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INDIA INK SOLUTION

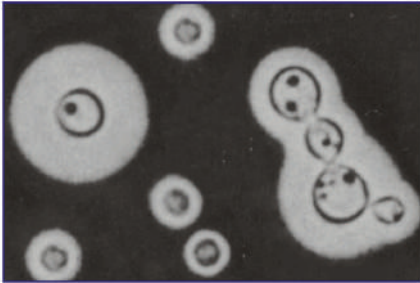
India ink is used in microbiology to confirm the morphology of the encapsulated yeast *Cryptococcus neoformans* specifically which caused cryptococcal meningitis.

METHOD

1. With an inoculating loop, transfer 2~3 loops of culture (or a few solid culture suspended in a drop of physiological saline) and mix with a drop of India ink on slide.
2. With tweezers, place a coverslip over the culture. Note to place one side of coverslip to touch the culture and put down slowly, avoiding air bubble.
3. Identify the cells with capsule at low magnification and then confirm at high magnification.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The capsules appear as clear haloes on dark background.



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