Performing the kinyoun stain:

1	SoftMic ordering code is **STKIN**
2	• Prepare a slide of the sputum sample and allow to dry
3	• Place the dry slide(s) and 1 AFB QC slide on the staining rack
4	• Completely flood all smears with Kinyoun Carbol-Fuchsin • Leave for 4 minutes • Using gentle pressure, rinse slides in running tap water • Continue to rinse slides until all stain is removed
5	• Completely flood all smears with Decolorizer • Leave for 3 to 5 seconds • Using gentle pressure, rinse slides in running tap water **NOTE:** Decolourize smears one-by-one. Do NOT batch
6	• Completely flood all smears with Methylene Blue • Leave for 30 seconds • Using gentle pressure, rinse slides in running tap water
7	• Place slides in a slide holder and allow to drip dry • Stained slides may be placed in the O_2 incubator

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