

Osmoregulation & Blood Pressure



Altering Metabolism



3.3.3 Hormones can alter the **metabolism** of target cells, tissues, or organs.

Describe the role of **antidiuretic** hormone (ADH) in **osmoregulation**.

Discuss **links** between osmoregulation, blood volume, and blood pressure.

Diuretic: a substance that causes increased urine production (... loss of water)

Antidiuretic: a substance that causes decreases urine production (... keep water)



Blood Volume and Pressure

(water makes the difference)



Figure 3.26: Composition of human blood.

Osmolarity of the Blood

Osmolarity: the concentration of a solution (ie. blood)

Osmolarity	Water concentration	Causes	
High	Low	Water loss/deprivation/dehydration	
		• High level of sugar and salt in the blood.	
		• Diarrhoea.	
<i><i>A</i>.</i>	100 March 100 Ma	Excessive water/fluid ingestion.	
Low	High	• Low level of sugar and salt in the blood.	
		• Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic	
lum		hormone secretion (SIADH).	

ADH (from pituitary gland):

production, secretion and activity is regulated by changes in blood osmolarity

Sensor? Hypothalamus



Blood Volume and Pressure

(water makes the difference)



Figure 3.26: Composition of human blood.

Property	Effect of water diffusing into blood	Effect of water diffusing out of blood
Osmolarity	Decreases	Increases
Blood volume	Increases	Decreases
Blood pressure	Increases	Decreases

Nephron of Kidney

NEPHRON = function unit of kidney that forms urine by filtering waste/water from blood; 1,000,000 per kidney





What Happens?

Hypothalamus osmoreceptors:

detects high osmolarity (low water in blood)

- 1. Secretion of ADH into blood circulatory system (from pituitary)
- 2. ADH targets cells on distal convoluted tubule of nephron
- 3. Cells increase permeability and allow water to go from tubule back into blood (reabsorbed and ∴ conserved).
- 4. Blood water levels increase (lower osmolarity)... inhibits further ADH production.

Hypothalamus osmoreceptors:

detects low osmolarity (high water in blood)





Negative Feedback

The role of ADH in the regulation of osmolarity is summarised in Figure 3.25.



What Happens?

When you ingest a diuretic...

- 1. 2. 3. 4.
- 5.



What Happens to You One Hour After Downing a Can of Coke



