Question #59545, Chemistry / General Chemistry

16.26 milligrams of sample of an element x contains 1.66•10^23 atoms. What is the atomic mass of the element?

Solution:

Number of moles: $n = N/N_A = 1.66*10^{23}/6.022*10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} = 0.276 \text{ mol}$

Atomic mass: $Ar = m/n = 16.26 \text{ mg}/0.276 \text{ mol} = 59.0*10^{-3} \text{ g/mol}$

Atomic mass can not be less than 1.

There is a mistake in the question. If weight of the sample is 16.26 g, then:

Atomic mass: Ar = m/n = 16.26 g/0.276 mol = 59.0 g/mol

Answer: 59.0 g/mol

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