Fixing of polystomatid parasites

Examine urinary bladder of frogs and bladder, mouth and eyes of freshwater turtles.

Fix first 3 parasites flat in 10% formalin (A) and thereafter 10% of parasites in 96% ethanol (B).

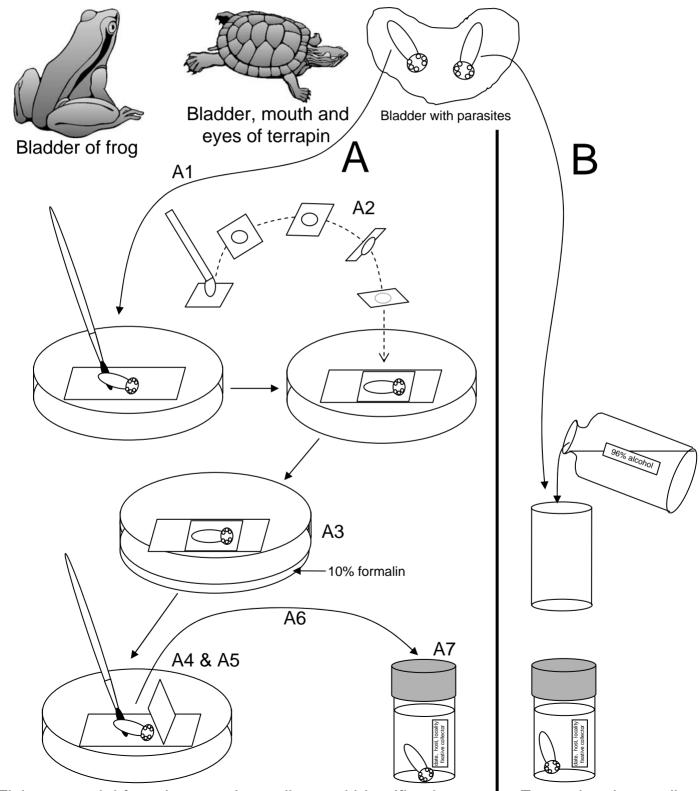
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FOR FLAT FIXING IN FORMALIN

If possible use 10% neutral buffered formalin.

- A1 Transfer to microscope slide using fine brush.
- **A2** Put drop of formalin on coverslip and place on parasite.
- A3 Place in Petri dish and leave for 1 hour.
- A4 Add drop of formalin on edge of coverslip to loosen it.
- A5 Carefully remove coverslip.
- **A6** Transfer parasite to container with formalin.
- A7 Add label (host details, locality, date, collector, fixative)



Fixing material for microscopic studies and identification

For molecular studies