## Simulated Cell Lab

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**Background**: Dialysis tubing is used in hospitals to treat patients with kidney failure. Blood is passed through a "dialysis machine" which separates waste substances in solution by means of their unequal diffusion through the semi-permeable membrane.

**Purposes**: 1) To determine which substances (glucose, iodine, methyl blue, starch) can move across dialysis tubing (a semi-permeable membrane). 2) To observe diffusion.



**Hypothesis**: Circle the substances you think will be able to pass through the pores of the dialysis tubing. (glucose iodine methylene blue starch)

Test for starch: When iodine and starch come in contact with one another the starch turns dark purple.

**Test for glucose**: When a glucose test strip is dipped into a solution containing glucose the test paper turns from yellow to a shade of green.

**Procedure**: Set up three beakers as diagrammed below and let sit for 24 hours.

Hints: 1) Be sure to tie all your "cells" up tight so they don't leak.

- 2) Wash each cell thoroughly under clean running water before placing into the beaker.
- 3) Take a "before selfie" of you and your 3 beakers 😊



For your observations pour the contents of A and C into a test tube and compare to a test tube of pure water. Describe your results beside each of the four arrows. You may want to compare your before and after pictures.

## Questions

- 1. Did starch pass through the membrane in beaker A? Explain how you know.
- 2. Did iodine pass through the membrane in beaker A? Explain how you know.
- 3. Suggest a reason why for questions 1 and 2 one substance moved through the membrane and the other did not.
- 4. Did glucose pass through the membrane in beaker B? Explain how you know.
- 5. Did methyl blue pass through the membrane in beaker C? Explain how you know.
- 6. Based on your results, which of the following can pass through the dialysis tubing (glucose, iodine, methyl blue, starch)? Why?
- 7. What one word describes the movement of these molecules across the membrane?
- 8. Is the type of movement seen here an example of active transport or passive transport? How do you know? Suggest 2 reasons.
- 9. In what ways does the dialysis tubing **resemble** an actual cell membrane?
- 10. Explain a possible experimental error for this lab. Why might one find starch in the water surrounding the cell in Beaker A.
- 11. a) Write percentages beside each of the 6 line segments indicating how you would set up a lab that would demonstrate osmosis in a hypotonic, isotonic and hypertonic salt solution.b) Write a hypothesis below each beaker.
  - c) Explain two ways you could measure quantifiably that osmosis took place.







Conclusion: (answer the purpose)