A 451 ml sample of HClO4 has a pH of 0.2887. If 531 mL of distilled water was added to the HClO4

solution what would the new pH of the solution be?

## Solution

 $\begin{aligned} &\text{HClO}_4 \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{ClO}_4^- \\ &c_1(\text{HClO}_4) = c_1(\text{H}^+) = c_1(\text{ClO}_4^-) \\ &\text{pH}_1 = 0.2887 \\ &c_1(\text{H}^+) = 10^{-\text{pH}} = 10^{-0.2887} = 0.5144 \text{ mol/L} \\ &c_1(\text{HClO}_4) = 0.5144L \\ &V_1 = 0.451 L \\ &V_2 = 0.451 L + 0.531L = 0.982 \\ &\text{n}(\text{HClO}_4) = c_1 \cdot V_1 = 0.5144\text{L} \cdot 0.451\text{L} = 0.2319 \text{ mols} \\ &c_2(\text{HClO}_4) = \frac{\text{n}(\text{HClO}_4)}{V_2} = \frac{0.2319 \text{ mol}}{0.982 \text{ L}} = 0.2361 \text{ mol/L} \\ &c_2(\text{H}^+) = c_2(\text{HClO}_4) = 0.2361 \text{ mol/L} \\ &\text{pH}_2 = -\log(c_2(\text{H}^+)) = 0.6269 \text{ (new pH)} \end{aligned}$ 

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