

Abstract

The invention relates to a device (10; 30; 100) for automated capturing of at least one image of a block (18) which comprises a sample embedded for histological purposes and an identification code, wherein the device (10; 30; 100) comprises a holder (102) for the block (18), a camera unit (12) comprising at least one camera (14, 16), and a control unit (104). The camera unit (12) is configured to repeatedly capture an image from the region of the holder (102) and to send it to the control unit (104). The control unit (104) is configured to receive and analyze each image. The control unit (104), provided that the identification code has been recognized, instructs the camera unit (12) to capture at least one image of the sample embedded in the block (18). Further, the invention relates to a method (200) of automated capturing (A4, A9, A11, A13) at least one image of a block (18) which comprises a sample embedded for histological purposes and an identification code, wherein the method (200) comprises capturing (A4) an image from the region of the holder (102), analyzing (A5) the image from the region of the holder (102), repeating the preceding steps until the identification code is recognized (B5a), and capturing (A9) at least one image of the sample embedded in the block (18).

(Fig. 3)