Midterm 1 – BioE 110

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1. (15 pts) Assume a red blood cell has a volume of 100 μm^3 in a person who is relatively healthy. If, by mistake, 1 lt of his blood is rapidly replaced by 1 lt of distilled water.
   a. If his blood originally had an osmolarity of 300 mOsm/lt, what is the osmolarity of his blood now assuming that it happened so fast that his body hasn't reacted.
   b. How will this affect his red blood cells?
   c. What will be the new volume of a red blood cell?

2. (20 pts) Matt was a professional bicycle racer who was really intensely competitive. To gain an advantage over Lance, he used a ton of EPO plus blood doping to raise his hematocrit, the volume percentage of RBCs in blood, from its normal value of 40 to 60 so that he can get more oxygen to his muscles because of the proportional increase in the oxygen in his arterial blood. This increase will also double the viscosity of his blood.

Assume Matt's resting O_2 consumption is 5 ml O_2/sec, his normal (H = 40) $[O_2]$ in his pulmonary artery is 0.2 ml/ml blood and 0.15 ml/ml blood in his pulmonary vein. When racing his O_2 consumption doubles but the $[O_2]$ in his pulmonary artery and vein stay the same.

To see why he would do this **look at his cardiac function before he increased his hematocrit**: (use ratios, e.g. CO(racing)/CO(normal))

   a. Calculate how much Matt's Cardiac Output has to increase when he is racing.
   b. How much does his mean arterial pressure increase?

After increasing his hematocrit:

   c. Calculate his CO after 'enhancing' his performance when H = 60.
   d. How much will his mean arterial pressure increase?

3. (20 pts) Consider Matt riding intensely trying to catch Lance. Assume his heart rate goes up to 180 bpm.
   a. What is his stroke volume?
   b. How much pressure—volume work is his heart doing during ejection?
   c. Draw two graphs showing Matt's pressure-volume curve for an entire cardiac cycle showing what changes with and without the EPA/Blood-doping.
   d. Describe the differences.

4. (20 pts) Consider a 10 um, round cell that is just hanging around in an infinite bath. The conditions are:

Ion	Internal Conc	External Conc	$E_m = V_i - V_o$	Diffusive Parameters
Na^+	15 mM	150 mM	-50 mV	$D = 10^{-3}$ mm^2/s $K = 0.1$ $\Delta x = 10^{-3}$ mm
Cl^-	10 mM			

    a. Ignoring any electro-chemical effects, what is the rate of passive diffusion of sodium ions into the cell?

    b. Ignoring any electro-chemical effects, what are the equilibrium concentrations of sodium inside and outside the cell?

    c. Why doesn't this happen in real life?

    d. Assuming that the 2 ions are at equilibrium, what is the external concentration of Cl^-?