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AIM:- To Detect the presence of protein

PRINCIPLE:-

① Protein respond to some colour rxn due to the presence of one or radicals or groups of the complex protein molecule.

② Nitrogen atoms in the peptide chain form a complex (violet colour) with copper ion in the Biuret test. (Biuret test is for peptide bond in the molecule of a protein)

③ Xanthoproteic test is specific for protein containing aromatic amino-acids.

(4) The benzene ring in the amino-acids is nitrated by heating with nitric acid and forms yellow nitro-compounds which turns to Orange colour with alkali.

REQUIREMENT:

The required materials are -

① Glass ware: - Test tube, spirit lamp; Chemical: 40% NaOH, 10% CuSO₄ solution, concentrated HNO₃, 20% NaOH solution.

② Miscellaneous: test tube holder, test tube stand

PROCEDURE -

(A) BIURET-TEST -

① We have to take 2 mL of protein solution (milk, albumin of egg or gram seed extract) in a test tube.

② Now we add 1 mL of 40% NaOH solution and 1 or 2 drops of 1% CuSO₄ solution.

③ We get a violet colour, which indicates the presence of proteins. We take care that excess of copper sulphate must not be added, otherwise there will be blue colour instead of violet colour.

(B) XANTHOPROTEIC TEST

① We add 1 mL of concentrated HNO₃ to 2 mL of protein solution (albumin of egg, milk or gram seed extract).

② A white precipitate is formed.

③ Now we boil the solution. The colour changes to yellow.

④ Now we cool the test tube. Now we add 2 mL of 20% NaOH (or ammonia solution) to make it alkaline.

(5) Now the colour changes to orange, which indicates the presence of proteins.

DISCUSSION (After observation) -

A yellow stain is often observed on skin when it comes in contact with Nitric acid. The reason for yellow stain is - Xanthoproteic rxn.

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