometry Parameters in Hematological Analyzers  
J Clin Lab Anal; 29(3): 175

[Free online: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6807107/](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6807107/)

**What we see as the essence:** This paper gives a good overview of the technology behind the XE-Series and the benefits of flow cytometry and automatic cell counting. It shows that the XE-5000 delivers faster accurate results than older analysers.

### **JO SY *et al.* (2015)**

Performance evaluation of the new hematology analyzer Sysmex XN-series  
Int J Lab Hematol; 37(2):155

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/ijlh.12254>

**What we see as the essence:** A good correlation was found between the XN- and XE-Series for all parameters. The XN-Series dramatically reduced the smear rate (by 58%). Even at counts below 500/ $\mu$ L the XN provided an accurate WBC count using the Low WBC mode.

### **Genevieve F *et al.* (2014)**

Smear microscopy revision: propositions by the GFHC  
feuillet de Biologie; VOL LVI N° 317

[Free online:](#)

[https://www.sysmex.fr/fileadmin/media/f107/Documents/Haematology\\_Smear\\_microscopy\\_revision.pdf](https://www.sysmex.fr/fileadmin/media/f107/Documents/Haematology_Smear_microscopy_revision.pdf)

**What we see as the essence:** The GFHC reviewed in detail the criteria used within the CBC to generate blood smears and has decided on a number of minimum recommendations, defining threshold values and various situations in which the blood smear review is desirable.

### **Hotton J *et al.* (2013)**

Performance and Abnormal Cell Flagging Comparisons of Three Automated Blood Cell Counters: Cell-Dyn Sapphire, DxH-800, and XN-2000  
Am J Clin Pathol; 140(6): 845

<https://academic.oup.com/ajcp/article/140/6/845/1761105>

**What we see as the essence:** Repeatability, linearity and carryover was good for all tested analysers, and correlation between the analysers was good for HGB, MCV, PLT and WBC.

Quotes: "The XN showed a higher sensitivity than the SAPH and DxH for all flags of interest." "For the first time, we have decreased the slide review for our laboratory from 20% with the SAPH to 9.3% with the XN."

### **Wang H *et al.* (2013)**

Use of RBC-O and S-MCV Parameters of Sysmex XE-2100 in a Patient with RBC Cold Agglutination  
Clin Lab; 59: 217

<https://www.clin-lab-publications.com/article/1068>

**What we see as the essence:** A combination of sample dilution and the use of RBC parameters from the RET channel on the XE-2100 is described to obtain accurate RBC parameters from samples with RBC cold agglutination without heating of the sample.

### **Briggs C *et al.* (2012)**

Performance evaluation of the Sysmex haematology XN modular system  
J Clin Pathol; 65: 1024

<https://jcp.bmj.com/content/65/11/1024.long>

**What we see as the essence:** The XN showed reduced sample turnaround time and reduced number of blood film reviews than the XE-2100 without loss of sensitivity and with more precise and accurate results for both platelets and low WBC counts.

### **Godon A *et al.* (2012)**

Anomalies et erreurs de détermination de l'hémogramme avec les automates d'hématologie cellulaire  
Partie 3. Hémoglobine, hématies, indices érythrocytaires, réticulocytes\*  
Ann Biol Clin 2012; 70(2): 155

Article in French - Free online: [http://www.jle.com/fr/revues/abc/e-docs/anomalies\\_et\\_erreurs\\_de\\_determination\\_de\\_lhemogramme\\_avec\\_les\\_automates\\_dhematologie\\_cellulaire\\_partie\\_3\\_hemoglobine\\_hematies\\_indices\\_erythrocytaires\\_reticulocytes\\_292317/article.phtml](http://www.jle.com/fr/revues/abc/e-docs/anomalies_et_erreurs_de_determination_de_lhemogramme_avec_les_automates_dhematologie_cellulaire_partie_3_hemoglobine_hematies_indices_erythrocytaires_reticulocytes_292317/article.phtml)

**What we see as the essence:** A summary report about potential interferences of CBC parameters with focus on situations leading to abnormal HGB, RBC and MCV, resulting in abnormal calculated RBC indices, e.g. MCHC. Alternative strategies may support management of interferences.

### **Urrechaga E *et al.* (2011)**

Erythrocyte and reticulocyte parameters in iron deficiency and thalassemia  
J Clin Lab Anal; 25: 223

Free online: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jcla.20462>

**What we see as the essence:** Beta-thalassaemia can be recognised through high RBC, small MCV, high %MicroR and moderately increased IRF, whereas iron deficiency shows high RDW and %HYPO-He.

## RET/ IRF

NEW

### Jiang H *et al.* (2019)

Interferents of Automated Reticulocyte Analysis Integrated with Relevant Clinical Cases  
Clin Chem; 65(7): 1251

<https://www.clin-lab-publications.com/article/3060>

**What we see as the essence:** XN-9000 showed high agreement with the manual counting method ( $r = 0.956$ ) in a cohort of 510 samples. The analyser was able to correctly count RET% and RET# in presence of most interferences or indicate result unreliability in severe cases.

### Tiwari A *et al.* (2018)

Applying newer parameter Ret-He (reticulocyte haemoglobin equivalent) to assess latent iron deficiency (LID) in blood donors-study at a tertiary care hospital in India  
Vox Sang 2018; 113(7): 639

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/vox.12700>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> can be used as a routine screening test to detect latent iron deficiency in blood donors. This could provide an opportunity to make appropriate and timely interventions like dietary changes or drug supplementation.

### La Gioia A *et al.* (2018)

Short preheating at 41°C leads to a red blood cells count comparable to that in RET channel of Sysmex analysers in samples showing cold agglutination  
J Clin Pathol; 71(8): 729

<https://jcp.bmj.com/content/71/8/729.long>

**What we see as the essence:** Detailed evaluation of the RET channel in terms of resolving cold-agglutinins. It provides comparable results like traditional manual 37°C/2h pre-treatment and can therefore be recommended to shorten TAT.

### Morkis IVC *et al.* (2015)

Assessment of immature platelet fraction and immature reticulocyte fraction as predictors of engraftment after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation  
Int J Lab Hematol; 37(2): 259

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijlh.12278/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** Both IRF% and IPF% can be used to predict neutrophil and platelet recovery, respectively. Work was done on XE-5000.

**Yesmin S *et al.* (2011)**

Immature reticulocyte fraction as a predictor of bone marrow recovery in children with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia on remission induction phase

Bangladesh Med Res Council Bull; 37(2): 57

<http://www.banglajol.info/index.php/BMRCB/article/view/8435>

**What we see as the essence:** In 52% of paediatric ALL patients, IRF% values rose before NEUT# values during recovery after chemotherapy. Therefore, monitoring of both parameters may be beneficial.

**Gonçalo AP *et al.* (2011)**

Predictive value of immature reticulocyte and platelet fractions in hematopoietic recovery of allograft patients

Transplant Proc; 43: 24

[http://www.transplantation-proceedings.org/article/S0041-1345\(10\)01945-7/abstract](http://www.transplantation-proceedings.org/article/S0041-1345(10)01945-7/abstract)

**What we see as the essence:** The immaturity fractions IRF and IPF offer an easy and early evaluation method of posttransplantational recovery of the bone marrow.

## RET-H<sub>e</sub> / RBC-H<sub>e</sub>

### **Morton SU *et al.* (2020)**

Screening With Reticulocyte Hemoglobin Increased Iron Sufficiency Among NICU Patients  
Pediatr Qual Saf; 5(2): e258

Free online: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7190262/>

**What we see as the essence:** The authors found that implementation of an iron supplementation guideline utilizing RET-H<sub>e</sub> values can improve iron sufficiency even for heterogeneous out-born neonatal intensive care unit patient populations. Normal RET-H<sub>e</sub> range was defined as 27–38 pg based on published literature and expert consensus.

### **Chinudomwong P *et al.* (2020)**

Diagnostic performance of reticulocyte hemoglobin equivalent in assessing the iron status  
J Clin Lab Anal; 34(6): e23225

Free online: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jcla.23225>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> (n = 953) was investigated in a variety of conditions, involving inflammation, and its diagnostic performance was evaluated in assessing the iron status. Iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) can be ruled out at a cut-off ≥30 pg. For RET-H<sub>e</sub> <30 pg the study proposed a diagnostic algorithm to identify/distinguish between IDA and non-ID anaemia.

### **Tantawy AA *et al.* (2019)**

Reticulocyte Hemoglobin Content (Ret He): A Simple Tool for Evaluation of Iron Status in Childhood Cancer

J Pediatr Hematol Oncol; 42(3): e147

[https://journals.lww.com/jpho-online/Abstract/2020/04000/Reticulocyte\\_Hemoglobin\\_Content\\_Ret\\_He\\_A\\_Simple.23.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/jpho-online/Abstract/2020/04000/Reticulocyte_Hemoglobin_Content_Ret_He_A_Simple.23.aspx)

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> is considered an easy and affordable tool for assessment of iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) in children with cancer during chemotherapy. Due to the influence of underlying inflammatory conditions it is judged to be a more reasonable test than conventional iron parameters.

### **Levy S *et al.* (2018)**

The clinical utility of new reticulocyte and erythrocyte parameters on the Sysmex XN 9000 for iron deficiency in pregnant patients

Int J Lab Hematol; 40(6): 683

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/ijlh.12904>

**What we see as the essence:** This study demonstrates the clinical efficacy of RET-H<sub>e</sub>, %Hypo-He and %Micro-R for detecting ID in nonanemic pregnant patients. They are as well a cost effective alternative.

### **Jarc E *et al.* (2017)**

Comparison of erythrocyte and reticulocyte indices for the diagnosis of iron deficiency  
Zdrav Vestn (Slovenian Med J); 86(1-2): 19

Free online: <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/319877155>

**What we see as the essence:** Reticulocyte indices (Sysmex RET-H<sub>e</sub> and Siemens CHr) are directly comparable. RET-H<sub>e</sub> showed a slightly better predictive power for iron deficiency identification in IDA. Hypo-H<sub>e</sub> (Sysmex) and %HYPO (Siemens) are not exchangeable, both can be used for long-term iron deficiency evaluation.

### **Wirawan R *et al.* (2017)**

Concordance between Reticulocyte Hemoglobin Equivalent and Reticulocyte Hemoglobin Content in CKD Patients Undergoing Hemodialysis  
Acta Med Indones; 49(1): 34

Free online: <http://www.actamedindones.org/index.php/ijim/article/view/316/pdf>

**What we see as the essence:** A very strong correlation ( $r=0.91$ ) and a good concordance was found between RET-H<sub>e</sub> and CHr with a mean bias of 0.5 pg in chronic kidney disease patients undergoing haemodialysis. It indicates that RET-H<sub>e</sub> and CHr can both be used for assessing iron status.

### **Toki Y *et al.* (2017)**

Evaluation of the hypochromic erythrocyte and reticulocyte hemoglobin content provided by the Sysmex XE-5000 analyzer in diagnosis of iron deficiency erythropoiesis  
Int J Hematol; 106(1): 116

<http://rd.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12185-017-2212-6>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> was shown to be a clinically useful marker for determining iron deficiency in the general population and can also be used for the evaluation of the efficacy of iron administration.

### **Buttarello M *et al.* (2016)**

Evaluation of the hypochromic erythrocyte and reticulocyte hemoglobin content provided by the Sysmex XE-5000 analyzer in diagnosis of iron deficiency erythropoiesis  
Clin Chem Lab Med; 54(12): 1939

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/cclm.2016.54.issue-12/cclm-2016-0041/cclm-2016-0041.xml>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> and %Hypo- H<sub>e</sub>, measured on the XE-5000, allowed identification of patients with iron deficiency, especially those who had already developed anaemia. RET-H<sub>e</sub> had a better sensitivity, presumably because it is more responsive to iron deficiency.

**Mehta S *et al.* (2016)**

Reticulocyte Hemoglobin vis-a-vis Serum Ferritin as a Marker of Bone Marrow Iron Store in Iron Deficiency Anemia

J Assoc Physicians India; 64(11): 38

Free online: <https://www.japi.org/n3n5o506k424r4/j3x536k5l434e4w5/v2a4>

**What we see as the essence:** This study showed that RET-H<sub>e</sub> is a better predictor of bone marrow iron stores in patients with severe anaemia than serum ferritin.

**Urrechaga E *et al.* (2016)**

Percentage of hypochromic erythrocytes and reticulocyte hemoglobin equivalent predictors of response to intravenous iron in hemodialysis patients

Int J Lab Hematol; 38(4): 360

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijlh.12496/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** HYPO-He and RET-H<sub>e</sub> are reliable parameters for the study of erythropoiesis status in hemodialysis patients.

**Al-Ghananim RT *et al.* (2016)**

Reticulocyte Hemoglobin Content During the First Month of Life in Critically Ill Very Low Birth Weight Neonates Differs From Term Infants, Children, and Adults

J Clin Lab Anal; 30(4): 326

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/jcla.21859/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> values from the XE-2100 were lower in very low birth weight infants than in term infants, children and adults. RET-H<sub>e</sub> was 31.8 pg within 24 hr after birth and subsequently declined to a steady-state level of 28.4 pg.

**Weimann A *et al.* (2016)**

Delta-He, Ret-He and a New Diagnostic Plot for Differential Diagnosis and Therapy Monitoring of Patients Suffering from Various Disease-Specific Types of Anemia

Clin Lab; 62(4): 667

<https://www.clin-lab-publications.com/article/1982>

**What we see as the essence:** A diagnostic plot using RET-H<sub>e</sub> and Delta-H<sub>e</sub> was developed based on differences between different patient groups suffering from anaemia. Several case examples show the clinical utility of this plot for therapy monitoring.

### **Archer N *et al.* (2015)**

Diagnosis of iron-deficient states  
Crit Rev Clin Lab Sci; 52(5): 256

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.3109/10408363.2015.1038744>

**What we see as the essence:** This review gives an overview of the haematological, biochemical and genetic markers for identifying iron deficiency. RBC- H<sub>e</sub>, RET-H<sub>e</sub>, Delta- H<sub>e</sub>, HYPO-He and MicroR are mentioned besides the standard RBC indices.

### **Peerschke E *et al.* (2014)**

Using the Hemoglobin Content of Reticulocytes (RET-He) to Evaluate Anemia in Patients With Cancer  
Am J Clin Pathol; 142(4): 506

Free online: <https://academic.oup.com/ajcp/article/142/4/506/1766909>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> values above 31 or 32 pg could be used to rule out iron deficiency in cancer patients. In the present study the use of RET-H<sub>e</sub> would have reduced the number of biochemical iron studies by 66% (from 209 to 70).

### **Urrechaga E *et al.* (2013)**

Erythrocyte and reticulocyte indices in the assessment of erythropoiesis activity and iron availability  
Int J Lab Hematol; 35(2): 144

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijlh.12013/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> and %HYPO-H<sub>e</sub> are helpful in assessing erythropoiesis and iron status.

### **Schoorl M *et al.* (2012)**

Effects of iron supplementation on red blood cell hemoglobin content in pregnancy  
Hematology Rep; 4(4): e24

Free online: <http://www.pagepress.org/journals/index.php/hr/article/view/hr.2012.e24>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> and RET-H<sub>e</sub>/RBC-H<sub>e</sub> ratio are sensitive markers for screening when a decrease in red blood cell haemoglobin content is observed and for monitoring short-term effects of iron supplementation. The authors recommend integrating these parameters into the protocol for anaemia screening and monitoring during pregnancy.



**Schoorl M *et al.* (2012)**

Temporary impairment of reticulocyte haemoglobin content in subjects with community-acquired pneumonia

Int J Lab Hematol; 34(4): 390

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1751-553X.2012.01408.x/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** In patients with community-acquired pneumonia, acute inflammation results in decreased RET-H<sub>e</sub> values at an early stage, reflecting acute erythropoietic dysfunction.

**Fernandez R *et al.* (2010)**

Low Reticulocyte Hemoglobin Content Is Associated with a Higher Blood Transfusion Rate in Critically Ill Patients: A Cohort Study

Anesthesiology 112(5): 1211

Free online: <https://anesthesiology.pubs.asahq.org/article.aspx?articleid=1932981>

**What we see as the essence:** The authors conclude that low reticulocyte haemoglobin content (RET-H<sub>e</sub>) is common at admission at ICU in nonanaemic patients and it is associated with higher RBC transfusion requirements than in patients with normal RET-H<sub>e</sub> values (39.1% vs. 12.8%, P = 0.02).

**Maier-Redelsperger M *et al.* (2010)**

Strong association between a new marker of hemolysis and glomerulopathy in sickle cell anemia

Blood Cell Mol Dis; 45(4): 289

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1079979610001993>

**What we see as the essence:** A special algorithm combining RBC-H<sub>e</sub>, RET-H<sub>e</sub> and lactate dehydrogenase bears the potential as a marker of haemolysis strongly correlated with albuminuria in sickle cell anaemia patients.

**Jonckheere S *et al.* (2010)**

Erythrocyte indices in the assessment of iron status in dialysis-dependent patients with end-stage renal disease on continuous erythropoietin receptor activator versus epoetin beta therapy

Acta Haematol; 124(1): 27

<http://www.karger.com/Article/FullText/313785>

**What we see as the essence:** Due to fluctuations of iron status parameters, a fixed time point should be used for iron status monitoring during erythropoietin therapy.

### **Leers MP *et al.* (2010)**

The value of the Thomas-plot in the diagnostic work up of anemic patients referred by general practitioners

Int J Lab Hematol; 32(6 Pt 2): 572

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1751-553X.2010.01221.x/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** The Thomas-plot is helpful in diagnosing patients referred from general practitioners and differentiating functional iron deficiency from classical iron deficiency.

### **Schoorl M *et al.* (2010)**

Changes in red blood cell hemoglobinization during pregnancy

Ned Tijdschr Klin Chem Labgeneesk; 35: 206

Free online: <https://www.nvkc.nl/sites/default/files/NTKC/2010-3-p206-208.pdf>

Reprinted in Sysmex J Int; 20(1): 12

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> is a useful sensitive and early indicator of iron status in the second half of pregnancy and should ideally be measured in combination with zinc protoporphyrin (ZPP) and IRF.

### **Van Wyck DB *et al.* (2010)**

Analytical and biological variation in measures of anemia and iron status in patients treated with maintenance hemodialysis

Am J Kidney Dis; 56(3): 540

[http://www.ajkd.org/article/S0272-6386\(10\)00918-2/abstract](http://www.ajkd.org/article/S0272-6386(10)00918-2/abstract)

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> could prove superior to transferrin saturation (TSAT) and ferritin in monitoring iron status of haemodialysis patients due to a lower biological variation.

### **Miwa N *et al.* (2010)**

Usefulness of measuring reticulocyte hemoglobin equivalent in the management of haemodialysis patients with iron deficiency

Int J Lab Hematol 32(2): 248

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1751-553X.2009.01179.x/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> is equivalent to CHr and useful in managing haemodialysis patients with iron deficiency as it responds more rapidly than HGB.

**Maconi M *et al.* (2009)**

Erythrocyte and reticulocyte indices in iron deficiency in chronic kidney disease: comparison of two methods

Scand J Clin Lab Invest; 69(3): 365

<http://informahealthcare.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00365510802657673>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> and CHr correlate and agree well in evaluating CKD patients needing iron support.

**Mast A *et al.* (2008)**

Reticulocyte hemoglobin content

Am J Hematol; 83(4): 307

Free online: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ajh.21090/pdf>

**What we see as the essence:** Reticulocyte haemoglobin can be used to differentiate iron deficiency from other causes of anaemia and as an early marker to monitor the therapy.

**Thomas C *et al.* (2006)**

The diagnostic plot: A concept for identifying different states of iron deficiency and monitoring the response to epoetin therapy

Med Oncol; 23(1): 23

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1385%2FMO%3A23%3A1%3A23>

**What we see as the essence:** The Thomas-plot incl. RET-H<sub>e</sub> can be used for the differential diagnosis of anaemia and also gives therapy options.

**Brugnara C *et al.* (2006)**

Reticulocyte hemoglobin equivalent (Ret He) and assessment of iron-deficient states

Clin Lab Haematol; 28(5): 303

Free online: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1618805/pdf/clh0028-0303.pdf>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> is a reliable marker of cellular haemoglobin content and can be used to identify iron-deficient states, particularly in dialysis patients. RET-H<sub>e</sub> and CHr are in good agreement.

### **Schoorl M *et al.* (2006)**

Erythropoiesis activity, iron availability and reticulocyte hemoglobinization during treatment with hemodialysis and in subjects with uremia

Clin Lab; 52(11-12): 621

<https://www.clin-lab-publications.com/article/160>

**What we see as the essence:** Biochemical parameters reflecting functional iron availability and haematological parameters reflecting haemoglobinisation are interdependent.

### **Thomas L *et al.* (2005)**

Reticulocyte hemoglobin measurement -- comparison of two methods in the diagnosis of iron-restricted erythropoiesis

Clin Chem Lab Med; 43(11): 1193

<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/cclm.2005.43.issue-11/cclm.2005.207/cclm.2005.207.xml>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> can replace CHr in the diagnostic Thomas-plot without loss of sensitivity or specificity.

### **Canals C *et al.* (2005)**

Clinical utility of the new Sysmex XE 2100 parameter - reticulocyte hemoglobin equivalent – in the diagnosis of anemia

Haematologica; 90(8): 1133

Free online: <http://www.haematologica.org/content/90/8/1133.long>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-H<sub>e</sub> is useful for the differential diagnosis of iron deficiency anaemia vs anaemia of chronic disease and could also be helpful in the identification of thalassaemia patients.

### **Buttarello M *et al.* (2004)**

The new reticulocyte parameter (RET-Y) of the Sysmex XE 2100: its use in the diagnosis and monitoring of posttreatment sideropenic anemia

Am J Clin Pathol; 121(4): 489

Free online: <https://doi.org/10.1309/W65295DTUWK7U1HH>

**What we see as the essence:** RET-Y closely correlates with CHr and can be used for diagnosis and early monitoring after the administration of intravenous iron.

## HYPO-H<sub>e</sub> / HYPER-H<sub>e</sub> / MicroR / MacroR

### Schoorl M *et al.* (2012)

Efficacy of Advanced Discriminating Algorithms for Screening on Iron-Deficiency Anemia and  $\beta$ -Thalassemia Trait

Am J Clin Pathol; 138(2): 300

Free online: <https://academic.oup.com/ajcp/article/138/2/300/1761358>

**What we see as the essence:** The authors conclude that the advanced algorithms, derived from extended RBC parameters provided by the Sysmex XE-5000 analyzer, are useful as laboratory devices for anaemia screening.

### Persijn L *et al.* (2012)

Screening for hereditary spherocytosis in routine practice: evaluation of a diagnostic algorithm with focus on non-splenectomised patients

Ann Hematol; 91(2): 301

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs00277-011-1243-y>

**What we see as the essence:** The hereditary spherocytosis diagnostic tool by Mullier *et al.* is useful and works, but needs fine-tuning to the local patient population.

### Mullier F *et al.* (2011)

Additional erythrocytic and reticulocytic parameters helpful for diagnosis of hereditary spherocytosis: results of a multicentre study

Ann Hematol; 90(7): 759

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs00277-010-1138-3>

**What we see as the essence:** Combining several RBC parameters allows to efficiently screen for hereditary spherocytosis even in mild cases.

### Urrechaga E *et al.* (2011)

The role of automated measurement of RBC subpopulations in differential diagnosis of microcytic anemia and  $\beta$ -thalassemia screening

Am J Clin Pathol; 135(3): 374

<https://academic.oup.com/ajcp/article/135/3/374/1766023>

**What we see as the essence:** Because of high sensitivity and specificity, the new index %MicroR-%HYPO-H<sub>e</sub> was the most reliable index in the differential diagnosis of microcytic anaemias.

### **Urrechaga E. *et al.* (2011)**

Erythrocyte and reticulocyte parameters in iron deficiency and thalassemia  
J Clin Lab Anal; 25(3): 223

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/jcla.20462/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** Beta-thalassaemia can be recognised through high RBC, small MCV, high %MicroR and moderately increased IRF, whereas iron deficiency shows high RDW and %HYPO-H<sub>e</sub>

### **Urrechaga E *et al.* (2011)**

The role of automated measurement of red cell subpopulations on the Sysmex XE-5000 analyzer in the differential diagnosis of microcytic anemia  
Int J Lab Hematol; 33(1): 30

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1751-553X.2010.01237.x/full>

**What we see as the essence:** Because of high sensitivity and specificity, the new index %microcytic-%hypochromic was the most reliable index in the differential diagnosis of microcytic anemia.

### **Urrechaga E *et al.* (2009)**

Potential utility of the new Sysmex XE 5000 red blood cell extended parameters in the study of disorders of iron metabolism  
Clin Chem Lab Med; 47(11): 1411

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/47/11/article-p1411.xml>

**What we see as the essence:** The new parameters %HYPO-H<sub>e</sub> /%HYPER-H<sub>e</sub> and %MicroR/%MacroR appear to be sensitive for detecting small changes in the number of red cells with inadequate haemoglobinisation and volume in order to distinguish beta-thalassaemia from iron deficiency anaemia.

## NRBC

NEW

### **Valina O *et al.* (2020)**

Evaluation of the Automated Nucleated Red Blood Cell (NRBC) Enumeration on Sysmex XN Analyser in Preterm and Term Neonates

Sysmex J Int: 30(1): 1

Free online: [https://www.sysmex.co.jp/en/products\\_solutions/library/journal/vol30\\_no1/summary01.html](https://www.sysmex.co.jp/en/products_solutions/library/journal/vol30_no1/summary01.html)

**What we see as the essence:** The authors compare manual NRBC count to an automated counting by XN-Series analyser for neonates, which correlates well. In addition, the mean NRBC count on different postnatal days were analysed and reference values have been stated.

### **Morton SU *et al.* (2020)**

Association of nucleated red blood cell count with mortality among neonatal intensive care unit patients  
A Pediatr Neonatol; 61(6): 592

Free online: [https://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S1875-9572\(20\)30109-1](https://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S1875-9572(20)30109-1)

**What we see as the essence:** Neonatal ICU patients with NRBC count >0 had a significantly higher risk of mortality, and time to mortality decreased with higher NRBC counts. The authors claim that NRBC counts may be useful in refining prognostic models for neonates.

### **Menk M *et al.* (2018)**

Nucleated red blood cells as predictors of mortality in patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS): an observational study

Ann Intensive Care; 8(1): 42

Free online: <https://annalsofintensivecare.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s13613-018-0387-5>

**What we see as the essence:** The study results confirmed previous findings in critically ill patients suggesting that NRBC are equally predictive of mortality in acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). NRBC-positive patients were found to require longer treatment with mechanical ventilation, extra-corporal gas exchange and had prolonged ICU stay when compared with NRBC-negative patients.

### **Monteiro Junior JG *et al.* (2015)**

Nucleated Red Blood Cells as Predictors of All-Cause Mortality in Cardiac Intensive Care Unit Patients: A Prospective Cohort Study

PLoS One; 10(12): e0144259

Free online: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4695082/>

**What we see as the essence:** "The presence of NRBC (XE-2100) was associated with a higher ICU mortality (49.4% vs 21.7%,  $P < 0.001$ ) as well as in-hospital mortality (61.4% vs 33.3%,  $p = 0.001$ )."

### **Cremer M *et al.* (2015)**

Nucleated red blood cells as marker for an increased risk of unfavorable outcome and mortality in very low birth weight infants

Early Hum Dev; 91(10): 559

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0378378215001231?via%3Dihub>

**What we see as the essence:** This study of 438 low birth weight infants indicates that an NRBC count obtained 24-120 h after birth can serve as a surrogate marker for later severe morbidity and mortality. The optimal cut-off value was  $2 \times 10^9/L$  with 83% sensitivity and 75% specificity.

### **Tantanate C *et al.* (2014)**

Performance evaluation of the automated nucleated red blood cell enumeration on Sysmex XN analyser  
Int J Lab Hematol; 37(3): 341

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijlh.12291/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** NRBC counts from the XN-Series could replace manual counts: the precision of the XN-Series was superior and a small bias (manual counts slightly higher than NRBC counts from the XN-Series) was only observed for NRBC counts above 200/100 WBC.

### **Hotton J *et al.* (2013)**

Performance and Abnormal Cell Flagging Comparisons of Three Automated Blood Cell Counters -Cell-Dyn Sapphire, DxH-800, and XN-2000

Am J Clin Pathol; 140(6): 845

<https://academic.oup.com/ajcp/article/140/6/845/1761105>

**What we see as the essence:** Repeatability, linearity and carryover was good for all tested analysers, and correlation between the analysers was good for HGB, MCV, PLT and WBC.

**Quotes:** "The XN showed a higher sensitivity than the SAPH and DxH for all flags of interest." "For the first time, we have decreased the slide review for our laboratory from 20% with the SAPH to 9.3% with the XN."

### **Parco S *et al.* (2013)**

Public banking of umbilical cord blood or storage in a private bank: testing social and ethical policy in northeastern Italy

J Blood Med; 4: 23

Free online: <http://www.dovepress.com/getfile.php?fileID=15732>

**What we see as the essence:** An excellent correlation was found between manual NRBC counts and NRBC counts from the XE-2100 ( $r^2 = 0.94$ ) in umbilical cord blood. This number may be used to correct the WBC count and thereby guarantee an adequate WBC concentration for blood banking of umbilical cord blood.



### **Gasparović V *et al.* (2012)**

Nucleated red blood cells count as first prognostic marker for adverse neonatal outcome in severe preeclamptic pregnancies

Coll Antropol; 36(3): 853

Free online: [http://hrcak.srce.hr/index.php?show=clanak&id\\_clanak\\_jezik=133776](http://hrcak.srce.hr/index.php?show=clanak&id_clanak_jezik=133776)

**What we see as the essence:** An increased count of nucleated red blood cells in preterm newborns born from pregnancies with severe preeclampsia seems to be the first significant marker for detecting adverse neonatal outcome.

### **Pipitone S *et al.* (2012)**

Evaluation of automated nucleated red blood cells counting on Sysmex XE-5000 and Siemens ADVIA 2120

Clin Chem Lab Med; 50(10): 1857

<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/cclm.2012.50.issue-10/cclm-2012-0148/cclm-2012-0148.xml>

**What we see as the essence:** The results show excellent analytical performances for the XE-5000, with high accuracy and precision. In agreement with previous studies, the authors also showed that despite similar performance in terms of analytical imprecision, the overall correlation with microscopy is higher for XE-5000 than for ADVIA 2120, i.e., correlation coefficient 0.97 vs. 0.67 and AUC 0.97 vs. 0.73, respectively.

### **Danise P *et al.* (2011)**

Evaluation of nucleated red blood cells in the peripheral blood of hematological diseases

Clin Chem Lab Med; 50(2): 357

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/50/2/article-p357.xml>

**What we see as the essence:** NRBC are found in nearly all onco-haematological diseases at diagnosis and frequently during therapy. They are absent at remission.

### **Danise P *et al.* (2009)**

Nucleated red blood cells and soluble transferrin receptor in thalassemia syndromes: relationship with global and ineffective erythropoiesis

Clin Chem Lab Med; 47(12): 1539

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/47/12/article-p1539.xml>

**What we see as the essence:** The NRBC count helps defining ineffective erythropoiesis in thalassaemia patients and supporting transfusion management.

### **Stachon A *et al.* (2007)**

Nucleated red blood cells in the blood of medical intensive care patients indicate increased mortality risk: a prospective cohort study

Crit Care; 11(3): R62

Free online: <http://ccforum.com/content/pdf/cc5932.pdf>

**What we see as the essence:** The NRBC count is one indicator of mortality – persistence (observed in daily screenings) and high concentration are both indicators for poor prognosis.

### **Stachon A *et al.* (2006)**

Poor prognosis indicated by nucleated red blood cells in peripheral blood is not associated with organ failure of the liver or kidney

Clin Chem Lab Med; 44(8): 955

[https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/44/8/article-p955\\_8.xml](https://www.degruyter.com/view/journals/cclm/44/8/article-p955_8.xml)

**What we see as the essence:** The NRBC count is one indicator of mortality independent of other factors such as kidney or liver failure.

### **Stachon A *et al.* (2006)**

Daily monitoring of nucleated red blood cells in the blood of surgical intensive care patients

Clin Chim Acta; 366(1-2): 329

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0009898105006923>

**What we see as the essence:** NRBC count is an early indicator of mortality – daily screening is recommended.

### **Wang F-S *et al.* (2003)**

Development and clinical application of nucleated red blood cell counting and staging on the automated haematology analyser XE-2100

Clin Lab Haematol; 25(1): 17

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1046/j.1365-2257.2003.00476.x/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** The NRBC count correlates well with flow cytometry.

### **Stachon A *et al.* (2002)**

Nucleated red blood cells indicate high risk of in-hospital mortality

J Lab Clin Med; 140(6): 407

[https://www.translationalres.com/article/S0022-2143\(02\)00104-X/fulltext](https://www.translationalres.com/article/S0022-2143(02)00104-X/fulltext)

**What we see as the essence:** NRBC are often an only transient observation, but they indicate a poor prognosis, whether transient or persistent.

**Briggs C *et al.* (2000)**

New quantitative parameters on a recently introduced automated blood cell counter - the XE 2100  
Clin Lab Haematol; 22(6): 345

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1046/j.1365-2257.2000.00330.x/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** The automated NRBC count was highly correlated with the manual reference count ( $r^2=0.97$ ) and thus eliminates the need for manual NRBC counts. The use of the 'optical' platelet count significantly improves the reliability of low platelet counts. The instrument will always report the most accurate platelet count on all samples, whether impedance or 'optical'.

## FRC

### **Hervent AS *et al.* (2015)**

Evaluation of schistocyte analysis by a novel automated digital cell morphology application  
Int J Lab Hematol; 37(5): 588

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijlh.12363/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** This performance evaluation showed that the CELLAVISION Advanced RBC Software Application is easy to use and provides a sensitive and reproducible measurement of schistocytes in peripheral blood.

### **Lesesve J *et al.* (2015)**

Fragmented red cells reference range for the Sysmex XN®-series of automated blood cell counters  
Int J Lab Hematol; 37(5): 583

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/ijlh.12364>

**What we see as the essence:** Normal values were determined on the XN-Series for the percentage fragmented red blood cells, FRC%: 0.14 +/- 0.35% (mean 0%). It was also found that HYPO-H<sub>e</sub> correlates with FRC% so, samples with both a high HYPO-H<sub>e</sub> and FRC% should be interpreted with care.

### **Lesesve J-F *et al.* (2012)**

Fragmented red blood cells automated measurement is a useful parameter to exclude schistocytes on the blood film

Int J Lab Hematol; 34(6): 566

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1751-553X.2012.01434.x/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** The automated FRC count offers a better degree of certainty than microscopy to exclude the presence of fragmented RBC.

### **Abe Y *et al.* (2009)**

The effectiveness of measuring for fragmented red cells using an automated hematology analyser in patients with thrombotic microangiopathy

Clin Appl Thromb Hemost; 15(3): 257

Free online: <http://cat.sagepub.com/content/15/3/257.full.pdf>

**What we see as the essence:** In conclusion, the FRC level is a simple and useful marker for thrombotic microangiopathy (TMA), and an FRC level of 1.2% is recommended as the cutoff value for the diagnosis of TMA.

**Imoto S *et al.* (2005)**

Usefulness of sequential automated analysis of fragmented red blood cells for the differential diagnosis of TTP-hemolytic uremic syndrome following allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation  
Lab Hematol; 11(2): 131

Free online: <http://europepmc.org/abstract/med/16024337>

**What we see as the essence:** Sequential monitoring of FRC% may be a reliable marker for a specific type of complication (TTP-HUS; thrombotic thrombocytopenic pupura haemolytic uraemic syndrome) after allogeneic haematopoietic precursor cell transplantation.

**Banno S *et al.* (2005)**

Quantification of red blood cell fragmentation by the automated hematology analyzer XE-2100 in patients with living donor liver transplantation  
Clin Lab Haematol; 27(5): 292

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1365-2257.2005.00704.x/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** The determination of FRC% by the XE-2100 enables early diagnoses and monitoring of TTP (thrombotic thrombocytopenic pupura) or TMA (thrombotic microangiopathy) and will be useful in the clinical field.

## Malaria-infected RBC (MI-RBC)

### **Pillay E *et al.* (2019)**

Evaluation of automated malaria diagnosis using the Sysmex XN-30 analyser in a clinical setting  
Malaria J; 18(1): 15

Free online: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6341646/>

**What we see as the essence:** The novel technology of the Sysmex XN-30 provides a robust, rapid, automated and accurate platform for diagnosing malaria. It allows precise recognition and demonstrated a sensitivity and specificity of 100% for malaria parasitaemia detection.

### **Post A *et al.* (2019)**

The XN-30 hematology analyzer for rapid sensitive detection of malaria: a diagnostic accuracy study  
BMC Medicine; 17(1): 103

Free online: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6543632/>

**What we see as the essence:** The novel technology of the Sysmex XN-30 provides a robust, rapid, automated and objective platform for diagnosing and quantifying malaria. The XN-30 ensures the prompt initiation of the malaria treatment and the malaria anaemia together with the reliable treatment monitoring.

### **Dumas C *et al.* (2018)**

Automated Plasmodium detection by the Sysmex XN hematology analyzer  
J Clin Pathol; 71(7): 594

<https://jcp.bmj.com/content/71/7/594.long>

**What we see as the essence:** The study describes abnormal WDF scattergrams on the XN-Series for samples from patients infected with malaria. Most WDF scattergrams were not affected by Plasmodium falciparum infections but about 50% of non-falciparum infections caused scattergram abnormalities.

## ESR

### **Schapkaitz E *et al.* (2017)**

Evaluation of the InteRRliner automated erythrocyte sedimentation rate analyzer for a large academic laboratory

Int J Lab Hematol; 39(3): e66

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijlh.12614/abstract>

**What we see as the essence:** Indicated by the high correlation coefficient of 0.96 the InteRRliner showed an excellent comparability to the HumaSed ESR method.

### **Kratz A *et al.* (2017)**

ICSH recommendations for modified and alternate methods measuring the erythrocyte sedimentation rate

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**What we see as the essence:** The gold standard for the determination of the erythrocyte sedimentation rate is still the Westergren method. Alternative methods should be accepted when they have been appropriately validated and their results are expressed by comparison with the gold standard.