Transport Through Cell Membrane

OSMOSIS

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CELL MEMBRANE

- It's a selective semi permeable membrane that allows the passage of some substances through it and excludes others
- its thickness is about 7.5-10 nanometers

(75-100 angstrom)

- The cell membrane is composed of :-
 - 1)Lipid (42%) and divided into :
 - a. Phospholipids (25%).
 - b. Cholesterol (13%).
 - c. Other lipids (4%).
 - 2) Protein 55%.
 - 3) Carbohydrate (Glycoprotein and glycolipids) (3%).

Structure of the cell membrane

The cell membrane is composed of:

a)Lipids:

 Lipids of the cell membrane are mainly phospholipids and cholesterol.

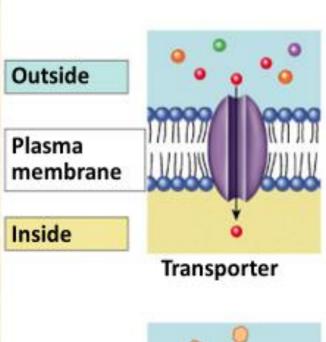
Function of membrane lipids:

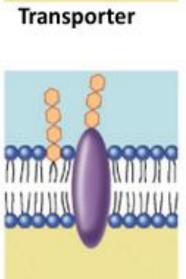
- a) A basic structure.
- b) Barrier that prevent water evaporation.
- c) Cholesterol determines the degree of the permeability to water soluble substances & controls fluidity of cell membrane.

b. Proteins: Present as:

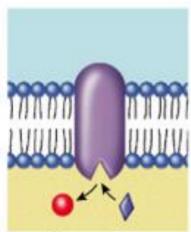
- a) Integral protein: that penetrate the whole thickness of the membrane.
- b) Peripheral proteins: that attached to outer or inner surfaces. Function of membrane proteins:
- a) A basic structure.
- b) Act as channels for ions which can open or close by conformationnel changes in protein molecules.
- c) Enzymes that catalyze some reactions e.g., adenyl cyclase.
- d) Ion pump e.g., Na +/ K +pump.
- e) Carrier that facilitate the membrane transport.
- f) Receptors for drugs or hormones.
- g) ↓ surface tension of the membrane ↑ membrane elasticity.

Many Functions of Membrane Proteins

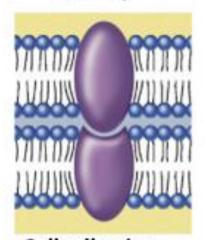




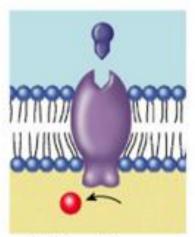
Cell surface identity marker



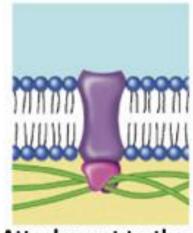
Enzyme activity



Cell adhesion



Cell surface receptor



Attachment to the cytoskeleton

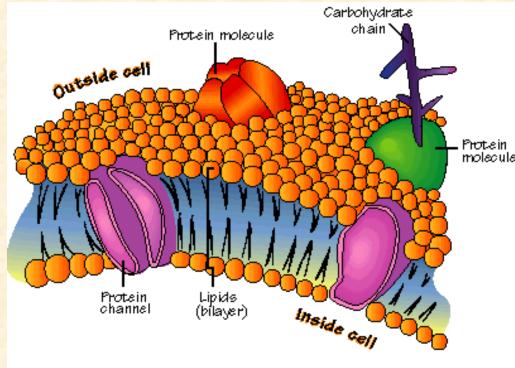
c. Carbohydrate (glycocalex):

Carbohydrates (glycocalex) form a loose coat that cover the outer surface of the membrane.

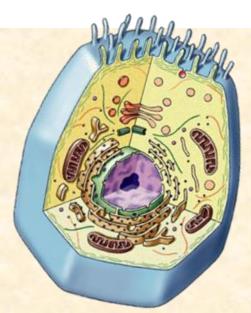
They formed of glycoprotein and glycolipids.

Function of glycocalex:

- a) Carry –ve charge so repel –ve charged molecules.
- b) Attach cells to each others.
- c) Act as receptors for hormones as insulin.
- d) Play a role in cell-cell recognition (Immune function)



Movement across the Cell Membrane



TRANSPORT ACROSS CELL MEMBRANE

I-Passive transport:

- 1-Diffusion:
 - a)Simple diffusion. b) Facilitated diffusion.
- 2-Osmsis.
- 3-Filtration.

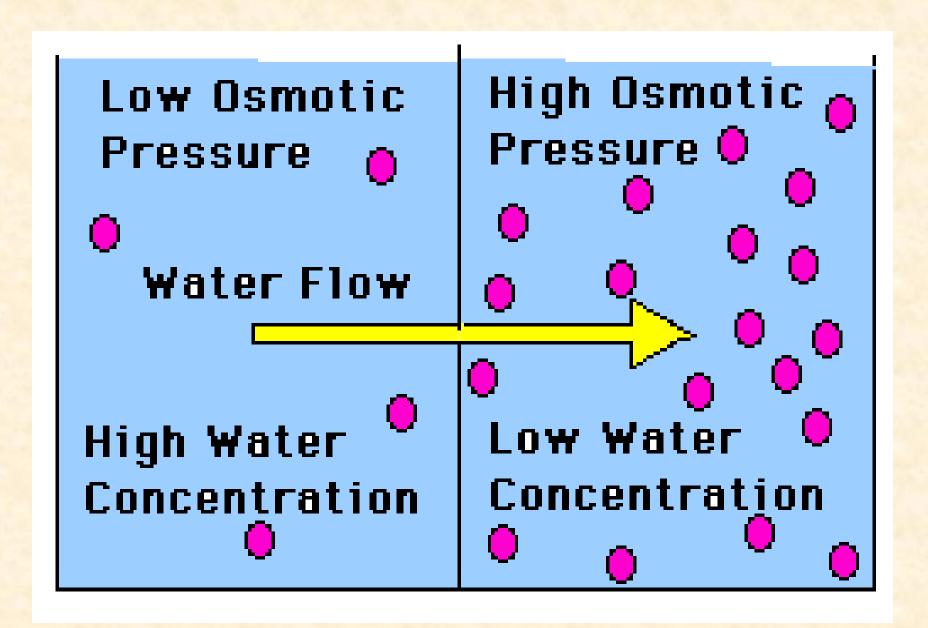
II-Active transport:

- 1-Primary Active transport.
- 2-Secondary Active transport.

III-Endocytosis & Exocytosis.

2)Osmosis

 It is the diffusion of solvent molecule (water)down its concentration gradient from a region of low concentration of solute (to which the membrane is impermeable) to region of high concentration of solute through a semi permeable membrane.

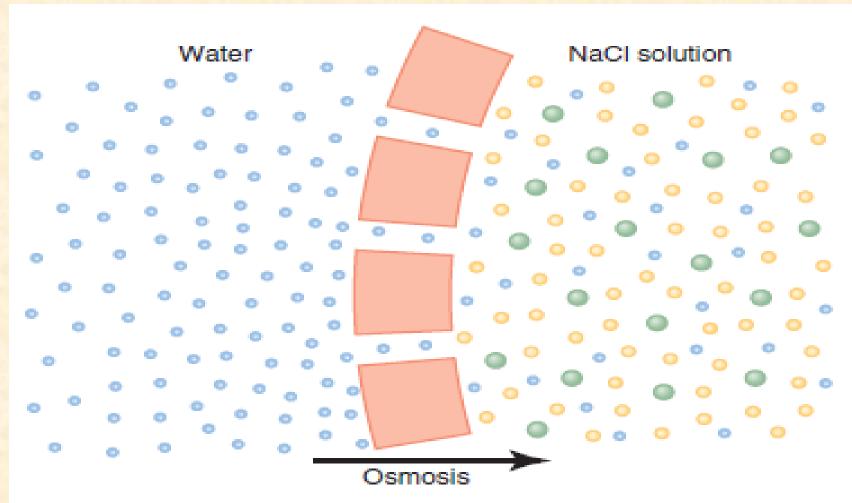


Characters of osmosis

- 1. Net diffusion of H2O (solvent) across a selectively permeable membrane.
- 2. Movement of H2O from a high H2O to lower H2O until equilibrium is reached.
- 3. Two requirements for osmosis:
- a. Difference in solute concentration on the two sides of the membrane.
- b. Membrane must be impermeable to the solute.

Osmotic pressure

- Osmotic pressure: Is the pressure needed to stop osmosis (to prevent the solvent migration)
- ***** Factors affecting osmotic pressure:
- 1. Number of non-diffusible particles regardless of their mass or their nature.
- 2. Chemical activity of the solute particles that provides potential pressure across cell membrane ionizing solutes (e.g., NaCl) are more osmotically active than non-ionizable solutes (e.g., glucose).
- The osmotic pressure is expressed in osmoles or milliosmoles which can be converted to mmHg, since one milliosmole = about 19.3 mmHg.



Osmosis at a cell membrane when a sodium chloride solution is placed on one side of the membrane and water is placed on the other side.

Standard international units

- ❖ 1 Mole = MW of solute in grams.
- ❖ 1 m Mole = 1/1000 mole.

❖ 1 Osmol =

1 mole/Liter water

No. of free particles (valence)

Glucose

• 1 mole = MW in gm = 180 gm glucose.

Na cl

1 mole = MW of Na in gm + MW of cl in gm = 58.5 gm. Na cl.

$$1 \text{ Osmol} = \frac{1 \text{ mole}(58.5 \text{ gm})/\text{Liter water}}{\text{No. of free particles or valence (2)}} = 29.25 \text{ gm/L}.$$

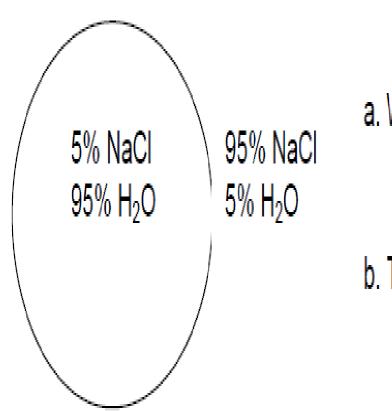
- Osmolarity = It is the number of Osmols dissociated in 1 liter of solvent.
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- Tonicity = The Osmolarity related to plasma (two solutions separated by a semipermeable membrane).

- When two solutions separated by a semipermeable membrane have the same osmotic pressure, they are isotonic; that is, no water will flow between them because there is no osmotic pressure difference across the membrane.
- When two solutions have different osmotic pressures, the solution with the lower osmotic pressure is hypotonic, and the solution with the higher effective osmotic pressure is hypertonic.
- Water will flow from the hypotonic solution into the hypertonic.

- If two solutions have the same calculated
 Osmolarity, they are called isosmotic.
- If two solutions have different calculated osmolarities, the solution with the higher Osmolarity is called hyperosmotic, and the solution with the lower Osmolarity is called hypoosmotic.
- N B: 1 m Osmol exerts OP = 19.3 mmHg, and Plasma Osmolarity = 300 m Osmol.

ACTIVITY

1.



- a. Water will flow _____ (into the cell, out of the cell, in both directions).
- b. The cell will _____ (shrink, burst, stay the same).

