

**SOP: R002**

**Preparation of First Fix for SDS-PAGE**

**Materials and Reagents:** per liter

1. 1 liter glass beaker
2. Stir bar
3. Magnetic stir plate
4. 500 ml graduated cylinder
5. Glass or polypropylene storage container
6. Milli-Q water, 500 ml
7. Methanol, 400 ml
8. Glacial acetic acid, 100 ml

**Protocol:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Combine Milli-Q water, methanol, and acetic acid in beaker and stir on stir plate.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Decant into appropriate storage container (note 1).

**Notes:**

1. First fix is stable for at least a month at room temperature.

**References:**

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