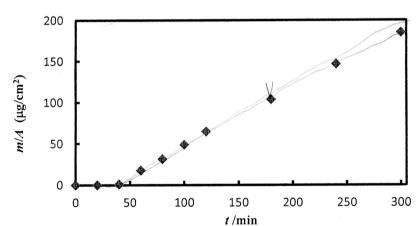
## KE-31.4555 Biophysical chemistry

Exam 22.5.2015

- 1. Answer briefly to the following:
  - a) Why do not common salts dissolve in organic solvents in significant extent?
  - b) What is Donnan potential? How does it arise?
  - c) How high waterfall an osmotic pressure of a 0.6 M NaCl solution corresponds to?
  - d) What is the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation?
- 2. Propranolol has  $\log P_{\text{oct/w}} = 3.4$  and  $pK_a = 9,5$ . 100 mg propranolol hydrochloride (DHCl, MW = 295.80) is dissolved in 10 mL of water. The solution is equilibrated with 1 mL of *n*-octanol. What are the concentrations of propranolol species at equilibrium at the aqueous pH of a) 10.0 and b) 7.4? Assume that partitioning of the protonated species DH<sup>+</sup> into *n*-octanol is insignificant.
- 3. Permeability of an oligonucleotide (24-mer) across bovine sclera (a membrane in an eye) was measured. The permeated amount was the following:

t (min)	0	20	40	60	80	100	120	180	240	300
permeated (µg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	0	0	0.9	17.6	31.4	48.7	64.8	103.9	146.7	185.2



A Franz cell was used. The donor chamber volume was 0.7 mL and the receiving chamber volume 3.9 mL. Donor concentration  $c^0$  was 1.0 mg/mL. Based on this experiment, what is the permeability of the oligonucleotide  $K_p = D/h$  in bovine sclera? Equation you need is

$$\frac{m(t)}{A} = c^0 h \left[ \frac{Dt}{h^2} - \frac{1}{6} - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k^2} \exp\left(-\frac{k^2 \pi^2 Dt}{h^2}\right) \right] \approx c^0 h \left[ \frac{Dt}{h^2} - \frac{1}{6} \right] \text{ when } t > \tau_{\text{lag}}$$

where h is the sclera thickness and D the diffusion coefficient of the oligonucleotide in sclera. How thick sclera is?

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the drug with cyclodextrane, C. The value of the equilibrium constant of the reaction D + C = DC

The solubility of a drug (D) is very low, only  $S_0 = 0.0012$  M, but can be increased by complexing

drug increase? What are the concentrations of DC and C at equilibrium.

is  $2 \times 10^4$  M<sup>-1</sup>. If the cyclodextrane concentration is 0.5 M, how much does the solubility of the

Binding of an oligonucleotide to the single stranded binding protein of E. coli is described with the model where the protein has four binding sites. The sites reside in the corners of a square, and interaction takes place between adjacent corners only. Write the grand canonical partition function with the variables s = Kc and  $\sigma = e^{-\beta w}$ ; K is the binding constant, c is oligonucleotide

concentration and w the interaction energy. Derive the binding isotherm and study the case w =

0.