

above and cannot subsequently be demonstrated by the Ziehl-Neelsen stain.

Calcified lymph nodes are not uncommonly examined histologically in cases of suspected tuberculosis. From the results of the above experiments we would recommend that tissue from patients in whom there is a suspicion of this diagnosis should be decalcified with an agent other than RDC.

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