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India Ink Staining Method

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A microscopy staining method that utilizes India Ink, a water soluble carbon-based black ink, to determine the presence of microorganisms that are surrounded by a gelatinous capsule. This is a negative staining method in which background is stained in black and the microbes and microscopic structures of interest remain white.