WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An aqueous solution comprising Tris at a concentration of at least 300 mM and glycine at a concentration of at least 300 mM.

2. The solution of claim 1, further comprising ethanol or methanol at a concentration of no greater than 20% by weight.

3. The solution of claim 1, further comprising a detergent at a concentration of no greater than 0.1% by weight.

4. The solution of claim 3, wherein the detergent is SDS.

5. The solution of claim 1, wherein the concentration of Tris is 300 mM.

6. The solution of claim 1, wherein the concentration of glycine is 300 mM.

7. The solution of claim 1, which has a pH of about 9.0.

8. The solution of claim 1, wherein the concentration of Tris is 300 mM, the concentration of glycine is 300 mM, and the solution has a pH of about 9.0.

9. The solution of claim 1, wherein the concentration of Tris is 400 mM, the concentration of glycine is 400 mM, and the solution has a pH of about 9.0.

10. The solution of claim 1, wherein the concentration of Tris is 500 mM, the concentration of glycine is 500 mM, and the solution has a pH of about 9.0.

11. The solution of claim 1, wherein the concentration of Tris or glycine is 1 M or higher.

12. The solution of claim 11, wherein the concentration of Tris is 1 M, the concentration of glycine is 1 M, and the solution has a pH of about 9.0.

~~13. The solution of claim 11, wherein the concentration of Tris is 250 mM, the concentration of glycine is 1.92 M, and the solution has a pH of about 8.3.~~