

Deacon's Challenge

No. 67 Answer

How many mL of hydrochloric acid (SG 1.16) are required to prepare 500 mL of 2.5 molar hydrochloric acid? The purity of the acid is 32% w/w.

$$\text{MW hydrochloric acid (HCl)} = 1 + 35.5 = 36.5$$

$$\text{Therefore weight of pure acid required to make 1 L of 1M HCl} = 36.5 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Weight of pure acid required to make 1 L of 2.5 M HCl} = 36.5 \times 2.5 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Weight of pure acid required to make 500 mL (i.e. 0.5 L) of 2.5 M HCl}$$

$$= 36.5 \times 2.5 \times 0.5 \text{ g}$$

Since HCl has a purity of 32% w/w, the weight of SG 1.16 HCl required is more than this

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{36.5 \times 2.5 \times 0.5 \times 100}{\% \text{ purity}} = \frac{36.5 \times 2.5 \times 0.5 \times 100}{32} = 142.6 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Since } \text{Density (g/mL)} = \frac{\text{Weight (g)}}{\text{Volume (mL)}} \text{ then, Volume (mL)} = \frac{\text{Weight (g)}}{\text{Density (g/mL)}}$$

$$\text{Substitute weight} = 142.6 \text{ g, density} = 1.16 \text{ g/mL}$$

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{142.6}{1.16} = 123 \text{ mL (3 sig figs)}$$

Question 68

The following results were obtained for two different serum samples:

	Sample 1	Sample 2
Measured calcium (mmol/L)	1.85	2.52
Albumin (g/L)	23	52

Stating any assumptions you make, use these data to derive an expression to “adjust” serum calcium to a “normal” albumin concentration of 40 g/L.