

**APPENDIX 1: COMMON STAINS AND THEIR REACTIONS**

| <b>stain</b>          | <b>nucleus</b> | <b>cytoplasm</b> | <b>collagen</b> | <b>RBCs</b> | <b>other</b>        |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Haematoxylin<br>Eosin | blue           |                  |                 |             | mucins - light blue |
| $\mu$<br>Van Gieson*  | /              |                  |                 |             |                     |