**Research question:
what is the effect of changing the concentration of sucrose solution on the mass of the potato pieces measured by how much mass it lost leaving each piece in each solution after 1 day.**

**Background information:**





In this lab report , we will preparing different concentrations of sucrose solution and we will measure the water uptake or loss by measuring the change in the masses of potatoes using a digital balance after soaking potato cylinders for fixed period of time .

**Hypothesis:**

 If the concentration of sucrose increases, the change in mass decreases. This happens because in osmosis the water moves from a highly concentrated region of water to a low concentration region of water.

**Variables :**

**The independent variable :**

Changing the concentration of 100 cm3 sucrose solution The following concentrations will be prepared as shown in the table below:

Table 1: shows the volumes of water and masses of sucrose that will be used to prepare the different concentrations of sucrose solutions

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Mass of Sucrose ( g )** | **Volume of water ( cm3 )** | **Concentration of sucrose solution (%)** |
| 2.5g | 15cm3 | 2.5% |
| 5g | 15cm3 | 5% |
| 7.5g | 15cm3 | 7.5% |
| 10g | 15cm3 | 10% |
| 12.5g | 15cm3 | 12.5% |

The masses of sucrose will be measured using a digital balance (……….)

* And the volume of water will be measured using a 100 cm3 measuring cylinder (…….)
* The uncertainty of the digital balance and the pipette was measured by dividing the smallest increment by 2

**Dependent variable :**

 The dependent variable is the change in mass in percent %. To calculate the change in mass in percent you need to take the final mass and then subtract it from the initial mass and divide that number by the initial mass after that multiply it by 100%.

**Controlled Variable:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Controlled Variable** | **How will you keep this controlled? Stating the values and the equipment that you will be using**  | **How could it affect your results if not controlled?**  |
| Volume of water | By using a graduated measuring cylinder | If not the same (controlled) the test will be unfair |
| Size of the potato pieces  | By using a cork borer  | If not the same (controlled) the test will be unfair |
| Mass of the potato pieces | By using a scale to measure each potato piece  | If not the same (controlled) the test will be unfair |
| The concentration of each sucrose solution | By measuring the amount of water and amount of sucrose | If not the same (controlled) the test will be unfair |
| Temp. of the solution | By keeping them in the same place | If not the same (controlled) the test will be unfair |
| The difference in water potential | The higher the difference in water molecules the faster the osmosis process  | If not the same (controlled) the test will be unfair |

Table 2: description of the controlled variables

**Materials:**

Fill in the materials needed for the experiment

INCLUDE THE – Quantity, volume and UNCERTAINTY

* **Thermometer**
* **6 beakers**
* **Cork borer**
* **Digital balance**
* **A potato cut into 6 equal pieces**
* **Digital clock for the time (timer)**
* **100cm3 of sucrose solution**
* **6 test tubes**
* **Water cm3**
* **Wash bottle**
* **Sucrose g**
* **Funnel**
* **Ruler**
* **Pipette**
* **Forceps**
* **100xm3 measuring cylinder**

**Procedure:**

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2. Take out at least 10 potatoes that look most similar to each other. The color and the

approximate size should help in deciding that.

3. Use a 0.6 cm diameter borer to form the potato chips. Try to use as few potatoes as possible

to produce 30 potato chips.

4. To ensure that the chips are of same diameter throughout, insert the borer quickly in a

potato while keeping it straight so that one end of the borer comes out of the other side.

Put the chips on the white tile.

5. Now that all the 30 chips are on the white tile, use a scalpel to peel off any remaining skin

on the potatoes. Do this process one by one until all the chips are clean.

Caution: Scalpels are very sharp; use them carefully.

6. Separate the longer chips from the shorter ones. Using a 15 cm ruler, check if any of the long

ones are longer than 6 cm to be evenly cut in half. This will save time.

7. Use the scalpel to cut all the chips to be accurately 3 cm long using the same ruler each time.

8. Once all the chips are 3 cm long, weigh their mass one by one by using a balance.

9. Make sure they are all within 0.1 g difference of each other.

10. Record this data in the “Initial Mass” section of the table.

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-3

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-3

, 0.4 mol dm

-3

, 0.6 mol dm

-3

, 0.8 mol dm

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 and 1.00

mol dm

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be repeated twice because the measuring cylinder is 100 cm

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uncertainty). The lower meniscus should touch the 100 cm

3

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beakers and start the stopwatch at the same time. The 5 potato chips represent trials of

each concentration.

14. Once the stopwatch is running, name the tray containing all the beakers. The experiment

can be left unmonitored in the lab for 4 hours.

15. When the time nears 4 hours, difference in the size of potato chips is noticeable, however

to have quantitative evidence, potato chips must be weighed.

16. After exactly 4 hours, remove the potato chips from the solutions using a spatula carefully,

ensuring none of the potato chips break or get squashed.

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1. Prepare 100 cm3 of sucrose solutions using the information shown in table 1
2. Add each solution into a beaker that is labelled with the corresponding concentration
3. Place all solutions in a thermostatically controlled water bath set at 35oC
4. Using a cork borer with a diameter of 0.6 cut out 6 potato cylinders
5. Using a digital balance (…….) measure the initial masses of each potato cylinder and record these values into a table and label them as initial masses
6. add one cylinder of potato into the beaker labelled 2.5 %
7. repeat step 6 using the other concentrations of sucrose
8. leave all the potatoes soaked for 2 hours monitored using a digital clock
9. after 2 hours remove all the potato cylinder and dry them gently using blotting paper
10. measure the final masses of each potato cylinder and record these values in a table and label them as final masses



**Safety, ethical and environmental considerations:**

Safety : be careful while using scissors to avoid possible cuts in the skin

Ethical : No human or animals subjects are used during the experiment

Environmental : no harmful chemicals that will harm the environment are used , care was taken when selecting the volumes and masses used so as not to overconsume the chemicals

The sucrose solutions were safely disposed into the sink after completing the experiment

**Construct a table to write your qualitative and quantitative data .**

**Qualitative :**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Concentration of sucrose solution %** | **Observation** |
| **2.5%** |  |
| 5% |  |
| 7.5% |  |
| 10% |  |
| 12.5% |  |

Table ( …..,) …………………………………………………………………..

**Raw data :**

**Quantitative :**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Concentration of sucrose solution %** | **Initial mass g (± 0.01)** | **Final mass g (± 0.01)** |
| **2.5%** | **1.20g** | **1.48g** |
| **5%** | **1.21g** | **1.35g** |
| **7.5%** | **1.21g** | **1.38g** |
| **10%** | **1.23g** | **1.32g** |
| **12.5%** | **1.24g** | **1.17g** |

Table (…….) ………………………………………….

 **Processed data :**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Concentration of sucrose solution %** | **Change in mass g** | **Percentage change %** |
| **2.5%** | **0.28g** | **23.3%** |
| **5%** | **0.14g** | **11.57%** |
| **7.5%** | **0.17g** | **14.04%** |
| **10%** | **0.09g** | **7.31%** |
| **12.5%** | **-0.07** | **-5.64%** |

Table (……..) ………………………………………