

Dialysis of body fluids

Task 1

The purpose of this activity is to perform the dialysis of milk and verification of the correctness of the process by the determination of selected components in the dialysis solution.

Procedure

Wet dialysis tube section (length 25 cm) derived from hydrated cellulose (Nadir) with distilled water. Close one of the ends of the tube with a seal clip.

Pour the 50 cm³ of milk (accurately measured volume) to the prepared dialysis bag. Close the second end of a tube filled with milk using a clip, leaving some space over the layer. Rinse the outer part of a bag (where could be any traces of milk) with distilled water from a wash bottle. Use the graduated cylinder to measure 200 cm³ of distilled water (the liquid before dialysis) and pour the water to the beaker, which will be used for dialysis. Insert dialysis bag into beaker. Perform dialysis for 30 minutes in room temperature, gently moving the bag from time to time.

Perform the tests according to the table:

	Solution before dialysis	Solution after dialysis	milk
Detection of Cl ⁻			-
Detection of Ca ²⁺			-
Detection of PO ₄ ³⁻			-
Detection of lactose			-
Detection of protein			

Detection of Cl⁻ ions

Add by drops 0,5 cm³ of 0,1 mol/dm³ AgNO₃ to 1 cm³ tested dialysis solution. In the presence of Cl⁻ ions white, iridescent AgCl appears.

Detection of Ca²⁺ ions



Add 0,5 cm³ 0,2 mol/dm³ of ammonium oxalate (NH₄)₂C₂O₄ to 1 cm³ tested dialysis solution. A crystalline calcium oxalate is precipitated.

Detection of PO₄³⁻ ions

Add 5 drops of concentrated HNO₃ and 0,5 cm³ of 0.1 mol/dm³ ammonium molybdate to 1 cm³ tested dialysis solution. Warm the solution gently over the burner until the appearance of yellow precipitate, which indicates the presence of ammonium phosphomolybdate (NH₄)₃PMO₁₂O₄₀

Detection of lactose

Add 0,5 cm³ of Fehling's reagent I and 0,5 cm³ of Fehling's reagent II to 1 cm³ of tested dialysis solution. Boil the solution gently over the burner until the appearance of yellow, orange or red precipitate of copper oxide (I) Cu₂O.

Detection of protein (biuret method)

Add 2 cm³ of copper reagent to 0,5 cm³ of tested dialysis solution.

Analogously, perform the test on the presence of the protein in the milk. For this purpose, add 2 cm³ of copper reagent to 0,5 cm³ of milk derived from dialysis.

Compare the colors that appeared in both samples. If the solution turns violet, protein is present.

