

Answer on Question#74150 – Chemistry – Organic chemistry

Question:

Suppose a sample of rainwater has a pH of 6.0 and a sample of gastric juice has a pH of 3.0. Which sample is more acidic? Explain why.

Solution:

$$\text{pH} = -\lg[\text{H}^+]$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}}$$

$$\text{For rain water } [\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}} = 10^{-6} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{For gastric juice } [\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}} = 10^{-3} \text{ M} \text{ – more acidic}$$

Answer:

The sample of gastric juice is more acidic than the sample of rainwater.