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Chemical buffer systems work together 758

Not all intracellular buffering is chemical 758

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The urinary system regulates blood pH chronically 765

Proximal convoluted tubules dramatically alter  $HCO_3^-$  and  $H^+$  clearance 765

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