

**Cellular Electrolyte Metabolism, Table 1** Extracellular and intracellular ion concentrations and equilibrium potentials

| Ion                           | Extracellular concentration (mM) | Intracellular concentration (mM) | Equilibrium potential (mV) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Na <sup>+</sup>               | 145                              | ~12                              | +67                        |
| K <sup>+</sup>                | 4.5                              | ~150                             | -94                        |
| H <sup>+</sup>                | 0.00004                          | ~0.0001                          | -24                        |
| Ca <sup>2+</sup>              | ~1.5                             | ~0.0001                          | +129                       |
| Mg <sup>2+</sup>              | ~0.5                             | ~0.5                             | 0                          |
| Cl <sup>-</sup>               | 115                              | ~10                              | -65                        |
| HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> | 25                               | ~10                              | -24                        |

Ion concentrations in millimoles per liter water. Values for mammals, modified from (Andersen et al. 2009) Table 17-3

The [Ca<sup>2+</sup>] are the free ion concentrations; intracellular [Cl<sup>-</sup>] varies considerably among cell types, ranging from ~5 mM in skeletal muscle to ~80 mM in red blood cells

The equilibrium potentials (see Eq. 4) were calculated for  $T = 37$  °C using the listed concentrations

In the case of highly selective channels that catalyze the transmembrane movement of only a single ion type,  $V_{\text{rev}}$  is equal to the ion's equilibrium (or Nernst) potential  $E$ :

$$E = \frac{-k_{\text{B}}T}{z \cdot e} \cdot \ln \left\{ \frac{C_{\text{i}}}{C_{\text{e}}} \right\}, \quad (4)$$

$k_{\text{B}}$  is Boltzmann's constant,  $T$  the temperature in Kelvin,  $z$  the ion valence,  $e$  the elementary charge, and  $C_{\text{i}}$  and  $C_{\text{e}}$  the intracellular and extracellular ion concentrations, respectively. (Membrane potentials, and equilibrium potentials are measured relative to the extracellular solution; membrane currents are defined to be positive when the current flow is from the intracellular to the extracellular solution).