

BSB 1163 CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Transport across membrane

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Revision: Discuss the effects of osmosis in cells

Illustrate the cells conditions in different type of solutions.





Different type of solution/cells	Isotonic solution	Hypotonic solution	Hypertonic solution
Animal cell	Normal	Lysed	Shriveled
Plant cell	Flaccid	Turgid	Shriveled (plasmolyzed)





- Carrier proteins need energy to change shape, transporting specific molecules AGAINST concentration gradient
 - 2 types of carriers for active transport:
 - 1. Symport transport of 2 molecules in same direction
 - 2. Antiport transport of 2 molecules in opposite directions



Active Transport

- Low to higher concentration.
- Need energy
- Allows cells to take up nutrients even when their concentration outside the cell is very low.
- Allows cells to get rid of unwanted substances even when their concentration is much greater outside the cell.
- Cells that are actively pumping in substances against the concentration gradient are found to contain many mitochondria.





- 1. Symport transport of 2 molecules in same direction
- Eg glucose uptake from intestinal lumen
 Na⁺ glucose transporter: Transports Na⁺ & glucose into cell





- 2. Antiport transport of 2 molecules in opposite directions
- Eg for cell signaling
 Na⁺ Ca²⁺ transporter: Transports
 Na⁺ into cell & Ca²⁺ out of cell

Eg regulation of intracellular pH Na⁺ - H⁺ transporter: Transports Na⁺ into cell & H⁺ out of cell

