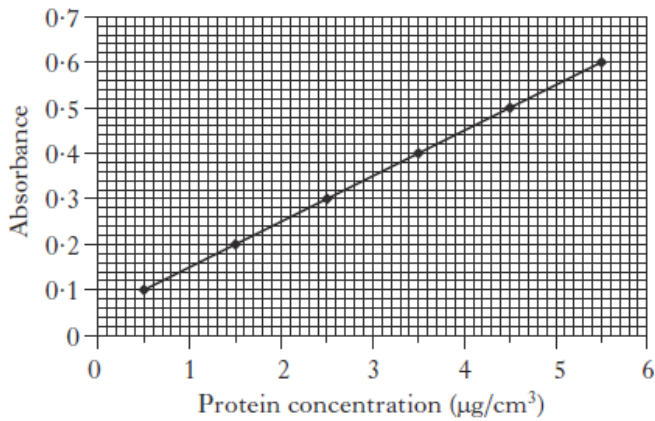


Advanced Higher Biology

Homework 1 – Laboratory Techniques for Biologists

5. Colorimetry was used to produce the standard curve below.



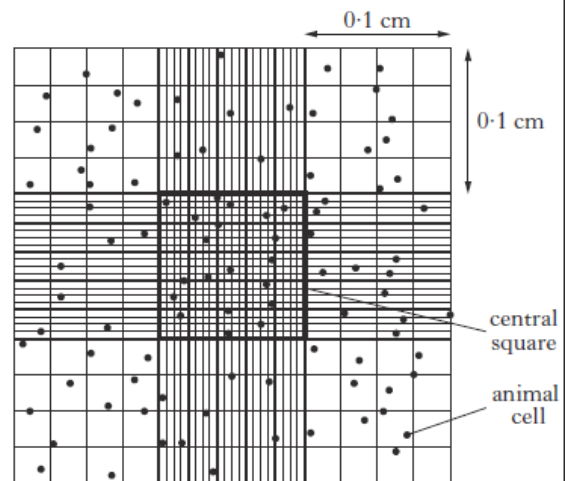
In an experiment to extract soluble protein from potato tubers, 25 g tissue was ground with 50 cm³ of buffer and centrifuged. The volume of extract produced was 65 cm³. When 1 cm³ of extract was tested, the absorbance was found to be 0.5.

Which of the following is the protein content of the potato tissue in µg/g fresh tissue?

- A 3.9
- B 9.0
- C 11.7
- D 13.5

1. The diagram below shows a haemocytometer counting chamber containing animal cells.

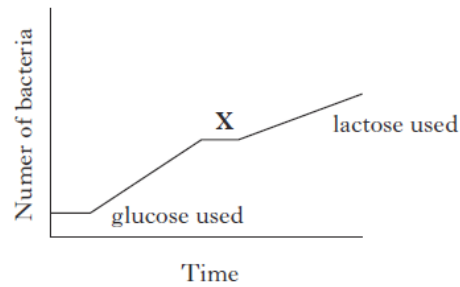
The depth of the chamber is 0.01 cm.



The concentration of animal cells, based on the cell count from the central square, is

- A 2.0×10^4 cells per cm³
- B 2.0×10^5 cells per cm³
- C 2.0×10^6 cells per cm³
- D 2.0×10^7 cells per cm³.

- The bacterium *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) can use a variety of different sugars as an energy source during growth. The graph shows the typical growth curve obtained when *E. coli* is cultured in a medium containing both glucose and lactose.

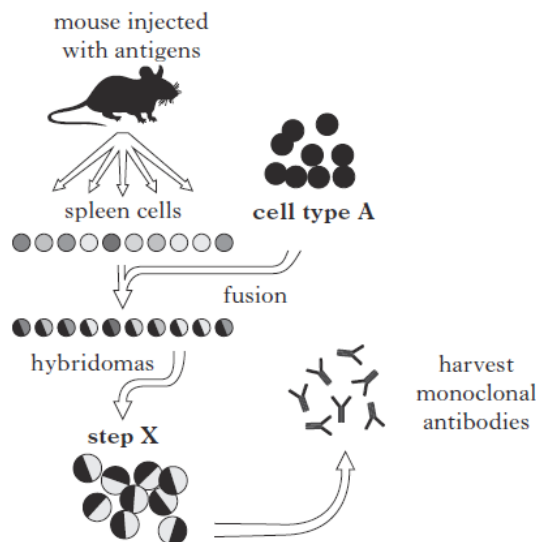


- Give **one** method that could be used to determine cell numbers in the production of a bacterial growth curve.

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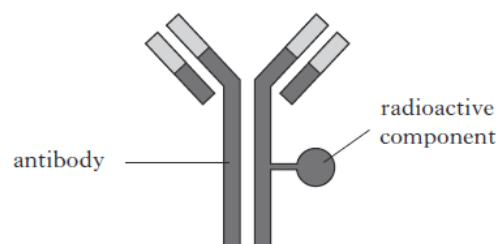
- Figure 1 shows steps in the production of a monoclonal antibody.

Figure 1



In the treatment of disease, monoclonal antibodies can be attached to toxic components to create “magic bullets”. One example of this, shown in Figure 2, uses a component that emits damaging radiation.

Figure 2



- Name cell type A and explain the role of these cells in the production of monoclonal antibodies.

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2. The table below shows data comparing some stages in the purification of an enzyme from a tissue sample. Total protein and enzyme activity are measured at the end of each stage.

	<i>Stage</i>	<i>Total protein (mg)</i>	<i>Enzyme activity (units)</i>
1	Liquidised tissue	10 000	2 000 000
2	Precipitation by salts	3000	1 500 000
3	Iso-electric separation	500	500 000
4	Affinity chromatography	30	42 000

- (a) (i) By the end of the purification process, what percentage of the original protein has been removed? 1
- (ii) Enzyme purity can be calculated from these values as the *activity per mg of protein*.
By how many times has the enzyme purity increased by the end of stage 4? 2
- (b) Explain the principle of iso-electric separation. 2
- (c) In affinity chromatography, a ligand specific to the enzyme was bonded to beads in a burette.
Explain how this method can improve purity. 2
- (7)**

- A. Give an account of the procedures involved in producing transgenic plants. Use the following headings:

- (a) plant production by tissue culture; 5