

A solution of 0,64g of adrenaline in 36 of carbon tetrachloride causes an elevation of 49°C in the boiling point. What is the molar mass of the adrenaline? Show the solution.

### Solution

To find molar mass of Adrenaline we should use formula (Clausius-Clapeyron relation and Raoult's law together):

$$\Delta T_b = iK_b b_B;$$

$\Delta T_b$  - the boiling point elevation;

$K_B$  - ebullioscopic constant;

$b_B$  – molality of the solution;

$i$  – number of particles the solute splits into of forms when dissolved.

$$K_b(\text{CCl}_4) = 5.03 \text{ K}\cdot\text{kg/mol};$$

$i$  for adrenaline =1 (does not dissociate in  $\text{CCl}_4$ );

$$b_B = n_{\text{solute}}/m_{\text{solvent}} = m_{\text{solute}}/M_{\text{solute}} \cdot m_{\text{solvent}}.$$

We should use  $m_{\text{solvent}}$  in kg, then  $b_B = 1000 \cdot m_{\text{solute}}/M_{\text{solute}} \cdot m_{\text{solvent}}$

The final formula is:

$$\Delta T_b = iK_b 1000 \cdot m_{\text{solute}}/M_{\text{solute}} \cdot m_{\text{solvent}}.$$

$$49 = 1 \cdot 5.03 \cdot 1000 \cdot 0.64 / M_{\text{adrenaline}} \cdot 36;$$

$$M_{\text{adrenaline}} = 1.8249 \text{ (g/mole)} \text{ But this can not be true!}$$

Let's check up this: suppose we know molar mass of adrenaline (we can count it), let's find the boiling point elevation:

$$M(\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3) = 12.01 \cdot 9 + 1.01 \cdot 13 + 14.01 + 16.00 \cdot 3 = 183.23 \text{ (g/mol)};$$

$$\Delta T_b = 1 \cdot 5.03 \cdot 1000 \cdot 0.64 / 183.23 \cdot 36;$$

$$\Delta T_b = 0.49 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}.$$

So, we see, that the solution of 0,64g of adrenaline in 36 of carbon tetrachloride causes an elevation of **0.49°C** in the boiling point !

Therefore there is a mistake in the task: 0.49 °C, not 49°C.

The solution for the task is:

$$\Delta T_b = iK_b 1000 \cdot m_{\text{solute}}/M_{\text{solute}} \cdot m_{\text{solvent}}.$$

$$0.49 = 1.5.03 \cdot 1000 \cdot 0.64 / M_{\text{adrenaline}} \cdot 36;$$

$$M_{\text{adrenaline}} = 182.49 \text{ g/mole}$$

**Answer:** a mistake in the task has place: not 49°C but 0.49°C

$$\text{If } \Delta T = 0.49^\circ\text{C then } M_{\text{adrenaline}} = 182.49 \text{ g/mole}$$