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0 4 Scientists investigated the effect of a decrease in pH on muscle contraction. The scientists did the investigation with four different preparations of isolated muscle tissue: **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.

A - mouse muscle fibres at typical pH of mouse muscle tissue (control 1).

B - mouse muscle fibres at 0.5 pH units below typical pH.

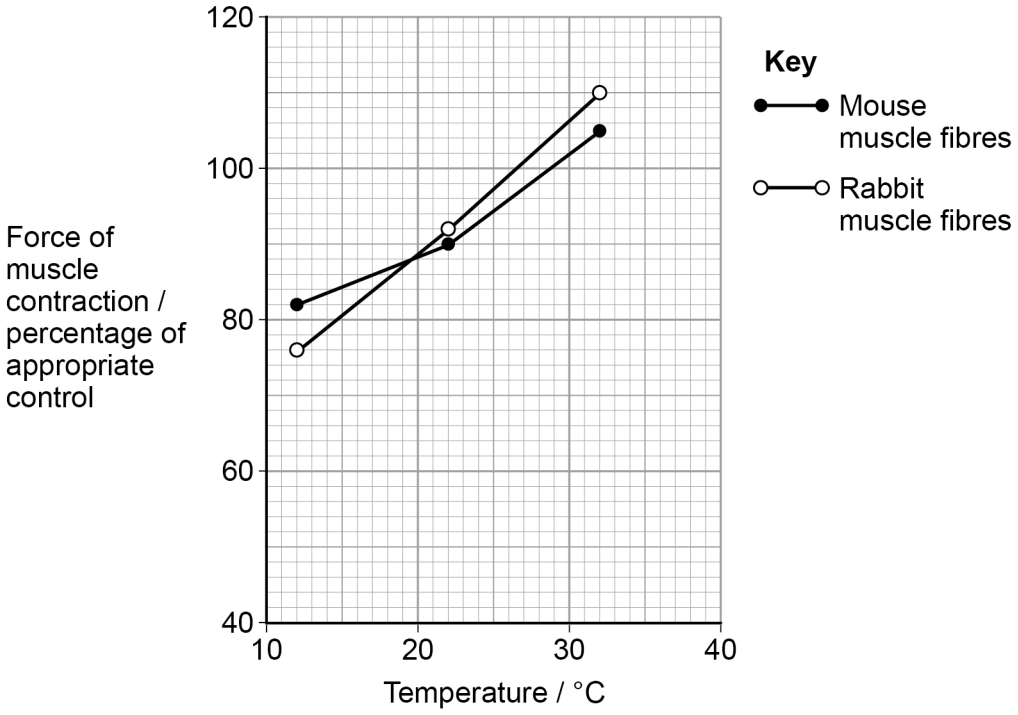
C - rabbit muscle fibres at typical pH of rabbit muscle tissue (control 2).

D - rabbit muscle fibres at 0.5 pH units below typical pH.

They measured the force of muscle contraction of the muscle fibres at 12 °C, 22 °C and 32 °C

Figure 3 shows the results the scientists obtained for **B** and **D** compared with the appropriate control.

Figure 3



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0 4 . 1 A student looked at the results and concluded that a decrease in pH does cause a decrease in the force of muscle contraction.

Use **Figure 3** to evaluate this conclusion.

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0 4 . 2 Another group of scientists suggested that a decrease in the force of muscle contraction is caused by an increase in the concentration of inorganic phosphate, Pi, in muscle tissues.

Their hypothesis is that an increase in the concentration of Pi prevents the release of calcium ions within muscle tissues.

Explain how a decrease in the concentration of calcium ions within muscle tissues could cause a decrease in the force of muscle contraction.

[3 marks]

0 4 . 3 In muscles, pyruvate is converted to lactate during prolonged exercise.

Explain why converting pyruvate to lactate allows the continued production of ATP by anaerobic respiration.

[2 marks]

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