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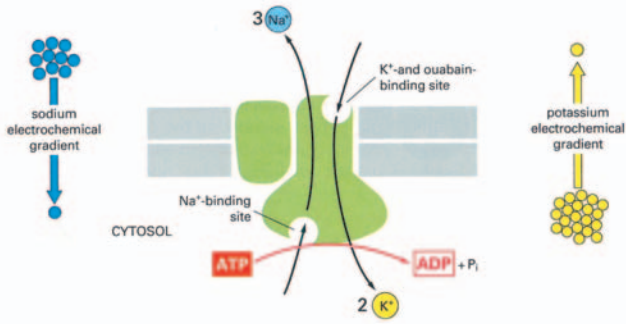


Figure 11-10 The Na⁺-K⁺ ATPase.

This carrier protein actively pumps Na⁺ out of and K⁺ into a cell against their electrochemical gradients. For every molecule of ATP hydrolyzed inside the cell, three Na⁺ are pumped out and two K⁺ are pumped in. The specific pump inhibitor ouabain and K⁺ compete for the same site on the external side of the ATPase.

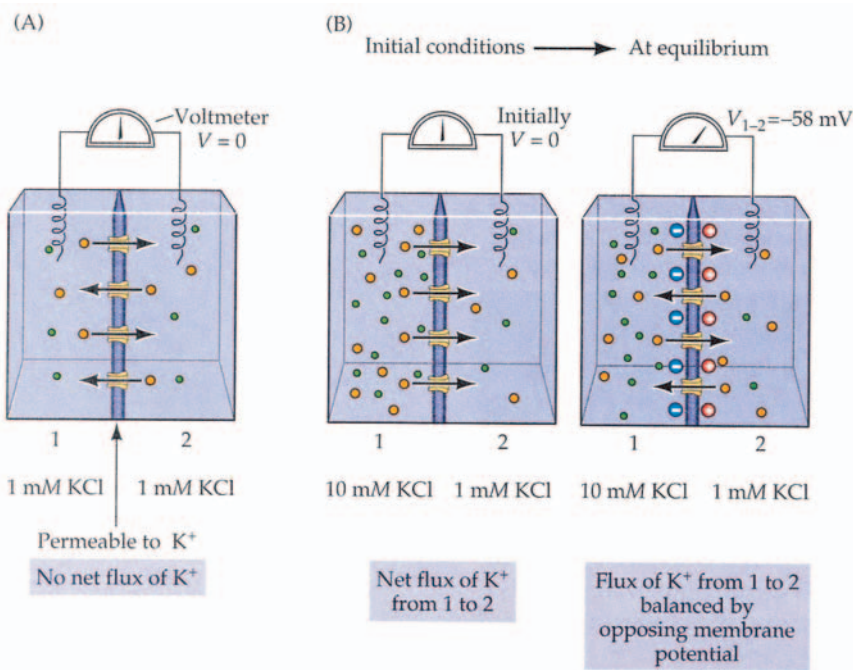
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Table 11-1 Comparison of Ion Concentrations Inside and Outside a Typical Mammalian Cell

| Component | Intracellular Concentration (mM) | Extracellular Concentration (mM) |
|------------------|---|---|
| Cations | | |
| Na ⁺ | 5-15 | 145 |
| K ⁺ | 140 | 5 |
| Mg ²⁺ | 0.5 | 1-2 |
| Ca ²⁺ | 10 ⁻⁴ | 1-2 |
| H ⁺ | 7 × 10 ⁻⁵ (10 ^{-7.2} M or pH 7.2) | 4 × 10 ⁻⁵ (10 ^{-7.4} M or pH 7.4) |
| Anions* | | |
| Cl ⁻ | 5-15 | 110 |

*The cell must contain equal quantities of + and - charges (that is, be electrically neutral). Thus, in addition to Cl⁻, the cell contains many other anions not listed in this table; in fact, most cellular constituents are negatively charged (HCO₃⁻, PO₄³⁻, proteins, nucleic acids, metabolites carrying phosphate and carboxyl groups, etc.). The concentrations of Ca²⁺ and Mg²⁺ given are for the free ions. There is a total of about 20 mM Mg²⁺ and 1-2 mM Ca²⁺ in cells, but this is mostly bound to proteins and other substances and, in the case of Ca²⁺, stored within various organelles.

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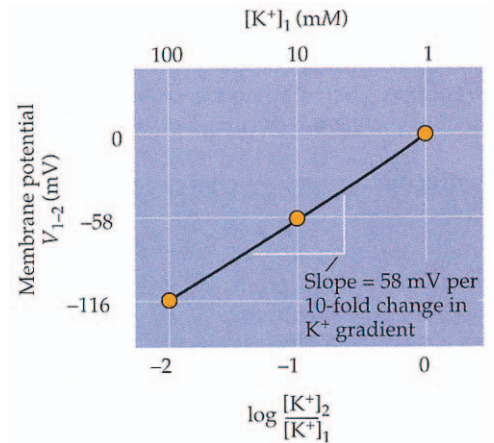


Figure 2.3 Electrochemical equilibrium.

(A) A membrane permeable only to K⁺ separates compartments 1 and 2, which contain the indicated concentrations of KCl. (B) Increasing the KCl concentration in compartment 1 to 10 mM initially causes a small movement of K⁺ into compartment 2 (initial conditions) until the electromotive force acting on K⁺ balances the concentration gradient, and the net movement of K⁺ becomes zero (at equilibrium). (C) The relationship between the transmembrane concentration gradient ($[K^+]_2 / [K^+]_1$) and the membrane potential. As predicted by the Nernst equation, this relationship is linear when plotted on semilogarithmic coordinates, with a slope of 58 mV per tenfold difference in the concentration gradient.

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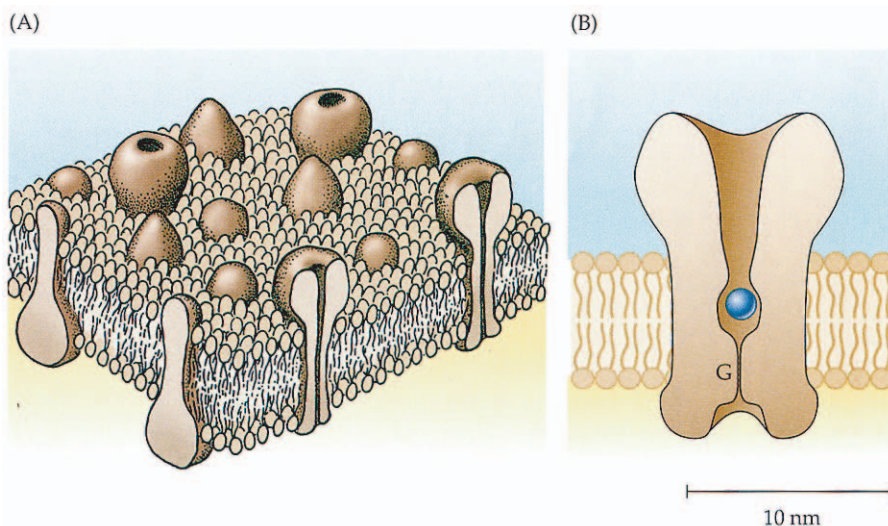


FIGURE 2.1 Cell Membrane and Ion Channel.

(A) The cell membrane is composed of a lipid bilayer embedded with proteins. Some of the proteins traverse the lipid layer and some of these membrane-spanning proteins form membrane channels. (B) This schematic representation shows a membrane channel in cross section, with a central water-filled pore and channel "gate" (G). The gate opens and closes irregularly; the probability of opening may be regulated by the membrane potential, by the binding of a ligand to the channel, or by other biophysical or biochemical conditions. A sodium ion, surrounded by a single shell of water molecules, is shown to scale in the pore for size comparison.