

## Why are protons important?

A proton (H<sup>+</sup>) is a hydrogen atom that has lost its electron.

The concentration of protons ([H<sup>+</sup>]) in solution determines the acidity of the solution, and is represented numerically by the negative log of the [H<sup>+</sup>]

 $(\mathbf{pH} = -\log [\mathbf{H}^+])$ 

Thus, *a low pH represents high acidity*, and vice-versa.

Cellular pH is important to maintain (7.0 at rest), for when pH falls too far (< 6.8), electrons are forced to leave certain molecules. For proteins (eg. enzymes), this occurrence can alter the shape of the molecule, decreasing its effectiveness.

pН	Sca	ale ar	nd		14-	-1 M NaOH	
Examples				13-	Household bleach		
					12-	Household ammonia	
[H <sup>+</sup> ] (M) 10 <sup>0</sup> (1)	<b>рН</b> 0	[OH <sup>-</sup> ] (M) 10 <sup>-14</sup>	<u>рОН</u> 14		11- 10-	Increasingly BasicMilk of magnesia (Mg-OH)	
10 <sup>-1</sup> 10 <sup>-2</sup> 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1 2 3	10 <sup>-13</sup> 10 <sup>-12</sup> 10 <sup>-11</sup>	13 12 11	<mark>cale</mark> = log(	9- 8-	Sea water	
10 <sup>-4</sup> 10 <sup>-5</sup> 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4 5 6	10 <sup>-10</sup> 10 <sup>-9</sup> 10 <sup>-8</sup>	10 9 8	H S H	7-	Blood Blood Muscle tissue	
10 <sup>-7</sup> 10 <sup>-8</sup>	7 8	10 <sup>-7</sup> 10 <sup>-6</sup>	7 6	d =-log	6-	Severe muscle metabolic acidosis	
10 <sup>-9</sup> 10 <sup>-10</sup> 10 <sup>-11</sup>	9 10 11	10 <sup>-5</sup> 10 <sup>-4</sup> 10 <sup>-3</sup>	65 4 3	= Hd)	5-	Black coffee	
10 <sup>-12</sup> 10 <sup>-13</sup>	12 13	10 <sup>-2</sup> 10 <sup>-1</sup>	2		3-	Increasingly AcidicOrange juiceOrange juice	
10-14	14	10º(1)	0		2-	Lemon juice	
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Code	Name	Trivial Name(s)	Explanation
EC1	Oxidoreductases	dehydrogenases and oxidases	Oxidation-reduction reactions
EC2	Transferases	transferases, phosphorylases, syntases, kinases and transaminases lipases, esterases, hydrolases, phosphatases, -ases	Transfer of functional groups (methyl, <u>acyl</u> , amino, phosphate) from one compound to another Formation of two products from a substrate by hydrolysis
EC3	Hydrolases		
EC4	Lyases	variety	Addition or removal of groups from substrates at C-C, C-N, C-O or C- S bonds
EC5	Isomerases	isomerases, mutases, epimerases	Intra-compound rearrangement
EC6	Ligases	ligases, synthases, carboxylases	Joining together of two compounds by new C- O, C-S, C-N, or C-C bonds

Code	Name (trivial)	Enzymes		
EC1	Oxidoreductases	Lactate dehydrogenase		
	(dehydrogenases and oxidases)	Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase		
EC2	Transferases	Phosphorylase		
	(transferases,	Pyruvate kinase		
	phosphorylases,	Phosphofructokinase		
	syntases, kinases	Hexokinase		
	and transaminases)	Adenylate kinase		
EC3	Hydrolases	Triacylglycerol lipase		
	(lipases, esterases, hydrolases, phosphatases, -ases)	Glucose-6-phosphatase		
EC4	Lyases	Pyruvate decarboxylase		
	(variety)	Citrate synthase		
		Adenylate cyclase		
EC5	Isomerases	Phosphoglucomutase		
	(isomerases,	Phosphoglycerate mutase		
	mutases,	Glucose-6-phosphate isomerase		
	epimerases)			
EC6	Ligases	Fatty acyl-CoA ligase		
	(ligases, synthases,			





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