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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. P-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.