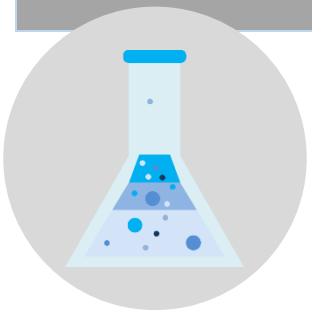

Magic Bottle

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- 1 - Introduction

The Chemical Magic Bottle is a classic demonstration of redox (reduction-oxidation) reactions using a glucose solution, sodium hydroxide and an indicator solution. The solution changes colors from blue to colorless. This experiment illustrates the concepts of redox chemistry and the role of indicators in detecting chemical changes.

The Magic Bottle experiment demonstrates a redox reaction where glucose acts as a reducing agent and methylene blue as an indicator. In the presence of sodium hydroxide, glucose reduces the methylene blue from its oxidized blue form to a colorless reduced form. As the reaction progresses and oxygen from the air re-oxidizes the methylene blue, the color changes are observed. This cyclical redox reaction showcases the dynamic nature of chemical equilibrium and the role of indicators in detecting chemical changes.

The Magic Bottle experiment is a visually engaging way to explore redox reactions and the behavior of chemical indicators. By observing the color changes, we gain insight into the processes of oxidation and reduction, as well as the dynamic equilibrium between different chemical states.

Reduction of Methylene Blue:

Methylene Blue (blue) + Glucose → Leucomethylene Blue (colorless)

Oxidation of Leucomethylene Blue:

Leucomethylene Blue (colorless) + O_2→ Methylene Blue (blue)

Let's get started and have some fun with science!

- 2 - Materials

Material
Glucose (dextrose)
Sodium hydroxide (NaOH)
Methylene blue indicator solution (0.1%)
Distilled water

- 3 - Experiment

Add Glucose Solution:

- Solve 10 g glucose in 40 ml A. dest

Add Sodium Hydroxide Solution:

- Prepare 275 ml of a 0.4 M NaOH solution (4,4 g / 275 ml)

Add Methylene Blue Indicator:

- Mix the glucose and NaOH solution in a 500 ml beaker.
- Add 2-3 drops of 0.1% methylene blue indicator solution

Observe the Color Change:

- Initially, the solution will turn blue due to the presence of methylene blue in its oxidized form.
- Over a few minutes, the solution will turn colorless as the glucose reduces the methylene blue.
- Shake the mixture to oxidize the methylene blue with oxygen from the air. The liquid will turn to blue again.

Repeat the Cycle:

- If desired, you can cover the beaker with a lid or plastic wrap to limit oxygen exposure and observe the solution's color changes as it continues to cycle through the redox reactions.

- 4 - Additional Information & Safety Instructions

All individuals conducting the experiments outlined in this protocol must thoroughly review and adhere to all safety instructions and guidelines. It is imperative that each person reads the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for every chemical involved prior to commencing any experiment. Failure to follow proper safety procedures can result in serious injury or harm. The responsibility for ensuring a safe working environment lies with each individual participant. The author and distributor of this protocol assume no liability for accidents, injuries or damages resulting from the misuse of the information provided.

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Important Safety Notices:

- Wear safety goggles and gloves to protect your eyes and skin.
- Handle sodium hydroxide with care as it is a caustic substance and can cause burns.
- Perform the experiment in a well-ventilated area or under a fume hood.
- Dispose of chemicals properly after the experiment.
- Read and follow the MSDS for all chemicals