LABORATORY EXERCISE 56
STRUCTURE OF THE KIDNEY

Figure Labels

FIG. 56.1
1. Kidney
2. Ureter
3. Urinary bladder
4. Urethra

FIG. 56.2
1. Minor calyx
2. Major calyx
3. Renal pelvis
4. Renal papilla
5. Ureter
6. Renal pyramid
7. Renal column
8. Renal capsule
9. Renal medulla
10. Renal cortex

FIG. 56.4
1. Glomerular capsule
2. Proximal convoluted tubule
3. Glomerulus
4. Efferent arteriole
5. Descending limb of the nephron loop
6. Ascending limb of the nephron loop
7. Interlobular vein
8. Afferent arteriole
9. Distal convoluted tubule
10. Peritubular capillary
11. Collecting duct

Laboratory Report Answers

PART A
1. e
2. a
3. h
4. f
5. i
6. c
7. d
8. g
9. b

PART B
1. A renal corpuscle is the cluster of capillaries (glomerulus) and the saclike structure (glomerular capsule) that surrounds it; a renal tubule is the coiled tube that leads away from the glomerular capsule and empties into a collecting duct.
2. 3 5 2 4 1 6
3. 1 3 2 4 5
4. Blood enters the glomerulus through the afferent arteriole and leaves through the efferent arteriole. Because the afferent vessel has a somewhat greater diameter than the efferent one, blood pressure is increased in the glomerulus.
5. The juxtaglomerular apparatus is a structure composed of epithelial cells within the distal convoluted tubule and smooth muscle cells within the walls of arterioles near the glomerulus that regulates the flow of blood through certain renal blood vessels.

PART C
(sketch)

PART D
(SKETCH)
LABORATORY EXERCISE 58
CAT DISSECTION: URINARY SYSTEM

Laboratory Report Answers

1. In the human, the kidneys are located between the levels of the twelfth thoracic and the third lumbar vertebrae; in the cat, the kidneys are found at the level of the third to the fifth lumbar vertebrae. In the human, the left kidney is usually higher than the right one; in the cat, the right kidney is usually somewhat anterior to the left one. In both cases, the kidneys are retroperitoneal.

2. In the human, the adrenal glands are located on the superior ends of the kidneys; in the cat, the adrenal glands are located anteriorly and medially to the kidneys.

3. In the cat, the kidneys, ureters, and urinary bladder are retroperitoneal.

4. The wall of the urinary bladder is relatively thick, tough, and somewhat elastic. Its inner surface is irregular.

5. In the human kidney, there are about twelve renal pyramids that communicate with the renal pelvis by calyces. Each calyx bears one or more papillae. In the cat kidney, there is a single pyramid and one papilla.