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The following abbreviations, colours and staining intensities were used in the tables, captions to figures and contents in the present dissertation.

#### Abbreviations

1)	PAS	-	Periodic acid - Schiff
2)	Ph-PAS	-	Phenylhydrazine - PAS
3)	D-PAS	-	Diastase - PAS
4)	AB	-	Alcian blue 8-GX-300
5)	C.I.	-	Colloidal Iron
6)	AF	-	Aldehyde Fuchsin
7)	CEC	-	Critical Electrolyte Concentration
8)	M 37	-	Mild Methylation
9)	DM 37	-	Mild Methylation - Saponification
10)	M 60	-	Active Methylation
11)	DM 60	-	Active Methylation - Saponification

#### Colours

1)	P	-	Pink or Magenta or Purple
2)	B	-	Blue or greenish-blue
3)	PB	-	Purple blue
4)	BP	-	Bluish-purple
5)	O	-	Orthochromatic blue
6)	M	-	Metachromatic purple or Pink or Red

#### Staining Intensities

1)	++++	-	Intense
2)	+++	-	Moderate
3)	++	-	Weak
4)	+	-	Poor
5)	±	-	Trace
6)	-	-	Negative