

Transport cells – GCSE Combine Science Biology

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A student investigated the effect of different concentrations of sugar solution on pieces of potato.

This is the method used.

1. Cut five pieces of potato.
2. Record the starting mass of each piece of potato.
3. Place each piece of potato in a different concentration of sugar solution.
4. After 24 hours remove the pieces of potato from the solutions.
5. Record the final mass of each piece of potato.
6. Calculate the change in mass for each piece of potato.

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What is the independent variable?

[1 mark]

Tick (✓) **one** box.

Change in mass of the pieces of potato

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Concentration of the sugar solution

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Length of time the pieces of potato are in the solution

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Starting mass of the pieces of potato

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Table 3 shows the results.

Table 3

Concentration of sugar solution in mol/dm ³	Mass of potato at start in grams	Mass of potato after 24 hours in grams	Change in mass in grams
0.0	7.94	10.14	2.20
0.1	7.95	9.10	1.15
0.2	7.96	8.21	0.25
0.3	7.93	7.53	-0.40
0.4	7.93	7.18	-0.75
0.5	7.95	7.00	-0.95

0 5 . 2 Explain why the potato in 0.0 mol/dm³ sugar solution increased in mass.

[2 marks]

0 5 . 3 Complete **Figure 5**.

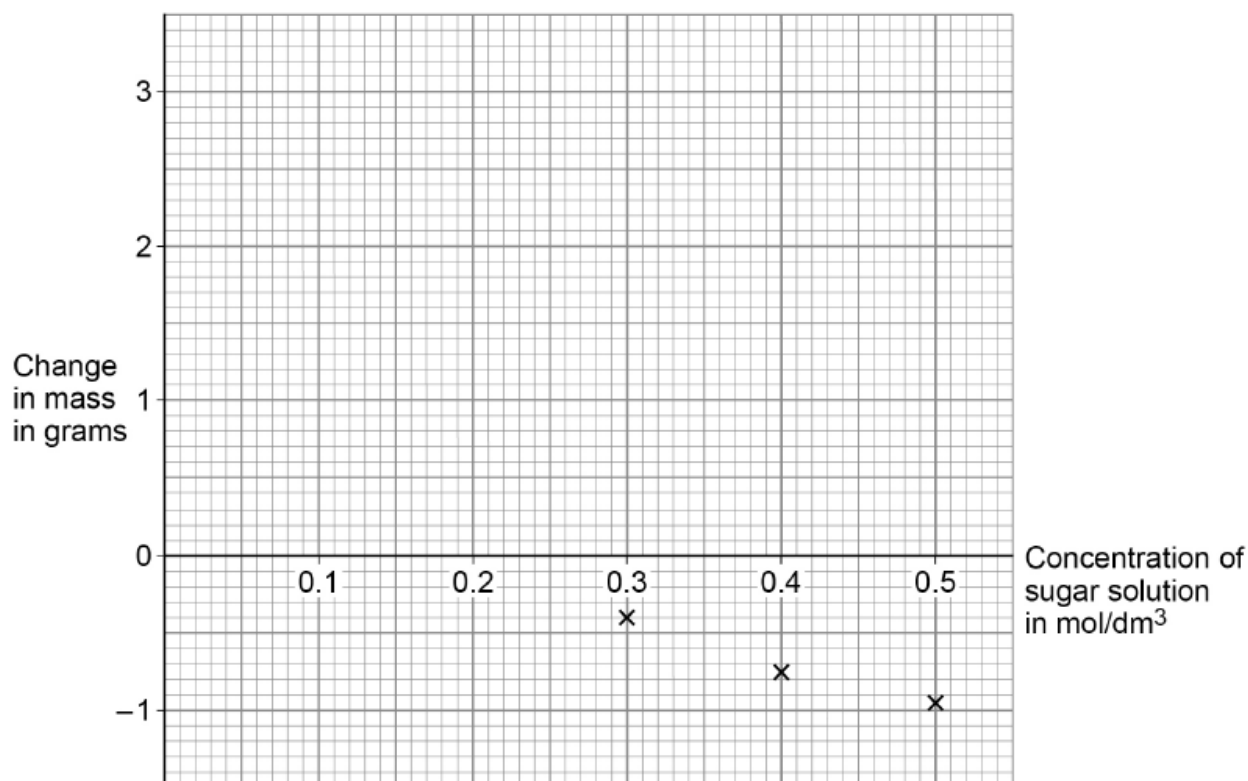
Some of the results have been plotted for you.

You should:

- plot the data from **Table 3**
- draw a line of best fit through all the points.

[2 marks]

Figure 5



0 5 . 4 The mass of a piece of potato does **not** change when:

concentration of solution inside cells = concentration of solution outside cells

Determine the concentration of sugar solution inside the potato cells.

Use **Figure 5**.

[1 mark]

Concentration = _____ mol/dm³

Table 3 is repeated below.

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0 5 . 5 Calculate the percentage change in mass for the potato in 0.2 mol/dm³ sugar solution.

Use Table 3.

Use the equation:

$$\text{percentage change in mass} = \frac{\text{change in mass}}{\text{mass of potato at start}} \times 100$$

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

[3 marks]

Percentage change in mass (3 significant figures) = _____ %