

# ***Preparation of Laboratory Solutions And Reagents***

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***The mind is everything. What you think you become.***

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***Science is fun if you want and make it fun!!!***

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# *Accuracy versus. Precision ???*

- **Accuracy** means getting a result that is close to the real answer. (صحت)
- **Precision** means getting a similar result every time you try. (دقت)

# Hazard Symbols



H19A-S



H22A-S



H20A-S



H18A-S



H21A-S



H15A-S



H13A-S



H16A-S



H14A-S



H17A-S

# *Topics*

- 1. What is the importance of calculations in bioscience?*
- 2. What is solution?*
- 3. Where do solution recipes come from?*
- 4. Concentration of solute: calculations*
- 5. Preparing solutions & Making diluted solutions from concentrated ones*
- 6. Enzyme units.*

## 2. *What is a solution?*

A solution is a homogeneous mixture

The components of a solution are:

**solute:** substance (or substances) present in lesser amount  
being dissolved

**solvent:** substance present in greater amount  
doing the dissolving

### *3. Where Do Solution "Recipes" Come From?*

- Original Scientific Literature
- Lab manuals (instructional)
- Manufacturers and suppliers
- Internet

# *Terminology*

## *Definitions:*

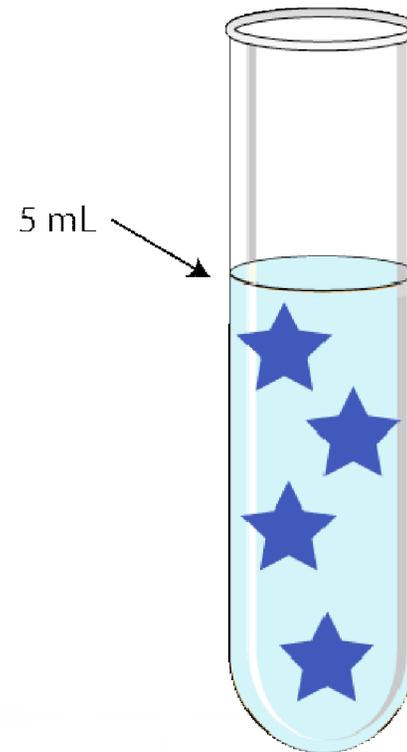
- **Solutes** -- substances that are dissolved
- **Solvents** -- substance in which solutes are dissolved (usually water)
- **Amount** -- how much

## Question??

Each star represents 1 mg of NaCl.

What is the total amount of NaCl in the tube? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the concentration of NaCl in the tube (in mg/mL)?  
\_\_\_\_\_



## *Ways To Express Concentration of Solute*

- 1. Weight Per Volume (gr/ L)*
- 2. Molarity*
- 3. Normality*
- 4. Percents (Three Kinds)*
- 5. PARTS*

# *More Concentration Expressions*

Amounts of solutes as "parts"

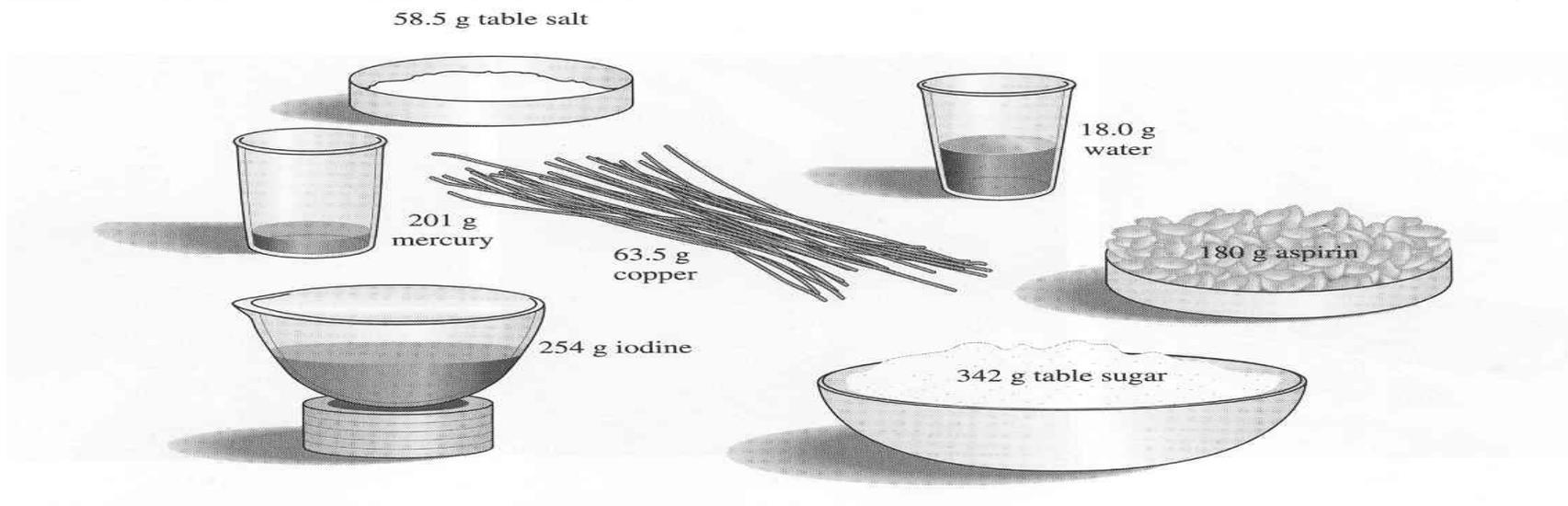
- a. Parts per Million (ppm)
- b. Parts per Billion (ppb)

## ***2. Molarity***

- ***Molarity is: number of moles of a solute that are dissolved per liter of total solution.***
- ***A 1 M solution contains 1 mole of solute per liter total volume.***

# Mole

- How much is a mole?



From *Basic Laboratory Methods for Biotechnology: Textbook and Laboratory Reference*, Seidman and Moore, 2000

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## *Example: Sulfuric Acid*

For a particular compound, add the atomic weights of the atoms that compose the compound.



<i>2 hydrogen atoms</i>	<i>2 X 1.00 g =</i>	<i>2.00 g</i>
<i>1 sulfur atom</i>	<i>1 X 32.06 g =</i>	<i>32.06 g</i>
<i>4 oxygen atoms</i>	<i>4 X 16.00 g =</i>	<i><u>64.00 g</u></i>
		<i>98.06 g</i>

## *Example Continued*

- A 1M solution of sulfuric acid contains 98.06 g of sulfuric acid in 1 liter of total solution.
- "*Mole*" is an expression of amount
- "*Molarity*" is an expression of concentration.

# *Definitions*

- "Millimolar", mM, millimole/L.
  - A millimole is *1/1000 of a mole.*
- "Micromolar",  $\mu\text{M}$ ,  $\mu\text{mole/L}$ .
  - A  $\mu\text{mole}$  is *1/1,000,000 of a mole.*

# Formula

How much solute is needed for a solution of a particular molarity and volume?

$$\frac{(\text{g solute})}{1 \text{ mole}} \times \frac{(\text{mole})}{L} \times (L) = \text{g solute needed}$$

or

$$\text{FW} \times \text{molarity} \times \text{volume} = \text{g solute needed}$$

**Question???**

How much solute is required to make 300 mL of 0.8 M CaCl<sub>2</sub>?

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## *To Make Solution Of Given Molarity And Volume*

1. Find the FW of the solute, usually from **label**.
2. Determine the **molarity** desired.
3. Determine the **volume** desired.
4. Determine **how much** solute is necessary by using the formula.

## *Procedure Cont.*

5. **Weigh** out the amount of solute.
6. **Dissolve** the solute in ***less than*** the desired final volume of solvent.
7. Place the solution in a volumetric flask or graduated cylinder. Add solvent until exactly the required volume is reached, *Bring To Volume, BTV.*

## ADJUSTING THE pH OF A SOLUTION.

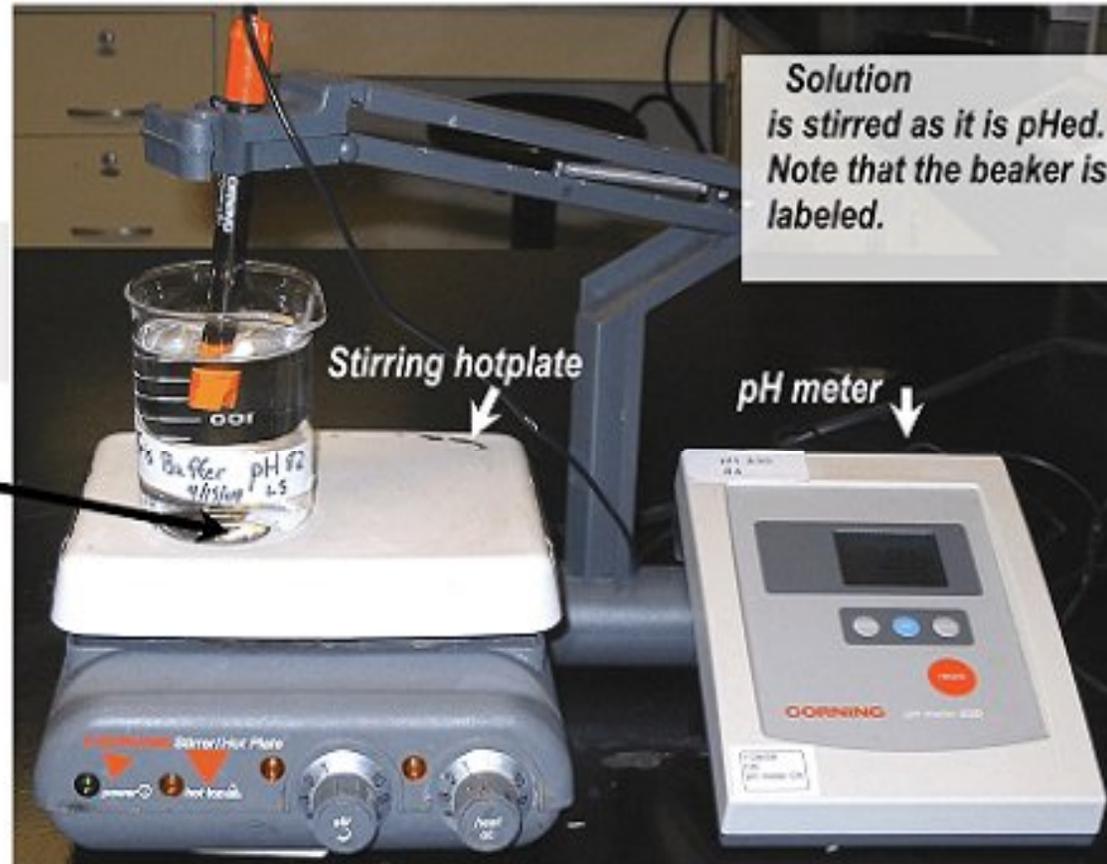
BE CAREFUL NOT TO CRASH THE ELECTRODE WITH THE STIR BAR.

Solution is stirred as it is pHed. Note that the beaker is labeled.

Stir bar

Stirring hotplate

pH meter



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## Relationship between Molarity and normality???

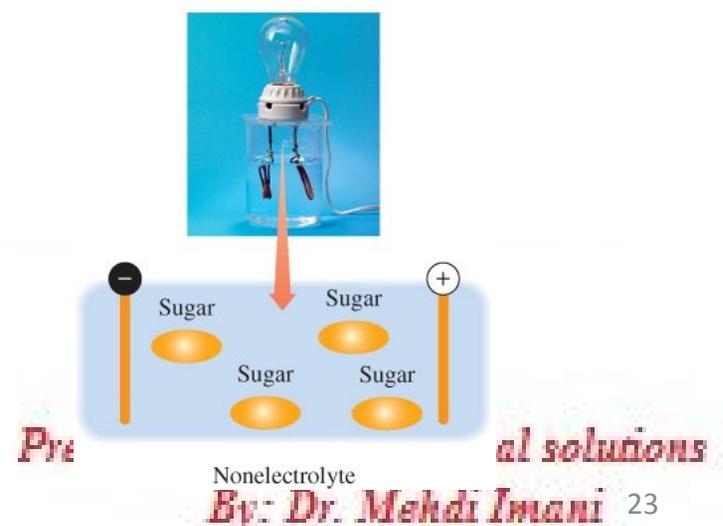
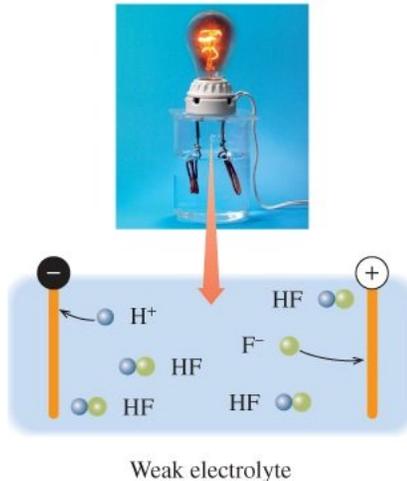
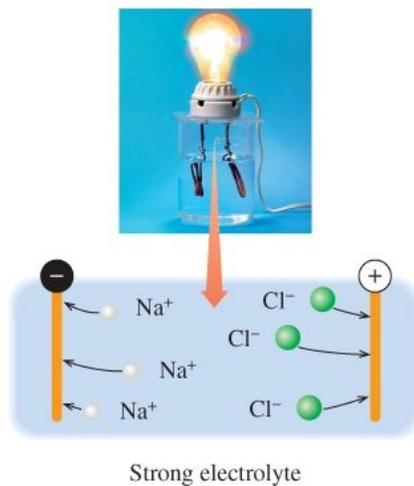
$$N = n M$$

(What is Equivalent and mEq/l)???

# Solutes and Ionic Charge

In water,

- **strong electrolytes** produce ions and conduct an electric current.
- **weak electrolytes** produce a few ions.
- **nonelectrolytes** do not produce ions.



## *Equivalents*

An equivalent (Eq) is the amount of an electrolyte or an ion that provides 1 mole of electrical charge (+ or -).

1 mole of  $\text{Na}^+$  = 1 equivalent

1 mole of  $\text{Cl}^-$  = 1 equivalent

1 mole of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  = 2 equivalents

1 mole of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  = 3 equivalents

# Electrolytes in Body Fluids

**TABLE 7.5** Some Typical Concentrations of Electrolytes in Blood Plasma

Electrolyte	Concentration (mEq/L)
<b>Cations</b>	
Na <sup>+</sup>	138
K <sup>+</sup>	5
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	3
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	<u>4</u>
Total	150
<b>Anions</b>	
Cl <sup>-</sup>	110
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	30
HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	4
Proteins	<u>6</u>
Total	150

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# Ringer's Solution

In replacement solutions for body fluids, the electrolytes are given in milliequivalents per liter (mEq/L).

**Na<sup>+</sup>**      147 mEq/L

**Cl<sup>-</sup>**      155 mEq/L

**K<sup>+</sup>**      4 mEq/L

**Ca<sup>2+</sup>**      4 mEq/L

The milliequivalents per liter of cations must equal the milliequivalents per liter of anions.

## Learning Check

A. In 1 mole of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ , there are

- 1) 1 Eq.                      2) 2 Eq.                      3) 3 Eq.

B. In 2.5 moles of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , there are

- 1) 2.5 Eq.                      2) 5.0 Eq.                      3) 1.0 Eq.

C. An IV bottle contains NaCl. If the  $\text{Na}^+$  is  
34 mEq/L, the  $\text{Cl}^-$  is

- 1) 34 mEq/L.                      2) 0 mEq/L.                      3) 68 mEq/L.

# ***What about protein concentration in cells or plasma?!!!***

**The reference range for *albumin concentrations in serum* is approximately 35 - 50 g/L (3.5 - 5.0 g/dL).**

**Mw: 67 kDa**

**Calculate its molarity ???!!!**

## **4. Percents**

**4.1 Weight/volume %**

**4.2 Volume / Volume %**

**4.3 Weight / Weight %**

# Questions?

1. How many grams of dextrose are required to prepare 4000 mL of a 5% solution?
2. What is the percentage strength (w/v) of a solution of urea, if 80 mL contain 12 g?

✓ 2 mg/mL proteinase K

Means 2 mg of proteinase K in each mL of solution.

1. How much proteinase K is required to make 50 mL of solution at a concentration of 2 mg/mL?

## ***5. Concentration Expressions (Most Common)***

- **PARTS** (Common in environmental sciences, for example)

Amounts of solutes expressed as "parts"

- a. Parts per Million (ppm)
- b. Parts per Billion (ppb)
- c. Might see parts per Thousand (ppt)
- d. Percents are same category (pph %)

## *ppm and ppb*

- **ppm:** The number of parts of solute per 1 million parts of total solution.
- **ppb:** The number of parts of solute per billion parts of solution.

5 ppm chlorine = 5 g of chlorine in 1 million g of solution,

## Conversions

To convert ppm or ppb to simple weight per volume expressions:

$$5 \text{ ppm chlorine} = \frac{5 \text{ g chlorine}}{10^6 \text{ g water}} = \frac{5 \text{ g chlorine}}{10^6 \text{ mL water}}$$

$$= \mathbf{5 \text{ mg/1 L water}}$$

$$= 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ g chlorine/ 1 mL water}$$

$$= \mathbf{5 \text{ micrograms/mL}}$$

$$1 \text{ ppm in water} = \frac{1 \text{ microgram}}{\text{ml}}$$

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# Preparing Dilute Solutions From Concentrated Ones

- Concentrated solution = **stock** solution
- Use this equation to decide how much stock solution you will need:  $C_1V_1=C_2V_2$ 
  - $C_1$  = concentration of stock solution
  - $C_2$  = concentration you want your dilute solution to be
  - $V_1$  = how much stock solution you will need
  - $V_2$  = how much of the dilute solution you want to make

***How would you prepare 1000 mL of a 1 M solution of Tris buffer from a 3 M stock of Tris buffer?***

# Bacterial Growth Media (LB)

مقدار (گرم)	%	نام ماده
10	1%	تریپتون
5	0.5%	عصاره مخمر
10	1%	NaCl

اجزای محیط کشت LB

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# Antibiotics Calculation For Growth Media

غلظت نهایی مورد استفاده در محیط کشت LB	غلظت محلول استوک	نام آنتی بیوتیک
100 µg/ml	100 mg/ml DDW	آمپی-سیلین
25 µg/ml	100 mg/ml DDW	کانامایسین
شرایط نگهداری: -۲۰C°		

# Osmosis???

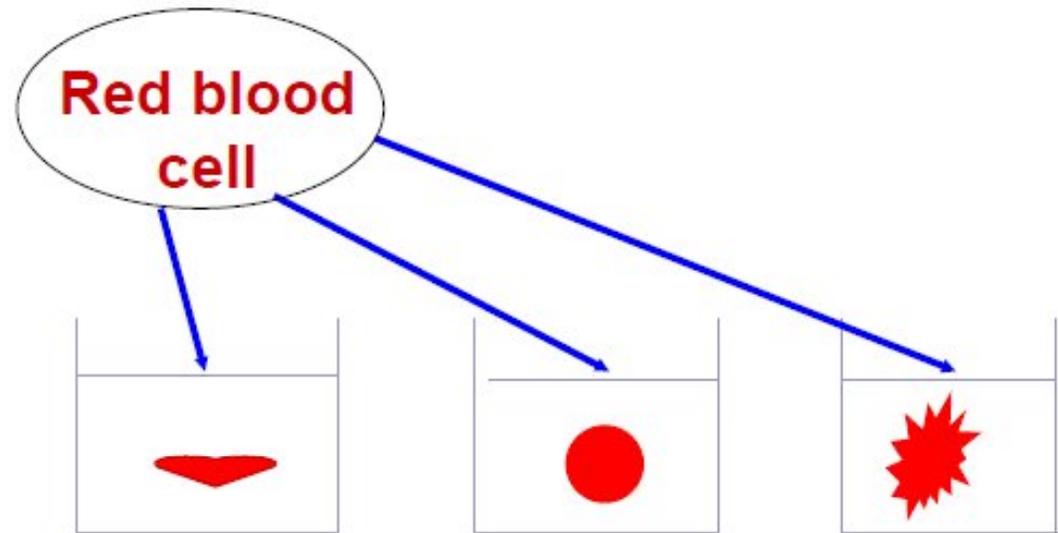
1. Normal human reference range of osmolality in plasma is **about 285-295** milli-osmoles per kilogram
2. Plasma osmolarity of some reptiles, especial those from a freshwater aquatic environment may be lower than that of mammals (e.g. < 260 mOsm/L) during favourable conditions. Consequently, solutions osmotically balanced for mammals (e.g., 0.9% normal saline) are likely to be mildly hypertonic for such animals
3. **Calculated osmolarity = 2 Na + Glucose + Urea ( all in mmol/L).**

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- The term **Isotonic** should be restricted to solutions having equal osmotic pressures which respect to a particular membrane (Husa)
- **Isotonicity value**...the concentration of an aqueous NaCl soln. having the same colligative properties as soln. (Goyan & Reck)

# *RBC in solutions with different tonicity*



**NaCl solution**

**2.0 %  
Hypertonic,  
Shrink**

**0.9 %  
Isotonic**

**0.2 %  
Hypotonic,  
Hemolysis**

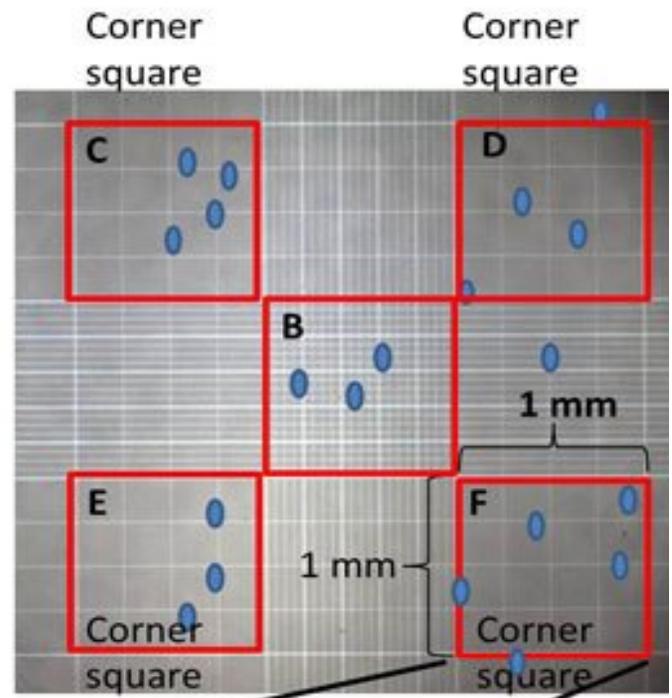
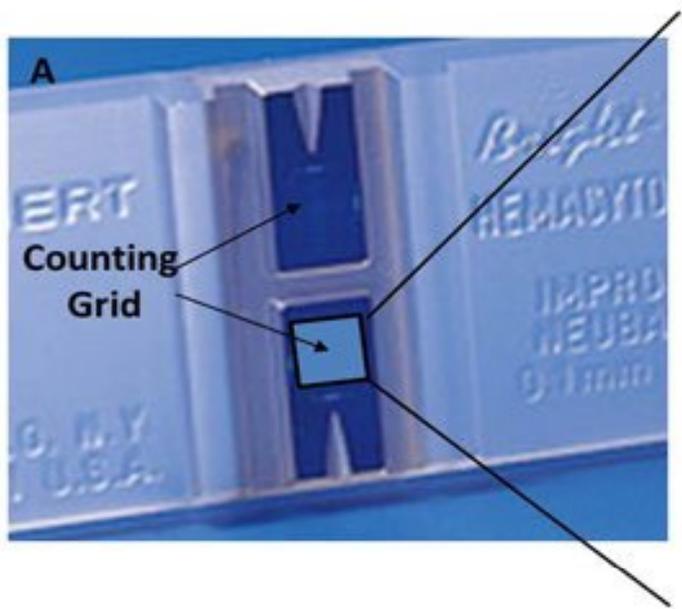
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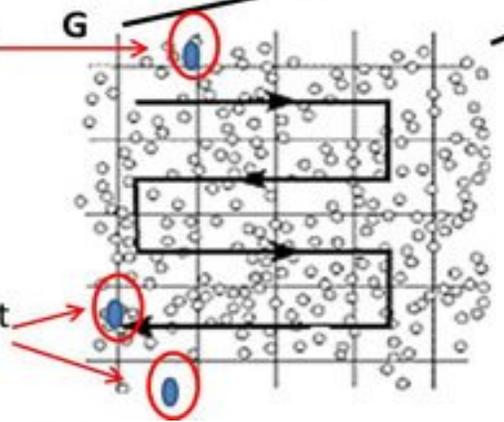
# *Cell culture calculations*

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Cell touching the top ruling = in



Cell touching the left or bottom ruling = out

Transfer 200  $\mu\text{l}$  of the cell suspension into a 1.5 ml microfuge tube.

- Add 300  $\mu\text{l}$  of PBS and 500  $\mu\text{l}$  of 0.4% trypan blue solution to the cell suspension (creating a dilution factor of 5) in the centrifuge tube

1. Each square of the hemacytometer (with cover slip in place) represents a total volume of **0.1 mm<sup>3</sup> or 10<sup>-4</sup> cm<sup>3</sup>**. Since 1 cm<sup>3</sup> is equivalent to 1 ml, the subsequent cell concentration per ml (and the total number of cells) will be determined using the following calculations.
2. Cells per ml = the average count per square x the dilution factor x 10<sup>4</sup> (count 10 squares)
3. Example: If the average count per square is **45 cells** x 5 x 10<sup>4</sup> = 2,250,000 or **2.25 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml**.
4. Total cell number = cells per ml x the original volume of fluid from which cell sample was removed.
5. Example: 2.25 x 10<sup>6</sup> (cell per ml) x 10 ml (original volume) = 2.25 x 10<sup>7</sup> total cells
6. **Question?** What would you do if you want to prepare 10 ml cell with the concentration of 1x10<sup>4</sup>?

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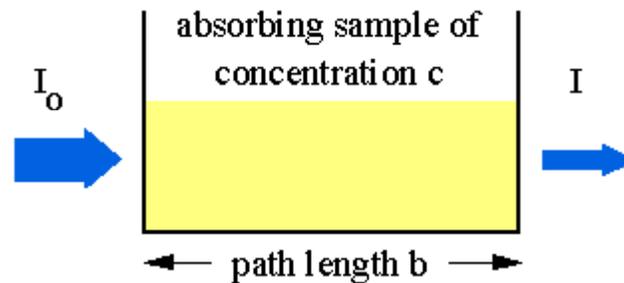
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# Working with Proteins

1. Cell lysates for immunoblotting
2. Absorbance at 280 nm  
OD280 = 1 equals 1mg/ml
3. Colorimetric assays

# Absorbance at 280 nm

Beer-Lambert law (or Beer's law)



$$-\log(I / I_0) = A = \epsilon * b * c$$

$$C = A / \epsilon b \text{ (Molar)}$$

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## سوال

ضریب خاموشی مولی استیل کولین استراز  $5.27 \times 10^5$  می باشد جذب A280 محلولی از این پروتئین در کوتی به طول 1 cm معادل 0.22 می باشد غلظت مولی پروتئین چقدر می باشد؟؟

## *Working with DNA*

1. Measure DNA concentration using the **NanoDrop** program. Record the absorbance values at 260 nm and 280 nm.
2. Using the relationship  $OD_{260\text{ nm}} 1 = 50\text{ ng/ul DNA, or ug/ml}$  calculate the concentration and total yield.
3. For **RNA  $OD 1 = 40\text{ ug/ml}$**
4. Evaluate the ratio  $A_{260}/A_{280}$ . A value of **greater than 1.7** indicates essentially pure DNA, while lower values indicate protein contamination.

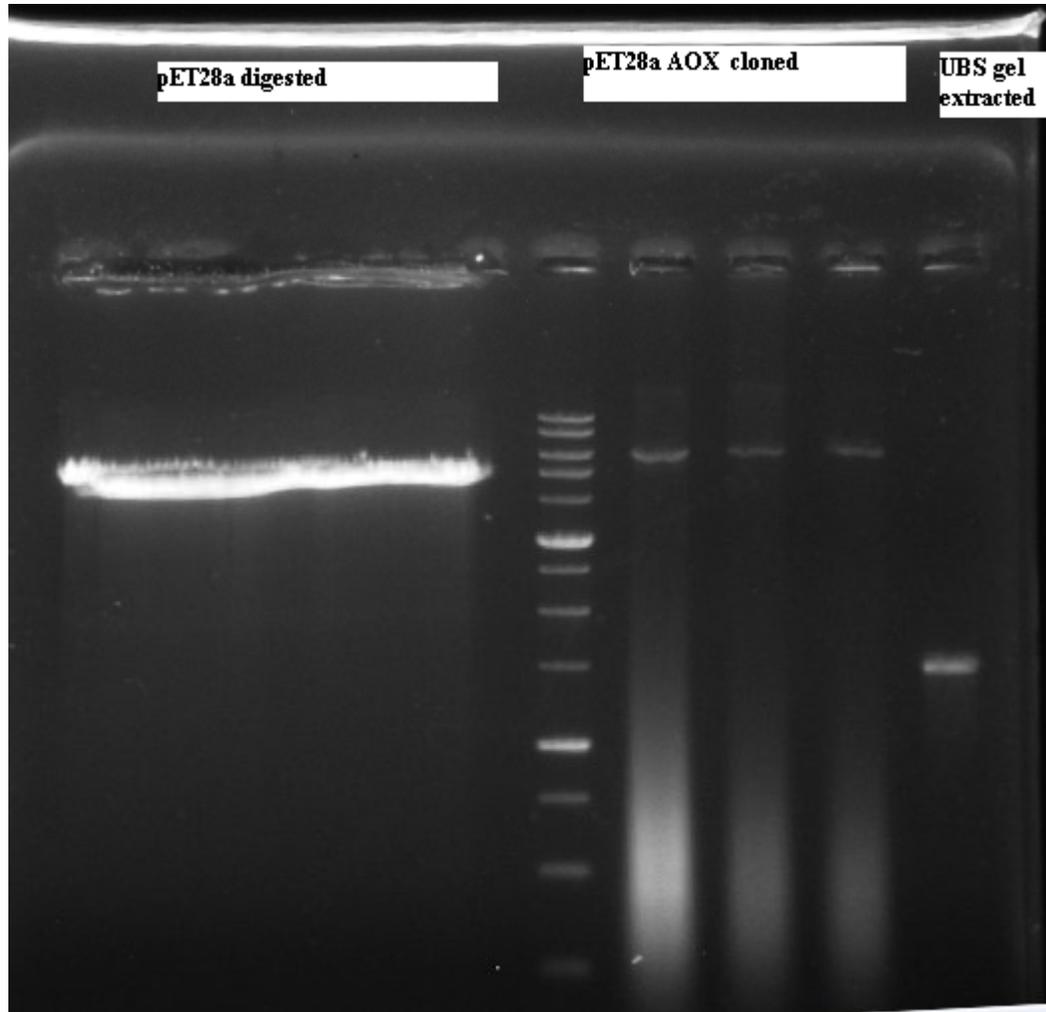
## *Estimation DNA concentration by spectrophotometer*

1. Using the relationship OD<sub>260 nm</sub> **1 = 50 ng/μl DNA, or μg/ml** calculate the concentration and total yield.
  
2. For **RNA OD 1 = 40 μg/ml**



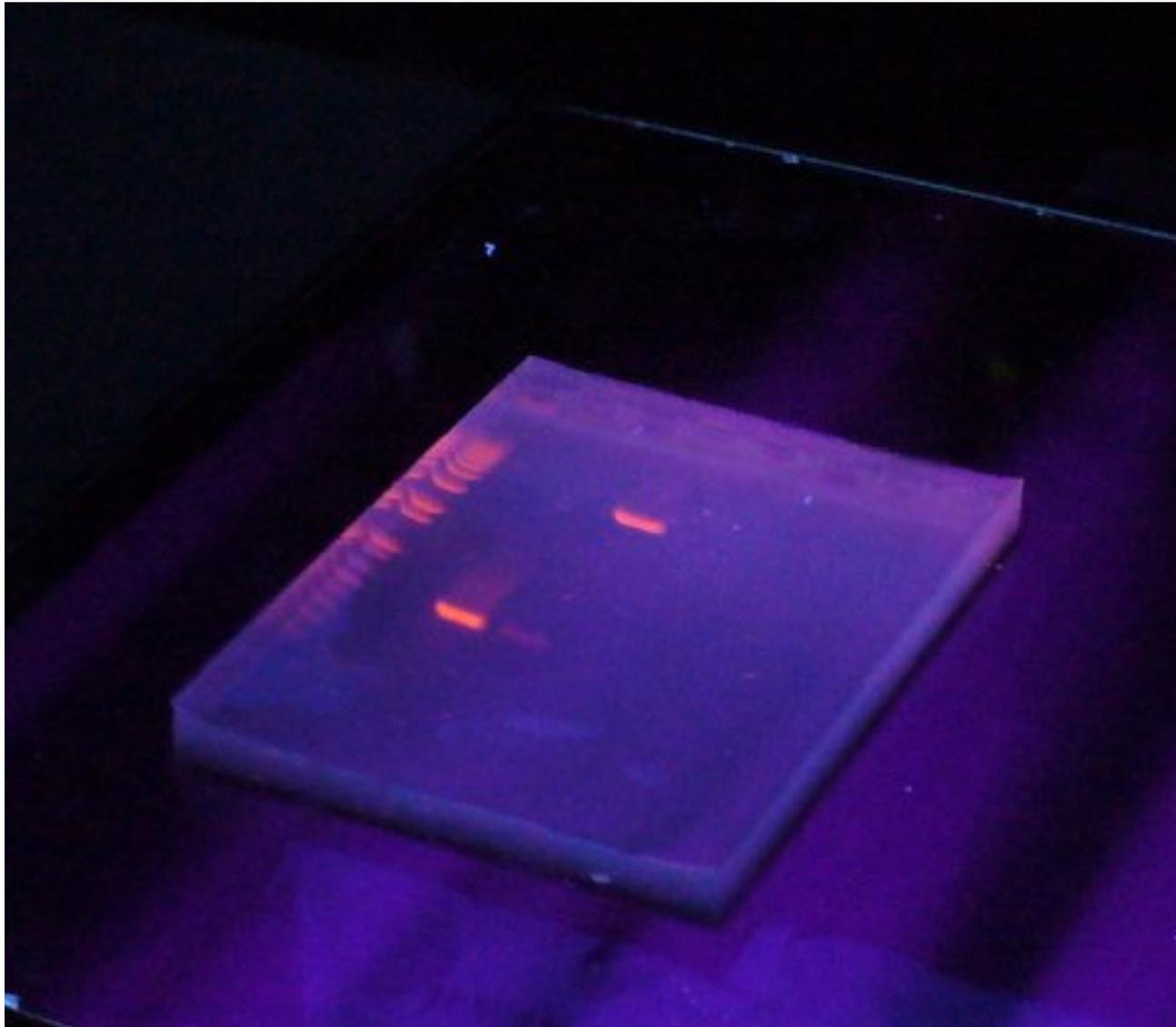
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# Estimation DNA concentration using gel electrophoresis



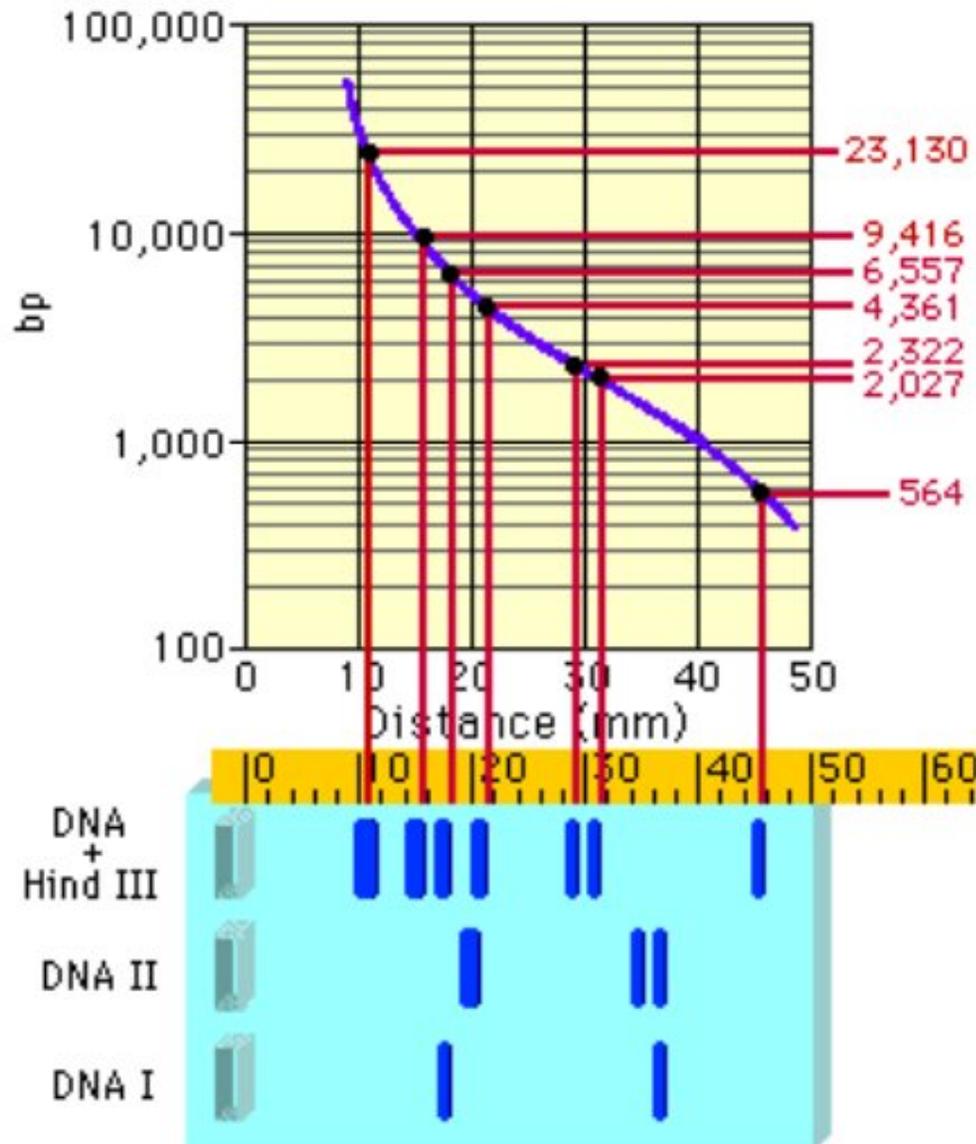
DNA Mass (ng/5 $\mu$ l)	Base Pairs
28	— 10,000
28	— 8,000
28	— 6,000
28	— 5,000
18	— 4,000
92	— 3,000
34	— 2,500
34	— 2,000
20	— 1,500
92	— 1,000
23	— 750
30	— 500
45	— 250

1 % TAE agarose gel



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# Standard curve for DNA Size determination



# Enzyme units in PCR Workstations!!!

Component	25 $\mu$ l reaction	50 $\mu$ l reaction	Final Concentration
10X Standard <i>Taq</i> Reaction Buffer	2.5 $\mu$ l	5 $\mu$ l	1X
10 mM dNTPs	0.5 $\mu$ l	1 $\mu$ l	200 $\mu$ M
10 $\mu$ M Forward Primer	0.5 $\mu$ l	1 $\mu$ l	0.2 $\mu$ M (0.05–1 $\mu$ M)
10 $\mu$ M Reverse Primer	0.5 $\mu$ l	1 $\mu$ l	0.2 $\mu$ M (0.05–1 $\mu$ M)
Template DNA	variable	variable	<1,000 ng
<i>Taq</i> DNA Polymerase	0.125 $\mu$ l	0.25 $\mu$ l	1.25 units/50 $\mu$ l PCR
Nuclease-free water	to 25 $\mu$ l	to 50 $\mu$ l	

## *How to prepare detergents percents*

<b>Type</b>	<b>Chemicals</b>
ionic	sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), deoxycholate, cholate
non-ionic	triton X-100, DDM, digitonin, tween 20, tween 80
zwitterionic	CHAPS
chaotropes	urea

# ***Some Useful Links For Concentration Calculations***

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# *Estrogens*

Estrogens direct the development of the female phenotype in embryogenesis and during puberty by regulating gene transcription and, thus, protein synthesis. It also induces the production of gonadotropins which, in turn, induce ovulation. Exposure to estradiol increases breast cancer incidence and proliferation.

*$\beta$ -Estradiol*

*C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Molecular Weight 272.38*

Desired []: 0.1-1 nM

**How much Estradiol you need???**

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<http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/chemistry/stockroom-reagents/learning-center/technical-library/mass-molarity-calculator.html>

## Chemicals – Technical Library

### Mass Molarity Calculator

#### Calculate Mass Required for Molar Solution

Formula weight:  g/mol

Desired final volume:  milliliters (mL) ▼

Desired concentration:  millimolar (mM) ▼

Mass =  g



The mass molarity calculator [tool](#) calculates the mass of [compound](#) required to achieve a specific [molar concentration](#) and volume. To dilute a solution of known molarity, please use the [Solution Dilution Calculator](#). To dilute a solution of concentrated acid or base of known w/w% strength, please use the [Acid & Base Molarity Calculator](#).

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Acid & Base Molarity  
Calculator

Mass Molarity Calculator

Solution Dilution Calculator

### Dilute Solution of Known Molarity

Stock concentration:

Desired final volume:

Desired concentration:

Required volume =  mL

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