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1. Object

This method is used for detection of polysaccharides and cell walls

2. Reagent, health and safety

   	Periodic acid, H_5IO_6	CAS: 10450-60-9
 	Schiff's reagent	
 	Sodium metabisulfite, $Na_2S_2O_5$ Synonyms : Sodium disulfite, Sodium pyrosulfite	CAS : 7681-57-4
 	Hydrochloric acid, HCl	CAS : 7667-01-0

Wear lab coat and gloves

Work under fume hood

3. Solutions

Reagents :

Periodic acid : 1% and distilled water

Schiff's reagent (EMS; ref: 26052-05 stored away from light)

Sulphurous water :

- sodium metabisulfite at 5% : 5ml
- Hydrochloric Acid 1N : 5ml
- Distilled water : 90ml

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4. Operating Mode

Protocol have to be done under fume hood with gloves and lab coat

- Hydrolyse with periodic acid during 10min at room temperature
- Wash with tap water and after with distilled water (well drain the slides and wipe, **Schiff's reagent doesn't like water**)
- Stain with the Schiff reagent incubate at room temperature and dark during 20min (for roots, leaves and flowers) and between 1 and 2min for seeds
- Wash at sulfurous water (solvent of the Schiff) 2 seconds
- Wash with tap water until clean water and after with distilled water
- Drying and mounting in Isomount mounting medium

Increase the incubation in periodic acid in case of increasing the time incubation in Schiff's reagent.

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